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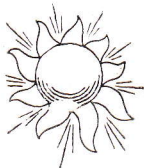


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The Fancy is making considerable headway in Germany. Here is Mrs. Werner Bierhoff with her Blue Longhair male PARAGON OF PENSFORD (by Ch. Foxburrow Frigolous) who was Best Exhibit at the show held in Dresden in January. Later, in April, he won 1st and Championship in Vienna at his second show appearance. Photo by Wiener Presse-Photos.

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WE LOSE A FRIEND

JUST after our July issue had closed for press I received the not wholly unexpected news that Mrs. Billie Bancroft had died in New Jersey, U.S.A. With her passing I have lost a good friend and the Magazine a loyal and enthusiastic worker.

It was in April, 1951, that I first made the acquaintance of Mrs. Bancroft. She had seen a copy or two of OUR CATS, had liked its style and presentation, and generously offered a regular contribution as well as help on the general promotion side. "I really think we can go places—here in the States," she wrote. And together we did—for four years—and it would be difficult to imagine a happier association.

Cats always came first with B.B. She abhorred priggishness, pomposity and politics in the Fancy and it only needed half an eye to see that her forthright crusading style was not always popular with everyone. But she never nursed a grievance or harboured ill will. She said and did what she thought to be right and fair—and that was that. Her letters to me—they always began "Dear Boss Man"—were a joy to receive, so full of colour and detail.

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The late Billie Bancroft

I always felt that the bottom dropped out of her world in early 1953 when her beloved "Ban" died after a long illness. There had been just the two of them. "Nothing, absolutely nothing, can ever happen again to hurt me," she wrote at that time.

In the early weeks of this year I knew that her own health was beginning to fail. She begged me to say nothing about it to anyone. The thought of death, she said, didn't trouble her at all; it was only a transition. In February I had hopes that B.B. was making some improvement because my wife and I suddenly received an invitation to spend our holiday at her Cloud Top home, where, she said "I could make you both very comfortable. We have so much to talk about." Unfortunately business ties prevented me from making the trip this year but we had planned to make a special effort next year to get to New Jersey.

Sorry, B.B., we didn't have that meeting after all. Maybe—you never know—we'll be seeing you later on some other cloud top. Meanwhile, I just want to say "Goodbye, and thanks a lot."

THE EDITOR

The tribute to Mrs. Bancroft which follows was received from Mrs. Helen J. Hildebrand, of Rockaway, New Jersey, a very close friend who nursed B.B. during her illness.

Cat breeders and others who knew Billie Bancroft, American Associate Editor of OUR CATS and staff writer for other journals, will be saddened to learn of her death on July 4th, 1955, from a cerebral hemorrhage. She could not have been called to higher service on a better day, because she was independence and patriotism personified.

Everyone called her "Billie"; but down in Tennessee in the 1890s, they knew her as Betsey Lane. Baptized

Elizabeth Ava, "Billie" came from a distinguished Southern family, who claimed relationship with President Jackson. Genealogical fans will be interested to hear that "Betsey" Lane was descended from three other Betseys: Grandmother Crabtree (born 1838); Great-grandmother Robertson (1817) and Great-great-grandmother Houston (1784). Although orphaned while a little girl, Betsey had a happy childhood and was raised by her grandparents. Her grandfather was a Governor of Tennessee.

By her first marriage, Billie had a son, Tom Kelly, who died when he was 16. In 1940, Mrs. Kelly married Mr. Harold S. Bancroft, who died in 1953. "Ban" shared Billie's flair for photography and both enjoyed boating and other sports, as well as attending cat and dog shows. A horse lover, also, Billie in former years owned and broke several horses in the grasslands of her native state.

Her Influence for Good

Because she was a woman of dominant personality and strong individualism, Billie held a unique position in the feline world. Loyal friend, and friendly critic both, she exerted considerable influence. People "minded" Billie Bancroft, who could do much to help a club; she exposed frauds and parasites equally well.

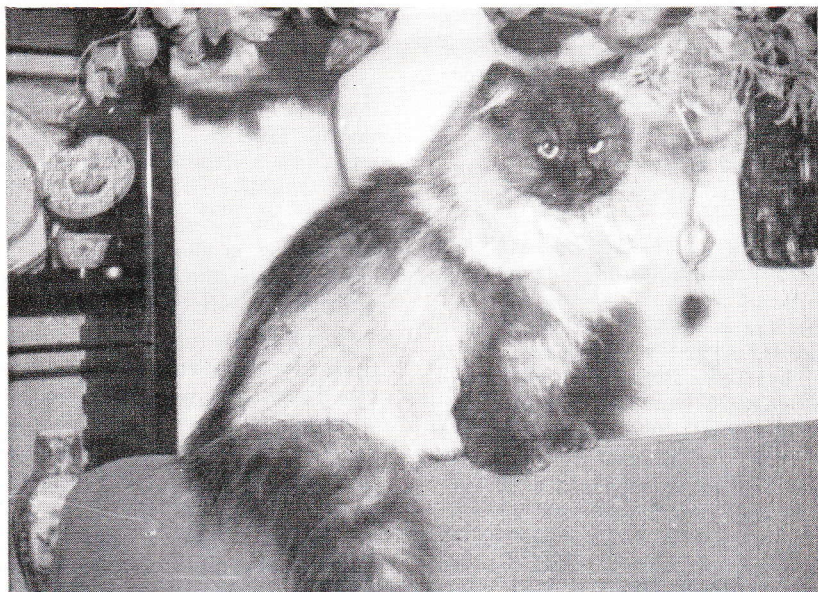
Those who knew Billie intimately (and this circle was limited) tell of her great fortitude when things did not go well; her abiding loyalty to the causes in which she believed; her versatility; her devotion to her animals and her affection for her friends. Enemies she must have had, because a woman with Billie's temperament does not need to bow to lesser people. But even those who did not see eye-to-eye with her had to admit respect.

A member of the Associated Press, Billie Bancroft was a familiar figure at cat shows; both to cover them journalistically and to exhibit her prize-winning White Persians from Cloud Top Cattery at Rockaway, New Jersey. Although she cared little for the social round, Mrs. Bancroft enjoyed much prestige through her inclusion in the Social Register, and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Woman's Club of East Orange, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, etc., as well as the cat breeders' associations.

The entire Cat Fancy will be shocked at Billie's passing. It is a privilege to write these lines concerning one

who wrote of so many well-known personalities of the cat world, some of whom have now left us. Those who have tears should shed them only because we are the poorer by her death. Those who are relieved should remember that the work she did for the betterment of cats generally, and the exhibiting of the best of them, will live on through the endeavours of those who had her confidence.

Pausing an instant in the turmoil which is life we salute you, Billie, as you rest quietly near your beloved Cloud Top, because although perhaps you did not realize it, you were a very great lady.



This nice Smoke kitten TREE TOPS BLACK PEARL was bred by Mrs. D. S. Fletcher, of Liphook, Hants, from Miss Sherlock's Lotus Shandy ex Tree Tops Storm. Following Black Pearl's wins at the London shows Mrs. Fletcher hopes for some good kittens from a mating with a Smoke stud.

Garlic for Feline Ailments

By ANN L. STUBBS

THERE has, of late, been a revival of interest and faith in the old herbal remedies well known to our great grandparents. Of all the herbs known to man none can rival the garlic's amazing curative properties. For some time I have been using this herb to restore my cats to perfect health when they are sick, and to keep them healthy thereafter.

A common, and not always easy to cure trouble in cats is worms. Many of the remedies on the market to-day are certainly effective, but too drastic. They will free your cat or kitten of worms but will probably leave it so weak that it is in a perfect condition for reinfestation. One garlic tablet a day for a week will completely rid your cat of worms, and one twice a week thereafter will KEEP him free.

A Chronic Case

A few months ago a large, and somewhat scruffy, ginger and white tom cat presented himself to me. I could not find his owners, snow was on the ground and I had no alternative but to take him in. With good food he soon filled out and became quite a handsome person. Then, just when I was congratulating myself on the improvement in him, disaster struck. He came in one evening with eyes, nose and mouth streaming and sneezing practically non-stop. Cat-flu!

I immediately isolated him and began intensive garlic treatment. I gave him one tablet four times a day and kept him on a very light diet, plenty of

fresh water to drink and meals of warm milk and brown bread. Twice a day I crushed a garlic tablet in a little warm water and bathed his face with it. He looked dreadful. His eyes completely closed up, his coat became staring and his breathing extremely heavy and noisy.

Then at last he began to show more interest in life and I added a little sardine in oil to his food. Then the day came when he was able to get out, rather shakily, for a walk in the sun. I cut the garlic down to two a day. About a fortnight after he was taken ill I reduced it to one a day which I kept up for a week or two. To-day he is a fine, clear-eyed cat, coat glossy and no trace of "snuffles."

The same treatment as the above should be given for pneumonia except that the patient should be given warm milk and honey, the latter being soothing to the throat.

Garlic also has amazing disinfectant and healing qualities and one tablet dissolved in a little water is excellent for bathing cuts, scratches or bites.

But garlic is not only curative. Being rich in vitamins and calcium, phosphorous and iron, it is excellent for the brood queen, keeping her fit, glossy of coat and clear of eye as well as keeping her clear of worms, which, as any breeder knows, are so easily transmitted to her litter.

Once having discovered garlic's astonishing properties you, like me, will never be without it in your cats' medicine chest. Garlic tablets for veterinary use are now made by several leading firms and are obtainable from most good pet stores. They were, in fact, advertised in the June issue of *OUR CATS*.

Cats in Paint & Print

By SIDNEY DENHAM

Sidney Denham is the author of "Cats Between Covers" and with Helen Denham collected the exhibits for the "Cats Through The Ages" Exhibition of pictures, ceramics, books, etc., in London in 1953. Under the title "Cats in Paint and Print" he will write regularly about cats in books and the arts and will welcome interesting items from readers or answer their questions.

WHEN Elinor Glyn, the famous best-seller who delighted and shocked late Victorian readers with *Three Weeks*, was painted by Jacques Blanche, the artist did two portraits. One was a formal portrait showing her vivid beauty, famous red hair and green eyes. The other showed Elinor Glyn as a cat, an exposition of her fascinating feline character.

"Le Chat Nelly" is reproduced in the biography of Elinor Glyn by her grandson, Anthony Glyn, just published, and regarded as a picture of Elinor or of a cat is excellent. Forty years later Elinor Glyn herself developed a passion for marmalade cats, but it is evident that she had always had an affinity and understanding of them based on the qualities they had in common.

Elinor Glyn invented the description "It" for a particular kind of personal magnetism.

In defining "It" she wrote: "There must be physical attraction, but beauty is unnecessary. Conceit or self-consciousness destroys "It" immediately. In the animal world "It" demonstrates in tigers and cats—both animals being fascinating and mysterious and quite unbidable."

Elinor herself was fond of both these felines—the tiger skinned and the cat alive. Her passion for tiger skins, of which she had no less than five in

her drawing room, in later life, led to the verse:

Would you like to sin
with Elinor Glyn
on a tiger skin.
Or would you prefer
to err
with her
on some other fur?

Most famous of Elinor Glyn's cats in the thirties were Candide and Voltaire, who shared her blue and gold drawing room with the tigers. "They were beautiful, proud, independent creatures of enormous character and 'It'", says Anthony Glyn, "in many ways very like their mistress. Elinor was devoted to them . . ."

In March, 1939, Elinor Glyn, then aged 75, but still with undiminished "It" and getting love letters, attended a literary lunch at the Dorchester Hotel as guest speaker. She was, as always, beautifully dressed and wore "with fine panache, her huge Persian cat Candide, asleep round her neck instead of a fox fur. During the speeches Candide would open a baleful and somewhat desiccating eye upon the speaker and then go to sleep again." "Great success," commented Elinor in her diary, not making it clear whether she meant for herself or for Candide—or both of them!

A Banker Cat?

Like so many women who have been attracted by the mysteriousness of the

cat, Elinor Glyn was a firm believer in reincarnation. That she has her followers to-day is shown by a recent letter quoted in "The New Statesman":

"I used not to believe in the theory of reincarnation but our little cat has convinced me that he had some former life as a human being. I think he must have been a banker, business man or miser, for only money makes him really happy. Give him half-a-crown—anything less he despises—and he will play and purr for hours."

He might, of course, be a reincarnated Chancellor of the Exchequer—after all income tax was once only half-a-crown!

Like Jackdaws

More seriously, I have heard of a number of cats who are, like jackdaws, attracted by silver and other bright objects. One Abyssinian caused a certain amount of embarrassment by the fatal fascination which neighbours' spoons and wrist watches had for him and an American reader told me her Abyssinian has carried off and presumably hidden in some secret place quite an amount of jewellery!

Studio Institution

Quite a number of cats have appeared in films in recent years with such success that I believe there are stars who refuse to appear in a film with a cat, knowing that when a cat and a human being are on the screen together, the audience has eyes only for the cat. At Elstree there is a cat who has never starred in a film but has probably been on purring terms with more stars than any other cat in the world.

Presumably because of a not uncommon baptismal mistake, she is called Tiger and in her more than eighteen years at Elstree she has seen British screen history made. She has always

had the freedom of the studios and dressing rooms and unlike so many cinema supernumeraries has never wanted for a meal. All doors have been opened to her when she has cast eyes on them and uttered her demand.

Tiger, now past worrying about her waistline, slumbers through the afternoons oblivious of the 600 odd men and women working in the studios. She has become more than a character—she is an institution.

Talking of films, a publicity handout tells me that June Thorburn on location in London for "Touch and Go" played a scene in which she walked across Albert Bridge carrying a cat.

She walked across 27 times before the director was satisfied—an estimated distance of four miles. And June Thorburn, says the blurb, found the cat very large and very heavy. What the cat thought of being carried across the bridge the publicity writer does not say.

It Had to Come!

Having a prejudice against stories for children in which cats are dressed up, I shuddered when I saw an advertisement for a new children's book called "*Space Cat*" in which, we are told, "Ambitious Flyball, clad in a space suit, goes off in a rocket to the moon—a descendant, maybe, of that famous adventurer Puss in Boots." The writer probably knows more about space travel than the origin of Puss in Boots. To quote Mr. Van Vechten on Puss in Boots: "Some form of this fable occurs in almost every language . . . it is a moral story in Russia, Sicily, among the Arabs and in Zanzibar . . . In France, Italy, India and elsewhere it is an immoral story . . ."

"Ambitious Flyball" strikes me as more likely to be a descendant of Dick Whittington's cat, perhaps of the Breton version of this story in which a black cat makes silver coins."

Breeding from Old Cats

By P. M. SODERBERG

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

BREEDING from old cats may produce sound progeny but there is no guarantee that it will. In fact, it is much more likely that from the physical point of view there is a strong argument for not breeding together two cats whose total ages exceed a certain figure, which would probably need to be arbitrary until a good deal more experimental work had been done on the subject.

From one point of view this subject is so individual that it is impossible to give any exact figures at all, for cats age sexually as the result of certain factors which cannot be generalized.

Just in the same way that some males mature sexually much earlier than others, so also do particular males, and not necessarily those which have matured early, lose this function at an earlier age than would be considered normal.

In the first place what are called the environment factors must be considered, for they play a very important part not only in the development but also in the ageing of a stud cat. Of these, feeding is of great moment, and a male cat will definitely become old early if the diet contains an insufficiency of the essential vitamins or if they are inadequately absorbed from the food that is provided.

Certainly late developing males have been brought into use as successful studs after repeated failures by the addition of a vitamin supplement to the diet.

It has been believed for a long time that Vitamin E was essential for fertility to be a characteristic of an animal whether it was a male or a female, but how much of this belief was based on scientific fact and how much on mere wishful thinking has never been proved to the extent of general satisfaction. It is more than likely that a well balanced diet contains sufficient of this vitamin to make a male cat potent.

One of the almost inevitable consequences of increasing years is a slowing down of sexual activity, and the time must often come with males when the number of spermatozoa produced is so much smaller that the chances of a successful mating are considerably reduced. The profligacy of Nature is such that millions of spermatozoa are produced for the fertilization of a single ovum. As breeders know from experience, this abundance, for a variety of reasons, does not always produce the required result.

Jaded Males

Not only does the number of sperms decrease with age, but the percentage of them that are deformed also increases, and, perhaps what is more important, their power of movement becomes less, with the result that many of those that are produced are incapable of reaching the required goal, the comparatively distant ova which have been shed immediately after copulation.

For most males it is true that interest in the opposite sex declines with increasing age, and as interest and capacity

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are closely linked, there is every chance that the old stud will not be so anxious to mate.

Many males become jaded because when they are young they are used too frequently for stud purposes. Some of them get to the stage where a calling queen does not excite them in the least. This attitude affects the reproductive organs which rarely work unnecessarily after a certain age. In time, if the sperms are not to be used, they are not produced, and the final stage is often reached when an old male cannot be enticed into mating a female. It is most important, therefore, that the male shall always be used with discretion when he is young, so that he will retain his capacity until he is eight or even older.

Cysts

With the female the position is rather different, although many of the points already made can apply to her. If she is bred too frequently, she literally becomes worn out and incapable of producing more kittens.

There are also other conditions to consider with females when they are getting old which make it difficult, if not impossible, for them to produce young.

One is that so many queens in later years develop ovarian cysts, a fact which is only ascertained after a post mortem has been carried out. There is no implication in this statement that the cats died as a result of the cysts, but merely that old females which were examined were found to have cysts which would, to a certain extent at least, have affected their reproductive capacity.

When cysts of this type develop, the production and the shedding of ova is affected, and it is possible for a queen to be quite incapable of shedding ova into the fallopian tubes, and if that does not happen there can be no kittens.

Old queens are also inclined to develop a hormone unbalance in a variety of ways which affects them as breeders. The trouble here is that it is so difficult to find the exact cause, and the veterinary surgeon may have to adopt hit or miss methods.

When the ova have become fertilized and settled in the horns of the uterus, the hormone connected with the luteal bodies takes over and has supremacy over the ovarian hormone. If the balance is altered and the ovarian hormone still controls the internal situation, one of two things is likely to happen. Either the embryos will be discarded and there will be a miscarriage, or the foetuses will be re-absorbed. If this is known to be the case, before the next misfortune can occur a suitable hormone injection given by the veterinary surgeon may ensure that there is a perfectly normal family.

A Chancy Business

An old queen of mine has just done something similar, and has produced three placentae but only one kitten. Whether what was attached to the other two placentae were kittens, I am not in a position to judge. I do know, however, what will happen the next time she is mated.

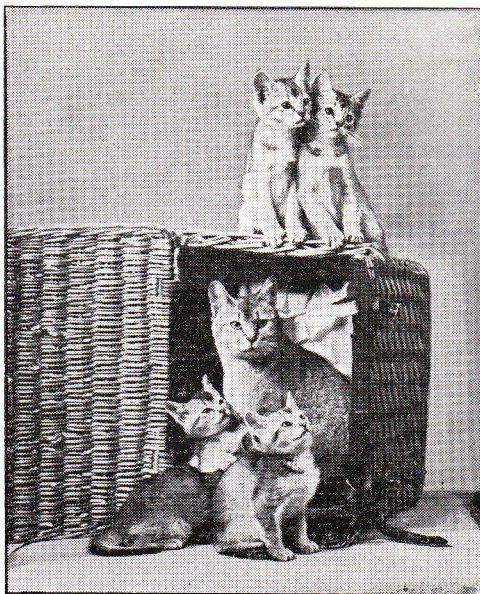
Breeding from old cats is always a chancy business, but it is likely to be more successful if one of the partners is considerably younger than the other, and a combined age of ten would possibly be a useful figure to work on when one partner is old.

Exceptional cats do exceptional things, and I cannot account for them.



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French Hospitality

Show News from MRS. L. SPEIRS

THERE can be few more delightful places for a summer cat show than Vichy, in the heart of France, where the Cat Club du Centre held their International Show on July 9th and 10th. The show was held in the newly reconstructed Exhibition Hall of the Compagnie Fermière. It had beautiful natural lighting, its fresh paint glistened and masses of plants and flowers made a lovely setting for over one hundred and fifty exhibits. I had been invited to judge the Longhairs while M. Marolle, of Paris, judged the Shorthairs.

The quality of the best exhibits was high, the task of judging was a most pleasant one and the visit will long remain a very happy memory of the great kindness and overwhelming hospitality shown by our charming hosts, particularly Mesdames Villechaise, d'Alleizette, and Message of Clermont-Ferrand, Mesdames Coulon, Chamayou and Couanay of Vichy, and Madame Ravel of Paris, indefatigable as ever in ensuring the smooth running of the Show.

The Best Longhair Exhibit in the Show was a seven months old French-bred Blue kitten, Didou de la Légardière owned and bred by Mme. d'Autremont of Paris. She is a superb kitten, very well grown and in perfect bloom, a worthy grand-daughter of English-bred Ch. Int. Gallant Homme. The Best Shorthair Exhibit was an English-bred Abyssinian Ch. Gracefield Pantha, owned by Mme. Millet of Paris. Best Longhaired Adult was Mme. Sarrazin's Ch. Int Cady de Padirac and she also exhibited a veteran of ten years, a lovely White—Netheredge Snowstorm—who was awarded Excellent 1.

I understand that Mme. Sarrazin started her breeding of White cats with Snowstorm and through her there have been very many celebrated winners. This, Mme. Sarrazin told me, was to be Snowstorm's last appearance in any show, and although I have not handled Snowstorm before I do think that apart from her fading eye colour she could never have looked more beautiful. —May she enjoy many more years of life with her devoted owner. The runner-up in Shorthairs was an English-bred male Siamese Seal Point, Spinnet Singer, owned by Dr. and Mrs. Cavitt (U.S.A.). Considering it was the height of summer the cats were in good condition although the Longhairs were rather short in coat and the Blues rather shady.

Wine is Served

A French show differs in many ways from an English show. In France a cat show is much more of an *event*. In Vichy there was an imposing opening in the presence of the Deputy Mayor, the Sous-Préfète and representatives of the culture and commerce of the town. Speeches of welcome, thanks and mutual felicitations were followed by a "vin d'honneur" and before the distinguished deputation withdrew, an invitation was extended to the Committee, the foreign visitors and exhibitors from a distance to a reception by the Municipality the following morning in the Town Hall. There again, after speeches distinguished by characteristic grace, vivacity and a complete absence of self-consciousness, wine was served and compliments exchanged.

The public attended in large numbers and seemed to enjoy the Show as much as the exhibitors. The most memorable feature, however, was the gaiety and real friendliness of our French hosts. In the evening of the first day of the Show there was a most enjoyable banquet for officials, committee and visitors.

The main event of the second day (after a two hour lunch—not less cheerful than the previous evening's banquet) was the presentation of prizes. No cash prizes are paid to winners at Continental shows. At Vichy there was an imposing array of cups, trophies,

and gifts donated apparently by almost every firm in Vichy and the near-by Clermont-Ferrand and these were presented to the happy winners.

The last event, to round off happily the overwhelming hospitality shown to visitors from a distance was a visit to the opera where, through the courtesy of the Mayor, seats in the mayoral box had been placed at our disposal. A last memory is being seen off on the Paris train the next morning by our hosts and having three local newspapers with articles and photographs of the show thrust into our hands as the train moved off. An unforgettable week-end.

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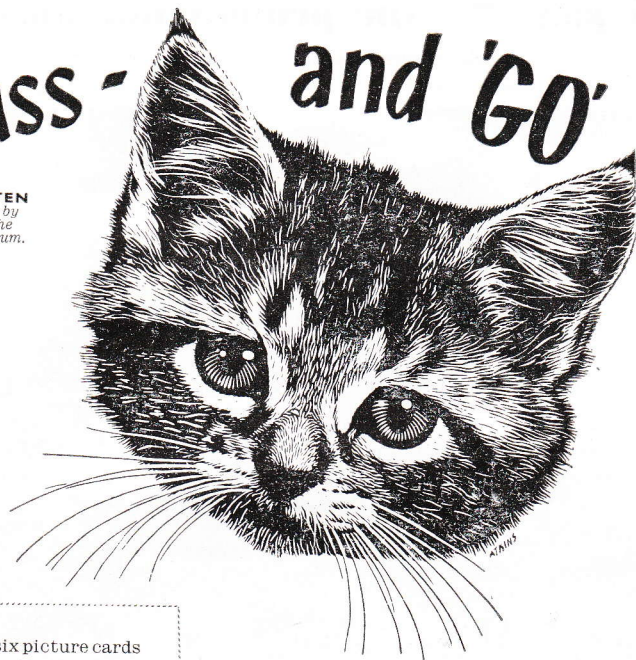
THE CATS OF ROME

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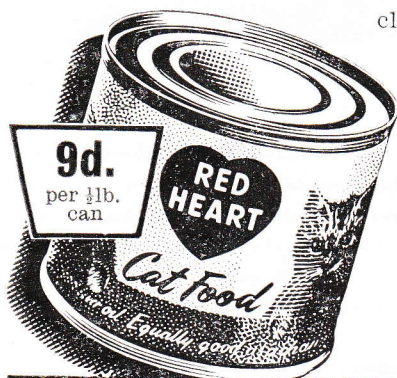
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Puss in "Digs"

By JOANNA MACKAY

THE first thing is to advertise for the right landlady. You can keep a cat in furnished rooms, whatever anyone may tell you. If, however, you set about answering advertisements and want permission to keep a cat, the following are the sort of replies you'll get :

"No." (Blunt.) "We'd rather not have the bother of it." (Frank.) "I'm sorry, circumstances make it impossible." (Regretful.) "I've got a cat already. They'd fight." (Fair enough.)

Occasionally, you'll be told, "Well, we'll let you have the room if we can't get another tenant for it. We'd soon let it without a cat, but rather than have it empty, we'll put up with the cat." Have none of this. Life will be a misery if the poor cat is always on sufferance of good behaviour.

Have nothing to do with landladies who don't want the cat in the garden, or those incredible people who see no reason why an animal shouldn't spend its life shut up in one room. Really a ground floor room is a necessity, or, failing that, find one with access to the garden or road. A sloping outhouse roof or a way down from the first floor via a series of easy jumps is good enough.

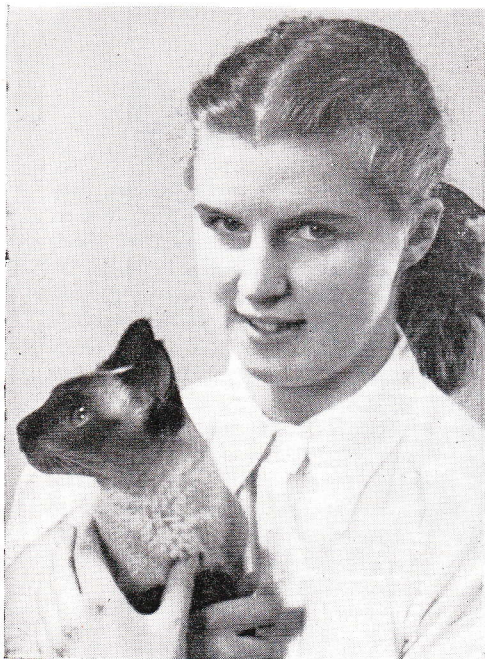
You'll probably have your own ideas about the district you want to live in, but these are good points to bear in mind. Choose somewhere with plenty of quiet roads. People do keep cats on main roads to a good old age. They are lucky. Many more lose beloved pets in the prime of life. Find a neighbourhood with good shops and a reliable fishmonger. If you are working, you will value a fishmonger or delicatessen stocking pet foods, which keeps open until half past six or seven in the evening.

Food will need to be bought every two or three days and, in hot weather, every day or so. The window sill is the best place for it, except in the coldest weather and it should go in covered dishes. Saucers of food and water should go on the linoleum or, if your room is close carpeted, on a tin tray to save the floor covering. Cats are supposed to be fed twice a day, but many demand lunch in defiance of the rules. This can be left for them. If you want to go out in the evening, it's best to prepare supper and ask your landlady or a fellow-tenant to lift it down about six or seven p.m.

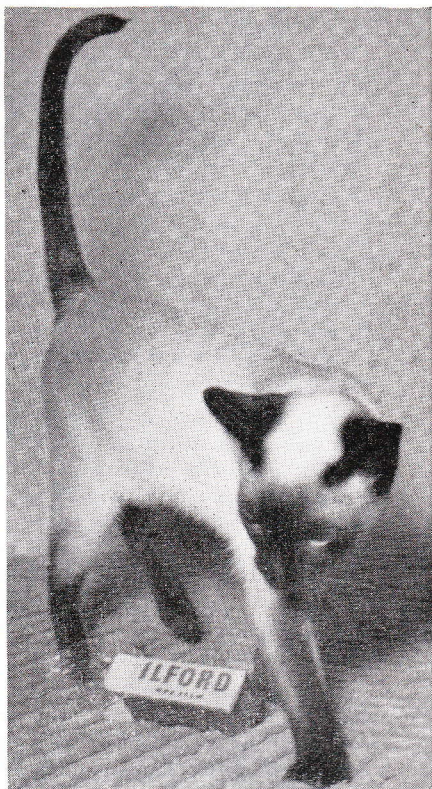
Know Your Vet

Usually, the window can be left open, though an earth box ought to be provided. Then, even in cold or wet weather, there will be no risk of "disasters" on the landlady's carpet. Other cats are not likely to come in, for most cats are very firm about asserting claims to their own territory. A cat living in digs will have to be neutered, of course. It might be possible to keep a full tom, but a succession of families of kittens would be too much. Queen cats, if not speyed, are pestered by too many visitors. Even neuter ladies tend to have boy friends, but they seldom have more than one at a time. If yours wants to offer one admirer a little hospitality, that's not too bad as long as you shut the door to prevent him from getting into the house.

Finally, it is easier to have an adult cat or trained kitten in rooms than to start with a tiny kitten which has just left its mother and you should have the name and address of a good vet, and



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a good boarding kennels, in case of any sudden emergency. Also, have a travelling hamper of your own. Your landlady may be as kind as genuine cat-lovers usually are, but there may come a time when you want to go away and she is ill or going on holiday herself, and can't "look out" for puss for you. Having to rush round trying to borrow a hamper will add to your work and worry.

People living in digs usually want to go away fairly often. "Puss in Digs" should, therefore, be accustomed to journeys as much as possible. It is largely a matter of temperament whether or not a cat is a good traveller. When he or she is one, life will be that much easier for both of you.

Where and how do you advertise if you want to keep a cat in rooms? I recommend the local paper or the stationers' shops in your chosen district. If you advertise in any non-local paper, specify the district you prefer.

Letter writer G. Plowman in the London *Evening News*: "Attending the out-patients' department of a large hospital in London, I was repelled by the cold, couldn't-care-less attitude of the doctor and other members of the staff. Some days later I had to take a very sick cat to a clinic for treatment. The art of healing appeared to be more apparent here than at the hospital. The clinic's atmosphere was humane, helpful and lively."

Winifred Atwell, the popular quick-fire piano player who is so well known in variety programmes, has a pet Chinchilla named Nicki—registered Cooden Kerria Japonica. She reveals that during a stay in Blackpool two years ago Nicki went aroaming and fell into an uncovered lime pit. She was badly burned as a result and it took many months of care and attention before she was fully restored to her former beauty. Miss Atwell's affections are shared by Nicki and Nino, a miniature white poodle.

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MRS. 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.

Kentish Show

THE second post-war show of the Kentish Cat Society at the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells, on July 6th was successful, enjoyable and very well organized in the manner which we have come to associate with Captain and Mrs. K. R. Williams. The weather was perfect and the gate was good. Mr. Hugh Smith, our Hon. Secretary, was busy selling catalogues and generally looking after the interests of members. Hon. Treasurer Mr. David Burgess was busy on the "book" and also taking a lively interest in receipts. Mrs. Varcoe and Mrs. Burgess were doing secretarial work at the table, in fact, it was literally a working committee.

The Assembly Hall was built in 1939 and with its simple modern decorations, excellent windows and loftiness made a lovely setting for the Show. Red canvas was neatly fixed to the edge of the benching and made a colourful drapery to hide exhibitors' baskets and impedimenta. The table arranged in a square at the entrance was decorated

with glorious roses from Mr. Burgess's garden. The variety, known as "Peace," was quite significant as it was a very serene show. If only this lovely hall was in London it would be in demand for our smaller shows. The snag at present is that it is not available in August which is a much better month for kittens especially Longhairs. And now Sandy Show (always held on the last Thursday in August) is a fixture of the past, it is a long time without a London or near-London show from the Kensington Kitten Show at the end of July until the Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show on September 23rd.

Best Longhair Cat in Show was Mrs. Dallison's Orange-eyed White Dalmont Diamond shown in that faultless condition which is essential for all exhibits but especially so for a White. Other awards were: Best Longhair Kitten, Mrs. Jones's pretty pale Cream Dainton Castor; Best Longhair Neuter, Mrs. Morris's Blue Trenton Raffles, a very handsome son of Ch. Oxleys Peter John; Best Shorthair Cat, Mrs. Jay's Seal Point Siamese Sawat Angelina which the judge, Mrs. E. Kent, refers to in her report as an "exquisite little queen;" Best Shorthair Kitten, Mrs. Keene's Chocolate Point Siamese Kill-down Rajah; Best Shorthair Neuter, Mrs. Montgomery's Seal Point Siamese Purland Som Phong, a very well bred youngster by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo and Ch. Purland Pale Maiden.

Some lovely exhibits caught my eye especially the winners in a very nice class of six Blue adults. Mrs. Stephenson's male Ashdown Nuthatch, son

of Woburn Sunshine (pictured in Our CATS May issue).

Major Dugdale's Harpur Casanova looked well and his eyes are very lovely for shape and colour. The spectators admired but as usual couldn't resist touching the exhibits and when I asked one not to go along the cages dangling an umbrella tassel for kittens to play with she retorted "Oh! but I can't resist them; they look so sweet." Another spectator commented on the short tails of the Persian kittens and I am sure was mystified and unconvinced when it was pointed out that it was a feature we bred for in Longhairs.

Forthcoming Events

The first Championship Show of the season, the Herts. and Middlesex on September 23rd at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, is being organized on behalf of the Club by Mr. and Mrs. Dunks. So we know it will be well and enthusiastically managed. We have been very fortunate in our post-war show managers.

Another Ch. show with a special appeal to Blue Persian breeders is the B.P.C.S. in London on October 4th. Mrs. L. Speirs has kindly consented to organize it. She has ideas for making it colourful and appealing to the public apart from the pleasure of seeing the "Blues" which are usually nearing their best in October. Please support it by entering exhibits or visiting the Show and bringing your friends. Schedules are obtainable from Mrs. L. Speirs, Water Hythe, The Green, Hampton Court, Surrey.

Record Kensington Show

A very warm sunny day greeted the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show at the Royal Horticultural Hall on July 28th. The advance publicity was excellent and the hall was thronged with spectators from 1 p.m. onwards. At the end of the day it was reported that the Show had had its

best-ever "gate" with the exception of the Festival Show in 1951. It proved once again that "it pays to advertise."

Mrs. Aitken, making her debut as a Show Manager, made a splendid job of it and worked hard to cope with an entry of over 360 kittens and neuters. She was ably assisted by Mr. Aitken whose knowledge of cat affairs proved invaluable. Mrs. J. M. Newton also gave considerable help in many ways.

The Longhair kittens were some of the best we have seen at a summer show and the Blues were outstanding in quality. Miss Bull who judged them had an arduous but interesting assignment in sorting out 35 of them. Outstanding winners were: Best Longhair Kitten, Mrs. Mollie Turney's little Chinchilla gem Bonavia Mark, by Ch. Mark of Allington; Best Shorthair Kitten, Mrs. Keene's Chocolate Point Siamese by Ch. Briarry Macsuch (following up his Kentish Cat Society Show win); Best Longhair Neuter, Mrs. Trevor's Arctic Snow, winner of many prizes last winter; Best Shorthair Neuter, Mrs. Tilley and Miss Clarke's Premier White Knight; Best Household Pet, Miss Page's Longhair, Snowy.

Among the Longhair kittens which had the honour of being brought out for Best in Show were Mrs. Hughes's Blue male Broughton Sweet William by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous; Mrs. Denton's Blue female Camber Helena Rose by Anson Eros; Mrs. Nash's Cream female Hendras Dimity, by Ch. Twilight John; Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue-Cream Starmist of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, and a lovely little Red Tabby Bruton Fairy Gold by Ch. Barwell Pedro which had excellent type.

They looked a beautiful collection of kittens as they were held up for the public to see. The winner in the 3 to 6 months Blue kitten class was Mrs. Lang's very attractive Camber Christopher Robin by Anson Eros and in the 3 to 6 months class Blue

female, Miss Page's Woburn Jenny by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. F. Frivolous also sired the Best Cream male kitten, my Oscar of Pensford (by Ch. Dawn of Pensford) another kitten who followed up Kentish Cat Society wins where he was awarded five firsts.

In Silver Tabbies, Miss D. Collins won with Kala Paddiboi. His breeding is interesting as he is by a Silver Tabby out of her Smoke Ch. Kala Moonmist. Miss Jury won in Brown Tabbies with Purring Puss Moth by Trelystan Jasper and Master Hedges with a Tortie and White Fifinella Columbine, sire unknown but dam Purring Pansyface, the latter being one of Miss Jury's breeding. Ten Longhair litters were headed by Miss Nash's sweetly pretty Creams one of which was Hendras Dimity.

I am hoping that Mrs. Williams will supply some notes about Siamese and Shorthairs in next month's issue, as, owing to the crowds, the heat, and my self-imposed task of preventing people poking fingers at the Longhair exhibits, I did not say long enough to make notes in that section.

The Longhair judges were very consistent in their placings. The vast majority of kittens were making their first appearance, yet in the mixed Club classes the same kittens were usually placed in the first three or four places. We had the pleasure, and it certainly does please exhibitors, of having judges who have had many years of practical experience of breeding—the general opinion appears to be that it should be a *sine qua non* that all judges elected need this invaluable experience.

A Handy Trolley

Major Dugdale's judge's trolley designed by himself was much admired and, if not too expensive, is a practical piece of equipment for all shows. How pleasant it must be to have sufficient space to write one's notes with the exhibit sitting on the table and I liked the sliding panel on top which

could be pushed back so that one could use the bowl of disinfectant conveniently lodged underneath. Mrs. Cattermole, for whom he was stewarding, thoroughly approved of the design.

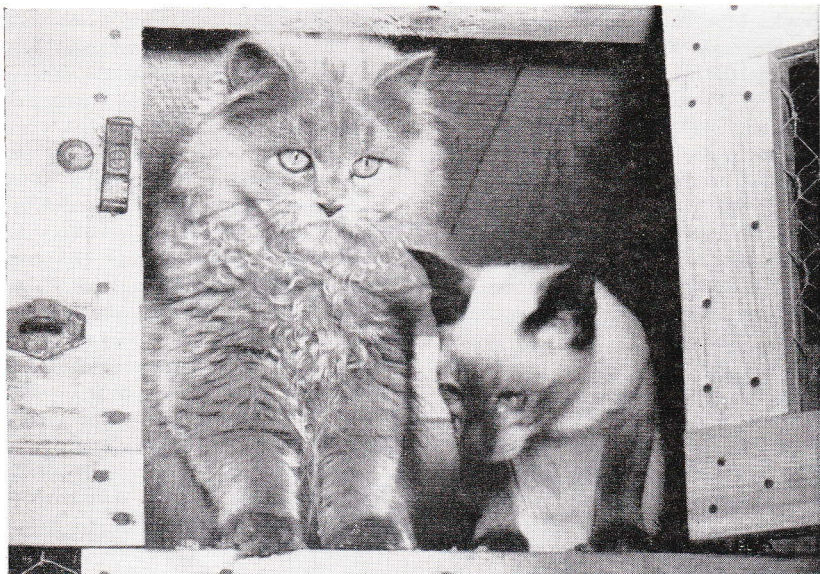
The judges were all presented with pink carnations and how cheery they all looked in spite of the heat and the crowds. The Longhair judges officiating were Miss K. Yorke, Miss Langston, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Brice-Webb, Mrs. Speirs, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Cattermole, Miss Bull, Miss Sheppard and Miss Rodda. The Shorthair judges were Mrs. Kent, Mrs. France, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Towe, Mrs. Holroyd, Miss Prentis and Mr. Stirling-Webb. Altogether a lovely kitten and neuter show which has considerably enriched the Club.

The Committee's decision to appoint a panel of five judges instead of three for Best in Show gave general satisfaction and it is hoped Championship Shows will follow suit.

Ever since the Governing Council decided to grant Premierships for neuters the entries of these lovely pets have increased consistently. They made a lovely show. In Any Colour Longhair Self there were four headed by Mrs. Clapp's Uffcombe Simon; in Any Other Variety six; in Siamese eighteen and with one or two exceptions the side classes were well filled. There were actually nine in the Novice Exhibitors' Class.

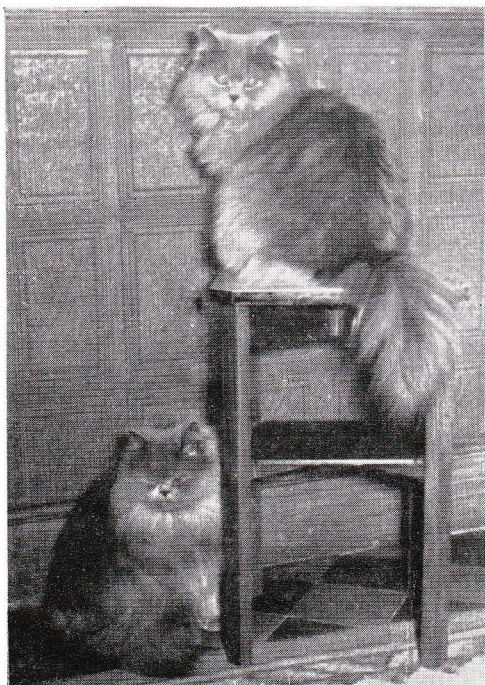
Scottish Activity

An attractive leaflet with a line drawing of a Longhair cat comes from Miss Sheina Watters, South Cottage, Roslin, Midlothian. She is organizing the seventh Open Show for the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club at the Music Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on October 13th. Miss Watters had a week's holiday in June to exhibit her Shetland pony filly at the Highland Show. She writes: "It was most enjoyable but hard work both during the Show and preparing the



Herald-Sun Photograph

So this is Australia ! BROUGHTON MIRANDA, Blue Longhair, and HILL-CROSS RONDO, Siamese, English-born immigrants take a peek from their travelling box as they arrive in Sydney Harbour in charge of Mrs Ann Vize.



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pony. My Abyssinian queen has one kitten but I am delighted as it is her first pure bred one. We are expecting to have more Longhairs at our Show this year as we have heard of several new people who have them."

Everyone who has judged at the Scottish shows is appreciative of the splendid hospitality over the Border. I was very sorry not to accept their kind invitation to judge this time but it is difficult to leave home for three days especially in autumn when one anticipates young kittens needing constant care and attention.

New Zealand Winners

Congratulations to the Show Manager—presumably Mr. Marshall?—and to the Committee of the Auckland Cat Club, New Zealand, on the wonderful gate which their Championship Show in June attracted. Nearly £300 is a sum to be proud of and an augury of the growing interest in cats in New Zealand. Congratulations also to Mrs. Mayhill of Takapuna, Auckland, on her Chinchilla Seth of Allington (bred by our Miss E. Langston) becoming a Champion.

She writes: "I am delighted Seth is now a Champion; in fact he has 4 Challenge Certificates. He is a lovely cat with a sweet disposition. I have several Chinchilla kittens ordered and my four females are all mated. The Auckland Show was held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. My husband was on the door and he had a frantic time dealing with the crowd.

"Mrs. Downey was judging so her lovely cats were for exhibition only. Without her exhibits we did not have such a large number of pedigree cats as usual but there was a wonderful entry of household pets. Those Shorthairs are most attractive! We had a competition for decorated cages. I decorated Seth's as a White Christmas with artificial snowflakes, holly and tinsel and a tiny Christmas tree

"A children's essay competition on

cats was popular. We had a committee of ladies which worked during the year on ways and means of raising money and creating interest in cats and the Show. We provided prizes for the children and consolation prizes for them of little silver pencils so each child received a prize. I dressed a doll as a bride, got a permit to raffle it and it brought in £40. I am dressing another one for Hamilton Cat Club Ch. Show.

"Mrs. Downey's gesture in judging was much appreciated. Next year we hope to take the Town Hall itself for our Show. The Best Exhibit in Show was Mrs. Marsack's seven months Blue Longhair Kitten, Fernglen Beau Brummell, bred by exhibitor, but of pure English breeding being by two imported cats Ch. Merryman of Dunesk and Ronada Ting-a-Ling, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Brice-Webb's Oxleys Smasher."

Best Champion was Mrs. Mayhill's Ch. Cavalier of St. George; Best Stud and Best Groomed Cat, Seth of Allington. An excerpt from an Auckland newspaper reads:

"An attractive feature of the show is the novel decoration of some of the cages. One sleek pussy lies in castle-like surroundings with three white mice crouching inanimate in front of him, one on a velvet cushion. Above the cage is written 'Pussy's Dream'."

New Australian Champion

In Australia Miss Haswell's Chinchilla female Bonavia Feather (bred in England by Mrs. Turney) has become a Champion. Her sire is Mrs. McLeod's Jamie of Thame and her dam Sarisbury Aphra. She was awarded four Challenge Certificates at consecutive shows. Mated in Australia to Mrs. Burnage's Ch. Royal of St. George she produced Miowera Royal Pinion and Miowera Felicity. Pinion has been four times Best Male Kitten in Show and six times was unbeaten in his Open class. Felicity was unbeaten Chinchilla female kitten at the same shows in her Open

class. At each show where Ch. Bonavia Feather was awarded her Ch. certificates she has been Best Brood Queen. Congratulations to all concerned.

American "Chins"

From U.S.A. comes welcome news of Chinchillas exported by Miss Evelyn Langston. Marissa of Allington, by Ch. Mark of Allington, is now owned by Mrs. Amos of the Rollywood Cattery, Lakeside, California, who owns the celebrated Chinchilla male Double Grand Champion Michael of Beverly-Serrano, who was pictured on the cover of *U.S.A. Cats Magazine*, February, 1954. This lovely cat distinguished himself by receiving six All American awards for Best Chinchilla Male for every year from 1947 until the 1952-1953 season. Mated to him Marissa has had a lovely trio of kittens to whom she is devoted.

Mrs. Amos writes: "I wish you could see Marissa's eye colour; it is something I have read about but never seen. It is true emerald green, just as deep as the gem itself."

Now Philomel of Allington has gone to join the Rollywood Cattery and in her letter Mrs. Amos alludes to him as "fine and such a lovely sweet boy" and again "we are so pleased with him, he looks so beautiful even with his short coat. He will be breathtaking when he comes into full coat this autumn." Here's wishing Mrs. Amos every success with this lovely pair when they commence their show career.

Round The World

Mr. E. J. Lonsdale arrived on June 17th from Sydney, Australia, as planned but business engagements have prevented him from visiting his acquaintances in England. He went to Scandinavia in mid July and has visited Norway, Sweden and Stockholm, returning to England August 17th for a few days and flying home via San Francisco. He was looking well when I lunched with

him and it was interesting hearing about the friends and their cats whom I met in 1953, and how happily Mrs. Vize has settled in Australia.

Holiday Pleasures

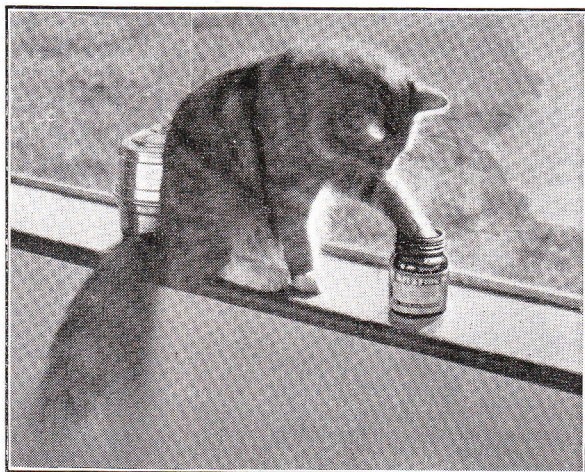
In conclusion, a little note to please cat lovers everywhere. Over a year ago Mr. and Mrs. Woodman, of Hampstead, purchased a son of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Dawn to be neutered. They became so attached to him that the thought of parting for summer holidays was out of the question so they rented a houseboat on the Norfolk Broads. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and so did they, and showed no fear of the water. He soon learnt to distinguish their dinghy and would sit for hours watching the fish. They had perfect weather and at the K. K. Show, Mr. and Mrs. Woodman told me it was one of the most enjoyable holidays they remembered.

It is a popular fallacy that a cat's home is indispensable for its happiness. The majority of them are far more attached to their owners and where they are they soon settle down. Many of my kittens have gone for caravan holidays and lived temporarily in country and seaside cottages and it has always been a success.

A Stanwell (Middlesex) man accidentally killed himself while trying to gas a cat. He was found dead in the gas-filled kitchen of his flat and near him was the cat's body. His wife said at the inquest that the cat had been coming to her flat for two years; it was very wild and a nuisance. Her husband had said that he would dispose of the cat while she was away on holiday. A police constable found a piece of rope with a running noose and a broom handle in the flat. The cat had marks on its face consistent with having been struck.

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

THE number of eggs that are discharged at a single oestrus is generally very small. In some of the larger animals it is most frequently one, but with these animals twins are occasionally produced. In other animals the number of eggs discharged at a time is one or two and less frequently three, while very exceptionally four or even five may be ejected at ovulation.

In a few of the larger animals, the number of follicles that rupture is much greater—as many as twenty-four eggs being sometimes discharged at one heat period. Even in a small animal such as the mouse, up to sixteen eggs may be discharged. In the case of the cat the average may be about five, but as in the other cases the number is variable within limits.

It will be realized that the size of the litter must depend upon the number of eggs escaping from the ovary at oestrus, and (excepting on very rare occasions where one egg has been known to divide and the two products to give rise to separate embryos, which are then known as “identical twins”), it cannot be greater than this number. While the number of eggs discharged at a time is small, the number of sperms produced by the male is enormous. In one act of coition it probably runs into millions in the case of the cat. It is clear therefore, that in one sense the female is a more important factor

in fecundity than the male, since, speaking generally, the female controls the maximum size of the litter.

There is another sense, however, in which the male may be considered as the more important factor—he may serve many females in the course of a year. If therefore a stud animal is in any way impaired in his capacity to procreate, a very large number of unions might conceivably be sterile, notwithstanding that the females he serves are in every way normal. Thus, the male may be responsible for sterility, and also the cause of reduced fertility.

Fecundity

A popular belief that some males are good “getters” and others are bad ones has considerable foundation in fact as records in different species prove—there being all degrees of fertility between the two extremes. It has also been found (in rabbits) that the length of time the sperm can live varies in different males.

The approximate time sperms will remain active after mating varies between species from four or five days down to a matter of very few hours, and in the case of the cat the time is very short indeed. Nevertheless a queen that produces a litter may produce young to two different males. But if one of these males is of the same breed as the female, those of the young which have been produced by the fusing of his sperms with the ova of the female

will be pure-bred ; this is owing to the fact that only one spermatozoa can unite with an ovum, and once it is fertilized, no other sperm has any effect on it.

The factors that control fecundity in an animal are partly internal, that is, inherent in the animal and capable of hereditary transmission, and partly external or dependent upon the environment. Probably the most common external cause of infertility, but which may be only temporary, is the state of cryptorchidism in males. Cryptorchidism is a form of delayed or arrested development, and it is reasonable to suppose that it can be caused by conditions operating only during pregnancy as well as by hereditary factors. There is evidence that the condition runs in families, but inheritance is irregular and uncertain.

Food and Fertility

The reason of the failure of the testes to descend is probably defective functioning of the anterior pituitary gland. Cryptorchids are sterile because the sperm cannot develop at the temperature within the body, but requires the lower temperature of the scrotum. Quite obviously, a cryptorchid cannot pass on the condition, even though its condition may be hereditary. Males with only one testis in the scrotum (monorchids) are fully fertile and seldom sire cryptorchid youngsters. It seems that testes retained within the body have a tendency to neoplasms, and the animals concerned are often of uncertain disposition.

The external factors affecting fertility include those relating to environment including the supply of food. And under the head of environment we must include climatic conditions and seasonal changes. These latter are not so pronounced under fancy conditions as in the natural wild state, yet speaking generally, a mild and favourable season is conducive to

breeding, while extreme cold or heat or any abnormal or adverse condition may retard it.

Insufficiency of proper nourishment leads to an increased atrophy of the ovarian follicles with their contained ova. Such atrophy may set in at any stage in the development of the follicle, and may affect those which are half or less than half developed, as much as those which are nearly mature. Indeed, some degree of follicular atrophy is a normal process whatever the state of nutrition of the animal. If, because the animal is in too poor a condition, follicular degeneration occurs on a considerable scale, it results that the animal is sterile for a period ; short of this the prolificacy is reduced, or maturity postponed ; conversely, if the degree of atrophy is very great, sterility may well persist.

There can be no doubt that the supply of additional food of the right kind to animals when bearing their young, or during the breeding season, has a stimulating effect upon the reproductive organs, and favours follicular development, and the maturation of a greater number of ova. On the other hand, a condition of adiposity is a very common cause of infertility.

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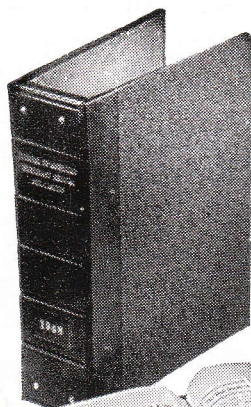
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