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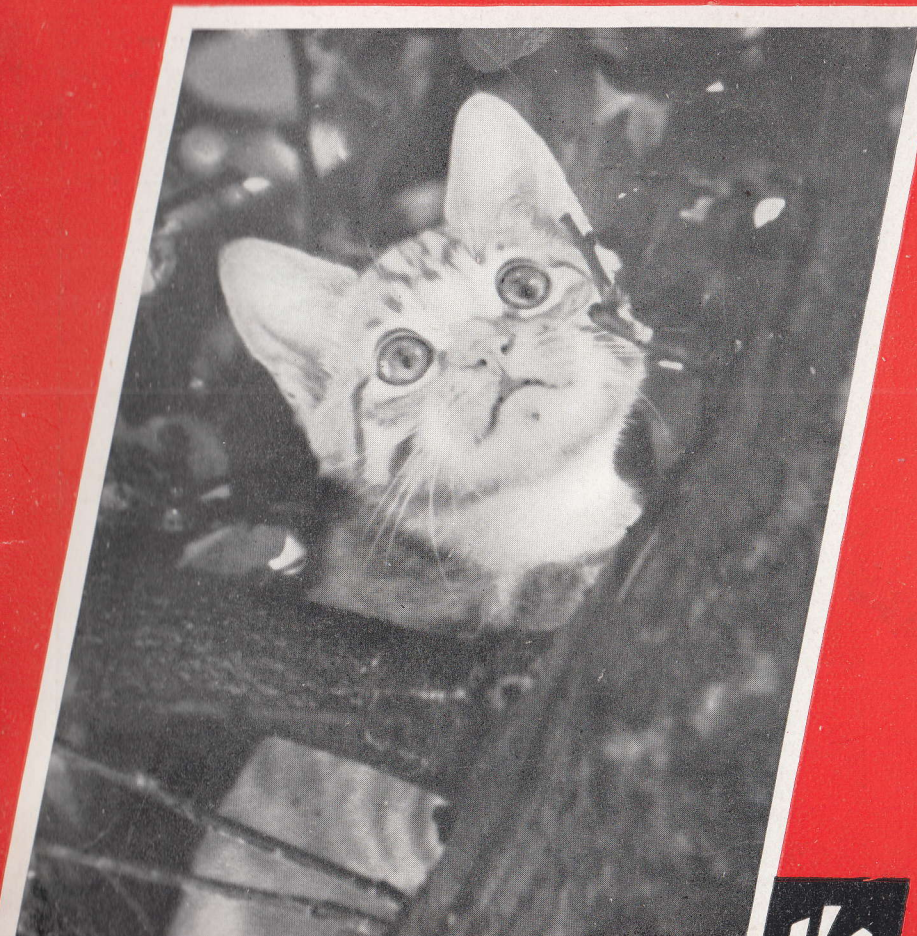
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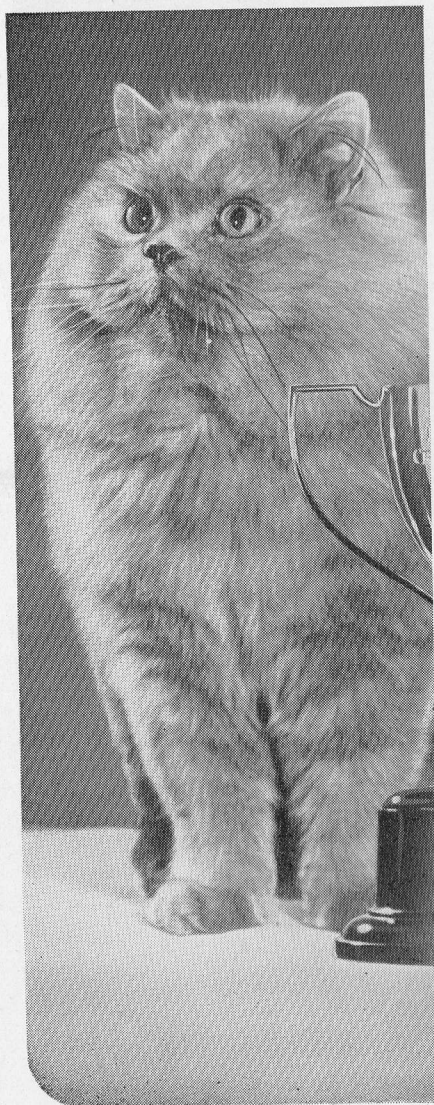
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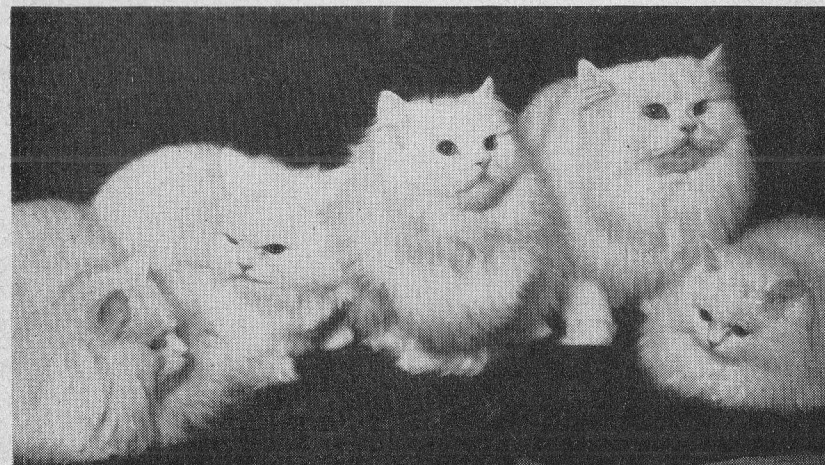
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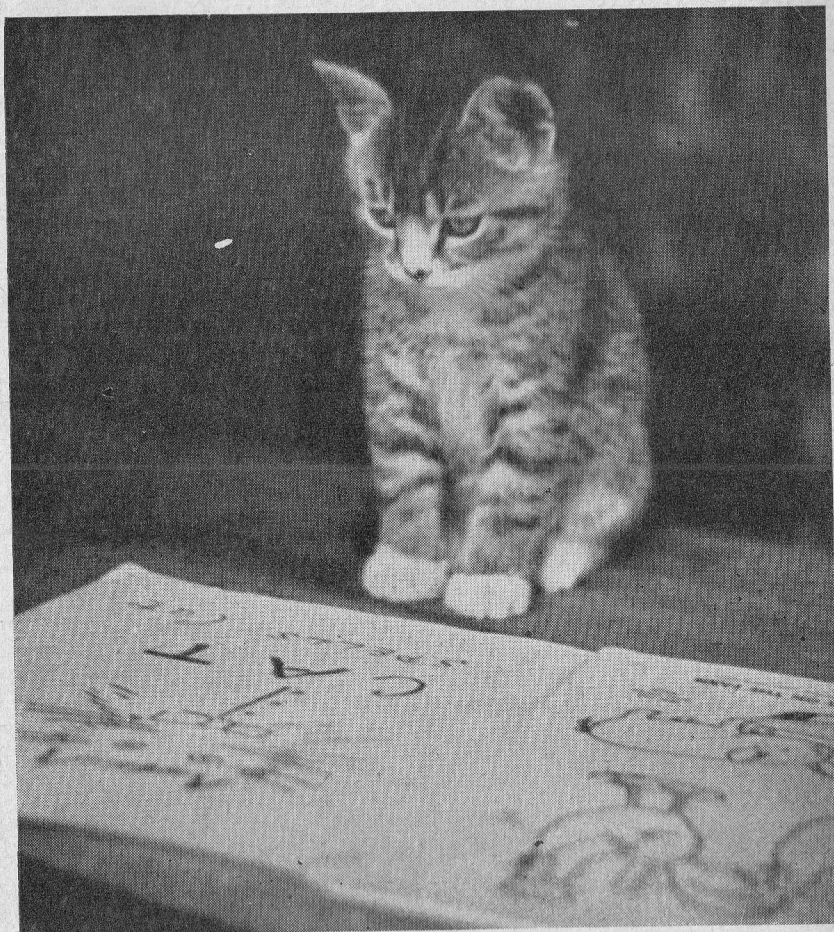
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THE SCHOLAR !

Lorna Bathgate

Cats in South America

By JOHN BROWN

The writer of this fascinating narrative went out to South America last year to survey the headwaters of the Amazon in order to pave the way for reclamation of the flood areas. His book "Two Against the Amazon" will shortly be published by Hodder and Stoughton Ltd. and very soon he will be off again on a Kalahari-Namib Desert expedition.

CATS have been popular in South America from very ancient times. The highest lake in the world, Lake Titicaca, lying twelve thousand feet up between Peru and Bolivia, is named after the *titi kaka*, or Puma Rock, a sacred place for the Inca civilisation, and the strange megalithic culture that preceded it.

On most of the ancient fortresses and temples there are representations of large cats, and this makes a strange link with the ancient Egyptian civilisation. As the art of writing was unknown in the Inca world, there are no records of the part played by the cat in the ancient religion, but that it was an important one is shown by the stone figures and sculptures scattered everywhere in the Central Andes.

When the Spanish conquerors first came to Peru, four hundred years ago, attracted by the stories of temples roofed with gold, they met Inca nobles leading jaguars on silver chains. The Spaniards gained great prestige by not flinching when they met the big cats—for this was a favourite test of the nerves of visitors.

Before I went to South America last year I had imagined that with such a vast nature reserve like the Amazon forests at hand, there would be zoos in every big city,

with examples of the local fauna. But there is no zoo on the Pacific coast, as the animals could not survive the road journey over the Andes, and the great fall in temperature.

The solution would be to fly the animals out from the Amazon forest area, but freight charges are so high that no one bothers. The locals have a strong objection to sharing an aircraft with wild animals or reptiles while plunging among the strange air currents of the great mountains.

So to see the big cats I had to go among them. There are many stories of pumas surviving in the Andean foothills, and some evidence in the names of towns, like Pomabamba (puma pampa—the valley of pumas). But I saw only one—a grey-brown, sleek, compact cat about three feet long. This is the same cat that is called a cougar or mountain lion in North America. I was advised not to follow him into his cave, as this is the place where he will tackle a man.

The pumas live on the sheep of the highlands, and on wandering llamas or vicunas. I found the stories of the puma's ferocity were much exaggerated, although I never met anyone who had succeeded in taming one. The puma

can travel at a great pace, although not as fast as a cheetah.

Puma is a word of the ancient Inca language, like alpaca, that has passed into English. The ancient language is still spoken everywhere in the Central Andes by the Quechua Indians, who rarely come into close contact with white civilisation until they are drafted for military service or volunteer for work in the copper mines.

I went north from Lima to the jungle, flying over the Andes at 20,000 ft., and then coasting down over the brown foothills to the sea of green beyond that stretches for two thousand miles to the Atlantic coast. Here there were jungles as big as France that the white man never enters. The local governments estimate that half a million Indian tribesmen inhabit the forests, most of them along the river hinterland, but no one knows for certain. The great Amazon is the only highway, and aircraft stick to the winding river on the transcontinental flights, as a crash in the "Green Hell" might involve months of search by a rescue party.

Terrors of the Forest

There are many jaguars in the forests of western Amazonia, but they keep away from the haunts of white men. The native hunters catch them in pits. The ocelot is the commonest cat, and there are many varieties, but I did not display too much interest in the local fauna, after an unpleasant experience with snakes. Having talked with them about the local anacondas and boas the natives thought I was a snake-lover, and kept bringing specimens. As I was not collecting them, and had no funds to buy them, or presents to

give for them, I decided to keep my mouth shut in case I was surrounded by specimens, alive and dead.

The big boas of the forest are strong enough to tackle jaguars when they come down to the hinterland lagoons to drink, and there are some fearful battles between these creatures, while the anaconda will tackle anything. The big black bushmaster snake will go for a man—the only snake that will do so.

But the big danger of the forests is the wild pig. A herd of these animals will cut anything in their path to pieces with razor-sharp tusks. Altogether, it is not the place for a quiet holiday, what with the giant mosquitoes, the red ants, and the blood-sucking vampires. I was very glad to get back to the mountains.

Black Cats Thrive

Up in the mining districts of the Andes the domestic cat is very popular, and game enough to tackle any of the pests. The black cat seems to thrive best, and is similar to our own friend in this country, except that occasionally he has a rather wild look in his eye. But in countries where earthquakes are frequent and where no one can guess what will happen next, a lot of human beings have a wild look in their eyes, too.

I never saw a large, fat cat in the cities. But a fat man is also a rarity in the tropics. Practically everyone has the stream-lined look that is the goal of so many Europeans. In the big cities the vultures are the scavengers, and in the workers' districts refuse is put out on the flat roofs to be cleared away by the big birds during the night.

There appeared to be an understanding between the cats and the vultures not to disturb each other. If a cat is in a street at night the vultures will not land there, and if a band of vultures go plopping down to land clumsily on a dusty road, the cats turn their backs on them with an air of haughty disdain.

Kindness to animals is more common in South America than ever before, a result of Anglo-Saxon influence and the propaganda of the churches. Nearly every worker's house has its chicken-run and its black, yellow-eyed guardian.



DANEHURST GERALD, Blue Longhair, belongs to Miss M. German, of Felixstowe, and here he is seen with the Yorke Cup for Neuters, which he is holding for the second consecutive year.

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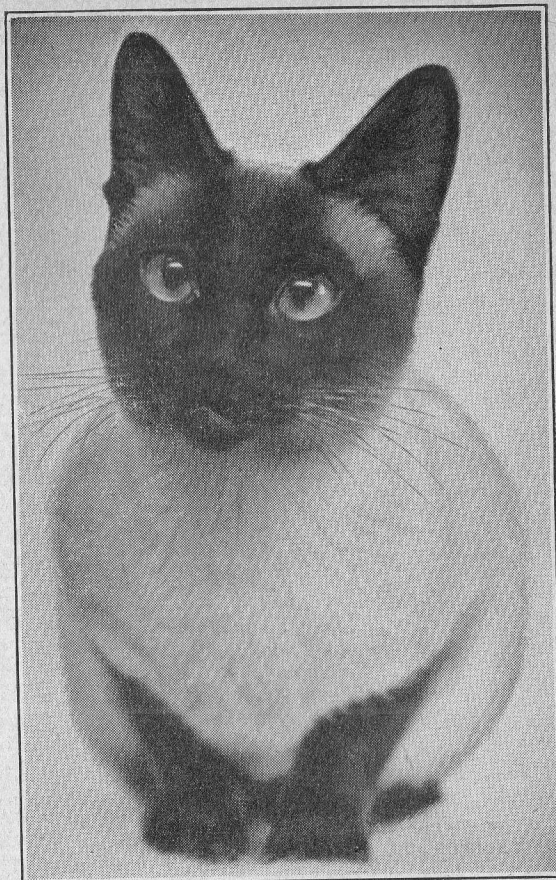
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All in a Show Day

By
ANN CODRINGTON



Ann Codrington

SANDWICHED in between the exacting calls on her professional services from radio and film studios, our author manages to find time for breeding and exhibiting her Siamese with the Watermill prefix. Ann Codrington confesses that it is not easy to live in the country and deal with cats and kittens and radio work. But it can be done, she slyly adds, by getting in an understudy to cope with the animals. Her husband is a doctor who has been blackmailed into this job! She looks after his three bull terrier pups if he agrees to look after the cats. This arrangement usually works out well but not when Ann Codrington has to appear at a film studio at dawn on the very day that the doctor is due to visit a patient in a coastal nursing home. Tinned rations and a second understudy are necessary for an emergency of this kind. Ann Codrington was in the B.B.C. Repertory Company for three years and now her daughter Patricia Hilliard and son-in-law William Fox have joined the same company. She is an enthusiast for the Siamese, to which she was introduced in 1934 by the late Mrs. Basnett. After the war, she re-commenced breeding with Chartland Fleurette, who, mated to Miss Basnett's Burmont Brutus, produced her present queen Mill Feather, whose kittens by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo have done well on the show bench.

"I MUST say," said Mr. Browne to Mrs. Browne, "I wish you weren't so besotted by these wretched cats!"

Five pairs of blue eyes gazed at him lovingly and one pair of brown, belonging to little Mrs. Browne, flashed furiously.

"And I wish," she said, "You

wouldn't say things like that at six o'clock on the morning of a show—and in front of the cats. It upsets them—and me."

"I've been awake all night," Mr. Browne said haggardly, "because when I have to get up early I stay awake to see that the alarm goes off. Now I've got a long

drive in front of me, and a drive back in the dark, which I dislike very much."

"Then you shouldn't have offered to drive us. You know I suggested going up by train and you said 'Certainly not.' How I loathe people who change their minds!"

Mrs. Browne banged a tea pot down on the kitchen table. The two Siamese cats and three kittens were devoting all their energies to cereal and milk. Mr. Browne gloomily drank his tea and went off to put his shoes on. His wife disentangled the two best kittens from the rest of the family and gave them a final "lick and promise" before popping them in their warm travelling box. Then she wrote a note about a foot long to the household help telling her what everybody would eat, what fires to light, and what to say if the telephone rang—rather as if she was leaving the house for six months!—before putting on her hat and coat and packing herself and her cat box into the car.

Not Self-Supporting!

It was cold and misty and only the kittens spoke for twenty minutes. Then Mr. Browne who had been brooding said, "It isn't as if they paid their way—they eat like horses and hate cheap fish!"

Mrs. Browne woke up and retaliated, "My cats pay a great deal better than your bull terrier anyway. It seems a long time since she had bull terrier pups."

The car swerved angrily. This was a sore subject and one not frequently referred to. So the journey continued in a silence which was broken after a while by Mrs. Browne's faintly con-

ciliatory, "After all we've sold two kittens!"

"And given two away," he grunted, "you can't tell me we make anything out of them."

"No, not yet," said Mrs. Browne, "but we may some day if we keep on. I don't suppose we'll win anything to-day but they're nice kittens and I learn a lot at a show. I must say you're not giving us much of a send off."

Safely Penned

There was no more conversation until Mr. Browne asked the way to the show hall in quite an ordinary kind of voice. When they arrived he helped to carry the box in and then wished her luck rather curtly and went off to his duties for the day. Mrs. Browne happily unpacked the kittens, who sat on her shoulders while she prepared their pens.

Then she tied the number tallies with the prescribed white ribbon round their necks and put them on to their blankets, where they forgot the horrors of an early morning upheaval and slept. She went off to get a cup of coffee.

Afterwards she watched the judging from a gallery, and fairly soon results appeared on a board. She stood by, chatting with acquaintances, learning from them and exchanging experiences. Sales were not good, she gathered, there wasn't much money about. (Then she hadn't done so badly after all!) But suppose she couldn't sell the remaining three kittens? Soon they'd be cats, and really five grown up cats in a family were too many. She was anxious and waited impatiently.

Kitten Class results came up at last. Had hers scraped through? Yes, one Highly Commended and

the other Commended. Pretty good for a beginning! Flushed with success she went to a telephone box and dialled Mr. Browne's number. He'd be as thrilled as she was. She felt frustrated and lonely when there was no answer.

When she went back to the results board her two were still doing fine—a 1st and a 2nd—then a 2nd as a brace and finally two more Highly Commendeds.



WATERMILL YOSEPH, one of the nice Siamese kittens at 4½ months bred by Miss Ann Codrington from Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo ex Mill Feather.

What glory! Going down to congratulate the kittens, she found them being polite to members of the public, who had just been admitted. They played a little, talked a little and drank copious gulps of water. ("Fancy a cat liking water!")

Their pens were festooned with cards, red, blue and white, and Mrs. Browne forgot that they ate like horses and that she hadn't sold them yet, in the pride of possessing prize-winners and hearing the compliments showered on them.

When Mr. Browne called for her, he was carrying a triangular paper envelope. "My word," he exclaimed, "we've done well! I'm so glad! Oh, and here's a prize for you!" In the envelope Mrs. Browne found two green orchids to match her blouse.

"Thank you, darling!" she said, "And for your share in bringing up the family. I couldn't have done it without help. Oh! and they're *all* sold you know!"

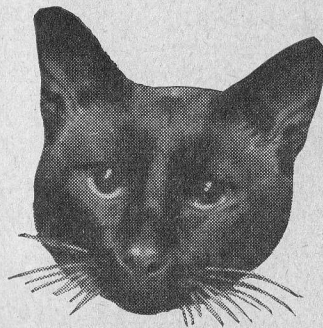
"All?" said Mr. Browne, "Won't the house seem dull without them!"

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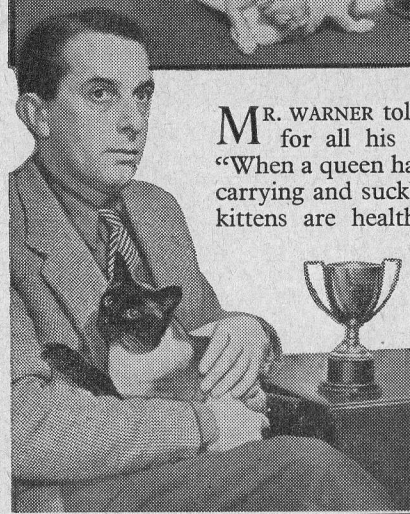
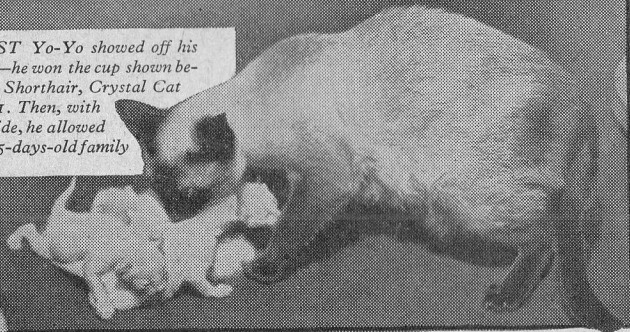
MRS. DUNCAN HINDLEY, well-known breeder and judge, gives her views on the judging of Siamese at Shows and includes some useful tips on Stewarding.

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF A CHAMPION

At Mr. Richard Warner's Spotlight Catteries, Bayleys Hill, Sevenoaks, Seal-pointed Siamese Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo grants an interview to the 'Tibs' Reporter.



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Su-Su Keeps Curfew

By LISA GORDON SMITH

FROM the safe refuge of her mistress's arms, Su-Su looked at me with distaste, marking up the score against me with irate twitches of her tail.

"Item One," she twitched, "I don't like strangers. Item Two, I object to being stared at through a little black box that clicks. Item Three, I detest being shut up on a perfectly good summer afternoon."

Two strong hind legs shot out, and this indignant puss was off to the woods.

Su-Su is the large, coal-black cat belonging to Madame Adelina de Lara, O.B.E., the famous pianist and world-authority on the piano works of Schumann. Eighty years old on January 23rd this year, Madame de Lara is still an active concert, radio and television pianist and the only remaining pupil of Clara Schumann still to be playing in public.

Her friends are very proud of her for this; but her cat Su-Su and her black spaniel Budgie, when they boast about her to their friends, are probably even more proud of the fact that she is the Vice-President of the R.S.P.C.A. for the Woking District, and of her kindness in devoting the funds arising from a number of her concert appearances to various animal charities.

Su-Su (who, like her predecessor, Susan, is actually a neutered tom, but does not mind being referred to as "she") had my immediate sympathy, for, in

order to be sure that she kept her appointment with "the press," Madame de Lara shut her up at lunch time. Usually she spends every moment of her days playing in the woods and only comes home to meals, for which she is so punctual that her mistress frequently searches her for contraband wrist-watches!

After supper, followed by the cream off the milk, she calmly takes herself off to her own little bedroom, complete with all feline conveniences, and permits herself to be securely fastened in until the morning.

This curfew was imposed in her kittenhood because a neighbouring cat, prowling too inquisitively among the tree-tops, was nearly killed by an angry owl. Whether the gaffer-cats of the district have passed this piece of history on to Su-Su I have no means of judging; but at half-past seven each evening she arrives home from her adventures, more than ready for supper and bed. And, on the rare occasions when she has not presented herself, the cry of "Su-Su, fish-fish!" sends eleven-year-old Budgie across the lane and among the trees after her, and they come trotting back together.

Two years ago, when her beloved cat Susan died after fifteen years of close companionship, Madame de Lara was so grieved that she said (as many of us do) "I'll never have another." But the Woking Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. knew better, and



Su-Su and Madame de Lara enjoy a rest in the garden.

arrived on Madame's doorstep with a tiny black kitten whose protruding frill of pink tongue-tip pleaded for a loving home. Naturally, she was received with kindness and remained to enchant the household with her cat-magic.

Of all Madame de Lara's pet cats, Su-Su is the first to hate music and makes off for her beloved woods at the first note from the Bechstein grand in the music-room; unlike Susan, who would sit on the piano by the hour watching her mistress's fingers twinkling on the keys.

Before the first world war, Madame Adelina de Lara was a well-known breeder of Siamese, Chinchilla and Russian Blue cats and at various times had

studs in Surrey and the South of France. From the latter she, with innumerable baskets of valuable cats, had a hurried, nightmarish return journey in 1914. But Madame de Lara found that there were disadvantages to cat breeding as a hobby; the worst of them being that one has to part with so many adorable kittens!

As we chatted over tea in the garden, Su-Su returned to share a slice of home-made cake with Budgie; then, replete and contented, she decided to forgive me, and, after a careful inspection of my respectfully extended hand, graciously allowed me to stroke her before going back to the woods for her final patrol of the day.

Your Questions Answered

Crossing - for Good or Evil?

By ALBERT C. JUDE

I READ that indiscriminate breeding and the advent of newer colour varieties are causing, or likely to cause, a falling off of general quality in Siamese. May we have your views on this really important subject?

My position as writer of this particular feature in *OUR CATS* does not allow that I should criticise or comment on the quality of animals exhibited within the Fancy. But I can deal with matters relating to the producing of new colours or types, and how these may affect original breeds when cross-mated.

My correspondence from cat fanciers on questions of cat genetics and colour inheritance is heavy, and because of that, I am usually able to get a clear reflection of what is happening as a result of breeding in the cat world. There has been no indication so far that indiscriminate breeding is entering at large into Siamese breeding through the cross-matings of colours. There is, however, always the possibility that as a result of such cross matings harm can arise, but that is no reason at all why new colour varieties should not be produced or sanctioned. Where new colours are possible, it is certain that in time, sooner or later, they will be produced anyway.

There are two items of rather special interest around this subject. The first is that it is not so very long ago that little or nothing was written for the cat fancier on matters of genetics and colour inheritance. The amount of guidance was small, and therefore, whatever fanciers had in mind about new forms or colours could only be satisfied by chance or indiscriminate breeding methods.

Secondly, both then and particularly now, the matter of expense attached to almost all cases of experimental breeding tempers the desire to the extent that those interested enquire and establish the ways and means beforehand, and make reasonably certain they may be along sound lines before attempting that "something new." Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that only quite reliable persons undertake the producing of new varieties, and consequently they may be trusted to take all the known and necessary precautions for the safeguarding of the breeds and the welfare of their fellow fanciers.

There are two considerations to be made when crossing colour varieties of a breed—one respecting colour interaction, the other respecting type alteration. In the present instance the question of colour will mainly arise through shade variation. How then are different shades of the same colour inherited?

Well, at present, no exact answer is possible, but broadly, it seems that deep shade is dominant to light shade, whilst "modifying" genes alter this result to produce lighter and darker "lights" and "darks." The practical importance of this is that the popular idea that to obtain either dark blues (where required), or dark chocolates, it is best to outcross to black, is based on a fallacy. Some people will say the method is quicker than to breed for shade required by selection. It just isn't so. It is wise to keep inside the colour variety and choose a deeper or lighter blue or chocolate as needed to effect the required improvement. After all, differences in shade exist in Blacks as well as in other colours, though they show up to a smaller extent. (Remember, Seal Pointed Siamese are virtually

blacks). Consequently, if the breeder selects just any Black to try and effect an improvement he may well select one which carries genes for lightness of shade, and the last state of his Blues or Chocولات may be worse than the first.

Even crossing a Blue to a Black with a view to obtaining deeper Blacks would not be likely to succeed, for the idea that you can add little dashes of blue to black to deepen the black as is done is washing is incorrect. A dark blue would deepen the colour of a light black, but if one wishes to keep a strain of true breeding Blacks it is preferable to use a dark black for this purpose. The same principle applies to small differences of shade in other colours. It is nearly always best to keep inside the "colour" to correct shades of that colour.

When we speak of "type" in animals, we mean, broadly speaking, their general shape, which is a collection of individual characters such as general shape of body, head, ears, nose, tail and so on. Each of these separate characters is inherited in such a way as to produce in the offspring a medium or an approximation to the medium between the two parents. General type within a breed is usually distinctive, even though that of some other breeds may be somewhat similar. In the case which we are now discussing—inter-crossing of colours within the Siamese breed—we have a good example. So that when these colours are interbred Siamese "type" remains subject only to slight variations. To keep the so-called

"good type" we need only to rely on the art of selection, but at the same time to realise that different colours can tend, in some instances, to slightly alter, within its own colour variety, the general standard for type set out for the breed as a whole. For instance, one should not expect quite as "good type" in Blue Pointed, as it is possible to get with Seals. In other words, although the same standard applies, one must expect a slight variation according to colour.

Realising all the above about colour and type, I think it will be understood that except in exceptional cases there is not much point in intercrossing the colours of Siamese, and therefore not much harm is likely to happen if the selective method within the colour variety is generally practised. But, of course, one cannot make a rule on the matter which can be enforced on breeders, so the only thing to do, as I have long advocated, is to make a rule that all the names of the ancestry on a pedigree must be marked by the number of their individual colour breed. The breeder will then be able to see at a glance what colours (if any) are being carried by a cat or kitten purchased.

One of the best examples of excellency of colour produced by "within the colour" breeding, is expressed by the exhibition Black mouse. This has been bred "within the colour" for endless generations, and the result is a breed whose colour throughout, right down to the toe-tips, is a truly intense black. No fancier would even dream of using an

outcross, knowing that this would upset the inbred quality of blackness to the extent that the crossing would be realised on the show bench immediately, through inferior blackness.

The object of this answer is to show that without any intercrossing of the colour varieties Seal, Blue, Chocolate or (yes) Red, each may attain a high standard of colour by selective breeding only.

I cannot see any sign that damage has been done in the producing of the newer colour varieties,—not even in the case of Red Points where colour crosses have been necessary to produce the foundation stock. And when established, the breeding of this variety will be as straightforward as in the cases of Seal, Blue, or Chocolate—each producing only its own colour when mated with its own colour variety. I feel that gratitude is due to those who in this country and America—mainly Dr. Archer and Mrs. De Filippo respectively—for the interest and work put in on this fresh colour. I am sure that in time to come the efforts will be fully appreciated.



SYMPHONY IN WHITE

The picture on our first page this month came to us from the well-known Continental fancier Mlle. C. Perrin, of Lausanne, Switzerland. We are happy to publish it, not merely because of its undoubted photographic qualities, but as a tribute to a famous cat who alas! has now passed over to his happy hunting ground. Doubtless the cat will be recognised by many of our readers, especially English judges and others who have attended shows in Switzerland, France, Belgium and Italy. He is International Champion Pigeon du Leman, who appears second from the right in the photograph.

Pigeon du Leman was a remarkable cat possessing a temperament to match his quality. He won 14 C.A.C. in all and his sumptuous coat and lovely blue eyes never failed to attract attention whenever he appeared on the show bench. He was the father or grandfather of 12 Champions, a wonderful record. These include Ch. Tenciere du Leman and Int. Ch. Xanie du Leman, both Smokes, Ch. Tanit, a Black and the third member of the same family Int. Ch. Tresor Blanc du Leman.

Mlle. Perrin very rightly contends, as a breeder of many years standing, that a Champion cat is only completely perfect when he has been a successful stud and left the stamp of his quality on a line of descendants.

The other cats in our photograph are (reading from left to right) Int. Ch. White Flower du Leman, Int. Ch. Venus du Leman, Int. Ch. Tresor-Blanc du Leman and Helvetia Winnie.

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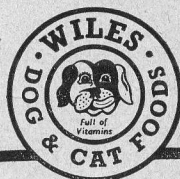
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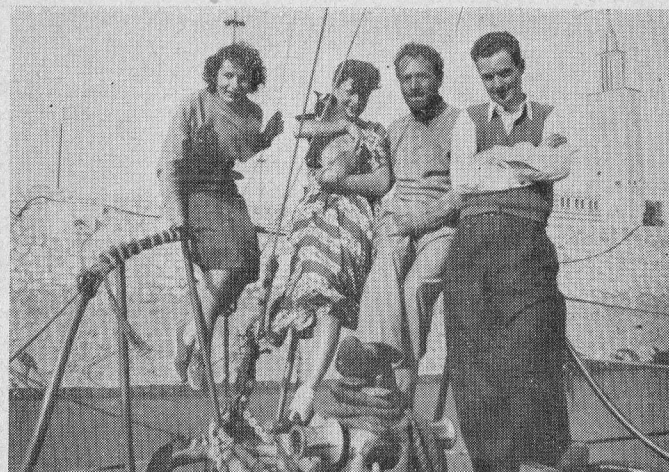
Bo'sun - Sailor Siamese

We are able this month to resume our journeyings with the trio of adventurers aboard the little sailing yacht "Mary Hillier"—Skipper George Blackburn, his American-born wife Dee (who supplies the narrative) and last, but by no means least, Bo'sun, their Siamese neuter. The "Mary Hillier" slipped quietly out of East Cowes harbour nearly a year ago for a voyage of indefinite duration to foreign ports.

NOW we're on our way again—having spent seven delightful months in Lisbon, Portugal—when our original intention was to stay only a few days! However, through the kindness and extreme hospitality of the many friends we made,

candles in honour of the occasion. The candles were of no interest to him. His whole attention was centered on the moment I would crumble the cake for him to eat. He loves sweets!

Bo'sun has a special place aboard in the cabin when the seas are rough. He found it himself, and even I couldn't



Reception party on board the "Mary Hillier" in the Yacht Harbour at Lisbon. Dee Blackburn is holding Bo'sun with Skipper George on her left.

Bo'sun and we saw more of Portugal than most visitors, and every minute was enjoyed. Portugal is certainly a beautiful and extremely modern country.

Bo'sun's second birthday was celebrated in Portugal—his first in France. We know not where we'll be for his third. Like last year, he received many gifts and out of a batch of queen cakes which I made one was decorated with two tiny

have chosen a better spot for him. At the foot of our bunk is a good-sized tuck-in locker where we stow our blankets during the day. Nestled down among the bedclothes with a pillow wedged in front—no amount of rough weather can budge him. When he's in his little cubby hole and we come about in high seas I always slide the hatch open to have a look-see and reassure him that everything's okay. He usually sticks his little

head out as if to reassure me that all is well with him.

He again has voluntarily changed his eating habits. Since the extremely hot weather has set in he demands a very early breakfast, lunch about eleven, tea at five and a late supper. He will never eat now between 11 a.m. and 5. I wish I could train George to the same schedule! Cooking a mid-day meal in these climes is not pleasant. Bo'sun will drink water, however at any time, but only when drawn fresh from the tap. Although I always leave a bowl of water on the floor—changing it quite frequently—I haven't seen him drink it this way in months. When he is thirsty, he jumps up to the sink and mews until I draw off some water and hold it for him. Then he'll drink the lot! We can't understand why the preference because he still eats his food from its regular place.

Fly Catching

Our companionway has a hinged flap door which drops outward leaving about nine inches of removable bulkhead. In the past it was necessary for Bo'sun to jump over this nine inches when coming on deck. Of late, because of the heat, we now remove the entire door but Bo'sun has taken no notice of this. When he appears on deck he still vaults what used to be the nine inch bulkhead in spite of the fact that it isn't there any more. He looks most peculiar when he shoots out of the cabin with a bound and leaps high in the air as though attempting to perform an acrobatic feat.

If Bo'sun happens to be on the cabin top when one of us is going below, he uses our shoulders as an escalator, rather than exert himself in jumping down under his own power. Whenever I lie down whether on deck or below—Bo'sun joins me, always draping himself around my neck like a fur piece. In this hot weather I'm not always comfortable under my burden, but if I attempt to remove him to a cooler position, he gets highly indignant and sulks.

One unpleasant feature among the many more pleasant aspects of our voyaging is the number of flies. They are everywhere in their thousands. We are having screens made for the hatches which will relieve the situation not a little. Bo'sun dashes around all over the place trying to catch them. Fortunately, in most cases he is not as quick as they are. But when I do find him successful in his catch I naturally confiscate it. This breaks his heart. He just can't understand why his playthings are taken away from him in such a manner.

From Lisbon we sailed a day and a night. At tea time the following day we anchored in the delightful Lagos Bay, our last port of call in Portugal. The approach to this quaint, old-world village was most impressive. Tremendously large and beautifully coloured rocks jut out into the Bay in a most spectacular manner.

When the local fishermen discovered Bo'sun they came in droves with fish—small octopi (which he likes), pounds of sardines (which he won't eat) and many other varieties. Bo'sun never goes short of fresh fish when we moor in these little harbours.

A Fine Catch

As a matter of fact, George caught a really huge fish the night before we arrived in Lagos. We always have a line out when sailing, but have never managed to get a fish of any great size aboard before. About 2.30 on this particular morning (it was George's watch) I heard a thud on deck. Immediately afterwards he poked his nose below to announce that our breakfast had just arrived. It was a beautiful fish, but we haven't yet discovered its name. It was exceptionally good eating. Even Bo'sun devoured his share in an attitude of extreme pride in his "old man's" dexterity with the fishing line.

From Lagos we sailed on to Cadiz, our first port of call in Southern Spain. We didn't take him ashore. The Corpus

Christi feista was on and literally thousands of people were milling through the streets. We knew Bo'sun wouldn't care for this sort of fun. The whole city was a blaze of lights strung across buildings up and down telegraph poles and forming archways in all the streets. Most of the women and children were gaily bedecked in the national costumes and we sat for hours in sidewalk cafes watching the celebrations. Band concerts, native singing and dancing and other forms of entertainment were continuous until three and four o'clock in the morning for four consecutive days. When we went ashore without our mascot the first night we made a promise to bring him back something he liked. Vendors were peddling large size largostinas and we brought three for our pride and joy. Bo'sun thus had his own private feista.

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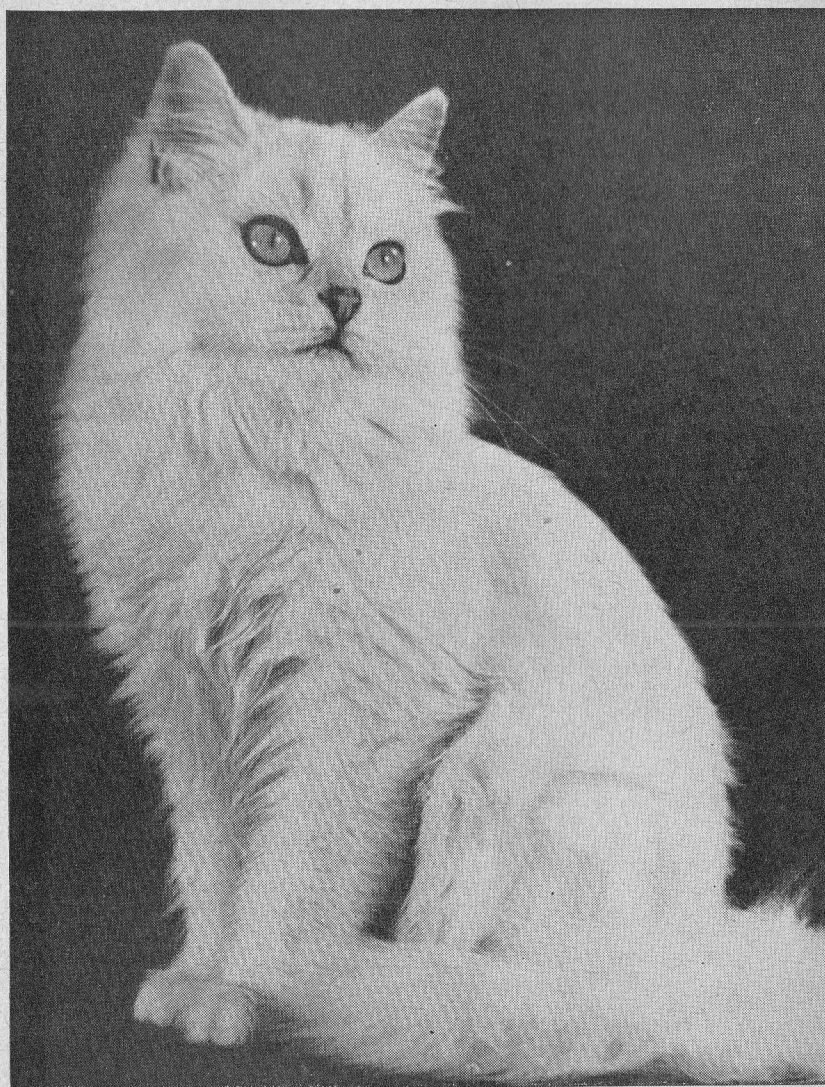
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Toll of the Road

By P. M. SODERBERG

DURING the past few weeks I have seen several cats lying dead by the roadside, unfortunate victims of the fast moving traffic. It is an unpleasant sight, but one realises that such accidents are bound to happen when there are so many cars on the road and so many cats who try to cross a road without realising the danger. It is a pity for any to be killed in this way, but those I saw all looked as though death had been instantaneous.

What causes me more concern is the fact that ten times as many cats must be injured as killed. A motorist involved in an accident with a dog must by law report the accident to the police, but the same rule does not apply to cats, and there are some motorists who do not bother to stop when they hit a cat. That is an attitude I cannot understand, but I have heard of several cases this summer when an injured cat was found unattended by the roadside.

Many motorists are firmly convinced that they ought to do nothing to avoid either cat or dog unless they are absolutely certain that by swerving they will not run the slightest risk of becoming involved with other vehicles. With that attitude I can have no complaint, but I do know fortunately how difficult it is to avoid the instinctive turn of the wheel which saves an animal's life or limb.

Having accepted these facts it is important that people should know how to deal with an injured cat, for prompt first aid may save the animal considerable suffering.

Handling.

Handling an injured cat is not

easy, for the animal is usually terrified and may be in considerable pain. The cat's own instinct is to get away from the scene of the accident and hide itself. Frequently it gets into some inaccessible place from which it can only be retrieved with the utmost difficulty.

An injured cat is not rational and will bite and scratch merely from fear of further pain. Thus, from the point of view of the person who is trying to help it is essential that he should see that he cannot be attacked by tooth or claw. The safest method is to cover the cat with a coat or even a sack and then, wrapping this round the victim, to take it to a place where its injuries can be examined. For this task two people are better than one.

Fractures

Broken limbs are a frequent result of road accidents and can only be dealt with temporarily by the person rendering first aid. Broken legs should be immobilised and this is not difficult, for strips of wood and even handkerchiefs will do if nothing better is available. The leg must be covered with material before the splints are applied. These should be bound below and above the fracture. This is all that can be done on the spot, for the setting of bones is a task for the vet.

When other bones are fractured, immobilisation is difficult, but, as swelling soon occurs, this and the pain will prevent further movement. When there is a wound as well as a fracture, this must be treated before anything else.

Dislocations

Sometimes the blow has been less severe and no bones are broken, but the limb may be severely wrenched at the joint and dislocated, while the attached ligaments may be torn. First aid must be applied to give temporary relief.

With fractures and dislocations there is usually deformity of the limb or joint, but the two can easily be distinguished by a person of ordinary common sense with a slight knowledge of anatomy.

When a dislocation is treated, the greatest relief can be given to the cat by the frequent application of cold compresses, but no attempt should be made to bandage such compresses in position. The reduction of the dislocated joint must not be attempted by the amateur or there may be permanent deformity.

Sprains and Bruises

The least damage one is likely to find as a result of a road accident is a sprain or bruise. Sprains occur at joints, but there is not any apparent deformity. In this case cold compresses should be applied and may be bandaged securely in position. Cold water affords con-

siderable relief and the compress should be frequently renewed.

Shock

Shock is always a sequel to accidents unless of the most minor kind, and consequently the injured animal should be kept as quiet as possible. If you can get it to drink warm milk, take the opportunity of adding a five-grain tablet of aspirin unless you feel confident that you can give the tablet by merely popping it down the back of the throat. A warm bottle under a blanket adds considerably to the patient's comfort.

Whether you are the cause of the accident or merely the person who happens to find the cat that has been damaged, try to get hold of a vet. at once unless you are certain that the injuries are insignificant. The attitude of the cat will usually help you to make up your mind. It is much better to take an injured cat to the vet. than wait until he arrives, but with regard to this you must be guided by circumstances at the time.

One final word. Whenever you find a cat injured by the roadside, be a Good Samaritan. The task facing you may not be pleasant, but it should be attempted.

AMERICAN NEWSLETTER

Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

FIVE letters are here on my desk telling of imports. Each breeder swears me to secrecy—asking me to wait until the coming show season when each particular import will rock The Fancy!

Well, maybe, but it is a lot more satisfactory to have news come in like Mrs. Howell Mueller sends from San Antonio, Texas. There is not one shh-shh in her whole letter. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Mueller took a trip to Europe and one of their dreams was to find a top bracket Cream male. They drove to Rotterdam, from there up to meet Miss Posthuma, who is located just above The Hague. No Cream male was available—Miss Posthuma just did not have one. But there was a little pastel Blue queen they could have. She wrapped the Muellers right around her tail and has had them entranced ever since. This little queen is Bentveld's Rosemary. She arrived in America at the time the C.F.A. was holding their annual meeting and election of officers at the McAlpin Hotel, and was welcomed to New York by Mrs. R. B. Hiller of Summit, New Jersey. Mrs. Hiller, at the same time, received a litter sister of Rosemary named Bentveld's Nepeta.

Mrs. Hiller happens to be a neighbour of mine and I know of no one who deserves a beautiful cat more than she. She has devoted so much of her time and money to matters of animal welfare. Mrs. Hiller was stopping at the McAlpin, as were quite a few judges and breeders. As soon as word seeped around that two imports had arrived and were at the hotel, what a scramble there was to see them. This welcoming committee consisted of Judge Revington, Mrs. Ohlin,

Mrs. Pelton and a few others. The conceded opinion was that the little girls were excellent. Mrs. Mueller tells me that Bentveld's Rosemary is, in her humble opinion, just about tops. Very cobby, good bone and tiny ears. The very definite accolade conferred on Rosemary in 1951 was "Best Kitten" at the Paris show.

The Garden State Cat Club have heavy plans under way for one of their largest and most important Championship Shows which will be held on the 9th and 10th of December. Miss Elsie G. Hyden, President of Garden State, will manage the show.

Most of the Clubs have selected their judges and the dates of the various shows. Concentration is now being brought to bear on the various committees. Bridge, luncheon and lawn parties are in full swing raising funds to defray expenses of the coming shows. Last week alone there were three luncheons, two dinner parties and four lawn parties. When a breeder will drive 150/200 miles to attend, it rather looks as if they were interested. One Club held a flower show and after the expenses were deducted seventy-two dollars remained for the Club's expense fund. One girl who is an expert swimmer is teaching minnows to swim (the said minnows being the small children of various club members). Already she is over subscribed, giving all day Friday and Saturday mornings to this effort. One loyal member is making sandwiches and cookies to be served at the Club meeting.

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The C.F.A. have a rigid code by which they train their judges. When a novice judge passes, there is a certain distinction of having accomplished a very worthwhile bit of training. This coming season will see quite a few novice judges making their debut.

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At a meeting of the Crusaders in Newark last week there were eleven breeders who gave their experience with the various novices they had assigned to them for instructions. Each member has three novices to council and instruct in the "whims" of The Fancy. Some of the things that happened were funny, some pathetic, some simply beggared description! Next month the main topic with the Crusaders will be grooming. Then, in September, some of the novices will be matching their wits and skill against our experienced breeders. The Fancy is not growing smaller but is

trippling in numbers each season and I'm thinking some of the oldsters will have to step up their tempo to be in the running at all.

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A friend of mine who has the most talked about garden in this section, tells me she is through giving away her plants. From now on she is charging. There is a small box on her hall-table. Every time a friend wants a plant, a slip of this or a small, wee sprig of that—it is fifty cents, and put it there, please! This fund goes towards her favorite cat club for their expenses. She has two Persians, Figero, a Blue boy and Chinquepin, a Red queen. This lady has a way with cats. They have long talks together and she claims they are watch dogs, pets, good companions and fair entertainers. Figero is an anti-crime cat, while Chinquepin is a radio fan and something of a comedian. The three of them have so far raised fifty-two dollars for their club by selling a bit of catnip, a slip of honeysuckle and maybe a white peony.

American Personality

MRS. RITA SWENSON

AS far back as dynamic little Rita Swenson can remember, there have been cats in her home. Her mother could never resist the appeal of a half starved kitten in need of a good home with the inevitable result that half a dozen kittens or more were always running around her home. But it was not until after she was married that Rita Swenson became interested in show cats.

From an advertisement in a New York paper, she located a handsome Red male, Riola of Green Vale. He became winner a number of times but before his first show there was much that had to be learned. By writing the Washington, D.C., Service Bureau, she located the "Cat Courier." This was subscribed to

and studied word by word and for years after she was able to recite the names and owners of all the catteries in America. The next step was to write the Chamber of Commerce, Springfield, Mass. They told her how to locate Mrs. Bertha Costello, who managed the Springfield Shows held at the Eastern States Exposition each year.

In 1939 Rita Swenson attended her first show at this Exposition and it was here that Riola, of the old Del Norte lines, won Best Red and Opposite Sex Novice. Just prior to this show she had purchased her first Blue-eyed White kitten, who was christened Casa Loma Fairwood Shalimar. Shalimar was a winner every time shown, finally topping all her wins with

Best Cat in Show. Unfortunately, Shalimar was non-productive. She was a beautiful queen, cobby, gorgeous eye colour and won Best White Cat, Best American Bred, many times.

There have been many White Champions at Casa Loma but at this writing there are only three "home-breds." I refer to Ch. Casa Loma Flower, Ch. Casa Loma Cupid and Ch. Casa Loma Jaspurr. There are also Ch. Sno-Crest Queen High, Ch. Periwinkle Pavanne and Ch. Periwinkle Paleface. Probably one of the high-lights of Mrs. Swenson's show career was when English judge Mrs. Joan Thompson awarded Paleface the Best Orange-eyed Female in the Atlantic Show.

Mrs. Swenson is noted more for her White Persians than any other color, but in later years she has had a few Blues. In this color was grand old Ch. Imp. Speedwell Brian Boru.

Mrs. Swenson is an active member of the Boston Cat Club and Secretary-Treasurer of the Solid Color Club of the East. This coming year she goes up as a novice judge in C.F.A. This potential judge was very active in the improvement of the quality of cat paintings and illustrations used in magazines and advertisements. By co-operating with the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, she secured satisfactory results in their acquisition of a supply of cat photographs which were subsequently used as models by the student painters and sculptors. She has also had much experience in writing for cat magazines.

One cannot help but feel, after talking with this breeder that the Blue-eyed White Persian is her first love. She admits its breeding is not easy. It is a slow climb and in spite of the availability of the Blue outcross, shortcuts to success are scarce. Through the years she has



Mrs. Rita Swenson with one of her lovely exhibits.

done more color-breeding than out-crossing, principally to obtain the depth of eye color which is the chief attraction of the breed. She admits that a color cross can prove helpful at times in improving type, head type, of the Blue-eyed White but one does have to accept a setback in eye color in the process. Until the Blue has been set back to the third or fourth generation, the eye color as a whole is not particularly strong. She feels it is a mistake to breed in too much color for this results in too many litters which will show a majority of orange eyes. Only when the type degenerates should a color-cross be considered. Building up type in the Blue-eyed cat, Mrs. Swenson finds it easier to work with a number of cats.

Mrs. Swenson feels that breeding the Orange-eyed White cat is not so complicated since the eye color factor does not play such a strong part. One may

breed in as much color as they wish without fear of losing the eye color. The only possibility is of breeding in so much color that the white is lost. She feels that breeding and showing the White Persian is no simple matter but if one takes the best he has, presents it to the judge in immaculate condition, the results may well be rewarding. Years ago she adopted this practice and has held to it ever since.

BILLIE BANCROFT.

Hubert, the famous cat of Caxton Hall, rarely misses an important function and, of course, he was present at the wedding of Miss Clarissa Spencer Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden. When he entered the hall, Mr. Eden had to walk round Hubert, who sat on the red carpet blinking in the glare of the photographers' flash bulbs.

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MRS. J. M. NEWTON, Hon. Secretary of the Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society, gave a very nice party at Moultsford Grange for members. The Society's thirty-eight cups and trophies (insured for over £400) were on view and very handsome they looked on Mrs. Newton's dining room table. During the war membership fell to almost vanishing point but now it is ninety-eight. Every show, large or small, all over the country is supported if there is a possibility that a member may exhibit, and over thirty-six spoons were won last season. Many of these awards went to the Midlands. Miss Lelgarde Fraser, Chairman of the Society, was present—after taking a long cross-country journey—and Mrs. E. Towe represented the Short Hair Cat Society.

It was lovely chatting down by the river. Although swim suits were offered no one took the plunge. Mrs. Newton has done much good work for members and is always happy to advise on mates for queens and the selection of kittens. This is the time to join the Society to become eligible for wins on cups, etc., so those wishing to join should write to

Mrs. Newton at Moultsford Grange, Moultsford, near Wallingford, Berks.

Show at Paignton

Miss Cathcart, Hon. Secretary of the South Western Counties Cat Club hopes to receive a big entry for the Ch. Show at Paignton, Devon, on September 24th. Popular judges are officiating and the classification will be as generous as possible. On July 23rd the Club gave a social on its coming of age and members were very interested in a talk Miss Kathleen Yorke gave on the points to look for in the different breeds. Mr. Builder, M.R.C.V.S., gave an address on the lesser ailments of cats. Twenty-five visitors attended the tea party.

Festival for Cats

A lovely day for the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Festival for Cats at the Royal Horticultural Hall, an ideal venue, with its perfect light for judging, ample space to move around and cool and airy conditions for exhibits. It was most enjoyable and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams received congratulations galore on their capable management.

When the founders of the Club staged their first modest little show many years ago at a church hall in Kensington how little they imagined that by 1952 the Cat Fancy would have grown sufficiently to aspire to the Royal Horticultural Hall. 367 exhibits gave ample proof that this is the type of show breeders will support, a really wonderful number for a non-Championship show in midsummer. Some lovely exhibits were having a

preliminary canter before the Championship events start in earnest in September.

Best Longhair Cat was Mrs. Beedell's Blue Male Magyar Yanos, a well developed youngster with a very good head and glorious eyes. Best Shorthair Cat was Miss Bones's Heatherpine Juanita, one of the best Abyssinian females I have seen for many years.

Best Longhair Kitten award went to Mrs. Brine's Blue Female Avernoll Willow Blossom, a well-grown kitten of excellent type and lovely eyes. She was so well presented.

Best Shorthair Kitten was Mrs. Highton's Seal Point Siamese, Silken Rogue, a gem excelling in type, colouring and with exceptional eyes.

Mrs. Minter's Red Tabby Hendon Orlando, an imposing and lovely pet with wonderful depth of colouring, was Best Longhair Neuter. Best Shorthair Neuter went to Miss German's Russian Blue, Premier Dunloe Pavlovitch, one of the best of this variety we have seen in this country since the war. It seems such a pity he cannot pass on his good qualities.

Blue Kittens

Miss Statman was awarded Best Blue male kitten with Anson Eros, which has the lovely combination of a pale coat and very good eyes. He was purchased later by Mrs. Denton of Denmark Hill as a mate for Trenton Sugar Plum, who was pictured in the December issue of *OUR CATS* with the two silver cups she won at Olympia. Another delighted exhibitor who was showing kittens of her own breeding for the first time was Mrs. Douglas of Cullompton, Devon. She won first prize in a class of 15 litters with her beautiful quintette of Blues, a male Ufcombe Simon, and a female Ufcombe Sunrise, being the first prize winners in the 2-3 months Blue kitten classes.

The Poster competition adorned a big space on one wall and it was good to see cats coming into prominence as mediums for commercial advertising, although we have a long way to go before we reach U.S.A. standards in this direction. The silver cup awarded by at

popularity poll went to a delightfully effective poster advertising Philips Lamps.

Deportment Winners

Miss Rochford's Russian Blues were first in the novel deportment test for Shorthairs. The tests were judged by Lady Aberconway and the idea originated from the custom of many London flat-dwellers taking their cats for walks in the parks on leads. Lady Aberconway told the Press before the tests that the main point she would look for "is if the cat looked happy and is collaborating; if it likes being taken on a lead and is not being bullied." A Siamese handled by Mrs. M. Lenton was best in the neuter class and in the class for pairs, Miss Sladen was the winner with a pair of her well-known Manx. Mrs. Price-Hawkins' Blue Longhair queen Pymble Blue Pearl, decided not to budge although I have seen her walking happily on her lead at home. However, she made up for it by being first in the Blue Breeders and Blue Novice Adults. She was subsequently sold to Mrs. T. R. James, of Minneapolis, U.S.A., a visitor who arrived the day before the Show. Mrs. James also purchased Mrs. Brunton's winning kitten, Donald Duck of Dunesk.

Mrs. Highton sold her lovely pair of Siamese, Silken Rogue and Silken Rosy Rascal, also to a visitor from U.S.A. Many other kittens were sold. This type of show at an attractive Internationally-known London hall is the most beneficial to breeders especially coming at a time of year when so many kittens are for disposal. It was thronged with visitors during the afternoon and they were very attracted by the Best in Show and deportment tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald were present, all the way from Edinburgh, and were awarded first with their Siamese litter by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo and other prizes with their Abyssinians by last season's winning queen, Ch. Taishun Jasmin.

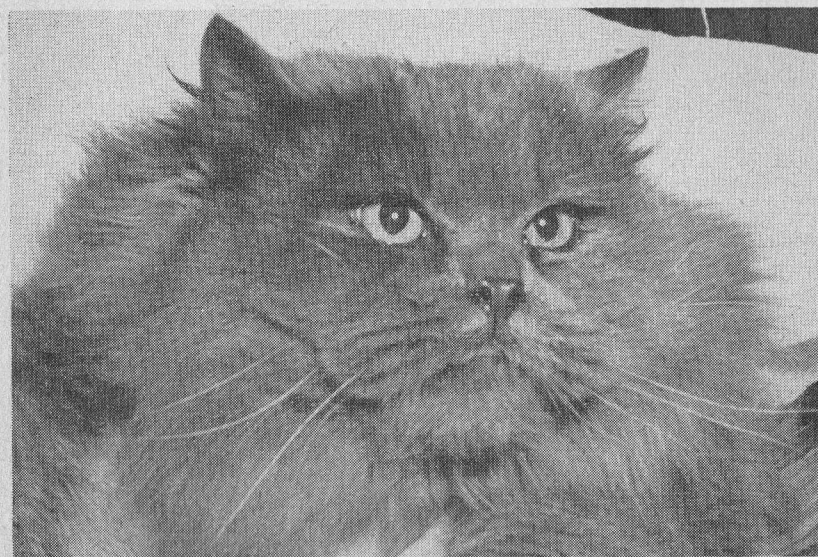
A cheery show with many happy memories. And very soon afterwards Mrs. Douglas wrote me about her unexpected successes: "As you can

imagine I was thrilled. I bought the mother, Dainton Queena, from Mrs. Jones of Sevenoaks as a playmate for a Blue male kitten I had given me. But as soon as I received her I realised he wasn't in the same class as Queena so I had him neutered. I bought a very nice male kitten from Mr. Gordon Allt last September as a future mate for her but in the meantime decided to take her to Gem of Pensford, as I so admired his son, Woburn Sunshine. I motored 185 miles from Devon to Chalfont St. Peters and within two hours of leaving her with Mrs. Davies she phoned me at the Hotel to say Queena had mated, so I returned next morning and in due course had the lovely winning litter. They are full of beans and quite fit after the Show."

New Zealand Champions

Good news arrived from Mrs. Downey, of New Zealand, concerning the cats she has imported. Championship Shows commenced the middle of June (of course mid-winter out there). She writes:

"Our lovely boy, Royal of Pensford, completed his Championship at three consecutive shows and at 14 months created a record as no other Blue male has become a Champion at this age in New Zealand. At Auckland he was Reserve Best Cat in Show to my imported Black male, Slapton Black Magic, son of Ch. Bournside Black Diamond. At the next Show he turned the tables and was Best Cat in Show, and on the same day my Siamese male Spotlight Pride (pictured in *OUR CATS*, October, 1951) by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo completed his Championship. At Hamilton on July 16th, Royal was Best Blue in Show and he, Slapton Black Magic and Meddlesome Matty of Dunesk became Champions. So you can imagine how delighted I am with my English bred cats and what a wonderful day it was. My home bred Tortoiseshell, Lindisfarne Mosaic and Sue (one of Ch. Spotlight Pride's daughters) completed their Championships and the latter was brought out for Best in Show but Magic was given the supreme award. We usually have



CHAMPION ROYAL OF PENSFORD, Blue Longhair male at 14 months, sired by Thiepvall Beau Ideal, and bred and exported by Mrs. Joan Thompson to Mrs. Downey, of Auckland, New Zealand.

about 200 exhibits at our Championship Shows."

A telephone call which it is sad to receive all too frequently at this time of year is a request for advice about cats which have returned from boarding establishments either ill or recovering from illness. I am astonished that anyone entrusts their pets to a person who handles knowingly sick cats. Washing hands in the strongest disinfectant is a negligible precaution when cuffs, sleeves and overalls have all received their quota of bacteria. Only premises devoted to fit animals and presided over by someone who has the experience to recognise quickly the slightest sign of indisposition are suitable for cat boarders. Strange premises and persons usually make cats temporarily lose their appetite and so they become more susceptible to infection.

Real Cat Lovers

I recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Roos at Shirley, near Croydon. They are ardent workers for the R.S.P.C.A. and once a month they give a musical evening to their friends and acquaintances. A collection is taken and in 1951 they were able to give to the R.S.P.C.A. £111 10s., which included proceeds from a dance, subscriptions and donations. Their voluntary work brought them into contact with many cat lovers who were distressed at leaving their pets. So in compassion they boarded a few. From this small beginning they eventually provided accommodation for about thirty and they now devote all their time to looking after feline boarders during the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Roos are real cat lovers and their boarding kennels are endorsed by the R.S.P.C.A.

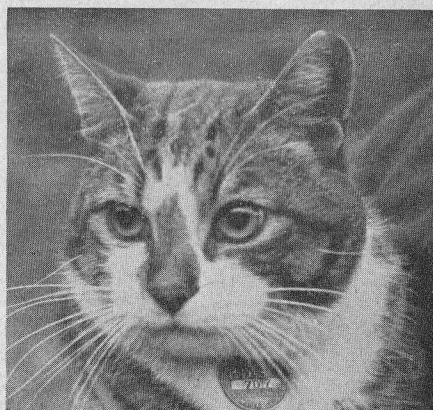
American Impressions

Shortly after the Festival for Cats Show Mrs. T. R. James and her daughter came to lunch. It was very interesting to hear her impression of her first English cat show. She liked the method of three judges officiating for Best in Show and admired many of our cats. She was disappointed that no White Longhairs

were exhibited as it is a variety in which she specializes and she owns many lovely specimens, notably Double Ch. White Rose Bear. There are some lovely Blue-eyed and Orange-eyed Whites in U.S.A. and Mrs. James has devoted much time to studying the cause of deafness in Blue-eyed Whites and to breeding out this physical defect.

In the afternoon we went to Maidstone to see Mrs. McGregor and her famous Siamese queen Champion Inwood Shadow, who was nursing a promising litter by Sealsleeve Petit Gitto. Mrs. James thought their eye colour very striking, in fact she considers eye colour in our Siamese a deeper blue than the average in U.S.A. Mrs. McGregor's very small family of Siamese live under ideal conditions in her house and garden.

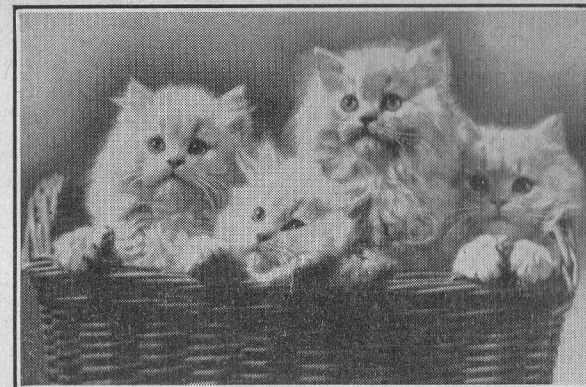
In the evening Mrs. James travelled to Scotland and she later intends to visit Belgium and Switzerland before flying back home to Minneapolis, U.S.A.



ANDREW, a handsome tabby and white with golden eyes, is now 13 years old. He lived in London during the air raids and was mascot to the Allied Forces Mascot Club. He appeared in a film about the Club, when this picture of him was taken by Pathe Pictorial. Andrew lives in retirement now at Farnham, Surrey, with his owner Miss Dorothea St. Hill Bourne, who made so many friends among animal lovers when she was Press Secretary to the P.D.S.A.

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IT is good news I hear that animal
lovers have formed two companies
to prevent Ferne Animal Sanctuary
at Shaftesbury, Dorset, from falling into
public hands. The Sanctuary was
founded by Nina Duchess of Hamilton,
who died last year, and readers may
remember that in the July 1950 issue of
this Magazine a contribution from her
pen told of the splendid work being done
at the secluded Ferne estate for stray and
unwanted animals. The Duchess directed
that most of her £66,860 estate should
be devoted to the care of children and
animals but death duties and legacies
made this impossible. Friends of the
Duchess have now formed a company
to buy and continue to run a model farm
on the estate. A second company,
which may be called Ferne Humanitar-
ian Centre Ltd., will buy and operate
the animal sanctuary, where there are at
present 100 cats, 70 dogs and 17 horses
in the care of a staff of five people.

E. V. Malone, of Co. Down, a contri-
butor to my favourite quarterly, *The
Countryman*, writes about a crafty cat
who waits nearby when small birds,
especially tits, are pecking the tops off
milk bottles. When the cat sees that
a top has been removed he makes his

appearance on the scene, upsets the
bottle and laps up the milk.

A loophole has been discovered in the
Pet Animals Act 1951, according to a
writer in the *London Star*. It has been
discovered that pets are being offered
as prizes at fairs and shows and the
National Association of British Market
Authorities are taking up the matter.
Humane societies regard the loophole as
serious and appeal is likely to be made
to the Home Office. It has been ruled
that the giving of pets as prizes did not
constitute a sale and showmen therefore
need not be licensed.

Mrs. E. Pounds, of Parkstone, Dorset,
writes to her local newspaper: "My
daughter has a pure White longhaired
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A well-known columnist in the *Daily
Mail* comments on an entry in the cata-
logue of the recent Festival for Cats

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which reads : " Veteran Class. Name : Winston. Sire unknown, dam unknown, born April 1, 1942, breeder unknown."

Two schoolboys were brought before the Birkenhead County Juvenile Court and charged by the R.S.P.C.A. with causing unnecessary suffering to a cat by killing it in an improper manner. The boys claimed that the cat had killed four of their pigeons. Inspector Perry said they took the cat into a shed and strangled it, afterwards burying the body. The Chairman of the Court said the magistrates were horrified at what the boys had done, but they had had great provocation. The boys were dismissed on payment of £1 15s. 6d. costs each.

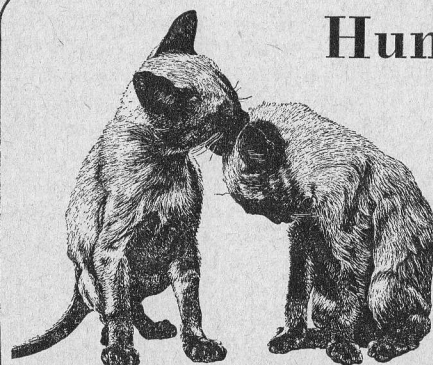
The case of the "too thin" Siamese is discussed in the June issue of the *American Cats Magazine* by Irene Bjerring, who says that this season is the first in which the clubs have attempted to do something constructive towards the penalising of exhibitors who show emaciated cats. She rightly points out that it is useless to attempt to imitate

the type of a fine-boned, muscular Siamese by starving the animal. Siamese require an optimum diet and sufficient exercise to build a body hard and strong with long and flowing lines.

One of the oddest people I ever knew (writes F. Howard Lancum in the *Western Morning News*) was a man who collected cats. I never knew just how many he had, but he did. There must have been scores of them. He kept a card index for every cat, with a health chart and other information. Daily he fed, brushed, and combed every cat, and he had a separate sleeping basket for every adult. His cats were not pedigree cats. They were just cats ; black cats, tabby cats, marmalade cats, all sorts and sizes and descriptions.

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Care at Kitten Time

By EMILY DE HAAS, the well-known American breeder

LAST month we discussed the new kitten and the method of getting it accustomed to its life in strange surroundings. So let us assume that by now it has settled down quite happily in its new home. What next is there to do?

You should examine it carefully to make sure that it is fit and healthy. Be sure for yourself and don't depend on the judgment of anyone else, no matter where the kitten has come from. If it is a Longhair, start grooming it daily, using a steel comb gently. The best of these combs are made in England. The body should be examined carefully for bare spots or scabs and, of course, a search should be made for fleas.

Examine the ears by carefully turning back the outer ear and see that they are absolutely clean. They should be cleaned weekly with a swab of cotton on a little stick that is not sharp at the ends. Ears can be injured very easily and take a long time to heal. If a large amount of wax is present, suspect earmites, which are tiny animals that live in the ears and must be eliminated at once. I moisten the first swab with vegetable oil, and follow with a clean one. If the mites are present they require special medication as the oil will not destroy them. The cat will like to have its ears cleaned if it is done carefully.

The eyes can be wiped out at the corners with cotton dipped in sterile water. You can boil the cotton in the water and keep it in a little jar. The eye specialists are advocating this sterile water for eyes in place of the boric solution. Of course, if the eyes become sore it takes an ointment for treatment.

Spots on the skin may be due to poor diet, mange, or ringworm, and should be treated under guidance of an expert.

Fleas, which can be destroyed by one of the good flea powders, leave black specks at the base of the hairs and cannot be mistaken even if you cannot see the flea itself. They propagate by dropping eggs off the animal. Therefore it is a MUST to keep the beds and sleeping quarters very clean. I use newspapers as we have so many and even get my friends to save theirs for me. These are burned daily and fresh ones put in all boxes.

Watch Weight

Another thing that must be watched for in a new kitten is worms. There are several types of these parasites and no animal can be healthy if infected with them. If the kitten is thin and does not gain weight (they should gain a pound a month), suspect worms. Sometimes they can be seen in the stools and sometimes a kitten will vomit one. Here we can have the veterinary examine the stool microscopically and determine the presence of eggs.

I do not advocate the worming procedure unless it is absolutely necessary as it is hard on the kitten just at the delicate age. However, if you know they are present they must be eliminated. Kittens get some varieties from the queen before birth, therefore breeders should ensure that the queen is not infected before she has her kittens.

All these do's and don'ts may sound a little discouraging to a new cat owner who foresees a lot of difficulties ahead, but most cats are healthy animals, and if the owner is aware of some of the simple precautions in caring for them it will save a lot of future trouble.

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HUMANE DESTRUCTION

I would be glad if your readers could advise me as to the very latest and most humane methods of destroying unwanted cats. My little Cat Club and Shelter is growing slowly but surely and we are now working to buy some apparatus for painless destruction of strays. We can usually find homes for male cats and kittens but it is impossible to place females and their female offspring. In fact, at our first annual meeting we made a rule that only in the most exceptional circumstances would we give away a female kitten.

There is a pound in this town and they have a destructor there—a sort of cage in which the dog or cat is pushed, the lid is shut, water sprinkled on the poor creature, and then the electric current is turned on. Death, I understand, is instantaneous. But the preliminaries, the pushing into the cage and the sprinkling with water, are viewed with great distaste by all cat lovers and we want the cats in our Shelter to have something more humane. It is an unpleasant subject to contemplate anyway, but one feels that if death is necessary (and most unfortunately it is in many cases) then it should come as mercifully and as quietly as possible.

I hope that some of your readers will help us to resolve the problem by sending me their views on the subject.

Mrs. E. T. Mehliß,
Box 4, Bulawayo,
Southern Rhodesia.

DIDN'T WANT MOTHERING!

The following true story may be of interest to your readers.

The black and white queen belonging

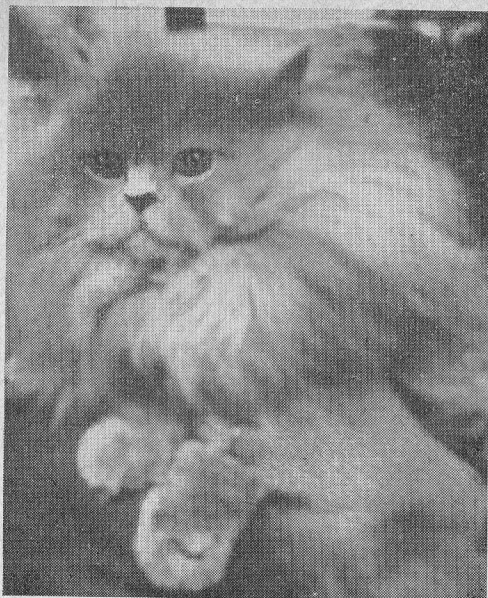
to our local baker is a somewhat prolific breeder, and therefore, when she recently produced five more kittens it was decided to remove four of them at once. She appeared quite unaware of this depredation and her owner came to the conclusion that she had lost the ability to count!

At this particular time a small cat—a survivor from an earlier litter—was staying temporarily in the house. The other day the baker saw the mother go to the basket, look at her solitary kitten, and apparently realise there should be more. At that moment she saw the boarder strolling across the room, and with one pounce she was on him. Grasping him by the scruff of his neck and dragging him across the room, she made frantic efforts to put him into the basket. The struggle proved too uneven for the smaller cat who eventually allowed himself to be pushed in with the kitten. Immediately the mother's hold was relaxed, however, he shot out of the basket and the house, and it was some little while before he could be induced to enter it again.

Mrs. Vera Ingram,
Cuffley, Potters Bar, Middlesex.

WHY NOT BLACK AND WHITE?

I would like to bring before cat lovers consideration of the common black cat with white markings, which variety seems to be overlooked by fanciers. The ordinary Black Shorthair's G.C. classification is No. 15. I would like to see the attractive black and whites standardised and exhibited at shows. These are the points that should be recognised (1) Body colour black with a white triangular patch extending from throat



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1952	Promoted by	Venue
28 August ...	Sandy and District Show ...	Sandy, Beds.
9 September ...	Kentish Cat Society ...	Tunbridge Wells
19 September ...	*Herts and Middlesex Cat Club ...	London
24 September ...	*South Western Counties Cat Club ...	Paignton
14 October ...	*Blue Persian Cat Society ...	London
16 October ...	*Siamese Cat Club ...	London
25 October ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club ...	Birmingham
13 November ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	London
22 November ...	Scottish Cat Club ...	Glasgow
3 December ...	*National Cat Club ...	London
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9 January ...	*Notts. and Derby Cat Club ...	Derby
6 February ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ...	London
24 February ...	Lancs. and North-Western Counties Cat Club ...	Manchester

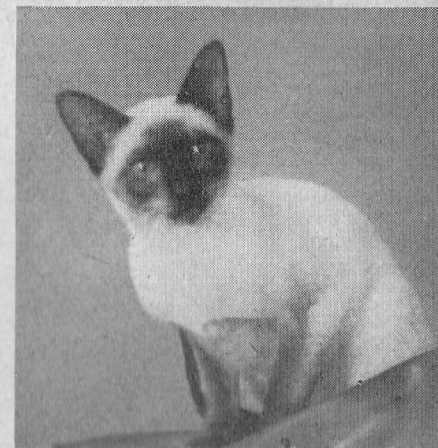
* Denotes Show with Championship status.

to. between forelegs ; (2) Head black with white face markings which should be evenly placed on each side of the face, white whiskers ; (3) Forefeet to be white. Hind feet to have white extending up to the hocks ; (4) Eye colour yellow or blue. Faults : (1) Too much white on belly ; (2) Face markings uneven, black smudges ; (3) Not enough white on paws ; (4) White tip to tail ; (5) White patches on body.

It would be interesting to know what cat breeders think about this suggestion.

Miss F. D. F. Gyll,
Brighton, Sussex.

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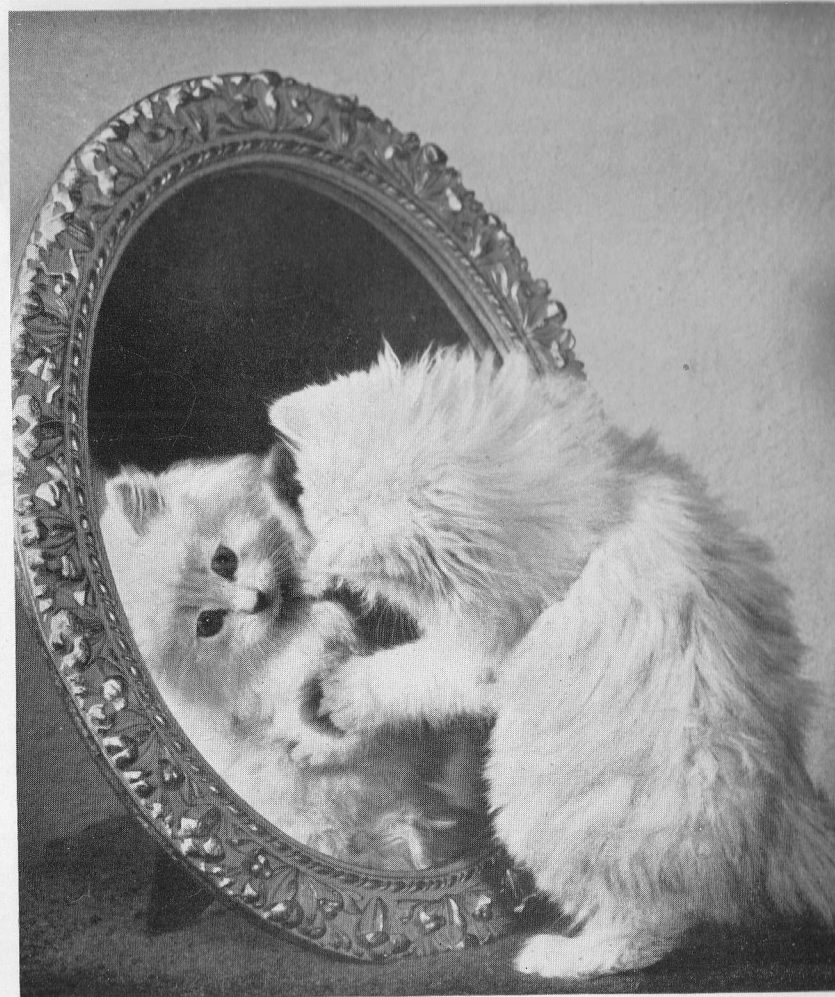
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