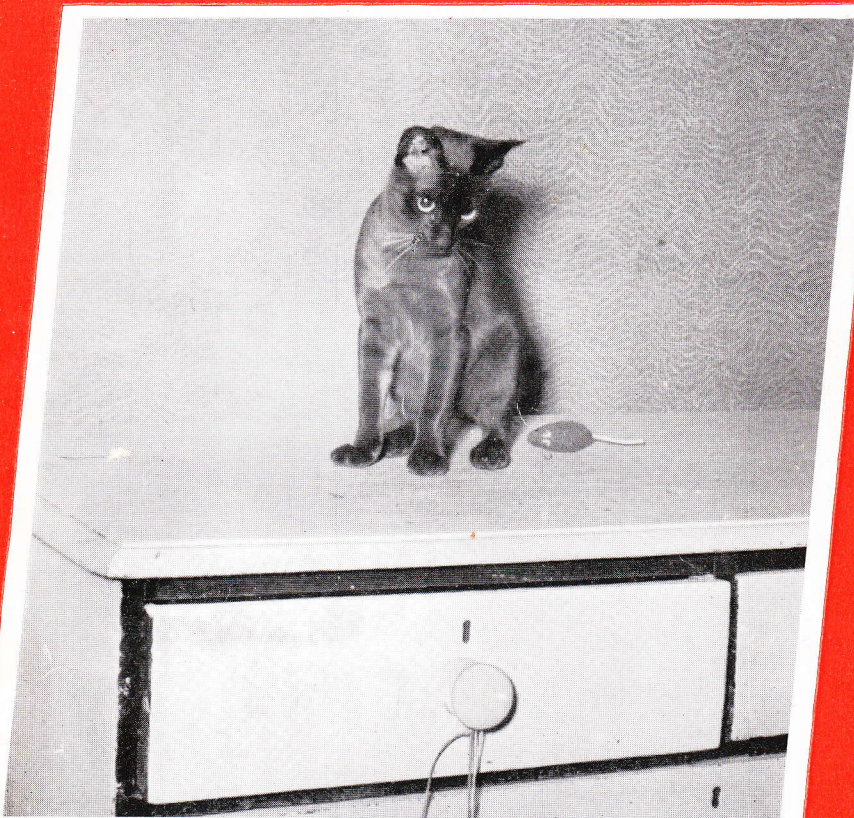


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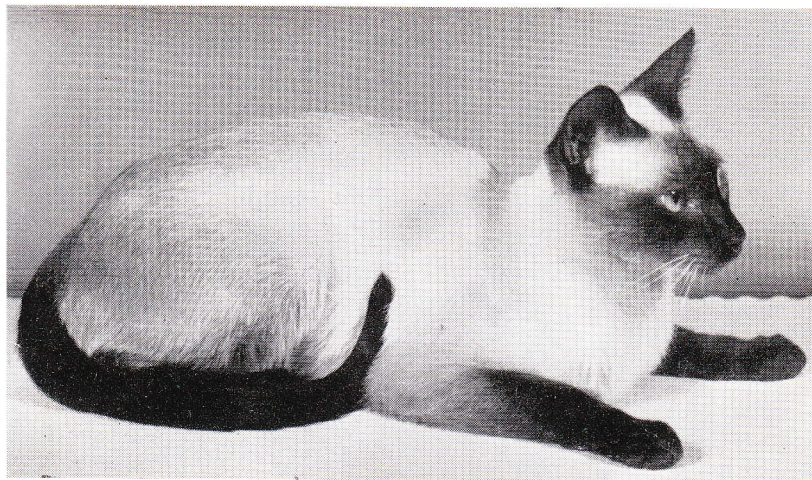
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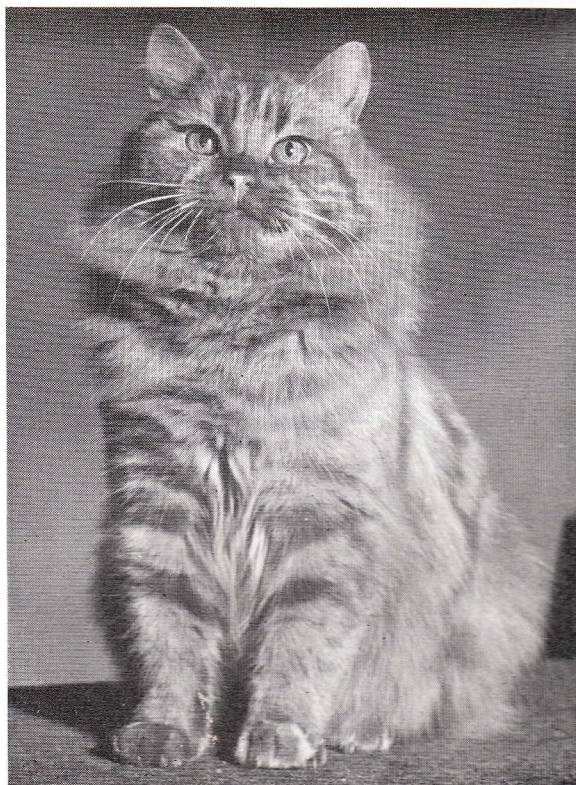
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Eastern Daily Press

CH. BARWELL PEDRO, handsome Red Tabby Long-hair sired by Ch. Hendon Lysander and bred by specialist fancier Mrs. Phyllis Fawell, of Salhouse, Norwich, was never beaten in his class on the show bench. Twice he was "taken out" for Best Cat in Show, a rare distinction for a Red Tabby.

Herbs and their Virtues

By JOAN JUDD

THE belief in the healing virtues of herbs is very old and widespread, and is not likely to be shaken. Their healing powers were known long before any scientific explanation was attempted. The Greeks used them in the fourth century before Christ. They are widely used by the Arabs for their horses, and many remedies are based on the medical lore of the Red Indians and the gypsies, who are renowned for the stamina of their horses and dogs.

Herbs for cats have within recent years become more widely known and used amongst breeders. They have been extensively used to great advantage in a number of our leading kennels, and since I have received so many requests of recent months for details of herbs and their uses, it is the purpose of this article to name some of the most useful for daily use, and to give a few facts about the basis of their workings.

First, it is essential to understand the simple fact that the various parts of a body are made up of immense numbers of extremely small units of living matter, called cells. Each of these is a complete thing, varying in type and consistency according to function, but they are grouped together to form special tissues such as muscles, nerves, bones, etc., or organs such as heart, lungs and glands.

Every cell is surrounded by lymph and this is a transparent yellowish liquid derived from the food and also from the blood. It is constantly exchanging its contents with the contents of the blood, and it can receive not only good material but many kinds of impurities. Faulty feeding, therefore, produces disturbed digestion and constipation. The toxic

products of such retained waste matter can be re-absorbed into the blood, and thus to the lymph; and they are difficult for the body to get rid of.

The lymph, constantly receiving such waste, tries to pass it back into the blood. The blood brings the irritants and toxins to the kidneys, but, if the load is too heavy, the toxins are returned to the lymph. This is the fact behind many forms of disease, as there is a limit to the ability of the lymph to store it up. Therefore, there will be spells of strong outward pressure, i.e. skin eruptions, diarrhoea, etc., but otherwise this storage will go on further until some organ breaks down, or there will be an abscess, growth or tumour.

Natural Part of Diet

It should be quite clear, therefore, that feeding should be as natural as possible, and as pure as possible, and that herbs should play a large part in the everyday diet, as animals in their wild state instinctively seek out the herbs necessary for their health and well-being.

The chief herbs available for cats are the following, but any herbal veterinary adviser can prescribe more blends if disease is of a serious or of a long-standing nature.

Garlic (tablets or liquid) is most intensely penetrative and diffusive and will directly purify the blood and lymph and reinforce the body's efforts to get rid of what it has failed to eliminate. It contains an oil called Allyl Sulphide which is strongly antiseptic and is unsurpassed, if given regularly, in keeping infections away, as it penetrates every part of the body. Important tests with garlic have been carried out at the bio-

chemical section of the Institute of Nutrition at Kharkoff, where it has been acclaimed as "an internal purifier of the greatest importance."

American scientists found that garlic contains a substance called crotonaldehyde, which is excellent for diseases of the nose and respiratory tract. It is rich in vitamins A, B1, C, G, minerals calcium, phosphorus and iron. Cats which hunt rabbits can be kept free of worms if given garlic capsules or tablets regularly. The liquid is an excellent cleansing disinfectant and healing agent for all cuts and wounds ; also for cleaning pads, eyes and nose and coat before and after shows, and in all cases where infection may be suspected. It must be diluted for eyes and nose.

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very prevalent among all domesticated animals due to the concentrated cereals most diets contain and the consequent over-acid condition of the body and the hardening of the cellular structure. Important also for mental alertness and the smooth fulfilment of reproductive functions.

Raspberry Leaf Tablets clean the reproductive organs. They tone and strengthen the muscles of the uterus and also act as a relaxing agent on the lower segment of the uterus during kitting. They also strengthen the action of the kidneys, and if continued for a week or so after kitting, will restore the organs to normal.

Scul Cap Powder, blended with other herbs and given in tablet form (usually called nerve tablets), feed, soothe, nourish and build up the nervous system of cats and kittens. They are non-suppressive and are wonderful for highly-strung and nervous cats : are excellent, therefore, for show purposes. They calm the nerves without making the animal in the least doxy or sleepy. Most useful also for travelling or to calm queens whilst "calling," if it is not intended to mate them until the second "calling."

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Dandelion Leaves are also of great medicinal value, either dried, freshly chopped or minced.

Wheat Germ Meal, Bemax, etc. Although not exactly herbs are, as all know, rich in all the B vitamins and vitamin E, and should be given daily.

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Per Ardua

By KAY HILL

THE pear tree which grows against the south wall of the house plays, next to food, drink, and myself, the most important part in the lives of my cats. (In placing their necessities in this order I may flatter myself, since for me the triumphant charm of the cat lies in its refusal in the face of generations of worship and domesticity to consider mankind as essential to its existence).

The first spring sunshine is thrown back from the stone walls of the house, and here, lying like panthers along the branches of the tree, my cats regard me through blue, half-closed eyes from a cloud of pink pear blossom. As the sun increases its power and the first kittens venture into the garden, my days of peace come to an end.

The rough trunk of the tree is easy to climb, sloping gently up the wall until it turns at right angles under my bedroom window and up on to the roof. Coming down, when you have not learned how to make a backward descent, is a different matter. A steady clamour from the garden sounds a siren note of warning: I know what I am in for.

Platoon after Platoon

Five small faces, like a row of swallows on a telegraph wire, peer down at me from the gutter under the eaves. The queen, mother of the kittens, and my stud, their father, anxiously ascend and descend the tree showing by example the way to safety. I run up into my bedroom and lean out of the window where, a foot above me, the marooned family greets me with relief.

"Come along little cats," I say, patting the tree trunk, and one by one they make the brave descent on to a

branch and into the window of my room, where from now on I will know no privacy.

Many years ago I paid the crippling sum of three shillings to see my first opera, *Faust*. The returning armies marched platoon after platoon across the stage, "We are at home—we are at home," they sang, as they passed before my dazzled eyes. Illusion still held after I had noticed that the tenth man in every platoon wore a singularly unattractive ginger moustache; and it was not until these remarkable breathless beings had passed six times across the stage that I realized that there were no more than ten men in all, who must have been better sprinters backstage than they were singers behind the footlights.

My "Cat of Cats"

So it is with the kittens. Up the tree, into the room, down the stairs and into the garden goes the delighted, increasingly muscular platoon, until at last the most adventurous discovers the daring backward descent down the branches. We are, indeed, at home.

But it is when my little army has gone out in the greater adventure of a new life that the tree plays its part for me.

As the frost deepens and the outline of the moors shows black against a crackling northern sky my privileged one, the cat of cats, returns to me, stepping delicately down the light of a hunter's moon to curl, her cold, scented body under my warm hand, by my side.

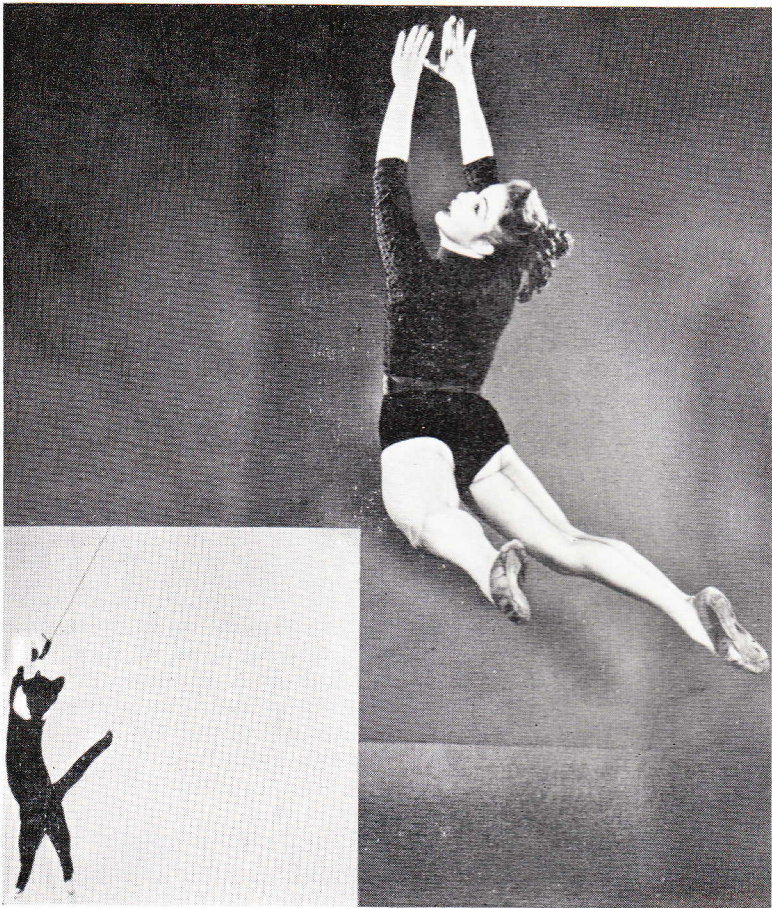


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Gower's career as a dancer was broken by four years' war service. His meeting with Marge led to both a business and romantic partnership



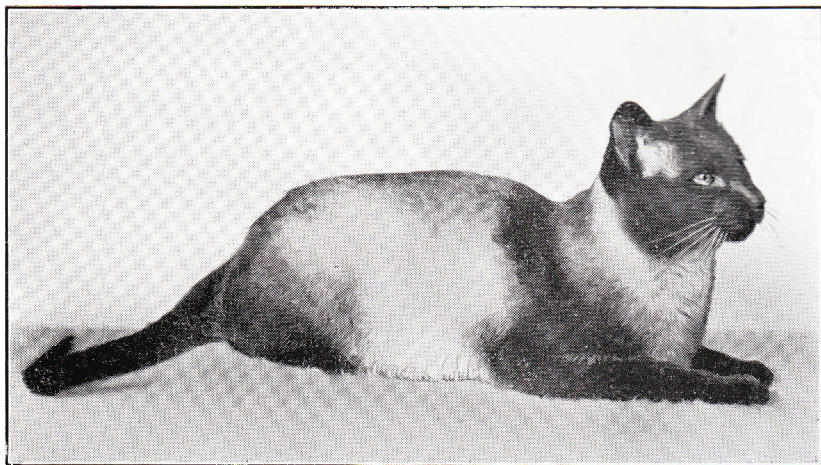


and husband and wife appeared as a dance team at New York and Broadway supper clubs. When Marge injured her ankle in 1949 he turned his attention to choreography with outstanding results.

The Gowers consider cats the most graceful of all animals, with their lightness, their sinuous control and their gift of complete relaxation. They carefully study the movements of their own four cats, Flower, Wicket, Muggins and Clarabow, to get new ideas for their dance routines. The results are to be seen in the three interesting pictures which we are able to reproduce in this issue through the courtesy of Miss Royse Ainslie, Editor of "U.S.A. in Review," published by the U.S. Information Service.

In the first picture you see how a cat jumping to reach a paper ball on a string is the unconscious model for Marge Champion in one of her spectacular leaps. Above, Gower copies the Siamese in a leap of joyful abandon. On the third picture, on our inside back cover, the Gowers team up to capture the antics of two of their pets at play.





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The Breeding Queen

By P. M. SODERBERG

Author of "Cat Breeding and General Management" and other widely-read books.
Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club.

ONE hears so many facts and fallacies with regard to the breeding queen that it may be of some value to consider a few of them here. At once it must be stated, however, that the breeding behaviour of cats is something individual, and although there is probably a general pattern, one cannot set out rules and regulations which apply to all queens.

I am surprised from time to time at the things I do hear from breeders who have had considerable experience, for they will argue from the particular and assume a generalization which is not true for cats as a race.

Many people think that a queen calls at regular intervals and there is a lot of truth in the belief, but it is entirely wrong to think that all cats have the same interval between two periods of calling. It is much nearer the truth that each individual queen is inclined to have her own particular rhythm. Some cats call almost regularly every three weeks, others call roughly at five-weekly intervals, and, of course, there is always the exceptional cat which does not call more than twice a year—it may be only once.

Although it is comparatively easy to understand why a particular queen calls at a specific moment, it is more difficult to find out the conditions which are necessary for this calling to take place. All that one can say is that when certain physiological changes occur, a queen starts to call. Naturally the condition of the animal has a lot to do with this, but the sexual life of individual cats depends upon circumstances which it is almost impossible to discover.

The statement that is sometimes made that a maiden queen never becomes pregnant if she is mated when she calls for the first time is entirely untrue, although experience often helps to establish this belief. One of the reasons why so many maiden queens, when sent away for the first time, are not later in kitten is because the first calling itself produces a very severe emotional strain. These emotions may have chemical consequences which make pregnancy temporarily impossible. Added to this is the fact that the queen has to be sent away to be mated, and the journey, with its excitements and its fears, helps to put a young queen off so that when she is mated there is no satisfactory result.

A Painful Memory

I think it can be stated with a fair degree of accuracy that maiden queens mated by a stud who lives at the same cattery are much more likely to be in kitten at their first calling than those which have to be sent away.

One often hears, too, about the queen who is angry and spiteful when she is mated, but it is doubtful whether the majority of breeders realize why a queen may be difficult at this time. In the case of a queen who has been mated on a number of occasions, the reason for her spitefulness may be due to the length of her memory because there is no doubt about it, the completion of the sexual act is extremely painful. As the male withdraws his physical construction is such that he must cause pain. That this should be so is undoubtedly a natural

necessity for the production of kittens, but it is a long story and far too technical to be discussed here.

There are some breeders who firmly believe that the sex of kittens can to some extent be decided beforehand by choosing for the mating a particular day during the period of oestrus. There is no truth in this belief and whether there will be a majority of males or females is a matter of luck from the breeder's point of view. There may be certain scientific facts at present unknown which, if understood, would help to decide the right time for mating to produce a majority of males, but that time has not yet arrived.

There are other breeders who believe that certain measures can be taken to increase the size of a litter. Now undoubtedly there is here, too, a basis in fact, but to make quite sure that a queen has a large litter is something which cannot be guaranteed. From experience breeders would say that large litters run in families, and sires and queens which themselves come from large litters are more likely to produce large litters than other animals which have come from small litters. Even that belief is not universally true. The best chance of securing a large litter is to see that the queen is in first-class condition, that she has been fed well and given ample exercise, and that finally she is sent to a stud who is known from his past experience to be a producer of litters of satisfactory size.

Effects of Mismatching

There is an old fallacy with regard to the mating of queens which still crops up from time to time and is hard indeed to destroy, particularly among those who have not sufficient physiological knowledge of the cat. The idea is expressed from time to time that if a queen mismates, subsequent litters will also be affected. That is certainly not true, for once a litter has been born, all effects of previous matings are immediately erased.

It is true, however, that dual matings are possible. Probably it is because of this fact that the belief in *telegony* still persists. It is possible for a pure-bred cat to be mated by a stud of the same breed and for the same queen to be mated again within twenty-four hours by any old tom, and for both pure-bred and so-called mongrel kittens to be produced at the same birth. The ova produced by a queen may not all be fertilized by a single mating and those that remain could be fertilized later. This might be the result from a mating with a stray male.

Nursing Mothers

The final fallacy to be discussed here is the mistaken idea that a queen cannot be got into kitten while she is nursing a family. That certainly is not true. The majority of queens do not call until the litter has been weaned, but quite a sizeable percentage do, in fact, call during the nursing period, and if they are mated the chances are that they will produce a second family. It is a very remarkable thing that quite a number of queens call within a fortnight of their litter being born and others perhaps during the sixth or seventh week after the birth of the kittens. At such times it is just as essential to keep the queen in and away from studs as it is when she has no family, and you do not want her to be mated except by the stud of your choice.

Obviously in this short article I have not been able to deal with all the points related to the breeding queen, but I think I have touched on those points which are most discussed by those interested in cat breeding.

There is still a great deal more to be learned, and if breeders are observant and pass on their knowledge, in time we shall be far better informed on this interesting subject.



In the Siamese World



An exclusive bi-monthly contribution by KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS, breeder, judge and show organizer of many years' experience and now Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club, which is probably the largest specialist cat club in the world.

HERE we are—as I write—in February, a month of appalling snow, ice and calling queens. Siamese start calling “in force” from January onwards when the weather is unusually bad. Why? I expect just because they are Siamese!

The Garden State Cat Club and the Empire Cat Club of New York combined in presenting the first International Cat Parade. This was featured as part of the 1954 Women's International Exposition held in New York City—more than 1,500,000 attended. Cats gain in popularity every year. The world of advertising has been quick to recognize their appeal and these days cats and kittens are featured in posters, newspapers and journals all over the country advertising everything from boot polish to chocolate. Shows in several countries seem to be establishing records and this of course is true of Britain where, during the past show season, the Siamese Cat Club Show and the National Cat Club Show had record entries.

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The arrival of the Boston Cat Club and the Garden State Cat Club marked show catalogues recalled for me once again the Wideaway Hall at Newark

which I attended in 1950. My first American cat show. Exciting, thrilling, and a little bewildering! The judges do not move along the pens, each class was penned ready to be judged and replaced by the next. Perhaps I should explain that the award ribbons are placed on the pens immediately after the class has been judged. What a happy two days I spent!

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It was here that I met Miss Elsie Hydon, who made me feel at home at once and later during my visit showed me New York. Then—Boston—this is the Show I should have judged last November. In 1950 I was invited by Mrs. V. Cobb to the Club luncheon. A gay affair—each member bringing a present which is put on the Christmas tree and when the lunch is over the various gifts are drawn for. I still treasure my gift. This year was the Club's fiftieth birthday. A few years ago they purchased their own cages which were specially designed by a member. The members are rightly proud of their record, having donated to various charities over 8,000 dollars and during the war all proceeds above expenses were given to war relief work.



Surrey & South London Picture Service

Mrs. J. Charlton's bonny daughter Jane supplies an answer to the oft-repeated question: "Do Siamese get on with children and vice versa?"

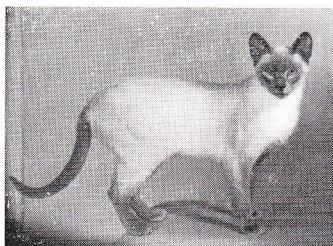
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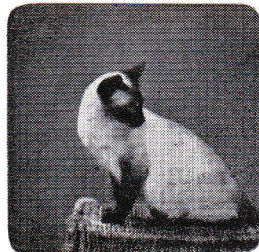
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Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb judged the Siamese Specialty Show at the Garden State Cat Club Show. He will be writing of his visit later, I hope. The marked catalogues of American shows are most interesting for the All-Breed and Siamese Specialty are run together.

Mrs. B. Harvill is delighted with her import Southwood Yutang who at his first outing at Seattle gained 4 points towards his Championship. He was Best Novice Opposite Sex and Best Cat Opposite Sex. The catalogues sent me of the Vancouver and Oregon Shows are not yet to hand with further awards.

Mrs. Lucas Combs writing from Kentucky mentions Browndrey's Taramana (bred by Miss Ellias) who was to be shown at Norfolk. Unfortunately this show was cancelled. Mrs. C. Hoag, who has imported several Siamese, has had the misfortune to lose her last import, Mrs. Bigg's Quesi Misterioso, who had done so well at recent shows. Mrs. Hoag is looking forward to visiting England this year and we shall do our best to make her visit a happy one.

Mrs. M. Svenningson writes that at the Oslo Show 40 of the 120 entries were Siamese. Judge was Mrs. A. Juul-Hansen, of Copenhagen. Exotic Gigolo was awarded C.A.C.I.B. and was Best Siamese in Show, second was Inwood Sky, who has sired 50 kittens. In the females Exotic Fantasy gained her second C.A.C. In Blue Points both Banchor Blue Thor and Banchor Blue Mai won 1st and C.A.C. Owing to very bad weather, Mrs. Svenningson says "the gate was only 4,000 !"

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At the Amsterdam Show, the young male exported by Mrs. O. Appleyard Lancy King Khan won his first C.A.C. and also the silver spoon special offered by the Siamese Cat Club. Exotic Gigolo, owner Hr. K. Ohlson, was awarded his second C.A.C.I.B., Exotic Fantasy, owned by Fru. M. Lans, became a full Champion. Both these cats were bred by Mrs. Ulla Magnusson. You will notice that the Amsterdam Show followed Oslo and the awards are therefore progressive.

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The Natal Cat Club Show entries were not as good as in previous years. Mr. Hayward, the Show Manager, writes : "Nearly every queen in Natal seemed to be either in kitten or with a young litter." Mrs. R. Stanford's Seal Point male Candlerigg's Silken Benjamine gained his second C.C., second came Mrs. I. Miles's Westridge Channo, third Rev. J. Oliver's Sunnybank Figaro. Four of the exhibits in this class are related to Mrs. Varcoe's Sukianga Sunlight, who was exported to Mrs. Rainier in kit. Her son, Ch. Seacoast Shaffhire Shahid, has done very well at shows and at stud.

In Seal Point females Mrs. C. Hayward's Merlyn Loo Ming (by Silken Rogue ex Merlyn Clonlost Caprice), bred by Mrs. Hodgkinson, gained her first C.C., second Mrs. A. Judd's Lola Li of Hazeldene, third Mrs. N. Thomson's

Deneen Hollywinkle. These last two exhibits bred by Mrs. Maunsell, who with Major Maunsell was with us last summer. Mrs. Haywood gained both Blue Point C.C.s with Fairlawn Salix and Eleuthera Shadow. As "Shadow" is Mrs. Haywood's own breeding this must have been quite a thrill. Best Neuter was Mrs. Lombard's Aconite of Copelands. In the Neuter class Master A. Denton's Eleuthera Lysander was third—he already holds one Premier certificate.

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From Australia Mrs. Beryl Chandler sends the Siamese Cat Club News Letter. The Club have purchased their own pens, the design of which is quite new—*no* tying or wiring! They fold flat and are quickly, and firmly erected. The Club have their President, Mr. Potter, to thank for this innovation. This is a big step onward as penning is a problem for show managers. A go-ahead Club, with active officers, they are proposing to publish a stud list to assist members.

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From Mrs. M. Steward of Canada comes the sad news that her Chocolate point stud Praha Mezzo Forte (breeder Mrs. E. Fisher) has died. He fortunately leaves offspring, his male kitten Sunshine Shantung, dam Ch. Doneraile Brun Beryl. Mrs. Steward's C.P. female was Best Opposite Sex kitten at the Canadian Exhibition. Best C.P. kitten, owner Mrs. P. Tankersley was bred from the same pair as the winner. I was pleased to see Mrs. Judy Smith's Ch. Capa Cat Trinket of Selene was Best Abyssinian, owners Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler. I have not heard from Judy Smith for some time.

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I am often asked if Siamese get on with children. They most certainly do, especially if introduced as young kittens.

Two fine pictures in this issue—showing Mrs. J. Charlton's young daughter Jane and Mrs. M. Horwood's daughter Margaret with their Siamese—certainly serve to endorse this point of view.

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I hear of a number of breeders having difficulty in regard to their litters; either the queen loses her kittens while they are small, or possibly at birth. If there appears to be no apparent reason, try giving penicillin at the half way mark, and another the day the kittens are due. During pregnancy give Pregnavite and Kit-zyme and do not over fuss. A natural life is best. Always permit as much freedom as conditions allow and never over coddle.

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The last Show of the Season, the East Anglian Cat Club Show at Ipswich, was held on February 19th. The entries were good. There were a number of new exhibitors and, of course, new exhibitors are the "life blood" of shows. Although the bitter weather must have caused the Show Managers Mrs. E. M. Crickmore and Mrs. Jose Cattermole much concern, the result must have given them great satisfaction for the Show was efficient, friendly, and well organized.

Miss Dorothy Lane of "Mrs. Dale's Diary" brought Captain, the black and white cat known to millions of radio listeners. Mrs. M. Brunton judged all Longhairs while I judged Siamese and Shorthairs. We had a very enjoyable day. The show was televised, and will be seen on the children's programme.

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With the end of the show season, we are facing a spate of A.G.M.s. It is a great pity that these cannot be spread out over a longer period, for members look forward so much to meeting other mem-

bers. In these days, when lack of help makes it difficult, it is impossible for some to make two trips to London in the same week.

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I have received a number of enquiries about the new rabies regulation with regard to animals exported to France. The regulation is causing some concern because, being a Rabies-free country, we have no rabies inoculation. Some of you are thinking that this regulation is in force for Holland, Belgium, Germany and France. This is not so. I have made enquiries and am informed that the regulation does not apply to Germany or Belgium. Holland has this regulation in force but waives it for animals coming

from this country as we are rabies free, and the authorities are in negotiation with France hoping to bring about a similar concession.

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The floods in Australia are taking a tremendous toll of animal life. This has been brought vividly to my mind by a letter I have just received. Where there is a great loss of animal life by flooding, our thoughts naturally turn to cats and we in this country extend to our Australian friends our sympathy in this time of trouble.

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Lastly, a personal note, to thank those friends who kindly made enquiries during my husband's recent illness. I am glad to say he is **now** fully recovered.



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Planet News

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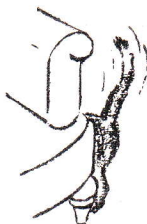


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MRS. CLARA BELLE TOLSON, who died recently in New Jersey, U.S.A., left £535 in her will to a former employee to pay for food for her cat. An additional £700 goes to the employee for her services. The cat is a stray who walked into Mrs. Tolson's home 16 years ago.

When Dr. Reginald Bennett, M.P. for Gosport, who lives in Westminster, attempted to take Willow his young Siamese pet for a walk in some nearby public gardens, he was told by the park keeper that it was not allowed and he must have a licence before he could exercise the cat in those grounds. However, all is now well for Dr. Bennett complained to the Ministry of Works and back from the Parliamentary Secretary came the reply: "The tape has now been cut. Willow is free to exercise and no one will say boo."

"How to Look After a Cat" is the title of a film strip which has been produced, together with an accompanying book of notes, by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare, 7a Lamb's Conduit Passage, W.C.1. It is available at 5s. 6d. for schools, etc., and anyone who has the facilities and equipment for showing it to audiences. The film consists of many excellent photographs of cats and the instructional matter on care and management is well done and comprehensive.

The Boote Home for Cats in Liverpool is one of the best equipped in the country.

Since it began operations in 1940 it has dealt with some 12,000 cats and homes have been found for another 5,000. The Home is financed from the substantial trust fund established under the will of the late Alderman William Boote and his wife. It can house 100 cats at a time and has a finely equipped surgery and outdoor accommodation.

For many years now a familiar figure at London cat shows has been Miss Ruxton with her tray of toy mice—"Ruxton Rodents." Miss Ruxton makes these feline playthings and generously devotes the sales monies to the Cats' Protection League. These monies have added up to the useful total of over £500, which, for a solo effort, is a wonderful achievement.

During the recent cold spell a party of workmen in Staffordshire found their tabby cat Fluffy frozen by the tail and legs to some metal railings. Sacrificing some of the warm tea from their flasks they poured it over her and thawed her out safely.

A family of pure white cats living 290 feet up on a pylon of the famous Harbour Bridge is one of the sights of Sydney, Australia. There have recently been kittens and their pictures have been featured on the front page of the local newspapers.

The Port of London Authority is reported to be losing some of its most loyal employees. For some time cats

have been on the strength with food and milk supplied—unlimited working hours and no bonuses. But new rat-proof warehouses have been built and the cats are gradually drifting away. The more adventurous types are boarding ships and carrying on their good work over the Seven Seas.

Tommy, a three-year-old cat, has been found alive at Aylesham, Kent, after being trapped for five weeks under the floorboards of a new house. His feeble mewings were heard when the occupiers moved in. Tommy belonged to the house next door and his owners thought he had strayed away.

A correspondent to a London evening newspaper reports that his cat, a homely Tabby, will not drink milk unless he sees it poured direct from the bottle. "No Crown Derby or Royal Worcester jugs for him," he adds. "The strange thing is that his pal, another ordinary cat belonging to the people who own the off-licence round the corner, is just as particular. Who says that animals are not intelligent?"

In the middle ages, animals formed a prominent part in the worship of the time as they had done in the old religion of Egypt. The cat was very important in religious festivals. At Aix, in Provence, on the festival of Corpus Christi, the finest tom cat of the country, wrapt in swaddling clothes like a child, was exhibited in a magnificent shrine to public admiration. Every knee was bent, every hand strewed flowers or poured incense, and Grimalkin was treated in all respects as the god of the day. But on the festival of St. John, poor tom's fate was reversed. A number of the tabby tribe were put into a wicker basket and thrown alive into the midst of an immense fire kindled in the public square by the Bishop and his clergy. Hymns and anthems were sung, and processions were made by the priests and people in honour of the sacrifice.—*Extract from Mill's "History of the Crusades."*

For the care and burial of Winnie, "much loved pet cat," £100 was left by Mr. Sydney Farley Nunny, of Fitzroy Square, St. Pancras, London, who died at the age of 46 last October, leaving £7898. Winnie will be cared for by Mr. Nunny's sister.

Mrs. K. A. Josling, a Wembley letter-writer to the London *Star*: "When my cat used to come to the back door in wet weather I was able, owing to restricted space, to scoop him up and wipe his paws. He resented this very much. After a few days of this treatment he started coming to the front door where he was able to escape my clutches. He did this only in wet weather. When it was dry he came to the back door again."

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Southern Counties Show

THE Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, last month, was a splendid finale to a very successful show season. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dunks for their very capable and excellent management of two major London Ch. Shows—this one and the Herts and Middlesex in September. It was a great achievement for them and I am sure exhibitors appreciate all the work involved.

Nearly 400 exhibits were presented. Some of the Longhairs were past their best as regards coat but this is to be expected in early February; irrespective of bleak and wintry weather they usually commence to shed their coats soon after Christmas and most Longhair exhibitors experience pangs as they see precious “frills” and tummy fur developing tufts overnight. Nevertheless, the quality and quantity of our Long and Shorthair cats has grown steadily since our first post-war Ch. Show in November, 1945, and

many truly lovely exhibits were present at this show.

Mr. Dunks tells me the gate was an excellent one and as the S.C.C.C. is one of our most affluent Clubs, it would be nice to see the Show in the larger Horticultural Hall next year.

Best Longhair Exhibit in Show by the unanimous vote of the panel of judges was my Blue Male Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous.

Best Shorthair Adult went to Dr. and Mrs. Groom's Blue Point Siamese Banchor Blue Titania who became a Champion on the day. She had a brilliant show career as a kitten and it has been gratifying to see her fulfilling her early promise.

Best Longhair Kitten Miss Langston's Chinchilla Letitia of Allington; Best Shorthair Kitten and Best Shorthair exhibit Mrs. Warren's Blue Point Siamese Laurentide Nebula; Best Longhair Neuter Miss Marshall's Blue Premier Ashdown Twinkletoes; Best Shorthair Neuter Miss Hampshire's Seal Point Siamese Salewheel Silver Catkin. It is interesting to note that all these winning exhibits except the last were sired by Champions—Miss Langston's Ch. Dylan of Allington, Mr. Richard Warner's Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo, Miss Langston's Ch. Scamp of Allington; Mrs. Mathewson's Ch. Fernreig Zym and Mrs. Vize's Ch. Astra of Pensford respectively. Miss Hampshire's exhibit was sired by Doneraile George.

The Open classes of neuters were remarkable and were a show in themselves. Any Colour Longhair Self Premier numbered 9, Any other Colour Longhair Premier 5, Any Variety British

Shorthair Premier 8, Any Colour Siamese Premier 13, and in Any Variety Brace of Neuters 10.

Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous was awarded first in Any Colour Longhair Stud judged on progeny. Some of his first season's kittens were present and among them were Mrs. Baker's Blue male Berrett Surprise, a lovely well grown kitten with a remarkable coat. He was awarded the Special for Best Blue Kitten and was nominated for Best Longhair Kitten. However, Mrs. Knipers had flown over from Hilversum, Holland, and was so captivated by him that she purchased him. As she had to leave the hall by 3.30 p.m. to catch her 'plane home and wanted to take Berrett Surprise with her, Mrs. Baker waived the opportunity of having him taken out to compete for the Best Longhair Kitten.

Among the Longhairs

Mrs. Stephenson was awarded first in the 6-9 months Blue female kitten with Gentian of Dunesk who has been so consistent this season. My Patsy of Pensford was Best Blue-Cream Kitten and her Cream litter brothers Sherry and Paul were first and second in the younger Open Cream male kitten class and first in Any Colours Pairs including Blue. Frivolous ended the day by being awarded first in the Longhair Champion of Champions Class with ten Champions competing.

In Shorthairs this class was cancelled owing to insufficient entries, seven being the minimum allowed.

Mrs. Sheppard's Cream male kitten Widdington Wintersohn was a lovely boy and it will be interesting to see him next year if he remains in this country. She also won in Blue-Cream Adults with Widdington Salome. Ch. Thiepval Precocious who has appeared at every Championship Show this season was the winning Blue female, a lovely queen who has retained her bloom. Mrs. Mayne, all the way from Cornwall,

had the honour of winning both Cream Adult classes with Ch. Redwalls Bath Oliver and Ch. Fanifold Kittiwink.

Congratulations to Miss Jury who won her final with her Silver Tabby Longhair Purring Gentle Faith. It is very encouraging and I am sure she will endeavour to breed better and better Silver Tabbies as the majority try to do with other varieties, however good their cats. Congratulations also to Mrs. Fawell on winning both the Red Tabby Longhair classes with Ch. Barwell Pedro and Barwell Pippa, litter brother and sister by Miss Lelgarde Fraser's Ch. Hendon Lysander; also to Miss Langston with her charming pair of Chinchillas, Tich of Allington, a little beauty, and his handsome mother, Ch. Fifinella of Allington. Mrs. Richards won in Tortoiseshells with Sharbri Bella Mia and Miss Grace in Tortie-and-White with Gracefield Polyanthus.

Mrs. Newbigging, who braved a long journey from Linlithgow, Scotland, exhibited one of the best Red Selfs I have seen for a long time. She must have been pleased when he was awarded a Ch. by Miss Yorke. It was interesting to find he was by a Black male; Miss Rodda's Ch. Chadhurst Sambo.

Mrs. Dallison's White Ch. Dalmond Damarette won and as usual was so well presented. Whites are a lovely variety when their coats are spotless and they are good in type. One of the loveliest groups I have seen at a show was the late Mlle Perrin's five beautiful Whites in an enormously long pen at Yverdon, Switzerland, in the autumn of 1948. The pen was hung with shimmering curtains of silver tissue and the cats were reflected in a mirror at the back of the pen. Her Whites excelled in type and coat and were always beautifully presented.

Back to Olympia

One of the highlights of the next show season will be the National at Olympia

on December 17th, the Saturday before Christmas. I have always felt that it was inevitable there would be another one there but feared it would be in the dim and distant future. Well, it is being planned now and I hope all fanciers will co-operate to make it the finest fixture ever organized under Governing Council rules. It is up to each one of us to support it with entries, donations and by bringing it to the notice of our friends and acquaintances, many of whom have pet cats. It is some weeks after the Croydon Show on November 11th at the Royal Horticultural Hall so should not interfere with that fixture or reduce its entry.

New Championship Show

Championship status has been granted to the Yorkshire County Cat Club for its show on November 26th. This recognition will give pleasure to cat devotees in the North. The prospects are that there will be eleven Championship shows next winter, eloquently telling of a growing Fancy. A perusal of addresses in catalogues reveals that shows in the provinces usually attract breeders who can get home again on the same day and that the majority of breeders who live in the south confine their attention to London shows except a few who are seeking Championships. Fewer still take their cats to many shows even if they are full Champions.

Chins. in Australia

Mrs. Polden's Chinchillas from her Redhill cattery have given a fine account of themselves for their new owner, Miss Norma Cawley of the Riza Cattery, New South Wales. They came out of their 60 days' quarantine in excellent health and on the first anniversary of their arrival in Australia on January 15th Poldenhills Terrigal and his daughter Poldenhills Rosa Regina were awarded 1st and Championship at a

show at Katoomba. Rosa was awarded first in every class in which she was entered and was Best Longhair Female. Terrigal was Best Stud cat. Mrs. Polden writes: "I am glad and proud that my cats have been so successful in the land I know and love so well." Miss Norma Cawley entered six cats and one kitten at Katoomba and was awarded 5 Challenge Certificates, 47 Firsts and 3 Seconds. Terrigal's kitten Riza May Flower was Best Shaded Silver and runner-up to Best Kitten in Show.

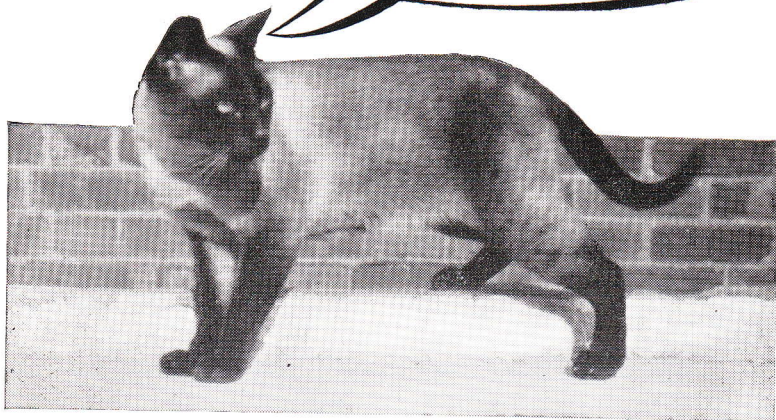
In France, Poldenhills Silver Cresset, owned by Madame de Zablocka, has been awarded his first Championship and she is lyrical in his praise."

Long Travel Risks

Miss Dulcie Hore, of Palmerston North, New Zealand, is very delighted with Bayhorne Ariel, the Cream male kitten she purchased from Mrs. Benbow. She thanks her for sending "such a wonderful cat" and assures her that everything is being done to make him happy. He arrived in excellent health and it will be interesting to hear news of him later. I visited Miss Hore when I was in New Zealand and know how much she loves and how well she takes care of her cats. Her father and mother are also devoted to them so Ariel should have a happy future. He was over six months when he left England.

Miss Hore tells sad news of a Blue female kitten which also went on the same trip. She collapsed and died on her arrival at Lyttleton, South Island. Miss Hore adds: "I think it is unwise to send them on long trips at under six months unless they are well matured." I fully agree. This trip sometimes takes eight weeks often through violent changes of temperature and it is difficult to describe the humid heat of the tropics or the lassitude. One can imagine the effects of lack of exercise, probably unaccustomed food, and the ennui of the long journey on kittens confined to pens.

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About Russian Blues

Congratulations to the Russian Blue Cat Club and their Hon. Secretary Mrs. de Clifford on the valuable publicity they obtained through the *News Chronicle* on February 2nd in an article entitled "No Cat Will Do But a Russian Blue," by Emma Smith. The author was invited to the R.B.C.C. tea party and she describes amusingly her impressions. The anecdote that the first Russian Blue to appear at a show here was swapped at the docks for a leg of mutton will be news to many breeders. They are reputed to have come to England in the last century by way of trading vessels from Russia. The accompanying photograph of Dunloe Bluecap perched on top of an open door is excellent. The variety certainly gained a convert as Emma Smith declares herself as ardently partisan and adopted the slogan above after the party.

Promising Blue Male

Mr. Owen Jones of Guildford, Surrey, has purchased from Mrs. Alexander Mericourt Clipper by Ch. Dylan of Allington. The dam is Melody of Dunesk by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue and Ch. Southway Josephine. This very well bred male has mated his first queen and should produce lovely stock. His sister has attained her Championship in Holland.

Farewell Tea Party

Mrs. Anne Vize's farewell party at the Kenilworth Hotel, London, on

February 16th was very pleasant and the atmosphere cheery because she was so happy at the prospect of seeing her two daughters and their young children in Australia on April 4th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vize also love warmth and sunshine and the weather we have had this January and February helped to make them philosophical about leaving. It was a big party attended by many well-known personalities in the cat world. Many kind wishes were expressed for their future happiness and regrets that such an experienced breeder and judge should be lost to the English Fancy.

Cats at Stud

The 12th List of Cats at Stud is now obtainable (price 6d.) from the Secretary, Mr. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey. The breed number of the varieties is on the cover and beside the parents and grandparents of each cat, 37 Blues are listed, seven of which are Champions. Now Ch. Magyar Yanos has been exported to U.S.A. there are only six :—Ch. Dylan of Allington and his son Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, Ch. Harpur Blue Boy, Ch. Thiepval Wanderer, Ch. Oxleys Peter John, and Ch. Gaydene Rudolph.

Creams number nine with two Champions, Twilight John and Ch. Tollerton Talisman ; Chinchillas nine with Miss Langston holding a nap hand with four Champions, Ch. Mark of Allington, Ch. Laurel of Allington, Ch. Scamp of Allington, Ch. Stourbank Silver King, and one who is not on the list yet, Ch. Fidelio of Allington. Mr. Gordon Allt who has recently returned to his Crowborough (Sussex) home, has Ch. Redwalls Jack Frost at stud. Blacks number four with two Champions, Ch. Bourneside Black Diamond and Ch. Chadhurst Sambo. There are two Whites, two Smokes, one Silver Tabby, four Brown Tabbies (with Ch. Dandy of Hadley) and three Red Tabbies (with Ch. Hendon Lysander).

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In Shorthairs there are four Blue British (with Ch. Mingswyk Blue Prince), two Russian Blues (Miss Rochford's Ch. Dunloe Silver Toes and Ch. Dunloe Domokvitch), one Black Ch. Bourneside Inky Bit, three Creams, three Silver Tabbies, one Red Tabby (Ch. Vectenian Anaconda), one Tortoiseshell, and two Abyssinians.

An enormous increase takes place when one comes to Seal Point Siamese, 86 being listed with only four Champions. No wonder, with such competition. The four Champions are Mrs. Duncan Hindley's Ch. Prestwick Penglima Pertamina, Ch. Bluehayes Foxy, Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo and Ch. Pincop Simon.

Blue Point Siamese number thirteen with Ch. Pincop Azure Kym, Ch. Prestwick Blue Crackers, Ch. Winperie Blue Prince, Ch. Fernreig Zym, and Ch. Misselfore Pan Print ; Chocolate Points total eleven with Ch. Holmesdale Chocolate Soldier and Ch. Briarary Macsuch.

One Manx and three Burmese are listed with Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and at the end of the list there are 22 males of several varieties who were not proved sires when the list went to press. The Stud List was first published in 1943 and the complete series make an interesting record but few editions are available now and certainly none of the early numbers.

CAT FOOD COURT CASE

TWO TINS of cat food were displayed on Mr. Justice Wynn-Parry's desk in the sober atmosphere of a court of law on a recent Friday morning. On the left was a tin of "Kit-E-Kat" ; on the right a tin of "Pretty Kitty."

The problem for the judge to decide ? Would people confuse the two ?

Chappie Ltd., makers of Kit-E-Kat, sought an injunction against Warrington Cannors Ltd., to restrain them passing off their product in a way likely to cause confusion. They sought to restrain Warrington Cannors Ltd. from infringing their trade mark, or from passing off their goods for those of Chappie Ltd.

Mr. Justice Wynn-Parry decided he would make no order on their application. In his view no serious damage would arise between now and the trial of the action. He told the Court that he owned a cat. "I am beginning to wonder if I ought to try this action," he added. There was laughter as Counsel replied, "I suppose we might try it on the cat !"

Mr. P. J. Stuart Bevan, who advanced the claims of Kit-E-Kat Ltd. suggested that every cat of sensibility knew about it. "Kit-E-Kat" was a household word in

the cat world. There was a danger of confusion particularly with the new cat owner, whose friends had spoken of "Kit-E-Kat" saying, "My cat loves it." The person buying it might ask for "Pretty Kitty" cat food whereas he meant "pretty Kit-E-Kat food."

But the judge said he thought people to-day were taking short cuts in the use of language. "I should have thought it more likely that a person would just ask for 'Pretty Kitty' without the added burden of 'cat's food'." Said the judge : "It was like the man on the music hall stage asking, 'Does this shop stock shot socks with spots'."

In a recent article in the *Financial Times* under the heading "Better Times for Pets," a correspondent comments that the continual publicising of the need to take better care of animal pets seems to be having effect. More attention is now paid to their feeding and the fact that Kit-E-Kat is the most heavily advertised single product of all would seem to illustrate the belief that "the cat is a better customer than the dog." Products of this kind are steadily replacing direct sales from horse-flesh and fish shops, which is all for the general good.



Photo by Mrs. V. E. Major

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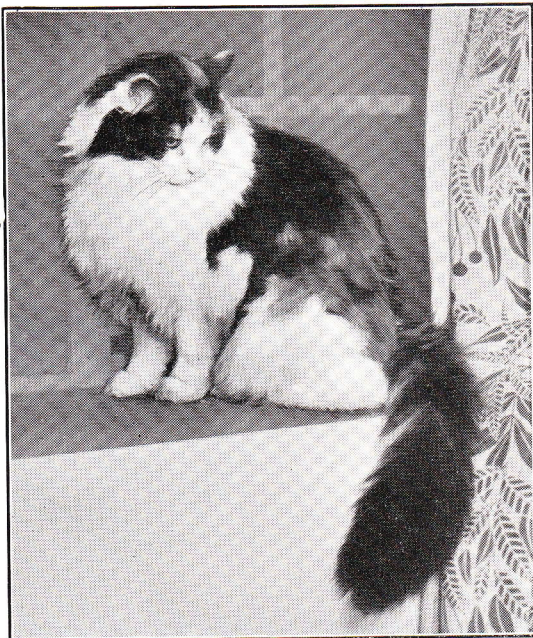
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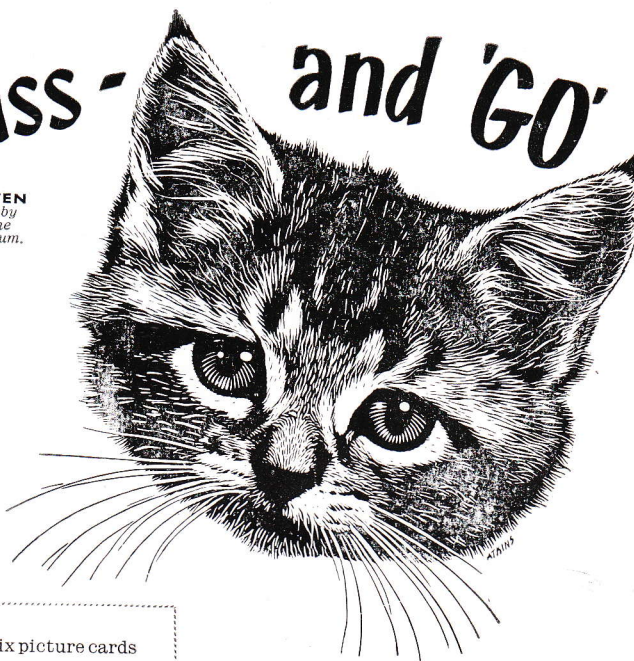


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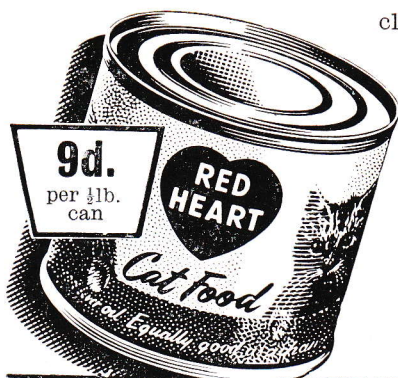
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By A. C. JUDE

Our popular contributor on genetics responds here to the many requests he has received—mostly from novice breeders—for more information about the various aspects of reproduction. This is the fifth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.

BY fertilization, the egg is made to develop into a many-celled aggregate, the parts of which are differentiated into the various organs of the body which exist in the particular species. Early in this development, one or more cells are set aside as germ cells to form the gonads of the adult animal from which eggs or sperms will be produced to perpetuate the species. These germ cells are distinct from the body which contains them, and they might, in fact, be removed from the body without upsetting its continued existence ; and if they were removed, it would be possible to replace them with germ cells from another individual of the like species.

If the conditions of the transplantation have been satisfactory, the fresh germ cells will function and produce gametes. They will, of course, have the genetic properties of the donor individual, and not those of the host. These facts are given as proof that the germ cells get their genetic potentialities directly from the fertilized egg, and not from the body, since a different body may be substituted for the natural one without altering the potentialities of the germ cells.

It was fortunate for the development of biological science that the rediscovery of Mendel's work found a small group of biologists deeply interested in the problems of heredity, and they themselves engaged in experimental breeding. From the results of their own experiments

undertaken in ignorance of Mendel's paper, de Vries of Holland, Correns of Germany, and Tschirmak of Austria, were able to confirm the results of the experiments which had been carried out by Mendel. To Bateson goes the honour of being first to demonstrate the applications to animals.

The scheme of inheritance which Mendel was the first to enunciate, has been found to hold good for such diverse characteristics as height, hairiness, flower colour and form in plants, the shape of pollen grains, and the structure of fruits ; while among animals, the coat colour of mammals, the form of the feathers and of the comb in poultry, habits of mice, are but a very few examples of what has now become to be known as "Mendel's law" of transmission. In its simplest form, the law applies in cases in which one of the two parents has a character which is lacking in the other parent—the so-called "presence and absence" theory.

Those "Somethings"

It was considered that in the gamete there was either a definite something corresponding to the dominant character, or a definite something corresponding to the recessive character, and that these "somethings," whatever they were, could not co-exist in any single gamete. For these "somethings," the term "factor" was coined. The factor then is what corresponds in the gamete to the unit-character that appears in some shape or other in the development of the zygote.

The law also applies in cases in which a character occurs in a different form in each of the parents, the two forms being alternative and mutually exclusive. In general, Mendelizing characters relate to the finer details of organization of the individual, because the parents, in order to be able to join in the production of the offspring, must be alike in their general features of organization; and so the inheritance of these general features cannot be studied by the method of Mendelian crosses.

The general features of Mendelian inheritance are now familiar to most cat fanciers, but we can review them briefly as seen in the inheritance of coat colour. A unit-character of cats occurs in the two alternative states "intense" or "dilute" melanin pigment. In the dilute state the pigment granules are not uniformly distributed throughout the cells of the hair, but are clumped in certain parts of the cells. The consequence is that a dilute black cat has what appears to be a "blue" coat. As dilute is recessive to intensity, a cross of black with blue produces black in the first generation (F_1), and three blacks to one blue in the second generation (F_2)—a regular unifactorial Mendelian result.

It is sufficient to bear in mind that 3 : 1 is the fundamental Mendelian ratio (three dominants to one recessive in the F_2 generation). Also that this ratio enters as a factor into the expected F_2 result as many times as there are independent unit-character differences between the parents.

Forecasting Results

As an example, if we add a third unit-character—say Siamese-body-pattern, to one of the parents—our F_2 result will be as follows:—9 Blacks, 3 Seal Pointed, 3 Blues, 1 Blue Pointed. If we analyze these figures we find the 3 : 1 ratio running through; 12 selfs to 4 Siamese body-pattern, 9 Blacks to 3 Blues, 3 Seal Pointed to 1 Blue Pointed. And if we

had four unit characters to deal with, our figures would be 27 : 9 : 9 : 9 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 1.

In other words, in these simple instances, we are able to forecast correctly what mating results will occur over a period. In every case where the inheritance of an alternative pair of characters is concerned, the effect of the cross is to produce three, and only three different sorts of individuals—dominants which breed true, dominants which give both dominant and recessive offspring in the ratio of 3 : 1, and recessives which always breed true.

When Mendel had determined the general scheme of inheritance, he set himself to providing a theoretical interpretation of the scheme which, as he clearly realized, must be in terms of germ cells. He conceived of the gametes as bearers of something capable of giving rise to the characters of plant or animal, but he regarded any individual gamete as being able to carry one and only one of any alternative pair of characters.

A given gamete could for example, carry blackness or blueness, but not both. The two are mutually exclusive so far as the gamete is concerned. It must be pure for one or the other of such a pair, and this conception of the purity of the gametes is the most essential part of Mendel's theory.



MEET A RARE MALE

This is a not-very-good picture of an interesting cat. Only rarely is a Tortoise-

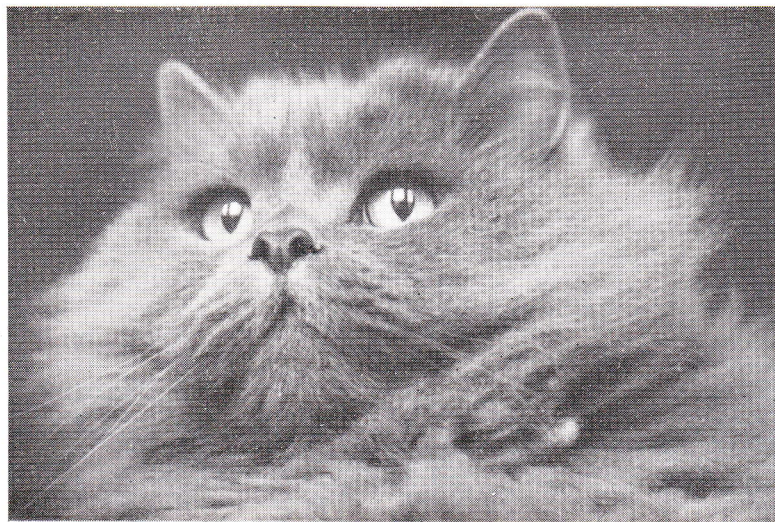
shell male produced ; it is exceptional for one to sire. This photograph—supplied by our contributor on genetics A. C. Jude—is of Patch, a Tortoiseshell male belonging to Mrs. K. M. Cotterell. This male recently mated a Tortie female who produced three kittens—one like its mother, one something like its mother and a black with a ginger tint, *no tabbies*. Details about these rare Tortie males and other interesting and valuable information are given in A. C. Jude's "Simple Genetics for the Cat Fancier," now due for publication.

It is worthy of note that the front cover of our American contemporary "*Cats Magazine*"—February issue—was wholly devoted to a picture of Double Champion Torti Man of Gallus, a fertile Tortie male with battle-scarred ears who belongs to one of our readers, Mr. Russell Middleton, of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Middleton says he would love to find a nice "Calico" (Tortie and White) female to mate with Torti Man, especially "one with clean white legs and as large colour spots as possible." Torti Man has sired several litters.

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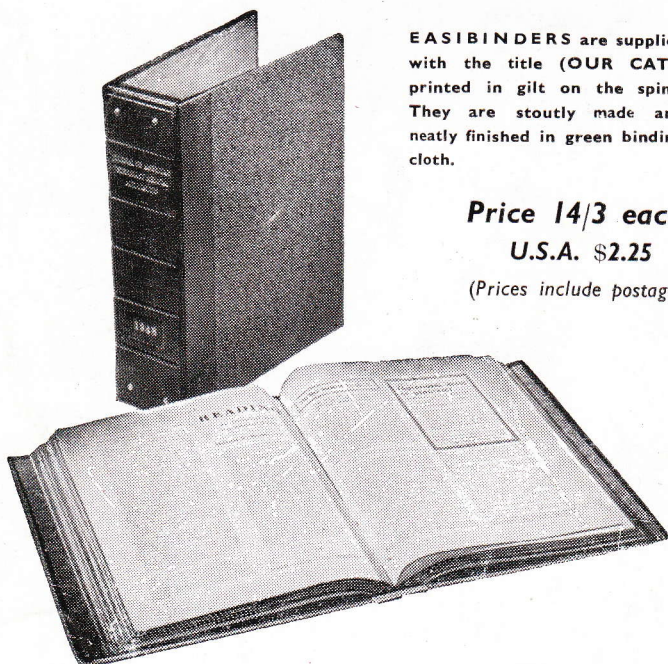
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