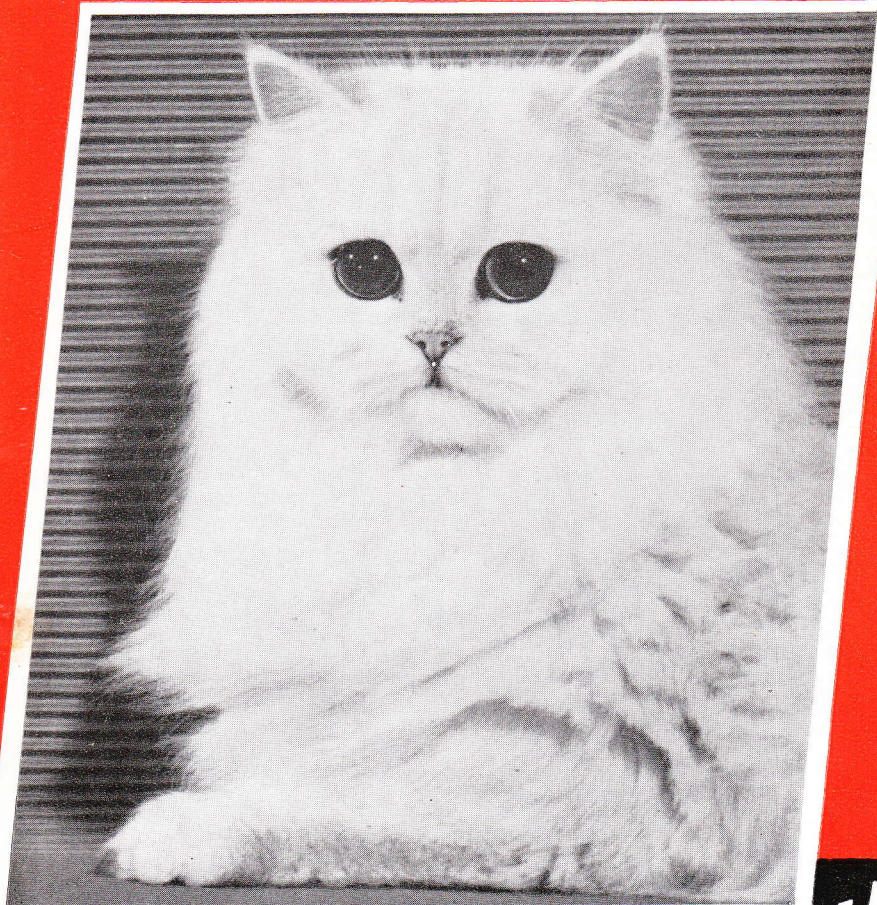


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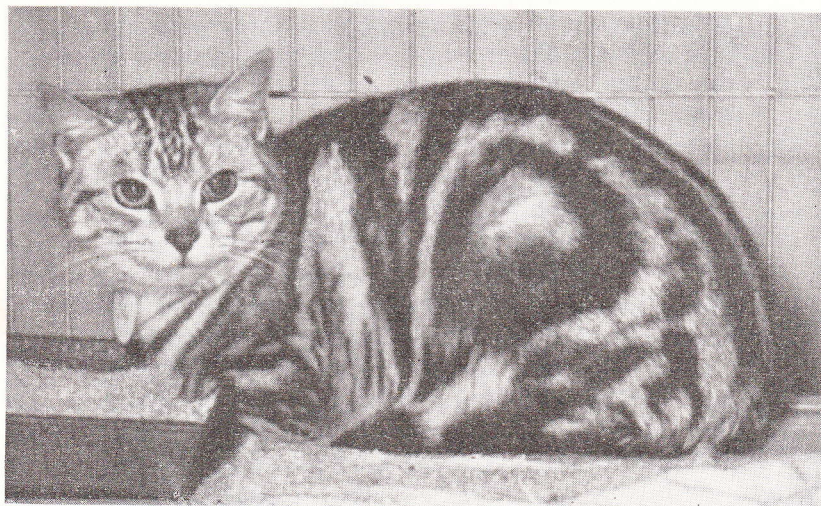
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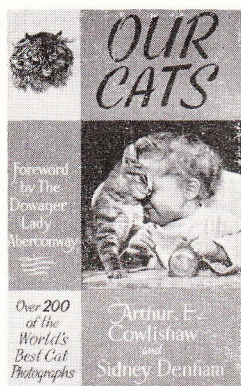
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One short life

By JOAN MERRY

(Persephone, the daughter of Ceres, spent some part of her existence in the lower world)

EVEN the 'flu can have its compensations. Last night as I lay miserably between sleep and wakefulness with a bedside lamp to guide my hand to pills and potions, I was privileged to see one of the more private rites of the cat world.

My little Burmese queen, Caprice, was calling her first-born, Persephone (three weeks old at midnight) to take her first steps into the outside world. As she lay near my bed, making enticing little mother noises, the baby's head appeared, wide-eyed, around the door of her cupboard home and little by little she emerged with sprawling, hesitant gait, only to turn with sudden agility and scamper panic-stricken, back to shelter. Three-four times the kitten came out and retreated, each time advancing a little further, and as she gained in confidence her mother, always talking, edged back and back, until with a final desperate scramble, Persephone plunged into the shelter of her tummy nearly three feet from her starting point.

She was not allowed to rest there. Triumphantly her mother set upon her and rolled her over and over, tossing her up in the air like a juggler manipulating a ball with his feet. Then she cleaned her—and what a cleaning it was—until at last a very tired little baby was gathered to her mother and fed until sleep overcame her.

Persephone is a very special baby because she is the first grandchild of Sweetiepie, my first Burmese queen and the most enchanting of cats. She also has her own claim to distinction and as I watched her so fat and contented I remembered how she had come by her name and marvelled.

Her very birth was surprising for her mother had been desperately ill and she was the only one of the litter who survived to be born alive. At first Caprice who had suffered too much did not want her and it was rather grudgingly that she kept the kitten alive from Wednesday night until noon on Sunday leaving her to find a substitute for mother love in hot water bottles and the pipe that brought warmth to her nest in the airing cupboard from the boiler below. At seven o'clock on Sunday evening Persephone had disappeared.

Feared the worst

That night and the following day I ransacked the house returning perpetually to the airing cupboard for inspiration, and all the time Caprice followed my movements with a close but quite impersonal interest. On the rare occasions that she left me she returned, unsuckled, after a very few minutes and watching her bland complacency I began to fear that she had deliberately disposed of an unwanted child. At last she did disappear for an hour but only to be discovered purring and bloated in the larder.

The long day of watching and listening dragged on and it was not until after 11 p.m. that I tried the consolation of an extra deep hot bath. After that I took one last sad look at the empty bed in the airing cupboard. As I turned away I slapped the pipe that had been the kitten's comfort—even that was cold now—and then as an echo to the slap I heard a little cry followed by a strong hungry one. The cupboard was quite empty and I began to fear hallucinations until I realized that the

cries were coming from underneath the floor.

Frantically I prised up a board and there in the cavity beside the pipe lay a very disconsolate baby. She had been there at least twenty-eight hours and possibly up to thirty-five and must have pushed her way down through the very narrowest of chinks where the floorboard did not fit precisely around the pipe. So there was no possibility of her mother having reached her to feed her during that time.

Caprice greeted her with pleasure and within an hour she was warm and suckling again. She was just five days old. At a week there was an appreciable gain in weight and now at three weeks

she has emerged right on schedule into the outside world and is the very epitome of Spring after her season in the Under-world.

The above was written ten days ago and I must add a sad postscript. For another week Persephone thrived and grew daily more venturesome—then she caught a chill and went off her food and for two days and nights I fed her with a pipette. On the third day she was greatly improved and I ventured to leave her for a few hours but when I returned she was lying in a cold corner more dead than alive and I could not save her. She had made a gallant fight for survival but the cards were stacked too strongly against her. Had she in her short life made history?

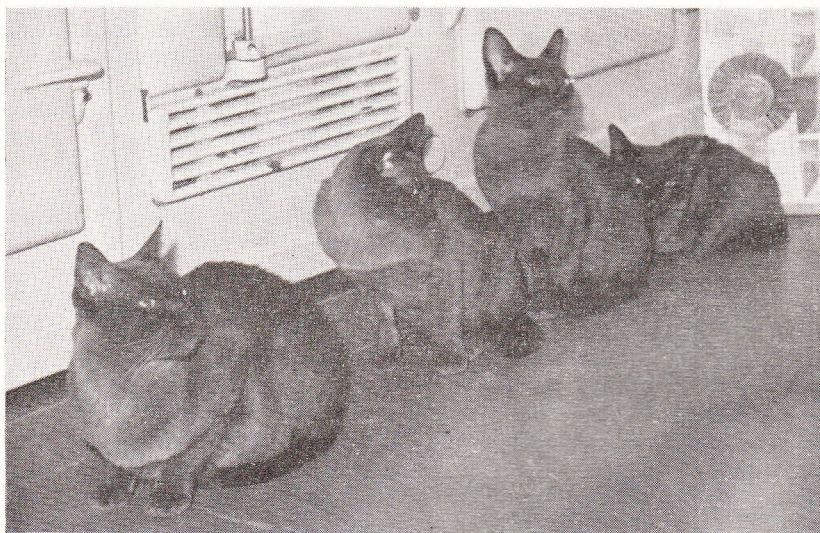


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The author's Burmese family in their Wiltshire home. Kyneton Chweta is in the foreground with her offspring Cockade, Coquette (now a Champion) and Caprice, mother of the luckless Persephone.

Veterinary questions answered

By M.R.C.V.S.

False pregnancies

A Kentish reader asks: *I wonder if you can tell me why my little Siamese queen has false pregnancies. On her first call, although not mated, she had a false pregnancy and when she called the third time we mated her, only to find another false. Thinking this was probably due to it being her first mating, the stud owner gave her another mating and again there was a false pregnancy. We are wondering whether a different stud would be advisable or should she have treatment? Or is there something lacking in her diet? She has a varied diet and plenty of room for exercise and access to grass.*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: This phenomenon is not really uncommon and arises from some hormone upset. Your veterinary surgeon must deal with this. The line I would take is to inject intramuscularly gonadotrophic hormone; 100 to 150 units may be injected on alternate days for 3 doses, following each period of oestrus.

Request for a diet

Another Kentish reader writes: *Can you suggest any remedy for diarrhoea? My neutered female cat (aged 10 months) has periods of very bad diarrhoea which last for several weeks. These attacks come on suddenly and for no apparent reason, such as a change of diet, and she has suffered in this way ever since I had her at 12 weeks. The cat herself appears to feel no ill effects during these times. She has been treated with various antibiotics, which had no effect, and my local vet. has had a sample analysed. There was no sign of anything present. I have tried keeping her on a little water only for three days,*

then gradually beginning food again. The diarrhoea clears up suddenly of its own accord and often does not recur for a month or so. Can you suggest a diet I could put her on?

M.R.C.V.S. replies: The first obvious thing to do is to ascertain the cause of the diarrhoea before one can apply appropriate treatment. Firstly, there are cats with which tinned foods disagree. I have two, one of which usually vomits after eating a tinned food, the other doesn't turn a hair. There is little variety of food suitable for cats but I should try feeding yours on ordinary meat or boiled fish. If you could get her to eat prepared Bengers Food to which powdered Kaolin and charcoal have been added, you might find advantage. It is most important to eliminate all possibility of infection with coccidia or worms. Also the excreta should be professionally examined for tuberculosis, as this is a disease which sometimes affects the bowels of cats and dogs and causes intermittent diarrhoea. Weak heart action is another cause, though this is unlikely in a young cat. The drug which might be useful is trinitamide or sulphamezathine, powdered and mixed into paste with margarine and smeared over the jaws and paws from which it will be licked off.

Eye trouble

A French subscriber asks: *Can you please help me over the health of my 22-month-old neuter Siamese cat? At the age of 4 months he poisoned himself by eating bits of laurel leaf and my vet. cured this with teramycine. Then he started to but on too*

much weight, so he went on a diet and was given stuff for his liver. He is now 11 lbs., full of fun and plays all day with my other Siamese, eats well and drinks a little water. But in December he started drawing across his third eyelid and has done it more or less ever since. The vet. has thoroughly overhauled him, but with next to no result. Another odd thing is that his moustache and chin are practically white and the outside of his ears seem very sparse of fur.

M.R.C.V.S. replies: I can only think that the cause of the haw appearing must in this case be due to some ocular disease. It would seem very necessary for an eye specialist to examine all parts of the eyeball and the conjunctiva whilst the cat is under a general anaesthetic. Irritation of the cornea or almost any other eye complaint may cause the cat to draw the third eyelid across the eye. On the other hand, this condition can be seen in some cases of anaemia, starvation or infections. I think you might try the effect of installing an ocular anaesthetic into the orbit, as if there is irritation or pain in any part of the eyeball or its appendages, the local anaesthetic would remove this and the membrane would return to its normal position.

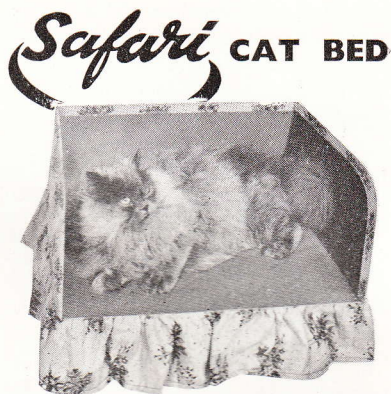
A jealous queen

A Staffordshire reader writes:

I own two Seal Point Siamese females, one 6 months old, and the other 2½ years old. At present the last named is expecting a litter in four weeks time. She is very bad tempered and always fights the younger cat if she comes near. I have never owned more than one cat before and wonder whether cats in kitten always behave like this? Ought I to keep them apart whenever possible and what shall I do when the kittens arrive? Also, how old should kittens be before they can have their inoculation? Both my cats have been inoculated. I lost one last June with contagious enteritis. So will there be any likelihood of the new kittens catching this as a result?

M.R.C.V.S. replies: I think it unnecessary (and certainly inconvenient for you) to keep your cats apart. When kittens arrive however, it might be prudent to do so as the queen would quite likely be jealous and aggressive. The kittens may be inoculated at about 12 weeks old. I do not think they stand much chance of contacting enteritis.

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



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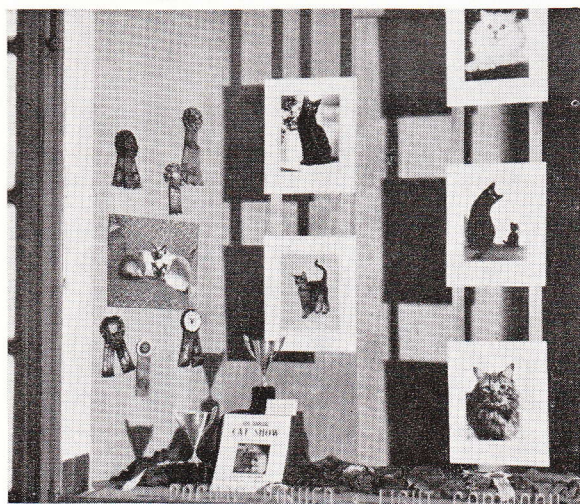
By ELLA B. MARTIN

DURING the past twelve months, enquiries have been coming in steadily for kittens of most breeds and it is correct to say that they have been received from all corners of the cat world. English-bred stock still holds its attractions for fanciers overseas and it is interesting to note that many of my own selections last year were made for former clients. The task of getting a kitten safely established in a new home many hundreds of miles away is always beset with doubts and anxieties and therefore it is a special pleasure when an old client comes back with a new commission.

The following cats and kittens have passed through my hands; some were sent off at the request of home breeders to customers of their own.

America. Honolulu was new territory for me and the kitten I sent there went at the request of Miss Evelyn Langston. He was Malcolm of Allington, a very handsome boy indeed. He went to Mrs. Mary McGuire. Although there is no quarantine in the States, the same rule does not apply for livestock entering Honolulu. But the accommodation provided there by the authorities is excellent and Mrs. McGuire was able to visit Malcolm every day, which she did. Malcolm eventually reached home in fine fettle and the first thing he did to celebrate his freedom was to climb up a high tree in the garden. He was eventually rescued and I really can't blame him for this escapade as doubtless he climbed high to have a good look around his lovely new surroundings.

Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, having already had Blue Longhair Prestwood Onyx, ordered another with the same prefix and in July, Petunia (breeder Mrs. F. J. Parker) went off to



An attractive window display in a downtown store helped to swell the gate at a Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. store. This is an effective form of publicity which more show organizers might do well to consider.

her. Since then Mrs. Anderson has had a great heartbreak for she lost sweet Onyx at 15 months old. I share her sorrow because I knew from her letters that Onyx had become a real person in the household. It was terrible bad luck. Mrs. F. Leopold, of Malvern, Pa., received a pair of Abyssinian kittens, Contented Santos (bred by Miss Wiseman) and Old Bowlsh Zoe, bred by Lady Headlam. Zoe had to be found at very short notice and was unshown here, but Santos was a show winner prior to departure and a very good kitten.

Mrs. Ruth Tyler, of Houston, Texas, ordered a Blue Point Siamese female and Mrs. Boal's 1st winner Freefolk Blue Fania went out to her in September.



Mrs. Anne Watling, of Santa Barbara, with one of her home-bred Siamese. Her large feline family, including several English-bred cats, enjoy happy days under sunny Californian skies.

Fania joined Mrs. Tyler's other imports Killdown Cassandra and Causeway Lucienne, selected for her some time previous. Both "Cassie" and Lucien have won top awards and what a thrill it was to receive a cable stating "Cassie All Southern Seal Female—Tyler." Lucienne also went Best Cat Specialty Show, Best Foreign Shorthair at St. Petersburg, Florida, in January, 1957. So Fania, the newcomer, has something to live up to in this household! I had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Tyler's daughter Judy during her trip to Europe last summer. The visit was all too short. Judy!

Lucky Petti!

Mrs. Anne Watling, of Santa Barbara, to whom I had sent several imports, ordered a Blue Point Siamese female to be sired by Ch. Prestwick Blue Crackers. So Tensen Petti-Sing, bred by Mrs. Christensen, flew out in October just in time to escape our winter weather for the Californian sunshine. I imagined myself in that little blue carrier instead of Petti! Mrs. Watling's arrival cable ran "Petti-Sing divine," which doesn't require any qualification.

The next kit for the States went to Mrs. Tyler's friend Mrs. McPhee, of Houston, Texas. It was a Blue Longhair female—Ashdown Scilla—and I welcomed the cable from Mrs. McPhee saying "Scilla good condition—delighted." Mrs. Headley, of West Peabody, has recently received a Chocolate Point Siamese Killdown Prasong and has since placed an order for a Seal Point, which I have yet to locate. At the present time most queens are either calling or in kitten. Soon there should be a good selection available.

Lastly, Camber Dahlia (1st Blue Longhair winner bred by Mrs. Denton) had just arrived safely in California. I was specially concerned about her as her departure coincided with our worst week of fog. Instead of leaving at

10 p.m. on the Monday, little Dahlia did not get off till mid-day on the Wednesday. The plane was standing by for most of that time ready to take off immediately the fog lifted sufficiently. There were a number of other animals for this flight and what a blessing it is that there is such an excellent R.S.P.C.A. Animal Hostel at London Airport. Dahlia spent most of her waiting time there and reached her destination in good condition in spite of the long delay.

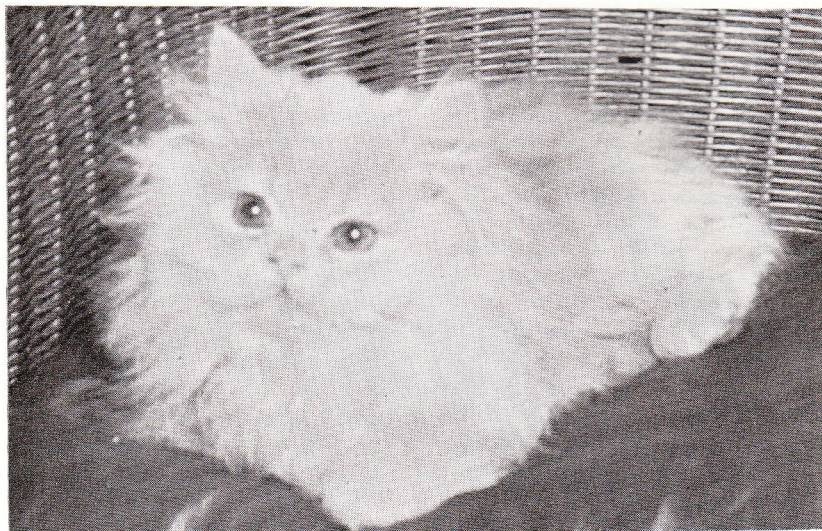
Will U.S.A. breeders kindly note that the *usual* Certified Pedigrees and Export Certificates, as issued by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, are in reality for *four* generations, although in G.C. rules they are referred to as three generation forms. They show the parents, grandparents and great grandparents and such a pedigree is supplied at a charge of 5/-. If a further generation is required, the charge is 20/- plus postage (i.e. \$3.20 approx. if sent by air). The G.C.C.F. cannot show eye colour in the pedigrees as these details are not kept in their records. The only eye colour recorded is for Breed No. 2a—White,

Orange-eyed. Furthermore, the Assistant Secretary of the Council has pointed out that during the busy months there may be a delay of up to eight weeks in supplying four generation pedigrees, due to the many hours of work involved in searching the records.

Australia. Mrs. Ann Vize, well known to our own Fancy, left us some few years ago to take up residence in Belrose, New South Wales. She placed an order with Mrs. Stephenson for one of her Ashdown kittens, Ashdown Shamrock. When the kitten was ready to go, a bundle of blue sweetness, there was no travelling companion for her. But it was no surprise to learn later that she was thoroughly petted and cared for by the ship's crew. A grooming demonstration was given prior to sailing and the apprentice who attended to the daily task proved to be a good pupil. Shamrock was in beautiful coat when she was taken ashore at Sydney. It is always a great relief to me to know that all has gone well on the long trips by sea to Australia and New Zealand.

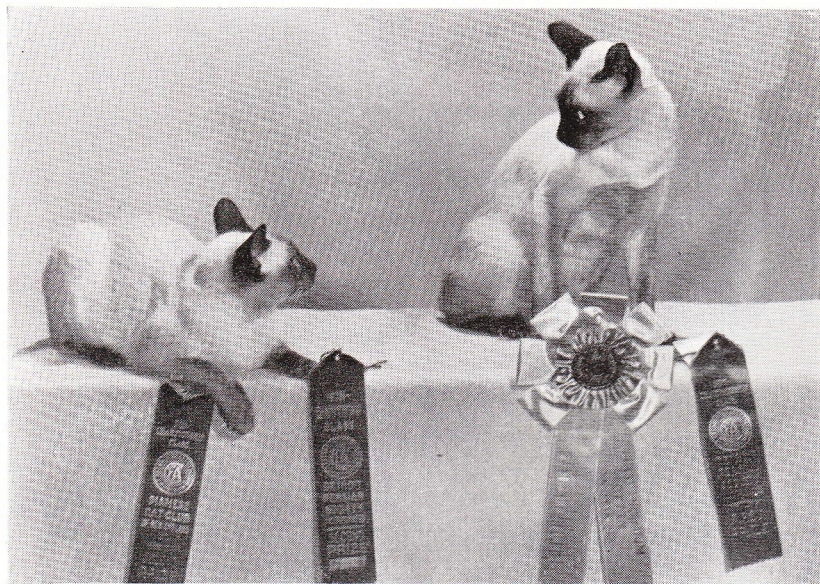


Mr. Price Cross, of Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., President of A.C.F.A. and doyen of the American Siamese world, is a busy man. Here he is seen enjoying the company he loves at the home of his friend Dr. Melton, well-known Dallas veterinarian.



D. L. Lipson

CHADHURST SUNSHINE, Cream kitten bred by Miss M. L. Rodda, made the long journey from Essex to the Colorado, U.S.A. home of Mrs. Samy Hirsig. Sunshine is now an adult and the father of a lovely kitten of great promise, Rocky Mountain Heydey.



Conversation piece—by **CLEO** and **MING**, litter brother and sister. These nice Siamese were bred by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Venables, of London, from their queen Anveley Velvet and they were in the last litter to be sired by Miss Kennedy Bell's Peekay Larchwood Lover. In July last year they were purchased by Mrs. M. Buckner, of Toronto, Canada. Ten days after their arrival they took a 3rd prize at Buffalo, New York. Later, at the Detroit Show, Cleo took two second ribbons and Ming was Best Male Kitten. Our photograph was taken by "Muzzie" Nelson, Detroit "petographer."

Young kittens seem to enjoy it. Older cats are more likely to fret and I dislike sending adults off because they always take longer to re-settle. I think, too, it is a sad occasion for them unless they are going to rejoin their original owners in a new country.

Canada. Mrs. C. B. Borrett ordered yet another Colourpoint Longhair from Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb and Briarry Femme Fatale, with blue points, went to Calgary in January. Cable said: "Thirsty, purring, playful, good condition." The flights to Canadian places are not easy ones and I had written personal letters to the airport veterinarian at Montreal and also to the airline to

try to speed up the kit's clearance and to ensure that she caught her connection to Calgary . . . which she did. There is no direct flight for livestock from London to Canada. Which is a pity !

Mrs. E. L. R. Williamson, of Ottawa, imported an Abyssinian, Contented Christi, and is so delighted with him that I have just selected a female to leave shortly as a companion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williamson enjoy their pets greatly and besides the Aby (bred by Miss Wiseman) they have three "ordinary" cats. Christi is called "Posey" by the family and he has figured prominently in the Ottawa press.

(to be continued)

NOTHING BUT THE BEST . . .

THE most exclusive hotel in Hollywood, California (says a B.U.P. news item) is occupied entirely by cats. It is called Blackfords Hotel for Cats and its purpose is to ensure that the pets of film stars and other prominent residents will live in the surroundings which their social status demands when their owners are away from home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blackford run the establishment and their clients include Elizabeth Taylor, Kim Novak, Mona Freeman, George Murphy, Jeff Hunter, Ira Gershwin, Robert Culp and Meredith Willson. "We lost Miss Taylor temporarily when she married Mike Todd," explains Mr. Blackford. "He made her get rid of her cats and she cried about it."

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high) or doubles, triples and quadruples for cats who get lonely. Fresh sheets, pillow cases and carpets are supplied daily and there are plush reception halls for callers. Outside there are landscaped grounds and gardens for sunbathing and other pursuits.

Mr. Blackford explains that special dietetic foods are available for cats who want to be streamlined. "You must remember," he says, "that these animals were born to the purple and have delicate tastes. We have one that eats yogurt and strawberries, another takes cantaloupe mixed with Spanish peanuts, another will eat only scrambled eggs and another likes shrimp cocktail with ripe olives. One cat arrived with his own deep freeze containing 600 pounds of meat and an electric blanket."

Dining at Blackfords is always accompanied by radio music and of course there is air conditioning. When owners write to their pets, as they frequently do, the contents are read to the animals and the stationery left in their rooms so that they can get the personal odour.

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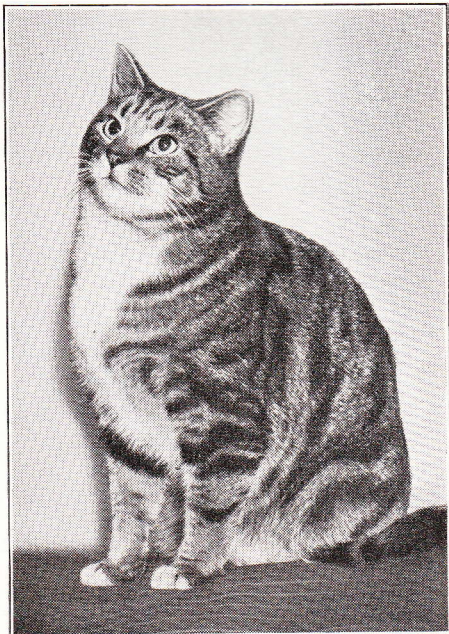
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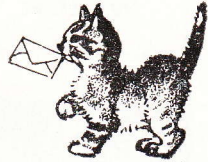
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Correspondence Corner

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A Link with Friends

Each month's issue of OUR CATS is a pleasant experience for me. First of all, of course, because I like and have cats and secondly it's almost like a personal visit among British people.

Many years ago, when I lived in Hong Kong and Shanghai, I had many very wonderful British friends. My husband's naval duties took us elsewhere, then came the war and all contact was lost with those friends overseas.

So, reading OUR CATS almost seems like a visit with people I once knew. Then, too, Blanche Wolfram has written some wonderful profiles of breeders whom I know here. Her Christmas message was most timely and worthy of thought.

MRS. JOHN L. ELLIOTT.
San Diego 14, Calif., U.S.A.

Wild Cats

Congratulations on the completion of a successful decade of publication. Our best wishes for many more.

We are now engaged in the study of various species of wild cat, having at the moment a puma and a bob-cat. We hope eventually to own a Canadian lynx and others. If any of the readers of OUR CATS have had first-hand experience with any species of wild cat (leopards, jaguars, etc., particularly the more exotic cats) we would be very pleased if they wrote to us. Care and training of the animals, eating habits and feeding, behaviour, etc., are of great interest to us.

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Chinchilla Breeding

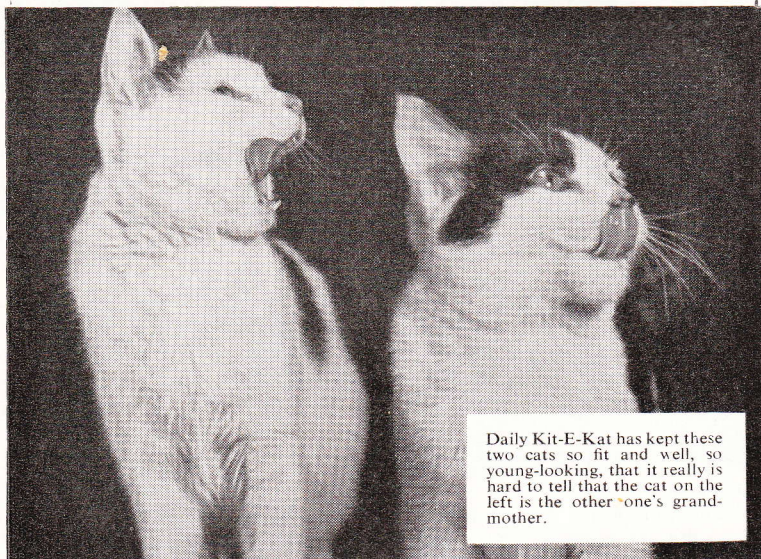
I have always considered it a sign of both weakness and stupidity to refuse to admit one's mistakes, but people do exist who would almost sooner die than confess to being wrong. I hope I shall never be guilty of such folly and I wish to make it clear here and now that I was misinformed when I stated in my broadcast (reproduced in the November issue of OUR CATS) that Blue-Chins are classified as Shaded Silvers in the U.S.A. This was an erroneous idea that I picked up from a not-very-well-informed person at a cat show in America which I attended some years ago.

I have since obtained confirmation from the States that Shaded Silvers are indeed as Mrs. Turney describes them. I will not say "pure bred," as she does, as this is somewhat misleading and depends entirely on what they are pure for.

However, none of this affects my argument that Chinchillas, in this country at any rate, are in urgent need of a good out-cross. I predicted at the time of making these remarks that they would provoke a violent outcry from Chin breeders and I am glad that this should be so. The more they are discussed and thought about, the better, for then some good may result. I am sufficiently sensible, however, to realize that nothing I can say is likely to have any effect on the existing small band of Chinchilla breeders who plainly resent any form of criticism, whether constructive or otherwise, and as far as they are concerned I know I am wasting my time.

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For those who are interested in progress, however, here are a few suggestions. If you intend to experiment with a view to improving Chinchillas do not expect to achieve the desired results in the first or second generations. Cultivate patience. Profit by the experience of others. The blue outcross has been tried, we know, with the result that the beautiful eye-colour has been lost. But has it been intelligently tried and have the results been sufficiently followed up to their final conclusions? I doubt it. Two Blue-Chins mated together can and often do produce mixed litters. Mrs. Turney finds this odd and calls it "not breeding true." Has she never heard of dominant and recessive genes?

I have not experimented with Chinchillas but I should imagine that the reason for their "breeding true" is because their distinctive colouring is due to a recessive gene. If this is so then they cannot help producing kittens like themselves. This of course is the case with Blues (blue in cats being recessive) for no matter how these are bred, when both parents are blue only blue offspring will result.

Obviously then, it is unwise to cross two Blue-Chins together and the better course would be to mate two unrelated Blue-Chins to two Chinchillas and then cross the resulting kittens to each other. This should give a proportion of young with better bone and type as well as some of the desired features of the Chinchilla. Eye colour is a more difficult matter and further experiments *might* be necessary to get it. It is probably affected by a number of varying factors, but if only Chinchillas with correct eye colour are used for this experiment it is pretty certain that some individuals with similar eyes will crop up.

Recessive genes need to be carried by both parents to reproduce themselves, so it would be useless to attempt only one out-cross.

Introducing the Blue outcross must inevitably improve type, but had we in

this country a strain of Blue-eyed Whites such as exists on the Continent I would suggest this as a better outcross. Some years ago I produced a White with vivid green eyes of the desired Chinchilla shade (from a Blue-eyed White queen and a Colourpoint stud) and it is well known that Whites do often produce green eyed kittens when mated to cats of other colours. However, progress towards better type would not be made by using any Blue-eyed White in this country and such a cross must regrettably be ruled out.

In my opinion the present policy with regard to the breeding of Chinchillas must end in disaster if substantial quantities of new blood are not introduced. The occasional importing of a

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

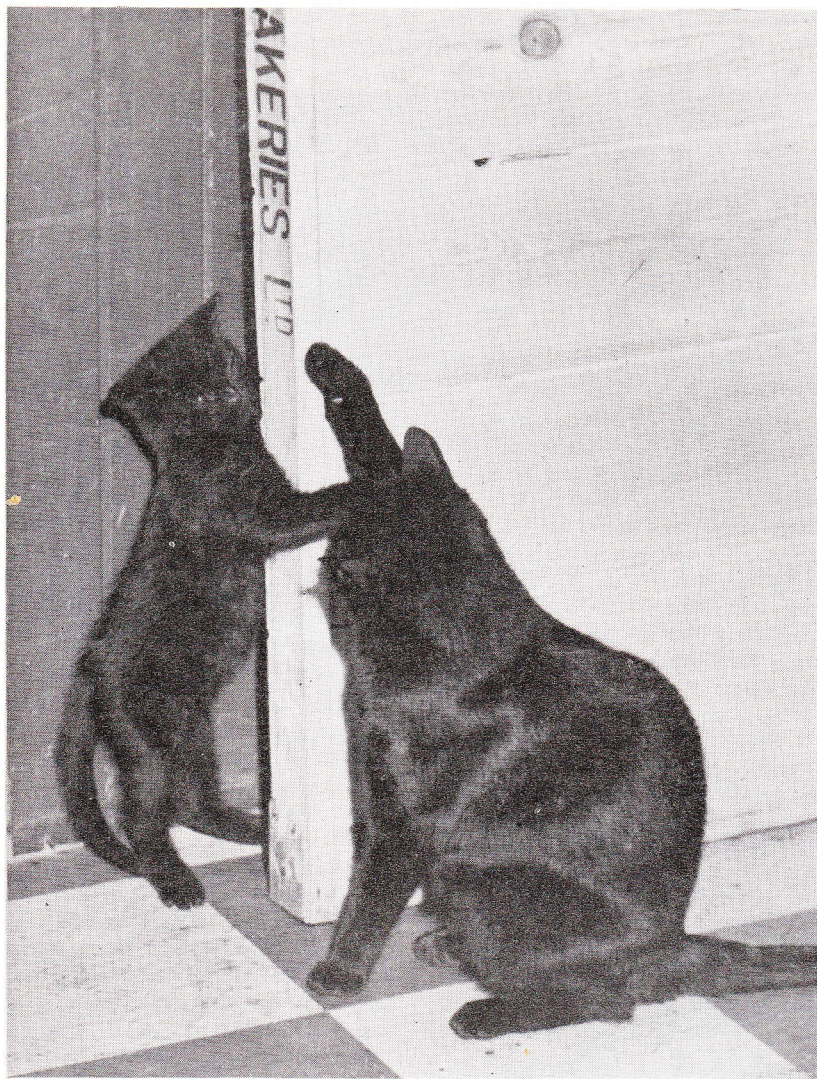
cat from the Continent or America is not enough, for the existing strain is becoming more than a little inbred.

Many evils may result from this, but I will mention only one, namely monorchidism, which, I am sorry to say, is already more prevalent in this variety than in any other. It is, of course, an inherited fault.

In any case, British Chinchillas as a whole are wanting in type and bone. Lovely as they are, how much lovelier they would be if only they possessed broader heads, smaller and better placed ears, shorter noses, stronger chins and shorter tails. All these properties could be obtained *in time* with intelligent breeding but half measures, which as far as I know are all that anyone has so far attempted, are worse than useless and results from them are no criterion.

I do not advocate the breeding of elephantine Chinchillas, as I consider half the attraction would be lost if we

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KITCHEN KAPERS

The caption has been suggested by the photographer, Mr. A. Farquharson, of Glasgow. He writes: "I took this picture of a mother and her kitten at a function at which the interesting shots should have been people, but believe me I could have watched this pair all night rather than the humans. I have never seen a mother cat take so much interest in her kitten in my life. She must have played non-stop for over an hour. The shot was taken in the kitchen where they were playing hide-and-seek round a baker's breadboard."

For ready reference

BEFORE I opened *A to Z of Cats*, the name on the cover of Kit Wilson as the author made me confident that the contents would be sound and commonsense advice based on a lifetime's experience, written in plain English with a minimum of the fanciful jargon into which it is so easy for experts to fall. My confidence was fully justified when I read the book.

Its 100 plus pages give the answers to all the questions a cat-lover is likely to ask. If I were giving a kitten to someone who had never kept one before, I could think of no better way of ensuring the kitten's well-being than making a present of this book with it. At the same time, there is information that may be new even to experienced cat-owners and breeders, for instance, on the dangers of poisoning in certain circumstances from ornamental garden ponds and in using turpentine to remove wet paint from a cat's fur.

The questions are arranged alphabetically for easy reference from "Abscesses" to "X-rays" and at a first reading, there is only one that occurs to me as frequently asked which is missing—"Coughing." Curiously this is a heading I have found missing from many previous practical books on cats. There are a dozen well-posed photo-

graphs illustrating the methods of grooming, lifting and medicating a cat.

In addition to practical advice about the care of cats in health and sickness, the book contains all the basic information that the beginner needs for breeding and showing cats and an appendix giving the Standard of Points of all breeds.

A to Z of Cats is bound in what appears to be a water- and stain-proof cover which is as practical as its contents. It is published by Max Parrish at 7s. 6d. (U.S. \$1.25).

S.D.

Another book for cat lovers to reach us hot from the press is *Tabby Magic*, published by Hutchinsons at 10s. 6d. (U.S. \$1.75). The author is Cecile de Banke and some capable illustrations of the two cat friends Mary-Ann and Sandy by Nora Unwin contribute largely to one's enjoyment of the book. The inseparable pair find themselves involved in some amusing scrapes and adventures. Mary-Ann really is no magic cat but just a sly, adorable and home-loving cat.

CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

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had outside specimens. On the other hand, I am unable to agree with the champions of the variety who defend their obvious faults by telling us that they should be "fairy-like" in appearance. I have never personally encountered a fairy, for there are none at the bottom of my garden, but I am quite convinced that if such little people exist they are certainly not characterized by long noses, receding chins and off-white complexions. The simile would seem to me therefore to be not very apt.

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Reproduction (No. 54)

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. Readers who have problems they would like to submit to Mr. Jude should address them to him c/o this Magazine.

IN course of correspondence about matters arising out of this series, questions have been asked about the capability of the female of certain species to reproduce in the absence of normal form of mating, i.e. independently of the male. This certainly does occur, and is not uncommon in nature even with the mammals.

The stick insect of S. Europe is a good example. The male is practically unknown, and generations of females follow each other. As soon as they mature they lay eggs, and these hatch into more females. And it goes on for generations.

The common green-fly is another example. The Spring individuals hatch from eggs and are all females. After a very short time, without mating, they begin to give birth to living young, which are all females. In this way they increase in numbers rapidly, and when over-crowding threatens, winged insects are produced, and the pest is spread from plant to plant. As the summer season draws to an end, both males and females are born. Then, pairing takes place and the fertilized females lay eggs which hatch in the following Spring into a new generation of so-called viviparous females, i.e. females capable of producing living young as just described.

The same thing also happens amongst bees. Now and then a worker bee may start to lay eggs if the queen has died. These eggs, being unfertilized, all hatch into drones and the colony of bees is doomed to die out very soon. A queen bee can lay fertilized or unfertilized eggs at will, and thus produces both workers and drones. The drone, in other words, has no father!

In these cases there are not the usual inherited near-likenesses and small differences which are to be expected when two parents are involved. It is rather like the taking of cuttings in plants. In such cases the resulting plants are similar to the one parent plant. In that way of course, "purity" of flower colour or fruit characteristic of the parent is retained.

Eye colour

One other matter about which questions have been asked is the inheritance of eye colour. Only little research into the particular inheritance of eye colour in cats has been undertaken, but what has been done, seems to run more or less parallel with that which applies in the case of humans, and in that field it was only natural that early research was made.

Hurst, and others, clearly demonstrated the existence of one Mendelian factor in operation here. Eyes may be

of many "colours." The colours depend on the pigment in the iris. In pedigree cats the number of variations is restricted while combinations are more extensive where cross-breeding occurs. Some eyes have pigment on both sides of the iris, others have pigment on the retinal side only. To this class belongs the blues and clear greys, while the eyes with pigment in front of the iris also are browns, hazels, and greens in various shades according to the amount of pigment present.

"Red-eyed" Siamese

In albino animals, the pigment is entirely absent, and as the little blood-vessels are not obscured, the iris takes on its characteristic pinkish-red appearance. In Siamese cats the amount of pigment present is not great, and that accounts for the pinkish-red colour seen in certain lights.

Generally, it may be taken that the condition in which pigment is present in front of the iris is dominant to that in which it is absent. The greens, browns or hazels mated together may, if heterozygous, give the recessive blue, but no individuals of the brown class are to be looked for among the offspring of blues mated together; but the blues may carry factors which are capable of modifying the brown. The brown may become intensified.

There are doubtless other factors which modify the brown when present, but we do not yet know enough of the inheritance of the various shades to justify any statement other than the heredity of the pigment in front of the iris behaves as though it were due to a Mendelian factor. Intensity of colour is the criterion at present in vogue, and it is customary to arrange the eye-colours in a scale of increasing depth of shade, starting with pale greys and ending with deepest browns.

On this system, the lighter greens are placed among the blues. But we know that blues may differ from the deep

browns in the absence of only a single factor, while on the other hand, the difference between a blue and a green may be a difference dependent upon more than one factor.

The question of eye-colour suggests reflections of another kind. It may be difficult to believe that the markedly different states of pigmentation which occur in the same species are not associated with deep-seated chemical differences influencing the character and bent of an individual. May not these differences in pigmentation be coupled with, and so become in some measure a guide to temperamental and mental characteristics?

Mental inheritance

The inheritance of mental characters is often elusive, for it is frequently difficult to appraise the effects of early environment. That ability can be transmitted there is no doubt, for this is borne out by general experience, as well as by the numerous cases of able families brought together by various students. But when we come to enquire more precisely what it is that is transmitted, we are baffled. A distinguished son follows in the footsteps of a distinguished father. Is this due to the inheritance of a particular mental aptitude, or is it an instance of general mental ability in a field rendered attractive by early association?

We have at present only a little definite evidence for supposing that what appear to be special forms of ability may be due to specific factors. Hurst brought forward some facts which suggest that musical sense sometimes behaves as a recessive character, and it is likely that the study of some clean-cut faculty, such as the mathematical one, would yield interesting results.

This latter part is rather beside the point, but it is nevertheless interesting. The facts are suggestive, and it is not

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Tailpieces

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



A 17-year-old French girl won a feline beauty competition in France with her trio of cats. She suggested after the win that cat owners should study music to enable them to understand what their cats are trying to tell them. "When my cats are bored," she explained, "they always miaow on the musical note D."

The Second Annual Congress of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association was held in London last month. In his address, the President (Mr. C. E. Woodrow, M.R.C.V.S.) referred to the fact that, as so often happens in human medicine, the disappearance of one disease in the veterinary field brings to the fore some new disease or at least emphasizes the importance of some other disease hitherto overshadowed by the more serious epidemics. The results of some recent research work on the feeding of Siamese cats showed that a diet of heart is most injurious and if fed exclusively can lead to paralysis in a matter of weeks.

Val Gielgud, the B B C producer and author, revealed in a questionnaire submitted by a popular woman's periodical that his dream house varies between a Sicilian villa with a view of the Mediterranean and a Sussex cottage with a view of the South Downs. Each contains cats—in quantity. He deplored the fact that his London flat contains only china cats.

With the arrival of autumn, the Australian Fancy is stirring into activity

after its summer "hibernation," which may all sound a trifle puzzling to readers who live "on top" and not "down under!" The big event this month is, of course, the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. The Federal Cat Club of Australasia is also holding its Kitten Show at Manly in aid of the Far West Health Scheme Fund. Judges appointed for this event are Mrs. Ann Vize, Mrs. L. Whyte and Mrs. D. Murphyn. Mrs. Helen Scognamiglio is the Club's new Hon. Secretary and Editor of the monthly journal *Cats Digest*. Her address is 133 Arthur Street, North Sydney.

The Australian Fancy, particularly the Longhair breeders, have suffered a great blow by the death of Mrs. Ann Vize's Ch. Astra of Pensford at 11 years. Bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson from Valley End Blue Prince ex Babette of Pensford, Astra became one of the best known Blue studs in this country before he left three years ago to live near Sydney with Mrs. Vize. His progeny are scattered all over the cat world and perhaps the best known is Myowne Gallant Homme, who was sold to a French fancier as a kitten for the big price of £150 and is now an International Champion. Astra's death is all the more tragic because his son Myowne Biggasboy, a young stud of great promise, died a short time previously.

Mrs. Margaret Kemp, a widow aged 85 who died in February at the select coast resort of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, left £303,870, duty paid £179,137. She

was known to many in the district as "the Cat Lady" because she helped poor people to feed their pets. Her weekly food bill for fish and meat ran to a high figure and she would never let any animal go hungry. At one time she ran a cattery which was a home for every stray cat brought to her. Mrs. Kemp was secretary to the founder of the well-known biscuit firm, eventually marrying "the boss's son." After many legacies to friends and animal societies, she left the residue of her estate to St. Dunstan's. There were no children of the marriage. Homes were found for her three cats.

The state of emergency which exists in the country is preventing the Rhodesia Cat Club from fixing a definite date for its next show. I am interested to learn that experiments in the breeding of Colourpoint Longhairs are taking place in that disturbed part of the world.

Safari Dog Beds (widely used by cat owners and advertised in our pages) have been shown on commercial TV during the past few weeks. This is the first time Safari Ltd., have used this medium and it is part of an extensive national advertising programme.

The Western Province Cat Club (South Africa) has concluded what is well described by the Chairman (Rev. Herbert N. Lovemore) as "an active, pleasant and successful year." Membership has been doubled and is now approaching the 100 mark. Floating trophies for the two shows in April and October have increased from 13 to 33 and the Club has been accepted as a member of the Associated Cat Clubs of South Africa. The current issue of the Club's quarterly journal *Cats Calling*, a lively and interesting 28-pager, comments that cats imported from the United Kingdom have had a profound effect in raising the local standard.

The Three Counties Cat Society report a satisfactory year of progress with meet-

ings held at six centres in the area covered by their activities. The Hon. Secretary Mrs. M. A. Wilson told members at the recent A.G.M. that permission had been granted for an Exemption Show to be held on 20th June at the new Verwood Memorial Hall. Mrs. C. F. Cade has been returned Chairman of the Society for another term and the following will serve on the Committee :—Mrs. P. Lane, Miss L. Noblett, Mrs. R. Sayers, Mrs. M. A. Wilson, Mr. C. F. Cade, Capt. W. Pearce, Mr. J. R. Ruston, Wing Commander T. Sayers, Rev. M. Spencer Underhill and Mr. D. Wilson. Tribute was paid to the support given by the President Mrs. K. R. Williams.

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

MICKEY

REPRODUCTION

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impossible that future research may reveal an intimate connection between peculiarities of pigmentation and peculiarities of the mind.

It will be recalled that in a recent article I mentioned that some cases of osteogenesis imperfecta had been reported in the Siamese breed. And because of the possibility that the disease might spread, it was suggested that very careful enquiry should be made by fanciers about the performance of any stud they contemplate using. The matter in no way should be ignored at the present time.



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ities, both human and feline.

Show season ends

THE last Championship Show of the season, that of the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club on February 7th at Stockport, attracted 190 exhibits. Mr. and Mrs. Watson stepped into the breach when Mrs. Brittlebank former Hon. Secretary and Show Manager decided to go to America last December and I hear from some of those who attended that it was a very enjoyable fixture.

Mr. Watson, kindly giving his impressions to me after his first venture into show management, writes: "It does, as you say, involve a great deal of work, especially since starting from scratch one has to work out a system, but we never had any illusions about how much work there really was. What *did* surprise us was the high percentage of entry forms which were incorrect in one or more particulars and which had to be referred back to exhibitors.

"A pleasant surprise was the helpful and encouraging attitude of the judges. It wasn't that we expected to find them unhelpful but we thought they might be critical of any mistakes we made and in fact they were most co-operative. Altogether we had the very satisfying feeling on the day of the Show that everyone was working together as a team to make it a success and we are very appreciative of the help we received."

Main awards were as follow: Best Longhair Cat—Miss Marjorie Bull's White Ch. Deebank Orange Blossom by her Cream male Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam; Best L.H. Kitten—Mr. Leving's Smoke Beauvale Conquest by Barrowdale Mitzvah; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Busbridge's Chinchilla Seaproud Jill by Ch. Mark of Allington; Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Crowther's Burmese Helsby Pitou by Ch. Darshan Khudiram; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Nicholas's S.P. Siamese Rycroft Bendigo by Pierre Pita; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Bradbury's S.P. Siamese Silverseal Juno by Summerfield Saturn.

Any Variety Shorthair Litter class was won by Mrs. Appleby with five S.P. Siamese males and two females by Ch. Milori Oberon. Mrs. Taylor's Blue male Boy Blue of Kenton (by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue) was awarded his second Challenge Certificate and the winning Blue female was Miss Bull's Deebank Fiona by Laird o' Lendal. Two Longhair cats to complete their Championships were Mrs. Ross's Shapur Antonius by Ch. Hathaway Antony

Rowley and Miss Sheppard's Widdington Stardust by Ch. Widdington Winterstar, both Creams.

As usual at provincial shows, the entry of 190 exhibits was considerably less than those at the London fixtures. At the latter about 400 exhibits appears to be about the average nowadays. There were over 500 at the National Show in December when our cats are at their best and there are still a number of kittens about. Only one Chinchilla adult appeared at Stockport—Mrs. Emslie's male Mario of Allington. A notable absentee was Mrs. Turney's and the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest's Chinchilla female Bonavia Marietta who completed her Championship in London in January. Mrs. Brind's Blue-Cream Brynwood Aurora, who became a Champion at the same show, was also absent for the same reason. Wise owners not to subject queens to long journeys once they became Champions!

All too often in the past queens which have had brilliant and repeated successes at shows have failed to be satisfactory brood queens and these of course are the very cats whom we want to reproduce themselves.

Burmese strong

The Burmese entry was excellent, indicating the steady progress of this variety. The winning female was Mrs. Jackson's Sealcoat Lhotse. The Best in Show S.H. adult, Mrs. Crowther's Helsby Pitou and the first three winning kittens in a class of twelve, were all sired by Mrs. Watson's Burmese males Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and Ch. Darshan Khudiram, both U.S.A. imports who have accomplished so much for this lovely variety in England.

Mrs. Dunn's B.P. Siamese kitten Fenham Tarkas by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy who has been so consistent this season won her Open Class again and several firsts in side classes. The winning S.P. male in an Open Class of twelve was

Mr. Fello's Quinton Pita by Ch. Causeway Pita and the winning S.P. female Mrs. Hood's Kutzing Limapuluh by Ch. Milori Oberon.

Happy queens

With the termination of the Championship Shows we will be engaged on the most pleasurable time of the year, the breeding season. Although some disappointments are inevitable they will be fewer if breeders live in surroundings where their queens can have liberty. After the first careless rapture of youth I have never found queens go far away from their own-domain; especially when they are in kitten, and the slight hazards of liberty are far better for their happiness and health than keeping them cooped up, which is such an unnatural life for active and intelligent animals like cats.

Californian visitor

Mrs. Lucille Davies, of Chalfont St. Peter and her husband have a wonderful holiday in prospect when they leave England on April 2nd to travel on the *Queen Mary* and return by the *United States* liner about mid-May. They have changed their plans about flying and intend to have a rest to prepare for sight seeing in America.

Mrs. Davies is also keen to see some of the famous cats especially in California where they intend to make their headquarters. They hope to see Mrs. Moore's Cream male kitten Cream Cracker of Dunesk, who after his triumph at the N.C.C. Ch. Show in December was flown to Pacific Palisades just after Christmas and repeated his success by being Best Solid Colour Kitten at the California Cat Club Ch. Show in January. They are naturally especially interested in him as he is by their own male Ch. Oscar of Pensford. They will also be visiting Mrs. Zoe McEachern of San Francisco who owns full brother to Ch. Oscar—Zoda Frivolous of Pensford.

At the same Show the winning Cream adult female was Milford Lady Gayle of Red Top bred by Mrs. Alberta Paris of Hawthorne California from Ch. Widdington Wonderboy. Best Opposite Sex Solid Colour kitten was imported Blue Mayflower of Dunesk by Gwynn of Allington and Gaydene Wildrose.

The winning Chinchilla male Ch. Gray Ivy Aladdin was by Fanfare of Allington and the Chinchilla, Gray Ivy Oh Joy first in a class of eight novice female adults was also by Fanfare and the novice male Gray Ivy Gallant of Shado Vali.

Not overlooked

The Secretary of the California Cat Club Mrs. Mabel Fischer tells me over 100 entries were refused because of lack of space. In the preface to the Show catalogue it is interesting to see all officials are given a credit mention—show manager, assistant manager, show secretary and entry clerk, ring stewards, etc., down to the door committee, sales and feeding committee, and four show hostesses. A nice thought this, in the cause of team spirit!

The four London Championship Shows—the National, the Southern Counties,

Croydon and Hertfordshire and Middlesex—provide an excellent indication of the popularity of the various breeds and give fair average for the country. Blue Persians still maintain their lead with Creams for the first time being second to them and showing a substantial increase, the only Longhair variety to do so except L.H. Colourpoints.

The figures in the Open Adult and Kitten Classes at the four Shows were Blue adults 72, kittens 71, Cream adults 40, kittens 57; Chinchillas 26 and 39 respectively; Blue-Creams 24 and 14; Colourpoint Longhairs 13 and 19; Blacks 14 and 15, Whites (Orange-eyed and Blue-eyed) 16 and 6; Tortoiseshell adults 13, Tortoiseshell and Whites 13. (In these two last-named varieties the kitten classes were usually amalgamated owing to lack of entries and only numbered 8 at the four shows); Brown Tabby adults 8, Red Tabby adults 7 with Brown and Red Tabby kitten classes amalgamated with thirteen exhibits, Silver Tabbies 8 adults. No Smoke adults were shown in London and the kitten classes were amalgamated with Silver Tabbies with 10 exhibits.

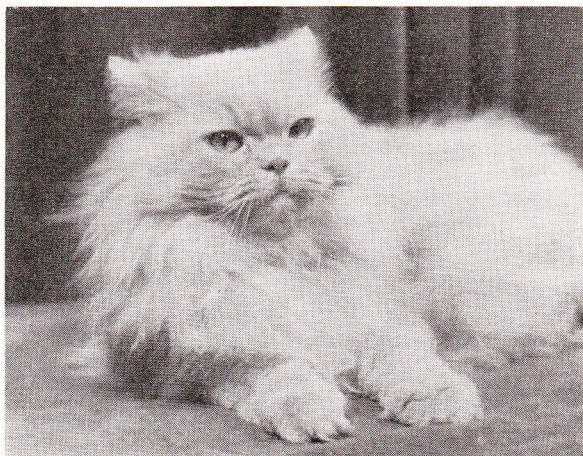
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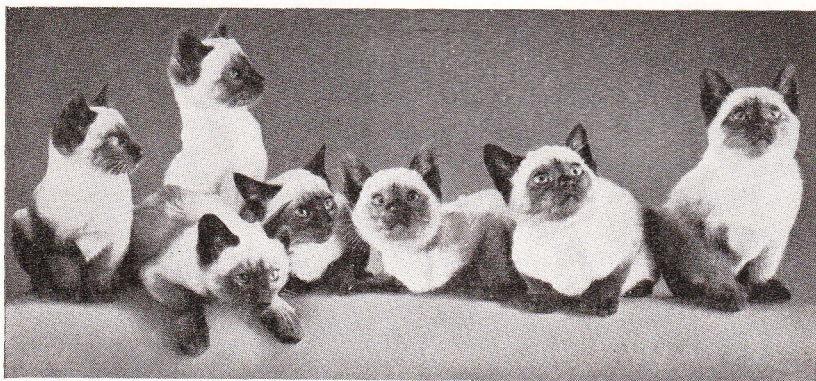
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Cream Shorthairs totalled 11 adults and it would need research to estimate the number of kittens as they were sometimes in amalgamated classes, also the Black and White kittens.

The only Black S.H. adult was Miss Hardman's Ch. Killinghall Black Panther. Whites totalled 4 adults. At two of the shows the Blue-Cream adult class was cancelled and there were only two at each of the other fixtures.

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Mrs. J. M. Newton, Moulsoford Grange, Moulsoford, Berks, is the newly-appointed Hon. Secretary of the Blue-Pointed

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News from "Down Under"

WE are still having very hot, humid weather and it was noticeable at the Southern Cross Club Show on March 7th that quite a few appeared minus their coats and trousers (cats, I mean!) and although they did not share in the award tickets, they looked more comfortable than some of the opposition. A nice entry faced the three senior and two probationer judges at Chatswood Hall. This was the first show of the year as Katoomba A.H. & I. have discontinued their January show cat section, due to insufficient space until new pavilions are built.

Major awards were as follow: *Longhair Section*: Best Male—Mrs. Taylor's St. Chads Danny Boy; Best Female—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Leone; Best Male Kit—Mr. Freeman's Mayfield Aristocrat; Best Female Kit—Mrs. McPherson's Mayfield Cinderella; Best Neuter—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Barry; Best Brood Queen—Miss Rapley's Calicuts of Chinee. *Siamese Section*: Best Male—Mrs. Carlisle's Rama Liberate; Best Female—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Pandora; Best Male Kit—Mrs. Cunningham's Kaylee Solomon; Best Female Kit—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Cassandra; Best Neuter—Mrs. Young's Tarantel Su-Fong; Best Brood Queen—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Pandora.

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The newly-formed club Northern Feline Fanciers have had their constitution approved by the R.A.S. Council and are to hold their first regular quarterly meeting to discuss a comprehensive agenda.

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Mrs. Williams of the well-known Siamese cattery Bluemeade, has taken

a trip to England and will surely visit some of the late shows. As I did not see her prior to sailing I do not know her programme. The Secretary of the Adelaide Cat Club, Don Gebhardt, tells me that he and his wife and Mrs. Crowe visited Mrs. Williams whilst the ship was in port there for two hours and had a chinwag. By the way, I was a little previous re Mrs. Helsham's departure for England. I now find she does not go till April and is to return in November.

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It is of great interest to our local specialist breeders that the Burmese Autumn Haze has been awarded Championship honours.

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The Queensland Cat Club is holding a Championship Show in the Brisbane City Hall this month (March) and I have no doubt it will be a great fixture as it is Brisbane's centenary year and there are a great number of visitors. Princess Alexander has been invited and is to visit the Royal National Show in August. It would be a great thrill for Queensland cat lovers if the Princess visits the cat section. The Toowoomba Agricultural Show has again decided to hold a cat section at their April fixture and pussy is to be on show on the main day. I understand there is very generous prize money amounting to £5 in each of the six main awards. The cat section is very popular and the show officials most co-operative. I also learn that Ipswich City will include a cat section at their next fixture. More details later.

A very nice *Newsletter* is to hand from Tom and Jerry, of Adelaide, which indicates that things are moving along briskly after the New Year festivities. It seems they have left the electric urn switched on ready for the after-meeting "cuppa" as it takes a month to boil. They should invest in an atomic one! Mrs. Crowe, of the Club executive, had a visitor who had never seen a Siamese cat.

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So far, no letter from Mrs. Patterson in Victoria, so I guess things are moving along smoothly. Mrs. R. Smith's Siamese queen Princess Ming at East Murchison, gave birth to a litter of nine sired by Yonalin Patapon. The Shepparton radio station successfully appealed for a foster mother and the little Seal Points are doing well despite a prolonged heat wave of 113 degrees. The Exhibitors' Show was evidently a great success enjoyed by all, including Col. Coles's

Siam of Arden, who did very well. Have not heard from Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pearce, who judged at Melbourne shows quite a lot after their arrival from England. I hope that Mr. Bruce, whose health caused him to give up judging, is returning to full health in his beautiful surroundings.

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No *Newsletter* has reached me from Miss Menzies, O.B.E., Hamilton, New Zealand. It is always so interesting that I look forward to it. Am also waiting to hear from Miss Tasker regarding her proposed L.H. specialist club and magazine at Wellington. When to hand will let you have details. I advised Mrs. Finch and Mrs. G. Allen, of Sydney, about the Red Point Siamese experimental stock on hand at Col. Aberdeen's, Dunedin, and trust some advantage to both sides may result. I heard a whisper that some New Zealand entries will be seen at our Royal Show.



Here's a basketful of mischief! On the left, MIEWERA PATIENCE, by Ch. Cheeri Debroyal, winner of 220 Australian show awards and 14 times Best Male Cat in Show. Patience's mother was bred from Kute Kit Silver Flyer (imp.) and Ch. Bonavia Feather (imp.). The other kitten is MIEWERA KUTE KIT CORNET, sired by Kute Kit Silver Flyer. Bred in New South Wales by Miss Mary Haswell, both kittens are now living in Queensland.

The cat world is very busy, what with shows, lectures, picture nights, social gatherings, etc. If it continues, it seems we may have to start a workshop where some of the top exhibits can be re-conditioned to see the season through ! The R.A.S. Royal Show runs for 10 days and the cat section is judged on Easter Saturday and Monday. Attendance is between 70-80,000 people and a record entry has been received. Since 1927 this fixture has been handled by one judge, but this year Mrs. L. Whyte has been appointed to assist. After the Kitten Show at Manly next month

(April), we have the Cumberland C.C. Show at Lidcombe on May 2nd, the St. George C.C. Show at Arncliffe on May 16th, C.F.A. Ch. Show at Showground on May 30th and Federal Ch. Show on June 20th. Further dates next month.

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Mrs. Wood is President of the St. George District Club. Mrs. Mason did not seek re-election at the A.G.M. Mrs. Martin has now settled in as Secretary.



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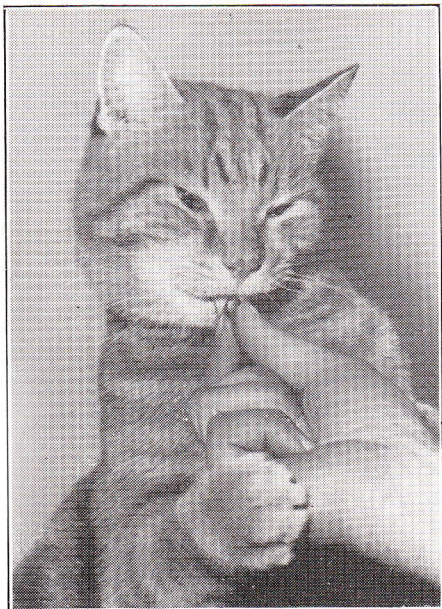
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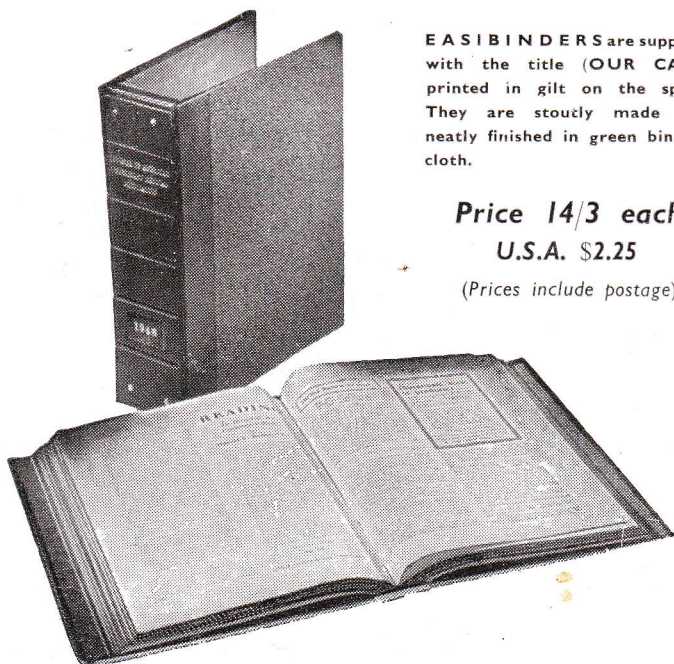
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