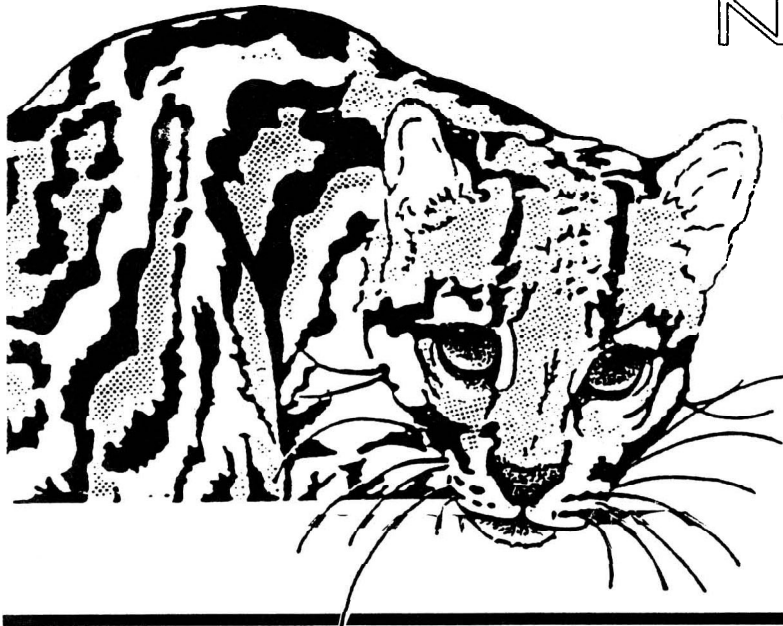


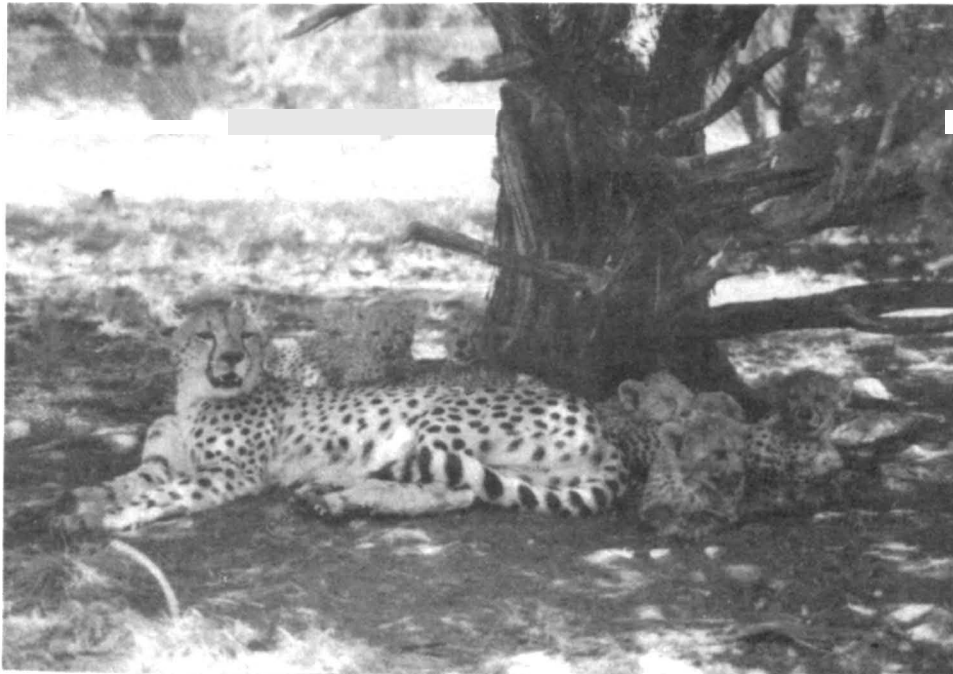
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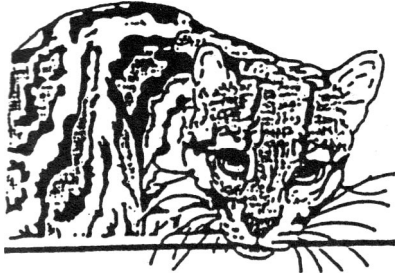
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### **A proud cheetah mom and her five cubs.**

More than 30 cheetah cubs have been produced at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. Kelley Snodgrass, one of the Convention 92 featured speakers, told us about the ground-breaking work he has participated in to produce this record number of successful births. See the *Convention Report* for more details on this and other featured speaker presentations.



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## In this Issue-

This issue is one of those few that simply doesn't have much room for cat stories. I believe you will find the information in it quite informative anyhow, though.

### Election

We've got virtually a *full slate* of contended positions for the election of Officers and Term Directors for the 93-94 term. Yes, it was a bit of a challenge to conjure up that many 'volunteers' to take on positions of responsibility in LIOC, but it was fun to find out how many people would never have *asked* to perform on the board -but rose with aplomb to the nomination. The nominees represent a wide cross-section of the skills and training embedded in our members. And I find myself very impressed with them.

All this is by way of one more reminder to take out that ballot inserted in this newsletter, read through the candidates' statements, even call someone who knows them or the candidate themselves if you wish, then VOTE. I give these people a lot of credit for wanting to be involved in the rather thankless, often time-consuming tasks of running this organization into the future. We - and the cats- *need* this type of involvement! Appreciate their offering by responding on your ballot.

### Convention Coverage

The convention was *great* -in my humble opinion. The speakers were prestigious, highly qualified, informative, and enthusiastically received. I hope that the article covering the convention events will make you sorry you weren't there - and consider attending the next one.

### Tapes of The Speakers

However, in the interest of passing on the information presented by the speakers, we have constructed a 6-hour tape of the major events, including all the featured speakers and a good bit of the famous Auction. Jean Hamil did most of the filming and has graciously agreed to make the copies. If you couldn't be there, at least benefit from the knowledge and fun by getting the tape. Order from Shirley Wagner (see page 2 for contact info) for \$20, postage paid, payable to LIOC ESCF.

### It's Holiday Time?!

You'll notice another insert in this issue. After the success of the program last year, we are again offering the special holiday gift program for you to give an LIOC ESCF membership to your vet. If you did last year, renew it. If you thought about it, do it this year. Everyone wins with this program.

### Finally-

Yes, this issue is rather late (though at least not appallingly late!). I take full responsibility: as a result of unplanned events, I found myself the most prepared person available at convention to take over typing and layout of the newsletter. At the time I had a volunteer working with me who is a professional newsletter editor.

Well, you guessed it, she became impossibly busy the month I needed her help. And I seriously underestimated the investment needed to get into the format and get out that first issue -with a computer program I'd never used before! At least I can promise that, for the next issue, I am several steps ahead and now have my act together! Apologies.

In the mean time, send in those articles, pictures, cartoons, and reprints! I *could* learn to enjoy this.

## CONVENTION '92 - AN EVENT TO REMEMBER!

By Lynn Culver

Convention '92 offered stimulating dialogue, interesting speakers and exciting surroundings. Not only was there a feeling of camaraderie among members, but a feeling of heightened expectations for the future of LIOC, as old friends and new gathered in the hospitality suite to share stories, feline updates, hugs and best wishes.

Our efficient and personable hostesses, Ms. Pandora Knight and her sidekick Ms. Kehli Pinedo, were on hand at the LIOC hospitality suite to answer questions, hand out name tags, information packages, and sign members up for the various special events.

First on the activity agenda was the fajitas and margaritas welcome reception, a real ice breaker and delicious introduction to the regional cuisine. Overlooking the San Antonio skyline, on the roof of the Crockett Hotel, this social get-together set the mood for evening exploring of local nightlife on the Riverwalk, in a town that seemed to never sleep.



### FRIDAY MORNING GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

Friday morning began with a continental buffet of juices, coffee and sweet rolls. After consuming enough caffeine and sugar to re-energize jet-lagged

members, the annual General Members Meeting was opened, with welcomes and introductions by Katie Knight-Monteiro. First item of discussion was the use of the word "pet" in reference to captive-born exotic felines in private hands. Shirley Wagner opened the floor with an introduction to the age-old issue - "to be, or not to be" pets, that is the question. She discouraged the use of this word "pet" by members, in public and in publication.

Next was a run down of the arduous processes which go into keeping LIOC membership information current, and production of the LIOC newsletter. Barbara Wilton, Member Services Director, detailed her computer and her back-up card file method of recordkeeping. She reminded us that if we move please send her a change of address card so that we can continue to receive our newsletters on time and save LIOC several dollars of additional expenses.

The newsletter production and distribution process begins with the membership who provide article submissions, which are forwarded to Lynn Culver by Shirley Wagner. After many hours of typing, editing and paste-up, the draft newsletter is mailed to

Shirley Wagner for review and possible changes before final approval. Lynn Culver makes the modifications and mails it to Gayle Schaecher, who delivers the newsletter paste-up to the printer. Barbara Wilton provides Gayle with current mailing labels, renewal notices and new member cards. Any inserts are photocopied by Steve Belknap, who donates both his time and this expense to LIOC. Gayle picks up the newsletter, stuffs the envelopes with newsletters and appropriate inserts and then sorts them according to zip codes. Jerry Boyle hauls the LIOC newsletters to the main post office where he has to wait sometimes hours to be served. All these steps have been contributed by dedicated LIOC members who work in concert to produce an expanded, more informative, timely publication.

Next item of discussion was an update on the Membership Directory. This project was initiated after last year's convention, and members received questionnaires in several issues of the newsletter. Katie Knight-Monteiro volunteered to compile this data into a useful reference to be distributed to all LIOC members. Because of her workload she asked Lynn Culver to take over this project in late July '92. Members expressed doubts over the privacy of this information and the privacy status of the membership mailing lists. It was reiterated that nobody would be allowed access to the LIOC mailing list. This information has never been released to any LIOC member or any other organization.

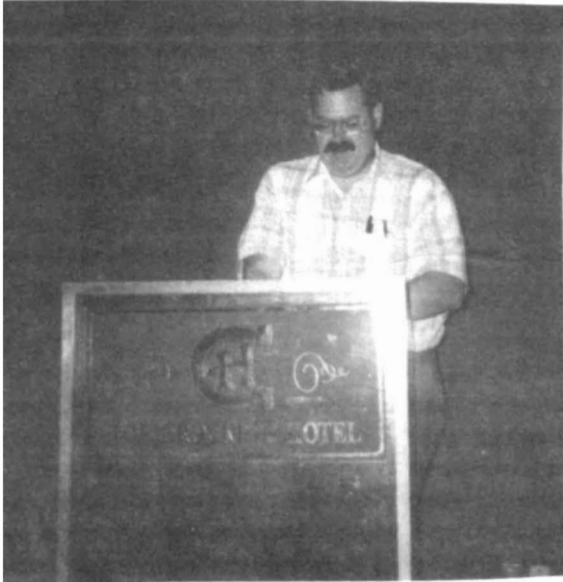


Lynn Culver and James Godsmark

Lynn Culver and James Godsmark provided a review of the Jungle Cat World LIOC promotional project. James showed members a copy of the promotional poster which accompanies the LIOC information pamphlet and application display. Discussion followed over the image we wish to present to the general public. The choice of photos used in the photo collage, which included several showing cats inside homes or interacting with their caregivers were frowned upon by some members present. Fears were expressed that this type of relationship between

human and feline presents a misleading message to the public. A decision was made to produce an official LIOC promotional display, formulated and approved by the board, then reproduced and distributed to appropriate facilities.

John Perry informed members that the board is in the process of setting up a criteria for the distribution of LIOC funds as donations or grants to individuals or organizations. LIOC donation recipients in the past have included Michael Tewes's ocelot research, and most recently Pat Quillen's SOS Care foundation. Shirley Wagner gave members a review of Pat Quillen's work. Shirley also proposed that members send their feline-oriented donation checks to LIOC, with the notation that they wish this



John Perry

money to be sent to the organization of their choice in the name of LIOC. If enough members did that, LIOC would increase its standing in the conservation community. Jerry Boyle suggested that all LIOC donations and grants should not only aid cats, but should as an added bonus give LIOC notoriety.

#### LEGAL POSITION DISCUSSION

Katie Knight-Monteiro provided insight into the legal climate concerning private ownership of felines. As the President of ExotiCare, her own feline information service, and the Legal Services Director of LIOC, she has the unique ability to gauge the status, species, health, numbers and climate of privately-owned wild cats. She revealed sobering statistics.

Katie is working with six different states' legislators on pending legislation concerning the banning of private ownership of wild felines. She cross-referenced all 50 states and every state except Arkansas which didn't previously have a permitting process now have one in the works. Two-thirds of all states have plans to toughen their permitting process or to ban wild cat ownership altogether.

Her recommendation was a phasing-out process, rather than an immediate ban. This approach will provide time for adjustments and possible improvements in the status of captive feline ownership. Katie stated, "If you have five years, if you have eight years, even if you have two years, you have time to make what's going on in the industry change. Whether it's LIOC members or not, it's going to affect us, it's going to affect the cats. So I'm happy that Texas has decided to change it to a phase-out of five years. And I hope that we can all determine what LIOC as a group can do to affect what happens and what the public perception is between now and when Missouri's eight years is up. Does that make sense? It's kind of grim, but it's relative success."

Katie calculated that 2,600 lions, tigers, cougars, and leopards are born in Texas per year. Most of them die--being sold at day nine of their lives to people who do not know how to care for them. It is statistics like these which cause animal rights activists and legislators to react.

Katie then reviewed the classifications and terms covered in her July/August editorial. Some of her suggestions for dealing with violators of the permitting process were to initiate a fine system so that those who abuse the privilege of wild cat ownership pay the price and those who abide by the rules and regulations are not punished. She also suggested a watchdog mentality among LIOC members, informing authorities of breeders who are in violation of the state laws.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON GUEST SPEAKERS

After a refreshment break, Dr. Steve Garner, D.V.M. presented an fascinating and informative slide show and talk on "Nutritional Diseases of Exotic Felids". Dr. Garner

also provided convention-goers a comprehensive reference handout. Subjects covered were metabolic bone disease, onychectomy, intestinal blocks, proper anesthesia choices and procedures, environmental poisoning, and many other topics. He also introduced us to the many outstanding diagnostic tools such as ultra-sound and endoscopy utilized at his Safari Animal Care Center in Houston, Texas.

Another interesting guest speaker was Ms. Patricia Kanter, an animal communication expert, who presented "Cat Talk". Ms. Kanter developed the ability to "talk" to animals, and she offers owners a counseling service for behavior or stress-related problems. Patricia shared examples of animal expression with anecdotes of her many experiences. She demonstrated that animals do have complex, human-like feelings - joy, anger, grief, love and embarrassment.

After such a busy and invigorating day, convention attendees took off for the excitement of further explorations of historic San Antonio's tourist attractions, restaurants and nightlife.

#### SATURDAY'S "MEET THE CANDIDATES" ELECTION SPEECHES

With so much enthusiasm at Convention '92, it was no surprise to have a renewed commitment to volunteerism. Several of the board candidate positions were still uncontested, so the floor was opened to new nominations. Several changes were made: Vice President: add Paul Ramses and Lillian Smith. Secretary/Treasurer: add Loreon Vigne. Legal Affairs: Sharon Roe and Kristine Benben!. Conservation and Education: Edwin Strickland. Each candidate present gave a 10 minute speech on their plans and views for the future direction of LIOC. Refer to the biographical information provided elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter, and DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

#### SATURDAY'S SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

One of the highlights of the entire convention, at least for this reporter, was the appearance of Mr. Kelly Snodgrass, renowned expert on cheetah husbandry at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose, Texas. Mr. Snodgrass provided a slide show and talk, giving us insight into the workings of the cheetah SSP program, which is only one of six SSP programs which Fossil Rim Wildlife Center participates in. They are also active participants in the Black Rhino and the Red Maned Wolf recovery efforts. Fossil Rim began cheetah breeding only eight years ago and today, they have a state-of-the-art compound and an impressive husbandry and breeding record of over 58 cheetah births--all accomplished at a privately-owned facility by people who pioneered successful husbandry techniques for these challenging felids.

And finally, Dr. Michael Tewes, the director of the Ceaser Kleberg Wildlife Research Center, recognized expert on the ecology and conservation of the endangered ocelot and jaguarundi populations of southern Texas, gave us background and updates on the status of these rare felines. Management progress has been accomplished by these dedicated biologists, who have successfully worked with landowners to initiate changes in farming practices and attitudes, but problems still lie ahead. Habitat fragmentation, a result of the continuing human population pressure, threatens the future survival of these isolated populations. A further block for free travel of felines is the proposed construction of numerous bridges across the Rio Grande River.



ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND AUCTION

After social cocktails, photo-of-the-year voting, and dinner, the grande finale of Convention '92 began with two very desirable signed prints offered for raffle. Contributed by the Heritage Gallery near Minneapolis, Minnesota owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hollam, was a signed Charles Frace print of a margay which was won by Barbara Wilton. Pat Quillen donated a signed Art Wolfe print of an African leopard which was won by Gloria Friedman. Pacific Northwest Exotics contributed a \$100 bill for a separate raffle. Our special guest speaker, Michael Tewes was asked to pick the winning ticket and amazingly, guess who's ticket he picked? None other than his own! Gayle Schaecher, representing PNWE was proud to present Michael with this cash contribution to his research project.

Members voted Mancha, the male Geoffroy's cat owned by Scarlett and Jeff Bellingham, as the recipient of the photo-of-the-year award. Shirley Wagner presented them with a plaque. Shirley then thanked the many persons who had contributed to the success of the Convention and the past year's activities. Gayle Schaecher and Lynn Culver were awarded a feline printed photo frame, and Steve Belknap was given an animal print tie. For the outstanding coordination and planning that went into producing one of the finest LIOC conventions ever, Katie Knight-Monteiro received a beautiful feline print photo album. Her gracious assistants Ms. Pandora Knight and Kehli Pinedo were recognized with matching bracelets.

The coveted Lottie Award was presented by Ms. Pat Quillen this year. Pat felt honored to be able to recognize our special guest speaker, Michael Tewes, a man who has dedicated himself totally to the conservation of endangered felines, with the prized Lottie Award.

Something new this year, The Engler-Douglas Breeder's \$100 cash award, created by the Florida Chapter of LIOC, was presented by Jean Hatfield to Pat Quillen for her outstanding husbandry and breeding of some of the rarest cats on earth.

The long awaited auction followed the awards ceremony. Complete with humor and fanfare, J.B. Anderson, auctioneer extraordinaire, and his able-bodied assistant Jeff Bellingham entertained us while lightening our pocketbooks and wallets, raising over \$2,300 for the LIOC treasury.

SUNDAY MORNING GOODBYE BREAKFAST

All good times must come to an end, but not without a full stomach. So we gathered once again for eggs benedict, fruit, hashbrowns and coffee. Members exchanged hugs and farewells, as some of us prepared to part and others planned more sightseeing at the San Antonio Zoo and Sea World. One last trip to the Hospitality Suite to watch home videos of felines, share one last feline story, and this reporter parted another successful convention.



## BOARD REPORTS

Minutes of the LIOC Executive Board Meeting  
Held Thursday, August 13, 1992  
Crockett Hotel, San Antonio, Texas  
by Lynn Culver

Board Members Present: President & Life Director, John Perry; Secretary/ Treasurer Lynn Culver; Member Services Director, Barbara Wilton; Legal Affairs & Publicity & Advertising Director, Katie Knight-Monteiro; Life Director, Shirley Wagner; absent was Life Director Carin Carmichael, and Conservation & Education Director Al Porges.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Non-renewing Member Questionnaire Responses - Out of over 60 questionnaire's about 17 persons have responded. Reasons for non-renewal vary from financial problems, to newsletter dissatisfaction to lapse of memory. Currently, these questionnaires are provided with a stamp, but it was decided not to continue this expense.

Jungle Cat World LIOC promotion responses - No firm data was provided to verify whether this display is creating new LIOC members. Future applications have Jungle Cat World already printed on the referral line and better data will be available.

**LEGAL REPORT:** Katie Knight-Monteiro will draft an LIOC position paper on the recommended actions concerning pending state or federal legislation affecting private ownership of exotic felines. This draft position paper will be sent to the Board within the next month for fine tuning and approval. Katie will also draft potential LIOC positions dealing with the conservation aspect of exotic feline husbandry and the issue of "exotic kitty-mills".

**NOMINATIONS:** It was decided to re-open nominations at the general membership meeting for all board positions in an attempt to further fill out the candidates for several uncontested positions.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Due to personal financial problems, Lynn Culver requested payment for typing and layout of newsletter. This expense was included in the 1992 budget, but the board denied the request. Instead, it was decided to give Katie Knight-Monteiro the Production newsletter editor position. She will work with an ExotiCare volunteer who is experienced in newsletter format and layout. John Perry will also type articles. Disk information can be sent electronically to him to be printed out on his laser printer. Katie agreed to this duty on a temporary basis until other arrangements can be made.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The following by-law change was proposed to address the issue of Life Director absences:

- 6.1 Add the phrase "provided they remain members in good standing" after "or until they tender their resignation". Shirley Wagner motioned to approve this change, Barbara Wilton seconded and it passed unanimously.



**Definition of various positions:** Barbara Wilton will redo Member Services Director, as it was lost in the mail. Shirley Wagner will work up one for Conservation and Education Director, and Katie Knight-Monteiro will draft one for Legal Affairs Director.

The Board proposed the following: That the LIOC Board may approve expenditures not to exceed 50 percent of the net annual income to be allocated to appropriate grants and contributions.

Katie Knight-Monteiro was assigned to acquire samples of grant requests and responses from other conservation organizations for LIOC to model their own version. She will then draft a potential LIOC grant application to be used by persons or organizations wanting funding for their projects.

Criteria for LIOC donations to organizations will be: Activities to be funded must be related to conservation of exotic felines in the wild or scientific improvements for captive husbandry.

LIOC Sanctuary Status will be for and about LIOC cats and members only. An annual report to the LIOC Board of Directors needs to be formulated so that the Board is kept abreast of the sanctuaries' activities. Reports will be due the first of each year. Katie Knight-Monteiro will work up an official LIOC sanctuary report form to be approved by the Board at the next meeting. John Perry will work up an official LIOC sanctuary status acknowledgement certificate.

Currently there are four LIOC Regional Contacts. Lynn Culver sent out a questionnaire to these persons. Tom Chandler will be replaced by J.B Anderson as Midwest Contact. The other three contacts requested to continue as such, and further would like copies of the LIOC brochure and applications for future referrals.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jane Baetjer has sent a request to the Board for Florida Chapter status. The Board will inform Jane of the need for a copy of the group's by-laws before a branch status can be approved.

The suggestion of raising LIOC dues to underwrite the cost of conventions was voted down.

The LIOC index will be updated by John Perry.

The LIOC history brochure drafted by Lynn Culver will be edited by John Perry for inclusion into the new member packets in the future.

A short history piece along with the statement of purpose found in the new member handbook will be put together for possible mass mailing targeting existing breeders and collectors. Further, it was decided to include the LIOC Statement of Purpose on the front inside page of each newsletter. Katie Knight-Monteiro will reformat the inside page to include this information.

Katie Knight-Monteiro will contact *Cat Fancy Magazine* directly in an attempt to re-establish an LIOC ad which is non-objectionable to the editors of that magazine.

This concludes the issues discussed Executive Board meeting on Thursday, August 13, 1992. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the LIOC Board of Directors Meeting  
Held Saturday, August 15, 1992  
Crockett Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

by Lynn Culver

Present were: President and Life Director, John Perry; Secretary/ Treasurer, Lynn Culver; Member Services Director, Barbara Wilton; Legal Affairs Director and Advertising and Publicity Director, Katie Knight-Monteiro; Life Directors, Shirley Wagner and Carin Carmichael; Pacific Northwest Exotics Branch President and LIOC president nominee, Jerry Boyle; Vice President nominee, Gayle Schaecher; Northwest Exotic Felines Branch President, Ethel Hauser; Advertising and Publicity nominee, Ron Eldridge; Conservation & Education Director nominee, Sharon Roe; Life Director nominee, Jackie Vanderwall.

The candidates and branch representatives were briefed on issues discussed by the Board of Directors during their Thursday, August 13 meeting, and the following new business and items were discussed:

Gayle Schaecher provided a report on the Newsletter expense breakdowns which showed that based on the cost of seven issues of the newsletter (which includes one free issue in an attempt to get a non-renewing member to renew) after printing and postage, we fall within the allocated by-law requirement that less than 75 percent of the annual dues be spent on the newsletter production.

The cost of a Canadian membership with the added expense of first class postage and the bank service charge fees for Canadian checks, leaves us exceeding the 75 percent by-law requirement, but only by a small amount. When combined into the total newsletter expense, it falls below the by-law requirement. Therefore no dues increase for Canadian members was proposed.

Foreign members currently cost the club money, due to the excessive bank service charge fees. Therefore, it was proposed that Foreign member dues (outside of Canada) be raised to \$30.00 U.S. Funds, payable by postal money order or checks written on a U.S. Bank account only. This motion was proposed by Shirley Wagner, seconded by Carin Carmichael and unanimously approved.

Two additional nominations for Vice President were proposed and accepted by the candidates; Paul Ramseys and Lillian Smith.

A proposal to re-print Exotica was suggested by Shirley Wagner, as the last printing was almost completely sold out. Katie Knight-Montiero requested that Exotica be improved by deleting outdated information. A committee consisting of John Perry and Shirley Wagner was formed to review the current Exotica and make recommendations.

The creation of an Honorary Life Director position was discussed. This position would not have any voting privileges, but would be a way to honor those who have contributed to LIOC in the past, but are no-longer active. Honorary Life Directors will be invited to attend the annual Board of Directors meetings at the yearly convention. John Perry will follow up this discussion with an official proposal and a motion to this effect will be included in the next board meeting.

The Status of the Northwest Exotic Feline Branch was clarified by Ethel Hauser. Ethel Hauser provided the secretary, Lynn Culver, with a copy of the branch's membership list and current by-laws, as required by the LIOC by-laws governing branches.

A recommendation was proposed to write an article for the newsletter asking members to consider including in their will a donation to LIOC for the expressed purpose of

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXOTICS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 26, 1992



The July meeting was annual picnic hosted by Steve Belknap. In attendance were 33 members and 5 guests. Steve's compound surrounded the meeting area, with his pets looking on.

Beau and the pregnant Pantera (adult Cougars)  
A Bobcat kitten and a Chaus kitten (best of buds)  
and his teenager Chaus

Other members and their exotic cats were in attendance:

Girley Crum - (1) Bobcat/Lynx kitten  
Sandy Hammersley - (1) male Bobcat kitten  
Sharon Roe - (1) male Caracal kitten  
Darrel Scheel - (1) male Bobcat/Lynx  
Jackie Vanderwall - (3) Jungle Cat kittens

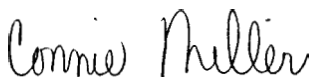
The meeting was called to order by Jerry Boyle. The following items were discussed:

- Jerry reminded everyone of the upcoming LIOC convention to be held in San Antonio on August 13 through the 16th.
- Gayle made a motion for PNWE to provide \$100.00 to be given away at the LIOC convention. Prior to start of auction, the \$100.00 will be drawn for. Clem seconded motion, and the motion was passed.
- Jerry brought to the members attention a letter initiated by Gayle to the LIOC board protesting the writing of letters against others running for office. The letter asked that persons who initiated these letters would be expelled from LIOC. It was immediately passed around for signatures.
- Jerry advised that Sharon, Gene, Gayle, Steve, Jackie, and himself attended a meeting held in Albany, OR, on July 17th. This meeting was organized by a group of Elk and Deer farmers, for the purpose of bringing together all the Elk, Deer, and other exotic animal owners to help establish an organization to address the new laws being proposed by Oregon Fish & Wildlife regarding private ownership. The new organization is called Oregon Alternative Livestock Association. Officers were elected, and plans put in motion to combat this issue. The next meeting is scheduled July 27th.

- Sharon further reported that the name of this new organization was selected to parallel an organization already in place in the State of Washington, called WALA (Washington Alternative Livestock Association). On June 19th, the WA Dept. of Wildlife, took precipitous action to effectively outlaw the non-traditional livestock industry in this state. On June 23rd, registered owners of so-called "deleterious exotic species" were subjected to surprise inspections and inventoried by wildlife agents, even though the published date for reporting the newly outlawed animals is not until July 31st. This association encompasses all exotic species. As with the Oregon issue, the Dept. of Wildlife is trying to ban private ownership of exotics indigenous to the state. She will be attending scheduled public hearings and will provide information on an ongoing basis.
- A symposium took place in Salem, OR comprised of USDA, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, and Oregon Fish & Wildlife. These meetings were held on July 22nd and 23rd, and topics covered all types of exotic animals. Gayle and Jackie attended the meeting which addressed exotic cats, and Jackie reported that the agencies were in disagreement with the definitions of the written regulations currently in place, and whose responsibility it is to oversee the enforcement of these regulations. The three agencies, the Zoo, and two representatives from PNWE will comprise a committee to change the intent of the law.
- Jerry, Sharon, and Gene attended a public hearing held by Oregon Fish & Wildlife, in Portland, OR, on July 22nd. This hearing addressed the proposed Oregon Elk Management Plan, which also included a proposed ban on private ownership of indigenous cats (Cougar, Lynx, and Bobcat), and other "exotic species." Several exotic animal owners made a strong effort to convince the commission board to drop the term "exotic species" from this management plan, however, one board member brought this issue up for further consideration prior to the close of this hearing. The final decision with regards to this plan is scheduled to be announced on Sept. 23rd.
- Shirley announced that the PNWE was invited to Cougar Preservation Resources, located in Eugene, OR. A date will be decided at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day and lots of wonderful food at the barbeque/potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Miller  
Secretary/Treasurer

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXOTICS  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 23, 1992



The August meeting was hosted by Darrel and Melanie Scheel. In attendance were 22 members and 3 guests. The meeting area was next to their Bobcat's cage, Bachu.

Other members and their exotic cats were in attendance:

- Girley and Linda Crum - (1) Bobcat/Lynx kitten
- Sue Preston & Randy Draper - (1) Bobcat kitten

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Boyle. The following items were reported:

Larry Torland reported that:

- his court hearing with the State of Oregon was held on August 18th. When they arrived, they were advised that the case was dismissed for the primary reason that it became a mute point as they had moved out of the state.
- as a new member to his first convention, he thought it was interesting to meet other members he had heard about. Hearing about tragic stories on mis-treatment of animals he felt LIOC should focus the membership in some common direction to prevent abuse which is causing our privilege to own exotic animals to be in jeopardy.
- that he had written a letter to LIOC suggesting this leadership roll.

Jerry reported:

- that Ed Winebarger has acquired the state, city, and county permits, however, the lawsuit is still pending.
- that he would be willing to contact his attorney to see if he will give a group rate for any person interested in obtaining their necessary permits as required in that persons county or city.
- that at convention additional nominations were accepted for positions as follows:
  - V.P. - Paul Ramsey
  - Secretary/Treasurer - Lora Vigne
  - Legal Affairs - Kristine BenBen!
  - Education & Conservation - Ed Strickland

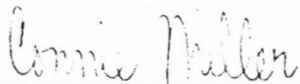
Gayle reported that:

- the next convention will be in Southern California, and will be hosted by Jan Giacinto, Carin Carmichael, and Lilly Anderson.
- that the Lottie was presented by Pat Quillen and awarded to Dr. Michael Tewes, who is studying Ocelots and Jaguarundi in Texas. The proposed Mexican border changes will include 27 new bridges and highways, which could wipe out Dr. Tewes program in Texas because Ocelots will not cross clear-cut land.
- that the \$100.00 donated by PNWE was also won by Dr. Tewes who will put this money to good use towards purchase of a radio collar.
- that the Federal government may try to put the Siberian Lynx on the endangered and threatened species list.

Jerry and Gayle both commented on the superior quality of all of this year's candidates, and feel LIOC will have a exceptional board next year with a new direction.

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Miller  
Secretary/Treasurer

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funding conservation projects in the name of the club.

A letter was read to the LIOC Board of Directors from the Pacific Northwest Exotics Club concerning the action of negative campaign practices by members and the need for an official LIOC Board policy discouraging this activity. The Board decided that a statement encouraging only positive campaigning will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

This concludes the issues discussed and actions taken at the Saturday, August 15, LIOC Board of Directors meeting. Meeting adjourned.



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# Meet the Candidates

## Biographies for Election to 1993-1994 Term

The following several pages sketch a short biographical outline of each of the candidates for the upcoming term of Officers and Directors. This term will encompass two years, beginning January 1, 1993 and continuing through December 31, 1994.

Additionally, a Life Director position is to be filled and several biographies address these candidates. The Life Director position, as the name implies, is a permanent position held by four members of the LIOC ESCF board with the responsibility of providing stability, historical meaning and oversight to the organization.

This term we have candidates with an amazingly varied set of backgrounds and some awesome qualifications and skills. It may be hard for you to choose in some cases. When reviewing the qualifications of a candidate, though, please keep in mind that while it is helpful if a board member has experience in a position similar to the elected position, such experience is not necessary. Each of the board members participates in all discussions and votes on all motions.

The specific duties of each position are listed in your Member Handbook and were chronicled in the January/February Newsletter which called for these nominations.

The people you elect will lead your organization for the next two years. They will propose motions, make needed by-law changes, collect and disburse the funds, promote the organization and make the decisions that operate this great and historic organization. Further, this election will provide an almost complete changeover of board members as only one incumbent candidate, Barbara Wilton, is running for reelection to the position she currently holds.

Read what the candidates have to say, and VOTE. A ballot is inserted in this issue.

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## Final Call For Membership Directory Ads

Drop a note and a check for \$5 to (either) Editor between now and December 10<sup>th</sup> and you'll see your business card as a graphic advertisement in the Membership Directory, to be issued Jan. 1.

What a deal!

### Life Director Candidate

#### **J. B. Anderson**

I am honored to be nominated for Life Director. The people past and present in this position are the heart, soul and life's blood of LIOC.

I live on the Lake of the Ozarks in central Missouri, where I have owned and managed several businesses. I am currently in the glass business with weekends off! I have organized and served on the board of several non-profit service organizations including: Little Theatre Group, where I acted in 25 productions; my Church, acting as Trustee, Building Manager, P.P.R., etc.; the Shrine Club; Performing Arts; and others. I am a college graduate with a B.A. in Economics and was the Drum Major for the Marching Mizzou while at Missouri University.

In LIOC, I have been a board member for two terms in the past, during which I was present and voted at every meeting, and I have attended every convention in recent years except last year. (I had a terminally ill cat.)

My territory has been shared with full contact jaguars for 15 years -currently with Pepe Le Phew, a 340 pound black Jag who is very lonely after having lost his mate last year.

I believe LIOC needs to pull the membership and branches back together and put our efforts toward people and their cats instead of politics.

We must work with the states using our cat knowledge like they are doing in Texas. LIOC in my opinion does not have the numbers or the clout (like the NRA) to fight to change these governing bodies. Rather, we have to convince them to work with us in writing the rules and regulations governing Private Ownership of cats -my primary concern.

If elected, I will continue my support and service to LIOC to the best of my experience and abilities.



### Life Director Candidate

#### **Karen Jusseaum**

An active member since she joined in 1978, Karen has served as branch president of the Northeast Branch as well as Registrar. She has served two terms as Legal Director and was co-coordinator of our two national conventions in Boston. Karen has been a breeder of Safari cats, work for which she received the Lottie in 1986.

No statement was received from this candidate.



**Convention In Pictures photos:** Our thanks to Jean Hamil, the Torlands, Shirley Wagner and Paul Ramses for submitting the pictures they took. Pictured are, from top left:

**Top Row:** Kehli Pinedo, Sharon Roe / Patricia Kanter / Barbara Wilton, Ethel Hauser / Jean Hamil / Lynn Culver  
Ron Eldridge, Jean Hatfield



**Middle Row:** Barbara Wilton, Ethel Hauser, Shirley Wagner / Pat Quillen awards Mike Tewes/ Gayle Schaecher awards Mike Tewes again/ Mike Tewes, Katie Knight-Monteiro / Loreon Vigne, Paul Ramses

**Bottom Row:** Jerry Boyle, Addie Lindstrom, Carin Carmichael, Ron Eldridge / Katie K-M, Pat Quillen, Mike Tewes / Larry Torland, Kristine Benben, Patricia Kanter / J.B. Anderson, Shirley Wagner / Scarlett Bellingham

## Life Director Candidate

### Jackie Vanderwall

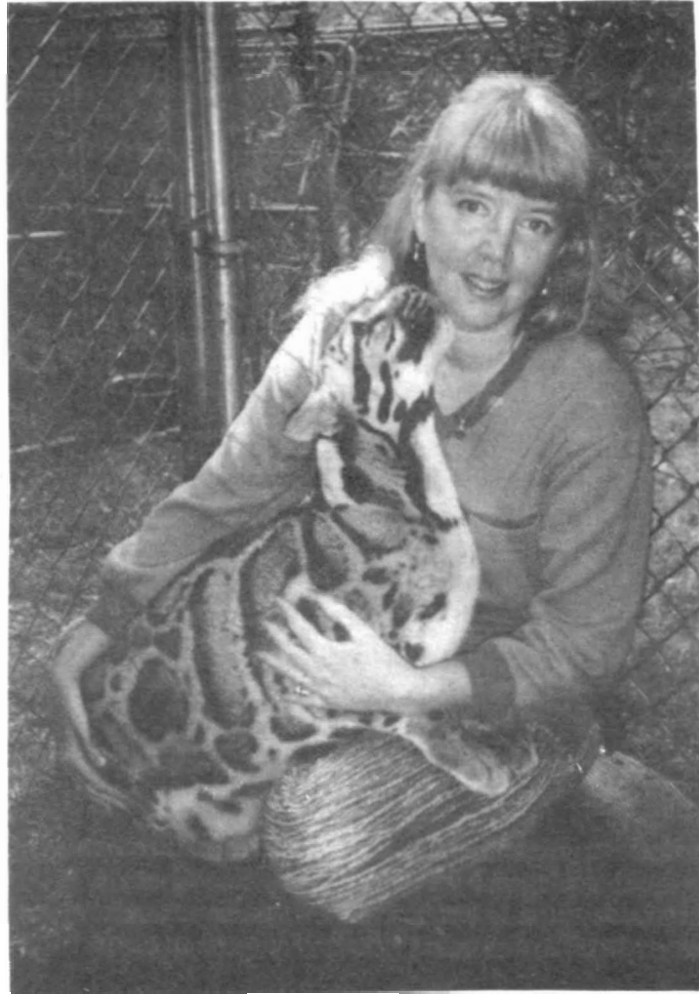
Jackie Vanderwall has been an LIOC member for 15 years. She is active in her local branch and LIOC, having served on the Executive Board of LIOC as Secretary/Treasurer for 5 years, and Membership Secretary for 3 years. She was secretary when the Long Island Ocelot Club became incorporated. In the past 15 years, Jackie has been able to attend all but three of the LIOC conventions.

Locally, Jackie has worked with the other animal folk in helping write Oregon's Exotic Animal Laws. She has worked with the Senate, House of Representatives, and Fish and Game, testifying in behalf of a person's right to own exotic animals. Government agencies, and zoos, often refer people to her that are interested in exotic cats. Jackie has helped recapture, and board large cats. Many of these cats she has kept. She

contributes to the Clouded Leopard Studbook, and belongs to the International Snow Leopard Trust.

Jackie owns, or is owned by, Clouded Leopards, (Kassandra pictured), Snow Leopard, South American Cougars, Jungle Cats, Caracal, Bobcat Lynx, Coatimundis, Grey Wolf and farm cats.

To support her "family", Jackie manages the staffing and payroll for about 800 hospital nursing staff. She works with people, computers, accounting/financial planning/budgets and contract negotiations.





## Presidential Candidate

### Jerry Boyle

Hello I am Gerald Boyle. Jerry to my friends and as you have read, I have been nominated for the office of President. I must admit it took a lot of thinking on my side to really decide that I am qualified and that I wanted to go for it. The answer is yes!

With that said I must also admit that the others nominated are also qualified. It really is not as important who wins as what we all do together after the election. I do hope that I win but will do all that is asked of me either way.

I joined LIOC in 1983 after being around it for several years. My first convention was in 1979 and I have only missed two conventions after joining. I reside outside of Portland, Oregon, where I have been active in the Pacific Northwest Exotics and have served as their President for three years. Our branch is large and we are very proud that over 50% are LIOC members. I do raise bobcats and lynx. I have been active in LIOC over the years and it usually has been very good but sometimes very bad. This has hopefully taught me to be careful and not to jump too fast when people have different ideas.

If elected I would attempt to guide our organization in the conservation and protection of all cats by:

- A. Bring the board of directors together as one body rather than as separate factions. (We all really want the same thing, we just seem to go different paths to accomplish it.)
- B. Working through the VP, strive to get old branches back and to get at least eight new ones. *We definitely need to get back all those lost and disillusioned members whatever the reason they left!!!!*
- C. Expand our membership at least three times the size it is today by follow up.
- D. Allow all members to be heard even if I do not share their opinions.
- E. Work with others to make it possible for all to have exotics both as pets and as breeders, and for showing them.
- F. Work to align our organization with other groups to help them and get their help in return, as only in large numbers will the governing bodies listen to our demands.
- G. Most of all, keep the membership informed of new products, legislation and sharing of experience in raising exotics.

By doing the above we can take care of all cats and have enjoyment at the same time.

Please do get involved, vote for the people you feel will do the job you want done. I thank you for your time and help.

If you would like to ask me any questions, write or call:

Jerry Boyle

7545 N.E. Sandy Blvd

Portland OR 97213

Phone 1-800-342-5500 or 503-665-2052

## Presidential Candidate

### Jan Giacinto

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Jan Giacinto and I'm a "Felinophile" and there is no cure. I obtained my first ocelot in 1953. When I could get no information on the care and training of this beautiful animal, I wrote a letter to my newspaper which was published. After receiving letters from other owners, the first Ocelot Club ever, was started. Our name was the Ocelot Club of Los Angeles. Another branch was started in San Diego called the Jungle Cat Club. At our first meeting we had 25 members. As we expanded our name was



changed to the National Ocelot Club. For several years we appeared every Saturday on Betty White's NBC show "Pet Showcase".

In 1957 we took on the city of Los Angeles because they were trying to change the laws and abolish having any exotic animals in the city limits. It took a year but we won. I believe that we must all pull together and fight for what we love and believe in. If not, these animals will not be around for future generations to see and enjoy. My first ocelot was born 12-11-1957.

In the early 1960's Bill Engler, myself and eight other "die-hards" decided to revamp and start a new club to include domestic animals as well. We came up with the name World Pets Society and so it has been these 32 years.

I believe we should all preserve and protect these animals. The laws we have are destroying them not protecting them. These animals are not endangered in captivity only in the wild.

I've worked with Animal Regulations and was a guest speaker in their classes teaching them how to handle and capture animals that get loose. I taught a class at Columbia College on exotic animals used in movies and T.V. and even wrote a book that was used as the text book on the course. I supply zoos with cats, do school talks to educate our future voters, etc. These animals are my life and I will always fight their battles to protect them. We must all ban together for the sake of our animals, and fight these regulations or all is lost. One person can not do it. We need more publicity. There are a lot of animal lovers who do not own animals but would love to help us if only they knew who and where we are. They only hear the activist's side, so what are they supposed to believe. I've changed many a mind after only a few minutes of explaining our side of the story.

I believe we, as the lucky owners, should share our knowledge with each other. There are no books that contain even 10% of the knowledge we have. Education is the bottom line to protect the future of the animals we all love. The battle is raging and we must prepare to fight if we want to see these animals live for future generations to see, feel and love as we do,

My address is Jan Giacinto, 10400 Santa Rita, M. 91350



## Presidential Candidate

### **Katie Knight-Monteiro**

During this year of endless political stumping and interminable debates over policy, isn't it nice that you get just one succinct page from each of your LIOC ESCF candidates?! Best of all, we don't have to talk about deficit reduction plans because LIOC is quite solvent!

As you can see from back issues of the Newsletter, I have been highly involved in upgrading LIOC's image and organization over the past few years. I was elected to the Board as Advertising & Publicity Director, was appointed Legal Director, have rewritten and reformatted the LIOC promotional materials, accepted a preponderance of 'action items' during board meetings, and am proud to have coordinated the Convention this year. Now, to my surprise, I find that I am temporarily laying out the Newsletter too.

But, I watched the organization, read the newsletters, and participated in meetings for two years before I joined in 1989. Those were years of great turmoil over who controlled the organization and where it was to go. They saw most of the "Federation" part of LIOC secede. And the years since have seen a great loss of the Board members from way back. I became involved because I saw the potential of the organization as a powerful focus of information and resources for the Cats. And because I lamented the loss of direction and participation.

No matter the position in which I serve or when, I will promote the capabilities of this group -both from within and to the outside- to support the animals that are its focus. I don't think most of us are aware of just what a difference LIOC ESCF could make in the world of wild cats in captive care -but I use a good part of my energy to help raise that awareness.

My primary goal if serving as your President is to straighten out procedural, personal, and responsibility understandings. To clarify what the organization does, and how. Where we want to go, how we want to represent ourselves, and to appoint people with responsibilities to get us there (yes, committees!). I plan to see more people involved but with smaller more well-defined responsibilities. And I hate to see precious time and energy wasted due to confusion or lack of definition.

My second goal is to successfully negotiate the changes at hand in most of our states and at the federal level. This is a time of great change in legislation and in the perception of wild cats owned by private individuals. I believe that conservation -in all its forms- is what LIOC ESCF must focus on in order to successfully make our contribution to the Cats and to pass on the vast knowledge held by our members, past, present and future.

LIOC has always maintained that we are the 'good guys' -the private owners who are responsible, knowledgeable, legal, and have the interests of the cats at heart. This being so, I believe that it is time to act upon that special resource that we are to represent 'the good side' - both to improve our image and even to the point of censuring those outside our organization whose behaviour with their animals may prevent us from continuing to care for and contribute to the cats by causing the need for stringent outlaw of wild cat ownership. These thoughts, as well as the reasons behind them, are detailed in the two editorials I have written for the Newsletter over the past year.

Professionally, I work as President/CEO of ExotiCare, Inc., also a non-profit conservation corporation. I spend most of my time teaching and writing. Or caring for sick Cats that are brought to me. Our compound houses eight species of assorted rehab/abused and rare endangered wild cats. And we do true wild predator rehabilitation and release, too. My formal training is in computer science and aerospace engineering, and I have worked in the military or on government contracts for twenty years. This experience leads me to want to write things down, to organize, and allows me to be comfortable dealing with government 'processes.' All qualities that the felines seem to need badly.

I appreciate the chance to tell you a bit about my hopes for LIOC ESCF, as well as what I feel I can offer to the organization. And I look forward to getting LIOC ESCF on track and as effective as possible.

## Vice-Presidential Candidate

### **Paul Ramses**

When I got together with Loreon Vigne in 1980, I began my career in the breeding of exotics. At that time we just had ocelots, Mama(Karma), Papa, and two offspring. Over the next few years we -Karma, rather- had first one female then twin boys and then two more. I learned about their diet, priming their bowels, shots, and declawing and defanging.

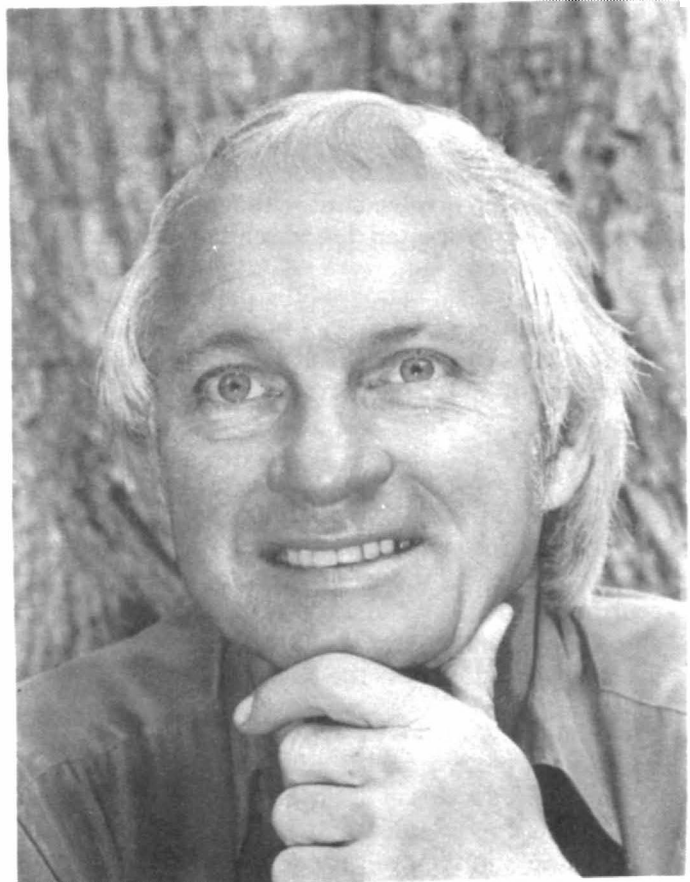
In 1982 or 83 we hosted the LIOC Convention at our place and I got introduced to many of the other members of the organization. Later, we got our servals and went through the same learning process with them, including many emergency trips to the vet. Still later we got two bobcats, however these were fully grown and therefore we had only to watch and learn from their behavior.

At present we have seven ocelots -including two breeding pair and their babies, and five servals. The servals are much easier to take care of and even train.

I have attended three of the last four Conventions, missing the one in Boston, and find myself ready to put in the time to work for LIOC. I am currently working to establish better dialog with the California Fish and Game Department and hope to see if we can establish a partnership with them over the required training of exotic owners and a more reasonable plan for licensing.

In my professional career, I have served as a very successful director of contribution campaigns and volunteer programs for organizations varying from The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and The Heart Association to symphony orchestras in Chicago and in San Jose. In these capacities, as well as while I worked to establish and direct the Holistic Health, Education & Awareness Center in San Jose, I developed many executive skills which could be of great use to LIOC also.

Currently, Loreon and I run the Isis Oasis, a Egyptian theme retreat and meditation center, living with and enjoying our cats and the atmosphere of the northern California wine country.



## Vice-Presidential Candidate

### Gayle Schaecher

Hi, my name is Gayle Schaecher and I'm running for Vice President. As a candidate I've been asked to write a Bio, not knowing what people want, here goes.

First of all, I could have sent a nice picture of myself all dressed up, but instead this is the real me.

I was exposed to exotics early in my life, when I was living in South America my Dad bought my first ocelot on the banks of the Amazon. Oh, did the exotic bug bite!!

Over the years, ocelots, margays, cougars, bobcats, Siberian lynx and just lately a little chaus kitten owns me.

I've been a member of L.I.O.C. since 1972. Truly a pleasure as it put me in touch with other exotic owners.

I've belonged to local branches in the past and have always felt that there was something missing. I wanted to seek out the people that had exotics but didn't know about the laws, other exotic owners or of L.I.O.C. After a few months and several get togethers, the group decided to go for branch status. In 1987 we were granted a branch, where to date, we have the largest membership in this part of the country.

As a lotty winner of 1990, my life is devoted to these wonderful animals we have chosen to keep.

I have always felt we needed to share and help the new owners. It was with this, I started a information booklet. Other members felt this was important and added to the booklet. It is called "helpful Hints". It is free to new owners or new people thinking about getting an exotic.

As for the future of L.I.O.C., we must do everything possible to build our membership. With the laws being what they are and the government trying to get rid of us, we must group together.

I would like to see more branches form, as a branch can get new people, seek out the ones that need help and help them. This is what I did and so can you.

I would like to hear from anyone with questions or that need help.

We Will Survive.



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Note: Lynn Culver has declined renomination as Secretary/Treasurer due to difficulties in her personal life. As a result, the board asked Lillian Smith if she should accept a late nomination to this position in lieu of her previous nomination to VP. She kindly accepted the new nomination.

### Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

#### **Lillian Smith**

Lillian has been an active member since 1970. Highly involved in branch activities during the early seventies, she coordinated our second national convention in 1973 and was awarded the Lottie that year. Lillian was a prolific breeder of ocelots and margays and has several margays to this day. Recently retired from Pacific Bell, Lil has expressed that she has time once again to become actively involved.

No statement was received from this candidate.

### Secretary/Treasurer Candidate

#### **Loreon Vigne**

I have been a member of the LIOC since the sixties. Some of you may remember my articles, called the True Romance of Trilby Ocelot and illustrated by Mike Balbo, they were done in a humorous and playful way. In those days ocelot ownership was a lighter affair and not fraught with all the rules and regulations that we face today. In those days most of us were not as engrossed in the environmental movement, which was soon to prove to be an important factor in the caretaking of exotic cats.

When the real Trilby produced her first offspring, I was thrilled. This was the first ocelot to be born in San Francisco and her story was published in the San Francisco Chronicle. She produced quite a large number of offspring and I soon had six ocelots in my backyard in the city. During this time I put an LIOC Convention together, mostly single-handedly in San Francisco, and was very active in our chapter, being Secretary for a number of years. It was during this very convention that there was a tragedy in the city where some folks mountain lion mauled a child in their backyard. The cat had no cage but was kept tethered to the house. This story was the beginning of the end in San Francisco. Laws were made to remove all exotic animals from the city, and here I was with 6 ocelots and 3 bushbabies.

I gave thought to moving to the country when an interesting set of circumstances led me to purchase ten acres of land in Geyserville, a small wine growing community in Sonoma County. As an artist and craftsperson, I had planned to bring my factory here with me when I got the idea of creating a retreat center instead. Years of divesting myself of the properties in the city and building the retreat facilities have led, somehow, to a business that I had named Isis Oasis. Isis is the Egyptian goddess of nature as well as the name of the street where I started my jewelry factory and where my first ocelot was born. The LIOC held a convention here at the oasis in the eighties and many have told me that it was a pleasantly memorable experience.

As the years progressed I began to add servals to the collection, as well as some aged bobcats

that I was given. Altogether I now have 12 exotic cats as well as a black maine coon, a collection of pheasants, swans, geese and even an emu, and a corral of farm animals. Our guests enjoy interaction with the animals that are here and are amazed that they can pet and play with many of them. We do as much as we can to help people understand the value of keeping these kinds of cats so that there are pockets of places around the world where we can keep the gene pools available so that we can be assured of never losing these precious species.

Now that I have reached the age of sixty and know that I am committed to keeping my mini zoo of exotic animals I anticipate having more time in my life for new ventures. I am secretary of the Isis Society for Inspirational Studies, a non-profit educational organization which I founded when I got the Oasis in 1978. I am active in the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce and have been its secretary for a period of time as well, so the work of a secretary is not new to me.

If elected I would do my best to work within the organization and cooperate with the members of the board to get the job done. I am a workaholic and now that I am beginning to divest myself of the business in which I have been engaged I will have time for the work required as secretary of LIOC Endangered Species Conservation Federation. I have recently come up with an idea that I would like to put forth at this time: I have heard a lot of dissatisfaction with the name 'Long Island Ocelot Club,' which no longer represents what we stand for. My suggestion is to keep the initials but change the representation of the initials to 'Licensed Individual Ownership of Cats.'

I am an innovative, artistic and responsible person and would be happy to apply my skills to the organization for the good of all the wonderful cat caregivers there are in the club.



## *New Arrival Announcements*

**J**ohn Perry proudly announces the July birth of a litter of three Geoffroy babies. One was quite weak and has not survived, but the other two, males, are doing just fine. The boys are now ready to be placed and looking for new homes.

**K**atie Knight-Monteiro announces the July arrival at ExotiCare of a pair of geoffroys - well actually a geoffroy male and a hybrid (geoffroy-domestic) female. The first thing they did was teach the zoo-raised margays about climbing!

## Member Services Candidate

### Glen Davis

I have been a member of LIOC and a member and sometime officer of local Northwest exotic clubs since 1982. During this time I have come to the conclusion that the most valuable asset of these clubs are their members and the knowledge that they hold. Because of this I feel that the office of member services director is an important one, for the person in this office can directly affect how the club is perceived by prospective and current members. I believe that the focus of the office of member services can be summed up in one word: service. Service to the prospective new member who would like a prompt response to their inquiry about LIOC, service to the general membership by maintaining an up to date and accurate membership list, and service to those who produce and distribute the newsletter by assisting them however possible. This type of service will be my primary goal if I am elected member services director. In addition, I would like to see this office go one step further and make an effort to contact those members that have dropped from the club, find out their reason for dropping and encourage them to re-join. After all, this office is about members and membership, not simply bookkeeping. Because the membership list is maintained on a computer, it will take some level of computer expertise to reach these goals. As a software engineer with a computer at home, I am confident that if I am elected member services director, I can provide this type of service to LIOC.



*[A form was designed last year and has been sent out to Non-Renewing members since that time. See the Convention Report for more details on responses received to date. -Ed.]*

## Member Services Candidate

### Barbara Wilton

Barbara has served in the position of member services Director for the past two terms and is the current incumbent in this position. Barb has been an active member since she joined the organization in 1969. She coordinated two conventions, and was a charter member assisting in the establishment of Oregon Exotics. Barb was awarded the Lottie in 1981.



## Education & Conservation Candidate

### Ed Strickland

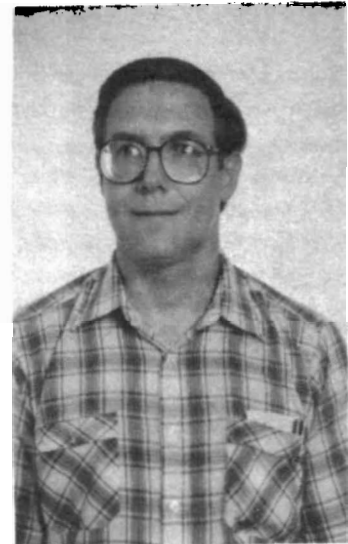
I was born November 1951 in Niagara Falls, grew up in rural Niagara County and imprinted on the family cat by age 3. After receiving a B.A. degree in Geology from NY state at Buffalo, I moved with my parents and brothers in 1975 to the Texas hill country west of Austin, where we homesteaded on undeveloped land. I pursued graduate studies in earth and planetary sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, and did two summer internships at the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff Field Center, Arizona where I learned digital image processing by studying Viking pictures and data on Mars. Currently I work as the image processor/analyst for Scientific Measurement Systems in Austin, a company that makes industrial 'CAT' Scanners.

My intense interest in exotic cats extends back for twenty years, during which time I have acquired a small library of book and research papers on the subject and several volumes of news clippings. I joined LIOC three years ago with the goal of becoming actively involved with exotic cats, though I do not plan to acquire one of my own until I can responsibly and legally do so.

I believe that the central purpose of the LIOC ESCF is to promote the responsible, legal ownership of exotic cats by private individuals for the benefit of the individual cats and of their species. While conservation of cats in the wild is crucially important, the LIOC can best pursue its purpose in this area by promoting responsible conservation and propagation of privately owned cats.

Together with the populations of the cats in the wild and the cats in the zoos, privately owned, responsibly maintained cats can supplement the populations of the many endangered species as needed to maintain genetic diversity and population levels, as LIOC members have historically done. The populations of privately owned cats can also be used to provide information on the many little-known species and can be used for education of the public to raise support and concern for conservation of the cats as well as of their native environments.

These are noble purposes that I would be honored to support for this organization.



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## Order A Video of Convention Speakers

We didn't want you to miss out on the good stuff heard at convention, so we're offering a 6-hour tape of the speakers as well as other events. Quite a bargain at \$20 postpaid. Order from Shirley Wagner. Those of you who were there will want this video record, too!

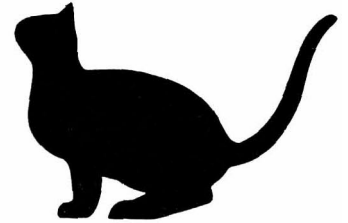


## Legal Affairs Candidate

**Kristine Benben**



# Legal Affairs



Hi Y'all! My name is Kristine Benben, and I've been nominated to assist with legal affairs.

My background as a Legal Secretary and later, a Law Clerk (1978 - 1985) amply prepares me for this position. In that capacity, I researched litigation cases and in many instances, represented my firm in Ottawa, Canada, lobbying with regard to FIRA (Foreign Investment Review Agency) Anti-Dumping legislation. I'm about as at home with politicians as a normal person can be!

I'm currently assisting in Legal Affairs with another organization to which I belong, the local chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Association of Amercia. We are lobbying to prevent the adoption of a "Clunker Bill" currently proposed.

While I don't yet have an exotic of my own (I'm waiting until Cameo, my 14-year old domestic, retires), I'm much more familiar with the current applicable licensing and facility requirements than the average aspiring exotic owner, thanks to Katie Knight-Monteiro. I've known Katie for two years and taken several courses from her, including a sixteen week husbandry and handling course. Katie's proximity to Houston will certainly be of assistance as well, both for the hand-over of the Legal Affairs portfolio (which Katie held last term) and for general assistance to me.

I live next door to a Kinko's Copy Centre (in fact, they think I live there, I spend so much time with them) and have a photocopying budget in my own business that would cover any LIOC-ESCF requirements. I work from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at my sales job, which leaves enough free time to dedicate to this worthy cause.

My goal when joining the LIOC last year was to help in any way I can, and I'm flattered at being nominated. Being aware of all upcoming legal concerns is of special interest, because I won't be ready for an exotic for a few years yet and by the time I am, I don't want the government to have put them out of my legislative reach!

Your special friend,  
*Kristine Benben!*  
Kristine Benben!

## Legal Affairs Candidate

### Sharon Roe

I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon and grew up with the usual domestic dogs and cats as pets. In my 20's I raised and bred St. Bernards, in my thirties, finches, and now I have one Rottweiler, Gouldian and violet-eared finches, a pair of servals and a pair of caracals.

It was in the fall of 1990, when I was first introduced to an 8 week old pair of servals, acquired by friends, that I knew I wanted to raise and breed this beautiful animal. Even though I had decided to wait until I knew more about this exotic and was better prepared, I was already smitten and found myself on the phone as soon as I reached home. Within two weeks, my first serval male, Oyo, was enroute to me from Texas. Of course he needed a mate so Ashanti arrived from Wisconsin three weeks later. Through networking, I came in contact with several breeders who have become my serval buds and I learned of both the Pacific Northwest Exotics and LIOC through one of them. I joined both organizations in 1991.



My original intention was to raise only one type of exotic with a long term goal of adding another. Then as unforeseen opportunities arose, I recently added to my family a two year old female Caracal and her future male playmate. I became licensed in March 1992 by USDA and look forward to contributing to the propagation and conservation of servals and caracals.

Within the last four months, I have become an active member of the Oregon Alternative Livestock Association, the Washington Alternative Livestock Association, and applied for membership in the Exotic Wildlife Association of Ingram, Texas. These organizations have been established to collectively fight the banning of exotics in their respective states, with the exception of EWA which is nationwide.

Exotic animal owners cannot sit back and let a few fight for our survival. That is why I am involved. It is a necessity for survival of private ownership to collectively obtain, organize and distribute the legal regulations as imposed upon us by the state, city, or county agencies. Obviously, one person cannot cover all states. To hold the board position of Legal Affairs Director, my focus would be to work with member(s) within each state who would research, obtain, stay current and funnel this information to me. I in turn would provide this information to the membership directly.

I have attended and will continue to participate in meetings by any agency regarding ownership of exotics within a reasonable distance from my home and which the time does not conflict with my current job responsibilities.

Further, I would be contacting each of you for your input and your ideas. I feel that the membership is a strong resource which has not been tapped. I would recommend, and follow through if elected, to provide an update to the membership of the progress or accomplishments this position has incurred in the Newsletter three times/year.

My high school education and twenty three years on the job business experience offers a person who is organized, perceptive, receptive, persistent, and resourceful.

I feel that years of experience in raising/breeding exotics is not necessarily the best qualification for any position. The desire to learn, to direct energy into what that position's responsibilities call for, and most importantly to pass on the knowledge to others is what is needed.

## Advertising & Publicity Candidate

### Ron Eldridge

For the past twenty years, I have worked for the U.S. Government. I have served as both a civilian technician for the Department of Defense and in the uniform service with the Department of the Army. I served in Military Intelligence and in the Medical Corp. I have received many years of formal training and have been certified to work in the following career fields: Animal Care Specialist (AHC), Clinical Laboratory Specialist, Medical/Surgical Specialist, and Environmental Health Care Specialist.

My second, and concurrent, career has been devoted to the welfare of the exotic feline. I'm an amateur naturalist and wildlife author, writing for several conservation management organizations. My specific field of interest is in the smaller exotic felids particularly *f. geoffroyi* and *f. bengalensis*. Two years ago, I started my own company, Wildlife Biometrics, Inc. I use this company as a vehicle to publish my stories, articles, and research information (which is used as background for other writers). I am currently writing a book on private ownership. This book will be addressing the issue of the private breeder and the effect they have in species survival.

I am a graduate from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Zoology. I am still in pursuance of a Master's degree in Zoology. As an active member of the North American Veterinary Technician Association (NAVTA), I'm enrolled in the continuing education (E) from Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

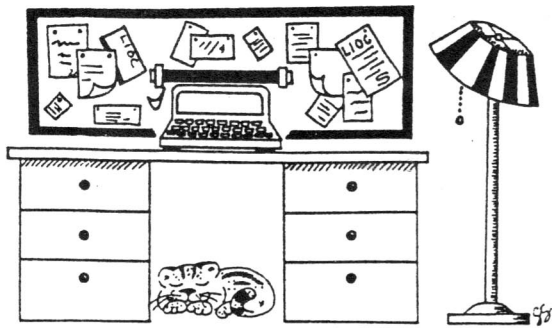
I hold membership in the North American Veterinary Technician Association (NAVTA), the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS), the American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK), and the Association of Zoo and Aquarium Docents (AZAD).

In 1991 I was offered the chance to work at our Capital City Zoo, The Roger Williams Park Zoo (AAZPA). I had to complete an internship program of one year and then was assigned to the Endangered Species Education program (SSP). We will be receiving cheetah very soon. I also will assist the zoo veterinarian when necessary. I have clinical experience with many different species at our Zoo. My feline experience is with the smaller cats, however, through my visits to other members for the past two years, I have been getting quite an education from the LIOC ESCF. Thank you all for helping me help our cats all over the world!



If elected, my priority will be to increase the public's knowledge of who we are, what we do, and why we do it. Some of the methods I will use to accomplish these tasks are:

- 1) Money. We can increase our revenue through advertising fees. AAZPA publishes a list of commercial members. I get this listing through my Zoo and AAZK. I will contact these companies and sell them on advertising in our newsletter. Additionally, I will pursue paying exhibitors at our annual convention for additional revenue and exposure.
- 2) Newsletter. With the additional funding from commercial sources, we can upgrade our Newsletter and thereby encourage professionals to publish in our Newsletter. We should also publish both in our newsletter and in other professional reference documents.
- 3) Press Releases. When we do something good for animals, let's get it in the local newspaper of the member. The



## FROM UNDER THE EDITOR'S DESK

Just when you think you've heard every scheme to make money off the cats, a new one rears its ugly head. The latest, according to novice owners, is Socialization. Here's how it works: The novice owner acquires a cat from a less than scrupulous breeder who of course totally downplays or fails to mention that wild cats are predators. Or that they have instinctive reactions that are totally at odds with acceptable human behavior expectations.

As with any young entity, cats learn by trial by trial and error. They go through phases testing their boundaries. Just as a puppy goes through a chewing and digging phase and humans go through the "terrible twos," kittens and cubs practice the skills of the predator - stalking, pouncing and biting. This is after all what they need to do to be a predator. And, of course, this behavior is unacceptable to the owner who indeed wishes not to be prey. And who doesn't know how to redirect the young cat's attention and energies appropriately.

Enter the 'expert' who, for a sizable fee of course, will take that would-be predator, 'socialize' it, and return it to you down the road as an acceptable pet. Perhaps this works with dogs - it won't with a cat!

A reputable breeder would be willing to help you with advice on how to react to the perfectly normal behavior of your cat, and should even have warned you about it in advance. So there's mistake number one - you didn't do your homework and you probably should have picked a different breeder.

So, you place your problem, an impressionable young kitten, with the expert in socialization and a few months down the line pick up an even bigger problem. Mistake number two. Yes, the cat has been taken around to "educational presentations" no less, and become used to strangers. Yes, the cat has been "disciplined" for its unacceptable behavior. Problem is it hasn't become used to you. In any relationship between two beings, interactive behaviors must be learned - because you respect your mother, you certainly don't respect any female with children. Respect is earned on an individual, case by case, basis. So it is with the cat.

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only press releases I see now are when a private owner's cat bites a small child. As a writer, I can tell you that when someone reads something in the newspaper, they usually believe that the information is true and accurate. We all know that this is not true, however, perception is a strong motivator.

In closing, I will always put the exotic feline first... ahead of money, convenience, and ego. If elected to this office, I will use this position as a new vehicle to heighten the awareness of our mission: "To insure the survival of the wild feline through captive breeding programs." I refer you to the editorial I wrote in the May/June 1992 issue of our newsletter, page nine. This will provide you with more information regarding my feeling about our future in feline ecology.

## COUGAR VIDEOS FOR SALE

*Cougar Development* covers a two and a half year period of research and behavior observation. Produced and filmed by Lynn and Bart Culver at the Natural Order Animal Husbandry (NOAH) facility, this amazing two hour video offers viewers entertainment, as well insight into the stages of growth, behavior and personality development of America's great predator, *Felis concolor*. Not only should this video be a required part of every caregiver's reference library, it also promises to be an excellent holiday gift choice for feline lovers.

The Culvers fenced a seven acre habitat, enclosing woods, thickets, hillside, clearings and a wet weather swamp, called Cougar Country. This facility gives the cougars opportunities to interact with native plants and animals as well as each other.

The stars of this video are Cinnabar, Arjan and Sharu, the sibling offspring of Tara and Mercury cougar. The kittens were co-raised by both their natural cougar mother Tara, and the Culvers, which allows the Culvers to observe natural maternal/offspring relationships.

At thirty-one days, the kittens were removed from Tara for four weeks of hand-raising by the Culvers. Living inside the Culver's home, these cougars learn the domestic behaviors necessary to safely interact with humans in their environment. Then the kittens were re-introduced to Tara. This experiment has allowed intimate observations and interactions between the Culvers and the cougar family.

This video contains amazing footage which could not have been captured without the close bond of love and trust existing between cougar and researcher. Viewers of this video watch Tara's natural instincts guide her through her first delivery. Other scenes include Tara and her sons playing in the snow, the adolescent cougars running through their spring-fed watercourse, fantastic jumping demonstrations in a lively game of Catfishing, and finally, the adult cougars walking with researchers through Cougar Country.

*Cougar Development* teaches you about the patience necessary to be a cougar mother, the sibling roughhousing which is a natural part of cougar behavior, the humor, good nature and the incredible capacity for love that exists in these wondrous creatures.

*The Endless Summer*, a true life fantasy, is a video about fun, sun, adventure and love. Covering a five month period on Lake Ouachita, one of the prettiest places on Earth, Cinnabar, Arjan and Sharu explore beaches, water, vegetation and wildlife. On their first visit to Lake Ouachita, the siblings were 6 weeks old, and this adventure video ends with the cougars at thirty-five pounds and five months old.

The Culvers use their pontoon boat to ferry the young felines to a variety of uninhabited islands, filming their adventures against a backdrop of one of the most colorful Indian Summers ever. From the first swimming scene to the last, from tree climbing antics, to adorable cat naps, this video is fascinatingly unique.

Sure to bring joy, and warm the heart of any feline admirer, these very special videos, *The Endless Summer* and *Cougar Development* are being offered for sale for \$35.00 each, postage paid. Make check or money order payable to Lynn Culver, Route 6 Box BC56A, Mena, Arkansas 71953

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You are now a stranger. And now you have a bigger cat and a bigger problem -plus it cost you money!

At a very vulnerable time in its life, you have abdicated responsibility for the kitten, turning it over to an 'expert.' It probably has done its job and learned to adapt to the expert's expectations, but now that its back, the cat is in a strange environment -yours. And the building of respect and knowledge of each other must begin again from scratch. Plus you must undo and retrain it regarding any forms of discipline used.

The cat will test you again and again. As you have not established any relationship, it honestly doesn't know what you expect and will test you in an attempt to ascertain the limits of your relationship. Only this time it is older, wiser and bigger -no longer the gullable little guy you relinquished to the expert.

They say there's no teacher like experience, problem is *you* are the one who needs experience -not the cub. The cub knows what it is - a predator - and you need to learn how to adapt to that. Yes, certain compromises are to be made, but you cannot accomplish this by delegating to a third party. There simply are no shortcuts in establishing relationships with cats. You must do it alone, one to one with the cat.

Hopefully with guidance from someone who cares rather than someone who will use your cat to fulfill their own objectives and line their pockets.

If you cannot deal with an innocent -and they are true innocents, doing only what nature has programmed them to do- you might be wise to reevaluate your position on ownership and allow someone else to provide for the well-being of the cat. Someone who has the willingness to work with the animal and establish the trust needed, who will take responsibility for acquiring the knowledge needed .

There are no shortcuts to any truly rewarding relationship. Mutual trust, respect and understanding is the only way. Those that offer shortcuts are only looking after their own interests. And those that take them are unlikely to achieve the desired results.

*Shield*

Production Ed. Note: As a professional trainer/educator, I have had many people ask me to train their cats. My response: "We don't train cats, we train people." For the sake of your animal's health -mental and physical, as well as it's behavior, please learn as much as you can - and then some. And take upon yourself the responsibility required to properly "train" and care for your cat.

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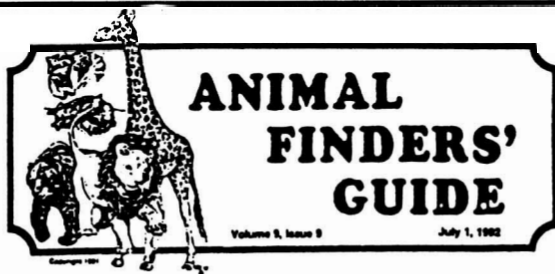




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