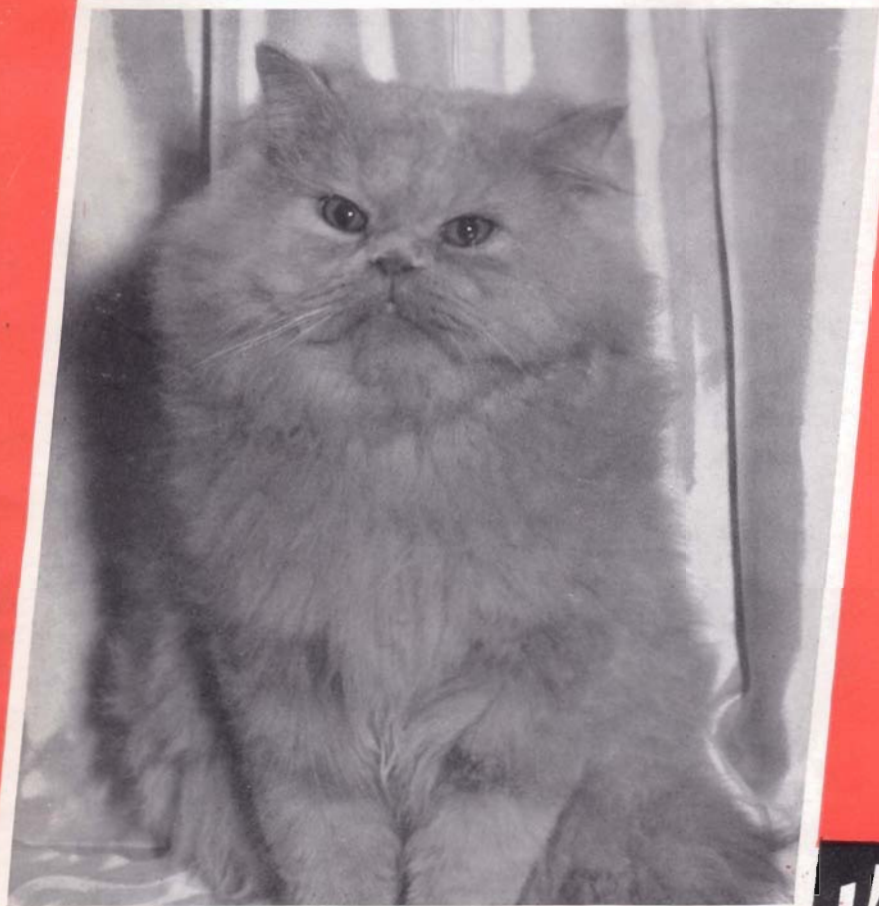


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A fine Cream Longhair male of French breeding, photographed here at the age of 18 months when he was well on the way to Championship honours. Breeder and owner is Madame Briault, of Saint Pierre des Corps.

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PUSSINBOOTS FUDGE, a female Burmese kitten by Kathoodu Kimi ex Sablesilk Mouse. Her breeder Mrs. R. M. Pocock, of Kemsing, Kent, recently sold Fudge to Mrs. Brita Axelsson, of Stockholm, who hopes to establish the breed in Sweden.

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.

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7 December ...	*Yorkshire County Cat Club	Leeds
14 „ ...	The Northern Counties Cat Club	Newcastle
17 „ ...	*South Western Counties Cat Club... ..	Bristol
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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.



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Lauretide Hyerbola and Pearlluster, the author's pair of Lavender Shorthairs

“Lavenders Blue, diddle, diddle, Lavenders Green—”

By A. HARGREAVES, F.Z.S.

THERE goes a Lavender cat with green eyes.

Yes, it's true ! But colours used for flowers are not expected to have the same significance when describing cats. A Red Tabby sitting in the garden does not match the red geraniums. A Russian Blue looks grey among the delphiniums. A Lilac Pointed Siamese should never climb a bright flowering lilac tree ; and it would be tactless if the new Self Lavender Shorthair frequented the lavender bushes.

A really bright coloured cat would be startling, and would certainly appeal to some. It would, however, not be so popular when people found they needed to buy new soft furnishings and clothes. “ My dear, you

can't wear that red dress when Scarlet sits on your lap.” “ I refuse to have Bluebell in the dining room till we can afford new curtains. She positively makes them look dingy.”

There is no fear of the new little Lavender Shorthair ever making things look dingy, for she seems to go with, and show up against most backgrounds, being a pretty dove grey colour, and in shade much lighter than the Russian Blue, and the prevailing eye colour is olive green.

The first one I bred was the progeny of two brown “Havana” cats. Her name is Parabola. She is very pretty and has a wonderful temperament combining intelligence, affection, and a very placid outlook on life. Two

years ago my Seal Point Siamese after a dispute with her granddaughter, moved of her own accord to the Lavenders' headquarters. She prefers them to Siamese! They don't resent things so much, and get over a difference of opinion more quickly.

The lavender colour is produced genetically by two doses of the blue dilution and two doses of the chocolate dilution. The colour of the pure bred Lilac Pointed Siamese is produced genetically in the same way as the colour of the Lavender Self. It is the fourth natural colour in Siamese and the outcome of the blue and chocolate already established in the Siamese breed. The name Lilac Point comes from the United States where they were first recognized.

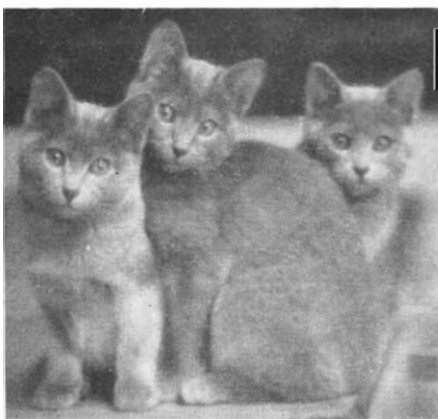
Some breeders are using the term Lilac instead of Lavender for these self-coloured Shorthairs. Lavender seems a more suitable name as it is a better description of the colour, and also makes it quite clear that one is referring to self-coloured cats and not to Siamese.

Lavenders will breed one hundred per cent true to colour, though some may be a little lighter than others. But, as the chocolate was introduced from the Chocolate Pointed Siamese, until the Siamese (restriction) pattern is eliminated, an occasional Siamese kitten may be found in a litter. This kitten will be a Lilac Point, and not being pure bred must (if worth registering) go into the Supplementary Register. I hope that by careful selection the third and fourth generation will produce cats having no distinctive Siamese qualities, and a body shape something like that of the Russian Blue.

Only cats which are attractive as show specimens and also make good pets should be worthy of recognition as a new breed. These ideals take time, money, and co-operation between breeders. However, it is hoped that there will be quite a number of Lavender kittens playing about next year by the time the lavender bushes are flowering again.

Mrs. Ann Sefton, the artist well known as "Fish," has held a successful exhibition of her cat paintings in St. Ives in aid of the Cats' Protection League. Of the 40 pictures on display some of the best liked were those of Mrs. Sefton's own three cats—Jasper, Florence and Any Questions, a handsome tabby.

A clipping received from an American newspaper pictures a mother cat belonging to Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Brocksmith, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is nursing a pair of wolf cubs along with her own kittens. Should the cubs show any signs of meanness as they get older, Dr. Brocksmith plans to hand them over to a zoo.



Perky Lavender kittens—Laurentide Pyramid, Perimeter and Polygon—a shapely trio! They are second generation kittens.

A page for the proletarian puss No. 77



HE GAVE A DOG A "GOOD NAME"

For giving a name to the dog depicted on the label of a nationally advertised dog food, Mr. P. H. Clements, a 29-years-old schoolmaster of Sanderstead, Surrey, won a houseful of furniture or £1,250 in a competition which drew thousands of entries. Mr. Clements, who is a bachelor ("What would I do with the furniture?") has never owned a dog. But he gives the dog food to George his cat. And what a cat! George (shown above with his owner) weighs 23 lbs. and does everything a dog will do except bark. Mr. Clements' winning entry was "Shakespaw."

MR. STANLEY BRYANT, Hon. Sec. of the Stray Cats Shelter and Sanctuary, Westgate, Bradford, 1, Yorkshire, writes :-

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“Wonder if I can get in there !”

Undoubtedly, one of the most successful show promotions of the year was the debut effort in September of the newly-formed West of England and South Wales Cat Society. On a rainy day 1,500 people rolled up to attend the first cat show held in Bristol for 30 years and the entries were excellent in number, variety and quality. Proceedings were opened by the Lady Mayoress. On the left we reproduce one of the Society's excellent posters London shows, please copy! which obviously drew more than canine attention. Chief credit for this West Country success must go to the capable Show Managers Mrs. Joan Judd and Mrs. D. Clavier.



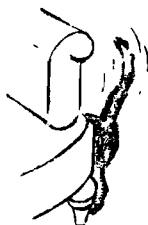
“Western Daily Press”

Miss Kit Wilson judging TUTTNEY OF STICKLEPATH (a Tortie belonging to Mrs. Billing of Chard) with the assistance of steward Mrs. R. L. Alexander, who is Chairman of the West of England and South Wales Cat Society. This exhibit was placed Best Household Pet.



Tailpieces

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



AT the request of many friends and supporters, a meeting was held at Verwood, Dorset, last month, organized by the majority of the founder committee members of the Wessex Cat Club which, after two successful years, is now being run by new officers. It was agreed to form a new society to be called the 'Three Counties' Cat Society. The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Mrs. C. F. Cade; Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Constance Craven; Hon. Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Wilson; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. C. F. Cade. Another show is to be organized at Verwood next year and meetings of members are being arranged for the future around the area in which the three counties of Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset meet.

Fat cats, like their owners, should watch their weight. So declares a member of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. "It is remarkable," he says, "how many fat cats and dogs have fat owners. It would be a very good idea if fat owners, in trying to reduce their weight, would extend the same privilege to their pets."

According to a news snippet which has come to me from an American reader, the township committee of Saddle River, New Jersey, has passed an ordinance requiring cats to wear at least three bells, sport tags as are worn by dogs, and be kept on leashes. Kittens under 7 months are exempted. "All Brothers Under the Fur" says the headline!

Which reminds me that a Bill to end all circus shows in which wild animals perform has been tabled in the Swedish Parliament. It has been sponsored by animal lovers and is hardly likely to put any cats "out of work."

A musical family living in Sydney, Australia, own a cat and two dogs. The cat is named Debussy and the dogs are called Bach and Offenbach.

A "fine, old English gentleman," Thomas Burrell Skinner by name, a retired lieutenant-colonel, has been fined £25 by Exeter magistrates for causing unnecessary suffering to a cat by unreasonably allowing it to be worried by his Airedale dog. Witnesses stated that Skinner watched the dog worrying the cat for 15-20 minutes. When he was stopped by one of several workmen who had shouted to him to stop the dog he said "My dear chap, the cat is dead. It's not the first cat my dog has killed." A veterinary surgeon testified that when he examined the carcass of the cat he found it had five fractured ribs, torn lung tissue, a badly injured head and a fractured hind leg, obviously caused by separate bites by the dog. All of which makes us wish there was something we could do to worry Mr. Skinner, ex-leader of men.

There are three lucky cats in South Africa—Flicka, Maisie and Frikkie—who own the house in which they live in comfort. Their late mistress left them the property which is sub-let on condi-

tion that the lessees look after the needs of the cats. At the deaths of the cats, the house will be sold and a share will be given to the R.S.P.C.A.

Thanks to a Litchfield reader, I am able to retail the following pathetic little story about a tabby cat, blind from birth, who had her home in a store at Uttoxeter which had been scheduled for demolition. By touch and scent she knew ever inch of the old premises but as the walls were pulled down all around her she found her movements blocked by strange pieces of brick and timber. Observant folk then noticed that other cats were helping their afflicted companion and were acting as guides by walking in front so that she might follow by scent. Eventually the blind cat found its way to the temporary new premises of the store where she is rapidly learning to find her unaided way around.

Bleep, a marmalade cat, nearly "stopped the show" at the revival by Sadler's Wells theatre of the opera "School for Fathers." In the second scene he is required to jump down from a high wall and walk off the stage. Instead, he dominated the show for 15 minutes, strolled to and fro, gazed into the orchestra pit, shook a paw and examined his fur. The audience tittered and the singers faltered. Eventually Bleep was enticed off the stage by a dangling herring in the wings. Next day he disappeared and Mickey, a black understudy, gave only a restrained performance. "Nothing like Bleep," said the stage director. "He was a flamboyant cat." Fortunately for the show, Bleep has returned to the scene of his triumph.

Hennessey, the Siamese pet of the liner *Strathmore*, is something of a headache to the purser for should he ever put a paw ashore in Australia, he (the purser) would have to pay out £50. Every time the ship gets to Australia the purser has to sign a bond saying that the cat will be

kept aboard because of quarantine regulations. Hennessey belongs to the former deputy purser of the *Strathmore* who is now serving on another liner. He is hoping that one day the ships will meet so that his pet can join him, but ruefully admits that the only chance might be if the ships meet at sea when Hennessey could be sent across in a bosun's chair.

The *London Evening Standard* has been publishing selections of stories from readers about the blitz. One of them—from a lady living in S.W. London—told how her parents were both in their seventies and rather deaf. As they could not hear the sirens sounding they were warned to go to the air-raid shelter if they saw other people doing so from the



window. When one night the siren went after they had gone to bed, they were rudely awakened by their little cat who burst into their room and in a most extraordinary way started to jump up and scratch them. The old couple decided there must be a raid on and went to the shelter. While they were there, their home was destroyed by a direct hit. During the confusion in the street afterwards, the cat who had saved their lives, jumped out of the old lady's arms and was never seen again.

It is regretted that in our September issue it was incorrectly reported that Mrs. I. Hunter's Blue Longhair Westridge Beautiful, whose picture subsequently appeared in our October issue, was the first Champion of his breed in South Africa. The Union has of course pro-

duced other Champions, notably in Natal. Beautiful was the first cat to be honoured in the Cape, where the Western Province Cat Club operates. In the same report, the owner of the winning Tortie and White Longhair was Mrs. C. C. Greyling and not Mrs. P. F. Greyling. Our apologies to all concerned and certainly to those pioneer Champions of S.A.

One of the most popular headmistresses in the country must surely be Mrs. M. Webster, of Simonstone School, Blackburn, Lancs. She has successfully reared, with her young pupils as witnesses, a young hare (or should it be leveret?) which her spaniel Raq found during a walk through the woods. His name is Peter and at first he was given a feed of milk every two hours. He is now nearly six months' old and lives with the dog, two Siamese cats and a collection of tropical fish at the Webster home next door to the school.

When the French liner *Liberte* berthed at Plymouth recently, two cats—Timothy and Pinky—were landed and sent on their way to quarantine. Their owner is Miss Pearl Bortell, who comes from Maine, U.S.A., a retired schoolmistress who hopes to spend the remainder of her days in Devon. Miss Bortell explained that she couldn't find a good home for them in Maine. During the sea voyage they had the best beef every day and a visit from their owner.

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.

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It's competition that counts

By BLANCHE WOLFRAM

COMPETITION ; a word synonymous with America. Yes, from the great corporations, who vie with each other to produce the best products ; the airlines, who bring us faster and faster travel ; the railroads, who bring us more and more comfort ; the automobile companies, who give us bigger and more powerful cars ; the baseball teams, who endeavour to get into the world series ; the football players, who strive to become the finest in the land ; the thousands of county fairs, where the farmers exhibit their finest produce and farm animals ; the rodeos, in which horses and cattle compete for honours ; horse shows ; dog shows ; cat shows ; countless varieties of shows and exhibits, too numerous to mention ; all for the attainment of one thing—bettering the competition.

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We breeders and owners of cats take great delight in showing them. Why ? To win the very important Sectional and All-American Awards as set up by *Cats Magazine* ; the many awards as given by the Cat Fanciers' Association, the American Cat Association, the Cat Fanciers' Federation, the United Cat Federation and the new Inter-American awards of the American Cat Fanciers' Association ; the many prizes and trophies awarded at each show ; also a chance to exploit the wins of our cats in our feline magazines.

When one considers there are more than 5,000 breeders and exhibitors of

cats, it is plain to see what great competition there is. The number of shows run as high as 100 per year and the number of cats in the shows can be anywhere from 100-400. A cat must of necessity be a real beauty to meet competition of this great magnitude to finally win the biggest of all awards—Cat of the Year.

Cats in the United States have come a long way since first they were introduced on this continent. True, the very first came from your beloved England and there have been many, many others follow in the footsteps of their predecessors. Through the efforts of you and the breeders before you, fine cats have increased in popularity and it is to you that we owe our thanks for the fortitude you have shown in continuing your efforts to bring us finer and finer cats against seemingly insurmountable odds.

People here in America will always strive to have something a little better than the other fellow. It is a friendly sort of game and sometimes makes us "broke," but we do gain a certain satisfaction from it. In regard to cats, there seems to be one magic word and that word is "IMPORT." Tacked on to the end of the name of a cat this seems to add a certain reverence, as if to say, *the finest*. For this reason, breeders in England will find a ready and profitable market for their finest cats.

We love a winner and will go to almost any extent to obtain one. We buy and sell cats with the hope of producing something just a little better than somebody else. We don't go to a show to lose, we go to WIN. There is a great thrill to the whole thing and some of us can take our wins in stride while others take their loss like a bitter pill. The breeders who can take their setbacks in a sportsmanlike

manner are usually those who can come back next year to challenge everybody with something better.

Yes a show winner appears to be all-important and we will go all out to win no matter what the cost. This is how we are and nothing will ever change it.

It is our hope that you do not take this to mean we are a group of mercenary characters. No, we do love our cats and do everything possible to bring them health and happiness. There are many of us who will go to great lengths to bring comfort to our cats even though it means doing without things ourselves. When we buy a cat it becomes a part of our home life. We do our best to raise them in a scientific manner, making sure that the best care is afforded them. We want them to grow into fine healthy specimens and to that end, direct all our efforts. It takes a combination of many things to produce a winner and, there are many hardships and heartbreaks along the road to success but all in all, we find it to be a pleasure breeding them.

Blue-eyed Whites

If you are like us over here, always interested in talking about cats, you are probably wondering what we consider to be a fine cat. Without a doubt, you have read all our rules and regulations and are well acquainted with what one should look like, but you are interested in knowing where they are and who owns them. To attempt to describe all our cats and their owners would take many volumes of this magazine. However, from time to time, it would be possible to cover all breeds and colours. Since my first love is the Blue-eyed White Persians, let's begin with them.

Breeders have done a very remarkable piece of work in bringing the Blue-eyed Whites out of the stage of long noses, high ears, spindly legs and other well known features about them which were detrimental to their beauty.

Credit for bringing them to their present-day beauty must go to the following breeders : Mrs. John H. Revington,

Mrs. Rebecca Janes, Mrs. T. R. James, Mrs. Ruth Hayes, Mrs. Rita Swenson, Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts, Mrs. Louise Heron, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer, Mrs. Cora Swan, Mrs. Lilla Rippy, Mrs. Florence Kemmer, Miss Ella Conroy and Mrs. Billie Bancroft (Cloud Top Cattery) who, although she is no longer with us, we cannot forget as she had a great deal of interest in the Blue-eyed Whites.

We have many other breeders whose interest in the Blue-eyed Whites will some day produce cats of outstanding beauty. Perhaps, some of these will become as well known as the previous list of breeders. We look to them to carry on the fine example as set forth by the breeders of long standing. Without a doubt many of them will succeed in establishing a fine pedigree which will produce outstanding winners for years to come. Catteries are listed alphabetically :

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Many of the breeders in this list have been responsible for the change in the appearance of the Blue-eyed Whites. Although it has been a long difficult task they have brought them closer to the

high standard for Persian cats and are bringing them up to the beauty of the Blue Persians and the Cream Persians who are the leaders.

They have succeeded in giving them rounded massive heads with well spaced short ears ; lovely large, round, wide apart, deep coloured, blue eyes ; strong muzzles and chins with a shorter nose ; powerful shoulders and rump with a short neck and cobby body. The legs are heavy and the tail is shorter. The coat grows long, thick and with a whiteness whose sheen personifies good grooming and health. Yes, our breeders deserve all the praise that can be bestowed upon them for the excellent results they have accomplished with this attractive breed.

Most all of our famous Blue-eyed Whites have passed on and this leaves the field wide open for future greats. It will be interesting to watch and see which of the breeders come up with the perfect cat. It may take a little time but you can be sure there will be more than one carry on the fine tradition as set by some of the most beautiful cats in the world.



Hugh Smith

Judging of Blue Point Kittens in progress at the Siamese Show, judge Mrs. L. Price on the left.



F. W. Simms

At the Siamese Show. Novice exhibitors Mr. and Mrs. P. Glover with their SANS SOUCI COPPELIA, Best Exhibit and Best Female in Show.



F. W. Simms

A corner of the facilities at the Siamese Show with Capt. F. B. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, behind the microphone with a helper.

SIAMESE ON SHOW

Big Wins by Novice Exhibitors

THIS year's Siamese Show (held in London last month) was the best dressed show presented by the Club. Sufficient new fire-proofed material had been purchased to drape all the tables, so that exhibitors' baskets and impedimenta were hidden from view. New pennants indicating the first pen of each section helped the public to find what they wanted to see.

I conceived the idea of having a Siamese drawn on each of these pennants and mentioned the idea to Mrs. G. Nicholls. She offered to undertake the work and after many talks we finally decided on the sketch you all saw at the Show. The Club's special thanks are due to Mrs. Nicholls and her husband for the 56 drawings they produced.

When one puts a great deal of thought and work into the organization of a show, it is gratifying to me as Show Manager, and to the helpers who give up the day previous to the Show, to have a note of appreciation from members. Here is one that gave special pleasure: "I shall always remember my first impressions when I entered the hall. It was one of freshness. Your clear signs and postings were a masterpiece and altogether it was a wonderful show."

No show manager, however good an organizer, can get very far without helpers and the day before the event is always a full day of hard work for everybody. The final result is due to co-operation and all taking part share the congratulations.

Mrs. P. Murray, of Oban, Scotland, sent heather all ready made up into buttonholes for the judges. This was a very kind thought and took me back to the years when the late Miss V. Bruce used to send a packet of shortbread with a note that it would sustain me!

The Club is grateful to Mrs. Wridgway and Mrs. Saunders who came all the way from Cheshire although they were not exhibiting), Mrs. Dunnill, Mrs. Orton, Mrs. Woodyer, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Clavier and Col. and Mrs. Blackden.

The entries were very nearly up to last year's record figure. There were over 230 exhibits, which is amazing for one breed. We were sorry our President, Sir Compton Mackenzie, could not be with us for we look forward to his witty and encouraging speech each year.

First try wins!

Best Female and Best Exhibit was Mr. and Mrs. P. Glover's Sans Souci Coppelia, sired by Southwood Marcus ex Doneraile Luella. Best Male was Mrs. Worsley's Johny Puss by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour ex Spotlight Tai Lu. Best Female Kitten and Best Kitten in Show awards went to Miss D. Hooper's Pussinboots Sealsox.

It is worthy of note that these exhibitors have not been showing for any great length of time. For Miss Hooper, it was her first show and very thrilled she was at her win. Just as thrilled were Mr. and Mrs. Glover who had bred their queen and in fact are owners of both sire and dam.

Best Male Kitten was Mrs. H. Dadd's Sabukia Sharuk, sired by her Ch. Sabukia Sir Galahad. The winning neuter was Mrs. R. Channing's Pr. Bradgate Punchinello, born in 1954, and still holding his own against the younger generation.

The Best Litter was Mrs. K. R. Williams's five by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy, dam Crumba Hill Lulu, breeder Mrs.

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PARIS

SHOW

THE EXPOSITION FELINE Internationale de Paris at the Galerie Royale last month was a most enjoyable three-day event, reports English guest judge Mrs. M. Mackenzie. It was well organized and attracted a large number of exhibits.

The Longhairs were well represented and Blue females in particular were of excellent quality. Best Exhibit in Show was Mlle Curchod's Int. Ch. Sunrise of Pensford; Best Kitten Mlle Leclerc's Caldel de Padirac; Open Blue Females (10)—C.A.C., Mlle M. Esteve's Fayedolly de Bois Clary (now a Champion) with Mme Guidon's Winsome of Dunesk coming second best. Creams were represented by Sunrise and Briault's Ch. Emir du Claire and the same owner's kitten Gilles du Claire. In Tortoiseshells, Mme Olbrecht's Lola de Karaboulak won, as did her Red Tabby Marcellino.

Quite a good class of Burmans—similar to Siamese but with four white feet—were headed by the Comtesse Lamblay's group of six. Mme Bliquet was awarded 1st and C.A.C. for her Fabrice des Muses. The Brown Tabbies were disappointing.

Mrs. Peggy Cattermole, the second guest judge from England, judged the Shorthairs and her Best in Show was Chartreux, a British Blue, owned by Mlle Kofmann. Best Siamese was Hill-cross Minstrel, bred by Mrs. Towe and shown by Mme Fontaine. There was also a very nice Blue Pointed Siamese Int. Ch. Pristine Pompey belonging to Mme d'Alleizette. Other winners were Mme Gay's Black L.H. Kitten Gim du Bosquet; Mlle Pelherin's Burmese In. Ch. Yecla de Kaabaa; Mme Rocher's Russian Blue Dimitri de la Closerie; Mme Olbrecht's neuter Sissi de Flandres and A. M. George's neuter Farouk des Muses.

The judges' warm thanks are extended to Mme Esteve, Mme Letertre, Mme Guidon and Mlle Costa, also the hard working stewards, for all their hospitality and help.



Mrs. H. Lowe's prizewinning litter at the Bristol Show. The sire and dam who have produced many Best in Show kittens in the past are Beaumanor Terry Too and Linnet Li-Soo.

Cats in our Language

By GILEAN DOUGLAS

(British Columbia)

CATS have a reputation for keeping their own counsel, but no other animal has added so many words to our language. More than a hundred objects have reminded pussy's admirers or detractors of some part of her anatomy and our everyday speech is vivid with such *felis* phrases as falling on one's feet and having nine lives.

Cat's head can be a large green cooking apple or, locally in Ireland, a nodule of gritstone or shale. In different parts of England cat's brain can describe a soil of coarse clay and stones or sandstone traversed by fine streaks of calcite.

Cat's eye is a gem, which cut *en cabochon* (carbuncle-shaped), shows a line of light across the dome. (In oriental countries it is the chrysoberyl and in western lands the quartz variety.) But in Australia cat's eye is something else entirely: the operculum of a marine mollusk. In medicine, cat's eye is an eye where the retina has an opalescent look due to the tumor disease, glioma. On the other hand the cat eye is a large, spiny, brilliant-red fish of the North Atlantic which can be found in deep water from New York to Cape Hatteras.

Purring hearts

Cat's ear has a long history in Europe where it is allied to and resembles the hawkweed, but with its hairy basal leaves shaped like those of the dandelion. The name is also applied to some hawkweeds in this country and to other plants with leaves suggestive of a cat's ear. In medicine cat's ear is a malformation

of the human ear causing it to look like that of a cat.

Cat's nose is the popular name for the stormy northwest wind of the Harz Mountains. Cat face is a blemish or knot in lumber. Cat skin is not only the pelt of a cat but, in English slang, a silk hat of poor quality. Cat's auricle is a condition in man where the auricle is doubled on itself and this may lead to cat's purr, a peculiar trilling sound peculiar to that and some other heart diseases.

In China you find the catsclaw, a twining fabaceous vine bearing white flowers. Cat's foot is the ground ivy, but also can describe a short, high, arch-toed foot. Catspaw can be different things to different people. To the botanist of Tasmania it is a plant of the amaranth family. To the sailor it means to fasten together by means of a catspaw hitch: a twisting hitch in the bight of a rope by which to attach a tackle. Most of us think of the word as describing a person used as the tool of another for doing discreditable work. This comes from the fable of the monkey who fooled the cat into pulling chestnuts out of the fire for him.

Catgut

In the 18th century catgut was a coarse cloth like canvas which was used for stiffening shirts and other garments. A bit later the word was applied to fiddlers and also to all stringed instruments. Now it may be that long, slender cord made from the dried intestines of sheep and other animals which is known

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WAY OUT WEST

32 Members run a Show

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA, is a city of 180,000 inhabitants and the local Cat Club with only 32 members has just staged the first cat show to be held in the city for over 30 years. It was a real success because everyone "pitched in" and helped — from the Secretary Miss Coral MacMillan down to the newest member.

One out-of-town member, Mrs. K. J. Knight, travelled 420 miles from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, bringing a Chocolate Pointed Siamese male and a Blue Pointed Siamese female. The Club is affiliated with the American Cat Fanciers' Association and one of their regional Vice-Presidents, Mr. Sherman Arps, travelled 800 miles with his wife to attend the show. They brought with them some of their well-known Abyssinians and a female R.M. Grand and Tpl. Ch. Abigail of Shermax was Best Cat in the All-Breed and Best Cat Opposite Sex in the Shorthair section. Best Cat in the Longhair Speciality Show was Persepolis Camille, owned and bred by Miss MacMillan.

English imports win

It is interesting to record that in Calgary are two of the Colour Point Longhairs bred in England by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb—Briarry Zulueta owned by Miss MacMillan and Briarry Zarcala belonging to Mrs. Ann Borrett. They were shown in cages side by side and came in for a lot of attention from the general public. Zarcala was placed first in the class for British bred Longhairs and the winning Shorthair was Sabrina Fair, bred by Mrs. J. M. Jackson and owned by Mrs. Sorsoleil of Calgary, who also won with her novice female Klamath Foreda.

Another English bred cat to win honours was Watermill Trinkabella, a Siamese bred by Miss Ann Codrington and owned by Mrs. I. A. V. Maling (née Gunn) of Calgary. Trinkabella, a female of much promise, has unfortunately been spayed after an illness:

SIAMESE SHOW

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Kirby. I cannot claim to be a novice exhibitor! Quite a story is attached to this litter.

Are we progressing? This is always a thought that comes to my mind as the show season advances. Many of you are baffled and bewildered by awards. Do not be discouraged because you do not win. Learn your Siamese by visiting shows and asking questions; sift the answers out for yourself and you will develop a knowledge of what you want to breed. Once you know, do not be satisfied with wins in side classes, where the competition is restricted. Keep going on until you win in the fierce competition of an Open Class.

Finally, the Club is most grateful to all the people who helped on our big day, especially the hon. veterinary surgeons who have to attend quite early, the judges and their stewards and of course all the exhibitors who make a show possible.

K. R. WILLIAMS.

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FACTS ABOUT PETS

A FASCINATING LITTLE booklet containing many interesting new facts about pets in Great Britain has just been released by PEP (Political and Economic Planning) which is an independent, non-party organization whose aim is the study of problems of public concern.

This latest PEP offering is titled *Economics of Domestic Pets* and its preface draws attention to the fact that although fondness for animals has long been reckoned one of the chief characteristics of the British, the economic and social aspects of our national weakness for domestic pets have never been thoroughly

Expenditure of press advertising of these products is estimated at £500,000 a year and on television £90,000. The output of the largest of the firms making tinned food for animals is more than a million tins a week, and the biggest part of this output consists of a brand of cat food. The most recent development is quick-frozen cat food and one firm has introduced a cat-food pack which consists of four fillets of whiting. Business is reported to be "encouraging."

"Big business"

examined.

Why do we keep pets? It is a question that can give rise to endless speculation. Whatever the reasons, the fifteen million or so homes of Britain contain legion of domestic pets of many sorts. There are, it seems, more than 5 million cats, 3½ million dogs and 6 million cage birds in this country. The rapid growth of the pet foods industry since World War II has brought to light much information about domestic pets that was not available in earlier years.

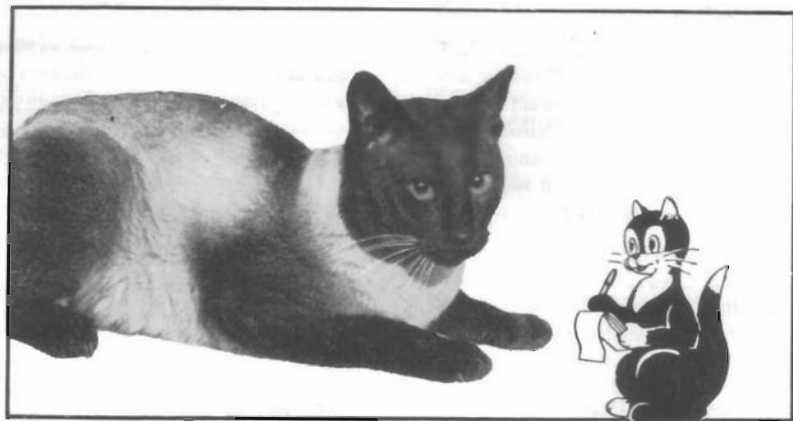
The manufacture of food for cats and dogs alone supports an industry with a turnover of many million pounds, while the total cost of feeding our pets is probably more than £50 million a year.

The report concludes that the British love for pets is undiminished, though the pattern of pet-keeping shows some changes over the years—notably a sharp rise in the number of cage birds and a slight decline in the number of cats and dogs. The United States, however, is said to have a dog population per (human) head over twice as great as in this country.

Finally: "Domestic pets have in some ways become big business, but the pets themselves retain their individual characters and charm, giving pleasure and companionship to millions."

The reports costs 2s. 6d. from PEP, 16 Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.1.





INTERVIEW WITH A WELL KNOWN BEDFORDSHIRE GENTLEMAN

*'He was inclined to be a little brisk with the press,'
said Tibby, the Tibs reporter, 'until he found that
I shared his high regard for Tibs.'*

Mrs Burlton's Siamese hasn't a lot of time to spare for press-interviews.

Such a fine figure of a cat (and the only Siamese stud in Bedfordshire) is naturally highly respected. At last year's Siamese Show, judges and public alike were impressed by his fitness and excellent condition — for which, Mrs Burlton says, Tibs are largely responsible. Mrs Burlton's queens, and their kittens, are stars of film and television — and of course they are all Tibs devotees.

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Blue L.H. Show

THE 19th Ch. Show of the Blue Persian Cat Society on October 9th at the Town Hall, Fulham, London, attracted sixty-one cats and kittens and two charming litters of three kittens bred by Mrs. G. Pond and Miss E. Sheppard. The quality of many of the exhibits was exceptionally good. The Champions turned up in full force and gave a splendid account of themselves.

Like most London halls on a dull day the light left much to be desired and Blues which excelled in colour derived little benefit. No variety needs brilliant daylight so much as the Blues or are so affected by every variation.

Congratulations to Mrs. Joplin on Thiepvall Pedro (by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue) becoming a Champion and receiving the award of Best Exhibit in Show. He was looking lovely and so well

presented. He was followed by Mrs. Joan Thompson's Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Mrs. Crickmore's Ch. Thiepvall Paragon was placed third. Two charming younger males in the Open Class were Mr. Dugdale's Harpur Peter (fourth) who was later first in a class of fifteen novice adults, and Miss Page's eleven months' old Woburn Chippy.

All the first three adult females were also Champions. In the Open Class of fifteen Mrs. McVady's winner, Ch. Gaydene Genevieve, was looking in fine form. Second and third came two more lovelies—Mrs. Crickmore's Ch. Thiepvall Precocious and Mrs. Brunton's Ch. April Violet of Dunesk. Fourth place was taken by Miss Statman's attractive pale Blue Camber Helena Rose. The first four in the Open Male Class and the first three in the Open Female Class were all sired by Champions, namely Ch. Dylan of Allington, Ch. Gaydene Rudolph, Ch. Harpur Blue Boy and Ch. Baralan Boy Blue.

The competition in the Open Kitten Classes was very unequal as a departure was made from the 3 to 5 months and 5 to 9 months for each sex. This is customary at the B.P.C.S. Ch. Show which has always been held in early October, with the exception of last year when the date was December 4th to enable it to fit in with other Ch. Shows.

The age groups were changed then to 3 to 6 and 6 to 9 months which were quite suitable for a December show as the majority of L.H. spring litters are

born at the end of April, May and early June. But they had the same classification this year with the result that Miss Spencer's Devonway Christopher was 1st and alone in the 6 to 9 male kitten class and Mrs. Burnand's Punch Silver Fluff 1st and alone in hers.

Best Kitten in Show and 1st in an Open Class of thirteen males was Mrs. Stephenson's consistent Ashdown Robin (by Ashdown Nuthatch) who at four shows has been unbeaten in his Open. I believe this is his last show in England as he leaves shortly to join Mrs. Lawrence Kingsland's cattery at Chesterfield, Missouri, U.S.A.

A very promising kitten in this class was Mr. Reid's Briarac Beauty by Ch. Lavengro of Dunesk. He was second to Robin.

In a class of fifteen females Mrs. Crickmore's Thiepval Persephone was Best Female kitten, closely followed by another gem, Mrs. Brunton's Wildrosebud of Dunesk.

Best Neuter was the Misses Marshall's Premier Trenton Verity.

Popular vote winners

An innovation for a show in England, although for some time it has been an award which created much interest abroad, was the invitation to exhibitors and the public to vote for the Most Beautiful Cat in the Show and the Most Beautiful Kitten. Everyone was given a ballot paper and their choice was Champion Foxburrow Frivolous Most Beautiful Cat and Ashdown Robin the Most Beautiful Kitten. Frivolous was also 1st in the Stud Class judged on progeny. First Brood queen was Miss E. Sheppard's Blue Wanda of Pensford.

Mr. Felix Tomlinson and Mrs. Hancox organized the show and everything went without a hitch. It was very disappointing for Mrs. Hancox that after commencing her journey from Nottingham on Show day she had to turn back for

health reasons. We were all sorry not to see her and telegrams were sent wishing her a speedy recovery.

The array of gifts for the tombola was really "something" with every suitable item from whisky, sherry, to new laid eggs. Miss Kathleen Yorke was referee judge.

When kittens are exported they certainly should be our best but one cannot help regretting that so many of our finest Blue male kittens have left, especially during the last two or three years. One wonders what the ultimate effect will be.

Down by the sea

After some lovely warm sunny October days, the weather changed for Southsea Cat Club Ch. Show on October 16th on South Parade Pier. Any hopes of promenading in the sunshine whilst judging was taking place were quickly dispelled as we arrived in a drizzle. It was so disappointing for the Show Manager, Mrs. Cook-Radmore, who had worked hard for its success. The weather was a little better in the afternoon and the attendance appeared to be good.

Nearly 240 pedigree cats and kittens were present and ten household pets. Best Exhibit in Show was Miss E. Sheppard's Cream male Ch. Widdington Winterstar by Ch. Widdington Winter-set. Other awards were: Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Brunton's Blue Female Wildrosebud of Dunesk by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla Brocton's Margaret by Ch. Flambeau of Allington; Best Shorthair Exhibit Mrs. Glover's S.P. Siamese male Southwood Marcus by Ch. Killdown Jupiter; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Porter's B.P. Siamese female Suline Chirita by Ch. Wynperri Blue Prince; Best S.H. Neuter—Miss Morseman's Brenmor David by Ch. Craigiehilloch Chozaro; Best Household Pet—Mrs. Money's Tabby and White Ruff.

Judging was delayed until the train from London arrived. This was a great help to exhibitors, enabling them to travel down on the morning of the show, but it made some of the award slips late in being placed on the award board so the results of some of the classes were unknown to exhibitors when we left the show about 5 p.m.

Those I was able to make a note of were Mrs. Crickmore's fine win with the litter brother and sister Ch. Thiepvál Paragon and Ch. Thiepvál Precocious ; Mrs. Ball's 1st and Champion with her Orange-eyed White Ch. Lisblanc Azalea and Miss Woodfield's same award with Azalea's litter brother Lisblanc Adonis (both by Champion Harpur Romeo) ;

Mrs. Beedell's 1st again with her lovely Black female Ch. Sarisbury Sacharissa (by Ch. Harpur Blue Boy) ; Mrs. Rosell's second Challenge Certificate with her Red Tabby female Barwell Garnet Princess (by Ch. Barwell Pedro) ; Miss Woodfield's 1st and Ch. with her Tortoiseshell Pathfinders Miss Muffet (by Ch. Bourneside Black Diamond) ; Miss Sheppard's 1st and Ch. with her Cream female Widdington Honeystar (by Ch. Widdington Winterstar) ; Mrs. Turney's 1st and Ch. with Bonavia Contenta (by Ch. Mark of Allington) ; and Mrs. Barron's 1st and Ch. with Ch. Hendras Pepita (by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous) and 1st with Pepita's Cream daughter Dalan Susan in a class of eight Cream kittens.

Good club classes

Mrs. Glover had a wonderful day with her Best in Show S.P. Siamese Southwood Marcus and his S.P. daughter Sans Souci Coppelia awarded her second Ch. Certificate. Major and Mrs. Rendall, who have taken such a great interest in Blue-Pointed Siamese and bred so many winners, were 1st and Ch. with Missflore Saki by Missflore Ryken.

The Club classes were very well filled, and the show appeared to be a financial

success. Mrs. Cook-Radmore had to cope with the preliminary work handicapped by influenza, but in spite of it she put on a very good show. It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Iris Herbert, one of the first patrons of the Southsea Cat Club and always its staunch supporter.

More training for judges

The third meeting at the Dinely Studios, London, organized by Miss Kathleen Yorke to help train our new judges, was very interesting and incidentally some of the items discussed were informative to the senior and experienced judges present.

For example, Mrs. Cattermole's remark that she was pleased to see newly born Blue-eyed White kittens with a sprinkling of black hairs on their forehead because such kittens were very rarely deaf. This was news to me and many others who have not bred Whites. The black hairs invariably disappear with maturity. She also remarked that blue eyes in White kittens do not deepen in colour as some less experienced breeders have occasionally and optimistically suggested. They were probably thinking of Blues, Creams and Blue-Creams which, of course, are always born with grey-blue eyes that gradually change to orange or copper, sometimes taking many months.

Another subject discussed was condition and supplements to diet conducive to condition, such as calcium ; Vitamins A and D in the form of Adexalin ; the Vitamin B group and Ephynal, synthetic Vitamin E conducive to fertility.

Needless to say, there are many cats and kittens which do not appear to need any of these supplementaries, but these were helpful suggestions when cats lead a healthy, active life with a good mixed diet and yet fail to be in show condition. These remarks were quite relevant to judging as condition plays a subtle part in show awards. Everything else being equal, tip-top condition is often the deciding factor.

How lovely too the silky coat which is so pleasing to the touch in comparison to an open dull coat in Shorthairs ! And in Longhairs it is condition which enables a cat to grow the undercoat which makes its coat appear full and flowing in winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Shrouder's colour slides projected on to a screen were very lovely and worth going to London to see if they had been the only attraction. This photography, I surmise, is a real labour of love to them. Apart from our immediate pleasure what a fine record they will be for the younger breeders of to-day and those yet to come. Many years ago breeders were not so "photography" minded as they are to-day and comparatively few pictures exist of many of the famous cats of twenty or thirty years ago.

Miss Yorke obtained a lovely representative collection of Blues for the Blue Persian Championship Show, 1955, all of which were interesting, and Miss Langston has some beautiful photographs of Chinchillas. But apart from these it is only the older breeders relying on their memories who know what some of the celebrities of the past looked like.

Mrs. Aitken's talk on Blacks was very interesting and she brought three charming Black Longhairs as models.

Two were queens—Bourneside Black Poppy (the last daughter of her famous Black male, the late Ch. Bourneside Black Diamond) and Bourneside Black Philomel. Her young Black male Bourneside Black Cloris has lovely type and all three cats were turned around to demonstrate their various show points.

Miss Alison Aitken's White Manx Ch. Noend Snowman sat complacently in a cage until his turn came and he was equally obliging.

Mr. Stirling-Webb's dissertation on cats and exhibiting was informative and amusing. Miss Langston was practical and concise and Miss Yorke added the finishing touch as compère of the programme.

A very interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

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STOCKHOLM SHOW REPORT

THE following news of the 12th International Championship show held in Stockholm in September has been sent by Fru Axelsson. Her White Longhair Ch. Djella de l'Etoile won Best Exhibit in Show. She is a very lovely queen for type, eye colour and purity of colour. A beautiful black female daughter of Djella and Fru Axelsson's grand Brown Tabby who died this year, was Best Longhair born in Sweden; her name Sapinette Comtesse.

The Brown Tabby referred to is Int. Ch. Derry de Padirac who owned Int. Ch. Wildviolet of Dunesk as dam. Derry was a beautiful specimen of that breed and I see in the catalogue that all his children appearing at this show won either Championships and Best Kitten in Show.

The Blue male Ch. Vigilant Johnathan (sired by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous) won another International Challenge Certificate. The dam of Vigilant is Ch. Jewel of Dunesk, owned by Miss Larsdotter, known to many in this country. Another of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous's stock is Mrs. Axelsson's Thiepval Enchanting (bred by Mrs. Crickmore) who took a Challenge Certificate. The winning

Cream owns British parents though born in Sweden, Ch. Gleam of Pensford sire and Ch. Aviary Blossom dam.

Int. Ch. Pristine Petaling (bred by Mrs. Priston) won another Int. Ch. Certificate. He is owner by Mrs. Magnusson, who I think has some of the loveliest Siamese on the Continent. Her "Exotic" Siamese are well known for their type and beauty. Ch. Sabukia Sinbad (bred by Mrs. Dadd) is the sire of many of the winning "Exotic" exhibits. Mrs. Magnusson's Milori Bon Viveur (bred by Mr. Watson) is another sire well known for his excellent progeny.

In Blue Pointed Siamese there was Salwen Blue Jack sired by Int. Ch. Banchor Blue Thor. In Burmese the latest to go to Sweden gave a good account of themselves and caused great interest. Nilgiris Bura Turea (sired by Casa Gatos da Fong) and bred by Dr. and Mrs. Groom won his first C.C. In kittens first was Pussinboots Fudge (by Kathoodu Kimi) bred by Mrs. Pocock and second Omaheeni Bella bred by Mrs. Bastow. These kittens were greatly admired.

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This pair of Brown Tabbies are male and female offspring of the late Int. Ch. Derry de Padirac. The male on the right with the lovely wide open eyes was Best Longhair Kitten at the Stockholm Show. Breeder is Fru. Brita Axelsson.

News from "Down Under"

HELLO my feline friends ! I have to report a stiff neck. No, nothing to do with felines, good, bad or even indifferent. Due, I must admit, to curiosity, which led me to gaze heavenward at 7.39 p.m. last night to see the Russian space gadget go over Sydney. We got a very hurried peep only.

On August 29th, I was invited to give a talk on our travels and fixtures in New Zealand, South Australia and Brisbane, Queensland, during my three months' holiday. C.F.A. Chairman, Mr. Lonsdale, sponsored the evening and Secretary Harry Wynne had all details well "teed up."

The talk, which seemed to be enjoyed by all, was followed by a question time. I was very happy with the little task, which has helped, I feel sure, to keep New Zealand and Australian cat relations on such a friendly footing. Each New Zealand centre has offered me the same privilege each time I visit them, and I now look forward to it very much.

The two day exhibition staged at Anthony Hordern's Store recently was very well attended by the pulic, and, although not the best time for Long-hair coats, it could well become an annual fixture.

The Exhibition "De-Luxe" to be staged in the lovely Trocadero on Saturday, October 19th, is only a week away and I will let you have some of the highlights in next month's notes. I hear the decorations are to be blue for boys and pink for girls. As no mention is made of mixed litters I guess they'll be tartan ! All States and New Zealand were invited to send club printed notices for the Trocadero fixture (to be exhibited free) but, so far none are to hand. I am disappointed and would have liked a good array.

At another gathering on October 10th, Mr. Lonsdale was again host. We enjoyed a picture evening by Mr. Lewis (one of our energetic members), "Cats and Cat Shows." He had collected the material at two recent Sydney suburban shows. All in colour, it was surprisingly good, and much enjoyed by a big gathering.

These little "get-together" evenings are becoming very popular and personally, I think they are a great idea. Very shortly the Christmas parties will be along. So far I have received three, and, lucky me, the dates don't clash !

STOCKHOLM SHOW (continued)

Our Burmese cats are now going round the world causing the greatest interest and soon we shall be having big classes of them overseas. The right over-all type must always be sent so that the breeders in this country may be proud to hear of the successes of their exports. More and more Burmese will be wanted but we must take care that we do not let the very best of our breeding stock go, only the results of the careful breeding that is being done here.

Ch. Nigella Constantine (sired by Ch. Contented Amigo and bred by Miss Bone) won an Int. Ch. and Int. Ch. Nigella Fern (sired by Nigella Contenti and also bred by Miss Bone) won Excellent in the Female Champion-Class. In the Open Class Tranby Khenti, sired by Nigella Kym and bred by Miss Windsor won a C.C. All these wins are good for the imported Abyssinians. Tessa is owned by Mrs. Axelsson and the others by Mrs. Holmstrom.

KATHLEEN YORKE.

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

STRIPED tabby pattern is the only one which is reasonably common as a result of examinations of cat populations in London, Singapore and Japan, supporting the view that the domestic cat is descended from one or both of the wild species having this phenotype, namely *Felis silvestris* and *Felis lybica*.

Pocock (1951) considers the Egyptian mummified cat to be a sub-species (*bubastis*) or *Felis lybica*. Whether *bubastis* was ancestral to the present domesticated forms is still uncertain.

Morrison-Scott (1951) found the mean condylo-basal length of 178 mummified cat skulls to be 94.75mm. as against 81.60mm. for present-day cats; the difference between means is 11.46 times its standard error and therefore highly significant. Human selection, environmental changes, etc., might conceivably have led to this considerable decrease in skull size, but it seems likely (as Pocock suggests) that the Egyptian cat was the result of hybridization between a smaller North African race of *Felis lybica*, and the larger *Felis chaus nilotica*.

Morrison and Scott found three larger skulls among the mummified cat collection, which, he decided, were almost certainly *Felis chaus*. Present-day *Felis*

lybica are apparently easily tamed (Lorens, 1954) while the opposite is true of *Felis silvestris*. Our domestic cats may therefore be descended from a race of *Felis lybica* which later hybridized with the closely related *Felis silvestris*. Pocock (1907b) showed that hybrids between the two "resembled in all respects fairly typical domestic cats of the striped-tabby breed."

The Abyssinian tabby pattern (more or less uniform on the body, though stripes may be seen on legs and tail) seems to be common throughout much of South and South-East Asia, but is rare in Europe. This might suggest that the domestic cat has hybridized with *Felis chaus*, its nearest wild relative in this region, since this also has a uniform agouti pattern. This seems unlikely for two main reasons.

The first is the size of *Felis chaus*: mean condylo-basal length of the skull is over 100mm., while that for Singapore cats is less than 80mm. As pointed out earlier, cats in this part of the world tend to be smaller than average, and not larger than would be expected if their ancestors had hybridized with *F. chaus*.

Second, it is doubtful whether the patterns are really identical; in *chaus* the kitten is apparently

striped on the flanks, but these stripes become more or less suppressed in the adult. In the Abyssinian tabby, however, young and adult have the same pattern. Thus it seems more probable that this tabby allele (t^1) arose by mutation of striped tabby (t^+) somewhere in Asia (or possibly Africa, from where there is no data yet).

Polymorphism

It may be of interest to discuss briefly the probable origin and nature of polymorphism in the cat. It seems likely that two main factors encouraged the spread of newly arisen coat-colour and pattern mutants.

First, natural selection against poorly camouflaged animals would be relaxed when cats became associated with man, and food was easier to obtain. Clearly, colour and pattern are not important for sexual recognition. In the wild, many cat sub-species are scrub or desert animals, living where food is scarce and camouflage of great importance, so that colour mutations making the animal more conspicuous would have no chance of spreading.

Second, human selection would generally favour the novel phenotype; it certainly does at present. At most loci, polymorphism seems to be of the "balanced" type. The balance may be between adverse natural selection and favourable human selection, as seems likely at the W locus. Or the character may be favoured by human selection when rare, but at a disadvantage when common, with natural selection playing little part. This may well be the situation with agouti

versus non-agouti, and yellow *versus* black. True heterosis may possibly be involved occasionally, perhaps with kink tail.

The high frequency of blotched tabby London cats (81.4%) almost suggests that this is an example of transient polymorphism, due to a selective advantage of this gene over other tabby alleles, so that they may eventually be ousted completely from some areas. It is difficult to tell at present how far human selection is responsible for the high frequency of this gene, and how far natural selection, although comparisons of young and adult phenotypes in the London collection suggest that blotched tabby is not preferred over striped when selection of kittens is made. Much more evidence must be collected from various sources, however, before these tentative conclusions can be reinforced or refuted.

Gene symbols

Cats are classified for the following coat-colour and pattern characters, the gene symbol used being given after the character concerned. It is hoped that the symbols as used below will become universal. Up to fairly recent time the amount of genetic research with cats has been relatively small and scattered. Because of this, symbols used by different authors have varied, and in consequence, reports have become confusing.

1. Full colour (+) *versus* white (W).
2. Black (+) *versus* sex-linked yellow (y).
Torties are $+/y$ and therefore, normally female.
3. Agouti (+) *versus* non-agouti (a).

4. Abyssinian (uniform) tabby pattern (t^u) versus striped tabby (+) versus blotched tabby (t^b).
5. Intense (+) versus dilute (d).
6. Intense (+) versus silver (C^{ch}) versus Siamese dilution (C^s). The latter acting on different colour combinations gives the various Siamese breeds : Seal Point, Chocolate Point, Blue Point, etc. The original Seal Point Siamese is supposed to contain a dominant gene for Chocolate - black (Tjebbes 1924) with symbol B.
7. White spotting against its absence (+). This character shows continuous variation ; probably several genes are involved.

Any peculiarities in the following structures should also be noted :—

- (a) Feet, where polydactylism is dominant (Danforth, 1947), and split-hand probably an incomplete dominant (Searle, 1953).
- (b) Tail, where the Manx character (external absence of tail) is incompletely dominant. " Kinky-tail " abnormality.
- (c) Hair, long (Persian) hair is recessive (Bamber, 1927). So is the English rex character (Searle and Jude, 1956).

(to be continued).

Correction : In last month's issue the picture caption on page 28 gave the sire of Prestwood Onyx as Ch. Bayhorne Adam. This, of course, should have been Ch. Bayhorne Ajax, owned by Mrs. D. Benbow.

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