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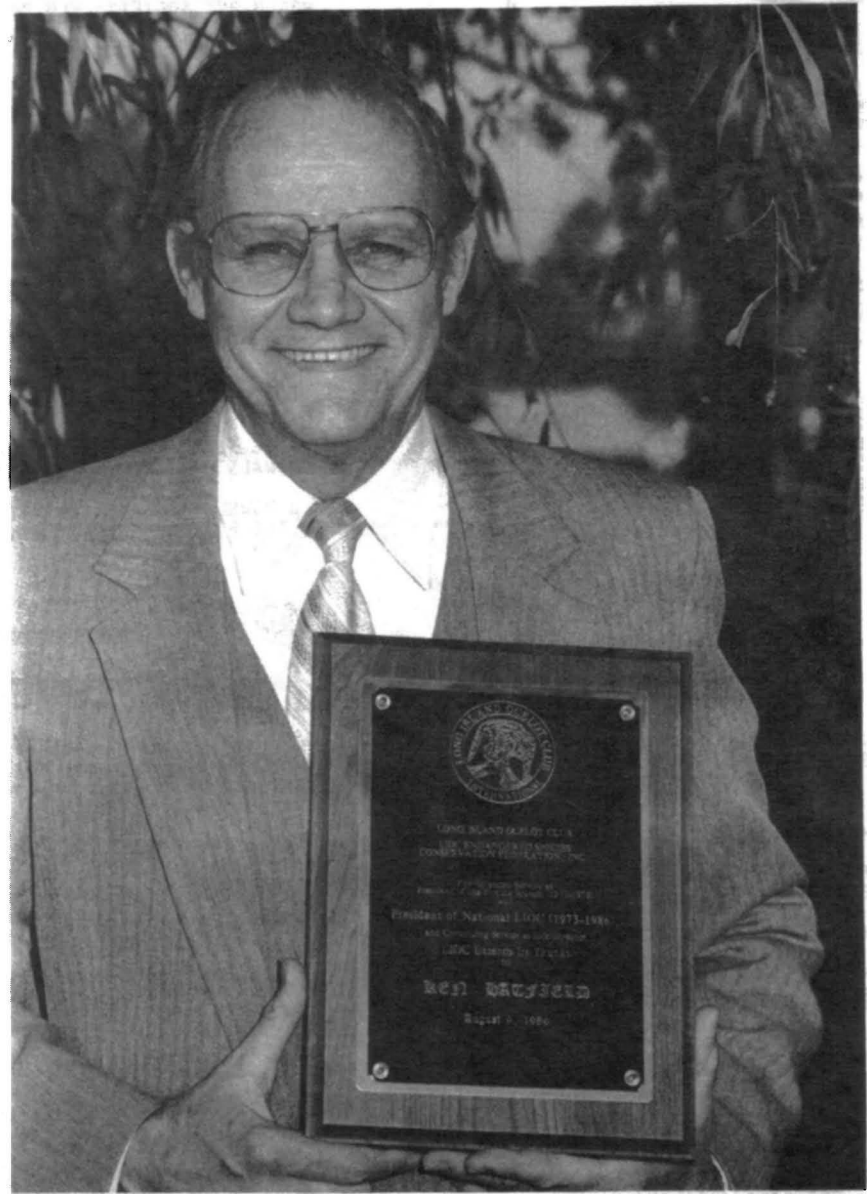
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KEN HATFIELD, outgoing President, and the plaque presented at Convention this year for his outstanding service. Ken has been our only President since the restructuring of LIOC in 1974. However he also serves as a Life Director so we won't be losing his valuable leadership.



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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.

Ballot Explanation



LIOC's constitution requires we vote by preferential ballot. This is a wee bit complicated, in that you must pay attention to detail and fully complete the ballot in each category. Here's how it works.

You will vote by number, in order of your choice (see example). If there are 4 candidates, you will show #1 for the candidate that you would prefer most, #2 for the candidate you would prefer second, #3 for the candidate you would prefer third and #4 for the candidate you like least.

EXAMPLE: 3 Al Adams
 1 Jane Doe
 4 John Smith
 3 Susie Jones

Treat each category (President, Vice President, etc) as if each were the only one on the ballot. If John Smith is shown for the candidate for President and Term Director, and you feel he is best qualified in each category, you may vote for him as your number one choice in each. However, if you feel he is more qualified for Term Director, and is your third choice for President, you may vote that way also.

Each person in a married couple has a vote.

Candidates are shown alphabetically on the ballots.

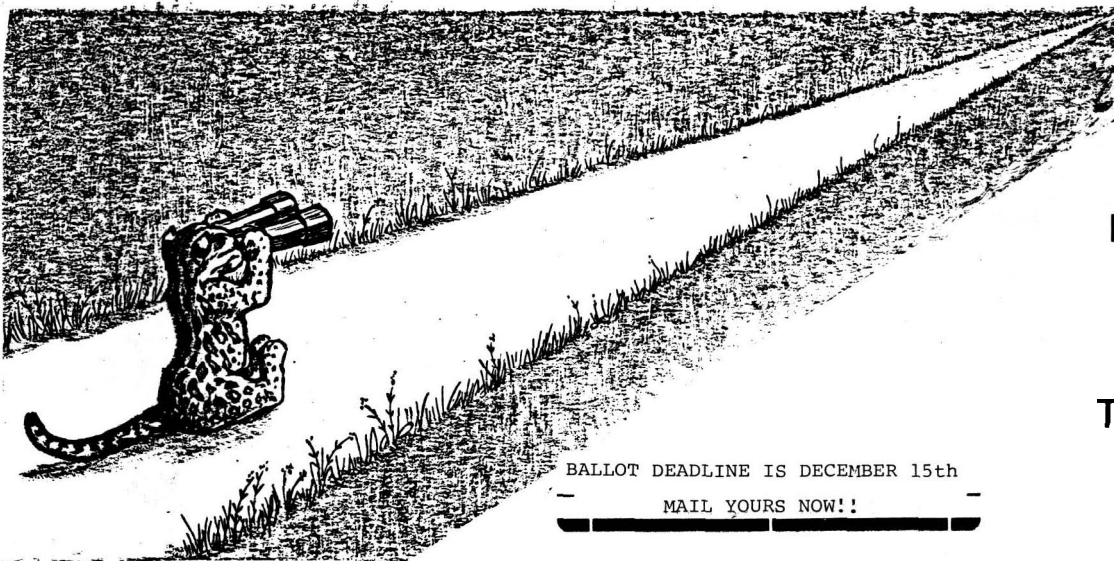
When all ballots are received, the #1 choices for each candidate are counted. In the event that one candidate receives 50% plus 1 of the votes cast, that candidate is the winner in a two-man race. In the event no candidate receives the majority of votes, the candidate with the least number of votes is dropped from consideration. His votes are then redistributed on the basis of the #2 choices on his ballots. This continues until there is a clear winner(s).

PLEASE REMEMBER, EVEN IN A TWO MAN RACE, YOU MUST SHOW YOUR CHOICES AS #1 & #2 OR YOUR BALLOT MAY BE INVALIDATED. FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY IN ALL CATEGORIES DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IT, SHOWING YOUR LIOC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

Please take the time to read the biographies of the candidates. They were asked to tell you about themselves and have submitted their thoughts for your consideration.

These are the folks who will make decisions regarding the direction of LIOC for the next two years. If they perform well, LIOC will make progress, in the directions they choose. Remember, these people make a great deal of difference in whether we achieve our goals.

PLEASE VOTE!



What
do you want
to see in
LIOC's future?

Tell us — VOTE!!

BALLOT DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15th
MAIL YOURS NOW!!

CANDIDATES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some candidates sent photos-some didn't. In the case of those that didn't, file photos were used for expediency. All candidates are listed alphabetically, without regard to the office they are running for.



J. B. ANDERSON

I acquired Chiquita (jaguar) who was hand raised by Gladys Lewis in 1977 and Pepe Le Pew, my black jaguar arrived in 1983.

In 1982 I found and joined LIOC, attending that convention in Dallas and each year since then.

I grew up in northwest Missouri and worked in the family business - a cookie factory. I attended Missouri University and upon graduation worked as a sugar broker in New York City, Chicago and Kansas City.

Moving to Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri in 1970, I was a partner in the largest marina and Century boat dealership in the midwest, selling my interest in that in 1980 I now am a business consultant.

Active as President of the local little theater group and Arts Council.

I feel LIOC's primary goals should be education and conservation, as well as working to insure individuals the rights to own exotic cats.

If elected I will continue to work towards these goals and actively participate in Club functions.



FRED BOYAJIAN

To my LIOC friends:

This year's elections bring us to a crossroad. LIOC is over 30 years old and not much has changed. The majority of work is now being done by a valiant few doing a thankless job, but maintaining antiquated identity standards which has brought us to a point of

stagnation. Personally, I am not a great believer in the concept of "laid-back volunteerism". i.e. that our goals will be met if we just wait long enough for someone else to volunteer to do the work at their leisure.

If you would elect me as your president it is important that you know in advance my position on key issues. I would support the following programs to broaden the base of participation in order to revitalize our organization and to support future growth.

First of all I believe that any president should be a strong leader, a fair moderator and have executive ability to see that things get done and our objectives maintained. As a business manager, I hope to bring these qualities into office and instill in LIOC prudent business practices that will help us provide vital services to our members and good working relationships with other organizations and government agencies. I am not trying to make the club profit oriented but rather cost effective so that one activity does not subsidize another.

To this end I would move to strengthen our executive board. A two hour meeting once a year at convention without even a firm agenda produces very little and without an effective board even less gets done. A possible solution is to use the \$300.00 budget allocation to defray presidential expenses more productively. This presidential perk could be applied to 3 to 4 conference calls during the year between all board members at a definite preset time by written agenda notice beforehand. These calls would be official business meetings where issues are discussed, decided and the results published in the following new newsletter.

Secondly, I support the revamping of our Newsletter. It is our only means of communication between our members and it must become a cherished periodical of vital information. At this last convention we discussed this topic in depth. We must have more substantive information about each species of cat in the wild, care and feeding, legal, etc., by more members. This can be accomplished by establishing specific goals and topic priority for each issue. I would also establish and write a regular column titled "President's Perspective" of facts and opinions from the provocative to the mundane on various topics and would welcome reader response.

Thirdly, organizations in order to survive must grow. Members will not sustain us and non-members will not join unless we provide a sound format dealing with all phases of responsible exotic ownership. We must increase the availability of animals to our qualified members. This can be accomplished through responsible advertising (Please see "Pro" comments on advertising) in our newsletter of which I'm a strong advocate.

Lastly, LIOC branches must be strengthened to undertake specific project to gather information for the Newsletter, educate the public, and not only solicit new members but dedicate more of their meetings to helping our established members obtain animals and improve their facilities. I would make it a point to visit each branch once a year.

Currently, I am 41 years old with an engineering and construction background, and manage a wholesale building supply business. I have been an LIOC member since 1968, attending every convention since 1978, and currently care for 8 exotics.

It is my primary desire to be of service to our animals through an effective organization. Our captive-bred wildlife and our rights to own them require vigilance and constant co-ordinated action; more than just our personal efforts with our own cats. Please be prepared that as president, I will call on many of you to volunteer for much greater participation than in the past, in order to get these vital jobs done.



WILLIAM R. BOYLE

I am 57 years of age and am a practicing attorney in Tacoma, Washington. I have been a member of LIOC since I purchased my first exotic cat, an ocelot, in 1968. I was coordinator for the Cascade Branch of LIOC for approximately 3 years and have served as a Term Director with the National organization.

My experience with exotics is as follows:

1. Hand-raised mountain lions, bobcats and a leopard cat;
2. Had at my compound from time to time an African leopard, 3 ocelots and 2 bobcats.

At present time, I have 3 clouded leopards at my home. I am very interested in the clouded leopard and am attempting to raise a breeding pair.



VIRGINIA ENGLISH

I joined LIOC many years ago because I had acquired the first domestic-born Leopard Cat from Harriet Leake, a very active member at that time. In those days, laws were less restrictive in California, but I was already over the legal limit (3 domestic cats) so I didn't dare apply for a wild animal permit from the City. I was naive enough to think one little spotted cat wouldn't make much difference in my life.

What I didn't know was that the Leopard Cat's time had come. They were being imported at an alarming rate, showing up in pet stores all over the country, but especially in Southern California. With no help from dealers, many unsuspecting people found themselves at the mercy of these spotted tyrants. On occasion the adults were sold as baby ocelots. Imagine the disappointments these misguided owners experienced. To make a long story short, I soon found myself overrun with unwanted leopard cats and a candidate for blackmail. I had to move to an area where I could be legal. Once I was safely placed, I was free to publish and really bring the Leopard Cat's plight to the attention of people who could help them. The thrust of my efforts was to care for the ones we already had here, breed them and stop the importation by showing we had a self-sustaining, captive population. With the untiring devotion of other LIOC members, Pat Quillen, Lillian Smith, Joyce Little, to name a few of those who

were close and unified, all I hoped for came to pass and the Leopard Cat is in pretty good shape in the scheme of things.

That is just what I feel LIOC is all about. It is a network of people who, no matter how different their backgrounds, will pull together for the love of these gorgeous animals we are privileged to share our time and space with.

What starts as pet ownership can become a serious animal profession. Based on what I had to learn (hard and fast) about basic zoological principal, I was able to open a cat hotel called Velvet Harbor. Next year, I plan to open a branch in San Francisco with the Los Angeles Branch going into it's 15th year of operation under my assistant's management. My beloved margay, Marcelle, is looking forward to the move as we'll be able to spend time in the wine country with long-time member Lora Vigne at her lodge, Isis Oasis, where the LIOC convention was held a few years back. LIOC and the cats have been very good to me.



KAREN JUSSEAUME

Our goals and project achievements have been on a top record level. It's been a busy, but very enjoyable two years getting our New England Branch together. Also, coordination with the Mid-Atlantic Branch and cohosting the LIOC National Convention for 1986. It has been a pleasure and satisfying task. However it must not stop here.

First, I would like to thank each member that participated in matters concerning the Fisher and Game Committee and the National Convention committee. Each of you worked very conscientiously and made the convention very successful. I thank you for the team effort that made it possible in achieving the awarding of the 1986 Lotty. Again, I thank you please keep up good work, and our hard work and dedication will make our efforts work.

During the recent national convention, there was an outstanding general membership participation. A number of members made new suggestions, which was well taken and will be considered. The feedback was tremendous and encouraging.

Now it's that time for election of the National LIOC officers. It is up to the membership as a whole, nationwide. To see that the qualified officers are voted into office, to assure these goals are achieved.

At this time I plead to all members concerned in our effort to preserve the conservation of wildlife, to use your privilege to address these issues:

1. Increasing LIOC membership
2. Introducing and making aware to the public that LIOC is for educational programs
3. Advertising cats for sale.
4. Increasing advertising sales and awareness.

Now, I would like to thank you very much for the overall support you have given me for the past two years. As a Term Director I implore you to recognize the need and value of a person who has the background and conscientious understanding of the problems relevant to LIOC. If re-elected I feel I could accomplish many more of our goals that we have set forth.

Again, please take a few minutes of your time and allow yourself the privilege of voting. "Do not throw your ballot away please" If you have any problems under-

standing our voting system, please contact any LIOC officer nearest you to ask any question. We will be grateful for your interest and will be happy to answer your questions.

Last but not least, for the concern and love of wild-life don't forget to mail the ballot.



JOHN PERRY

Personal: Married, 1 child, 5 Geoffroy's Cats, 1 Maine Coon cat. Age: 38. Home Fridley, Minnesota.

Profession: Group Leader, Food Process Development Engineering, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

Education: BS, MS Chemical Engineering, Cornell University, PhD Chemical Engineering, University of Cincinnati.

My first Geoffroy's arrived in 1975, and I've had Geoffroy's in varying numbers since then. Having been successful in my breeding programs, I've placed over 20 kittens. I maintain a USDA Class B license and have applied for a USDI Captive Bred Permit.

From 1976-79 I worked reactivating branch activities in the Northeast. Since 1981, I have served as National Vice President and Advertising Manager of LIOC. I hosted the National convention in 1985 and received the Lottie that year.

I feel we must keep LIOC responsive to the membership, helping to redefine the organization's goals and objectives as it goes through transition.



DANNY TREANOR - Shirley's ex-husband

I reside in Orlando, Florida. For the past six (6) years I have been President of the Florida Chapter of LIOC having previously served as President of the South-Western Branch.

I have been involved with exotics for more than 20 years and a member of LIOC since 1967.

I currently own a male and female margay, of which the male is almost 18 years old. He has been with me since he was six weeks old and has sired seven kittens which I helped hand raise.

In addition, I have been involved with ocellas, cougars and ocelots.

My goal as a Director is to continue the works started by our Founder, Catherine Cisin, to encourage propagation of the exotics and help insure the individual's right to own the pet of their choice as it conforms to the lifestyle of the owner and rules and regulations in their area.



SHIRLEY WAGNER

A member since March, 1967, I served as Secretary under Catherine Cisin from 1970-1973 (this was before the current structure of Officers & Directors).

Participated as a member of the 1973 Organizational Committee which drafted the restructure of LIOC into our current form and drafted the original Constitution and By-laws under which we have operated since.

Was appointed Editor in 1974, having served continuously since then.

Elected to the position of Term Director in 1974 and have held that office continuously, never missing a Convention.

Received the 1975 Lottie, was named to "Outstanding Young Women of America" in 1981.

An active member of the SouthWest Branch, I served as Secretary/Treasurer of that Branch from 1984-85 and was co-coordinator of the 1975 Houston Convention.

Set up the current LIOC registration system and co-drafted the the original information packet as well as co-drafting its recent revision.

Since joining LIOC I have worked with ocelots, cougar, Geoffroy's cat and serval as well as breeding and hand-raising oncilla and margay.

I am encouraged by the project adopted of producing video presentations and hope this can be expanded to include teaching presentations on various aspects of LIOC. I feel that LIOC should become more involved in an effective educational program.

Toward that end, I would like to see LIOC publish a series of booklets on exotic cat care. Titles such as "Hand-raising Kittens", Medicine and Nutrition, Caging and Secure Handling, would be good topics to begin with. These could be offered at a price which would insure the program would be not only self-supporting but perhaps generate a small profit as well.

Finances permitting, I feel we should look into the purchase of mailing lists from other similar organizations and use these to make a public appeal for funds-similar to those of "Save the Whales" "Greenpeace" and others.

And, to dream BIG-why not, with LIOC funds, look into the acquisition of breeding pairs of some of the rarer small cats from captive populations in other countries. These could then be placed on breeding loan, at proven breeding compounds within LIOC with LIOC retaining control of kittens to establish new bloodlines. This is a far-reaching project and would require a lot of time, thought and money, but it would certainly be a worthy goal. So, why not dream big?

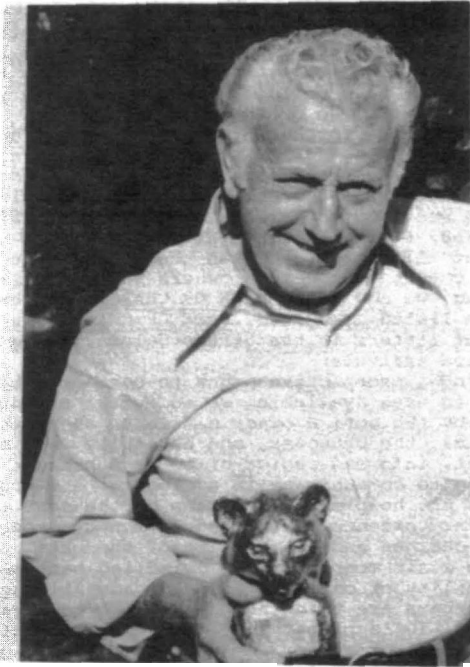
Of course, throughout my years' involvement in LIOC, I have maintained that the exotic feline's wellbeing should be a guiding factor in any actions we take, that is the reason LIOC exists and to lower these lofty ideals would diminish LIOC's standing.

As the Newsletter has attempted to do in the past, we should continue to try to appeal to both the casual, one cat owner and the more involved breeder and compound owner, by providing a balanced mix of material of inter-

est to both.

Since we are a small, specialized group, it is my feeling that the Newsletter must remain a link between us; a forum for the beginner as well as the old-hand. It is imperative for each longtime member to remember that some "trivial" or repetative material to you, may be an enlightening thought for a new member and novice. We must never overlook this in our educational process.

In summary, I believe LIOC should be a support network for the exotic feline caretaker. I resolutely feel that this is what we should aim our efforts towards; education to ensure the wellbeing of the cat, propagation to ensure their survival both in captivity and through conservation, in the wild. And that these goals should govern our actions in all ways.



HERB WILTON

A LIOC member since 1969 and 1981 Lottie recipient. A founding member of the Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club. Has owned and loved 3 ocelots, 1 margay and 5 cougars.

Active in church work and civic affairs. Executive Board of the Clackamas County Democrats, Precinct Committeeman for District 25 and Delegate to the 3rd Congressional District.

My main concern for LIOC is being able to place kittens with earnestly devoted members. Our membership is growing rapidly but new members become discouraged because they can't locate and/or obtain a kitten. I think we should investigate the possibility of appointing one person who is in touch with all breeders to know what is available, where, when, and be able to contact members looking for a certain breed - kind of a "cat adoption agency". The Newsletter has not been the answer because of the delays in reaching the membership and the Breeder's Directory puts a physical and financial strain on breeders who may not have kittens available anyway.

I heartily believe in LIOC and feel privileged to be a member and hope I can help in future growth.



MEETING REPORT

Reg Riedel was again the host of our joint chapter meeting at his home in Carmel, N.Y., on Saturday, September 20, 1986. Geographically this location serves as a midpoint between the two Chapters so that everyone's travel time is minimized.

Convention 1986 details and stories were the first order of discussion. Milly Payton and Karen Jusseaume shared their photos of the occasion as we re-lived the highlights. Some creative ideas were surfaced for the next time that the Northeast hosts the event and noted for future reference. At the bottom line, we were pleased with the 1986 turnout, the format, the financial report, and the enthusiasm that this gathering seemed to generate.

The next order of business was the election of Mid-Atlantic Chapter Officers. For the 19867-87 term, Suzi Wood will serve as President, Jon Van Stray as Vice President and Shirley Jackson will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

This past year the national LIOC Executive Board of Directors has been discussing the level of influence it can or cannot levy on sanctioned LIOC Chapters via the LIOC Constitution and By-laws. President Ken Hatfield wrote a memo to all Board members suggesting that the LIOC policy as defined in a 1985 By-law, that Board jurisdiction over Chapters is minimal. Shirley Wagner, Term Director, wrote a response memo to the Board pointing out the possibilities of interpretive contradiction between the phrasing in the Constitution versus that of the Chapter-oriented By-laws and suggested that further clarification might be necessary. Both memos were read to our chapter members and discussed at some length. Most felt that a more definitive approach in the phraseology would be constructive.

The united Northeastern chapters have been discussing various methods which might facilitate greater interest and participation from the general LIOC membership. We hypothesize that increased communication throughout the general membership concerning LIOC activities, personalities and issues might stimulate more participation thereby surfacing the creativity and talent within our membership and unifying that energy toward LIOC goals. As the 1986 LIOC election is eminent, it was decided that our chapters' primary responsibility was to encourage all members to voice their opinion through their vote. The candidates and advertising issues were discussed, and a collective chapter vote determined those candidates which would be supported and campaigned by the Northeast. Plans were debated concerning the methods by which to best reach those members who may not be familiar at all with the candidates or the Newsletter advertising issue, how to advise them of their voting options with objective information and to encourage voting interest as a whole.

The majority of issues resolved, the meeting was adjourned. The next Northeast joint Chapter meeting will be held Saturday, October 18th, 1986 in Salem, Conn. hosted by Elaine and Bob Burke. We invite all LIOC members and firends to attend and join in our special projects and goals.

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Respectfully submitted,
Suzi Wood

Advertising?

PRO

Advertising is not just an idea whose time has come; it is way past due. Over the past years this passionately debated issue has only produced a breeders' list as an ineffective compromise.

What does this advertising issue encompass? The publishing in the LIOC Newsletter of pertinent information to our subscribers concerning the availability of exotic felines on a commercial and non-commercial basis. This proposal was made subject to some reasonable rules that the board may adopt and those that are already mandated by law such as the following used in the Animal Finder's Guide.

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Over the years, amidst a growing national population, LIOC membership has stagnated. One major reason can be traced to the lack of availability of animals. Our current taboo on advertising is frustrating to those we are trying to help. Instead of growth we get suppression and that is grossly inconsistent with our goals of help into the animals and our members.

Many times this past year I received inquiries about the availability of margays because I was listed on the LIOC Breeder's list even though I had no available cats. Conversely, I received more calls from breeders who wanted to know of anyone who might be interested in obtaining a cat for a mate or a kitten before it got too old. LIOC also advertises in other periodicals about getting advance information prior to obtaining a cat. A reader responds, joins LIOC anticipating among other benefits, help in obtaining an animal. Instead, all that is provided is a breeders list which serves as a starting point but fails to provide timely and specific information.

This mis-directed energy reflects that there is a great number of new and old members who in order to solve their dilemma turn away from LIOC and subscribe to and

CON

For the past several years the Board of Directors has addressed the question of allowing cats to be advertised for sale in the Newsletter - each time with the same result - they have decided against it. I ask you, after careful thought, to do the same.

LIOC states it is for the preservation and propagation of exotic felines. In its simplest form, by allowing advertising, are we not becoming commercial? In looking at other publications, of other organizations, which I would wish to see LIOC compared with, World Wildlife Fund or National & International Wildlife, I find no advertising at all, for other than their own products.

In order to put prospective owners in touch with those breeding, we now list, FREE OF CHARGE, all breeders wishing to be listed. We also, FREE OF CHARGE, announce the arrival of litters in the Births Column, along with any anticipated arrivals.

By allowing a prospective owner to contact a breeder before a cat is even available, we encourage an education process whereby the novice owner can learn about the various species, the breeders, and hopefully will make an intelligent, informed choice of both. A breeder who is not willing to communicate in advance with a prospective owner is not helping that person or the cat...and that is the very essence of LIOC-education to properly care for our charges and propagation of the cats.

Those who claim membership is dwindling because of the unavailability of cats and advocate advertising will bring more members are thinking more of the membership roster than of LIOC's primary goal-the wellbeing of the animal. They are looking for an easy way.

Caring for an exotic for its lifetime is not easy and is not a matter which should be entered into lightly. Might not the old adage "easy come-easy go" apply here? For the sake of the cat, ownership should not be entered into on a whim.

There are other organizations and publications which specialize in "hawking" animals - would LIOC join them?

Facts are the Endangered Species Act and other state and local legislation restricting the ownership of exotics has been the worst influence on our membership roster along with the economy. But, membership is not falling drastically - in fact, we are slowly gaining numbers. I maintain that through education, not an overnight cure-all- we can educate, help folks obtain permits and thereby insure a knowledgeable first time owner.

First and foremost, we must remember our ideal and goals. What will benefit the cats? I do not believe casual acquisition, without good, basic knowledge, will help anyone. To take the attitude of buyer beware, or buy at your own risk, is to ignore the wellbeing of the very animals we state it is our function to preserve and protect.

Again I ask you, what is LIOC?

And then there is the question of liability. Proponents would have us run "disclaimers" - that should solve that problem. But any attorney will tell you those disclaimers are not worth the paper they are printed on. No, we do not believe that anyone suing, because a "tame hand-raised Tiger" they purchased from an advertisement mauled a child when left unattended could win. What we do acknowledge is that in this day and time, people are litigation happy-and that there are plenty of lawyers who are willing to take cases on contingency. We would then, no matter how frivolous the case, be forced to defend ourselves. Here the "deepest pocket" theory takes effect. LIOC does not maintain a large treasury, so look past the organization to it's board of directors. Each Officer and Director could be included in the lawsuit.

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advertise in other periodicals in an effort to communicate their needs.

Consider the following advantages of a responsible advertising program:

1. **Information:** Specific breeders will announce or offer for sale, trade, breeding loan, etc. for business or personal needs the availability of specific cats for a direct response by potential owners.
2. Advance announcements may stimulate breeder's decision on whether or not to breed their animals for future needs depending upon current orders.
3. The stature of LIOC will be advanced as providing a positive media forum for the promotion of felines through its Newsletter. Readers will tend to take the newsletter more seriously, submit more substantive articles and are more likely to sustain their memberships because of their increased level of interest.
4. Currently the newsletter is subsidized through LIOC dues and auctions. Advertising revenues could be used to defray costs and/or to increase the frequency of publication. Dues and auction money could be used for other beneficial purposes.
5. It is in the best interest of our animals to promote their availability which would bring more public exposure and hopefully more awareness of their plight in the wild. Greater captive-bred populations protect the gene banks and reinforce our knowledge of their habits and care.

At this year's convention a straw poll of those attending showed that over 90% supported the Newsletter advertising. Still the measure was defeated by a few Board members' concerns.

Some worried needlessly about liability. For any commercial media to survive today advertising is the mainstay of its existence not subscription revenues. I have checked with an attorney and neither the LIOC or its members are liable in any way for the ads other than for timely publication and for correct information as submitted (i.e. wrong phone numbers) unless the LIOC editors knowingly and irresponsibly publish ads that adversely affect its readers. (i.e. promoting the sale of animals without proper permits).

Even though products such as swimming pools, cars, cigarettes, alcohol, guns, etc., have some inherently dangerous aspects if misused or abused, it has been found that the advertising media is not liable for these adverse affects. From a risk/benefit viewpoint considering that LIOC has virtually no assets and is essentially judgement proof, the risks if any are practically nil versus the benefits I have listed above.

Even if a product or an animal fails to perform as advertised or a dispute arises, it remains a private matter between the buyer and seller to be settled. It is not the responsibility of the LIOC staff to verify the voracity of the ad.

Others have argued that selling animals is distasteful and attracts opportunists and profiteers. There is nothing more or less or legally wrong with responsibly advertising an animal for sale or loan. We all know that exotic cat care, feeding and vet bills are enormous so that there is a true value to our animals. They can hardly be considered free. Commercial consideration for an animal does not make a person good or bad. It is the private responsibility of both parties to check qualifying references, veterinary reports, permit documentation and to apply good financial common sense before entering into a transaction.

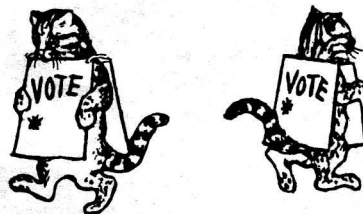
As per the concern that advertising will alter how a few of our distinguished predecessors traditionally have perceived the intent of the LIOC newsletter, that may be so. But time brings change hopefully for the well-being of the organization as a whole. We must respond to the fact that most of our animals are becoming rapidly endangered or lost because they cannot adapt as rapidly to man's changing of their environment. If LIOC fails to adapt to the interests of a larger membership, LIOC too will become endangered.

I believe that it has long been a majority viewpoint that a responsible advertising program will be an enhancement to LIOC. We elect many of our Board members to represent our desires. If you overwhelmingly support this measure, they can hardly dismiss the vote of the general membership as non-binding.

Your YES vote on the ballot supporting this advertising program is critical. Also, if you believe LIOC

should establish this program, call your Branch rep and let him/her know. It is an election year, so check with your Term Directors, officers and other nominees as to their position on this issue so that you can vote accordingly.

Fred Boyajian



CON - Continued

There are many who would think long and hard, before placing their homes, cats and livelihood in such a position - would you?

Again, although such a lawsuit might not stand a chance of being won, it could hurt us beyond repair to defend ourselves, both as an organization and individually as Officers & Directors. Why take the chance? Why risk the headlines such a suit would surely generate? For a few dollars in the treasury? It is not worth it.

Proponents will no doubt point out that other publications take no responsibility for their advertisements-but we are not a publication-we claim to be a very specialized educational organization-shouldn't we know better?

Again I ask, what good, other than a very few dollars in the treasury would advertising do? But at what cost?

Encouraging exotic ownership never has been a goal of LIOC? Easily acquired cats are not the answer to generating more members. Educating a person to the responsibilities of exotic ownership is a worthy goal. Making it easier to acquire a cat without the knowledge to properly care for it does LIOC's image not one iota of good and it certainly is not to the benefit of the cat.

There are other organizations for dealers/brokers and zoo folks who specialize in trading in animals. LIOC's goals and aspirations are, I would hope, above this commercialization of the exotic feline. For the wellbeing of LIOC, its goals, its image and especially the cats, I ask

PLEASE VOTE NO TO ADVERTISING

Thanks an Ocelot...

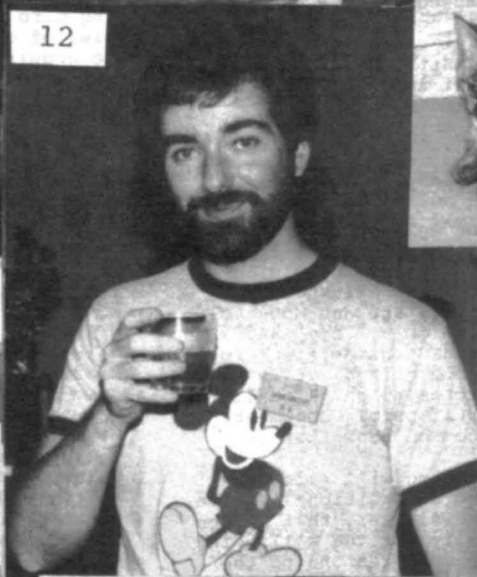
I have always enjoyed surprises, so it was to my delight that I received a lovely plaque engraved with the LIOC logo and my name imprinted as "REPORTER OF THE YEAR"

A newsletter editor's life is a lonely one - spent waintering if there is ANYONE out ther?! I have never known why, people don't want to share their experiences with others, or if it's just a case of not wanting to take the time.

Do you realize, that if EACH MEMBER of LIOC would just contribute one story a year, Shirley would have enough material to put out...say 3 years worth of Newsletters!

So come on folks -I didn't do that much and you could very well be the recipient of this award next year. A big thank you to the powers that be and a challenge to those of you out there to give Shirley more than she can handle!

Jean Townes







Convention '86

The majority of LIOC members are notably quite serious throughout the year as they work in their various exotic feline efforts. Convention annually is a time to further education, encourage communication and direct LIOC's goals. As evidenced by the following account, LIOC members also have a lighter side, as they enjoy the rewards of relaxation and recreation at this annual gathering.

The Northeast provided the hosting site where seventy (70) LIOC members gathered to attend the various functions at our annual LIOC Convention in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Attending were:

Suzi Wood & Steve Marino
 Karen Jusseaume and daughters
 Mary, April and Lisa
 Dennis & Barbara Grimes
 Ralph Miller
 John Perry
 Shirley & Dale Jackson
 Virginia English
 John Van Stry
 Millie Payton
 Cathy Morrow
 J.B. & Reva Anderson
 Pam & Ralph Davis with
 daughter Erin
 Ethel Hauser
 Shirley & Donnie Wagner
 George Cash
 Bobby Staley
 Reg Riedel
 Pat Quillen
 Betty Weiss
 David Sparandaro
 Paul Vanderpol
 Mary & Jeff Stewart
 Steve Mustasio

Chris and Erick Wood
 Mildred Whiffen
 Michael Sutter
 Connie Schole
 Roger, Faye & Kay Harmon
 Liz Ghent & Friend Georgia
 Leonard & Lorraine Bayer
 David & Liza Baskin
 Pricilla Meallo
 Mike Mutasio
 Bob Haack
 Richard & Diane Stahl
 Jan Davidson
 Wanda Woods
 Barbara Wilton
 Karen Lamb
 Fred Boyajian
 Danny & Ellen Treanor
 with P.J. (most recent
 LIOC Rookie)
 Elaine Burke
 Wendy Wulff
 Jean Hatfield
 Ed Buckus
 Suzanne Wulff

Christine Cobian
 Lou Maresca

Doris Demarest
 Cindy Pierami

On the feline side attending were:

Whiz:ocelot
 Radar, Serval
 Shamus, GEoffroy's
 Savannah, serval hybrid
 P.J., Oncilla
 Banshee, bobcat

Baby Geoffroy's
 Venus, cougar
 Bonkers, bobkitten
 Milly Paytons safaris
 Morrow's margay

The Convention kick-off was a trip to New York City to see "CATS" on Broadway at the Wintergarden Theater on August 6th. The dazzling lighting effects, the sensitivity of melody and dance, laced with beautiful philosophy, left few eyes without a tear. An outstanding performance, the production truly captured the feline profile.

The LIOC Highrollers had their day on Thursday, August 7th in Atlantic City. Congratulations to Barb and Dennis Grimes who won TWO large jackpots on the same slot machine! Some members walked the Boardwalk and others shopped. A hospitality room was provided at Caesar's Boardwalk Regency for members to congregate, rest, or soothe their flattened wallets. One infamous (no names please) trio, lingering over dinner and the Alan King show missed the bus home (did he say 10:30?) and were relegated to a \$75. taxi ride. Material for Convention memories.....

Available throughout convention week was the NEW Jersey State Fair, located across the highway from our hotel, at the Garden State Race Track. During unscheduled hours, many members opted to attend fairground functions which were thoroughly enjoyed. A spacious Hospitality room was always open and available to members who wished to congregate and visit during free hours.

Friday, August 8th, was set aside for our educational lectures, General Membership Meeting and Executive Board Meeting. (Reports of these meetings are elsewhere in this issue).

David Baskin provided the morning program. His topic: "Is LIOC an Endangered Species?" David showed an educational video he filmed of his cougars and bobcats which he displays through school assemblies. A second video contained excellent South American feline footage and described some of the problems of the diminishing rain forests. He spoke of the various difficulties with wildlife regulations, the strength of lobbying movements against captive wildlife, the need for increased public awareness and support for groups such as LIOC, methods for expanding LIOC membership, and encouraged a solid unity of goals within LIOC.

Ethel Hauser displayed an interesting video she had produced which answered many questions concerning the Safari Cat, hybrid.

The afternoon guest speaker was Elizabeth Woodford who provided beautiful slides from her six African safaris. One outstanding sequence featured a mother cheetah teaching hunting techniques to her year-old cubs. African cultural relics were displayed for us to examine.

Collectively, the speakers provided an interesting cross-section of information to ponder. The remainder of the afternoon was given over to various business meetings.

Rising at the crack of dawn, mainlining coffee as the roosters crowed, Saturday, August 9th, saw our group off for a day in Philadelphia. The morning was spent touring the historical portions of old "center city". Independence Hall was our first call where we stood in the original structure that witnessed the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The next site was Congress Hall where George Washington stepped down from the Presidency. A short walk through Independence Mall brought us to the Liberty Bell. We were encouraged by the Tour Guide to touch the bell as countless of millions have before and to contemplate our many freedoms, taking a little of the Bell's freedoms home with us. Franklin Court, appropriately the home of Benjamin Franklin's many interests, provided a period print shop, a light show, an underground museum and original architectural samples. Authenticity prevailing, to include specific outhouse locations and the names of the famous men who had meditated in them!!!

We lunched at the landmark Borst Building; originally a large food distribution center and grainery, currently restructured to accommodate a posh mall and floor of ethnic restaurants.

The afternoon was spent at the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens which is the first and oldest zoo in the United States.

Happy Hour at the Hyatt began at 5:30 in the Hospitality suite. At 7:00PM we migrated to the Somerset Room for our annual banquet and auction.

Suzi Wood began the evening with a few sentimental words equating LIOC to one large, beautiful family coming together year after year, sharing of themselves with old friends as well as newer members and ever united in our efforts to maintain our rights as individuals as we strive to preserve our cats from extinction.

Following the grace which was offered by Dr. Roger Harmon, we indulged in melon au port, chicken roulade, spinach salad, wild rice, snow peas and kahlua mousse.

Four Awards were presented this year. J.B. Anderson won the "Photo Contest" for his picture of Chiquita as a recently de-clawed kitten, her paws in bandages. These photos are submitted throughout the year for publication in the Newsletter. Then, Banquet night, they are displayed for those present to vote on. That photo receiving the most votes is the winner.

Shirley Wagner, our Editor, presented a plaque to Jean Townes in absentia as Newsletter "Reporter of the Year". (Ed.note: Jeans, remarks on receiving this for her second time, are elsewhere in this issue)

In deepest gratitude, Ken Hatfield was awarded an engraved plaque recognizing his many years of dedication to exotic cats and his twelve (12) years service as President of LIOC. Although Ken is not seeking re-election as President, it is hoped sincerely that he will continue to contribute his experience through his position as a Life Director.

The Lottie recipient this year was Karen Jusseume. Karen has been active in LIOC for several years, directed the 1980 Boston Convention, re-organized the New

England Branch and currently serves as a Term Director and Registrar. Congratulations Karen!

Danny Treanor served as our always capable and humorous auctioneer. Uniquely talented, Danny is an individual who can make someone actually laugh while parting with their money in exchange for something that they never bid on, let alone ever wanted! Due to such noble efforts, and the generosity of all present, proceeds from the auction in excess of \$1,500.00 were donated to the LIOC General Treasury.

The Farewell brunch was served at 10:30 AM on Sunday, August 10th. John Perry reported to those present the results of the Executive Board Meeting as well as the auction results.

Fred Boyajian agreed to host next year's convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Fred solicited from the members their preferences for Convention activities, which he promised will be a blending of educational and recreational sources over four or five days. He guarantees it will be memorable!

We take now this opportunity to invite every one of you to next year's gathering so that you too can experience the special spirit of our LIOC family.

Reported by
Suzi Wood



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership Meeting began at 2:20 PM on August 8th, 1986 at the Hyatt Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. John Perry, Vice President, presided over the informal format as President Ken Hatfield was unable to attend.

This is a highlighted gathering every year as it gives the general membership an opportunity to ask questions, offer their suggestions, air their grievances and request that the Executive Board consider various issues. The 1986 meeting proved to be one of the most stimulating ever. No longer content to be anonymous, merely paying dues and receiving the Newsletter, both the new as well as the established members took constructive, active participation in the discussions as they pertained to the future welfare, growth and unity of LIOC. The following is a synopsis of the major issues which were presented.

David Baskin opened the discussions pointing out the necessity that LIOC expand its visions and seek deliberate growth and support to help offset the powerful and wealthy Humane Society movements which threaten the very ideals of LIOC.

Fred Boyajian advocated that LIOC begin setting goals, primarily educationally oriented directions, appointing people from the general membership to oversee various projects, ensuring their completion. Stressing that unity is imperative, he further suggested that the LIOC President should maintain close contact with the general membership, visiting each LIOC Branch or Chapter from each geographic location once a year.

Comments from these two members set the pace for discussion concerning whether or not to permit the advertising for sale of specific cats in the LIOC Newsletter. Many members felt that increased information and availability of animals would result in longer durations of LIOC interest from its members. Others voiced their opinions against advertising. The opposition to advertising centers on legalities and the potential of suits against the national LIOC organization or its Board of Directors should an animal

related accident occur which could be traced to the Newsletter which advertised the animal initially. Advocates maintain that with the addition of a professionally written comprehensive legal disclaimer that the organization would not be vulnerable to damage payments; that LIOC would be in no more jeopardy than numerous other publications which offer specific animals for sale. The membership requested that they be given Board permission to conduct an informal vote of the members present to ascertain what percentage were supportive of Newsletter advertising as compared to those opposed. The vote was 33 members favoring advertising; 4 were opposed.

Pricilla Meallo expressed concern that the LIOC newsletter had not been prepared and mailed on a consistent bi-monthly basis this year and that some of the submitted material for the Newsletter had been re-worded, resulting that the original concepts of the article were lost in the semantics. The Editor, Shirley Wagner, responded that due to a recent marriage and move to a new home, her available time had been limited, however now that things had settled down, she would make every effort to keep on schedule. Shirley added that as Editor, occasionally it is necessary to reduce the length of a manuscript in the interest of available space, or to correct grammatical, punctuation or spelling errors, but that she strives to retain the basic information and content as proposed. Further, it is not always possible, due to lack of material, to send the Newsletter out punctually.

Karen Jusseaume suggested that perhaps a set deadline for material to be photoready and sent to the Northwest for printing and distribution every two months might be helpful.

John VanStray suggested an intense membership drive. Danny Treanor responded by offering to donate an LIOC advertisement one weekend per month for a year in U.S.A. Today due to its massive circulation.

Lenny Bayer encouraged LIOC to update its public image, preferring to leave the "pet" overtones more in the background in exchange for greater focus on conservation and education.

J.B. Anderson suggested that more members get out and speak to schools or other organizations in order to gain public support.

Several members requested that along with an explanation of the preferential ballot voting method to be used in the upcoming LIOC elections this autumn, which will accompany the ballot, each member will receive in his Newsletter, that a graphic example of a completed ballot also be included. This was suggested to help eliminate any confusion as to how to mark the ballot correctly, ensuring the voter that his choices will have an impact on the results. Incorrect or incomplete ballots must be disregarded.

The General Membership Meeting was formally closed at 3:35PM.

Throughout these proceedings the suggestions were numerous and diversified. There was however one blatant common denominator of spirit. Every person present displayed a deeply rooted commitment to see LIOC succeed and grow to its maximum potential. Due to a unity of participation and a wise blending of new concepts supported and stabilized by established methods, we will reach our goals. The times are changing and LIOC is on the move forward. There are many avenues open to us. You all have a voice as to which roads are selected. I encourage each and every one of you to become a participating member in this unique organization through your closest branch. (Branch Representatives are listed on Page 2 of every Newsletter) They are available and willing to help direct you to your niche.

Equally important, please let your voice be heard through your ballot cast in the 1986 election, which you will receive in your Newsletter. Your vote DOES count! Exercise your privilege to be part of LIOC's future.

Respectfully submitted
Suzi Wood
Secretary/Treasurer

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The annual LIOC Executive Board Meeting formally convened at 4:00 PM on Friday, August 8th, 1986, at the Hyatt Hotel in Cherry Hill, N. J. Present were:

John Perry, Vice President
Suzi Wood, Secretary/Treasurer
Roger Harmon, Life Director
Ethel Hauser, Life Director
Virginia English, Term Director
Karen Jusseaume, Term Director
Danny Treanor, Term Director
Shirley Wagner, Term Director

Non-voting representatives present were:

Barbara Wilton, Membership Secretary & OEEFC Rep.
Jean Hatfield, Florida Branch Rep.

In addition to the incumbent officers who are also candidates for office, other candidates for office in the upcoming LIOC election this autumn who were present at Convention were invited to attend the meeting for observation and experience. These candidates present were:

Fred Boyajian, nominee for President & Term Director
David Baskin, nominee for Vice President
J. B. Anderson, nominee for Term Director

John Perry presided in the absence of President Ken Hatfield.

The formal meeting began with a financial report presented by Suzi Wood. Membership is again on the rise and the LIOC treasury is increasing yearly. A motion was made to transfer the general funds to an interest-bearing account utilizing our tax exempt status. The motion carried.

The new send-out information packet material which is provided to answer LIOC inquiries was rewritten by Shirley Wagner and Suzi Wood and presented at this meeting for final approval. A suggestion was made by Fred Boyajian to stress more emphasis on local, state, and federal regulations in the "Criteria for Exotic Cat Ownership" section of the handout. It was further suggested that a letter accompany all information packets thanking the inquirer for their interest in LIOC, inviting them to join, and directing them to their nearest LIOC Branch Representative. In the interest of semantics, the word "organization" would be preferable to "Club". A motion was made and carried in support of these suggestions.

Ken Hatfield submitted a written request that a motion be made which would appoint Elaine Burke as LIOC Newsletter Editor, replacing Shirley Wagner. A motion was made as requested, the vote did not carry the motion.

The LIOC Newsletter format was discussed at length. Several Board members advocated a more professional approach to the Newsletter by placing more emphasis on educational material. Color photos were discussed as a possibility, but were deemed financially prohibitive. A motion was made to appoint Elaine Burke Assistant Editor to the existing Editor, Shirley Wagner. Elaine would work within a budget of \$120 per annum. Specific responsibilities of the Assistant Editor would be the collecting of educational material, enlisting the assistance of various Branch Representatives for contacts to that material as necessary, and compiling the in-depth data on a given exotic feline subject. A motion was made and carried to support these concepts.

A third Newsletter related motion was made which would open advertising and advocate the sale of specific cats in the Newsletter on the basis that it would help members to locate specific animals, aid breeders with the placement of kittens, and generate revenue for the LIOC treasury from advertisement sales. The vote tied and the motion did not carry.

A motion was made which advocated that the Newsletter advertising issue would not be permissible as a discussion item again before the Board for two years. The motion did not carry.

A fifth and final Newsletter issue opened with the suggestion which proposed that the Newsletter advertising matter be posed to the general membership for their vote on the issue, as part of the LIOC election ballot this autumn. In order to give the membership the opportunity to understand and objectively evaluate the advertising issue, it was suggested that the "pros" and "cons" be compiled in an accompanying article with the ballot sent

to all LIOC members. Fred Boyajian will draft the "pro" concept and Shirley Wagner the "cons". A formal motion was made and carried in favor of these procedures.

A motion carried appropriating \$75.00 to purchase a tape recorder for LIOC, primarily to record details of the Executive Meeting.

The Board voted to leave the formal title LIOC Endangered Species Conservation Federation, Inc. as it stands.

Danny Treanor volunteered to donate LIOC advertising written as they appear in Cats and Cat Fancy magazines one weekend a month in USA TODAY, for one year on a trial basis in an effort to generate membership. LIOC will also place an ad in Animal Finder's Guide, verbatim to the other publications. Karen Jusseume will send the address to Suzi Wood. The vote was unanimous in favor of these ads.

A motion was carried appointing David Baskin to be Chairperson of an LIOC educational video project. David will collect film footage from his zoo contacts and Shirley Wagner will place a request in the Newsletter for video material concerning exotic felines from the general membership. David will then compile the material into a 30-45 minute feline educational video, professionally narrated by Danny Treanor who will assist David in this project. The Board will receive the film for final approval in February of 1987 and the target date for final distribution is August 1987. The project is directed toward public education, to promote an educational purpose through the LIOC medium and for personal education or enjoyment. The video would be offered for sale through the Newsletter. An initial amount of \$150.00 was appropriated for this project.

The annually appointed positions were accepted as follows; Barbara Wilton will continue as Membership Secretary; Shirley Wagner, Editor; Elaine Burke Assistant Editor; Karen Jusseume, Registrar; and John Perry as Advertising Manager.

The Executive Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzi Wood
Secretary/Treasurer

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 8/1/85-7/31/86

<u>INCOME</u>	
Renewals (170)	\$ 2,595.00
New Members (115)	1,750.00
Info Packets	549.40
Advertising	300.00
Refunds	20.00
Convention 1985	961.00
Total Income	\$ 6,175.40
<u>DEBITS</u>	
Newsletter Printing	\$ 1,168.33
Newsletter Postage	674.79
Foreign & Branch Postage	52.48
Misc. Postage	558.89
Office Supplies	626.54
Advertising	407.80
Copying/Folding	264.41
Telephone	50.44
Corporate Costs/Other Mailings	303.85
Foreign Currency Adjustments	54.59
Special Mailings	5.85
Convention Expense	107.58
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,295.55



MEETING REPORT

August 17, 1986

This was a small meeting, held at Pat Parker's in Portland, Oregon, but was enjoyable nonetheless.

Pat's backyard provided a nice, shady area for the Warrens' bob/lynx and serval (who share a safari cage) Liz Ghent's big male Safari and new member Rosalie Hall's young Safari. Liz's "Luther" and Roalie's "Gen. Patton" are brothers from different litters.

Barbara Wilton conducted a short meeting because Ethel was in California picking up some breeding stock. Bill Boyle (Vice President) was unable to attend because of a physical attack upon him the first of August. Bill is recovering well, but we missed him both at Convention and at this meeting.

A report on the Convention was given by Connie Schole, Liz Ghent and Barbara Wilton. The stageplay "CATS" was fabulous and highly recommended. We all agreed that this was the best convention yet. The extension to 5 days-for those who could manage it-really gave us a chance to see more of the hosting area and visit with old and new friends. Thanks to Suzi Wood and Karen Jusseume.

We had two recent speakouts, one at the Beaverton Library and one at the Lualatin Library in Hillsboro. Gas money income was donated to the treasury.

Several people signed up to work on the Jafco inventory on August 23rd. Participating members were Arla and Don Hertz, Barbara and Herb Wilton, Mary Parker, Jillian Buffum and Ethel Hauser. This should boost our treasury by around \$200.00.

Our next meeting will be an overnight trip. We will leave on September 20th and visit Ann Gordon's compound in Bothell, Washington, then on to Sequim, Washington for a dinner get-together. On September 21st, we will go through Lloyd Beebe's breeding compound, sanctuary and training center for "cat movie stars".

After convention, Ethel's rescue Bengal presented her with Ocicat/Bengal hybrid, a golden-colored female resembling the Leopard Cat family.

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Submitted by
Barbara Wilton

COLLAGE: 1) Karen Jusseume, Ellen Treanor, Barbara Grimes
2) Bobbi Staley, Mike Mustacio 3) Cathy Morrow, Bob Haack
Dale Jackson 4) Ralph Davis, J.B. Anderson 5) Jean Hatfield
6) Donnie & Shirley Wagner 7) Suzi Wood & Steve Marino
8) Suzi Wood (bottom) Barbara Wilton, John Perry 9) Fred
Boyajian 10) L-R: Liz Ghent, Kay Harmon, Ellen & P.J. Treanor,
Faye Harmon and Ethel Hauser 11) Mary Stewart, Betty Weiss
12) John Van Stry 13) David Baskin 14) Wendy Wulff 15) Shirley
Jackson 16) Dennis Grimes, Reva Anderson, Bobbi Staley 17)
Jan Davidson, Liz Ghent, Georgia Leonard, Barbara Wilton &
Ethel Hauser 18) ? 19) David Sparandaro 20) Roger Harmon
21) Mille Whiffen 22) Ralph Miller, Connie Schole 23) Paul
Vanderpool 23) L-R: Virginia English, Reg Riedel, Pat Quillen
Elaine Burke & Danny Treanor.

(My sincerest apologies if any names are wrong-there were so many new faces-and trying to get the N/L out didn't allow time to double check everything-ED.)

Infectious Diseases of Nondomestic Cats

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PART I

Non-domestic felids are susceptible to many of the same diseases that affect domestic cats. In most cases, clinical signs and therapeutic principles will be similar. However, exotic cats will not tolerate many clinical manipulations used commonly in domestic cats, necessitating modifications of treatment techniques. Nondomestic felids are unique in their dietary and environmental requirements, and in their relative isolation from diseases that may be ubiquitous in domestic cat populations. These factors are important when considering the epidemiology of common diseases and the occurrence of more obscure diseases in nondomestic felids.

Several reports of diseases affecting nondomestic felids have been published. The emphasis of this review will be to describe disease syndromes that have been recently reported and to discuss new developments in the understanding of more common diseases that occur in nondomestic felids.

BACTERIAL AND FUNGAL DISEASES

Infections due to *Escherichia coli* are observed frequently in nondomestic felids. A retrospective study of bacterial cultures of various organs from necropsies of 194 large cats at the Leipzig and Erfurt Zoos demonstrated *E. coli* as the most commonly isolated bacterial species (organs cultured were not specified). *Pasteurella multocida* and *Streptococcus* spp. were the second and third most commonly isolated organisms. *E. coli* infections occur in all age groups but are most serious in cats less than 4 months of age. Clinical syndromes very widely from enteritis, pneumonia, or septicemia to pyometra. Postmortem lesions are dependent on the organ system involved. A gas and fluid filled intestine with yellow contents is often seen at necropsy in young animals with enteritis. Necrotic tissue and pseudomembranes may be present in joints and body cavities. Diagnosis of *E. coli* is based on history, clinical signs and culture of appropriate specimens. Antibiotic therapy should be instituted according to the sensitivity pattern of the organism. Supplemental therapy, including fluid and electrolyte maintenance, should be appropriate for the disease syndrome that occurs.

Pasteurella multocida is most commonly transmitted through bite wounds from other felines or by ectoparasites. Clinical signs are variable and include enteritis, arthritis, pneumonia, septicemia, and death. Hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, pneumonia, and pleuritis are common pathologic findings. Diagnosis is based on culture of the organism from exudates, fluid aspirates or blood. Treatment should include penicillin or other appropriate antibiotics based on sensitivity testing and supportive care.

Salmonellosis (*Salmonella* spp.) occurs frequently in exotic cats. The source of infection is usually contaminated meat-based food, such as uncooked chicken. Although the use of commercial feeds for exotic felids has decreased the incidence of salmonellosis, food and water sources should always be checked for contamination. It is also possible for humans to be asymptomatic carriers and serve as a source of infection. Physical findings may include diarrhea, anorexia, lethargy, swollen joints, and abdominal pain. Infections of the reproductive tract, including pyometra are possible. Enteritis and colitis are common pathologic findings. Diagnosis is based on clinical signs and isolation of the organism from feces or blood. Treatment should include strict isolation procedures and antibiotic therapy based on sensitivity testing of the organism. Hydration and electrolyte balance must be closely monitored and maintained. The development of a chronic carrier or shedder state must be considered.

Shigellosis has been described in a litter of tiger cubs that exhibited diarrhea, pyrexia and abnormal neurological signs. Three of five cubs died, and *Shigella flexneri* was isolated from the heart, liver intestinal contents and blood in two of the cubs. Shigellosis is commonly associated with poor sanitation, overcrowding, and contamination of food by carrier individuals. In clinical cases, food and water should be cultured to determine the source of infection. The organism is viable for only a short period of time in the environment. Diagnosis should involve culture of fresh feces or a rectal swab specimen. Treatment of shigellosis includes isolation procedures, antibiotic therapy, and supported care. Like salmonellosis, shigellosis is a zoonotic disease.

Diarrhea associated with *Campylobacter fetus* subspecies *jejuni* has been observed in nondomestic felids. The bacterium, a gram-negative curved or spiral rod, is recognized a human pathogen. The role of *C. fetus* as an important enteric pathogen in animals has yet to be clearly defined. The organism has been isolated from a variety of both symptomatic and healthy animals, including many species of zoo animals. Clinical signs in exotic felids have varied from acute, fatal, hemorrhagic enteritis to chronic, intermittent diarrhea. Diagnosis is based on isolation of the bacteria from feces of animals exhibiting diarrhea selective for *Campylobacter* spp. should be employed. Darkfield microscopy of the feces may also be used to identify the motile, spiral shaped bacteria. Erythromycin has been used effectively in treatment in some cases. Human contact with affected animals should be minimized to prevent transmission to man.

Yersinia pseudotuberculosis subspecies *pseudotuberculosis* is a recognized pathogen in exotic felids. Rodents or ectoparasites may serve as vectors of the organism. Clinical findings include anorexia, depression, lymphadenopathy, and acute sepsis. Hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, and lymphadenopathy are seen on postmortem examination. Multiple abscesses may be present in the liver or spleen. Culture and sensitivity testing should be attempted from exudates, tissue aspirates, or blood. Response to antibiotic treatment may be marginal, and long term therapy may be necessary.

Listeria monocytogenes has been recognized as an important pathogen. The organism has a wide host range including mammals, birds, crustaceans and insects. *Listeria* spp. have been isolated from soil, plants, and healthy human carriers. The transmission of listeriosis in nondomestic felids has been linked to the feeding of whole animal carcasses. Abortion, septicemia, meningitis, encephalitis and pyothorax are reported clinical problems. Postmortem examination may reveal focal necrosis of the liver, spleen, lung and heart. Granulomatous pleuritis with fibrinopurulent pyothorax has been described in a lion. In that report, stress was suggested as a major factor in the disease process. Isolation of *Listeria* spp. is facilitated by inoculating clinical specimens such as blood, exudates, or cerebrospinal fluid into a glucose broth held at 4°C and subculturing at weekly intervals. Combined therapy with penicillin and gentamicin has been recommended in man. Prognosis is poor in advanced cases. Strict precautions should be taken to prevent transmission of the disease to humans.

Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*) occurs as two distinct syndromes in exotic felids: an acute, hemorrhagic, septicemic form, and the more common localized edematous form, which involves the head and neck. The feeding of contaminated carcasses is a major means of disease transmission. Birds, rodents, and insects have also been implicated in the transmission of the organism. Trauma to the oral cavity due to sharp objects, bones or fight wounds, with secondary infections, is the probable mode of transmission in the localized form. In the septicemic form of anthrax, clinical signs include ataxia, subcutaneous edema, hemorrhage from body cavities, dyspnea, and acute death. Postmortem findings include subcutaneous edema, hepatic congestion, splenomegaly and bile stasis. Necrosis and edema of soft tissues with neutrophilic infiltrates is seen histologically in the localized form. Colonies of gram-positive bacilli may be evident in lymph nodes, subcutaneous tissues, blood vessels and mucosal surfaces. In man, penicillin G is commonly used in treatment of anthrax. Systemic effects may persist during the course of antibiotic therapy owing to irreversible pathologic changes resulting from bacterial toxins. Control of anthrax is best accomplished through burning of contaminated carcasses, vigorous disinfection with 10

per cent formalin or 5 per cent lye and elimination of sharp objects that may cause trauma. Anthrax is a reportable disease in animals and man.

Disease associated with eugonic fermenter-4 (EF-4) bacterial infections has been recently described in the lion and tiger, as well as in domestic cats and dogs. The etiologic agent, a gram-negative pleomorphic bacillus, is thought to be part of the normal flora of the canine and feline oral cavities and has been isolated from dog and cat bite wounds in man. In clinical cases, the animal's autochthonous pharyngeal flora may be the source of the infection. Pathology has primarily involved the respiratory system in nondomestic felids. The bacteria may produce infection by gaining entry into the respiratory tract, perhaps by hematogenous spread. Clinical findings include intermittent anorexia, dysphagia, hemoptysis, and acute death. On postmortem examination, grey or brown nodules are found disseminated throughout the lung lobes. Lesions may comprise from 20-30 percent of the total lung volume. Pulmonary edema and serosanguinous splenic reticuloendothelial hyperplasia were noted in one case, suggestive of a hypercoagulable state and endotoxemia. Culture of the organism on blood agar at 37°C will result in growth of tan, nonhemolytic colonies at 18 hours. The organism shows cultural and biochemical similarities to several other bacterial species, including *Pasteurella* spp., *Pseudomonas* spp., and *Actinobacillus* spp. These similarities may be factors in the low number of correctly diagnosed cases of EF-4 infections. Sensitivity testing in one report showed in vitro susceptibility to a wide variety of antibiotics (individual antibiotics tested were not specified). A bacteriostatic agent may be most appropriate in treatment of the disease to decrease the possibility of massive bacterial destruction and subsequent endotoxemia. Pathologic findings point toward a chronic disease course, suggesting low virulence of the organism.

Bacterial diseases that have been previously well reviewed and about which there is no additional information to discuss include streptococcosis, staphylococcosis, pneumococcal pneumonia, *Pseudomonas* abscessation, *Clostridium perfringens* enteritis, tuberculosis, *Corynebacterium pyogenes* infections, leptospirosis, and mycoplasmosis.

Cutaneous fungal infections (*Microsporum* spp.) have been reported in exotic felids. Lesions vary from classic "ringworm"-type lesions to a diffuse, scaly, hyperkeratotic dermatosis. Diagnosis is based on microscopic demonstration of fungal elements on skin scrapings cleared with 10 percent potassium hydroxide, and culture of affected hair for dermatophytes. Therapy with griseofulvin given orally (50 mg per kg daily for 30-45 days) has been described.

Systemic mycotic infections that have been reported include blastomycosis, coccidioidomycosis and cryptococcosis. The history of exposure in endemic areas is important in the diagnosis of deep mycotic infections, because many of the fungal agents have specific geographic distributions. *Coccidioides immitis* is endemic in arid regions of the southwestern U.S., northern Mexico and Central and South America. Infections due to *Blastomyces dermatitidis* occur most frequently in the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys. *Cryptococcus neoformans* has a worldwide distribution. Cryptococcosis is associated with contact with excreta from avian species such as pigeons. Clinical signs of deep mycotic infections may include weight loss, depression, anorexia, lymphadenopathy, dyspnea, and rhinitis. Abnormal neurologic signs, including ataxia and pupillary dilation, may be seen in encephalitic infections. Irregular tan nodules of varying size may be found in the pulmonary parenchyma and along the bronchial tree on postmortem examination. Microscopically, lesions usually consist of fungal elements surrounded by areas of pygranulomatous inflammation. Fungal elements may also be demonstrated in other affected tissues, including meninges, liver, kidneys, or spleen. Diagnosis is based on history, demonstration of fungal elements in respiratory discharges, cerebrospinal fluid, tissue aspirates or biopsies, and identification of the organisms on fungal culture. Radiographs may be useful for demonstration of pulmonary nodules. Treatment involves antifungal agents such as amphotericin B and surgical extirpation of nodules where feasible. Prognosis is poor in advanced cases.

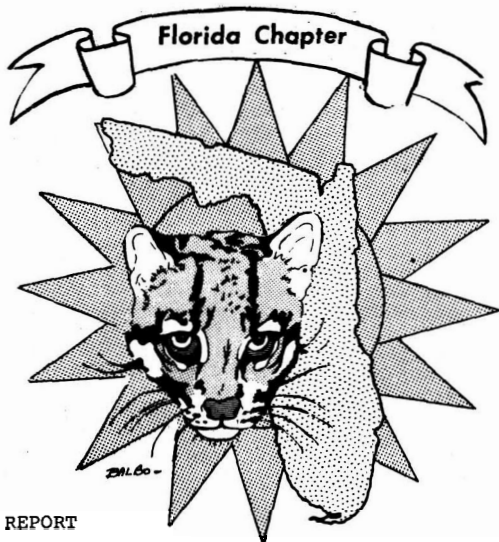
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ANTIBIOTIC ABUSE



MEETING REPORT

Our September meeting was at Lake Placid. This is a peaceful little town about fifty miles from anywhere. It's a beautiful area of Florida that is real country-looking with rolling hills, citrus trees and grazing COWS.

Our hosts were Jim & Lyn Craft. They have two Geoffroy's cats and three margays at their house plus four domestic cats, a non-aggressive pit bull and a Chinese Shar-pei that is so ugly that Jim kept it hid in the bedroom all day so it wouldn't scare us. (Just kidding Jim, about it scaring us). I never saw a dog that had a face like a manatee before-very unusual.

As always, Lyn outdid herself fixing fine food and wonderful goodies made out of marshmallow and chocolate, not counting the shrimp hor-dourves that would melt in your mouth. I collected lunch money from the folks and they generously donated it back to the Club PLUS paid for their own lunch! Thanks a bunch guys.

We had several babies in attendance. For those of you that haven't heard, Danny and Ellen Treanor have a new baby boy. He was born July 19th, and his name is Patrick Jack, "P.J." for short. He's already attended his first LIOC convention, having flown from Florida to Philly and been to the New Jersey State Fair, and this is his first local meeting (if he keeps this up, we'll elect him an officer in the Club before he's one). Not too bad for only eight weeks old. I know people that haven't got that far in a lifetime. They won't even travel across town to a meeting. Not only is P.J. a born traveler, he's also the cutest baby you ever saw that didn't have fur on.

We also had a couple of furry, purry babies at the meeting that were cute too. The Craft's Geoffroys' "Mindy & Munchie" were also proud parents of a baby girl. That makes my Tara and Calibe an aunt and uncle. (Wish they were parents too). Little "Munchette" is an adorable four weeks old and her spots are still so close together, it looks like she has freckles all over her. Jean Hatfield also brought a three-week-old ocelot, that's so tiny she had to force-feed it with a tube. Sure looked like a scary procedure. Good thing the little one is in expert hands.

We didn't have a special speaker this time, so Danny brought a film of "Tuffy" margay giving birth to a kitten. It's an interesting film and a real treasure seeing old Tuffy again. We should think about getting our own cats on film to remember them by, years down the road. It can bring back a lot of pleasant memories.

We didn't have much business to attend to other than reminding us that January is usually election time for new officers in our Branch, and if anyone is interested in running for office, it's time for nominations.

That about wraps up this month's meeting. Next time will be back up in central Florida and hopefully weather will be cooler and we'll be able to have an outdoor meeting again.

Those in attendance were: Dennis & I, Danny and Ellen with P.J., Jean Hatfield, Marian Allen (who we haven't seen in a long time), with friend Marlin Reinecker, and, of course, Jim & Lyn Craft, our hosts and the Craft's Critters.

Submitted by your fellow feline fanatic & friend,
From Florida,
Barb Grimes

We usually don't place antibiotics in the category of abused drugs. However, the widespread, inappropriate use - or misuse - of antibiotics constitute a certain form of drug abuse.

Unfortunately, when an animal is ill, it's owner may go to the medicine cabinet, and start antibiotic treatment without ever making an attempt to identify the cause of illness.

What is often forgotten is that antibiotics are only effective against BACTERIAL diseases. They are not effective against viral and fungal infections. In fact, antibiotics have immunosuppressive properties- they may actually inhibit the body's natural defense system and keep it from appropriately fighting off an invading mechanism.

Antibiotics do not select just the abnormal bacteria present. They also destroy normal bacteria which are necessary for proper balance within the digestive tract. This can lead to diarrhea or in some instances fungal overgrowth.

Where possible, replacement of "beneficial" bacteria can be helped with buttermilk, yogurt or other cultured food. Lactobacillus is also available at the pharmacy to replace normal growths.

If response to treatment does not occur dramatically within a short time, inexperienced people often change medications daily until the their in-house supply of drugs is exhausted. They may not know that the animal's failure to respond to an antibiotic may occur for many reasons. Perhaps the antibiotic they used was inappropriate, one with no effect on the particular invading microbe. Maybe they were administering an improper dose. Or perhaps they were not allowing sufficient time for the medication to act.

If the infection is viral, it will not respond to antibiotics and must run its own course. Or if it is fungal, it may be worsened by antibiotics.

Before treatment is started, the cause of illness would always be determined by a veterinarian. Identification of a bacterial infection can be made through laboratory cultures of stool samples. Once the causative organism is identified, proper medication can be chosen by testing the organism against many different antibiotics. This will determine to which drug or drugs the bacterium is most sensitive.

A period of time must be allowed for the drug to have an effect. The use of antibiotics for an insufficient amount of time may result in producing resistant strains of bacterial. Conversely, some medications used too long, or in the wrong dose may be toxic.

When treating any sick animal, proper diagnosis is important. Also, always provide proper nutrition and supportive therapy until the diagnosis can be determined. Of course, proper sanitation is important to prevent the spread of disease.



More on Honey

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Pet jaguar in Rockwood stirs dispute

Neighbors ask county to go to court over backyard big cat

Condensed from an article in the Oregonian
by Watford Reed

A pet jaguar may become the subject of arguments before the Oregon Supreme Court-it already figures in the state Court of Appeals.

Some of its neighbors want to get rid of it-so does Multnomah County.

However its owner, Jackie Vanderwall is fighting to keep Clint, her pet 2½ year old male jaguar.

Clint she said, is "a sweet animal and a sweet pet". However a neighbor, Sharon Fitz, said the animal "would kill if it got out". She has children aged 8 months and 3½ years old and she is worried that a jungle animal lives in the neighborhood.

Vanderwall said representatives of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and Department of the Interior inspected her cages several times a year. She also said she paid the county \$100 a year for six years for licenses to keep exotic pets. And once a cougar seized by the sheriff's department was boarded at her home.

Paul G. Mackey, assistant county counsel, acknowledged that the situation was a dilemma for the county. Multnomah County took Vanderwall's fees for exotic animals and then later said that, under zoning ordinances, such animals were not allowed in the neighborhood.

Circuit Judge S.L. Gallagher Jr. ruled last year that Vanderwall had to get rid of the jaguar by Dec. 17th. But she has appealed to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Vanderwall, who served as her own attorney, said she would appeal to the Supreme Court if the appeals court rules against her.

The judge told the county to give back the \$600 Vanderwall had paid for keeping exotic animals, and she took the money, Mackey said. He expressed hope that the appeals court would throw out her appeal because she took the money. He acknowledged that the cage was secure. "There is no suggestion that she is careless or slipshod," he said.

He called the jaguar a "very valuable animal" and said Vanderwall was a "very humane lady!"

Multnomah County went to court to seek removal of the jaguar in response to a petition by the neighbors.

Mackey acknowledged that Vanderwall's care of the cougar for the county was "a hard fact for the county to face." The cougar was seized by sheriff's deputies in a drug raid and turned over to county animal control. The animal control agency had nowhere to care for it and asked Vanderwall keep it for several months.

She kept it about a year.

Mackey acknowledged that "there is no evidence that the jaguar ever escaped or injured anybody" But there is "an undercurrent of terror in the neighborhood" he said.

Vanderwall said Clint is not a threat to the neighborhood. His cage is sheltered by bushes and nobody knows the jaguar is there unless they deliberately peek.

Vanderwall says that when she bought the lot - a third of an acre-17 years ago, she was assured it was all right to keep exotic pets. The land was zoned rural. The zoning has since been changed to residential.

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And, Jackie writes:

Regarding the zoning lawsuit-its still ongoing. Some of the neighbors are great, others are not. Since the newspaper article (above) I've had many letters from people and phone calls about the cats...all good. Even a church group has offered to "cat sit" if I need to go anywhere. Clint is harrassed-rocks & firecrackers-by adults not kids.

To recap- acting as my own attorney I won the first 4 lawsuits, I lost the fifth. I am grateful to Bill Boyle & Ken Hatfield who have given me advice. I was told an attorney would cost \$2,500 or more-I couldn't afford that, so I read all I could and did what I could with their help. It has still been very costly-fees,



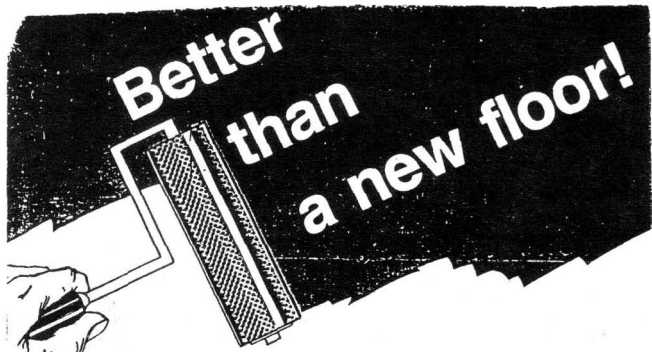
Jackie Vanderwall scratches the head of her 2½-year-old pet jaguar, Clint, through the wire of his backyard cage.

KEITH ALLEN

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If I lose, no one can have cats in the county.

Will keep you advised, when all is said and done I'd like to write up - in detail-what happened. Maybe it could be of help to someone else.



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