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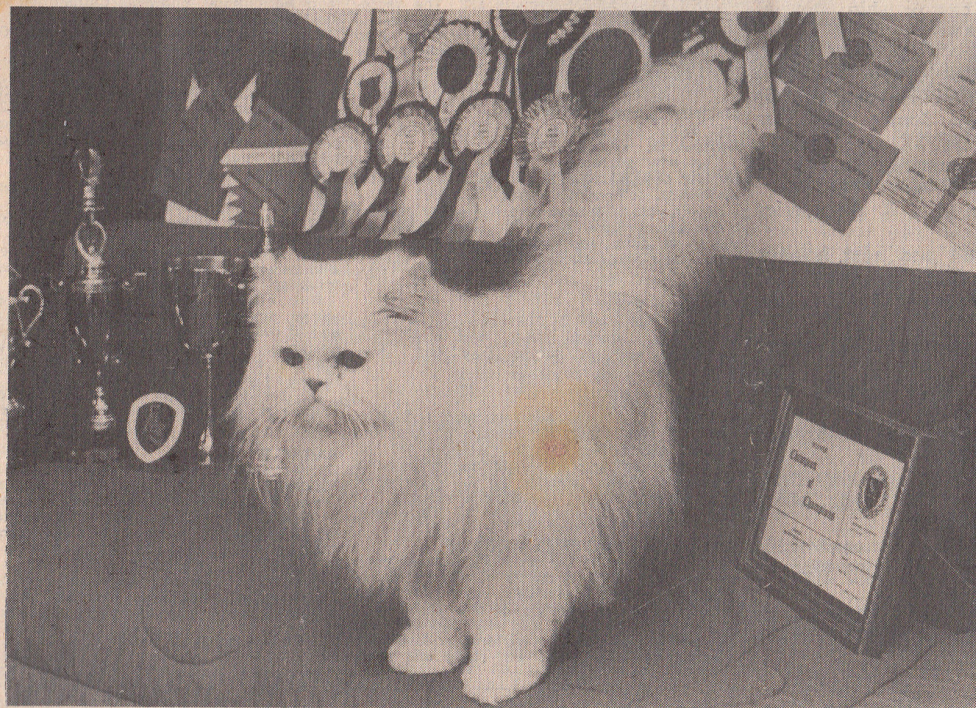


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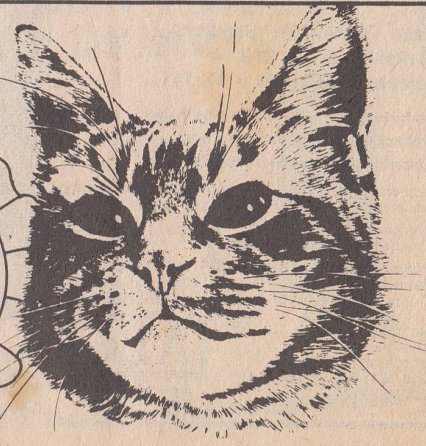
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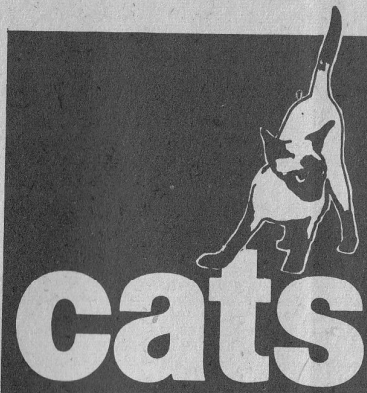
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Bruxelles Cat Club

A MAMMOTH show held on January 14 and 15, beautifully run by Monsieur and Madame Rossi with the help of their expert and hard-working committee. The hospitality shown to the judges is just wonderful with a grand reception on the Friday night at Madame Rossi's home and on the Saturday evening there was a magnificent dinner and entertainment. The two lovely daughters of the Rossi's were a delight to watch. They must be very proud of these talented girls. Monsieur Rossi's magnetism made the show. Just one word described it—perfect. Many thanks are due for the really lovely gift.

I had some lovely cats and kittens in my classes, all a credit to their owners and breeders. A BP Colourpoint, Dietrich's Brickhill Mr Pende, in grand condition and type; a Blue Point kitten, Sebastian Van't Wadden-zicht, a baby who was really outstanding for all round type, he will make a wonderful adult, so beautifully presented, he was my best kitten and later won the honour of best in show, owned by Mme Treed. My best neuter was Pr Ch Int Viola Van't Krijgerst, a Blue Point, the best I have seen, an outstanding girl for type and coat, a very heavy coat groomed to the last hair with a wee short brush the breadth of her body, her owner, Mme Princenhof, must adore this girl. My best Red Point Colourpoint male was a very good one of excellent type, beautifully shown and owned by Mme Gamichon.

Last but not least I thank my two efficient stewards for working so hard for me and handling the cats so well. They were Miss Joke Streetkert and Miss Tournis Isabellj.

ENID V E BURROWS

Support for FAB

I AM very grateful for the opportunity of thanking, through FUR & FEATHER, the members of the cat Fancy who supported the Feline Advisory Bureau in so many ways during 1977 by organising shows and cat stalls, by supporting these stalls and by attending our regional meetings etc. I would also like to thank the cat societies and show managers who helped the FAB in 1977 by allowing us to hold stalls at their shows and providing charity classes.

I hope that we may count on your support for 1978 and that we shall be able to see as many of you as possible, whether you are a member or not, at the FAB Open Day on April 15 at Langford or at one of our regional meetings this year.

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The Birman

R E Brown

THE BIRMAN, or Sacred Cat of Burma, is generally regarded as a rather unusual cat, being neither long-haired nor short-haired but having a semi-long-haired coat which doesn't mat. When you look at a Birman you see a cat with Siamese coat pattern, a large round head, medium sized ears, a nose minus a 'stop', longer than a Persian's, with almost round eyes of deep blue. On glancing at the feet you see four pure white socks with the added attraction of the white forming a gauntlet up the back legs, coming to a point just below the joint.

Although known since the 1920s, there is little information available about the breed, much of the information still being in the original French, as France is regarded as the home of the Birman.

French breeders were given their Championship show standard in 1925. This standard was later accepted by other countries when the breed started to be exported. Since then the different countries have altered the standard somewhat to make it more detailed.

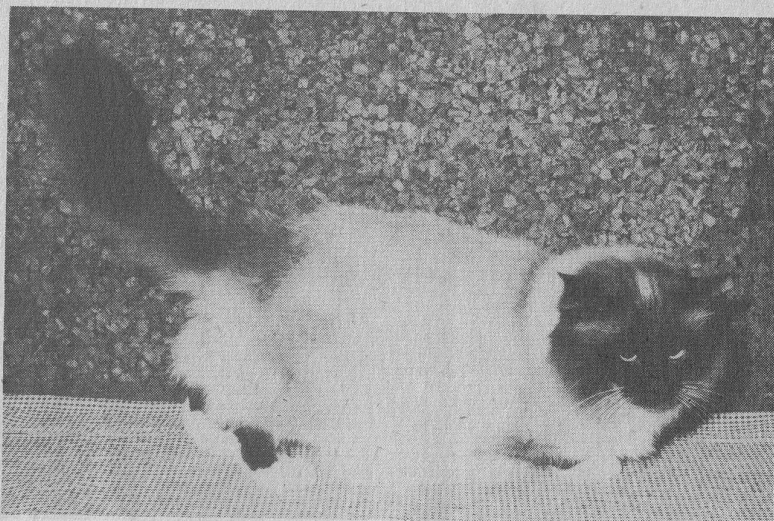
The Birman first came to the United Kingdom in 1966, when Mrs Fisher imported the first two queens—Orlamonde De Khlaramour and Osaka De Lugh, both blue points, and Mrs Richards brought in the male, Nooky De Mon Reve, a seal point carrying blue. The Governing Council soon gave recognition to the breed and a number—13c. They were first shown at the National Cat Club show after they had completed their six months in quarantine. The breed is not to be confused with the Burmese which is a lithe brown short-haired cat. There was a lot of confusion in the early days as the names are similar and the public had never seen a Birman.

There is still a mystery attached to the breed as very little is known of the early Birmans. The late Mrs Griswold of America left papers on file dated 1887 on the Birman, but we don't hear much about them until after the second world war.

There is a charming legend attached to the Birman as they are thought to have come originally from the Temple of Lao-Tsun in Burma. They were guarded by the priests who did not allow any strangers in their midst as they believed that when a priest died his soul was transmuted into the body of the cat and upon the death of the cat the priest's soul went to paradise.

It is said that in 1919 Major Gordon Russell and August Pavie were sent a pair of these lovely animals in thanks for saving the Temple from being overrun by an invading enemy. They were both residing in France at the time. The male unfortunately did not survive the journey but luckily the female was in kitten to him and produced the Birmans which were to become the original of today's lines.

It is highly unlikely that the very first



There is a mystery attached to the breed, and also a charming legend

Birmans looked anything like they do today. We know that at one time only the tips of the toes had the white markings with no gauntlet up the back legs. It has taken over thirty years of hard work and patience on behalf of the breeders to bring the Birman to the high standard existing today.

After the second world war there were very few Birmans still surviving. These had to be mated out to Colourpoints and others, so gradually bringing back the Birman as we know it today. It is through this outcrossing that we find we are still getting the mottled foot pads instead of always getting the pink pads which we are aiming for. This will take some time to eliminate.

Since the original three imports, a few more Birmans have been brought in as outcrosses. The first one to arrive was Ch Pipo Du Clos Fleuri, brought in by Mrs Towe from France as an outcross for the kittens of the imports. The next to arrive was Ch Ghandi Von Assindia, a blue Birman imported by Mrs Fisher from Mrs Hackman's cattery in Germany. I then imported the seal Birman, Ch Solomon Von Assindia, from the same cattery but of a different lineage. Mrs E Holmes imported a seal female from France, Ch Shani Dela Valliere and Mr Branson brought in from Germany Ch Dandy Von Arnoldsson, another seal point, but nothing much is known of this import. The last known import is my American champion Rindy's Haven Zandra, a blue Birman from one of the leading Birman catteries in the United States of America. As we are limited to the amount of outcrossing we can do, we have to breed from the cats we have available, all of which come from the original imports.

Today's Birmans are majestic cats, highly intelligent, loving and gentle natured and

have a different character to the Persian. They usually mate easily and have litters of from three to six, occasionally they have been known to produce eight. They kitten easily and are excellent mothers although, as in every breed, you do get the exception. They are very hardy and do not require heating in their houses in winter if kept outside.

They show well in cat shows as a rule, although recently I have heard complaints in regard to the temperament of the Birman, being told that it is not so good now as it was. But you can get cats of any breed which do not like shows and these should be left at home.

Birmans are not an easy breed to work with as it is only through selective breeding that you can get the correct feet markings, good gauntlets PLUS good type, all of which go to make up a good Birman. The breed has become very popular of recent years as they make lovely pets, being semi-long-haired they need less brushing than the true Persian.

The Birman Cat Club, which was formed in 1969, looks after the interests of the breed.

Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary

FOLLOWING MY report in FUR & FEATHER on the Rhodes Minnis Christmas Fair last December, several people have shown interest in this year's household pet show which I mentioned. If any readers would like to receive a schedule for the Rhodes Minnis third annual household cat show at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on Saturday, May 27, 1978, please send stamped addressed envelope to Miss V J Huthwaite, Seathwaite Cattery, Rhodes Minnis, near Canterbury, Kent.

Schedules are being sent to all members and to last year's exhibitors. There are some lovely trophies to be won (open to all) and rosettes in all classes, plus specials. The hall is spacious and we are looking forward to meeting old friends as well as welcoming a lot of new ones.

Membership costs 25p per year which includes two newsletters about the Sanctuary activities, coming events, etc, and new members are always welcome, to help this very worthwhile cause. JOAN PAYNE

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Kattklub of Stockholm

ON JANUARY 7 and 8, 1978, Stockholm's Kattklubb held a very big show in a large, well appointed hall.

Of the exhibits that I judged, best Short-hair adult was Mayday Antonius, a Blue, cobby, deep chested, lovely type, round head, small ears, magnificent orange eyes and thick pale blue pelage, a strong cat; Madame Pia Hollenstein agreed that of the cats we both judged he was best adult. The best European kitten, Cekar, judged by Madame Hollenstein, was a Red, hard to fault, with beautiful depth of colour, a lovely kitten. My own best had been Anridias Panther Alonzo, a charming little Black, whose coat was sound to the roots. My best neuter was a Cornish Rex, Premier Tricolour Red Felix, with deep waves, good vibrissae and a firm, medium wedge head.

Of the exhibits I handled, best Cornish Rex adult was Parcanovis Dorina, a firm healthy cat with thick waves and a good wedge; best Cornish kitten, Lupinagens Kytera, lovely pale blue, thickly waved, with a good head; best Devon adult, Stefanus Flox, beautiful type and deep waves covering him completely; best Devon kitten, Stefanus Sinbad, this kitten's head and ears are not perfect but his body and tail are correct and he has the important thick deeply waved coat, with no thinness whatever, presented as a silver, in my opinion he should be re-registered as a brown.

I must also mention Mossan, a splendid Bi-Colour with exact symmetrical colour distribution and beautiful type. Also Karenina's Tatjana, a lovely little Short-hair Blue who won her CAC and who has a most exquisite temperament.

This was a beautifully run show and it was for me a great pleasure to meet Madame Remborg and to be in the company of Madame Hollenstein. My thanks are due to Mesdames Nilsson and Matthiesson. We stayed at a very good hotel and were entertained at delightful evening parties. On Friday our host cooked a wonderful dinner.

I thank Ilmars Kreicsberjs, who acted as our escort for his kindness in driving me to Arlanda on Sunday evening when, with regret, I had to leave, not having known that it had been arranged for us to remain until Monday. Also my best thanks to Mrs Lusa Hakala, the probationer judge who was with me, and whose knowledge of procedure was of great help. Grateful thanks also to my stewards, Louise Bjord and Lennart Rous, who were very kind and helpful.

My appreciation to the committee for the beautiful 'Limited Edition' plate, which looks lovely on my wall, and my congratulations. This was an excellent show from its interesting exhibits to the well-got-up catalogue, worth keeping if only for the delightful skoldpadd on the cover. PHYLLIS LAUDER

Feline leukaemia virus testing

THIS ARTICLE is written at the request of the Abyssinian Cat Club and Abyssinian Cat Association but should be of interest to all breeders.

Just what is the feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) test? It is a test used to determine whether a cat is carrying FeLV by attempted isolation of the virus from blood samples. Isolation (part of the blood) is incubated with cell cultures (a special type of cell grown in the laboratory) and the presence of FeLV is recognised by its characteristic effects on the cells. Thus the test specifically identifies the virus and not antibody or infected cells.

This test is carried out only at the University of Glasgow Veterinary School in this country. There is a second test, the immunofluorescence (IF) test, which is used extensively in some other countries and is currently being evaluated. The IF test has two advantages; it can be carried out more rapidly and less blood (only two smears) is required. The IF test involves detection of virus in the white blood cells by identifying a stain, fluorescein, which is made to attach specifically to virus-infected cells.

Blood is used for these tests for two reasons. Firstly, in a persistently infected cat, FeLV is spread throughout the body in the blood so presence or absence of a viraemia (virus in the blood) is a reliable indicator of whether a cat is infected or not. Secondly, blood is a readily accessible body material or tissue. Only one millilitre of blood is required for the virus isolation test unless

further investigations, such as haematology or antibody testing are intended. Such a quantity is readily obtainable from either the cephalic (paw) or jugular (neck) veins. There has been some discussion recently over the question of obtaining blood samples from conscious cats without sedation or anaesthesia, even when much larger quantities are involved as, for example, in the event of a blood transfusion. However, we are very fortunate in having skilled nurses to hold the cats and it is true to say that the ease of obtaining a blood sample depends far more on the person holding the cat than the 'bleeder'.

Lengthy inoculation period

Why should breeders test their cats for FeLV? There are two main reasons. First, the virus is responsible for a number of very serious and often fatal diseases as outlined below. The incubation period between infection with virus and the appearance of clinical disease may be very long, eg one to five years, and the cat may be apparently healthy during this time. The second reason is that FeLV is, like other viruses, contagious and an infected cat, even when it appears to be healthy, is harbouring the virus and may transmit it to other cats. When a carrier of FeLV is introduced into a household of susceptible cats, all of which are in contact, all of them become infected with the virus; most of them will subsequently fight off the infection and become immune to the virus and to FeLV-related diseases with high levels of antibody in the blood; but a proportion (42% on average in Britain) will become persistently infected with FeLV and many of these will develop these diseases. At present the only method of control is to detect FeLV carriers by a blood test and then to keep them away from other cats, or put them to sleep.

What are the diseases caused by FeLV? One of the most common is leukaemia. Leukaemia is a general term used for cancer of some of the blood-producing cells which are normally found in the blood, the white blood cells. These cells are produced in the bone marrow. In man, leukaemic cells arise in the marrow, grow in an uncontrolled fashion and spill out into the blood where they are found when a blood smear is examined. In the cat, a similar type of leukaemia occurs but more frequently the disease is manifest as 'lymphosarcoma' in which a particular type of white blood cell, the lymphocyte, is involved. The cancerous lymphocytes populate and form large, solid tumours in the lymphoid organs; the thymus, lymph nodes, bowel wall and spleen.

Other important diseases caused by FeLV are anaemias in which the red blood cells are very much reduced in number. The virus is also responsible for immunosuppression when the ability of the cat to resist infections with other viruses and bacteria is very much reduced and chronic infections, such as gingivitis, may ensue. Recently FeLV has been implicated in breeding problems in the form of foetal resorption and fading kittens.

FeLV is also associated with, but is not the direct cause of, infectious peritonitis, infectious anaemia and haemorrhagic gastroenteritis.

Acute situation

So, if a breeder has experienced problems with tumours in cats or any of the other conditions mentioned, there is good reason to suspect the presence of FeLV. As described above, the incubation period with this virus can be very long so infection should also be suspected if cats have been brought in from catteries which have subsequently been troubled with FeLV-related diseases or if cats sold to other breeders later develop such a disease. In these circumstances it is wise to test all cats in the household for FeLV.

The situation with regard to Abyssinians and possibly some other breeds is more acute. The Abyssinian breed is currently plagued by infertility problems and this may be due to a large extent to the apparently high incidence of FeLV infection in this breed. This has been accepted by the Abyssinian Cat Club and Association and both organisations are keen to solve the problem. The only means of doing this is to test as many Abyssinians as possible so that the extent of the problem can be clarified and FeLV-free lines developed. There is certainly no obligation for Abyssinian breeders to test their cats but we and the two breed societies strongly urge testing of Abyssinians so that the decimation of this breed may be prevented. T J GRUFFYDD-JONES, B Vet Med, MRCVS Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bristol
O JARRETT, PhD, BVMS, MRCVS, Department of Veterinary Pathology, University of Glasgow Veterinary School

readers write

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American awards

I HAVE never in all my years of breeding taken up pen to paper although I have been tempted to many times. But I feel I cannot help myself at this time. In Allison Ashford's 'Here and There' article my cat, Ch Sallyshan Blado, was mentioned in paragraph two as being awarded best Long-haired cat by the American Cat World Awards. You can imagine how pleased I was to have received this honour only to read in the next paragraph that perhaps the 'Top Cats' had in fact got to the top by over-showing.

I do not consider my cat to have been overshadowed and perhaps the cats which were further down the list had not done as much winning as the cats at the top of the list despite being shown.

As for not being able to afford to show, I am an old-age pensioner and by doing without life's luxuries I am able to show one or two cats.

Just for the record my cat, a Red Self Long-hair, Ch Sallyshan Blado, to date has won seventeen challenge certificates, two reserve grand challenges, voted Supreme Best Red Self of 1976 and numerous other awards.
M A CRITCHLOW

Heads in the sand

I WAS very interested to read Mr Ilott's article (FUR & FEATHER, Jan 12) which I consider to be well overdue. I am sure we can improve the number of Abyssinians around by selective breeding of the right sort, selecting for general vigour and litter size rather than type and colour. We can again concentrate on the finer points once we have more sound stock to breed from.

My own Aby is not show standard. She has a small locket and is rather dark but she is of good type. We got her with the high recommendation of coming from a litter of four from a six-year-old mother. She is very lively and full of mischief. She had her first call at the age of ten months when she weighed about six pounds. Hopefully we shall have her first litter in April—if we can find her a suitable mate.

Until we decided we wanted an Aby we did not realise how serious the leukaemia problem was. After we had contacted a few breeders, only to be told 'Sorry, no kittens', we started asking whether people had had their cats FeLV tested. The usual answer was, 'Well no, I've never had any trouble so why should I bother?'.

Unfortunately one such breeder had a nasty shock a few months later when she lost several cats. Now she is more wary.

My Aby has recently been tested. Her mother was negative October 1977 and I shall have her mated to a tested stud.
V HALL

Successful tombola

I THANK all the members of the Notts and Derby Cat Club who so generously supported the tombola stall on January 7, also those who so kindly donated gifts for our stall to make it such a success.

My special thanks go to Mrs Bentley, Mrs Worth, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Simmonds, Mr and Mrs Evison and Mrs Coxon with whom I found it a great pleasure to work, and without whose help the tombola would not have been such a success.
MONICA LOEWENTHAL

New address

WOULD SHOW managers and friends please note that I have moved from Devon and my address now is 50 East Ham Road, Littlehampton, Sussex.
HILARY SCATCHARD

Stabilise judging

I WOULD like to draw the attention of all Cornish Rex breeders and judges to the report written by Mr M Lauder on the adult open class at this year's National Cat show (see FUR & FEATHER January 12).

It is becoming increasingly obvious that judges do not agree as to what a Cornish Rex should look like and are awarding challenge certificates to cats of such varying type. They could well be of different breeds!

Perhaps we could call upon the breed clubs to do something to stabilise judging before real Cornish Rex become just a memory!
JUNE CONWAY

WELL DONE Mr Lauder! At last, a judge discerning enough to see that we are losing that lovely, distinctive, Cornish Rex type, and is prepared to say so.

Let us hope that words do not fall on deaf ears, and challenge certificates cease to be awarded to cats of incorrect type.

When Cornish Rex judging becomes consistent, type will level out, there will be no point in breeding incorrectly-typed cats if judges refuse to place them. JOAN TREANOR

National error

IN MY report on Russian Blues at the National (FUR & FEATHER January 12) I inadvertently made an error in the female class. First prize winner was Mrs Jackson's Ryeholme Tanya not as stated. The critique as given does apply to Tanya. Mrs Snook's Loe-Dun Sylvanika was not placed as she was difficult to handle. I apologise for the mistake.
ANN CODRINGTON

Disheartened

AT LAST both judge and breeder, and not, may I say, one and the same person, have spoken out on the diminishing Cornish Rex type on the show bench.

Conscientious breeders are striving to maintain the characteristic type but are being disheartened by the folly of 'reputable' judges. The fly in the ointment is not the breeders' fault in total but the judges who give the highest awards possible to obviously incorrect type felines.
IVOR MAGEE

Feline figures

Alison Ashford



Photograph by Sloman and Pettit

MRS ALISON ASHFORD was born in 1926 in the Transkei, South Africa, where her father worked in a leper colony. She came to this country at the age of ten and was educated at St Brandon's School, Bristol. With the intention of returning to South Africa she commenced training as a student nurse when she was sixteen but her qualification was delayed because she contracted tuberculosis which necessitated six months of bed rest. Soon after Mrs Ashford completed her training she married, so relinquishing her plans to nurse in the leper hospital.

Although she has always loved all animals she did not own a pedigree cat until she bought a Russian Blue hybrid in 1956. In 1958 her younger daughter, Fionagh, was given a Siamese kitten as a reward for rescuing a lost kitten. This event marked her entry into the cat Fancy and her Annelida Siamese became well known.

She was fascinated by the early Cornish and Devon Rex and started her Rex breeding with Behhaven Zarakhat, a sweet black hybrid bred by Mrs Phyllis Lauder in 1961.

Under the guidance of the late Mr Brian Stirling-Webb, Mrs Ashford bred Britain's first white Cornish Rex and also planned the first Si-Rex. In 1962 she was voted on to the committee of the Colourpoint, Rex-coated and AOV Club and was the first member of this club to be invited to stand for the committee of the Rex Cat Club.

With the GC recognition of the Rex cats in 1967, Alison was appointed an official Shorthair judge. She is now a judge of all Shorthairs, of some Longhairs and is a probationer judge of Siamese.

Her own cat family consists of one Longhair, eight Rexes and one Siamese. Mrs Ashford has returned to nursing and is a part-time staff nurse at a Kent hospital and is also an official correspondent for FUR & FEATHER as well as being chairman of the Kentish Cat Society's Emergency Aid Service.

news from the clubs

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND CAT CLUB

THE TWENTY-NINTH annual general meeting will be held at the County Hotel, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh on March 8 at 8 pm.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1978 are due not later than February 28. IRENE PEEBLES, secretary

THE CAPITAL LONG HAIR CAT ASSOCIATION
THE ANNUAL general meeting will be held at the YWCA, Great Russell Street, London WC1B on Saturday, April 22, 1978 at 3 pm. Tea will be donated as usual by members of the committee.

Nominations for the following posts must reach me six weeks before the annual general meeting. Chairman (Mrs E H Durbin is willing and eligible for re-election), three members of the committee are stepping down and are eligible for re-election. These are Mrs M Triffitt who was co-opted and is willing to be re-elected, Mrs M Cobb and Mrs C Philbrick who are eligible for re-election. Delegate to the GCCF, Mrs V Croysdill is eligible and willing to be re-elected. President: Dr I Raleigh is eligible for re-election. Vice-presidents: Mrs J Thompson and Mrs M Boulton are eligible for re-election. I would be most grateful if members would be so kind as to let me know if they are coming to the annual general meeting as this would be most helpful for the catering.

Our exemption show which was due to be held on May 13, 1978 has been changed to Saturday, August 26, 1978 at the Chelsea Old Town Hall. The show managers will be Mr and Mrs Gornall, 33 Dresden Road, Archway, London N19. Schedules will be available from them eight weeks before the show. Please send a foolscap stamped addressed envelope if you wish to receive your schedule.

Don't forget the date of the Symposium at the YWCA on Saturday, February 25, 1978.

VERA CROYSBILL, hon secretary

NORTHERN SIAMESE CAT CLUB

UNFORTUNATELY THE club newsletter has been delayed at the printers. I held the schedules back as long as possible to save on postage but as time was creeping on the newsletters will now have to be distributed with the annual general meeting paperwork in April. Schedules have been distributed to all members and last year's exhibitors.

Members please note the following dates: show, April 1, 1978 annual general meeting, May 20; luncheon, June 18.

LIN COBLEY, Hon secretary

CORRECTION

ALTHOUGH Ch Crestona Andrew was reported as being third open class at the National, I was unable to be present. M R LONG

LANCASHIRE CAT CLUB

MRS E ARNOLD is unable to attend our show on March 11 and her open Siamese kitten classes will now be judged by Miss A Rickson.

I very much regret that due to the large response to our show we have, for the first time ever, had to return entries.

VERA SHAW, show manager

COLOURPOINT REX-COATED AND AOV CLUB

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF £2 (as agreed at the 1977 annual general meeting) are now due and should be sent to Mrs Lauder, Mulberry Cottage, Exlade Street, Woodcote, Reading RG8 0UA. Because of the high cost of postage, receipts will not be sent unless they are asked for. P LAUDER

MERSEYSIDE CAT CLUB

THE ANNUAL New Year's party took place on January 14 at the home of Mr and Mrs Gjerse with sixty members present. The cuisine was excellent especially the home made gateaux made by Mrs Gjerse and Mrs

Pat Harrison. You may all like to know that over forty bottles of wine were consumed!

Newsletters, annual general meeting paperwork and the social programme have all been circulated to all members. Members are asked to make the following addition to ITEM 9 of the agenda (underneath Mrs R Owen) please add Mrs H Dalley, proposed by Miss L Turner, seconded by Mrs Gjerse.

Members are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1 and should be sent to the hon treasurer, Miss J M Dray, 106 Moor Drive, Crosby L23 2US, Merseyside. They are £1 Single, £1.50 double and 50p junior.

Finally my thanks to those members who brought raffle prizes to the New Year's party. I think this is the largest raffle the club have ever had with twenty-eight gifts.

JEFF LENEHAN, Hon Secretary

COLOURPOINT CAT CLUB

A GENERAL meeting is to be held at the YWCA, Great Russell Street, London on Sunday, February 19, 1978 at 3 pm. The committee and officers remain unchanged for the coming year. Members and friends are welcome. There will be a social after the general meeting. Could you please let me know if you intend coming, in order to assist the caterers. We welcome any copy for the next issue of our magazine and look forward to seeing you at our meeting. Subscription fees are £1. Please contact me at Heathercroft, Potley Hill Road, Yateley, Hants. After the formal meeting, we intend to hold a questionnaire and demonstration of grooming a cat and hope everyone will come and enjoy meeting other members of our club.

(Mrs) SYLVIA ANTHONY, Hon secretary

SOUTH WESTERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB

NOTICE IS drawn to members that the retiring chairman, Mr J C Furber, does not wish to stand for re-election.

VALERIE CLARKE, Hon secretary

THE BURMESE CAT CLUB

PLEASE SEND in some more completed Felifu questionnaires. Up to date I have received only twenty-five and we cannot write a report based on the experience of such a small number of breeders. However, I do thank those of you who have sent such clear and helpful replies. I cannot acknowledge each individually but a list will be published in our Summer News when we hope to publish a report on your views and your experience. M R SILVERMAN

CHESHIRE AREA CAT CLUB

THE ANNUAL general meeting will be held on Saturday April 22 at the Queen Hotel, Chester at 2.30 pm. Tea and biscuits will be served.

Retiring officers are chairman Mr K Dick, vice-chairman Mrs E Morrison, hon treasurer Mrs I T Davis, hon secretary Miss J Morrison, hon assistant secretary Mrs F E Bryars. The chairman and hon secretary do not seek re-election and nominations are required for these positions. Retiring committee members are Mr Greenlees, Miss Parkinson and Mrs Phillips. Miss Parkinson does not seek re-election. Nominations are required for this vacancy.

The retiring GC delegates are Mrs Davis and Miss Morrison. Mrs Davis is agreeable to re-election, Miss Morrison does not seek re-election.

Nominations for officers, committee or delegates and other items for inclusion in the agenda must reach me by March 24. Nominations must bear the signatures of the proposer and seconder who must be fully paid-up members of the club and the nominees' written agreement to the nomination. My address is 4 Larksway, Gayton, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside.

JULIE MORRISON, Hon secretary

KENT COUNTY LONG-HAIRED CAT CLUB

THE INAUGURAL meeting of the Kent County Long-haired Cat Club took place in Canterbury on January 15. Present were: Mr and Mrs Akines, Mrs Arundel, Mrs C Bishop, Mrs M Bishop, Mr Brice, Miss Hilliard, Mr Kyte, Mrs Lee, Miss McKinnon, Mr Piner, Mrs Walkley, Miss Willcott and Mrs Watling.

A caretaker committee was elected and will hold office for a maximum of three months after which everyone interested in Long-haired cats will be welcome to attend a general meeting and join the club. At that meeting the caretaker committee will resign and officers and committee members will be elected by the whole membership of the club.

The time, date and place of this meeting will be announced in FUR & FEATHER at a later date. The present committee hope to welcome breeders, owners and those just interested in 'fluffy' cats.

LOCHINVAR

RE Mrs O RUFFELL'S write up for Cheshire show (January 12 edition) could I please point out that the name of my cat in the Red Self Male Open class was not BRACKEN-DALE LOCHINVAS as printed but BRACKEN-HILL LOCHINVAR. He became a champion on that day. M BROOKSBANK (Mrs)

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK CAT CLUB

EXHIBITORS ARE advised to use the Charles Street car park marked 'B' on the map on the back of the schedule, contrary to instructions given in the schedule. On Saturdays this is a long term car park and the charge is 30p all day.

A raffle will be held at the show and donations for prizes will be gratefully received. This year the club is not able to run the usual produce stall.

SYLVIA SPOORE, show manager

here and there Alison Ashford

SO MANY news items have piled up since the New Year that it seemed an additional 'Here and There' was needed.

By now we have all had our first copies of the new weekly FUR & FEATHER, which have produced mixed reactions. A number of readers seem annoyed that more space is not devoted to cats, but it seems to me that the magazine has to be viewed impersonally. In fact there are far more rabbit and cavy breeders than there are cat breeders, so the number of pages allotted to cat news is more than fair.

I find the new format easier for cross-references as the entire cat section is self-contained so that one no longer has to search among rabbit news for the last paragraphs of a cat article.

Exciting year

The end of 1977 must have been an exciting time for Foreign Short-hair breeders as the first ever Foreign White and Foreign Lilac champions were 'made up'. Patricia Turner must have felt that her years of hard work had not been in vain when her exquisite Foreign White, Scintilla Hsi-Chi, was voted supreme best kitten at the Governing Council's supreme show. Previously Mr Harrison's Scintilla Sou-Lin, a Foreign White female bred by Patricia Turner, had become the first Foreign White champion at the West of England show and she was soon followed by the first male champion, Mrs C Ryder's Ryanna Everest.

The first-ever Foreign Lilac champion was Mrs B Grace's Mannequinatus, a very elegant male, while Mrs Gane's female, Burdach Carthegena, became the first female champion at the supreme show.

I had written that the first time a Foreign Lilac was voted best in show was at the West of England show when Mrs Cawley's lovely neuter, Byhan Aquarius, achieved that honour. However, it has been pointed out to me that, before this variety achieved championship status, the best Short-haired cat AND kitten at the 1970 Gwynedd show were Foreign Lilacs: the cat owned by Mrs Harrison and the kitten by Mrs Angela Sager. The struggle to obtain championship status had not been an easy one, for the Governing Council is notoriously reactionary in its ideas on new varieties. Those breeders who have been producing Long-haired Self Chocolates and Lilacs for some years should take heart at the success of their Short-haired counterparts!

Successful exports

From the Continent comes more exciting news of the Jemari Chinchillas. Mr Buchel's

Jemari Bonita, a seven-month-old kitten, was best of breed at the Rapperswil show, while Madame Deurzen's International Champion Jemari Juliet and International Premier Jemari Jeanmarie were both best of breed winners.

Mrs Ilse Sherry, breeder of the Satoh Burmese, was thrilled to hear that her Cream Burmese, Grand Champion Satoh Iemoto, owned by Mrs Jeffrey, has been voted best Burmese cat of the year in Australia. This is indeed an honour for the comparatively new colour which is proving extremely popular in Australia as well as in Britain.

Happy children

I know that readers always enjoy hearing news of cats owned by children, especially children who are handicapped in some way. So it is good to report that nine-year-old Victor Harrison's Russian Blue female, Harlain Anushka, made her championship at the Midland show. Victor is severely disabled with rheumatoid arthritis but manages to care for his pets and to take them to shows aided by his mother. He bred Anushka from his little Russian queen, Ryeholme Silver-vitch, who was, of course, bred by Mrs Gee.

Twelve-year-old David Haslett has had considerable success with his British Blue-Cream kitten, Jezreel Jollity, who was best British Blue-Cream at the West of England show. I have long admired the Jezreel cats bred by Mrs Iris Johnson, and I know that readers will be shocked to hear that her home was burgled on Boxing Day and her lovely Short-hair kittens were stolen.

To steal pedigree kittens seems the action of a madman, as they are useless without a pedigree and would fetch only a pound or two in a street market. No reputable pet shop will accept pedigree kittens without written pedigrees. But the worry to the owner of stolen kittens must be immeasurable, and I would urge cattery owners to padlock their cats' runs.

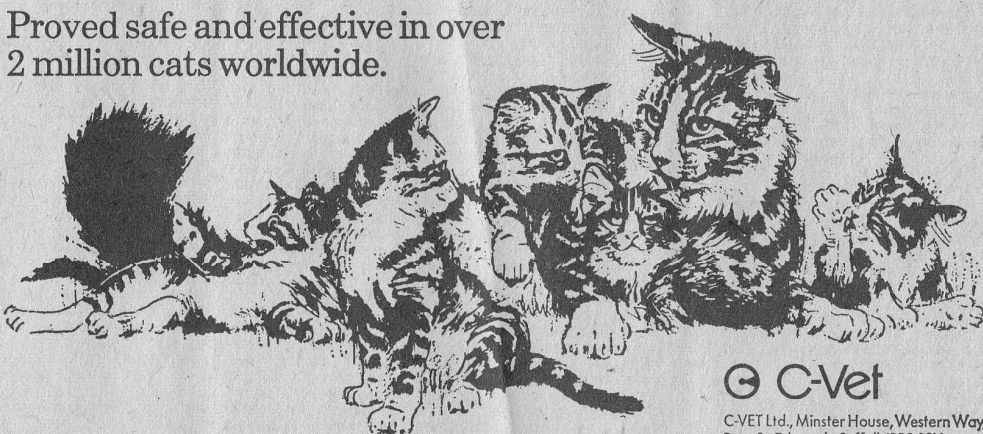
It is pleasant to be able to forget life's cruelties when something really good occurs. For me this happened when I attended the wedding of two young friends. The groom is a well known folk singer with a warm personality. He had arranged for the wedding service to be fully choral, with the music played and sung by his own group. It was a wonderful experience to sense the love between all those who took part, not just that between the bride and groom.

I have never before attended a wedding where both bride and groom joined in the singing with complete joy and abandon. It made one feel glad to be alive and part of such a happy occasion.

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Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Cat Club Championship show

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE and Derbyshire show attracted a record entry of 1 381 cats—an increase of over 200 on last year, from which we can conclude that the stringent vetting in and the long wait for exhibitors at the last show did not deter people from returning. By securing the services of many more veterinary surgeons and devising a more efficient system we were able to honour our promise to exhibitors of improved vetting in so well that no-one had to queue outside the hall, although the same high standard of examination was maintained. As a result judging was able to start (and therefore finish) in good time. Exhibitors knew that vetting in would be strict and came with confidence and we were glad to find that rejections were down to 25 per cent of last year's number.

Running a show, particularly one as large as this, is never without problems, and matters were additionally complicated when disaster, in the form of a cat's jaws, struck us in early October, and we must pay tribute to our assistant organisers, Mr and Mrs Blain (who also managed the Short-hair section), the other section managers, Mr and Mrs Worth and Mr and Mrs Peters and particularly Mrs Ida Gee (who we hoped would be able to take things more easily this year) for the way they rallied round to take work off our shoulders in November. The work of all was reflected in a very successful and happy show.

We also thank the judges who agreed at relatively short notice (in one case less than twenty-four hours) to help us to cope with the unprecedented entry, Mrs Loewenthal for running a highly successful tombola stall, and all those who helped us to prepare for the show on the Friday and clear up when the exhibitors had left. Over the two days the staff of the University Sports Centre did everything in their power to simplify our task and help to solve our unexpected problems.

Without cats there would be no show and, though we were kept too busy to see much of them, everyone said that they were generally of a very high standard. We thank the exhibitors for bringing them and hope that they will return next year.

A ladies brown suede shoe, nearly new, was found by Mrs Haywood in the car park. Nearly all exhibitors had left. The owner should telephone Mrs Haywood at Walsall 22844. **KENNETH and MABEL BENTLEY** show organisers

Mrs G Denny

ALTHOUGH AN excellent show and venue from all aspects I had one criticism as to the lighting. I found great difficulty in assessing colour, therefore in my report there will be no comments on eye or points colouring for any exhibit. The hospitality towards judges was greatly appreciated and congratulations to all concerned in the organisation of this mammoth event which appeared highly successful. To my steward, Mr Crestford, go my grateful thanks for his help and assistance throughout the day. Also appreciation to Mr Dennis Roberts, president of the LH Cat Fanciers Association, New Zealand, who assisted. It was indeed a privilege and pleasure to have him and to hear comments on our British cats.

SIAMESE Red Point male ad: 1 ch Logan's Patrician Rowley, a lot of thought went into this award, although I faulted this exhibit on immaturity, I felt he had many good points, basically well proportioned, of good type and quality together with elegance, I would like more length of tail which, although fine is thick at root, good head, ears and profile, fine textured coat, best of breed 2 Waring's Ch Shin-Wa Fredericko, overall appearance marred by small ears and round eyes, length of head, firm chin, slight pinch, length of body and tail, fine boned 3 Young's Pierre Noel, not the type one looks for in a stud, only average type, ears close set, dip in profile, woolly coat, needs conditioning **Female ad:** 1 Wilson Smith's Silbrana Sumi, no ch awarded, good top of head, needs length to complement, extending to finer muzzle, ears too small, overall quite good type, length of body and tail, not quite the quality to warrant ch status 2 Walsh's Asonis Rosy Pearl, good ear flare and top of head, pronounced pinch, lacks elegance, slight dip in profile, short thick tail 3 Pitman's Sharlori Firedancer, average type, fine boned, close set small ears, dip in profile, lacks chin, good tail **Blue Point neuter:** 1 Begley's Ch Chintz Cassandra, no pr awarded, head trifle out of balance for body, length of profile narrow top, lacking width between ears, good eye shape and points colour, would like a more svelte body, fine whip tail 2 Wilson's Vilette Blue Boy, average type, lacking width of head and straight profile, good eyes, coat fawn, tail could be finer 3 Fisher's Errem Summer Wine, good profile and firm chin, ears could be larger, showing bad squint today, pinched muzzle, length of body and tail, coat fawn **AC Neuter kitten:** 1 Jelley's

Berni Jaya Jay, SP, length of head and profile, narrow top, needs more width, large ears set high, firm lithe body, good close textured coat, whip tail 2 Dunhill's Superstar Matar, CP, shortish head, blunt muzzle and shallow chin, good coat colouring and tail 3 Phelan's Merrycurry Lordedaw, SP, unbalanced head as yet, needs width to complement, eyes round, tendency to bonnet ears, length of body and tail, coat shaded **Debutante female part 1:** 1 Baker's Shanida Samantha 2 McGaw's Pordage 3 Jones's Tytania **Part 2:** 1 Siviter's Michant Mimika NAF 2 Thorpe's Honeycrest Astor Girl 3 Mason's Eirrem June Roses **Maiden male:** 1 Siviter's Michant Veloc 2 Dewhurst's Velhurst Venturion 3 Jones's Prosperoe.

GRACE DENNY

Mrs E V E Burrows

THE SHOW was very well run by Dr and Mrs K W Bentley at the head, ably assisted by Mr and Mrs M D Blain. There were some very good cats and kittens, and show preparation, I had a heavy day, and not feeling too well do not know how I would have managed without such a wonderful steward as Mrs M Lipp. She looked after me and the cats so well, my grateful thanks Marion.

COLOURPOINT 3-6 mth: 1 Harris's Driftwood Dollygirl, really beautiful Tortie baby for all-round type, lovely head and ear set, glorious eyes for shape and colour, broad short nose, strong chin, beautifully marked, short well furnished brush, groomed and shown to perfection, a kitten I should think with a future, best of breed 2 Wright's Prasin Rasputin, Seal Point boy of grand type, lovely head and ear set, lovely blue eyes of good shape and colour, very good contrasts, strong firm chin, beautifully shown 3 Cochran's Edelstein Porcelain, very good type baby girl, good head, neat ears, strong features, very good mask and contrasts, beautifully groomed. Three lovely babies **6-9 mth:** 1 best of breed Totty's Misty Glow, outstanding Blue Point, wonderful all round type, broad head, neat ears, big blue eyes, very good nose, round fat face, strong firm chin, grand coat, excellent contrasts, groomed to perfection 2 Catt's Merryboy's Khan, baby boy of excellent all round type, grand strong features, lovely eyes for shape and colour, very good coat which was so beautifully groomed 3 Wright's Prasin Janste Jubilee, baby full of quality, so big and fine, I see he is nearly an adult, very good head and ear set, good nose, glorious eyes for shape and colour, strong features, very well groomed and shown. Many of these kittens in both classes were worthy of cards but alas I had only three prizes to give in each class **AC LH Breeders' set:** 1 Hiom's Carino Lorenzo 2 Long's Ch Crestona Andrew 3 Marston's Scallywag Sunflower **LH Premier of premiers:** 1 pr of pr Staple's Gr Pr Schirana Sandaq, really outstanding Blue boy with the lot, wonderful type, very broad head with neat ears, very good nose, glorious big eyes, strong features, pale soft long beautifully groomed coat, a credit to his owners and breeder r Wick's Gr Pr Hardendale Karim, beautiful Smoke boy, wonderful type, groomed to perfection. **ENID V E BURROWS**

Mrs L J A Price

MANY THANKS go to the show managers and the officers and committee for a very enjoyable show, also for the excellent hospitality. I thank also my perfect steward, Miss Ferres, for her efficient help and pleasant companionship.

FOREIGN LILAC Male: 1 ch Dray's Bickyo Tio Pepe, very good head and profile, elegant paws, very good colour and texture of coat 2 Williams's Majic Lucky Lilac, good head and profile but tendency to have a weak chin, good colour of coat 3 Hanby's Byhan Aldebaran, very good head and profile, elegant paws, lovely texture of coat **Female:** 1 ch Burton's Ailsa Jessie, excellent head and profile, dainty paws, long tail, a little thick at the root, long body, lovely texture and colour of coat, my best Lilac cat 2 Burton's Artinian Lilac Bijou, very good head and profile, short whip tail, tends to be little too thin 3 Selwyn's Baksan Cinderella, small cat, head rather short **KORAT Male:** 1 Tully's Abbottsbrook Pharaoh, very good head and type generally 2 Pemberton's Yowie Charoon, quite good type but lacks balance of winner **Female:** 1 Pemberton's Bikila Jataka, very good head and type generally, brilliant eyes of correct colour 2 Whitman's Abbottsbrook Silver Cinders, good head, good type generally **FOREIGN LILAC Kitten:** 1 Burton's Jaybur Lady Syringa, very promising and lovely kitten, excellent head and profile, svelte body, excellent tail, dainty paws, excellent colour and texture of coat **KORAT Kitten:** 1 Ramsden's Serenis Chidisu Tuptim, very good head, good tail, good texture of coat, eyes good colour and shape 2 Keen's Cyan Silver Jubilee, well balanced kitten of good type 3 Goodwin's Cyan Yokamora, type

fair, eye shape very good **AV SH Limit cat:** 1 Daffingale Eve 2 Ziloejan Penny Black 3 Abbottsbrook Silver Cinders **Neuter:** 1 Korean Santolena 2 Ptarmigan Silver Mercury **Assessment Foreign type SH:** A very interesting class to judge. I was much impressed by the standard reached by breeders of blacks. Pearl-sall's Abraxus Penny Black, merit, very good head and type generally, excellent texture of coat and condition Nail's Sylba Tam O' Shanter, excellent head, type generally quite good, excellent coat for texture and colour, disliked being handled Tully's Serenis Amenti, type fair, but markings insufficiently defined regarding colour Bailey's Lizanne Silver Soucou, good head but paws and tail tend to be too thick, type generally insufficiently foreign Long's Plainsong Pavane, merit, very good type, coat very good texture, lovely temperament, presented in excellent condition Taylor's Petrura Omar, type generally quite good, texture of coat fair, excellent condition, very sweet tempered Richardson's Pendlemist Moses, merit, excellent type, eyes a lovely shape and colour, excellent texture of coat and very sound for colour, very sweet temperament Dray's Bickyrro Prince Charming, merit, perfect kitten, I could not fault, excellent head and profile, excellent paws and tail, excellent texture and colour of coat Dray's Bickyrro Ginger Nut, insufficiently foreign in type, overshot muzzle and tendency to a weak chin Brown's Shmrath Goliwoog, very good head and profile, tail rather thick at root, coat tends to be a little too long Glaubitz's Shanaual Blavie, rather short head, tail also too short, still very immature Glaubitz's Shanaual Midnight Melody, also rather immature with short head and tail that is too short and thick **L J A PRICE**

Mrs M Halls

THIS WAS my first visit as a judge, a visit I enjoyed very much indeed. I thank the show managers and committee for inviting me. The hospitality was excellent. Every thought for the comfort and ease was provided. Thanks also to my husband who stewarded for me with his usual thoughtful kindness to the exhibits and myself. My classes were all miscellaneous and club. Any exhibitor who wishes a report in full from me please write to me direct enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope and I will be pleased to forward my show critiques.

AC LH Special limit female: 1 Walkley's Dawnway Stardust 2 Moon's Cinnabar Sable Knight 3 Howe's Honeymist Zetamaria. **M HALLS**

Mrs D Waits

THIS WAS a happy, well organised show. I enjoyed judging and thank the committee for their excellent hospitality. Mrs Lee-Hanby made my day so very easy by her excellent stewarding and careful handling of the cats. I thank her and look forward to our next day together.

SH SILVER TABBY Kitten 3-6 mth: 1 Dewsbury's Zatasha Silver Pixie, female with a very promising future, extremely good round head, face markings at this young age a little pale, round eyes of promising colour but a little deep set, excellent tabby pattern, very well ringed tail, extremely good crisp coat texture **6-9 mth:** 1 Hall's Mindora Silver Jane, good head, very good silver colour with excellent black markings, lovely eyes for set, shape and colour 2 Morgan's Taffeta Silver Slippers, female, a bit nervous and fidgety, very good colour and markings, good tail, lovely round eyes, a little long on the muzzle at this stage 3 Knapp's Candela Prospero, male kitten, beautiful round head, coat very soft, markings pale and too much white in coat, tail incompletely ringed, but a very pretty sweet natured pet **Assessment classes SH British type cat, kitten or neuter:** A grand display of SH tipped cats, and sparkling with excellent condition and presentation. Fawcett's Peerless Silver Jewel, merit, male, very good cobby body, excellent sturdy limbs, excellent British head, excellent well shaped well-spaced lustrous green eyes, good ears for set and size, thick coat of satisfactory texture, excellent colour, good black ticking; Brand's Peerless Peppermint, merit, female silver, black ticking, good substantial body shape, satisfactory British head, excellent round green eyes, good ears, coat of very good texture and of good colour, slightly solid black on back in places, very good tail for size shape and placement, faint ghost tabby rings at the end, black line down length, very attractive queen with excellent potential; Roby's Candela Frampton Freddie, merit not awarded, young cameo coloured male who needs time to mature, long in body, head could do with more width for an adult male, very attractive eyes, round orange and well set, ears too wide at base and tail, coat very soft, attractive apricot colouring on pale background, ghost spotting rather than ticking, tail well ticked with colour but a bit too long, excellent condition and lovely

temperament; Down's Marcutt White Wonder, merit, male, pale background, black ticking, good British type, good round head with good breadth across back, eyes good shape, colour and setting, ears neat and well placed, coat of excellent texture with a heavier black ticking that I find most attractive as it gives an overall sparkling effect, good tail but a few ghost tabby rings near extremity; Yates's Marcutt Xcel, merit, male neuter, silver, black ticking, excellent cobby body, sturdy limbs, good round head, chin could be stronger, ears a little wide at base, coat of very good texture, again the heavier ticking that gives the sparkling effect, very good short tail; Gray's Silver Serena, merit, female silver, black ticking, nearly an adult, a little long on body at this stage, excellent round head with full cheeks, good chin, excellent colour and shape of eyes, extremely good short crisp coat with good ticking, excellent tail, excellent condition; Hayland's Sleekine Snowbird, merit, female silver kitten, black ticking, good type, excellent head, excellent eyes, ears excellent shape size and set, crisp short coat of lovely colour, excellent ticking, very good tail; Bilson's Lorian Sonata, merit, female silver kitten, black ticking, good type, excellent head, very good eyes, coat soft in texture on the day, good colour and ticking, tail good for shape and length, ghost tabby rings. **D WATTS**

Mrs P M Furber

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to the organisers, Dr and Mrs Bentley and show committee and Siamese section managers Mr and Mrs Peters for putting on a most enjoyable show. Thank you for inviting me to Nottingham and for the excellent accommodation afforded to all the judges. Thanks go to my steward, Mrs Gillian Moore, who stepped in at the last moment to steward for me. She handles the cats so expertly and is also very good company. I hope Mrs Brenda Wilson also enjoyed her day and wasn't too bemused by all the Siamese she saw. The lighting in the hall made it very difficult to assess eye colour correctly and in some cases made it hard to see points colours, especially in the Lilacs.

SIAMESE Maiden cat: 1 Richards's Happy-lees Ootai, Blue Point female showing great elegance, good long head and even wedge, superb eye shape, ears just a bit too forward for perfection, superb whip tail, very well shown 2 Hocken's Shereng Pirandello, Seal Point male with good even wedge, good eye shape and set, colour appeared good, good strong chin but ears needed to be larger for balance, tail rather thick at root 3 Atherton's Mysticuir Huh-Chia, Seal Tortie Point with long body, lovely even wedge head, good points colour but rather dark coat **Special limit male:** 1 Prest's Sontew Cumulus, Chocolate Point with good head length spoilt by pinch today, eye shape good and ears well placed, very sweet nature 2 Glaubitz's Moss-rose Kama, Seal Point, average head length, good eye shape, very dense points, coat very dark and open, tail needs length 3 Thorn's Caranbar Cream Consort, Cream Point, good long body, good textured coat, good head length, eyes too full but good colour **Radius kitten:** 1 Izard's Kapuco Snow White, very long elegant Lilac Point female, good long head and lovely profile, eyes good colour but a trifle full, very dainty paws, superb tail, good lilac points colouring 2 Long's Joginni April Showers, nice Seal Tortie Point, good long head and straight profile, eyes good colour but rather full, good broken points, coat rather patchy 3 Bailey's Hydinyis Scooby Doo, Red Tabby Point, good long head, lovely body colour and texture, lacks colour on points and markings not evident. **PAULINE FURBER**

Mrs N Hardy

CONGRATULATIONS GO to Dr and Mrs Bentley and all their helpful assistant show managers and the many others who worked so hard to give such a big and joyous show and excellent hospitality. My sincere thanks are due for being invited to judge at this year's first massive show. My most sincere thanks and gratitude goes to one of the best stewards I have had, Mrs Bullock, whose untiring aid and expert attention helped me so much during a long day's judging in such crowded halls.

SIAMESE Blue-Point 3-6 mth: I was sorry to have to withhold first prize, but these dear wee things did not come up to that standard I am sorry to say 2 Preston's Sahkon Flarita, a dainty little queen with medium wedge, good rather short profile, well set ears, oriental blue eyes and good whip tail, svelte short body with warm patchy coat, even rather dark points, slim legs and oval paws 3 Payne's Salgarie, small well proportioned, rather open dusky coat, soft and fine, medium wedge, slightly curved profile, well set ears, round blue eyes, slim legs and dainty paws, long fine tail **6-9 mth:** 1 Miller's Samacia Santos, promising male, fine masculine body, soft close lying rather patchy coat at present, good even points a little dark but with some sheen, slim legs with oval paws, good wedge with fine profile and firm chin, oriental blue eyes and well set ears, long tapering tail slightly thick at base, best of breed 2 Bentley's Eirrem Blue Skies, promising, ran close to first, long slightly heavy body, slim

legs, coat a little softer than winner. In side classes I would mention Patriarca Pickapepper, a lovely Red Burmese, difficult to handle, but only because he preferred to either wrap himself round my neck or lie flat on his back and flap his paws at me. Skipaws Fireopal, another excellent Red Burmese, and Happytees Ootai, a lovely Blue Point female with perfect ear-set.

ANNE RICKSON

Mrs I Johnson

I HOPE exhibitors were not too disappointed I had to take over Mrs Beever's classes. Many thanks to Mr Rawsley who is an excellent steward.

SH WHITE Orange-eyed female: 1 ch Hannan's Wyde Awake Bride, good type, nice round head, good eyes for shape and colour, good tail, well shown

Kitten: 1 Jenkins's Brynbuboo Angel Delight (RAF TAF), nice type, eyes turning well, nice round head 2 Cobb's Cherrywood Captain Gaylord (NAF), good round head, good width between ears, lovely eyes, coat much too long, tail too thick

AV SH Breeders: 1 Gr Ch Cherrywood Calamity Fred, well known Black, looking lovely today 2 Dray's Bickroy Tio Pepe, Foreign Lilac, lovely texture coat of good colour, good head and ears, nice green eyes and oval feet 3 Sheridan's Lottie's Blue Imogen, British Blue, good shape, head and eyes, nice round feet. There were some lovely cats in this class but unfortunately I had only three prizes to give.

IRIS JOHNSON

Mrs S Bullock

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE show organised by the Notts and Derby. Thank you for inviting me to judge and thanks to Mr Proctor for stewarding for me.

AV SH Foreign neuter (ex Burmese, Rex or Siamese): A large class of fourteen cats which meant that a lot of good cats had to be placed down the line and some go cardless on the day. 1 pr Sillis's Pr Dandycat Scarlet Pimpernel, very handsome Havana who I learnt later in the day had become a Grand Premier as well at this show, lovely head and ears, good profile, good firm chin, eyes could have been a little better in colour although the hall lighting was very bad and could have been deceptive, beautifully presented with lovely finish to his coat 2 Skelhorn's Pr Sylanka Blue Horizon, very noble Russian Blue cat, nice head with good ears, quite good eye colour, very good whisker pads, slight weakness of chin, coat colour a little on the dark side 3 Taylor's Petruza Nobilis, Havana, I was very surprised to learn that this cat was in fact three years old, I had assessed him as being not much older than a kitten and rather promising although immature, I see that I was wrong because he was small for his age, good strong head, good profile and ears, nice eye shape and colour.

S BULLOCK

Mrs E Tillotson

I THANK the Notts and Derby Club for inviting me to judge in place of Mrs Turney who was unable to fulfil her engagement. Grateful thanks go to Marie who stewarded for me so well throughout a busy day.

AC LH Debutante: 1 Gersoe's Ivanhoe Wolfgang, nice top of head, big eyes of good colour, short broad nose, good muzzle and chin, short tail, well groomed white coat 2 Potter's Van West Tamalan, nice top of head, ears a little pricked, good big eyes, broad nose, good muzzle and chin, short tail, nice cream coat, lacks ruff, well groomed 3 Levin's Cromhil Rainbow, nice top of head, good muzzle and chin, short nose, big eyes, nicely patched Tortie, wanted more grooming on tummy

Maiden: 1 Walter's Lady Sally, nice Blue-Cream, nice top of head with neat ears, big eyes of good colour, short broad nose, good muzzle and chin, very short tail, good intermingled coat, well groomed 2 Howe's Honeyism Cream, Charlotte, nice pale Cream girl, nice top of head, neat ears, short nose, good eyes, muzzle and chin, well groomed 3 Wheeler's Sapajou September, Blue girl, nice top of head, broad nose, good muzzle and chin, nice eyes, pale coat, well groomed

Novice: 1 Blyth's Oberon, Cream boy, nice top of head, very neat ears, big eyes of good colour, good muzzle and chin, short nose, short tail, good well groomed pale coat 2 Wick's Corniche Country Girl, Blue girl, nice top of head, short broad nose, good eyes, muzzle and chin, short tail, well groomed pale coat, ran winner close 3 Champley's Peachlym Yankee Clipper, Blue and White Bicoloured boy, nice top of head, broad short nose, good muzzle and chin, nice eyes, good well groomed coat, nice kitten. I would like to mention Ch Garingay Mister Gollywog, a superb Black boy whom I awarded a first in a club class.

EDITH TILLOTSON

Mr N Winder

I THANK the club for inviting me to judge and the hospitality afforded me. Mrs Val Kilby was my steward. Being herself a probationary Burmese judge and a breeder of the finest Cream and Red Burmese, she needs no instruction from me in either the art of stewarding or assessing the qualities of

Burmese cats. In fact it was reassuring to find that our opinions were in most cases identical. I was most disappointed in the mediocrity of many of the exhibits, particularly the Browns and wondered at first if perhaps I was being too strict. Mrs Kilby's opinions convinced me that I was not. I was disturbed at the number of kittens we found with kinks or faulty vertebrae in their tails. I thank Mrs Kilby once again for her excellent services.

BURMSE Brown 3-6 mth: I did not award a best of breed because I did not consider there was a kitten worthy of this honour. Narrow heads with poor domes and long noses with weak nose breaks seem to be the order of the day. Tails often lacked length or were whippy 1 Woodrow's Turangalila Tobias, male, shortest wedge in the class and this decided the placing although the wedge itself was uneven, fair dome, good ear setting, good eye colour and placement and shape, very weak profile, excellent coat for colour, texture and condition, nicely proportioned body and tail but the latter is rather thin 2 Oliver's Belcanto Duchess Elsa, female, fair head, weak nose break, square muzzle with slight pinch, chin falls away could be stronger, eyes good colour but very round in shape, ears very pointed with tiny tufts, coat very shady at present showing spots and bars, neat shaped feet, fair tail 3 Foster's Tarastar Madam Melissa, female, light in weight and lacked substance, coat very open in texture and showed bars on legs, fair ear-set but would prefer more width of skull, weak profile again, bad pinch, I realise many of these faults are due to teething and coats will change with maturity but one is judging the cat on the day and faults present then must influence placings although many of these faults are by no means permanent

6-9 mth: 1 Forbes-Crease's Heathrop Isolde, female, promising with nice dome, good profile and fair chin, eyes good for colour and setting, nicely proportioned body very good tail, coat excellent for texture and colour, neat feet but barred on legs, nice ear-set 2 Green's Tanoya Uritsina, female, fair head, nose a trifle long, weak profile, good eye colour and setting, some white hairs inside ears, good firm chin, nice body, tail, very dainty feet, lovely coat colour and condition, slight barrings on legs 3 Henderson's Rachmar Chaisee, male, most mature in the class, coat really sparkled with good health, nicely proportioned body and tail, fair wedge, eyes small and deep set soil expression, would prefer more width between ears, fair profile, chin falls away a little

Cream 3-6 mth: 1 Vryenhoef's Kalinka Anneline, female, correct coat colour and excellent texture, well shaped body and limbs, good tail, fair head, would prefer more width between ears, fair nose break, eyes of promising colour but inclined to be somewhat small and oriental in shape, completely free from tabby markings 2 Gardner's Katissimo Krema Brulee, female, young baby of superb type with lovely short wedge, good dome and ear-set, very good nose break and profile, excellent ears, eyes turning, tail could be longer, coat of even colour, some barring on knee joints, coat open, no doubt feeling cold, coat will change and improve, type is there to stay, I prefer to see type at this stage 3 Vryenhoef's Kalinka Kassandros, male, palest coat in class, nice condition, good body and tail but lacks substance, needs more weight, oriental shaped eyes, ideally nose could be shorter, fair nose break, neat legs and feet

6-9 mth: 1 Dennaforde's Odinski Cream Danella, female, best of breed, neat medium wedge with good nose break and firm chin, in fact a pleasing head with nice expression. Unfortunately eyes tending towards green, good body, legs and tail, coat a nice clear warm colour of sleek texture and good condition 2 Dennaforde's Odinski Cream Emperor, male, excellent condition, lovely all round type, coat of correct colour, free from bars, good body, legs and tail, neat feet, lovely short wedge, excellent dome and ear-set, nice nose break, very promising and ran winner close 3 Gardner's Patriarca Corraggio, male, nice clear coat of good texture and condition, good profile, dome and chin, nice ear setting, eyes smallish inclined to be oriental in shape and greenish in colour, nice body but thickish tail

Red 6-9 mth: 1 Foster's Rosaki April Sunshine, female, coat of nice even colour, showing a few bars on legs, fair head, nose shade long with weak break, eye-set fair but greenish colour, narrow between ears, lacks dome, fair tail, neat paws, nicely proportioned body and tail 2 Cawood's Mikatz Heather Honey, female, clear coat of good colour, seemed a little bit under the weather, had her haws up and eyes appeared tender, weak nose break, ears set high on narrow head, eyes oriental in shape, nice body and dainty paw, tail thick at root, lovely coat texture and a superb nature

AV SH British self neuter: 1 pr Smith's Koreen Santolina, beautiful British Blue, rather plump personality with lovely sound blue coat of excellent colour and texture, good cobby type, nice head and expression, neat tiny well placed ears, nice wide awake eyes of good colour, excellent condition 2 Hilliam's Praetorian Septimus, British Black of good type, lovely dense coat sound to roots, ears set a trifle high, unfortunately today was moulting heavily so his coat was not at its best, unlucky to meet winner

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die, now we come to an embarrassing situation, here is a cat which I do not consider ready for a merit award, he is also the only cat or kitten in the class which is not bred by me or of my breeding. I consider one should always be honest in placing cats at any show and to this end I withhold the certificate. I have the greatest respect for the Candela cats and consider that Mr and Mrs Hopkinson breed some of the finest British on the show bench today, however I do think that this cat is a generation away from being a show specimen, the potential is there to breed the right stock and it is for this and not showing that he should be used, look out for kittens sired by this male next year and you will agree in the improvement. I have a red male who is exactly at the same stage at home. A rangy young male, very much in the adolescent stage, will broaden out when mature, nice expression and when mature his cheeks will be filled out and give him a good head, eyes good for shape and colour, good nose leather, good width between ears but would prefer them smaller, coat open in texture and of good colour but at present showing far too many spots and markings instead of even tipping, good tail, excellent physical condition, another colour and this is what we want, most attractive, coat might clear a lot with maturity, the potential is here and the next generation will show a great improvement in tipping Down's Marcutt White Wonder, excellent cobby body and good masculine type, broad head, cheeks developing nicely, neat tiny ears which are well placed, eyes of good colour and rims but a shade deep set, tail in proportion to body, most promising male presented and prepared in the correct manner. He is much heavier tipped than some of the others but the criterion of this coat pattern is not the amount of tipping but the evenness of it and in this cat it is very even throughout. In fact, I would prefer a coat like this to one which is so light in tipping as to appear almost a self white cat. I like him. Kate's Marcutt Excel, male neuter, excellent British type, nice head and expression, eye colour good but a trifle deep set and he was very frightened by the people in the balcony and the loudspeaker so it was difficult to assess shape, good ear shape and placement, coat heavily tipped but tipping very even and free from any markings, good shaped tail showing slight vestigial rings, pity he was so upset because he is a very nice cat Gray's Silver Serena, very much a kitten so as a result many of her faults are due to her age, the basic type is there and as she matures she will broaden and fill out, good shaped head, essentially feminine with lovely alert expression, excellent eyes for colour and of a good shape and setting, ears good, at present moulting heavily and has lost a lot of undercoat so appears heavier tipped than she will be when she is in full coat, tail of correct length shows rings due to immaturity, promising kitten with a superb temperament. Hayland's Slookine Snowbird, very cobby kitten with neat paws and strong bone, broad skull, well set large round eyes of very good colouring, good nose leather, neat ears nicely placed on head and tiny, coat of good texture, clear from markings and evenly tipped throughout, tail well proportioned with nice end, I like very much, very good condition Bilson's Lorian Sonata, very good chunky kitten and a typical Britisher, well rounded head with good width between ears which are of correct shape and placing, eyes good for shape and colour with excellent setting, most pleasing expression, present in baby coat which shows some spotting but these should disappear by the time she has her adult coat, tail heavily ringed but not permanently, excellent condition, young baby who will improve as she gets older and matures. N WINDER

Mrs F Roden

THE NOTTS and Derby was a well organised and very enjoyable show. My thanks for the invitation to take part. The amount of room between pen-rows was an advantage especially appreciated in the afternoon. Also much appreciated was the very efficient and helpful assistance given by Mrs D Everington who very kindly came especially to steward. From the handling of the exhibits down to the last detail everything was given the utmost attention and nothing more could have been wished.

LH BLACK Ad male: 1 Rush's Touffue Mr Solo, large round eyes, good body shape, short full tail, quite good width at top, fairly neat ears nicely rounded at tips, needs a little more chin and nose could be a bit shorter, coat very shady at present and overall looked immature in an adult class, with regret ch not awarded as not quite reaching championship standard, but he is very young and time could be an advantage **Female:** 1 ch Wilson's Schirana Sufi, good type, sound coat, very good tail, nice top, very round eyes, good muzzle, neat nose, quite good chin, ears could be a little neater, more attention to grooming underneath, best of breed 2 Moon's Cinnabar Sable Night, very good type, short tail, well groomed soft ccat which was sound but showed traces of scurf, lovely physique, very neat ears, good muzzle, well balanced head, jaw not straight or level 3

raham's Deebast Marquesa, good type, short tail, coat almost sound but not full, neat ears, quite nice chin, round eyes, nicely balanced head, bite not level **3-6 mth:** 1 Holmes's Garingay Becky, good type, nicely balanced head, very round eyes, lovely expression, good width muzzle, ears could be a little neater, soft coat on the short side, sound on top, shady underneath, tail a little long and not well furnished 2 Webster's NAF, quite nice type, coat very shady, good tail, very round eyes, ears could be neater and needs a little more chin 3 Catt's Merry-boys Mr Woggy, short of coat but quite sound for colour, tail on the long side and rather thin, neat ears, nose a little long and needs a bit more chin **6-9 mth:** 1 Holt's Harendale Antonia, good type, very good top of head, neat ears, short nose, good width muzzle, quite nice chin, sound coat except for a little shadiness underneath, superb tail, nice expression, best of breed 2 Dalley's Teekola Heleena, coat very glossy but sparse, tail a little long, nice top of head, quite neat ears, short broad nose, needs a little more chin for balance, shows potential but not ready yet 3 Ashby's Cornwater Catrona, nice top of head, very large round eyes, good width muzzle, quite nice ears and chin, coat very unsound and needed more preparation, short full tail **AC LH Novice female:** 1 Bramwell's Cirrus Barabella 2 Walkley's Dawnway Stardust 3 Jenkinson's Cloudmist Annakarina. FRANCESCA RODEN

Miss D Grainger

CONGRATULATIONS GO to the show managers Dr and Mrs Bentley and their assistants on staging such an enjoyable show. The buffet lunch was most enjoyable and well organised. I was well looked after by M Payne, an excellent steward and an enjoyable companion.

SIAMESE Cream Point male: 1 ch Thorn's Caranbar Cream Consort, best of breed, nice type cat, good length of head, even colouring on mask, nice profile, good eye shape, colour looked good, good pale coat, tail could be trifle longer 2 Cook's Nicky Red Enka, lovely masculine sturdy cat, well grown now, mask of good colour, tabby markings on paws and flanks, coat now showing too much colour, good length whip 3 Green's Napoleon Cream Brandy, head lacks length and rather round, eyes fair, short in body, coat texture little open and tail rather thick **Female:** 1 ch withheld May's Palantir Mallorn, immature yet and lacks sparkle, good points for colour, fairly good profile, showing pinch, at present and little short in muzzle, pale coat and tail could be longer 2 Banton's Denka Chantilly Cream, rather immature, nice points for colour, showing pinch, coat of nice texture, tail short and thick at root **Tabby Point kitten 3-6 mth:** 1 Moore's Cheona Amicus, well grown Seal TP, fine bred kitten of lovely type, no thumb-marks yet on ears, good profile, lovely eye shape and colour, coat little dark, lovely whip 2 Dewhurst's Velhrist Venturion, Choc TP with nice thumbmarks, good profile and eye shape, muscular body, tail bit open at root but nicely tapered 3 Richardson's NAF (No 1242), Seal TP male, lovely top of head, nice eye shape, slight squint, good pale coat, fine whip **6-9 mth:** 1 Allen's Valena Beauregard, nice points and good head for length, slight dip in profile, good eye shape and colour, lovely sleek coat, very nice tail, matching points 2 Dear's Laranel Pindarie, promising kitten, good length of head and no pinch, lovely eye shape and colour, nice markings on paws, very nice tail for length 3 Harrison's Foxtwist Fair Dandy, lovely head and neck, nice strong chin, good oriental eyes, nice oat for colour, tail good length **Cream Point 6-9 mth:** 1 Buckley's Sikkum Cream Cleo, very elegant female, good eye and ear set, nice colour points, coat of even texture and colour, good tail, well grown, promising 2 May's Palantir Nevya, nice points for colour, ears little forward, very good eye colour but little full, good body length and tail 3 Henry's Balmwawa, nice ears with tufts, little narrow in muzzle, eyes little round, tail a wee bit short **AC Junior female:** 1 Wright's Quetinka Sabakoo Jansee, Tortie Tabby Point of lovely dainty type, good mingling, nice colour on paws, very sleek nice coat, slight markings on back and very nice whip 2 Walsh's Adonis Rosy Pearl, attractive Red Point with good length of head and nice ear placement, lovely body length, good whip 3 Russell's Johpas Tishkan, Tortie Point with well mingled ears and mask, feet at back little solid in colour, very nice eye shape and colour, good tail. DORIS GRAINGER

Mr J A Shewbridge

AN ENJOYABLE show and many thanks go to the committee for their invitation and hospitality. It must have been a record entry and the gate seemed very gratifying from the financial side. My thanks to Mrs Pitman, who acted as steward for the first time. After a nervous start she showed great understanding and I would be most pleased to have her help again in the future.

SIAMESE Seal Point male ad: 1 ch Richardson's Ch Seadog Pacal, very good type, strong masculine head with very good ear-set, excellent eye colour and shape, excellent profile, slight chin weakness, fine mus-

cular body, good tail, body colour rather dark and coat a little open 2 Beach's Seadog Rickadoo, fine male, ran winner very close, very good type, very good ear-set, very good eye colour and shape, excellent profile, very good chin, slight pinch and a little jowly, fine strong body, excellent coat texture and colour, long tail but a little thick at base 3 Wick's Ch Seadog Rondo, very good type, large ears set a little close, very good eye colour and shape, very good profile, slight chin weakness, slight pinch, fine long body, whip tail, body colour far too dark, no contrast **Female ad:** 1 ch best of breed Black's Frenchelle Sinead, most pleasing exhibit with almost perfect balance, very good type, excellent ear-set, very good eye colour and shape, very good profile and chin, slight pinch, fine neck, excellent body length and coat texture, dainty paws, very good whip tail, excellent temperament 2 Baker's Seadog Shula, very good type, very good ear-set, very good eye colour and shape, excellent profile and chin, fine neck and body, slight pinch, pale whisker pads and chin, excellent coat colour and texture, very good whip tail with minute kink at tip 3 Wick's Baranduin Inez, very good type, very good ear-set, very good eye colour and shape, very good profile and chin, slight pinch, fine neck, pale chin and whisker pads, excellent body length and tail, dark streak down centre of back possibly due to over-grooming **Lilac Point kitten 3-6 mth:** 1 Watson's Dainty Lady, deceptively good female, far better seen out of pen, very good type, very good ear-set, very good eye colour and shape, very good profile and chin, fine body length and tail, exceptionally fine coat, could have a promising future 2 Cowley's Maytime Olivia, female of very good type, very good ear-set and top of head, very good eye shape and colour, very good profile, slight chin weakness, good body length, very good texture, good tail length but a little thick at base 3 Mason's Eirrem June Roses, female, very good type, large ears but set a shade too high, very good eye shape and colour, very good profile, good chin a little square in muzzle, good body length and tail **6-9 mth:** 1 best of breed Blakey's Forgetmenot Mister Softee, male, very good type, ears could be a shade larger but well set, very good eye colour and shape, very good profile and chin, fine long muscular body, good long tail, coat seemed to be a little shaded and points rather deep lilac 2 Izard's Kapricio Snow White, female, very good type, large ears but set a shade too high, very good profile and chin, very good eye colour and shape, pinched muzzle, fine long body and tail, good coat texture and colour 3 Rolls's Craigiehillock Lilac Lynda, female, very good type, large ears, set a little too high, good eye colour but a little round and rather watery, good profile, weak chin, pinch, very good body length and tail, good coat colour and texture **Breed 3-2 neuter:** A poor class with one exception—2 and 3 withheld 1 pr Payne's Notch Chico, fine Red Point of very good type, very good ear set, very good eye colour, excellent shape, very good profile and chin, fine long muscular body, very good tail length **AC Breeders kitten female part 1:** 1 Baker's Shanida Samantha 2 Watson's Dainty Lady 3 Dray's Bickyroo Polly Flinders **Part 2:** 1 Baker's Mona Lee 2 Siviter's Michant Tzi Tzi Girl 3 West's Seafire Athena. J A SHEWBRIDGE

Rev G M Briscoe

I THANK the committee for inviting me to judge at their show once again and also for the excellent hospitality. Congratulations go to the show organisers, Dr and Mrs Bentley, their section managers and the many helpers for a well run show. Finally my grateful thanks to Anne Budge who was the perfect steward, handling the cats with love and affection and taking good care of me as well.

BURMESE Lilac male: 1 ch Clark's Ch Iluskass Baranyi, large, muscular boy with tail of correct length and shape, head has good width between ears, strong dome, fair nose break, coat slightly dark but clear and with a sheen, eye shape and set correct 2 Procter's Iluskass Raffinrullah, not as masculine as first, slightly short tail, profile shows weak chin and poor nose break, coat of excellent texture and colour but slight rings on tail, eye shape and set good **Female:** 1 ch best of breed Brownell's Paramount Dora-bella, long, elegant cat with dainty feet but short tail, head has good Burmese expression and good dome, coat of excellent texture with good sheen and pale colour, good eye shape and set 2 Wisdom's Paramount Enigma, body has good proportions with fine tail shape, head has short wedge, good width between ears, correct ear shape, good chin but weak nose break, clear coat of good colour and silky texture, eye shape and set correct 3 McLean's Jojon Melissa, body a little plump and tail has slight fault at tip, excellent nose break, chin fair, coat of good texture with sheen but colour dark, excellent eye shape and set **Red male:** 1 ch best of breed Bailey's Patriarca Pickapepper, long, muscular body with excellent tail, head has short wedge, good width between ears, correct dome and good profile, coat of good colour, free from barring, excellent texture, good eye shape and set **Female:** 1 ch Barker's Silkpaws Fireopal, well proportioned body, head has good Burmese expression,

short wedge and excellent profile, coat texture good, colour pale, excellent eye shape and set 2 Hilton's Wildmink Golden Sunrise, elegant cat, head has excellent dome, good nose break, fair chin, good red coat of excellent texture, one eye a little sore 3 Fleet's Bybrook Marigold, well proportioned body but tail short, head has excellent width and good profile but slight pinch, good coat texture but slight barring, eye shape and set good **Blue kitten 3-6 mth:** 1 Botting's Crinkum Crankum, long, elegant body but tail too thin and overlong, head lacks dome, profile shows weak break, good chin, coat of excellent texture with sheen 2 Short's Patriarca Puffin Perhoo, small with whippish tail, head has good nose break, deep receding chin, eyes too close and legs are bandy **6-9 mth:** 1 best of breed Pemberton's Brungiallo Fiorella, plumpish body with correct tail and dainty feet, coat has good texture with sheen but is dark, profile shows good nose break and chin, head has good dome between correctly placed ears, eyes roundish 2 Legg's Sekula Hohoka, well proportioned body with excellent tail, profile shows poor nose break and receding chin, head lacks dome, coat colour and texture good 3 Pyott's Tioti Blue Marina, head has good width between ears and good dome, coat texture good but brindled, eye shape and set good **Tortie kitten 3-6 mth:** 1 best of breed Brownell's Patriarca Periquita, Blue, delightful little kitten with very good Burmese expression, head has short wedge, good profile, well set ears, coat still woolly but well mingled, good eye shape and set 2 Chamberlain's Cheltiki Tamee Starglo, Blue, well proportioned body but tail too short, head has excellent profile, good width between ears and good dome, good coat texture, well mingled 3 Fleet's Bybrook Polka Dot, Brown, head has short wedge, good width, well set ears, strong chin, fair nose break, soft textured coat, haws were up **6-9 mth:** 1 Pattinson's Wildmink Arateeka, Brown, head has good Burmese wedge with correct width between ears, well set ears, good chin, fair nose break, eye shape and set good 2 Oliver's Lochibank Rosalind, Blue, good Burmese head with excellent dome but poor nose break, good ruddy coat of fine texture, eye shape and set good 3 Bryson's Nepita, well proportioned Brown cat, head has short wedge, good dome, strong chin, fair nose break, well mingled coat showing plenty of red **AC Neuter kitten:** 1 Firth's Firedance Figaro, Chocolate, good tail but with slight fault, head has good profile and good width, light coloured, even coat, correct eye shape and set **Novice:** 1 Williams's Majik Glen Fiddick 2 Maye's Silkpaws Sunspire 3 Begley's Moquetas Diana **Radii:** 1 Evans's Eko Blue Miska 2 Evans's Fingelod Fleur 3 Cockayne's Slookine Chocolate Sindy. G M BRISCOE

Mrs S Knight

CONGRATULATIONS GO to Dr and Mrs Bentley and everyone who had anything to do with the running of this magnificent show. Everything seemed to be perfect and there wasn't one mistake in my judging book, thank you Bob. The hotel was very comfortable. Dorrie Brice-Webb acted as hostess for the evening. Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge. It was a really happy show. To my efficient and hard working steward Mrs V Barlow many thanks, as she was a very great help through a busy day and handled the cats well.

BIRMAN Male ad: 1 ch best of breed Hendy-Ibbs's Arbaybi Sovereign, I believe this boy became a champion today, congratulations to his owner and breeder, good Seal points, socks and gloves good, nice head with good width, tail full just a little short, coat soft and full, full frill, deep blue eyes 2 Downs's Marcha Bestman, Seal, gloves good, one sock only half white, very good coat and frill, nice type and eye colour, soft full coat of a golden shade, eyes a good shade of blue 3 Rowley's Salwana Serengetti RAF TAF, good type and eye colour, nice head shape, socks not very good, they should come to a point at the back, gloves quite good, tail bushy, eyes a good blue **Female:** 1 ch Wilson's Ambur Karenni, Seal, lovely soft coat and full frill, very good head, deep blue eyes, very good type socks and gloves, good tail bushy and right length 2 Gray's Menelik Mi Annabelle, Seal, coat a little harsh on back, good broad head, good type, gloves and socks quite good, good eyes for colour and shape 3 Phillips's Sheena Selina, very good blue eyes, coat soft and a nice shade, good head, too much brown on one glove, socks fair **LH BLUE Neuter:** 1 pr Staples's Gr Pr Schirana Sandaq, lovely male cat with pale full even coat, excellent type, large round deep copper eyes, broad round head with neat well placed ears, firm chin, short full tail 2 Alton's Crowdcote Jo-Jo, big boy, could do with more show preparation, large broad round head, eyes a little pale, short broad nose, firm chin, coat shady, short full tail 3 Morgan's Crowdcote Blue Valentine, male, eyes large and round but pale, coat rather shady, good head with neat ears, firm chin, short full tail **AC LH Junior female Part 1:** 1 Jameson's Clybet Misha 2 Hebblewhite's Springheels Poppy, Red Self, deepest copper eyes, short broad nose, firm chin, broad round head, coat a good red but at present has tabby markings on front of head

3 Walter's Vanwest Anchoon **Part 2:** 1 Taylor's Shahlyna Dione, Chinchilla, lovely lightly ticked coat, excellent head with neatest of ears, large round deep green eyes, would like chin just a little firmer, short full tail 2 Gjersoe's Ch Ivanhoe Snow Shepardress 3 Session's Lafrebella Dulcie. **STELLA KNIGHT**

Mrs E Menezes

CONGRATULATIONS GO to the show organisers and their committee on a very well run show. I was very pleased to have brought Jack and Jill. I know they gave pleasure to so many children. I thank the club for the lovely cushion bed they received. They will be using it on our programme. To Margaret Haynes once again I thank you for your efficient and cheerful company.

BRITISH BLUE Male: 1 ch Van-Schack's Ch Vanathan Blue Panda, excellent type, lovely head, flat top, small ears, firm legs, short tail correct length, very good coat colour and texture, firm chin, light not very good to determine eye colour 2 Lucas's Gemstone Boy Blue, nice cat, very good head, neat ears, very good coat colour and texture, good tail, nice sturdy legs 3 Griffiths's Pi-Den Bluerajah, slightly leggy, would like him more compact, ears held a little high, very good coat colour, nice texture, nice cheeks **Female:** 1 ch Sheredan's Lotties Blue Imogen, excellent type, good head, flat skull, neat ears, good chest, firm legs, nice length tail, excellent coat colour and texture, lovely eyes 2 Jenkins's Brynbyboo Smart Pants, very nice head, good solid body, firm legs, good chest, very good tail, eyes could be deeper colour but light was bad, slight stop 3 Bailey's Broadweir Purdey, not such a solid cat, very good head but ears a little large, good coat colour, good tail, nice expressive eyes **Kitten 3-6 mth:** 1 Sheridan's Devere Charisma, adorable, very good coat colour and texture, excellent type, solid very good head, flat top, nice eyes, colour coming through **6-9 mth:** 1 Berry's Broadweir Blue Angelo, excellent type, good solid tail but a little long, excellent colour and texture, very good head, firm chin, very good eye shape 2 Raby's Candela Penny Royal, very good type, very good coat colour and texture, good head, neat ears, lovely eyes, nice tail 3 Heap's Ryelands Ashley, very good type, flat head, neat ears, but nose a little long, good tail but fur fluffed out on it today **AC Novice neuter:** 1 Ashmore's Kralahome Cover Dellon, lovely Cornish Rex, lovely type, excellent coat, very wavy, lovely tail waves to the very end, lovely head, firm chin, good neck 2 Rodgers's Abbotsbrook Lucifer, Korat, very nice type, good coat showing silver tip, nice heart-shaped head, firm chin, would like greener eyes.

EDITH MENEZES

Mrs M Kidd

A MOST enjoyable show, beautifully organised by Dr and Mrs Bentley and their section show managers. Very many thanks for the invitation to judge and all the most comfortable hospitality. It was a great pleasure to be with you all. Mr Bob Day was an excellent steward in every way. Thank you, Bob, very much for all your help on a busy day.

ABYSSINIAN Male ad: 1 Lancaster's Deetiel Enrico, very friendly boy of warm colour and distinct ticking, very little white and no barring, well coloured tummy, withheld ch because of fair type generally, tail rather short and head very short with rather upright ears **Female ad:** 1 ch and best of breed Rose's Seawind Sable Twenty Pins, lovely girl of good colour and ticking, with the true, short, close Abyssinian coat, excellent Abyssinian type, beautifully firm, lithe and muscular, excellent ear-set, correct wedge with good width of head across well set bold eyes, very pleasing exhibit 2 Freeman's Charming Lottie, lovely colour and clear ticking, excellent fine, short close coat and good texture, very good type, nice black heels and no barring, touch of white on chin and whisker pads, good head, would have preferred it a little wider, nose profile too straight, excellent ear-set, eyes could be bolder **BURMESE Chocolate male ad:** 1 ch Allen's Deucalion Mars, excellent boy of lovely coat and even colouring, feeling fit and muscular, lovely type and ear-set, chin fractionally weak, excellent Burmese stop, chartreuse eyes of good shape, tail slightly short 2 Walkden's Sleetkine Chocolate Shumin, lost to winner on coat, good type overall, lovely short wedge, fairly good stop, good ear-set, rather pale eyes **Female ad:** 1 ch and best of breed Ramage's Deucalion Gemini, excellent female of excellent colour, very even and very little contrast, lovely textured coat, superb type with good width between ears, good stop, lovely eyes for shape and colour, very, very little to choose between best male and best female 2 Cockayne's Sleetkine Chocolate Sindy, coat of good even colour and nice texture, rather American in type, round, pale chartreuse eyes **AC Kitten 3-6 mth:** 1 Chapman's Bojangles Silver Lady 2 Chapman's Bojangles Charley's Angel 3 Barham's Julia Augusta **Breeders:** 1 Forbes-Crease's Heathrop Isolde 2 Woodrow's Turangalla Timonel 3 Pemberton's Brungiallo Fiorella **Visitors neuter:** 1 Pallett's Coella Blue Perle 2 Unwin's Briewlow Azaz 3 Botling's Heathrop Thuya Tangyi.

MARGARET KIDD

Mrs E M Denton

CONGRATULATIONS GO to show organisers Dr and Mrs Bentley, section managers and hard working committee for a very happy and well organised show. My thanks also for the kind hospitality shown to me on the Friday evening also for the transport to and from the station. To my efficient and hard working steward Mrs M Weston I send my gratitude. She handles the cats with care and understanding and is a tower of strength on a busy day. Thank you Mary.

LH TORTOISESHELL Ad: 1 ch best of breed Tatlow's Ch Hazelmere Sherry, very attractive cat with good head, well spaced neat ears, short nose, lovely eyes, very good type and firm chin, full coat colour, well defined short full tail, well groomed 2 Davenport's Coin Water Tammy, I liked this cat, her colouring was good, pity she was short of coat on the day, good head, neat ears, eyes round and good colour, good type and firm chin 3 Levin's Deebank Nutmeg, good cat, nice round head, neat ears, short nose, good type eyes, good colour, coat a nice texture and good colours, this little cat is promising **TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE Ad:** 1 ch best of breed Bundy's Ch Adnie Heidi, lovely girl, very good head, ears well set, a little open at base, short nose, excellent type, firm chin, eyes good colour, cobby body, thick short legs, patching good, coat nice texture, very good condition and well groomed 2 Pope's Poppatoo Coquine, pretty cat, head and type not so good as winner, nice eyes, coat a nice texture and good patching, very good condition and well groomed **AC LH Junior male:** 1 Froggatt's Sylvanda Pepito 2 Wick's Corniche Leander 3 Tatlow's Mister Golliwog.

E M DENTON

Mrs D Threadingham

I WAS very happy to judge at one of my favourite show, and congratulate Dr and Mrs Bentley on such a well run show. My day was made however in having my daughter Kay to steward for me. She was home on one of her rare visits from South Africa.

ABYSSINIAN Usual 3-6 mth: 1 Watson's Burlesque Brumas, my best Aby today, superb little lad, beautiful head, good tail, very little white and no bars, ticking coming through very well and altogether an excellent exhibit 2 Ryder's Seawing RAF, nice little girl, as yet no depth of colour, so gave a cold appearance, also a slight kink in tail **Red 3-6 mth:** 1 Price's Firefly Tamandira Charisma, such lovely tufts to her ears, I hoped the rest of her would be as good, I am afraid she had really too much white and would have liked her head to be a little longer, a babe as yet so another month or two could see a great improvement **AV SH Novice:** 1 Dewsbury's Zatasha Silver Pixie, very lovely Silver Tabby, very good head, very slight brindling but head and markings so good, this little girl was my best in a very large class 2 Serr's Arjaze Gideon, superb British Black male, very good head, good dense coat of real black, eyes a little on the green side but good overall exhibit 3 Eckersley's Harlain Demeta, male, very good Russian, beautiful eyes, good density of coat, slight barring of tail, good exhibit.

DORIS THREADINGHAM

Mrs P H Absalam

WHAT A pleasure it was to judge some beautiful cats, all first prize winners in their owners' eyes and how very difficult it is. We didn't have one tetchy one, although I did have one tetchy owner who said he thought the judging was very poor this year! I thank Dr and Mrs Bentley and the committee for inviting me to judge and giving me the opportunity to see lovely Nottingham and the pleasure of staying in the superb Savoy Hotel. My steward was Miss Karen Dutton who did an excellent job and didn't miss out on anything although it was her first time. I hope she enjoyed it as much as I did and I hope you steward again Karen as you have an excellent way with cats of being firm but gentle.

HOUSEHOLD PETS AOC LH ex black, black and white or tabby: 1 Holmes's Domino, I fell in love with this most attractive and charming cat, really appealing in looks and temperament, very large mainly white cat with attractive brown tabby smudges on chin, nose, leg and tail, beautiful condition and came out to be judged purring all the time, in fact I awarded him my rosette for my choice of household pet, on looking at my catalogue later I was amazed to find he is only one year old, a superb cat 2 Edwards's Goldie, younger cat but a lovely exhibit, really nice red tabby, lovely clear colour, good bone, lovely temperament, nicely presented in very good condition, will be very striking when mature **SH Black or black and white:** 1 Hallam's Midnight Prowler, lovely cat with superb coat and condition, lovely bone, well fed shining black cat, very large and alert, a few white hairs on chest only, very good temperament 2 Aykroyd's Ziggy, huge cat with lovely temperament, came out purring, very good black, coat not quite so sparkling as above, nicely presented but white blanket preferred 3 Walker's Samuel, massive black in excellent condition, lovely temperament, lovely sparkling coat, well presented ex 3 Wooley's Suey Pie, sweet little

black kitten, a few white hairs on tummy, very placid and sweet temperament, beautifully presented **AC Visitors part 1,** 1 Hyde's Sherry, beautiful tortie and white in superb condition, huge bone, sparkling coat, excellent clear patching and snowy white parts, beautifully presented 2 Watkins's Marmaduke of Swifen, what a posh name, quite befitting the cat from what I remember of him! Massive red tabby Shorthair, excellent temperament, really lovely condition, lovely coat texture and colour, would like posh blanket to enhance his good looks ex 2 Wale's Thomas, beautiful cat in excellent condition, black with some white, really lovely shiny coat and strong bone, excellent presentation 3 Quinton's Mitzy, absolutely sparkling condition, tortie/ tabby/ white, very clear bright face, pretty colouring, lovely cat but a little nervous, lovely temperament and superbly presented, I was amazed to see from my catalogue that Mitzy is nearly seven years old, she certainly carries her age well ex 3 Fox's Gerry Puss, very attractive red tabby Shorthair, appealing expression, lovely condition, nice clear markings, lovely temperament, beautifully presented **Part 2:** 1 Domino 2 Midnight Prowler 3 Goldie ex 3 Owen's Lindy Lou, very lively kitten, beautiful clear markings, excellent condition, beautifully presented tabby with sparkling white bib. **PATRICIA M ABSALOM**

Mrs M Graham

CONGRATULATIONS ARE due to the organisers and their section show managers on a very well run show. It was marvellous to have lunch without waiting. It was disappointing to see several exhibits with almost wedge-shaped heads and even oriental eyes. A couple of exhibits had powder left in their coats. Because of the quality of the lighting I found the eye colour difficult to assess. Many thanks go to Mrs Brenda Barrett for her care and efficiency in handling the exhibits. I look forward to working with you again, Brenda, and hope you enjoyed your day as much as I did.

LH Cream 3-6 mth: 2 Morris's Dalmor Heatwave, male, good top of head and neat ears, too much above eyes giving impression of longer nose, head not balanced, muzzle pinched, lacks cheeks, needs more chin, short brush with slight ghost markings, good pale even coat with powder not completely removed 3 Henderson's Mavournen Kerrygold, male, narrow top of head, ears a little large and open and on top of head, very short broad nose with pronounced stop, eyes a little weepy, probably teething, face lacked width, good cobby body with short legs, good coat colour, needs more show preparation **6-9 mth:** 1 Cole's Gillyanne Dolly, female of excellent type, good top of head, neat ears, large round eyes, short broad nose, firm chin, good muzzle, lovely full apple cheeks, well balanced head, good bone, short full brush, well groomed coat of nice colour, best of breed 2 Cole's Gillyanne Prince, litter brother to winner, very good type, nice top of head with well placed ears, good sized eyes, slightly deep-set, nice short nose, chin could be a little stronger, good bone, short brush, nice coat colour, good show preparation 3 Marston's Scallywag Dandy Lion, rather over-typed male, good top of head and neat ears, eyes slightly stained, very short nose, good chin and full cheeks, short brush with rather a pale tip, even coloured coat which needed more show preparation.

MARJORIE GRAHAM

Mrs M E Crickmore

THE NOTTS and Derby was a most enjoyable show. Congratulations go to the show organisers, Dr and Mrs K Bentley, and to the show managers and committee. It must have been a great success. Thanks for the hospitality and the excellent lunch so tastefully displayed. Much work must have gone into this. I especially liked the judge's book which allowed plenty of room for notes on each exhibit. It was greatly appreciated. Many thanks are due to my excellent steward, Mrs Lorna Wicks, for all the hard work that she put in and to Mr Wales for his kindness in taking me to the station, when there seemed no hope of getting a taxi, in time for my train.

AC LH Maiden female: 1 Bramwell's Cirrus Barbarella, excellent Chinchilla, excellent head, lovely eyes, good soft textured coat, would have preferred a little more ticking on back 2 Ingham's Crustine, lovely Cream of excellent type, short nose, firm chin, good tail, excellent pale cream coat but rather shady on back, very good queen 3 Eastoll's Edelsteign Krambamball, Seal Point Colourpoint, very attractive young queen, just out of kitten class, very promising, excellent type, good head, lovely eyes **Senior female:** 1 Wilson's Ambur Larenni, lovely Seal Point Birman shown to perfection, not a hair out of place, excellent coat and head, good evenly marked white gloves, gauntlets also evenly marked and well up on back legs 2 Owen's Ch Kennerleigh Naomi, excellent type Blue Cream, good head, excellent coat, nicely intermingled blue and cream, unlucky to meet winner 3 Ingham's Tamdle Sweet Suzy, Blue-Cream of very good type, lovely eyes, good head, short nose, good chin and coat **Visitors female self:** 1 Judge's Admil Valentina Snow Gem, OE White, excellent queen in full coat, lovely head, small ears,

well shown 2 Hebblewhite's Springheels Poppy, excellent Red Self, lovely coat rich red, very good type, excellent head 3 Keighley's Andelia Cream Rose, Cream, really excellent queen, full pale cream coat, small ears set well apart, lovely head, little between these three. The rest of my classes were club classes but I should like to mention Yarrow's Sarasamson Purdi, an excellent Tortoiseshell kitten with excellent richly coloured coat, lovely head and should do well.

MARGARET E CRICKMORE

Supreme

Mrs I Keene

CONGRATULATIONS GO to all concerned in running the show, especially thanks to Mr and Mrs Furber, also Mr and Mrs Shewbridge for all their hard work and being so helpful.

SIAMESE Chocolate Point male: 1 ch Brain's Moondance Flambeau, excellent type, good head and profile, lovely eye shape and colour, best opposite cat 2 Mort-Williams's Ch Chairross Ariel, long head and good profile, eyes good for shape and colour, long body, nice oval paws 3 Ackroyd's Ch Springfield's Bimbala, good head spoilt by weakness of chin, beautiful coat colour, well placed ears, tail should be little longer **Female:** 1 ch Spencer's Ch Foxtwist Aurora, excellent type, large well placed ears, coat colour and texture excellent, although brindled she was best for colour 2 Griggs's Ch Chatglo Jaya, good type, little short in head but no pinch excellent eyes for shape and colour, pale coat and no shading, also good for texture 3 withheld 4 King's Ch Dibadab Choshemar, head fair and very brindled, eyes too round and close together, little on the heavy side, long fine whip **Male kitten:** 1 Kalal's Kalaiova Marcelus, broad head, ears well set, eyes a little pale, good body length and tail, points good colour 2 Kershaw's Busybee Minstrel, head needs length, eyes good colour, ears far too dark, needs fining down, coat shaded **Female:** 1 Long's Coffee Cascade, very good head, lovely eye colour but too full, body length good, fine legs and oval paws 2 Handy's Bryncoron Ineetoo, medium type, long head, chin weakness, very brindled, eyes pale, well set large ears, fine whip brindled at base 3 Hendy's Bryncoron Maybelle, too heavy, needs fining down, average head, ivory coat colour but a little long. These classes were very disappointing **Seal Point neuter:** 1 pr Wilkins's Premier Cupid Dominic, excellent head and profile, good eyes and well set ears, long body and tail which is a little thick, warm body colour and of good texture 2 Evans's Gr Pr Bernadries Jamaica Sam, good head, eyes too pale, well placed ears, long body, fine tail, coat a little patchy today 3 Honour's Pr Beauwill Barnabas, good head and excellent ear shape, fine type, long legs, good coat contrast and texture. **I KEENE**

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National

Mrs S Bullock

CONGRATULATIONS MUST be given once again to Mrs Pond and her efficient supporters for this show. I think most judges would agree that they had a much lighter load this year and it made for a much more enjoyable and leisurely day. You came away having seen something of the show and not just feeling you had been judging up to the last minute and the National had passed you by. I had the pleasure once more of having Anne Emmott to steward for me and we had a very enjoyable day together.

SIAMESE Lilac Point kitten 3-6 mth male: 1 Haywood's Maytime Peer Gynt, quite well grown, well balanced ears but a tendency to bonnet them, lovely clear coat, good lilac points, good long tail but unfortunately has a kink which was not visible, slight pinch, good eye shape and colour, slight bump on nose 2 Cook's Southlea Snow Stroller, quite a nice well balanced, kitten, rather dark points, very well set ears, quite nice profile, good wedge but a little short, nose tending to be rather blue in colour, lovely eye shape and colour, tail rather thick at base, coat colour rather muddy **Female 3-6 mth:** 1 Haywood's Maytime Orchid, extremely nice, lovely well balanced head, good even wedge, nice top of head, lovely ears, good eye shape and colour, good tail, beautifully presented and lovely to handle 2 Tatschner's Thelema Lilac Emma, quite well grown, good size ears but rather close together, eyes rather full, showing a pinch at the moment, nose tending to be blue, tail could do with being a little longer, good oval paws 3 Taylor's Tao Tana, again rather bluey looking, ears rather small and a little upright, eyes round, dip in nose, good whip tail but needs more length, quite nice coat **Female 6-9 mth:** 1 Isard's Kaprico Snow White, very good length of head, unfortunately had a very bad pinch, could do with more chin, lovely profile, eyes rather pale, nice ears but a little close together, lovely tail, very well presented, lovely close-lying coat 2 Lloyd's Pavara Silvery Sunlight, well grown well presented kitten but rather blue looking, lovely oval

paws, good profile, ears a little close together, rather a bad pinch, lovely close coat, very slight kink 3 Roberts's Mincella Tamsyn, rather short head, lovely ears, very weak chin, rather masculine looking head, nice ears, eyes a bit small and piggy, good tail, nice close coat.

S BULLOCK

[The above report was received by us on January 23—Ed]

Mrs M Howe

MANY THANKS go to Mrs Pond and the committee for inviting me again. The catering for judges made such a difference and it was lovely not to feel pressed for time. Thanks also to Mrs Green who is a very able steward and handled the cats so well.

BURMESE Brown male: 1 ch Harkness's Rainer Hadleigh, excellent type, good size and head, nice profile and firm chin, correct feet and tail, good coat texture, possibly a little dark in colour, excellent temperament 2 Williams's Majik Glen Fiddick, lovely type and temperament, good head, excellent eye colour and shape, lovely coat texture, tail rather whip 3 Marshall's Paramount Crackers, very lively cat, good type, nice head, lovely eye shape and colour, good profile r Vogt-Chapman's Procul Hercules, nice rounded top of head, good nose break, eye colour good, rather weak chin, good coat texture, even colour **Female:** 1 ch Clark's Tuppytoes Kitchi Darling, typical Burmese female, neat, elegant, good head, nose break fair, excellent eye colour shape and set, good tail 2 Warren-Hurlock's Linlinkye Minette, excellent type, good head and dome, lovely eye colour and shape, good sheen on coat, tail a bit short 3 Amey's Komoko Chrystabelle, larger cat, excellent condition, good head, eye shape

good, colour pale, good coat colour and texture r Goodrich's Kasimir Angie's Baby, cat with outstanding eye colour but I thought head rather long and a bit flat on top, good coat colour and texture, neat legs and feet **AC Kitten:** 1 Harkness's Mourzouk Victoria Leigh, excellent type, good head and dome, good nose break, correct ear-set, very nice kitten 2 Floutier's Procul Tamasin, elegant kitten, polished coat, very good type, excellent head, lovely eye colour and shape 3 Forbes-Crease's Heathrop Isolde, typical Burmese, good head, lovely eyes, nice ear shape and set, very good coat texture, good tail ex 3 Miller's Kandi Niob Aspen, Blue male kitten, very mature coat texture, excellent eye colour and shape, good nose break r Robinson's Tectona Khadine, good type,

nice head, firm chin, excellent coat colour and texture, good tail **Neuter male:** 1 Pallot's Pr Artemis Nijinsky, excellent type, large muscular cat, lovely temperament, good eye colour and shape, nice ear set, good profile 2 Crouch's Pedro Perez, excellent type, lovely width between ears, round top of head, nice profile, good nose break, good eye shape and set, colour fair 3 Blood's Ellinis Cream Carter, lovely Cream, excellent temperament, good head, good ear set, excellent coat colour and texture 4 Beswick's Kanzan Blue Pussylvet, good type, nice head, lovely eye shape and colour, good coat colour, tail a bit ringed.

MARGARET HOWE

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Official show list

FEBRUARY 4: Scottish Cat Club championship, McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

FEBRUARY 11: Suffolk and Norfolk Cat Club championship, Corn Exchange, Ipswich.

FEBRUARY 18: Preston and Blackpool Cat Club championship, Leopold Grove Exhibition Hall, Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

FEBRUARY 18: Northern Ireland Cat Club Sanction, Technical College, Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland.

FEBRUARY 25: Coventry and Leicester Cat Club championship, Coventry Sports Centre, Fairfax Street, Coventry.

MARCH 4: Wessex Cat Club championship, Town Hall, Bournemouth.

MARCH 11: Lancashire Cat Club championship, The Forum, Wythenshaw, Manchester.

MARCH 18: Surrey and Sussex Cat Association championship.

MARCH 25: Croydon Cat Club championship, Agricultural Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

APRIL 1: Northern Siamese Cat Society championship, The Sun Pavilion, Valley Gardens, Harrogate.

APRIL 8: The Essex Cat Club championship, Picketts Lock Centre, Edmonton, London.

APRIL 15: Siamese Cat Society of Scotland championship, City Hall, Perth.

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SALLY BRIDGES

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