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# Champions of 1954-55

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<i>Name of Cat</i>	<i>Breed and Sex</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Breeder</i>
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CONTENTED AMIGO	Abyssinian (M)	Mrs. Bone	Miss Wiseman
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GRACEFIELD ARROW	Abyssinian (F)	Mrs. M. E. de Udy	Owner
KILLDOWN SULTAN	S.P. Siamese (M)	Miss Wells	Mrs. Hewitt
LAURENTIDE CORONA	B.P. Siamese (F)	Mrs. Hargreaves	Owner
LOTUS ATLAS	White L.H. (M)	Mrs. Gaskin	Mrs. P. Cattermole
MAGYAR YANOS	Blue L.H. (M)	Mrs. Beedell	Miss Noone
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PENCHAR HOPE	Tortie L.H. (F)	Mrs. de Udy and Mrs. Rosell	Mrs. Harriott
PINCOP AZURE TINGASHA	B.P. Siamese (M)	Mrs. Crosthwaite	Mrs. Lamb
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# ***This is my Story***

Contributed by MRS. A. HARGREAVES, F.Z.S. (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

*We hope from time to time to invite other well known fanciers at home and overseas to let us have their personal notes for inclusion in this series. What "the other person" has done to achieve success in the Fancy is always interesting and useful to know.*

**M**Y first cat, and the only Longhair I have owned, was a Blue Persian. She was given me when I was about five, shortly after we came over from Canada to make a home in England. I do not think she lived very long nor have I any recollection of her having had kittens.

I was always fond of cats and constantly on the look-out for them, but did not own another till in my early 'teens. This time

it was a Red Shorthair ; and I was told that "Tortoiseshell cats were females, and most gingers males"—my first introduction to genetics ! Also at that time I heard about Siamese cats and immediately wished to have one.

It was not till 1944, however, that this desire was fulfilled, and Oriel, a Seal Point female kitten was given me. She had several virtues and many vices, including a passion for chewing cigarettes. She was altogether a great character. Because she was our first



**The author with Laurentide Brown Prior, one of her home-bred Havanas, the handsome new Shorthair variety which has yet to establish itself and win official recognition.**

Siamese we were perhaps more fond of her than any we have had since.

We decided that Oriel should be spayed when old enough, but instead, like so many others, she was allowed "one litter first." Then, of course, the deed was done and I started breeding. I would not have believed when I saw little Oriel for the first time that because of her I would one day find myself with nearly 30 cats and kittens on my hands. Nor would I have guessed at the show successes that some of my stock have gained.

Interest in the various animals I owned from time to time led to the study of heredity and breeding possibilities. Cross-breeding poultry in a very small way was attempted with quite satisfactory results.

In a book by Dr. Hagedoorn, the Dutch geneticist, I read that Siamese would greatly benefit by out-crossing to increase their hardiness. Being faced by the fact that a good many potential buyers would not have Siamese as they believed them lacking in stamina, I thought there was some justification for this. So I wrote to the author of the book for advice.

## **Breeding for Hardiness**

When my breeding plans were formed I mated a Seal Pointed queen to a Russian Blue male. This was a suitable outcross as there was little chance of inheriting wrong type, markings or length of coat ; and if the kittens which followed did lose some of the Siamese voice no doubt there would be purchasers who would not grumble !

As expected, the first litter was all black, for when only one parent is Siamese and the other a complete outcross the characteristic points pattern does not appear in the progeny.

Some of these black cats were mated together, and some back-crossed to the most suitable Siamese studs. It was very interesting to watch the Mendelian

laws at work, the Siamese handing down their pattern to every kitten, while the self coloured half-Siamese could only pass this on to about half. So that the second generation were mostly Blacks and Siamese.

The kittens I was now breeding were very hardy, and some were exceptionally friendly. They were also almost bilingual, using Russian for conversation and Siamese for matrimonial purposes or giving orders ! There was one little Russian Blue female called Sene, born to two black parents, very sweet and full of character and with wonderful green eyes. To my surprise and interest she grew up to become a Champion.

## **Birth of the Havanas**

It was not until the first generation of Seal Pointed Siamese were mated together that Blue Points began to appear. Again to my surprise they did very well when shown. I therefore kept Amethyst, one of the Blue Pointed females, who is now mother of Champion Lauretide Corona, from whom I am breeding the fourth generation of Siamese and the second generation of Blue Points.

I would like to mention here my conviction that Blue Pointed Siamese should have a pale coat which does not darken with age, in order to emphasize the contrast between the body colour and the points. The glacial white, as described in the Standard of Points should shade on the back only very slightly. People like the distinctive dark and light of the Siamese pattern. This should especially be maintained in the Blue Points, because combined with the delicate colouring it creates their most attractive feature.

Having finished breeding Siamese from Jet, the one original black cat still in my possession, I decided to make use of her in another way. As a result she is great-grandmother of some chestnut-

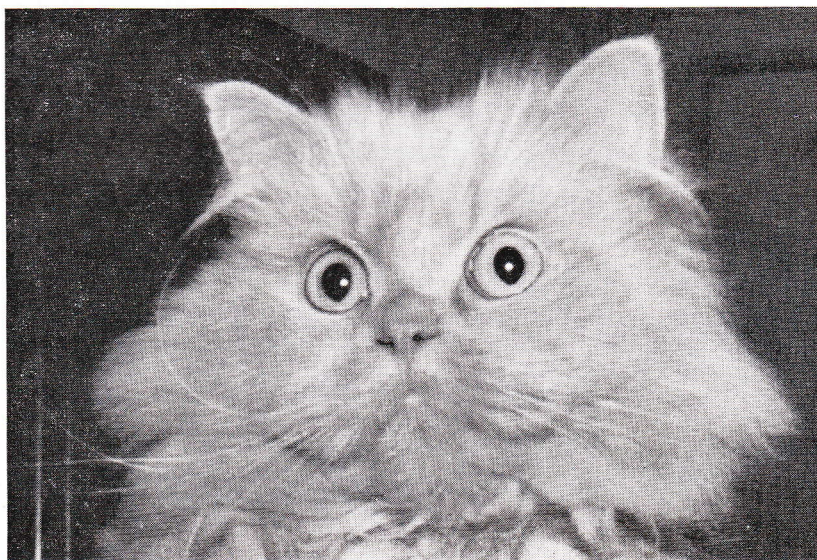


brown Shorthair kittens with green eyes, a new breed which is beginning to be known by the name Havana. These cats are not Burmese and do not resemble them. They have no suggestion of points and the only possible shadings are ghost tabby markings which the breeders hope that time will eliminate.

This sort of cat breeding is not everybody's hobby. It needs time and patience, for there are setbacks and months, perhaps years of waiting for the right kitten to be born. It means studying elementary genetics, planning ahead, looking up pedigrees and sometimes tracing cats far back in the old

Stud Books, checking up on kittens sold to see if they have inherited the desired qualities aimed at, and recognizing that it is a hobby with no financial gain.

All this is outweighed by the pleasure it brings. It is a project always interesting and always progressing. There is satisfaction in seeing the things planned for working out before ones eyes. It is as fascinating watching the birth of a mixed litter as studying the growth and development in kittens of all the same breed. And the reward for the trouble and waiting is when the right kitten is born and eventually develops into the much desired cat.



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# Operation Flea

By JOAN NICHOLAS

ALL the occupants of my house are well under the paw of Nicky. Since he came, two years ago, to deal with the mice, the entire household has come to revolve around him.

There was, therefore, consternation when it was found that Nicky was scratching. From the misanthropist on the top floor and the spiritualist on the first floor to the inebriate in the basement, the subject was eagerly discussed.

The top floor, breaking a silence of three years, diagnosed eczema, relating tales she had heard of cats who had lost all their fur. The first floor was convinced that it was ghostly entities from the Dark Spheres attacking Nicky because he was a cat with an advanced soul, while the basement remarked spirituously: "Overheated blood. Get it myself sometimes."

## Nicky was Unmoved

Powders were administered, prayers and exorcisms were said, and attempts made to introduce more vitamins into his diet. He swallowed the powders, slept through the prayers, and left the vitamins; and still he scratched.

Books on cat welfare were consulted. We found that there were so many diseases that start with constant scratching and lead to daily sulphur baths that the more pessimistic amongst us began to discuss where Nicky's grave should be dug.

Nicky is a cat of passionate cleanliness; therefore, fleas were

not suspected until the first floor actually saw one strolling across his head.

A tin of insect powder was obtained, and Operation Flea commenced. In our innocence, we imagined that we would merely place Nicky on a piece of paper, sprinkle him with powder, and watch the dead fleas drop neatly off. We know better now. The top floor, in stout gloves, held a struggling Nicky, while the first floor and I sprinkled him, the furniture and ourselves. The basement looked on, remarking, through the clouds, that it was thirsty work.

When the fog was at its thickest, a visitor was announced. We dimly discerned an elegant lady, who had a Siamese cat called Angela.

"Angela," she remarked frigidly, "never picks up parasites."

Incensed by this slight on his straight-haired character, Nicky scratched violently and shook himself all over her.

Two days later, the elegant lady was observed leaving the pet shop with a tin of flea powder in her basket.



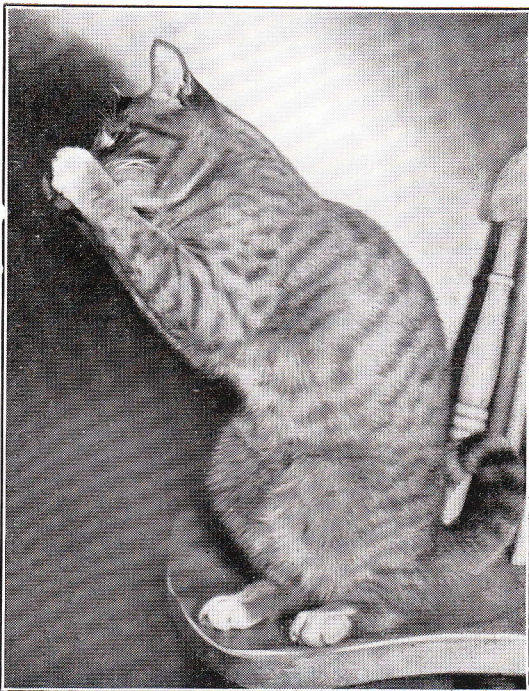
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# Quiz!

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## Dangerous Bones

**I have often read that it is dangerous to give cats food containing rabbit, chicken or fish bones because these are so dangerous. My cat catches and eats plenty of small rabbits and other animals such as mice and comes to no harm. Are these warnings then really necessary?**

Your cat may be a very intelligent cat who knows how to deal with rabbit bones without doing harm to itself. On the other hand, the bones of uncooked animals may not splinter as easily as they do after they have been cooked. Surely it comes to this! A cat may eat rabbit with the bones and come to no harm as many as ninety-nine times. On the hundredth occasion it gets a bone stuck in its throat which necessitates veterinary help and damage to the cat. To avoid such eventualities the removal of easily splintered bones is always a wise precaution.

## Remedy for Constipation

**My cat is frequently constipated and has considerable difficulty in emptying the bowel. What can I do to remedy this condition?**

More often than not constipation is the result of bad feeding and is frequently intensified by lack of exercise. Thus, the first thing to do is to see that the diet is right. Cats do not need a lot of starchy foods. To relieve the condition the addition of liver to the diet will be helpful

and a sardine with some of the oil may work wonders. If these simple remedies do not produce the desired effect, it is only wise to consult the vet. Purgatives are not to be recommended for cats unless they are given under expert advice. A trouble with purgatives, too, is that after they have been used the regularity of motion is sometimes much worse than it was before.

## Value of Combings

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## Value of Vitamins

**One reads a lot about synthetic vitamins which can be added to a cat's food. Are these really necessary and may they not be dangerous?**

If the question is: "Are vitamins necessary to the health of a cat?" the answer is definitely "Yes." Synthetic vitamins are not necessary if the natural ones are provided in the normal diet. If

there is a deficiency, the cat will not be completely fit and a small quantity obtained from a bottle may help. An excess would be as bad as too little, if not worse.

### More about Kinks

**If a slight kink is permitted at the end of the tail of a Siamese cat, why should it not be allowed in other breeds ?**

Although in the case of all cats a kinked tail must be regarded as a physical deformity, possibly the result of too close in-breeding either in a state of nature or due to careless breeding, the position of Siamese is rather particular. All the early Siamese cats that were imported into this country had kinked tails and it was regarded as a characteristic of the breed. By many breeders it still is so regarded. With all other breeds the kink is not characteristic, in fact, it is very rare and should be penalized. No one wants kinks in Blue Persians or Chinchillas or even in Abyssinians.

### Feeding Kittens

**Many breeders who give advice on the feeding of kittens suggest different quantities as being necessary for kittens of the same age. Surely they cannot all be right. How much food should a two months kitten be given each day ?**

To answer the last part first ! A two months kitten may be given as much as it will eat provided it does not upset itself and does not become too fat. It really comes down to this—that the feeding of kittens is a skilled business only learned by experience. The safest rule is to give a kitten what it will eat in, say, ten minutes, and then wait to see what happens. If all is well, the quantity at the next meal can be increased slightly. Never leave food about, but just remove the dish when the kitten loses interest. When a breeder gives quantities she is merely telling you what she has found satisfactory for her kittens.

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# ***Championship Certificates***

By P. M. SODERBERG

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

THE Southern Counties Championship Show in early February marked the close of another show season in the world of the cat fancier, so perhaps the time has now come to consider somewhat briefly a subject which has caused a great deal of controversy over the past few months. Perhaps it is only possible during a period when for several months there will be no Championship shows to consider calmly a problem which exists and for which so far no satisfactory solution has been found.

The question that is frequently asked, both by judges and exhibitors, is simply this: "Should a Championship Certificate have been withheld in a certain Championship Class at a particular show?" Generally, with regard to this particular incident, the only people who have no doubt as to the answer are the two judges concerned, for they had a decision to make which they made conscientiously, for conscience undoubtedly comes into the question as far as the judges are concerned.

I can speak with some authority on this subject because at one show I happened to be one of the judges who had the invidious task of helping to make such a decision. Now I have no doubt at all that my decision was "right" in the sense that I made it as the result of personal conviction, but I am much less sure that the decision was just for the

simple reason that it is probable that another judge, faced with the same problem, might have given the opposite answer. Thus, the result was largely a matter of chance from the exhibitor's point of view, and for important results—and a Championship award is important—to be dependent upon chance seems to me not good enough. This means that from the judge's point of view the present situation is not a happy one.

I wonder if there is a really straightforward solution to this problem? There may not be, but to allow it to remain without any attempt to find a solution is, to say the least of it, unintelligent in the extreme.

## **Consider the Exhibitor**

We can start off with one undisputed fact. It is that the exhibitor is essential for the success of shows for the simple reason that without him there would be no exhibits, no entrance fees and consequently no gate. Thus, his point of view is one which has to be considered, even if the conclusions he reaches are not eventually adopted without some modification.

Naturally, the exhibitor of any particular cat is distressed when his exhibit wins the open class but is not awarded a Championship Certificate. Particularly is this the case when the exhibit has already been granted Certificates at other shows by different judges, and the owner may feel that the cat was no better for type or condition on the day it won a

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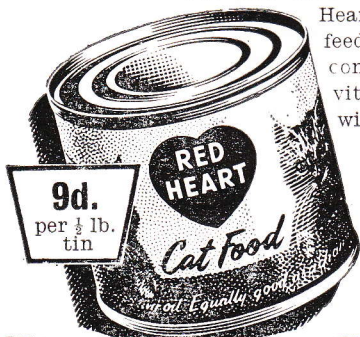
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Certificate. The fact that one particular exhibitor feels disgruntled on one occasion does not imply that his judgment as to the rights and wrongs of this situation are decided solely by this one incident. But what do the whole mass of exhibitors feel about the awarding or withholding of these coveted Certificates? That is an important point.

If they would express their opinions clearly and without rancour to the committee of the specialist club which caters for their particular breed, then the committee would at least have something to go on. This expression of opinion would be valuable, but no more than that, for I would not suggest for one moment that the mass of exhibitor opinion is necessarily correct. It is merely one side of the picture.

Probably the majority opinion of exhibitors is that the best cat in a Championship class should be awarded a Certificate, but that does not make the decision right, nor does it impose on a committee any obligation to accept this opinion. It is the duty of a committee to endeavour to make decisions which are sound for the future and improvement of the breeds with which they are closely concerned.

## **Job for the Clubs**

Quite clearly the specialist clubs should deal with this problem before the next show season opens. Let them get the opinion of their members, and decide, after careful discussion, what advice, if any, they ought to give to judges to help them to be consistent in dealing with the breed, if nothing else.

Of course, I have my own point of view, but it is not so rigid in its application that I should be unwilling to modify it in the light of official club opinion relating to those breeds which I am qualified to judge.

As far as the popular breeds are concerned, I feel that there can be very few occasions when the withholding of a

Certificate can be justified. In the case of Seal Point Siamese and Blue Longhairs, the very number of the cats shown in the open classes makes it most unlikely that not one single cat is worth a Certificate.

It is useless for anyone to bring forward such an argument as "All the Blues had shaded coats," not that anyone has put forward this argument as far as I know. The logical reply here would be that the show was probably held at the wrong time, and because of that fact coat condition could not be satisfactorily taken as a basis for decision.

When one comes to the less popular breeds in which there are only a few cats, and probably males and females have to be combined to make one class, the problem is very difficult indeed, for the exhibits are so far below the standard that if a Certificate depended upon a points score, all the exhibits would be ruled out. If that was the general result, what chance would this have of making progress towards better quality? Breeders might give up in despair.

In the case of such a breed as the Silver Tabby, I make it a rule for myself not to withhold a Certificate if there is even one cat there that looks a likely improver of the breed in the future. If I am wrong in my attitude, it is up to someone in authority to tell me so. For such breeds Championship Certificates may be easy to win but does it matter very much if everyone knows the true facts?

To my mind it would be a tragedy if the future held only four possible breeds, Blues, Creams and Chinchillas among the Longhairs and Seal Point Siamese, and perhaps Abyssinians, as the only Shorthairs that breeders were still trying to keep up to championship standard.

Well, there it is. Have you a point of view? If you have, express it either in print or to your club committee.

You may think I have written a lot of rubbish on this subject. You may think what you like, but do hit back with some really useful, constructive criticism, for that is the only hope of solving the problem.



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# Defeat of Mau Mau

By DOROTHY WINSOR

It was in our January 1954 issue that the presence of the Mau Mau Terrorist in Yorkshire was revealed by this author. This is the interesting sequel.

THE winter started late here. It was early February when we had our first fall of snow ; and then it began in earnest. Day after day the snow came down, drifting with the wind, and covering lawns and paths with a foot-deep carpet of white. Sea-gulls, driven inland from the bleak Yorkshire coast, circled endlessly overhead, and swept down in a cloud of flashing silver wings for the food I put out for them.

For about a fortnight, when the weather was at its worst, we saw nothing of the neighbouring cats, not even the black-and-grey tom we call the Mau Mau Terrorist. This cat is the most persistent and troublesome of all our visitors. He gets into the garden, much of which is carefully wired in and apparently cat-proof, and I am never quite sure whether my kittens will be

pure Abyssinian or half Mau Mau. He has, I think, no legitimate home, and no doubt he was lying-up somewhere deep in the woods.

At last the storms died down, Mau Mau emerged from his lair, and a fresh wave of terrorism broke out. As soon as dusk fell, my cats became restless and uneasy, and I knew he was somewhere outside. I had only to look through a window to see him, a ghostly form with eyes of pale fire, slinking round the house and once I saw him ordering a big ginger tom off the premises, which he evidently regarded as his own. Later when all the lights were out he usually raided the dustbin, dragging off the lid with a shattering crash, and raking the contents out on the snow.

Finally he began to appear in broad daylight. One morning I



Donald Innes.

**TRANBY KASHTA**, a young Abyssinian bred by the author in the heart of "the Mau Mau territory !" Kashta was later purchased by Lady Barnard.

met him, dark and disreputable, just outside the side door, thoughtfully inspecting the dustbin. He gave me a cold, appraising stare, and evidently summed me up as harmless, for he sauntered past me with his hands in his pockets, so to speak, and down the garden, stopping to sneer at the Abyssinian stud in his run. Indignantly I hurled a handful of snow after his retreating form; he went unhurriedly across lawn and rose-garden, and over the wire-netting gate; and so down to the white frozen silence of the woods.

### **The Lady Protests**

After that he became bolder. Two or three times a day, I found him just outside the door, and he took his own time about departing. It was necessary to search the garden before letting my cats out, and then I had to be on the watch all the time. More than once the Tabby queen, who was in kitten, was chased home, protesting bitterly about this treatment of a lady in her condition.

One day I went out to the dustbin with a saucer of rabbit liver, which my cats will never eat; and nearly fell over Mau Mau, who as usual was standing boldly outside. He looked at the saucer in my hand, his nose twitching, and then stared at me steadily. There was no flicker of expression in those pale, uncanny eyes, set in a half-mask of grey, but I knew he was hungry.

I do not like the Terrorist. He is a pest and a nuisance; for months he has haunted the garden and threatened my queens with the fate worse than death; but I suspect he is a stray, and I could not throw away that food when he so obviously wanted it. Reluc-

tantly I lowered the saucer to the ground. He took it as his right, and ate greedily. And now, I thought, we shall never be rid of him. I had visions of supporting him and a possible tribe of Mau Mau wives and families, for years to come.

I turned to go in. As I opened the door, the Abyssinian queen slid round it, wary and suspicious; saw the Terrorist, and froze in her tracks. Months ago she fell madly in love with him, and spent a frustrated week at a bedroom window. Now, however, she had two pure-bred Abyssinian kittens in the house, and he was no longer the dark exotic stranger who was the love of her life—he was the sinister Terrorist who had come to kill her babies. She crouched, and before I could stop her, she shot through the air with a blood-curdling screech, landing squarely on his astonished back.

### **Mixed Fur & Liver**

Next minute they were rolling over and over in a wild and whirling conflict. The saucer flew up in the air—I fancy one of them had trodden on the edge—and landed upside-down in the snow. The air was thick with chunks of fur and pieces of rabbit liver. I tried to separate them, but I might as well have tried to stay the progress of an earthquake. Over and over they went, with Wanda, screeching, biting and clawing, always in full control. Twice Mau Mau struggled free, and twice she hurled herself on him again. At last he rolled clear. Dazed, dishevelled and completely demoralized, he made for the wire-netting, tried to scale it and fell back, and then, spurred



by the little fury behind him, he squeezed through a tiny gap, zig-zagged drunkenly up the drive and disappeared through the hedge.

I cleared up the debris, which included an astonishing amount of Mau Mau's winter coat, whilst Wanda leapt at the netting like a lioness balked of her prey. Then she stalked indoors, herded up her kittens and washed them fiercely and possessively.

For three weeks—three peaceful, Mau Mau-less weeks—we never saw a whisker of the Terrorist. The dustbin went unraided at night, and by day, cats and kittens played in the sunshine, and no dark form lurked in the bushes, with intentions strictly dishonourable. Spring had come all at once, the air was soft and warm, and the Abyssinian stud sat on a high shelf in his run and sent out his mating call unchallenged. It seemed too good to last.

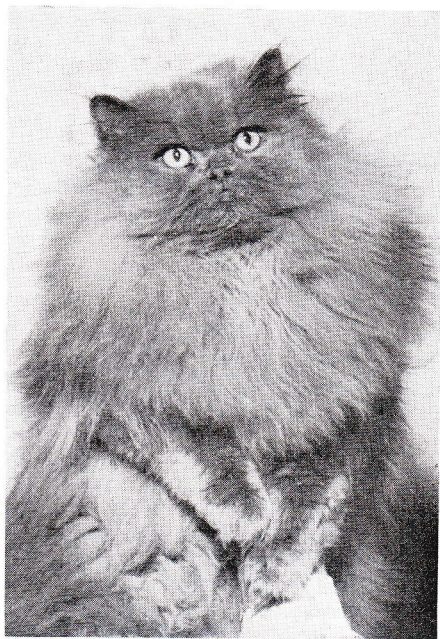
## A United Front

Then the Tabby queen had her litter, and as always, I breathed a sigh of relief to see that they were half-Abyssinian, as they should be. She is a nervous little cat and has been much terrorized by Mau Mau, but I have seen her deal efficiently with intruding toms when nursing previous litters, and I felt sure she would give a good account of herself should the occasion arise ; as eventually it did.

Both queens were sitting near the side door in the sun, taking a rest from the cares of their respective families, when I saw them suddenly stiffen. They had heard some sound inaudible to me.

Then a familiar black-and-grey face was pushed cautiously through the hedge—evidently he remembered his previous reception and wanted to see if the coast was clear—and stopped abruptly. Not one, but two queens were crouched ready to spring, tense and quivering, prepared to fight for their babies to the last gasp. They were inside the netting and the Terrorist was outside, but his nerve was too badly gone to work this out. The head was withdrawn with frantic haste, and a panic-stricken form shot across the road and vanished from sight.

The rout of Mau Mau was complete.



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*G. MacDominic.*

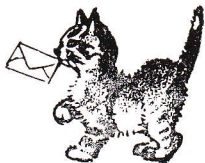
The story is in the picture and anything added would be superfluous. This little scene was captured in the waiting room of the P.D.S.A. Dispensary at Willesden, N.W. London.





## Correspondence Corner

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



### IT'S A FINE IDEA !

I am enclosing a cheque for our subscription to OUR CATS, commencing with the January issue this year.

I might mention the kindness and help which I should like to think is typical of all cat breeders. My wife and I have ordered a Siamese kitten from the Loughborough breeder, Miss Lant. Knowing that we were more or less beginners and no doubt realizing our impatience to "take possession" (here I might digress by querying whether we or the kitten will do the possessing !) Miss Lant very kindly loaned us four years' copies of OUR CATS. We have found the wealth of information and advice they contained of inestimable value and look forward to the début of our new family member with greater confidence.

Other breeders could, with profit to novices and the future welfare of the kittens, follow Miss Lant's fine example.

MR. MERVYN G. REES

(address supplied).

### ADVICE TO BEGINNERS

Reading the "Quiz" feature in your February issue, I was interested in your correspondent who wanted to start breeding cats. May I take this opportunity to augment the reply given in the hope that it may save some time and money and perhaps also a lot of heart-ache. It would be well for your correspondent to dwell very thoroughly on the matter before she parts with her money for the purchase of a cat or a kitten.

Firstly, she should make herself

familiar with the rules of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. Then she should avail herself of the expert knowledge to be found in various books which deal with the subject of cat care and management. These books, supplemented with a regular order for the cat magazines and the official journal of the Fancy, should place her in a better position to choose the breed of cat that will best suit her purpose. Having "read, marked, learned and inwardly digested," she will understand a little better the reasons why her friends were unable to advise her how to make a start.

She should go to all the shows she can, see all the recognized breeds, talk to the experts, learn how to handle a cat, and try to remember the wisdom in the saying: "I always feed my animals first." If she cannot do this, she must not start breeding cats.

MRS. WINIFRED M. MASSEY,

Warwick.

### THE COUNTIESMEET CATS

Here is our subscription for another year. Thank you for letting us join. My photo will follow by the afternoon post.

Our postman is a very stout and well-clothed man. He slips about in his van and says "How be ee?" and we say "Like us was."

In case you should feel like it, we enclose our opening chorus from our book, "*The Rhymes and Times of Nine Cats*." You might like to print it. We have just had our photos taken by the *Daily Mirror*, but we don't know if we

may send it to you to print. Us will see later. We send our best wishes to all people who read OUR CATS. Love from

RICHARD BABLEY and the  
Countiesmeet Cats.



**Handsome Richard Babley, our  
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Oliver likes Climbing-up-to-the-Ceiling

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Tatty likes Growing-Daily-Fatter

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# **Reproduction**

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 sixth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.**

**W**E have now reached a point at which it is possible to formulate a definite conception of the living organism.

An animal is a living entity whose properties may in large measure be expressed in terms of unit-characters, and it is the possession of a greater or lesser number of such unit-characters that renders it possible for us to draw sharp distinctions between one individual and another. These unit-characters are represented by definite factors in the gamete which in the process of heredity behave as indivisible entities, and are distributed according to a definite scheme.

The factor for this or that unit-character is either present in the gamete or it is not present. It must be there in its entirety or completely absent.

There are, however, cases in some forms of life, which open up the important question of the extent to which the various factors can influence one another in the zygote. Cases where the factors for two forms of a character are separate entities, and each when present alone, produces a perfectly distinct and characteristic effect on the particular character, turning it into one or other of its forms as the case may be. But when both are present in the same zygote, their combined effect is to produce a form of the character which is quite distinct from either, and in no sense intermediate between them.

The question of the influence of factors upon one another did not present itself to Mendel because he worked with characters which affected different parts of a plant. It was unlikely that the factor which led to the production of colour in a flower would affect the shape of the pod, or that the height of the plant would be influenced by the presence or absence of the factor that determined the shape of the ripe seed. But when several factors can modify the same structure, it is reasonable to suppose that they will influence one another in the effects which their simultaneous presence has upon the zygote.

## **White x White**

In two variations of a character, each factor may produce a definite modification of the character, but when both are present in the zygote, whether as a single dose or double dose, the modification that results is quite different from that produced by either when present alone.

The interaction between separate factors may be demonstrated by numerous instances. Probably the best are in the matter of colour. Generally, the result of crossing white with itself is to produce white, but there are cases where certain strains of white flowers which when crossed together, produce only coloured flowers. The colour may be different in different cases.

Suppose the colour produced is red. When these reds are allowed to self-fertilize themselves in the normal way, and

the seeds are sown, the resulting  $F_2$  generation consists of reds and whites, the former being rather more numerous than the latter in the proportion of 9 : 7. The raising of a further generation from the seeds of the  $F_2$  plants shows that the whites always breed true to whiteness, but that different reds may behave differently. Some breed true, others give reds and whites in the usual ratio 3 : 1 as described in our previous article, while others, again, give reds and whites in the ratio of 9 : 7.

This may be interpreted in terms of the presence and absence of the two factors. The red in this case results from the interaction of two factors, and unless these are both present, the red colour cannot appear. Each of the white parents carried one of the two factors whose interaction is necessary for the production of the red colour, and as a cross between them brings these two complementary factors together the  $F_1$  must all be red.

## When Black Appears

Attention should be drawn to the fact that the 9 : 7 ratio described is, in reality, a 9 : 3 : 3 : 1 ratio in which the last three terms are indistinguishable owing to the special circumstances that neither factor can produce a visible effect without the co-operation of the other. And we must further emphasize the fact that although the two factors thus interact upon one another, they are nevertheless transmitted quite independently and in accordance with the ordinary Mendelian scheme.

One of the earliest sets of experiments demonstrating the interaction of separate factors was on the coat-colours of mice. It was shown that in certain cases agouti, which is the colour of the ordinary wild grey, behaves as a dominant to the albino variety, i.e. the  $F_2$  generation from such a cross consists of agoutis and albinos in the ratio of 3 : 1. But in other cases, the cross between albino and agouti gave a different result.

In the  $F_1$  generation appeared only agoutis as before, but the  $F_2$  generation consisted of three distinct types, viz., agoutis, albinos, and blacks. Why the sudden appearance of the new type—black? The answer is a simple one. The albino parent was really a black. But it lacked the factor without which the colour is unable to develop, and consequently, it remained an albino. Our ratio in this case is 9 agouti, 3 black, 4 albino instead of four classes in the ratio of 9 : 3 : 3 : 1.

## Lesson for Fanciers

Though albinos normally breed true to albinism, and though albinism behaves as a simple recessive to colour, yet albinos may be of many different sorts. There are in fact, just as many kinds of albinos as there are coloured forms. And all these different kinds of albinos may breed together, transmitting the various colour factors according to the Mendelian scheme of inheritance, and yet the visible result will be nothing but albinos.

Under the mask of albinism is all the while occurring that segregation of the different colour factors which would result in all the varieties of coloured forms, if only the essential factor for colour development were present. But put in the developer by crossing with a pure coloured form, and the variety of constitution can then at last become manifest.

The particular lesson here for cat fanciers is that just as colour is masked by an albino coat, so is colour masked by the white coat of cats. A white cat may genetically be any of the coloured forms, which, too, may become manifest when crossed with some coloured form.







Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

**M**RS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

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### Kentish Cat Society

**T**HE Kentish Cat Society Show is taking place this year on July 6th at the Assembly Rooms, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Williams, who have kindly consented to organize it, and members who have seen the new venue consider it more suitable than the Pump Room as it is central and should attract a better gate and the hall itself is spacious with excellent daylight. The classification will be generous so it is hoped the Show will be a success and a prelude to an annual event as it was before the war.

It is 24 years since its introduction in 1931. That year the Kent Goat Society held their annual show at Sparks Hall, Sutton Valence, in July and Miss Bignold invited Kentish breeders to provide a cat section on the first day, offering the use of a marquee and poultry pens for a nominal fee. Miss Bignold, Miss Peake and her friend, the late Miss Ridley, Mrs. E. M. Hill and Mrs. Piper

had charge of the arrangements. The result was a very successful show. The late Captain Powell judged and had a busy time with about 100 exhibits.

Everyone was very enthusiastic and at a general meeting arranged on showday the Kentish Cat Society was started with about 30 members.

Miss Peake, so well known in pre-war days for her Speedwell Blues, and later for her Creams and Blue-Creams, was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Many well-known personalities in the cat world of those days consented to serve on the Committee which included the late Mrs. Gretta Yeates (Chairman), Miss Adams, Mrs. MacAllan, Mrs. Forrest, Miss Ridley, Miss Manley and Captain Powell.

In 1932 the summer show was held in the grounds of Miss Peake's and Miss Ridley's residence at Smarden, Kent. The judges who officiated were Miss Langston, Mrs. Bazeley and the late Mrs. Fosbery, the latter a breeder of many lovely Red Tabbies. There were 31 adults and 77 kittens on view which with some entries in miscellaneous classes brought the total to 124 exhibits of which 40 were Shorthairs. The quality of the exhibits was very good and Miss Heywood, famous in those days for the quality of her Chinchillas, and as a second string Blues, was Best in Show with a Blue, Lady Gay of Porchester. By 1937 the K.C.S. shows had been so well supported that it was decided to engage the Pump Room at Tunbridge Wells.

Perusing the Show accounts one envies the days when for a fixture of these dimensions the printing bill was £32, the pens £8 10s. with £3 5s. 0d. for cartage, hiring fee for the hall £8, and last but not least 18s. 4d. was sufficient to provide fish, meat and Ambrol for the exhibits.

Miss Peake continued to hold office until 1939 when she resigned owing to the illness of her friend, Miss Ridley. Mr. Perkins was elected to take her place and to organize the Show for the third time at the Pump Room. All who were present on that occasion will remember how successful and enjoyable it was. We little dreamt then that owing to war it would be many years before we met at another K.C.S. show. In 1936 the late Miss Adams consented to become President and officiated as Chairman until the last meeting in April, 1940.

So the Society has had guidance and help from these and many well-known personalities on the Committee from its initiation. It was decided not to apply for affiliation to the Governing Council as it was founded "primarily for cat lovers in the county of Kent . . . to interest the owners to compete at the Society's summer shows and possibly later at the season's bigger fixtures" and—in heavy type on the leaflet—"to show what Kent can do."

With happy memories of the successful show which Mrs. Vize organized for us in 1952 at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, we look forward with confidence to the future. We are fortunate to have Mr. Hugh Smith as Hon. Secretary, Mr. Burgess as Hon. Treasurer and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Williams to organize the Show. Will all those interested and seeking information please get into touch with the Hon. Secretary at Spring Cottage, Ightham, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

### **"Very Important Cats"**

Appropo Mrs. Vize I was delighted to receive news from Fremantle dated

March 21st as she neared the end of her voyage to Australia, which terminated at Sydney on April 4th. She writes : "We have just sighted the coast line ahead, my first glimpse of Australia. It is very cool, the sky is cloudy but the sun is there ready to break through. It is very pleasant after the tropical heat although we have been very lucky with the weather. The Bay of Biscay was only slightly rough, the Mediterranean squally, Suez, the Red Sea and Indian Ocean although hot were tempered by a cool breeze.

"The cats and kittens have travelled well. Ch. Astra felt the heat most but fortunately that did not put him off his food. My Black female and the Cream, Blue and last but not least the Siamese kitten, Hillcross Rondo, thoroughly enjoyed the warmer weather, especially Rondo. I have never seen a kitten thrive and grow so. Of course, they have the best of food—minced raw beef, chicken, liver, rabbit and fish. They certainly are well looked after by the second butcher, who is a great lover of animals. I attend to the cleaning of the cages, the grooming and exercising of the adults on their own deck aft. The kittens come into my cabin every afternoon where they have a fine frolic giving them plenty of exercise. There are also four dogs aboard with their owners, a collie, a bull terrier, a Pekinese and a Cairn terrier, all in excellent fettle.

"Apparently the news had gone ahead that five V.I.Cs (Very Important Cats) were travelling to Australia in the S.S. Esperance Bay as to my great surprise a newspaper reporter appeared at Colombo taking many photos and material for a write up. When we arrived at Fremantle several wharflies came aboard to unload cargo and wanted to know where the famous cats were. When they saw Ch. Astra they couldn't believe their eyes. 'Hi ! cobber,' says one, 'take a look at this one. Why he's got three fur coats on his tail alone'.

"There are many ship's cats, all Shorthairs. So far I have counted



seven but apparently that is not all of them. There is one very nice White, who gets a bath every week. He gets so dirty running in and out of the winches. One kitten is the most perfectly marked Silver Tabby I have ever seen. He is so good that I am taking him ashore with me. Of course, he will have to go into quarantine.

"This is the Esperance Bay's last trip. When she returns to England she goes to the breaker's yard and many of the cats will be taken by the R.S.P.C.A. I thought the Silver Tabby too good to go to an unknown fate, hence another addition to the Myowne Cattery."

Later: "We have been ashore at Fremantle and Perth. They are very reminiscent of South African towns. Both Mr. Vize and myself felt quite at home and are revelling in the warm climate. He has improved considerably in health and we have enjoyed the voyage very much. We are looking forward to the future. I will write again from Sydney."

## Progress "Down Under"

From Mr. F. W. Pearce, the well-known Australian and interstate judge comes a welcome letter. He writes: "We have been very busy here in 1954, and 1955 promises even more cat activity. You will be pleased to hear you will soon be seeing Mr. E. J. Lonsdale again. He is fortunate to be visiting England and to have the opportunity of seeing so many British breeders. I would like to see some of your cat shows, they must be wonderful and they would just about finish off my education.

"Last winter—in June and July—I followed your footsteps in North and South Island, New Zealand. It was a wonderful tour and their hospitality knew no bounds. I judged at three Championship Shows and paused at Dunedin, South Island, to give an address on cats, clubs, shows, etc., in the

Town Hall. You remember you suggested it appeared to be a promising city for a cat club. Well! they have one now and it is already a strong club.

"Invercargill Cat Club that had such a record show when you judged and a 'gate' that helped the Club so much is flourishing. I had three sessions on the 'air' and assisted at the children's hour with Uncle Clarrie, whom you met, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Auckland is the nerve centre and has gone ahead in leaps and bounds since I was there in 1951. I flew home on the inaugural D.C.6 flight direct from Christchurch.

"I was very sorry to hear that Mr. Marshall, that grand man and leader in the N.Z. cat world is relinquishing the Secretaryship. Mrs. Sewell is to take over his work. He was an ideal, far-sighted man and very painstaking. That grand trooper Mrs. Downey is to judge the Auckland Ch. Show in June in the Town Hall and it should do well.

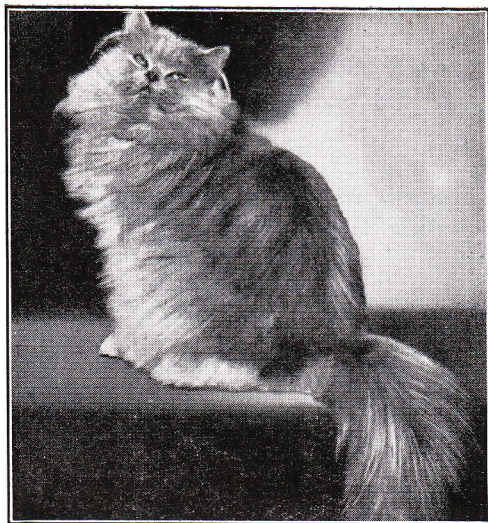
"The very up-and-coming Adelaide people (Australia) have been granted sanction and a cat section is to be added to their Agricultural Show in September. Brisbane cat lovers are also working hard and have formed a Club but no shows listed so far. But they will come to both places.

"1954 was a very interesting year for me. I flew to Melbourne and judged 132 Siamese at the show in the Town Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pearce judged the kittens. When I came back to Sydney, I attended the last R.A.S. Consultative Committee meeting when they declared me Australia's first all-round cat judge. I have also had a trip to Perth. Country centre shows are planned from now on and the one at Katoomba on January 15th was a very good one. A combined club's show takes place at Chatswood Town Hall on March 5th and then comes the big two days' Royal at the lovely grounds you admired so much when here. Then we have the Trocadero Cat Exhibition which was wonderful last year. No judging but I am R.A.S. representative

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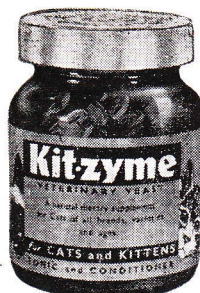
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and have been asked to address the gathering on cats, their care and management, etc.

"Then in June the Royal, judged in 1953 by yourself, will this year be judged by myself. We are starting the judge's training classes again on March 11th. Ten students are enrolled but they have to be screened by the combined committees of the Clubs, so I may not start off with that number. So you see we never have a dull moment and the Fancy is leaping ahead in Australia. Mr. Miles, another old member, won the state lottery, sold his home at Meadowbanks and now has a stud horse farm at Cas le Hill. I do not think anywhere is more full of 'cat life' than New South Wales although Melbourne and New Zealand are going very strong. We have six Clubs here now and by the end of 1955 may have eight or nine.

"Please look after our dear old President, Mr. Lonsdale. How I wish I was coming with him. Regards and good wishes to Miss Yorke and Miss Langston and all the best to Joan Thompson. We have many happy recollections of your visit."

## Everything for Pets

In the February issue of *Cats Magazine*, U.S.A., there appears a photograph of America's only pet drug store with "Pet Remedies" boldly displayed on the façade. Doctor Tarr has built a highly successful business which has been praised by many of New York's leading felinophiles, including the *New York World-Telegram's* noted cat columnist Henrietta Hitchcock. In addition to medicines, many collateral items are added such as proper foods, clothing, toys and other accessories which Dr. Tarr considers important in assuring the best of care to pets of all kinds. He says, "We have bent backwards to supply the best of everything for pets, for we have learned that the happiness of many households depends just as much on the

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## New Life in America

Mrs. Hersig, of Aspen, Colorado, sends a very interesting booklet about her home town which aroused the wanderlust. Famous in the 1860s and 1870s for its silver, Aspen gradually declined and now with a sports-conscious youth, it is again revelling in prosperity as a winter sports centre where fertile valleys nestle at the foot of mountains. Here lives sweet little Camber Betsy Bob, Blue Longhair bred by Mrs. Denton, daughter of Anson Eros and Trenton Sugar Plum. She has distinguished herself by winning 8 points towards her U.S.A. Championship at Dallas, Texas, where so many well-known cat breeders are and where—Mrs. Hersig adds in parenthesis—"everything is bigger, better and nicer!" We are proud as peacocks she did so well. She does not like classical music and screams when we play it but when we play Swiss hillbilly songs she is as happy as a lark. She is a darling and a good



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*Daily Sketch*

Welcome home for a truant! When Russian Blue Legionnaire La Veddette was captured and restored to his Hampstead home after an absence of fifteen days, this was the greeting he got from his old friend Ch. Dunloe Domokvitch. Both belong to the well known fancier Miss M. Rochford.



friend of our newly acquired elkhound. We are so pleased we had her."

### Move to the West

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lamb, formerly residing at "Twylands," Grange Hill, Halesowen, near Birmingham, have removed to Little Browndreys, Carhampton, near Minehead, Somerset. They have given a tremendous amount of time to the affairs of the Midland Counties' Cat Club and many breeders, judges and exhibitors have happy recollections of the excellent Ch. Shows they organized on its behalf. At the moment of writing I do not know if Mrs. Lamb intends to carry on as Hon. Secretary or give her services in some capacity to the South Western Counties' Cat Club but here's wishing them every happiness in their new home and appreciative thanks for all they have done for the M.C.C.C.

### Brilliant Show Season

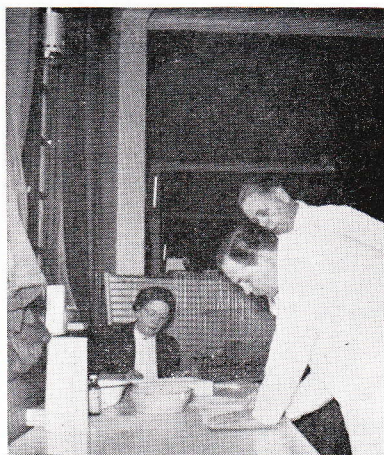
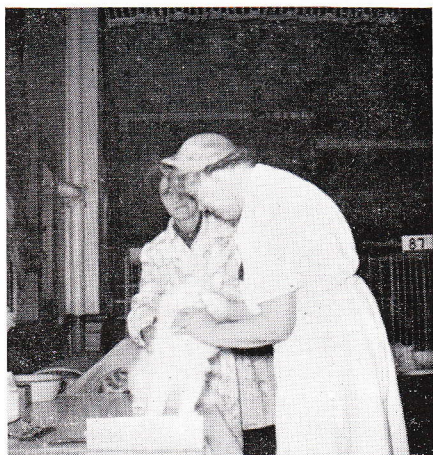
The Annual General Meetings of the Clubs which hold them in London have had good reports to present to their members. It has been a brilliantly

successful show season and with one or two exceptions they have been a financial success. The quality of exhibits has never been better at post-war shows and British breeders have good reason to give themselves a pat on the back.

Many cats and kittens have been exported over the last few years and with very few exceptions they have given a wonderful account of themselves abroad. Many have become Champions and their progeny have been awarded many prizes. It is always interesting to hear news of them.

### Two Few Judging

The A.G.M. of the Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society in London on March 1st was well attended. The Hon. Secretary Mrs. J. M. Newton reported that the Society had over 100 members, was in a sound position financially and had supported all the Ch. Shows. A discussion took place on holding a show confined to Longhair and Shorthair cats and kittens, and limited to the breeds for which the Society caters. But 1955-1956 will be a busy autumn and winter season



Here are two snapshots of English judges at the Garden State Show, New Jersey, U.S.A., in December last. Miss Kathleen Yorke, on the left, is seen judging a Longhair exhibit and Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb, nearest the camera on the right, regards his list of Siamese entries.



**BARWHILLANTY POOTOO**, owned by Mrs. Lister Symondson, of Shawhead, Dumfries, was judged the Best Siamese Cat or Kitten at the Scottish Cat Club Diamond Jubilee Year Show 1954. POOTOO was bred by Mrs. Black, Parton, Castle Douglas, who is owner of Drumrash Douglas, a well known Siamese stud in Scotland, who did well at the 1953 shows.

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and late summer or autumn next year may be the time a show will materialize. Miss Rodda's election as a judge for all varieties catered for and Miss Bull for Creams and Blue-Creams gave general satisfaction. Congratulations to them. As we have lost Mrs. Vize, one of the Societies' excellent judges to Australia and another one or two for various reasons are unlikely to judge, I should like to have seen more than two put on the list especially for Creams and Blue-Creams as we have breeders with so much practical knowledge of breeding them.

With eleven Ch. Shows next autumn and winter there will be a lot of repeti-

tion of the same judges who have officiated this last season for these breeds which is sometimes hard lines for those owning adults with one or two Ch. certificates. Blues and Creams are usually at their zenith for a comparatively short time and a wider choice of judges would give them a better chance of gaining that elusive third certificate which is so often so hard to obtain. Each winter we lose the services of some of our best Longhair judges because they prefer to exhibit.

The A.G.M. closed with thanks and appreciation to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Newton.



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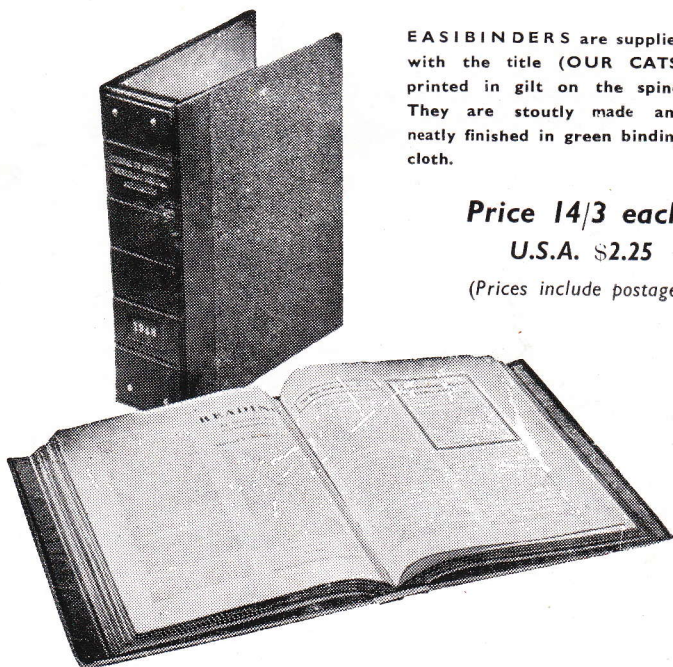
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