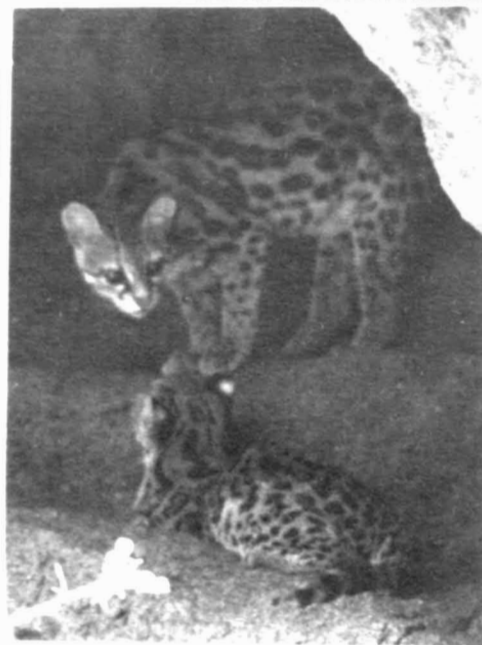
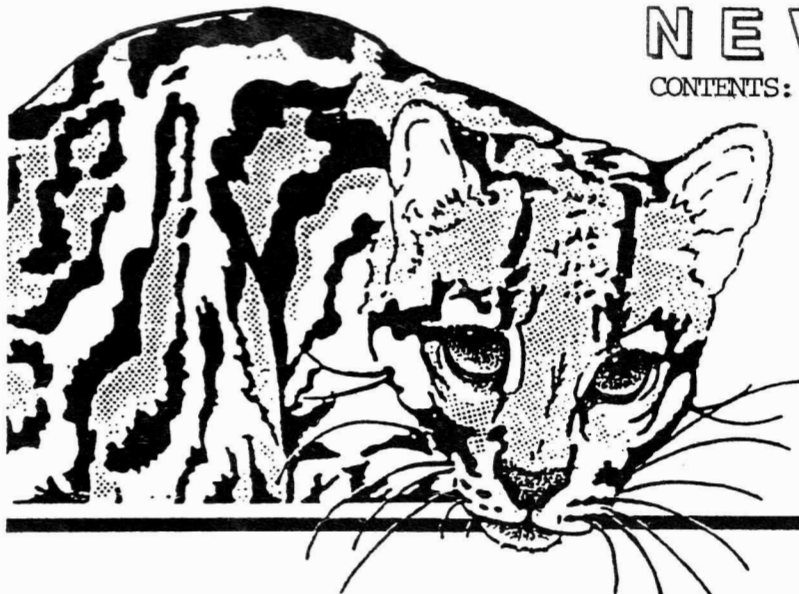


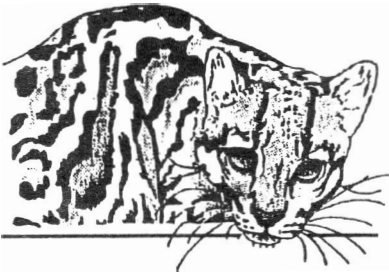
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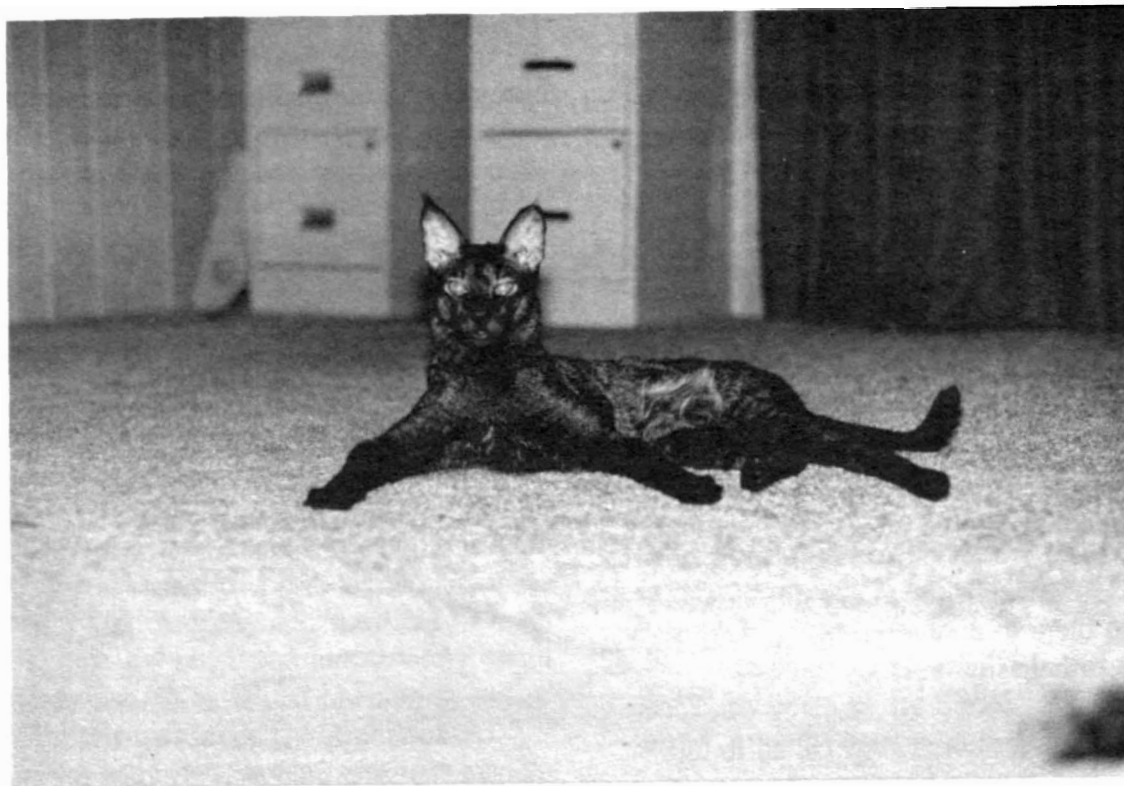
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THE SAGA OF SYDNEY

I remember asking, "What is a jungle cat?" I was talking with a friend, Joyce, who breeds quite a few different species of exotic cats. She offered me a jungle cat kitten - seven weeks old. I'd raised servals, caracals, cougars and now had a Bengal tiger, yet I had never heard of this cat also referred to as the "swamp cat" or "reed cat". After researching this feline, I called Joyce and said I'd take him. When he arrived I fell instantly in love! Here was this tiny little black ball of fur with ear tufts. He was absolutely adorable! He spent all his waking hours with me so it didn't take long for us to bond to each other. He was so sweet; loved to sit in my lap and lick my lips, all the while purring.

Then IT happened. Sidney, as we had named him, was now 11 weeks old and just adored my doberman, Cajun.

They were playing in the bedroom while I was on the bed talking on the phone. I heard the most pitiful cry. I looked for Sidney who had run behind the waterbed. When I coaxed him out he was dragging his back legs, completely stretched out, behind him. We rushed him to the vet on emergency call (it was 12:30 am). After x-rays were taken the vet told us Sidney had broken his back. Cajun must have jumped on him while playing. He told us it would not heal and there was nothing we could do for him. He advised us to put Sidney down. My immediate reaction was "NO!". He was so special to me. I asked if he was in pain - the answer was a probable yes. I spoke with my husband, David, who said that if Sid was in pain and there was nothing we could do, that maybe we should put him down. We asked to see Sidney again. When we walked in he was purring and trying to crawl to me. He did not look as if he were in pain, he was not

crying or wincing in pain except when the vet was feeling his back. We just could not end this happy boy's life so we called Texas A & M. They said to bring him in, maybe they could help.

We immediately left for the three hour trip to College Station. Upon our arrival they took Sidney and his records and told us they would call us later, after his evaluation. I sat on pins and needles until mid-afternoon when they called and said that we should put him down. He would never walk again, and although he didn't seem to be in much pain, they still felt it would be better to put him down. I begged them to do everything in their power to help my precious Sidney.

Two days later they called to tell me Sid had completely stopped eating. I asked if he were in excruciating pain. The answer - no. I told them I would come and try to hand feed him. It worked! He would eat everything I'd give him and then some. So, every morning I left David to care for the 200+ animals we had and drove the three hours to see Sidney. I would stay with him during the day, feeding him. Despite all his problems, he was a very happy, active kitten. He would drag himself all over his cage, roll on his back and play, and still loved to give me kisses. On the third or fourth day the vets said there was nothing more to do for him. Again they asked if they could put him down. I took Sid, paid my bill and went home.

I called everyone for advice on how to help my baby. Then Sidney and I started home therapy. He was kept in a small cage to restrict his movement. He still wanted to be hand-fed and needed to be cleaned often as he would soil himself every time he

went potty. We started out slowly, every 3-4 hours I would take him out and stand him up on his hind legs, holding him yet letting some of his weight fall back on his legs. We gradually increased his therapy to 20 minutes of therapy every hour. He began to gain strength in his legs, so we started walking. I would literally have to move his back legs, but boy his front legs sure wanted to go!

He never once complained when he was getting his medicine. Whether it was liquid, pill or injection, he would take them willingly. Progress was being made and he could actually take a few steps on his own before his back legs would fail him.

One morning, about two and a half months into this therapy, I opened his cage and he came leaping into my lap. From that day on he improved tremendously. By the age of 5 1/2 months he was 95% better. On good days you'd never know this happened. Bad days did occur, but they were becoming further and further apart. He would walk with his back legs very stiff.

He rejoined the family which, in the house, included a cougar kitten, 3 serval kits and Cajun. Everything was going so well.....and then IT happened. He was now eight months old and growing daily. He was walking around the bedroom and all of a sudden he made a horrible noise. He was stretching his neck out all the way and his tail was going a mile a minute. "He's choking," I thought. I jumped up, screamed for David, grabbed Sid's face and shoved my fingers down his throat to dislodge this unknown object. Just one problem, there was nothing there. Sid stopped making the noise, obviously - my fingers were down his throat - and gave me a look as if he thought I was losing my mind. He was fine. We all settled down

for bed and then he started again. Again, fingers down the throat, again nothing there. But this time he continued doing it. I rolled him on his side and tried the Heimlich maneuver. Nothing! Again he looked at me as if I'd lost my mind. I put him in bed with me and we went to sleep.

The next a.m. we awoke to his choking again. This time Sidney ran away from me, all the while looking back as if I were trying to murder him. He just couldn't understand this new fascination of mine of thrusting my fingers down his throat. I called Joyce and was trying to explain to her what was going on when Sid started again. I held the phone up to him so she could hear the noise and immediately heard her laughter. "That's just his mating call, Sandy." she said. Well, I felt like the biggest fool. I had no idea that such a small cat could make such a loud noise. Poor Sidney must have thought somewhere along the way his mating call went bad, because every time he did it, I'd come running along and shove my fingers down his throat.

This reminds me of a couple we sold one of our baby spider monkeys to. They called us one morning at 3 a.m. crying hysterically because their monkey was having some sort of epileptic attack or something and they didn't know what to do. They were all asleep, with the monkey on her side when she woke up from its noise. It was furiously shaking its head back and forth and making a sort of "eh-eh-eh" noise. Boy did they laugh (and probably feel like fools, as I did with Sid), when, after they put the phone to the monkey's mouth I told them their spider monkey was definitely having an attack - a laughter attack! Spiders shake their heads and laugh when they're having a good time.

Anyway, Sidney is now almost four years old. He weighs about 24 pounds and he has proven to be quite the stud. He now has sired 62 kittens, both pure jungle cat and jungle hybrids (Nile cats), with another litter on its way. He is just as sweet today as the day he flew into my life. He does have bad days, especially when it is overcast or raining, when he gets stiff. He loves for me to give him a back rub on these days. He also has medicine that helps. For the most part though, he is one healthy, happy jungle cat and I couldn't be happier with him. He is not mouthy at all, I can carry him anywhere and he just loves to head butt me.

In closing I'd just like to thank Joyce for opening my life to such a wonderful animal.

Sandra Cassalia

Ed. Note: Sydney suffered a compression fracture of the L3 vertebrae



SAD NEWS

Jackie Vanderwall has lost Clouded Leopard Cassie. Diagnosed with renal failure and given only days to live, Jackie took Cassie home and she died where she loved to be - in bed with Jackie. Cassi will be sorely missed. For fourteen years she was a welcome guest at many PNW Exotics functions. A few years ago she successfully survived cancer and led an active life until this most recent illness.

My Twentieth LIOC Convention 1974-1994



There certainly were years I didn't think I could possibly go to convention. The reasons were varied; sometimes happy ones like being extended in a successful show, sometimes not so happy, but no matter what, I couldn't miss convention. For twenty years, even if I hadn't made reservations or travel plans, when the moment came I'd hop a plane to wherever and be there. One year the hotel said they couldn't give me a room, but somehow managed to fit me in when it became apparent I would sleep on the floor of our meeting room if necessary.

This year, my new husband, Manny, offered me a trip to Bermuda for my birthday instead of convention, but he just didn't understand. I'm sure he does now and I hope he will accompany me to this annual event for the next twenty years.

I've never been sorry I went and this year is no exception. The Westward Look Resort was one of the loveliest settings we've ever had and everyone agreed that Kelly Jean Buckley did an outstanding job

of organizing and presenting the event with the loving support and assistance of her husband Tom.

I was curious about how many of the attendees this year were at the 1974 Convention. While reading the old newsletter report I came across many names of dear friends who will never be with us again, but will always be missed and many who weren't there, but hopefully will be next year.

The handful that attended both conventions are: Barbara Wilton, Ethel Hauser, Ken Hatfield, Shirley Wagner, Gayle Schaecher, Jan Giacinto and I. I also made the discovery that my little trip down memory lane is a year late. I was at the previous year's convention in L.A. where I lived at the time.

So, thanks for indulging me and hope to see you next year.

Carin Carmichael Sousa



MAY MEETING REPORT HELD IN THE HOME OF CLEM & GAYLE SCHAECHER

We were over run by 38 members & guests. Visiting animals were a 7 week Coati, Rachel, Fritz (Bengal) and her beautiful 3 daughters and a Serval kitten.

Steve Belknap announced Babs (jungle cat) had given birth to three the day before.

Gayle gave a report as to how the new organization, Oregon Animal Owners Association. Steve reported on their second meeting held in Eugene, along with the Exotic Animal Show and Auction. Their next meeting being in Salem June 5th. Everyone was encouraged to go.

Steve reported on red meat he has been feeding and Jackie reported she had found another turkey source. Meat has been a spendy problem since Norbest in Salem went out of business. Hopefully here are a couple of solutions to our food problems.

Gayle gave an update on Oregon Fish & Wildlife. She is on the Integrity Task Force and attended a two day symposium in Corvallis earlier this month. The Task Force will start working on the new rules and regulations in June. Everyone was again encouraged to get on the O.F.W. mailing list in order to keep informed. Gayle will also keep the membership informed, along with Sharon Roe, L.I.O.C. legal person and Sec./Treas. of the Northwest Exotic Felines. She had told Sharon about the symposium, so she could attend to keep her group informed.

Sharon announced she would be getting in touch with Ken Hatfield asking his advise on making of the new rule, since he has done it before.

John Van Stry asked if we would be interested in hosting Convention '95. He will be putting together a proposal to take to Convention this year.

We talked about the upcoming Convention, donations, etc.

Since it was getting late, we decided to adjourn the meeting and play with all the babies in attendance.

Next meeting will be at Jackie S.' in Beaverton.

The August meeting was held in the home of Lana Cancilla in Gresham.

After introductions, Jerry Boyle welcomed members and guest.

Before problems were discussed, we welcomed 2 new animals into our group. Kathy Tesdal brought her new baby Hedgehog. She has named her Binti. Gayle Schaecher showed her new Jungle Cat, Jackson to everyone. He is 4 months old. John Van Stry held him through the whole meeting. Gues he misses the one he used to have. **Cont on page 19**



September 5, 1994

Our July meeting was held on the 30th at the home of Debbie & Tom Misotti. There were 24 people in attendance (15 members, 9 guests). Everyone enjoyed meeting "Kitaro", Debbie & Tom's white-faced capuchin monkey.

It was a hot, sunny day and lots of kids enjoyed the Misotti's swimming pool.

Discussions ranged from animal rights activists and the group Putting People First, which is an organization to combat the growing influence of animal rights activists; wildlife laws, future meetings, November elections and adding new by-laws. Member Alan Rigerman handed out pamphlets on the Eastern Cougar Conference, the Florida Panther Update and spoke of future articles for our newsletter. President Dave Cassalia stated he was very pleased with the rate our club is growing. We now have 36 paid memberships and we are growing !

Our next meeting will be held October 1st at the home of Alan Rigerman. He is inviting a Florida Game & Freshwater Fish Commission Wildlife Officer to answer our questions on licensing, procedures and caging requirements. We will be holding our elections for club officers at this meeting also.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Cassalia
Secretary

Where's My Washcloth? or The Trials and Fun of a Kitten at Convention

Kelly Jean said cats would be welcome at convention and it sounded like fun. So, I started getting everything in order. First, I'd need something to keep the cat in at convention. I had nightmares of torn pillows, etc. from previous conventions and didn't want the cat running unsupervised in the room. So, I went off to my local pet supplies purveyor and got a wire cage to keep the cat in when I wasn't there. It had to be big enough to give reasonable space, but still able to be checked as luggage. The compromise weighed about 40 lbs. (I will admit it was the easiest assembly of any knock down I've used.)

Next step was to get my paperwork in order. I ran into decision time -- which cat to take. I had a 3 month kitten and a 1 1/2 yr old that were both friendly. I couldn't make up my mind, so off to the vet I went with both. The cats were well behaved, but got even for being taken to the vet's. They caused the vet to have an allergic reaction, so I've got to switch vets (not my primary one, but the back up one). The vet had problems finding out the requirements for Arizona health certificates, so I had to make a return trip to pick up the forms. This done, I realized that I'd need something to bring the cat to convention in. Did I want to ship as baggage, or want to risk a smelly carrier at my feet for four hours? I decided to take the risk as the cat would be more comfortable under foot. As it worked out, I took the three month old kitten who took all the travels in stride as if she did it every day.

Arrival at the motel was uneventful and we (my son, the kitten, and I) settled into our room. I got the cage set up and then had to figure out how to get the bottom tray (packed upside down) turned over. After much reading of the directions, it turns out there was a trap door for removal of the tray which I had missed seeing. The next step was off to get a litter box and litter. At Target, all we could find was litter boxes almost as big as the cage. We did find a nice sized one, but it was called a storage box lid. Do you think they'd let us buy a lid without the box? Of course not! So we had to settle for a dish pan. It had sides about 4" high so should be good for restraining the flying litter.

We got back and let kitten out while we installed the litter box. Kitten immediately cleared the coffee table of all books and magazines by many leaps and slides. As I tried to unpack, kitten got interested and tried to help. However, she didn't understand that I didn't want all my clothes under the bed (especially socks). We had to confine her while we unpacked. We then discovered she know how to spread litter all over.

The night was uneventful. When I got up, I decided to let kitten out to exercise. I went back to the bathroom and discovered my wash cloth was missing. Fortunately, there were spares. Kitten was confined and we went to breakfast the following morning. There was a message on the phone when we got back about how the housekeeper was scared to clean the

room because of the "20 pound tiger we had that was going to attack her." We agreed to be in the room for cleaning crew. Naturally with dad or brother there, she was well behaved and the room was cleaned, with the inquiry as to how the wash cloth got under the bed.

Kitten learned to behave as she was shown groups of visitors. At home, one or two newcomers was an event. A new group every few hours that all wanted to play was a challenge for her, but she showed how efficiently she could catch mechanical spiders.

The high point was when Kelly Jean and her husband, Tom visited. Kelly Jean was very worried about the kitten not getting along with Tom. Naturally kitten played happily with Tom and practically ignored Kelly Jean.

I will report that we got through convention without any broken or torn furniture at the resort. And it was fun, having a little friend along.

John Perry



Late Night Scare

Your Editor awoke one morning to a message left on the answering machine that Ali Pasha had been stung by a scorpion. Ali Pasha is a margay belonging to Sharon Contreras in Acapulco, Mexico. By the time I was able to raise my sources and they got back to me it was midmorning.

Luckily, due to the time zones, Sharon was able to get in touch with California member and longtime margay breeder Lil Smith. Lil was able to reach a veterinarian who suggested benedryl. It appears that margays aren't as sensitive to scorpion venom as humans.

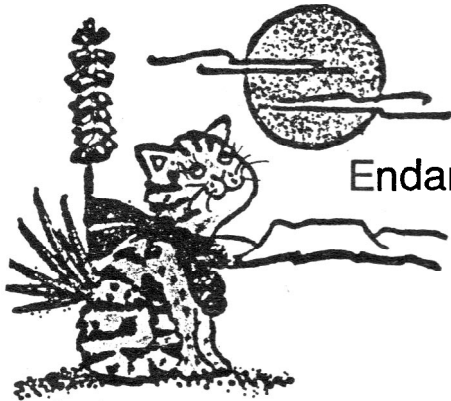
Ali Pasha, with a slightly swollen nose, was purposely avoiding the area of the room where the scorpion was found, but was otherwise fine.

ANTSY PROBLEM?

If ants are getting into your feed bowls, consider setting the feed bowl inside another shallow bowl which contains an inch or so of water.

Cinnamon, cloves and baking soda sprinkled outside cages may help deter ants.

A coating of vaseline or baby oil around the outside bottom of the dish may also help.



1994 L.I.O.C.
Endangered Species Conservation Federation
24th Annual Conference - August 11-14

The LIOC Convention was held at the Westward Look Resort, a wonderful Hotel located in the foothills of the Catalina Mountains of Tucson Arizona.

On Thursday, August 11th, we kicked-off the convention with a general membership meeting followed by guest speakers. First on the agenda was a film, "Cubs," from the Out of Africa Wildlife Park. The film represented the animals and caregivers interacting with each other as a family. Following the film, Dean and Bobbi Harrison, owners of the Out of Africa Wildlife Park, gave a presentation filled with wonderful stories of their experiences with the cats.

Our second speaker was Dr. Tom Miller, DVM from Valley Animal Hospital in Tucson. His slide presentation showed many cats. His videos were of two adorable baby polar bears that Dr. Miller and his family hand-raised. It was fun to watch the babies climb out of their play pen and play with the other household animals. The bears grew up and were moved to a zoo in Japan. The male now weighs 1000 pounds and the female weighs 650 pounds.

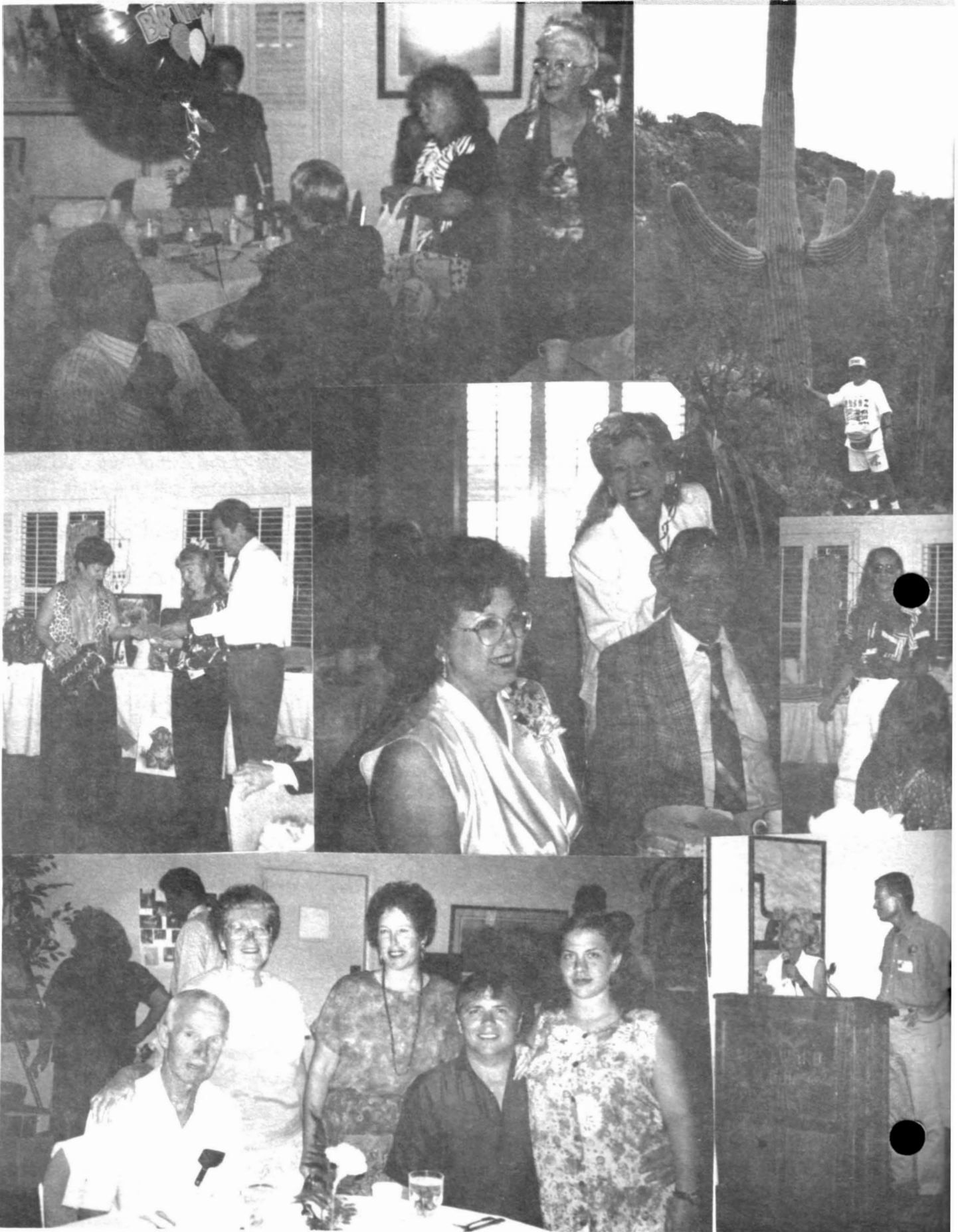
The third speaker was Jim Heffelfinger from the Arizona Game and Fish Department. His slide presentation represented a study of confirmed sightings of Arizona native cougar, ocelot, jaguar and bobcat. We learned some Arizona state captive animal laws and Game & Fish Department land/animal management information.

The final speaker was Sean Stoddard from A thru Z Consulting. He presented samples of several types of caging materials and explained the variety of advantages corresponding to each of the materials. He produces custom caging.

We ended the day with a marvelous Hors d'oeuvre/Cocktail Party. Fresh fruits, cheeses, and vegies were served, along with hot Swedish meatballs and potato skins.

Early Friday morning we started our exciting day with a trip to the Sonoran Desert Museum which included time with a curator who spoke of the cats that the museum houses. We had lunch on the bus as we traveled to Colossal Cave. The tour guide at Colossal Cave explained the difference between stalactites and stalagmites and told us of the cave history and folklore. The balance of the day was free time for everyone to relax and enjoy the resort.

Saturday afternoon we met and the upcoming election candidates, who attended the convention, spoke about their goals. After the meeting Mother Nature treated us to a brief but spectacular lightning show. The crashing thunder rolled and echoed around the mountains and the rain brought the sweet smell of the desert.





The banquet dinner auction started with the celebration of four Leo Birthdays; Shirley Wagner, Barbara Wilton, Ken Hatfield and Tom Buckley. Mylar birthday balloons decorated their chairs. The resort had fresh salmon and offered it to us in place of the fresh sole and everyone was delighted. Some attendees chose the lemon chicken. The chocolate cheesecake dessert was delicious.

After dinner the awards were presented. The Engler-Douglas Breeder Award was presented to John Perry. This award was created by the old Florida Chapter which has been disbanded. The existing treasury was earmarked as an annual award for breeders who contribute to the perpetuation of the species. JB Anderson was the recipient of the 1994 Lotty award for outstanding service to the cats and LIOC. It left him speechless. Tom and Kelly Jean Buckley were given gifts in appreciation for hosting this year's convention. Gayle Schaecher received a special thank you for stuffing and mailing the newsletters. Nanette McGann won the Newsletter photo contest with pictures of TJ and Kira. Karen Jusseaume won the Reporter of the Year award for her many years of contributions.

LIOC attendees' baby pictures were displayed in the Hospitality Room with a list for guessing who's who. JB Anderson and Jaci Roe tied with the most correct answers resulting in a drawing. Jaci won the cougar ceramic stein prize for the photo contest. The stein was handmade by Ethel Hauser. Jan Giacinto won the raffle prize of collector coffee mugs, donated by the Pacific N.W. Exotics branch of LIOC.

The auction was the evening's highlight! The auction items were hot! John and Sharon Roe were upbidding against each other. Scarlett and Reva bought many many items, to the dismay of Jeff and JB. The battles for the grab bags were exciting. Some groups were pooling their money just to have a chance at a grab bag. Of course, there was beautiful Priscilla, the large stuffed bird. John Roe was very happy that he out bid everyone for Priscilla. I wonder if we will see Priscilla at next year's auction???? Some of the resort staff also got in on the bidding. Other items sold were clothes, jewelry, fire extinguishers, books, plates, pictures and collectibles. We actually finished before midnight...amazing!



In attendance were SKelly and Dorothy Allen, JB and Reva Anderson, Bev Barney, Jeff and Scarlett Bellingham, Rod Black, Tom and Kelly Jean Buckley, Jan Giacinto, Jean Hamil, Ethel Hauser, Ken Hatfield, Katie Knight-Monteiro, Nanette McGann, John and Jay Perry, John Sharon and Jaci Roe, Clem and Gayle Schaecher, Manny and Carin Sousa, Steve Stephens, Larry Torland, Harold and Ellen Trammell, Loreon Vigne, Shirley Wagner and Barbara Wilton. The cats were welcome and John and Jay Perry brought Blossom, a Geoffroy kitten.

LIOC Conventions are a wonderful time for sharing information and learning about the needs of our cats. It's an especially good time for friends to gather together and enjoy what we all have in common...cats! Plan on attending next year's convention, it's certain a good time will be had by everyone!

Thank you. Kelly Jean Buckley

FIELD TRIP - MAY 28, 1994



EXOTIC FELINE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL TENINO, WA

Our field trip to Wolf Haven was an informative, fun, and unfortunately wet excursion. This facility is a private, non-profit organization working for wolf conservation through education, research, and cooperation with other wildlife organizations and governments. Wolf Haven is committed to wolf recovery in the wild to preserving wilderness and wild wolf populations.

23 members and guests met at the Rib-Eye Restaurant in Chehalis, WA for dinner before continuing on to our destination:

<i>Rod & Justin Black</i>	<i>Shirley Malar</i>
<i>Corrine Cary</i>	<i>Roel & Mike Miranda</i>
<i>Bob & Colette Griffiths</i>	<i>Dale Nader & Alexis</i>
<i>Ethel Hauser</i>	<i>Jean Robinson</i>
<i>Ken Hatfield</i>	<i>Sharon Roe</i>
<i>Gayle Heon</i>	<i>Darryl & Melanie Scheel</i>
<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Larry & Jean Torland</i>
<i>Mark Lyon</i>	<i>Herb & Barbara Wilton</i>

Upon arriving at the facility our group was introduced to Mike Reed. Mike is on the board of directors for Wolf Haven, and a volunteer guide for many years. He has an extensive knowledge on wolves, and gave a short but informative 20 minute tour of the compound. Mike suggested re-visiting during the day for a longer more technical tour. In his "off volunteer hours," he works for the Sheriff Department in Pierce County.

In the compound, there were several tables set up with displays, and booths with children activities. The children in our group (*Sharon, Jean, and Melanie went for the face painting and came away with paw prints!*). There were stories told by a great storyteller around a campfire, and even though it rained, we stayed *to howl... and howl... and howl... with the wolves.*

To complete our trip, we stopped for homemade deserts and coffee on the way back, finishing up our outing with laughter and a full tummy.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Roe
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 19, 1994

This gorgeous summer day meeting *was hosted by and held in the home of John & Sharon Roe*. We started our get-together with a great barbecue! We put the fathers to work --the chefs, John Roe and Sharon's dad, Skelly, then treated all 19 members to barbecued hamburgers. With lots of 'fixens, homemade salads, and munchies we were all stuffed.

Larry then called the meeting to order. *Our featured speaker was our Arizona member, Kelly Jean Buckley*. She gave a detailed summary of the upcoming LIOC Convention to be held in Tucson. By the time she finished her presentation, those who were not planning on going or couldn't were feeling sad they would miss this opportunity to attend a well-organized convention.

ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

- *Larry called on Sharon to give a brief summary of the meeting she and Jean Torland attended at Oregon State University*. The seminar was a symposium on Exotic Species: A Threat to Oregon's Wildlife and Plants. As all members in attendance had received the "Information Update" in our previous mailing, Sharon referred to this document but wanted to convey personally the importance what the Oregon Dept. of Wildfire is currently undertaking. Sharon again encouraged members to attend future meetings to be held by the Oregon Animal Owners Association
- *Jean Torland reported on the Wildlife Integrity Task Force meeting* held at Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife in Portland, OR on June 7th. The task group reviewed the symposium previously mentioned, and tried to focus and define direction for this group. Various items of discussion were on the table, but nothing was resolved at this meeting. Only input from the task force members is permitted at this time, however, anyone interested can attend and sit on the sidelines and would receive any handouts that are provided. This is an excellent opportunity to put names and faces together, and also to speak with the task force members before and after the session, and during the break. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th.
- *Larry reminded members of the Adopt A Highway mandatory safety meeting* scheduled June 25th at 9:00 AM.
- *Ethel displayed new medical equipment* recently purchased by EFES. Instead of purchasing PRONEB as originally planned, Ethel purchased John Bunn "Mini-Mist II" medication compressor system. This unit has the same functions as PRONEB and is of equal quality. This unit will be stored by the EFES secretary, and is available for use by EFES members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Sharon advised that the members of EFES have been asked to do two "Speak Outs." One at the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center at Clackamas Community College on June 25th, and another at a 7th Day Adventist church in Woodland on June 26th. A dinner meeting had been held by participants prior to this business meeting and an agenda for these speak outs was agreed upon at that time. Participants are Ethel, Barbara, Jan, Shirley, Corrine, Jean, Marilee, Steve, Colette, and herself.

“Speak Out” activities are field trips to various organizations. Requests for speak outs are received from summer programs, youth groups, schools, nursing homes, etc. Participants are volunteer members. This is our opportunity to educate the general public about exotic felines. We speak to persons of all ages, and provide a one to three hour program where a display is set up, exotic felines are exhibited, pelts are displayed, and participants talk on specific subjects relating to the cats. This varies from program to program, and generally focuses on specific felines, their physical structure, habitat, distribution, feed, and gestation. History and humor are interjected to make these exhibits educational and fun. It is a lot of hard work, but very enjoyable.

Sharon acknowledged and thanked the following members for their contributions:

- *Marilee Carroll* for designing eight educational 20” x 28” foam-core boards which have illustrations of individual exotic felines. They depict the country of origin, and an outline of their habitat in color.
- *Colette Griffiths* for her hard work in sewing EFES safari covers for the various sizes of cages, and table covers.
- *Jean Torland* for making educational flash cards with specific words, i.e., feline, environment, habitat, etc. These are used by the speakers to help children remember key topics. Jean also designed the banners with our EFES name.
- *Jan Merris* for donating an easel to display the foam-core boards.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry announced that all of our members who have been nominated for LIOC positions were in attendance at today’s meeting.

<i>Ken Hatfield</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Barbara Wilton</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Sharon Roe</i>	<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>
<i>Kelly Jean Buckley</i>	<i>Membership Services</i>

We are fortunate to have members who are willing to devote their time and energies to our national organization as well as their many contributions to our branch.



Ken Hatfield suggested that we call future business meetings "membership meetings." He expressed concern that perhaps the general membership felt these meetings were only for the officers and board members.

This is not the case. Membership meetings provide members with an opportunity to participate in formulating agendas and the direction of EFES. They are in fact, the most important meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Private Ownership-Phase I

Larry brought up the need to start preparing now for future presentations to state, county, and/or city agencies addressing private ownership of exotic felines. He asked for volunteers to head two committees, one for Oregon, and one for Washington. Committee members will meet and formulate rules and regulations to be presented in the future to task force groups, or government agencies. These presentations have to be based on research and experience. Larry stressed that it is very important not to rely on our emotional ties to these cats.

Rod Black volunteered to be the Oregon chairperson, and Steve Johnson will represent Washington. They will be calling upon members in their state for their commitment and contributions to this crucial project.

2. Vancouver Humane Society

Sharon reported that at one of the Clark County Animal Control Advisory Board meetings, she, Jean, and Colette met the new Director of the Vancouver Humane Society, Jim Diehl. Sharon took that opportunity to invite him and his staff to her home to talk informally about private ownership of exotic felines. She wanted this agency to know that there are responsible owners, and what they are doing to educate themselves and future owners of exotics. She also wanted to make them aware of EFES and its purposes.

Jim brought his Director of Operations, Sheila Pendleton, and Sharon had also invited Larry, Jean, Bob, and Colette. Our visit was mostly getting to know each others feelings, good and bad, towards each others positions. We were pleasantly surprised to find how receptive they were to what we are doing, and Jim even went as far as to say that they would support us in presenting our privilege of private ownership to local agencies. We all came away feeling that he would be a good ally.

3. Projects

It is important for EFES to find ways to support those community agencies which support us. From our meeting with the directors of the Vancouver Humane Society, the following projects were discussed.

a. Group Activity-Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is a major source of income for the humane society. There is a need for picking up donations on a scheduled basis. This would be every 5th Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. People and pick up trucks are needed for this activity.

b. Squeeze Cages

We have several members who want to purchase and/or participate in building their squeeze cage. In addition, we discussed donating a cage(s) to LIOC for the auction at convention. We also agreed to build and donate a small cage to the humane society. Rod Black volunteered to organize this work party.

c. Information Booth

EFES has an opportunity to have a booth at the Magnificent Mutt Show, to be held on October 8th at the Vancouver Lake County Park. Sharon Roe volunteered to coordinate this activity. This event is an opportunity for EFES to get name exposure and provide interested people with positive information on private ownership of exotic felines.

NEW IDEA

Barbara Wilton suggested sponsoring a LIOC membership. This was discussed and all agreed it was a great idea. It would be a one year membership. The sponsorship will be reviewed in January of each year for potential candidates.

Barbara nominated Betty Young. Betty owns and operates the Riverglen Feline Conservation Park in West Fork, Arkansas. She has a collection of small and large cats from around the world, and helps with conservation through public awareness. Ethel seconded the nomination, and the vote was unanimous to sponsor Betty.

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We ended our lively meeting with Bob conducting the ever popular raffle and dollar game. Colette Griffiths provided a handmade needlepoint towel set of Cheetas that the ladies were spending their dollars for. Thanks to all the members who donated special gifts.

To top off this special Father's Day meeting, Sharon and her mom, Dorothy, provided dads favorite desert - fresh strawberry shortcake.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon L. Roe

Sharon L. Roe
Secretary

**Ron Black and Larry Torland
cutting the framework.**



JULY 16-17th

SQUEEZE CAGE WORK PARTY

WORK is so much FUN, we are doing it again!

The positive feedback on the squeeze cages built last year inspired us to build more and even better cages. This was the *first of many weekend* work parties held to build (5) Large Squeeze Cages, and (4) Small Squeeze Cages.

Ken Hatfield and Rod Black accepted the challenge. They instructed and supervised the volunteers on each phase of the building process. This weekend work party ended with four small squeeze cages partially assembled.

Most of us had little experience with hand tools, let alone POWER tools. However, with a little guidance and a lot of patience, we were encouraged to help with every aspect of the project. Ken provided a wonderful facility with all of the tools needed.

Ken ordered and shopped for all the materials required. This was a horrendous and time consuming task. It meant ordering everything from sheets of plywood to the finishing nails. It then became everyone's responsibility to pitch in whenever and wherever needed. At times, there might only be two people working, and then the next step required more hands than we had..

Supervisors: *Rod Black*

Ken Hatfield

Participants: *Bob & Colette Griffiths*

Marv & Sandy Hammersly

Ethel Hauser

Don & Arla Hertz

Shirley Malar

Sharon Roe

Darryl Scheel

Jean Torland

Herb & Barbara Wilton

Not only were we there to help with this project, but it was also an opportunity to visit with members of our group in a very informal and relaxed setting. The free time between tasks gave us an opportunity to catch up on our common interests.

Our finished product will be distributed as follows:

One small cage to be donated by EFES to the Vancouver Humane Society, which services Clark County in the state of Washington.

- *Three large cages sold at cost to EFES members Darryl, Shirley, and Sandy & Marv*
- *One small cage sold at cost to EFES member Sharon.*
- *Two large cages sold to LIOC members.*
- *One small cage sold to non-member.*
- *One small cage to be raffled by EFES.*

During our lunch break, which was a barbecue and potluck, Rod Black held a short meeting to discuss meeting dates for the balance of the year. These dates are as follows:

August

No meeting

Sept. 18th

Member/Guest Meeting in Oregon

Oct. 16th

Membership Meeting

Nov. 20th

Member/Guest Meeting in Washington

Dec. 11 & 12th

Fund-raiser - Creating & Assembling Christmas Centerpieces



L-R Jan Merris, Barbara Wilton, Jean Torland, Ethel Hauser, Sharon Roe

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Lana talked about the problems she is having with Fish and Wildlife trying to get a permit to house a fox.

Steve Belknap missed the meeting as he had to deliver his baby monkey to its new owner in Medford. Only a few (3) of us had seen the baby, so many were disappointed that they hadn't seen him. He was really cute.

Kathy gave a report of the last OAOA meeting she and Steve attended the first of the month. Also gave a report on the Expo she had gone to.

Gayle reported on the Convention and the last Fish and Wildlife meeting held the week before.

Lana served a wonderful lunch and as we all ate, we watched the *Out of Africa* video I got at Convention.

Next meeting will be held in Beaver Creek at Jackie Vanderwalls'.

See Ya!!!

Gayle Schaecher

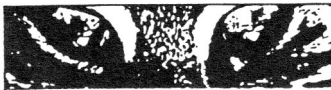
Alan Rigerman "discovered" the book review which follows. He received permission (call to A.F.H. office 7-26) to reprint it in our newsletter. We would like to thank the American Federation of Herpetoculturists and The Vivarium.

THE VIVARIUM BOOK REVIEW

reviewed by Philippe de Vosjoli

ANIMAL SCAM: The Beastly Abuse of Human Rights

Kathleen Marquardt, with Herbert M. Levine and Mark La Rochelle. 1993. Regnery Gateway, Washington, D.C. 221 pp. ISBN 0-89526-498-6.



ANIMAL THE BEASTLY ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SCAM

KATHLEEN MARQUARDT
WITH HERBERT M. LEVINE
AND MARK LA ROCHELLE

Because herpetoculturists generally have respect for the animals that share the earth with us, many may not be aware of the strange turns that the animal rights movement has taken in recent years, including organizations that were much more centrist just a mere decade ago. As at least some members of the AFH must know, this reviewer has been outspoken about his opposition to animal rights organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States and PeTA (People for the ethical Treatment of Animals). I am not the only one concerned with the animal rights movement. Virtually anyone involved in keeping animals or in scientific research views animal rights organizations and their political agendas and maneuverings as being flawed. Additionally, these organizations are one of the biggest threats to private individuals being able to keep animals. They are also a threat to wildlife educators who teach people about wild animals and sound wildlife conservation. The issue of animal rights organizations and how to deal with them in the future has been a concern raised at several meetings the AFH has had with other herpetological organizations.

The book, *Animal Scam: The Beastly Abuse of Human Rights*, is a daring, well

researched exposé on animal rights organizations. Perhaps, the greatest emphasis is directed towards PeTA. However, other large organizations, such as the Humane Society of the United States, are also exposed as to their policies concerning ownership of "non-traditional" pets.

The information Kathleen Marquardt and her co-authors present will be shocking to some, but not to those of us who suspected all along that many of these organizations exist primarily to acquire money for their own selfish interests, including lining the pocketbooks of their founders and leaders. The agendas of animal rights (not to be confused with animal welfare) organizations are covered in some detail in this book. Of special interest are these organizations' goals to end the keeping of animals as pets, in scientific research and what they perceive as other forms of animal exploitation, i.e., zoological gardens, public aquaria, as well as ranching and hunting wildlife. It is worth noting that, at a time when there is considerable concern about the conservation of wildlife and species diversity, animal rights organizations have done virtually nothing that truly benefits animals in the wild. If anything, their views and actions threaten zoological on-site conservation and field research as well as sound wildlife management programs.

Interestingly enough, this book points out that "According to a 1990 survey of thirty-three top animal advocacy groups, over 90% of the money raised annually by these groups was spent sending out requests to raise more money. Almost nothing was spent directly for the benefit of their own stated goals for animals."

Many of the real endangered species biologists are from zoos. Their work has played a key role in saving the California condor, the black-footed ferret, and the Madagascar angulated (plowshare) tortoise (*Geochelone yniphora*) from extinction. Many duck hunters, i.e., Ducks Unlimited, have preserved and maintained millions of acres of wetlands providing key habitat to not only birds, but also to many other forms of wildlife living there. According to *Animal Scam* "Today, American hunters privately own or lease 250 million acres for conservation—roughly equivalent to the combined areas of Texas, New York, Illinois and South Carolina! Hunters

voluntarily pay for 75% of all state wildlife programs.... Where is the animal rightists' contribution?"

The book abounds with narratives of terrorism by animal rights groups and the indirect condoning of these acts by organizations such as PeTA. It also presents accounts of how animal rights organizations stage video footage and distort facts to obtain moneys from a gullible, unsuspecting general public who genuinely care about animals, but who live in cities and have a "Walt Disney" view of wildlife, having never really had the opportunity to directly study or work with wild animals. There are enough interesting tidbits in this book to hold the attention of virtually anyone who keeps animals and truly cares about them.

The epilogue, "Fighting Back: What You Can Do for People and Animals," will be useful to both you and your herpetological society by suggesting ways to fight back against animal rights organizations and their misleading propaganda.

This book also contains several valuable appendices including a list of animal welfare organizations that are fighting animal rights extremism, U.S. animal rights groups, as well as highlighting a decade of animal extremism with a partial list of events. There is also an overview on using animals in biomedical research. Finally, there are direct quotes included from animal rights leaders.

Kathleen Marquardt is the founder and chairman of Putting People First, an organization committed to promoting animal welfare while at the same time fighting the animal rights movement. Mark LaRochelle is the press secretary for Putting People First, and Herbert M. Levine is a political scientist and freelance writer.

At twenty four dollars, the book will seem expensive to many readers, yet for anyone concerned enough about this issue, it is an invaluable resource book. Kathleen Marquardt et al. set out for the jugular when writing *Animal Scam*. You may not agree with every argument or view, but very likely (i.e. I could not completely agree with their views on farming and fur animals) you will agree with most of them and gain a much better insight into the issues involved. After reading this book, I smiled and thought to myself, "It's about time."

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Eleven Indicted Under the Lacey Act

Recently eleven individuals have been charged with violations of the Lacey Act, also known as the Injurious Wildlife Act.

This legislation was originally passed early this century to protect against the importation and release of species of animals that could prove harmful to native plants and animals. In its original form, only certain species were determined to be "injurious".

In the early 1970's the scope of the act was drastically enlarged. Rather than listing specific species as injurious, ALL foreign species of animal were determined to be potentially harmful unless they were specifically listed as safe.

Today this act has been dusted off and a little known provision enforced to curb interstate movement of animals.

The endangered species act prohibits interstate commerce of endangered species. The USDA regulates all sales of exotic cats but applies only to animal welfare. Because a state which prohibits the ownership of any given species cannot prosecute those living outside its jurisdiction, the Lacey Act can be invoked to punish those who transport wildlife into a state which bans ownership of that species. This is a federal offense.

In one case in Florida, the owner of a pet shop has been charged with conspiracy to violate the Lacey Act for selling servals to those living in states which prohibit their ownership, even though the sale took place at the pet store, entirely within the state of Florida.

Attorney General maintains it is the seller's responsibility to know where the cat will reside. Under these rules, you must determine not only where the buyer resides but whether it is legal to possess the animal you are selling in that state. Under these guidelines, you should keep with your records a copy of the buyer's driver's license (as proof of residency), a copy of their permit if permits are issued by their home state, or call that state and determine if the animal is legal without a permit (keep the person's name with whom you speak on file). Further, it might be a wise idea to require a letter from the buyer's home state prior to the sale.

The Lacey act applies only to State law and does not apply to city or county ordinances.



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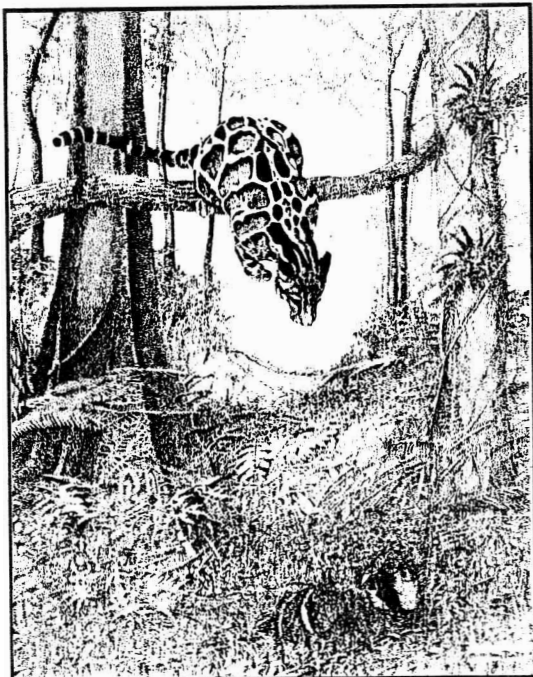


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