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**Top stories: Balkan lynx poached to brink of extinction; the \$22,000 Ashera cat not the most expensive.**

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### Balkan Lynx Poached to Brink of Extinction

Poaching is one of the biggest threats to the survival of this Balkan subspecies of the European lynx, the largest wildcat found on the continent, Agence France-Presse reports.

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### The \$22,000 Ashera Cat Not the Most Expensive

A California company called Lifestyle Pets is selling the "Ashera" cat that costs \$22,000. That's for the cheapest Ashera cat, Examiner.com reports.

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### Judge Clears Officer in Cats' Deaths

Lackawanna, N.Y., animal control officer Frederick S. Grasso was justified when he shot to death a mother cat and two of her kittens last June 10 in the basement of a Lackawanna apartment complex, a judge ruled Friday night, The Buffalo News reports.

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