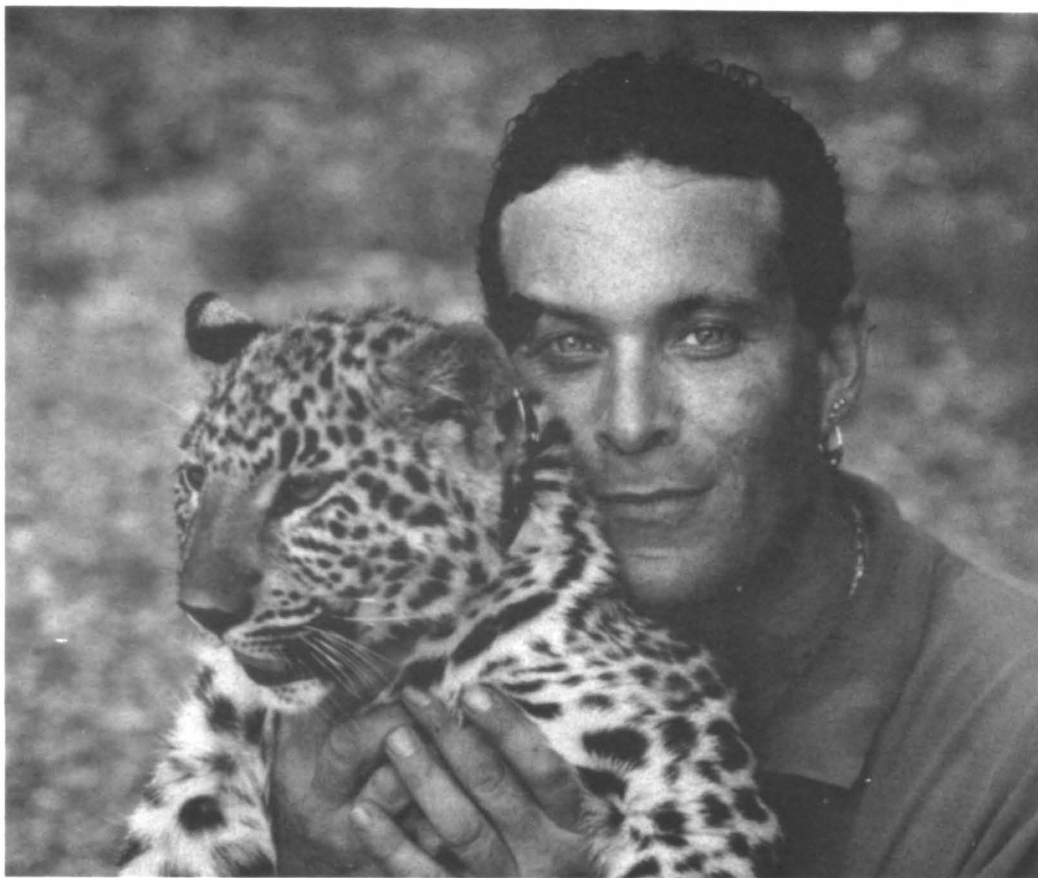


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NAMED 'ELSA'**

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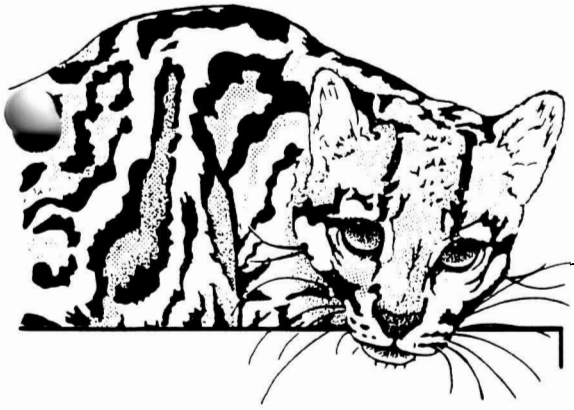
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HELLO TO ALL -

EL NINO PUT A LITTLE DELAY ON THE LAST NEWSLETTER -- FLOOD, ETC. HOPEFULLY WE ARE NOW BACK ON SCHEDULE. WHEN SPRING ARRIVES (THE PLUM AND CHERRY TREES HAVE BLOOMED AND THE APPLE BLOSSOMS ARE COMING ON) WE ARE READY TO SEE THE END OF WINTER STORMS, ICE AND SNOW. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU WHO MAY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN ANY OF THE TORNADOES OR FLOODS.

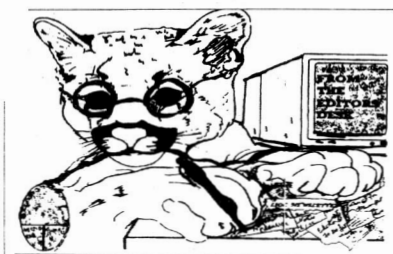
THE BALLOT WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS VERY IMPORTANT. AN OVER-SIGHT BY THE WRITERS OF OUR CONSTITUTION LEFT A GAP IN THE REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF LIOC ESCF. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANYONE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE INNER WORKINGS OF LIOC ESCF, AND COULD POSSIBLY BE AN UNKNOWN TO THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP, BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF RUNNING LIOC ESCF. PLEASE VOTE. THIS IS A CORRECTION WHICH NEEDS TO BE MADE.

CONVENTION IS DRAWING NEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OLD FRIENDS AND MEETING MANY MORE NEW ONES. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET US AND PLEASE, LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A REQUEST OR QUESTIONS OF THE BOARD. WE ARE THERE TO SERVE YOU. YOU ARE LIOC.

*Barbara*

BARBARA WILTON, PRESIDENT





## COVERING THE EDITORS DESK

### APOLOGIES:

I have received several scathing letters and a few heated phone calls in regard to the last issue of LIOC. All of the complaints are justified.

As Editor it is my responsibility to see to it that this publication is a quality publication and I apologize to the membership and Board of Directors that last month's issue fell short of the quality that LIOC is accustomed to. I had no control however with the lack of quality of the photos produced by the printer.

### EXPLANATIONS VS. EXCUSES:

There are no excuses! To help folks understand that the mistakes were in no way a reflection of lack of interest in LIOC or the membership, I would like to offer an explanation:

I took on a small part-time job with my County as assistant Animal Control Officer, just to help with paperwork. As Fate would have it, the man who I was hired to help, died of a heart attack the day before I was to start. I became the only Animal Control Officer in a County of 500 square miles. Much to my surprise the County had no Animal Control Program at all!

Understand, we still live in the 1950's here in my part of Appalachia. Normally, a woman would never be allowed to hold this type of position in law enforcement.

Around here, women don't carry guns and tell men what to do, especially where their dogs are concerned! I had one old timer tell me; "shoot my wife, take my kid, but don't touch my dog." He was serious.

Within two weeks of taking over the full time position as Animal Control Warden, the County found it's self in a very serious rabies epidemic.

The County issued an emergency ordinance quarantining all dogs and cats.

To make matters worse, the majority of pets had not ever had a rabies vaccination.

It has been a difficult job, just convincing folks that rabies is real and that it kills.

### DEALING WITH ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUPS:

The first dealing I had with the animal rights people, in my new position, was a woman who had given mouth to mouth resuscitation to a wild raccoon for 45 minutes after her dogs had killed it. She ranted rabies did not exist, it was just an excuse for the County to kill animals.

The raccoon turned out to be rabid. She took the shots.

The animal rights group that ran the shelter refused to allow any animal brought in, to be euthanized, even if it was exposed to a confirmed rabid animal and had no rabies vaccination prior to exposure.

AR's could not understand why these animals could not be adopted or shipped out of state. It didn't take too long before the AR's started picking up stray, feral and unvaccinated dogs. Secretly relocating them out of the County, often sending them to other states. The State Veterinarian had to step in and alert all the airlines. Common sense is not a part of animal rights philosophy. They are opposed to proper animal handling and management practices. They would rather see people die than an animal.

Our County closed the AR's Shelter for public safety and it was then turned over to Animal Control to run. Needless to say, the AR's are not a happy bunch. They didn't like me to begin with because I own big wild cats, now I run their Shelter.

My job went from part-time paperwork, to full-time Animal Control Warden and Shelter manager. I now work 10-16 hours a day 7 days a week, I am on call 24 hours a day.

### LIOC NEWSLETTER:

In an effort to get the LIOC newsletter out on time last month, I had to hire typists. Unfortunately, I proof read only the original manuscripts and trusted that they would be typed correctly and without change. I also trusted that the printer would do a good job with the photos.

I apologize to anyone, who's work was altered or photos came out dark.

### THANKS TO LIOC MEMBERS:

I want to personally thank LIOC members Mark and Sheila Jenkins who graciously offered emergency shelter for our cats at a moments notice, when the animal rights group threatened to harm them. Kelly Jean Buckley who kept me glued together when it got tough. I couldn't have survived the AR storm with out her! Shirley Wagner sent lots of cyber hugs, support and a shoulder to cry on, not to mention some pretty sage advice. My husband Jean, who in spite of threats to life and animals, still loves and supports me 100%.

My cougars and bobcat always greet me with chirps and purrs. No matter how hard the day, they make it worth it. *All of us who own animals, exotic/ wild or not, fight the AR battle, just in varing degrees! Don't give up!*

*Sherry*

**1998 L.I.O.C. Endangered Species Conservation Federation, Inc.  
28th annual conference - August 6-9 - Indianapolis, Indiana**

**REGISTER for the 1998 LIOC Convention by June 15.** Please send \$85.00 payment to LIOC-ESCF, Inc., PO Box 22085, Phoenix, Arizona 85028 (After June 15 the fee will be \$110.00) **NOTE:** Please send your choice of either Roast Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast, for the Saturday night Banquet.

Convention is the time we meet to conduct LIOC business, a time of learning and companionship. Many of the LIOC convention attendee's have years of first-hand experience, some are interested in learning before they get a cat, others are conservation oriented and want to help cats in other countries, and still others operate rescue sanctuaries, rehabilitation and placement facilities. Members who have attended convention each year have established close friendships, and every year presents us with the opportunity to meet newcomers and make new friends. There are no strangers at convention, be a part of the group and avail yourselves of the knowledge and experience that gathers together each year in hopes of enhancing the well-being of our exotic felines.

Convention is also the opportunity for you to spend time with a variety of cats to learn about their individual needs. One way to make an informed decision about accepting the responsibility of owning an exotic cat is to spend time with the different species. On our visit to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center you will see over 60 cats up close and personal.

**The Ramada Inn Indianapolis Airport** is your destination for the 1998 LIOC convention, August 6-9. Call **1-317-244-3361** to reserve your room for \$79.00 each night, double occupancy. FREE Transportation to and from the airport terminal is provided by using the courtesy phones in baggage claim area.

The Ramada Inn has 288 guest rooms, large meeting and banquet space, a full service restaurant, a lounge offering a lighter menu, multi screen TV's, pool tables, electronic darts, and a juke box, indoor swimming pool, and gift shop.

The Exotic Cats are welcome in Indiana and at the Ramada Inn! (Less than 30 pounds) The Ramada Inn requires notice when you make your reservations, as to which cats you are bringing to the convention, and a \$50.00 room deposit, \$25.00 is non-refundable.

Submitted by Kelly Jean Buckley

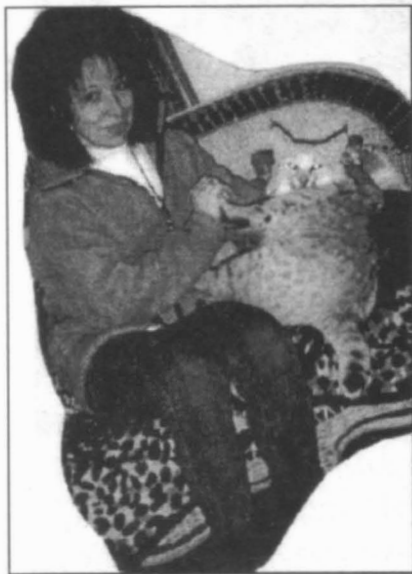
## 1998 LIOC Cat Census

SMALL CATS		BIG CATS		HYBRID CATS	
2	African Wild Cat	5	Cheetah	7	Bobcat/Lynx
3	Black Footed Cat	213	Cougar	3	Caracal/Serval
150	Bobcat	14	Jaguar	9	Liger (Male Lion/Female Tiger)
77	Caracal	26	Leopard	1	Tigon (Male Tiger/Female Lion)
35	Chaus (Jungle Cat)	3	Leopard (African)	64	Bengal (Leopard Cat/Domestic)
4	Clouded Leopard	12	Leopard (Amurian)	8	Chaus/Domestic (Jungle/Dom.)
3	Euro Wild Cat	4	Leopard (Chinese)	16	Savannah (Serval/Domestic)
14	Fishing Cat	25	Leopard (Snow)	7	Safari (Geoffroy/Domestic)
32	Geoffroy	8	Black Panther	<b>The 1998 LIOC Cat Census totals 1404 cats!</b> With increased participation this census is becoming more accurate with the sub-species listings. There are 68 tigers of which we don't know if they are Bengal or Siberian and 26 leopards of which we don't know their "true identity." In 1995 the census totaled 712 cats. In 1996 the census totals 891 cats, a 25% increase. In 1997 the census totaled 1229, another 38% increase and this year the total of 1404 is yet another 14% increase. There aren't more cats, just more participation from the membership in reporting. LIOC's Membership is growing which adds to our cat population. This last months new LIOC memberships included 1 Siberian Lynx, 2 Canadian Lynx, 2 Cougars, 2 Lions, 1 Bobcat and 1 Serval. Thank you for your continued participation in the LIOC census!	
1	Gordan Cat	14	Jaguar		
5	Indian Desert Cat	91	Lion		
4	Jaguarundi	68	Tiger		
15	Leopard Cat	17	Tiger (Bengal)		
57	Lynx (Canadian)	76	Tiger (Siberian)		
7	Lynx (Eurasian)				
1	Lynx (Russian)				
40	Lynx (Siberian)				
12	Margay				
36	Ocelot				
5	Oncilla				
3	Pallas Cat				
5	Rusty Spotted Cat				
15	Sand Cat				
186	Serval				
1	Temmincki Golden Cat				





## ***The only real friend in life ... is a CAT!***

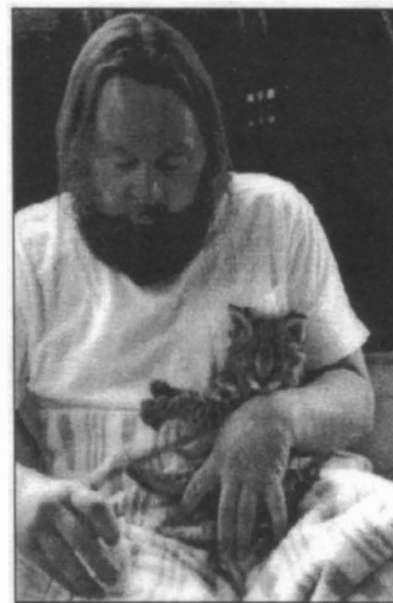


DIANNE HERRMANN  
SMOOZES WITH BOB

GEORGE STOWERS WITH  
HIS COMPUTER WEB  
STAR... MAX



LYNN CULVER WITH A HAPPY  
LITTLE FRIEND



TIGER JOHN GETS READY TO  
FEED E'LEISHA



RICK ARMSTRONG  
SPENDS TIME  
WITH HIS BEST  
BUDDY CHARLIE  
THE COUGAR.



BEEJAY  
LESTER GETS  
HUGS AND  
KISSES FROM  
SUKARI



KELLY JEAN BUCKLEY RECIEVES A BIG BOB-  
CAT KISS FROM CAROL LEWIS'S BOBCAT

GLENN YODER AND DEB COLLIER WITH THEIR 9 MONTH OLD CANADIAN LYNX  
"QUICK MOM, GRAB THE REMOTE, I GOT HIM BUSY"....."NEVER WALK WHEN YOU CAN GET A RIDE"



LYNN CULVER  
SPENDS A SPECIAL  
MOMENT WITH CINNI

COUGAR HUGS ARE  
THE BEST HUGS



GUESS THIS GUY IS  
GOING TO BE TOO BIG TO  
MAKE IT TO CONVENTION  
THIS YEAR!

*ROBERT BAUDY AND  
BEEJAY LESTER*

LOOK HOW BIG HE HAS  
GOTTEN SINCE THE 1997  
LIOC CONVENTION!



LIOC CONVENTION 1997





By Jackie Sinnott  
Pacific Northwest Branch

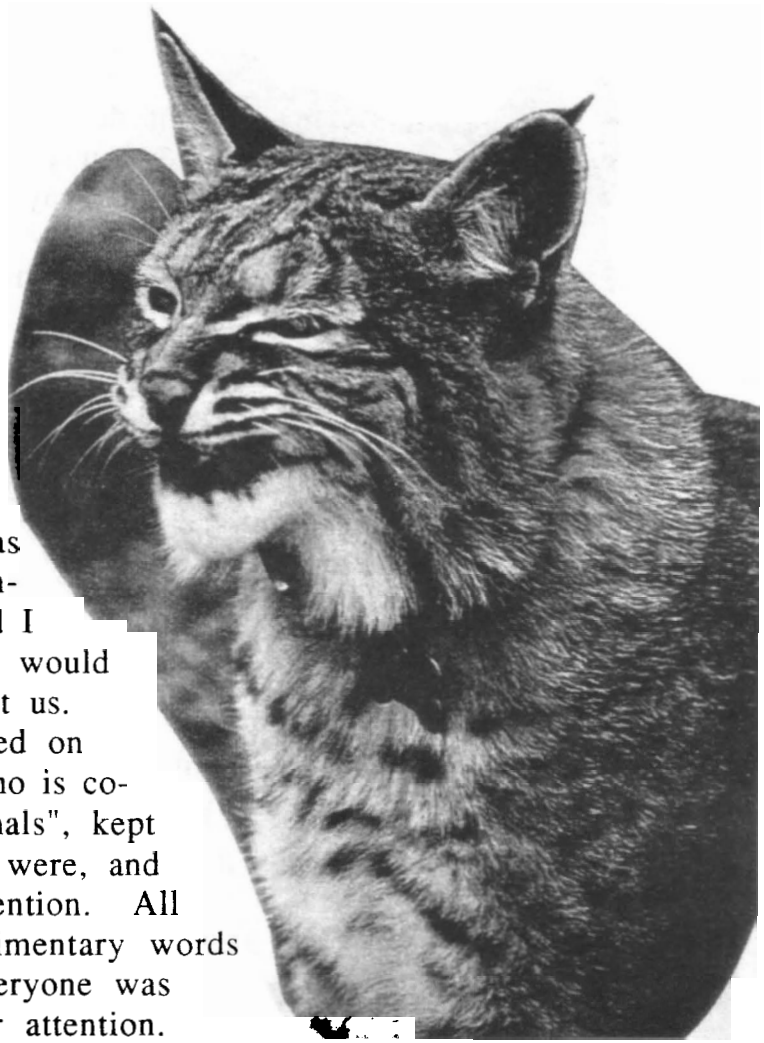
## A Star Is Born!

I received a phone call from Bonnie S. Weintraub of Van Nuys, California, asking my permission to photograph Brandy Bobcat (Sir Branford Muffington), as Brandy was being included in Lydia Hiby's forthcoming new book. I was excited and I immediately said that Brandy and I would be thrilled to have Bonnie come visit us.

Mr. and Mrs. Weintraub arrived on a beautiful sunny day. Bonnie, who is co-author of "Conversations With Animals", kept telling me how gorgeous my kitties were, and of course this attracted Brandy's attention. All my kitties responded to her complimentary words with purrs and growls and soon everyone was chasing everyone else vying for her attention.

Lydia Hiby had lived with us a few years back for several weeks when Lydia was beginning her career as an Animal Psychic. All my kitties loved Lydia, and Brandy was especially taken with her, following her from room to room. Brandy has always been the one who best likes to mentally communicate with Lydia. Whenever I talk with Lydia, who now resides in Southern California, it is always Brandy who tells her everything, and I mean everything. Brandy is quite a gossip!

Lydia works with Veterinarians across the Country, and was recently an hour-long guest on The Leeza Show, a national syndicated television show. Lydia travels constantly, and once in a while comes through our area. The cats and I are honored when she visits us. Lydia tells me what each cat is feeling and thinking. And if Brandy has a toothache. At 18 Brandy does have an ache now and then.

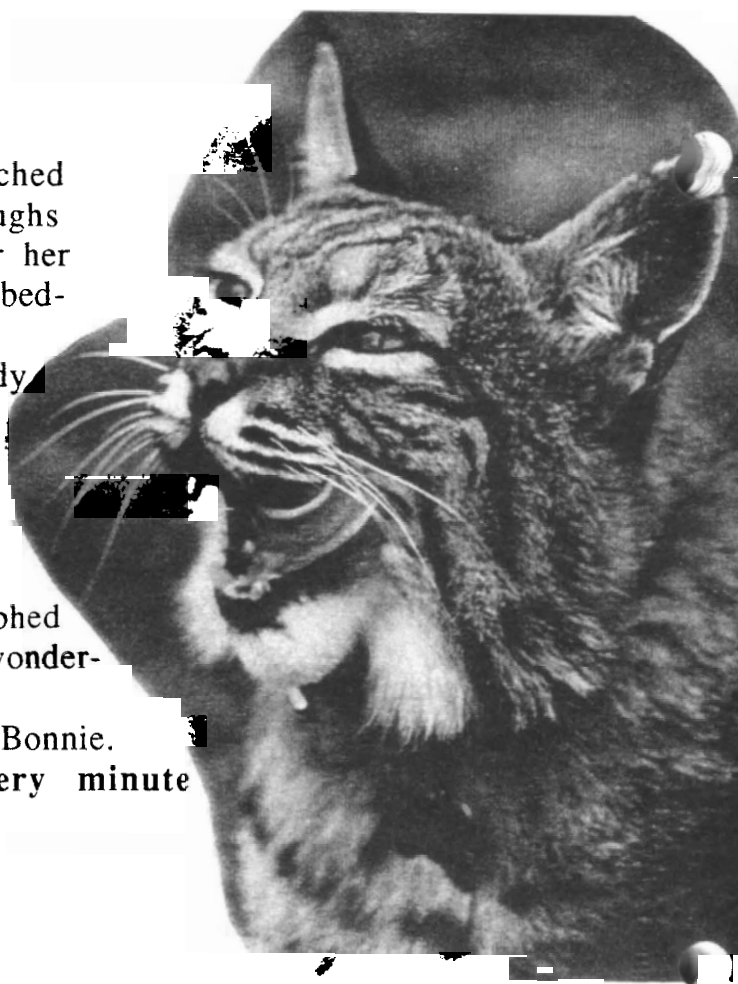


Lydia is in constant demand for private appointments and can be reached at 1-909-926-4748 Lydia always laughs about her stay with us. The day after her arrival she came running out of her bedroom yelling "Brandy ate my bra".

Her bra was full of holes. Brandy was busy while Lydia slept. I recommend her new book to each & every member of L.I.O.C. You'll learn a lot about how animals think! New Sage Press 503-695-2211

Back to Bonnie - who photographed the kitties all afternoon. We had a wonderful time and each and every kitty responded so well to this lovely lady Bonnie.

As you see, Brandy loved every minute of his photo session-----



Bonnie was estatic! We all smiled and laughed and praised & praised Brandy for being so clever, he knowing just when to pose and when to jump. Bonnie's husband was so very serious & quiet upon arrival, but so jovial & happy upon departure. He had a very good time. Thank You Mr. and Mrs Weintraub for the lovely photos of my Brandy!



Action Shot: Brandy jumping up on my shoulder for his Should Pose. Tisha wanted to jump up too. We'd have all been on the ground if she had completed her leap. Brandy has "a happy face" after his jump and roll onto my shoulder. I almost lost my balance but we did it.



**L.I.O.C. ENDANGERED SPECIES  
CONSERVATION FEDERATION, INC.**

By JACKIE SINNOTT  
**VICE-PRESIDENT  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST BRANCH**



**Tisha  
& Vali**

A few weeks ago I was asked to accept a student from Roosevelt High School in Portland, Oregon to work with my cats. I was told all about this Internship Program aimed at making classroom learning more relevant to what goes on in the "real world". This program is called Roosevelt Renaissance 2000. The Intern would receive high school credit and a chance at scholarship money.

I had been recommended by my long-time Veterinarian, Dr. Del Orchard, Cedar Hills Veterinarian Clinic, Portland, Oregon, as the person he felt best suited to work with the student Valinda Ricker. Dr. Orchard has tended my cats for over 25 years and known me personally and professionally.

Also, I was told that Valinda (Vali) would make an excellent intern, letters of recommendation were sent to me, and I agreed to accept her. The program was set to last for a total of six weeks.

February 11th Vali arrived at my home to begin her first afternoon of communication with my cats. The objective was for Vali to have the opportunity for hands-on experience in a professional work setting, with someone who had years of experience in the field.

During Vali's first day she was introduced to my cats. Brandy Bobcat (Sir Branford Muffington), 18 years old and going strong, was the first to step forward. Brandy loves shoes and was most interested in her feet. Tisha Bobcat came forward and soon Vali and Tisha were playing with homemade bobcat toys. The other kitties were reluctant to play but peeked at her from behind closed cupboard doors. (The indoor exotic cats sleep in kitchen cupboards during the day, and when they want to know what is happening, they push the cupboard doors open just a crack. What I see is a portion of one eye looking at me per cat.

The weeks slipped by. Vali joined our Pacific Northwest Branch, attended meetings and became acquainted with other species of exotics, the Caracals, Servals, Ocelots and even endangered wolf

cubs. Vali learned about nutrition and preparing kitty meals, cleaning, watering, and what type of care best suited each species.

I was pleased to have such a receptive young lady working with me, eager to learn everything she could.

Vali's mother has been included whenever possible. Her parents, extremely supportive, are Dixie and Lorin Ricker. Vali's had plenty of domestic kitties at home to prepare her for the bigger variety.

( Dixie was visiting Brandy, went in another room for more film, and as she turned back she saw Brandy grab her camera and give it a throw. There was much laughter, and it turned out the camera was okay. Dixie looked into Brandy's eyes and he did his usual job of charming the ladies. Now Dixie speaks of having one like him for her own. He is such a mischief and such a love. )

Brandy has a part in Lydia Hiby's new book coming out this May, "Conversations With Animals" by Lydia Hiby with Bonnie S. Weintraub, NewSage Press, P.O.Box 607, Troutdale, Oregon 97060-0607 Phone 503-695-2211. Brandy's Portraits by Bonnie S. Weintraub.

Vali has plans of attending college for years and becoming a Veterinarian. One of her major goals is to travel to the Rain Forest and to help in whatever way she can to save our Earth.

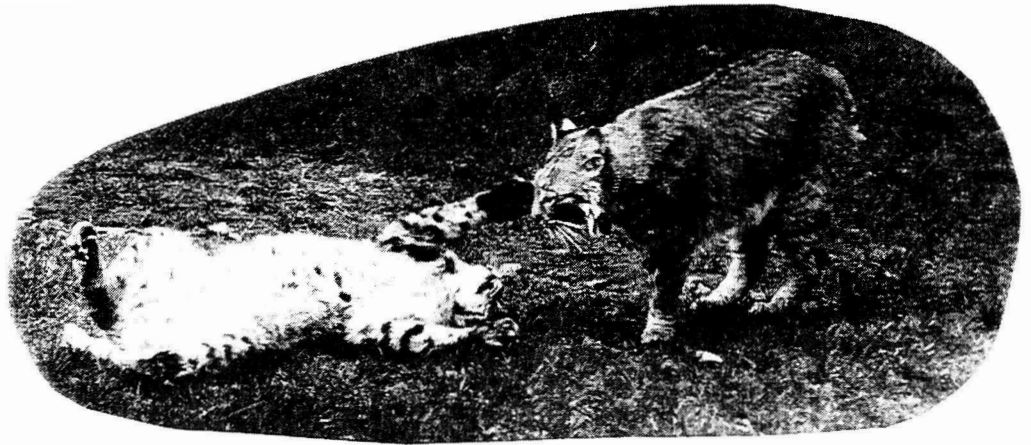
Being a Junior in high school Vali decided to compete in the Multnomah Education Service District Academic All-Stars Scholarship Competition. However, Vali was told it was unlikely that she could win a scholarship award because seniors are normally the winners.

Vali decided to compete regardless of her being a Junior in the category of science. Gathering her past works together, a DNA paper, an Inherited Diseases paper, a Chimpanzee research and fieldwork project, a week-long Wolf Tree Expedition, and her six-weeks-plus Exotic Cat Hands-On Internship, she proceeded, completed and included all in the portfolio for the competition.

All portfolios were submitted on March 13th. This judging was to choose which portfolios from each category would best represent Roosevelt High School.

## **Brandy and Tisha**





### **And guess what! Vali won!**

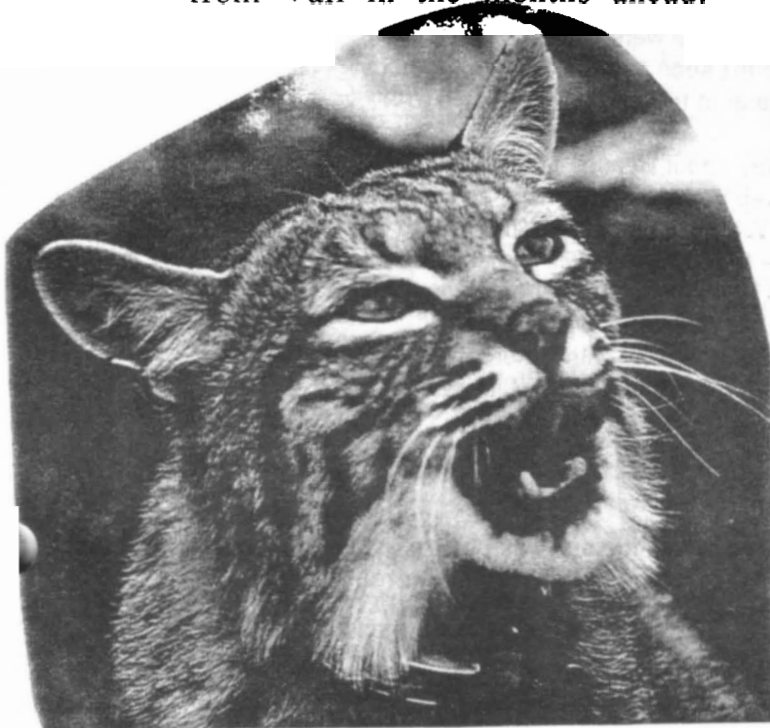
Then on March 16th - Vali was told she would represent Roosevelt in the Science Category throughout the Portland School District. Vali was told she was the winner in her high school, over all the seniors. Vali was thrilled, she was screaming, hooting and hollering. And, as she should. This is a wonderful honor for her, a stand-out achievement.

March 23rd - Vali received a letter from Academic All-Stars Committee saying that she had been selected as one of the eight top finalists in the science category.

**Wow!**

Vali has an excellent chance of being the top winner and receiving more scholarship awards.

It has been a pleasure to have this outstanding student in my home. We, at Pacific Northwest Exotics, are planning more field and "get-acquainted with the cats" trips for Vali. You'll be hearing more from Vali in the months ahead.



*Brandy's eyes would sparkle when Vali arrived - sometimes he'd growl & pretend he wasn't interested, but I know him well so I knew better.*

*Brandy had plenty to say to Vali - after all, Brandy is now 18 years old. Brandy has met lots of people over the years so he knows a lot about human behavior.*

*Brandy's Portraits by  
Bonnie S. Weintraub*





## **VIEW FROM THE BRANCHES**

March 15, 1998 Minutes  
by Laurisa Watkins

We met at Kim & Dave's house; thanks Kim & Dave! The first thing we did, of course, was go meet Bentley, a cougar, who was a perfect gentleman. Kim told us a story about how he had been misbehaving with her earlier in the week, so we weren't sure if he'd be in the mood for company in his cage. However, he was even willing to come out of his house and say hi, particularly to Steve. Kim also told us about Bentley's background. He has nerve damage from a back injury when he was younger. As a result, he can walk carefully, but not well and had to make many visits to a chiropractor. Fortunately, he is well acclimatized to humans and has a very sweet temperament for a cougar.

When we got the actual meeting started, we weren't very focused, so mostly we sat around, chatted, and showed pictures. We had a new person show up; thanks Sarah! We talked about the upcoming Pacific Rim Wildlife Art Show, but hadn't heard anything back from the person we sent a request for info to. We also discussed other concerns about HB2807, its death and possible resurrection. Dave Germain agreed to chair the committee on caging and handling regulations that the President set up at the last meeting. Thanks Dave! And wonder of all wonders!, John made it to this meeting. We were all very excited and teased him mercilessly, since we hadn't seen him in so long. His house is coming along well, so maybe by later in the year, we'll be able to have a house warming meeting.

Chrissy read her descriptive essay about Bentley that she wrote for school. It will be appearing on our web page, any day now, as soon as I get it typed in and mailed to Peter. We also discussed what was to go on our web page and came up with a few ideas that will be fleshed out in the coming months. We all decided that until it has more stuff on it, we don't want to make it available to the general public. I would appreciate any suggestions or volunteers to work with Peter and me on it. Maggie brought T-shirts with Jake's picture on them, which were a big hit.

April 19, 1998 Minutes

We met at Steve & Jeannie's house where the sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. We had some new people come to the meeting, we're always glad to see new people! It was especially exciting to see how they reacted to Steve & Jeannie's cougars for the first time. Jake, the big male cougar, was a perfect gentleman, at least until we gave him a little spearmint, but even then he was just a little heavy handed.

Jeannie let him into part of the run where the spearmint was just coming up and he rolled over and over in it, just like a domestic kitty on catnip.

After everyone got to visit with the cats, we took the meeting inside, asking if anyone had any old business from the previous meeting. No one did, so we moved on to the news that we got from Diana Dean. Diana had e-mailed me saying that Clallum County (above Kitsap County, on the peninsula) Commissioners were working up an ordinance to regulate something about dogs, but that it would also include wild cats! She was listening to the radio when one of the commissioners being interviewed went as far to say that "nobody had any business owning a cougar." We'll be in touch with Diana to see if she needs any help with a letter writing or phone campaign after she goes and talks to them. She's going to try to find out if they're doing this based on an incident or just personal preferences due to what went on in the Olympia legislature this fall. This led to a long discussion on our stance and ethical responsibilities as we are slowly becoming a public focus group, whether we want to, or not.

Reflections on A Year:  
by Marc Watkins, President

Recently I received a phone call from a bobcat owner in Tacoma who had read a letter at a vet's office about our group. He called me and asked for more information on the May 17th meeting. It took me a few minutes to finally figure out that he had read the notice for the original meeting in 1997. That really drove home the fact that it had been a year since our first meeting.

Back in January of 1997, Laurisa came to me and asked what I thought of starting a chapter of LIOC in this area. My first question was "What is LIOC?" After explaining to me that it was an exotic cat organization that we belonged to ("Huh?" "Since when?"), she told me that she really wanted to start a group to gather exotic cat owners and trade information. During the next few months we traveled to Vancouver and Portland attending LIOC meetings and visiting kitties. In April, we took the final step of inviting all of the LIOC members in the area to an organizational meeting in Seattle. We weren't sure how many people would show up for the first meeting. To our delight, 9 people showed up, 8 of whom were LIOC members. Together we all agreed to form a new group. Our founding 9 included: Steve Johnson, Jeannie Hall, Peter & Zuzanna Kukol, John Lussmyer, Gary Carder, Jerry Rogers and Marc & Laurisa Watkins. During the next 2 meetings, we hammered out a set of by-laws, and faced our first major problem: a name for the group. After much discussion for names, including my favorite, "Bob", we finally agreed to merge old and new, becoming "The Alliance for the Conservation of Exotic Felines - Cascade Branch of LIOC". We all agreed that this name sounded perfect for a government grant of about \$10 million.

Since that time, we have done quite a few things. We received chapter status with the LIOC, helped find a new home for a baby serval (who became Sierra Kukol), had members babysit so Steve & Jeannie could go on vacation, helped defeat an anti-exotic cat ownership bill in the State Legislature, and built a tight-knit group of friends. We welcomed several new members during this first year including: Maggie Bogart, the Dean family, the Germain family, and Michael Jones. We also had several other people attend who we hope will soon join us officially.

In reflection, I am quite proud of our first year and I see better things to come. As Jeannie said to me: "I can't believe that the first meeting was only a year ago, or that we have known each other for only a year. I guess we are all just old souls who have always been together". Here's to many more.

EFES MEETING  
3/22/98  
PUD BUILDING  
VANCOUVER, WA.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY ETHEL HAUSER. WE WELCOMED SEVERAL NEW GUESTS - HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BECOME INTERESTED IN EXOTICS. RESULTS OF OUR SPEAKOUTS RECEIVED SEVERAL NICE LETTERS FROM THE TEACHERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS. WE HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE OUR SPEAKOUT PROGRAM.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON THE UP-COMING LIOC CONVENTION. BARBARA WILTON ACCEPTED TWO NEW LIOC MEMBERSHIPS.

XEROXED COPIES OF THE PROPOSED WASHINGTON STATE LAWS ON KEEPING EXOTICS WERE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF WASHINGTON MEMBERS.

HERB WILTON READ AN ARTICLE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE LYNX BY PUTTING THEM ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. SHIRLEY MALAR TOLD US ABOUT HER LYNX AND THE STORM WHICH DESTROYED HER CAGING. SHIRLEY WAS ABLE TO SHUTTLE CATS INTO AN EXTENSION, ALL IN THE BLACK OF NIGHT.

HANDOUTS INCLUDED ARTICLES ON GRIEVING CATS, THE DIABETIC CAT, TELLING TAILS, HOME ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND "PHARMACEUTICALS AND PUSS".

JODY GUASCHINO, A NEW MEMBER, WAS SO DISTRESSED WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON AND OREGON STATE IN GENERAL, SHE WROTE A LETTER TO GOVERNOR KITZHABER, WHICH SHE READ TO US.

JODY IS PLANING A CAREER IN VETERINARY MEDICINE AND IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE KEN HATFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

ETHEL BROUGHT TWO BLACK GEOFFROY BABIES FOR ALL TO SEE. ALSO A LITTER OF FIVE BENGAL BABIES. THESE WERE ENJOYED BY (L TO R) JODY GUASCHINO, MICHAEL THURMAN, GABRIEL THURMAN, PAT DeMUTH, AND LINDA BIZEAU.

SNACKS WERE SUPPLIED BY MEMBERS. MEETING ADJOURNED.

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA WILTON

EFES BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 20, 1998

OUR BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED BASICALLY TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF OUR POLL OF MEMBERS FOR INPUT ON NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY WANTED INCLUDED IN OUR MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

VOLUNTEERING FOR OFFICERS POSITIONS WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL AND THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BOARD WERE ACCEPTED.

THE GENERAL SURVEY OF BALLOTS VOTED FOR NON-PAID SPEAKERS, YES FOR TWO CLUB TRIPS OR FUNCTIONS. THE RAFFLE RECEIVED A STRONG YES AND FOR US TO HAVE TWO FUND RAISERS.

THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE MEMBERS VOTE ON WHICH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THEY WANT TO HOLD OUR MEETING - 2nd, 3rd, OR 4th.

THE BOARD ALSO ELECTED TO ELIMINATE ALL PRIVATE SALES FROM OUR MEETINGS. THE CONFUSION IS TOO DISRUPTIVE AND WE FELT WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS. BOARD APPROVED EXPENSE OF XEROXING MEDICAL HANDOUTS, BY-LAWS, ETC.

BOARD ALSO VOTED TO DONATE \$100.00 TO THE KEN HATFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

MEETING ADJOURNED



*Wild Ones Sanctuary*, a newly formed non-profit corporation founded by Shirley Malar received its official Certificate of Incorporation on August 4, 1997. Under the U.S.D.A. license of Wildlife Images, Shirley has been rescuing captive-born wild cats for the past ten years.

It all started when a pair of African Servals needed a home due to the divorce of their owners. Once word spread that Shirley took excellent care of the cats she started getting calls from people offering cats for adoption. The population grew rapidly with the addition of five cats from a farm in Mississippi where the owner had died in a car accident and the cats were no longer being taken care of properly. The next residents, a serval who no longer 'fit in' with his family when they decided to have children and a bobcat who committed the indiscretion of jumping on people in play, were purchased at 'bargain prices' because they were no longer welcome in their homes. There was a joint venture purchase to rescue seven Canadian Lynx from a fur farm in northern Canada and two baby Lynx from Minnesota (definitely not at bargain prices). An old male bobcat who had no use as a breeder and a baby bobcat who was given little chance of recovery from a broken back joined the crowd. They just kept coming from every direction.

Currently, the facility houses and cares for 16 cats (7 Bobcats, 5 Canadian Lynx, 1 African Serval, and 3 Siberian Lynx kittens). Many of the cats have been rescued from abusive situations, starvation, or from death at the hands of fur farmers. *Wild Ones Sanctuary* provides these animals with a safe, comfortable home, veterinary care, and plenty of food for the rest of their lives. Occasionally, placement into a good home is possible, but for most of these cats *Wild Ones Sanctuary* is the last stop because nobody else wants them, except for their pelts.

Socialized cats participate in educational programs hosted by schools, churches, Boy Scouts, and other organizations interested in wildlife conservation. Shirley is the secretary of the Exotic Feline Educational Society and her 'people-friendly' cats are enjoyed by members and guests at regular meetings and seminars. As a member of the Animal Control Advisory Board to the Clark County Commissioners, Shirley represents the interests of all types of exotic animal owners in Clark County and has been active in the placement of wolf-hybrids otherwise slated for euthanasia.

Although Shirley has supported up to 21 cats at a time at the sanctuary on her personal income, the financial, physical, and emotional strain has been very difficult. The non-profit corporation was formed with the hope of relieving some of the financial burden (approximately \$6,000 annually for turkey drums alone) through tax deductible donations of building materials, services, and contributions toward the cost of meat, which would enable Shirley to move the cats to a more suitable location where they can be housed in larger cages and in a more peaceful environment. Over the last five years the once quiet rural acre on the edge of a forest and open fields has become a bustling residential neighborhood, filled with all the noises of people, cars, and machinery that accompany the growth of a new community. The solitary nature of the cats makes them very much out of place in their current home and exposes them to new dangers that did not previously exist.

*Wild Ones Sanctuary* is not open to the public, however visitors are welcome by appointment. For additional information or directions contact Shirley Malar at Ext. 227 or call the sanctuary at 254-3118. *Wild Ones Sanctuary* can be contacted by mail at: PO Box 1050 Brush Prairie, WA 98606 or E-mail at either [wildones@pacifier.com](mailto:wildones@pacifier.com) or [shirleym@colubs.com](mailto:shirleym@colubs.com).



April 7, 1998

To The Editor:

Dear Sherry:

I decided it was time I again submitted material to L.I.O.C.

The January/February issue is really nice and I like the changes.

I have been a member for many, many years. My pet Ocelot, Samie (Senorita SamElita) was featured on the front page (and a lengthy story inside "Samie's Miracle") of the March/April 1973 issue. **Samie was a miracle.** She was lost 44 days, had frostbitten ears and feet but managed to live in good health another 12 years. It wasn't known until her death that her lungs were black from her vacation in the wild. . That little lady had the will to live!

Samie was my first exotic kitty and at that time I didn't have the fencing, window guards and gates that I do now. We were out in the wild without neighbors and without security.

Now I live in town, an unincorporated area, and it is most unlikely a kitty would have the chance to walk through an open door. Those 44 days were the worst days of my life. I feel privileged to have my kitties and I therefore feel that it is my responsibility to give them the best life that I am able to. And, believe you me, I have security and I talk about security to each and every member. When a kitty is lost it is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

I attended the Multnomah County Commissioner's meetings, Portland, Oregon, and President Barbara tells it like it is. **This woman** Barbara speaks of is still at it. She is also hitting hard on the hybrid wolf issue. I've had three hybrid wolfs over the years and they are wonderful pets and extremely intelligent. (We have a new member who raises hybrid wolfs and he brought the most adorable babies to our last meeting.)

Some of **her** letters were just recently published in The Oregonian Newspaper. I just finished reading a letter To The Editor by Bruce Pokarney, Director of Communications, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, in his best words trying to clear up the misunderstandings about our state's wolf-dog hybrid policy that **this woman** is causing. (enclosed is a copy of his article)

Also, **this woman** has been submitting articles to national magazines about her so-called rescue of her daughters from Greg

Anderson's very young tiger. I walked into a store recently, opened a magazine and there was her article, larger than life.

I listened to **this woman** speak at The County Commissioner's meetings and in my opinion she is seeking notariety for herself, to become famous as she destroys the hearts of the people who love their exotic animals (the people who give their time and energy to save these magnificent animals from extinction and do more to keep them from extinction than do our zoos & other organizations). For some time our Portland Zoo has had hardly any endangered species cats, not even native bobcats.

(Years back the Portland Zoo did have endangered cats and bob cats, etc., but no mention was ever made as to what happened to them. These cats just disappeared and none took their places. When I had my first baby bobcat and didn't know whether I had a bobcat or a Canadian lynx I would go to the Zoo periodically to verify what my cat was growing up to be. The Zoo had approx 20 bobcats at that time. They appeared healthy, but had cement floors as did the other cats. I would always feel bad when I left, thinking of the comfort my kitties had compared to those I had just witnessed.)

Greg Anderson had his permits, his fences, his security; yet **this woman** was able to be such a thorn that Kulia and family had to move. We were 100 plus strong at the County meetings. The City meetings came about but somehow passed by without much ado and most of us didnot know they were taking place so the City was able to "exit" Kulia. We would have all been at those City meetings if we had but known.

A while back one of our members, the famous Animal Psychic, Beatrice Lydecker was faced with a similar dog problem on her 20 acres. The County said she had too many dogs, was in a forest zone, and would have to remove the dogs or go to jail. Bea explained the strength of the dog organizations, proved the cases that had been won in other States, and the County backed down.

Our past president, Andy Trudic, who is our well-versed SpokesPerson for our Pacific Northwest Branch (Andy is back and forth to Europe all during the year on business) has been consistent in his talks to us about the "united force" we must continue to strengthen. Andy is so right! Andy has cougars, has been in and out of Court, and knows the laws to the letter. Andy spent much time preparing and then speaking before the County,& we all did our part.

We have strong members here, dedicated owners, but could sure use some input from other members across the Country!

Jackie Sinnott, Vice-President, Pacific Northwest Branch



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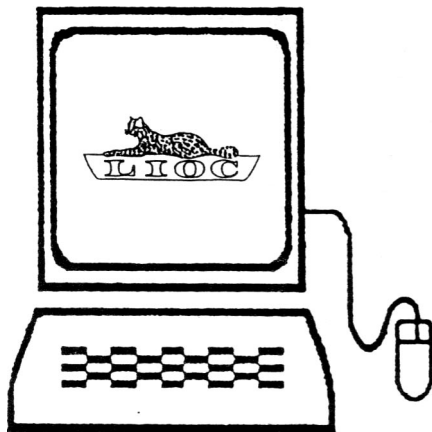
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