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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

PREREQUISITES: Love of exotic cats

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.

CONVENTION '83 ISIS OASIS

This year's convention was doubly special as we were able to hold it at Lora Vigne's Isis Oasis, in Geyersville, California (an hour north of San Francisco.)

The setting is unique in that it was built as a home for the Bahai religion in the 1930's. Lora contains the lodge as a bed and breakfast establishment in the midst of the wineries of the Sonoma Valley with a Dinner theater that takes place in the one-time meeting hall. For the most part we (LIOC) had the place to ourselves for meetings, sunning and visiting.

Besides the main lodge which resembled a dorm with bathrooms "at the end of the hall", there were "yurts" not-quite tents scattered amongst the woods. Yurts are the traditional portable structures of Mongolian herdsmen, and even a guestroom converted from a large wine vat. It was not your usual, staid, hotel, folks, which added that much more to the occasion. The pavillion, where we met and ate, was roofed, but open on the sides allowing all to enjoy the beautiful climate and sights of the countryside. The food was not the run-of-the-mill fare and we were all delighted with the variety of local fruits served, of course with local wines.

Friday began with our general membership meeting (see report elsewhere) and progressed to a gathering on the lawn with the staff of SeaWorld and some very special guests visiting us. The special guests were a baby tiger, a cheetah, and an unusually colored black (?) leopard cub. The leopard cub was in reality a smokey gray color. They related Seaworlds commitment to a captive breeding program and explained their means of affection training.

Friday evening, after dinner, many opted to see the production at the theater of Neil Simon's Gingerbread Lady. As always there was then the group that congregated around the pool and/or hot tub for a moonlit dip.

Saturday, the morning was left free to visit while the Board of Directors met. Midmorning, a group left to tour the area wineries, for which this area is noted and to partake of a pic-nic lunch. A visit to Chris Love's compound concluded the afternoon.

Chris's compound is secluded in the hills and is dedicated to breeding some of the rare cats. His pair of black Jags are truly magnificent. All were impressed by Chris, Jeff and the rest of the staff.

Saturday evening of course there was the banquet, and auction, which as always pulled us out of the red and was conducted by Danny Treanor, with his unique talent of getting folks off their wallets. Even tho the donated items were not numerous, Danny surpassed himself and over \$600 was raised at auction. The raffle items raised enough to bring the proceeds from this year's auction to over \$900.

After dinner, Mike Sulak from the San Francisco Zoo spoke on the Species Survival Plan of the American Assoc. of Zoological Parks & Aquariums. The text of his speech (Has Anyone Seen a Saber-Toothed Tiger Lately?) is presented elsewhere in this issue.

Chris Love paid us a visit with a siberian lynx and one of the black jags. Chris spoke briefly on the responsibilities of those who own the cats to share with others in the form of visiting schools, scout troupes etc. He also stressed the difference between education and training in handling the animals and the role affection plays in those differences.

Since there were so few pictures (1) submitted this year, there was no presentation for the photo contest. However, the Reporter of the Year award was given to Ethel Hauser. Ethel maintains she cannot write - (Untrue) but she has faithfully sent envelopes stuffed with pings throughout the year. It was with great thanks the Editor that she was presented the plaque.

Sunday, after another sumptuous breakfast, Ken Hatfield reported back to the group on the Executive Board Meeting. Host Paul had video taped various segments of the convention and we had a look at that. Also, Ken Hatfield has been working with a magician and had devised an illusion he shared with us via video-tape. As always, amidst "See YOU next year" misty eyes, lots of hugs, we started dispersing to find our way home.

Among the many memories are Gary Butler's tiger taking a dip in the pool, Ethel Hauser, another baby chaus in tow, taking her leave to give it a bottle, J.B. ready to go to another winery (he's a wine steward at home), Jackie Vanderwall and clouded, Fred Boyajian and Margay Lefty - (this is Lefty's third convention) Lots of bobcats - Gayle Schaeckers, Jerry Boyles and I think more! We did not see as many "local" west coast faces (especially with as many as there are on the west coast) as we would have liked to. And we missed Art Human this year (where are you Art?) But all that made it contributed to the occasion and despite our declining membership, made it seem an active, growing thing - in spirit anyway.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN PORTLAND, OREGON - AUG.10, 11 & 12.

LOTTIE



REBECCA MORGAN

The recipient of the 1983 Lottie is Rebecca Morgan.

Rebecca has served both her branch (SouthWest) and nationally since she joined in 1972. She has served her branch as Secretary/Treasurer and for the last five years as President.

On the national level she has served as Registrar since the inception of that program.

Although she has assisted with all the Texas Convention the last one, held in Dallas was almost totally put together by Becca. She has actively worked in the Dallas area with helping both cats and their owners not to mention the various legalities in those areas.

Unfortunately, this convention was one of the few she has not attended, so Dr. Roger Harmon accepted on her behalf, swearing those present to secrecy until he could present the Lottie to Becca.

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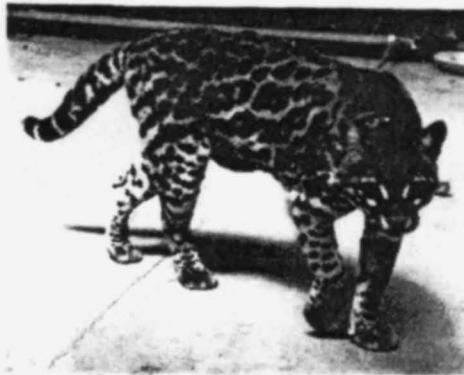
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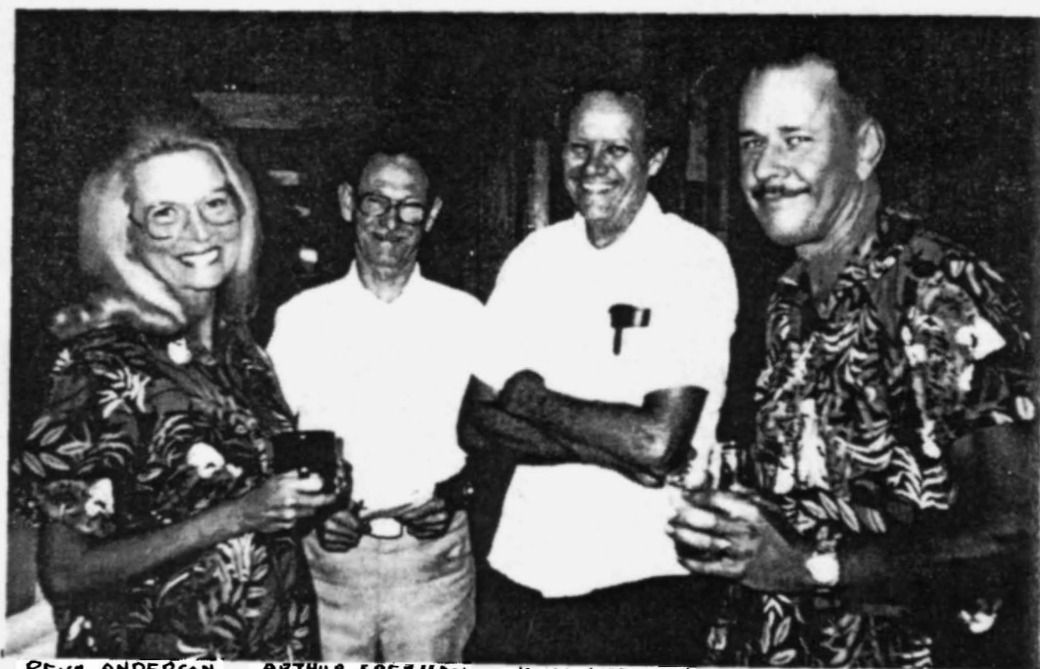
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HAS ANYONE SEEN A SABER-TOOTHED TIGER LATELY?

uld assume no one has, at least a live one, atel. Unfortunately each year additional species go the route of the Sabre-tooth tiger and become extinct and you know that is FOREVER. Few people are so aware of the great dying of wildlife as a zoo biologist. The SPECIES SURVIVAL PLAN or SSP as I will refer to it, is the outcome of this fact.

In the late 70's the American Association of Zoological Parks & Aquariums (AAZPA) saw the need for a direction to develop a long term propagation plan addressing the biological and organizational questions. They must first be asked and then answered. The Associations Wildlife Conservation and Management Committee was assigned the task. The SSP is the logical outcome of broadening the zoo mission from education and recreation to the preservation of vanishing animals.

In most of the world's wild places, populations of wild animals are declining. Thousands of creatures will be lost in the next few decades. Because of trends now far advanced, those losses are no longer avoidable. Only in a few instances has the endangered creatures plight been well publicized at home, such as the California Condor and the whooping crane. According to Global 2000, by the end of the century, 80% of the earth's people will live in the poorest, least developed countries - where about an equal percentage of the wildlife lives today.

Specifically, SSP seeks to strengthen and coordinate captive programs so that institutions can help the worldwide effort to preserve vanishing species in 5 ways.

1. By reinforcing natural populations, which may be so small that they are no longer viable genetically or geographically.
2. By providing animals for repopulation of original habitat where practicle.
3. By serving as refuges for species destined for extinction in nature.
4. By maintaining repositories for sperm in addition to population of wild animals.
5. By conducting research and developing more successful techniques of animal husbandry.

Today, zoos devote increasing priority to propagating their own wild animals rather than replenishing their stock from the wild. Currently, only 1/6th of all mammalian species and 1/12th of all avian species are reproduced in captivity. Unfortunately, all these species are not being reproduced in self-sustaining population numbers.

It has become clear to the zoo biologist that their aspirations to propagate endangered species on a long-term basis are circumscribed by a lack of room. The average zoo is less than 55 acres. Only part of that area is dedicated to animals. Their combined total area in North America is less than 20,000 acres. In fact, to give you some perspective how small that is, you would be able to place all of these zoos into the city of San Francisco and still have one third of that city's lands unused. How many animals of any one species could any one collection breed on a long term basis in such a small place? How could any zoo committed to breeding a rare animal avoid the pitfalls of sudden epidemic disease or natural disaster?

This of course the "all the eggs in one basket" syndrome. One answer to these problems is cooperation between institutions. This has greatly increased in recent years.

Several species are now completely dependant on captive propagation - the Sigerian Tiger is one good example. The captive individuals are descended from such small groups of founders that there have been in-breeding effects, including reduces viability, infertility, and various physical anomalies.



Criteria for the selection of critically endangered species for propagation have previously not been objectively or adequately studied. A pivotal part of the SSP program is to develop selection criteria based in large part upon lists and status reports of endangered species in nature which were prepared by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources., the International Council for Bird Preservation and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The SSP employs 3 basic criteria for species inclusion:

- 1 - A breeding nucleus for the species or subspecies must be available for captive management.
- 2 - The species or subspecies continued existence in the wild must be in danger as defined by reliable field reports.
- 3 - There must be available some organized group of captive propagation professionals with sufficient support to develop and carry out the program.

When too many animals satisfy the above criteria, to be sustained by available resources, the WCMC will employ the following:

- 1 - Probability of success
- 2 - Relative degree of endangerment is high
- 3 - Relative degree of uniqueness is high
- 4 - Preservation in captivity would reinforce other conservation programs - especially the possibility of reintroduction into the wild.

Because the passenger capacity of The "ark" is so small, because its space and support is provided by many different entities on a voluntary basis and because the basis for species selection systems and the factors of such systems must consider are constantly changing, the most difficult decisions facing the exotic animal propagators are between related animals whose plight is equally serious. Recognizing that its choices will always be somewhat subjective, SSP seeks to respond to the survival plan to preserve different species in different ways.

Small populations of wild animals have been lost in captivity repeatedly, just as they have in nature. Many of these losses have come about through accident or disease. Zoo studies also indicate that other losses have been the result of genetic problems, especially inbreeding.

Because maximizing the captive populations of each SSP species and assuring that it is distributed so as to avoid the chance of catastrophic accident is an immediate objective, spaces outside of the conventional zoos are being sought. Breeding farms have been established by several zoos to gain space, and SSP programs are utilizing the land and goodwill of exotic game ranches. The collective allocation of space according to species priorities is another of SSP's

SSP's important objectives.

No area of professional concern and practice in the long term management of animal populations is more essential than that of specimen records. Without continuously and scrupulously maintained records of each individual animal's lineage, fertility, sex, longevity, care and medical history, populations cannot be managed to avoid inbreeding and other pathological patterns; long term preservation will not be possible.

Except for the willingness to commit appropriate animals to an SSP program, AAZPA imposes only one other condition of eligibility for SSP participation; and that is the maintenance of adequate records, preferably through the International Species Inventory System (ISIS).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Currently There are approximately 30 species designated for SSP:

Asian Wild Horse	Okapi
Ali Myna	Gaur
Humboldt's Penguin	Barasingha
Grevy's Zebra	Black & Ruffled lemurs
Scimitar Horned oryx	Lion-tailed macaque
Golden lion tamarin	Madagascan ground boa
Indian, Black & White rhino	Cheetah
White napped crane	Tigers
Chinese alligator	Snow Leopard
Radiated tortoise	Asian Lion
Gorilla	Orangutan
Tapir	Otters

Mike Zuloff
San Francisco Zoo Biologist
SSP Coordinator

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Attending the Board of Directors Meeting were: President Ken Hatfield, Vice President John Perry, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Vanderwall, Life Director Roger Harmon, Term Directors, Ethel Hauser, Jean Townes and Shirley Treanor. Membership Secretary Barbara Wilton was also present.

All appointed offices were reconfirmed with those presently serving.

It was proposed that we re-subscribe to the Federal Register to keep up with changes in legislation. This was passed with John Perry to keep up with it and forward applicable information to the editor.

It was motioned and passed that interest generated by the Legal Fund would be transferred in amounts allowed by our non-profit status to the general operating fund. Interest income from past years will be used to offset the current debt to the Legal Fund.

A publication listing all wildlife laws, both state and federal, has been compiled. After a look at the budget information which was not available at this meeting, the Board will decide on whether this is an investment LIOC can afford. It was suggested that if these volumes were purchased, a small cost for copying requested sections for the members would help offset the purchase cost.

It was motioned and seconded that in order to keep a tighter control of our budget, the Secretary/Treasurer would send a year-to-date budget to the board, detailing expenses and income.

It was decided that we would rotate our advertising on quarterly basis between the various publications (Cats Magazine, Cat Fancy, etc.) in order to cut down on expenses.

It was motioned that LIOC accept advertising for kittens and live animals in the Newsletter. After much discussion it was voted that we will continue to current policy of NOT accepting such ads.

Since precise budget figures were not available, it was asked that the Secretary/Treasurer provide the board with this by mail. After that a better idea of club finances can be determined. However, it was suggested at the General Membership meeting that the board reduce the Newsletter to quarterly issues in order to contain our expenses, most of which are incurred in printing and mailing the Newsletter. Since we did not have a copy of the new constitution available at the Board meeting, this was tabled until that could be checked.

President, Ken Hatfield, called the General Membership meeting to order.

There being no "old business" Ken reported that LIOC Endangered Species Conservation Federation has completed its three (3) years as a probationary non-profit organization and is now confirmed as such.

The current laws pertaining to movement of exotics (endangered and threatend species) was discussed. Currently, the U.S.D.I. will issue permits to individuals. Those individuals may then engage in interstate commerce with another so licensed. This currently does not apply to ocelots as they are a native species.

As always, finances (or lack of them) was brought up. It was suggested and referred to the Board for discussion that LIOC consider publishing the Newsletter quarterly versus the bi-monthly schedule we now use.

In order to boost membership, it was suggested that each member now enjoying a "Life member" status give a membership to a new member each year, with hopes that those new members would renew on their own the following year. It was also suggested that when a kitten goes to a new home a membership in LIOC should go with it if the new owner is not a member.



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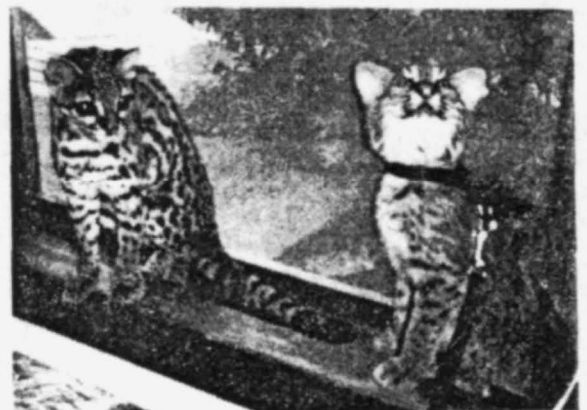
GARY BUTLER AND MOSES



BLACK JAG & Jeff
FROM CHRIS LOVES Compound



LUNCH AT ISIS ORASIS



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