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Help Wanted

REPORTERS

The Long Island Ocelot Club urgently needs
material for its Newsletter publication. We
can only share those experiences, funny, happy,
sad or tragic, which are sent to us. This
sharing is a part of the enjoyment of owning
an exotic.

WRITING EXPERIENCE: None whatsoever

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TYPE OF MATERIAL Articles of happy and
sad experiences;
technical articles; opinions of any and all
exotic cat related subjects (including LIOC)
all short and long items - also day to day
experiences; announcements of: adoptions,
pregnancies, births, deaths (with autopsy
report if one was done) all subjects of
interest; all questions - give other members
a chance to help.

SALARY: The love and gratitude of all exotics,
their owners: and the Newsletter Editor.

STARTING TIME: IMMEDIATELY!! The Newsletter
is waiting on You.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Planning Ahead

By Virginia English

I've made up my mind that I will not put the Typewriter away without doing something for Shirley - even if it's just a paragraph. If I do that everytime the typewriter is out, put it in an envelope that I've already addressed and mail that envelope the first of every even numbered months, no matter how trivial the contents appear, Maybe it will really get done. Waiting until I have time to prepare an article for publication is hopeless these days.

At convention, Ethel Hauser and I were talking about some of my clients plans for their cats in the event that something happened to them. Often, when the cat owner is leaving his or her cat with me and flying out of town, they make out the airline insurance to me to give me the money to carry out their wishes. I'm mentioned in several wills and have the written instructions in my files. Naturally, I'm not seeking the responsibility, but I am the logical person for many of my clients who are alone and I am glad to be able to provide them with peace of mind regarding their beloved pet.

One lady who is a bit more astute than most asked if it had ever happened that I "inherited" a cat, but not the funds that were supposed to accompany the animal. Since it is such a delicate subject and many times plans are made just before the owner is rushed to the hospital, I never go into that aspect of my service with the owners. They say, "Will you take care of my cat?" and I say "Yes". But I did have to tell this lady that I had, on several occasions, carried out the owner's wishes, kept the cat, advertised to find it a new home or euthanized it (held it in my arms, while the vet gave the injection, which is NO fun) or whatever. Hard as it is to believe, I have never been re-imbursed for my expenses. The families always know where to find me when they want the cat out of their hair, but by the time the estate is settled, they never heard of me and I'm sure they laugh all the way to the bank about "Crazy ole Aunt Min" leaving money to a cat. she doesn't even have a cat.

Naturally, I don't go into all this ordinarily, but when asked, I let go. This lady wanted to set up a trust for her cat, investigated and decided she would open a joint saving's account in both our names. Then if I did have to take care of Jamaal, her big, old siamese, I'd have the where with all, would not have to pay tax on it and wouldn't have to wait to get it. When she brought the papers over for me to sign, she was laughing over the stupidity of the girl at the bank. The teller had inquired why she was opening this account and when told said in amazement, "Don't you realize that women could take that money at any time". My client answered "Don't you realize that I'm trusting her with my CAT!!"

KORNER

by Ken Hatfield



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INDUCING VOMITING

If your cat has ingested a toxic substance you may induce vomiting by the following methods:

1. Administer one Teaspoonful of hydrogen peroxide orally. The dosage may be repeated two more times at five or ten minute intervals.
2. Give one quarter teaspoonful of salt placed on back of tongue.
3. Roughage may also be given. You can use grass, celery tops, carrot tops, lettuce, parsley, etc. This is the most natural way of cleaning the stomach and may be repeated as long as the cat will eat it.

Vomition should be followed by one quarter cup of milk mixed with a raw egg

In 1971, DDT was banned.

In 1972, predator poisoning was banned and the Marine Mammal Protection act passed.

In 1973, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) was signed and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 was enacted.

This last has been hailed as the world's most important conservation law.

Now, in 1982, the Endangered Species Act is up for review. Congress can allow it to expire, add amendments to strengthen it - add amendments to weaken it - Reauthorize funding for the act as currently written and continue to protect animals listed under CITES for a given length of time.

Many in industry, sportsmen's groups, Congress and the Administration, are in favor of weakening it for their own benefit, at a time when more and more animals and plants are on the brink of extinction.

In the U.S. alone, over 4,000 animals and plants are threatened with extinction.

In the state of Hawaii, more than one half of the native plants and almost one third of the insects are extinct or nearly so. ALL of Hawaii's native mammals are extinct. Hawaii contains almost half of the endangered birds in the U.S.

The Departments of Interior and Agriculture are considering dripping all plants and invertebrates from the Endangered Species Act - the rationales being that these species are "lower life" forms and "of little interest to the public". Interior Secretary Watt has drastically cut funding for endangered species programs, and placed a moratorium on listing new species. So, many species proposed for listing will be denied protection

What all this may mean to the world's endangered cats is of grave concern to us.

Secretary Watt favors changing the classification of the African Leopard from endangered to threatened - to please trophy hunters. He would like to see our native bobcat removed from the CITES Protection list - to please the fur traders.

If the U.S. Government weakens the Endangered Species Act we may well see more of our beautiful wild cats disappearing, at a time when that same Government is making it harder to keep captive exotics.

We must make our Congressmen aware of the importance of keeping the Endangered Species Act intact.

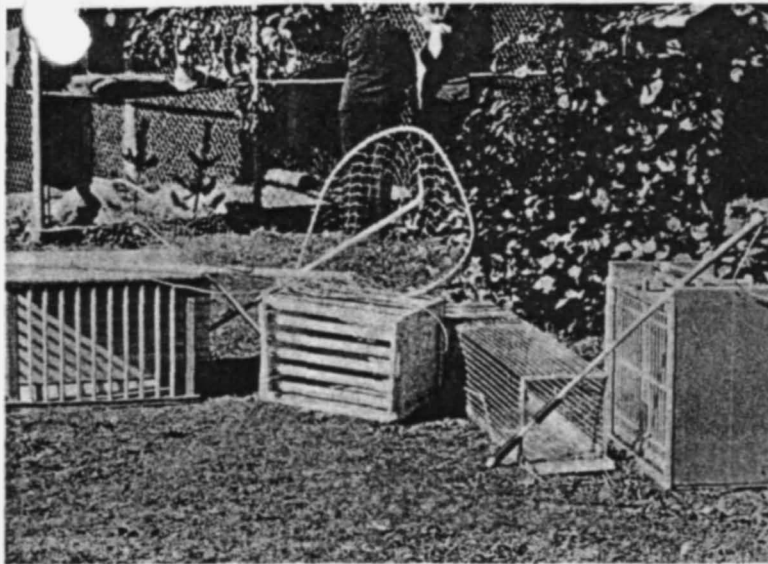
Jean M. Morton

TOYS FOR YOUR CAT

All too often exotics are given rubber balls, cloth toys etc. only to have eaten them and must have surgery to remove them or often resulting in loss of the cat.

Mother Nature's vegetables are the very best toys available as well as being safe. Potatoes, oranges, apples, carrots, etc., will all give hours of safe pleasure.

One of the dangers of using other than nature's toys is that a cat may be quiet content to play normally with a ball for some time and then for whatever reason will ingest it, leaving the owner unable to protect the cat as this change is unpredictable.



Also shown was a "Catch-em-alive" trap owned by OEEFC. This particular one has a special compartment to hold live bait (chicken, rabbit, etc.) but it is protected so the cat cannot get to it. Ethel has had occasion to use it once but it is available to any club member and is a good investment.

Dennis Vanderwall showed his CO2 pistol for giving shots, tranquilizing, etc. That is nice, but out of the price range for the average, one or two cat owner. Ethel has a blow-dun with pipe using cartridge which injects on impact as shown at past conventions.

Now that school is in session, the speakout schedule is starting to fill out again. Ginger Peterson, Doreen Strickland, Barbara Wilton and Ethel Hauser lectured to a large group of students last week and it was well received by all, including the principal, teachers, janitors and bus drivers. Several more speakouts are scheduled.

We welcomed a new LIOC member, Susan Lo Giudice, and her mother who made a three hour drive from Camas Valley, Oregon.

Most of the afternoon was spent in visiting and nibbling. Vanderwalls' 4 mo. old clouded and the Stricklands' 4 mo. old serval stole the show. Herb Wilton's cougar kept his eye on the chickens which wandered in from the pasture and he sure looked as if he wished he had another 3 feet of chain!

The dollar pool was won by Jean Haskell and the meeting was adjourned.



OREGON-EDUCATIONAL-EXOTIC FELINE CLUB

The last guest meeting for 1981 was held Oct. 18, at the Hauser compound in Vancouver, Washington. There was a good turnout - probably due to our beautiful "Indian Summer"

The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Dennis Vanderwall. Dianne Graham, Sec/Treas. was called to work on an emergency basis (she is a veterinary assistant), so we had no minutes or treasurer's report.

Chuck Peterson told of the heartbreak he and Ginger went through in losing their Geoffroy, Bansee, with a perforated ulcer.

The demonstration for the day was on safety and security devices. The first three shown were squeeze cages. One was a commercial variety purchased from Cougar Mountain on their closure. The other two were homemade from various materials. Not as fancy as the commercial one, but effective, cheap and easy to make. Blue-prints were distributed to anyone interested.

Also shown were two catch loops. One was commercial and the other homemade. Good things to have around! Recommended items for an exotic cat owner were fish nets - one if you own a larger cat and a small one for smaller species. This is one thing you should definitely have on hand.

A shock stick was shown. It was noted that if a cat is shocked once or twice as a kitten, a pointed finger and "pssst" sound often suffices as a warning. Other effective and readily available home items could be a can of hairspray, water pistol or a plant mister.



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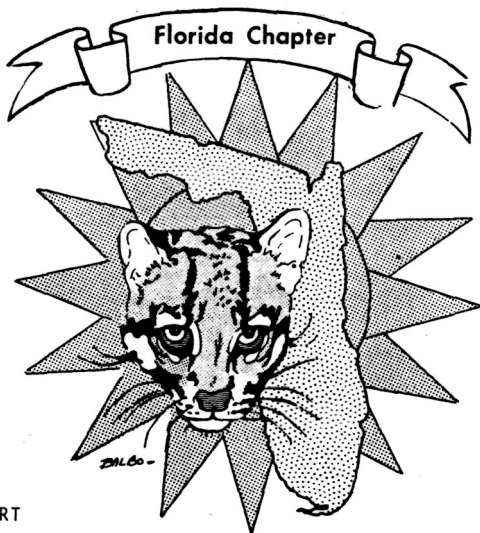
MEETING REPORT

Members in Southern California, please be assured that we are trying to keep in communication and would like to have meetings from time to time.

If anyone would like to host a meeting, please call me: VIRGINIA ENGLISH (213) 874-9817. If you get the answering machine, mention LIOC leave your number, and I'll get back to you.

And Virginia notes: "Had my California Fish & Game inspection recently. Here the permit costs \$25 for two years, but we pay \$100 for the annual inspection. The ocelot has space inside the garage that adjoins her outside space. If she's inside the garage, I don't take anyone to see her, cause I figure she needs her privacy. But, you can't say "no" to the inspector.

Sheba was not thrilled to see the man and gave a couple of half-hearted hisses and snarls. When we came out of the garage my little cairn terrier knew that someone was bugging her cat so she bit him. I guess the man was a bit peeved and looking for something amiss. He found it. I didn't have chainlink on the windows to contain my "dangerous" 5 lb, declawed, defanged margay. Suffice it to say, I've rectified the situation and Marcelle is no longer presenting a hazard to the neighbors



MEETING REPORT

Those old, post-convention blahs - no controversy, no fighting - no new laws.

The biggest problem facing the Florida Chapter is what to do with the proceeds from the Convention.

In November, we met in Miami and basically visited and socialized. We learned that Jean Hatfield had passed her Realtor's test and is looking forward to selling swamp land to Yankees.

The January Meeting took place in Lakeland. Our hosts are new Geoffroy's owners and the cat loves her but hisses at him (that's news?) Like most of our kids, Sara has to have the last word.

It turned out to be a typical Florida day. I mention this only because this month (Jan.) some areas had temperatures as low as 16°. This is particularly bad as many Florida members have outdoor compounds and are not equipped to handle such low temps.

We did conduct a short business meeting after Barbara and Dennis Grimes put on a terrific lunch spread - ham, beans, broccoli, cheese & rice it was great. Dennis donated the "food charge" back to the club.

A proposal was made and passed that in the future, anyone who is asked and accepts our request to speak at a meeting receive an honorarium to cover some of the travel expenses.

The Florida Chapter meets the second Sunday of the odd numbered months (except when Super Bowl interferes) If any of you are in our area this summer, please contact me and visit with us.

The meeting we were very happy to welcome 4 new members: John & Amy Kassos and Claire & Dennis Gore. Hope to see you all at the next meeting too.

Others attending were: Gertrude & Arthur Freeman, Marian Allen, John Picard & Tammie Sheets, Jim & B.J. Scott, Barbara Bond, Jamie Wheatly, Danny & Ellen Treanor, and Dennis, Barb, Lia, & Dennis Jr. Grimes our hosts.

Submitted by;
Danny Treanor

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING
YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO
SHARE??

Story of a different stripe



The Copenhagen Zoo had no more room, so it killed three "perfectly magnificent" Bengal Tigers when no other zoo would take them.

"The tiger is a threatened species in the India," zoo director Bent Joergensen said. "But in the zoos there is increasing overpopulation. Now tigers breed so willingly in captivity that there were as many tigers in the zoos as in the Indian jungles - about 2,000."

The 18 month old animals were killed by painless injections, Joergensen said. The killings caused a stir, as well they should, in a Danish animal protection society, which protested that the deaths were senseless. However, Joergensen said he offered the animals to 150 zoos, free of charge and let them know he would pay for their transport if necessary. There were no takers.



MEETING REPORT

The first SouthWest meeting of 1982, was held February 1: in Dallas Texas at the home of Elmer & Rebecca Morgan.

The morning was spent greeting new and old friends and exchanging "cat tales". After everyone had feasted and snacked, the meeting was called to order by our President Rebecca Morgan. With no old business to attend to, the talk turned quickly to Convention 1982.

It was decided the convention would be held October 22, 23 and 24 at the Summit Hotel in Dallas. Speakers were discussed and a plea made to everyone to collecting items for the auction and sale table.

Raffle prizes were won by Suzie Martin and Elfriede Vickery along with Karin Hobbs.

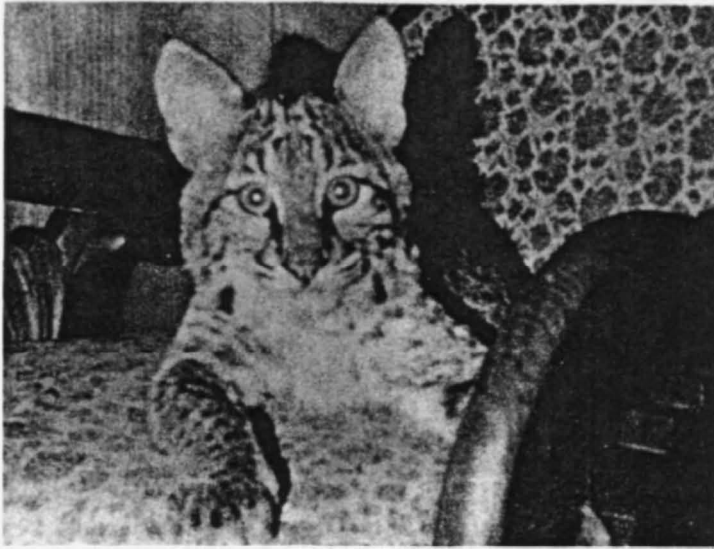
The meeting was adjourned after plans were made to meet next in May at the Hamil's in Channelview.

Attending were: our hosts, Elmer & Rebecca Morgan, Carl & Jean Hamil with cougar Shannon, Susan Martin, John and Gail Duke, Eleain Mathews, John & Elfriede Vickery, Bronco Peterson, Karin Hobbs, Perry Tompkins, Kevin Kendrick & guests, Barry & Tammy Reynolds with Killer cougar Gina Van, Marc Valentine and Nancy Obergonner.

Submitted in the absence of our Secretary
by Rebecca Morgan President

JESSI

By Gayle Scaecner



Pets pose hairy problem

Keeping your carpet free from pet hair is often a raising experience. Simple vacuuming usually won't do. Try this the next time you're ankle deep in cat hair. Spray (using a fine mist) the carpet as you vacuum. Use the brush attachment and you'd be surprised how much more hair you can pick up.

If your animals sleep under the bed, a fitted sheet, on the UNDER side will keep all that hair (and perhaps a cat) out from the springs.

Instead of using tomato juice for skunk (or other very strong musk odors) try a strong mixture of Massengil liquid concentrated douche and water. Don't laugh until you try it - simply wash whatever with the mixture and rinse with water to which a little vinegar has been added, then rinse again with clear water.

For spots try plain club soda. First soak up as much of the "accident" as you can then pour on a little soda, let sit for a few seconds and sponge up.

Try sprinkling borax (dry) or baking soda on your carpet, let set for an hour then vacuum up to remove musty, animal odors. (Don't do this if you're using the spray water method!)

More Vets

The number of veterinarians in the U.S. has almost doubled in the last 25 years, states the Gaines Dog Research Center.

In 1956, there were 18,120 veterinarians listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association's annual directory. A recent analysis of the AVMA's computerized records established that there are about 35,500 active veterinarians in the U.S.

Three out of four - almost 26,000 - are in private practice, with more than 12,000 of these in small animal practice exclusively.

Reprinted from Pet News

Jessi came from Penny Andrews in California. She was about 8 months old when I made the trip down with my daughter, Pat, to pick her up.

We arrived late Thursday evening and was introduced to Jessi. Left for home Friday morning. The trip was a riot. With Jess in the back of the canopy we started out.

By the time we hit northern California, I was pooped, so we decided to get a motel room. That is when the fun began.

I unlocked the back of the canopy, climbed in without bobcat darting out to put her in a carrier so she could join us in the room for the night. After an hour of Jessi being everywhere from the top of my head to under my legs, I finally got her into the carrier and into the motel room.

Please understand, Jessi is not a mean cat, just scared. I'm a brave person, but not DUMB and Jess is fully equipped with claws - which I'm not used to.

By this time its about 7 PM. Got Jess in the room, decided room is safe for her to run loose. Picked a spot for her to eat and drink, let her out of the carrier - forgetting the problem of getting her back into it, also forgetting that Pat and I hadn't eaten all day and were going out to dinner. You of course can't leave a scared bobcat just running loose in a motel room or you can't even open the door to come back - HELP!

Pat and I went to dinner a little before 11 PM. Yes it did take us that long to get her back into the carrier. After a nice dinner (I think) 2 bottles of wine (I don't drink) we made our way back to our room for a good night's sleep. Let Jessi out again, she couldn't sleep in that cramped little carrier & besides, she needed to exercise those pretty little legs. Into bed we fell for a peaceful night's sleep - WRONG!

Jessi wanted to play. I wear clogs - have you tried sleeping with a clog being tossed all and I do mean ALL night long. I think it hit my pillow a couple of times. Finally morning came and naturally since we had all day, Jess got right in the carrier and we again started out.

Arrived home without any problems as by this time Jessi discovered the carrier was her friend - not a big, bad monster.

We housed her next door to Sheba ocelot. The ocelot and Jess fought thru the wire constantly. Before someone got hurt, I decided it was time to move Jess. While I fixed a new place for Jess, she got her tail (what there is of it) into Sheba's pen and naturally Sheba bit it. By that time Jess was mad and ready to move.

Jessi's new pen is between a male' bobcat and another ocelot - Patchee. Continuing the "ocelot war" Jess put her foot thru the wire to swat the ocelot - but, Patchee won and nearly bit a toe off. Poor Jess, I thought for sure she was going to pack up her bags and troubles and hitch-hike back to Penny's.

It's been about 6 months since our little trip and Jess has survived. She really is a doll, even with her claws. She's made friends with the male and gives all indications of being pregnant.

I'm really an ocelot person - they are so very dear to me. I've had them around for almost 30 years.

About seven years ago the cougar bug bit - and we have, in addition to the ocelots, two cougars.

Now, the bobcat bug has struck - when I wasn't looking Clem, (My husband) says I'm a pushover for anything that's spunky and growls - "Maybe that's why I picked him?"

WARM WEATHER REMINDER

With warmer spring and summer months ahead, remember that most of us feed our cats "blooded meats". That is the blood has been thoroughly drained from the meat.

Most minerals and salts are contained in the blood. Remembering this, it is wise to add a small quantity of table salt to our wards daily diet (this will also insure adequate water intake) and use a vitamin supplement that includes minerals - vitamins alone are not enough

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IN MEMORY

Dear Shirley,

Unfortunately, this brings sad, bad news.

Delilah died Friday, May 14th of a heart attack while undergoing medical examination. She would have been 19 years old this Christmas.

During her life she was sick only once (when she had to undergo surgery for a broken leg). This year she began having urinary problems and when I took her to the hospital for x-rays found that she had developed kidney and gall bladder stones. She had to undergo an emergency operation to have these stones removed and I took her home the following day. Her incision healed well but unfortunately, she started having respiratory problems. I knew she would never survive another trip to the hospital for a check-up so I contacted a veterinary mobile unit and arranged for an examination at home. She had stopped eating for 2 days though she was drinking water and urinating well.

I was holding her while the vet examined her but she panicked further and had a sudden seizure. He tried massage, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and gave her some heart injections but she was gone. It was, needless to say, the most disasterous experience I have ever had and one that left me with a feeling of helplessness and emptiness.

I do know that I can never replace her and it will be a long time before I can recover from the shock and grief of losing her.

I do look back on the many years of affection she gave me and the little mischief she did, her playfulness and her greeting me at the door when coming home. I shall always treasure her memory.

Maybe some time later on I will try to get another female ocelot. Once you have had one and loved one, no other animal would do.

It was sad to say goodbye to my little princess.

Most sincerely,
Ralph Ferrer

Lioness carries tiger's embryo

Brenda the lioness is due to give birth to a tiger cub in what researchers believe is the first inter-species transfer of embryos.

If successful, the experiment in surrogate motherhood could help preserve the endangered species say the researchers at the Wild Animal Safari her, where the 350 pound lioness is carrying a tiger embryo that was surgically removed from Mora, a female tiger.

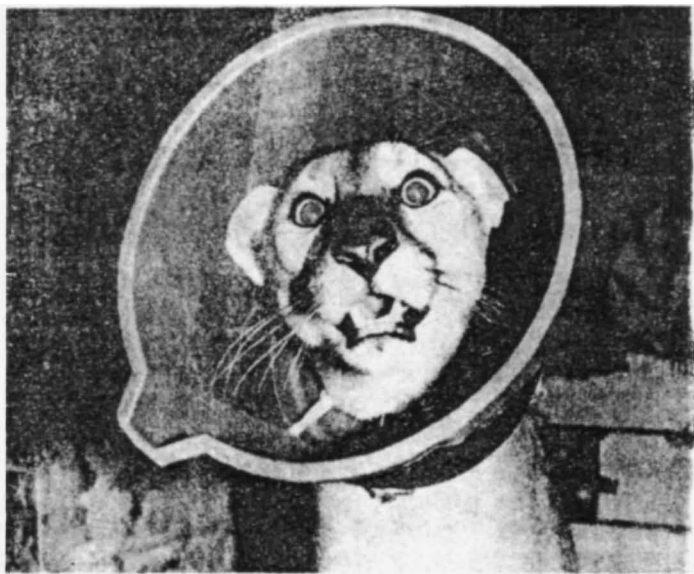
The surrogate mother project began last fall as a cooperative venture involving the Kings Island park, the Cincinnati Zoo; the Knoxville, Tenn. Zoo and the University of Cincinnati Medical Center which did the research and provided the surgical team the Associated Press reports.

"THE TROUBLE WITH A KITTEN IS
THAT
EVENTUALLY IT BECOMES A CAT"

Ogden Nash

IT HAS BEEN THE PROVIDENCE OF NATURE TO GIVE THIS
CREATURE NINE LIVES INSTEAD OF ONE.

Pilpay - The Greedy and Ambitious Cat



Sabine, the Beardsley Park Zoo's 7-year old mountain lion, is recuperating at home following surgery to remove a seven pound mass of hay which was blocking her stomach and keeping her from eating.

To help her recover, officials have placed a plastic bucket, without a bottom, over her head so she won't be able to chew stitches which were used to close the incision.

Dr. Howard Hochman, the zoo's veterinarian, said Sabine had developed a case of pica, the urge to eat abnormal things, and had ingested hay that lines her cage. Hochman said the pica apparently was triggered after Sabine ate the bandage that covered her right front paw. Surgeons removed an infected toe from that paw in early December.

Worried zookeepers could not figure out why Sabine had been off her food for about 10 days and losing weight. Hochman said he felt what he thought was an enlarged liver, but x-rays revealed the rare mass in the stomach and surgery was performed immediately.

All went well, he said, and the cat should recover. But the problem is, Sabine is a "picker" who likes to chew at her stitches. To keep her from hurting herself, a bottomless plastic wash bucket has been placed over her head. The stitches are to be removed in about 10 days.

By Theodore Scala, Bridgeport Post
contributed by Art Human

NEW PRODUCTS

After antibiotic therapy and for newborn kits that were unable to nurse some form of lactobacillus acidophilus is recommended to replace the beneficial bacteria found in the digestive tract that is also destroyed by antibiotics.

A new paste, OR-LAC is now available in plastic syringes ready to squirt into a mouth or formula. The syringes are marked to further help determine the dose.

Manufactured by JP Microbial Products, Inc. Portland, Ore 97221, and come in 10 ml doses.

CITES Report Available

Fish & Wildlife Service announced the availability of the official Report of the U.S. Representative to the Third Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The report contains a summary of the resolutions adopted at the conference including the samples of approved uniform CITES permits.

Copies may be requested by writing the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (WFO), Washington, D.C. 20240. or by telephoning (703) 235-2418

PHOTO CONTEST

PICTURE SERIES SUBMITTED BY
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RUSSELL AND JOHN'S BATHTIME WAS INTERRUPTED BY
MANDERINE SERVAL WHO LOVES TO JUMP IN AND PLAY.
SOMEONE LEFT THE DOOR OPEN!!!!

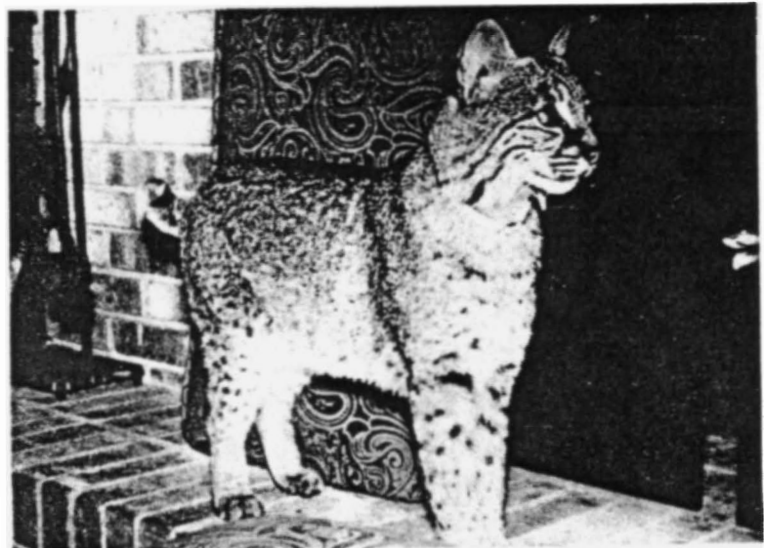


HERE ARE THE FIRST ENTRIES IN OUR PHOTO
CONTEST. IS YOURS HERE? PHOTOS WILL BE
POSTED AT CONVENTION FOR A VOTE BY THOSE
ATTENDING. SUBMIT YOURS NOW.

FROM JO ANNE KREBBS:

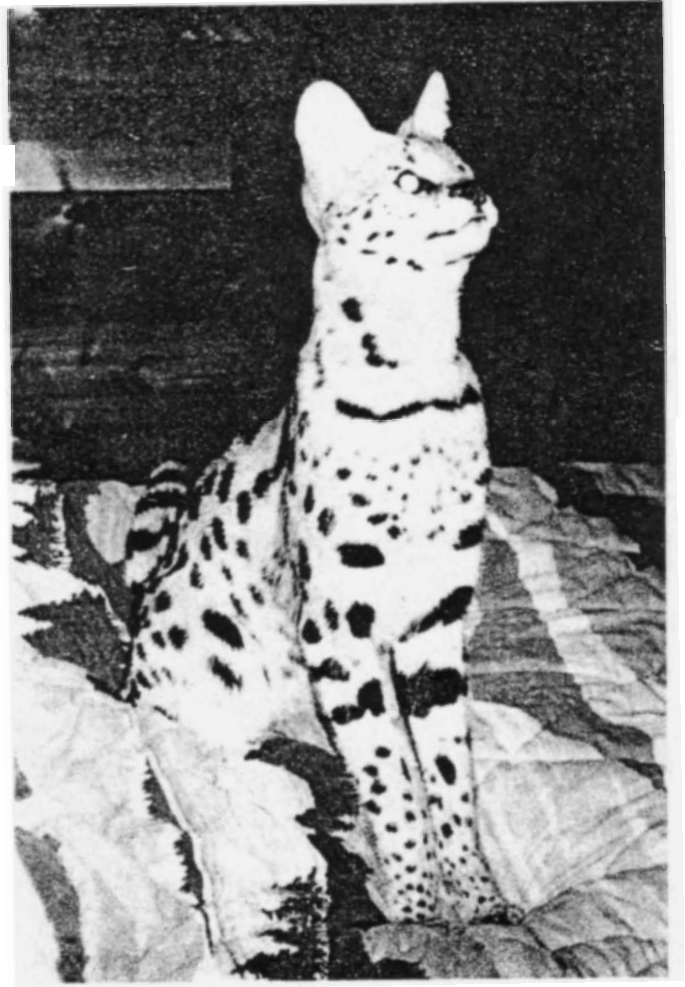
Enclosed is a photo of AGATHA bobcat, a very special member of our family. Most folks when seeing this photo ask if she's "stuffed" (UGH'.) I then have to explain that normally, in that situation, there would be no need for the flea collar.

Last year, after the birth of our cougar cubs, the male reached through the wire partition to the female's side and snatched a newborn kitten cub. He carried it around, as if showing it off. When I called him (heart in throat) he put it down unharmed (Phew).





"PEPPER" by REBECCA MORGAN



SCHOLES, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, SUBMITTED THIS SHOT OF TANQUERAY, THEIR "WATER-BED" BABY!

HAWAIIAN CLOUDED?

TOOK THIS SHOT ON MAUI IN MAY. THE COLORS WERE YELLOW AND GOLD. BARBARA AND I SAW 3. THEY WERE RUNNING WILD AND WE ASSUMED THEY HAD ONE TIME BEEN TAME --MAYBE NOT! THE UNUSUAL SPOT PATTERN FASCINATED US.

HERB WILTON
PORTLAND, OREGON





SHIRLEY TREANOR

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PRESIDENT
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REBECCA & ELMER MORGAN

Each year at Convention, to bolster the treasury or fund a worthy cause we have an auction.

Branches and individuals donate items to either be sold prior to the banquet, or if unsold at that time auctioned to the highest bidder - anyone who has participated can tell you what fun we have trying for those bargains.

Since LIOC is now a Federally approved non-profit organization donations are tax deductible as well as any monies spent at the auction. Please get a receipt when you bring or send anything in for the auction. Yes we accept donations by Mail - Send them to:

Rebecca Morgan
P.O. Box 144
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This year, another special feature has been added.

Ann Gertrude Freeman have re-donated the beautiful quilt with LIOC branch logos embroidered on it to be raffled to someone for 1 year. This year B.J. Lester has it and it will return to us for the raffle.

Please contribute - it makes for lots of fun and furthers our favorite cause



GET IN THE SWIM!!!!

MAKE IT YOUR CONVENTION!

CATHERINE CONTRIBUTES

As a special added feature this year, our founder, Catherine Cisin has knitted a zippered sweater out of green orlon with the famous Seidlow ocelot (below) knitted in full color on the back.



Ocelot
(FELIS PARDALIS)

This sweater will be available either by raffle or auction at the 1982 convention. It's worth the effort to Make Dallas in October just to have a chance at this work of art.

SEE YOU THERE - WITH WALLET
IN HAND

Anti-Pet Forces May Be in Charge of Animal Inspection

A late breaking announcement by the Department of Agriculture that in 1983 all livestock inspections would be turned over to the states may create a serious problem to those involved in raising animals states Lee Edwards in a recent article in PET BUSINESS.

The article goes on to say that as a consequence of this action, it was believed that the responsibility for inspections could be turned over to such "anti-pet" groups as the local humane societies in a move to reduce costs. Many members of more strident humane groups can be characterized as over-zealous and inexperienced, a combination that this article said could result in a rash of citations when none was warranted. It is feared that the cost of appeal alone would force many small firms who had done nothing illegal out of business.

It has been announced that nearly 70% would be cut from the Animal & Plant Inspection Service's funding. APHIS has been responsible for the inspections on licensed animal breeders, dealers and others.

The PET BUSINESS article went on to say that an APHIS spokesman said it proposes "to turn the primary enforcement of animal welfare activities over to the States, industry groups, humane societies and individ-

Readers Write



Where are we going, or are we already gone?

Ten years ago, I joined L.I.O.C. to be a member of such a fine club. I had a male ocelot.

I was happy to know there were so many other people all over the country that shared the love, respect and the interest for these wonderful cats that I had and have.

With the Club, I learned the importance of sharing, of uniting for the sake of the survival of our beautiful animals. I also learned the importance of togetherness in a time of crisis for in numbers you have a chance, alone you are the loser. Unfortunately, I also learned that "CAT PEOPLE" are no different than other people. Problems still arise and the main purpose "THE CATS" are forgotten.

Through the years, I've seen people lose interest, and others go underground. As for myself, I have always fought for these animals that are so important to me and I will continue. Also, through the years, I've seen the number of Branches of LIOC grow smaller and smaller. Seems the list is less than half the size as when I joined the Club. This really depresses me. Are we losing these people and branches without even some concern as to where the problem is? Do we as a Club, not try when a member or Branch drops, to find out why and to keep the people's interest alive?

With reading the last Newsletter, I felt ashamed that a contest is needed to get material in for the Newsletter. In a way I too have let my Club down.

Now, ten years down the road and with seven exotics living with me, I make this commitment to my beautiful animals; "I will continue to fight, will start to write for the Newsletter and Mine Will SURVIVE!!"

AN EXOTIC'S FRIEND IN OREGON



CAT-ALOG

Cats are seemingly increasing in the public's favor. At least the Metropolitan Museum must think so.

The prestigious museum has just issued a special catalog of cat art objects offered for sale. Included are a ceramic cat (\$22.50), a sterling silver statue, (\$950.) and other cat-related artwork

BOOK OF BEASTS



Reprinted from DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE MAGAZINE. From a 12th century bestiary translated by T.H. White.

A "bestiary" is a serious work of natural history and is one of the bases upon which our own knowledge of biology is founded, however, much we may have advanced since it was written.

There is no particular author of a bestiary. This is a compilation, a kind of naturalist's scrapbook, which has grown with additions of several hands. Its sources go back to the most distant past, to the fathers of the church, to Rome, to Greece, to Egypt, to mythology, ultimately to oral tradition which must have been contemporary with the caves of the gnom. Its influence has extended throughout liter- and country people are still repeating some of its lore.

Our manuscript was carefully and beautifully written out, perhaps, but not necessarily, at the Abbey of Revesby in Lincolnshire, eight hundred years ago.
- T.H. White.

LEO the lion, mightiest of beasts, will stand up to anybody. The word "beasts" should properly be used about lions, tigers, leopards, wolves, foxes, dogs, monkeys and others which rage about with tooth and claw - with the exception of snakes. They are called beasts because of the violence with which they rage and are known as 'wild' (ferus) because they are accustomed to freedom by nature and are governed by their own wishes. They wander hither and thither, fancy free and they go wherever they want to go.

The name 'Lion' (leo) has been turned into Latin from a Greek root, for it is called 'leon' in Greek but this is a muddled name, partly corrupted, since 'leon' has also been translated as 'king' from Greek into Latin, owing to the fact that he is the Prince of all animals.

They say that the litters of these creatures come in threes. The short ones with curly manes are peaceful; the tall ones with plain hair are fierce.

The nature of their brows and tail-tufts is an index to their disposition. Their courage is seated in their hearts, while their constancy is in their heads. They fear the creaking of wheels, but are frightened even more so by fire.

A lion, proud in the strength of his own nature, knows not how to mingle his ferocity with all and sundry but, like the king he is, disdains to have a lot of different wives.

Scientists say that Leo has three principal characteristics:

His first feature is that he loves to saunter on the tops of mountains. Then, if he should happen to be pursued by hunters, the smell of the hunters reaches up to him, and he disguises his spoor behind him with his tail. Thus the sportsman cannot track him.

It was in this way that our Saviour (i.e., the Spiritual Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Rod of Jesse, the Lord of Lords, the Son of God) once hid the spoor of his love in the high places until, being sent by the Father, he came down into the womb of the Virgin Mary and saved the human race which had perished. Ignorant of the fact that his spoor could be concealed, the Devil (i.e. the hunter of mankind) dared to pursue him with temptations like a mere man. Even the angels themselves who were on high, not recognizing his spoor, said to those who were going up with him when he ascended to his reward "Who is this King of Glory?"

The lion's second feature is, that when he sleeps he seems to keep his eyes open.

In this very way, our Lord, also while sleeping in the body, was buried after being crucified - yet his Godhead was awake. As it is said in the Song of Songs, 'I am asleep and my heart is awake' or, in the Psalm, 'Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber or sleep'.

The third feature is this, that when a lioness gives birth to her cubs, she brings them forth dead and lays them up lifeless for three days - until their father, coming on the third day breathes in their faces and makes them alive.

Lack of teeth is a sign of old age in lions. When they have babies, they produce five whelps. Then, one by one, they reduce the number in succeeding years. Finally, when they have come down to one, the maternal fertility disappears and they become sterile for ever afterward.

A lion turns up its nose at yesterday's dinner and will go away hungry from food that has been left over. What creature dares declare himself an enemy to this beast, in whose roar there is such natural terribleness that many animals, which could escape its charge by their speed, fail to get away from the very sound of its voice - as if dumbfounded and overcome by brute force.

THE PANTHER has a truly variegated color and it is most beautiful and excessively kind. Physiologus says that the only animal which it considers as an enemy is the Dragon.

When a Panther has dined and is full up, it hides away in its own den and goes to sleep. After three days it wakes up again and emits a loud belch, and there comes a very sweet smell from its mouth, like the smell of allspice. When the other animals have heard the noise they follow wherever it goes because of the sweetness of its breath. But the Dragon only, hearing the sound flees into the caves of the earth, being smitten with fear. There, unable to bear the smell, it becomes torpid and half asleep and remains motionless as if dead.

The true Panther, the Lord Jesus Christ, snatched us from the power of the dragon-devil on descending from the heavens. He associated us with himself as sons by his incarnation, accepting all, and gave gifts to men, leading captivity captive.

LINCIS the Lynx is called this because he is a kind of wolf. The brute is distinguished by spots on the back like a Pard, but he looks like a wolf. They say that his urine hardens into a precious stone called Ligurius and it is established that the lynxes themselves realize this, by the following fact. When they have pissed the liquid, they cover it up in the sand as much as they can. They do this from a certain constitutional meanness, for fear that the piss should be used as an ornament to the human race.



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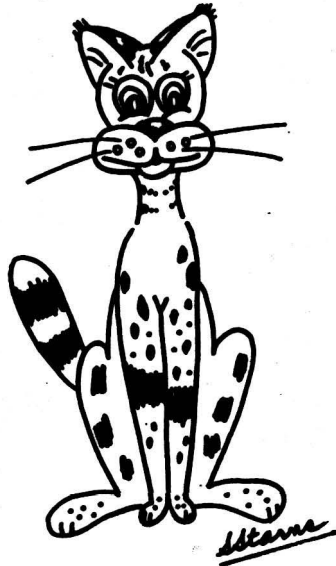
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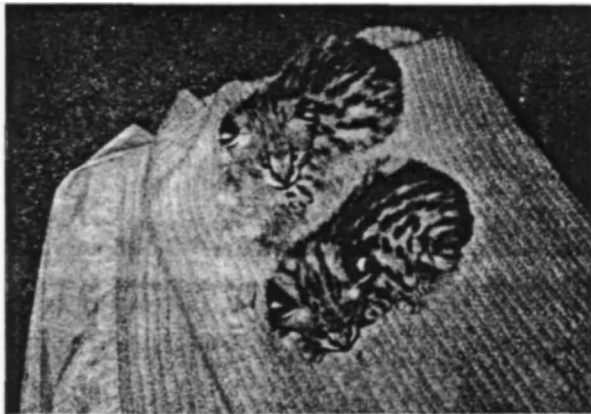
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Thurmond Misses Breakfast for Pet

Reprinted from PET BUSINESS

U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond missed a breakfast of powerful Southern Baptist Congressmen because he had to attend a funeral - for a pet bird.

Thurmond had agreed to lead the prayer at the breakfast but delined at the last moment. Instead, he was officiating at family backyard services for an injured bird his children had befriended. The bird died despite the best efforts of the family to restore its health

by Rollin Mccalov

Leopard Reclassified as Threatened in Southern Africa

After a lengthy review, the leopard (*Panthera pardus*) has been reclassified by the Service to Threatened in part of southern Africa. The change in status under the Endangered Species Act affects populations in Gabon, Congo, Zaire, Uganda, Kenya and all African countries to the south. It will remain classified as an Endangered in all other parts of its range, and leopards everywhere will be retained on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Flora and Fauna (CITES). A special provision of the final rule allows the importation of sport-hunted trophies legally taken from the reclassified populations, under the terms and conditions imposed by CITES. The importation of leopard products for commercial purposes including the fur trade, was always the main threat to the species and will continue to be prohibited.

The leopard is the most widely distributed species of cat, occurring throughout most of Africa, from Asia Minor to China, Korea, Japan and Java; it is also found in India, Sri Lanka and southeast Asia. Widespread poaching and overexploitation of this cat for the fur trade, especially during the late 60's created an enormous drain on wild populations and led to its original listing in 1972 as an Endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1969.

On the basis of three major studies on the leopard conducted since the 1972 listing, which indicated that populations are stable or increasing, the Service proposed on March 24th, 1980 that those populations be reclassified to Threatened.

Although leopard populations in southern Africa have been reclassified as Threatened, they will still receive protection under the Endangered Species Act and all leopards will be retained on Appendix I of CITES. No commercial trade in leopard products is authorized and importation of these products into the U.S. will continue to be strictly prohibited.

Legally taken sport hunted trophies of Threatened leopards may be imported into the U.S. provided the importer has obtained a permit from the U.S. Management Authority under the terms and conditions of CITES. In addition, permits for Threatened species may be issued for scientific purposes to enhance the survival or propagation of the species, for educational purposes or for other reasons consistent with the purposes of the act.

Since the leopard is killed indiscriminately in parts of Africa because of predation of livestock, the Service believes that limited sport hunting would benefit the species as a whole by creating an economic incentive for its conservation. Hunting license and guide fees are expected to give the affected countries the means to manage the leopard as another natural resource.

Reprinted from: ENDANGERED SPECIES TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Submitted by : Dan Twedt.

The Epicurean Dinner

The female praying mantis can turn the head of even the most bashful male.

When a male is reluctant to mate, she simply bites his head off then consumates their rather one-sided relationship as he dies.

Ken Tashiro, Georgetown University biologist, has discovered that not only the reluctant male has a joyless sex life. For example, if the females simply sees a male approaching, she may eat him. Even if the male woos the female successfully, he may be eaten if his get away is not fast enough.

PEOPLE ARE THE PROBLEM

Condensed from an article by AP writer Sid Moody

Jerry Glenn Owens, Constable.

Jerry Glenn Owens is something besides, something rare if not unique. He is a private eye for animals.

The Gun is not his Bible. He lives by this credo: "A person who can mistreat an animal can mistreat anyone."

As an enforcer of the laws, written and unwritten, of animal kind, he has been shot at (twice) almost had his daughter kidnapped (once) almost been run off a cliff (once) and been threatened with innumerable varieties of retribution. For this reason, he does not publicize where he lives. It is some where in East Texas.

As elected constable, a post of some authority in Texas, in his small town he gets \$1 a year. He is also a salaried investigator for the Fund for Animals in New York the other hat that has earned him his bullet holes.

Owens quite simply sees red when he hears of animals being mistreated. "I don't overreact to some moron who kills someone else, but with animal cruelty I do". He reflects on this: "The people who wilfully torment animals are the truly violent people in our society. I'd much rather go after an escaped murderer. A murderer kills alone, in a fit of passion. The bank robber robs because he wants money. I don't sympathize but I can understand them. But the men who fight dogs against each other, the "sportsmen" who shoot drugged wild animals on hunting "preserves" these are the true sadists.

In all, he has filed cruelty charges in 300 cases covering such things as cock and dog fighting, mistreatment of performing animals and those who use live rabbits to train greyhounds. He has won them all. Jerry Owens on the scent is as deliberate and patient as his Texas drawl. He is not loved by professionals of the humane organizations whom he tends to call "Humanfacs". An official of the American Humane Association told a friend of Owens he was "like a rash - just when you think he's gone away, he pops back up.

Owens' complaint against them is that too often they are failing their trust. Too many do-gooders, too many society overtones, not enough seeing that animals in humane shelters are treated just that way - humanely. "If I had a nickel for every shelter operator who told me their animals 'are just going to die anyway' I'd be rich" he says. "Most shelters are concentration camps."

Owens has exercised the right of a citizen to file suit by taking legal action against humane societies in Dallas and Columbus, Ohio, actions which caused uproars, red faces and official resignations.

"I remember once when I was a deputy we had a cat stabber," he says. "The sheriff told me, 'I don't have time to worry about animals, I have enough trouble with people' A couple of months later the cat stabber did in his woman and two kids with a knife. Animals don't have problems with other animals. Animals have problems with people."

WELCOME

KITS IN KENTUCKY

Dan and Shulee Twedt are the proud "grand-parents" of a single male Geoffroy's cat born April 4, 1982.

This was their female "Jennifer's" fist litter and they are very pleased.

As of this writing, this kitten is in need of a home. Contact:

Daniel J. Twedt
Rt 1, Hwy 103 S
Auburn, Ky. 42206
(502) 542-6907
(502) 842-0341

Readers Write



Dear Shirley,

I'm a relatively new member and I really appreciate receiving the excellent information presented in the Newsletter.

I have become involved with a private zoo, the Mt. Wachusett Animal Forest in Massachusetts. The zoo has a fair number of small and large felids; bobcats, mountain lions, ocelots and Siberian tigers.

I thought our members might be interested in the Siberians. Washington, the male and of course largest of their pair, tips the scales at 650 pounds.

This specimen, by the way, is a lean, perfect if immature (only two years old) specimen. Enclosed are pictures of him. Washington now holds the record weight of all captive and wild specimens (of which weight has been recorded) for his species.

Mike Calabrese
Brockton, MA



A*N*N*O*U*N*C*E*M*E*N*T

Leander Deniz has taken over the duties of editor for Exotics Unlimited. Jeanne Townes formerly handled these duties.

Leander's address is as follows:

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PROFITS

2 Million American trappers sell more than \$200 million in skins each year, but the average person brings in less than \$100. There are only about 40,000 professional trappers.

Grizzled old mountain men like Jerry Norris of Weippe, Idaho say they can easily make \$2,000 a month if all goes well. He recently brought in 3 bobcat pelts and a prime beaver pelt to a Holiday Inn at Boise, where Jerry Campbell, a Buyer for J.E. Goldberg Co. was holding shop and walked out with \$1,000.

The current trend is toward the short-nap furs like muskrat, beaver and other water mammals.

In the Rockies, bobcats are still the most prized catch, but pelts which brought up to \$600 last year are only worth \$300 this year. Next to the ever present muskrat, coyotes are the most common fur brought to buying stations. Buyer Campbell wouldn't quote a price on coyote, saying the market and individual furs were just too inconsistent. He did say however that muskrats were bringing about \$8, mink \$40, badger \$40 and beaver \$55. Hunter complain however about government interference in the coyote market and having to compete with rangers shooting them by helicopter as part of the predator control program.

Just as they did in 1581, ships sail from the Eastern seaboard bound with furs for the European marketplace. The first known manifest of a Dutch ship clearing Fort Amsterdam (New York) listed 7,246 beaver skins, 675 otter skins, 48 mink, 36 wildcat, and 34 muskrats worth \$100,000. The majority of furs harvested today are still destined for the European market and, to a lesser extent, the Orient. The department of labor reports the export business of fur at \$300 million in 1979.

WINS SUIT

A jury has awarded \$100,600 in damages to the owners of Wild Wilderness Safari because polluted water allegedly caused the deaths of 143 exotic animals according to an Associated Press release.

A Benton County, Arkansas, Circuit Court jury ruled Wednesday in favor of Mr. & Mrs. Ross Wilmoth of Gentry, who own and operate the drive-through park in northwest Arkansas.

The jury found the defendants - David A. Calkin and Campbell Soup Company of Fayetteville - were negligent in 1974 and 1975 by allowing decomposing turkeys to wash into a creek that formed the lake where the Wilmoth's animals got their water. Calkin raised about 27,000 turkeys for Campbell's Soup.

The Wilmoths said the pollution ultimately caused the deaths of 143 exotic animals, including bison and zebras, from nitrate or bacterial poisoning.

Name You Give Your Pet Reveals Your Personality

Dr. Anthony Pietropinto a New York psychiatrist says what you name your pet may reveal more about you than you think.

If you pick a traditional name, such as Rover or Spot for a dog, you are a down to earth, unpretentious and usually conservative.

If you name your animal with a human name you look upon your pet as a friend and likely to be outgoing, friendly and a family oriented person.

Those using celebrity names are lively, adventurous and like to fantasize about leading the glamorous life of the famous.

Cartoon character names indicate a creative person, imaginative and uninhibited. You like to preserve ties with the past and the pet names remind you of your own childhood. Needless to say these folks get along well with children.

Agressive names, such as "Thunder" show outdoor types that prefer physical activity and the outdoors.

Far out names such as "Blackie" for a white cat are from people who are individuals and like to shock others.

Classical names indicate those who tend to be intellectual who read alot.

Exotic names come from people who long to travel and are attracted to the new or unusual.

MEDAMUCIL

Our felines ingest hair in the process of grooming. An emetic in the form of roughage, such as grass, lettuce, celery, etc., will help induce regurgitation and therefore expel the hairballs and other foreign bodies as mother nature intended.

If your cat will not eat grass, etc., a constipation problem may occur. The answer may be medamucil. This is a natural substance which does not interfere with digestion but does coat the feces and allow free movement through the digestive tract without causing diarrhea.

CRAZY CARACAL

BY REBECCA MORGAN

