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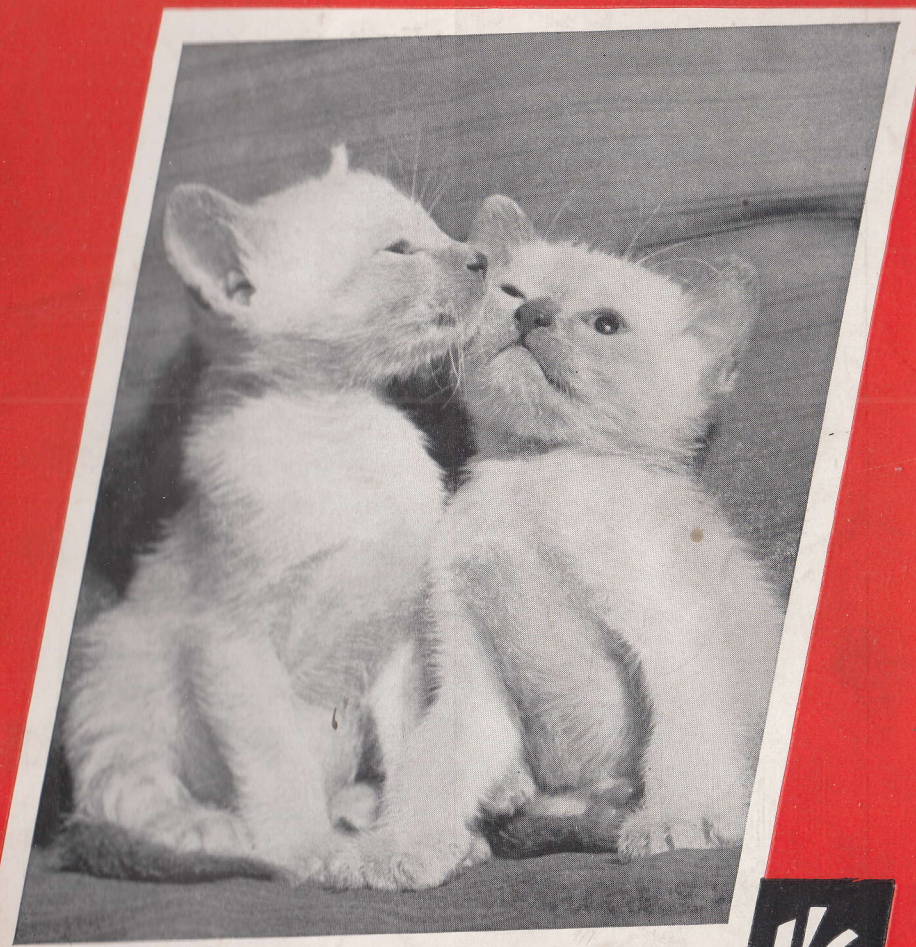
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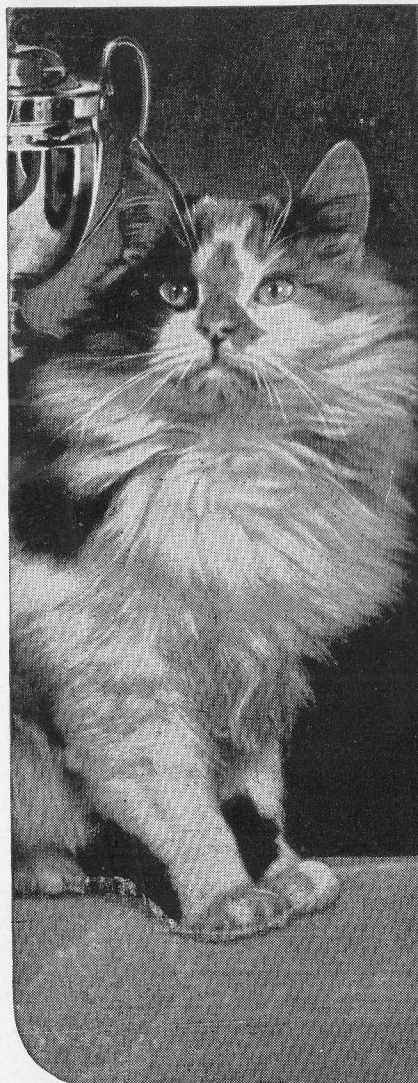
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- (1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management;
- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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THANKS!

A Happy New Year to our readers—everywhere. May you all enjoy Good Health with the blessings of Peace and may 1952 pass into history as a year of record achievement for our feline friends.

The progress made by the Magazine over the past year was reflected in some measure by the wonderful assortment of greetings and goodwill messages we received from readers all over the world. They made an impressive display. Individual acknowledgment would have been an impossible task.

So through the medium of this brief editorial we would like to say: Thank you each and everyone for your kind thoughts and encouraging messages of appreciation.

EDITOR

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Police are seeking relatives of an 80-year-old widow who for twenty years had lived alone in Southend with her cat. She was found dead with her pet sitting by her side. Neighbours said she was "one of those lonely old ladies."

Stonor Matilda, exported by Miss G. K. Sladen, the well-known Manx breeder, won Best Manx at the Golden Gate Cat Club's All Breed Show for her new owners, Dr. and Mrs. Curphey, of Stockton, California. Best Opposite was Rusty of Ri-Bo, a

red tabby Manx shown by those enthusiastic Californian fanciers Rita and Bob Wilson.

Elizabeth Gilbert, of Glasgow, wrote to the "Sunday Express" as follows: "My three cats have cost me £20 this year through destruction of ornaments, crockery and furniture." This revelation obviously interested the Editor because he has invited readers to send their experiences for publication. He asks: How much does it cost to keep a pet? Which of them causes the most damage?

Let's go to a Show

We urge readers to attend as many Cat Shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers

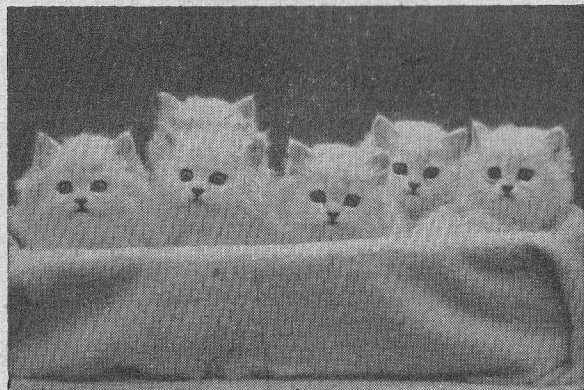
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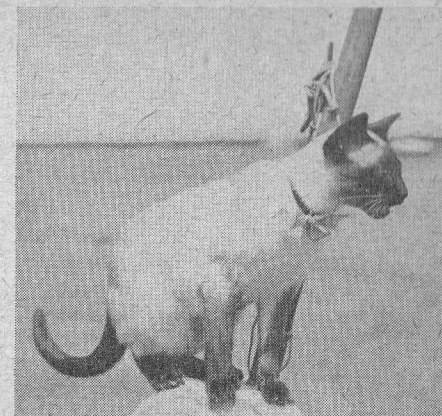
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Bo'sun - World Voyager

We continue from last month the story of Bo'sun, the sea-going Siamese. The other members of the crew of the little yacht "Mary Hillier" are George Blackburn and his American-born wife Dee, our narrator.

ALL through the winter and early spring last year George and I worked very hard day and night in an effort to get the yacht ready for our trip. Oftentimes we'd get a little weary of the grind, so when the better weather arrived, occasionally we'd take off for a few days' sail. These excursions pleased Bo'sun no end. He really loves to go to sea. We visited many of the little harbours in and around the Isle of Wight and Bo'sun became a well-known character in many ports. Immediately we arrived people enquired about him.

One time we sailed into Beaulieu River and moored alongside the yacht "Siska," belonging to a Mr. Murphy. On board th's yacht was a lovely dog called Buttons. Bo'sun disappeared and I asked Mr. Murphy if he were aboard his yacht, and his reply was: "I would doubt it very much with old Buttons sitting there so complacently." He told us there wasn't an ounce of malice in the dog's make-up, but that he was terrified of cats. Well, Bo'sun didn't appear for some time, so we decided to have a "look-see" on Mr. Murphy's yacht. When we had searched most of the ship we dis-



Bo'sun giving orders from the stern of the S.Y. "Mary Hillier."

covered Bo'sun curled up side of Buttons in a most affectionate manner, with old Buttons quite definitely enjoying the feline attention.

Another time when we visited the Beaulieu River we moored alongside a large ketch, and Bo'sun paid the yacht a visit, uninvited. At the time no one was aboard. Later in the evening the owners appeared and I overheard a conversation they had with a man on the quay. It went something like this: "I say, that's a lovely cat you have." Then I heard a woman say "Cat?" "Yes; do you not have a cat aboard?" The answer was a very firm and decided "No!" in a tone that meant she was afraid of or just didn't like cats.

Just before they came aboard their ship I missed Bo'sun, and fearing he might frighten the woman or come to some grief himself, I went up on deck and called, "Bo'sun, come along, it's bed time," and more along the same vein. Soon, of course, Bo'sun appeared. Next day we had occasion to meet the people and they said my enticing sweet nothings caused them considerable amusement until they discovered that Bo'sun was our cat. It seems they had a paid hand aboard whom they called Bo'sun and

they thought a rendezvous was being planned!

Bo'sun loved Beaulieu River because he was allowed ashore there without a lead. We used to take long walks through the woods and a more attractive spot would be hard to find. He'd scamper through the shrubbery and up the trees and have a wonderful time chasing the little field mice.

When the weather turned for the better in early spring we decided that we needed a change of scenery in spite of the fact that our yacht was still far from ready for our extended cruise. But we felt that all work and no play took some of the joy out of life, so one morning bright and early we set sail for Cherbourg, France, expecting to be away about seven days. We came back six weeks later! Our sail across was simply delightful and Bo'sun seemed to enjoy it just as much as we did. Bo'sun's appearance on a lead in England was always cause for comment, but on his visit to France the French people were astounded. They apparently had never seen a cat on a lead, and many had never seen a Siamese cat before. Several people asked me if he were a monkey. I must confess there are times when I, too, have my doubts. His mischievousness is one reason, but mainly because he loves to sit on my shoulder.

A Birthday Treat

We were in France on Bo'sun's first birthday—17th May—and he had a lovely party. His present was a little red leather lead and harness with silver studs, and he had a goodly portion of liver for lunch, ice cream (which he loves) for tea, and calves' heart for dinner.

From France we went to St. Peter Port, Guernsey, and here again the people were most impressed and amused at seeing Bo'sun on a lead.

From time to time I've bought him playthings, none of which amuse him

as much as crinkled cellophane or the crackling of paper bags. In Guernsey I found the most realistic rubber mouse and Bo'sun fell in love with it. He plays with it for hours, and invariably when I go to the galley for the preparation of meals he'll get his mouse and drop it at my feet so I can toss it into the fo'c'sle, where he retrieves it. This game would go on for hours if I could equal his stamina. We christened his mouse "Mickey," and at the mere mention of its name he quickly goes up to the shelf where it lives and takes it out for a game. Oftentimes when mouse-fearing females are aboard and Bo'sun appears with the mouse in his mouth there are squeals of terror and much scrambling, all of which amuse Bo'sun tremendously.

Confined to Ship

Bo'sun's first visit to France temporarily halted his shore-going excursions. When we returned to England we were told he must go into quarantine for six months, which shook us not a little. However, when we explained that we expected to be leaving England again in a matter of weeks, we were allowed to keep him aboard on condition that he was never taken ashore. He just couldn't understand his confinement. And when it was necessary for my husband and I to leave the ship together, he'd sit side of his lead and look so forlorn that it caused me no little heartache. He survived his temporary confinement, but I must say was terribly upset when he realised that he couldn't accompany us on our trips ashore as he usually did.

During the early summer, after our return from France and the Channel Islands, we'd take short trips to nearby harbours just for a break and a change of scenery. These little excursions compensated Bo'sun in a small way for his confinement, as he thoroughly enjoys sailing and visiting

new places. Many of the harbours where we moor have their local seagulls and Bo'sun would amuse himself for hours watching them. He's still not quite sure whether they are friends or foes. As a caution, he observes them from underneath the bulwark rail with his head way down as if to keep them from seeing him. But the only part of him not visible is the tip of his head, as the rest, in spite of his efforts at concealment, come well above the rail itself. This trick always reminds me of the tale of the ostrich which is supposed to stick his head in the sand so his enemies can't see him. When the seagulls come a little too close, Bo'sun hurries below and stands up at one of the portholes to watch, safer in the knowledge that there was a wall between him and them.

No Swan Lover!

In the main, Bo'sun seems to like seagulls—but not so with swans! He dislikes these birds intensely, and we have met many on our travels. There are usually from two to five swans in the various harbours in and around the Isle of Wight. They invariably pay visiting yachts a call in the hope of obtaining food. I'm afraid Bo'sun's dislike of them is engendered from pure jealousy. When they come and hiss alongside asking for food Bo'sun gets quite upset. I naturally toss them a titbit or two with Bo'sun in the background looking very dejected. If they stay too long, Bo'sun will come up to me and stretch himself full length and paw at my knees as if pleading for me to leave them alone. The swans have no fear of Bo'sun, but when he appears there is quite a commotion. They ruffle their feathers and expand their necks, which I understand denotes anger. When this occurs Bo'sun is escorted below.

Towards the middle of August, when our ship's stores started to come aboard in preparation for our adven-

ture, Bo'sun didn't quite know what to make of all the activity. He sensed that things were at last moving, as was evidenced by his enthusiasm and extreme curiosity regarding all the unusual boxes and packages, particularly his own special cartons of tins of Kit-E-Kat, which he loves.

Then on the 31st we made sail and our adventure started.

(To be continued next month)

A reader has sent us an interesting little story about a breeder of Siamese which is well worth relating. For some years all profits from her kittens have been sent for the education of a South African boy adopted through the Church Missionary Society. Now that the fortunate boy has been trained and converted to Christianity, he frequently writes in grateful terms to his benefactress asking how he can repay her great goodness. The breeder, though not wealthy, always replies that the best and only return she wants is that the boy should always be kind to animals as it is to a Siamese queen that he owes his good fortune.

We have just been looking through the gay covered catalogue of the Empire Cat Club Show held in New York in November. How much better these American productions than ours and how much more easy to read! The Club obviously works hand in hand with a number of commercial undertakings from whom they receive worth-while support in the Catalogue. What are described as "Purr Awards" are given by the Club to advertisers and publishers for the most effective use of cats and cat characteristics in advertising and cover art during the year. These "Purrs" are a way of saying "Thank you" for a public relations job well done.

Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

ALL over America we have been celebrating National Cat Week, which was first organised in 1945. Each year it has grown in national importance until now it is a recognised annual observance. The officers receive no compensations whatsoever. They pay their own expenses in the tremendous job of advertising over radio, television as well as newspapers and magazines. The slogan and watchword of this group of crusaders is "For Appreciation, Understanding and Better Care of Cats." Their objects . . . the recognition of the cat as an important addition to domesticated animal culture and humane legislation for all animals. You can't love cats and not love the rest of the animal kingdom. We have also celebrated World Cat Appreciation Day by publicity in publications, radio and television programs, requesting libraries to place cat books on their circulating lists, displays of cat figurines, pictures, etc., Cat Week posters, Blessing of the Animals on St. Gertrude's Day in November, cat shows for children. There are scores of ways the Week has been celebrated. The National President is Dr. Guy Bogart, Beaumont, California, and the Secretary Miss Lydia Cypher, 1202 Center Street, Pittsburgh, Penn.

The Penn State Cat Club Show has come and gone . . . making a record that will be hard to surpass the balance of the show season. The weather was excellent and the gate was very, very good. The member-

ship of this Club is not too large but there is no dead-wood; every Jack and Jill were in there working to promote "ol' Penn State." The manager of the Show, Mrs. Florence Leopold, assisted by Mrs. Gene Gibson, really turned in a bang-up report for their tireless efforts. A pall of gloom hung over the Show, however, on account of the illness of the President, Mrs. Earl Nack, who was in the hospital at the time the Show was held. The large attendance was attributed to a great extent to the wide range of friends President Nack has made in her travels around America covering the various shows. She is well known as a breeder of Silvers and Blues. One thing that struck me as unusually good in the Penn State Show catalogue was a printed list of the membership and after each name was the kind of cats each breeder raised. Now there are many people who buy these catalogues that never get to the shows, yet follow the judging very closely. These stay-at-home breeders are much pleased at this innovation.

The Garden State Cat Club (Miss Elsie G. Hydon, President, C.F.A.) held their two-day championship show on 6th and 7th November. The weather was particularly atrocious, which must have cut the gate considerably. Miss Hydon has a personal following of very loyal friends and is quite capable of attracting many out of the State breeders who travel great distances. I have never seen a better entry of fine felines anywhere at any

time as were entered this year in Garden State. The competition was terrific, tension high. But the two judges, Revington, All-Breed, and Saxby-Mabie, Solid Color, were more than equal to the task. Personally, I would travel miles to show under either of these two. Mrs. Arvid G. Ohlin, Rhode Island, was awarded BIS. . . . This beautiful cat was none other than Ch. Wilshare Myfanwy of Allington (Imp), out of Ch. Deebank Michael ex VE Day. What a win this was . . . truly something to be proud of. The best Opposite was Anthony De Santis' Grand Champion, Longhill's Treasure Chest—a very light Red, so light that a couple of times last season he was mistaken for a Cream. However, he makes up for his lightness of colour with type, which I am told by one of the judges is very near tops. Treasure Chest has massive bone structure, brilliant copper eyes, and a very silky, evenly colored coat. (Well, he IS a Grand Champion, that alone tells the story.) There are all too few Red Grand Champions, and this boy, at three years, is a honey. The decorations at the Garden State Show were lavender and green, which are the Club colors. The ribbons for the tops in the various classes were also this color. Garden State always puts on a good show, but we somehow feel that if the publicity committee had turned in an adequate job . . . then Garden State would have been twice as good this year.

I have here on my desk three letters that arrived this week telling me of four breeders who feed their entries on vitamin pills during the show. Each of these breeders are raising Shorthairs. Upon arriving at their destination, some coming from three to four hundred miles, the cats are given a small amount of water and a cracker. This is their food, and I mean ALL the food they receive until they reach home again, and heaven only knows

what the poor things get then. The Siamese breeders seem to be the worst offenders, although there is one Abyssinian who is also sinning in this respect. As soon as these vitamin-breeders install their entries in their proper cages . . . up goes a sign, "No feeding, please." They want their cats slim, lean and hungry-looking. Poor little fur-babies! No wonder they war-whoop all over the place at feeding time. Too bad they cannot turn the tables on their owners and put *them* in the cages! (This looks like something for the Crusaders to handle.)

More and more breeders are turning to insurance for their show stock. A fact to be kept in mind is that any liability insurance company writes what is known as a Comprehensive Liability Insurance. This protects against bites, scratches or whatever other damage the cat may do under the excitement and strain of the show season. The cost is around fifteen dollars per year.

Talking with a lady at the Garden State Show about breeding. She quoted me the following:—

"So choose your sire most prayerfully
And treat your queen quite carefully,
'Cause the kit will be what they have been;
You can't escape your kith and kin!"

We had just been looking at a line-bred queen. She told me five generations of this queen and she did not even know to whom it belonged. We checked with the owner and found this seventy-two-year-old lady was quite correct in every detail. It was the pedigree of the sire she quoted.

American Personality

MRS. HOPE JOHNSON



MEET Hope Johnson, now of Cincinnati, Ohio. Born a Canadian of English parentage, she arrived in the States at the age of four years and has been with us ever since. Hope is on the tallish side, slender, willowy and blessed with a dynamic sense of humour. Both her parents were the seventh child in their respective families—and Hope is their seventh child. Is there any wonder that with this background she is an extraordinary person?

When she was married to Carl Johnson a friend gave them a Cream Persian as a wedding present. They both were devoted to this little lovely. Then began the quest for information regarding cats. A club was joined. Rules and regulations were pored over, confirmations became a byword in the Johnson home. One night at a baseball game, Hope happened to meet one of her girlhood teachers,

Miss Sue Clafin. They started talking cats. Miss Clafin is Recording Secretary of the Cotton States Cat Club, so Hope joined that Club too.

About this time Hope began to realise that the pure blood stock she wanted was quite expensive; in fact, she had to admit to herself and Carl that any kind of cats was expensive, so she went out and secured a position to help support her cat-babies and save as much as possible out of her salary towards out-of-town show expenses.

In April, 1950, Hope Johnson had a bright idea, a terrific idea. She would publish a cat newspaper and call it "The Cat Mews." This was to be a purely personal project. Published by herself, supported by her loyal friends who would send in their news items. No advertising. No subscription rates. The cats were to be the people with news items written up in regular newspaper manner.

The first issue met with instant success. Every breeder who heard of it wanted a copy. The circulation grew by leaps and bounds. Funny and unusual schemes were concocted to get on that complimentary subscription list but Hope was diplomatic and firm. To-day she has a waiting list that would be the envy of many editors.

There are many breeders who have been in the Fancy longer than Hope Johnson, but few have achieved the niche she has made for herself in top-bracket breeding. This year her entries will bring her most blasé competitors up on tiptoe.

Hope Johnson's puckish sense of humour has carried her through many difficult situations. Her first cattery was named "Nev'duneten"! Both she and Carl considered this too long a name, so later it was changed to Spero (Reg. 1331—C.F.A.). The family coat-of-arms motto being "Dum Spiro Spero" (While I live, I hope).

BILLIE BANCROFT.

Prevention better than...

By KATHLEEN YORKE

SICKNESS has been very prevalent this season amongst the feline race. It may be due to the continuous wet weather we have suffered. For the past two or three months I have almost daily news of serious trouble and the fiendish bug that seems to be around has been taking toll of some of the strongest and oldest of kittens.

Often the very young have escaped illness and it is significant that mortality has been highest amongst kittens in the age group of three and a half to slightly over seven months—the teething period. I cannot stress too strongly that this period is a very critical time in the lives of many kittens. Admittedly, some never show any signs that it is happening; others are quite ill, even having convulsions as some children do.

If a kitten is cutting teeth it is most important to keep it away from a show. A loose tooth or a vacant tooth space is so liable to become infected, however careful the show manager and veterinary surgeon might be. Should your kitten be teething or showing the slightest sign of being off colour, leave it at home. Better a live kitten without glory than a dead one covered with show honours.

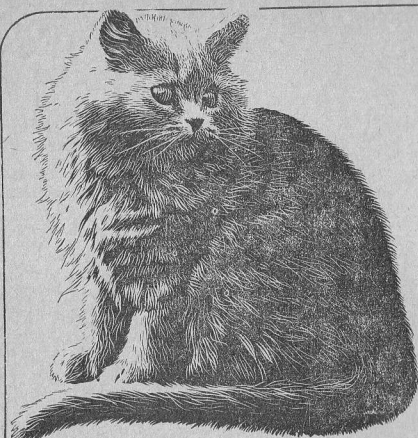
If you show your kits, please watch carefully each day for "off colour" signs. The beginning may be ever so slight: just a tiny weariness in the eyes, a little droop of the mouth, play not so vigorous, not wanting to be nursed so much, lying on the ground instead of a chair or settee, drinking more water, etc. These are a few of the signs that call for immediate action. Don't wait; call your vet. immediately and tell him of your suspicions. Tell him the kit has been to

a show or in contact with one that has and he will know what to do. He will work with you to save this little life.

There are certain precautions you should take before going to a show. See your kit is not infested with worms. Let it lead a healthy, free life and always keep the mouth clean. On returning from the show, wipe the mouth, gums and all around the outside of the mouth with a piece of cotton wool dipped in a solution of warm water and a good mouth wash or disinfectant. Your vet. will recommend one for this purpose. Sponge the face and feet and rub over the body with a cloth or comb dipped in the solution.

Whisky or brandy in a little milk is much appreciated by some kittens; it warms up the little body. I used to rub neat whisky or brandy on the paws and around the chest and chin when I returned home after showing. The cats washed themselves and soon got a good amount of the spirit into their tummies. This did a lot of good and helped greatly to prevent a cold and make them sleep. Try this "safety first" idea; you will be amazed at the cat's liking for this little alcoholic clean up.

When you have or have had sick cats, please do not write to anyone who owns them as germs can so easily be carried by letter. Use the telephone until the illness has passed and all the fumigating has been completed. Fumigating after an infectious illness is very necessary. Everything that you do not wish to destroy should be put in the sick room with a Lister paraformaldehyde fumigator. I mention this type as I do not know of others and I have used this method



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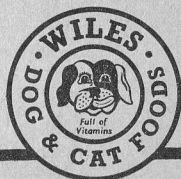
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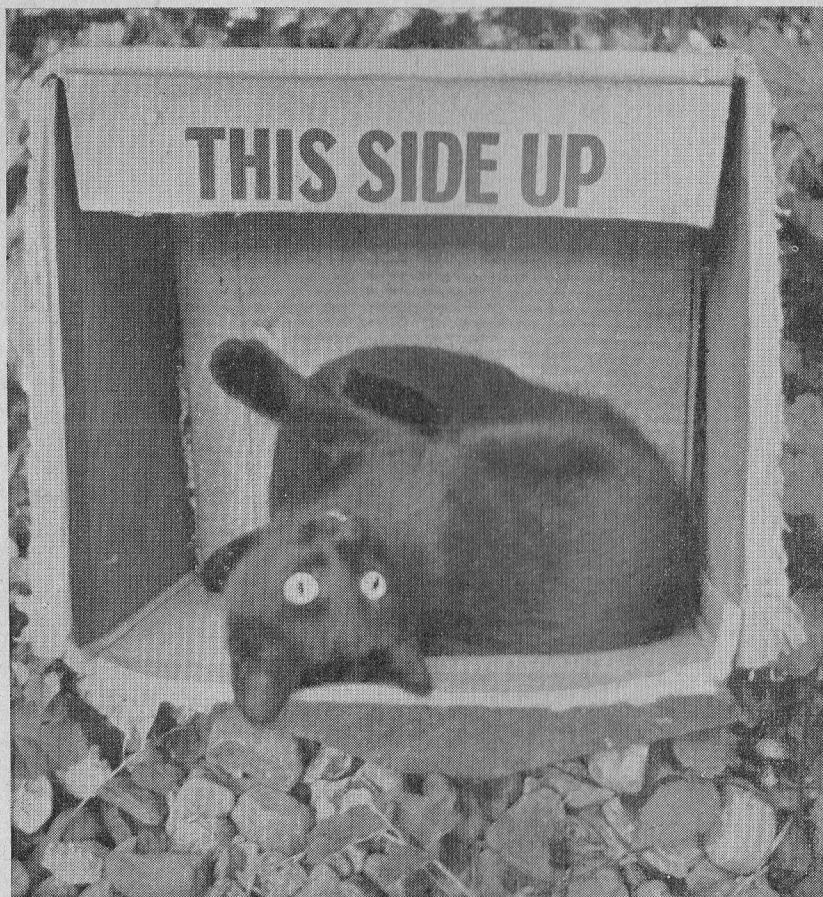


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Your Questions Answered

Homing Instincts

By ALBERT C. JUDE

ONE often reads reports of dogs or cats finding their way home from long distances. I have frequently wondered what enables animals to do this. Is it by instinct or by intelligence? A reply in "Our Cats" would be most interesting.

This is a question rather different from those usually answered in my monthly feature, but one which I feel sure has often puzzled us all. This matter is one of many similar ones which has been studied by scientists, and one conclusion seems to have been reached, namely, that there are three types of behaviour existing in animals.

The one which first comes to mind, and which is most common, is due to "instinct." This form of behaviour is regarded as the lowest kind of intelligence. Not only is it widespread, it is probably right to say that the behaviour of insects is due almost entirely to what is termed "instinct."

The second type of behaviour is due to a rather higher form of intelligence by which animals are able to "learn from experience," this being quite distinct from mere "instinct." This state is usually brought about through the needs attached to self-preservation, especially in matters which have proved to be directly harmful to the individuals, thus causing them to seek conditions which are more favourable. The more intelligent the animal is, the more quickly it learns from experience of the past. This is very striking when one studies animals and their modes of existence, and it is clearly seen how animals in course of time the better adapt themselves to future conditions.

The third form of behaviour is that in which the animals make use of dif-

ferent degrees of "reasoning power." The number of animals which are able to reason and "learn by experience" is small. The reasoning part is elusive.

It is very unsatisfactory to try to decide which animals have a degree of "reasoning power" or even to decide which of the three types of behaviour an animal has, unless first of all one studies very carefully the conditions under which it lives.

In our world we are able to distinguish all sorts of objects which are quite different from each other, and we are able to distinguish them in different surroundings. But with animals it is apparently different. It has been found, for instance, that a spider will attack a fly when it is caught in the web, but if the fly is put before a spider out of the web the spider quickly moves away. And it has been found, too, that if a bird's nest is moved a yard or two while the bird is away, on its return it will go back to the original position of the nest. Similar results were obtained with bees when their hives had been moved only quite a small distance. If the distance was only a matter of inches the bees on returning gathered at the exact spot where the opening to the hive had been. They did not recognise the new position.

Although many animals have similar senses to ours, their senses often interpret quite differently from ours. For instance, of the mammals, only ourselves and the apes, etc., can see in colour. A butterfly can only see the colours blue and yellow. On the other hand, bees can see the ultra-violet rays beyond the violet end of the spectrum, but they are blind to some of the red rays. Again, while

the human ear can pick up oscillations from about 20 to 20,000 per second, some insects can perceive up to 100,000 per second.

On experiments with dogs it was found they are more sensitive to sounds than we are, and, indeed, the same applies in the case of cats. For instance, if we could only hear the ticking of a watch at four feet distance, it is possible for a dog to detect the same sound at 40 feet distance. And the same differences exist in the case of smells. It has been proved, for instance, that some male moths can smell females up to a distance of several miles. Further, it is likely that some animals can perceive things which our own sense organs do not react to at all. And that seems to apply in the cases of so-called homing instincts of some animals.

Homing instincts have been studied, especially with birds and dogs. In one experiment hundreds of birds were released in different parts of Germany. They had been taken to these spots in closed containers and from distances varying between 20 and 200 miles. Many of these birds returned in a few days to their nesting places, and it was noticed that when they were released for their journeys most immediately headed directly for home. Also recorded is the case of a dog which was taken in a closed box to a point four miles away to which it had never been before. In fact, the dog had never been beyond the boundaries of its home. On release, the dog was

watched by complete strangers. They followed, but at no time interfered, except that once they urged the dog on when he had stopped to play with a strange dog en route.

It was reported that the dog immediately on release behaved quite normally and made off in the direction of its home, and, strange to relate, it apparently made no use whatsoever of its nose. This feature seemed to indicate that the dog made no use of smell on its quest for home. After turning along some streets that did not lead directly to home, it did, however, reach there some two hours later. It is interesting that later the experiment was repeated, and on that occasion the dog took a more direct route and arrived home in about one and a half hours, thus saving half an hour on the original time. The second experiment was of great interest for it showed that the dog was not influenced by "learning from experience."

It is evident that the dog did not find his home by smell, by sight, or hearing, or by any other senses which we know of at present. There is no evidence in the behaviour of the dog that what he did was due to "intelligence." His effort gave no indication of his consideration of how he was going to find his way home, and it cannot be assumed that he had any thoughts or ideas on the subject. We cannot describe the action as due to learning, or even reasoning in animals.

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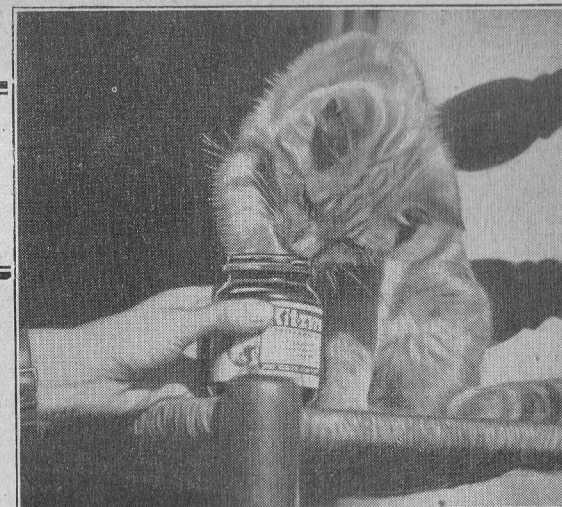
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Red Pointed Siamese

By N. E. R. ARCHER

RED Pointed Siamese cats are the most recent addition to the growing Siamese family, and they certainly promise to be among its most attractive members. I have a six months old kitten sitting beside me as I write. She has a silvery-white body colour, guinea-gold ears and tail; her mask, forelegs and hind feet are pale gold and her eyes are sapphire blue. The colour scheme is delicate and distinctly charming. When first class type is added to beautiful colouring this breed will be in the front rank of pedigree cats.

In breeding Red Points we are deliberately combining genetic factors which have not until recently been studied in association. The officially recognised breeds of Siamese cat, Seal, Blue and Chocolate, all have the same basic pigment, melanin. It is modified in the Blue and Chocolate breeds by a dilution factor specific to each breed. Red colour in cats is produced by an entirely different basic pigment. Whether this pigment would behave differently from the black pigment when combined with the Siamese restriction factor could only be discovered by experimental breeding and observation.

So far as I have had the opportunity of watching colour development in Red Points, the story is precisely the same as in Seal Points. The kittens are born white and within a few days begin to show colour in the ears and tail. Later, the mask, forelegs and hind feet gradually become pigmented, and when growth is nearly complete a shading of gold appears on the back.

To plan successfully the production of a Red Pointed Siamese strain *de novo*, it must be clearly appreciated

that the pigment genes in cats are sex-linked. That is, they are carried in special chromosomes, called the X chromosome. The female possesses a pair of these chromosomes, while the male has only one X chromosome, his pair being completed by the Y chromosome which makes him a male. It follows from this that a red male can be bred from a Tortie or a Red female, irrespective of the colour of his sire, whereas a Red female can only be bred from a mating in which red pigment is present in both parents.

In plain language, if we arrange a mating between a Seal Pointed Siamese queen and a Red Shorthair male, the resulting litter will comprise tortoiseshell females and black males. None of the kittens will have the Siamese colour distribution, but they are all Siamese hybrids; that is, they carry a Siamese factor. A tortie female from this litter is then mated with a Siamese male. The predictable possibilities from this mating are black, tortie, seal pointed and tortie pointed females, and black, red, seal pointed and red pointed males. With so many possible colour patterns it obviously may mean breeding several litters before the coveted male red point appears. When he does, further red points, both male and female, can be produced by mating him back to his hybrid tortie mother or to one of his tortie pointed sisters or half-sisters. When red point is mated to red point the resulting litter will contain only red pointed kittens, since the red pointed cat must be pure, or homozygous, both in respect of colour genes and the Siamese factor, in order to have that particular appearance.

My own scheme for breeding red points has followed very much along these lines, except that I was lucky

enough to acquire an accidentally bred red pointed male in the first instance, and so start my experiments in the third generation from the first cross-mating. This red point's mother was the tortoiseshell daughter of a Siamese queen which had made an escape mating. The tortie was mated back to a Siamese male and produced in the same litter as my red point a seal point, a black and a red male.

When he was mature, I mated the red pointed male to a seal pointed queen, and have repeated this and similar matings a number of times since; the resulting litters have always consisted, as expected, of tortie pointed females and seal pointed males. The tortie pointed females are exotic-looking creatures whose points are a mixture of seal, red and cream, with a smoky white body colour. They have all approximated more nearly to the Siamese than to the British type and have all developed quite good blue eye colour when mature.

From two of these tortie points, which I retained as the most promis-

ing, I have bred four red pointed kittens this season. Three of them were females, produced, of course, by mating the tortie points back to their sire, and one male, a most fascinating little fellow now four months old, which was sired by a chocolate pointed Siamese.

So far as these breeding results go, they confirm the assumptions on which the plan was based and which it was designed to test. The next step will, I hope, include red point to red point matings (and further out-crossing to seal points in order to improve both type and the points density of the red points).

I should like to emphasise that I have been able to give here only a brief outline of the method and results of several seasons' breeding experiments, and have not even mentioned many important factors in the production of good Red Pointed Siamese. Experienced breeders will realise that I have indicated only one of the ways in which these cats can be produced, and have, indeed, already been bred in the last decade both in this country and in America.



This fine trio—two of the rare Smokes and a Blue Longhair—won many show successes before the last war for the well-known American fancier Mrs. C. F. Rotter, of Minneapolis. The centre Smoke is Champion (Imported) Briargate Benjamin of Gippeswyk, bred by Mrs. M. D. Alexander, of Ipswich.

Siamese Cat Book

Reviewed by P. M. SODERBERG

IN the U.S.A., Mrs. Vera M. Nelson is recognised as an authority on Siamese cats and has bred them successfully for a number of years, with the result that her book, which has recently been published, can be regarded as an authoritative contribution to the literature on this most popular breed.

English breeders will find the book well worth while, for it gives a clear picture of the Siamese fancy in the States and is well illustrated with photos of outstanding American cats.

Mrs. Nelson has a conversational style which is very readable and her love of the Siamese is apparent on every page. It is true that there is much in the book which can only arouse the envy of the English breeder who is hemmed in by annoying but necessary regulations with regard to foodstuffs, but this envy does not detract in the least from the value of the book. I do not know the price at the moment, but it is published by "All-Pets" magazine, which devotes a number of pages each month to cat affairs and entrusts to Mrs. Nelson the section dealing with Siamese.

This book of ten chapters runs to nearly a hundred pages and only one of them is wasted from my point of view. It is a page of line drawings dealing with what appears to be all types of tail which can turn up in the Siamese, but, thank heaven, we seem never to be afflicted in this way and I strongly suspect that such odd tails are rare in the States also.

To the English Siamese fancier the chapters on American cat clubs and shows will be fascinating, for they do things over there rather differently from ourselves, but that does not in

itself imply that our ways are better. Read the chapters and judge for yourselves.

When Mrs. Nelson is dealing with the character of the Siamese cat she is on firm ground, for she has obviously given considerable thought to the peculiarities of this breed and has learned many of the points which the novice ought to know before he makes his first purchase. Siamese are not as other cats and they do need an understanding human to care for them.

If you want to know how to choose your first kitten, and, much more important, how to look after it when you have brought it home, then this book will answer all your queries.

The chapter on diseases and sundry ills is valuable because, first of all, it recognises the fact that the Siamese is not a delicate creature and no more prone to illness than any other of our pedigree cats. Thus the list is short and the treatment suggested reasonable; but for us on this side of the Atlantic it does emphasise the fact that feline medical science has outstripped us in the States in practice, if not in theory. This book recognises what we have learned here, that many Siamese are bad patients who seem to suffer from a sense of lost dignity when they are ill, and for this reason need more persistent attention.

During the past few years there have been several books written on the subject of the Siamese cat, and this, the latest in the field, is worthy to take its place beside the best of them.

If you can obtain a few dollars, and your bank manager will help you if you ask him, you should buy this book.



Le Salon du Chat

IT was a great pleasure (writes Miss D. M. Collins) to accept the invitation of the President, Mme. Andrée Peyraud, to judge again at the Club des Amis des Chats Show in Paris. It was a three-day event in early November. Mrs. Towe went with me and judged Shorthairs.

As usual, everything was done for our comfort and entertainment. These French shows have an atmosphere of simplicity and friendliness which is naturally lacking in a more formal and systematically run show. No one is too busy to give help and advice.

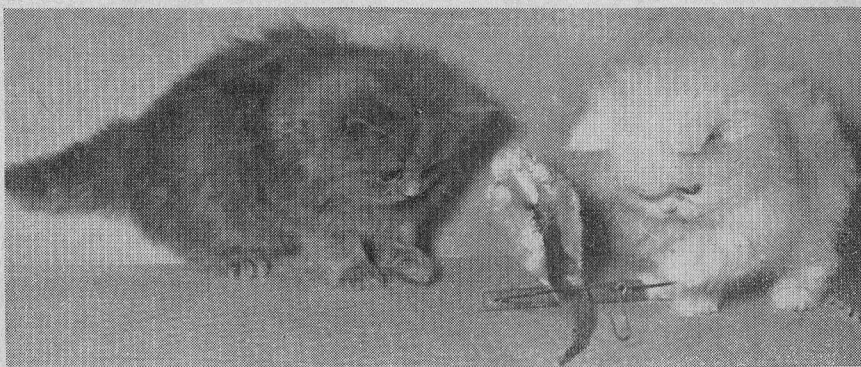
Best Longhair was Mme. Largillier's home-bred Tortie, Yannick de Montmartel, a handsome queen of very good type, paws well broken, grand eyes and condition. Next best came Mlle. Camus's Blue queen, Y'Kiss de Melan. Best Shorthair was Mlle. Meyer's home-bred Abyssinian male, Saites Xenio, and reserve was Mme. Rocher's Russian Blue female, Ch. International Wartine de la Closerie. These two were Mrs. Towe's nominations. Best Longhair Kitten was Mme. Bogard's Blue male, Azoulouk du Mont-Joly, and Best Shorthair Kit-

ten Mme. Demantke's Siamese male, Ariel de la Rouche Virey.

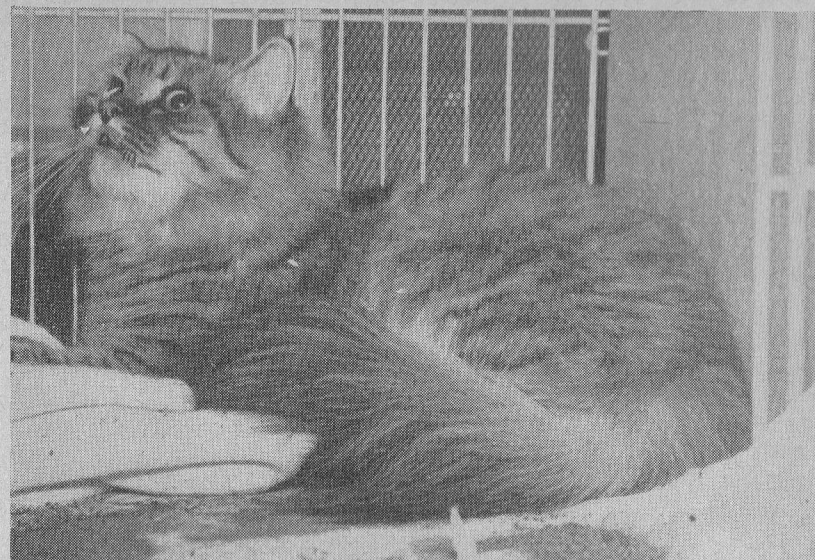
My C.A.C. winners were Mme. Axel's Blue male, Yann; Mlle. Camus's Blue female, Y'Kiss de Melan; Mlle. Monnet's Chinchilla male, Youky de la Savanne; Mme. de Bovet's Red Tabby male, Barwell Dolo (by Champion Chadhurst Sambo ex Barwell Aurora), bred by Mrs. Fawell, and Mme. Largillier's fine Tortie.

My first in Champion males was Mme. Moch's well-known Blue, Ch. Rubis Mouni, and leader in Champion females was his daughter, Ch. International Xylane de la Rinaudiere, belonging to Mme. Noel. Among the unusual cats were Mme. Rocher's Bambi and Bobeche, a pair of Moroccans, which are similar to our Grey Tabby Shorthairs, and Mme. Petit's Longhair Siamese, Kmers. It was interesting to compare Kmers with Mr. Stirling-Webb's Briarry Abu Het, whose photo I had with me and which Mme. Petit admired very much.

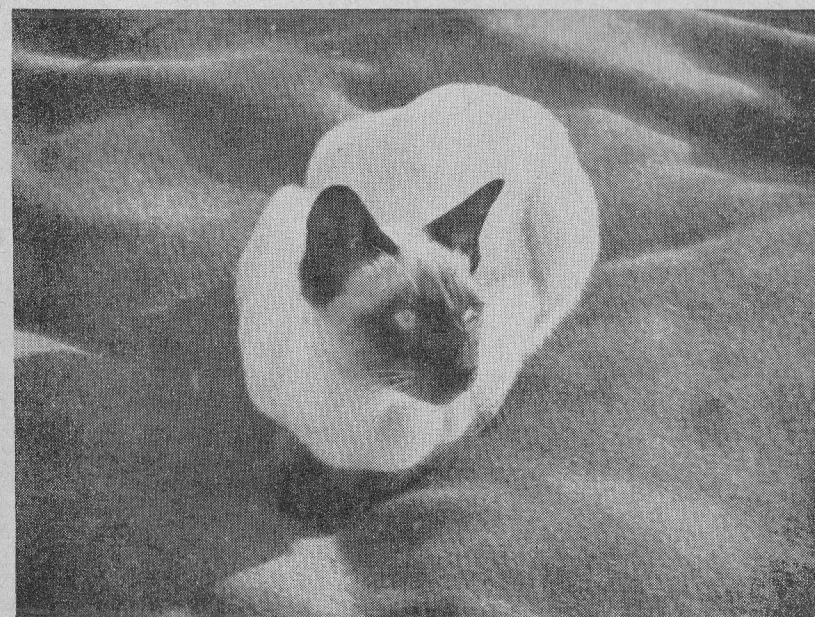
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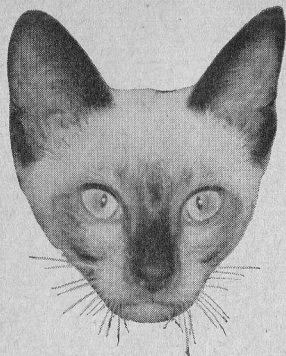
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Moral Obligations

By P. M. SODERBERG

DURING the past few months I have received so many letters dealing with what one might call moral obligations for those who keep cats that the time has come when it should be useful to write something on the subject.

To me it seems strange that the points I intend to make are those which any cat keeper would accept as being beyond argument, yet when it comes to the matter of putting such ideas into practice, that is where things seem to go wrong.

Anyone who keeps a cat will admit that there can be no justification for going away from home and leaving it to fend for itself, yet there is abundant proof that this is being done every day. Those societies which make it their business to look after stray animals have many thousands of stray cats to deal with each year. Sometimes it is just gross carelessness. The family go away for a couple of days and yet no one has taken the trouble to see that the household pet is provided with food and shelter. This is just plain cruelty and there can be no justification for such conduct. Far worse are the people who leave a neighbourhood and deliberately decide to leave the cat behind. Some may think that the animal will be taken on by the people who come to live in the house. But surely this is never a safe conclusion?

During recent months several cats have come to me merely because they have discovered in

their wanderings that I keep cats, and much as I should like to keep them, I cannot take on all the strays which come my way. I have enough cats of my own to care for. In every case, however, I have provided food and temporary shelter and then contacted a society which will accept the responsibility. Happily, most of these cats have been found good homes, but one or two have had to be "put down." Death is far better than life for an unwanted and hungry stray.

When such a cat comes your way, don't just chase it away to find shelter elsewhere. Give it a good meal and a dry bed and then get into touch with the R.S.P.C.A. or any similar welfare society. That is humanity!

I am amazed at the stories which reach me of the way in which cats are often packed for travel, and these reports apply much more frequently to pedigree stock than to ordinary cats which rarely travel.

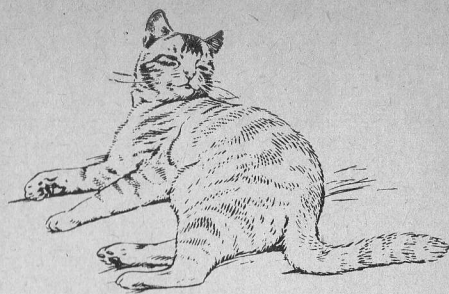
Some people take no thought for the comfort of the animal when it has to undergo the unpleasant experience of travelling by rail or road. It would be difficult to believe that this is deliberate cruelty, but it proves a complete lack of imagination.

A box in which a cat can neither stand up nor turn round must be a torture chamber, and yet in the past, when I kept a stud, I sometimes received a queen packed in this way. A stout box or basket is a necessity and it must be of sufficient size to allow freedom of

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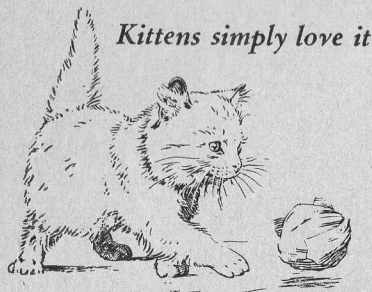
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It is also a moral obligation to see that the animal spends as short a time on the journey as possible. A time table, a telegram or a phone call will reduce the inconvenience to the animal to an absolute minimum. You would be surprised to know how frequently cats are allowed to spend the night in a box or basket in the parcels department at a station when at a little personal inconvenience they could be collected to spend the night at home. If you cannot feel for your animals, it is better for them—and perhaps for you—to make inanimate objects your hobby.

Ignorance No Excuse

During the present show season I have had several letters suggesting that cats or kittens have been shown too soon after a case of infectious disease in the cattery from which the exhibits have come. Not in any of these letters was there the suggestion that this was done for any reason other than ignorance. Ignorance in such cases can never be adequate excuse.

There is a tendency to blame the shows for many more deaths than is justified by the facts, but it remains obvious that where a large number of cats are collected together the risk of infection is multiplied. For this reason alone exhibitors are morally bound to exercise more than normal caution.

No cat or kitten should ever be taken to a show unless the owner is absolutely convinced that the animal is a hundred per cent. fit. Few owners would think of doing so, for their affection for the cat

would persuade them to keep it at home.

There are, perhaps, some novice breeders who do not know how long should elapse before animals are shown from a cattery where there has been a case of cat 'flu or the much more deadly infectious enteritis. Whenever my opinion has been asked, I have always said what I would do myself if faced with such circumstances. I would not have a strange cat in my place after a case of 'flu for a period of three months, and I would double that time for infectious enteritis. That may be erring on the side of extreme caution, but that is the only attitude which the conscientious dare adopt.

Don't Gossip

Very occasionally are there disputes between buyer and seller over stock which has been purchased, but it would not be worth while mentioning this subject except for one thing. If you are a buyer and are dissatisfied with a kitten you have purchased, refrain from going round to all your neighbours telling them of the bad deal you have had. If you feel that you have a legitimate grievance, contact the seller at once and state your case. Not once in a hundred cases will you be dissatisfied with the outcome.

Just mere gossip has never done anyone any good, so tackle such problems in the only fair and sensible way. If I were the seller I should hate to hear from some third person that my customer was dissatisfied. The moral obligation is expressed by a well-known catering firm: "If you are satisfied, tell your friends; if you are dissatisfied, tell us."

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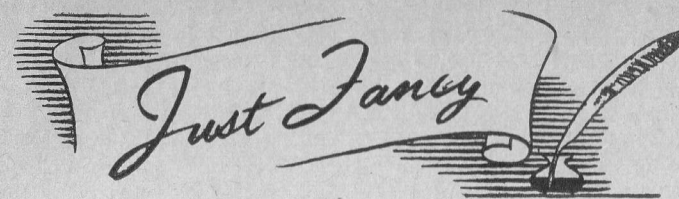
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Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

REGULARLY every month, Mrs. Joan Thompson—popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge—will turn the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

24th November. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warner's ideally situated house at Bayleys Hill, Sevenoaks: lovely views in every direction and seclusion make it ideal for rearing their young family of two sons and a daughter, four Siamese queens, Spotlight Picador, the winning male kitten, and the famous Champion Clonlost Yo Yo.

The Warners have a multitude of interests, so this visit was something to be remembered. Yo Yo came into tea and ate buttered toast and cake, and I verily believe would have ventured on a cup of tea had we offered it. He has an adorable disposition and at present has "party manners," so is allowed in the house. He is in fine condition with a few ounces of superfluous flesh. I like to see stud cats well covered in November and December in preparation for the breeding season.

Their well-bred kitten Inwood Flame (by Ch. Clonlost Yo Yo and Ch. Inwood Shadow) was a lovely gift to their daughter, Fern, from Mrs. McGregor. Spotlight Picador will be leaving early in January for Sweden. Mrs. Magnusson has returned home from South America and is much

looking forward to having him. He is a fine, well-developed male and should be a great asset in Scandinavia. He has his sire's sweet disposition and was gambolling about the lounge with his mother, Mallington Madcap, Silken Demonetta and Spotlight Pepeeta, to say nothing of fun and games with the children.

4th December. To the 55th Ch. Show of the National Cat Club at Seymour Hall, London. Over 300 cats and kittens, many of superb quality and in tiptop condition, graced the occasion.

British breeders can give themselves a pat on the back on the success they are achieving in getting some of the scarcer breeds back to pre-war quality and quantity. Mrs. Cyril Tomlinson's lovely Tortoiseshells, Ch. Pekeholm Pomona (not present at this Show) and Pekeholm Petula, second in the Open class to-day to Miss Hildyard's very nice Anchor Patchwork, are examples, and on this occasion Ch. Pomona's Tortoiseshell daughter, Pekeholm Papoose, was Best Longhair kitten in Show—a great triumph for this variety. Best Exhibit in Show, Mrs. Herod's White Longhair male Ch. Carreg Cracker, was in lovely coat and show form. Best Longhair female adult was Miss Langston's Chinchilla Fifinetta of Allington. Best Longhair male kitten and winner of the N.C.C. Special for Best Blue Exhibit was Miss Page's consistent winner Woburn Sunshine. Other awards were: Best Shorthair Cat, Mrs. K. R. Williams's Red Tabby

Vectensian Anaconda; Best Shorthair Male Kitten, Mrs. Dadd's Seal Point Siamese Sabukia Sinbad, by Lindale Simon Pie; Best Shorthair Female Kitten, Miss Warner's Seal Point Siamese Inwood Flame, by Ch. Clonlost Yo Yo; Best Longhair Neuter, Mrs. Knight's Pamiro Adonis (as this was his third certificate he is now a Premier Neuter).

Congratulations to Mrs. Culley, of Manchester, on her Blue male Thiepal Wanderer (by Ch. Southway Crusader) becoming a full Champion, also to his breeder, Mrs. Crickmore, who has now bred two post war Blue Champions. She purchased his dam, Glenshee Powder Puff, from Mrs. Donald and bred from her Ch. Thiepal Enchantress. Glenshee Gloria (litter sister to Powder Puff) was purchased by Miss Bull and produced lovely Ch. Deebank Michael. These two Glenshee queens were daughters of Fay of Pensford, who herself produced my Ch. Gloria of Pensford, an unusual achievement for the close descendants of one Blue queen. Congratulations also to Mrs. K. R. Williams on Vectensian Anaconda becoming a full Champion; to Mrs. Duncan Hindley on her Blue Point Siamese Blue Seagull, and to Miss Prentis on her Chocolate Point Siamese Henham Chloe also attaining this honour.

One of the loveliest adult exhibits was Mrs. McGregor's Seal Pointed female Ch. Inwood Shadow. At 4½ years she is a fine example to post-war Siamese breeders of the type and quality necessary to win Challenge Certificates in pre-war days. How lovely her head and how fine and silky her coat! She had admiring visitors all day. Mrs. Towe's very nice Seal Point queen, Hillcross Melody, was second to her in a class of sixteen and was unlucky to meet such a super cat.

Mrs. Burgess won the Open class in males with Byones Romeo (pictured in OUR CATS, July issue). Miss Von Ullman's Black Short Hair Ch. Roof-

springer Melisande was looking lovely, also Miss Rochford's Russian Blues.

As I was not judging I had time to see all the exhibits and to note the keen competition in many classes. No wonder the majority of cats and kittens we export win so well abroad. England is one of the very few countries where full Champions compete in Open classes once they have attained their full title. Although this causes dissatisfaction among many exhibitors it does keep up the quality. Our large mixed variety Club classes are another British speciality. In some of them at this Show I noticed five or six full Champions and many who had won one or two Challenge Certificates.

Mrs. Parker organised a grand Show and special thanks are due to her as she was handicapped by being far from well for several days previously. Bouquets also to the judges and stewards; being an onlooker makes one realise how hard they work. I met one soon after 3 p.m. He had just finished, too late for lunch, but he was cheerfully prepared to have "just a snack."

The Cream kittens, 3 to 6 months, with seventeen in the class, headed by Mrs. Hacking's Redwalls Bath Oliver, had stiff competition in comparison with the 6 to 9 months class, which had only two entries. An adjustment in age groups or sexes would have made the competition fairer.

This is the third London Cat Show this autumn to have an entry of over 300 exhibits. In my opinion, this proves that breeders, who after all are the persons whose opinions and support in such a matter is the most important consideration, do not think there are "too many shows." Many post-war breeders appear to think that there are more shows taking place than pre-war. This is not so; in fact, if one takes into consideration the fact that the number of registered cats and kittens has risen from approximately 1,000 in 1939 to over 4,000 per annum from 1948 onwards, it must

surely be appreciated that breeders need more opportunities for exhibiting. The Governing Council published in 1939 a list of fixtures for the season 1939-1940, the majority of which, alas! did not take place owing to the war. In these pre-war days the season commenced with the Kensington Kitten Club Show in July. Kentish Cat Society Show (not under G.C. rules) followed in early August; Sandy Ch. Show the end of August; the Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show mid-September; Thame and Oxon Show the end of September; the Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show early October; Newbury Cat Club or Southsea Cat Club Ch. Show the end of October; Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show November; the National Cat Club Ch. Show December; the Midland Counties Cat Club Ch. Show early January; and the Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show the end of January.

After Southsea Club held their Ch. Show for the first time about 1934, they sometimes interchanged with the Newbury Club, and the South Western Counties Club with the M.C.C.C., but whichever Club organised a show one always took place the end of October and early January. All the rest were annual events.

What has happened is that small local pre-war shows such as the Lancashire and North Western Counties have grown by leaps and bounds the last four years. At the last one in January at the Corn Exchange, Manchester, a fine entry of over 160 exhibits greeted six judges, which must be very gratifying to the Committee and especially to Mrs. Culley, Hon. Secretary, who has worked so hard for the Club for many years. Last year was the first occasion it was held under G.C. rules.

Newbury Cat Club is now defunct and their date taken by the Midland Counties Show in October. Thame and Oxon Agricultural Show no longer runs a cat section, so Herts and Middlesex have their date, and

what an improvement for exhibits and exhibitors!

Shows in marquees must always be a mixed blessing with their dependence on fine weather and usually their inaccessibility in comparison with London venues or those held in flourishing provincial towns.

Commencing with the epoch-making Festival Ch. Show in July, organised by Mr. Williams, which attracted over 500 exhibits, cat breeders have given excellent support to all the shows and in many cases entries have increased.

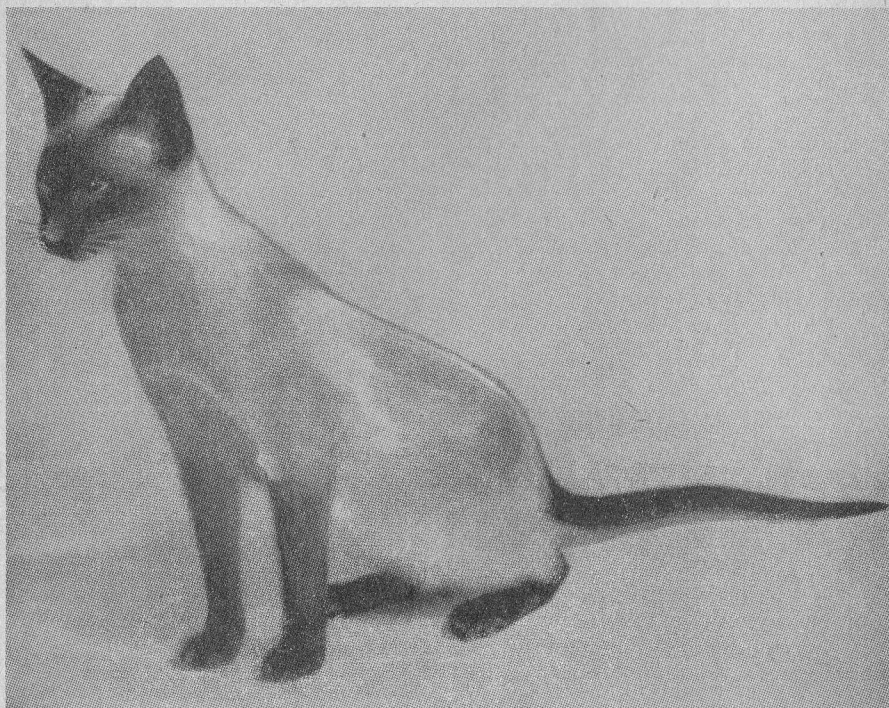
If breeders do not approve of shows they have the remedy in their own hands and can refrain from patronising them; but I fail to see why legislation should be introduced to deprive breeders of something they obviously want. The problem one would like to see solved—and I appreciate the difficulties of expense, etc.—is how one can publicise the shows so that better gates are ensured. What an infinitesimal portion of the cat loving public know anything about our shows until they are over and the pictures appear in the daily papers!

There has been some illness after the three shows which followed in quick succession early October, and whilst every cat lover feels very sincere sympathy for the owners, it would be unwise, in my opinion, to introduce legislation limiting shows under G.C. rules to one every 28 days, especially as it would not achieve the object of making shows absolutely safe. We heard of more illness after the first two post-war shows (which were held after a six years' war-time interval and with two months in between them) than any which has occurred since. Illness is probably introduced into shows by exhibitors showing too soon after they have had illness, or when kittens are quiet and slightly off colour, but well enough to pass the vet. If there was only an occasional show one might still have these conditions, and at present we can only rely on the honesty and ex-

perience of breeders to be on the alert for illness, and not to take any risks with their own and the exhibits of other breeders.

What many of us would like to see is a big effort to procure a vaccine to immunise kittens from infectious enteritis and feline distemper. When I was in America many breeders expressed amazement that we had no

The U.S.A. vaccines Lederle and Pitman Moores are not procurable to the majority of breeders in this country. Their cost plus import duties puts them quite beyond the reach of many exhibitors. Over £12 for sufficient to vaccinate five kittens I heard in one case! It would be a blessing if we could manufacture our own, not only to prevent illness



Shapely LINDALE SIMON PIE, Mrs. Linda Parker's famous Siamese stud.

vaccine to protect our stock. Vaccination there is a routine practice not only before exhibiting but also among many breeders with catteries.

Another possible protection would be that after illness an interval of at least 28 days should elapse before any cat or kitten could be entered for a show. But again one would have to rely on the breeder not to take any cats or kittens if illness occurred in the interim.

after shows but that which arises in catteries and to protect our young queens when they travel to be mated.

8th December. Meeting Mrs. Linda Parker at the National Show prompted me to ask her for news of her famous Siamese Lindale Simon Pie, and to-day I received his press cuttings and was able to take a peep at some of his fan mail.

Mr. Parker expressed a wish for a

Siamese when asked what he would like for a birthday present. The result was Beaumanor Brickly, who in due course was mated to Mrs. Matthes' winning male, Mystic Dreamer. The resultant litter of nine included Lindale Simon Pie. His full sister, Lindale Dreamers Charm, was awarded Best Siamese kitten at Brooklyn, New Jersey, and Long Island, U.S.A., and Best Cat, Pennsylvania, 1951. Mrs. Parker sends a fine record of Simon Pie's winning progeny. In 17 Open classes, 1949-1950, he sired the first prize winner and the best male or female kitten at ten successive shows. In Australia, his daughter, Causeway Cluna, became a Champion at three successive shows and previously her litter sister, Colleen, was Best Kitten at four shows. Sabukia Sweet William, bred by Mrs. Dadd, is probably his most famous son here with a record of two Challenge Certificates and 32 firsts.

Mrs. Parker pointed out how well Major Murrell's strain blends with Simon Pie and how pleased she is with Proud Priddie and Proud Maxi, two queens bred by him. Many articles have appeared in the Leicestershire papers and in September, 1950, a page of photographs appeared of historical Launde Abbey. One shows the Rev. H. Sparling and his wife and Siamese Li-Chee, son of Simon Pie, at the entrance. Mrs. Parker's other two queens are Velvet Mask Selina and Lindale Omah Poppet. Simon Pie's picture appears in my pages this month.

10th December. To the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, at the invitation of Messrs. Chappie, Ltd., to delegates of the Governing Council. Mr. W. J. Lloyd, Chairman, introduced Professor Scorgie, who specialises in animal reproduction, and Dr. Abrams in animal nutrition. The information cat breeders supplied this summer for the Royal Veterinary College survey on diet has been collated, and later

the summing up will be announced. It is the first time anything of the kind has ever been attempted in this country.

Professor Scorgie answered questions about dual conceptions, kittens born with cleft palates, variations in the period of gestation, etc. It is gratifying to think that such eminent men are at last taking interest in the special problems of cat breeders. After a discussion about future Crystal Cat Shows at Olympia and an appreciative vote of thanks (proposed by our Governing Council Chairman, Miss Kathleen Yorke) to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Martin, Professor Scorgie and Dr. Abrams, the meeting closed with an enjoyable tea.

12th December. A very lovely picture in colour appears on the cover of the weekly "Illustrated" of Major Dugdale's Blue Champion Harpur Blue Boy. His expression is sweet and natural and his eye colour outstanding. An illustrated article also appears under the title "Five Cats in Paradise." It describes life among the cats employed at the Animal Nutrition Research Laboratories at Slough. Overseas readers can obtain "Illustrated," price 4d., plus postage, from 189 High Holborn, London, W.C.1.

A welcome find in my morning post was the Abyssinian Cat Club News Letter, edited by Helen and Sidney Denham, full of interesting items. It should be a real help to this lovely breed. I advise anyone interested in Abyssinians to get into touch with Mrs. Denham, 48 Elsworth Road, London, N.W.3.

15th December. From Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, President of the Racekatten Cat Club, Copenhagen, comes news of the annual Ch. Show at Grundtvigs Hus on 16th, 17th and 18th November. Mr. Felix Tomlinson judged all Longhairs and Mr. Stirling-Webb Siamese and other Shorthairs.

Mrs. Anna Poulsen's male, Morris Sable (by Ch. Hillcross Song), bred by Mrs. Richardson, was Best Siamese. Best Longhair Adult was Miss Jorgenson's Bernarda of Granville, a very beautiful White. Best Kitten was Twinkle of Pensford, a Blue-Cream by Ch. Astra of Pensford, bred by myself, which went out by air a few days before the show.

Mrs. Eisenhuth writes: "It was a splendid exhibition in every respect; in fact, the greatest cat show Copenhagen has ever seen. We had more than 4,700 visitors. The press was very interested and we had valuable publicity. The tombola with many fine prizes was sold out."

The following is an eye-witness account by a member of Racekatten, M. A. Jacobsen: "The English judges, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Stirling-Webb, were very busy as they had to judge all the cats. Your Governing Council rules were adhered to. The judges were strict but just; at first some of the breeders thought too strict, but afterwards they realised they were correct and reasonable. There were cats from Sweden, but only a single one representing Norway as the others entered were not allowed into Denmark on account of foot and mouth disease. We had entries from France, Belgium and Switzerland, but our veterinary authorities now demand a four months' quarantine period for cats from these countries, so it was impossible to get them in. Fine new pens, many beautifully decorated, green trees and lovely flowers everywhere made it a decorative show. The challenge cups of Racekatten and several special prizes sent from abroad were displayed in show cases, also the lovely prizes for the photographic competition, which was judged by the English judges and the theatre photographer, Mydtskov. We are very much indebted to our President, Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, for her clever and devoted work, also to her staff of enthusiastic collaborators.

It was a pleasure to see the friendly terms and the high spirit characterising this great show.

"Mr. Hans Hvass opened the exhibition with an interesting address which he closed with a graceful tribute to the English judges and 'a hope and a belief that the exhibition of Racekatten will do the Club great credit and delight, and that it will encourage the breeding of cats in this country.'"

16th December. From Mr. Peter Pope, of Ashford, Kent, who takes such an interest in genetics, cats and budgerigars, comes the following: "I hope to pay a visit to the Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show on 28th January, but the budgerigar breeding season starts in January so I may not get away. My Siamese, Zingari Ai-yu, is growing into a lovely cat, small but beautiful. At the moment, she is rather too fat, but as she spends so much time out in the garden it will help to keep her warm. She is just opposite to all other Siamese we have owned. Loves to roll in the frosty grass, will go out even when it is raining, and prefers a cool spot to the chair by the fire and, the most unusual point of all, seldom raises her voice above an ordinary mew. She and Dawn, the latter my Blue-Cream 'experimental' Shorthair, are inseparable, so maybe she has acquired some of her ways.

"Dawn is the result of a planned mating and the first stage in the production of Shorthair Creams. She has good type with the short, broad muzzle so necessary in British Shorthairs, and deep copper eyes. The photo enclosed is not clear enough to print. Her alert expression is due to her looking at about 100 budgerigars. For outdoor snaps I find cats will stand reasonably still on a short board four inches wide, nailed to a tree stump. It has one long nail driven into the board and post, so it

English Judges at the Racekatten Show



Our picture, taken at the recent Copenhagen Show of the Danish Racekatten Cat Club, shows, left to right, steward Mrs. Hamann, Mr. Firgen Hausur, Mr. Felix Tomlinson (who judged Longhairs) and Mrs. R. Pedersen.



And at the same Show steward Miss Larsdoller, of Stockholm, produces an exhibit for inspection by Shorthair judge Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb. Mrs. Lorentzen looks on.

is easy to swing round to suit the cat and the light.

"We have a lovely litter by Proud Pedro and Celestial Golden Arrow. The latter's sire is Pagan Conqueror, the only brother of Pagan Goddess now in this country."

Mr. Pope bred Pagan Goddess in April, 1947. She had a sensational career as a kitten and won a Challenge Certificate in January, 1948. Unfortunately, she died when young, a great loss to Mr. Pope. His sister, now married, uses their former joint prefix, "Pagan" (with the permission of the Governing Council), and he has a new one, "Zingari."

The breeding season has already commenced for Siamese and I hear of several queens already in kitten. Longhair cats have a much more pronounced close season and few queens are successfully mated until mid-January or later. Before mating it is advisable to see they are free from

fleas, have clean and healthy ears and, above all, if there is any suspicion of worms, two doests at intervals of 10 days of a reliable vermifuge. Modern worm remedies are expeditious and sure and some can be given without fasting. I hear good reports of Banicide, made by Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome. This is only obtainable through a veterinary surgeon, who will prescribe the correct dose.

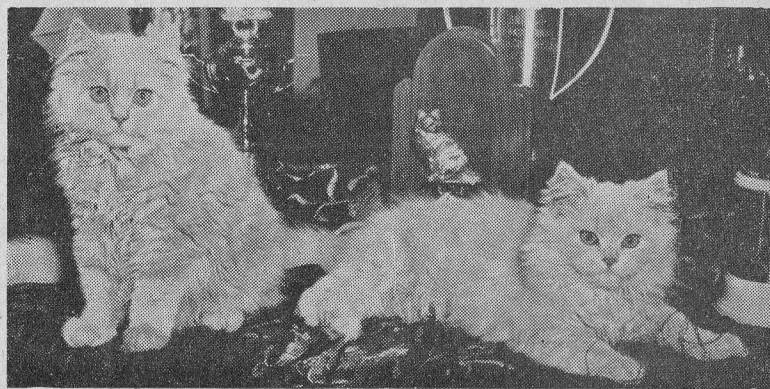
Best New Year Wishes to Cat Lovers here and overseas. May breeders have a successful season and rear lots of bonny kittens.

The Council of the P.D.S.A. has appointed Mr. R. P. Jaques as Press Officer in succession to Miss D. St. Hill Bourne, who recently retired. Mr. Jaques has had nearly twenty years of experience with the P.D.S.A. and is a registered veterinary practitioner.

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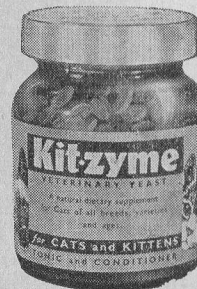
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Correspondence Corner

Readers are invited to send contributions to this feature and so to join
in the useful exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge. Letters
should be concise and deal preferably with items of general interest.

RINGWORM CURE

I am a veterinarian (gratis type!),
and having been a cat fancier since
1925 I have helped many people with
their cat problems. I raise Blues and
Blue-eyed Whites.

Here is some advice for your reader
who has had trouble with ringworm
(your October issue). Find the spots
on the cat, cut off the fur real close
to the skin. Then paint the spot with
regular iodine; let it dry for about 15
minutes. Then paint the spot with
regular nail polish; the clear kind is
best. Just one application will do the
trick.

After a few days pick off the nail
polish, and the spot is gone. Keep a
watch for new spots to appear and
treat them immediately. Be very
careful not to get any of the iodine
into cat's eyes.

Here is another suggestion for cat
lovers. Fill an old glove with catnip,
then sew it up at the wrist part. Then
watch the fun which kittens and even
grown cats will get out of it!

Mrs. T. R. James,
Minneapolis, U.S.A.

SUGGESTION TO CLUBS

I read with very great interest the
letter from Mrs. P. G. Jones in your
December issue with regard to the
appeal of the Animal Health Trust.
Surely there are enough cat lovers to
guarantee sufficient financial backing
to enable the Trust to undertake in-
vestigation into feline infectious en-
teritis.

Could not our cat clubs start the
ball rolling by voting an annual grant
from their funds, payable for five
years? This lead would, I think, en-
courage others to follow and so by

concerted effort we could hope to
obtain relief from a terrible disease.

Mr. Gordon B. Allt,
St. John's, Crowborough, Sussex.

WHAT ARE ANGORAS?

Are there any Angora cats? I have
been reading that none exist to-day
and that their place has been taken by
Persians. Is this correct?

Miss Eva Volkert,
Junius, South Dakota, U.S.A.

About that letter you were going
to send us. Why not sit down
and write it NOW? Correspond-
ence Corner is YOUR feature.
Please help to keep it interesting
and of value to other cat lovers.

In view of the controversy preva-
lent in some quarters over post-show
sickness among exhibits, the follow-
ing rule of the Cat Fanciers' Associa-
tion of America makes interesting
reading: Cats eligible for exhibition.
—Any cat or kitten of sound health,
from a house or cattery where there
has been no infection or contagious
illness within 21 days prior to opening
day of the show.

When thieves broke into an Acton
cinema they came across Jane Russell,
three months old black and white kit-
ten who resides in the building. Jane
was promptly bundled into a drawer
and locked up by the intruders. She
had quite a lot to say when she was
freed in the morning, but little
of help to the investigating men of
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items from home and overseas



An attempt to bring in legisla-
tion to abolish the inhuman
gin trap failed recently in the
House of Lords when a private
member's Bill was defeated by 44
votes to 22. A promise was given,
however, through Lord Carrington,
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Agriculture, that follow-
ing extensive trials a wider Bill would
introduce a humane trap to combat
the rabbit pest. Cat owners living in
rural areas will welcome this news.

The funeral of Pal, a 15-year-old
dog of uncertain breed, is reputed to
have cost his owner about £350 when
he was buried at Denver, Colorado.
Owner Mr. Fred Schmitt has many
other pets on his 40-acre ranch—50
dogs, 75 cats, 4 horses and many
pigeons.

A Sussex housewife has written to
the Editor of a Sunday newspaper as
follows: "I have nine cats and
through them have lost the love of my
husband because I was foolish enough
to let the cats have the run of the
house and to give them more atten-
tion than I did my husband. I am
sorry to have lost him, but I still love
my cats."

Ann Codrington, who requires no
introduction to those who enjoy the
B.B.C. plays, was a successful exhibi-
tor of Siamese at the recent National

Show. She tells me that the kittens
she showed were brought up by their
grandmother after the mother had
grown tired of them. Their names
are Watermill Yolanda and Watermill
Yoson, sired, obviously by Champion
Clonlost Yo Yo. Miss Codrington
lives in the Old Mill House, in a
Kentish village, which clearly sup-
plied inspiration for her prefix.

E. B. Greenwall, of Whetstone,
writes that his son's cat, Mrs. Smith,
aged 11 years, recently produced her
109th offspring and another litter is
expected.

Hubert, handsome Tortie who is a
well-known member of the staff of
Caxton Hall, famous for its weddings,
is regarded as a reliable weather
prophet. Fine weather is expected
when he sits at the main entrance
stairs and watches the world go by.
When, however, he retreats to the
top of the main radiator in the en-
trance hall, it is a sure sign that a
cold snap is on the way. And if
Hubert descends to the boiler house
severe frost and snow are on the way!

Cats are very subject to chills and
respiratory complaints and it is ad-
visable to give them a rub down when
they come in wet. This tip from a
well-known breeder is worth remem-
bering at this season of the year.

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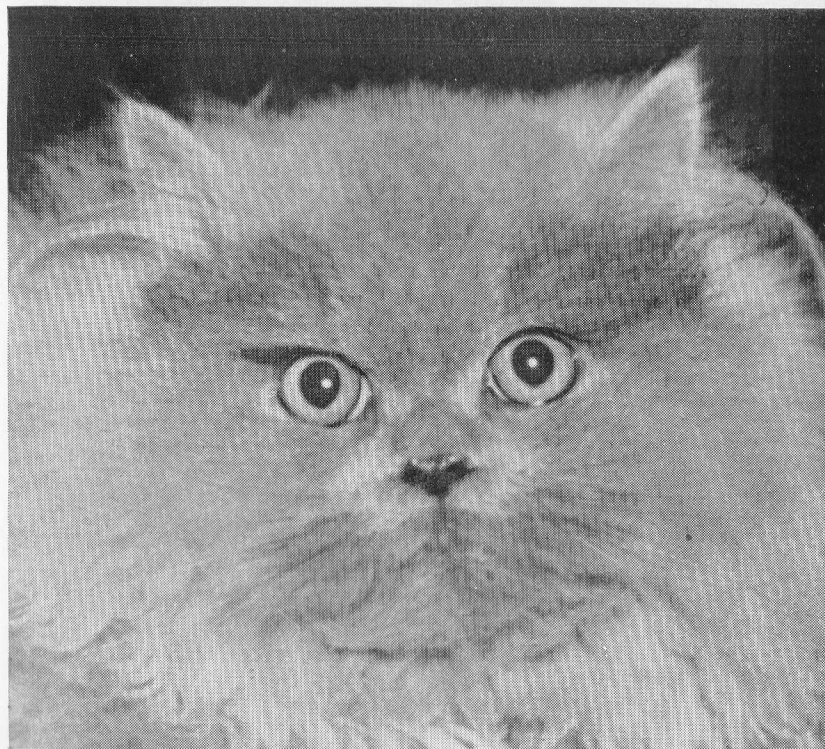
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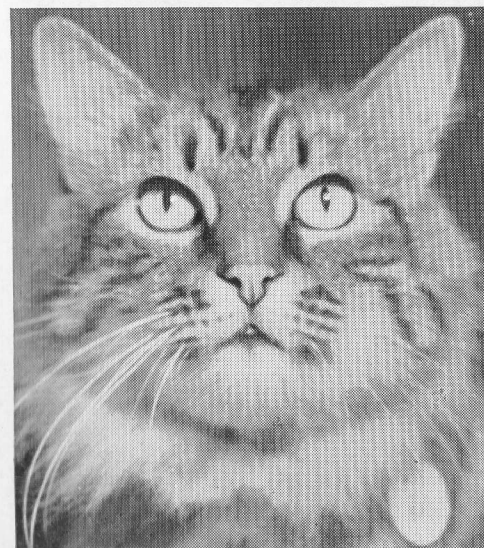
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