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# **The Language of Cats**

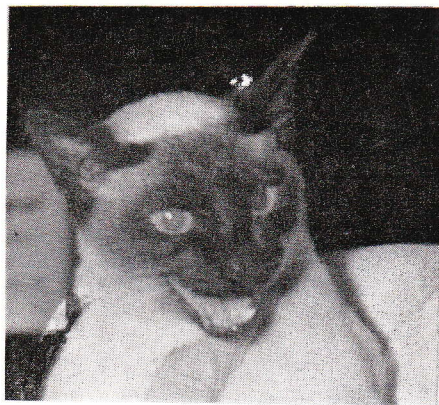
By DR. O. B. G. CRAWFORD

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**T**HERE is nothing in all the cat-books I have read that can help the student either to understand the language of cats or to speak it. Yet it's not a difficult language ; the vocabulary is limited and the grammar easy, and the verbs have only two moods—present and imperative. No ; it's the pronunciation which is so hard to master ; but it *can* be done, if you're fond of cats, and it's well worth learning.

The language consists of what are called PHONEMES, defined by the dictionary as "elementary sounds" ; and they are used by cats, not so much to convey ideas or information as to express their feelings. It is a universal language with slight dialectical variations, and it is understood not only by all cats everywhere but also by their cousins the lions and even by their natural enemies the dogs. What little I know of this language I've learnt from the cats who have lived with me for many years, and from their visitors.

There is the very common phoneme KEH, a strong guttural sound which may be translated as "damn you" when it's addressed to humans. KEH is a sort of general service expletive, for use whenever disturbed. It was the favourite word



**What's he saying ?**

of a black cat called Billy who lived with me for a dozen years ; he invariably used it when I had to carry him from the fireside and put him out of the window. He would often hurl it back at me pyrrhically from the window-sill.

He would also use it to his brother Tiger the Tabby when he could no longer put up with Tiger's endless washing and pounding. Thus used it had a somewhat milder connotation, as one would say "Oh, *do* stop it." KEH may also be used as a greeting from one cat to another or to a dog, in passing. In this context its meaning is "Mud in your eye." It was also a favourite word of Billy and Tiger's mother, named Grannie, to her sons and daughters after they'd emerged from kittenhood. Grannie was a faithful and hard-working tabby who during her seventeen years produced well over a hundred kittens.

The translations I've given are, of course, approximations only, and perhaps overemphatic. When used by cats to each other they seem to leave little or no bitterness behind, or if they do it's soon forgotten. I often use the word myself to a cat that is *importunate*, as when for example it stands upon its hind legs at meal-times and gently paws one's arms, asking for food. When I use it in this way it means "get down."

Billy and Tiger fully understood that when I said KEH I didn't want to be pestered. They would give me a look of pained surprise, for they could never quite accustom themselves to the idea of a human who could speak to them in their own language. But they desisted. A milder deterrent is the phoneme OON; it means "*please* get down." I would recommend you to use these words when talking to cats rather than their crude English equivalents, which naturally they don't understand; they're always effective if correctly pronounced.

## Grossly insulting

There is another way of stopping a cat that paws too much at meals—offer if food it doesn't like. Tiger often paws at breakfast, though he knows it's more than likely to be a bacon day, and he doesn't like bacon. It's worth pawing, however, just on the chance that it *may* be kidneys which, like all cats, he adores. On bacon days I sometimes offer him a small bit to smell, and he at once desists. It's regarded as very bad manners to offer a cat food he dislikes; to offer him something he detests is grossly insulting, especially things like onions which have a strong smell. On being insulted like this the correct behaviour is to half-close the eyes, get down, turn the back and shake one or more paws, according to the intensity of your feelings. Perhaps I should add that on kidney days the cats always get what are technically known as "token payments."

I have said that the cat's vocabulary is limited, and it is a most distressing fact for cat-lovers. How often has Billy come into my room (when the door is open) saying MIAOU repeatedly; and how am I to discover which of the many meanings of that phoneme he's using? He may be using it to mean "I'm hungry" or "I'm thirsty" or "I want to go and dig a hole in the rose-border," or it may merely mean "I'm bored."

When the cat sits beside a closed door the meaning of MIAOU is obvious, quite apart from the plaintive appealing intonation. How many hundred times have I opened doors for Billy, who was a well-mannered cat; as he passed through the door he would always say "Thank you"—a short MIAOU on a falling intonation quite different from the first one. Blackie, however, seldom spoke, but when he wanted to go through a doorway he would rattle the handle or claw the carpet. Tiger prefers to claw the window curtains.

The phonemes I have mentioned may seem rather aggressive, but they are of course merely selections. Taken alone they would give a much too one-sided impression of the character of cats who are not aggressive creatures.

Cats have what might be called the armchair or fireside virtues; they like comfort, dislike loud noises and are content to sit by the fire and think, or just sit. So am I, and that's one of the reasons why we get on so well together. The phoneme expressing armchair or fireside contentment is PURRING. There are only two kinds—PURRING and LOUD PURRING.

You all know what purring is, so there is no need to try and imitate the sound, which is quite beyond me. It not only expresses but actually *is* a deep-seated emotion; you can *feel* it by placing your hand on a cat's back.

## Baby talk

A mother cat talks to her children in a baby language that is also quite beyond my powers of imitation; the sounds, known as kitten-chirps, are rather like the twittering of small birds. To us they all sound much alike, but I expect kittens can distinguish different meanings. When they are older, they will run at once to their mother when called by what seem to be the same, but louder, chirps.



Then there is that plaintive distressing MIAOU—quite different from MIAOU, open the door—spoken by a mother cat wandering in and out of the house vainly looking for lost kittens. It is compounded of kitten-chirps and grief, and after a time becomes almost unbearable. But it has to be endured by mother and by us humans, for the alternatives are impossible.

It must be frankly admitted that at certain times sex plays as prominent a part in a cat's life as it does in most modern advertisements. But the obsession is not, like theirs, permanent; and after all it is, unlike the advertisements, the response to a vital and basic need, without which there would be no more cats.

## The rivals

We all know what happens when the time comes round. Word has gone round that Mother Cat is, in the old Victorian phrase, "at home to visitors." Badger, the first to arrive, announces himself with those impassioned cries—ULA, ULA. Robert too hears and obeys the call, but as visitor number two he has to take second place, not so near as Badger. For the whole performance is governed by a strict ritual; yet the actors remain seated and motionless at the prescribed distances from Mother Cat.

Now begins that mournful-sounding serenade we all know so well. "OLALLA" (I love her) cries Badger, edging a little nearer; "OLALLI" (I too love her) retorts Robert, also edging but always a lap behind his rival. "FITZ-EXIT" (Get the hell out of it) says Badger explosively turning on Robert, and a scuffle takes place. This is the decisive moment for Robert. I'm not sure whether he wins or loses, for as we know, the ritual is usually conducted in darkness.

Sometimes I think Robert may win, and succeed to the nearer station vacated by his rival. It is a keen contest. You

must imagine that the voices of both Badger and Robert are uplifted in rivalry together—OON, OLALLA, OLALLI, FITZEXIT.

There are, of course, other cat-words, such as that ear-piercing screech when a tail or paw is trodden on, an inimitable noise rather like ORTCH. It is hard to find an exact equivalent in human language, and I'm sure that if one did it would not be suitable for broadcasting.

Then there is that MIAOU of pride and pleasure when your cat brings you a mouse. It's a touching act, and I'm sure it can bear the obvious meaning and be translated "See what I've brought you."

One of the pleasant traits of cats is their unaccountability. A cat will one day do something it has never done before and may never do again. They love *stylitry*—the sitting on the tops of pillars and posts, and on walls.

In talking to cats one may also use the phonemes of other animals. By drawing the air inwards through one's front teeth one can simulate the high notes of bats and mice. This invariably attracts a cat's attention, but coming from the wrong-shaped animal is apt to inspire a superstitious fear and cause headlong flight.

It is useful also to talk to a dog in cat language. Many times I've kept dogs at bay or put them to flight with that magic word KEH. The louder and more aggressive-sounding cat-words may also be used to drive off visitors chanting OLALLA outside one's window . . .

To get rid of visitors the most useful phonemes are those of the OON-OLALLA-FITZEXIT sequence, as used in courtship. Of course they come back later, but they generally choose another rendezvous, doubtless regarding the verandah as haunted.

I hope I've said enough now to show you that a study of the language of cats is both of absorbing interest in itself and also of practical use. They're emphatically not *DUMB ANIMALS* either in the Victorian sense or any other.

## SHE'S MY HAVANA !

**S**HE is definitely a nose-wiper. If a lap is not vacant, she sits on your chest, Landseer lion-like and suddenly makes a dive for your chin, rubs her face one side, then the other, and resumes her former position. A few seconds later, she repeats the performance. If the whole lap is vacant, the dive starts from your knees, and through the newspaper should it be in the way.



**Roofspringer Marhuana**

Her name is Roofspringer Marhuana, and she was bred on a barge. Her manners are mixed, from contact and up-bringing I suppose, from the black silent hunters of water rats that live in "Little Venice," and the pedigree cats who run through her veins and with whom she was brought up.

She stands politely with tail straight up when anyone walks into the room, but fights like a vixen for the dog's bone, and when my poor great Boxers are trying to eat their food, she climbs right into the huge bowl and growls at them threateningly, whilst the poor hungry dogs cry for their food to be freed from this horror. This sort of behaviour

gives rise to the comment from my other cats :—"What else can you expect from a cat that was bred on a barge ?"

She adored her first show, the National last December. I noticed her from the balcony making violent love to the judge and she got 1st Prize in her Open Class. Everybody that passed her cage and stopped to admire her beautiful dark chestnut coat, was welcomed with a bow and a purr ; she had the day of her life !

Her sister, Mahogany, was sent to the U.S.A. I hate to think what the effect on Anglo-American relations will be if Mahogany is anything like this "ball of fire" ! I took her to bed with me one night. Never again ! She chased imaginary rats under the blankets for an hour, then spent the next two rubbing her face against mine and purring so loud as if an aeroplane was in bed with me. I transferred her gently to the cat room at about 4 a.m.

I have booked her husband for her—a Havana like herself—and between them I am hoping they will present me with the third generation.

DOROTHY CLAVIER.

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# Notes for Novices

By "ENTHUSIAST"

THERE are many things which have to be done before you exhibit your pet at a show. If you belong to the club promoting the show, you will automatically receive from the show manager the following :

- (a) *Schedule of the Show.* This contains the rules of the show, a list of the classes put on by the club, those put on by other clubs, and a list of prizes which are to be awarded ;
- (b) *Entry Form.* This must be filled in by you personally. It is not a difficult task but one which must be done very carefully and with absolute accuracy. Mistakes may lead to the disqualification of your exhibit ;
- (c) *A copy of the G.C.C.F. Rules.* These should be read most carefully and rigidly adhered to.

If you do not belong to the club which is promoting the show, you should write to the show manager or club secretary and ask for a schedule. This is generally ready about two months before the date of the show and when you have made up your mind to exhibit, fill in the entry form and send it in together with the necessary fees. You will note in the schedule that non-members of a club generally have to pay slightly larger entry fees.

You can now devote your attention to preparing your pet for the great day.

Firstly, step up the brushing and combing a little. The state of the coat and the general condition of the cat carry a great deal of weight with the judges.

Secondly, if you have not already done so, get your pet used to meeting and being handled by strangers. A cat that sees no-one but its owner may object to a strange steward or judge handling it

and no exhibit will be even taken out of its pen to be judged if it shows the least viciousness. So get it accustomed to seeing and meeting people.

Thirdly, get your pet familiar with his travelling basket and (if you are going by car) used to motoring. The earlier in his life you commence this training, the less you will find that your pet will mind the journey. If you travel by train, it is probable that your pet will have to go in the guard's van. If this happens, then you should try to arrange to travel with it, so that you can talk to it and soothe it from all the unaccustomed noises and smells of the railway.

**This is the third instalment of an A to Z guide presented in simple terms by one who is well qualified and experienced to give advice and encouragement to novices and beginners.**

The following is a list of what you should take with you to a show :

*Essentials :*

1. Travelling basket complete with linings and with its sides and bottom wrapped round with brown paper tied with string.
2. A white blanket large enough to cover completely the floor of the pen. A cot blanket is ideal.
3. A small feeding dish for your cat's lunch.
4. A small drinking bowl.
5. A sanitary tray (12 ins. by 9 ins. by 1½ ins. is a good size).
6. Your cat's tally which is sent to you



*By courtesy of "The Surrey Comet"*

### **SNOWY TAKES THE SHORTEST CUT**

Mrs. Louisa Bodle, a widow of Cheam, Surrey, is a polio cripple who finds it extremely difficult to get downstairs from her first floor flat. And there is Snowy's comfort to consider—Snowy is the handsome white cat she took in as a stray over ten years ago. So every day when she wants to go out, Snowy is put into a wicker shopping basket and gently lowered by a rope from the first floor window to the garden. When she hears miaowing below, Mrs. Bodle lowers the basket again so that the cat can jump in, and hauls away. Despite her infirmity, Mrs. Bodle is a jolly woman who enjoys a chat and she greatly appreciates her pet's faithfulness. "Snowy is almost human sometimes," she says proudly. "I never have to scold her and she is such good company."



by the show manager about a week before the show date.

7. A piece of white ribbon or white tape with which to tie the tally round the cat's neck.
8. The vetting-in card sent by the show manager.
9. The pass-out card.
10. A small amount of your cat's favourite food.
11. A thermos flask containing some warm milk.
12. A small brush and comb.
13. A small bottle of Dettol and a piece of rag.
14. In winter, a hot water bottle with white cover.
15. A roll of cellophane wide enough to cover the front of the pen and half a dozen bulldog clips for fixing the cellophane to the front of the pen. This prevents the public from touching your cat, one of the main causes of the spread of infectious diseases.

*Non-essentials, but extremely useful :*

1. A small amount of clean cotton wool.
2. A small hand brush for sweeping the floor of the pen. If the sanitary tray is used a certain amount of the peat is sure to be thrown about.
3. A pair of scissors and some string.

You will, I expect, have noticed that *everything*—blanket, tally, ribbon, hot water bottle cover—must be *white*. Anything coloured left in the pen with the exhibit will inevitably lead to its disqualification, so do not bring with you anything coloured or with colour in it. Even though the blanket be white, if it has a coloured border that would be sufficient to disqualify an exhibit.

On the day before the show, it is as well to pack all you can, leaving only the food and drink and the cat itself to be packed on show day. It is a good plan to make a list of all you are going to take with you and tick each item off as you pack it. This avoids arriving at the show hall only to discover that you have left something really important behind.

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In the afternoon or evening before show day you should have a final clean-up of your pet. If you powder your cat remember that not a speck of it must be left in the coat when the exhibit is presented to a judge. A Shorthair can be given a bran bath and then brushed well.

### **Bran Baths**

To give a bran bath, get a smallish galvanized iron bath tub and having warmed the bran in the oven to get it quite dry, put it and your pet in the bath and rub him all over with the warm (not hot) bran. Try to keep the bran out of his ears and off his face. This process will clean the coat and any bran you do not get out by brushing will drop out during the evening and night, especially if your pet is allowed to roam round the room. Bran baths, while effective and cheap, do make a bit of a mess of the room, and another excellent method of coat cleaning is the use of "Coatacine," a product made by A. F. Sherley & Co. Full directions for use will be found on the bottle.

Finally, on the eve of the show give

your pet a good meal and get it early to bed.

It may be that you live too far away to be ready for showing by 10 a.m. on show day. In these circumstances, there are two courses open to you.

1. You can take your pet to the show hall the evening before show day and pen it at the time indicated in the schedule. If you have to do this, do not put the exhibit's tally on but be quite sure that the pen is securely fastened. Leave food and drink and the sanitary tray in the pen with your pet and make very sure that it will be warm enough. Use a blanket other than the one on which your pet will lie during the show. Many people also cover the front of the pen with a piece of blanket to exclude draughts.
2. If you can manage it (and this is by far the better plan) take your pet with you to wherever you are going to spend the night yourself and so avoid your pet having a lonely and perhaps chilly night in the show hall.

This series, which I hope has been of service and interest to novices and beginners, will be concluded in next month's issue with a list of the most important Do's and Dont's.

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# 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 periodically about cats in books and the arts and will welcome interesting items from readers or answer their questions.

READERS in London will be familiar with those clever "Pen of my Aunt" advertisements for a famous French aperitif which have been appearing for some years. Dubonnet recently offered prizes for the best advertisement in this style written by amateurs and I went to the Café de Paris to see a cheque for £250 handed to a Chislehurst enthusiast for his effort. There I learned something about why a cat appears on the Dubonnet label.

Madame Dubonnet, the wife of the French wine merchant who invented the aperitif in 1846, was a great cat lover and insisted on a cat being introduced into the original label. Then sixty years ago, Jules Cheret, the originator of the modern French poster, took as a model for a Dubonnet poster the then famous comedienne of the Paris Théâtre, Lise Fleuron. He showed her in the Watteau manner with a cat on her knees. The picture was so popular that it was reproduced on postcards and even fans. Eventually, Lise Fleuron's identity was forgotten and through the drawing she became known as "the woman with the Dubonnet cat."

Some fine cats appeared on French posters of this golden age, perhaps the most notable being the two in Steinlen's poster for "Lait pur et sterilise," which is now a collector's piece.

No doubt many readers listened with interest to the talk on the B.B.C. Home Service by Dr. O. G. S. Crawford on

"The Language of Cats," illustrated by recordings of his own cats. The Editor tells me he is reproducing a substantial part of the talk in this issue. Dr. Crawford, who lives on the fringe of the New Forest, is an eminent archaeologist and editor of the quarterly review "*Antiquity*." Asked whether he thought cats and dogs and chickens living together spoke to each other, he said: "I don't think so. They get bored with each other and live in a state of co-existence. Let's put it that way."

## Talkative cats

Some eighty years ago M. Champfleury, whose book was translated into English by Mrs. Cashel Hoey, gave some curious facts about the study of cat language by Dupont de Nemours, the philosopher who was convinced that the language of any animal could be learned by human beings if they studied it systematically. He devoted two years to producing a dictionary of crow language and made attempts to render the speech of cats phonetically. Chateaubriand, who, at a time when most people thought the contrary, held cats to be far more intelligent than dogs, one of the reasons being that "the cat has the advantage of a language in which the same vowels as those pronounced by the dog exist, with six consonants in addition, m, n, g, h, v and f. The consequence is that the cat has a greater number of words."

Champfleury also gave an account of the study of cat language by the Abbé Galiani who concluded "there are more than twenty different inflections in the

language of cats, and their language is really a 'tongue,' for they always employ the same sound to express the same thing."

The subject is probably a good deal more complicated than some would have us believe. The Siamese, of course, is not only far more talkative than other cats, but has its own vocabulary. Indeed, most people who keep cats of several different breeds know that each has its own language. The cats understand each other because they teach languages by the direct method, i.e. the word is immediately followed by the action so that although my Siamese makes quite a different sound from my Abyssinian for "I'm going to sock you!" they understand each other perfectly.

Personally, I take less notice of the sounds which a cat utters than of the movements of its tail. Words can deceive, but a cat's tail is truly tell-tale and never lies! But perhaps the most sensible thing is, when we are studying the language of cats, to recall—as Champfleury does—the observation of Montaigne: "When I play with my cat, how do I know whether she does not make a pastime of me, just as I do of her?" How can we be sure that when we think we are studying feline phonetics, the cat is not studying English?

## Cat overboard

A writer in *Time and Tide* recently told a story of Commander Villiers, the captain of *Mayflower II*, built and sailed to the United States to commemorate the original Pilgrim Fathers. Commander Villiers has spent much of his life in sailing ships. "When the *Conrad* was rounding Cape Horn in the middle of a howling gale one of the ship's cats fell overboard. Reluctantly Villiers decided he couldn't endanger thirty lives by trying to rescue it. As the cat was swept away, a seagull swooped down on it and Villiers saw a pathetic ginger paw rise out of the water to knock the bird away.

"'Thirty lives be damned,' said Villiers, 'That cat's got guts.' And he immediately put the ship about."

This was in the true tradition of sail. In his *Diary of a Voyage to Lisbon*, Henry Fielding the novelist and magistrate recorded on July 11th, 1754, that one of the four kittens on board fell into the sea. To his astonishment the captain gave vent to many bitter oaths, ordered the ship put about and sails slackened. The boatswain then stripped and dived in, returning a few minutes later with the kitten in his mouth. Amazingly the kitten eventually recovered to the delight of the captain but, apparently, to the disgust of the crew who believed the old superstition that drowning a cat was the best way of raising a favourable wind.



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By A. C. JUDE

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

**R**EADERS who have followed the news about the fresh coat-type in cats will remember that, following on the English Rex mutation (mutant bred, and bred from by Mrs. N. Ennismore in Cornwall), I was able to follow up with news that a similar mutation had just occurred in Germany (mutant bred by Dr. R. Scheuer-Karpin). First news of this German Rex mutation was given me by Miss D. M. Diamond, of London, who visits her friend Dr. Scheuer-Karpin in Germany regularly. It was Miss Diamond who obtained photographs and hair samples of the mutant "Lammchen" (Rex Regina), which helped Dr. Searle and myself so much in our recent research.

Unfortunately, "Lammchen" persistently refused to mate with one of her sons—the only means by which her rex coat could be reproduced—and would mate only with one particular black stray. This natural preference and selection of mate is something well-known in a number of different kinds of animal, in some cases the union being quite faithfully kept till parting through death. However, in "Lammchen's" case her preferred male suddenly disappeared, and only then, after much persuasion, did she mate with her son.

This queen seems to produce a regular size of litter, and once more gave four kittens—two rex-coated males, one rex-

coated female, and one normal-coated. Unfortunately, the female rex-coated kitten died when just under three weeks old, but its pelt was taken and sent to me for inspection. For its age, the curl of the coat is wonderfully good, especially as the hair is so very short in length. Like the mother, the kittens are distinctly "British" in general type. This is a point that all concerned should particularly note.

Some have seemed to think, or tried to infer, that all cats carrying rex type of coat must of necessity be "foreign" in general type. I suppose this feeling has come about just because the English mutant happened to be a cat of "foreign" general type. It must be realized, however, that rex is only a coat-type, and not a body-type. This kind of coat can be transferred to any body-type of cat or any standard "colour" of cat.

It is not a new breed, merely a variation of short-haired coat. The name Rex has been given to all animals other than cats who carry this type of coat. It is hoped that the word "Coodle" will never be adopted. It has no real meaning at all.

On the subject of kinky-tails in cats (see April issue of *OUR CATS*), I pointed out that most genes are "pleiotropic"; that is to say, they affect several characters, not only one. Some examples were given, and it was suggested that, quite possibly, the gene producing kinky-tail might have beneficial effect on the physiology of the animal, making its metabolic

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processes more efficient, perhaps, or giving it a keener sense of smell.

It was also suggested that this might be an example of hybrid vigour, whereby a cat with one gene for kinky-tail and one for normal-tail is fitter than a cat with two normal genes or two kinky-tail genes. I also asked that breeders who note any persistently recurring change of characteristics in cats where kinky-tail is involved in the breeding, would kindly write me. Information that we can gather may be useful, more especially to breeders of Siamese.

There has been only little time so far for much information to be received, but the following experiences of one breeder seem significant. This concerns a Siamese female with a straight tail. Her dam had a very tiny kink at the tip of her tail, her sire had a straight tail. She was mated to a straight tailed Siamese male.

### Survived trouble

The resulting litter consisted of three males and one female. One male had a right-angled kink at the end of his tail. The female had a slight kink at the tip. The other two kittens had straight tails.

The following season, the queen was again mated to the same male. There were six kittens—four females, two males. One female and one male had slight kinks at the tips of their tails. The same queen was then mated to a different straight-tailed male, and produced another litter of six. These all had straight tails.

Again, the queen was mated with yet another straight-tailed cat, and produced five straight-tailed kittens. The last mating of the queen was to a male who had a slight kink at the end of his tail. There were four kittens. One male kitten had a right-angled kink, the rest of the kittens were straight-tailed.

When the last litter was between four and five weeks old, they all contracted cat flu. The three straight-tailed kittens died, only the kinky-tailed kitten survived! This wouldn't be particularly significant, but reviewing the previous

kinky-tailed kittens of the above breeding, an interesting picture emerges.

The female with the slight kink from the first litter mentioned above, is now three years old, and has proved to be a cat of remarkable stamina. She has never been seriously ill. During the epidemic of cat flu in the cattery, she was nursing a litter. All her kittens became ill, but all survived. Every adult cat and kitten in the cattery caught the disease, *except* this queen, yet she was with the other cats the whole time. None of the others have kinks. She has been to many shows, and never herself contracted any serious illness, although she has brought illness home to other of the cats at home. She may sneeze a few times, nothing more—then, a few days later the other cats would develop severe colds!

This breeder has also noticed how exceptionally friendly the kinky-tailed kittens of her cattery have been as compared with the rest in the litters. They have seemed "most aggressive in their offer of affection, seemingly almost abnormally desirous of human attention."

The kinky-tailed male in the first litter also demonstrated a rather vigorous constitution. At six months he was hit by a car and suffered a severe fracture of his right hip. Two vets were consulted independently. Both felt the leg was hopeless, and neither would attempt an operation. They predicted the leg would atrophy and stop growing. For several months the leg looked quite badly injured, but at the end of a year the leg

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**Acrobatic display by SHAN LING SIMA at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Elliott, Toronto, Canada. Note how the tail is being used to preserve balance. The dam of this active young Siamese is Sabukia Serilla, who was mated to Ch. Prestwick Blue Crackers prior to her departure from England.**





## ***In the Siamese World***



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

I AM glad to be able to resume my Siamese notes after an interval and as I have received so many interesting letters and met many interesting people, it is not easy to know just where and how to start. Time certainly slips by. This month I will try to get myself up to date !

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One has only to take notice of the neuter classes at the shows to see how popular they are and some of the photographs I have received from proud owners of neuters serve to illustrate how beautiful these pets are and how perfectly they are kept. Mr. and Mrs. Adams, of Surbiton, had the misfortune to lose one of their neuters and the introduction of his successor took some time. But now, as you will see from the photograph on the next page, the pair are great friends and indeed it seems impossible that they are not identical twins.

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And Mrs. J. Churcher Nicholl's beautiful picture of her Kenspeckle Balkis also makes a perfect study. Balkis was awarded 1st and Champion at the Siamese Cat Club Show, 1954, and I remember her visit to one of my studs.

From Mrs. Nicholls I received a big box of chocolates with the following message inside : " To the Matron of Honour from Tidla with thanks for a happy time."

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Quite a while ago, Mrs. Marjorie Miller wrote asking me to put her in touch with breeders near her as having lost her beloved companion Tinker, she wanted a kitten. The family, however, insisted on having two and so she now has Bauchat Brunnescens Chico, a Chocolate Point bred by Mrs. O. Statham and Gaywood Sultan (Suki), a Seal Point bred by Mrs. B. Hewlett. Mrs. Miller had thought she would never get over the loss of Tinker but now Suki and Chico are part of the family. You will find their picture on the next page.

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Mrs. C. Murray Campbell, who had come to England with the novel idea of photographing London from the top of a bus, has recently returned to U.S.A. Although illness interfered with other meetings, I did manage to get along to her flat for one of those sandwich snack lunches that are an American specialty. Delightful ! Two neutered kittens returned to the States with Mrs. Campbell as pets—Sapphire Bella Donna, a S.P.



**CLEO and TONY, the handsome pair of neuters owned by Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Surbiton, Surrey.**

bred by Mrs. E. Moore and Overstrand Ohmo bred by Mrs. F. Hookins. I have just had a letter to say that the kittens are settling down. The Seal Point has gone to a friend's house where she is putting a cocker spaniel "in his place." It is a source of never-ending amazement to me that small kittens can dominate dogs, as well as humans, in a short space of time. Mrs. Campbell will be back with us in about 18 months' time and looks forward to visiting the shows again.

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In January this year, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh, of Apsley, Victoria, Australia, spent an afternoon with us—we had not seen them for five years. They had already been to Switzerland where Mrs. Welsh had broken her leg, which was in plaster. But this did not deter her from getting around to see her English friends and their cats. The following week they were off to South Africa, where I hope they were able to see some of the Siamese and Longhairs imported from England. Bradgate Sherry and Milori Anya are a pair I sent out to Mr. H. Nash, of Cape



**Mrs. Marjorie Miller with SUKI and CHICO who are "part of the family," See note on previous page.**



Town. These kittens were bred by Miss Hoyland and Mrs. I. Lapper respectively and should go far towards improving the Siamese standard in the Cape. Mrs. Welsh's interest is in Siamese and she was looking forward to getting back to her own cats. She brought some delightful coloured photographs of her pets and garden in Australia.

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Dr. and Mrs. Stewart of Johannesburg paid us a visit and were able to attend a few shows. It was delightful to see them again after so many years. At home they have Siamese and cheetahs. The cheetahs are great pets and just as naughty as Siamese they told me. These visits from cat lovers overseas are of great value and interest for everyone benefits from an exchange of views and news. My husband and I are always pleased to welcome any of you who intend to visit England this year.

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While writing of South Africa, I should like to convey my thanks to members of the Siamese Cat Society of South Africa who have written me. I will answer all letters in the near future. I might mention here the success that Sueline Skylark, bred by Mrs. H. Porter, has been with his new owner Mrs. E. Marais, of Johannesburg. Mr. Marais wrote me asking for a good Blue Point kitten for his wife's birthday. I just couldn't find anything good enough in time for the occasion. Eventually I was able to tell Mr. Marais that I had found a suitable kitten and we were both highly pleased with the success of our "conspiracy." I had, of course, been careful not to write to Mrs. Marais. So I was delighted to have a letter written by her the day the kitten arrived, from which I quote : " My husband phoned me and told me that a distinguished person had just arrived in England by plane and that he was bringing him home for dinner. I made suitable preparation for the occasion and when I came downstairs my husband introduced me to Skylark ! "

You will remember I told you that the Empire Cat Club of New York (President Mrs. Albert Alloy) had formed a new Club to help the less fortunate cats. It is called the Gotham Cat Club and I have just received a copy of the first issue of *The Cat's Eye*, the Club's newsletter. The message from the editors is worth repeating. It runs : " The editors of this initial venture into the writings of ' catkind,' together with the officers and directors of your Club, present this first issue to the membership, as one would give a gift of a small plant in an equally small pot. It now remains for you, the members, the receivers of the gift, to see that the plant is nourished and well taken care of ; and this periodical, like the



W. Suschitzky

**Mrs. J. Churcher Nicholls's KEN-SPECKLE BALKIS makes a striking study—see notes on page 17.**

pot, may have to be enlarged and changed in scope to fit the growing plant. We trust that your nourishment will be given in the form of written contributions to and suggestions for the betterment of this publication, so that we may eventually become a veritable hothouse of information relating to our friends the cats . . ." Such an appeal will surely not go unheeded !

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This year the queens seem not to have called as strongly or called endlessly. One of my queens has been three times to stud and I still am not certain that she is in kitten, and I hear from many other breeders that they are having similar difficulty. I think there can be no doubt that the weather does affect animals in some way. Quite a number of queens have called when their kittens have been five to seven days old, my Deb Too being one of them. They seem noisier when they have kittens and it often upsets their milk. Mrs. D. Barnes tells me that her Blue Point queen Pristine Psyche has had a litter of ten kittens, the first two of whom were Siamese in both senses of the word, being joined at the shoulder. The remaining eight are bonny and Psyche herself is fit.

## REPRODUCTION

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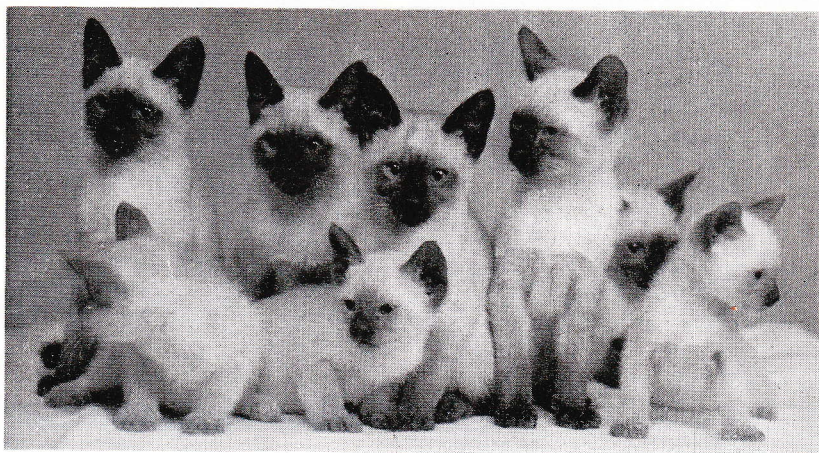
had healed completely. No one seeing the cat walk to-day would ever deduce an old injury. It did not stop the leg growing, and it is not shorter than the other legs ; movement is perfect.

The three kinky-tailed cats mentioned present a picture of above-average stamina. As kittens they appeared to be very alert and clever. My correspondent ends her story by saying :—" Perhaps we breeders shouldn't try so hard to breed out this ' deformity ' if it might possibly be linked to other factors of health and survival ! "

*Please do write* and tell me of any special characteristics you have noticed in connection with cats or kittens concerned in the breeding of kinky-tail. The theory needs much support if we can say it is a good one.

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Otto, the giant cat with the big appetite is reported to have died peacefully at Port Talbot. He belonged to George Holden, a steelworker who spent over 10s. a week on cat food. Otto weighed 40 lb. and his height and length were 18" and 34" respectively.



**It isn't often that we get a picture from Eire. Here is a particularly nice one of young Siamese bred from Aramancar Esme by Mrs. M. MacNamara, who has been a consistent winner with both adults and kittens at the three Siamese Cat Club of Ireland shows in Dublin.**



# Veterinary Questions Answered

By M.R.C.V.S.

## F.I.E. and Distemper

**A West Country reader asks :** *Will "M.R.C.V.S." kindly clarify the position regarding cat inoculation? This appeal is made on behalf of novices who are becoming increasingly confused by articles and books recently published which state there is inoculation against cat flu and feline gastro enteritis. A letter to me in February of this year from the Wellcome Research Laboratories states that cat flu has from time to time been the subject of research but as yet there is no known effective vaccine. There is, of course, vaccine against feline infectious enteritis which most breeders use with excellent result. F.I.E. is, according to my limited veterinary experience, the killer disease and should not be confused with cat flu or gastro enteritis, both of which can be easily cured if treated at once. We again read of inoculation against cat distemper. This adds still further confusion to the mind of the novice. Many take their cats to be inoculated without enquiring what exactly it is against nor being told by their veterinary surgeon. They then lapse into a happy state of complacency, thinking their cats cannot catch anything serious thereafter.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** The confusion referred to by your correspondent arises because of the insistence of many people to continue referring to cat flu or cat distemper as one and the same disease as cat infectious enteritis. They are quite distinct and I have tried to make this clear in my books and articles over many years. It is the fact that we can now inoculate cats against the specific enteritis, but no means has been found as yet to immunize against the influenza or distemper of cats. Your correspondent is not quite correct when she asserts that cat flu is easily curable. Some cases are very resistant to treatment and probably 15 to 20% may even die. Enteritis, on the other hand, used to be a rapid killer and

no doubt still is unless it is diagnosed early and the appropriate antibiotic administered. I estimate that it is not so long ago when 90% of cats which contracted specific enteritis would die of it, not infrequently within 24-36 hours of the first appearance of symptoms. That is why so many owners thought their cats had been poisoned. Malaise with continued vomiting are the danger signs to watch for, but when a cat shows any kind of symptom whatever, that is *not* the time to think about inoculation. This can be done only when an animal is in perfect health and has not (so far as one knows) been in any direct or indirect contact with a known case of enteritis. Immunization must be afforded at an early age—say six or eight weeks. The cat flu or distemper is a respiratory disease, the first

*(continued overleaf)*

## ANIMALS IN PAIN

*(Reprinted from "The Daily Telegraph")*

As one whose unhappy lot in life has been to accompany hundreds of animals to the threshold of death, I must protest strongly against the statement of Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen that "animals have no foreboding of death."

Of course they have. Their intuitive knowledge far surpasses our own and they are far more subject to premonitions than man.

"Death and suffering" are indeed "in a different relation to animals than to humans." An animal's senses are so much more sensitive than ours. Sight, hearing, scent and touch are much more highly developed than they are in man. So it is at least arguable that their sense of pain is more highly developed, too.

Those of us who realize this possibility always give the animal the benefit of the doubt.

Bexhill-on-Sea. MARJORIE GARDNER.

signs of which are running eyes and nose and some sneezing. Strict isolation must then be enforced, not only of the patient, but of its attendant and food vessels. One natural attack does not confer a life immunity as is the case with specific enteritis. Dogs cannot contract distemper from cats, nor vice versa.

## Cannibalism

**A Midland reader writes :** *I have a Siamese queen who has a litter of ten kittens. Three were taken over by her friend who already had two three-weeks' old kittens. She did not resent her friend having these kittens and the two queens would visit each other's baskets for a mutual washing up several times a day. When the kittens in the large litter were six days old, the mother ate one. I discovered her halfway through the meal and managed to remove and dispose of the rest of the kitten.*

*She has not attempted to eat any more and this terrible thing happened four days ago. I would be glad if you could give me any reason for this behaviour.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** I think this cannibalism arose through the fear that the other cat or perhaps some person was going to remove her kittens. It is not unknown among queens, bitches and sows, but rarely happens if the mother is left alone and quiet with her litter.

**Readers who would like "M.R.C.V.S." to deal with their veterinary problems should write to him c/o OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope when a direct reply is preferred.**

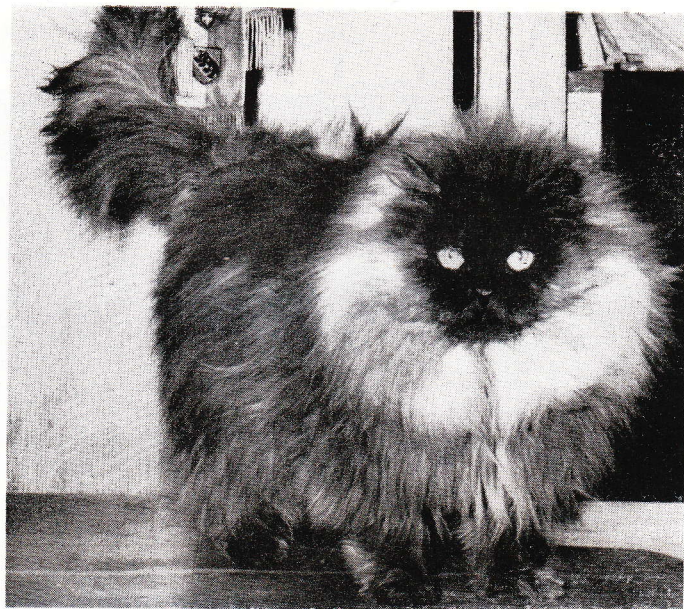
## Let's go to a Show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1957-58 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1957	Promoted by	Venue
29 June...	Wessex Cat Club ... ..	Verwood, Dorset
6 July ...	North-East Cheshire Show ... ..	Hazel Grove, Stockport
6 " ...	The Kentish Cat Society ... ..	Tunbridge Wells
11 " ...	Castle Douglas Civic Week ... ..	Castle Douglas
20 " ...	Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club... ..	London
<i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>		
3 August ...	Chislehurst and Sidcup U.D.C. ... ..	Sidcup, Kent
5 " ...	The Far Forest Agricultural Society ... ..	Far Forest, Kidderminster
5 " ...	Urmston Council Show ... ..	Flixton
10 " ...	Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire ... ..	London
7 September...	*South-Western Counties Cat Club ... ..	Paignton
17 " ...	*Herts and Middx. Cat Club ... ..	London
25 " ...	*West of England and S. Wales Cat Society... ..	Bristol
8 October ...	*Siamese Cat Club ... ..	London
9 " ...	*The Blue Persian Cat Society ... ..	London
12 " ...	*Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club ... ..	Edinburgh
16 " ...	*Southsea Cat Club ... ..	Southsea
26 " ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club ... ..	Birmingham
26 " ...	Scottish Cat Club ... ..	To be fixed
13 November ...	*Croydon Cat Club ... ..	London
28 " ...	*National Cat Club ... ..	London
7 December ...	*Yorkshire County Cat Club ... ..	Leeds
1958		
11 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire Cat Club ... ..	Nottingham
28 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club... ..	London
1 February ...	*Scottish Cat Club ... ..	To be fixed
8 " ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties Cat Club ... ..	To be fixed

\* Denotes show with Championship status. A detailed list of these shows may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey. We hope that many of the shows will be advertised in OUR CATS during the course of the 1957/8 Season.

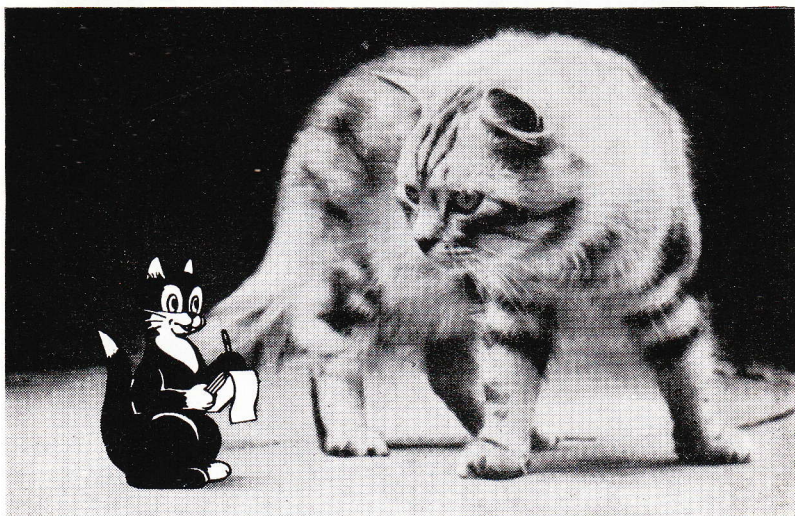




**SMOKES "GET IN YOUR EYES!"**

Our top picture presents a young English Smoke stud KALA NEPETA bred from a Black and a Colour Point Longhair by Miss D. M. Collins, of Harwell, Berks.

Below is PRINSESSE AF EMDRUPLUND, a Danish Smoke at 2 years owned by Miss Else Mayer, a member of Dansk Racekatte Klub. This youngster won Excellent and C.A.C. at Darak's February show under Dutch judge Miss Posthuma.



## **"DON'T YOU TAKE MY TIBS!"**

*"For a moment he looked suspicious" says Tibby, the Tibs reporter, after a visit to Champion PURRING TOM KITTEN, "then he saw I had my own supply and he became Tibsical and friendly again."*

You should just hear Miss Jury, owner and breeder of PURRING TOM KITTEN, talk about Tibs! At Purring Cattery, Bellingham Road, Catford, S.E.6, she breeds and shows most long hair varieties specialising in Silver Tabbies, and has won cupboards-full of first prizes. "Tibs?" says Miss Jury, "My cats would eat six a day each if I let them! But one's enough. I have proved that for a cat off colour, or a weakly kitten, a Tibs a day is the best possible way of recovering the Tibsical condition. Strong bones, good teeth, good condition and shining coats . . . Thanks to Tibs!"

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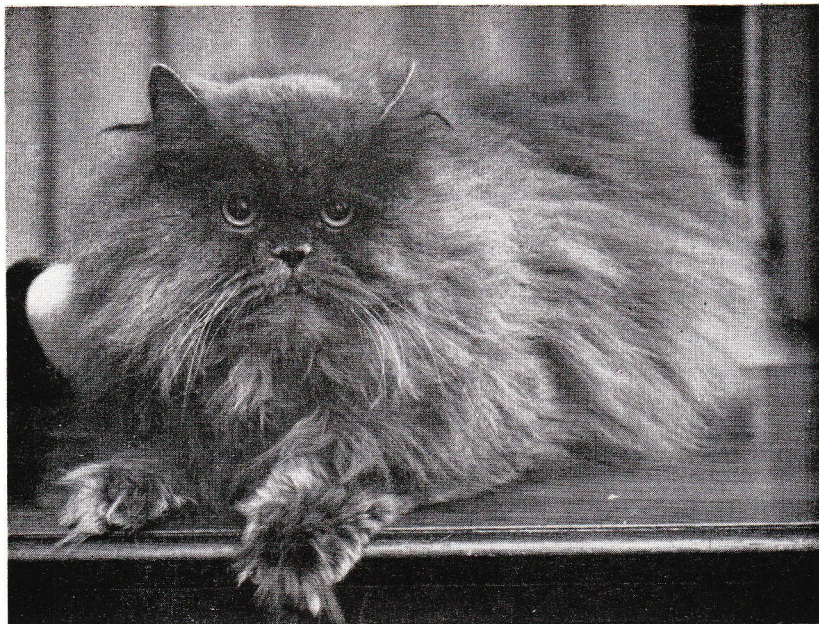
**T**HE Annual General Meeting of the Blue Persian Cat Society was held last month. The Committee have chosen the same Show venue (Fulham Town Hall) and the judges will be Miss Rodda—adult males and neuters; Mrs. Brice-Webb—adult females; Mr. Cyril Tomlinson—male kittens; Miss Lelgarde Fraser—female kittens; referee judge Mrs. Chappell. A vote of thanks was passed and appreciation expressed to Major Dugdale and Miss C. Webster for all they did to make the last show such a success. Although invited, they have decided not to organize it this year, so Mrs. Brunton and Miss Kathleen Yorke have kindly consented to do so. One of the attractions for the public will be a voting competition to select the best cat and the best kitten. The three exhibits placed in each of the Open Classes will not be eligible as one of the objects of the

competition is to give exhibits who have not been placed an opportunity to win a prize.

The balance at the bank is £174 and although the item is not shown in the accounts, I understand there is money invested in War Savings Certificates. So the Society has a substantial bank balance and appears to be better off than it has ever been before. To Miss J. M. Fisher, its devoted Hon. Secretary since 1915, the Society owes much of its prosperity and I am sure she was in our thoughts at this meeting although her health precluded her from attending it. Her term of office is surely a record for any Hon. Secretary?

The names of judges added to the list were announced. They were Mrs. Crickmore, Mrs. McVady, Mrs. Bastow, Miss Webster, Miss Statman and Major Dugdale. Mrs. Crickmore's post-war record is a brilliant one and she has bred two of the loveliest Blue females which have graced the show pen—Ch. Thiepval Enchantress and her daughter Ch. Thiepval Precocious — in addition to Enchantress's son Ch. Thiepval Paragon, and Ch. Thiepval Wanderer, a son of her original queen Glenshee Powder Puff.

Mrs. McVady commenced with her now famous Gaydenes in 1950 and has bred Ch. Gaydene Candy Kisses, Ch. Gaydene Genevieve, Ch. Gaydene Rudolph and Gaydene Tina, winner of two Challenge Certificates and runner-up to the Open Class winner on several occasions. It is an interesting fact that



*"Eastern Daily Press"*

**Mrs. Crickmore's well-known Blue Longhair male Champion  
THIEPVAL PARAGON**



**SAPINETTE CRI-  
CRI, handsome gold-  
en-eyed White Long-  
hair neuter, 2 years  
old, bred by Mrs.  
Brita Axelsson and  
owned by Mrs. Sigrid  
Jonsson, of Sweden.**



Mrs. McVady owes her entry into the Fancy to the chance purchase of a copy of *OUR CATS* at a railway bookstall.

Major Dugdale bred Ch. Harpur Romeo and has owned his famous sire Ch. Harpur Blue Boy since he was a kitten. Blue Boy also sired his lovely queen Ch. Foxburrow Faery. His cats have always been beautifully presented by himself and Miss C. Webster, and both have also had the invaluable experience of stewarding several times and handling queens which have visited Major Dugdale's Blue stud cats.

Mrs. Bastow has been breeding Blues for several years and has exhibited some charming kittens. She has also stewarded for several seasons, especially in the provinces.

Miss Statman has bred a number of winning kittens probably the best known being Anson Eros, now owned by Mrs. Denton, for whom he has produced some lovely adults and kittens.

## **Prelude to judging**

When judges are added to the list it is impossible to please everyone but two breeders it would have been pleasing to hear invited to join the elect are Mrs. Benbow and Mrs. Chapman. The former was breeding Blues as far back as 1938 and carried on all through the war with Blues, Creams and Blue-Creams. Her outstanding post-war Blue winners were Ch. Bayhorne Ajax and Ch. Bayhorne Adam. Mrs. Chapman is an institution and no show seems complete without "Chappie." She has bred several varieties and her experience as a steward at pre-war and post-war shows is unequalled.

Stewards appear to be like film stars ; if they play one part too often there is a danger of them being "typed" and their potentialities for more rewarding roles being overlooked. Nothing, however, will ever equal the practical experience of breeding and years of stewarding as a

prelude to judging. We sometimes hear nowadays that such and such a person has "done a lot of stewarding" and on analysis this amounts to about two seasons at the London shows. Before the war we would not have considered less than seven or eight years "a lot of stewarding" and there are varieties which it is a tremendous asset to breed before judging. One which instantly comes to mind is Blue-Creams.

## **Difficult Blue-Creams**

I was delighted to read in the April issue of a contemporary journal an opinion expressed by one of our most outstanding judges, breeder and exhibitor Miss E. Langston. Her comment ran : "I judged a very large class of Blue-Creams, perhaps the most difficult of all breeds to assess." How right she is, as of course genetically they are blue tortoiseshells, although the standard demands "Blue and Cream softly intermingled."

## **Louis Wain memories**

From the B.P.C.S. meeting, on to the private view of the Exhibition of Cat Pictures, Sculpture and Ceramics, at the Thackeray Bookshop, Kensington, on behalf of the Cats' Protection League. It was most interesting and several well-known personalities were present—Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Denham, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts (the latter being delegate to the Governing Council for the Abyssinian Cat Club), Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (the latter being Vice-Chairman of the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club), Miss Coote-Lake and many others whose faces have been familiar at our shows but whose names I could not recall.

The Louis Wain sketches titillated the memories of we older observers, especially the series of picture postcards framed in groups to preserve them. Louis Wain did

a tremendous amount of work for charity and the caption under one series told us that he drew sketches for one or two shillings at fêtes and garden parties held to advance various good causes. I particularly liked the water colour of a Red Tabby cat and kitten which was in his "serious" manner, and a show type cat even to completely marked necklaces. Most of the sketches were semi-caricatures such as most of us are familiar with. The line drawings of a performing bear were particularly good. Mrs. Eva Castle, daughter of Mrs. Skytte-Birkefeld, President of Jydsk Racekatte Klub, Scandinavia, presented five studies in bronze and terracotta.

Miss Kit Wilson was in her element extending a welcome to her many friends and not showing traces of her vigil the night before mostly spent in last minute arrangement of the exhibits.

## **The first shows**

How quickly the commencement of the Show season has come round again ! The Kentish Cat Society Show next month at Tunbridge Wells appears to open the season in the South. Mrs. G. Varcoe and Miss K. Stephenson make their bow as joint Show Managers. The classification is excellent.

Also next month we have the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show, one of the loveliest shows of the year at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. It is always enchanting to see the kittens make their debut and although our Longhair males and brood queens at home are usually out of coat, the neuters manage to make a brave show, and most of them look very handsome. Pets and pedigree aristocrats can be entered in the decorated pen class, and there is a junior section for young enthusiasts under 18 years, and special classes for household pets which are mostly judged on all round charm and amiability.

The judges are some of our most popular and efficient so here's wishing for lovely weather and a bumper entry.

This show will be followed by the Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council Horticultural and Agricultural Show on August Bank Holiday week-end in the delightful setting of Sidcup Place. This fixture has regularly taken place for some years (war years excepted).

This year Mr. Kirby-Smith suggested to the Council the addition of two new sections, cats and kittens on the Saturday and dogs on the Bank Holiday Monday. He has been invited to act as show manager for the cat section. Miss Kit Wilson and Mrs. Price will judge Siamese and all other Shorthairs and myself all Longhairs. Several offers from experienced breeders have been received to help on the day as stewards and with the clerical work. The Show attracts about 6,000 visitors a day so it should be particularly helpful to Kentish breeders.

Further particulars can be obtained from Mr. Kirby-Smith, Springmead, Victoria Road, Sidcup.

## **Cat Conference**

The Herts and Middlesex Cat Club "Conference on Cats" in London last month was well attended. Miss Kathleen Yorke participated in the discussions and gave those present the benefit of her vast experience.

Miss Kit Wilson was question master and those on the "Brains Trust" were Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Towe. Among the subjects discussed were experimental breeding, British Shorthairs, examinations for judges, inbreeding, etc. A wish to hold another Conference in future met with general approval.

## **Down in Leafy Bucks**

It was a lovely spring day when I visited Mrs. Davies at Chalfont St. Peter recently. She has reduced her cats to six, disposing of all her Blues except her neuter Premier Priory Adonis. He was



looking magnificent and has the loveliest coat for length, texture and density that I have seen for years. It is a lovely level shade of palest blue, the type and colour of coat that we seldom see nowadays when far too many adults have little suggestion of "blueness" in their coats. Her young pale blue male Camber Algernon bred by Mrs. Denton has been purchased by Miss Statman of Cricklewood who bred his sire, Anson Eros. Mrs. Davies intends to breed only Creams and Blue-Creams for the time being.

Oscar of Pensford, Best Cream adult at two Championship Shows last season, was looking well although in his summer vest, and Elmwood Cavalier at seven years of age was a credit to her care and attention. Three very nice Blue-Creams complete the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies are going to Madeira during the winter. It will be their first holiday for six years and another reason for reducing the number of their cats.

## Promising kittens

From Mrs. Davies, a visit to nearby Mrs. Barron, at Hillingdon, Middlesex. I was delighted to see a marked improvement in Mr. Barron after an illness which has lasted over a year and necessitated so much devoted care. The small cat family were all looking bonny and her Blue-Cream Ch. Hendras Pepita was nursing a lovely litter of five by Paul, two good Blue males, two Cream females and a Blue-Cream. Some of these will probably make their debut at Kensington Kitten Show.

## Better late—!

After an interval of over two years without a family Miss Langston's Ch. Mair of Allington has made a love match with one of her Chinchillas, Ch. Laurel of Allington, and produced two Blue Chinchillas. Ch. Mair is 11 and it was feared

she did not intend to have another family\* After this episode Miss Langston is hopeful she will have some Blues. Ch. Mair had a brilliant show career and was awarded nine Challenge Certificates.

A classic example of a queen having a family late in life and after a long interval was Miss Sheppard's Ch. Wonderland Honeybunch who at the age of 13 produced four Cream kittens by Ch. Widdington Winterstar, one of whom, Widdington Honeystar, was Best Longhair Kitten in Show at the N.C.C. Ch. Show in December.

These must be regarded as exceptional cases as I have found from my own experience and that of many other breeders that the majority of queens cease to breed at about eight or nine years, although they will often come into season and mate when they are much older. These remarks apply to Longhairs. I have not followed the fortunes of Shorthairs so closely so would be difficult about expressing an opinion.

## Australia bound

From Teneriffe, Mrs. Rae Herbert sends news of the four cats I wrote about in the last issue. She writes :—"There was a heavy swell soon after we left Liverpool and Aphrodite and Musetta were both seasick but fortunately they soon recovered and the other two were all right. Naturally I was most concerned about Musetta owing to her being in kitten. The entire family are travelling in luxury in my stateroom. They are very clean and it is wonderful to see how quickly they adapted themselves to life on a ship.

"Anchusa Pierre and Aphra have been for promenades round the deck and strutted out in fine style although they were nervous at first; the latter sleeps on my bed and Musetta has made a cosy nest for herself in the bottom of the wardrobe. Bebe the Blue spends a lot of time on the ledge of the porthole but all

settle down at night in comfort. I have arranged for them to have fresh food from the butcher as none of them is accustomed to tinned food. They have steak, veal and varieties of fish including turbot. I am more than thankful I am travelling with them and would hesitate to import a kitten and subject it to such a long journey unless it could have knowledgeable supervision. The crew are a nice lot of boys but their views on cats are derived from occasional contacts with the hardy alley cat. Next stop now is Adelaide and soon after that Sydney and home for me, but not alas ! for my precious quartette until they have had their 60 days quarantine."

### **Aptly-named Joy**

From Auckland, New Zealand, comes news of another British export, a Cream female bred by Mrs. Barron and owned by Mrs. Mayhill of Takapuna. She writes : "I feel I owe Miss Langston and yourself a big 'Thank you' for putting me into touch with Mrs. Barron.

As you know my daughter Audrey went to England to take a course in nursing and she spent many happy hours visiting Mr. and Mrs. Barron who always made her so welcome.

"Dalan Joy is aptly named. She arrived in lovely condition and is the dearest pet. Mrs. Barron made out three diet sheets for the voyage and a list of instructions. Joy has been with us at our summer home on the west coast for three months and enjoys a lot of liberty. She lost her lovely ruff soon after landing which was not surprising as we have had the longest and hottest summer I can ever remember. She has adapted herself quickly as she has commenced to grow her coat now in April, and I hope to show her in June. She has such a lovely head and eyes and I am very proud of her. Seth of Allington my Chinchilla male from Miss Langston is a beauty and he has some outstanding kittens which have his sweet disposition. I will send a photo soon of one of his recent litters ; they sold like the proverbial 'hot cakes'."

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### A.G.M. echo

Apropos Mrs. Ivor Raleigh's remarks in the May issue of OUR CATS re reporting out of context, etc. My notes on the Annual General Meetings which I attend are not intended to be a verbatim account of all that transpires at such meetings. Many A.G.M.s tend to be repetitious and many proposals and amendments are not of general interest, therefore no comment is made on them. The salient feature of the proposal at the Kensington Kitten Club A.G.M. was that entry fees for the forthcoming Show in July were to be reduced by half, which was later amended to a reduction of two shillings. The Committee taken unawares had no figures apropos such a proposal to present to members, so it was carried.

At the time of writing my notes pub-

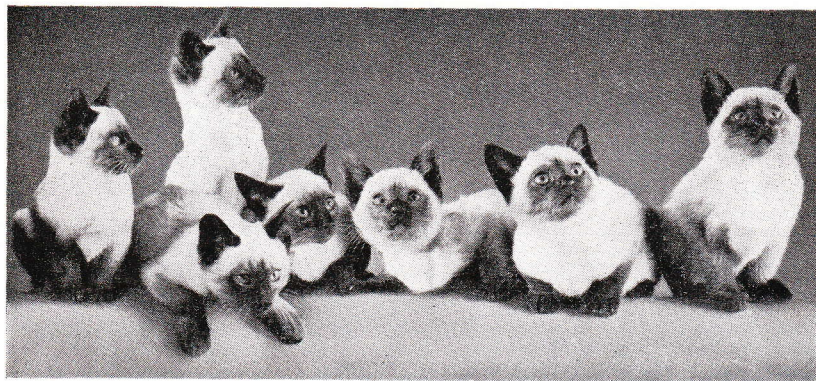
lished in the April issue, the Kensington Kitten Club Committee had decided to convene a special general meeting to present to members the approximate cost which such a reduction would have made to the last show. When they did so on April 25th, the proposal was defeated 30 votes to 11 so I consider we can say *requiescat in pace* to the proposal for this year.

As brevity in notes on annual general meetings has the approval of the Editor and is a policy which I have always pursued during nearly nine years of writing for this magazine, I see no reason for altering my method in future.

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*Mrs. Joan Thompson will welcome news items and photographs suitable for inclusion in "Just Fancy" during 1957, particularly from clubs and fanciers overseas. Contributions—as brief as possible, please—may be addressed to her at 130 Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent.*

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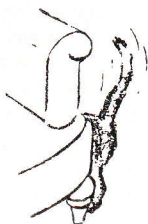
attend an identity parade at the R.S.P.C.A. Home at Willesden, N.W. They were shown a number of stolen cats recovered by the police.





## Tailpieces

*A regular newsy feature  
with a selection of the best  
items from home and overseas*



**A**BOUT a million TV viewers in Yorkshire had an amusing experience when sound and vision became wrongly synchronized for the commercial advertisements. They were shown a sparkling champagne sherry and exhorted to : " Give this to your cat. It will love it." Then a picture of a well fed cat appeared and a woman announcer said : " That's my husband." This was meant for a detergent advertisement. When a bottle of beer was shown on the screen a man's voice advised : " You should lubricate your car with this." Matters were finally sorted out with an authentic showing later in the day's programme.

From Mrs. D. Ann Borrett, Calgary subscriber, I learn that a cat club has been formed in this cowboy town of Western Canada. The discovery of oil and other natural wealth within the district has brought about a rising population and interest in cats is growing. The Calgary Cat Association has already enrolled an encouraging number of members ; secretary is Miss Corol MacMillan. Calgary, by the way, is the town where the fire department recently issued a warning that they would no longer answer " nuisance calls " for aid to stranded cats and locked-out women who have forgotten their keys.

Report has it that a local shepherd is introducing a new sport at a Spanish fair —cat racing. I seem to have read this one somewhere else before !

All because of her pet cat Keats, a handsome black and white Persian, Mrs. Gay Donne, of S.W. London, has decided to emigrate to Canada. She refuses to face the prospect of the six months' quarantine for him if she brought him back to England. This will be Keats' second—and last Atlantic crossing. His first was four years ago and during that visit he made an appearance on Canadian TV. The fare for Keats' trip to Canada is £3 10s. 0d.

The 39th Annual Report of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals reveals that " the course of events during 1956 presented an intensification of many problems." In Egypt, P.D.S.A. staff were expelled and their property confiscated. There was an exceptional increase in the admission to stray dogs' homes and the changing fashion in household pets is reflected in the figure for bird patients which has shot up to 31,263 from 9,651 in 1953. During the year under review the P.D.S.A. gave free medical and surgical treatment to 962,190 animals.

There is some fine trick photography in the new film " The Incredible Shrinking Man," in which Grant Williams gets smaller and smaller until he is no more than one inch high. Then a spider becomes a mammoth and his wife has to keep him in a doll's house . . . out of the cat's reach. What causes this queer shrinkage ? Exposure out at sea to a strange, glowing fog.

Cats have often been a source of inspiration to artists and this year at the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition, there are two outstanding cat pictures. "Cat on Tiles," by Peter D. Polaine, depicts a large black cat eating a discarded sandwich on a floor of grey and black tiling. The picture shows life and the composition is excellent. The second picture is a sly dig at the lonely old lady who sits behind her window curtains in company with her cat. It is a colour woodcut by Clifford Webb and depicts the title "Cottage Window" so well. Behind the half-drawn curtain sits the old lady and a large tabby cat shares the window sill with potted plants.

I was interested to note that American Cat Fanciers Association have inaugurated an Inter-American Merit Sweepstakes Award, the results of which will be made known in July. The highest scoring cats of each breed will be designated as the "Royal Inter-American Male" and the "Royal Inter-American Female" for 1957. Should they fail to score enough qualifying points for the top awards they will be styled the "Inter-American Merit Male" and the "Inter-American Female."

In the House of Commons recently the Socialist member for Govan, Mr. Rankin, spoke of the widespread practice of selling cats, dogs and puppies in public markets in Hong Kong for human consumption. Was it not the case, he asked, that the local police are conniving at the sale of these animals. Replying for the Government, Mr. Profumo said the practice was illegal in Hong Kong and the law was effectively enforced in the urban areas. In some rural areas in the New Territories, where the practice was traditional and not opposed by the villagers, the law was avoided by sales outside the public markets. If someone took a cat, dog or puppy outside the market it was difficult to prove whether

it was taken there as a pet, watchdog or for some honourable gentleman to eat.

Publications received include a copy of the April issue of the Bulletin of the South African Cat Union. It reflects the steady growth of the Fancy out there and an improvement in the standard of show exhibits. Miss P. Ashby Spilhaus, the Union's Chairman, is at present in England on a year's visit and it is her intention, I read, to visit some of our shows. During the half-year ended January this year, the Union received over 50 registrations of cats and kittens. My thanks to Bulletin Editor Mrs. J. Violet Dawson for this interesting news from South Africa.

*That newsy little item about cats you have read in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just put down . . . will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications are particularly welcome. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.*

MICKEY

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bring,  
The voice of the jungle calls.  
In the darkening garden I creep and  
prowl  
And chill-breathed terror draws near,  
And the rustle of leaves and the hoot  
of the owl  
Are the voices of age-old fear.  
In the hedge there are forests and  
fathomless glades,  
And the lawn is a desolate plain,  
Till the spell is broken, the magic  
fades . . .  
And I'll be your kitten again.

JANE ANTHONY.



## News from "Down Under"

**W**E had an all-time record entry at the Sydney Royal Show on Easter Saturday and Monday. There was a very strong Siamese section and among Persians the female Champion was the best I have seen during my 30 years of judging. Some glorious stock was benched and they mostly handled very well, due no doubt to home training and the experience of previous showing.

And what was important, the Show was favoured by lovely weather. The ground attendance was approximately 100,000 and we received a lot of visitors when judging of the cat section was completed.

The Best Male Cat was Miss Thelma Young's Chinchilla Ch. St. Chad's Platinum King and the same breeder's Ch. Craigholme Lady Lynne, a lovely Shaded Silver, was the Best Female. The trophy for the Best Siamese went to Miss G. M. Williams's Bluemead Touche, a fine young male. Mrs. M. Finch's Siamese entry Dominic Mahlynda was the winner among the senior females. I am sorry that space precludes any detailed list of winners at this important fixture. I must not forget to mention that Mr. Harry Wynne did a very good job with the organization and Mr. Bill Miles was an efficient steward.

### First Shorthair show

The Siamese and Shorthair Club, our lusty baby which looks like growing up rapidly, held their first show last month in a very lovely setting at St. Brigid's Hall, Vacluse (Daddy Lonsdale didn't have far to travel!). Favoured with a glorious day and the adjudication of Mr. C. Chandler, of Melbourne, the Cancer Research Fund should benefit very nicely

from the proceeds of this first Australian Shorthair promotion.

There were many additional attractions including an arts display, puppet show, national dancing by a team of young Dutch people. It was even possible to win an already prepared roast dinner (for which, as a bachelor, I went feverishly!) or a dozen bottles of old Scotch whisky. Maybe the last was prompted by the memory of our dear old friend Harry Lauder. The President promised me half the prize if he won it, but as no parcels are yet to hand, he must have shared my own bad luck. Capt. Thom (I like the genial President's little stories), assisted by his wife, was the right man in the right place and did a grand job.

### "A mighty good effort"

I certainly offer congratulations to the Club and say: "A mighty good effort for a first show of Siamese only." Major awards were: Best S.P. Male—Miss G. Williams's Bluemead Touche; Best S.P. Female and also Best Exhibit in Show—Mrs. M. Helsham's Yonalin Clever Clover; Best S.P. Female Kitten—Mr. E. Whatley's Hookstone Heaven; Best S.P. Male Kitten—Mrs. Helsham's Yonalin Kla Han; Best S.P. Neuter—Mrs. T. Pagand's Bluemead Nijinski; Best B.P. Female—Mrs. I. Paris's Chelsea Tondeleyo; Best B.P. Neuter—Mrs. Mallett's Purachat Etude; Best C.P. Female—Mrs. A. Thom's Gaye Primrose Brown.

St. George's Club are holding their Championship and Jubilee Show later in the month. This is always a bright and happy fixture and I hope to be able to give you a report next month.

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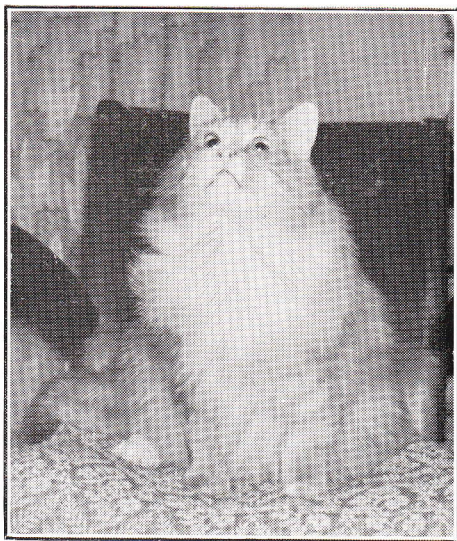
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