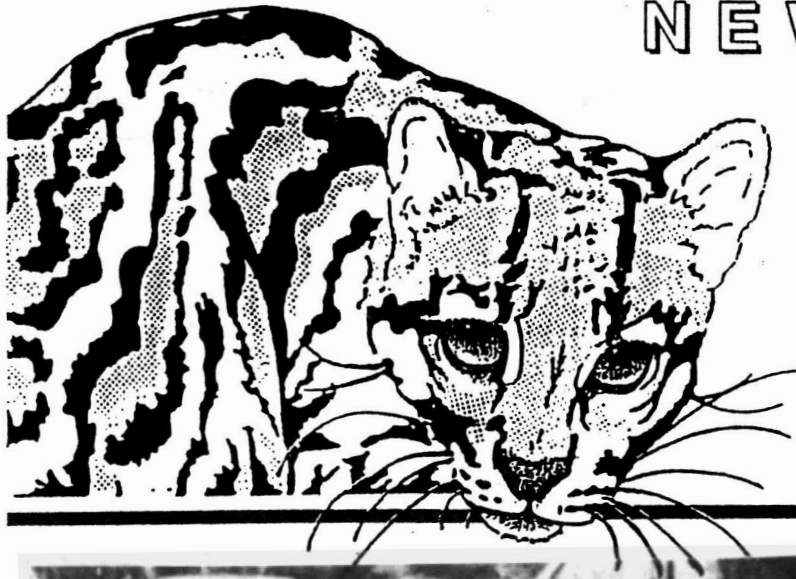


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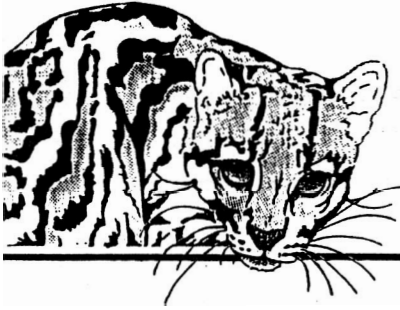


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Diane Stahl is shown here visiting the Marshall's compound in West Columbia, Texas. For more about Diane see LIOC Spotlight on p.30.



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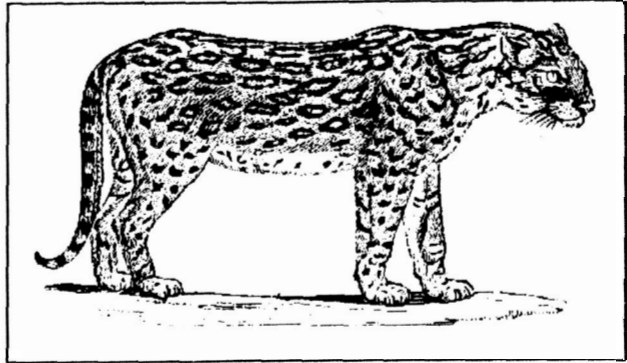
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**President's  
Perspective**



September 5, 1989

Convention was a great success! We've identified many things to do this year. First, though, I'd like to thank you all for your support in responding to the USDA's proposed regulation changes. According to numbers published by PIJAC (Pet Industry Joint Council), over 8,000 comments were received. USDA will have some work to do before the final regulations are prepared. USDA has issued an interim pamphlet. I just received a copy. We'll be letting you know the high points. One that stands out is that all commercial breeding and exhibition of exotics will need to be licensed. There is a free "registration" for non-commercial showing.

Back to convention. New Orleans was a great place for relaxing and focusing our efforts. We approved a manual assembled by (Shirly Wagner) containing our purpose, constitution, bylaws, forms, and other information of use to members about the organization. It will be distributed to all members. We recognize everyone's concern that the Newsletter is the most visible aspect of our organization! Shirly will be returning as editor of the Newsletter. To improve the appearance, we've taken a number of steps, including approving use of a professional typing service to obtain the final copy.

Al Porges will be working with Ethel Hauser initiate a contest for obtaining art work for a series of LIOC ESCF greeting cards (holiday and blank). Also, Al and Danny Treanor (who brought us great weather in New Orleans!) will be working on a videotape which members can purchase to take to schools or presentations. Ken Hatfield made a videotape on animal handling which was presented at the convention. We're working on him to expand it and make it available to members. Six copies were sold at the auction!.

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Speaking of the auction, the members indicated their support in the loudest manner -- with their pocketbooks!!! The members at convention and participating in the raffles raised over \$2,000 to support the Federation's activities over the next year!!!

The Executive Board also approved preparation of a series of booklets and a binder to cover many topics. My pet one -- nutrition -- will be among them. I hope you will take the time to fill out the questionnaires we'll be sending you. In the executive meeting, we discussed and confirmed that we want to support branch activities as much as we can.

The membership wants results and is willing to help get them. This will be a busy year. We again have two branches again in the Northwest, another exciting sign of activity.

If the fall and winter are as productive as the past six month's have been, we'll need a whole issue just to review what's been happening.

**John Perry**

P.S. Next year we will be holding convention in Boston. I hope the advance notice will let even more of you plan to attend.

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## NUTRITIONAL DATA SURVEY IMPORTANT TO US ALL

Enclosed with this issue is a questionnaire asking in detail what we feed our cats, the quantities we feed and the frequency with which we feed.

For years most of us have fed a varied diet composed partly of chicken necks supplemented by red or organ meats and vitamins of some sort. Why do we recommend and use this diet? Quite obviously because it works!

That, however, is not sufficient for various scientific types. The producers of the various prepared diets have the exact composition of their product available. Further they compare this with studies done claiming to know what is the needed diet of the feline.

Now, some USDA inspectors are requiring that these prepared diets be used.....even though there have been quite a few problems, serious problems encountered in the use of these so called complete, prepared diets.

To counter this, it is necessary that we have factual data to back up our choice of diet. By knowing what you feed....precisely what you feed, the longevity of the cats fed, and their reproductive record, we can back up our choice with fact.

John Perry ( a Ph.D., by the way) has offered to compile and write this "study" up. So many times I've heard you all say you couldn't write - we know things, many, many things, which are invaluable to the wellbeing of our charges, but do not how to put them on paper "scientifically".

By producing such research, correlating and presenting it, we will be doing a great service. A service to future felines and their caretakers. We will validate what we've known all along - that a properly balance home diet is better for our cats than the prepared diets some of us are being forced to feed - and we'll have the backup to prove it.

PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER TIME IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Give it your full thought and please be thorough and detailed in your answers. This is your chance to do something very important... to LIOC and our felines.

# **L.I.O.C. NEEDS YOU!**

# CONVENTION



A large group of exotic feline enthusiasts gathered at the Landmark Bourbon Street Hotel on Wednesday, August 9th to initiate the festivities. The theme was Mardi Gras in New Orleans and amidst a hospitality suite appropriately decorated with colorful serpentine, old friends were reunited and new friends greeted with warm smiles.

Once past the social amenities, the serious (and not too serious), "cat talk" commenced as the main topic of conversation and pervaded throughout the next four days in one form or another.

Thursday morning the group headed out for a walking tour of the French Quarter. The first stop was the Cafe Du Monde for some bracing cafe au lait and beignets, then off to the Mississippi River docks, the open French Market for shopping, St Louis Cathedral and the many other historical landmarks. The tour was guided by a local resident who knew the finer details of the city including which establishments could provide quality Hurricanes! Then everyone was left to their own devices, armed with the booklet they received upon registration which contained maps of the city along with a written history of the area and a guide to the eateries and shops.

That afternoon, after regrouping at the hotel we emerged en masse poolside adorned in the most outrageous "cat-tacky" garb that could have put the Mardi Gras costumes to shame! The gauntlet was thrown down and the contest was on to determine who was THE cat-tackiest.



L-R Jean Hamil, Shirley Wagner, J.B.Anderson, Carin Carmichael, Barbara Wilton, Al Porges, Reba Anderson, Bottom: Lora Vigne, Ken Hatfield and Ethel Hauser.

Competition was tense and the contestants barred no holds to solicit votes as well as campaign contributions in the form of cocktails which were served throughout the fiasco. After a run-off (or two) (or three), Shirley Wagner was voted this year's most "Cat-Tacky" (We think the bright orange knee socks adorned with a jaguar were the point getter). Her award was a handsome "stirrup" cut, silver plated with a lion's head base. The winner was then treated to an unexpected dip in the pool, compliments of John Perry, LIOC's President. Later, the fun shifted gears and the groups re-organized to peruse the various renowned New Orleans restaurants and Bourbon Street clubs.

Friday provided a day of excellent education and unified spirit for growth. First the general membership was gathered for their input and suggestions to the Executive Board. Gregg Boggs a resident member of Louisiana expressed concern about local legislative movements to ban exotic animals. He suggested that LIOC be alert to such proposals and be available to through representatives to approach the governing bodies with viable and fair alternatives to their proposals before they become law. He also expressed an interest in forming a Louisiana Branch (we hope we'll be hearing more of this!)

Shirley Wagner presented her concepts for gathering information from the membership on such topics as proper caging, nutrition, bottle-raising etc and printing the collective material into booklets which would be made available upon



Lora Vigne



request to exotic owners for a nominal fee. All attending agreed that basic "hands-on" , how to information was truly needed and the project strongly encouraged. In the meanwhile it was decided to look into the reprinting of "Exotica", co-editor Suzi Mutascio of course gave her approval and John Perry is to contact Elaine Burke for her input. "Exotica" is a collection of articles from past newsletters pertaining to care and will be valuable for this purpose alone.

John Becker, Director of the International Society for Endangered Cats presented a slide show narrating the group's efforts worldwide in preserving highly endangered and rare species. The Society's goals include prospective U.S. facilities which would study and hopefully propagate the targeted species and thereby increase gene pools, in the U.S. as well as in the countries of origin. ISEC has done some remarkable work in the short time they've been organized and we applaud their accomplishments.

Life Director Ken Hatfield presented a video in which he demonstrates numerous humane means of handling an intractable cat. Each technique was demonstrated using equipment available routinely in your home while describing which methods were preferable with each species. The text of his presentation is presented in this issue. Copies of this video hopefully will be made available to LIOC members in the near future - it's a must for a novice (or anyone for that matter) interested in cats.

Gail Schaecker led a very interesting roundtable discussion on behavior differences and problems in the various exotic species. Everyone present participated and joined in sharing their experiences and solutions. The various presentations were a learning experience for all and most rewarding.

Saturday found the convention crew ready to sail aboard the riverboat Voyager down the mighty Mississippi touring the port, visiting the Beauregard Plantation where the Battle of New Orleans took place, traversing the Algier's locks (where the water levels are adjusted to go from the bayous back to the Mississippi river similar to those used in the Panama Canal), Only one alligator was sighted and belly-up at that!

A very festive annual banquet decorated in Mardi Gras regalia and auction ensued Saturday Evening. Each table held a collection of doubloons, beads, a mask and assorted "throws" which those attending were awarded as souvenirs along with a Taste of New Orleans cookbook, containing the best of the local cuisine. The food was superb and could not be classified as the usual banquet fare. Michael Mutascio was awarded the "Spirit of LIOC" award on the basis of his ongoing, tireless behind-the-scenes work efforts for LIOC and his willingness to help exotic animals in need.

This year no Lottie was presented as the committee did not feel an outstanding candidate was available.

To get the fundraising started, several raffle items were put up first. A magnificent stained glass panel depicting a lion in amongst a grass background was taken home by Al Porges who also ended up with the magnificent etching of a snow leopard done by Ethel. (We have some



VERY talented folks among us. Connie Hatfield won the "Taste of New Orleans basket - a collection of all the sights, sounds and tastes of this unique city - bundled in a wicker cat bed (what else).

The auction was not only humerous and fun, but lucrative (thanks to EVERYONE) The Pacific Northwest Branch donated \$100, and that raffle was won by Jill Sanders. J.B. Anderson, our auctioneer "straight man" teamed with his able (well a little crippled actually-do you have the cast off yet ?) accomplice "Vanna" (AKA Jeff Bellingham) netted \$2,600 for LIOC. Per capita of attending conventioneers, this set a record.

Sunday morning was the farewell breakfast. President John Perry reported to the membership the decisions of the Executive Board (see report elsewhere in this issue), and everyone exchanged hugs to hold them over til next year. Shortly thereafter in the hospitality suite Donnie Wagner was presented an Auburn Tiger music box in appreciation for the work he put into this year's convention and the support he's afforded our New Editor.

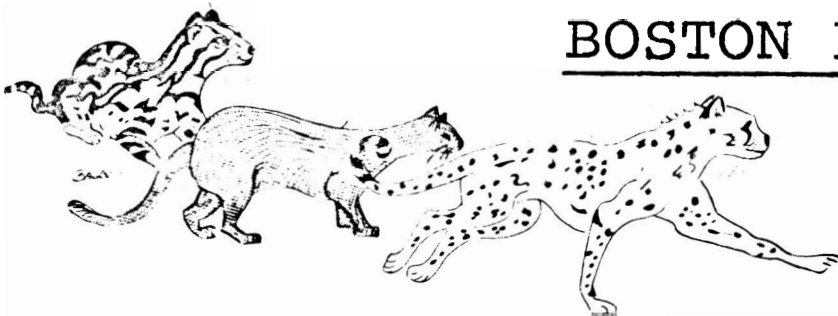
Recent conventions have produced only one regret; that being that more of you don't attend. Twice as many people would produce twice the valuable educational exchange, twice the learning potential and could help twice the number of animals (not to speak of twice the fun;!) Conventions are not restricted to the long term members or large scale breeders-they are planned to be beneficial and accessible to everyone. Next year's convention will be hosted by Al Porges in Boston, Mass. Plan now to attend, and contact Al if you can be of help in this effort.

Thank you again to each and every one of you who contributed so much time, energy and talent which made this Convention such an incredible success, full spectrum.

Until next year in Boston, move over Paul Revere - LIOC will be there.

Those attending this year's gathering were: Mike & Suzi Mutascio, New Jersey; Donnie & Shirley Wagner, Alabama; Jean Hatfield, Florida; John Perry, Minnesota; Danny Treanor, Florida; Al Porges, Massachusetts; Karen Jusseaume, Massachusetts; Barbara Wilton, Oregon, Ethel Hauser, Washington, David Horton, Missouri; Ken Hatfield, Washington; Tour Guide Gene Juergens and Liz Cox; Carin Carmichael, California; Larry Ladner, Louisiana; Lora & Paul Vigne, California; Scarlet & Jeff Bellingham, Canada; Connie Hatfield, Oregon; Jerry Boyle, Oregon, Jackie Vanderwall, Oregon, Gayle Schaecher, Oregon, Newlyweds Katie and Ed Monteiro Knight, Texas, Jean Hamil, Texas, Bill & Jill Sanders Georgia; Special guest John Becker, Ohio; Diane Stahl, New Jersey.

**BOSTON HERE WE COME!**



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual membership meeting was called to order Friday, August 11th by President John Perry.

This is the time set aside for the general membership to have input directly to the Officers & Directors.

The meeting was opened for discussion and the membership asked for their comments. Those present suggested the following:

- more personal articles in the Newsletter
- A Membership Directory which includes all members - not just the breeders.
- A legislative column
- Some way of letting members know what is currently available from LIOC.
- a suggestion to pro-rate the dues and have one renewal date for all members.
- a suggestion for projects to generate funds; i.e. note and Christmas cards.
- requests to have Exotica reprinted.
- develop a database on nutritional knowledge gathered from members experiences to support our practices with such agencies as the USDA.

Greg Boggs spoke for a few minutes on the possibility of forming a Louisiana branch, and the need for organization in light of the coming efforts to legislate exotic ownership.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The officers and directors present were: John Perry, President, Suzi Mutascio, Vice President, Connie Hatfield, Secretary/Treasurer, Life Directors, Ken Hatfield, Ethel Hauser, Shirley Wagner. Term Directors present: Al Porges, Conservation and Education, Jeff Bellingham, Advertising & Publicity, Barbara Wilton, Member Services.

Barbara Wilton is working hard to update and reorganize the membership rosters, reestablishing the numbering system which had disintegrated. She inquired as to the membership files she had forwarded to past President Fred Boyajian. Suzi offered to speak with Fred to see if the files, cabinets and other materials which were turned over to him could be recovered.

A membership handbook, which had been sent to board members previously was discussed. This booklet explains LIOC's traditions, contains the Constitution and By-laws as well as copies of all forms (registration, branch application, etc). It is put together so that each

page could be changed without having to reprint the entire book. Barbara Wilton will look into the cost of printing the book and report back to the Board. The format and contents of the handbook were approved.

A short discussion was held regarding the duties of the incoming Term Directors, with the following suggestions made for projects to be worked on.

Advertising: Hopefully, the Newsletter will be back on schedule, enabling us to produce a rate card to send to potential advertising sources.

It was felt the current wording of the ad LIOC places in various publications was awkward, and a new wording should be worked out and submitted to the Board for approval.

Look into new periodicals we could advertise in to cover a broader readership.

Conservation & Education: Contact David Baskin to obtain videos which had been submitted for the video presentation approved in the past. When completed and approved, this video which is to stress the importance of private efforts in the conservation of endangered species through captive breeding programs, will be made available to members for their speak-outs and presentations to civic groups, etc.

Shirley Wagner was appointed Editor. In order to facilitate a timely Newsletter and allow her to continue to work on special projects, she is authorized to hire typists or persons to assist in the paste-up of the Newsletter. Some dissatisfaction was expressed with the current format so she will be experimenting with this for awhile.

The Northwest Exotic Feline Society will be responsible for mailing the newsletter from the Portland area as well as having it printed. Ethel Hauser will be able to do most of the photo screening now that her darkroom is set up.

The NorthWest Exotic Feline Society's application for branch membership was approved without change to their by-laws.

John Perry will look into the cost of having an analysis run on a typical chicken neck which many of our members use as a basis for their diet. This information will aid in the nutritional database we are developing.

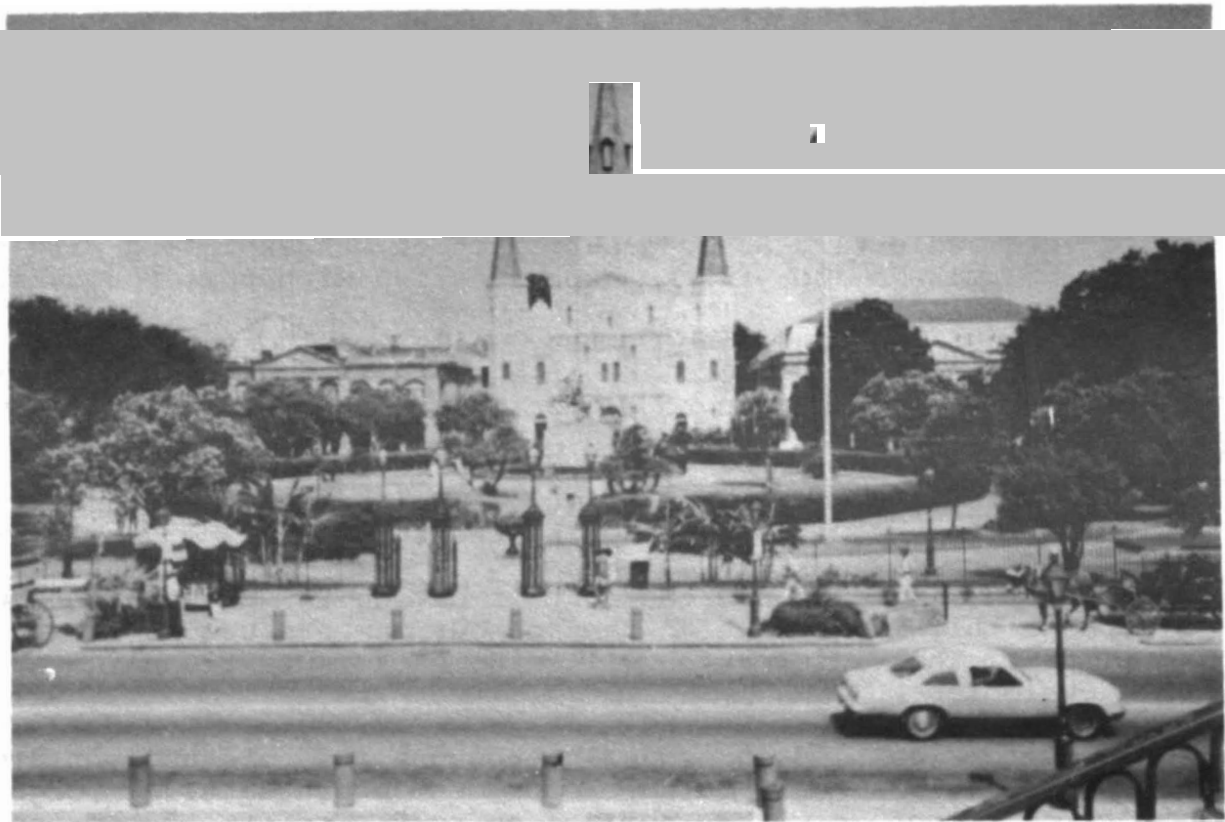
A discussion was held on producing top quality note and Christmas cards as a fund raiser, using photos of members cats. Al Porges suggested a contest with a nominal entry fee to offset the cost of having professional artists convert the photo to artwork. The originals would be presented those whose photos would be chosen, with the design being used for the cards. It was suggested that perhaps many artists within LIOC should be approached to contribute their talents and the entry fees could then be used to finance the original printing of the cards. Al will look into this.

The Newsletter will make a serious effort to educate folks on what the information on the renewal slips will be used for - the Membership Directory. Barbara will forward this information to Shirley who will correlate it for a complete membership directory to be published annually.

It was suggested that the new Membership Handbook could be published instead of one issue of the Newsletter. It was decided that we could afford to send it in addition to the regular newsletter to all current members. Thereafter, it would be sent to new members with their initial membership packet.

Barbara Wilton will be looking into revamping and updating our info packet and the forms currently in use to have them updated into more professional form. The old forms evidently had been copied to the point they were very amateurish looking. It was felt that LIOC should again present a more professional image and certainly could afford to have these forms printed professionally.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



A French Quarter Landmark, St Louis Cathedral, with Jackson Square in the foreground is the gathering place for street performers and local artists.

# AWA CASES RESOLVED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the settlement of cases involving charges regulated by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

The City of Bridgeport, Conn., owner of Beardsley Zoological Gardens, agreed to renovate the zoo's bird and mammal complex to improve the care and treatment of animals. USDA alleged that the zoo had breached a 1984 cease and desist order and continued to operate its facility below standards.

Richard J. Garden and Frank Buck of Bring 'Em Back Alive, Inc., Sarasota, Fla., were jointly assessed a \$12,000 civil penalty, ordered to cease and desist from future violations and ordered to refrain from engaging in any activity that requires a license under the AWA for 15 years. The monetary penalty was waived as long as all other provisions are complied with.

USDA alleged that on five occasions the company held animals in substandard housing that was overcrowded and unsanitary; also drainage, ventilation, veterinary care, food and staff were substandard. Additionally, the company allegedly abandoned a variety of traveling animals in Prince George County, Maryland in June, 1988.

Standards for the care and treatment of certain animals have been required by the AWA since 1966. The law covers animals that are sold wholesale as pets, used for biomedical research or exhibited. Dealers, breeders, brokers, transportation companies, exhibitors and research facilities must be licensed or registered.

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## LICENSING AND REGISTRATION UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT; GUIDELINES FOR DEALERS, EXHIBITORS, TRANSPORTERS AND RESEARCHERS

NOTE: This fact sheet temporarily replaces the pamphlet, LICENSING AND REGISTRATION UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (Program Aid No. 1117) until the final revised regulations to implement the 1985 amendments to the Animal Welfare Act are published.

### INTRODUCTION

Proper animal care and comfort is not just good business --it is required by law under the **Animal Welfare Act**. Passed by Congress in 1966 and amended in 1970, 1976, and 1985, the law protects most animals not raised for food and fiber. It also sets stiff penalties for sponsors and promoters of outlawed animal-fighting ventures.

Most businesses that buy or sell warmblooded animals, exhibit them to the public, transport them commercially, or use them in experiments must be licensed or registered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Businesses that use only fish or other coldblooded animals are exempt by law; those that use only rats, mice, birds, horses, ponies, or domestic farm animals are exempt. The rabbit business is exempt from regulation if the rabbits are intended only for food or fiber. If any rabbits are designated for use in the pet, exhibit, or laboratory animal trade, the business is regulated. Certain other types of businesses are specifically exempt by law or regulation. None of the exempt businesses have to be licensed or registered.

This fact sheet lists the major types of regulated and exempt businesses, but it cannot cover all cases. If in doubt about your status, consult the nearest office of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care. You may also write: Animal Care Staff, APHIS, 269 Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Personnel there will answer your questions and provide a copy of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Chapter 1, Subchapter A which gives the legal requirements for businesses regulated by the Animal Welfare Act.

If you are in charge of a regulated business, the law requires you to contact the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Failure to apply for licensing or registration is a punishable offense. Once you do so, you can continue in business as usual until you receive further instructions.

On the basis of information you supply, APHIS determines whether your business should be licensed, registered or both. Licensing involves a yearly fee; registration is free.

The fee for licensed animal dealers ranges from \$5 to \$500, depending on the dollar volume of business in regulated animals.

The same standards of animal care apply to all registered and licensed businesses and APHIS field inspectors make periodic unannounced visits to all locations where your animals are held to see that regulations and standards are followed.

Basically, the Federal animal care standards covers humane handling, housing, space, feeding and watering, sanitation and ventilation, shelter from extremes of weather, adequate veterinary care, separation of incompatible animals and transportation and handling in transit.

If your facilities do not meet Federal standards when you apply, you will be allowed a reasonable time to correct any deficiencies. Licenses are not issued until deficiencies are corrected. Legal action results unless you make needed corrections or cease operating a regulated business.

#### ANIMAL DEALERS

If your business falls under any of the categories of "dealers" shown below, you must be licensed by USDA.

**Pet Wholesalers:** anyone importing, buying selling or trading pets in wholesale channels must be licensed. Annual license fees are based on the amount received from the sale less the amount paid for these animals.

**Pet Breeders:** anyone breeding pets for the wholesale trade must be licensed. You also may have to be licensed if you sell breeding stock to other breeders.

**Animal Brokers:** anyone who deals in animals but does not take physical possession must be licensed. License fees are based on income from commissions & fees with no deductions.

**Exotic Animal Wholesalers:** anyone importing, buying selling or trading foreign animals (wild or domesticated) must be licensed. You also must be licensed if you sell domestically bred exotics. Annual license fees are based on the amount received from the sale of regulated animals less the amount paid for these animals.





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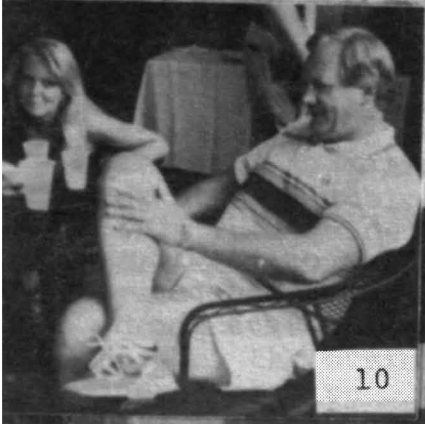
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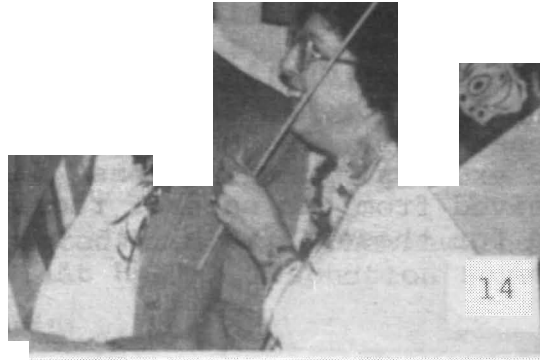
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Wild Animal Dealers: a store or individual who sells wild animals must be licenced.

Boarding Kennels: Anyone housing animals for others is exempt, except for intermediate handlers and holding facilities. You must be registered as an intermediate handler if, as part of your services, you ship or receive shipments of regulated animals traveling on public carriers. You have to agree in writing to observe USDA's standards of animal care if you operate a holding facility - meaning that you board dogs and cats for licensed dealers.

Animal Transporters: if you are involved in any way in the transportation of regulated animals as part of your business, you must be licensed as a dealer or registered as an intermediate handler or carrier.

#### ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

If you have animals on display to the public or conduct performances including animals you must become licensed as an exhibitor. The license fee is determined by the number of animals held.

Under special circumstances, exhibitors may be registered instead of licenced. Registration requires no fee. It applies to non-commercial exhibits.

#### ZOOLOGICAL PARKS

Animal exhibits open to the public must be licensed or registered.

Promotional Activities: Anyone who uses animals to promote or advertise goods or services must be licensed.

Animal Preserves: game preserves, hunting preserves, and similar enterprises that keep animals in the wild state are exempt. However, if you maintain special exhibits for compensation or promotional activities, you must be licensed or registered as an exhibitor. If you sell animals to exhibits or the research or pet trade you must be licensed as a dealer.

Research Facilities: Institutions using any regulated live animal for research, testing, teaching, or experimentation must register with the USDA as "research facilities"

Included under research, testing, teaching or experimentation are:

- Research using regulated animals, including behavioral studies;
- Investigations on animal propagation and control - such as wildlife ecology.
- Laboratory tests
- Quality control studies
- College instruction

Registration is required mainly to assure that laboratory animals are provided with care and comfort meeting USDA standards.

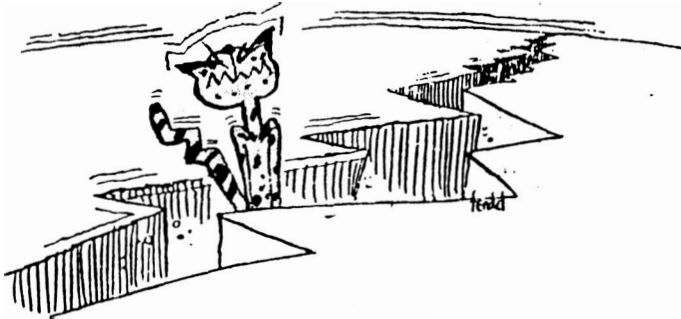
This is only a part of the pamphlet referenced. Since these regulations are interim, we do not yet know the scope of the final rulings.

You may obtain a complete set of these guidelines by writing:

US Department of Agriculture  
APHIS  
Federal Building  
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Ask for the APHIS FACTS Bulletin dated May, 1989, LICENSING UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT.

OUR THOUGHTS and prayers are with our many members in the Bay area of California.



PLEASE drop us a note and let us know how you fared thru the recent earthquake.

CONVENTION COLLAGE - Left to Right: 1) Ethel Hauser, Lora Vigne, Barbara Wilton 2) John Perry, Karen Jusseume, Carin Carmichael, Jerry Boyle, Jackie Vanderwall 3) Newlyweds Katie Knight-Monteiro & Ed Monteiro-Knight 4) J.B. Anderson, Scarlet and Jeff Bellingham, Jean Hatfield 5) Jean Hamil, Larry Ladner, David Horton 6) Shirley & Donnie Wagner, Connie Hatfield 7) Barbara Wilton, Larry Ladner, Ethel Hauser 8) Ken Hatfield, Connie Hatfield, Danny Treanor 9) Diane Stahl, Karen Jusseume 10) Jill & Bill Sanders 11) Jean Hatfield, Al Porges 12) Auctioneer J.B. Anderson with assistant Jeff (Vanna) Bellingham, Shirley Wagner 13) Mike & Suzi Mutascio 14) Ken Hatfield, Ethel Hauser 15) Jackie Vanderwall, Gayle Schaecher Jerry Boyle 16) "Cat Tacky" contestants: Lora Vigne, Carin Carmichael, Ethel Hauser, Barbara Wilton, Reba Anderson.....and a good time was had by all!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXOTICS CLUB

The July meeting was held in the home of Bill & Ann Donaca in Cornelius, Oregon. It was a nice sunny day and we had a good turnout.

Gayle reported that we had sent \$25.00 to the Oregon Ferret Association for a prize for their fun match coming up in August. We also sent \$25.00 donation to the PET Industry Assoc. to help pay the lobbyist they have hired to be in Salem to fight any detrimental animal legislation which might come up.

It was decided that we would again donate as a free raffle gift \$100 to LIOC. The ticket to be drawn just before the auction in hopes it would be spent at auction.

Jerry Boyle, Jackie Vanderwall and Gayle Schaecher all said they would be going to Convention. They also reported that they had gotten a very good deal on the price of their tickets from Addie's You & I Travel Agency.

A lot of talk about putting together a beginners booklet to help the first-time owner on a few of the problems of owning an exotic is going round. Different members are going to write articles and Glen Davis offered to put it on the computer and Ann Donaca has offered to make copies, so we will have this to offer free to any member or new owner.

The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the rest of the day was spent in lunch and playing with kittens.

Cats present were Lady (cougar) Donaca, Squeekes (cougar) Davis, Bo (Cougar) Belnap, Rukka (Siberian Lynx) Radcliff, Tara (Siberian lynx) Boyle and last but not least Sasha (black leopard Aleshire.

Working paw in hand to propagate, protect & preserve,  
Gayle Schaecher

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The August meeting was held in the home of Jim & Laura Aleshire in Hillsboro, Oregon. Since it was a beautiful warm day, we all went out on the deck to take care of the business since it was a lot nicer for the cats visiting.

Gayle reported that the convention was nice and that Jill Sanders from Georgia won the \$100 we donated and it was indeed spent at convention. She also reported that there was a speaker from ISEC and that he did a good presentation. We are waiting for a list of cats that need support which we can support for a year.

A tape made by Ken Hatfield and shown at convention was shown on the handling of untractable cats. It was enjoyed and a few commented that they were going to try some of his techniques.

We talked more about a new picture for our logo and Cheryl Warren took some of the ideas home to work up.

Between Gayle, Jackie and Jerry, we gave a full convention report to the membership.

The business being concluded, we devoted the rest of the day to lunch and visiting and talking to our visitors.

It was nice to see the same kittens that had attended the previous meeting and see how much they had grown in the past month. It was also very nice to see the Aleshire's facility and to see their pair of servals which may be expecting. Jasper (bobcat) Davis was also present.

Working paw in hand to propagate, protect & preserve,  
Gayle Schaecher.

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## Readers Write

To All Concerned:

Perhaps it was the morals I was raised with that has inspired me to write this letter. I was always taught honesty and respect and that is why I have always had such a deep love for exotic cats. The exotics were so innocently honest with me, but I never forgot the devoted respect I had for them in every way.

Honesty and respect are words that have been long forgotten or lost in the field of journalism. When I was in journalism class, we were taught to write the truth and fact and leave our personal opinions out of our articles.

One other rule I live by (and it has gotten me into some messes at times), is to speak up and fight for what you believe in... and there is someone I truly believe in and can only applaud his endeavors for the 18 years I have known him. That person is Mr. Robert Baudy at the Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Center Hill, Florida. I have called Robert on numerous occasions regarding medical, diet, and breeding problems I have had. He has always taken a sincere interest in my problem and helped to find a solution. His knowledge and expertise is something I value very much. I have had many conversations with Robert on preserving certain species and his genuine devotion and dedication over the years has been overwhelming. I greatly admire his many efforts working with the laws and his accomplishments when unnoticed completely, but we still are benefiting from his achievements. I feel his accomplishments merit something beyond that we could ever dream of.

Robert Baudy was one of the guiding lights in the early days of LIOC and is still a great inspiration of hope to many of us in many ways. He is like the Statue of Liberty to many of us old-timers in LIOC. He has given us encouragement and guidance and was probably one of the first big private breeders in the club.

I do hope you will continue to help support our Florida Chapter as you have in the past Robert. I can only speak for myself, but there are many others who share my feelings.

Sincerely,  
Jane Baetjer





## NORTHWEST EXOTIC FELINE SOCIETY

### MEETING REPORT - July 23, 1989

Most of our business concerned the Convention. We are selling raffle tickets on a salmon - fresh or canned. We also voted to frame Ethel's painting of the Snow Leopard for a raffle item.

Our sidewalk sale at BettyStottlemeyers netted us \$78.00. We may have another sale later of larger items on a 50/50 basis.

Ethel reported on the work Dr. Ott from Washington State University is doing on artificial insemination. She will give a complete report with results when available.

We adjourned the business portion of our meeting and continued with a cat show followed by a salmon feed prepared by Pat Parker.

Submitted by  
Barbara Wilton  
Secretary

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# Handling the Untractable Cat

By Ken Hatfield

Exotic owners must realize and remember that their untractable cat does not realize that they are only trying to help, only that they do not want any part of this activity. Just imagine if four big, burly guys grabbed you and decided to give you an enema, a large needle B-12 shot and catheterize you without any explanation prior to the procedures. How would you react? I am sure after reflection, you can agree with me that cats do not react so badly after all.

(Editor's note: The following is a description of tools used by Ken in his video presentation at Convention - these are his notes. Hopefully at a later date, the entire Video will be available to our members).

Catch stick : manufactured by Ketch All co.

Used to retrieve a cat from carrier, den box or any unaccessible area. Be sure to get one front leg through the loop to avoid strangulation. This can be made from a broom handle, two threaded eyes and a cable for a one-time or a few times useage. Can be made from pipe and cable if needed on a continuous basis. The cable must be flexible, but rigid enough to hold the loop. Plastic coated clothes line cable is satisfactory.

Dip Net : available from any fisherman's supply store.

This to me is a must with ownership of any exotic. It is easier and cheaper to purchase than a squeeze cage and if properly used is just as effective and cheaper. First, catch the cat in the net. Lift the net up just as you would with a fish. Rotate the handle half turn and lower the cat to the floor, placing the loop over the cat and step on the handle. This provides two layers of net over the cat. Use a heavy quilt or furniture moving pad to place over the cat. It must be heavy and folded to obtain necessary protection for the netter. Drop down on your knees with the cat inbetween. You can help hold the cat by clamping your knees together if need be. Uncover the non-biting end and give your shot and fluids through the netting. You may want to cut off some of the handle to make it more manageable in close quarters.

The smaller species may be handled with a smaller dip net, in as much as you may not need the double layer of netting in order to prevent the cat's escape. Weave a heavy twine through and around the netting about one third of the way down from the hoop. Anchor one end of the twine to the netting under the handle and bring the other end through that point of the netting, leaving a few inches slack and tie a hand hold loop in the end of the twine. This drawstring effect will keep the cat in the net and treatment can be accomplished.

## Handling - cont.

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You can use a clamp on the handle to hold the drawstring in order to allow use of both hands.

### Squeeze cage

A person can get by without one until their cat has a severe or prolonged illness. You can maintain a cat in a 'squeeze cage' for a few days. In the case of a severe illness, you may be required to give shots and fluids up to three times a day. With the cat in a squeeze cage, all you have to do is pull the board over, give the shot and let go. Then clean up the cage! This may be less traumatic than the dip net.

### Pole stick

Used for giving injections. Not useful for sub-Q fluids. This is an outside tube that is notched to hold the syringe barrel and has an inside rod for pushing the syringe plunger. Another type uses a rubber band for pushing the plunger. You may be able to use it on a cat one time, but never again without restraining it in some manner. Then, you may as well give the shot by hand.

### Blow gun

Has to be used with a remote injection syringe that has a powder charge to push the plunger. (Ed. note: this system cannot be used on the smaller cats.)

### Air Pistol

Has to be used with a remote injection syringe that has a powder charge for pushing the plunger - see above note.

### Carrier Loading

There are numerous methods for getting a cat into a carrier. I will list some of the ones I have found to be most effective.

1. Place a few drops of pinesol, perfume or another scent the cat is attracted to in the back of the carrier. Many cats will go in after the odor.
2. Place some grass in the carrier through the back vent to entice the cat in.
3. Place collar and leash on the cat. Then run the leash through the doorway and out the back vent. Hold the leash and push the carrier toward the cat while pulling gently on the leash. You in fact push the carrier forward over the cat and the cat does not have to be moved.
4. Most of the bobcat and serval families do not respond well to being pulled forward on a leash, unless they have been well trained. They will respond by backing up. In this case, place the carrier

behind the cat and gently pull the leash - they will back up right into the carrier.

5. If you cannot place a collar and leash on the cat, try placing the carrier against the room or cage wall and a second carrier near by. Take approximately 18 x 24" cardboard in each hand and herd the cat around the perimeter of the room. Force the cat to make three or four trips around the room. Then, place the second carrier on top of the one already against the wall. The cat is now programmed to jump over one carrier and therefore may jump right into the top carrier without any hesitation. If this does not work, you may hold one piece of cardboard on top of the carriers while herding the cat from behind with the other piece of cardboard. This may be high enough to cause the cat to jump into the top carrier in order to escape the trailing cardboard.

6. The last resort is to chase the cat until you force it into the carrier. I take the carrier in my right hand and hold the door open with the left. The cat will go around, up, down and sideways trying to escape. You just have to persist until you corner the cat and force the carrier over the cat. You usually end up with the carrier against the wall with the door open. The slightest carrier withdrawal from the wall in order to close the door will usually result in escape. A piece of plywood placed over the doorway between the carrier and the wall will block the doorway and allow you to pull the carrier with the wood covering the door away from the wall. You then close the door and withdraw the wood horizontally from the doorway.

#### Moving the cat from room to room

An old-fashioned straw broom is very effective in moving a cat from place to place. Just use it as if you were gently sweeping with the broom. They will usually move away from the broom and even if they swat or bite, there is no harm done to you or the broom.

A spray can of any non-toxic fluid may be used. The cat will run from the hissing sound. Things like flea spray are effective and does double duty.

A piece of plywood held in front of the handler may also be used to move the cat., because the cat will consider the plywood as a wall closing in and move away from it. The plywood also protects the handler.

A carbon dioxide fire extinguisher may be used to break up a fight and move the larger species. This is expensive and extreme, used normally only for emergencies. (Ed.note - compounds housing large cats should have one handy for emergencies it could prevent a tragedy!)

I recommend that an untractable cat be exposed to the battery-powered "cattle prod" shocker. It produces D.C. current which is

not harmful to the cat, but it does produce a healthy respect for it. In most cases it will not have to be used a second time. The buzzing of the shocker will be enough. It is also helpful in separating cats involved in a fight.

The seven battery model is a bit much. I recommend the three battery model. It does not produce as much voltage but is effective. I am not suggesting indiscriminate use of the shocker. It should only be used when other methods of handling have failed. I have been in situations where the cat's respect for the shocker buzz and my ability to imitate it has saved my hide.

## LYME DISEASE UPDATE

Lyme disease, a tick-borne illness, is the second fastest growing communicable disease (AIDS is the leader), according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Lyme disease has been found in cats and dogs as well as in cows, goats and horses. Any animal with an unexplained, sudden onset of lameness and an accompanying elevated temperature should be checked for Lyme disease. If diagnosed in its early stages, the disease is easily treated.

The AVMA also reported that an improved test for Lyme disease has been developed at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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## THE CLASSIFIEDS



BREEDING PAIR OF SERVALS. 12 offspring to date. Both are from Africa. The male is friendly and affectionate to everyone. The female has 3 legs and is potentially pregnant. The male is approx. 60 lbs and the female 45 lbs. Pretty and a good business prospect. \$2500. for the pair plus transportation.

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CHLAMYDIA

Feline chlamydiosis, an infectious upper respiratory infection in cats can be transmitted to humans - a condition that has been making the news this year.

Chlamydia psittaci is a tiny organism that causes coughing, sneezing, and oozing eyes in cats, is related to approximately 20 percent of feline upper respiratory infections according to Dr. Ted Rude, an authority in the field.

Several cases of humans developing conjunctivitis after handling cats suffering from feline chlamydiosis have been documented. Antibodies have been successfully used to treat the condition. "It wasn't a normal case of conjunctivitis," says Mary Quick, a Michigan cat owner. "I felt like I had sand in my eyes. I couldn't read. If I went outside I had to wear dark glasses.

Dr. Ed Daniels, who once fell victim to feline chlamydiosis and has been researching the disease for several years at Kansas State University, says, "There's more of it out there than we realize, and it's frequently misdiagnosed."

Cat owners are advised to watch for the symptoms and check with a veterinarian about having the feline immunized against the disease.

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AWA CASES RESOLVED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the resolution of a case involving the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

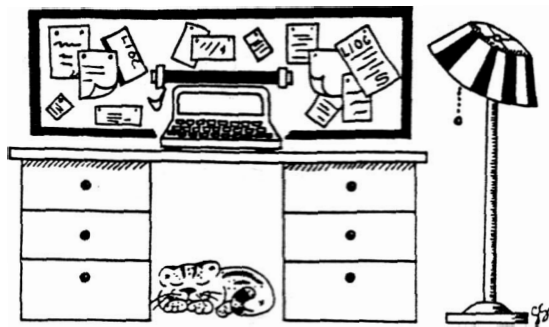
Popcorn Park Zoo Corp. doing business as Humane Way in Forked River, N.J., agreed to pay a \$12,000 civil penalty without admitting or denying USDA charges that it did not provide adequate care and treatment for zoo animals. All but \$500 of the penalty was waived as long as the zoo refrains from future violations.

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FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE?

Moscow cat lovers are trying to promote better treatment of felines. It's against the Soviet law to be cruel to cats, but it isn't illegal to make hats out of them according to an AP report. "They poison them [cats] and make hats out of them," said Nikolai Nepomnyaschy, a cat club vice chairman.



## FROM UNDER THE EDITOR'S DESK

Over the years since Catherine's retirement from Editor, the position has been filled by various persons. Each Editor in turn, has made changes in format and content reflecting their ideas and goals.

Since Wendy felt the duties (in their present form), were more than she had time to devote to, and the Board of Directors felt that splitting the newsletter duties further would only add additional room for delays and gray areas for error, I find myself once again wearing the cap of Editor.

I would like to personally thank Wendi for her efforts of the past year. No one knows better than I what this job entails and the work it takes to produce those six issues.

As always, I would like to remind you that the newsletter will only be as good as YOU make it. Your contributions are the beginning and end. An informative and prompt newsletter is the result of contributions .....from all of you. Hopefully, the new Board will be able to instill a sense of purpose into LIOC and motivate you to participate for the betterment for all....especially our felines.

The newsletter is a forum....for your thoughts, feelings and ideas.....constructive ideas. As Editor, I will not publish letters which belittle or criticize any member. With so many outside factions making war on exotic owners, we do not need fighting amongst ourselves, and certainly do not need the airing of these differences in the newsletter. The Readers Write column will continue and I hope the dialogue there will be for the benefit of our felines, not a vehicle to air gripes.

The recently adopted by-laws make provisions for arbitration by an impartial board in the case of disputes between members. A drastic action of suspension or expulsion, in extreme cases, is also provided for. If you find yourself in opposition with another LIOC member, refer to the by-laws and see if the grievance procedure would be appropriate to remedy you situation. But prevention is the best solution. Utilize a written contract in the sale of your cats...it will remove many problems in advance. Know who you are dealing with - ask for names of folks who have previously purchased a cat of the same bloodline- a reputable breeder will be happy to oblige. Check around - talk to folks who aren't involved. Not everyone is suited to bobcats, find the right species for you.



Owning an exotic is a continuous learning experience and we can benefit from an open dialogue. I will attempt to solicit the input of those whose names appear in the newsletter before I reprint any article sent me, and hopefully a balanced picture can be presented. I will not allow member-bashing in any form.

I truly feel LIOC is worthwhile and our members truly interested in the best for their animals. It is toward this goal that I will strive.



### LIOC SPOTLIGHT ON DIANE STAHL

Diane Stahl is a staunch supporter of LIOC Conventions - we've seen her each year since she joined LIOC in 1985. Although Diane doesn't own a cat - she hopes one day to move from New Jersey where regulations make it very difficult to a state where she can realize her dream of owning a tiger.

In the meanwhile she travels whenever possible to those LIOC members who keep her heart's desire, asking questions and learning all she can in advance. If all potential owners were as dedicated as Diane there would be fewer mistakes made. Way to go Diane!



### ABOUT OYSTER SHELL

A recent article by Dr. Susan Clubb mentioned a problem existed with grey-colored oyster shell used for birds contained concentrations of heavy metals (lead). This should remind us to buy only from reputable sources (if its sold for human consumption is should be OK) In this case, the source of the oyster shell was European. Beware of bargains - you get what you pay for!

# Regulatory Issues

## OHIO

Currently in Ohio there is growing pressure to regulate exotic animals, especially those posing potential public health and safety dangers. SB 209 proposes strict rules for importing, buying, selling, transporting, and possession of "exotic" animals.

According to the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC), Senate Bill 209 attempts to deal not only with dangerous animals, but also with virtually every wildlife species. The bill would require permits to own or deal in most wildlife specimens. Permits would not be required for many captive-bred animals or domesticated races of selected species, provided one could distinguish a captive-bred specimen from a wild-caught specimen.

Permit applicants would have to: demonstrate their ability to comply with all requirements of the measure; demonstrate their experience or knowledge of animal handling and care; state the reason for owning the animal; provide a description of housing facilities; show that the animal is free of infectious diseases and parasites; show that the acquisition is legal. Permit holders would have to maintain liability insurance of \$40,000 per specimen (\$500,000 maximum) for potentially dangerous animals and keep written records of all transactions.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota has enacted a law allowing any nondomestic animal determined to endanger the health and wellbeing of domestic animal populations to be seized and destroyed.

The law says no animal may enter South Dakota unless it is determined to be free of contagious, infectious diseases, and parasites harmful to native animals, but does not specifically address how to determine disease-free status.

## FLORIDA

In Tallahassee, amendments to a city ordinance which would have prohibited the possession of wildlife as pets was not passed during a hearing.

## MICHIGAN

A Safe Alternative is fighting to draft a proposal by the Michigan Humane Society that would prohibit the private possession of a number of animals. No final action has been taken, but it needs to be watched closely as this is the "model" legislation that outlaws exotics.

## NEW MEXICO

A bill to regulate New Mexico pets died in committee but is likely to be reintroduced in the next session. The bill requires licensing for persons selling, purchasing trading or possessing all pets, except cats & dogs.

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## CURRENT PROJECTS - Can you Help?

Below are ongoing projects we are undertaking. Please look over these and contribute to each one if you can. It is imperative that each member participate and contribute if LIOC is to continue to grow. If you have expertise in ANY area which can help, please contact the person listed.

FELINE BIBLIOGRAPHY: A listing of books related to or about felines. Send a brief description of the book, it's author, publisher, and publication date to: Lynn Culver, Rt 6, Box BC56A, Mena, AR 71953

LIOC VIDEO: We are compiling footage to be used in an educational video. This will be made available to members for use in their educational programs, stressing the importance of conservation and the role LIOC captive breeding programs play in these efforts. Send footage of you cats and your interactions with them along with a brief resume of your successes and thoughts to: Al Porges, 6 Westview Dr., Stoughton, MA 02072.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: In the March/April, 1988 issue a complete listing of state wildlife governing agencies was published. Write to the one in your state and ask to be put on their mailing list, obtain a current copy of your state laws (city and county also) and send to: Mary Parker, P.O.Box 27334, Seattle, WA 98125

LIOC HANDBOOKS: You will be receiving questionnaires pertaining to all aspect of cat care. Please fill them out thoughtfully and thoroughly and return them promptly. This information will be used to produce a comprehensive collection of books on exotic care - we are the experts and have the knowledge - now its time to share it!

LIOC NEWSLETTER: Have an interesting experience? Please share it! A new slant on an old problem is always helpful! Photos are a joy to be shared in LIOC's Gallery (which might win you a prize at convention). The newsletter is only as interesting as our members make it. Don't presume "everyone" gets a periodical, or knows a particular fact - many don't; artwork and cartoons make the newsletter more interesting - let's all pitch in on this one. There's no valid reason each of you can't contribute something!

NOTE AND CHRISTMAS CARDS: In the near future we'll be soliciting photos of your cats to be used on note and Christmas cards. You might start thinking of this now with Christmas just around the corner. Details are being worked out and you'll be hearing more of this in the near future.