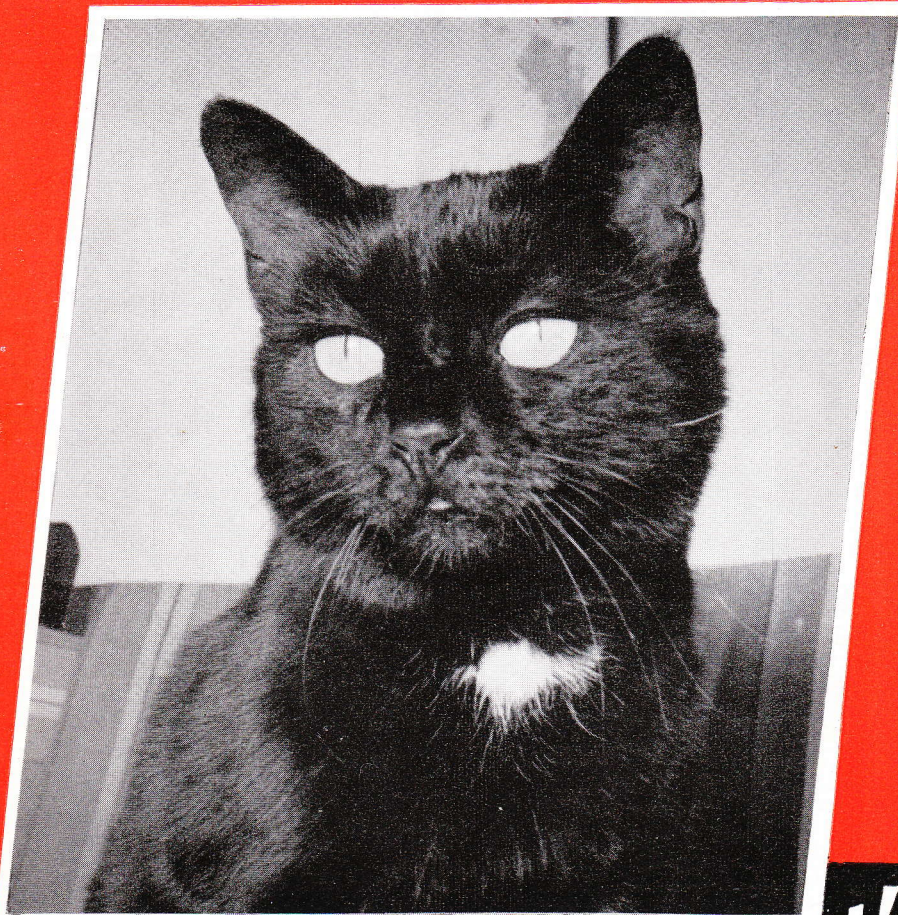


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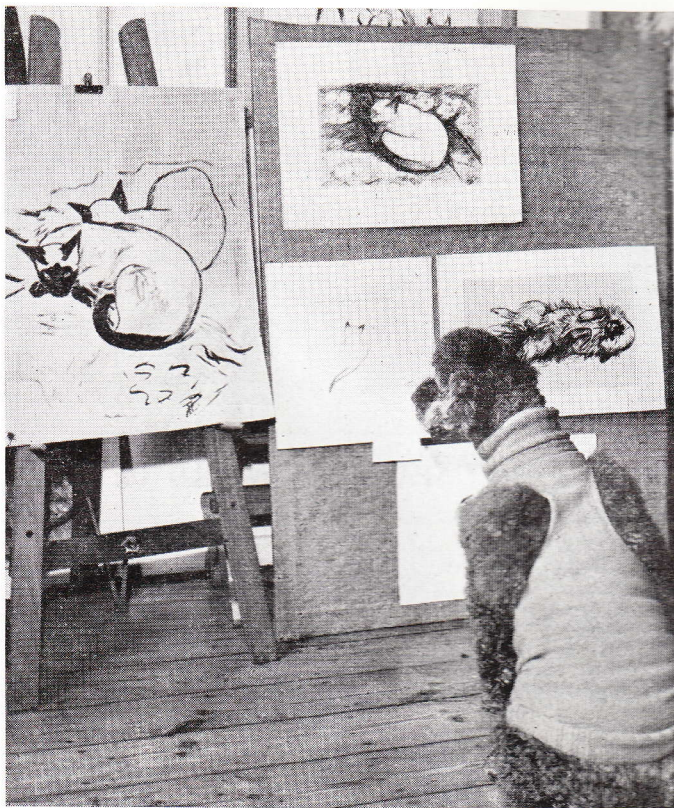
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## **WARATAH LONDON SMOG**

We can't help wondering if those who named this very nice Blue Longhair neuter have had some personal experience of the special brand of fog which adds so much to the winter discomfort of those who live in London and some other of our big cities? In any event, there is little prospect that our subject will ever have to endure it because he is living in South Island, New Zealand, and that's just about as far as one can travel on the map from London! Waratah London Smog, owned by Mrs. C. W. Macintosh, won the Pearce Cup donated for Best Exhibit at the Southland Show, Invercargill, last year. It was his first show appearance.





*Photograph by Cape Argus, Cape Town*

### THE ART CRITIC

This amusing scene was caught by the camera at an exhibition of cat and Pekinese drawings by Miss F. E. Pocock held at the Barry Art Galleries, Cape Town. Miss Pocock has for many years shown a great interest in the South African Fancy, at one time taking an active and prominent part in club affairs.



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# Blue Burmese

By C. E. DYTE, B.Sc., M.I.Biol.

SINCE the first Blue Burmese kitten appeared in 1955, at least thirty-six have been born in this country, and another three in Kenya from cats exported from Britain. They have become very popular with their owners, and have attracted much favourable comment at shows. This is not surprising since blue cats have always been popular and these have all the endearing qualities of Burmese cats as well.

**Pure Burmese origin.** All these Blue Burmese have come from cats with pure Burmese ancestry. They differ from their brown forebears only in their colour which though difficult to describe is most

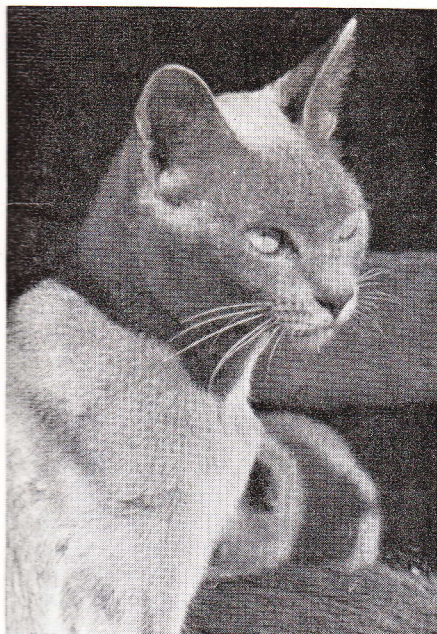
attractive. Fawn-blue with silver points is a rough approximation, though kittens and young cats are more fawn, particularly on the underside. Newly born kittens may be sufficiently fawn-brown to be confused with their brown Burmese brothers and sisters, but they become more blue as they grow. Adult cats vary somewhat but the two bluest I have seen were also the oldest, so differences in coat colour may well be due to variation with age.

**Inheritance of Blue Factor.** It might be expected that the blue colour in Burmese cats would be inherited as a simple recessive as in other blue cats, and certainly the data available support this. This means that certain brown Burmese carry a factor for blue, and if appropriately mated may have some blue kittens.

Three possible matings can produce blues. Blue Burmese mated to Blue Burmese will produce only blue kittens. Blue Burmese mated to brown Burmese carrying the blue factor will have fifty per cent blue kittens; and brown Burmese carrying the blue factor mated to another brown carrying the factor will produce 25% blue kittens. The remaining kittens from the second and third matings will be brown, though some of them will carry the blue factor.

Of course, the theoretical percentage is not realized in each individual litter, but when the numbers produced from several matings of the same type are added together we find that practice fits theory very well.

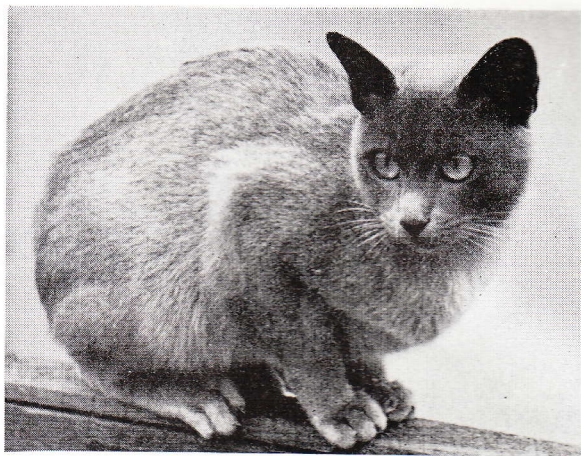
So far there have been four matings of the first type (blue  $\times$  blue) and these have yielded all blue kittens, seventeen in all. One of these litters consisting of six kittens bred by Mrs. Knowles from her Blue Burmese queen Angela Vanessa, and



*Major W. Knowles*

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**Mrs. J. M. Dyte's Blue Burmese queen PUSSINBOOTS BLUE SQUIRREL, whose Brown Burmese kittens by Lamond Patrick have won a number of show awards.**

sired by Lamont Blue Burmaboy has been exhibited at a number of shows recently.

Most Blue Burmese however have been produced from matings of the third type. I have records of 17 such litters, and of the total of 74 kittens produced twenty, or about 27% have been blue. This is a reasonable approximation to the theoretical percentage. The number of blues per litter in these seventeen litters varied from three to none.

**Studs siring Blues.** Of the Burmese cats imported into this country Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee carries the blue factor, and it is from him that the Blue Burmese have been derived. Any cat carrying the blue factor will pass it on to half of its offspring, so half of the kittens sired by Darkee will carry blue and they in turn will pass the factor to half of their progeny.

Which particular cats carry blue can only be determined by breeding from them, except in the case of brown Burmese cats with one blue parent, all of which carry the blue factor.

Breeders who own queens which they suspect may carry the blue factor have a reasonably wide choice of studs if they wish to produce some blue kittens. To

my knowledge, the only proven Blue Burmese stud in this country is Lamont Blue Burmaboy, but at least two other blue males, Bulrushes Blue John and Lindale Dear Dumbo, are to be kept as studs, and these will be maturing very soon. There are a number of brown Burmese studs which carry the blue factor. Those known to me besides Darkee are Lamont Patrick, Kathoodu Kimi, Kwasind and Merrick Cherokee (in Britain); and Sealcoat Kasim (in Kenya).

**Type is good.** Since the Blue Burmese is only a colour variety of the brown Burmese, type qualities for the two are similar. Most of the Blue Burmese I have seen have good type. This is not surprising because Darkee, who brought the factor into the British stock is one of the best of the imported Burmese. The 16 female Burmese known by me to carry the blue factor include three Champions and many other prize-winners; and many of the second generation Blue Burmese kittens have six British Burmese Champions in their pedigrees. It is quite obvious that the Blues have come from some of the best Burmese in the country and this promises well for the future.



**Recognition soon ?** The Blue Burmese are not yet recognized by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, but it is to be hoped that they soon will be. There is a precedent for the recognition of a colour variety of an established breed on the basis of a single generation of pure breeding. This is very desirable for the Blue Burmese because existing stock is of high quality.

The three generations of pure breeding which is demanded for the recognition of new types of cat produced by crosses between existing breeds is unnecessary, and could be disastrous since it might encourage the inbreeding of stock with regard only to colour, and not to qualities of health, type and temperament, etc. Inbreeding of animals is not necessarily harmful, but inbreeding without selection often leads to a serious deterioration of quality.

The crossing of Blue Burmese with

Blue Point Siamese has been suggested by at least one breeder. In view of the good quality of existing stock such outcrosses appear to be unnecessary. Moreover, while the inheritance of coat colour in such crosses has been studied by geneticists, little is known of the inheritance of type, voice and mental characters.

Brown Burmese kittens with one blue parent have won a number of prizes in open classes in recent Championship shows. They would be unlikely to do this if their parents were not of high quality. It is to be hoped that this high quality of the existing Blue Burmese is maintained and improved in the future. To do this breeders should be free to mate their queens to the best Burmese studs irrespective of colour. This will maintain quality and ensure gene flow between Brown and Blue Burmese to the benefit of both.



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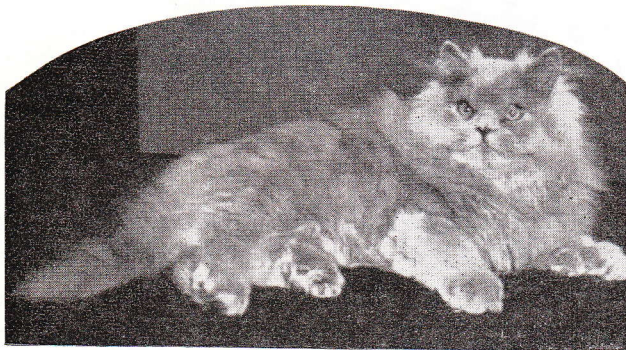
cats have their own hatchway but often prefer to flash in by way of the porthole. They have an extremely happy and healthy life watching the activities of the waterside, with its many seabirds. Sometimes when they are chasing water rats they fall in, but they swim perfectly and are soon back on shore.

The *Gold Belt* is moored to the side of the quay and the cats are provided with a wired-in garden in which they can roam about to their heart's content. Their names recall famous sailing barges and Sirdar, Sara and Ariel are three who have won well at London shows. The barge *Sara*, it is interesting to note, was built in Conyer, once a famous barge port, and has been taking part in the annual barge races which have been held since the last century. Now families live with all modern conveniences on the vessels which once carried Kentish apples, coal, sand and bricks.

Lt.-Col. John Blackden is owner of a boat-yard and he shares with his wife and their daughters Shirley and Veronica (who appear in our photograph) a great affection for what must surely be the only family of Siamese bred aboard a sea-going vessel. One of the Sprits'l kittens sold last year, Waveney, is now living in a barge actively trading around the coast.

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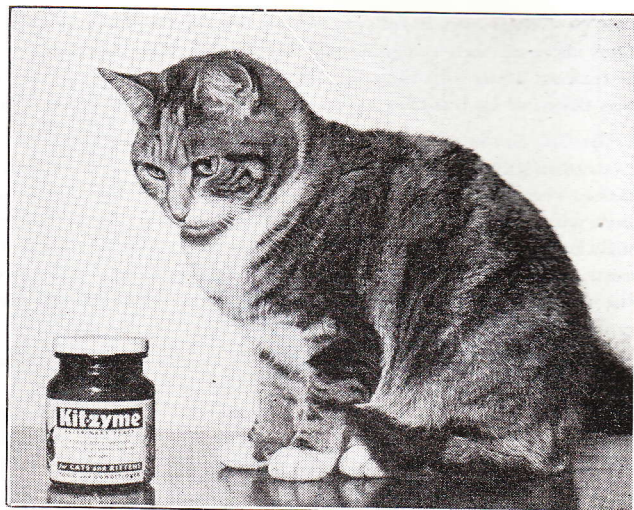
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By M.R.C.V.S.

**A West Country reader writes :**

*I own a Cream Persian female, now three years old, who is in good health but appears to be suffering from a constant cold. One eye runs badly and the nose gets very blocked, making breathing difficult. She also has spasmodic attacks of sneezing. I have had several veterinary surgeons to see her and various antibiotic injections have been tried, all without success. She is very careful in her habits, i.e., she does not go out in the wet or sit in draughts.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** It seems possible that your cat has a chronic inflammation of a frontal sinus. This might be verified by radiography and if it is impossible to get this done locally, I advise sending the cat to Mr. Knight of the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town, London, who would X-ray it and, if necessary, operate on it. Antibiotics should have helped a great deal but as they have not, it looks as though an operation is the answer.

**A Norwegian reader writes :** *Please tell me what to do when I have had feline distemper in my cattery. The kittens are dead, but the mother cat, who is inoculated, has survived. I know that virus is suspected to live in the house for three months and I will take no unprotected cat into the premises. But what about the cat owners? Can they take the virus with them in their clothes and is it possible for me to spread the virus? May I take the mother cat to the sire for mating, provided the male is inoculated?*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** You appear to be confusing feline distemper with feline enteritis, as one cannot give protective inoculation against the former, but only against the latter. Owners and attendants certainly may carry infection. The disease is spread by all methods, e.g.,

inhalation, ingestion, and direct or indirect contact, also by flies. The answer to the last question is "Yes." Read the *Cats Medical Dictionary* by Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd.

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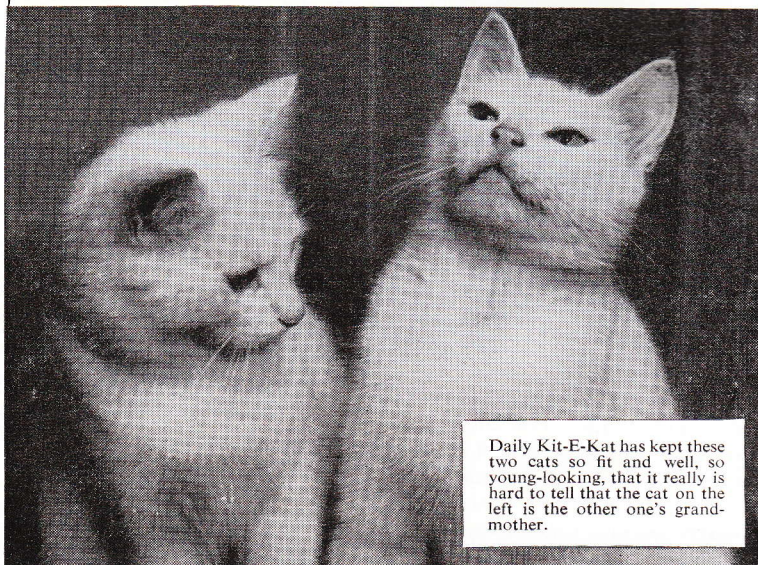
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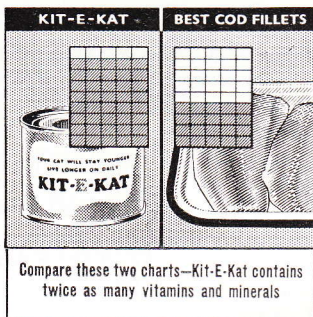


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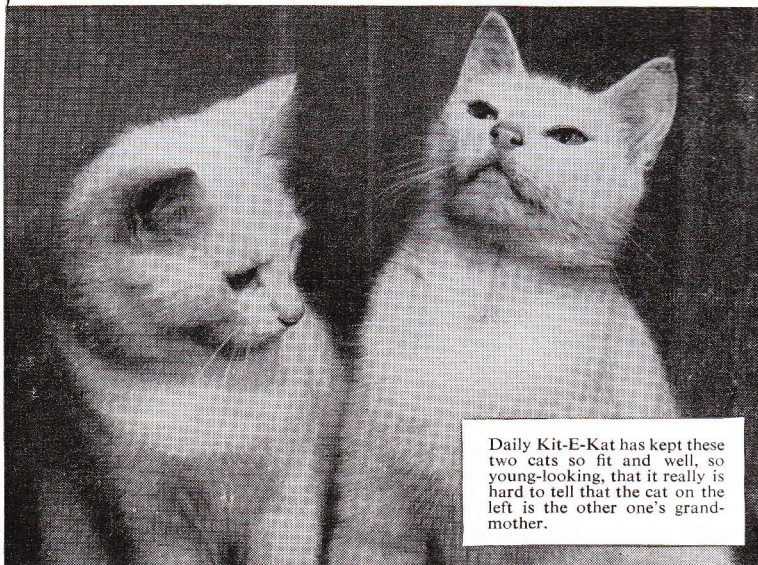
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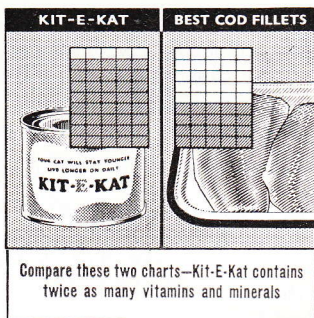


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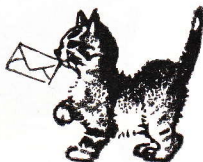
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## Correspondence Corner

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



### The Cornish Cat

The Manx Museum is anxious to have a copy of your January issue for their archives as they are interested in the article on the Cornish cat as part of a coat-of-arms.

The Cornish cat, of course, is related to the Manx cat, although in your article Major Blake says it has a three-inch tail. The Cornish cat should really be tail-less.

MRS. N. S. TWINING.  
Greeba, St. John's, Isle of Man.

### More of the Christmas Spirit

No one can fail to have been impressed by Mrs. Blanche Wolfram's Christmas article in your January issue. The very timely points she made, advocating more goodwill and co-operation in the Cat Fancy both here and in America must have found many echoes in our thoughts at this particular time.

In this connection, we cannot unfortunately claim that all is well in our own Fancy. The last year has shown up many regrettable tendencies and incidents that, whilst not reflecting on the great majority of the smaller fanciers, yet require to be forgotten as quickly as possible by all, if we are to go ahead in a new spirit and restore to our cats their true position in the Fancy. *It is necessary to cease competing with each other!*

In many letters and articles, I have been advocating three points: (a) to minimize by sensible legislation the "power" abused by those who indulge in power politics—so disastrously, some-

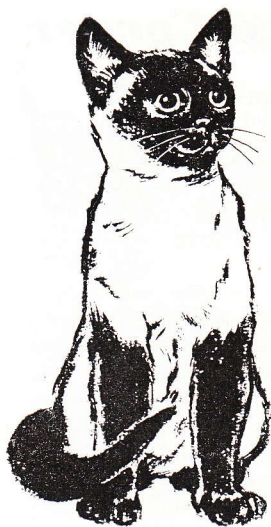
times; (b) to offer more help and co-operation to each other in a spirit of goodwill, whether it be only to meet and escort one cat to a show, where the owner is perhaps housebound miles away; or to write to a fancier in trouble if one knows of a way to help; (c) to enlist every bit of aid available to raise money for feline research and to pool information of unusual illnesses (perhaps through breed clubs?) so that steps can be taken to set up research work on them. Further details of a scheme to co-ordinate this will probably be available shortly.

MISS S. M. DUNN.  
Affpuddle, Dorchester.

### Burmese in Australia

I have just read Mr. Pearce's mention in your December issue of our Burmese and their tribulations. In view of the importance of our experience, so far as the future of feline enteritis is concerned, I would like to augment Mr. Pearce's remarks, and at the same time give you some details of our progress with the Burmese here.

The first Burmese to arrive in Australia was Miss S. M. Dunn's Tomahawk, who reached Sydney in August, 1957. He was followed in November of that year by Mrs. J. Walker's Calypso Pallas Athene. Both these cats are now in our "Amherst" cattery at Parramatta, N.S.W., 15 miles west of Sydney, where my wife and I are also breeding Seal and Blue Pointed Siamese. Since these two cats were imported four other Burmese have arrived from New Zealand, a pair,



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half-brother and sister, going to Mrs. Abbott of Double Bay, Sydney, a male to Mrs. Thurmer in Adelaide and a female to Mrs. Henry in Brisbane, all well known Siamese breeders.

All these Burmese are, of course, to some considerable extent related, and we have therefore commenced a hybridizing programme to build up the genetic material for vitality in the breed. Two hybrid litters have been bred in Sydney, from our own Talbingo Turella and from Mrs. Helsham's Yonalin Clever Clover, both sired by Tomahawk. From the former queen we obtained only two kittens, and both were males.

Amherst Hengist has been retained, and his brother, Horsa, has gone to Mrs. Thurmer in Adelaide, who plans a parallel hybrid scheme. The second litter, of six, was all female, and three of these, Talbingo Thomasin, Turandot and Tove, are being kept for breeding next season. Everyone who has seen these hybrids has been enchanted by them, and we could have sold many more for pets than were available.

## A desperate situation

The breeding of pure Burmese has met with several setbacks. "Thene's" first litter was born prematurely, and the only one alive when we first found them lived but a few hours. In October last a fine second litter of four kittens was born, but when they were only five days old their mother contracted cat flu (distemper or pneumonitis) which had unhappily appeared in our Seal Point Siamese a week previously. In all five of our adult cats went down with the disease and there was an arduous month of home hospitalization.

All the adults recovered, but the kittens were too young to fight the infection, and despite attempts at hand feeding and medication, all were lost. "Thene" recovered well fortunately, and we now have another litter of five, born on January 21st, and doing well.

To date neither of the other Burmese queens in Australia has been bred.

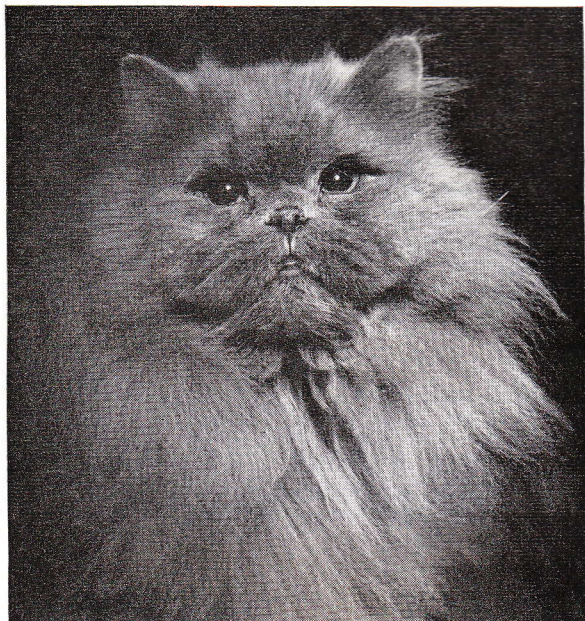
Tomahawk also suffered from the cat flu, and just as he was beginning to be himself again, he was stricken by feline enteritis. The attack was typically sudden, and severe, and after his previous illness "Tommy" naturally had few reserves with which to fight the new infection. The outlook was indeed dismal, but we had come across an account of successful and spectacular treatment of enteritis in a Siamese by two English veterinarians, C. Noble and Myre Sim, published earlier in 1958 in the *Veterinary Record* (Vol. 70, p.262-3.) The basis of their treatment had been large doses of cortisone, and in view of the seriousness of the situation our own veterinarian agreed with us that this drug should be tried.

## Hope for the future ?

To our delight, and we must admit now somewhat to our surprise, the treatment was 100% effective, and from a moribund condition with a temperature down to 97°F., Tomahawk was brought back to achieve complete recovery. In five days he had to be returned to his own house in the garden, and two weeks later he mated "Thene" to give us the kittens we now have.

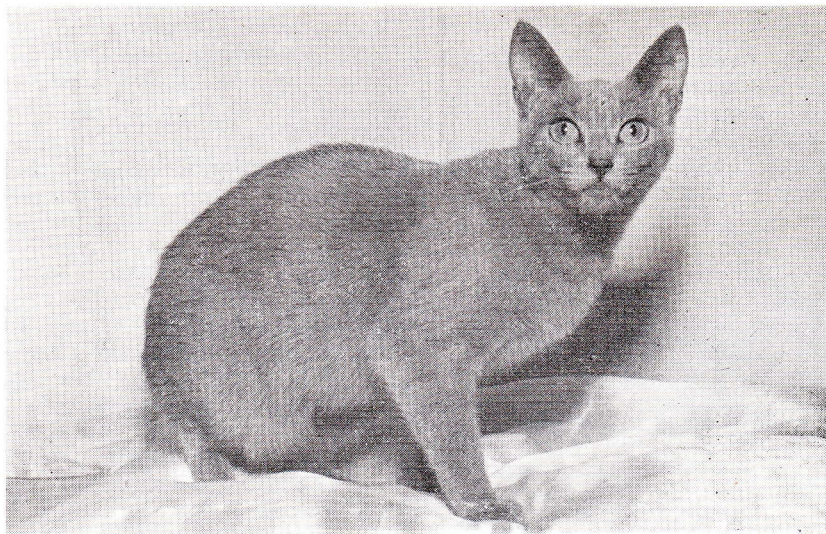
This confirmation of the English veterinarians' findings raises great hopes that we may now have a positive counter to enteritis, even for the severest cases. I also understand that as a result of our drawing attention to the report by Mr. Noble and Miss Sim, to whom all the credit for the application of cortisone to this disease is due, several other cases have been successfully treated in Sydney. Our own experiences have been communicated to the Australian *Veterinary Journal* and we hope the detailed account will appear in that journal later this year.

Interest in the few Burmese cats that we have in this country has been considerable. Both "Tommy" and "Thene"



*Photo Serafino*

**CH. SHAN OF ALLINGTON**, nearly three years old and bred by Miss E. Langston, won Best Longhair in Show rating for owner Mme Gras at the Cat Club de Paris International Show 1958.



*Photo Serafino*

At the same Show, another entry of outstanding merit was Mme Vologdine's **CH. CROCHKA DU VALDAI**, a young owner-bred female who won Best Russian Blue award.



were shown several times during the last season, and "Thene" achieved the major distinction of Best Exhibit at the Siamese and Shorthair Cat Club championship show in competition with some seventy of the State's best Siamese. The judges on that occasion were Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Burnage. Despite our disappointments in breeding we have, therefore, had compensations, and the experience of the past year should prove valuable to all.

GEOFFREY G. ALLEN, M.A.  
Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia.

*[The writer of the above letter, which will be of exceptional interest to cat lovers everywhere, is President of the Siamese Cat Society of New South Wales. Professionally, he is associated with one of the laboratories of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, where he is brought into contact with a great deal of veterinary and allied literature. Mr. and Mrs. Allen emigrated from England to Australia in 1952 and one of their most-prized cats at the present time is their Blue Pointed Siamese Champion Westwood Blue Lady, a daughter of Gr. Ch. Misselfore Tyran Print, undefeated when shown at Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney shows.—EDITOR.]*

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**Readers' contributions to this feature are always welcomed. . . . We could do with many more!** *Editor.*

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## CAT CLUB DE PARIS

THE 32nd International Show of the above was held at the Hotel Continental, Paris. Guest judges were Mme L. Gibbons, Mrs. M. Brunton, Mrs. Grace Pond and Mrs. K. R. Williams, who reports as follows:

The floral decorations were magnificent. Stewards wore identical red three-quarter overalls carrying the Club badge. This was a splendid idea. Mme

M. Ravel had all the arrangements absolutely perfect.

The pens, beautifully decorated, were arranged so that the public got a good view. Each exhibit is brought to the judging table and after the judging we were free to tour the pens. Away from the pedigree cats, the Society for the Protection of Animals had their stall and a number of pens containing cats they had rescued. All looked very fit and most of them were found new homes during the three days' run of the Show.

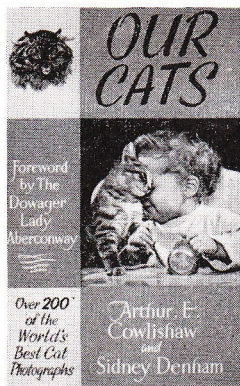
Best Cat in Show and winner of a beautiful Sevres vase donated by the President of the Republic was Mrs. E. Eytzinger's Siamese Int. Ch. Doneraile Leo, who received the unanimous vote of the Longhair and Shorthair judges. Best Longhair adult was a lovely Blue Persian Mme Gras's Shan of Allington. Other outstanding winners were Mme Vologdine's Russian Blue Ch. Grochka du Valдай and Mme Voidie's Blue Point Siamese Ch. Suline Suella.

In a large class of Seal Pointed Siamese females, there were several promising queens—Mme Blasart's Chippy von Avalon (1st & Ch.), Mr. A. Postler's Quesi Cantando and Mr. J. Muller's Lobelia von Lobelia. Mr. Muller's Int. Champion Favorita von Lobelia added another CACIB to her fine record.

Best Abyssinian award went to Mme Millet's Int. Ch. Gracefield Pantha. Mme A. de Deucher brought a Self Lavender and kittens from Switzerland. The adult, a most enchanting cat, was a little on the heavy side—the youngsters were delightful.

The pens at Continental shows are at eye level, which seems to be a most sensible arrangement, most attractive and certainly better for the paying public. The drapes reach down to the ground and hide all the baskets and boxes. A notable visitor to this most enjoyable Show was Vum KO Han, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Union of Burma.

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## **Reproduction (No. 52)**

By A. C. JUDE

***This popular series of monographs has brought added interest to breeding operations throughout the cat world and has helped fanciers by supplying information concerning both inherited and all other factors. Each article has a direct bearing on the genetic basis for the likenesses and differences between cats.***

IT was nine years ago last November that these articles about animal genetics and scientific breeding were started. One of the objects was to help fanciers realize that if any lasting success on the show bench is to be attained, only perfectly healthy initial stock should be used. Then, as breeding proceeds, only the fittest produced should be chosen for the further breeding.

You may say that this is only repetition of advice given on other occasions, and you would be quite right. The repetition is made to give weight to what is fundamental fact. This is the only way to ensure happy life for animals bred, a fair deal for those to whom the progeny are sold, and a maximum of pleasure and profit (if profit must be considered) for those who breed, exhibit and sell.

In a fancy, the ultimate aim is to produce animals who will comply with a standard based mainly on type, colour and markings, *and to produce them with fair regularity*. To do this successfully, all the factors of the animals' genetic make-up have to be considered, not merely those that produce show requirements.

Experience has shown that there are breeders in almost every fancy who tend to consider only actual show points when selecting pairs for mating, more especially when it is their good fortune to possess

some animal or other who is particularly good looking from the exhibition standard. One does not look upon any appreciable section of fanciers as inhumane.

On the contrary, most are known to be desperately concerned with their animals when it comes to the treatment of illness. But with a few, a kind of blind comes down when serious attempt is being made to gain show success, especially if possibilities seem near to hand. Thought of inherent weaknesses seem to get pushed behind. One likes to feel this is just thoughtlessness, but so often it means everything so opposite to the ideals of a fancy, and is certainly a most uneconomic business.

If we think of any particular kind of animal and trace back, we find that the originals of that species were much alike in size and conformation. But now, mainly through man's desires or needs, the size and conformation of the animals has been altered so that—say in dogs—a very wide range of shapes and sizes exists. Many alterations of this sort are far removed from the originals, which on the whole means a number of abnormalities which, in turn, can cause either disease or discomfort.

It is fortunate for cats that alterations of this sort are few in the Fancy, but one or two examples from the dog world will help to establish the meaning. We find that certain abnormalities and disease are found in particular breeds. This can apply with all kinds of animals.

For instance, it is found in dogs that Wire Haired Terriers are prone to blindness from dislocation of the lens. In early stages there is a watering of the eyes, and this is put down as a "cold," and by the time the condition is properly diagnosed, degenerative changes have progressed too far for surgery to be successful.

Another form of hereditary blindness is found in Irish Setters. Certain strains at an early age develop retinal degeneration commonly referred to as "night-blindness." Fortunately, with this form, there is no pain. The animal simply loses vision.

## Spinal troubles

The Bloodhound may be quoted as a further example that has acquired abnormality and distress through alteration of natural type. The Bloodhound's skin about the head hangs down in folds. The lower eyelids hang down too and expose the conjunctival membranes. The upper lids are frequently buckled and inverted. So the Bloodhound is another dog predisposed to eye troubles, particularly chronic conjunctivitis, on account of the unnatural conformation of the eyelids and exposure of the lining membranes.

A rather uncommon dog in this country is the Rhodesian Ridgeback. As the name implies, there is a ridge of hair along the middle of the back. This hair grows in the reverse direction from the surrounding hair. This may appear to be harmless enough, but the ridge is often the site of what is known as a pilonidal cyst, due to ingrowing hairs below the skin. Is there justification for making this ridge the outstanding feature of a breed?

In recent years we have come to know the importance of the discs in the human spinal column. There is evidence both clinical, radiographical and postmortem that some animals suffer from comparable conditions, accompanied by acute pain and subsequent temporary or permanent paralysis of both hind limbs.

Dachshunds and Pekingese breeds of dog are liable to the condition. In general, it seems that the short-legged breeds are most affected. Other breeds, such as the Samoyed and the Pomeranian tend to suffer from another structure which slips. This structure corresponds anatomically to the human knee-cap or patella. The result varies from temporary lameness to a contracture deformity of the hind limb rendering it permanently useless.

Next to mind is the Aberdeen or Scottish Terrier, whose legs are too short for its body. This dog occasionally develops a most perplexing cramp in the hind limbs. And finally, I would mention the Peke, with the characteristic wide head and a short wrinkled muzzle. In other words, no nose, and whatever other good points a Peke may have, successful exhibition seems impossible if it has anything which approaches a protruding nose. As a result of the deeply wrinkled face, an eczematous condition often affects the depths of the furrows, but more important are the eyes. These, by reason of their prominence are vulnerable to injury and recurrent corneal ulceration.

## Noses and tails

These then are examples from one Fancy only where man has induced abnormalities and distress in his desire for some self satisfaction. As already said, the cat has not suffered to the same extent, for type and size have been little changed. The nearest misfortune was the attempt in Longhaired breeds to establish the ultra short nose. Fortunately, this ill-advised attempt was frustrated and many cats have been saved the discomfort of running eyes and other misfortunes.

Even in Siamese cats there has been no suffering from tail abnormalities to compare with the case of the Bulldog where in some instances corkscrew twists have been known to be almost entirely embedded in a depression immediately above the anus. Such Bulldogs must suffer persistent discomfort and it needs



little imagination to visualize the foetid, inflammatory and painful nature of such an absurd deformity.

## **Abnormality in Siamese**

This article has been arranged to lead up to the fact that at any time, some abnormality or other, either "natural" or "induced," may show itself in any kind of Fancy animal, and the real object of the article is to draw attention to one particular abnormality now appearing in cats.

The only breed so far affected is Siamese, and in recent weeks three different cases have been reported to me. There may be more. It is no use covering up in such matters and I report as a matter of duty. I would say right away, that in the cases known the owners of the kittens know the dangers, and will take every step to see that reproduction is ruled out. But warning must be given to those who will be using studs in the coming months to make strict enquiries.

I have made a fair amount of investigation about the presence of the abnormality in question, and about the nature of the disease itself, and it is because of the whole of the information now in my possession that I urge close attention.

The abnormality I refer to is known as osteogenesis imperfecta. It is a bone

condition known well in humans and certain other animals including the cat and the dog. The gene is unknown in mice where much bone research has taken place. The bone, more especially in the legs, is, in the bad cases, thin and brittle, often showing a lace-like structure by X-rays. Obviously, in the worst cases the bones will not support weight, and fractures occur.

In cats, the condition becomes evident soon after the kittens begin to move around, and mostly up to the age of 3-4 months. The mode of inheritance has yet to be established. At present it is conflicting. In recent times the condition in humans was known as osteogenesis imperfecta but in more recent time this name has been dropped by people studying this group of diseases as a multitude of different conditions have been noted. This may be so in the cat.

## **Fanciers alerted**

There isn't space at present to go more fully into the condition, but it is hoped that fanciers will take all precaution against what could turn out to be a dangerous spread. Naturally, because the mild cases do not always become apparent, the need for strict enquiry becomes even more urgent.

*(to be continued)*

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## **To fanciers overseas . . .**

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“ON the whole I find I get on better with animals. When they are bad tempered they show it. Human beings do not have that frankness.”—Prince Rainier of Monaco.

The election of the new Executive of the Calgary Cat Club was held in December, when the following officers were elected for 1959 : President—Mr. E. J. Wilson ; Vice-President—Mrs. L. D. Oliver ; Treasurer—Mr. Stan Eustace ; Secretary—Mrs. Ann Borrett, 540 Scarboro Avenue, Calgary ; Director—Mrs. Penny Ridge ; Show Manager—Mr. C. B. Borrett. It was agreed that the World Championship Mousing Contest would again be held at the autumn show, when the holder Ferdinand Leo will defend his title.

The surgeon at the P.D.S.A. Ilford Hospital performs 1,000 major operations every year. He has been with the Society for 22 years.

A warning has been issued by the Calgary Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that it is prepared to take action against any person, child or adult, found using animals in rocket experiments. A section of the Criminal Code of Canada is quoted. Dogs, cats and other livestock must be allowed to keep their paws firmly anchored to terra firma, the Society announces.

Lord Colwyn, the 46-year-old Liberal peer, has been listening to the doleful Test Match broadcasts at six o'clock every morning. For company he has his four cats and a dog. One of the cats,

Lady Muffy Coventry, a gift from the Earl of Coventry, sits on the noble Lord's head and the others lie on the eiderdown with the dog The Hon. Marmalade Smith.

It is deserving of record that the first successful prosecution under the Spring Traps Approval Order 1957 (which became effective after 31st July last year) has been made by the R.S.P.C.A. A housewife gave evidence that she found her cat in the backyard with its foot held in the teeth of a gin. Later, she saw a nearby allotment holder searching for the trap with a stick. He explained that he had set it to catch rats. When the case was heard, the man pleaded ignorance. The Chairman of the Bench ordered him to pay £3 7s. 0d. costs, adding that he was glad the Society had brought the case to court as through the Press it would be a warning to others not to use anything but an approved trap.

A cat which jumped from a Canadian ferry boat into the icy water was rescued three days later with its head and front paws above the ice and the rest of its body encased in ice more than three inches thick. Its front paws were frozen to a rock it had attempted to climb. The staff of a fishery hatchery eventually discovered the unfortunate animal. Later, it was reported back to normal health but with half its tail quite lifeless.

An Auckland (New Zealand) resident owns a seeing-eye cat. It is named Holley and works for a cocker spaniel named Rebel. The dog is blind and when he loses a familiar path and becomes



confused, Holley sidles up against him and directs him back to "the beaten path."

The Cardiff City Council propose to bar as tenants for their new flats people who own dogs, babies—and cats ! No local authority should ever hold the power to impose such a ban.

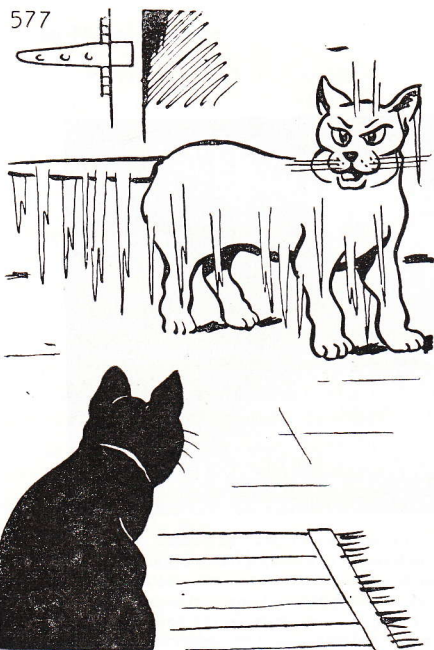
Uncle Puss, a cat owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Percival, of Oklahoma City, U.S.A., celebrated his 20th birthday on Christmas Eve. He had a special cake for the occasion, ablaze with the appropriate number of candles. And he wasn't overcome by the heat !

I am extremely sorry that in last month's issue, a typographical error occurred, Miss Doris Woods, of Hong Kong, being referred to as "Miss Doris Hobbs." Probably due to the prevailing Test Match atmosphere ! Anyway, I have since received the good news that Miss Woods expects to leave hospital this

month. Her many friends will be hoping that it will not be long before she is able to resume her good work on behalf of the animals she loves.

News has come through that the Miami Cat Fanciers have had "a great show ; terrific attendance." Staged by Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie, it was their twelfth Championship fixture. It was held last month and it is interesting to note that the doors were open to the public on a Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. More than 100 cats were benched and one of the main attractions was a young Himalayan named Sang Po, who was given tremendous publicity in the local newspapers.

Mrs. Carrie Osborne of Denver, U.S.A., was shot to death in her home and a murder charge has been filed against an ex-convict who shared her house. She was a 77-year-old seamstress and when details of her will became known it was found that she had left her



**"Never, never pop into the fridge after the fish."**

*(An Arks cartoon from his "Almost Human" series, reproduced by kind permission of the London "Evening News.")*

entire estate of 10,000 dollars (roughly £3,500) to her dog Uey and two cats Ruffles and Goldie. The pets have been transferred to a private home.

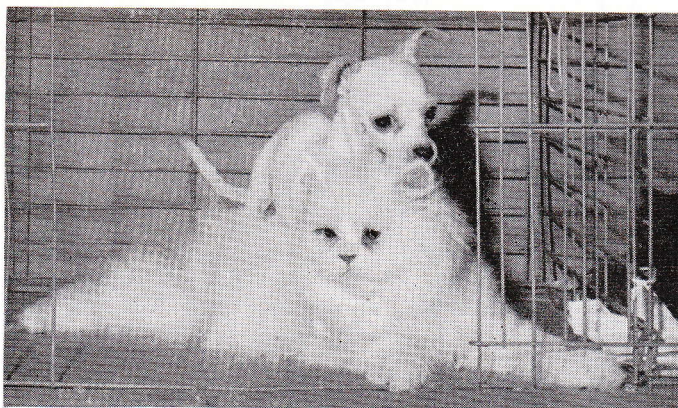
Dr. V. M. Hawthorne, assistant medical director of Glasgow's mass radiography centre, is convinced that there can be an interchange of TB infection between humans and their pets, cats and dogs. His research has been mainly concentrated on dogs and examination of people in contact with 14 tubercular dogs revealed that 9 of them were found to have TB. As a result of these and other findings Britain's first TB clinic for dogs and cats has been opened at Ruchil Hospital, Glasgow. It is run by Dr. Hawthorne and Mr. Ian Lauder, chief veterinary surgeon at Glasgow University Veterinary Hospital. Experience is showing that TB patients are eager to have their pets tested and immunized. But a drawback to any extension of the scheme is public reluctance to consult professional advice when their animals are sick. "They would rather try a

course of treatment guided by a pet book," says Dr. Hawthorne.

"Emotions are a necessary part and parcel of nature, and of the evolution of species ; they reach their highest expressions in man who is the most evolved animal, but all animals have the same emotions graduated according to their development in the chain of evolution." —*The Animals' Magazine*, the P.D.S.A. monthly.

A cat named Trixie was named the most outstanding pet at an Albuquerque, U.S.A., show. She had 24 toes, six on each foot.

*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.*



The Circus City Cat Club held a very successful pre-Christmas Show at Sarasota, U.S.A. which enabled them to hand over nearly £150 to organizations responsible for feline care and research work. A star attraction at the Show was Mrs. Florence Kemmer's kitten Silver Moth Major Atom and his playmate a Chihuahua puppy named Pixyia. The pair were born in the same month and are great friends. Mrs. Kemmer explains that the puppy's ears are usually up, but he let them flop during the run of the Show !





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### Up at Nottingham

**O**VER 200 cats and kittens awaited the judges on a cold and frosty January day for the 14th Ch. Show of the Notts. and Derby Cat Club at Victoria Baths Hall, Nottingham.

The Hon. Secretary and Show Manager Mrs. M. E. Bastow, had everything in apple pie order as usual. The Club has always had the advantage of good management and this is an asset in the Midlands.

Some of the Longhairs were beginning to lose their coats, which is often the case in early January in this country but the Best in Show adult and kitten were in full pomp, which is always an advantage when the élite are presented to the panel of judges for their final choice.

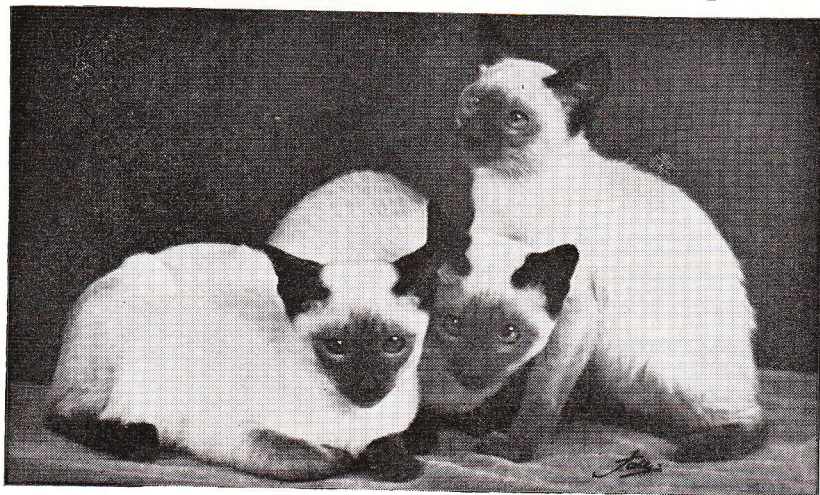
To digress for a moment. In a letter I had from U.S.A. my correspondent considered it was "grand" to have so many judges officiating. Supreme awards at Ch. Shows in England are made by

two panels of three or five judges (one panel for Longhairs and one for Shorthairs) and they are usually selected from the most experienced. Votes are recorded on paper and the Governing Council rule also states: "Judging for 'Best in Show' shall be conducted in silence, and any judge during the process of 'Best in Show' judging making any remark with regard to the exhibits on the platform shall immediately be disqualified from taking further part in 'Best in Show' judging at that show."

When Best in Show judges appear to give a casual glance at some of the exhibits presented to them by their stewards it is because they have judged them on the day in their Open or Side Classes and are already conversant with their qualities.

Mr. Reid's Blue male Briaric Beauty (by Ch. Lavengro of Dunesk) had the honour of Best Longhair Cat in Show. Congratulations to his owner on also achieving Beauty's final Challenge Certificate. Best Longhair Kitten was Miss Langston's Chinchilla Millemant of Allington by Ch. Fidelio of Allington. Best L.H. Neuter was Miss Spencer's Blue Devonway Christopher by Westbridge Christopher. Best Shorthair Cat award went to Mrs. McPherson's Russian Blue, Sylphides Amarylla, by Ch. Dunloe Domokvitch; Best S.H. Kitten Mrs. Dunn's B.P. Siamese, Fenham Tarkas, by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy; Best S.H. Neuter, Mrs. Thake's Burmese Kachin Mandy by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee.

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Time did not permit me to ascertain all the Open Class winners as I was judging but among excellent wins were Miss Lelgarde Fraser's final Ch. Certificate to Pekholm Peacock, her lovely Tortoiseshell, and the final to Mrs. Knight's Blue female Anastasia of Dunesk by Gwynn of Allington.

Mrs. Brice-Webb judging Blue kittens selected Mrs. Fisher's pale blue male Halcyon Adonis by Blue Boy of Kenton as her best. Mrs. Barron had the double pleasure of winning both the Cream male adult class with Paul of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Paul's daughter, bred by herself, Dalan Susan. Mrs. Lodge won the Chinchilla adult male class with Fishermore Helios by Ch. Terry of Allington. Two other cats to achieve their final Certificate were Miss Watt's Colourpoint Briarry Fair Maid by Briarry Abu Hett and Mrs. Philpot's B.P. Siamese Saltmarshe Sabine by Ch. Quesi Blue Harmony.

## Australian activity

Christmas usually brings news and greetings from those living overseas who are too busy to keep up a correspondence during the year.

Mrs. Ann Vize has quite settled down in New South Wales, Australia, and writes : "Ch. Astra now in his twelfth year is enjoying life and his main interests are still his visitors and his food. He has sired many winners which have become Champions but I consider the best litter born here was the one by his daughter Myowne Sweet Lavender, who is owned by Mrs. Herbert. One of these, Spada Ambassador Duke, is the replica of his father, with a lovely well-balanced head. He is a magnificent male.

"The Cream male I brought out with me, Ch. Myowne Cream Bunne is a lovely cat, very pale and quite free from any suggestion of markings but alas ! not very successful as a stud. He sired one litter two seasons ago and there have

been hopes of others but they have not materialized. It is a tragedy, as so many want his kittens.

"Hillcross Rondo, my S.P. Siamese bred by Mrs. Towe, has sired some very good cats and kittens, one in particular, Myowne Sia-Nikki, has won well for Mrs. Peters of Brisbane. My Siamese queen who was bred by Mrs. Hailsham has produced four lovely kittens of particularly good type by Rondo.

"As an outcross for Ch. Astra's daughters we have imported Ashdown Shamrock by Ashdown Nuthatch, bred by Mrs. Stephenson of Tunbridge Wells. We are delighted with him as he has the width of head and neat ears which will be an asset to the Blues here. Mrs. Ella Martin is to be congratulated on her excellent organization and care in arranging his transport. He travelled on the *Port Melbourne* and was on board nearly seven weeks and arrived in perfect condition on November 1st. One could hardly credit he had travelled so far. There wasn't a single knot in his coat. He had to go into quarantine for sixty days during which time only two visits from owners are allowed. Mrs. Cains and myself are joint owners of Shamrock and looking forward to his first kittens."

## News of English exports

When Mrs. Herbert of Australia spent the winter 1956-1957 in England she visited several Championship shows and met many breeders. Her sea voyage home with the two Blue kittens she purchased, Anchusa Piere and Sheepfold Wild Violet, the Cream Brynwood Aphrodite and the Chinchilla Musetta of Allington was recorded in the June 1957 number of *OUR CATS*. Now comes interesting news of this quartette. Mrs. Herbert now lives in Brisbane, Queensland :—

"Musetta had a beautiful litter of four at Christmas 1957. Spada Angelique went to Miss Stella Beattie in Melbourne and was Best Opposite Sex the first time

shown as an adult. Her brother Aureole Prince was awarded his first Challenge Certificate at the same time in Adelaide. The second male Spada Alpine Star who is in Queensland finished up Best Exhibit at our recent C.F.A. Show. The fourth in the litter, April Lyric, has not been shown but recently had a lovely litter of five by Kuterex of Chatsworth, a son of Kutekit Silver Flyer (imported). The sire of Musetta's four kittens was Ch. Miowera Royal Pinion, Mrs. Burnage's Chinchilla stud by Ch. Bonavia Feather, the latter bred by Mrs. Turney.

"Brynwood Aphrodite has been wonderfully healthy and all is well now but I was anxious that she might not breed when she had two false pregnancies complicated by metritis. She was treated with penicillin and rested for six months and on November 17th produced six blonde kittens. She had her kittens easily and is an excellent mother, the one female faded on the second day but the

five males are vigorous beautiful kittens, pale, sound and uniform. Two are sold and I shall keep one myself to replace my present Cream stud. Aphra's bloodlines are very valuable and the sire, Romany Sandhurst, is descended from three quarters imported stock.

"Wild Violet, the Blue, is a beautiful queen, cobby and ultra typey. So far she has had one premature kitten and I began to fear she would not breed. But I have great hopes of her now. One has to bear in mind that these queens were frustrated in their normal mating cycle and were travelling and in quarantine during the period when they would have normally been mated and probably nursing kittens. Then came a period of acclimatization, so they were over eighteen months before their initial mating.

"Anchusa Piere has matured into a splendid male with glorious eyes but when in quarantine he developed inflammation of two glands which the vet knew



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would make him temporarily sterile. After a year I began to fear it might be permanent until Wild Violet had her premature kitten by him. Now my quartette are over their initial troubles I hope all will be well.

"Musetta's Chinchilla daughter who was born on board the *Adelaide Star* coming with me to Sydney is a very small queen, the result of her vicissitudes as a kitten, and whilst in quarantine she did not receive the necessary extras and vitamins and attention I would have given her. The authorities would not allow me to have her immunized whilst in quarantine and a week after her release she developed f.i.e. How we managed to save her is one of nature's miracles but in the final analysis I can only attribute her survival to her game little fighting spirit.

## A new Club

"I see a great deal of Mrs. Stock, who as you know spent the same winter in England and we often talk over our happy and interesting time there. We are so far away from other centres interested in cats and holding shows. Sydney, for example, is about 650 miles away. So we have formed a new Club—The Cat Fanciers' Association of Queensland. Mrs. Stock is Secretary and myself President and Show Manager and in November we staged our first Show at Allan and Starke Ltd.'s Drive-In Shopping Centre at Chermside. This Centre is constructed on the American pattern and we had a splendidly airy hall with natural daylight lighting and with ample space for the inspection of the exhibits.

"Prior to the Show we had a nine-day display window at Allan & Starke's city store. This store would be the Brisbane equivalent of Harrods, and their signwriters did all our posters for us. In this window were displayed the Club cups, trophies, rosettes, an exhibition of cat photography, and, as centrepiece, a live cat in a tastefully decorated cage, the cage draped with a white Chantilly lace

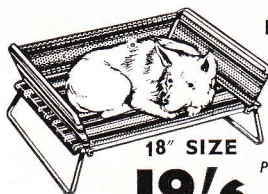
stole. Musetta of Allington led off and looked thoroughly at home against her decor of blue satin, mauve net and lilies of the valley. The following days we had a Seal Point Siamese, a Red Tabby, Musetta's son, Alpine Star, a Smoke, a Blue, a White and a Cream. The cats accepted this unique venue and the homage of the public with dignity and composure, and the display gained the Club much valuable advertising and many new members.

"Mrs. Doris Burnage, who you know very well, flew up from Sydney to judge for us. The value of imported stock was amply demonstrated in the Longhair group. As mentioned previously, Best Exhibit in Show was Spada Alpine Star, sired by Ch. Miowera Royal Pinion (son of Bonavia Feather) from Musetta of Allington. Best Longhair Adult was Myowne Sweet Lavender, owned by myself and bred by Mrs. Vize, and a daughter of Ch. Astra of Pensford from Ch. Broughton Miranda (Imp.). She has five Challenges to her credit and has

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been best female in show on many occasions. Her son, Spada Blue Beret, sired by Chenier Hansel (son of Gd. Ch. Jasper of Pensford), was Best Longhair Kitten. Best Longhair Female Kitten was a Chinchilla, Miowera Promise, whose maternal grandsire is Kutekit Silver Flyer. Best A.C. Senior, Male or Female, was Anchusa Piere. Mrs. Burnage thought him a most beautifully typed male, but on the day he was suffering from falling coat and the general ravages of summer and had to concede advantage to the Junior, Spada Alpine Star.

"Our schedule for this Show adopted the English system of classes which, as you know, is quite different from the system prevailing out here. The 'Any Colour' side classes proved very popular and certainly offered strong competition. After the judging, however, cages were lavishly decorated (there is always an award for the best decorated cage) and hung with winning rosettes and award ribbons, so that the character changed from the austerity of the English show to the decorativeness of the French show. We propose to hold our next show in approximately six months time.

"My visit to England taught me so much and I have happy recollections of much kindness shown to me and your wonderful Ch. Shows with such quality in your winning cats and kittens."

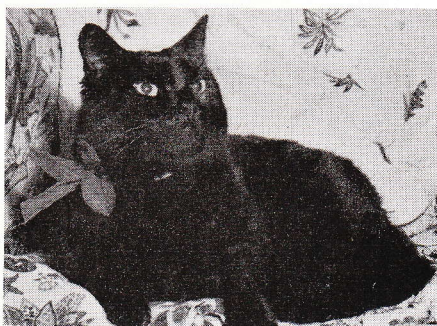
## More Champions

Mrs. Barron, Hon. Secretary of the Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club, sends news of Dalan Joy, a Cream daughter of her Cream male Paul of Pensford and her Blue-Cream Ch. Hendras Pepita. Joy left England in December 1956. She was unshown by her new owner Mrs. Mayhill (a prominent New Zealand fancier) as a kitten, but at her first show as an adult at Auckland in June 1957, she was awarded a Challenge Certificate and again at Hamilton. She was not shown again that year as she had been mated but

at Hamilton in 1958 she became a Champion.

Congratulations are due to another owner of a new Cream Champion, Miss Bull of Cheshire, whose Sherry of Pensford was awarded his final Ch. Certificate at the Yorkshire Cat Club Ch. at Leeds in November. Congratulations also to Mrs. Stephenson of Tunbridge Wells. The Blue queen Ashdown Meadowsweet she exported to Mrs. Eckenberg of Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., became a Champion some weeks ago. I also heard from Mrs. Eckenberg that she is delighted with Meadowsweet and her Blue male Camber Charles (bred by Mrs. Denton) who is also well on the way to becoming a Champion. He was sent to U.S.A. when he was about six months and this is his first season as an adult. He looks a handsome fellow judging by his photo in the press.

Finally, there is news of yet one more English Champion and a particularly interesting and unusual one. At the National Show at Olympia in December, Miss Grace Hardman's Killinghall Black Panther gained his third Certificate and is believed to be the first Black Shorthair to become a Champion since 1955.



This handsome non-pedigree Black fellow named BRENT-SMITH belongs to Mrs. E. Bowman Leaver, of Paignton, Devon. After winning at the 1956 Olympia Show he went on to further successes at the 1959 South Western Counties C.C. Show, where he was placed 1st in a class for Any Variety Shorthair, including Siamese. He was also voted the Best Groomed Cat.



## NORAK CELEBRATES

**W**E have received news of the Championship Show held by the Norwegian Club NORAK, in Oslo, last December. It was a 3-day event and the judge was Mrs. Anny Guggenbühl, from Zurich, Switzerland.

Best in Show and Best Longhair was Mrs. Brita Axelsson's entry from Sweden, a Golden-eyed White female Sapinette Eanne, who is pictured in this issue. Eanne, bred from Int. Ch. Vigilant Jonathan and Int. Ch. Djella de l'Etoile, is a lady with a big future as she is only a year old.

Best Shorthair was Mrs. Ulla Aberg's S.P. Siamese female Ch. Trudi of Amur, bred in Stockholm by Mrs. Margit Lans.

Best Kitten in Show and Best Longhair Kitten awards went to a lovely Blue-Cream female Tiyana of Muscari penned by Mrs. Heigar, of Oslo. Best Shorthair Kitten was Mrs. Ellen Matsholdt's Seal Point Siamese male Exotic Calypso, bred by Mrs. Ulla Magnusson.

The general standard of the exhibits was high and a number of English bred cats were prominent in the prize list, notably the Blue Longhair Ch. Bircotte Modest Maidie, who got her third C.A.C. I.B. and became an International Champion ; the Abyssinian male Ch. Tranby Kenti, who won his first C.A.C. I.B. ; the Burmese Int. Ch. Nilgiris Bura Turea, who won his sixth C.A.C. I.B. ;



*P. A. Rostad*

**SAPINETTE EANNE, Oslo's Best in Show, with Swiss judge Mrs. Guggenbühl (see above report).**

and also the Burmese Ch. Pussinboots Fudge, who secured her first C.A.C. I.B. Int. Ch. Vigilant Jonathan was shown in the Champion of Champions and other classes to win all that possible.

Exhibits which came in for a lot of attention were Mrs. Haldis Rohlff's lovely Chinchillas and Mrs. Svenningsen's Burmese Ch. Omaheeni Bella with a lively litter.

NORAK was celebrating its 20th birthday with this Show and to mark the occasion there was a charming dinner

occasion at the home of Mrs. Frid Stafheim, one of the Committee members. Guests assembled before a big open fire ; outside was cold and deep snow. There were messages and flowers from clubs, exhibitors and visitors.

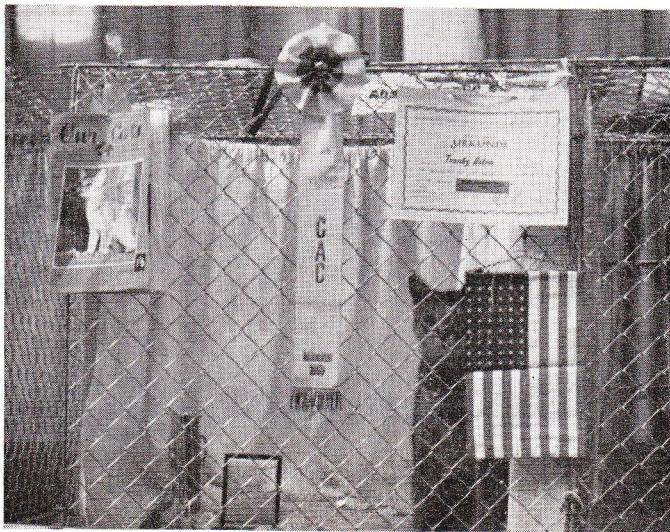
The Show itself was organized in the usual efficient style by Mrs. M. Svenningsen, Chairman of NORAK, whom everybody was pleased to see on duty after a long illness. Exhibitors came from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland.



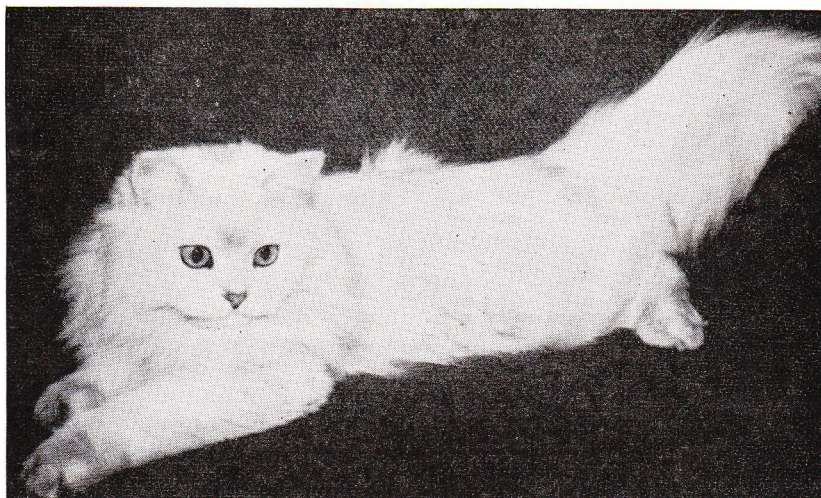
*D. G. Davis*

**See my kitties! They are BRIARIC ILSE and BRIARIC ELSA, two females bred by Mrs. Reid, of Belvedere, Kent. Ilse is now in Wiesbaden, Germany, with Herr Carl Stein.**





This picture was taken at the 8th Internationale Edelkatzen-Ausstellung held in Munich over two days in November last, when there were over 300 cats on view. The Abyssinian partly hidden behind the miniature flag is English-bred Tranby Sitra, who won her first CAC for her owner Mrs. Helen Potsiadlo, of Stuttgart, West Germany. The copy of OUR CATS attached to the front of the pen is a 1958 issue showing Sitra as a kitten on the front cover. It came in for a lot of attention from Continental visitors. Sitra later went on to The Hague Show where she won a second CAC.



Presenting an attractive pose of a lovely queen. She is BONAVIA KEEPSAKE, by Ch. Bonavia Contenta ex Ch. Bonavia Flora, bred by Mrs. Mollie Turney. Keepsake is owned by Mrs. Hildegard Schulte, of Lunen, West Germany, and at the Munich Show mentioned above she was best in her class.

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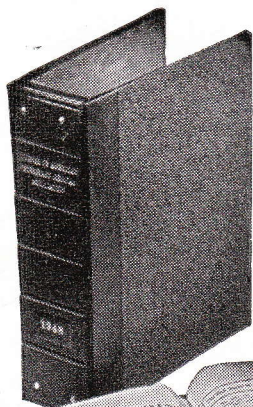
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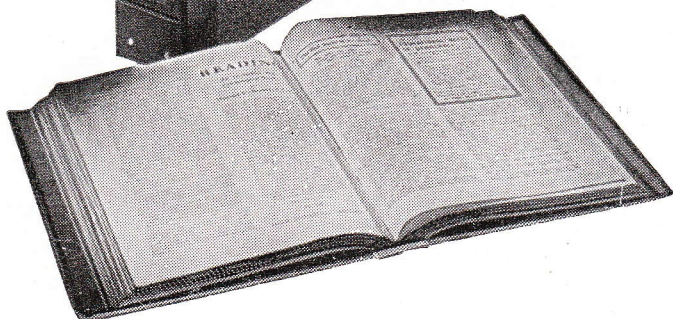
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