

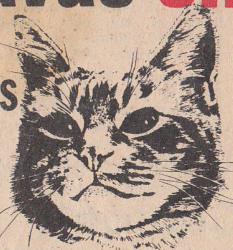
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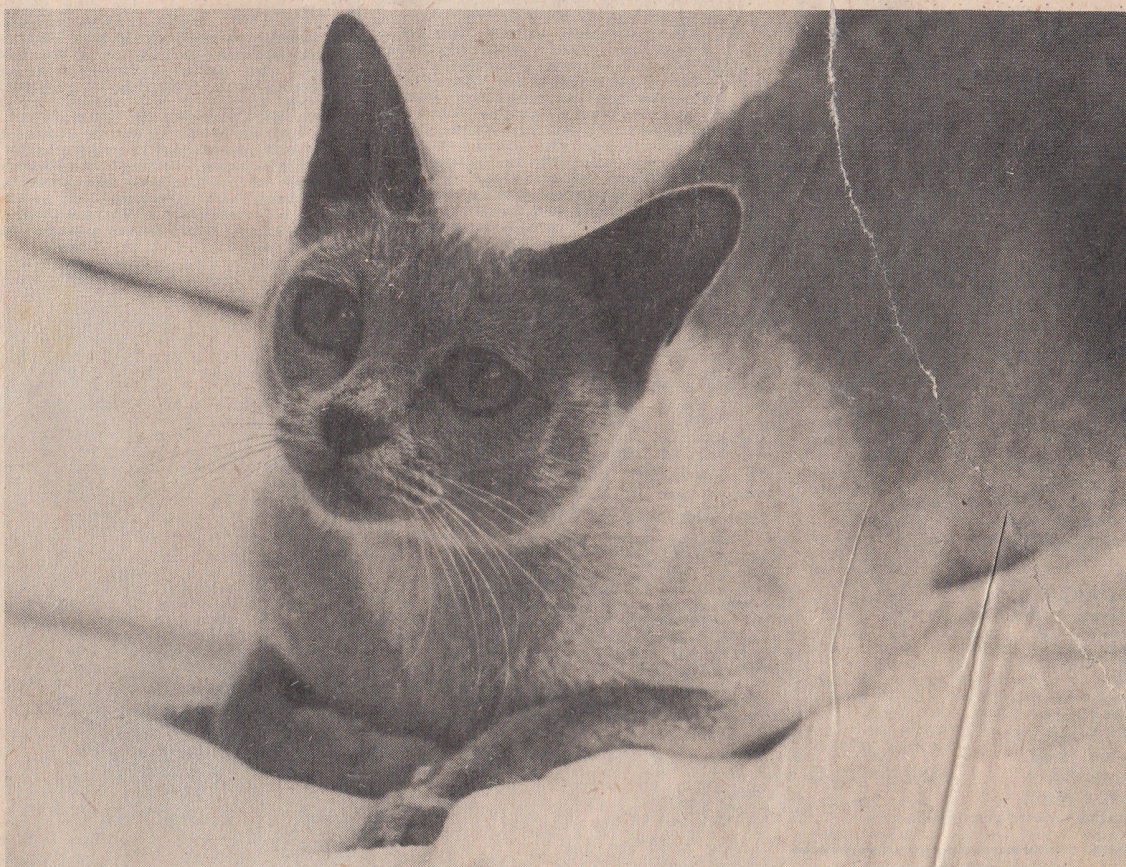


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Feline figures

Mrs Nancy Hardy



MRS NANCY HARDY has had and bred British SH cats from childhood but came in contact with the cat Fancy only when her daughter was given a Seal Point Siamese cat, Man-ships Psyche, in 1954. When this cat first 'called' Mrs Hardy was introduced to Mrs Greta Hindley by Mrs Calder who was her veterinary surgeon for twenty-five years when she was breeding Pekes. So, she became involved in the cat Fancy through Mrs Hindley and Mrs Holroyd whom she met when she visited her first cat show. Mrs Hardy bred Siamese and in 1956 took the prefix Senty-Twix.

In 1957 she helped Mrs Elsie Kent with the formation of the Isle of Wight Cat Club and became its treasurer.

Mrs Hardy says, 'It was a pleasant little club but ran for only a few years. Three shows were run and at one my Seal Point Senty-Twix, was the best in show. They had an interesting newsletter of which there were eight editions and I have many happy memories of Elsie Kent'.

The same year she joined Mr Stirling Webb's group and started to breed Rex cats with which she has had some success and bred several champion Cornish Rex here and abroad.

The first Cornish Rex to go to Australia in 1964 was Mrs Hardy's Senty-Twix Crispuss. Her Champion Senty-Twix Crispatts, now 11½ years old is the dam of Britain's first Cornish Rex grand champion, Senty-Twix Jasper by Mrs Luxford Watts's sire, Amanda Muscatel. She has had news also of Senty-Twix Crispatt's grandchildren becoming champions and also grand champions in the USA and Europe.

For five years Mrs Hardy was chairman of the Surrey and Sussex Cat Association and ran a show for them in 1964 when the Rex cats were nicknamed in the newspaper as Coodles (Cat Poodles). She organised also an exhibition of cats for the Guildford Town Show.

Later she worked with Mrs Hindley breeding and getting recognition for the Tabby Point Siamese and still has her Tabby Point, Prestwick Pervenche, now 13½ years old. Mrs Hindley formed the club now called the Tabby Point Siamese and Progressive Breeders Cat Club and Mrs Hardy has been their chairman for nearly fourteen years. A committee member of the SCA for a short time she has also been a committee member of the SCC for the past twelve years.

Elected as a judge in 1965 she has since judged consistently here and in Europe. A reserve judge for the JAC for Siamese judges and for the Oriental Cat judges panel, Mrs Hardy has been a delegate on the GCCF Council since the days when Miss Yorke was the chairman.

Feline leukaemia and the Abyssinian cat

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IT IS proposed first to describe the many manifestations of the feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) in cats in general then to describe its present deleterious effect on the Abyssinian breed and, finally, to propose the action necessary to minimise the effects of FeLV on health and breeding performance.

Feline leukaemia virus was first identified in 1964 but it is now apparent that its name is somewhat misleading as leukaemia is not the only nor the most common disease which it causes in cats. The diseases group themselves into leukaemias, anaemias, conditions due to immunosuppression and reproductive problems.

LEUKAEMIA

Most frequently leukaemia manifests itself in the cat as lymphosarcoma (LSA) in which malignant cells infiltrate the organs where there are collections of lymphoid cells eg thymus, spleen, alimentary tract. In thymic LSA the tumour cells infiltrate the thymus to form a large mass in the chest cavity. Clinical signs may be respiratory in character or vomiting due to pressure on the respiratory tract or oesophagus.

In alimentary LSA tumours are formed in the wall of the bowel and frequently spread into the mesenteric lymph nodes. Clinical signs are often related to constriction of the alimentary tract. Multicentric LSA occurs when the tumour cells spread into all the lymphoid organs. Diagnosis by palpation is simple.

In 'true' leukaemia the bone marrow is the source of malignant lymphoid cells which seed out into the blood and can be recognised haematologically.

ANAEMIA

Anaemia is often a feature of the terminal stage of all four kinds of leukaemia in cats. FeLV can produce also anaemia in non-leukaemic cats either by destruction of the mature red blood cells (haemolytic anaemia) or by destruction of the erythroid stem cells in the bone marrow so that regeneration of red blood cells almost ceases (aplastic anaemia). In the FeLV-induced haemolytic anaemia the cat may recover only to succumb to another manifestation of the virus. In cases of aplastic anaemia the disease is always fatal.

IMMUNOSUPPRESSION

FeLV can severely impair the cat's ability to mount normal immune responses to challenge by common infectious agents which by themselves would not cause serious disease. This can lead to pneumonia, enteritis and septicaemia, particularly in young cats. It can also cause vaccination eg against panleucopaemia to be ineffective.

REPRODUCTIVE DISORDERS

Problems of infertility and abortion have been found in households where FeLV is present and the occurrence of abortion or of resorption of foetuses or of fading kittens in the same household as any of the symptoms outlined above should immediately lead to the suspicion that FeLV may be the causative agent in both cases.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

In free range populations it has been found that in urban areas about fifty per cent of cats show evidence of infection with FeLV although less than five per cent have an active infection at any one time. The great majority of cats are probably immune or partially immune and the incidence of FeLV induced disease is low.

By contrast in closed communities of breeding cats into which FeLV is introduced active infection is very prevalent. Some forty-two per cent of cats become infected while the remaining fifty-eight per cent become immune. Infected cats remain carriers for the rest of their lives and infect in turn a large proportion of cats or kittens introduced into the household whether born in the household or bought in. The virus is transmitted by contact through the virus-containing secretions of the mouth.

I am indebted for most of the above information to the published articles of Drs O and W F H Jarrett of the Department of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Glasgow.

To date the only method of control is to remove all sources of infection either by euthanasia or by strict isolation. Identification of infected cats is achieved by isolation of the virus or virus antibodies from a blood sample submitted through the breeder's vet to the Department of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Glasgow. The tests carried out at Glasgow cannot be conducted by a commercial laboratory and a blood count is almost useless for the initial diagnosis of FeLV infection.

FeLV AND THE ABYSSINIAN CAT

It has become increasingly obvious in the

past few years that the Abyssinian as a breed is beset by a variety of reproductive problems of increasing severity, not all of which are attributable to FeLV.

QUEENS

There is a growing number of queens who are slow to reach puberty, eighteen to twenty-four months being typical, and who are then taken to stud time after time, possibly with changes of stud in an unsuccessful attempt to get them into kitten. Typically such a queen will either show no sign of conception although mating is known to have taken place or she will show signs of abortion or resorption of foetuses at about four and a half to five and a half weeks of pregnancy. Possible causes for this common syndrome are metritis detectable by cultures from vaginal swabs taken during pregnancy; infection by FeLV detectable by properly conducted tests to reveal virus and virus antibodies present in a blood sample; ovarian cysts detectable only by surgery; or a hormonal imbalance detectable experimentally but in most cases incapable of alleviation sufficiently for a litter of kittens to be carried to term. Metritis can in turn be a secondary expression of either hormone imbalance or of FeLV infection.

It is essential for the future of the Abyssinian breed that any queen with a history resembling that outlined above should be leukaemia tested along with rest of the household from which it comes. If any such cat is FeLV positive and is in contact with another cat for more than a short time the other cat is forty per cent likely to become infected. If the FeLV positive queen produces viable kittens they have a very high chance of infection. Hence any queen whose kittens 'fade' should be tested even if postmortem examination shows death to be due to some identifiable bacterial infection (remember immunosuppression).

STUDS

FeLV infection does not appear to affect the reproductive capability of the stud until the disease reaches a terminal stage. The stud can therefore be an active carrier and infective agent for a period of months or years before either he becomes ill or until a number of queens and kittens sired by him are found to be FeLV positive. The percentage probability of infection of queens and kittens by an infected stud are as stated for queens.

REPRODUCTIVE PERFORMANCE OF ABYSSINIANS

I estimate the breeding population of Abyssinians of all colours in the UK to be under 200 animals, possibly 150 to 160 queens and twenty to twenty-five studs. It is accepted that average litter size has declined noticeably in the past decade and is now two to three per litter. Many queens produce only a single litter each year and it is widely held that there is a significant preponderance of male kittens born, although my own experience does not confirm this.

I estimate that 150 female kittens will be born this year of which at least fifty per cent

will be sold as pets and perhaps ten per cent sold abroad. Sixty kittens will be run on to become part of our breeding stock for 1979 onwards. Of these sixty cats perhaps twelve (twenty per cent) will die in traffic and other accidents before raising a litter of kittens. At the present rate of infection possibly twenty-four (forty per cent) will at some time become FeLV positive. I assume this high proportion on the assumption that with so few public studs available ALL queens will be exposed to infection. This leaves twenty-four healthy queens aged two years on whom the future of the breed will depend in 1979, allowing for no additional loss by any other cause of death. In this same two-year period I estimate that at least fifty cats will become FeLV positive unless the breed clubs make a determined effort to institute a programme of controlled breeding from proven FeLV negative stock.

To put the case baldly, the Abyssinian cat is in danger of extinction.

WHAT CAN THE AVERAGE BREEDER DO?

In order to reverse the present decline in numbers among Abyssinians it is essential for responsible breeders and stud owners to reach conscious policy decisions on future stock management. There are three alternatives, open to us. We can ignore FeLV in the hope that sufficient immune cats survive, or we can allow all stock to range freely in order to build up a natural immunity.

The first alternative is clearly untenable as the breed is already declining in numbers. The second alternative may be acceptable to breeders who have no objection to mismatings and the risk of death by road traffic accident. The third alternative is to breed from known FeLV negative stock only. The method of achieving a FeLV negative colony is:

Test all stock and cull or isolate infected cats. Isolation is not a practical proposition if it is intended to continue breeding.

Re-test after three months. Charges for re-tests are much lower. Cull or isolate any cats which show up positive on the second test.

Test any kittens introduced into the household in the same way before they are allowed to run with tested stock.

When the whole colony has shown two negative results the breeder should look for a known FeLV negative stud whose owner will accept queens only from FeLV negative households. The breed clubs will help put breeders in touch with the owners of such studs.

Be prepared to have kittens tested on behalf of their new owners as a condition of sale.

If the household contains more than one breed be prepared to isolate the Abyssinians as there appear to be very few studs of other breeds who are used only by FeLV negative queens. One trip to an untested stud invalidates all the previous testing done on your own cats.

CONCLUSION

The Abyssinian breed has never been very numerous which is why the incidence of FeLV infection seems to have had so bad an effect. Proportionally there is as much FeLV infection in Siamese or Rex cats but their total population is much larger.

The crucial factor is the number of studs in common use and until that number increases from the present level of a dozen or so to at least twenty, the breed must remain in danger from both the risk of massive FeLV infection and from other unrelated genetic factors.

L ILLOTT
Committee member Abyssinian Cat Association

A JUNE ANNUAL

THE 1978 CATS & CATDOM ANNUAL will be published on June 29, 1978, instead of in April. This change of date has many advantages, the principal one of which is that it will enable fanciers to include in the reviews and advertisements wins gained at all the important shows up to the end of the 1977-78 show season.

This seventh edition of the ANNUAL will again be a glossy publication. It will contain informative articles, a register of cat clubs, a breeders' directory, a review of the cat Fancy in 1977-78, trade advertisements etc and, MOST IMPORTANT, reviews of catteries with pictures of notable cats.

The publicity value of the CATS & CATDOM ANNUAL is now well established and as it is an ever ready reference book of catteries in the different breeds it means that NO cat breeder can afford to be left out of its pages.

Full particulars, prices of reviews, breeders cards, etc, will be given shortly.

MARJORIE RYDER
Features Editor

Progress report from the Oriental Cat Association

DR RALEIGH has described the Oriental Cat Association breeding programme as large scale and complex. Perhaps it is time for OCA to explain that, although there is an agreed breeding policy for all OCA members, this works by unifying a number of small breeding programmes rather than by producing one massive programme for all colours and patterns.

Breeders of OCA sponsored varieties agree to select FOR Siamese body type and AGAINST Siamese coat pattern. Thus backcrosses to top quality Oriental SHs are the ideal and backcrosses to top quality Siamese are acceptable if the Oriental SHs are not available.

The way that individual breeding programmes may comply with that policy varies with the genetics of the variety concerned. Whereas Egyptians, Blacks, Blues and some others may be developed by a simple backcross programme for body type. Pastels (Tipped Silvers and Shaded Silvers) must be developed by backcrossing AND intercrossing if the coat effect is to be preserved.

Three varieties of Siamese type SH now have full breed status and OCA has a number of other varieties at the preliminary stage. Applications for additional preliminary breeds will be made in January 1978. The club keeps records and when:

a Fifty or more cats with four generation pedigrees showing only Siamese body type breeds are recorded.

b Twenty or more members with prefixes registered for three years are known to be working in the variety.

c The standard of exhibits at shows is high. OCA will apply for upgrading to provisional status.

Members who have enrolled cats of the variety prior to the award of provisional status and members whose prefixes are used to support the application are acknowledged as the Founder Breeders and Founder Prefix Holders of the variety.

Working with unrecognised breeds is an expensive and often thankless task. In OCA such workers will be remembered and acknowledged by the award of a special commemorative certificate. The GCCF requires that the Founder Prefix holders sign a state-

ment to the effect that they work to the club breeding programme/policy.

A progress report on this year's preliminary breeds is given below:

Blacks

A preliminary letter of application for provisional breed status has been sent to GCCF. Mrs McAllister, the OCA's breed representative for Blacks, is now contacting owners of enrolled fifth generation Blacks to check that the cats are alive and available for inspection. She is also contacting known Founder Prefix holders to check that their prefixes are three years old and that they would like to be included in the prefix holders list accompanying the final submission.

Any breeder who does not hear from Mrs McAllister and would like to be included, is invited to contact her at 9 Orchard Road, Shalford, near Guildford, Surrey. Also, if any non-member, working to the OCA policy, wishes to be included, she is invited to join OCA.

Enrolments for Blacks will continue until full CC status is awarded for, although sufficient numbers are already recorded, OCA is anxious that as many breeders as possible may be involved.

Enrolment forms, standards of points and membership may be obtained from Mrs McAllister or the club secretary.

Blues

Unless additional enrolments are made the application for provisional status will be delayed until January 1979. Quality is good and interest in the colour is increasing but more helpers are needed. The Breed Representative is Mrs B Grieg, 28 Barton Way, Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex. Enrolment forms, standards of points and membership may be obtained through her or through the club secretary.

Tabbies

Application for preliminary approval was submitted under three sections—namely

Spotted, Mackerel and Classic. Approval was granted under two sections and the club still awaits notification from GCCF on the classification of Mackerels. It has been suggested informally in Council that Mackerels will be grouped with Classic. The matter was referred back to the Executive Committee last June and OCA hopes to have that committee's decision in the near future.

At present there are insufficient Classic Tabbies or Mackerel Tabbies to make any application for provisional status possible even if they are combined. As they are bred from the Spotted the numbers are bound to increase fairly quickly and an application for January 1979 is the club's aim.

The biggest group are the Spotted (Egyptians) and a preliminary letter of application for these has been sent to GCCF. Enrolments will continue for Spotted until CC status is achieved.

The Breed Representative for Tabbies is Mrs B Harrison, Harislau Kennels, Cefniwrch, Llangefni, Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd. She is now contacting known Founder Breeders and Prefix holders in membership. Any other breeder is invited to contact her if she is working to OCA policy and would like to be included.

Torties

Quality is generally good in Torties but numbers recorded are not high enough for a breed application in January 1978. An application in January 1979 is very possible. Breed Representative is Miss J Dray, 106 Moor Drive, Crosby, Liverpool.

Self Reds and Creams

OCA follows the precedent set by the Siamese clubs in classifying all reds and creams as Tabby until proved otherwise by breeding results. At this time the number of self reds and creams proved to be self and complying with the approved standard is minimal. Therefore much more work is necessary before any application for upgrading can be considered. Breed Representative is Miss J Dray, 106 Moor Drive, Crosby, Liverpool.

Smokes

These have reached the stage where pedigrees are free of non-Siamese body type breeds but have not been bred or exhibited in numbers sufficient to make a 1978 applica-

tion possible. More prefix holders are needed to work in the variety and more entries at shows desirable.

Few judges have had an opportunity to assess smokes with the short, flat lying coat of the Oriental and thus the fact that colour contrasts in such short hair are sometimes lessened and that shadowy tabby markings are a feature of the breed are not widely appreciated.

The smoke coat in Oriental SH can be compared to watered silk.

Breed Representative is Mr J Harrison, Harislau Kennels, Cefniwrch, Llangefni, Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd.

Pastels

An application for preliminary approval of the light phase and dark phase Pastel as one breed was made in January 1977. GCCF approved the variety as Silver Tipped, ie, the light phase Pastel. The club awaits the Executive Committee's decision over its request, made at the June Council meeting, to amend the title to Shaded Silver. If this is agreed an application for preliminary status for Silver Tipped will be made when the Shaded Silver variety is more established. If this is not agreed an application for preliminary status for Shaded Silver will be made in January 1979.

At present the cats bred are all Shaded Silver and Tipped Silver can only be achieved when a number of good type Shaded Silver males are at stud. Type is generally poor as although the fifth generation has been reached some Pastel x Pastel matings are practised in order to retain the coat effect.

The standard of points will be reviewed at the annual general meeting as the current wording appears to promote discrimination against the coat effects considered inevitable in Oriental SHs, namely shadowy tabby pattern and a sprinkling of fully pigmented hairs. It is not possible to achieve the 'cloudy' effect of the LH in a cat with very short, flat lying coat. More Pastel breeders are needed and the Breed Representative is Miss C Andrews, 85 Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford.

The OCA secretary is Mrs P Rigelsford, 170 Sevenoaks Road, Langney, Eastbourne, Sussex. Telephone Eastbourne 762185.

The OCA Records Officer is Miss P Turner, 2 Walbrook Avenue, Springfield, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. Telephone Milton Keynes 670548.

news from the clubs

SURREY AND SUSSEX CAT ASSOCIATION
THE ASSOCIATION'S annual general meeting will be held on Saturday January 14 1978 at 4 pm at the East Croydon United Reformed Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, Surrey.

The correct number of nominations for vacancies was received, so no postal vote was required, and the committee remains unchanged for the coming year.

Members are reminded that subscriptions became due in October, and should be paid to the Membership Secretary, Sue Joyce, 30 Dorrien Walk, Drewstead Road, London SW16 1AR. Individual members £1.25, joint £1.75, junior 75p.

There will be our usual social gathering after the annual general meeting—please let me know if you intend coming, in order to assist the caterers.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the annual general meeting.

Correspondence to 40d Dagnall Park, London SE25 5EG.

B WEST-KELSEY, hon secretary

SOUTH WESTERN COUNTRY CLUB
OWING TO show dates and Bank Holiday the annual general meeting will be held at 2.30 pm on Sunday, April 2, 1978, at the Queen Elizabeth School at Crediton. Details will be sent to all paid up members in due course.

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Nominations are required for chairman, four committee members and two delegates and should reach me before January 31, 1978.

The following retiring committee members are eligible and willing for re-election: Mrs P Armour, Mrs J Briscoe, Mrs L Pring and Mrs M Robinson. All nominations must bear the signature of the nominee, proposer and seconder. Items for inclusion in the agenda of the annual general meeting should also reach me by January 31 at Gilpins, West Street, Somerton, Somerset.

Will members who pay their subscription by bankers order kindly note that a proposal will come before the annual general meeting to increase the annual subscription to take effect from April 1, 1978.

Members are also asked to check page 21 of the November issue of the newsletter for future club social dates and note these in their diaries. The editor, Mrs Robinson would also be grateful for more copy for the next issue of the newsletter to arrive not later than February 20. Advertisements to be sent to Mrs Ashman.

(Mrs) VALERIE CLARKE, hon secretary

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK SMALL LIVESTOCK SOCIETY

IT IS intended to hold the fourth annual Bert Carter Memorial Show, as on previous occasions on the second Saturday in June 1978, at the Breckland Sports Centre, Thetford. The annual general meeting will be held at the King's Lynn show on January 28. (See public notices.) All interested fanciers are invited to attend. Nominations for all club officials are required by January 24.

Anyone requiring points venues, stand space etc, and persons willing to guarantee or sponsor classes should contact me at 22 Lonsdale Road, New Rackheath, Norwich NR13 6QW.

LIZ NAYLOR, secretary

CHINCHILLA, SILVER TABBY AND SMOKE CAT SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL general meeting is to be held on Saturday, April 1, 1978 at 2 pm, at the YWCA Central Club, Great Russell Street, London WC1.

Nominations are invited for five committee members and two delegates to the GCCF (the society now being entitled to be represented by two delegates, as membership has reached 300). The retiring committee member, Mrs F Roden, is willing to stand for re-election, and the co-opted member, B Kirk, is also willing to stand. All nominations must have the written consent of the nominee and be proposed and second-

ed by members. Nominations should reach me by March 1, 1978 at 85 Main Road, Hockley, Essex.

Annual subscriptions £1.25 are due on January 1, 1978—kindly forward to the honorary treasurer, Mr Harrison, Glebe House, Hartwell, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

The second issue of the journal has now been forwarded free to all our members.

Mrs Barbara Newland, Craigends, Water-side, near Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, has now been appointed as membership secretary, and all inquiries regarding membership should be addressed to her.

Four regional representatives have been appointed to organise local functions and to assist with the society's activities. They are: Midland Region, Mrs Anne Green, Lyndale, Lindridge Lane, Desford, Leicestershire (telephone: Desford 3190); Western Region, Mrs Elizabeth Brill, Long Close, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wiltshire (W/Gunner 230); Caledonian Region, Mrs Susan Taylor, 63 Trinity Road, Edinburgh, Scotland; and Northern Region, Mrs Margery Sharp, Rowleth End, Low Row, Richmond, North Yorkshire (Gunnisdere 226).

VICKY SANDERS

CAPITAL LONG HAIR CAT ASSOCIATION

WE WISH to inform all those at the National who read or took one of our circulars concerning our forthcoming symposium that the date advertised for the symposium at the YWCA is Saturday, February 25, 1978 and not as stated.

The symposium will be advertised in FUR & FEATHER nearer the time, with instructions on how to get the tickets.

VERA CROYSBILL, Hon sec

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK CAT CLUB

WE APOLOGISE to exhibitors who have had their entries for our forthcoming show returned as the limit was reached well before the closing date. Will any exhibitors who intend to cancel any entries please inform the assistant show manager concerned as soon as possible as there are several would be exhibitors waiting for cancellations.

SYLVIA SPOORE, Show manager

THE BURMESE CAT CLUB

AT THE December meeting of the Governing Council, the following probationer judges were appointed: Mrs M C Fleet, Mrs V Kilby, Mrs P Lauder.

M R SILVERMAN, hon secretary

SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

MRS BIGGIE has withdrawn from judging and will be replaced by Mrs Lambert. The following classes have also been re-allocated. Mrs Thake will judge classes 169, 186, 198. Mrs Olive classes 96, 162, 168, 171, 180, 191,

ITEMS IN 'News from the Clubs' must NOT constitute advertisements. Announcements of events organised to promote clubs funds such as coffee mornings, tea parties, dances, dinners, requests for advertisements in schedules and catalogues giving prices of admission and charges for advertisements MUST be paid for.

Further to our announcement in our issue of December 8 we have decided to offer these items under the heading 'Club affairs' in the news section at a especially reduced rate of £1.50 (not as previously announced) for 30 words and 10p per word thereafter. Cash MUST accompany these advertisements which should be addressed to Pat Cole, Advertisement Manager, FUR & FEATHER, Idle, Bradford.

Acceptable items under 'News from the Clubs' are changes of dates, changes of judges, cancellations, corrections to schedules of shows, change of addresses, dates of club meetings, chatty items about club members such as marriages, births, illnesses etc.

Notices of deaths will appear under the heading 'Obituary' in the news section.

203. Mrs Durrant 107, 118, 120, 127, 146, 150, 160, 164, 168, 185, 187, 197.

(Mrs) E ARNOLD, show manager

LANCASHIRE CAT CLUB

SCHEDULES HAVE now been sent out to members and last year's exhibitors. Anyone requiring a schedule please contact show manager Mrs V Shaw, 519 Manchester Road, Bury, Lancs (061-766-2337).

Exhibitors please note classes 222 and 223 will be judged by Mrs Higgins and not Mrs Denny as printed in schedule; this was a printer's error. Also minimum entry is four classes, one of which must be the open class.

It has come to my notice that there may be some of our schedules, pages 5-20 inclusive, which contain details pertaining to Essex Cat Club show. All exhibitors please check.

V SHAW, show manager

NATIONAL CAT CLUB

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS became due on January 1: single £2, joint £3. Please forward as soon as possible to the hon treasurer, The Reverend G M Briscoe, 5 Croftdown, 25 Shepherds Hill, Highgate, London N6 5QJ.

readers write

THE OPINIONS expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of FUR & FEATHER. The authors must accept legal responsibility for the accuracy of statements therein. Anonymous letters will not be printed. Correspondents who wish to use a nom-de-plume must provide their names and addresses (not for publication) to the editors.

Cancel assessment classes

THE ASSESSMENT classes must be cancelled forthwith! Although the intention was probably well meant, not enough foresight was shown as to the possible problems which might ensue. The result is complete chaos between judges and exhibitors.

Nice people are full of smiles until the critiques are read—most judges have now learnt not to be around from then on. Some shows are even clever enough to leave the assessment classes to the end of the day so that by the time the exhibitors have recovered from their convulsions the judges who dared to give their honest opinions are speeding sharply homeward.

Seriously though most people accept there should be some means of control of 'new' breeds but this is where the trouble lies. I would suggest that where breeds are firmly established in other parts of the world they should be accepted here providing:

- A breed club exists with, say, one hundred members.
- The breed club provides evidence of the strength of the breed to a given figure.
- The breed club offers to display its cats to the Council so that instructional information is available to judges.

There is no reason at all why 'new' breeds should not be exhibited in competitive classes providing they are well supported. In fact this is the finest way of improving quality.

Our Council now has a wonderful opportunity of putting right a wrong and thereby giving us confidence in its democracy? Everybody I have met, from our chairman and judges down to our novice exhibitors are unhappy with the system, so let's sweep away the bad feelings and start the New Year on a brighter note. D C BARKER

Seal Point carol

MY SON and I had 'flu for Christmas. Thanks, however, to a new and increasingly popular vaccine, our cats did not. Also they fed well, but not so well as the song suggests! On Christmas Eve, while under the influence of a temperature and a modicum of good Scots whisky we both came up with the following parody of a well known carol. Our Seal Point Siamese queen says we may print it.

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
my Seal Point said to me
Twelve kits a-mewing,
Eleven rabbits, stewing,
Ten salmon leaping,
Nine budgies cheeping,
Eight jugs with cream in,
I must be dreamin'
Seven judges blessing,
I've got them guessing,
Without excesses,
Six show successes;
Five he-rr-r-rings!
Four jolly capons,
Three French hens,
Two stalwart studs,
For I asked two tommies to tea!
ANNE and JULIAN MILLAR

Kink in the tail

SEVERAL TIMES in the past few years I have seen a Longhaired cat faulted by a judge for having a kink in the tail. Now, in my copy of the latest edition of the GCCF's Standards of Points for all breeds there is no general standard of points for Longhairs. Searching through the standards for individual varieties I find that only in the case of the Blue and the Colourpoint is the kink mentioned as a defect (compare this with the standards for SH cats, both British and Foreign).

In the variety standards the tail desired is described as broad (or flowing, or full or bushy) and in most cases short. Moreover in nine of the nineteen varieties listed no marks are specifically allotted for the tail. How, then, can a conscientious judge penalise for a defect not referred to or allotted marks in the standard?

Secondly, what is a kink? Is it defined anywhere? In my book it is an irregularity which prevents the tail from being stretched out in a straight line—that and nothing else.

Thirdly, and most important, to penalise for a characteristic which is neither visible to the eye nor harmful to the animal is surely a great nonsense. It would make more sense to fault the cat whose overtyped skull restricts the nasal passages and causes running at the eyes with consequent facial staining. Yet such overtyped cats are sought after and frequently successful on the show bench. But ask the vets what they feel about overtyped cats!

It is sometimes said one should not breed

from a cat with a tail defect since such a defect is hereditary. What nonsense! All physical characteristics are to some extent hereditary but a tail defect less so than most since it can be due to an accident at birth or later in life.

Is it not time we took a long hard look at ourselves and what we are aiming at? Is it logical? Is it sensible? Is it really in the interest of the cats we profess to love?

Surely health, happy temperament and natural feline beauty are more important than a man-made standard which produces Longhairs which resemble Pekingese dogs and foreign types which every year seem to look more like oversized rats! EILEEN R TAYLOR

A tailless tail

Have you ever wondered, Why we Manx cats have no tails? It makes no difference what you are. The female or the male. Genetics some say is the cause. Others they just guess. Has no-one got the answer, As to why we're in this mess?

I've been told to count my blessings. As I ought to see the Rex. Mutations turned him curly. Good gracious me, what next! At least his body has a tail. He should grateful be for that. When dogs approach it's his defence. All we can do is sssssspat!

Since an explanation's needed, For most things we do and say. Here's a reason given. For the Manx's loss today. Many many years ago, God saw that men were bad. They ruined His earth and laughed at Him It really made Him sad.

He told a man called Noah: 'You must go and build a boat. For I'm to flood this earth of mine. But you will stay afloat. Take all your family into it. The animals at that. And Noah, don't you dare forget, To board the good ol' pussycat'.

The rain it started coming down, With Noah in a flap! As everyone was safe on board, Except, you've got it, 'Where's that cat?' Suddenly, from nowhere, Felines ran with all their might. They had to reach that ark in time. Or they'd lose out all right!

Well, it happened to the last cat. Who let out a haunting wail!!! Anxious Noah, slammed the door, Right on this poor cat's tail! So—here we are, descendants of, That pussycat's bad fate. I bet he learned his lesson though, You lose out when you're late!

But now, to all my pals world-wide, The Rumpy and the Stumpy, Please hold your heads and hind legs high And do stop feeling grumpy. Because one consoling fact, Around this tailless mystery, We Manx are proudly featured on— The reverse side of our currency. B E HOPWOOD

Ruin

CROSS-BREEDING is the ruin of good pedigrees and so makes a farce of our pure-bred cats.

The more results of shows I see and the more times I am asked questions about pedigrees the more I wonder how many of the hundreds of cats are correctly bred with first-class pedigrees. I feel it is a very serious problem for to re-establish correct good breeding will take generations.

Rules should be laid down in consultation with specialist breed clubs, and well known leading breeders with at least fifteen years of breeding correctly. Unfortunately such breeders are becoming fewer and fewer.

To keep correct pedigrees the following colours are allowed to be mated: Black to Red brings Tortoiseshell; White to White, Blue to Cream brings Blue-Cream; Smoke to Smoke, Silver Tabby to Silver Tabby, Chinchilla to Chinchilla, Red to Red, Tortoiseshell and Whites to Bicolour or solid coloured males bred for colour breeding (no solid bred colours); Bicolours (linked with above);

The Abyssinian cat

Edith Menezes

THE ABYSSINIAN is generally accepted as the oldest breed of domesticated cat and is certainly one of the earliest recognised breeds in this country.

Where did they originate? That is not so easy! Probably not in Abyssinia and not necessarily in Egypt but there is little doubt that their forefathers were species of wild cat that are still to be found in the northern parts of the African continent.

Bronzes and paintings left by the Ancient Egyptians show the long, lithe body, the large eyes, the alert ears and long tapering tail of the cats deified 3 000 and more years ago and few can dispute that these are the archetype of the Abyssinian cat we strive to breed today.

We know the first registration as a separate breed was in 1882 although for nearly thirty years they were referred to variously as Ticks, British Ticked, and Bunny Cats as well as Abyssinians. Not entirely surprising as the ticked coat is regarded as the most important and distinguishing feature. If ever the ticking is lost so will be the Abyssinian.

At the beginning of this century outcrossing occurred with other breeds and also many records show on one side or other, 'sire or dam unknown'.

The cat you see today comes within the foreign short-hair classification retaining the general shape handed down from its ancestors with the long, lithe body enhanced by careful and selective breeding.

Breed 23 referred to officially as 'Usual' should display a rich golden brown colour with preferably, treble ticking comprising three bands of colour on each hair and with a dark spine line terminating in a black tail tip, the belly and inside of legs to be ruddy orange.

The head should be broad tapering to a firm wedge and it is an added attraction when the ears are tufted. The eyes surrounded by a thin line of dark pigmentation are large, bright and expressive and should be amber, hazel or green.

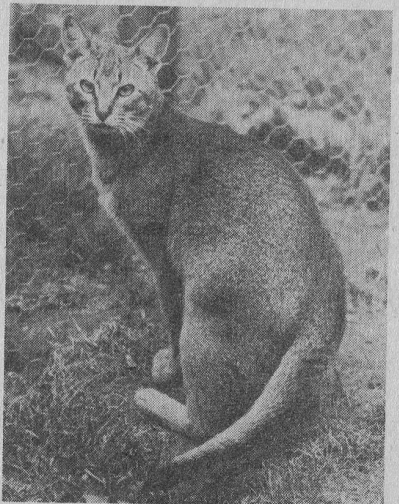
Red Abyssinians (Breed 23A) were officially recognised in 1957 and Blue Abyssinians who have a recognised colour (Breed No 23C) have been registered since 1975. There are now also several other coloured Abyssinians whose standard of points for their colours has still to be decided.

At the moment serious consideration, and breeding programmes are in progress by several breeders especially as the Red we know as Breed 23A is very different in colour to the sex-linked red Abyssinian now appearing. So there is a possibility of Breed Red 23A being given another name instead of red.

The Abyssinian is an extremely friendly animal, highly intelligent, and has a personality of its own and with its short fine coat is very easy to groom.



Photograph by Anne Cumbers
TAISHUN BACCHUS



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CH TAISHUN LEO

Colourpoint to Colourpoint, Birman to Birman, Turkish to Turkish. There should be no out crossing once a breed is established. Of course we will always have good, bad and indifferent but this is normal and our top cats will be top if the right pedigrees are used. Breeding tells.

Any of these breeds having other colours brought in for improvement or experimental purposes would have all kittens placed onto an experimental register with an experimental registration certificate for at least four generations before any resultant stock could be returned to the normal registration and numbers and be able to compete in its own breed class provided that the four generations had returned to their correct breeding.

I am not against improving breeds or experimenting for new breeds as long as these cats are registered as such and not allowed to creep into other breeds. This practice is already out of control.

As a dedicated breeder I too have experimented but with the sole aim of making the Tortie and White a breed. I have about fifteen generations of good breeding and high-class stock as well but since I settled down to correct breeding there are no outsiders in these generations and my Bicolours are mainly bred solely through Tortie and Whites.

When I look back now I can see that they were just mistakes. Now no non-pedigree cats can be shown. Thus there would have been no Tortie Whites. But now one can see here about twenty champions and uncrowned ones and they are real English cats.

NORAH WOODFIELD

Risky business

I COULD not help wondering at the National when I saw so many kittens being sold if the purchasers realised the great risk they

were running. They could have a sick kitten on their hands in seven days time and possibly a dead one with no hope of getting their money back and quite rightly so. Once purchased and taken from the show the kitten becomes the new owner's property and responsibility.

I was offered a handsome figure for my prize-winning exhibit, but it has always been my policy in twenty years of showing, never to let a purchaser take a kitten of mine from the show hall.

I would not like to be involved in the consequences should anything unforeseen happen to that kitten.

I strongly advise purchasers and vendors to think seriously, before handing over a kitten at a cat show. The purchaser should go to the breeder's home seven days after the show to collect the kitten or cat, and in that way will see the conditions in which the kitten has been reared and see what its dam is like.

Cat shows were never intended to be market places for the feline world.

M E BISHOP

Well done!

IT IS nice to hand out compliments and, hopefully, even nicer to receive them. The National Cat Club show at Olympia surprised us by the superb efficiency of the vetting-in. Without a doubt it is the best at any championship show we have been to. After last year's effort we did debate entering again but we are glad we did.

Despite the stupid rule at Olympia which allows the public to disturb the open class judges (one feels very sorry for them and their stewards) the show, we thought was a first-class effort right across the board.

PATRICIA and JOHN WADE

here and there

Alison Ashford

Visitors from all over the world view 4000 top cats

IT IS just over twenty years since I visited my first National Cat Club show. During that time, though the venue is the same, the show has changed almost beyond recognition. Yet its organiser, Grace Pond, has changed very little. She has a few stray grey hairs, yet her face is unlined and she shows the same courtesy and enthusiasm that so impressed me when I first spoke to her. When her husband, Dick, died suddenly during the past year, we were all a little afraid that she would lose heart. But we need not have worried; after a few quiet weeks at home, Grace was up and about, organising the Long-haired Cat Club show and lending a helping hand wherever it was needed.

So, thanks to Grace and all her hard-working committee and section managers, the National show, with its 4000 exhibits, was a fantastic success, attracting visitors from every part of the world.

By ten-thirty in the morning a queue a quarter-of-a-mile long stretched along the road. The queue consisted of the general public waiting for admission to view the world's top cats. Yet though the queue of onlookers has lengthened each year, the usual queue of exhibitors waiting for early-morning vetting-in was almost non-existent. Thanks to the team of twenty-one veterinary surgeons, many of whom had driven many miles that morning, the cats were rapidly vetted-in. And each was given a thorough examination, though I believe there were remarkably few rejections.

Early start for judges

By 10 am judges were able to start their arduous task which must have been a relief to them. Once the public is allowed in it is a real struggle to gain access to the pens.

This year I had the privilege of having Kay White, correspondent to 'Dog World' and Editor of 'The Veterinary Drug', as my second steward. I think she was genuinely impressed by the hard work put in by all cat judges and by their patient acceptance of the pushing, jostling crowds. Such treatment of judges is not permitted at dog shows where an orderly ring is maintained around the judges while they inspect the dogs. However, I was sorry to hear that the dog world is not without its confidence tricksters and jealous losers, some of whom vent their feelings by attempting to injure some of the winning exhibits.

This prompts me to say once again to exhibitors: DO try to introduce yourselves to owners of cats in adjoining pens, and DO make arrangements to keep an eye on your

neighbours' exhibits if they will do the same for you. It is ONLY in this way that tragedies will be averted.

This year there were brightly decorated stalls on both the ground floor of Olympia and in the gallery where the household pets were penned. Many people were able to do much of their Christmas shopping at the show.

Over £170 was taken at the Feline Advisory Bureau's stall, manned by enthusiastic members and by the bureau's veterinary surgeons. I was tremendously impressed to see Michael Findlay, the bureau's secretary, Lydia Orr, Paul Flecknell and Tim Gruffyd-Jones working throughout the day. All these members are busy veterinary surgeons, yet they were prepared to forego what must have amounted to a considerable amount of money to help in raising extra funds for the study of our cats' diseases.

Disappointment for visitors

Despite the fact that the new GCCF stud book was advertised as being on sale, there were only two copies available, thus causing a considerable amount of disappointment to visitors from overseas, although most English exhibitors felt that it was unlikely that they could afford the £10 needed to buy a single copy. I shall think twice before making this investment, but I do realise that the cost of printing has rocketed sky-high during the past five years.

At long last Pedigree Petfoods have decided that cat breeders and owners are equally as important as dog breeders, and this year they not only had a caravan displaying literature and exhibits produced by the firm, but had organised a wonderful reception for judges and stewards! While many in the cat fancy appreciate the work of Mr Andrew Edney, Veterinary Director of Petfoods and secretary to the BSAVA, the phrase 'Pedigree Petfoods' has been regarded by many as being synonymous with commerce. I think that few breeders know about the careful studies of feline behaviour and needs made by the veterinary specialists attached to the company. With their new interest in cat breeders we can look forward to a brighter future for our cats.

Although last year Longhairs dominated the National show, this year showed a majority of Siamese exhibits with 1024 Siamese. Longhaired cats numbered 758. Foreign Shorthairs 527, with British Shorthairs numbering only 134. It is such a pity that the beautiful typical British cat seems to be declining in popularity despite the fact that Edith Menezes is always a star attraction with Jack and Jill, the lovely British Shorthairs of 'Blue Peter' fame.

Successful outcrossing

Listening to visitors' comments on British Shorthair exhibits I heard it said repeatedly: 'What's special about THAT cat?' Certainly some of today's British Shorthairs lack the great muscular magnificence of some of our older cats such as Mrs Nash's Grand Premier Jezreel Martyn and Mrs Procter's Champion Broadweir Someone Special. Realising this, Mrs Marjorie Bishop, famed for her Leclercq Longhairs, mated her Blue Persian queen Champion Peela Genevieve to Mrs Walling's British Blue, Champion Shadingfield Hercules, and one of their kittens, Mocha Sister Jill, a magnificent British Blue female, was first in a class of fifteen kittens at the National this year. Such outcrosses MUST be of benefit to a breed and we are fortunate that such crosses are not penalised in this country as they are in some overseas countries. I am not advocating indiscriminate mixing of breeds as the results would be tragic, but planned scientific outcrosses are occasionally necessary as has been proved over the years. It is up to the individual breed clubs to advise and guide their members. And with this in mind we should remember the importance of voting only for members of integrity when a committee is chosen.

Because I had a very large number of cats to judge, there was no time to discover the names of the top winners. As I have written before now, unless owners let me know their important wins within a day of a show, they cannot be included in my article, which must disappoint many people. So it's up to you all! However, I did manage to discover that Mr and Mrs Sykes's fabulous Longhair Smoke neuter, Premier Snowfire Buccaneer, became a Grand Premier at the National. I have seldom seen a more excited couple of

exhibitors, but they deserve their success, for Buccaneer is always presented to perfection and is so obviously a much-loved cat.

Of the many outstanding winning Chinchillas of the past season, Snowbloom Ja'bin and Labaule Silver Louise are probably the two most well known. The National was Louise's day. Having become a champion at the Yorkshire County show, she won her first grand challenge certificate at the National and celebrated her triumph by starring in Nick Henderson's television show 'Prize Cats'. Mrs Kirk was overjoyed for Louise's litter brother, Silver Louis, is already a grand champion.

There were many promising Chinchilla kittens, best of breed being Mrs Brill's Owletts Nyree, bred by Mrs R Fisher.

One other very popular win was Mr and Mrs Barham's beautiful brown Burmese male, Champion Octavian, who became a grand champion on the day. Having been supreme best kitten at the first Governing Council Supreme show, he has had a star-studded show career as well as siring some very lovely kittens.

American awards

Since I last wrote, the American magazine 'Cat World' has published its list of top British Longhaired and Shorthaired cats, and I'm sure readers will be pleased to hear that the Supreme Cat of the Year is little Katie Smith's lovely white Devon Rex male, Champion Brylout Lord Thomas. He was bred by Louane Stevenson, who deserves to share the praise.

Other awards went to Mrs Critchlow's Champion Sallyshan Blado as best Long-haired cat; Mrs Beeley's Premier Dawnway Defender as best Long-haired neuter; Mrs Jenkins's Grand Champion Katolyn Cumulus as best British Short-haired cat; Mrs Blake's Champion and Premier Halicot Bossi Boots as best British Short-haired neuter; Mrs Buck's Desiderata Blue Jay as best Foreign Short-haired neuter (this was sadly ironical as this beautiful blue Cornish Rex was killed on the road on the day Mrs Buck learned of his triumph); Mrs Morris's Champion Seadog Coco as best Siamese cat; and Mrs Ford's Grand Premier Patricia Meridian as best Siamese neuter.

Tribute should be paid to Mr John Mais, who works so hard in collating all the information for 'Cat World'. As a journalist it is only fair that I should say that there is some feeling of resentment in the cat fancy of these awards. Nobody can deny that these top cats are worthy winners, but it is a fact that they sometimes achieve their supreme award because they have been exhibited more frequently than others equally as good. Thus a superb cat that has been shown only three times in a year because its owner cannot afford to attend many shows or who is possibly a judge has no hope of becoming 'Cat of the Year'. Thus Mrs Evans's Chinchilla, Grand Champion Snowbloom Jabin, judged Supreme Cat of the Year at this year's Governing Council show, was listed only as fifth best Long-haired in the 'Cat World' awards!

Two vaccines

Many breeders are a little puzzled by the fact that there are now two available vaccines against the menacing cat 'flu syndrome of diseases. I have been asked frequently which is better? Felifu made by C Vet or Katavac CH made by Duphar. I think that this is a question that I certainly cannot answer, and few veterinary surgeons have as yet had sufficient time to assess the vaccines' merits.

Katavac CH is administered by intra-nasal drops.

Here I would like to say that I inadvertently referred to Katavac CH as being an 'inactivated live vaccine'. In fact it is a LIVE bivalent vaccine.

Because it IS a live vaccine, administered in a form which allows some of the fluid to be sneezed out soon after administration, a word of warning from Dr Charles Povey of Guelph University should be noted. He states that a cat recently vaccinated by the use of intra-nasal drops should NOT be allowed to mix with young unvaccinated kittens, which could develop a form of cat 'flu from the small amount of live vaccine being excreted.

It is vitally important that cat breeders should be aware of this, otherwise there could be tragic results. And as always breeders should follow their veterinary surgeon's advice.

Social afternoon

Changing to a lighter subject, I was pleased to hear of a very pleasant social afternoon organised by Mrs Marjorie Bishop at her home at Sturry, Kent. This part of East Kent seems to have few 'get-togethers' of cat breeders, so Mrs Bishop's tea-party, attended by more than twenty breeders and owners of Long-haired cats, was a great success.

Mrs Bishop is, of course, the breeder of the very beautiful Leclercq Persians, and



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Mrs A Ashford with a Cornish Rex kitten.
Annelida Evita.

visitors were thrilled to see some of these cats relaxing in their own home. Mrs Bishop had cooked all the delicious delicacies, which disappeared very quickly!

Many of us find it difficult to relax in these days of rush and stress, and these people may be glad to hear that Mrs Ann Hagman, breeder of Devon Rex, has opened a therapy and beauty clinic at her home in North London. I am sure that the new clinic will be much appreciated.

Rebel settles in at Longleat

The past week has been a memorable one, as Mr Mike Findlay and I saw Rebel, the orphan lion cub, safely settled into his new home at Longleat. Rebel had been rapidly outgrowing Mike's flat, and all the furniture showed signs of Rebel's attentions! In the six weeks that he had been with Mike he had trebled in size and though he was remarkably gentle, his presence was beginning to cause problems. Thanks to the concern shown by a famous cat lover, Rolf Harris, we were able to contact Mr 'Freddie' French, PRO to Longleat Lions Park, of which Mr Jimmy Chipperfield is a director. Freddie had organised a warm welcome for Rebel and had planned his immediate future.

Driving along the winding paths of Longleat I felt happy at the life of freedom which one hopes Rebel will enjoy, but I could not fail to be aware of the sadness felt by Mike at the loss of the cub that had, literally, shared his life. There can be very few veterinary surgeons who would allow their lives to be disrupted in such a way, and the Feline Advisory Bureau is certainly fortunate in having him as its secretary.

After a brief romp in the grass, Rebel was taken to the little stone house which is to be his home until he has become accustomed to the change of temperature and to the scents of the wild animals around him. He has an iron-barred door through which he can watch all the events around him, and Freddie, Doug Ford and the very charming Toni Munroe, who assists on the administrative side of things at Longleat, will be there to keep an eye on him.

Within about two months he will be introduced to some of the younger wild cats and then, eventually, he will be allowed to join a 'pride' of lions, providing they will accept him.

I hope to write a full article about Rebel's new life in 'Cats and Catdom Annual 1978'. It will be accompanied by photographs showing his progress as Marc and Fiona Henrie, the famous animal photographers, have accompanied us on our journeys with Rebel, and a number of brilliant photos are already in my album.

When it was time to leave Rebel we gave him some farewell cuddles and were rewarded by his funny hoarse little 'purrs'. Poor little lion. He must be very puzzled as to why his friends have suddenly left him alone in a cold and lonely place but I have a feeling that he has the character to survive these changes and to become a lion in his own right.

When I wrote this article Christmas was with us. A time for love and for reunions, and I hope a happy time for all who read this.

No matter how often we have been hurt or disappointed, each one of us needs to give and to receive love and it is in this capacity that our cats fulfil this need. In learning to understand their needs we are able to express our love, which they return in full measure.

National Cat Club Championship show report

YET ANOTHER National is over and after months of hard work Mrs Avery (Shorthaired Section), Mr and Mrs Green (Longhaired), Mrs Walde (Pet), Mrs Wilson (Siamese), Mr and Mrs Burgess (hall managers) and I were pleased as this year things really did seem to go smoothly on the day. We had about 26 veterinary surgeons who were really marvellous and the vetting-in, supervised by Mrs Calder, was completed just before 10 am. On the judging panel were members of the National committee namely Mrs Alderton, Mr Dugdale, Mrs Graham, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Speirs. Several of them stepped in in the last week or two as we hoped we would then not be overloading the judges. If we hadn't spread the load one judge would have to cope with 194 cats. The Rev G M Briscoe paid out expenses, Mrs Light coped with the specials and our president, Mrs J Thompson and our secretary, Mrs Gowdy, dealt with many inquiries. Michael Kelly very kindly looked after the catalogues.

I thank the judges and the stewards who managed to fight their way through the crowds and get all the classes judged. Thanks also to the various helpers the day before and on the day, also those who stayed on to help with the clearing up and Mrs Bines and her team of girl guides who worked very hard all day.

Many thanks to 'Blue Peter' and Peter Purves; Mrs Menezes with 'Jack and Jill'; and Lesley Judd and Nick Henderson who appeared for the BBC 2 documentary which showed a number of highlights from the show. It was a shame the lights made the Siamese shown appear to be cross-eyed. Mrs Walde, my sister, asked me to give a special thank you to her judges, stewards and the many children who helped.

Very many thanks also go to the exhibitors for making their cats and kittens look so beautiful and very many thanks to anyone I may have missed out. I would like to say how much Mrs Pope's flower arrangements were admired.

A personal thanks, too, to everyone for rallying around me and being so helpful at the first show I have run without my husband's help on the day.

Would exhibitors please note that my address is now Greenhayes, 35 Blackwater Lane, Pound Hill, Crawley, Telephone Pound Hill 2161. I moved about four days before the show, hence the delay in replying to some letters. GRACE POND, FZS, show organiser.

Mrs M C Bastow

CONGRATULATIONS GO to Mrs Grace Pond and all her hard working associates for another successful show. I thank the committee for their kind hospitality and gift. My grateful thanks to my untiring steward, Mrs Joy Southernland, who handles the exhibits with care and understanding.

LH WHITE Blue-eyed female: 1 ch Bassett's Tewhit Titbit, excellent type, soft flowing coat, well furnished tail, neat ears, full cheeks, short nose, blue eyes 2 Bartlett's Mitzi Maral, white flowing coat, nice tail, round blue eyes a little deep set, short nose, full cheeks, good chin 3 Dexters' Exuma White Orbit, coat soft but stained round ears, good type, well set ears, short nose, good muzzle and chin, pale eye colour **Kitten 3-9 mth:** 1 Kaye's Chirunga Polar Ice, beautiful type, well presented, short nose, full cheeks, flowing coat, short tail, neat ears, round shaped blue eyes 2 Brambley's Itchel White Perfection, nice top of head, neat ears, short nose, flowing coat, short tail, blue eyes, would like firmer chin 3 Boyd's Christy Snow Fairy, nice kitten, flowing coat, short tail, neat ears, full cheeks, blue eyes r Likely's Tamita White Arrabella, very good type, pure white coat, blue eyes **BIRMAN Kitten male:** 1 Kilvington's Monsieur Ceybusi, SP, very good shaped head, nice coat, paws and gauntlets good, deep blue eyes 2 Izzard's Vanbelma Vincina Kio, BP, good shaped head and points, paws and gauntlets good 3 Creasey's Moirama Catzanova, coat rather brindled, good shaped head, paws good, gauntlets fair r Price's Altimore Tangle Paws Tor, SP, larger kitten, good head for type, good coat, paws good, gauntlets only fair **Female:** 1 Blair's Patrioona Sibyl, excellent type head, paws and gauntlets correct marking, good body colour, soft coat, points good, blue eyes 2 Dunham's Shephshadow Shimron Abigail, very nice female, good type, points, paws and gauntlets, round blue eyes 3 Dolphin's Dubrova Oona, BP, excellent type, coat soft, paws correct, gauntlets not so good r Jennings's Moirama Minuette, SP, nice type, paws and gauntlets good **Premier of premiers:** 1 Pr Sykes's Pr Snowfire Buccaneer, superb Smoke, very good head, neat ears, full cheeks, firm chin, short nose, black mask, feet and well furnished tail, chalk white undercoat, beautifully shown r Cakkaby's Pr Sapajou Snagles Puss, Orange-eyed White, pure coat, round open face, neat ears, short nose, good muzzle and chin, copper eyes, well presented **AC Limit male (ex Self):** 1 Sanders's Ch Tuidene Kynan, Chinchilla of excellent type, long flowing coat

nicely ticked, neat ears, short nose, good muzzle and chin, lovely coloured eyes 2 Allon's Belcona Phralton Boy, Blue Cream Colourpoint, I gave this cat second for type and presentation, the body colour I am sure should be pale, it has one cream patch on back, points should be more defined 3 Day's The Lotus Eater, BP Colourpoint, excellent type head, coat a little coarse in texture, points very good, deep blue eye colour r Tyler's Sarasaman Calico Boy, Blue and White Bicolour, excellent condition, white blaze on face **BLUE Breeders female kitten:** 1 Kaye's Chirunga Jenny, small but very good type, neat well placed ears, short nose, full cheeks, strong chin, wide awake eyes 2 Wales's Longbow Maid Marion, fairly sound coat, nice open face, good muzzle and chin, well shown 3 Schofield's Schirana Arabella, pale coat, nice type, good muzzle and chin, good eye colour, well shown. M C BASTOW

Mrs R M Pocock

MANY THANKS go to Ilse Sherry, my very capable and helpful steward.

BURMESE Cream female ad: 1 ch Mayes's Silkpaws Sunsprite, good eye colour, head and type, lovely coat, tail a little thick at base 2 Izzard's Merryem Eastern Promise, good type and head, fair tail, good coat but a little darker than winner's, eyes going green **Tortie ad:** 1 ch Raine's Silkpaws Autumn Angelique, Brown of very good type, good head and tail, fair eye colour, good coat 2 Beech and Chalmers's Caro Carissima, good Brown, good type, head and correct tail, nice eye colour 3 Reading's Yakshi Thistledown Silver, Blue, good type and tail, good head but could have better nose break, eyes going green, nice coat with no white r Sherrington's Tantanin Amazing Grace, good type Brown, good head, fair tail, eyes rather green **Cream male kitten:** 1 Dennafor's Odinski Cream Emperor, quite good eye colour, lovely head, correct tail and good type, lovely coat colour and texture, promising, boc 2 Brownell's Patriarca Prupert Pear, good eye colour

though haws were slightly up when I judged him, good type and head though ears a little too upright, very pale coat of good texture, tail correct shape but too thick **Female:** 1 Anderson's Waycross Peachesan Cream, good eye colour, nice head, but slightly weak chin, tail rather short and tapered, good type, good coat colour and texture 2 Marshall's Tabana Chiquita, good head and type, quite good eye colour, tail rather short and thick, good coat colour with no markings but a bit open 3 Dennafor's Odinski Cream Danella, good type and head, greenish eyes, good coat, tail rather whip and tapered r Fullwood's Ellinis Cream Coleen, good coat and type, quite nice head but had muzzle pinch, fair eye colour, tapered tail. The tails were disappointing in most of the Cream kittens today. **Brown neuter:** 1 pr Crouch's Pedro Perez, lovely head, good tail and type, quite good eye colour, lovely coat, very handsome boy 2 Brynes's Ghenghis Tintin, good all round exhibit, ran winner close but not very happy today and not showing himself to advantage 3 Chapman's Francara Darmaid, good type, tail and head, good eye colour but coat rather patchy today r Timberlake's Amahama Kynquet Kabirio, good type, good coat, correct tail, fair eye colour though eyes were slightly runny, good head. R M POCOOCK

Miss E M Marshall

THE NATIONAL Cat Club's decision to restrict entries to a smaller number was an improvement as it was really becoming rather too big. As always, it was very ably organised by Mrs Grace Pond and her band of helpers. My thanks go to Mrs B Barrett for her stewarding.

LH WHITE Orange-eyed kitten 3-5 mth male: 1 Baker's Doleygat Elite, best of breed, excellent kitten, excellent type, large round eyes changing well, broad head, neat well placed ears, short broad nose, firm chin, cobby body, short tail, soft full coat 2 Baker's Doleygat Fanfare, very good kitten, excellent type, large round eyes which promise to be deep in colour, dark patch on forehead at

present, short tail, soft full coat 3 McGarry's Archue Merlin, very good type, round eyes could be larger, head a little narrow on top, short tail, soft full coat r Wheeler's Sapajou Davidson, good type, broad top, ears a little large and upright, good eye colour but does not open them fully, good nose and chin, good coat but a little yellow on feet 5-9 mth **male:** 1 Boyle's Snowzetta Charlie Bubbles, good type, round golden eyes, broad top, ears well placed but could be neater, good soft full coat 2 Dudney's Ju Tober Crellain Cresy, good type, ears large, head needs to broaden, broad nose, good coat 3 Aitken's Bournside White Clover, nose a little long, good chin, good eyes, top of head needs to broaden, dark patch on forehead, ears could be neater r Murray's Nineveh Snow Lollipop, head needs to broaden, ears rather large and eyes deep set, firm chin, good coat 3-5 mth **female:** 1 Baker's Doleygat Finesse, litter sister to winning male, excellent type, round eyes of good colour, broad head, well placed ears, short broad nose and firm chin, good coat 2 Silverman's Helma Thena, excellent type, broad head, ears well placed but a little large, large round eyes of deep colour, short broad nose, firm chin, good coat 3 Wheeler's Sapajou Alison, good type, eyes rather small but of deep colour, ears rather large, short nose and firm chin, dark patch on head, good coat r Silverman's Helma Nella, good type, large bold eyes of good colour, broad top, soft coat 5-9 mth **female:** 1 Moon's Cherub's Kiss, good type, bold round eyes of good colour, ears well set but a little large, short broad nose, firm chin, good coat 2 Fryer's Posh Paws Angelina, good round eyes, good top, well placed ears, would prefer them a little smaller, good coat 3 Hewitson's Fairy Firefly, large round eyes, head needs to broaden, short broad nose, firm chin, ears large, needs more grooming r Alton's Frallon Jubilee Meesha, good type, eyes deep set, but of good colour, ears fairly neat, good nose and chin **AC Self cat female Part 1:** 1 Judge's Adnil Valentina Snowgem, OE White, very good type, broad

ITHILIAN PERSIANS

congratulate our young red stud **COMARI BARONET (4)** on gaining his second Challenge Certificate, and also Best of Breed.

Barty says 'Well done' to his daughter, **ITHILIAN DREAM GIRL (4)** 1st Open Kitten Class and Best of Breed.

Stud and kitten inquiries to: **LIZ SPEAR, ITHILIAN, CORIL HEAD, BRAUNTON, DEVON.** Telephone: Braunton 812643.

Congratulations to **SUZERAIN CAESAR (DEVON REX)**

Winner of his Open Class at the National Show. Also side class winner. Many thanks to judges and stewards. Special thanks to Gill and Mike Clark for letting us have Caesar.

S DAVEY and P GRANT, 96 Gruneisen Road, Stanshaw, Portsmouth, Hants. Telephone: Portsmouth 60269.

Congratulations to **LU-CHU BIANCA (FOREIGN WHITE)** (LU-CHU SNOWBALL x LU-CHU TSCHUDI)

on winning her first Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at the National Cat Club Show, Olympia.

Congratulations and a very special thank you to her breeder, Mrs Yvonne Kite. ★ **Mrs HILARY WHISTON,** 24 NEALDEN STREET, LONDON, SW9 9RA. Telephone: 01-737 0788.

DOLEYGATE TOPS AGAIN!

WORLD FAMOUS WHITE AND PURE BLUE LONGHAIRS.

At the NATIONAL our 3 month kittens: **DOLEYGATE ELITE (2A)**, Best of Breed (four firsts). **DOLEYGATE FINESSE (2A)**, First Open (three firsts). **DOLEYGATE FANFARE (2A)**, Second Open (to Elite).

Also now at DOLEYGATE:

LAFRABELLA ELGRECO, Best of Breed (pure Blue). First prizes in all his Classes. Breeder, Isobella Bangs. Grateful thanks for such a lovely boy.

Congratulations also to the following winners this season:

On gaining their Championships:

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION DOLEYGATE SOLO (2A) (West Germany). **CHAMPION DOLEYGATE MINSTREL (2A)** (Holland). **CHAMPION DOLEYGATE SEQUENCE (2A)** (Mrs B Wheeler).

Best in Show winners:

DOLEYGATE BLUE CHIP (3) (Holland). **DOLEYGATE RONDO (2A)** (Mrs P Allington).

Best of Breed winners:

DOLEYGATE BLUE THISTLE (3) (Mrs K Ford). **DOLEYGATE POLONAISE (2A)** (Belgium).

Mrs JILL BAKER, Doley Gate, Gnosall, Stafford ST20 0EH. Telephone: Stafford 822457.

CHERRYWOOD CATS AT THE NATIONAL

CHAMPION CHERRYWOOD CALYPSO won her title 1st Ch and BOB British Black, first champion offspring of **Ch Broadweir Someone Special** (congratulations Brenda and Tom).

Grand-daughter of **Supreme British Grand Champion C Calamity Fred**. Also **LITTLE C CAPTAIN GAYLORD** British White kitten, son of **Ch Therisia Bianca** and **Ch Cherrywood Claudius**, high cards in every class entered. **CLAUDIUS** and **FRED** at limited stud.

Mrs COBB. Telephone 01-8832630.

FOR SALE SONNY SUPREME

Male LH Silver Tabby, born April 18, 1977. 1st Open at National.

Also his litter brother, **Issi Noho.** Telephone: 01-888 7236.

SARASAMSAN PERSIANS

Congratulate their National winners: **SARASAMSAN VILETTE**, Blue/Cream Colourpoint kitten and **SARASAMSAN PURDY**, Tortoiseshell kitten on winning their opens and other firsts.

Also **SHALYNN WHIPPOREWILL**, Blue female and **ADNIL MASKED LADY (12)**, on winning Challenge Certificates and other prizes.

Whipporewill's super blue father **CARGEOS SULLIVAN** Sire of many prize winners at home and abroad, and

CHAMPION PATHFINDERS SIR GALAHAD Black/White Bicolour of superb type are at Stud. Inquiries:

SANDRA CORRIS Telephone: Ongar 3320 (Essex).

CONGRATULATIONS TITAYA MOON WISPA (24a)

1st Open, 3rd, Reserve. Hoping to have kittens in the New Year from Touchstone Atallah (29).

Mrs NOAKES Telephone: Hastings 421934.

large round orange eyes, broad nose and firm chin, ears a little large, good coat 2 Piner's Morpenir Maria, Blue, excellent type, large eyes of good colour, broad head, good coat but shady 3 Dexter's Exuma White Princess, Odd-eyed White, good type, lovely eyes both large, round and deep in colour, coat a little soiled r Cromar's Oxus Nui Tombante, Black, very good type, large round eyes, short broad nose, firm chin, good top, coat a little unsound **Part 2:** 1 Waine's Summers Xylina, Cream, excellent type, eyes large but a little pale, short nose, firm chin, coat almost sound 2 John's Stroma Cream Shiraz, Cream, excellent type, deep copper eyes, short nose, firm chin, coat short and fairly sound 3 Tosswill's Helensbrook Poppy, Red, good type, broad top, good width between eyes of good colour, rich red coat with few markings r Sykes's Ch Snowfire Demelza, Blue, excellent type, good copper eyes, very strong chin, coat very shady **Ex Self maiden kitten 3-4 mth female:** 1 Ryan's Cobden Moppet, Seal Colourpoint, good type, eyes large but a little pale, good mask and points, pale coat 2 Ralfe's Misty Susa, BC, good type, eyes pale, well intermingled pale coat 3 Jones's Jolana Cha Ming, Seal Colourpoint, eyes pale and rather small, pale coat, dense mask and points r Mansell's Blue Berry Caprice, BC, good eye colour, coat dark. E M MARSHALL

Mrs J Dell

MY SINCERE thanks go to Mrs Pond and the committee for asking me to judge at their very well organised show and for their thoughtful gift. My thanks also to my very capable steward, Mr Leif Ranshede from Sweden, and Mrs Ronnie Brooks who very kindly helped with the Chocolate kitten class.

BURMESE Chocolate Kitten: All enormous class of very good exhibits 1 West's Iluskass Ryarsh, large male of excellent temperament which made handling him a pleasure, very good head although profile could be more pronounced, eyes good for shape, correct setting and colour, ears of good size and well placed, coat of very good colour and texture, tail good with some barring 2 Bailey's Kanzan Chocolate Chico, male of good overall type, head with correctly rounded dome, strong chin and good stop, slight tendency to muzzle pinch, eyes good shape, set and

good, ears good, coat shows a lot of contrast between body and head and ears at present, colour good, tail a bit short and thick, ringed and very tiny imperfection at tip 3 Brickell's Deucalion Orthia, promising female, good head with definite stop, chin a little weak, wedge slightly square at jaw, coat a lovely milk chocolate colour with no contrast, tail slightly short r Firth's Firedance Figaro, very nice natured boy of overall good type, good wedge, eyes good for shape, set and colour, ears correct size but too high, good coat colour with some barring, good tail **Lilac kitten:** Another very large class of quality kittens 1 Carne's Kanzan Lilac Abigail, very good female of excellent overall type, nice short wedge, correctly rounded dome and well defined stop, eyes very good, ears correct for size and position, coat of good colour although texture a bit soft and open, tail fractionally short 2 Miller's Kandi Niob Acill, good wedge but slightly square at muzzle, eyes good for shape and set, colour greenish, ears good, coat colour rather brindled, very good tail 3 Sheppard's Amethyst Enchantress, good wedge but square muzzle, eyes good for shape, set and colour, ears correct, coat of good texture and colour, good tail r McLean's Jojon Lilac Magic, very good wedge, quite good stop and dome, very good eyes of correct shape and colour, ears correct for size and position, very good coat colour and texture, tail extremely short and far too thick **Tortie kitten:** A marvellous class of twenty torties, very difficult task choosing the winners 1 Dewsbury's Rachmar Dainty Damsel, Brown with very good wedge, nicely rounded dome and definite stop, good ears for size and placing, eyes good for shape and set, colour slightly green, lovely texture coat of excellent colours, tail good, overall excellent kitten, well developed and well balanced 2 Austin's Chinakutani Badger, Blue, good wedge, eyes of good colour, setting correct and shape good, ears well placed and correct size, good coat colour although blue appeared rather dark on head and back, few white hairs on tummy 3 Kilby's Silkpaws Random Raindrops, Blue, good wedge, stop could be more pronounced, good rounded dome, eyes good for colour, set and shape, ears correct size but placed too high, coat a bit open but very good colours and lovely texture, tail correct length and shape r Burgess's Kam-

buku Misi Meila, Brown, wedge spoilt by slight pinch, nose rather long and head slightly flat where rounded dome should be, eyes greenish but of good shape and setting, ears quite good, good coat colour but few white hairs on tummy, good tail **AV SH Novice cat male:** 1 Bailey's Patriarca Pick A Pepper, very beautiful Red Burmese, very difficult to fault, nice short wedge with excellent rounded dome and good stop, eyes and ears good, lovely clear coat of good colour, correct tail 2 Moore's Loe Dun Markarova, Russian Blue, whisker pads could be more definite, eyes of good colour, coat quite good although could be thicker 3 Perry's Prindos Scaramouche, Russian Blue, whisker pads quite good, eyes very round, good ears although could have been higher, good tail, coat could have been plusher r Thompson's Tai Tu, Brown Burmese, quite good wedge, flat top to head, eyes good for shape and set, colour very pale, tail a little brindled and short. JOYCE DELL

Mrs P Neale

ONCE AGAIN Mrs Pond and the various section managers must be congratulated on staging successfully this mammoth event. Thank you for inviting me to judge again, for the hospitality extended and the useful diary. Stewart Womar was my steward and was everything a good steward should be, handling the cats with expertise and guiding me through the milling crowds, a veritable tower of strength.

SIAMESE Chocolate Point male: 1 ch Brain's Moondance Flambeau, best of breed, good type, well muscled, long lithe body, slim legs and feet, long head, well pricked ears, oriental eyes of correct colour, face a little brindled and tail a little dark, slight pinch evident, lovely temperament 2 Mort-Williams's Ch Chairross Ariel, unlucky to meet winner, good type, well spaced ears, eye shape and colour, fine coat texture, points however are far too dark 3 Hall's Springfields Bambuli, elegant with quality coat and points colour, basically a very sound male, completely spoiled by round eyes which could be more oriental in shape and deeper blue **Female:** 1, 2 and 3 withheld. Sorry to withhold, only two present but both very immature and looking like Seal Points, their points and masks very dark r Warnock's Fox-twist Saffron, short wedge, deep blue eyes,

pointed muzzle, long whip, coat shaded, long dainty legs **3-6 mth male:** 1 best of breed Darlow's Shandean Bournville, delightful fellow, shows much promise, type and good colouring, excellent ear spread, short even wedge, expressive eyes of correct colour, long thin whip, fine close textured coat 3 Spencer's Foxtwist Aztec, my apologies to the owner of this boy, he should have been placed second, an error on my part, shortish wedge eyes rather pale and full, coat a little long at present, tail needs length for balance, fair points colour **6-9 mth:** 1 Crawshaw's Sovener Sebastian, overall good type, pleasing profile, well set ears, eyes rather full, pale coat, fair points, sleek coat, long whip 2 Prest's Sontew Comulus, well grown fellow, well fed too, dip in profile, pinch in muzzle, eyes could be deeper, long body and tail, points too dark 3 Fitzpatrick's Lu-Chu Natricia, heavier boned, lovely coat texture, profile could be straighter, eyes round, too dark in points colour, spectacles at present

Female 3-6 mth: 1 Anderton's Soutra Jay-maye, short wedge, eyes a little pale in colour and round, pale whisker bed, good colouring, lovely condition, superb whip 2 Spencer's Foxtwist Aphrodite, short wedge, good eyes, coat of fine texture, ran winner close, tail needs length 3 Parslow's Scheelite, sweet kitten, short head, deep blue eyes, well set ears, long tail, dainty feet, too dark **6-9 mth:** 1 Strunin's Bayard Farthing, pleasing exhibit, type with straight profile, good ear spread, deep eye colour, no pinch, whip tail, points too dark and coat open today 2 Crawshaw's Majoret Opal, type, rather too dark in points, even wedge and profile, well pricked ears, eye shape and colour, long tail, open coat 3 Baines's Seniba Soozee, fair type, good textured sleek coat, tail could be longer, bit square in muzzle, too dark, pale whisker bed **AC Kitten female:** 1 Hutchison's Benorah Belladonna, Chocolate Tabby Tortie of quality, beautifully presented in tip-top condition, very hard to fault for type and colouring, I have said it all about her before, should go far 2 Buckley's Sikkum Cream Cleo, good exhibit of type and colour, unlucky to meet Belladonna, hard to fault, promising 3 Beale's Zehra, Red, fair wedge, well set ears and eyes, bright ears, not much colour on legs, reasonable length body and tail **Breeders SP or BP 6-9 mth:** 1 Beach's Seadog Pinchario, SP, elegant boy, shortish head, should lengthen, large pricked ears, beautiful eye colour, very slight dip in profile, long tail, dense points 2 Miller's Samacia Santos, BP male, lovely type and colour, good wedge, ear set and eye shape, texture of coat fine and close, long tail 3 Garnet's Meia Dream, SP female, good top of head, well set ears, eyes a trifle round, medium head length, whip tail, shaded sleek coat, dense points. PAT NEALE

Mrs E Tillotson

I THANK the National Cat Club and their show committee for inviting me to judge at this wonderful mammoth show. I enjoyed my day very much and my grateful thanks go to Marie, my steward, for a very enjoyable day. I hope she will steward again for me sometime.

AC LH Maiden ex self: 1 Roster's Mister Jubilee, Colourpoint male, good broad top of head, neat ears, good muzzle and chin, nice short broad nose, good eyes, lovely pale full coat, good points, well groomed 2 Freeman's Traveana Fantasia, Blue Cream, broad top of head, big eyes of good colour, short nose, nice muzzle, full tail, nicely intermingled coat except for face which was rather too cream 3 Howe's Honey-mist Khadine, Blue Cream, good top of head, good eyes, short nose, nice muzzle, nice coat well groomed **Novice (ex blue) 3-5 mth male part 1:** 1 Baker's Dolegate Elite, OE White, lovely little boy, has it all with good big eyes and good all round head, short full tail, soft well groomed coat 2 Wheeler's Sapajou Davidson, OE White, good top of head, muzzle and chin, short nose, good eyes, well groomed coat 3 Briers's Shadow Maximilian, nice top of head, good eyes, nice muzzle, broad nose, nice kitten, soft well groomed coat **Part 2:** 1 Howe's Honey-mist Cream Paramount, nice little Cream boy, good top of head, neat ears, big eyes of good colour, short broad nose, good muzzle and chin, short tail, nice soft well groomed pale coat 2 Scarlett's Shalym Sandiman, nice Cream, good top of head, good eyes, short nose, nice muzzle and chin, pale coat, well presented, ran winner close 3 Spear's Ithilier Red Emperor, Red Self, nice top of head, good eyes, short nose, nice muzzle, coat of good deep red colour but shady, a few bars on legs, well groomed **Self self 5-1 mth male part 1:** 1 Boyle's Snowzetta Charlie Bubbles, OE White, nice little boy, good top of head, short broad nose, big eye of good colour, good muzzle and chin, well groomed coat 2 McGreery's Kandyroo Molassis nice boy, good black shining coat, good top of head, muzzle and chin, broad nose eyes of good colour, well groomed coat ran winner close 3 Dudney's Ju Tober Crelain Cressy, White, good top of head, nice muzzle and chin, good eyes, coat a bit yellow well groomed **Part 2:** 1 Cartwright's Dawnna Cream Cavalier, Cream boy of good type good top of head, neat ears, short broad nose, big eyes, good muzzle and chin, nice soft pale coat well groomed 2 Marston's

SNOWFIRE SMOKES 1977

1977 has been a wonderful year with two new champions and a grand premier. Also our new kitten, Caprice's daughter, **SNOWFIRE ETOILE** was 1st in her debut at the National, including AC Maiden (ex) class of 20!

GR PR SNOWFIRE BUCCANEER, who won five PC's, two Reserve Grand PC's and was Best in Show at Malvern. He won his grand at the National.

CH BARNHOUSE CAMILLA, who is Buccaneer's daughter, won five CC's. Only shown six times—she was beaten once by Snowfire Demoiselle.

CH SNOWFIRE DEMELZA, our lovely blue girl, won four CC's.

CH SNOWFIRE CAPRICE, who is Buccaneer's brother and our lovely typed stud.

Happy New Year to all the judges and our friends at home and abroad.

Inquiries for stud and kittens in 1978 to: **SHEENAGH and ROGER SYKES**, 17 Downs Park East, Bristol (telephone 0272-623771).

TIKI CATS

BRITISH WHITES AND BLUES

congratulate their blue-eyed darlings on their National successes.

CH TIKI BOBBY DAZZLER (9 CCs), two 1sts, 2nd, Challenge Certificate, Best of Breed and our fifth win in the Faygate Challenge Cup.

Making their debut:

Tiki White Charmer, 1st and Challenge Certificate and two 2nds; **Tiki Snow Bunting**, two 1sts, Best of Breed (Kitten) and a reserve.

Sincere thanks to judges.

Congratulations also to **Tiki Blue Jay**, awarded Best of Breed Kitten at Vancouver (Canada) Show.

Kitten and stud inquiries:

MARY STRINGER, 40 VIEWBANK, LESLIE, SCOTLAND.

Telephone: Glenrothes 742675.

MAREARL CATS

congratulate

NEPTUNE BLUE DANUBE (24A)

1st Open, and CC, BOB Olympia.

At stud: Antares TC (18) 1 CC, Marearl Tibor (24).

Stud inquiries:

Mrs M C HAYNES

Telephone: Thrapston 2074.

BARANDUIN SIAMESE

congratulate **BARANDUIN WAYFARER** (24) (owner Mrs Morris) on his wins.

His mother, **B TANSY**, had six kittens on December 11. His grandmother, **B GILDOR**, hopes for more like **B INEZ** (owner Mrs Wicks, and CC winner at Cheshire) in February.

His father, **GR CH FRENCHELLE COEUR DELION**, has now sired 20 SP progeny to win Open classes.

Inquiries to:

LOUISE BADCOCK.

Telephone: Crook 2664.

SHARLINDEN CATS

congratulate our National winners.

CH SHARLINDEN SANTANA (12a)

1st Open, Best of Breed and sixth CC following his win as a kitten at 1976 National.

Also

SHARLINDEN SILVER SUNSHINE (7)

1st Open Kitten, Best of Breed (owner Mrs Margaret Emery).

LH. SILVER TABBY KITTENS READY NOW AND LATER.

Inquiries

Mrs VAL CHARD.

Telephone: SELSEY 2857.

TURANGALILA BURMESE

Congratulate their kittens on a successful debut.

TURANGALILA TAMSIN (27) (Belcanto der Rosenkavalier x Turangalila Tatyana)

First Open Female Kitten (3-6 months) and 1st Breeders.

Her litter brother

TURANGALILA TIMONEL (27) First Open Male Kitten (3-6 months).

And

TURANGALILA TOBIAS (27) (Gr Ch Vintage Wyvern x Gr Ch Princess Thai)

Second Open Male Kitten (3-6 months).

Promising litter brothers and sisters available.

Miss F A WOODROW, Rock Cottage, Duckington, Malpas, Cheshire. Telephone: Broxton 227.

COPEANA Persians

congratulate

COPEANA NANCY

on winning her Open Class, awarded first Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at Olympia.

Thank you, Mrs Burrows, for thinking her worthy of these awards.

For Sale: Blue Cream Persian. Excellent pedigree, suitable breeding. Born July 31, 1977. Reg, Felifu, inoculated, etc.

JOAN GUIVER.

Telephone: Hayle (Cornwall) 752326.

VECTENSIAN

BRITISH SHORTHAIRES

congratulate David Seacombe and **Ch Vectensian Venus**, tortie, who gained her third CC at the National.

We have Venus' red tabby nephews for sale, good dark reds, three months old. Also a LH red tabby male.

PAT HOARE, THE COTTAGE, TRENLEY FARM, HAWKHURST (2581), KENT.

Scallywag Dandelion, good Cream, good top of head, short nose, good muzzle and chin, pale well groomed coat 3 Potts's Mysticmire Lovin Blue, broad top of head, good eyes, short nose, nice muzzle, well groomed coat. In one of my club classes I had two superb cats, Ch Labaule Silver Louise, an excellent Chinchilla, and a lovely Tortie, Ch Break-spear Harlequin. This particular class was teeming with quality cats. EDITH TILLOTSON

Mrs P Hoare

MANY THANKS to Mrs Walde for asking me to judge household pets again. It was a very enjoyable show and the restricted entry made all the difference and the catering problem was resolved. Thank you for the gift which was much appreciated. My thanks also go to Jill Graham who made her debut as a steward and did very well with some very large cats. I noticed how much better coats were this year. Probably because of the different summer. Very few cats had loose hairs.

LH BLACK: What a difficult class of sixteen similar black cats with only the tiniest variation between them. 1 Park's Scruffey, doesn't live up to his name, well groomed black shiny coat, nice hairy ears, large yellow eyes, round head, calm friendly cat 2 Scott's Didi, lovely shiny long sleek coat, large orange eyes, sweet disposition, I did not realise what a young cat he is 3 Rose's Sooty, four-year-old, very well shown and obviously well loved, large yellow eyes, coat not quite so sound, sweet—little tail r Preston's Clouda, nice black coat, well presented, orange eyes **Rescued cats over five years:** What a joy to judge a class of eighteen happy rescued cats: 1 Tilton's Mr Punch, stood out in a lovely class and I was amazed to see from the catalogue afterwards that he is ten, massive bright tabby/white Longhair, sparkling coat, but also friendly 2 Wren's Mitzie, pretty tortie/white, sparkling coat, sweet nature 3 Compton's Cornflake, large red and white, lovely dark red and sparkling white Spencer's Grace, pretty tortie/white, we disturbed her lovely chicken dinner but she did not mind, good condition, doubtless due to her good food **Child member:** Twenty-four lovely children's pets. I see from the catalogue that Scott's Tasso, who is one of the largest black shorthair cats that I have ever seen, is twelve years old, he looks about two and is a tremendous credit to his owner. 1 Tilton's Mr Punch 2 Scamponi's Billy, large tabby/white, unlucky to meet winner 3 Farthing's Smokey Joe, yet another lovely tabby/white, I must be prejudiced but they have an advantage with their sparkling colours. P HOARE

Mrs J Saunders

MRS POND and her show committee must be congratulated on such a well run mammoth show and I thank my steward, Mr John Head, for all his help.

FOREIGN WHITE Kitten 3-9 mth: 1 Brown's Thistleway Solo, long lissom body, well proportioned and very graceful, head long and wedge-shaped, lovely proud profile, large ears beautifully set, oriental eyes of brilliant blue, pure close-lying white coat of silky texture, long legs, paws neat, long whippy tail 2 Turner's Scintilla, Hsi-Chi, beautiful exhibit, very type and elegant, everything I have said about the winner could apply to this girl, wonderful condition, coat gleaming, proud carriage, her only fault today she insisted on puffing her whisker pads, spoiling what was otherwise a superb kitten, would have been proud to have bred either of these two kittens 3 Kent's Thistleway Thisbe, good close-lying coat of excellent texture, long graceful body, dainty legs and feet, head well shaped, good large ears, eyes of good colour, very slight weakness of chin and tail, although whip-like could have been a little longer r Whiston's Miyoko White Lace, not at her best today, rather tense and nervous, coat of good texture but slightly open, nice head with good eyes although rather full, tail a little fluffy at base, well proportioned body with slender legs and neat oval paws. I must mention another lovely exhibit I had in a side-class of FW neuters, Jones's Ryanna Swanita, a most pleasing girl with such a lovely temperament, clear close-lying white coat, lovely head with brilliant eyes, lissom body, long whippy tail, most elegant. J SAUNDERS

Mr E Young

IT WAS a real pleasure to judge Household Pets this year. Mrs Betty Walde's organisation was as excellent as ever, but this time the cats I saw were cleaner, friendlier and better presented by loving owners. Only a few were below standard and it was a joy to be able to award so many well deserved commendations to exhibits that were only just below the beautifully presented prize winners. Mrs Paddy Daffurn, the first-rate and imaginative photographer of cats, was kind enough to leave her stall and help me. I don't expect to find a better steward.

HOUSEHOLD PETS AC SH Best Tabby cat (ex red or ginger) with or without white 2-5 yrs: 1 Reed's Thomas, beautifully marked, with perfect hard feel, splendidly presented, youthful for his four years, the fittest cat we met 2 Morris's Peppy, young mackerel-striped grey with a disposition that showed

him to be a much-loved boy 3 Cregon's Moggi, white-cherried pretty lass in splendid condition 4 Baines's Candi, easily handled pretty girl, well cared for r Hunkins's Tiggi, possibly the friendliest cat of the day, a credit to the family it employs to look after it. Out of twenty-seven cats only three, we felt, were in any way poorly presented **Best cat over 5 yrs owned by boy under 16:** 1 Compton's Cornflake, truly lovely marmalade SH who was fully conscious of being a much-loved pet 2 Arthur's Blanche, odd-eyed SH white which had never disclosed its distinguished ancestry to its owner (inverted snobbery?) 3 Dilly's Mo, LH marmalade, fidgety but in lovely condition r Feuer's Chunky, another very good LH marmalade **Best cat 2-5 yrs owned by a girl under 16:** 1 Freeman's Toffee, SH pale ginger tortie, incredible colour and in lovely condition 2 Morris's Peppy 3 Tilton's Tiger, rather plump LH brown/ginger r Brown's Misty, SH with unusual tortie/tabby coat, very sociable. This class earned an unusual number of commendations because of the excellence of presentation of obviously much-loved pets. Well done, indeed! EDWARD YOUNG

Miss M Swift

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Pond and to section manager, Mrs Avery on a smoothly run event and thanks for my useful present. My thanks also go to Mrs Izard who stewarded for me at very short notice. She is most efficient and it was a pleasure to spend the day with her.

BURMESE Chocolate male: One only but worthy of his Ch 1 ch Allen's Deucalion Mars, good looking with good body shape and colour, not too strong a contrast with head colour, eye colour quite good, coat texture and tail good, best of breed **Female:** 1 ch Brown's Lunaris Bellona, dark with an even darker mask, but beautifully set eyes in an excellent head, eye colour exceptionally good, some kitten barring left on flanks 2 Ramages's Deucalion Gemini, much more even in colour and a very nice type with good dome and ear set, a little out of condition with haws up **LILAC Male:** 1 ch withheld Hobbs's Mibuya Leander, rather too blue lilac but of very even colour throughout, eye set very good but colour weak, coat texture good although coat open, I liked this cat much better last time I judged

KASIMIR CATS

congratulate **Kasimir Morgoth (15)**, 1st in his Open, Best of Breed and three more 1sts. Sincere thanks to all our judges.

Congratulations to **Kasimir Rosaleen** and **Kasimir Finn McCool** on a successful day, with best wishes to their owners.

Best of luck to Morgoth on the embarkation of his new career in Germany.

For Sale: **Kasimir Fingolfin (16)**, July 12, 1977, by **Ch Broadweir Girl Friday** x **Vanathan Blue Heaven**. Beautiful blue boy, suitable show/breeding, superb eye colour.

★

Mrs ANGELA L GOODRICH,
23 INVERNESS AVENUE,
WESTCLIFFE-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

Telephone: Southend (0702) 40880.

WELL DONE!

AEGIR GYLFI (29)

1st Female Open Kitten (BOB) at the National.

Congratulations to Gylfi's mum, **Ch Aegir Elske**, on gaining her title.

My thanks to her breeder, Miss L Hutchinson, for this lovely girl.

JANET WHITTON.

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him and think that he was not in best coat condition today 2 Seville's Paradima Nimrod, I wanted to award the first place and a Ch to this cat who was the better built cat and in beautiful condition, large and well proportioned with good coat texture and excellent type head, but by some strange trick of light his coat, normally only a little fawn, took on a strong golden tone overall and I could not place him as he otherwise deserved, excellent build for a stud, I saw subsequently that when he was televised his colour appeared perfectly normal **Female:** 1 ch Coleman's Waycross Moonflower, excellent eyes and short-wedged head, good even coloured coat of good texture, very good feet and tail 2 Gosbell's Deucalion Bellona, very light colour throughout, texture good, exceptionally pretty feet, good cat 3 McLean's Jojo Melissa, beautiful eyes in good head, coat good texture but perhaps a little uneven in colour today, beautiful expression r Hadley's Eldar Cobweb, nice cat with beautiful coat and good feet, good profile **AC Breeder's Kitten Part 1:** 1 Woodrow's 1068 NAF, really beautiful brown female of excellent type, could not easily fault her 2 Mallett's Shiretoko Misaki, blue female with good domed head and good textured coat, feet and tail good, ex 2 Caldwell's Kiddie Kaboodle, well grown big Blue boy of good type throughout, coat colour not quite even 3 Harrild's Dusky Angela, Brown female of lighter warm colour, good build and coat texture ex 3 Miller's Kandi Niob Aspen, large Blue male, good eyes and generally good type r Forbes-Crease's Heathrop Isolda, very good Brown female with lovely eyes and good coat texture, losing place by flatness on top of head **Part 2:** 1 Hadley's 1132 NAF, very good Lilac female with excellent wedged head and lovely eyes, good colour to body, nosebreak could be more defined 2 McLean's Jojo Joella, exceptionally good short wedged head with very good eye colour, nice kitten ex 2 Orme's Barleuf Burmapink, Lilac male, very good indeed, excellent type and good colour 3 Floutie's Martier Topaze, Brown Tortie of very good type with good head r Ramage's Cairnigh Cushey Doo, very promising chocolate female with good short wedge and mask which merges well with body colour, one I shall watch with interest **Junior Neuter:** 1 Warren's Linlinkye Cream Kestrel 2 Blood's Ellinis Cream Carter ex 2 Crouch's Pedro Perez 3 Grainger's

Deucalion Medea ex 3 Neates's Deucalion Achilles. I will willingly reply to anyone who wants a comment on their cat entered in my other class. MOIRA SWIFT

Mrs K Vickers

ANOTHER SPECTACULAR is over organised by Mrs Pond and her band of gallant assistants. This year I believe that all judges enjoyed the show because they had time to examine cats in side classes more carefully due to the fact that they were given fewer classes to judge. Mrs Somers, the well known Burmese judge, was kind enough to steward for me so I enjoyed a very happy day because everything went so smoothly. I judged the champion of champions British due to Mrs Towe being in hospital. We trust that she will soon be better and with us once more.

AC SH British Champion of Champions: 1 ch of ch Brown's Ambercloud Kalumet, the almost perfect British Blue, no need to go into raptures about him, seven C of Cs tells its own story r Hopkinson's Ch Lowenhaus Romeo, beautiful type Silver Tabby, coat rather long **Premier of Premiers Grand Premier:** 1 Halicott's Bossie Boots, most beautiful Brown Spotted, no need to comment on him, I could have taken him home with me, had my pocket been sufficiently large enough r Gr Pr Jezreel Martyn, lovely black, but not as outstanding as winner. In my side classes I must mention the improvement in the Devon Rex kittens. Hudson's kittens, Bolrose Fernando and Bolrose Raffles were exceptional in every way, and all the others in class 498 could have been potential first class prize winners as well. KATHY VICKERS

Mrs A Sayer

IT WAS a great pleasure to judge at the great National for the first time after having worked so many times behind the counter. I had a most enjoyable day with a light book but found the crowds extremely claustrophobic in the very narrow aisles of the foreign section. My thanks to the show manager and committee for an excellent lunch and a delightful gift. To Don Burley who stewarded for me for the first time, and looked after me so well, my sincere gratitude. I hope he will steward for me again very soon.

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RUSSIAN BLUE Kitten: I was somewhat daunted by the diversity in type, size and colour in this large mixed class. Russians appear to undergo a gradual metamorphosis from early kittenhood through to the mature cat and this fact was clearly illustrated here. I feel that it should have been split preferably into two age groups rather than by sex, for some of the unplaced ties were very promising 1 and best of breed Roberts's Czarist Nickolenka, very well grown boy of excellent colour and most stylish overall, good head, but whisker pads could be more pronounced and ears a little more upright excellent eye-shape and colour good, neck, limbs and tail very good and coat texture promising 3 Von Kirchberg's Paramenta Astafieva, very well grown female, rather alarmed by display of show nerves shown by next door neighbour which made her tense and hold her head into neck, head good with well set ears but rather lacking whisker pads, eyes superb for colour and shape, good coat r Jackson's Blandings Belinda, I liked this kitten's type and coat texture/very much indeed, but went down to reserve on coat which was distinctly banded on every hair I examined, unless this is a temporary condition I feel great thought should be given before breeding from this female. Her litter brother in the next pen was equally banded and also had incorrect eye-colour vhc White's Loe-Dun Marisa, striking female of excellent colour and one I feel will do much better as an adult, looked much better in the pen than out of it mainly because of the ill-temper and rude words being uttered by her neighbour, I particularly liked her ear-set and eye-colour and she was beautifully presented **HAVANA Kitten:** After a walk around the twenty pens in this class, I asked the show management for permission to split it into male and female which was granted **Male:** 1 Waterhouse's Kabuku Rojelio, very well grown but svelte kitten with superb head from every angle and beautiful coat colour, has just about everything one could wish in an Havana except coat which was overlong and needed more show preparation, this alone cost him best of breed 2 Roberts's

Mincella Marron, smaller and very promising but with unsound coat and the suspicion of a locket, I really liked this boy's head especially in profile, good eyes for shape and colour 3 Fraser's Nabucco Dusky Concerto, could have been winner being excellent all round, but he was so nervous that his heartbeats were almost audible and every muscle fibre was fully tensed, from my catalogue I see that his dam is a queen that I had to mark 'would not handle' and so I would strongly advise a pet home for this little male, for good temperament is the hallmark of the Havana and cats of uncertain disposition should not be bred from r Lennox's Andanada Domekri, male of beautiful type, good overall, excellent colour and dainty limbs but failed badly today on eye-colour. The other males in this class failed mainly on head shape as their ears did not follow from the cheek bones to form a wedge. Several had strange eye-colour **Female:** 1 and best of breed Whitton's Aegir Gyfi, most elegant and dainty Havana possible, good colour and correct length and texture of coat, glorious eye-shape and colour, length of head and neck balanced by long limbs, correct oval paws and perfect long whip tail, for overall perfection a little more width between ears would be desirable 2 Stafford's Kaprico Silka, lovely kitten with enviable wedge head and beautiful ear-set, overall very good type and colour, I was a little concerned about her locomotion as she seemed a bit slack in her hocks as she walked back into her pen 3 Hall's Lizanmyk Arabella, very promising with overall good type, I particularly like her head with its straight wedge and firm chin, superb tail, failed today on eye-set which may well improve with time r Oldfield's Solitaire Alaula, very nice half-grown kitten with overall good type and lovely eye-shape, long body, limbs and tail, failed today on changing shady coat. The second, third and reserve kittens in this class were all very close on points and their positions will probably change from time to time as they mature and develop vhc Bailey's Torneys Wind Song, appealing pixie look caused by dip in her profile, apart from that and rather round eyes she is very promising **AV Junior:** This was a large mixed class in which I found the cat I wanted to take home—the winner 1 Burton's Ailsa Jessie, a glorious Foreign Lilac female, my notes say

'she has just about everything' 2 Hutchinson's Aegir Elske, very dainty and typy Havana female, most beautifully presented in superb hard condition, failed to winner on a minute barely detectable tail fault 3 Tuiji's Bolrose Miss Muffet, lovely name for an enchanting tortie Devon Rex of overall good type and in coat r Williams's Abyssinian, Chimes Souriant Angel and vhc Barnes's Havana Mendlebar Bellita, most fiercely in season, plus Wright's Korat, Kheilan Kisaki, showing splendid eyes and good type **Debutante neuter:** Rather a disappointing class with three absentees 1 Von Kirchberg's large Russian Blue, Hengist Busby, head too Siamese and eyes too tending to the yellow, excellent condition 2 Granger's Deucalion Medea, sturdy Chocolate Burmese, short tail and rather round pale eyes 3 same owner's Kandi Niob Benjamin, brown Burmese, bad tail fault, shaded coat but fair type and superb condition r Hogston's Nehemiah Aser, Devon Rex. The rest of my classes were club and I will be delighted to send reports to those who send me a stamped addressed envelope.

ANGELA SAYER

Mrs E I Gornall

MY SINCERE thanks go to Mrs Pond and Mrs Walde for inviting me to judge. It always gives me great pleasure to judge the household pets. I am indebted to my son Michael who gave up his weekend to assist me and is now an excellent steward. I would like also to thank most sincerely the veterinary surgeons and the many other helpers who assisted me with the vetting-in. I am most grateful for all their hard work. And I take this opportunity to thank all my friends in the Fancy who wrote to me and telephoned when my cats were ill with the flu. Their support was a great help at a time when I needed friends.

HOUSEHOLD PETS Blue Peter 8 yrs: 1 Smith's Sambo, beautifully presented LH black, much care had been taken with the grooming, excellent condition, easily handled, obviously a well loved pet 2 Sparks's Charlie Brown, SH Tabby, well presented, excellent condition, superb temperament, a credit to his owner 3 Gord's Mimi, LH Tortie with white a very pretty pet, very well presented, well groomed, very friendly little cat, enjoying the show. These are the three cats who went up for the judging of Blue Peter but I gave

a reserve card also to Dilley's Mo, LH ginger which had been beautifully groomed, well presented but a little bit worried about his neighbour **AC SH Most appealing expression up to 2 yrs:** 1 Klein's Whiskers, nice black, nice glossy coat, very friendly cat, well presented 2 Willmer's Tabitha, very attractive dark tortie with a little white spot on end of his nose, which gave him an unusual expression, well presented, excellent condition 3 Bauchen's Candida, snowy white, well presented, very sweet temperament, very friendly 4 Blakey's Tigger, very pretty coloured, very nice condition, superb pet, well presented 5 Smith's Thomas, attractive ginger and white, well groomed, beautifully presented, very friendly temperament 6 Collis's Boots, black and white, well loved pet in excellent condition, perfectly presented, lovely temperament. This was a large class and judging it was very difficult. All the cats were in tip-top condition and beautifully presented. All were worthy of prizes but unfortunately some must go careless. To those of you who won congratulations and to those of you who lost the name of the game is try again. If any of those not mentioned wish a report on their pet please write enclosing stamped addressed envelope to me at 33 Dresden Road, Archway, London N19 3BE.

E I GORNALL

Mrs J A Burrows

ONCE AGAIN my thanks go to the National Cat Club for asking me to judge some of the entries in the pet classes. And also to my younger daughter who acted as my steward and handled the exhibits with such gentleness. Practically all the cats were in first-class condition and it was, as usual, difficult to choose only three or four as winners in each class.

HOUSEHOLD PETS SH Best black and white up to 2 yrs: 1 Waine's Domino, most friendly cat in very good condition with a beautiful shining coat 2 Townsend's Willum, a little nervous but in fine condition and had a lovely long tail 3 Shoebridge's Polo, very nice natured youngster who did well to come third with such stiff competition **Cat with sleekest coat up to 2 yrs:** 1 Goldstein's Ebony Velvet, cat with a beautiful coat that truly lived up to its name 2 Waine's Domino, worthy winner here as well as above 3 Mackenzie's Jolyon, handsome-looking cat with beautiful dense coat **AC SH Cat over 2 yrs from south of the Thames:** 1 Von Hagen's Lucky, excellent condition with a beautiful coat 2 De Winter's Simba, lovely, well built cat with good thick coat 3 Pett's Misty, beautiful cat with unusual shadowy appearance, very attractive.

J A BURROWS

Mrs L J A Price

CONGRATULATIONS GO to Mrs Pond and her assistants for what I think was the most enjoyable show the club had staged for many years, also thanks for the careful consideration given to the comfort of the judges. Many thanks to David Edwards, my steward, who proved very capable and handled the cats beautifully. The breeders of Chocolate Points are to be congratulated on the enormous improvement in type of this colour of Siamese. The worst fault I found in all colours was a tendency to short thick tails in a number of the exhibits.

SIAMESE AC Neuter kitten: 1 Winter's Patanlis Shemarki, SP, excellent head and profile, very elegant paws, quite good tail, very good colour 2 Braines's Freddy, Tabby Point, good head and profile, elegant paws, excellent tail, no thumb marks **Seal Point novice kitten:** 1 Newton's Kernewek Midnight King, excellent head and profile, elegant paws, excellent tail 2 Russell's Johpas Temperly, good head and profile, dainty paws, tiny invisible kink in tail 3 Bryce's Catspaw Fireball, very good head and profile, elegant paws, good tail **AC Maiden kitten:** 1 Thorn's Caranbar Cream Caramel, excellent head and profile, elegant paws, good tail 2 Langlois's Topcapi Lynxman, good head and profile, nice paws, good tail, thumb marks, slight tendency to points varying in colour 3 Lloyd's Nikaed Karadosi, very good head and profile, very good paws, long tail with tiny invisible kink at end.

L J A PRICE

Mrs C Prince

I THANK Mrs Pond for asking me to judge and for making arrangements for judges to make the day as enjoyable as possible. My steward, Mrs Janet Ashman, was a great help and handled the cats with great care. At times the crowds were so dense that it was very difficult to get through the aisles. I do hope she was not too tired.

AC LH Self maiden cat female: 1 Cromar's Oxus Nult Tombante, very nice black of good clear type, good body shape, short legs and tail, profuse even coat, very well presented 2 Harrison's Ithilien Marcus Aurelius, Red, good type and eye colour, nice even coat of deep red, tail well furnished 3 name not given, Blue, nicely balanced type, wide open eyes of deep pale blue, coat a little shady, well groomed, short tail r Sadler's Hardendale Leonora **Ex-Self novice kitten female:** 1 Chalk's Shimron Surica, Birman with very good contrasts,

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excellent eye colour, clear coat on body, good socks and wellingtons, nice exhibit 2 Enever's Farrah Migo, Seal Colourpoint, nice type and eye colour, points well defined, profuse coat a little shady, short tail 3 Clarke's Patroona Avril, Birman, good type and eye colour, socks and wellingtons well defined, nice creamy coat a little shady on back r Eastoll's Edelstein Kram Bam Bui **Ex Self limit female 3-4 mth:** 1 Harman's Miorama Rahmah, sweet little Birman, nice head, eye colour developing, creamy coat, socks and wellington's good 2 Jones's Jolana Cha Ming, Blue Colourpoint, nice head and eye colour, profuse coat, pinto good 3 Everington's Lynette Athens, nice type Smoke, smoke developing, good coat, well groomed r Mansell's Blue Berry Caprice **BLUE Debutante kitten part 1:** 1 Lipp's Cirrus Blue Rival, male, nice head, eyes and chin, well balanced, pale even coat, full short tail, well presented 2 Lewis's Fortina Callum, nice male with good type, good eyes but a little damp, pale coat, short tail 3 Tokley's Candyfloss Nookie, male with good type, coat a little shady today, short tail r Bangs's Lafrabella Amos **Part 2:** 1 Tokley's Candyfloss Nicky, excellent all round type, eye shape and colour, pale even coat of lovely texture, short full tail, beautifully shown 2 Nichols's Mizpah Lilliput, female, good head and well set ears, eyes good for shape and colour, nice chin, coat rather shady 3 Schofield's Schirana Arabella, very nice type and eye colour, coat changing r Wicks's Corniche Country Girl. **CLARE PRINCE**

Miss N Woodfield

I ENJOYED judging at this great show but I look over the scene of twenty-five years and I see so much that needs repairing. Our British stock has been the best in the world but I saw so many that would not uphold this great tradition. There must be a halt to cross-breeding if our breeds are to stay with us and so many newcomers need this help. No one will ever buy experience. It is the greatest achievement to breed pure top stock that can reproduce for generations. May the day come when the exhibits can compete at top shows and champions are champions. I thank Miss Hodgekinson for her hard work during the day so that we could get about among the densely packed gangways. Red Tabbies were on my list but it was rather sad as only one adult was entered and was absent. This is a difficult breed and one of the old English cats. No doubt the Self Red has monopolised the Red scene. It is easier to lose Tabby markings than keep them and, of course, bringing the Self-coloured cats in for type has done this, so let us hope they will have a return.

LH TORTOISESHELL: 1 Sadler's Ch Breakspear Harlequin, won well, grand cat a high class champion, lovely head, great width with small ears and great big orange eyes, much stronger texture of coat which accounts for lovely colouring, grand bone and all feet broken, nice short tail, top condition. 2 Robinson's Lambeyes Garden Carpet, was above the remainder by a long way, very good head, eyes and ears, plenty of bone, failed in colour to winner, all feet broken, shown well 3 Worth's Thomasina Rojodance, this queen had the type, excellent head, ears and bone etc, nicely broken legs and face, but overall not good colouring on her body r Fragstein's Blackentan Lass, had to come into the picture for her general type and good bone, nice head and eye colour, coat rather shaded and back feet solid **TORTIE AND WHITE:** 1 Corris's Adnil Masked Lady, stood out for her grand head with good width between ears, strong chin, very good eye colour, as one would expect grand bone, short big ribbed body covered with strong bright coat with rich patching, some would say too much white, not for me as so many have not enough white, the ideal is equal amount of all three colours and it is easy to lose the white (I should know I have thirty-four T and W to live with!) 2 Bundy's Ch Adnil Heidi, sister to winner, quite different, not head of winner or brightness of colour but very balanced all through, very well shown, nice patching, congratulations on breeding these two queens in one litter 3 Bundy's Ch Susa Abba, well known champion and one I have always liked, today rather too heavy in weight which put her out of proportion **RED TABBY Kitten:** 1 Potts's Mysticmuir Sunset, really the only registered Tabby, good colour, rich patterning which I hope will improve as at this stage too broken, attractive head, eyes turning nicely, solid tail 2 Spear's Ithilien Tabitha, very well shown, attractive head and eyes, nice bone but at present neither Tabby nor Self-coloured 3 Morgan's Aldine Scarlet Empress, neat head, eyes changing, rather pale in colour, has some Tabby marking **TORTOISESHELL Kitten:** 1 Yarrow's Sarasamsan Purdy, good kitten, outstanding here, scored with type and colouring, all feet broken, very good coat, short tail and shown well 2 Fox's Amaryliss Anabel, quite a nice kitten, eyes changing nicely, good head, nice chin, well grown and prepared 3 Sadler's Ryshworth Polly Doodle, nice quality head, small ears, good bone, lots of coat but at this stage much too red and cream, age can make or break this kitten r Pettit's Colour-down Cinders, neat head, good eyes, fair

ears, nice colour on body, broken front legs **TORTIE AND WHITE Kitten:** I was pleased to see such interest in my favourite breed. The blue T and W is certainly gaining support 1 Cochran's Duntiblae Decorated, lovely kitten, striking colouring, rich in all colours, very good head, eyes open round and good colour, small ears, marks on both front paws, shown well 2 Corris's Yesso Genevieve, very attractive blue, very good patterned head, well set small ears, good eyes, quite nice patching, would like marks on front paws, very well shown 3 Hiscock's Gallico, striking kitten, strong colouring black and red, very good head and eye colour, small ears, good patching, one solid front paw, with more preparation would have been higher r Wheeler's Luvvers Pansy, attractive young blue kitten, very nice patching, neat head with small ears and good eye colouring, will improve with age **AC LH Self (ex Blue) novice 3-5 mth:** 1 Baker's Dolegate Finesse, very promising White, lovely type head, eyes changing, very well shown, has a bright future 2 Pyne's Phigaro Clover, White, slightly different type, good skull, strong chin, good bone, close up 3 Howes's Honey-mist Cream Shantelle, well grown Cream, good width of head, eyes changing well, a little wide in ears r Royle's Maxine Dancing Flame, very pretty Self Red, very nice head, ears and eyes, good bone, coat colour pale at this stage. **NORAH WOODFIELD**

Mr J A Shewbridge

CONGRATULATIONS GO to Mrs Pond and her section managers for staging such a mammoth show. The gate was very heavy which caused some difficulties for judges during the afternoon. It was indeed a pleasure to have lunch in comfort without having to queue as we have done in previous years. The only thing left to solve to make the judges day complete is to make some arrangements regarding parking for judges arriving on the day. It does seem a pity that something cannot be done as it is most annoying to find the car park full causing one to spend a great deal of time searching for a parking lot within a reasonable distance from the hall. I was most pleased to have Mrs Roose as my steward. It was a most enjoyable day although the general standard of the Siamese exhibits was poor. Few Blue Points had the correct point colour and many had fawn body colour.

SIAMESE Blue Point male 6-9 mth: 1 and best of colour Miller's Samacia Santos, very good type, ears a little small and set too high, very good eye shape and colour, head could be a little stronger, good profile, fair chin, pinched muzzle, very good body length, good tail length but thick at base, good point colour 2 Bates's Changlung Coriander, good type, ear set, eye colour and shape, slight dip in profile, good chin, pinched muzzle, a little short in body, fair tail, thick at base, points too dark, body shaded 3 Lockyer's My Bonnie Blue, fair type, head short, ears small and set too high, good eye colour but too round in shape, good profile and chin, good body length, fair tail, thick at base, points too dark, body colour too fawn r Scott's Ramose, fair type, head short, fair ear set, good eye colour but too round in shape, pinched muzzle, dipped profile, weak chin, fair body length, whip tail with small kink at tip, body colour too fawn **Female 3-6 mth:** 1 Noakes's Titaya Moon Wispia, very good type, very good ear set, good eye colour and shape, profile and chin, slight pinch, dainty paws, good body length and tail, points too dark, coat rather long and body colour too fawn **Female 6-9 mth:** A poor class, 2nd and 3rd withheld 1 Summerfield's Windarra Blue Pearl, very good type and ear set, good eye colour and shape, very good profile, good chin, slight pinch, good body length, fine whip tail, good points and body colour r Score's Vernatts Ariadne, average type, head short, pinched muzzle, small ears set too high, good eye colour but too round in shape, fair profile, weak chin, good body length and tail, points too dark, body colour fawn **AC Breeders female ad:** 1 Chapman's Galaxias Tamarind 2 Ford's Marilane Ginseng 3 Humphris's Patrician Fleurette **Limit male ad:** 1 Webb's Vaillencourt Solomon 2 Glen's Ho Wun Yee 3 Thorn's Caranbar Cossack **Tabby Point:** 1 Dear's Larone Pindaric 2 Moore's Cheona Amicus 3 Spencer's Foxtwist Nimrod ex 3 Spencer's Foxtwist Novello **AC Limit neuter:** 1 Moyse's Shybu Hitachi 2 Slayford's Penglyn Brigadier 3 Bagge's Johpas Malvyna ex 3 Anderton's Amber Tambo 4 Wicken's Fraston. If any exhibitor would like a full report on their cats please forward a stamped addressed envelope. **J A SHEWBRIDGE**

Miss M L Rodda

MANY THANKS go to Mrs L Poulter, my steward, for her help throughout the day.

LH BLACK Male: 1 Sadler's Ch Almondhill Black Douglas, excellent type, short nose, good chin, neat well placed ears, eyes a little small, sorry to withhold ch from this nice male but his coat was in need of much more show preparation **Female:** 1 ch Silverman's Deebank Miriam, excellent type, neat well placed ears, excellent eyes, short broad nose, good muzzle, sound, good textured coat 2 Cromar's Oxus Nuit Tombante, good type,

short nose, good chin, wide awake eyes, ears a little open at base, sound good textured coat 3 Sadler's Hardendale Leonora, short nose, needs stronger chin, excellent eyes, very shady coat r Moon's Cinnabar Sabie Night, good type, well placed ears, coat sound but rather short **Male:** 1 McGreery's Kandaroo Moaisis, good type, neat ears, nice eyes, short nose, would like a little stronger chin, sound coat 2 Roden's Sonata Velluto, good eyes, neat ears, short nose, needs stronger chin, good coat 3 Pinkney's Patreena Benjamin, fair type, ears tail and open at base, nose a little straight, lacks chin, shady coat **Female:** 1 Freeman's Hardendale Evita, good type, short broad nose, good chin, nice open eyes, neat well placed ears, good textured sound coat 2 Sievwright's Susa Tamsyn, nice type, well placed ears, short nose, good chin, shady coat 3 Nathan's Morgan le Fay, good nose and chin, nice eyes, good hop of head, very shady coat r Tyler's Catalan Midnight, neat ears, nose a little straight, needs stronger chin, shady coat **AC LH Senior ex self female:** 1 Brown's Wellandia Wendy 2 Sanders's Widdington Silver Doll 3 Goddard's Oxus Fair Florence **Breeders ex self kitten 3-5 mth male part 1:** 1 Ford's Beauford Santana 2 Unwin's Pappus Kontenta 3 Walling's Petipaw Pierre Pom Pom **Part 2:** 1 Sharp's Lysanda Quick Silver 2 O'Donoghue's Lamp Lighter Tango 3 Snell's Mariart Scotch Mist **Part 3:** 1 Creasey's Miorama Catzanova 2 Jones's Jolana Peppetwink 3 McNally's Graceluf Aquarius **3-4 mth part 1:** 1 Unwin's Pappus Kapriola 2 Everington's Lynette Athens 3 Sharp's Lysanda Sonatina **Part 2:** 1 Pinkney's Patreena Bo-Peep 2 Bang's Lafrabella Annabella 3 Green's Breakspear Marigold **Junior neuter:** 1 Callaby's Pr Sapajou Snagles Puss 2 Eaton's Wydawake Warlock 3 Haines's Merryhill Clair-de-Lune. **M L RODDA**

Mrs M A Wade

THANKS GO to the show committee for inviting me to judge household pets again this year and for the useful gift. In the main the pets seemed to enjoy the day and we were unable to handle only two (Nos 3383 and 3055). I would advise pet owners to pay a little more attention to the cleanliness of their cats' ears as many otherwise splendid cats lost marks on the day because of dirty ones. My grateful thanks to Mary Flint whose cheerful company and careful handling of the exhibits helped to make the day a very pleasant one.

HOUSEHOLD PETS Best SH Tortoiseshell or Tortie and White cat over 2 yrs: 1 Gilbert's Tiggy, very beautifully marked tortie-and-white with clear bright patches of colour and no intermingling, one solid white leg, the other three attractively patched with colour, beautiful condition with clear, bright eyes and very steady and friendly to handle, I understand that this was her first show and both she and her owner who contacted me later in the day seemed to enjoy it thoroughly 2 Sturgess's Scampy, according to the catalogue this cat is 13 years old and if this is correct she is in remarkably fine condition for her age, lovely soft very brightly coloured tortoiseshell coat with clear, bright eyes 3 Robinson's Shandy, tortoiseshell with well distributed colours showing red, black and cream even on feet and ears, very steady to handle, well presented r Owen's Mitzi, tortie and white, quite well marked but lacking red a little, coat just a little harsh on back, good condition **Veteran over 5 years:** 1 Tilton's Mr Punch, very attractive tabby and white Longhair, very well marked large cat, beautifully groomed, very long coat, very clean and well presented, his only fault a little over weight 2 Scamponi's Billy, very large cat, very friendly and thoroughly enjoying himself, very well groomed even on tummy and trousers, lovely clear tabby markings 3 Baines's Lucy, Long-haired tabby, good deal of red in coat, almost a tortie, very soft well prepared coat, bright eyes, seemed to be enjoying her day out r McKnight nd Morton's Bionic Puss of Mornight, well marked tabby and white, beautifully ringed legs and tail, excellent condition and very well presented. **M A WADE**

Mrs S Knight

ANOTHER SUPERBLY run National organised by Mrs Grace Pond. Many thanks go to the committee for inviting me to judge and congratulations to all on what was, I am sure, a successful show. The section managers must indeed have had a busy time with the colossal entry. Many thanks also for the gifts for my steward and myself and to my hard-working steward Mr D Owen. Many thanks for all your help. You handled the cats perfectly and helped me through the day.

AC LH Self neuter ex Blue: 1 Pr Kalis's Shelly White Cardinal, male Orange-eyed White, lovely cat with enormous round copper eyes, tiny well furnished ears, broad round head, short broad nose, firm chin, feathered feet, soft full pure white coat, short full tail 2 Eaton's Wydawake Warlock, Black male of very good type, round copper eyes, neat well placed ears on broad head, coat pure black and soft texture, short full tail 3 Pulley's Pr Meadowsweet Minstrel Boy, Red with rich red coat and very good type, short broad nose, large round head, short full tail r Freeman's Pr Travers Bamba Cream

male, coat rather warm on back and white on tummy, lovely broad round head, very good copper eyes, firm chin, short full tail, beautifully prepared. Four very good cats **Self cat male part 1:** 1 Pearson's Lystar Leo 2 Allon's Larabella Christian 3 Newman's Zenith Zeberdee **Part 2:** 1 Stevens's Ch Missylyn Lyle 2 Hiom's Carino Lorenzo 3 Harrison's Ithilien Marcus Aurelius, Red with good coat just a little light on frill and tummy, very good type, deep copper eyes, lovely head with good width between small ears **Self kitten male part 1:** 1 Short's Fox-avon Simberliar Papoose 2 McGreery's Kandaroo Molasis 3 Kaye's Chirunga Polar Ice **Part 2:** 1 Bang's Lafrabella Elgreco 2 Guiver's Copeana Leigneux 3 Pearce's Kandaroo Copper Roddy, coat a rich red but rather uneven, deep copper eyes, broad head with well furnished neat ears, would like firmer chin, short full tail **Part 3:** 1 Sparrowhawk's Kynsa Calypso 2 Sharp's Catarena Viking Prince 3 Andrews's Bontel Crispin. **STELLA KNIGHT**

Mrs M C Kalis

MANY THANKS go to Mrs Pond and Mrs Walde for inviting me to judge Household Pets at this year's National. I am so pleased with the gift and all the amenities and enjoyed the innovation of a help yourself delightful lunch which allowed me more time with the cats. My gratitude also goes to Alma Gladden who was, as always, a tremendous help and very gentle with all the animals. In my classes the exhibits were a little less startlingly good than usual with still far too many open weave blankets. I saw once the result of a puss with a wrenched out claw caused by this which was not a pretty sight.

HOUSEHOLD PETS Blue Peter best cat owned by a child of 11 yrs: 1 Duriez's Sweep, most delightful little female, black and white magpie markings, wonderful condition, impeccably groomed, loving little girl, I was so pleased Sweep won the BP Cup 2 Reed's Thomas, magnificent dark grey tabby, lovely temperament so necessary when appearing before the cameras, fine large chap 3 Sanders's Maximilian, good SH really red tabby, coat like silk and very affectionate 4 Parson's Victor, well grown, charming kitten, much loved and cared for 5 MacPhee's Sooty, great many Sootys on this occasion, this silky fellow was distinguished by his beautifully balanced body which appealed 5 Brand's Fluffy, mature LH tabby, pleasant creature, good condition, endearing white tip to its tail 6 Smith's Micky, pleasing LH mature ginger fellow, thoroughly likeable and well kept 6 Natrass's Beauty, young girl, white with tortie markings, very creditable exhibit **LH Up to 3 yrs with most appealing expression:** 1 Gray's Samantha, the eyes had it, sweet faced smoke and white lady 2 Mills's Smoochy 3 Silvester's Tinker Silvester 4 Sackett's Sophie r Murrell's Wellington, the whole class had appeal but some were indulging in a well earned snooze. **MYRA C KALIS**

Mrs D Brice-Webb

AS USUAL the National Championship show was beautifully organised by Mrs Grace Pond. All praise must go to Grace and her gallant band of helpers who were far too numerous to mention, but they worked well as a grand team. The luncheon arrangement was much better as we were able to get a good lunch without waiting about so there was no time wasted. To my very able steward, Mr Worth, who helped me through a very busy day, I send a big thank you. He handles the exhibits with expert hands. Thank you Bob for all your help. On the whole with judging the Bue Persian adults I found them rather disappointing for colour. Type and eye colour were quite good but coats, with the exception of a few, were very shady. I found it difficult to find my winners. Where have our lovely really blue coats gone?

BLUE Male ad: 1 ch and best of colour Wicks's Corniche Leander, my ideal Blue, grand round head, good width between tiny well set ears, nice short broad nose, large well open deep copper eyes, strong muzzle and chin, really blue coat sound to the roots and beautifully shown, found later that he is a grandson of the late Ch Orion of Pensford, so very like him in every respect, I congratulate his breeder on his presentation and on breeding such a fine male 2 Hiom's Carino Lorenzo, very lovely boy, full well groomed pale coat but very pale frill and ear tufts, I hope we are not going back to pale ear flaps, excellent head, wee short broad nose, good muzzle and chin, nice short brush, eyes not quite so deep in colour as winner 3 Brier's Lecomre Aloysius, fine big male, pale well groomed coat just a little shady, grand head and type, eyes rather on the pale side but see he was born in 1974 ex 3 Newman's Zenith Zeberdee, excellent male, really lovely type, good head and ear set, coat full and well groomed but very shady r Anderson's Brylou Blue Peter, wonderful cat, seemed to have the lot, excellent head, beautiful round head, tiny well set ears, wee short nose, good muzzle and chin, very good eyes for shape and colour, coat although well groomed very shady but of good length. I was sorry not too have more prizes to give as many males in this class were so good but failed on coat **Female ad:** 1 ch Corris's Shalynn Whipporwill, very typey

excellent head, tiny well set ears, firm muzzle and chin, excellent eyes for shape and colour, full, palest lavender coat which was sound to the roots, well shown 2 Surman's Ch Anna Blue Mist, very good head, neat well set ears, neat nose, firm muzzle and chin, full, well groomed coat, fairly sound but a little brown on frill 3 Eastoli's Minabel Thumbelina, this little queen had a sweet open face, wonderful eyes for shape and colour, coat sound but a little on the short side which made her ears appear a little tall, excellent condition and well shown r Sykes's Ch Snowfire Demelza, excellent head and type, excellent eyes for shape and colour, full well groomed coat but very shady on back and frill **AC LH Breeders self ex blue female:** 1 Bangs's Ch Lafrabella Demelza, Orange-eyed White, wonderful head and type, deep copper eyes, pure white beautifully groomed coat 2 Marston's Scallywag Sunflower, really excellent Red Self, grand head and type, really rich red coat with no bars or markings, deep large copper eyes, well shown 3 Bartlett's Mitzi Mahal, really lovely Blue-eyed White, deep blue eyes, excellent pure white coat, excellent condition r Harris's Driftwood Sweet Bambi, Orange-eyed White, excellent head and type, very well shown, eyes very pale colour. No 32 was not in her pen when I came to judge her but with so much to do could not go back, so sorry **AC LH Neuter male:** 1 Haines's Pr Merryhill Solo, Orange-eyed White, grand head and type, wide open deep copper eyes, beautifully groomed full coat 2 Eaton's Wide-a-Wake Warlock, very good Black male, coat dense black to the roots just a little brown on frill, good head, deep copper eyes 3 Hood's Pr Lafrabella Cassanova, Blue, excellent head and type, tiny well set ears, wonderful large deep copper eyes, coat full and well groomed a little brown on frill ex 3 Simpson's Ferrydene Oliver Twist, really good cat, pure white well groomed coat, excellent head, deep copper eyes, well shown **Self neuter male:** 1 Harman's Hephzibah Hilarious, excellent Birman, excellent type, all points good, wonderful deep blue eyes, lovely type 2 Nardendale Karim, too well known to need any description from me, really lovely exhibit 3 Grieve's Jemari Silver Pimpernel, excellent Chinchilla, wonderful lightly ticked full coat, deep green eyes, wonderful condition ex 3 Sykes's Pr Snowfire Buccaneer, really wonderful Smoke, wonderful head and type, excellent eyes, well shown r Pulley's Meadow-sweet Minstrel Boy, a very good Red Self, excellent coat, colour, head and type, deep copper eyes, rather light tip at tail end, very well shown. DORIS BRICE-WEBB

Mrs M Montgomery

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mrs Pond and all her helpers for an excellent show and to my excellent steward Mr Hall go my grateful thanks for all his help.

SIAMESE Tabby, Red, Tortie or Cream Point neuter: 1 pr W Bramma's Khandicar, Cream of lovely type, very good head, firm chin, excellent eye colour, well placed ears, good body length, very elegant, good tail 2 Maxwell's Pr Moondance Bacchus, Tabby, excellent quality overall 3 Pink's Tsuming Grisward, Cream of nice type but a pinch and ear rather small **AC Senior female:** 1 Moffatt's Kowtow Kandi, Seal of excellent type, very good wedge, very good eye colour and set, well placed ears, nice body length, lovely coat texture, good whip, a joy to handle 2 Kilmarin's Ch Enchanting Shanting Lady, very nice type cat, good head, eye colour and set, good body length, well placed ears and so very friendly 3 May's Palantir Mallorn, Cream of very nice type, excellent coat colour and texture, nice wedge, eye colour and set but has a slight pinch **Debutante (4-6 mth) female:** 1 Kirk's Enigma Glitterdent, Cream of excellent type overall, most promising 2 Anderton's Soutra Yamaye, Chocolate, very pleasing kitten of very good type overall 3 Pumare's Aquilina Ophelia, Tabby of nice type, good wedge, eye colour and ears good, body colour good and points ex 3 Fletcher's Suesanna Sherie, Seal, very small kitten but shows promise.

M MONTGOMERY

Miss A Codrington

AS USUAL this show was beautifully organised by Mrs Grace Pond and her helpers. My thanks go to her and the committee for asking me to judge and for their hospitality and useful present. The special restaurant for judges and stewards was a large success and the food was delicious with no time being wasted. To my regret I found the eye colour of the green-eyed breeds almost impossible to judge. I know the lighting of this vast hall cannot be altered but my remarks are prompted by an uneasy suspicion that I was unfair to some of the green-eyed exhibits. If so I offer my apologies. I am especially grateful to my two stewards, the excellent and very experienced Gillian Howes and the promising youthful Emma Lauder.

RUSSIAN BLUE Male: 1 Gamble's Elvin-foot Savron, I was sorry to withhold the ch especially as the Olympia lighting diminished the colour of all green-eyed varieties, good coat but tail barred and chin weak and eyes had green rims 2 Moore's Loe Dún Markarova,

good good to appreciate being handled, coat of good colour but too long and soft, head shape not typical, really would not respond to my efforts to judge eye colour but it appeared to be reasonably correct 3 Perry's Prindos Scaramouche, coat rather fluffy and whisker pads not very prominent, head too round r Thomas's Alexey Borzov, good coat, lacking in eye colour, weak chin, tail barred **Female:** 1 Snook's Loe-Dun Sylvanika, not up to ch standard, fair type, good eyes, ears too small for correct balance, sorry to withhold certificate 2 Roberts's Ch Tashema Petrouchka, good type, eye colour fair, but coat not typical, not close-enough 3 Thomas's Zatasha Tamaraya, again coat not typical—too soft and long, eyes fair, whisker pads not prominent 4 Davey's Czarist Zephannie, this quite otherwise nice queen has a weak chin and the coat colour was not correct having a sunburnt appearance **HAVANA Male:** 1 ch Stokes's Stringbean Solitaire, grand and elegant boy, excellent type all round, slight tendency towards muzzle pinch, difficult to avoid with a long straight profile, excellent eyes and very good coat 2 Cottrell's Mannfouin Tuncex, fine cat, again rather pinched jaw, very good eyes, well balanced head, body and tail, coat of good quality, a little too dark **Female:** 1 ch Hutchinson's Aegir Elske, very dainty and elegant little queen, beautifully balanced proportions, good green eyes and lovely shining coat, charming manners, best of breed 2 Greig's Daibarra Pippa, nicely built queen, best green eyes in the class, good type—except tail a little short for balance 3 Lennox's Andanada Junetime Pixie, type queen, alas pale eyes and a few white hairs in an otherwise fine coat r Gosbell's Dencaelon Bellona, quite well made, fair type all round, good eyes, coat a little loose today **Assessment Foreign type:** I was perhaps a little too generous in assessment, being inclined to look ahead to potential usefulness in breeding plans. All exhibits were in wonderful condition. Nos 1304 to 1308 were black, of admirable Siamese type and with good green eyes and close dense coats. I imagine this variety will be among the first to achieve championship status. Nos 1300 and 1298 were Spotted Tabbies, the former a chocolate silver with good markings and excellent eyes, head and tail a little short and chin rather weak, coat too long. No 1298 was a Spotted chocolate Tabby with a very good coat for quality and markings, tail could be longer also head but very attractive colouring. No 1302 was a female red Tabby of excellent colour and fair type, a little on the heavy side all over. No 1301 a Tortie marked 'no' because she was furthest away from desired type and had one very solid foot and a solid patch on her tummy, defects which I think will take some time to eradicate. I apologise to the owners if this class is not reported correctly. It is my first assessment class and I found reporting difficult in the midst of the dense crowds which constantly jogged one's elbow **AV Breeders ex Burmese female:** A class full of quality. Some very good exhibits went cardless 1 White's Loe-Dun Marisa, very promising Russian Blue of good type and with exceptionally good eye colour and very good coat 2 Turner's Scintilla Hsi-Chi, female White, very well proportioned head, body and tail, good eyes of correct colour and fine pure white coat, good condition and very friendly 3 Hall's Lizanmyk Saphirra, very good Havana, very well balanced and of correct colouring r Benn's Diana Ali Babba, excellent coat, nose break should be more definite otherwise excellent type. ANN CODRINGTON

Mrs M Lauder

MY THANKS to Grace Pond and the committee of the National Cat Club for the invitation to judge at their show at which one is virtually guaranteed a good entry. My thanks also to Mrs Pike who stewarded for me so efficiently throughout the day.

CORNISH REX Male: 1 Brownsell's Ch Jason Hales, well rexed but over large black smoke, good length of tail though thick at root, nice head marred slightly by insufficiently upright ears, despite the general approbation afforded this cat, I feel that his large size of body and substance of bone, together with relatively short legs, are too much at variance with the standard to merit a challenge certificate, the relevant section reads: 'Body hard and muscular, slender and of medium length. Legs long and straight, giving an overall appearance of being high on the legs.' It is clear that while challenge certificates continue to be awarded to incorrectly typed cats there will be an unfortunate and continuing regression from the standard. I was fortunate in having seen and examined some of the best Rex in the United States only six days prior to the National and British breeders can be assured that their American colleagues are succeeding brilliantly in achieving both splendid type with excellent rexing through a well ordered programme of co-operation. In view of these observations I had little hesitation in withholding the CC, although in view of the overall class results I made this cat best of breed 2 Heath's Lohteyn Radetsky, had it not been for a most unfortunate kink (which I suspect is traumatic rather than genetic in origin) this cat would have been placed first and in the running for

a CC, a red Sirex with the best type in both male and female open classes, slender with long legs and nice tail apart from the kink, fairly good head though with a chin on the weak side, fair profile, ear and eye set with good intensity of blue, good rexing over the whole coat, nice whiskers and eyebrows 3 Maries's Ch Jaroma Perseus, a large and heavily-boned seal Sirex with a blunt head, ears insufficiently high and upright, tail too short, coat rather thick and dark in colour, eyes rather pale, fair profile and in very good show condition r Stennett's Wishful Thinking, a fairly heavy-weight blue, though the impression of size could be due in part to the over-long coat, basically a cat of sound type although I felt that the head was rather short, eyes small but of good intensity, good rexing all over, the presentation of this cat was marred by grubby ears and insufficient grooming **Female:** I considered this class to be rather indifferent overall and in the absence of any outstanding specimen I withheld the award of the CC 1 Dolphin's Silverdine Blue Princess, a good lithe body and long legs, head fractionally on the short side with a weak chin but quite a good profile, nice long tail, good intense eye colour, excellent rexing spoiled by an extensive nearly bare patch on the back 2 Stratta's Jolie Fille Noire, a black smoke with fair type body, legs and tail, head quite short in the muzzle and ears insufficiently upright, good rexing with deep waves, nice whiskers and eyebrows, well presented 3 Thomas's Lohteyn Delectable, a fairly small tortie, lacking length in legs, tail and head, ears insufficiently upright, coat fairly well rexed but rather too long, one solid paw, otherwise well mixed in colour r Lucktaylor's Zureiqra Arabella, the promise shown by this cat when a kitten seems to have been unfulfilled, the head and legs have failed to keep their relative length and although the rexing is still very good, bare patches were in evidence behind the ears, the eye colour lacked intensity and a slightly dishevelled appearance was evident **AV Female (ex Burmese):** 1 Jackson's Ryeholm Tanya, largeish Russian Blue of good type and nice eye colour, thick coat of deep texture 2 Barnes's Mendlebar Bellita, Havana with well-proportioned body and long legs and tail, rather poor eye colour 3 Hutchinson's Solitaire Kai Emi, Havana with good type, long tail, head only fair with indeterminate eye colour r Thomas's Zatasha Tamaraya, Russian Blue of fair overall type, eyes rather yellow **AV Limit:** 1 Hill's Sakas Learno, Foreign Lilac, super type, sleek coat, beautiful eye colour, a worthy winner 2 Blood's Ellinis Cream Carter, cream Burmese of very nice type with elegant body, good tail, excellent coat and eye colour, friendly disposition 3 Timberlake's Amahama Kynquet Kabirio, brown Burmese with densely coloured and glossy coat, well built, good tapered tail, domed head and good ears, eye colour only fair r von Kirchberg's Hengist Busby, Russian Blue of large size but basically sound type, eye colour rather yellow. M LAUDER

Mrs O Ruffell

MRS POND is to be congratulated on running such a mammoth show. It must entail months of hard work and planning. My thanks and gratitude go to Mr Colin Green, for his expert handling of the cats and looking after me so well.

LH CREAM Cat male: 1 ch and best of breed Willis's Cirrus Cream Cracker, massive boy carrying a sound pale coat and no bars, wide top of head and the neatest of ears, short nose, good muzzle, chin could be a little stronger, deep orange eyes 2 Landau's Honeymist Cream Kenton, nice cat with pale coat, rather shady on flank, broad head, small ears, short nose, chin could be stronger 3 Long's Ch Crestona Andrew, fairly sound cat, good type but not a strong enough head for a male, lovely eye colour r Biram's Rimba Jocelyn, massive cat with long coat but rather shady, good top of head but nose a bit long and chin weak, eyes of medium colour **Female:** 1 ch Timson's Winterydeme Cream Candy, beautifully groomed coat, nice colour but a little pale at the roots, lovely type, small well placed ears, in all a well balanced head, gorgeous eye colour 2 Johns's Stroma Cream Sihraz, cat fairly sound of a pleasing shade of cream, neat well placed ears, short nose, good chin and muzzle, lovely eye colour 3 Waine's Summers Xylina, coat rather darker than rest of class, ears well placed but a little wide at base, otherwise good type and eye colour r Beskeen's Cirrus Cornolly, full sound coat, would have been placed higher but head not well balanced, ears rather tall and nose long **AC LH Self kitten female part 1:** 1 Silverman's Helma Thena, Orange-eyed White, full soft coat well prepared, nice head, short nose and good eye colour 2 Freeman's Hardendale Evita, pretty little Black girl, coat quite sound, nicely balanced head, good eye colour 3 Sievwright's Susa Tamsyn, Black girl, cat fairly sound, type quite good, ears could be a little smaller, good eye colour r Harrington's Darcor Patsy, Orange-eyed White, soft well prepared coat, ears rather tall making head appear narrow, good eye colour **Part 2:** 1 Schofield's Schirand Elymais, lovely little Blue, long soft coat of sound colour, beautiful

head, good width between tiny ears, deep eye colour 2 Pott's Mysticmair Sweet Love, nice little Blue, sound coat of a pleasing shade, nice head, short nose, good eye colour 3 Spears's Ickilien Dream Girl, Red Self, well grown kitten, sound coat, type quite good except that ears were rather wide at base, pale eye colour r Leevis's Tanzia Tiffany, well grown Blue, coat could have been better prepared, head quite good **Part 3:** 1 Gillson's Bearsdown Moreday, nice little Cream with sound coat, excels in type, lovely head, promising eye colour 2 Howes's Honey-mist Cream Shantelle, nice Cream, very little to choose between this and above, nice head, neat ears and promising eye colour 3 D'Arcy's Honeymist Cream Taffeta, Cream with rather shady coat, type not so good as above r Hurdle's Archuse Pardie, pale Cream but coat rather shady, quite good for type and eye colour **Limit (ex Self) kitten 3-5 mth male:** 1 Kilvington's Monsieur Ceybuss, Blue Birman, nice type and eye colour, good body colour and correct gauntlets 2 Akines's Ilfeycott First Light, Red CP, points of good colour and type quite good, nice eye colour 3 Jones's Jolana Pepetwink, Seal Colourpoint, nice body colour and good points, head a bit long and narrow, nice eye colour r Anderton's Silvanda Lea, Chin with delicate ticking, nose bit long and ears rather tall, promising eye colour **Limit neuter:** 1 Haines's Merryhill Clair de-Lune, handsome Blue male, well groomed coat, well balanced head and gorgeous eye colour 2 Mumby's Delboden, Seal Colourpoint male, lovely dark points and deep eye colour, good type 3 Mior's Merryhill Firefly, sound coated Red, nice type, eyes just a little pale r Clarke's Moonreea Maximilian, Birman of good type and contrasts, lovely deep blue eyes. OLIVIA RUFFELL

Mrs B Nicholas

MY VERY grateful thanks to Mr Bruce Acton who guided me through a busy day with so much thoughtful help that I managed to finish my classes in good time.

COLOURPOINT Male: 1 ch Forster's Mr Jubilee, best of breed, making his debut as an adult at nine months old with quite a fanfare judging by the red cards decorating his pen at the end of the day, huge well boned BP, wealth of long pale coat, broad top of head with well placed ears, short broad nose, wide muzzle and strong chin, large round eyes a little pale at present but colour will certainly improve with age, outstanding young male 2 Cunis's Merryn Valerian, very nice but a little narrow across top of head, ears well placed, nose short and broad, good muzzle and chin, coat rather dark, short full tail 3 Day's The Lotus Eater, well balanced head, good ears nicely set, short nose but would like stronger chin, eyes a little deep set very good blue r Fenn's Mandarin Zhivago, nice cat with lovely pale coat and good contrasts, nose short and broad, good top of head, ears a little too large and would like stronger chin **Female:** 1 ch Weatherall's Merryboys Corinna, lovely female with well balanced head, wide top and neat ears, round eyes of fairly good blue, short nose, good muzzle and chin, long silky coat 2 Bailey's Ch Antheby Honey, pretty little Bluepoint, lovely pale coat, large round eyes, ears rather too large and open at base, short broad nose, good muzzle and chin 3 Cochrane's Edelstein Choo-Jee, good top of head with neat ears, short nose with good break, strong chin, coat rather out of condition **Kitten male 3-5 mth:** 1 Goude's Marisha Domingo, nice kitten with lovely coat and good points contrast, wide top of head with good ear set, nose could be a little shorter, strong chin 2 Cunis's Merryn Valentine, very small, beautiful coat, nose a little too long and straight, but otherwise fairly good type 3 Jones's Jolana Pepetwink, nose too long but nice and broad, good round eyes, neat ears, solid well grown boy r Ryan's Cobden Marius **5-9 mth:** 1 Goude's Marisha Muchacho, really lovely Sealpoint, big boned and well grown, very well balanced head, broad top with well placed ears, large round eyes of good blue, short broad nose, strong muzzle and chin, altogether a very fine boy, beautifully presented and most affectionate, best of breed 2 Jones's Kandy-roo Count Coconut, nice big boy with long silky coat, good contrasts, short nose, ears rather too open at base, excellent eye colour 3 Reavey's Cleaboy Isiah, Bluepoint of fairly good type, nice coat and short tail, nose broad but could be shorter and would like stronger chin. Reserve withheld as there was only one other in class and I did not feel I could award even this owing to his mouth being not only undershot but crooked enough for his lower fang to project outside his face. I now realise I gave this same kitten a first prize some four months ago as a tiny noting then it was fractionally undershot. There is no doubt an incorrect bite can get only worse as the jaw develops with age. Apart from this bad fault this was a lovely kitten **Female 3-5 mth:** 1 Cunis's Merryn Venetia, lovely little Sealpoint, beautiful coat and good contrasts, round blue yes, short nose, good muzzle and chin, short full tail, surprised to see she is a full four months old as although beautiful she was extremely small and light in weight 2 Hann's Gledhow Sylko, excellent kitten of all round good type, wide top of head, good ear set, small ears slightly too open at base,

short broad nose, full muzzle and good chin, good eye colour, pale coat, short full tail 3 Cochranes Edelstein Porcelain, nice little Sealpoint with short broad nose showing good break, nice top of head and neat ears, pale coat of soft texture r Phillips's Tortiegn Pippa 5-9 mth: 1 Corris's Sarasamsan Vilette, Blue Creampoint very evenly marked, of excellent all round type, well balanced head, tiny nose, good full muzzle and deep chin, good wide top of head and small ears, long pale coat 2 Whitby's Marisha Luciana, attractive with lovely pale coat and good points colour, fairly good type, ears too large and open at base, nose should be rather shorter, good muzzle and chin 3 Hawe's Super Girl Purdey, all round nice kitten but would like more width between ears which could be a little neater, very nice short nose and good muzzle, and chin r Hughes's Sarobri Silver Jubilee AC Female neuter: 1 Anderson's Brylou Blue Peppermint, beautiful Blue, very broad head and tiny ears, little short broad nose, glorious deep amber eyes, long even coat 2 Redfield's Mei-Hua Nipobe, very nice Birman, all feet correctly marked, good type head and beautiful eye colour. BETTY NICHOLAS

Mrs M Turney

ANOTHER MAMMOTH show with, I should imagine, a record gate which, though very gratifying for the club, made judging very difficult by the afternoon. Mrs Alderton very kindly took over one of my club classes. Thirty-three entries in the assessment class with, all the writing involved takes considerable time. My thanks go to the committee for their hospitality. How hard they all must work to stage such a show, my congratulations to them all. Mrs Lipp was, as always, a tower of strength all day. Her handling of the cats is always a joy to watch. She seems to instil confidence in those exhibits which tend to be nervous. Thank you Marion. I had also Baroness van Eck-Klasing with me who had made the journey from Holland to learn a little more about the English cats. Though I would never agree that Olympia is the ideal place to learn with so many people round the judge's table.

2 LH SMOKE Male: 1 ch Hayward's Hardendale Lucifer, lovely type cat, good sound bone, lovely colour contrasts on back but coat a little harsh, good eyes for shape and colour, best of breed Female: 1 ch Sykes's Ch Barnhouse Camilla, nice type, good broad head with black mask, cobby body, coat rather harsh, neat ears well placed on skull 2 Lucas's Snofire Demoiselle, nice type, neat ears good breadth between, face could be more solid, showing bars on legs 3 Fletcher's Jhamoliva Jilly, good coat contrasts, nice eyes for shape and colour, legs showing bars BLUE SMOKE Female: 1 Everington's Lynette Psyche, lovely type cat, soft texture, coat but showing no white undercoat, short full tail, had no colour contrasts so ch was withheld BLACK SMOKE Kitten male 3-9 mth: 1 Gallen's Peroka Douvaine, excellent head, good black mask to face, short full tail, good solid paws, bold eye but showing green rim 2 Boyle's Snowzetta Navarino, good coat showing contrasts, eye colour pale, chin rather weak 3 Everington's Lynette Black Cupid, nice exhibit but showed very definite pencil markings on head r Everington's Lynette Eros, showed too many tabby markings, eyes were very sore Female 3-9 mth: 1 Sykes's Snowfire Etoile, nice type, excellent ruff and ear tufts of correct colour, good sound bone, short full tail 2 Watson's Peroka Serena, nice well balanced head with neat ears, green rim to eyes 3 Everington's Lynette Athene, much too pale coated, pale eye colour, leg showing definite bars BLUE SMOKE Kitten 3-9 mth: 1 Nichols's Mizpah Olympus, lovely coat with real ruff, good solid feet, chin rather weak 2 Everington's Lynette Andromeda, nice coated kitten, good bone, eye rather small 3 Eade's Lynette Aphrodite not enough coat colour contrast, poor type r Boyle's Snowzetta Mr Pickwick, undercoat not showing enough contrast, full ruff, showing green rim to eye AC Self limit female: 1 Cromar's Oxu Nuit Tombante, lovely black, coat colour sound to roots, very neat top of head, ears set low on skull 2 Timsun's Winterdyne Cream Candy, good Cream, sound coat of fine texture, lovely bone, very good eye for shape and colour, well shown 3 Sykes's Beauford Cecile, well boned Blue, good round head with well placed ears set low on skull, short full tail r Brier's Hollymist Glencora, good type White, lovely coa of softest texture. The rest of my classes were club classes. In the National Cat Club male class my first three placings were all cats full of quality and really all three were worthy winners. M TURNEY

Mrs E E Arnold

THE ANNUAL show at Olympia was its usual large and crowded happy event. I never cease to wonder at the dedication shown by all the organisers and helpers who turn up each year to prepare for and clear up after the show. The Siamese section, as usual, ran on oiled wheels. My thanks go to the committee for asking me to judge and also to my steward, Mrs Marion Cole, who is so efficient and handles the cats so well. SIAMSE Tabby Point male kitten 3-6 mth: 1 Dear's Laronel Pindaric, narrow top of head and good profile, nice ear set, good eye shape and colour, firm chin, good long

body and nice whip coat of good texture 2 Spencer's Foxtwist Nimrod, lovely top of head and profile, good ear set and eyes for shape set and colour, dainty body and nice whip, the latter rather solid in colour 3 Spencer's Foxtwist Novello, nice top of head and profile, eyes of good shape but rather full, nice body and whip which was not well ringed, lovely soft coat texture r Moore's Cheona Amicus, lovely wide top of head, good ear set, profile slightly uneven, a small pinch at present, good eye shape and colour, chin appears a little shallow, good long body and tail but markings on tail appear brindled and coat colour rather dark Female kitten 3-6 mth: 1 Flynn's Greenleaf Philomel, good profile, ears not well set, eyes rather full, slight pinch, chin recedes slightly, average length body, fair whip but tail brindled 2 Pumare's Aquilina Ophelia, nice top of head and profile, ears a little on top, tensos to round her eyes which are rather full, chin shallow and recedes slightly, elegant build with a fair whip the latter with some rings but also some brindling, coat colour rather dark for age 3 Moore's Cheona Leto, nice top of head, good profile, eyes of nice shape but rather full, muzzle looking slightly square, nice body, good whip, nice coat texture and colour r Hall's Ailsa Tabitha, elegant girl, rather narrow head, fair profile, pinch and a weak chin, eyes rather full, nice whip, but points not well matched Male kitten 6-9 mth: 1 Bramham's Patalou Rosteaque, lovely top of head and profile, good ear set and eyes for set, colour and shape, slight pinch, nice chin, good strong well built body and good whip 2 Mildon's Patalou Mylor, litter brother to winner and so most remarks also apply to him but eyes are round and full 3 Langlois's Topcapi Lynxman, nice top of head, good profile, eyes of good shape but rather full, slight pinch, good chin, fair length body and whip with slight kink ex 3 Beale's Lowood Albert, nice wide top of head and good profile, eyes of good shape, chin shallow, well muscled build, whip a little short and rather brindled r Perry's Foxtwist Figaro, fair top of head and profile, nice eye shape and colour, pinch, good long body with lovely pale coat, tail a bit thick and rather solid in colour Female: 1 best of breed, Carroll's Kippelena Capella, very elegant girl, good head carriage, excellent top of head and profile, very good eye shape and set, lovely coat colour and texture 2 Perry's Foxtwist Fiesta, dainty girl, lovely top of head, nice profile, good eye shape, superb eye colour, head needs a little more length, tail rather brindled 3 Wyman's Mabelle Moonlight Serenade, good top of head, ear set and eye shape, slightly square muzzle, good length body and nice whip r Wyman's Mabelle Morning Star, smaller than litter sister and very friendly but rather solid, colour on tail AC Debutante male cat: 1 Glen's Ho Wun Yee, Red Point of fairly heavy build, fair wedge head spoilt by round full eyes, tail rather thick and points colour rather pale 2 Wills's Ching Leng Cheng, Tabby Point, fair top of head and profile, average length body, short thick tail Maiden neuter: 1 Litton's Chahming Tobias, Lilac Point, lovely straight wedge which is a little short, nice ear set, good eye shape and set but rather pale in colour, good body length and nice whip 2 Brennan's Niwru Astra, Chocolate Point, nice profile, good eye shape, shallow chin, nice body and whip, good matching points 3 Thompson's Sidown Piperio, Seal Point, short wedge head spoilt by big round full pale eyes, long body and nice whip r Slayford's Penglyn Brigadier, Seal Point of rather heavier build, profile slightly uneven and eyes round and full, nice top of head, good chin, nice coat colour contrasts, very friendly boy. E E ARNOLD

Mrs P Lauder

MY BEST congratulations to Mrs Pond and her helpers. This year the National had space and leisure. I had time really to enjoy my exhibits. Apart from my open classes two were outstanding: Thistleway Solo, in the Oriental Cat Association's class, a Foreign White kitten whom I could not fault in eyes, disposition, type or coat, an exquisite creature; and in the National Cat Club's class for AV Foreign Shorthair female kittens, Kaserling Katya, a charming Brown Burmese with deeply yellow eyes of perfect shape. Miss Alannah Coleman stewarded for me and we had with us Madame Trayer, the well known judge, and president of the Cercle Felin in France. I thank them both for their kind help and for the pleasure of their company. Foreign White female: 1 ch Whiston's Lu Chu Bianca, elegant cat, very good eyes, coat like ermine 2 Moore's Lu Chu Ivory, beautiful coat, very good type, unfortunately some yellow in eyes 3 Lucy's Alshan Shah-hall, eyes too big and coat could be smoother, good strong chin r Kite's Lu Chu Giselle, good coat, eyes round Foreign Lilac male: 1 ch Williams's Majik Lucky Lilac, lovely type, eyes good for shape and colour, sweet temperament 2 Dray's Bickroyo Tio Pepe, nice type and exceptionally good coat colour, but eyes too yellow 3 Hall's Ailsa Toranga, good head, eyes yellow, some blue in coat, lovely condition, sweet disposition r Selwyn's Baksan Misky, big healthy cat, head rather round, coat darkish, beautiful eye colour Female: 1 ch Burton's Ailsa Jessie, coat good texture and colour, nice eyes and

2 type, firm chin, fine condition 2 Burton's Artinian Bijou, nice type though would like more chin, nice coat but yellow in eyes, appeared to be in kitten 3 Cain's Torney's Cascade not well presented, most beautiful eye colour Korat male: 1 Tully's Abbottsbrook Pharaoh, double coat nicely silvered, correct cheeks but lower part of face too round, eyes good colour but not prominent Female: 1 best of breed, Kheilan Kisaki, excellent head, perfect eyes, no silvering and feels a bit light but best Korat head and eyes I have seen Foreign Lilac kittens 3-9 mth: 1 Boarer's Sharifa Silver Lotus, good type and coat, even texture, beautiful temperament 2 Burton's Jaybur Lady Syringa, type fair, coat could be smoother 3 Selwyn's Lilac Mist, sweet little creature, so small and so covered in her fluffy kitten coat that it was impossible to appraise her correctly, playful and healthy AV Junior ex Burmese: 1 Hill's Sakas Learnio, unusually good Foreign Lilac, lovely coat colour, excellent type, beautiful eyes, stangs well, calm temperament, a neuter hard to fault 2 Hogston's Nehemia Aser, very good Devon head, not enough wave, but swell covered with thick fur 3 Gascoyne's Lohteyn Extravaganza, good Blue-Cream Rex, well intermingled, not curly enough, sweet disposition r Sharple's Annelida Spider, angry Cornish Rex with good coat and nice yellow eyes, hard to handle. PHYLLIS LAUDER

Mrs P Holroyd

THIS WAS a mammoth show most beautifully organised. The only trouble was the vast crowds when trying to get to the pens to judge. Lunch arrangements for the judges were most appreciated also the tea given by Pat Foods. My most grateful thanks go to my steward, Miss Helen Ferres, who as always was excellent. SIAMSE AC Debutante 3-4 mth: 1 Darlow's Shandean Benedict, really lovely SP kitten, nice profile, good strong chin, beautiful eye colour and shape, well placed ears, lovely tail, good points, rather too thin 2 Darlow's Shandean Bavarian, very similar kitten and difficult to choose between the two, perhaps not quite such a good head 3 Darlow's Shandean Bourneville, lovely CP kitten, excellent profile, beautiful eyes, nice tail, lovely textured coat, good points r Cook's Southlea Snow Stroller, LP, nice head, good eye colour but rather round, tail rather woolly at root, lovely textured coat vhc Thurman and Heffernan's Seawitch Minstrel Boy, CP, head rather short, nice eyes, good tail Senior neuter: 1 Wilson's Vilette Blue Boy, BP, very nice cat, lovely head, beautiful eye shape and colour, strong chin, nice tail, lovely textured coat 2 Choppen's Coerulea Cham Moran, SP, nice wedge head, well placed ears, chin could be stronger, lovely eyes, nice tail, beautiful coat but rather dark 3 Rastrick's Gr Pr Bumblebees Dino, CP, lovely profile, nice eyes, good tail, lovely textured coat, correct colour r Wickens's Fraston, nice head, good eye shape and colour, tail rather thick at root, lovely textured coat vhc Carder's Bonny Blue Bird, fair head, chin weak, very nice eye shape and colour, tail could be longer. PHYLLIS HOLROYD

Mrs K Benn

CONGRATULATIONS GO to Mrs Grace Pond and her section managers on a superbly organised show. I thank Mrs M Wilson for running the Siamese section so well. I thought the idea of an early start to lunch and self service was splendid and a great success too, the quickest lunch ever at the National. The crowds this year were more numerous than ever and the television Blue Peter show must have brought everyone along. Miss Julie Dray struggled womanfully through the crowds and gave me first class assistance through a busy day with large classes. Thank you very much Julie. I must comment on the undersize of a lot of the kittens in the Siamese section and express dismay at the exhibitors who put these tiny mites on the show bench at such a tender age. I see nothing to be gained by this. SIAMSE Red Point 3-6 mth: 1 Chapman's Galaxias Red Rum, male, well muscled boy, beautifully presented, good points colour on ears and mask, still coming through on legs and tail excellent eye-set and colour, good whip, good overall type, best of breed 2 Davie's Marondon Fioson, elegant little boy, good top of head, good whip, short of points colour on legs, delicate colouring on ears, retrousse nose 3 Dayer's Renaldo Red Rory, short of colour on legs, bad pinch, whisky pads, slightly puffy, slight chin weakness, good ear set, a very quiet kitten 6-9 mth: 1 Beale's Zehra, female, good top of head, narrow wedge, short of colour on legs, mask and ears good colour red, good eye colour, could be bolder, pinch, needs head length 2 Ferres's Nikaed Babarossa, male, very relaxed and happy kitten, very pale coat, good texture, very short of points colour, good overall type 3 Lloyd's Nikaed Karadosi, female, excellent ear set and top of head, eyes could be deeper and more oriental, long elegant legs, good points colour, narrow wedge r Young's Seaburn Henri, well built boy, feet bit large, good points colour, tail thick at root, very square muzzle which tended to shorten head somewhat AC Debutante female: 1 Gamble's Trastamara Blue Mist, excellent cat, well muscled body,

good whip, lovely top of head, splendid ear set, good eye set and colour, good coat texture, little shady 2 Risk's Moondance Serenity, choc Tabby Point, well marked tabby except for tail which looked 'frosted' and indistinguished markings, good eye set and colour 3 Thorn's Caranbar Cobweb, choc Tortie, very elegant girl, well built, good whip, very delicate markings, eyes could be better shape r Orr's Kangaroo Lanky Moon, choc Tabby Point, well built cat, good tail rings, well marked mask, good coat texture but shady, eyes too pale Limit male 3-6 mth: 1 Darlow's Shandean Basilica, small kitten but well presented, warm and well nourished, good eye colour and shape, dense seal points, good ear set, good whip, pleasing exhibit 2 Cook's Southlea Snow Stroller, LP, good eye set and colour, coat long and open textured, good ear set, tail thick at root Female 7-9 mth: 1 Carroll's Kippelena Capella, Tabby Point, very elegant kitten, excellent markings for age, good muscular body, good whip, lovely eye set and colour, long legs, dainty feet, lovely Siamese 2 Stafford's Kaprico Annegada, SP, good type, ear set and top of head, dainty spoon feet, good whip, slight pinch, coat little shady 3 Buckley's Sikkum Cream Cleo, Cream Point, most elegant head carriage with lovely long neck, good cream points colour, good eye colour little too round, pale close coat, good whip r Russell's Johpas Tishkah, Tortie, good type, well marked, feet well broken, blaze a little too black, eye colour little pale, pale close coat of good texture Debutante female 3-4 mth: 1 Parslow's Scheelite, superb little CP, as yet immature but I am sure will show well in the future, excellent type, lovely milk chocolate points, matching, good ear set, good eye shape and colour 2 Foikes's Cymbeline Ayshah, small SP, dense seal points, good eye colour and set, coat shady and dark, lovely profile (from her gorgeous dad) Neuter ex Seal Point: 1 Anderton's Amber Tamboy, excellent LP cat, large well grown but not overweight, superb type, good ear set, long elegant legs, beautiful coat colour and points colour 2 Tatschner's Pr Bouhaki Minnaloushe, excellent BP cat, lovely blue points, good ear set and whip, good coat texture 3 Moyse's Shybu Hitachi very good STP cat, lovely temperament, good eye set and colour, good body length, good whip ex 3 Rouse's Altanea Carmela Silvermist, SP, very friendly boy, lovely disposition, good points colour, coat good texture, nice whip r Pridham's Pr Widgerwood Indallo, CP, excellent bold head, good chocolate points, spectacles, good whip, very quiet cat. KATHY BENN

Mrs R J Ridyard

THANKS TO my steward, Mrs Jean Hepburn, who helped to make my judging so enjoyable. AC LH Junior (ex self) male part 1: 1 Goddard's Jack Frost, Chinchilla of very good type, coat nicely tipped though yellow in places, full ruff, tail slightly too long, broad head fine cheeks, medium to good eye colour Part 2: 1 McGeoch's Pathfinders Copyright, Black and White Bi-colour, patches evenly distributed with some stray white hairs, good length to coat but harsh texture, face nicely marked, very good eye colour, good body type but medium tail Limit (ex self) female part 1: 1 Blackburn's Marisha Zoraya, very good type Chinchilla, well ticked coat, good length and texture, full ruff and full short tail, good head for a Chinchilla spoiled by poor eye colour Part 2: 1 Guiver's Copeana Nancy, Blue Cream, nicely mingled pale coat but of shorter length, good texture, broad head, strong forehead, good profile, firm chin, medium eye colour, face spoiled by marks from runny eyes, compact body, low to ground, well balanced, short tail Maiden self 5-9 mth female part 1: 1 Freeman's Hardendale Evita, Black kitten, shows very good potential and should continue to win prizes, delightful kitten, small ears well placed with good width between, broad head, full cheeks, even bite, good profile, round eyes, good colour but not yet full depth, body type cobby, tail slightly long, coat kitten rusty in places, soft texture, full length, a well balanced and excellent kitten Part 2: 1 Bangs's Lafrebella Evette, Blue kitten, compact body type and tail in proportion, good profile to head, even bite, ears too tall and on top, coat length and texture very good but colour patchy, very dark on tail and parts of back, immature eye colour, lacking in depth Part 3: 1 D'Arcy's Honeymist Cream Taffeta, good cobby body type and broad head, short nose, full cheeks, strong forehead, lacking in width between ears, good quiet cream colour but patchy, texture silky but lacking in ruff, full short tail, good bright copper eyes. RITA J RIDYARD

Mrs S Chetwynd

I CONGRATULATE all concerned in the staging of this mammoth show. Sincere thanks to Mrs Betty Walde for inviting me to judge the non-pedigrees. I enjoyed my day very much. I found the new lunch arrangements excellent. Many thanks go to my steward Mrs Bettie Hiscocks for her cheerful company, efficient handling and interest in the exhibits. It was a difficult task with so many lovely exhibits in large classes. To the losers you probably lost by a whisker but please no cellular blankets. They are not

comfortable for your pet and a small litter tray is not practicable.

PETS Best marmalade, ginger or red SH cat with or without white over 2 years: 1 Compton's Cornflake, a winner in every respect, groomed and presented to perfection, handsome beautifully marked deep auburn tabby with sparkling white chest and paws, lovely large eyes, with gentle affectionate nature, I was very pleased to see on BBC2 this boy had also won the veteran class, I congratulate his owner 2 Hussey's Mr Pickwick, lovely boy, beautiful well prepared coat, red tabby with excellent contrasts, just a small white locket under chin, excellent eyes, lovely nature, presented well with two blankets 3 Zub's Ginger, handsome boy, groomed and presented beautifully, mackerel type tabby with spotted back and ringed tail, superb eyes, nice friendly nature 4 Gilbert's Sandy, I thought perhaps your name would be 'Houdini' as your owners had marked your pen card with 'the great escapist', however we found you pleased to see us, lovely deep auburn markings on head and back with good ringed tail, rest of body sparkling white, nice bold eyes, groomed and presented well r Gisbey's Paddington, large Marmalade with white socks and chest, very gentle affectionate boy, ringed tail, groomed and presented very well, excellent eyes **AC SH Over 2 years south of the Thames:** 1 Finch's Mrs Twitthcett, beautiful and unusual cat groomed and presented perfectly, brown tabby soft coat with a lot of red, indicating a ginger ancestor I would think, superb disposition with excellent eyes 2 Cornflake 3 Martin's Tinkerbell, lovely girl, SH Tortie, very dark with lots of cream patches in coat, beautiful eyes, superb nature, groomed and presented very well r Dennigan's Merrill, SG grey-black coat, very well prepared, presented well, outstanding eyes with lovely disposition **5 years 50 miles RADIUS:** 1 Maxwell's Moppet, outstanding LH Tortie, lovely girl, groomed and presented beautifully, all ears and paws patched, very bright coat more intermingled than patched, lovely eyes, superb disposition 2 Morris's Peppy, mackerel type tabby with ringed tail, very nice well prepared glossy coat, presented well, superb eyes, just a little bit nervous 3 Lee's Lucky Lady, very nice SH Tortie and White, head, back and tail all tortie, the rest of her a sparkling white, groomed and presented well, lovely eyes, slightly nervous 4 Tilton's Tiger, unusual soft well prepared deep beige coat, outstanding eyes and really lovely nature r Gilbert's Sandy.

Mrs A E Ashford

AS ALWAYS this was a wonderful show, perfectly organised by Grace Pond and all her committee, to whom I send grateful thanks for inviting me to judge, for all their kindnesses, and for my very useful gift. If I was a little slow over my classes I apologise but it was difficult to write full notes with so many jostling crowds around. Warmest thanks to my two stewards, Betty Lauder and Kay White, both of whom worked so tirelessly, handling the cats with love and skill and battling their way through the crowds. I hope Kay, a dog breeder, found the 'cat crowd' interesting. I think she was impressed with the lovely Longhairs!

LH BI-COLOUR Male ad: 1 BOB ch Chard's Ch Sharindien Santana, beautiful massive Red and White, good top of head, neat ears, excellent profile, firm chin, eyes full and of good colour, full coat with correct colour distribution, well presented 2 Hill's Ch Susa Flash, massive cat, Blue and White, coat of wonderful length and the striking complete white 'harness' that was once essential, good width of head but ears set a little high, good bold eyes, nose could be shorter 3 Tyler's Sarasaman Calico Joe, Blue and White, good cobby body, sturdy legs, nice width between ears, eyes rather pale r Firkins's Sarasaman Lil Abner, Blue and White, similar to above but coat needs more grooming who McGeech's Pathfinders Copyright **Female ad:** 1 ch Snell's Jacquavid Mystique, good Red and White, coat not yet fully in, good bold eyes, fair top of head, lovely full eyes of beautiful depth of colour **Kitten:** I was surprised and delighted to find nineteen exhibits in this class. Some were almost adult and I would have liked the class to have been split into two age groups 1 best of breed O'Donoghue's Lamplighter's Tango, lovely name and a beautiful kitten, Cream and White of gorgeous type, excellent top of head, good stop, firm chin, lovely bold eyes of deep colour, full coat of wonderful brush, good colour distribution 2 Tyler's Catalan Whisky Mac, adorable baby Black and White of superb type and full coat for his age, good top of head, neat ears, full eyes colour not yet quite determined, very promising exhibit 3 Laing's Susa Benny, Black and White, good top of head, lovely profile, ears a little open, full bold eyes but slight greenish rim, good coat though black a little rusty today 4 Watson's Sarasaman Moses, large Black and White, fair top of head, nose a little too long, wonderful full coat, good full eyes, could be deeper in colour r Taylor's Catalan Cornflower, large Blue and White, prepared to perfection, wonderful full brush, ear set a little too high and nose could be shorter vhc Moir's (name not given) **AC LH Maiden self female 3-5 mth**

part 1: I was sorry that I could not judge number 346 but it was entered in the wrong class 1 Scarlett's Shalynn Carousel, lovely Blue of good overall type, good width between neat ears, cobby body, sturdy legs, excellent full brush, lovely bold eyes of good colour, excellent pale coat 2 Silverman's Helma Thena, very lovely small Orange-eyed White, good top of head, excellent profile, full, bold eyes of deep colour, excellent coat 3 Tyler's Catalan Midnight, lovely small Black, excellent top of head, good profile with well defined stop, beautiful bold eyes, good coat and very short full brush r Baker's Dolegate Finesse, very good Orange-eyed White, excellent full coat, good overall type with good width of head and lovely bold eyes vhc Moulton's Hollymist Little Bo-Beep **Part 2:** 1 Tokley's Candyfloss Nicky, lovely Blue, pale, full coat, cobby body, sturdy legs, excellent top of head, neat ears, beautiful full eyes of deep colour 2 Proom's Crathorne Cream Angel, very nice Cream, really pale coat, well prepared, good width between neat ears, lovely full deep-coloured eyes 3 Firkins's Eledabrad Chinzino, Cream of excellent type, full coat of really pale cream, good top of head, excellent eyes for colour and shape r Harman's Miramora Rahman, Seal Point Birman of good type, well proportioned head, excellent coat, eyes greenish, even gloves, gauntlets not quite even vhc Lewis's Fortina Saroma. ALISON ASHFORD

Mrs O B Olive

MY GRATEFUL thanks go to my steward Mrs Mary Williams and to Helen who helped her. Many thanks for your company during a busy day.

SIAMESE Tortie Point 3-9 mth: 1 best of breed Russell's Johpas Tishkah, well proportioned with good matching points, good eye colour, well set ears, good tail 2 Langley's Daisy, very pale coat with good patchwork points, well shaped ears 3 Giles's Denka Jubilee Queen, good head but patching too solid on one foot **Cream Point 3-9 mth:** Outstanding class of excellent cream kittens. The task of finding the winner was a tricky problem as most of the exhibits were 'top drawer' felines 1 best of breed Thorn's Caranbar Cream Consort, very strong masculine kitten nearly adult, exceptionally long body with close lying coat of excellent texture and colour, slim neck, well set ears, good eye colour, long tail 2 same owners, litter brother to winner, Caranbar Cream Cardinal, one could describe these exhibits as almost alike as two peas in a pod, Consort took first place as I felt he had the edge on his brother with his extreme elegance and showmanship 3 again same owners, Caranbar Cream Cassandra, litter sister to first and second, again a very elegant exhibit with good coat colour ex 3 Buckley's Sikkum Cream Cleo, yet another attractive cat with good coat colour of close texture, very long tail, well shaped head and ears. I shall look forward to judging these cats in their adult classes in the near future. O B OLIVE

Mrs M Halliday

WHAT CAN one say about the National that hasn't already been said hundreds of times before. Anyway once again thank you for all the hard work and organisation that goes to make the day. My thanks also to my steward, Mrs Pat Mennim, who handled all the cats so very well.

SIAMESE Seal Point neuter: 1 pr Bagge's Johpas Malvyna, good ear set, really nice eye shape and colour, straight profile, dense points, nice warm body colour, good coat, tiny paws, nice tail 2 Honour's Pr Beauwill Barnabas, nice head, length, good well set ears, nice eye shape, colour could be deeper, lovely coat colour and texture, excellent tail 3 Slayford's Penglyn Brigadier, nice ear set, good eye colour, good profile, nice coat, good tail but brindled ex 3 Guy's Bilboe Buggins, nice head, good profile, nice eye shape and colour, mask spoiled by brindling, lovely coat texture and colour, well prepared, nice tail, tiny kink **AC Maiden cat female:** 1 Evans's Purrlee Tamarisk, nice head, good ear set, eye shape and colour, dainty paws, nice warm coat colour, good tail 2 Warnock's Foxtwist Saffron, good points colour, nice profile, good eye shape and colour, large ears, body shaded, excellent tail 3 Logan's Quintral Sapphire, good profile, nice length of head, nice points colour, good coat, excellent tail ex 3 Orr's Kangaroo Lanky Moon, nice type, good ears, nice thumb marks, well marked face, nice eye colour little full, good body length and colour, nice tail **Limit 6-9 mth male:** 1 Crawshaw's Souvenir Sebastian, lovely Chocolate Point, good profile, nice ear set, eye shape and colour, good matching points, lovely coat, texture and colour, excellent tail 2 Lockyer's My Bonnie Blue, good profile, nice points colour, good eye shape and colour, head could be longer, good coat contrast, nice tail 3 Prest's Sontew Comulus, nice points colour, good ear set, eye shape and colour, nice coat but brindled, good tail r Bryce's Catspaw Fireball, ears a bit on top, nice profile, good eye colour, nice coat colour and texture, good eye **5-7 mth female:** 1 Crawshaw's Majoret Opal, nice ear set, good eye shape and colour, straight profile, points a little dark for age, nice coat, excellent tail 2 Summerfield's Windarra Blue Pearl, nice head length, good eye shape and colour,

points cold, nice body, excellent tail 3 Flynn's Greenleaf Philomel, nice head, well marked face, nice body length, very shady, good tail lacks rings r Noake's Titaya Whisper, good wedge could be longer, nice eye shape and colour, points cold, long shaggy coat, nice tail **Debutante 4-6 mth male:** 1 Badcock's Baranduin Wayfarer, very nice, lovely type, good eye shape and colour, nice profile, large well set ears, good length of body, nice colour, excellent tail 2 Plumb's Woodnymph Thruppence, nice male, good head, nice eye shape and colour, not quite the body length of winner, nice coat, excellent tail 3 Ford's Hydinyis Serendipity, good Red Point, good ear set, eye shape and colour, nice profile, good coat, lacks colour on paws, nice tail.

MAUREEN HALLIDAY

Mrs G Carter

I ENJOYED judging in the household pet section very much and thank Betty Walde for inviting me. Congratulations Betty and our thanks for organising such a wonderful show for this section and for all your hard work and help on the day. There were so many lovely cats and kittens, well groomed and obviously well loved that it was most difficult to make the awards. This year the presentation of pets was much improved and I found only a few cellular blankets and unsuitable litter trays. My daughter Fiona stewarded for me and her help and patient handling of the cats were invaluable. She worked very hard all day and I hope she will be able to steward for me on another occasion.

HOUSEHOLD PETS LH Marmalade, Ginger or Red with or without white: 1 Smith's Micky, lovely ginger, white chin, very well presented and well groomed, nice friendly boy 2 Tilton's Tiger, cream rather than ginger, very friendly, polydactyl, well presented and groomed beautifully, nice natured boy 3 Dilley's Moir, well groomed ginger, nice cat, seemed rather nervous, well presented r Davison's Patchy, well presented white and ginger, lovely cat but not too keen on being handled **Owned by male:** 1 Willitt's Sibilee, delightful silver tabby and white kitten, very friendly and lovable, well groomed and well presented 2 Compton's Cornflake, red tabby and white, beautifully presented and groomed to perfection, lovely nature, content to be cuddled, difficult to decide between 1 and 2 3 Davis's Zebedee, black SH, well groomed and friendly, well presented 4 Mille's Sparky, young ginger SH, well groomed and friendly, well presented 5 Slade's Martha, cream and white SH, very clean and well groomed, well presented r Cain's Sam Sam, tabby and white SH, well groomed and presented, seemed rather nervous **LH Cat over 2 years old with most luxurious coat:** 1 William and Pearce's Sacha, shaded silver, lovely long haired, well groomed 2 Smith's Micky 3 Denness's Cherry, black, well groomed, soft coat 4 Dilley's Moir Wren's Miltzie, tortie and white, well groomed. GWEN CARTER

Mrs J M Edwards

I THANK Mrs Walde and the show committee for inviting me to judge. I was so pleased and had a most enjoyable day. My grateful thanks also go to my steward Mrs Trish Frazer who on her first stewarding outing proved herself to be both competent and understanding with the cats and whose tact and companionship added greatly to my pleasure in the show.

HOUSEHOLD PETS Blue Peter 13 yrs: This was a large class with thirty-three cats present and as all were in excellent condition the choice was not easy. The final selection of the first three places was made by Mr Peter Purves. The three cats I chose for his consideration were, in order of his placing: 1 Thornley's Jeremy, beautifully friendly LH White boy who loved everyone, a cat with dignity and personality, well prepared and presented 2 Farthing's Smokey Joe, big friendly and obliging LH tabby and white, tabby markings muted and soft in colour contrasted with a lot of very bright white, well groomed and presented cat 3 Hussey's Mr Pickwick, lovely SH red tabby with big round head, good dark red colour with tiny white locket under nice firm chin, well proportioned cobby cat 4 Howard's Hoffman, beautiful rich cream cat in lovely condition who could have been more carefully presented 5 Harrison's Titian, pretty little tortie with bright mingled coat, well proportioned cat ex 5 Dawson's Sarsen Stone, lovely big blue tabby, well prepared and very friendly 6 Byfield's Nicky, large black cat, very alert and curious, some loose hairs in coat otherwise well presented and prepared ex 6 Broad's Humphrey, red tabby and white boy with cream barred front, very friendly attractive cat r Godsell's Domino, very well named white cat with clear, almost round tortie spots, a most unusual little girl, markings mostly on one side give a rather unbalanced effect but very pretty and distinctive. J M EDWARDS

Mr A D Edwards

MY GRATEFUL thanks go to the show committee and Mrs Grace Pond for the invitation to judge at the National. Further plaudits must go to the indefatigable Mrs Joan Avery for all the hard work she had put in which was evident in the smooth organisation

enjoyed by the judges of Short-haired cats. For my steward, Rob Steel, of Daviot cats this was an excellent debut. He had obviously thought deeply about his duties and they were carried out to the letter. His gentle and considerate handling of the cats earned my deep admiration. As a most pleasant companion he added much to my enjoyment of the day.

AC SH British female ad: 1 Hopkinson's Candela Eureka, Brown Tabby about whom I have written much already, has matured into a beautiful queen, most exquisite sable colouring, rich black markings of fine quality, strength of type and muscle associated with the best British cats but all female and a delightful personality, on the day she was best of breed of three very fine adults and also became a champion, congratulations 2 Mayne's Ch Beluamnye Elfreda, excellent all round British Blue, clearly showing her championship quality, pale (slightly ticked) coat of superb texture and plushiness, large strong queen who should breed very well. The basic fault I found was a paleness towards the pupils of each eye, a most charming queen 3 Colvill's Brigider Simbalina, British Blue, carries the darker blue coat colour exhibited by her illustrious sire in his younger days, also has very strong type with most beautiful head and glorious copper eyes, I found it most difficult to pass her over but she does have a soft coat and a rather thick tail 4 Seacombe's Vectensian Venus, Tortie, lovely type and balance, strong head and chin, lovely bold orange eyes, at the moment rather dark but very good patching, pleasing queen who should do very well as she matures r Smith's Candela Miranda, Silver Spotted, have admired for some time, very good type for the variety with lovely broad head and good yellow eyes, beautifully set ears and strong chin, fine silver colour and spotting generally good. I should like to mention Kidd's Sireli Silver Koral who has improved out of all recognition since I saw her as a kitten, when her brindling starts she will be a very fine Spottie **Novice kitten:** 1 Marlow's Candela Missstress Overdone, most delightful and promising female Silver Spotted, very strong and well grown, most excellent spotting on good silver ground, faulted her on eye colour which was a very good orange and thus too strong for this variety, it seems I could do nothing wrong for the Candela prefix, Trish and Tony Hopkinson must be congratulated on producing such excellent felines 2 Goodrich's Kasimir Morgoth, lovely little Black male with such a sinister name, dense black coat of excellent texture, beautiful round head, bold orange eyes, faulted on ears which he would insist on holding flat, it may be that he was just frightened by the press of people admiring him 3 Scharde's Westways Albert, Orange-eyed White male of extremely well balanced type, beautiful large clear eyes of gorgeous colour, correct body and tail true to British Standard but faulted on soft rather long coat r Smith's Ivespottied, another Silver spottie bred from Candela lines who would have won this class hands down were it not for one most important factor, this kitten's coat was extremely soft and long and this could not be overlooked, her spotted pattern was quite beautiful and the silver and black were very clear, rather strong eye colour, quite exceptional head. ALAN EDWARDS

Mrs B E Harrington

I THANK the committee and Mrs Walde, the show manager of the non-pedigree section, for inviting me to judge at this show. I thoroughly enjoyed my day during which I handled some beautiful cats with delightful temperaments. Mr Rowland Stephens stewarded for me. Thank you Rowland for all the hard work and for looking after me so well.

NON-PEDIGREE LH Cat most appealing expression over 3 years: 1 Scamponi's Billy, very unusual LH tabby, looks as if he has come straight from the jungle, lovely eyes, very appealing expression, very well groomed and presented 2 Matthew's Snooks, LH black and white cat, superb whiskers and tendrils, very alert, good expression, well groomed and presented 3 Rose's Sooty, LH black cat, lovely expressive eyes, well groomed and presented **Best exhibit up to 2 years owned by girl under 16 years:** 1 Mackenzie's Jolyon, lovely SH smoke coloured cat, nice eyes, well groomed and presented 2 Cash's Chips, nicely marked SH tabby cat, white chin, well groomed and presented 3 Cox's Chou-Fleur Purr, young LH tabby and white cat, superb tail, nice eyes, well groomed, very well presented **Cats over 5 years 50 miles radius:** 1 Compton's Cornflake, excellent SH ginger and white cat, superb markings, white paws and chin, nice eyes, well groomed and presented 2 Dawe's Heloise, SH black and white cat, good eyes, well groomed and presented 3 Bidmead's Horace, lovely SH tabby and white cat, well groomed and presented. B E HARRINGTON

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Mrs P M Furber

MANY CONGRATULATIONS go to Mrs Pond and show committee and Mrs Mary Wilson, the Siamese show manager, on staging another highly organised and popular show. I was sorry to learn of Mr Dessauer's unfortunate injury which made it impossible for him to be present. I hope all exhibitors who entered under him were not too dismayed to find that I had been asked to take his classes. I am sure we all wish him a speedy recovery. Grateful thanks to my very efficient steward, Mrs Rosemary Bennett, who made my day much easier by her competent handling of the exhibitors.

SIAMESE AC Male cat: 1 Webb's Vaillencourt Solomon, Seal Tabby Point, lovely head length, beautifully set ears and eyes, good markings, extremely elegant, yet a wholly masculine boy 2 Hall's Springfield's Bambuli, Chocolate Point with good long body, superb coat colour and texture, good points colour, good head length and shape with lovely eyes of good colour, very unlucky to meet winner 3 Mort-Williams's Ch Chairross Ariel, good Chocolate Point, good body length, beautiful coat texture just beginning to shade, good long head, good eye shape and colour, points rather dark, good tail r Cook's Nikkys Red Enka, large Cream Point, gorgeous temperament, good head length and even wedge, eyes good for colour and shape, points a little hot and lacks contrast **Limit femaie:** 1 Evans's Purrllee Tamarisk, elegant Seal Point, good eyes for colour and shape but showing a light squint today, lovely coat texture and colour, good whip 2 Logan's Maytime Verity, very elegant typy Lilac Point, good head shape, lovely eye shape, colour and set, good ears, coat texture and colour and good lilac colouring 3 Millican's Wiccan Shoaalin, dainty Seal Point, very dense points, good head length, profile spoilt by stop, good eye colour but rather full ex 3 Dulieu's Rhizopus Elinore, elegant Lilac Point, good eye shape and colour but set very deep and showing slight squint, good ear set and good tail, points rather blue r Neicho's Abraxus Florence, Seal Tortie Point, good head length, good eye colour but rather full, good tail, good broken points **Novice ex Seal Point 3-6 mth male:** 1 Dear's Laranel Pindaric, superb Seal Tabby Point kitten, really showy body, beautiful type, gorgeous eyes, ears, tail—the lot! 2 Moore's Cheona Amicus, Seal Tabby Point, very elegant kitten with lovely head, good eye shape and colour, fails to winner on coat colour which has darkened rather quickly for age, very promising kitten 3 Cook's Southlea Snow Stroller, tiny baby Lilac Point, very sweet temperament, lovely top of head, good even wedge but head needs length, good eye shape and colour r Dayer's Perrigrin Red Rascal, Red Point, good head length and superb ear set, eyes rather pale and showing slight squint, would like to see his points slightly hotter **Female:** 1 Flynn's Greenleaf Philomel, lovely little Seal Tabby Point, good length, head, eye shape and colour, lovely long body and good points markings 2 Anderton's Soutra Jamaye, elegant Chocolate Point with good points colour and lovely textured coat of good colour, good eye colour but rather full 3 Noakes's Titaya Moon Wispia, Blue Point, good head length, showing pinch today, eye colour good but too full, coat colour too dark and rather long r Hepburn's Carnock Kilmorana, Chocolate Tortie, good broken points of good colour, good eye shape and colour, average head length **Novice neuter:** 1 Stayford's Penguin Brigadier, very nice Seal Point, superb profile, good long head, lovely eye colour and shape 2 De Winter's Pakanlis Shemarki, very well grown kitten, very elegant, superb body colour and coat texture, dense points, good long head but ears held too high spoil balance of head 3 Brennan's Niwru Astra, Chocolate Point, very nice girl, good long head, eyes and ears well set but eyes needed more brilliance, matching points but rather dark ex 3 Perry's Seremban Joli, very well fed Blue Point boy, good length of head but muzzle rather square, coat very shaded and points too dark r Thomson's Sidown Piperio, Seal Point, lovely profile, good head length, eyes good colour but rather round, dense points but coat dark and harsh in texture. PAULINE FURBER

Mrs M K Kidd

THE NATIONAL was extremely well run and beautifully organised. It was a great asset being able to have a quick lunch and much appreciated. Many congratulations to all those who helped Mrs Grace Pond plan it. It was a great pleasure to have Mrs Val Kilby stewarding for me. She was, as always, the perfect steward and a great help.

BURMESE Cream, Red, Lilac Chocolate or Tortie premier: 1 pr Warren's Linkinnye Cream Kestrel, excellent mature Cream, feeling fit and firm, beautifully blended coat of very good colour, excellent type, correct body, tail and wedge, rather shallow nose break, but good firm chin and lovely ears and ear set, pale eyes, very well presented 2 Grainger's Deucalim Medea, Chocolate, even body colour but rather a lot of contrast between body and mask, good type with well balanced body and legs, lovely ear-set, rather shallow stop 3 Blood's Ellinis Cream Carter, lovely cream coat of good texture, good type but very shallow stop, rather

slight and immature at present being only just adult, but should do better when more mature r Roth's Kupio Cream Solomon, rather a hot cream, but a lovely close-lying sleek coat, touch of barring on hind legs, lovely type, fairly good stop, green eyes **AC Kitten Part 1:** 1 Gething's Kayserling Kara Mia, excellent mature kitten, tip-top condition, feeling firm and muscular, lovely coat for colour and texture, excellent overall type and good wedge, good width of head across the eyes and firm chin, chartreuse eyes of good shape, correct tail, excellent kitten with great promise 2 Neil's Kayserling Katya, very good kitten, sister of above and the same remarks apply, lost to sister because of slight weakness of chin and narrower head 3 Miller's Kandi Niob Aspen, gorgeous Blue, very mature and fit, excellent coat and overall type and wedge, superb eye colour 4 Harkness's Mouezouk Victoria Leigh, good little female of excellent type and superb short wedge, lovely ears and eye colour, few white hairs on neck which might grow out r Butcher's Colatalarna, mature kitten of good coat, type and tail, lovely short wedge and firm chin. I was concerned with the number of tail defects in this class and many without the typical Burmese nose break **Part 2:** 1 Pike's Lydeard Red Poppy, lovely Red of good colour and evenly blended, mature and very muscular, excellent type and head with lovely dome, good width across eyes, good eye colour, so pleasing to see a really excellent Burmese nose break 2 Mallett's Shiretoko Misaki, excellent Blue, very mature and sleek, good even coat colour, excellent overall type, ear-set and eye colour, dainty but firm condition 3 Marshall's Tabana Chiquita, Cream, excellent coat colour, very even and lovely texture, good type but tail defect, excellent ear-set, lovely eyes for shape and colour, shallow stop 4 Chasmatz's Kupro Cream Nelha, very fit and firm Cream of lovely colour and type, but no Burmese stop, lovely ear-set and eye colour r Gething's Sleekine Chocolate Soda, well balanced Chocolate of good type and wedge, very nice to see such an excellent stop, good chartreuse eyes. MARGARET KIDD

Mrs M Crickmore

THANKS GO to Mrs G Pond the show organiser for a lovely show and for hospitality and gift of a diary. And to my steward, Mrs Ann Jacobs, for all her help on the day as struggling through the crowds with a table all day was no easy task. I enjoyed the show very much although getting through the crowds was rather tiring. It must have been a very good gate.

LH BLUE Kitten male 3-5 mth: 1 McGarry's Archuse Benjamin, very nice young kitten of excellent type, good head with width between ears, good pale coat 2 Bangs's Lafré Bella Amos, lovely kitten, short nose, firm chin, good top of head, tiny ears, rather dark in colour 3 Lewis's Fortina Callum, well grown kitten, very good type, full soft coat, lovely head, short nose, firm chin, eye stains spoiled appearance r Tokley's Candy Floss Nookey, well grown kitten, nice type, lovely big eyes, slight temperature, bar in coat **5-9 mth:** 1 Bangs's Lafré Bella El Greco, lovely big kitten of excellent type, excellent head, short nose, firm chin, in full coat, later best of breed 2 Arundel's Kynsna Jubilee Boy, lovely kitten, well grown, excellent type, good head, pale soft textured coat 3 Pyne's Phigarro Pharaoh, very nice kitten, good head, pale soft coat r Paris's Trymcoete Merlin, good well grown kitten, lovely coat, ears bit pricked at the moment **Female 3-5 mth:** 1 Tokley's Candyfloss Wickey, excellent kitten, lovely head, short nose, firm chin, big eyes, colour coming in well 2 Scarlett's Shalynn Carousel, excellent type young kitten, good top of head, short nose, firm chin 3 Hayle's Island Elizabeth, very good kitten, excellent type, good head, soft pale coat, a bit thin in condition r Tokley's Candyfloss Wimpy, very good type, good head, full soft coat **5-9 mth:** 1 Bangs's Lafré Bella Evette, lovely kitten of excellent type, excellent head, soft full coat 2 Nichols's Mizpah Lilliput, very good kitten of very good type, good head, soft pale cat 3 Schofield's Schirana Elymais, very good kitten, excellent type, excellent top of head, short nose, firm chin, these three kittens were outstanding r Schofield's Schirana Arabella, pretty kitten, good head with small ears, lovely eyes, wide temperature bar in coat **AC LH Breeders Self (ex Blue):** I regret to say that in this class I reversed the numbers of the first and second cats. After judging the Blue kittens, numbers in the 300's, I found that in the next class I had three cats in the 80's and one number 213. The hall was extremely crowded at this time so I decided to judge 213 first. This was an outstanding OE White I remarked to my steward that it would take a good cat to beat that one. I then went on to judge number 81, numbers 84 and 89 were absent. I did not go back to the pens as I did not need to compare the two cats. The White OE cat was an easy winner. I then marked my judging book putting first against the first number in the judging book, overlooking the fact that I had judged the LAST cat in the class FIRST. I offer my sincere and humble apologies to Miss J Stevens and the lovely champion Miss Lyne Lyle who should have won with a lot in hand. 1 Birram's Rimba Jocelyn, Cream, nice cat, excellent head,

coat dark on top and almost white at roots 2 Stevens's Champion Missy Lyne Lyle, outstanding OE White, excellent type, excellent head, lovely eyes, full flowing coat, well shown **Any colour Self except Novice Male Blue 5-9 mth:** 1 Dudley's Jutober Crellain and type, full soft textured coat, good tail, well presented 2 Cartwright's Dawnway Cream Cavalier, good Cream, pale coated sound to roots, excellent type, good head, small ears well set 3 Sparrowhawk's Kynsna Calypso, very good pale coated Cream, nice head r Harrington Gill's Mirth Maker, Odd Eyed White, attractive kitten, nice type, full coat. MARGARET E CRICKMORE

Mrs J Nichols

MY THANKS go to my steward, Mrs Hilliard, for all her help.

HOUSEHOLD PETS Sh Best black over 2 years: 1 De Winter's Simba, beautiful sparkling coat, bright eyes, very friendly and in really good condition 2 Geary's Barsby, lovely bright eyes and very glossy coat of solid black 3 Aykroyd's Ziggy, once again a lovely glossy coat as you would expect in a black with very pretty green eyes and very purry, fine big cat 4 Knox's Lucy, lovely nature, glossy coat and beautiful green eyes 5 Chmielewski's Solo, very friendly, black glossy coat and once again lovely green eyes r Gentry's Yogi, nice puss, bright eyes and coat **Sleekest cat 2 to 5 years:** 1 De Winter's Simba, sparkling and high gloss coat 2 Geary's Barsby, bright eyes and all black, very glossy coat 3 Day's Scat Cat, lovely bright eyes and a high gloss coat, very friendly 4 Hariss's Simmie, very friendly and good coat 5 Aykroyd's Ziggy, lovely coat 6 Chmielewski's Solo, lovely coat. J NICHOLS

Mrs N Hardy

THIS WAS a fine and truly majestic show, one of the best yet. Most hearty and sincere congratulations go to that superb show organiser, Mrs Pond and her assistant show managers Mr and Mrs Green and Mrs Mary Wilson and all the cheerful, kindly helpers there. My sincere thanks for being invited to judge again at this epic show after missing two years owing to a change of date and then an operation. I now realise the true greatness of this show. My heartfelt thanks too to Pet Foods for their invitation to such a grand tea party and their superb hospitality to me and the friends I took there. My steward, Mrs Edwards, was first-class and I am so grateful to her for her untiring help, careful handling of the cats and pleasant companionship. She is a first-class steward and I thank her most sincerely and so hope she will steward for me again soon.

SIAMESE Seal Point 3-6 mth male: I was truly sorry to have to disqualify one kitten, in agreement with the show manager, as it was far too small and out of condition 1 Badcock's Baranduin Wayfarer, fine well built slightly heavy male, pale coat, good points but slight spectacles today, good wedge and profile, firm chin, large well set ears, fine blue oriental eyes, long tail slightly thick at base, slim legs, oval paws 2 Pumares's Aquilina Jaimeto, ran close to first, rather lightly built with dusky coat, good points, long body, slim neck, slender legs, oval paws, medium wedge, good profile and chin, large well set ears, fine whip tail and good blue oriental eyes 3 Plumb's Woodymph Thruppencr, medium wedge, good profile and chin, dark blue oriental eyes and cold rather dusky coat, good points developing, whip tail, slim legs with oval paws ex 3 Folkes's Cymbeline Saros, pale blue oriental eyes, large rather wide-set ears, medium wedge, good profile, svelte body with soft silky rather cold coat, good points, rather shy and gentle, good whip tail r Murchison's Fistra Sea Kestrel, medium wedge, large well set ears, fine blue eyes with slight spectacles today, pale glossy coat, patchy points, good whip tail, slender legs with oval paws **6-9 mth male:** 1 Beach's Seadog Pinchario, elegant very promising kitten, fine pale, glossy coat, good wedge and profile, large well set ears, shining blue oriental eyes and firm chin, slender neck and svelte body, slim legs, oval paws, long tapering tail, best of breed 2 Darlow's Shandean Alexio, ran close to first with good wedge and profile, large well set ears, bright blue oriental eyes, pale coat, svelte body, whip tail, rather brindled today and uneven teeth in front 3 Bruce's Catspaw Fireball, rather heavy, long body, medium wedge slight pinch, good profile, large well set ears, oriental blue eyes, glossy rather dusky coat, points fair r Bates's Changlung Cinnabar, good medium wedge with slight pinch, large well set ears, oriental blue eyes, svelte body with fine long tail, soft coat, rather patchy colouring at present **3-6 mth female:** 5: 1 Murray's Thia Tania, elegant promising little queen with fine pale glossy coat, good wedge and straight profile, large well set ears, bright blue oriental eyes and firm chin, slender neck and svelte body, slim legs, oval paws, tapering slender tail with tiny bump at tip 2 Beach's Seadog Petalina, ran close to first, but rather small and undeveloped as yet, slim body, slender legs, oval paws, slightly short whip tail, good wedge and profile, large well set ears, nice blue oriental eyes, slight spectacles, pale soft coat, points fair 3 Darlow's Shandean

Berenice, attractive small kitten, good head and profile, large well set ears, bright blue oriental eyes, pale soft coat slightly open, points uneven with spectacles today r Folkes's Cymbeline Ayshah, fine kitten with medium wedge, slightly square muzzle, large well set ears, fine blue oriental eyes, slight tendency to squint in the light, svelte body with pale soft coat and nice points, whip tail with small kink **6-9 mth female:** 1 Antley's Killdown Candice, most promising kitten, fine wedge and profile, large well set ears, deep blue oriental eyes, slight spectacles today, long tapering tail and svelte body with pale soft close-lying coat, slender legs and oval paws, points developing well but rather a pale firm chin today 2 sincere apologies for not putting down who was second in the column in my judging book 3 Stafford's Kapricio Annegada, good head and fine profile, svelte body and long tapering tail, dark, cold coat, mask with slight lines over head, large well set ears, blue oriental eyes, slim legs, oval paws r Studer's Johpas Tolca, elegant, svelte body, colouring fair, good blue oriental eyes, large well set ears, medium wedge, nose a little short, points patchy at present. NANCY HARDY

Mrs F Green

MANY THANKS to Mrs Grace Pond for inviting me to judge Cornish Rex kitten classes which I thoroughly enjoyed. There was a lovely atmosphere of Christmas at the show—perhaps the exhibitors sensed this for my steward Vicky Buck and I had not one ill-tempered cat or kitten. Vicky handled the cats in her usual efficient and loving way, and for which I am most grateful. I am sure that many of us thought of Vicky during the day as it was the first show that she has been able to face after the tragic loss of her beautiful Blue Jay.

CORNISH REX Kitten 3-6 mth: 1 Magee's Kwinkle Kwisip, Blue-cream, an attractive female, nice coat, well curled, straight profile but head could be longer and chin stronger, slight pinch, small area of white on chin, superb tail 2 Magee's Finnius Lik-Lik, Tonkanese coloured male, well curled all over body, head tending to roundness and a fraction shorter than the winner, ear set rather wide, nice condition 3 Macrae's Annelida Rufus Superbus, beautiful warm red, well covered but curls only on the back, good medium wedge head and straight profile but head could be longer, good whiskers and continuously purred! r Merrall's Kembroke Masquerade, very soft plush coat but curls not yet developed, head should be longer, white colouring not symmetrical, well-curved tail and whiskers **6-9 mth:** This was a lovely class to judge with some very good exhibits. 1 best of breed kitten Jenkins's Jumaneri Justi-Corderoyii, Smoke, fantastic curled coat all over this exhibit, lovely condition, good strong medium wedge, straight profile, flat skull though chin a little on the weak side and slight pinch, good ear set, eyes could be larger 2 Lucktaylor's Zaida Zebedee, red tabby, wonderful curled coat, good strong head with straight profile, eyes rather round and unfortunately a little stud-tail. It will be interesting to see what the progeny of these two cats are like 3 Neicho's Alpine Rose, cream, wonderful curled and waved coat but a little straightness near tail and bareness on the upper part of the tail, nice dainty head, large eyes r Reed's Brigider Benjamin, red Si-rex, nice coat spoilt by a straight patch down back, tail well covered with curls though ringed with red colouring, fair strong head and pale blue eyes **AV Debutante male 3-5 mth:** 1 Robert's Minchella Marron, Havana, fine boned, rich chestnut colouring though slight barrin on tail, long head, good profile, slight pinch, slight yellow tinge to eyes 2 Hudson's Bolrose Fernando, Blue-cream tabby Devon Rex, nicely covered particularly on back, very short muzzle with good stop, large well set ears, good tail 3 Weston's Seagang Satire, lovely little spotted silver tabby Devon, covered all over, curly tail, good full cheeks, short muzzle, wide set large yellow eyes, very playful 4 Magee's Minnius Lik-Lik r Clark's Suzerain Cassius, spotted silver tabby Devon, very good coat of short curls, huge well set ears with tufts, head fractionally shorter than the third prize winner, super tail **Female 4-6 mth:** 1 Miller's Kandi Niob Acill, lilac Burmese, nice head with rounded top, ears well apart, distinct nose break, slight greenness in centre of eyes, attractive lilac colouring but coat rather coarse 2 Kent's Thistleway Thisbe, Foreign White, graceful, pure white coat but slightly coarse near tail, good wedge shaped head, straight profile, chin could be stronger, blue eyes could be deeper in colour 3 Hard's Berillion Nepeta, torti Devon, lovely tufted ears, good stop, well covered but waves mainly on back and rather straight in places, well furnished tail r Boarer's Sharifa Silver Lotus, Foreign Lilac, well proportioned head with straight profile, nice colour but slight barring on tail, chin could be stronger, yellow tinge to eyes. F J GREEN

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Mrs E V E Burrows

A VERY well run show and all concerned are to be congratulated on the running of this colossal event. I think more miscellaneous judges are needed to make it a little lighter for everyone as the entries are so heavy. The public are allowed in all day which makes it very hard getting around quickly. Many thanks to my very hard working steward, Mr Hannon, who handles the cats with every care and attention and watches his judge does not forget anything. I was pleased to see so many cats and kittens so beautifully shown.

LH BLUE-CREAM Cat: 1 ch Guiver's Copeana Nancy, lovely typed girl, eyes very good colour and shape, good head and ear set, nice broad nose, fat round cheeks, nice chin, feet nicely broken, colour of coat a wee bit too cream but texture and grooming were really excellent, beautifully shown, best of breed 2 Howe's Honeymist Khadine, very good type, neat ears on broad head, very good eyes for shape and colour, well groomed coat of good colour, one foot cream 3 Willcott's Blyth Pastrale, good type, very good head and ear set, glorious eyes for shape and colour, three solid feet, coat very good texture and beautifully groomed but a bit too dark r Walkley's Dawnway Stardust, really grand head and ear set, very good eyes for shape, bit on the pale side, nice nose and chin, beautifully groomed and shown but coat too cream, a very pretty girl **LH BLUE Senior cat:** 1 Piner's Marpenir Maria, beautiful girl of excellent all round type, glorious eye shape and colour, well groomed soft medium blue coat 2 Brier's Lecomme Aloysius, really beautiful lad, beautifully balanced, lovely big eyes of good colour, well groomed soft coat, ran winner very close, both worthy of first but alas only one to give 3 Sykes's Beauford Cecile, very good girl, lovely eyes for shape and colour, beautifully shown r Proom's Ch Jeanjen Chrysanthemum, really beautiful girl for all round type, coat beautifully groomed but very shady today **Breeders (ex Self) 4-6 mth kitten part 1:** 1 Roden's Sonata Swanilda, really outstanding Chinchilla baby, lovely big eyes turning green, very good head, nice brick-tipped nose, grand lightly ticked well groomed coat 2 Willett's Tamiyko Sweet Penny, beautiful baby, grand type, lovely eyes, well groomed and shown 3 Lee's Cloudmist Annika, Chinchilla of very good type, very good eyes and grooming r Guiver's Copeana, very pretty Blue-Cream baby, glorious eyes for shape and colour, beautifully groomed soft coat **Part 2:** 1 Howe's Honeymist Sukina, very lovely Blue-Cream baby, glorious head and ear set, lovely eyes for shape and colour, all feet well broken, really beautifully intermingled well groomed coat, a credit to her owner 2 Sharp's Caterena Lady Mabeline, very type Blue-Cream baby, nice head and ear set, glorious eyes for shape and colour,

good feet, well groomed nicely intermingled coat 3 Hann's Gledhow Sylko, very nice all round type Colourpoint baby girl, very good points and beautifully groomed coat, lovely condition r Anderson's Sylvanda Lulu, very good Blue-Cream baby, beautifully balanced head, neat ears, lovely eyes for shape and colour, nicely intermingled well groomed coat, nicely shown. ENID V E BURROWS

Miss J M Cunningham

CONGRATULATIONS GO to all concerned on a successful and very well run show and sincere thanks for my invitation to judge on this my first-ever engagement. I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Special thanks go to my excellent steward, Mr Eddy Chapman (also a first-timer!) for his valuable support. His calm efficiency and expert handling of the cats helped me enormously. I look forward to our next day together.

AV SH FOREIGN Kitten neuter: 1 best of breed Hill's Sakas Lerno, Foreign Lilac male, lovely type, nice long head, good chin, fine muzzle, large well set ears, excellent eye shape, set and colour, coat colour and texture excellent, tail correct shape and length but slight barring, beautiful exhibit. On looking at my catalogue later I discovered that my second cat should not have been entered as he was already an adult, however as I judged him here is my report 2 Neate's Deucalion Achilles, lilac Burmese male, nice short wedge, good top to head, nose-break fair, chin could be stronger, well set ears, eye-set good, colour fair, coat colour good but a bit patchy, good texture, nice shape and length to tail but slight barring and tiny invisible defect at tip **Foreign novice female ad part 1:** A strong class 1 Merryweather's Blue Purdey, blue Burmese, very beautiful cat, elegant, good chin and nose-break, lovely dome, good eye-set and colour, coat a lovely silver-grey with silvery sheen and excellent texture, tail correct shape and length, could fault her only on the minutest invisible defect at the extreme tip of her tail, a minor flaw in an otherwise outstanding exhibit 2 Clark's Tuppytoes Kitchi Darling, brown Burmese, another lovely cat, fairly good nose-break and chin, a beautiful glossy coat of lovely colour and texture, eyes excellent shape, set and colour, excellent tail 3 Colli's Yamsar Ambergaze, brown Burmese, strong chin and nose-break, lovely glossy coat of excellent colour and texture, good eye-set and colour, tail correct length but invisible kink at end **Part 2:** 1 Wright's Khelan Kisaki, Korat, lovely heart-shaped face and good expression, nice flat forehead, ears large and well set, chin a bit receding, eyes lovely shape, set and colour, coat a beautiful silver-blue, glossy and of good texture, good tail 2 Kite's Lu-Chu Giselle, Foreign White, nice long wedge-shaped head, fine muzzle, eyes fair, colour could be more brilliant blue, lovely coat colour and texture, good tail 3

Izard's Merryweather Eastern Promise, cream Burmese, good nose-break and chin, nice dome, eyes a bit green, lovely coat colour and texture, good tail **Foreign maiden male ad:** 1 Levy's Sternal Blue Jontie, blue Burmese, nice head, good nose-break, fair chin, eye colour and shape good, lovely coat colour and texture, good tail, beautiful temperament 2 Williams's Majik Glen Fiddick, brown Burmese, good nose-break, chin fair, nice ear-set with good width between, lovely eye-shape and colour, lovely glossy coat of excellent colour and texture but slight barring, tail a bit whip, lovely temperament 3 Perry's Prindos Scaramouche, Russian Blue, good head with flat skull, ears could be set more vertical to head, good eye colour, coat colour and texture, feet and tail, lovely temperament **BURMSE Novice kitten:** A large class with many good kittens getting only white cards 1 Hadley's NAF, Lilac female, nice short wedge, fair chin and break, good width between ears and nice dome, good ear-set, eyes nice shape and set, colour fair, lovely pale coat colour of excellent texture, fair tail, an elegant kitten 2 Hadley's NAF, lilac female, litter sister to winner and very similar on most points but slightly weaker chin and nose-break, eye colour not as good 3 Firth's Firedance Figaro, chocolate male, large well grown boy, wee head, fair nose-break, chin a bit receding, good dome and excellent width between ears, lovely pale even coat colour, texture good, slight barring on legs, eyes good colour but a bit round, lovely tail r Barham's Julia Augusta, delightful lilac girl who but for a teething pinch would have gone higher, showed great promise **AV FOREIGN Limit kitten 3-5 mth female:** A very strong class, difficult to decide 1 Fullwood's Ellinis Red Queen, red Burmese, lovely type, elegant body, good nose-break, chin slightly receding, good ear-set, excellent eye shape, set and colour, excellent coat colour and texture, excellent tail 2 Kilby's Silkpaws Sapphire, blue Burmese, really enchanting kitten, good chin and nose-break, lovely dome, well set ears with good width between, eyes good shape and set, colour promising but still turning, good coat colour and texture, tail rather whip 3 Kilby's Silkpaws Random Raindrops, blue-tortie, litter sister to second, good chin, fair nose-break, lovely dome, well set ears, excellent eye colour, lovely coat colour and texture, tail rather whip. JENNY CUNNINGHAM

Mrs E Lentaigne

I FOUND this an extremely good National as the arrangements made for the judges' luncheons were so much better than in previous years and there was no time wasted queueing. The tea provided by Petfoods was most welcome and gave judges the opportunity of sitting down in comfort at the end of a busy day. I thank Mrs Hutton for stewarding for me so efficiently and for her cheerful company.

SIAMESE Lilac Point male: 1 ch Jenkins's Ivormor Ink Panther, handsome young boy of excellent type, very good head, lovely eye shape and colour, extremely good ears, long body and excellent tail, very good points colour, excellent coat quality, should go far 2 Willgress's Felspar Brigand, a good cat with a very good head, excellent straight profile, good eye shape and colour, well set ears, good colour coat and points, excellent tail 3 Reed's Myllyn Lilac Siadi, head the best feature of this cat, well placed ears, good wedge and eye shape, coat too long and too fawn in colour, reasonably good body length and balancing tail **Female:** 1 ch Logan's Maytime Verity, good head, well set ears, good eye shape, excellent glossy close lying coat, very good condition, very good body length and balancing tail 2 McGinitty's Myllyn Carmen, very good straight wedge, well set ears, good eye shape and colour, coat of very good texture but brindled, long body and good tail 3 Dulieu's Rhizopus Elinore, small queen, nice head and ears, good eye shape and colour, reasonably good coat texture of good colour, good colour points, body could be longer r Emberson's Foxtwist Lilac Imp, fairly good head, eyes a trifle round, good colour points, coat too long, good length body and balancing tail. The winners in my other classes were: Webb's Vaillencourt Solomon, excellent in all respects; Risk's Moondance Serenity, a lovely cat of excellent type; Gamble's Tristamara Blue Mist, an elegant little girl of very good type; Bramnam's Patalou Rosteaque (hope this is correct, printing poor in catalogue), a fine well built neuter with matching points; Midgley's Gr Pr Bumblebees Thai Fu, lovely temperament and excellent coat; Hutton's Paroma Hero Lucky Lad, good type and excellent temperament. EILEEN LENTAIGNE

Miss J Gornall

MY CONGRATULATIONS go to Mrs Waide on a very well run show. It was a pleasure to judge this year but very hard to pick a winner. The cats were all well presented and in lovely condition. The Black cats had beautiful sleek and glossy coats, and great care must have been taken in that. In the rescued class I would never have thought that any of the cats had once been strays. They are very lucky to have found such good homes. My thanks go to my steward, Marie Hare, who did a very good job. If anyone wishes my report

on their cat which is not mentioned here, then please send a stamped addressed envelope to me at 110 Palmerston Road, Palmers Green, London N22.

HOUSEHOLD PETS AC SH Best tabby cat (ex red or ginger) with or without white 9 mth to 2 years: 1 Mackenzie's Jolyon, beautiful silver tabby, very pretty face, lovely soft coat, very affectionate, very well presented 2 Cash's Chips, nicely marked tabby, lovely temperament, very well presented, well looked after cat 3 Sparks's Charlie Brown, lovely tabby, nicely marked face and body, very pretty, good natured cat, well presented 4 Pink's Bubbles, tabby and white, nice cat, friendly, nice well looked after coat, well presented 5 Bishop's Spice, nice tabby and white, well presented white fur was very soft, not a garden cat by the looks, nice soft coat 6 Warren's Tigger, nicely marked tabby, lovely colour, friendly, very content, well presented **Rescued cats under 2 yrs:** 1 Waime's Domino, beautiful LH black and white, looked just like the cat who got the cream not just on his nose but also on his toes and the tip of his tail, beautiful condition, lovely soft well presented, would never have thought he could ever have been a stray 2 Goldstein's Ebony Velvet, lovely black cat, beautiful glossy coat, lovely temperament, nice face and eyes, very well presented 3 Jacobs's Poppate, lovely white cat, soft well cared for coat, pretty eyes, friendly, very well presented 4 Kyriacou's Abbi, nice black and white, wonderful face, lovely sleeky coat, pretty white band around nose, very playful but could have done with a warmer blanket 5 Jones's Heidi, nice black and white, fabulous blue eyes, nice soft coat, well presented, very friendly 6 Taylor's Sphynx, nice tabby and white, lovely coat, nicely marked, affectionate, well looked after. J GORNALL

Mrs A Gregory

JUDGING THE non-pedigree exhibits was a real pleasure for me. The standard was very high and many cats deserved a red card but there could only be one in each class. The lunch was delicious and the present a delightful surprise—thank you. My steward was Malcolm Elliot and I thank him for a very enjoyable day.

HOUSEHOLD PETS AC SH Best over 2 yrs: 1 Brown's Misty, a very attractive tortie/tabby cat in very good condition, most striking feature of this cat was her striking eyes, well panned, a deserving winner 2 Finch's Mrs Twitchett, tortie/tabby with shining coat and bright eyes, well fed and friendly, beautifully presented 3 Dennigan's Merrill, lovely SH Blue cat with large green eyes, firm, muscular body with the sheen of careful grooming, well panned r Pearce's Williams's Emma, an unusual blue/cream tortie with enormous amber eyes, would have been placed higher if panned better **Amateur:** A difficult class to judge. The standard of the cats was very high: 1 Wilson's Sydney, outstanding cat with really attractive personality, marmalade and white with huge amber eyes, superb presentation, well done 2 Sanders's Maximillian, lovely red tabby in superb condition, large bright eyes and well panned 3 Brett's Monday, well spotted tabby with very appealing eyes, fur shining with health r Humphries's Freddie, really handsome cat, jet black with amber eyes, would have been placed higher if his pen had conformed to show rules **AC SH North of Thames:** 1 Burton's Cleo, beautiful tortie cat, really appealing with large eyes and the sleekest fur, really first class presentation 2 Zub's Ginger, handsome red tabby with strong head, large amber eyes, a cuddly boy and well presented 3 Hussey's Mr Pickwick, red tabby, irresistible, well fed and good natured, beautifully panned. ANNE GREGORY

Ivor Raleigh

THIS WAS a better than usual National show on which the management and the section organisers are to be congratulated. May I also thank Frau Schmidt and Monsieur Docteur for stewarding for me so capably.

SIAMESE Seal Point female: 1 ch Buchanan's Killdown Joanna, stylish cat with excellent ears and a firm chin, slight pinch in muzzle, excellent eye shape and colour, dark but glossy coat and good whip tail, best of variety 2 Moffat's Kowtow Kandi, very good cat of considerable style, good general type, well set ears, very good eye shape and colour, firm chin and an excellent tail, good light coat, ran winner close 3 Hutton's Paroma Great Lady, quality cat with good wedge and finely set ears, good eyes, dainty paws and very nice tail, coat rather dark and insufficiently differentiated r Millican's Wiccan Shoalin, very young cat of excellent type but chin could be firmer, fine whip tail, if chin firms up this cat will have a bright future **AC Male novice:** 1 Webb's Vaillencourt Solomon, distinguished Seal Tabby Point of excellent type, fine eye shape and colour, beautifully proportioned body, comparatively light coat and very good markings, unfortunately not quite free from chocolate on flanks, excellent whip tail 2 Willgress's Felspar Brigand, LP of generally good type, colour a bit grey but uniform, good eyes, ears and tail 3 Young's Neptune Jerome, good masculine cat of generally good quality, nice eyes and good whip tail. I RALEIGH

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CONGRATULATIONS TO
CHAMPION SCALLYWAG SUNFLOWER
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Many thanks to her judges, Mrs Turney 1st and CC Preston and Blackpool, Mrs Denton 1st and CC Suffolk and Norfolk, Mrs Wilson 1st and CC National Cat Club.
Thanks also for many Firsts and kind comments from judges Mrs Knight, Mrs Brice-Webb, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Ashurst, Mrs Hogan and Mrs Hughes.

Mrs DIANE MARSTON, SCALLYWAG PERSIANS, GOOLE 860347.

Lady Haden-Guest

AS USUAL the show was very well run and I thought it a great improvement the way the judges' lunch was organised so that we did not have to waste precious time queueing. I was lucky to have my very good steward Mrs Worth, so I really enjoyed my day.

White Odd-eyed female: 1 ch best of breed and afterwards best White Dexter's Exuma White Princess, outstanding eyes, the blue a really deep colour, also the orange one large and round, some yellow on the paws, lovely coat, very good type, very good shape of body, good bone 2 Mansell's Liza Jayne, very nice type, excellent orange eye but blue one a little weak, eyes nice and large and round, nice shaped body, good bone, well shown 3 Hammett's Morninglory White Lorelei, nice type, excellent orange eye, blue one rather pale, very good tail, nice shape and bone, well shown, ears a little big **Kitten:** 1 Hammett's Shou Yucca Flower, good tail, nice coat, would like a little more width on cheeks, nice bone, nice shape, blue eye a little weak, orange eye coming through well 2 Hammett's Shou Cobweb, excellent type, very weak blue eye, could have been better prepared, good massive kitten, excellent tail and coat 3 Moulton's Honeyist Demelza, lovely coat and colour, excellent tail, excellent type but has gutters, one gutter rather yellow at the moment, blue eye rather weak **AC LH Ex Self male:** 1 Gowdy's Ch Jemari Justine, lovely type, excellent shape and tail, excellent eyes, good nose, well shown 2 Sanders's Ch Tuidene Kynan, lovely coat and type, lovely great open eye, excellent tail, good cobby body, well shown 3 Cunis's Merryn Valerian, lovely eyes, very good type, quite nice colour, nice dense mask **Debutante ex Self male kitten:** 1 Roden's Sonata Octave, lovely little Chinchilla, lovely eyes for colour and shape, good ticking 2 Everington's Lynette Eros, excellent type, good fur, good preparation, eyes coming through well 3 Ford's Beauford Santana, eyes changing well, quite good ticking, well prepared, nice little kitten **Debutante ex Self part 1:** 1 O'Donoghue's Lamplighter's Tango, superb texture of coat, excellent head, good eyes, nice shape, well marked 2 Tyler's Catalan Whisky Mack, good type, nice colours, good eyes, good tail 3 Saunders's Cliequot Monseigneur, lovely coat, nice ticking, very smuddy paws, eye colour could be better, quite nice type **Part 2:** 1 Cunis's Merryn Valatine, lovely type, eyes a little pale, good shape and tail, coat a little dark 2 Goude's Marisha Richardo, very poor eye colour, good bone, black on stomach, nice colour on back 3 Reavey's Cleaboy Isiah, very good coat, light eyes, muzzle rather prominent, good bone. LADY HADEN-GUEST

Cheshire Area

Mrs E E Holmes

I THANK the show manager and committee for the very comfortable hospitality shown, and sincere thanks to Lynne Dixon for coming to steward for me. She handled the cats very well, gently and firmly. I enjoyed my day very much. The Cheshire show has always been a favourite of mine while exhibiting and holds many happy memories. Thank you Jeff Lenehan for seeing I got to the station in time to catch my train home.

BURMESE Blue male kitten: 1 best of breed Lenehan's Salina Fernando, very good kitten of excellent type, good head and profile, firm chin, nice dome, good eye set and colour, well placed ears, good coat colour and texture, barring on flanks and front legs, good tail 2 Whittle's Silver Shamba, nice kitten, good head, profile, eye set and colour, excellent coat texture but a little dark on back, good tail and legs 3 Whittle's Blau Knabe, litter brother to second, good head, profile rather straight, good chin, body, tail, coat colour and texture, nice eye-set and colour r Ashburner's Blue Oyster Cult, nice type, good head, firm chin, good well placed ears but a little flat between them, good eye-set and colour, good coat colour and texture, slight tail defect **Female:** 1 Bailey's Zenetta, excellent head, good coat colour and texture, good top of head, good tail, nice eye-set and colour, good profile and chin, slight pinch 2 Swain's Salz Liebling, good head but a little flat between ears, good legs, feet, coat colour and texture, tail rather whippy and ringed 3 Nicholl's Mikatz Jaccaranda, wee baby, good head and chin, lacks profile, good chin and top of head, excellent eye shape and colour, nice coat colour but rather open; short ringed tail r Bowker's Sequalla Sapphire, excellent kitten with beautiful coat for colour and texture, excellent head and eyes, very distressed when I judged her but much better when I went back to see her later, but for that she would have been placed much higher as I liked her very much, it was most unfortunate **Cream Kitten:** 1 best of breed McInnes's Kishmul Desert Flower, female of very good type, excellent head, profile, ear-set and colour, excellent coat colour and texture, good tail, very promising 2 Gardner's Patriarca Carraggio, male, very good head and chin, excellent coat colour and texture, eye-set and colour, good ears, body, legs and

tail, two very nice kittens which should do well **Tortie kitten:** 1 best of breed Dewsbury's Rachmar Dainty Damsel, good head, chin and ears, well mingled coat with no white, tail a little long, good ears 2 Porter's Forellenbach Rose, Mole, good head, excellent eye shape, green in colour, excellent coat texture but lacks mingling on back, good tail, body and legs 3 McInnes's Kishmul Giselle, good short wedge head, excellent profile, well mingled coat with no white but rather soft and very open, good eye-set but pale in colour **AV SH Radius:** Peak's Praetorian Creusa, British Black female of excellent type, good head, excellent dense coat colour and texture, nice eyes, good tail and body, would like chin a bit deeper, excellent condition 2 Slawson's Konasui Bella Bianco, White Devon Rex female, good head and ears, excellent coat, eyes and tail, good legs and body 3 Haig's Cranford Miss Matty, Brown Burmese female, good head and profile, excellent eye shape, colour fair, nice even coat colour and texture, good legs r Pemberton's Youwie Charoon, male Korat, good head nice eyes, good body and tail, nice colour, very good condition. E E HOLMES

Mrs P Lambert

CONGRATULATIONS To the chairman, show manager Mrs Phillips, and the committee on a beautifully run show. I thank the club for its very kind hospitality and lovely hotel. So much thought and preparation made the day a very happy one. I was fortunate in having Mrs Lee Hanby to steward for me. She handled all my exhibits with very great care and made the day's judging most enjoyable.

SIAMESE AC Champion of champions: 1 gr ch Deakin's Ch Nemesis Red Pyramus, great honour to award the grand ch certificate to this beautiful Red Point. I have watched his progress from show to show and today I was delighted to see him looking so very elegant and beautifully prepared. I congratulate his owner and breeder and not forgetting his famous dad, his type is really outstanding and points, coat and eye colour perfect r gr ch Grabham's Gr Ch Amberseal Electro, Seal Point, this boy also has wonderful type with lovely profile and elegant body, in fact I could only fault him today on lack of contrast on top of head, handled well and was not nervous as when I last judged him, unlucky to have such competition **Visitors female:** 1 Elliott's Mystic Glory, Lilac Point, wonderful type, clear coat, excellent oriental eyes and good profile, muzzle just a little short, good tail 2 Walsh's Adonis Rosy Pearl, Red Point, very nice queen of good type, long body, very straight profile and whip tail 3 Wick's Baranduin Inez, Seal Point, lovely type, elegant neck, good straight profile and firm chin, gorgeous eyes, coat dark with no contrast r McAlpine's Takata Chalchi, Chocolate Point, good ear set, good eyes and pale coat, rather bad pinch to muzzle **Novice kitten female:** 1 Buckley's Sikkum Cream Cleo, wonderful Cream Point, well balanced head, perfect eye colour, lovely coat texture and dainty paws 2 an error in my judging book makes it impossible for me to give name and no of this exhibit, Seal Tabby Point, very good type, well defined markings on head with nice thumb marks on ears, well ringed tail, coat a little patchy 3 Long's Coffee Cascade, Chocolate Point, shows promise but some brindling around eyes today, good straight profile and firm chin, very nice points colour r Wick's Arpege Pippin, Seal Point, lovely profile and huge ears, very dainty but eyes rather full. PHYLLIS LAMBERT

Mrs O B Olive

MY THANKS go to the committee for asking me to judge and for the comfort and hospitality extended to me I hope the new venue was a financial success. To Miss Helen Ferrer once again many thanks for a peaceful happy day, and all your hard work.

SIAMESE Lilac Point male: 1 ch Imlach's Kaprico Artic Frost, close lying coat of good colour, good wedge, good shaped head and eyes, strong muscular body 2 Walker's Maytime Verdi, long slim neck, smaller than winner, eyes rather small 3 Gribbin's Erich Boneidle, dark in colour, small eyes, short tail **Female:** 1 ch best of breed Elliott's Mystic Glory, very elegant cat, beautiful close lying coat of good colour, good shaped head with well set ears, whip tail, difficult to fault 2 Haywood's Maytime Lovebird, good whip tail, well textured coat of good colour 3 Peter's Sleekline Lilac Lotus, excellent coat, head narrow, slim legs **Kitten male:** 1 Haywood's Maytime O'Malley, small kitten of good colour, long legs, beautiful head, well set ears 2 Blakey's Forget Me Not Mister Softee, long tail, good legs and feet, well shaped head, very friendly 3 Bowker's Shosar Riffi, ears on top, good colour, wee kink **Female:** 1 Haywood's Maytime Olivia, nice kitten of good colour, well shaped head and well placed ears 2 Dickinson's Karmyd Kirsty, good colour coat of good texture, long body and tail, pinch 3 Haywood's Maytime Orchid, dainty, good shaped head, good eye colour **Neuter:** 1 pr Pintra Blue Boy, excellent coat colour, good head and eye colour, long body 2 Beaumont's Subilee Samson, good coat, round eyes 3 Cowley's Pr Maytime Fernando, lovely coat, eyes too close. O B OLIVE

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The Supreme

Mrs P Lambert

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to the show organising committee for an extremely good show perfectly run by co-ordinator John Furber, Mrs P Shewbridge, show manager, and everyone who made the day such an outstanding success. I thank the GCCF for inviting me to judge and for the very excellent lunch provided in record time for the judges. The awards sheet of the entire show was of very great interest and most welcome I am sure by all the judges. I must congratulate Mrs Pauline Furber who looked after the Siamese judges classes so efficiently. The show pens were far better than last year and the exhibits certainly seemed well content with the care and attention they received while waiting to be judged. My thanks too to my stewards who were so kind and handled all my exhibits with skill. Unfortunately I did not make notes of their names to thank them personally.

SIAMESE Lilac Point male ad: 1 ch withheld Haywood's Ch Maytime Landucci, excellent type, good masculine head, nice profile, faint chin, oriental eyes of good colour, well set ears, coat texture really lovely but spoilt by considerable shading down centre of back, I did regret, owing to this colour fault, I could not award a ch certificate 2 Elliott's Ch Chao Fa Leo, very nice head but slight dip in profile, lovely chin and good eyes, I did like his ear set, strong muscular body and nice slender legs, coat colour and texture really good, should like tail to be more of a whip and longer, this boy was very nervous when taken from his pen, not his fault, but when we moved him to a different pen and let him settle he became completely relaxed on the table **Female ad:** 1 ch best of colour Elliott's Mystic Glory, most beautiful little queen, perfect condition, nicely balanced head with straight profile and strong chin, oriental eyes of lovely colour and well set ears, very lovely coat, pale in colour and excellent close texture, I see from her previous show record she has already become most successful of the show bench, my congratulations 2 Peter's Sleekline Lilac Lotus, nicely balanced head, wide set ears when relaxed but would persist in holding them a little high while being judged, eye colour very good and body sleek with dainty legs and feet, whip tail, whisker pads were pale and slight shading on flanks 3 Logan's Maytime Verity, type head with good profile and nice wedge, lovely wide set to ears and oriental eyes of correct colour, really superb coat, good length body and dainty legs, appeared just a little immature at present **Kitten male:** 1 best of colour Mason's Eirrem Morning Cloud, very typy, good wedge and nice length to muzzle, nice eyes for colour but a little full and round, long body and fine whip tail, coat colour good but still a little long, splendid condition 2 Fox's Wilderwood Lorenzo, promising with strong head, ears a little on top, straight profile and good chin, should like eye colour a little deeper, lovely length body and nice tail, coat a little dark at present **Female:** 1 Izzard's Kaprico Snow-white, very typy, balanced head and straight profile, eye colour rather pale, perfectly set ears, fair chin, slender body of good length, very dainty legs and paws, excellent coat and good whip 2 Roll's Craigie Hillock Lilac Lynda, good length head and fine muzzle, should like stronger chin, eyes a little round but good for colour, good length body and slender legs, coat both good for pale colour and texture 3 Lloyd's Pavara Silvery Sunlight, nice head with well set ears, lovely wedge but slight weakness of chin, eyes only fair for colour and a little round, really lovely coat and good whip, points rather dark r Hanby's Byhan Bjorna, fair type, head well balanced with attractive profile, fair chin, coat a lovely pale colour but just a little long coat a lovely pale colour but just a little long at present. PHYLLIS LAMBERT

Mrs P Hughes

SHOW MANAGER Mrs Shewbridge and her hard working committee went to a great deal of trouble to make this second supreme show a success. I have no doubt that Bristol will always remember it. I was exceedingly disappointed to miss the best in show judging but owing to a delay in the timetable the Foreign Shorthairs were not available for best in show until after five o'clock. Mr Dessauer, who was looking after the judges with great kindness and efficiency, realised that if I did not leave the hall by 4.45 pm I should not be able to get home. Mrs Giles kindly offered to take my place. I apologise to the exhibitors who were unable to contact me at the show.

RUSSIAN BLUE Male ad: 1 ch Davey's Ch Natasha Vydenka, good wedge, straight nose, flat top, nice whisker pads, good green eyes, upright and large ears, slender legs, oval feet, long tail, few rings, good texture coat, rather dark, excellent condition and temperament 2 Jones-Ilsey's Ch Broadweir Valdikler, excellent profile, good wedge, green eyes (yellow rim), upright ears, neat feet, long legs, tail fairly long, few rings, lovely coat, pale, even colour and of good texture,

charming temperament **Female:** 1 ch Roberts's Ch Tashema Petrouchka, very good type, whisker pads, flat head, straight nose, eyes excellent shape and colour, ears good shape, body lithe and slender legs, tail good length, coat perfect texture, condition perfect 2 Kenright's Saphiriken Alyssum, very good shape head and straight top, nose slight curve, eyes excellent, splendid legs and feet, slender body, long unmarked tail, silvery and good texture coat, condition excellent 3 Williamson-Bell's Prindos Pavlova, rather long wedge, good eyes, quite good ears, strong body, neat feet, tail darker than body, fair texture coat, good condition, difficult to handle 4 Harrison's Harlain Anuska, good head shape, would like firmer chin, excellent ears and eyes, very good feel, firm and strong, good legs and feet, silvery coat, rather soft, charming temperament 5 McNeill's Kuliskova, nice flat top and straight nose, bright green eyes, ears could be larger, lovely legs, strong body, long, few rings on tail, fair texture coat, good condition, slightly temperamental **ABYSSINIAN Male:** 1 ch Hebblethwaite's Gingerbread, good wedge, typical head shape, bright oriental eyes, large pointed well placed ears, muscular body, long legs, long well shaped tail, black tip, bright banded coat, no rings or markings, good black back feet, condition and temperament excellent 2 Brock's Ch Partita Bardolph, quite good type, rather broad face, bright eyes, ears set wide, firm body, good legs and feet, excellent tail, very bright colour, slight marks, more black on feet needed, condition excellent **Female:** 1 ch Bullock's Ch Burtanashan Athy, excellent head, clear oriental eyes, large tufted ears, elegant body, lovely black feet, good tail, nice tip, good texture coat slightly dark in places, few marks on inside leg, excellent condition **Red male:** 1 ch Hollow's Ch Celliwig Jacob, perfect darling to handle, good type, bright expressive eyes, large tufted ears, good tail, lovely texture coat, fair colouring, but well banded **RUSSIAN BLUE Female kitten:** 1 Walls's Shamari Vanya, straight nose and flat forehead, slender neck, slight whisker pads, green oriental eyes, upright, thin skinned ears, elegant body and legs, tail slightly thick at present, few rings, texture very good, lovely temperament 2 von Kirchberg's Paramenta Astafieva, excellent wedge, chin and whisker pads, nose could be straighter, eye colour not yet fully developed, perfectly placed ears, thin skinned, very typical body shape, long tail, a little darker than body, excellent coat texture, perfect temperament 3 von Kirchberg's Paravanta Alchemilla, so unhappy that she did not show well, good type, straight profile, good green eyes, angry ears, slim body and legs, angry fluffed up tail, obviously a good kitten 4 Coxon's Ryeholme Lady May, fair type, shortish wedge, slight whisker pads, yellow green eyes, upright pointed ears, firm body, nice feet, long ringed tail, excellent colour, long on sides at present, condition good, nervous **ABYSSINIAN Male kitten:** 1 Porter's Bikila Celleborn, correct length head, slight pinch at present, lovely eyes, perfect ears, typical body and legs, long, black-tipped tail, texture excellent, a little dark but well banded, charming temperament **Red female:** 1 Womar's Philos Phaedra, very good type, good wedge, white lips, excellent colour and shaped eyes, very large ears, elegant body and legs, good tail with brown tip, excellent texture, bright colour on head, promising well on body, very good condition. PHYLLIS HUGHES

KARMYND SIAMESE

congratulate

PENDORRIC OLIVER (33)

on his wins as a kitten. Three 1sts MCCC, four 1sts and BOB CACC, 1st and BOC Supreme. Many thanks to all of his judges and special thanks to Margaret Healey (Breeder) for letting me have my lovely fellow.

Mrs H DICKIN

7 Kerry Green, Bishops Castle Salop.

TAMANDRIA BIRMANS AND ABYSSINIANS

congratulate

CHAMPION BOLTWOOD SHEBA (13C)

on her performance at the GCCF Supreme Show. Fourth CC, Best of Colour, Best of Breed.

- Thank you Mrs Stella Knight.

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Midland Counties continued

Mrs E Menezes

I THANK the show manager and her committee for their kind hospitality. I was delighted to have two ladies from Australia as my stewards, Sally Batti and Judith Rusack, who were a tremendous help, very efficient and such pleasant company. May we meet again one day.

ABYSSINIAN Cat female: 1 Cracknell's Ceianada Cinnamon, fairly good type, good length of tail, nice expressive eyes, well held ears, coat ticking good, colour rather cold, rohs dark, not matured enough for challenge **SH ASSESSMENT Foreign type:** I gave merit awards to: Andrews's Ohope Mistral, Shaded Silver, excellent type, very good profile, lovely shaped eyes, beautiful green colour, well held ears, good shape, coat slightly tipped, nice colour, good texture, tail ringed, very good condition Gane's Burdach Tabouleh, Spotted Tabby, excellent Siamese type, excellent profile, firm chin, very good eye shape, lovely green colour, lovely ear, well held, outstanding Siamese type coat, excellent texture, very good well ringed tail, excellent condition; Brooke's Ghoxrin Menefita, Spotted Tabby, excellent Siamese type, very good profile, very firm chin, eyes a lovely colour but a little round, ears very good, good shape well held, coat excellent colour and texture well marked, tail very good length well ringed, condition excellent; Counsell's Shimrath Gobbolino, Foreign Black, very good outstanding type, excellent profile, lovely oriental shaped eyes, beautiful green colour, coat colour and texture excellent, good depth of colour, very good tail length, excellent condition; Taylor's Petrura Omar, Foreign Tabby, very good type, nice length of body, very good profile, nice firm chin, excellent oriental shaped eyes, very good colour, very good well held ears, coat excellent texture, very good colour and markings, slightly heavy marking on back, tail good length well ringed, condition excellent **BLUE BURMESE Kitten male:** 1 Rosister's Junos Blue Bensamin, very good, excellent colour and texture, lovely silvery sheen, very good wedge, good nose break, firm chin, good dome, correct eye shape of good colour, very nice tail, dainty paws 2 Kemp's Thyra Thackeray, very good type, slender legs, dainty paws, very good tail, good wedge, firm chin, very good coat texture and colour 3 Bruckel's Manthiery Blue Pericles, very nice type, very good tail, very good profile, good nose break and dome, firm chin, excellent colour and texture, lovely silvery sheen, dainty paws 4 Morgan's Rainer Hutch, nice type, good tail, very good colour and coat texture, head a little long, good stop and dome, nice dainty paws, eyes a little green **Female:** 1 Pemberham's Bruniallo Fiorella, very nice type, coat kittenish but of good colour, very good head, lovely profile, very good eye shape of good colour, tail a little on short side, attractive kitten 2 Reilly's Hulotte Bonton Nounouche, very good type, but tail a little thick, very good wedge, good eye shape, well set ears, good coat colour and texture, would like more nose break 3 Broughton's Tioti Blue Marina, good type, but tail a little whipped, very good profile, excellent eye colour, very good shape, still kitten coat but nice colour, nice silvery paws 4 Harrison's Masikchevas Resal, very good type, very good coat texture and colour, nice tail, head a little long, top flat, lovely silvery sheen. EDITH MENEZES

Mr R A Loveys

THANK YOU for the invitation to judge at the Bingley Hall and the hospitality afforded by the club through their show manager and her hard working committee. It is to be hoped that as a result of their efforts the show was as good a financial success as it appeared to be in all its other facets. Thanks go to my wife for stewarding. Unfortunately due to the present malady among many Abyssinians no kitten exhibits were at the show. The disappointed owners are well aware of my concern for the health problem among the Aby fraternity and maybe by now the result of further tests may have been helpful to them.

AV Other than Burmese adolescent cat: 1 Tanner's Thistlemuir Lilac Lace, very well proportioned Foreign Lilac queen, shows well, good head with profile showing a firm chin, very good ear placement, good eye shape and colour, well groomed coat of fine texture and good colour 2 Cracknell's Ceianada Cinnamon, Abyssinian female, pleasing conformation, nice head and ear placement, good eye shape and colour, rather more white on top and lower lips than I like to see, firm chin, well ticked coat 3 Cooper's Curry, very nice Havana male, lacking in eye colour but good conformation, certainly showed himself well and a lovely temperament 4 Scott's Maxel Ercanto, Havana male, coat of good colour but rather long, tail of good length but showed signs of ringing, eye shape good but not of acceptable colour **Debutante kitten:** 1 Morris's Willoughby Willow, Devon Rex female, good example of the breed, well covered body of good conformation, coat of good texture and well rexed, balanced head with good ear placement, good chin and eye shape 2

Keen's Cyan Singh Dotah, Korat male, well developed, good conformation but coat, while of good texture rather lacked the 'silver shade', nice head and ear set 3 Healey's Pendoric Oriando, Cornish Rex male, well proportioned, good coat well rexed, balance of head spoilt by ear placement, good eye shape and colour 4 Harrison's Harlain Dushka, Russian Blue female, yet to develop the true conformation characteristics of the breed **AV Limit kitten:** 1 Dickin's Pendoric Oliver, Cornish Rex male of good type, well covered with coat of good texture and length, good chin and head with good wedge, good general conformation 2 Williams's Majik Glen Fiddick, Brown Burmese male, ran above close, well balanced body, head could be more rounded on top, coat of nice texture, good nose break and firm chin 3 Biddle's Manthiery Talya, Tortie Burmese female, not such good conformation to standard as above 4 Brooke's Seasong Sailorboy, very nice Devon Rex male of good type but lost out due to lack of coat covering on underparts of body. R A LOVEYS

Mrs H Light

IT WAS a great pleasure to judge again at the Midland Show and I thank the committee very much. I enjoyed my day and also the company of the Australian judge who came round with me. I found her comments most helpful. I should like to thank also Judith Marlow, my steward, for making my day even more pleasurable. She handled the cats very well, and I hope she will steward for me again.

SILVER TABBY Cat male: 1 CC Leighton and Barry's Bonnymuir Paul, I took this cat to be a young male—perhaps just having attained his adulthood, I understand he is older so let's hope he grows well, lovely temperament, presented himself well and seemed to enjoy being judged, very good head and type generally, very good black/silver contrast, good markings, good spotted tummy and good tail, I had a difficult decision between 1 and 2 Morgan's Seabreeze Silver Samphire, fine big male of very good type, but not very happy and went flat when got out of his pen like an undercooked sponge, splendid head, neat ears, good eyes, good black/silver contrast, good markings, kept tail firmly underneath, but what I saw was good, if only he had presented well 3 Hopkinson's Meanka Casanova, lovely type for head, neat ears, big round green eyes, almost too pretty for a male, good markings, body type and tail but colouring too pale and little spotting on tummy, paws white, coat texture rather soft 4 Hebblethwaite's Sparkling Beau Geste, head type adequate, neat ears, nice green eyes, good tail, nice cobby body, well marked legs and other markings good, brown on head unfortunately **Female:** 1 ch Beal's Daffingale Babette, overall nice cat, good type and head, nice neat ears, eyes a bit yellow, tail solid, other markings very good and good oysters each side, nice temperament **Kitten male:** 1 best of breed Slow's Ashphodel Alfred, very nice, good head, markings excellent, very good butterfly, good black/silver contrast, spotted tummy, no white, should do well **Female:** 1 Leighton's Heathgill Hollie Hobbit, very nice pleasing kitten, very good type, good eyes, neat ears, markings, tail and contrast good, good spotted tummy, no white or brown, hope she does well 2 O'Flynn's Lynx-down Leonie, very nice, good head and eyes, type, tail, markings, and contrast good, no brown or white, not easy to decide between 1 and 2 3 Hall's Minora Silver Jane, very nice, good head, eyes rather dark, good type, tail, markings and contrast, good spotted tummy, no brown 4 Francis's Daffingale Martia, good type, nice head, good eyes, neat ears, contrast good, markings fair to middling, good butterfly, tail very long, slight brown on nose. How splendid it was to see seven Silver Tabby kittens in a row **RED TABBY Cat Male:** 1 CC Hardman's Killinghall Red Fox, poor lad, very nervous today, excellent colour and markings, good tail, nice cobby body, head a bit long **Kitten male:** 1 Hardman's Killinghall Red Lilly, lovely red colour, good markings and tail, nice type, but head type fair to middling **AV British Neuter ex Self:** 1 Pr Knapp's Candela Bernardo, Silver Spotted, very good cat, lovely head, good type, good eyes, and silver colour, spotting adequate, spinal line, some striping 2 Westwood's Pr Bryn-buboo Spotty Muldoon, Brown Spotted, very nice cat, massive type, good brown colour, no white, eyes hazel, good spotting, but spinal line and solid tail 3 Walker's Sireli Silver Kes, Silver Spotted, nice cobby body, good eyes and ears, nice contrast, nose too long, spinal line, some striping **Maiden cat:** 1 Westwood's Bryn-buboo Blue Clarissa, British Blue female, nice type, good head, eyes a bit pale, good neat ears, coat colour and texture good, good tail, very nice cat 2 Fotheringham's Portric Petrichio, Cream male, lovely cobby type, good head, eyes could be darker, coat a bit fluffy and colour a bit 'hot' 3 Fotheringham's Portric Tiger Lily, British Blue female, bless her, nice eyes, good coat colour, but type not really very good, not cobby enough, coat not very good quality, and seemed a bit out of condition

on the day, my Australian judge companion, who is an expert on British Blues, agreed with me **Senior cat:** 1 Wilkinson's Ch Jindivik Spotlight, Silver Spotted male, lovely temperament, very good type, spotting and contrast, good eyes, very nice cat 2 Hellman's Tatleberry Selene, Torty and White Manx, a sweetie, nice type, absolutely no tail, lovely round rump, good back legs, and thank goodness a good gait, nice coat, back could perhaps be a shade shorter 3 Mayne's Ch Beluamnye Elfreda, British Blue female, nice strong cobby body, nice head but could do with more fullness under chin, eyes could be darker, coat good but not quite true West's Ch Westways Wellington, butch Cream male cat, very good type, good cobby body, nice pale coat but a bit shaggy. All my other classes were club classes. Perhaps I could mention Hopkinson's Candela Hepzibah, a very good SH Smoke female, lovely to see these cats coming on the show benches.

HELEN LIGHT

Mrs E Lentaigne

MY THANKS go to my steward, Mrs Gane, for her valuable help at this pleasant show.

BLACK Kitten male: 1 Seacombe's NAF, alone but worthy of a first, well developed, overall good type, very good eye shape and colour, neat little ears, excellent cobby body, very good eye colour and shape, tail, a little long, coat of good texture **Female:** 1 Mole's Zildjian Penny Black, owing to absentees a lone but a good first winner and best of breed, excellent cobby body, coat dense and good texture, neat little ears on broad head, good round eyes of excellent colour, tail a little long **BRITISH Blue Kitten male:** 1 Lucas's Gemstone Blue Boy, very good broad head, excellent eye colour and shape, neat tiny ears, even colour, good texture coat, well balanced body and tail, but tail showing rings 2 Godsall's Neverland Butch Cassidy, most attractive, great personality, very good little head, excellent ears, very good round eyes of good colour, good legs and paws, promising 3 Godsall's Neverland Sundance Kid, another good kitten and brother of Butch Cassidy, good overall type but eye shape not as good, good even coat and excellent wind, tail r Godsall's Neverland Tumbledown Wind, good eye colour, neat little ears, on broad head, good coat quality, tail a little long at present in proportion to body length **Female:** 1 Steel's Gemstone Bizzy Lizzie, good round eyes of head, neat well set ears, good round eyes of nice colour, excellent cobby body, well balanced little tail, good even colour coat 2 Whitfield's Sleekine Blue Starlight, very good head, small rounded ears, very good round eyes of good colour, coat of good texture and colour, cobby body, very good tail 3 Hurst's Korean Silver Sorayah, well set ears but a trifle large, good broad head but slightly weak chin, excellent eye colour and shape, well balanced body and tail 4 Ballin's Bonaventura Blue Susan, good head, neat rounded ears, excellent eye colour and shape, good even coat, well balanced body and tail.

I regret that in this class I was unable to handle Allison's Balin Natalie who appeared to be of excellent type but was much too angry to touch. If this behaviour continues it is not worth showing her **AV Adolescent cat:** 1 Westwood's Bryn-buboo Blue Clarissa, very lovely British Blue girl of excellent type, very good head and ears, excellent round eyes of very good colour, excellent cobby body, good even coat, very good tail 2 Serr's Nemesis Starsky, very good black, excellent overall quality, coat dense to roots although a trifle long, good head, lovely colour well rounded eyes, excellent cobby body, good tail 3 Beardmore's Ebony Maiden, reasonably good overall type, excellent eye colour, good well set ears, coat lacks density of colour, tail could be a little shorter **Kitten (not bred by exhibitor):** 1 Lucas's Gemstone-Boy Blue 2 Mole's Zildjian Penny Black 3 Marlow's Candela Mistress Overdone, good head, ears, eye shape and colour, very well defined and dense spotting, well balanced attractive cat 4 Walker's Sireli Minstrel, attractive with very good head and neat little ears, eyes of good shape and colour, excellent smoke coat, tail a little long. The winners in my other classes were Harrison's Scintilla Jou-Lin, a Foreign White with good head and excellent tail but coat a little long and open; Dickin's Pendoric Oliver, Cornish Rex kitten of very good type with excellent well rexed coat; Ryder's Ryanna Everest, excellent Foreign White male with good head, excellent firm well muscled body; Dray's Bickaroo Tio Pepe, Foreign Lilac of excellent type and very good colour coat, lovely disposition. EILEEN LENTAIGNE

Mrs P Short

VERY MANY thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at this large, enjoyable and well run show and for their kind hospitality and the charming gift. Congratulations to Mrs Sally Davies and her assistants with whom everything went like clockwork. Patricia Watson was a splendid steward, knowledgeable and efficient and my best thanks go to her. I enjoyed her company and we had some lovely exhibits.

BURMESE Chocolate kitten male: 1 Crooks's Nearmoss Cimarron, best of breed, well made and well balanced, lovely overall colour, pretty feet, good tail, excellent head

and eyes, colour chartreuse but seems not fixed yet, nice nose break, sweet temperament 2 Hampson's Neptune Polaris, very good head shape, nice dome and eye set, lovely wedge, tail slightly whip, coat texture a bit kittenish as yet, very faint striping which should disappear, very even colour **Female:** 1 Carne's Sleekine Chocolate Suntoya, good head, nice typically Burmese expression, overall colour even though she might be very slightly short in the neck, eye colour chartreuse 2 Gething's Sleekine Chocolate Soda, very nice head shape, nose break and chin, body colour even but paws and tail darker, tail very slightly whip, litter sister to winner 3 Crane's Ami Katina, body colour even but few faint stripes on legs and thighs, rather narrow at jaw hinge, good eye set and colour **Lilac kitten male:** 1 Day's Paramount Xaloc, very nice nature, colour even, coat fluffy now which makes head look rather small, could be a bit wider at jaw, good paws and tail **Female:** 1 Carne's Kanzan Lilac Abigail, best of breed, lovely pale even coat, good balance overall, nice eye and ear set, eyes pale yellow 2 O'Flynn's Kaboobi Kandy Bloss, beautiful, coat a lovely texture but rather deep in colour and a little patchy today, tail on the long side with a few faint rings, nice expression, glorious eye colour and set 3 Pope's Bonita Christina, good top of head and ear set, chin slightly weak, eye colour rather pale, tail tiny invisible defect, lovely texture coat of even colour, creamy as yet **Red kitten female:** 1 Pearson's Elishay Red Flame, best of breed, gorgeous coat colour and texture, good tail, ears, eye set and shape, colour greenish, large well made kitten, superb Burmese, type 2 Dixon's Linjen Firecracker, younger, very good coat colour and texture, good eye set and splendid colour, correct tail and pretty feet 3 Pike's Lydeard Red Poppy (entered in wrong class and transferred) warm even colouring, eyes of good shape and set and splendid colour, tail acceptable, what a fat tummy 4 Aherne's Elishay Felidae, large, even coat of lovely texture, pale red colour, would like a little width between ears, glorious eye colour, tail rather thick at base which spoils general balance, paws roundish, an excellent class of kittens with really very little to choose between them. **Neuter:** 1 Thompson's Kishmul Blue Jay, superb coat texture of good colour, nice head, short wedge, lovely eye colour, correct tail 2 Sherlock's Lockshey Laird, brown, very large and fine specimen, no faults other than greenish eyes 3 Hewitt's Ch Braeside Red Admiral, lovely specimen, superb coat texture and colour, eyes light yellow 3 Pallett's Coelia Blue Perle, superb blue girl, good coat quality, nice head and eye colour, short wedge 4 King's Meryrem Doncella, superb cream boy, quality cat with lovely eye set and expression, eye colour greenish a class of lovely neuters, the first five being all good cats, sorry other nice ones went cardless **AV Foreign neuter (ex Burmese):** 1 Scott's Alexa Jasper, Foreign White, good coat and coat colour good head and eye colour, tail bit thick at base but long enough 2 Webster's Svodcat Janus, Devon Rex, lovely coat, tail might be a bit thick 3 Silli's Pr Dandycat Scarlet Pimpernel, Havana, good colour coat of lovely texture, eyes not looking green enough today, tail a little thick 4 Webster's Svodcat Snuffles Genius, Devon Rex, superb head but coat not fully covered by rexing. P SHORT

Mrs P M Carr

IT WAS a very great pleasure for me to judge in the household pet section at this mammoth show and I thank Mrs Sally Davies and her assistants, Ann Horseman and Marion Pearson, for giving me the privilege. It was an extremely happy and well organised show and I congratulate all concerned. All the cats and kittens I handled were a real credit to their owners and I was so sorry that so many beautiful exhibits could be awarded only white cards. I had as my steward Miss Gwen Taylor who can only be described as the perfect steward. She stayed by my side all day and handled the cats with such gentleness and care. Thank you, Gwen.

HOUSEHOLD PETS Black, white or black and white male: 1 Walker's Samuel, very large black, dense black velvety coat, very friendly, lovely silky soft paws, superb condition, just had to give him first 2 Finney's Raffles, gorgeous little black and white kitten, had a little bit of Longhair in him somewhere, lovely markings, lovely temperament, very pretty 3 Temple's Willy, LH Black, very good dense colour for a Longhair, very soft, beautifully groomed coat, superb condition, very attractive face 4 wanted to give another third prize here but of course couldn't, as it was the open class, black and white semi LH, lovely markings with four beautifully white boots, very pretty, lovely condition. All the cats in this class were in gorgeous condition and a joy to handle **AC SH Under 2 years:** 1 Todman's Poppy, Tortie and White, absolutely superb coat like thick plush velvet gleaming with health, most beautiful markings, gorgeous temperament, lovely cat 2 Fryer's Robertson, superb little Red Tabby baby, very young but full of character, fantastic coat colour and beautifully presented, future winner 3 Farrington's Friskey, Tortie and White kitten gorgeous patching, extremely friendly and lovely con-

diction ex 3 Finney's Raffles r Smith's Stanley ex r Smith's Sarah, Blue-eyed White, snow white coat, very pretty, beautifully groomed and presented, lovely eyes. There were some really beautiful cats and kittens in this big class and I wished I could have placed them all **AV Female owned by child under 16:** 1 Rainbow's Black Velvet, most gorgeous Black, very aptly named, superb shining dense black coat, lovely face with chubby cheeks, very friendly 2 Todman's Poppy 3 Noble's Shoneye, lovely Ginger Tabby, very soft beautifully groomed coat, superb face, extremely gentle cat r Lucas's Tinker, very nice Brown Tabby, very pretty face, lovely soft coat with good markings, beautiful condition. PAMELA M CARR

Mrs J Worth

THANK YOU very much Mrs Davis for inviting me to judge at your excellently run show. I had a very happy day and thanks to my very capable steward, Mrs Stocks, it was a very easy one.

AC SELF Novice male: 1 McMillan's Vantup Oscar, Odd-eyed White, lovely type, eyes wide open and very clear, short full brush, lovely nearly white coat, very well shown 2 Cater's Saharam Caravelos, Cream, very good type, lovely top of head, short stocky legs, well groomed but coat very hot 3 Eddleston's Cruben Blue Peter, very small Blue, of excellent type, lovely eyes for shape and colour, a lot of old coat which he would have looked better without **Breeders Red or Cream kitten male:** 1 Cole's Gillyanne Prince, lovely Cream babe, lovely top of head, excellent eyes for shape and colour, short broad nose, good chin, wee short brush, beautiful coat of lovely colour sound to the roots, very well shown, I shall watch his progress 2 Bradshaw's Brentons Jim Boy, lovely Cream, good top of head, very good type, eye colour not yet set, good sound coat, wee short full brush, very well shown 3 Green's Breakspear Tabasco, Red, good top of head, eye colour not yet set, good type, good coat colour, full short brush, very well shown. The rest of my classes were club classes but I must mention a tiny Tortoiseshell kitten, Tatlow's Garingay Rum Ba Ba, a real little smasher. JOYCE WORTH

Mrs M Graham

THE FLORAL arrangements were most attractive and as usual in this hall plenty of room between the pens. Many thanks to the committee for their invitation to judge and for the lovely gift which will be put to good use by all the judges I'm sure. My steward, Mrs Isobel Bangs, was most attentive and handled the cats very carefully. I thoroughly enjoyed her company and hope she will work with me again. Thank you Mrs Bangs for all your help through the busy day.

AC SELF Novice cat female: 1 Schofield's Schirana Simonetta, Blue of excellent type, nice top, well placed ears, superb large round eyes could be deeper in colour, lovely wee nose, firm muzzle and chin, could do with a little more bone, slightly tall on the leg, coat a little shady and rather pale round ears, short of coat, very well shown 2 Holmes's Leocris Catriona, Cream, good type, good top of head, prefer neater ears, good bone, nice muzzle, good width to cheeks, coat rather shady, needs more preparation 3 Session's Cinchona Charta Pearl, Black, top a little narrow, ears slightly large and open at base, eyes inclined to be oriental, good short nose, very strong chin, I prefer more width to cheeks, good bone, nice short brush, texture of coat good, colour not quite as good, well shown r Lewis's Schirana Susiana, Blue of fairly good type, ears a little large and open, nose rather straight, prefer more width to head, eyes slightly heavy browed, nice short brush, coat shady **AC Maiden cat:** 1 Schofield's Schirana Simonetta 2 Holmes's Leocris Catriona 3 Wilson's Schirana Sufi, Black female of good type, prefer more width between ears which were slightly large and open, nice short nose, firm chin, eyes could be deeper in colour, a little high on legs, good colour and very nicely presented r McMillan's Vantup Oscar, Odd-eyed White male of good type, good top of head, well placed ears but slightly open at base, good orange eye, blue could be deeper in colour, nose a little long and could do with stronger chin, good width to cheeks, nice full brush, good coat colour, good show preparation **Neutered male:** 1 Beeley's Pr Dawnway Defender, Blue of excellent type, good width to skull, superb large round eyes of good colour, short nose, strong chin, good full cheeks, coat slightly shady, beautifully prepared 2 Saltmarsh's Turasco Don Pascual, Cream, lovely neuter of excellent type, good width but ears slightly open at base, large round eyes which could be deeper in colour, short nose and firm chin, full cheeks, profuse coat a little shady, very well shown 3 Wilson's Van West White Cloud, Orange-eyed White, fairly good type, could do with more width between ears which were a little large and open, short nose but muzzle slightly pinched, face lacks width, good eye colour, nicely presented r Larsen's Jayo Tobin, Seal Colour-point, good top, neat ears, short nose and nice muzzle, nice eyes, very dark coat colour on back, good dense points, well shown. MARJORIE GRAHAM

Mrs J Saunders

I APOLOGISE for the lateness of my report but have just returned from a late holiday. I thank Mrs Ryder for her expert help and hope she enjoyed the day as much as I did. Mrs Davis and her committee are to be congratulated on an excellently run show and the care taken for the comfort of the judges.

SIAMESE Lilac Point neuter: 1 pr withheld Roberts's Pintra Blueboy, wonderful condition, coat shiny and close-lying, body lithe and well muscled, good head, very nice eye shape and colour, ears could be larger, tail could have been better groomed at base making it much whippier than it looked, certificate withheld because mask was blue in colour, otherwise all his points were excellent 2 Dunne's Lilac Actaeon, nice boy spoilt by blue mask, lovely temperament matching strong well sprung body, lovely profile, good whippy tail, brilliant well shaped and set eyes, coat in excellent condition 3 Chapman's Moonsilver Ajax, beautiful condition, close-lying coat, sparkling with health, eyes of good colour, well set but a little round, ears nicely set, good profile, nice whippy tail, once again far too blue a mask r Harper's Maytime Mister Max, I liked him very much but he doesn't show well, far too nervous, also I felt his eyes were too big for his tummy as the saying goes, making his head look too small in proportion to his body, would like to see him slimmed down **AC Breeders male:** 1 Williams's Raeburn Ulli, lovely Seal Point, elegant head, lovely profile, good large well set ears, brilliant eyes, long whippy tail, close lying coat of good texture but a little dark, good legs and feet 2 Beach's Seadog Rickadoo, nice boy, good length of head with well set eyes, ears set nicely, good wedge, slight weakness of chin, well proportioned body, good long whip, very pleasing 3 Waring's Shin-Wa Fredericko, well presented in perfect condition, long head, well set ears, good eyes for colour and placement, good well balanced body, pity he has grown too many stripes r Beskeen's Elanjo Firefly, nice but slightly shorter head, lovely condition, good eyes for shape and colour, well proportioned body, nice whip. J SAUNDERS

Mrs O Ruffell

I VERY much enjoyed my judging engagement at the Midland Counties show and thank the club for inviting me. It was a joy to have plenty of space in the aisles and so much better for the exhibits. The charming gift of a photo frame was much appreciated. Last but not least my grateful thanks go to Mr Colin Green for his untiring help. He was a tower of strength.

LH BROWN TABBY Kitten male: 1 Quinton's Dominic DaniLOW, well grown, excellent condition, good sable colour but black stripe not dense enough at present, good head, neat ears, strong muzzle and chin, pencilling on head, lovely eye colour **Female:** Fischer's Dunkel Rose, pretty kitten, good pencilling on brown head, good type and cobby body, coat well striped but rather grey at present, good eye colour **TORTOISESHELL Cat:** 1 ch Ison's Breakspear Cinnamon, nicely patched and all colours broken on legs, beautifully balanced head, widely spaced neat ears, good muzzle and chin, deep eye colour 2 Proctor and Hallam's Veluer Pansy Face, carries all three colours, black rather solid on back, colours well dispersed on face, good head, short nose, strong muzzle and chin, deep eye colour 3 Cash's Sukamba Scheherazade, patches not very clear, would have been improved with the old coat stripped to leave the bright colour underneath, legs rather black, good type, eye colour could be deeper r Everington's Lynette Painted Lady, body well patched shows faint tabby marking on head, nice head and eyes **Kitten:** 1 Tatlow's Garingay Rum-Ba-Ba, sweet baby, colours rather blurred at present but she is only just three months old, lovely type, promising eye colour 2 Fisher's Wheatland Karrisima, coat rather dark shows tabby markings on head, quite good type and eyes **TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE Kitten:** 1 Park's Duntiblae Dolled Up, lovely kitten, beautifully patched with both cream and red, good head, well spaced neat ears, good muzzle and chin, eyes of good colour 2 Lockett's Day Dawn, blue Tortie and White, would like a little more colour on back to break the white, lovely type and eye colour 3 Dalley's Davindo Patsy Patches, too much white on back, colouring rather blurred at the moment, good-type and eye colour **AC LH Limit cat female:** 1 Jeffries's Woodio Miss Charmind, Chinchilla with lightly ticked full coat, large round eyes of good colour, brick nose, beautifully shown 2 Miller's Morning Glory So Scrumptious, blue cream with well mingled coat, well balanced head, lovely eyes, well shown 3 Proctor and Hallam's Velvet Pansy Face r Mallinson's Chiolagh Star Performance, Silver Tabby with very good markings, ears could be a little smaller **Spayed female:** 1 Burman's Duntiblae High Hopes, Cream with perfect coat for texture and colour, absolutely sound, lovely type and good eye colour 2 Brooksbank's Ch Brackenhill Victoria, Blue-Cream, gorgeous head and eyes, shows rather blue today 3 Marrey's Topsy Tibit, Brown Tabby, pity this little queen is spayed, such lovely sable colouring, no white on chin, nice head and eyes r

Wilkinson's Shadowlynx Chiffonette, Blue CP, good body colour and points, ears rather wide at base and nose bit long, eye colour fair. OLIVIA RUFFELL

Mr I Macalister

MY SINCERE thanks to show committee for inviting me to judge at this large and well organised show. To Mrs Sally Davis, show manager, and her assistants Mrs Ann Horseman and Mrs Marion Pearson, I give my congratulations for staging this happy event. My thanks also to Miss Jill Day who was my untiring steward on a busy day.

DEVON REX Cat: 1 ch James's Brylou Azayle Rideau, white, very good head, short wedge, good size well placed ears, very good stop, firm chin, well set yellow eyes, nice long body and matching tail, excellent coat well rexed 2 Goodman's Eclipse Marko, Smoke, very good head, short wedge, large well placed ears, very good stop, good chin, well set yellow eyes, nice body and tail, coat well grown and rexed but some slimmness on underparts **Female:** 1 ch and best of breed Gardner's Brylou Butterfly Wisp, Tabby, lovely head, very good well placed ears, well set greenish eyes, good stop and firm chin, nice body and tail, coat well grown and rexed 2 Trace's Annelida Anastasia, Tabby, very nice head, excellent large well placed ears, fair stop, good chin, coat well grown but little rexing, nice tail **Neuter:** 1 pr and best of breed Webster's Svodkat Janus, Smoke Black, very good head, good well placed ears, nice yellow eyes for shape and set, coat well grown and rexed all over, very good tail 2 Webster's Svodkat Snuffles Genius, Smoke, very good head, nice well placed ears, fair stop, well placed greenish yellow eyes, coat well grown and rexed, very good tail 3 Trace's Whylaway Pattamere, Tortie, nice head but longish wedge, large well placed ears, fair stop and chin, short coat little rexing, nice tail r Hay's Pr Ramso Blue Cato, Blue, fair head, nice ears with muffs, coat thin and little rexing, good tail **BURMESE Brown or Blue novice cat:** 1 Barkam's Paradima Chloe, Blue female, very nice yellow eyes, very good head with Burmese look, nice glossy coat and good tail 2 Westwood's Amontilla Mayflower, Blue female, very good type, yellowish eyes, good top of head 3 Hurst's Midsummer Moth, Brown female, fair head, good stop and top of head, yellow/green eyes, fair coat, nice tail r O'Flynn's Braeside Misty Blue, Blue female, nice head but green eyes **AV SH Breeders kitten other than Burmese:** 1 Healey's Pendorric Oliver, Cornish Rex male, black and white with lovely copper eyes, very good type and excellent coat symmetrically marked 2 Espinoza's Tamarack Tanaki, Havana male, very good wedge, straight profile, excellent well placed ears, nice green eyes, correct chestnut brown coat, well presented ex 2 Goddard's Debs Benita Cherub, Devon Rex female smoke, very good head for stop, eyes and ears, coat well grown and rexed, nice tail 3 Cooper's Crepo Crescendo, Foreign White male, very good head, nice body length and tail, ex 3

Selwyn's Baksan Cinderella, Foreign Lilac female, very good head shape, green eyes, well proportioned body r Ashford's Annelida Evita, Cream pointed Cornish Rex female, points not yet fully developed except on ears, nice type, fairly good head for age, well rexed coat and very good tail. IAN MACALISTER

Guernsey Cat Club

Mrs E Menezes

I WAS delighted to be asked to judge at the Guernsey Cat Club show held for the first time on October 1 at the Beau Sejour Leisure Centre. It was a delightful setting. It gave me great pleasure to have Blue Peter's Jack and Jill with me, and I am sure they gave great pleasure to so many children and adults. It was my first visit to Guernsey. I was very impressed with this beautiful island, it was so very peaceful, and everyone was so very kind. Mrs Corbin, Mr and Mrs Richard kindly met us at the airport and later Mr and Mrs Richard kindly invited me to their home. Mr and Mrs Steward were so kind as to take us to several delightful beauty spots on the Sunday. We did so enjoy the lovely dinner and the company of so many friends at Cobo Bay. Many thanks to my steward—Mr Steward. He handled the cats with great care and was most efficient helping to make my day so enjoyable, also my grateful thanks for the lovely Guernsey you all so kindly gave me. My best in show cat was a lovely Mau, Santal Leonides. Best kitten a beautiful Silver Tabby, Perdex; best neuter Santal Sheba.

SIAMESE Seal Point kitten: 1 Duchemin's Heidlin Ocean Lad, very good type, good length of tail but slightly thick, lovely profile, good ear set, very good eye shape and colour, contrast a little brindled but points very good 2 Marchant's Haventel Angel, very nice type, coat very good colour and shape, good tail length, eyes good colour and shape, nice profile but slightly on short side 3 Fletcher's Valdorn Boy, would like longer body, nice dainty paws, nice oriental eyes of good colour, coat texture good, profile good but a little on short side **Adult:** 1 Webbley's Santal Sula, very good type, lovely profile, excellent oriental eye shape, very good colour, firm chin, whip tail, very good points, coat texture a little harsh 2 Steward's Lizanne Kismet, very good length of body, beautiful whip tail, good profile, well held ears, very good eye colour, very good points but coat rather dark 3 Fletcher's Woodreid Wendy, nice body type, would like head a little longer, tail a little short, coat texture very good but rather brindled, elegant legs, contrast good **Neuter:** 1 Duchemin's Heidlin Orpheus, very nice type, would like longer tail, very good profile, eye shape and colour, excellent dark points, coat texture very good but rather dark on back 2 Flem's Heidlin Alexander, unable to handle properly, rather nervous, very good contrast, coat texture

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and colour good, eyes good oriental shape and colour, would like longer tail 3 Green's Saluki Sam, a little on heavy side so losing his type, points nice and dark, very weak chin, good texture coat **AOC Kitten:** 1 Steward's Sanjo-Campari, a very nice Tabby Point, excellent type, very good tail, lovely profile, very good eye shape and colour, tracing on head very nice 2 Fletcher's Fox-twist Firicif **AC Cat:** 1 Fletcher's Quintas Sarnia Sunrise, Red Point, excellent type, lovely length of body, good tail length, excellent colour, lovely contrast, very good texture, very good eye shape, colour and profile 2 Humphrey's Olympia Morning Star, Blue Point, excellent type, lovely whip tail, very good profile, firm chin, very good eye shape and colour, coat texture very good, points very good blue 3 Booth's Santa Pascali, very good Tabby Point, excellent tracings, well ringed tail, very good profile, well held ears, good thumb marks on ears, very good type **AOC Neuter:** 1 Steward's Santa Sheba, very good type, excellent coat texture and contrast, lovely long neck, elegant cat, I believe it is Lilac 2 Wadge's Suki Samran, one of the older type of Siamese, I like them heavier in type, rather round head, good colour and contrast, Blue 3 Webley's Chumleigh Delphinium, another older type Siamese, very little to choose between them, contrast good, heavy in type, coat a little open **BURMESE Brown Kitten:** 1 Block's Tuffibons Ricosi, very nice type, good wedge, nice stop, good dome but ears held a little high, good length tail, still has baby coat **Ad:** 1 Green's Khiana Brown Bella, very nice cat, very good wedge, firm chin, very good eye shape and colour, good stop and dome, good tail length but slight kink (permissible), very good texture, very glossy coat **Neuter:** All a little naughty 1 Steinsdorfer's Khiana Brown Bongo, very good type, good wedge, nice stop and dome, well held ears, good tail length, nice coat texture but a little patchy 2 Edwards's Mibuya Rossana, a little heavy in type, very good coat texture, nice wedge, firm chin, nice eye shape, good stop, well held ears, good tail 3 Pinglax's Shan Pang, similar type, a little heavy, very good type, good wedge, firm chin, very good eye colour, nice stop, good dome, the naughtiest of the three **AOC Kitten:** 1 Vivyan's Nasrudin, nice good type and wedge, good dome, nice stop, firm chin, correct length tail, very good texture and coloured coat 2 Block's Polli-Su-Marcosa, a very nice chocolate kitten, lovely wedge, firm chin, good stop and dome, very nice colour, good length tail, still has baby coat 3 Edwards's Lilalou, nice lilac kitten, very nice colour, good wedge, slight nick to eye but nothing to worry about, good tail, nice dome and nose break, coat still kittenish **AC Ad:** 1 Booth's Santa Corail, blue, very good coat colour, texture, profile, good nose break and dome, well held ears, very good tail and type 2 Vivyan's Miss Chif, sorry haven't put colour in book, very good profile, lovely type, good stop and dome, coat very good texture and colour, would like longer tail 3 Vivyan's Braaside Fantasie, red, excellent type, coat

texture and colour very good, good eye colour and profile, nice nose break, firm chin **AOC Neuter:** 1 Hooke's Cuties Lilac Boy, very good type, good profile, nice wedge, good stop and dome, well held ears, well shaped eyes, good tail but a little fawn 2 Wilcock's Romany Mink, nice type, good coat texture but showing rather dark contrast on points, good wedge, firm chin, good stop, well held ears, nice tail 3 Gallichan's Lilac Bambi, lilac, very good type, good colour and texture, good wedge, firm chin, good stop and dome, well held ears, good tail length but slight kink **AOV SH Kitten:** 1 Best's Perpex, one of the nicest Silver Tabbies I have seen, very good British type, firm solid body, excellent contrast, very well patterned, well ringed tail, eye colour a little dark, my best kitten 2 Best's Lucyan Seabreeze, very good colour and contrast, very good pattern, good British head, firm chin, eyes rather gold, well ringed tail, nice and short, very good kitten 3 Best's Phaedra, type, coat texture, contrast and pattern very good, very good tail but kitten slightly lighter in type. All kittens very nice **Ad:** 1 Steward's Mau, Santa Leonides, very beautiful cat, excellent muscular body, very good type, lovely long head, scarab marking very good, oriental eyes of very good colour, lovely tail, coat texture and colour, excellent, my best cat **Neuter:** 1 Redhead's Annoracat Blue Pagan, Rex, very good type, good wavy coat of good texture, nice tail, very nice head, good nose break 2 Rabey's Sunbronze Suzana, Devon Rex, good type coat, rather plush, not enough waves, good head and nose break, good length of tail. **EDITH MENEZES**

Yorkshire

Mrs J Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS GO to all concerned in running this very well organised show and my grateful thanks to my efficient and helpful steward, Mrs R Bennett, for making a long journey to assist me. I hope she will steward for me again.

LH CREAM Kitten male: 1 Warnock's Carnock Sequest, very good top of head, short snub nose, good muzzle and chin, small well placed tufted ears, round eyes of good colour, full coat of good colour with some shading but no barring, nice full frill, needs more show preparation 2 Marston's Scallywag Dandyion, good kitten, unlucky to meet winner today, nicely tufted well placed ears but inclined to prick a little at present, short broad nose, good muzzle and chin, bold eyes of good colour set well apart, pale coat sound on top with some shading at the roots, lacks frill, well presented 3 Boothman's Andella Golden Legend, good type, broad short nose, good muzzle and chin, ears a little upright, eyes appeared to be slightly oriental in shape, pale sound coat of good texture 4 Cater's Furifriend Seymour Hall, good type, ears a little upright at present, would like a little broader muzzle, eyes of good shape and colour, fairly sound coat with slight shading

on back, well groomed **Female:** 1 Garner's Mistyhaze Tiara, good type, ears a little upright at present, good muzzle and chin, round eyes of good colour, set well apart, fairly good nose, pale coat, sound on body, showing a little barring on legs, nice short brush **AOC LH SELF Breeders cat:** 1 Newton and Gamman's Whimbury Faraway Moses, Cream, very good type, short broad nose, good muzzle and chin, coat of good texture and colour but a little shady, nice round eyes of good colour 2 Gjesoe's Ivanhoe Snow Shepherdess, Odd-eyed White, very good type, full well groomed coat of good texture, nice round eyes both of good colour 3 Chen-neour's Daresay Dainty, Black, good top of head, short nose, strong muzzle and chin, lovely bold eyes of good colour, coat fairly sound, a little rusty on frill 4 Hassett's Quantas Jonathan, Cream, good type, well placed tufted ears, coat of good colour, tail a little darker, eyes could be bolder **AC LH Kitten (ex 13a) visitors:** 1 Lister's Lynette Thetis, Smoke, lovely type, neat well tufted ears, good eyes for colour and shape, nice full frill, showing good contrasts, good full coat with contrasts coming through well, nice full brush 2 Willett's Tamiyoki Sweet Penny, Chinchilla, very good type, well tufted ears, lovely round expressive eyes of good colour, lightly ticked coat of good texture 3 Carr's Sukamba Sparkling Eyes, Orange-eyed White, very good type, eyes could be bolder, sparkling white coat of good texture, ears a little open 4 Totty's Starlight Mist, Blue Colour-point, very good type, well tufted ears, good points, soft pale well groomed coat, round eyes of good colour 5 Holt's Redhall Excelsior, Blue, well grown, very good type, broad nose, good muzzle and chin, sound coat of good texture, ears a little open. A very large class which meant some nice kittens went cardless. **JOY WILSON**

Blue-Cream: 1 ch Harris's Dantora Polonaise, lovely girl, nicely mingled coat, colours broken on legs, beautiful head, neat ears widely spaced, short nose, good muzzle and chin, wide awake eyes, I understand she becomes a full champion today 2 Broughton's Mysticmair Devudre, nice cat, ran winner very close, well prepared mingled coat, colours broken on legs, good head with ears well spaced, good chin and muzzle, short nose, large eyes 3 Moon's Beaupapper Shadey Desire, beautifully groomed coat quite well mingled, quite good for type and eyes 4 Moon's Labardi Biamea, coat fairly well mingled but rather short, not such good type as above **BROWN TABBY Male:** 1 Samuel's Ch Brown Owl, have judged this cat recently, his body colour is much too black and no sable marking **Female:** 1 Clubbe's Nutbrown Maid, sorry to withhold challenge but shows grey instead of sable and brindled on hind legs, tail solid black, otherwise type is very good **RED SELF Kitten:** 1 Spurr's Rysworths Wild Harvest, gorgeous babe, sound coat of good colour, well balanced head, neat ears, short nose, wide awake eyes 2 Hoperwell's Raffles Red Romeo, well grown kitten, strong features so much desired in a male, neat ears and short nose, shows faint bars on legs 3 Aldred's Pentwan Precocious, sound coat of quite good colour, good top of head, neat ears but rather weak chin 4 Annable's Sheree Kiffinty, nicely shown, coat rather marked and bars on legs, ears rather tall and wide at base, round eyes **BLUE-CREAM Kitten:** 1 Sharp's Catarena Lady Mabelline, sweet babe, beautifully mingled coat, colours broken on all legs, nice little head, ears could be a little neater, nice round eyes 2 Porter's Jacquard Pirdie, lovely type, neat ears, good chin and muzzle, round eyes, coat rather patchy and solid colour on one hind leg 3 Price's Pomander Eve, rather patchy coat, good head, neat ears, round eyes 4 Moon's Beaupapper Shanton Silk, coat fairly well mingled, type quite good **BROWN TABBY Kitten:** 1 Conway's Larchvale Garden Tiger, beautifully shown male kitten, has true sable markings well defined, nicely pencilled head of rich colouring, ears could be a little smaller but when head is fully developed should improve, should develop into a good adult **AC LH Junior male:** 1 MacBain's Shartin Champagne Shadow, Cream, wonderful head, tiny ears, strong chin and muzzle, coat rather dark and inclined to be shady 2 Brooksbank's Brackenhill Argyll, Cream of good type, neat ears well placed, rather short of coat, shows rather white on flanks and tummy 3 Slawson's Cinchona Conquest, Blue, nice type, good round eyes, coat rather dark and could be better prepared 4 Douglas's Ch Cayeli Tarla Yesil, beautifully shown Turkish coat, good example of this attractive breed **Visitors (ex Self):** 1 Totty's Misty Glow, Blue CP, lovely type, short nose, strong chin and muzzle, true Persian head, colour contrasts good 2 Spurr's Touffue Chinylych, beautifully patched carrying all three colours, nice head, good chin and muzzle, ears just a little tail at the moment, well shown 3 Porter's Jacquard Pirdie 4 Conway's Larchvale Garden Tiger. **O RUFFELL**

Cheshire

Mrs O Ruffell

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IT WAS a great pleasure to judge at Cheshire and I thank the club for asking me and also for their kind hospitality. The show hall was very spacious, but the lighting made it impossible to judge coat and eye correctly. It was pleasant having Mrs Pam Carr as my steward. We had a very happy day and I thank her for untiring help.

RED SELF Male: 1 ch Brookesbank's Brackendale Lockinvas, a very worthy win, beautifully groomed coat of sound colour, neat well placed ears, short nose and strong muzzle and chin, I understand he becomes a full champion today 2 Ralphson's Teekola San Salvador, coat appeared a little shady, slight markings on head, ears rather tall making head appear narrow, good chin and muzzle **Female:** 1 ch Clarke's Teekola Tequita, coat sound, good colour and soft texture, good bone structure, lovely head, short nose, good chin and muzzle, well shown.

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