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Help Wanted

REPORTERS

LIOC 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 exotic ownership

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

The early arrivers for Convention'84 met at the Flamingo Motel in Portland at 9:00AM on August 9th for the trip to Mt. St Helens. Members who made the trip were Karen Jusseaume, Suzi Wood, Tom & Ruth Ferguson, Elfriede Vickery, Ken & Connie Hatfield, Kelly Jean Finell, Jillian Buffum, Jerry Boyle, Ethel Hauser, Barbara Wilton, and Don Schole. Our first stop was a Forest Service Station where we saw movies of the mountain and the eruption. Many of the locals had not made the trip and it was spectacular. Jerry Boyle was official guide. We stopped at a Forest Service Compound for lunch of fried chicken, fruit, cookies and pop - provided by OEEFC. Every turn of the narrow, winding road brought a new vision of power and devastation of the blast. Oregon weather was beautiful, allowing maxium viewing. We were later getting back than anticipated and were greeted by members who had arrived during the day. The hospitality room had been competantly handled by Gayle Schaecher, Pat Teegarden, Pat Parker and Mary Parker.

The opening meeting was Friday morning. Mr. Tom Widden of Pacific Snack Foods introduced a new ground chicken cat food available to all to try. It comes "undoctored" just pure ground chicken (bone included) and in two different grinds. He had a contest to name the new product. (It has been named Pacific Pride Chicken Cat food)

As promised, OEEFC had a special gift for the 13th registrant...a beautiful white satin jacket with the National LIOOC logo on the back, was presented to Elfriede Vickery from Texas. (these are available to the general membership - watch your Newsletter.)

President Ken Hatfield introduced all members running office and conducted the opening General Membership meeting, polling members present about what topics were to be discussed by the Board of Directors.

The next guest speaker was Dr. Willard Centerwall. He addressed us on genetics and showed some extremely interesting slides on chromosomes and feline evolution. He has not completed chromosome banding of all the feline species except for two in Russia.

Ethel Hauser read a paper by a new member, Dr. Peter Crowcroft, Director of the Salisbury Zoo in Salisbury, Maryland...this paper entitled "For Cat's Sake" will appear in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Ann Gordon from Seattle brought her tiger down for the day and he was quite an attraction in the parking lot. Friday evening we had a "Leo's Birthday Party" (not for Leos only) in the Hospitality Room. Bingo was played for a selection of gifts. A beautiful cake was made by Dorreen Strickland and enjoyed by all. A frosting lion on top expounded "What's a Leo?".

Saturday morning we all boarded two buses and headed east up the Columbia River Gorge. Our first stop was at Bonneville Dam fish counting ladders. Large viewing windows allowed us to watch the different species of fish go by. This is where counters keep track of the numbers and species of fish going up river to spawn. Back on the buses and across the parking lot to where we boarded the Sternwheeler "Columbia". We cruised up the Gorge. A running commentary gave us the history of the gorge - how and when it was formed. The scenery is spectacular. The ones who found it windy on the top deck, did find the bar and the main deck where they could watch the scenery in comfort. At one point, a large group of wind ski racer left the beach right behind the sternwheeler and were racing back down the river. They sure added a streak of color. Several kept tipping over into the river but all were soon out of sight.

At one stop we almost lost Joyce Little, she thought we'd arrived at our port and left us. When we did get back to our dock, several members forgot to get off, Reva Anderson hollered and waved until the boat backed up to the dock and let them off. Guess they were really enjoying the sights.

On the way back to Portland we stopped at the fish hatchery where thousands of fish are raised to stock rivers & streams. They are also tagged or fins clipped so when they are caught or return to spawn, they can be recognized.

Next we stopped at the Burger Barn for lunch. No one issued the bus here!

We stopped at Horsetail Falls long enough for some picture taking, then down to Multnomah Falls. These falls are both beautiful. After picture taking and roaming through the gift shop, we headed back to Portland and the Flamingo. During our absence the hospitality room was attended by Chuck and Ginger Peterson who offered to stay behind and feed the Scholes' serval kittens and their own litter of bobcat kittens.

The cocktail hour was spent visiting, picking the winner of the photo contest and purchasing tickets for the various raffles.

After dinner, we started the drawings. The \$500 bond was won by Lucre Ponce of North Miami, Florida. The Perpetual quilt (made by OEEFC some 10 years ago, then won by Gertrude Freeman, who re-offered it on the condition it be re-raffled every year to spread the joy to someone else) was won by Terry Bailey, of Portland-it finally comes home! He gets to hold it for one year. The "Afternoon Rest" painting done by Stan Capon was taken home by Herb Wilton - where it belonged as his cat Sean, was the model.

Don Schole, our chain-saw artist donated another of his beautiful tree carvings and it was won by Barbara Wilton. (Special thanks to Allan Hauser for our very professional ticket cage.)

Our banquet speaker was Jan Beebe from the Olympic Game Farm in Sequim, Washington. She told many interesting stories about using various animals in movie-making and funny situations around the game farm.

Several presentations were then made. Shirley Treanor presented OEEFC with a beautiful plaque with the national logo etched on it for helping get the Newsletters printed and mailed out.

The Reporter of the Year award was won by Jeanne Townes of California. The picture contest winners were Kurt & Barbara Moltner from Canada.

John Perry and Roger Harmon presented a beautiful BIG coffee mug to Shirley Treanor so she could "get going" in the mornings and save time by only having that one cup of coffee.

The LÖTTY was presented to Harriet Leake from Alabama. Roger Harmon graciously accepted for Harriet as she was unable to attend convention.

OEEFC presented Ethel Hauser with a trophy as "Official Cat Sexer"--with a horses hind end on it. Seems like last year she mis-sexed a whole litter of bobcat kittens. Consequently by the time the error became apparent, the owners were too attached and wouldn't exchange kittens. Talk about a boy names Sue.....

Suzi Wood and Karen Jusseaume told us about their joint meeting of the Greater New England and Mid-Atlantic Branches. The funds generated were \$100 which they donated to Newsletter Editor Shirley Treanor to go towards the purchase of a new Club typewriter. The challenge was accepted by Southwestern Branch President, Roger Harmon who pledged to match it as did Florida Branch President Danny Treanor and Ethel Hauser of OEEFC. (we expect some fancy typing there, Shirli!)

The auction was capable handled by our old pro, Danny Treanor, thanks Danny.

Sunday morning we all met back at the banquet room for juice, rolls, and coffee. Ken Hatfield closed the convention by bringing us the results of the Board of Directors meeting to the general membership. The 1985 Convention will be hosted by LIOC Vice President John Perry, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

One of the hospitality room highlights was Fred Boyajian and his video camera (not to mention margays Lefty and Sonya) He took it on the sternwheeler cruise to the meetings, banquet etc. In the hospitality room we all reviewed the good times. Watching ourselves was a fun addition to the whole affair. J.B. & Reva Anderson had also brought a video tape of their cats which we all enjoyed.

Sunday afternoon the members of OEEFC brought many species of exotics for a cat show in the parking lot. A lot of motel guests and personnel were fascinated by the unexpected invasion. Cats present were: 2 adult bobcats, 1 bobcat kitten, 1 cougar, 1 puma, 1 jaguar, 1 clouded leopard, 1 ocelot, 1 jaguarundi, 1 serval, 1 chaus, 1 safari and 2 bengals.

Attending convention 84 were: President Ken Hatfield and daughter Connie; Shirley Treanor, Roger, Fay and Kay Harmon, John Perry, Danny & Ellen Treanor, Barb & Dennis Grimes, Arthur & Gertrude Freeman, JB & Reva Anderson, Tom & Ruth Ferguson, Fred Boyajian, Suzi Wood, Karen Jusseaume, Joyce Little, Virginia English, Jean Sellers

and guest, Evelyn Dyck, Bill Boyle, Dianne Damsroder, Liz Ghent, Anne Gordon, Gary Hickman, John & Elfriede Vickery, Kelly Jean Finell, Ethel Hauser, Mary Parker, Gayle & Clem Schaecher, Herb & Barbara Wilton, Pat Parker, Pat Teegarden, Jerry Boyle, Terry Bailey, Don and Connie Schole and 4 darling serval kittens, Dorreen Strickland, Jilliam Buffum, Roxanne Ramsey, Kathy Tesdal Jackie Vanderwall, Gloria & Stan Capon, Richard Kelly, Glen Davis, Chuck and Ginger Peterson, Mr & Mrs Jesus Gonzales, Grace Appleton.



THE WINNER OF THE \$500 SAVINGS BOND IS



LUCRE PONCE
NORTH MIAMI
FLORIDA



IN ORDER TO ISSUE THE BOND, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED. WILL WHOEVER SOLD MR. PONCE THE TICKET PLEASE PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH BARBARA WILTON, OEEFC, P.O. BOX 66040, PORTLAND, ORE 97266.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Those attending the Executive Meeting were: President, Ken Hatfield, Vice President John Perry, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Vanderwall, Term Directors Ethel Hauser and Shirley Treanor, Life Director Roger Harmon. Branch and Area Representatives present were: Virginia English, California; Karen Jusseaume, Greater New England; Suzi Wood, Mid-Atlantic; Danny Treanor, Florida. Bill Boyle Cascade, Barbara Wilton, OEEFC.

Again, the general membership had asked that the issue of advertising cats for sale be brought up. The board however unanimously decided against this and to solve the problem of new members not knowing who breeds what it was decided to list breeders in the newsletter twice a year. A questionnaire to be sent out. Those who wish to be listed then can return it. A disclaimer will be published with this listing however.

Registrar Rebecca Morgan had asked to be relieved of those duties and Karen Jusseaume was appointed in her place. Virginia English was nominated for Editor but refused the nomination so Shirley Treanor was again appointed, as was John Perry to Advertising Manager and Barbara Wilton as Membership Secretary.

John Perry brought up the apparent confusion among the general public with regards to LIOC's new name. It was suggested that perhaps just using "LIOC" on letterhead would remove some of this confusion.

It was, after some discussion, decided that our advertising in both Cats and Cat Fancy magazine would be renewed for the next six months, after that time the practice would be re-evaluated.

A discussion was had on how to involve the Branches more in the governing process as some branches who are not represented by having members on the board feel they have less representation in the Club's affairs. Generally, no solution was suggested other than nominating active Branch members for National Office and then asking your branch to support those members. It was felt that although the Branch Representatives do not have a vote at the Board Meeting, they can, at the General Membership Meetings, place motions to be considered to the membership, and voice their Branches feelings in the Board Meeting for consideration by the Board prior to their vote.

The budget, although very tight, did not necessitate the change in dues and was passed as presented.

LOTTIE 1984

Lottie is a bust of an ocelot's head done by sculptress and LIOC member Brenda Duprey. It is awarded to persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the cats and LIOC.

Each year nominations are submitted by previous recipients and when gathered, a vote is taken of the Lottie recipients of the past. Current Lotties are created by Ethel Hauser from a mold taken from one done by Brenda.

In the past Lotties have been presented to:

- 1966 Gene Brill
- 1967 Bill Engler
- 1968 Mike Balbo
- 1969 Dave Salisbury
- 1970 Robert Peraner
- 1971 Johnny Ebner
- 1972 Catherine Cisin
- 1973 Ken & Jean Hatfield
- 1974 Roger Harmon
- 1975 Danny & Shirley Treanor
- 1976 Art Human
- 1977 Bob & Lil Smith
- 1978 Charles & Sadie Douglas
- 1979 Ethel Hauser
- 1980 Pat Quillen
- 1981 Barbara & Herb Wilton
- 1982 Virginia English
- 1983 Rebecca Morgan

And this year we add the name of Harriet Leake.



Harriet has been with LIOC since 1966. She was active in the CAL-VAL branch, serving that organization as coordinator. She was the first in LIOC to breed the leopard cat and on that auspicious occasion Bill Engler wrote: "I know of no one more deserving to be the 'grandparents' of domestic born leopards (Leopard cats). They are invaluable to me in my work with the cats" Harriet was there and participated in Bill's move to save his cats when he ran into legal obstacles in California, just as she has been available to any cat or owner since then. Moving south, Harriet began her association with the SouthWestern Branch, which she has

staunchly supported since then. She has served as Historian of S.W. Always available whenever a cat or a member needs her, she is an anchor of this Branch today. She shares her home with elderly margay Sinjon-a "rescue", that now has free roam of the house.

Unable to attend the Portland Convention, Roger Harmon accepted the Lottie on her behalf. At the recent SouthWest meeting, Roger went on at great length about the Lottie recipient, substituting another's name. At the end of his speech, it was announced that he was "fibbing" and that in fact, the recipient was Harriet. Stunned, Harriet wouldn't take the Lottie insisting she hadn't done anything—but then, to this Lady, assisting cats and LIOC members is a way of life and indeed nothing out of the ordinary. Finally, she was persuaded to take her Lottie and see for herself that it did indeed bear her name.



A THANK YOU



In past years, I have enjoyed attending many of the LIOC conventions... where it's always fun to renew old friendships and see new critters. So was sorry not to be able to make it to Oregon this year. Then, when a package arrived in the mail, from LIOC, containing a handsome plaque inscribed "LIOC Reporter of the Year", it was a delightful surprise indeed!

I want to thank all those involved in making this award possible, and say "Hello," to all those I missed seeing this year.

Sincerely,
Jean Townes



Tiger, (shown with Photo award), Barbara and I were very surprised when we opened the parcel containing Tiger's photo award. We thank everybody involved. Our 14 year old (Tiger, margay...note the super-long tail, Ed.) is doing fine and is as frisky as ever. We just hope he'll be with us for years to come.

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Those wishing to send entries for the 1985 Photo Contest, just send the Newsletter Editor your picture. They will be published in the Newsletter and then those attending the 1985 Convention in Minneapolis will vote on the best of those submitted that year. Tiger's award-winning photo was published in Vol.28-Number 3, the May/June issue of the Newsletter.

SO MUCH SAD NEWS



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It is with the deepest pain and regret that I inform the members of LIOC that on August 20th, 1984- Sundae Margay, daughter of Critter and Tuffy, died at the age of eight years of age. She was robbed of a long life by Feline viral leukemia. On September 12th, 1984, one year old Poco Margay also died of this same malady. The disease had evidently been passed from one to the other.

For many years I believed the exotics were immune to the disease, but my view has been abruptly corrected with a broken heart. I can stand to relive our struggle to save the margays only in hopes that by chronicling the events, it will help others.

Sundae was very special to me, more so because she born at the house and bottle raised. As she grew, she resided in a cage next to the dinner table and quickly developed a taste for people food...especially fried or baked chicken, pork chops, ham and, did I mention green beans?

When I relocated to Orlando, Florida, she was the only company I had, the only friend, the one who understood and was glad to see me at the end of the day.

Her bright eyes and glad look made home very important. She was a finger-sucker and very affectionate. Purr was every reward I needed.

Three years ago we pulled Sundae through a bout that diagnosed as leukemia, but I refused to believe it, thinking it was only some weird anemia, solved with a transfusion...it worked...at least for 3 years.

According to Dr. William Hardy, authority on FeLV at the Sloane-Kettering Institute, the virus is passed by frequent contact through saliva. In our case, the cats were not sharing the same quarters, but did share toys in common.

We took no precautions because we did not think we had a problem. Evidently FeLV can go into remission in a non-contagious form until something triggers the virus to an active form. Since all my difficulties have happened this summer, heat or heat stress might have been a problem.

There are no signs, except one day Sundae acted tired and didn't want to eat. Thinking B-12 would solve the problem, I went to the vet's office where he drew some blood. Three different tests by three different labs all said leukemia. I called everyone in the country doing studies on feline blood problems and all I learned was there was no cure, 4 different viruses and there may be a vaccine by 1985. Just my luck....a few months away.

The vet wanted to check the other margays but I knew the labs were wrong, so why stress them? Transfusions were the answer until the bone marrow could kick in. The second transfusion from Poco and since we had his blood we ran a test - it came back positive.

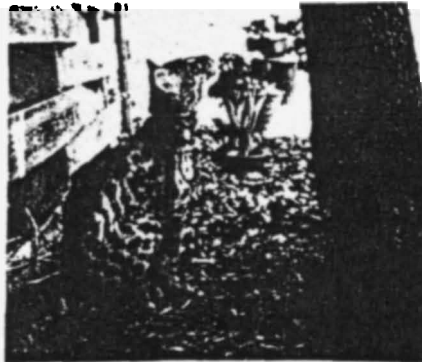
I still remember the excitement my wife Ellen and I felt when we found out a male margay was available. It meant a kitten for her and for me a possible mate for Sundae.

The kitten had spent eight weeks with his mother and had not been handled by people. As I drove home with Poco, he hissed everytime the car hit a bump. As I brought him to Ellen, she could hear him hissing coming through the door. From that point, Ellen

it three days slowly moving her hand closer and over to where she could touch and scratch him. For days he refused to eat and when he did, he was constipated. The poor baby was off to a rough start with people doing weird things to him.

Poco was raised in the house in order to protect him with special caging. Little feet might stick

through the big cage and get ripped. It was not long before Poco discovered that people could be a great source of entertainment and they did strange and interesting things. He sat on the commode while Ellen took a bath and loved to go for walks.



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Poco did everything at 100 MPH with a lust for life, he couldn't wait to grow up and move to the big cages.

During the illness the cats got weaker and weaker. During the last transfusion for Sundae, we took some blood and it revealed that the vital organs were being damaged - it was only a matter of time. After 5 1/2 hours at the vet's office, Sundae died on the way home. I tried to make it back to the vet's attempting cardiac massage on the way - it was too late.

It hurts to lose a cat - especially when you think of yourself as a "good owner". It's more tragic when know the number of margays left has been reduced by two.

I fully intend to continue with LIOC-some people lose interest when they lose their cat...but I'm still involved and will be for a long time to come.

Danny Treanor



ROSY, seven year old male Geoffroy's Cat, belonging to John Perry succumbed to heart failure. John writes: "Rosy came down with FUS (feline urilogical syndrome), we were treating him and he looked to be recovering. He suffered a fatal heart seizure Friday night. The University Vet Hospital indicated that the cause was probably an imbalance in the blood potassium brought on by the urinary problem. It's a lot harder losing a cat that's been a pet for a long time than a kitten which goes really young!"



TEAGER - It is with sad and heavy hearts that we tell of the passing of our Teager Margay. He was sixteen years old when we were obligated to end his suffering with an overdose of anesthetic. We would not watch but only hold each other in mutual grief as his tearful doctor gave him his final rest.

The last few years he had suffered with a progression of worsening arthritis, but otherwise was in good health. Diabetes in his last few months, and finally kidney failure ended a long and rewarding fourteen year relationship.

Richard & Evelyn Dyck



CILLI - 15 year old ocelot owned by Herb Wilton, passed away on September 16th from kidney failure. She had been sick for a couple of months.

Cilli was the only ocelot we ever saw with lavender eyes. She was from South America and we purchased her from Bill Hodge when he was a dealer in eastern

Washington. Our only disappointment and regret is that never came into season. Ethel Hauser's big male ot, Max, used to spend a lot of time with Cilli and were great friends.

Miss you Cilli, Rest In Peace.



soon as anyone gets near her run. At first, she'd let me call them out; then I had to vaccinate them and she didn't like that, so I'm in her bad books now.

Jeanne Maynard (Button's mom) reports: "Been busy with quads: Siberian tiger cubs, 3 males and 1 female. It may seem dumb, but their ribbons match their bottles for quick identification and easy input into records for food, medication, poop, shots, etc. Now expecting Canadian cougars.

*The world will seem a better place
When you live with someone
Of the feline race.*

ON RESPONSIBILITY

Elsa and I would much prefer to write about the adorable antics (and frequently, not-so-adorable-antics) of our exotics. However, Tragedy visited our household and in its aftermath there are some important lessons to be learned and shared.

A month ago, we had four exotics; Joey, cougar, male, age 10 (have had him since a cub). Sasha cougar, female, age 1½ (and the light of our lives) Beckett bobcat, male, age 1 and Endora bobcat, female, age 1.

All had recently be innoculated for rabies and distemper (panluekopenia).

Even so, distemper struck and left Endora dead, Beckett nearly so, and threatened the lives of Joey and Sasha. It is past now, Beckett, although confused over the disappearance of his pal, is recovering. The cougars never contracted it, but waiting through the viral incubation period (3-8 days) was like living with the sword of Damocles hanging over our heads.

How did this happen?

The finger of suspicion points to an adorable (but not quarantined) domestic kitten that we rescued from the Humane Society. Perhaps the kitten was not the carrier, although it was sick shortly after its arrival, our vet was unable to establish a positive diagnosis for distemper.

Nonetheless, we ran a risk we should never have taken. We put emotion ahead of common sense when we brought into our home an animal we neither quarantined nor had our vet check out (until it was too late.) Which brings us to the point of this article. Haphazard ownership of a domestic animal (while never to be recommended) can at least be tolerated. Not so with an exotic!

A sick domestic is welcomed into any veterinary clinic and if it does not recover, it "passes-away"-death is clean, remote, and easy (for the animal's owner, that is).

We were with Endora when she breathed her last. Although our veterinarian was superb and made many house calls, we were the ones that nursed her, put 800 cc's of sub-cu fluids into her daily and tried to hope. It was heartbreaking.

Now that it's over; when we think of all that we've gone through with our exotics, particularly the long and bitter battle for local, state and federal permits, we ask ourselves - is it not worth it to "think first" in order to safeguard our animals health and our own considerable investment in care, time and expense?

Don't learn the hard way - think first, don't take chances, learn all that you can.

Keep these rules in mind and your animals are far more apt to be an enjoyment than a heartbreak.

We plan to be getting together with our vet soon to see if we can't sort out the Do's from the Don'ts, the truths from the mistruths, concerning panluekopenia. Will let you know what we come up with. Any input from other club members would be greatly appreciated.

Elsa and Dave Baskin

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. MADELYN TANSLEY expired in June of this year in Los Alamitos, California. Madelyn and her family were the owners of male ocelot Ozzy. She was a former, avid member and supporter of the SouthWestern Branch of LIOC. Though she and her family, husband Col. Frank, children Tip and Trinka lived in many different states, and foreign countries while Frank served in the Air Force, they never forgot their ties with the SouthWestern Branch and LIOC. She will be missed by her many friends here. To know her was to love her.



THE BIRTHS

MOXIE and CRITTER bobcats have produced two beautiful kittens (1/1) for Gayle Schaecker. Mom Moxie is only 14 months old. Critter was left to witness and participate in the blessed event.

Jean Hatfield reports in with both cougar and bobcats.

Penny Andrews reports a baby boom-with litters of Caracals, Siberian Lynx and bobcats.

Twins (1/1) arrived to Sole' Serval Suzi Wood writes. Both are doing well and were removed at 9 days.

Little male was injured at birth (a shortened tail & other things.) but both are doing well now.'

Canadian member Murray Killman writes: My female lynx had four beautiful kittens and are they ever cute. Unfortunately, she has them so well trained I can hardly get a look at them. She orders them into the den as







MEETING REPORT

Our second formal meeting was held at Mildred Payton's in Randolph, Massachusetts. It was a very hot and muggy day, temperature around 100°. Apparently the heat kept many members home, I could count those attending on both hands.

All Officers were present however, we also welcomed a new member, Jerry Wisefield, from Avon, Mass, who brought along a beautiful red fox.

One problem discussed was some members have not been receiving their newsletters????? Our President (Karen Jusseume) had this problem in the past but was corrected when she made the right connection! If any of our members are having this problem, please get in touch with me!

Our next meeting will be in late September or early October. We are putting our list together of future hosts...all are willing to travel north of Massachusetts (foilage should be great) notices will be sent beforehand.

We were glad to see Anthony & Jean Zuckert. My Jeoffroy's cats were not shy, and were breeding (even with everyone watching!) maybe a birth announcement forthcoming?

Of course main topic of conversation was Convention hope to see you there!

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Meeting Report

The SouthWest Branch held its fall meeting at the home of Walter & Lois Marshall in West Columbia, Texas.

Walter is known for his culinary talents and did not disappoint us with a Tex-Mex banquet. His brother Bud and his wife Ruth from Corpus Christi were there to assist. From the stuffed jalapenos, jalapeno pie, enchiladas, casadas, tacos, guacamole, to the pralines, everything was sumptuous! Barely able to move after that feast, the short business meeting was conducted by Dr. Roger Harmon.

He reported back to the branch on the doings at convention in Portland. Roger also stressed the importance of everyone voting in the upcoming election. Of course the highlight of the Convention is the presentation of the Lottie. With a little misdirection (he told everyone it was presented to someone else) this years Lottie was presented to Harriet Leake. Roger had accepted it for Harriet

at convention and it was transported back by Elfriede Vickery. Needless to say, Harriet was shocked and at the close of the meeting still did not believe it.

We were pleased to welcome newcomers Bill & Lavada Nelson from Cleveland, Texas as well as Don Kotas and Jan Thaler. Don brought his young tiger with him. We were also pleased to have the Marshall's daughter Helen and son-in-law Gene with us as well as son Paul who was visiting from California.

The raffle prizes were won by Lois Marshall, Helen and Jan Neal.

In attendance were: Walter & Lois Marshall, Roger, Faye & Kay Harmon from Marshall, Tx, Jean and Carl Hamil from Channelview, Shirley Treanor and Harriet Leake from Mobile, Ala; Elfriede Vickery from Longview, Bronco Peterson, Jerry, Jan and Amber Neal from Tyler.

The spring meeting is scheduled for the Neal's home in Tyler and an interesting speaker is in the works.

Submitted by
Shirley Treanor
Sec/Treas

USDI FILES CHARGES

Gentle Jungle, Inc, a Burbank, California compound owned by Ralph Helfer has been charged with repeatedly violating health and husbandry standards of the Animal Welfare Act, an official of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports. According to Dr. James D. Roswurm, veterinarian in charge of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in California, APHIS is asking for a \$30,000 fine, revocation of the corporations' license and a cease and desist order against future violations of the act.

The charge against Gentle Jungle is based on gross abuse and neglect of exhibit animals that resulted in the death of various animals over a two year period. Original charges were filed in the fall of '83 with additional charges of mistreating animals at its Cougar Hill Ranch facility in Littlerock, Calif. being filed in 1984.

Inspections between October '83 and January '84 showed that 3 elephants were housed in a trailer with insufficient space to make normal movements; they were forced to stand in puddles of urine & feces. One of the elephants was chained in such a way that she could not lie down. It appeared that all three elephants were inadequately fed and watered and were in need of veterinary care.

Camels, llamas and lions were not provided with proper shelter from extremes of weather and temperature; and proper record keeping requirements were not maintained for domestic cares.

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OOPS!

The July/August Newsletter carried a "Kid's Korner" by Virginia Vogel, on how to draw a tiger's head. This was reprinted from Safari Game Search Foundation Newsletter (Wildlife Safari) and no credit given.

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Please folks, make sure the name of the publication is included when clipping articles for the Newsletter so that proper credit may be given.

Nominees



JACKIE VANDERWALL



VIRGINIA ENGLISH



SHIRLEY TREANOR



ETHEL HAUSER



JACKIE VANDERWALL



JACKIE VANDERWALL



MARY PARKER



DANNY TREANOR

LIOC is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, four Term Directors and four Life Directors. These folks are elected by preferential ballot, at large and with the exception of the Life Directors, serve for a two year term. The Life Directors are elected for life or until they ask to be relieved of their duties.

Current life Directors are: Catherine Cisin, our Founder, Ken Hatfield who also serves as our President and Dr. Roger Harmon.

Our President, Ken Hatfield and Vice President, John Perry are running unopposed and therefore will automatically serve another term.

In addition to the elected officers, but without a formal vote on the Board are appointed staff members; Registrar, Membership Secretary, Editor and Advertising Manager. These posts are filled by persons appointed by the Board of Directors and in many instances are filled by an elected Board member.

Enclosed in this newsletter is your ballot. You will notice that there are two places after each nominee, this will enable husband/wife memberships each to have a vote.

This is a preferential ballot and a little different. In the case of the Secretary/Treasurer, there are four nominees - to cast your ballot list your preferences through #4....#1 being your 1st choice, #2 being your second choice, etc. For Term Director we have 7 nominees for four (4) positions. You will do the same here, listing your choices #1-being your favorite, through #7-your

Treat each office separately. If one person has been nominated in more than one category, consider each independent of the other.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL RUN YOUR CLUB FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

Each Board member casts one vote and are therefore equally important. Give each your careful consideration, fill out your ballot and

MAIL IT TODAY. BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
DECEMBER 15th, 1984

* denotes an incumbent

+ these folks did not send in any biographical information and that used was gleaned from past Newsletters and your Editor's personal knowledge of them.

All nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

VIRGINIA ENGLISH+ joined LIOC in 1967 and has been an active participant ever since. She took home one of the 1st leopard cat kittens born in LIOC and has published several articles in National magazines on exotics as pets. Virginia originated and ran the Leopard Cat Information Center for many years and was active in the successful effort to get the Leopard Cat recognized by CFA. She has attended 12 →

... of the 13 National Conventions and there has represented the California members. She was one of the coordinators of the 1983 Convention in north California. Virginia was the recipient of the 1982 Lottie.

BARBARA GRIMES, of course is mother to Tara Geoffroy's cat. She's an active member of the Florida Chapter. At 36 years of age, she's been married to Dennis for 19 years. They have an 18 year old son and a 15 year old daughter. Barbara helps with her husband's construction company, is active in several other volunteer organizations.

Barbara says with the kids almost grown she has plenty of time for LIOC duties, and would welcome the chance to be more involved, and make a contribution to the welfare of the cats. She's been a member for 4 years.

ETHEL HAUSER* is the mother of two grown children, both married. She is a Medical photographer with the Oregon Health Sciences University.

A member of LIOC since 1970, she has served two terms as Vice President and has served in her current capacity as Term Director for the last nine years. Ethel was awarded "Reporter of the Year" for 1983. Her compound in Vancouver, Washington has been granted LIOC Sanctuary status.

Instrumental in the founding of the Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club (OEEFC), Ethel has served three terms as Coordinator for that group, two terms as Secretary and 2 terms as Co-coordinator. She has organized their speakout program since 1975.

She has been breeding exotics since 1972 and has all her state, federal and local permits. In her spare time she has assisted with the newsletter make-up and mailouts.

KAREN JUSSEAUME, a native of Massachusettes has lived there all her 37 years. Professionally, she is in business management and says she does her best at organizing and setting up new projects. She writes: I have two beautiful daughters whose names I have to mention, they are Mary and April. They work very hard along my side. We share our home with a Geoffroy's cat, three Safari cats (Geoffroy/Domestic hybrids) and four domestics. All are loving pets and very dear friends to us. We feel very privileged and luck to have them.

I've been breeding Safaris since 1977. I wouldn't go as far as to say successfully. The chances of having kittens are small. But when we do have kittens, I feel as proud as if I'd actually done it myself! But seriously, every time there are kittens, it puts a new kind of love into the house.

I've been associated with LIOC since 1974 and a member since 1978. Recently I was elected the New England Branch Representative and really have been feeling great about being an active member. It is especially gratifying that I can participate in the welfare of the animals. LIOC has taught me the understanding and love that can exist between human and animal. We have a lot of knowledge which should be spread, and can mean life or death to an exotic. LIOC to me has the right concept but it sometimes appears that folks still have a feeling this is an "underground" thing. The club should be brought above ground....we have much to contribute.

ELMER MORGAN**, has been a LIOC member since 1974, during which time he has been an active member of the SouthWest Branch. Elected Term Director in 1980, Elmer was coordinator of the 1982 Convention in Dallas Texas. He also serves the SW branch as Historian.

MARY PARKER is the mother of a daughter. She is a safety inspector for underwriters Laboratories and has been testing electrical and fire protection safety devices for the last 10 years. This entails covering the State of Oregon and southern Washington. She is familiar with detailed reports and assures us that delivering reports to Board members quarterly and keeping detailed records would present no problems.

She has been a member of LIOC for 5 years and an OEEFC member for 10. She has served the Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club as Coordinator, Secretary-Treasurer, and has represented that organization at National convention twice. Mary has attended four National LIOC conventions.

PAT QUILLEN+, has been a member since 1970. Best known for her special touch with kittens, Pat's methods of handraising and adapting formula have been published in the International Zoo Yearbook. She is the founder of the Society of Scientific Care, a non-profit organization dedicated to the gathering of data on the smaller species. For many years Pat's talents were directed towards leopard cats and she was one of LIOC's largest breeders. More recently she has turned her attention to the very rare oncilla and in fact was responsible for the birth of the 1st second generation kitten. Pat was the 1980 recipient of the Lottie.

DANNY TREANOR is married to Ellen Treanor and they reside in Orlando, Florida.

A member of LIOC for 14 years, Danny is currently President of the Florida Chapter a position he has held for the past 4 years. Previously he served as President of the SouthWestern Branch. He has organized and hosted three previous conventions for LIOC, and has frequently contributed to the Newsletter. He is currently providing room and board to three margays.

Danny feels the purpose of LIOC is education and preservation of the individuals right to possess an exotic. By sharing information and experiences in the Newsletter, we learn about caring for our cats.

"LIOC began with people sharing experiences with each other - despite people differences, we should remain united for the welfare of that which we love - our cats".

*SHIRLEY TREANOR, joined LIOC in 1967 after seeing an ocelot in a pet store. Unfortunately that cat was already sold, and it was through research at the library that she found LIOC, Catherine Cisin and through her Carlos Barrera and her first exotic, an ocelot christened "Pi-beseth".

Upon Pi's demise, a domestic born margay was received from the Douglasses and then a "rescue" added the Meewa an oncilla. Before long the herd had grown and we were breeding both margays and oncillas. Although the number of cats have declined and I now have only 3 oncillas, my love, and respect for the most beautiful of God's creatures (in my humble opinion) has only grown.

At the retirement of Gene Brill in 1970, I was honored when Catherine asked that I fill her shoes as Secretary, I served in that position until 1973. When LIOC was "formalized" in 1974, I accepted the position of Term Director and have served in that capacity continuously since that date. Another "honor" was bestowed when Bill Engler asked that I tackle the job of Newsletter Editor....not being able to refuse Bill anything, I still hold that position. I was the 1975 recipient of the treasure Lottie and currently hold office as Secretary/Treasurer of the SouthWestern Branch in which I have been an active member since 1971.

As to my feelings on LIOC - I feel that its primary purpose is the welfare of the cats. To insure that private individuals are protected in their rights to own exotics and hopefully through preservation and breeding, add to the population of these most

conscious of beasts. I fully believe that individuals have the right and the resources to keep politics and that through LIOC and the Newsletter we can contribute to a better understanding of the feline. With that knowledge in hand, we add to insured continuance of the species.

JACKIE VANDERWALL** was appointed by the Board in 1979 when then Secretary/Treasurer resigned. She has held office since. She has been a member of LIOC since 1977, and is a member of OEEFC.

SUZI WOOD writes: I was born in the mid-west but have lived most of my life on the East Coast. My initial college work majored in Fine Arts. Three years ago I returned to school as a Psychology major with a secondary emphasis on Sociology. Prior to the birth of my two sons, I worked as a clothing designer while moonlighting as a receptionist for a Certified Public Accountant. Fashion design later led me to commercial modeling.

Animal welfare has been paramount throughout. I have done volunteer work for humane societies, campaigned successfully to establish a spay and neuter clinic for stray animals or pets of low income families and supported the movement for legal status to prosecute acts of animal cruelty. As an animal trainer I've raised, trained and exhibited dogs for AKC obedience trials, taught canine obedience classes, judged competitions and served as a behavioral consultant. For two years I trained and exhibited dolphins and sea lions while conducting a behavioral study of improved training methods aimed toward reducing stress for marine mammals.

Presently, I am the Assistant Director of the Society of Scientific Care, Inc., a non-profit biological institute conducting studies of exotic animals. I work in areas of behavioral and survival nutrition documentation.

As Branch Co-ordinator and President of the Mid-Atlantic LIOC Branch, I'm anxious to see the club continue its educational purposes: both for cat owners as well as the stimulation of public concern. I am convinced that through active co-operative unity between all the Branches, that LIOC can be vitally instrumental to preserving our wonderful feline species.



MEETING REPORT

The first formal meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Branch of LIOC in some time was held at the home of Al and Liz Greco in Great Gorge, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by acting President Suzi Wood.

There followed a discussion of the requirements to comply with LIOC By-Laws. Dues to be charged were discussed. A motion was made by

Suzi for the dues to be \$15 yearly, this was seconded by Al Grecco. This fee will cover the costs of meeting announcements, etc.

Nominations for officers followed. Suzi Wood was nominated by Karen Jusseaume for President and seconded by Al Greco. Al Greco was nominated for Vice President by Millie Payton and seconded by Suzi Wood. Judee Frank was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Karen Jusseaume and seconded by Dave Baskins. All officers were unanimously voted in.

A discussion of the national election of LIOC and their importance followed. It was explained that a Term Director was as opposed to a Life Director. There followed a discussion of the Mid-Atlantic Branch's purpose

and it was decided that it would be a functional and social group.

A vote on the logo to be adopted by the Branch resulted in the unanimous choice for the old logo with the ocelot-dolphin design.

A raffle was held as a fund raiser to hopefully present a check to the National club as a donation toward a typewriter for the Editor.

The Mid-Atlantic Branch decided to bid for the 1986 convention to be held in Philadelphia or Atlantic City. A discussion followed on acquiring a blanket permit for either.

Dave Baskin volunteered to draw up a pamphlet = type information brochure for prospective owners explaining legalities, problems encountered, etc. with a list of members willing to aid with inquiries.

A motion was made to adjourn by Suzi Wood and was seconded by Al Greco.

Attending were Judee Frank, Sue Wilks, Karen Jusseaume, Mike & Sue Boston, Ginny Neeff, Mike & Milly Payton, Steve & Suzi Wood, Nora & Tom Hartford, Liz & Al Greco, Dave and Liz Baskins, and many friends of the Greco's from the film industry. This was the largest gathering in several years. Feline friends included geoffroy's Safaris, a Bengal cat, 6 week old serval cubs, a 4 month old serval, and a hefty 80 lb, 10 month old cougar. Also attending was "Mush" a famous goldfish who was not at all bothered by the inclement weather. He, in fact, was the only guest who insisted on picnicing outside! The food was fabulous, the hospitality gracious, and a good time was had by all.

Submitted by
Judee Frank

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