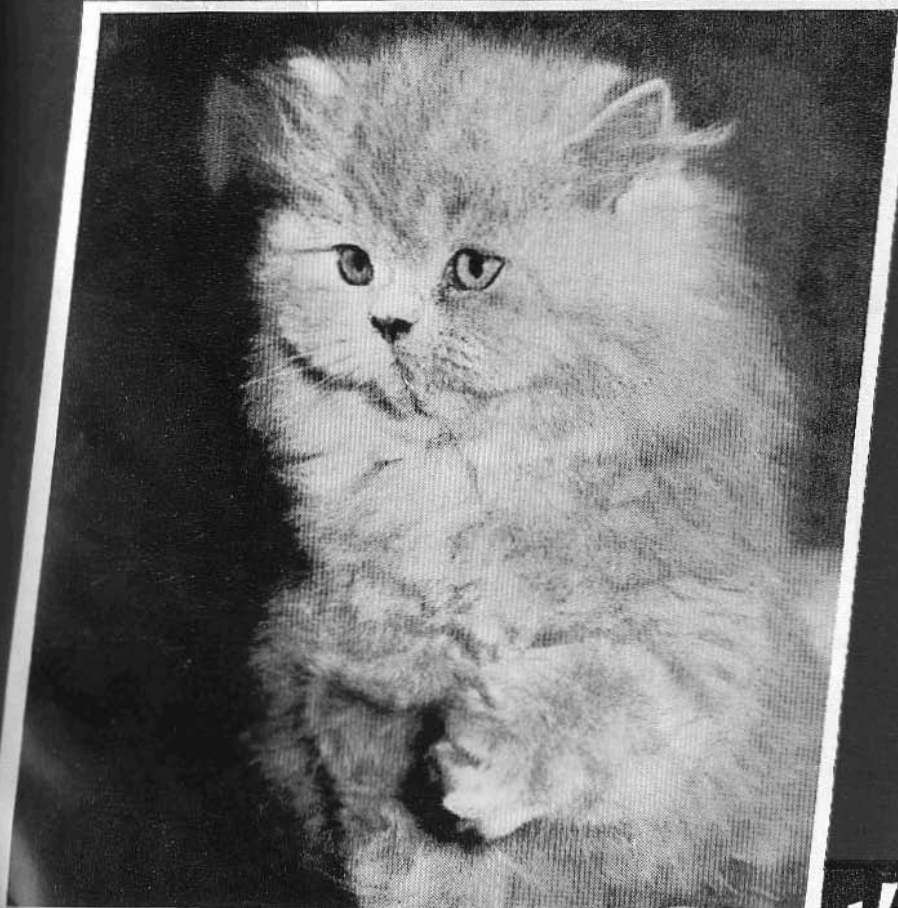


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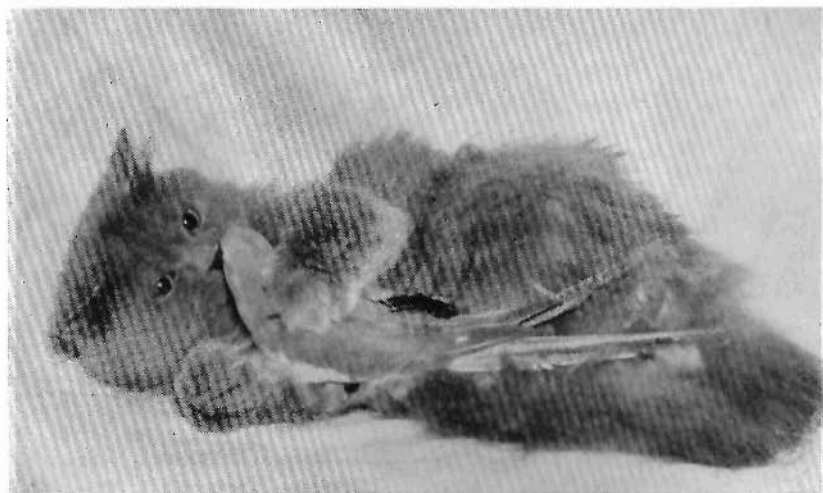
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Let's go to a show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1959-60 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

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14 " ...	*Southsea C.C. ...	Southsea
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17 " ...	*Croydon C.C. ...	London
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9 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire C.C. ...	Nottingham
23 " ...	*Scottish C.C. ...	Glasgow
26 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C. ...	London
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13 " ...	Surrey and Sussex Cat Association ...	Epsom, Surrey

* Denotes show with Championship status. A detailed list of these shows may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. S. E. Barnes, 21a Lewis Road, Sidcup, Kent. We hope that many of the shows will be advertised in OUR CATS during the course of the Season.

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The new cameo Persians

An account of DR.
RACHEL SALISBURY'S
interesting experiments
in America which are
aimed towards establishing
a fascinating new variety
of Longhair

APPEARING frequently at cat shows in the Midwestern part of the United States during the past four years has been a Persian wearing a coat of a new colour—the cameo. Cameo hair shades from very pale cream or pure white next to the skin to soft or brilliant red at the tip, giving the two-toned effect for which the name cameo is descriptive. The depth of tipping follows the pattern of the silver cat, the red being pronounced on the face, back, and tail, while the ruff and underparts of the coat are practically white. Just imagine, if you will, a beautiful Chinchilla, Shaded Silver, or Smoke Persian; change the black tipping to red—and you have the cameo.

The striking cameo coat has been developed over the past five years at Wanaki Cattery, Milton Junction, Wisconsin, through carefully controlled experimentation by Dr. Rachel Salisbury, a former professor of English who now devotes her time to writing text-books on English composition—and experi-



Wanaki Garland is a young shell cameo. Unfortunately we cannot reproduce in colour the soft pink sheen which spreads down the back and deepens in the lovely tail. Here the silver blood line produces a maize-gold eye with an attractive mauvish nose.

menting with cat breeding. Her first cameo was the result of an accidental mating between a Chinchilla male and a Tortoiseshell. The one cameo in a litter of five was male. Eventually he matured and bred his mother, and the resulting cameo kitten was female. When this cameo female matured, the two cameos bred together produced a full litter of cameos of both sexes.

Actively curious by this time regarding the possibility of standardizing the astonishingly lovely colour, the author bought an unrelated Tortoiseshell and a Smoke male. Breeding these together also produced a cameo male kitten. Breeding the original, matured cameo male to the unrelated Tortoiseshell produced the desired female—and good cross breeding was ensured.

During the four years, all four patterns of the shaded cat have appeared among Wanaki cameos; the very pale shell (corresponding to Chinchilla), the shaded cameo, the smoke cameo, and the cameo tabby. The gold eyes have tawny rims and the nose leather has a mauve tone, easily distinguished from pink. In every other respect except for eye and coat colour, Silver standards apply to cameos.

A basic formula

From numerous carefully recorded trials with a wide variety of combinations of colours and sexes, a basic formula has emerged for raising cameo Persians. The rules are simple:

1 Breed any Silver male to a female Tabby, Tortoiseshell or Blue-Cream, and you will almost certainly get a cameo male.

2 Breed this male to any Tabby, Tortie, or Blue-Cream, and you will almost certainly get a cameo female.

3 Breed two first-generation cameos together, and you will almost certainly get a full litter of cameos. Occasionally one kitten will be red or cream.

4 Breed any two cameos of the second generation together, and you will get nothing but cameos—fully standardized in that third generation.

If your Silver is a female, the succession of sexes is reversed, thus:

1 Breed a Shaded female to a male (of any colour) who has Tabby, Tortie, or Blue-Cream in his pedigree, and your chances are very good of getting a cameo female.

2 Breed that cameo female to a Shaded male, and you are almost sure to get a

cameo male. Then follow steps three and four, as before.

Many interesting sidelights have appeared in these experiments with cameo breeding. Perhaps the most critical thing is recognizing the cameo kitten for itself. Many a cameo has been disposed of because his owner concluded hastily that he was a poor Red or a poor Cream. Remember that the cameo is a shaded cat. A poor Cream is a poor Cream all over. The cameo kitten, like the Silver kitten, has a light face (almost white) and a darker, reddish body. It may have noticeable agouti marks, which should fade as the kitten matures. If you can tell a Silver kitten from a Blue or Black kitten, you can also tell a cameo from a Cream or Red kitten. The characteristics are the same—only the colour is different.

Watch also for female genotypes. In the first litter, in particular, that single cameo male may have sisters that could be described as silver-creams or smoke-creams. The base colour is spotted with red or cream in a Tortie-like pattern; frequently there is a distinctly split face, one side being silver (or smoke) and the other cream. Do not destroy these "unheard-of" females; they carry the cameo gene and usually have several cameo kittens in each litter, no matter what colour the father is.

Beauty is striking

There are differences also between Silver and Smoke lines, as progenitors. From Silver blood lines, the cameos tend to be shell or shaded, with a maize-gold eye. From Smoke lines, the cameos tend to be shaded or smoke, with a reddish copper eye. In either case, the body type is just as good as that of the parent stock. Silver and Smoke body types tend to be dominant over the Tortie-division body type. Green eyes apparently are non-transmissible; there has never been a green-eyed cameo at Wanaki.

The cameo colour is enthusiastically admired for its striking beauty, the shells

looking like white cats with a soft, pink sheen, the shaded cameos showing sharp contrast between the white undercoat and the gleaming deep-red tipping. The smokes, of course, look like medium-red cats until you notice that off-white neck ruff and discover the pale cream undercoat and the light belly fur. The tabbies are a startling combination of whitish cream and deep red, the sharp contrast distinguishing them readily from red tabbies.

A number of American breeders, admiring the tinsel-like beauty of the cameos exhibited at shows during the past few years, have tried the formula in their own catteries with signal success. At their request there has recently been formed the Cameo Cat Club of America for the exchange of breeding information and for the promotion of the cameo as a

colour to be recognized by the several cat associations of the United States.

The successful development of the shaded Persian with red tipping instead of black leads one rather logically to wonder whether the same thing might not be done with Blues. (In some American associations to-day the Blue Smoke is already recognized.) Imagine how lovely would be a whitish cat with very light, blue tipping—making a sort of iceberg or glacial blue coat to complete our gamut of pale shades in the Persian!

During the coming show season, cameos will appear in many places in the U.S.A. for the first time, delighting breeders, exhibitors, judges, and the public with their shimmering beauty and establishing their place in the show room as wholly legitimate competitors among the regal Persians.

Our contributor, whom we are pleased and proud to number among our subscribers, is a lady of many interests whose biography appears in several American reference books. Dr. Rachel Salisbury, Ph.D., is well-known in feline circles as co-founder of the Rock Valley Cat Club and President of the local Humane Society. Her cattery contains many Champions and in addition to her research into the new cameo colour she manages to find time to promote the Maine Coon Cat, a special product of her native state.



A KEEN BOTANIST

Miss D. E. Tyler

A page for the proletarian puss—No. 87

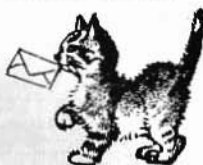


It is more than likely that many of our readers have made the acquaintance of this handsome pair during shopping expeditions in the West End of London. Bing and Susie belong to Miss Marks, the manageress at the Etam shop in Oxford Street and, like their mistress, are on duty all day. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bird, who submitted this picture, never fail to make a call on Bing and Susie when they are in London on a visit from the Continent. The cats live in the shop and such is Miss Mark's devotion to her charges that she visits them on Sundays and other days when the shop is closed to the public. Long may Bing and Susie flourish as a real live attraction for West End shoppers



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 Chinchilla Controversy

I have read with interest the article by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb (OUR CATS, November 1958), *re* the infusion of a Blue cross in Chinchillas and the need for new blood, also the subsequent letters from Mrs. Mollie Turney, Mrs. Polden, and again Mr. Stirling-Webb.

As a breeder of Chinchillas for many years and the owner of five males at public stud extensively used by breeders, I have seen this experiment successfully carried out, and heartily endorse Mr. Stirling-Webb's suggestion.

Faced with the same problem—the need for new blood—and the fact that we can only import from Great Britain, we cannot look there for new blood, as your Chinchillas seem to be all of the same blood which we already have. Our cats have retained their good bone and size, together with density of coat, together with length. The tail of our Chinchilla is short, much shorter than any import. The tickings are more even, and in place of the insipid pale pink nose of present-day imports, we still have the brick red nose and black eye rims. But the same faults are rife here as elsewhere. Noses for the most part need to be shorter and ears smaller. Where a year or two back eye colour was poor, nowadays, good eye colour is the rule rather than the exception.

The one American cat which we had did give us a much needed outcross and good eye colour, but owing to his very great outcross we got coats much too dark, unless the female was line bred to our own paler cats. We then had to breed back our colour and type.

Although we, too, like our Chinchillas pure, something had to be done, and some far-seeing breeders have tried the Blue outcross with remarkable success. As my Chinchilla males have been used in many cases I can speak from experience. Mr. Stirling-Webb's suggestion of breeding two blue Chinchillas is not successful. The male blue Chin. should not be used, one Blue cross only is the answer, through the female.

One line of Chinchillas bred this way which come to my cattery for stud are of excellent type, light colour after two generations, with correct eye colour. The original blue Chin. female was by a pure Chin. male with large bone, good pale colour, and good eye colour, from a pure blue bred female. Her daughters and granddaughters are line bred each time to pure Chinchilla males.

This breeder has no regrets. She has attained the desired result, good boned Chinchillas, good heads and green eye colour, excellent coats of good texture. They are not fairies, but cats of medium size, and are all good breeders.

It seems strange to me that the few Chinchilla breeders in Great Britain are so ready to condemn without a trial what has been an improvement in every way in this country. We can safely say, the Blue behind some of our Chinchillas has been no detriment whatever. After all, was not the mother of the first Silver cat alleged to be a Blue?

MRS. DORIS BURNAGE.
Willoughby, N.S.W., Australia.

Abyssinians of Yesteryear

Back in 1937 I had the pleasure and real satisfaction of correspondence with

Major Sidney Woodiwiss and Mrs. Clare Basnett, both of whom were at that time breeding Abyssinian cats. I imported Woodroffe Ras Seyum and he made a great "splash" in the shows and was quite a sensation as he apparently was the first Abyssinian to be imported for breeding purposes to the United States. Later I acquired Croham Isana and Croham Justina from Mrs. Basnett and several other Abyssinians were brought over here a year or so later.

It was not long until the Abyssinian breed was extremely popular and many more importations arrived from your country. At present I am resuming the breeding of Abys after a long "abstinence" and needless to say there are now many more Aby breeders in U.S.A. We have recently organized a speciality club called the United Abyssinian Club with the object in view of improving the breed both as to colour and type. The present-day Abyssinian is not as lovely an animal as those I first purchased from England—the color being far removed from the beautiful reddish brown undercoat of Ras Seyum and the imported females I had. Now the color ranges from beige to copper and grey.

MRS. MARY E. HANTZMON.
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Looked like a Boycott!

I went to Sidcup in June last to the Kentish Cat Show, which was held there in preference to Tunbridge Wells. People probably didn't know about the change and we were surprised that there were only four judges. It almost seemed as if the Show was boycotted. There were quite a number of Kentish cat folk who did not come.

It was a shame for Miss Stephenson and her mother and the Show Manager, who all did such a good job. As it turned out, I suppose four judges were enough as the Longhair entries were few.

Kentish folk will have to rally round next year and try to make their Show a big success. We thought that as the Show was held nearer London this time there

would be a much bigger attendance, but more came to the Show when it was held at Tunbridge Wells.

MRS. E. DALLISON.
Hersden, nr. Canterbury, Kent.

TV Enthusiasts

I thought you might like to see this snap. Holly on the left and The Princess on the right are watching one of Peter Scott's "Look" programmes. It was earlier in the year when he was talking about the birds of Holland.



The Princess always watches the "Look" programmes; the others are not so interested but on this particular evening when the birds started flying across the screen, Holly got up and joined her. I just couldn't resist taking the snapshot.

MISS MAY DAVIES.
Bellingham, S.E.6.

Cat and Budgie

I WAS most interested in your feature about cats and budgies (July, 1959). Some months ago, I sold a Blue Point Siamese kitten named Misty to a home where there was already a much-loved budgerigar. I advised the owners to watch the two pets carefully, but to

give them a chance to become friends. This they did, but the bird was taking no chances and hopped to the farthest corner of the cage whenever the kitten came into the room. The kitten was intrigued and badly wanted to get close enough to sniff and perhaps taste, and climbed on everything near to try to reach the cage.

The bird must have been particularly bright, for one morning when Misty crept into the room she was greeted with a "Hullo, Misty." The cat alarmed, fled under the settee for safety. The bird in great triumph hopped up and down on his perch repeating again and again, "Hullo, Misty; hullo, Misty." At last Misty crept out and sat quietly on the rug looking up at the bird. The owner came and lifted her up to the cage. She sniffed the bird and then they kissed through the bars. They are now great friends and Misty's first visit after breakfast is to Joey and to kiss him through the cage.

MRS. D. CLAVIER, F.Z.S.

The Rhos, Nr. Haverfordwest.

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

A REMINDER!

We are still anxious to obtain the names and addresses of cat lovers—particularly those overseas—who are likely to welcome a specimen copy of this Magazine. Do you know of anyone?

All information is treated in strict confidence. Please send details to the Editor, OUR CATS, 4 Carlton Mansions, 378 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9. He will do the necessary.

MANY MILES—TO JUDGE

AN interesting letter has reached us from Mrs. Marjorie Zurcher, of Durban, South Africa, which tells of a 1,558 miles journey by train to Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia. The trip lasted two days and whilst visiting Rhodesian friends Mrs. Zurcher fulfilled a promise to judge at the second Show of the Rhodesian Cat Club.

Mrs. Zurcher writes: "The Show was held on a Saturday in the Salisbury Drill Hall and was a tremendous success. There was evidence of splendid team work and while perhaps it would be invidious to mention names, great praise must go to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson, Chairman and Show Manager and Hon. Secretary respectively, and also Mrs. I. Taylor, who organized everything so well.

"There were 135 cats on show and nearly half were Siamese, with no fewer than 26 entries for the Seal Point Female Championship. They were all of a high standard and my task was difficult. Three of the five males in the Open Challenge Class were outstanding. The winner was Bangkok Baru, imported from England by Mrs. Robinson, whose Isis Prince Junta came a good second. The very recently-imported Doneraile Duboris belonging to Mrs. Reynolds, of Gwelo, won the third prize. At the moment this lovely cat is suffering badly with worms, a curse of Africa, otherwise a different tale might have been told.

Few Longhairs

"The winning female was Mrs. D. Keatley's Isis Princess Hialia, one of Baru's daughters bred by Mrs. Robinson, a nice typey cat with fine eye colour. There was little to choose between her and the runner-up, Phoenix Kuo-Shu-La, another of Baru's daughters penned by Mrs. I. Reid. In the three kitten classes all the winners were Baru's stock, which gives some idea of the worth of this fine cat in Rhodesia, where the Fancy is working hard to progress.

" Unfortunately, there were only three Longhairs on view in the registered classes, a fine Cream Deo Gratio Shah bred by our Durban breeder Mrs. H. Hanlon, being the winner. In the Manx classes the imported white tom Cornaa and his son Snowball easily carried off the honours. I was much taken with the imported Abyssinian queen Chatwyn

Mhura, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford for she is a warm tawny hue with a beautiful ticked coat and very worthy of her first C.C.

" Among the veterans, the famous 21-year-old black and white Felix (featured not so long ago on the front cover of OUR CATS) again came first. He is remarkably fit and agile and still



Rhodesia Herald

**Happy winners at the second show of the
Rhodesian Cat Club**

has all his teeth ! There were many fine cats among the 30 children's pets, two Red Longhairs being well worthy of registration.

"Despite the dry weather the Drill Hall was magnificently decorated by Club members. There were sweet peas and fringed petunias and branches from guava trees making a perfect background for the display of 20 floating trophies owned by this young and fast-growing Club. I was entertained royally by the members and find it difficult to express adequately my appreciation."

THAT EXTRA SENSE

PERHAPS you have never heard of E.S.P. ? In the world of scientific research it stands for Extra-Sensory Perception and the possibility is that you are going to hear a lot more about it as the study of this phenomena advances.

Scientists who are exploring in this interesting field are beginning to take seriously the theory that some animals have a sixth sense. Many of them are already satisfied that humans possess the strange gift of being able to communicate without employing the five physical senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. Can animals communicate ideas to people ? they are asking. It is an intriguing question and just as baffling as the homing instinct in animals is proving to parapsychologists.

The world abounds in seemingly inexplicable animal feats, in which cats figure prominently. A leading American scientist explains that what mankind has called a sixth sense seems to be particularly developed in animals who have lived in human environment. It may have something to do with the fact that they cannot communicate through speech. This promotes highly developed psychic capacities, something born out of attachment and a yearning to communicate.

Investigations have unearthed many interesting stories about cats. One concerns the pet of a lawyer which was brought into the house because a good mouser was needed. Sally worked hard at her job and became a great favourite, particularly with the two boys of the house.

One summer night the two boys went camping in woods about ten miles away. "About two in the morning," the lawyer recalls, "Sally began to moan, making a terrible racket. She had never done anything like it before. My wife believed that the cat was trying to tell them something and we both began to get very worried. Eventually, my wife insisted that we drove out to the boys."

They did so—and found the woods on fire !

Another recorded story concerns the woman who dreamt that her lost pet cat was trapped in a metal pipe leading to her neighbour's furnace. A search was made and the cat was found—just as she had dreamed.



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Five in a caravan

By MARY COLLIER

HOWEVER did you cope with four cats in a caravan ? ”

Time and again I'm asked that question, my answer being that I must have coped with four cats because I ended up with five. Not what you're thinking either, for my two ravishing girl-kittens, being spayed, are perforce as Caesar's wife.

Seriously, though, caravanning plus a galaxy of cats isn't so difficult as it may sound, although admittedly, when I knew the caravan would be my sole home between two house moves causing the adventure I did have a few preliminary feelings of uncertainty.

The main problem lay without the caravan rather than within it, that problem being of traffic, for the best of a bad choice of sites was an urban one with a stream of traffic passing it day and night. But a solution occurred to me—a cat-cage constructed in a particular way and with a particular function, this being not only to contain the cats but to allow them free access in and out of the caravan.

Considering that no-one seems to have dreamed up such a notion before, the carpenter's efforts were praiseworthy. Granted, that within the first few hours of its use defects showed up ; granted too, that given the experience something far better—and better looking—might be devised. For instance, less canting at the far end would be better, because this end proved something of a gymnastic operation for cleaning out, although some canting was desirable to lessen wind resistance.

This over-canting, in practical use, was its worst defect. Its others were remediable without altering the whole



The author with Alvinko, the oldest caravanner who is nearly 12 years old.

structure, the first showing up being that clearance for opening the rear door of the 'van, that is, the door opening into the cage, had been overlooked. The cats could get in and out ; so could I, but persons with vital statistics more vital than my own would have become stuck.

The square " lift " over the top of the door in the photograph shows the remedy. Again, the cage would have been better had its cant started well clear of the door, finishing an equivalent amount higher from the ground.

The other main defect was that a door for human exits and entrances had also been overlooked. Its absence was inconvenient. To those more squeamish than myself, it might even have been embarrassing coming face to face with a

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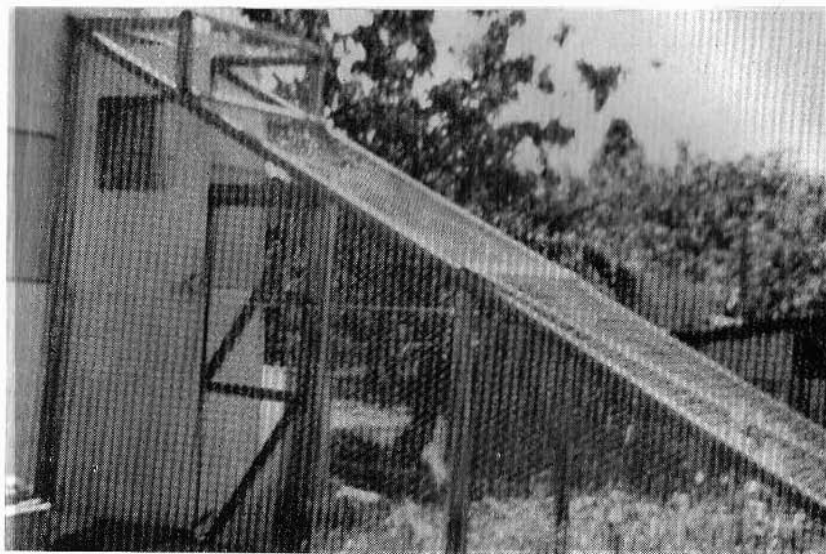
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The author's cat cage arrangement connected to her caravan.

strange man as one inadvertently heaved a certain unmentionable essential of caravan life out of the front entrance into his arms ! But a door was easy enough to instal, the point being, for those who may feel constrained to build a cat-cage, that, like the clearance for the 'van door, it's more blessed to start off with it.

For the remainder of the structure, this was lightly but firmly wired to the caravan, this, itself, presenting plenty of anchorage points. It was not dug into the ground, its horizontal framework of 2" scantlings merely resting upon it. Irregularities in the ground admitting of unauthorized exits by the occupants were carefully blocked by some old bricks. The caravan's metal step was, of course, inside the cage, with a wire behind it preventing similar exits underneath the 'van, whose door handle was tethered to the cage itself, thus preventing its blowing shut.

The next essentials were a sack of peat moss and an array of sanitary tins. Yes. I'll admit these did obstruct the kitchen on wet days when they couldn't be placed in the cage. Plenty of news-

sheets were also necessary for completely carpeting the floor underneath them, particularly as one of my cats delights in scattering the contents all around the tin before using it.

Similarly I used papers under the food and water bowls, as again the cleanliest way of disposing of spillage which might become smelly, not unimportant in a 'van within whose close quarters food residue will smell within a very short time. Fortunately the local newsagent was co-operative with unsold dailies !

Air purifiers without odours of their own (which latter all cats hate) were helpful, because, again, the smellier items of cat cooking can pervade a 'van, the effectiveness of roof ventilators in this respect depending somewhat on their location and the prevalent wind, wide open windows not being practical as letting cats out and flies in. Anyhow, wide open ventilators, windows just ajar, and one or two carefully distributed air-purifiers seemed to keep my 'van fresh and free from flies whatever happened, even with, in the last few weeks five cats, that fifth being a tomcat.

Thanks to the cage, exercise, apart from an occasional walk in harness and lead, looked after itself.

The caravan was 22' long and the cage some 8', giving, if regarded that way, a 30' run. The two girl-kittens chased each other from end to end, their two more staid companions (neuters of 10 and nearly 12 years respectively) not infrequently entering into the fun. The leaps of my heavyweight tabby literally rocked the 'van, and the nearly-12-year-old even chased his own tail as the excitement grew.

Local toms defeated

Wet days? Well, on wet days the "run" was the 22' of the interior, and, I'll confess, I did get plenty of kitten at times. So did the older cats, sleeping philosophically as the rain pattered down, waking occasionally and administering a cuff for some disturbance disrespectful to their dignity.

At the start of our residence a few nights verged upon the cacophonous, and by day there were sundry exchanges of spitting and growling through the wire of the cage, but the local toms, confronted with "it" en masse giving a well-aimed parting spray or two made off with symptoms suggesting the wartime trilogy of alarm, confusion and despondency.

All except one, one wistful mew still sounding as darkness fell; one battle-scarred body seemingly craving admittance to the 'van, half blinded by a suppurating eye, with a freshly tattered ear and matted coat that had once been smokey-cream.

The utter foulness of this once-handsome Longhair's condition caused me to make enquiries, producing his story. He had been abandoned by a family caravanning on this site some two years ago, scrounging since a precarious living on what anyone might give him. Then something had gone wrong with his eye, he seemed ill and had disappeared, being presumed to have crept

away and died. He would answer to Smokey if he were indeed the same cat.

At his next appearance there was nothing for it but the famous words "Smokey, I presume?", and so arrived the fifth cat and a prolonged first aid on an eye which proved not to be blind after unblocking.

Smokey never went away, prompting the question, "However did you manage with a tomcat in the caravan in addition to four others?" To which the answer is that I mopped up a little spray, bought a further air purifier, washed up five food bowls instead of four, put down another s/tin, and had a tomcat sleeping on my bunk.

Safety from traffic

Well, caravanning for seven months with an ultimate total of five cats was an experience which, although it had its difficulties, in retrospect I know I enjoyed. Two factors made it possible, one being that cats, even rather sick stray tomcats are naturally clean animals, the other being the cat cage which meant air and exercise in safety within a stone's throw of that death trap of a main road on which there were three fatal accidents to cats within the short time of my own tenure, all within a few yards of the caravan site.

That cat cage has taught me a lesson. What is good for a caravan is also good for a house. Although our new home is in a country road, this too has its quota of traffic, so that the cat cage is erected over a window, just as it was over the 'van door, where it is just as useful answering that insistence on the after-dark run, which in my experience is the most accident-prone outing of the twenty-four hours.

Would I caravan with five cats again? Certainly, provided I have a cat cage. Five tomcats if you like!



Osteogenesis Imperfecta

A. C. JUDE reports on some of the latest investigations

A REPRINT from *The Veterinary Record* (April 18th, 1959, Vol. 71, No. 16, pp. 317-8), has been sent to me by the writers G. L. B. Henderson, M.R.C.V.S., and E. K. Keywood, M.R.C.V.S. The subject is "An Osteodystrophy in Siamese Kittens." This is the latest paper on the subject to be published.

The discussion is based on the examination of four cases treated by the writers during the period January, 1956, to February, 1958. "The history and symptoms were similar in each case, and so far, this condition has not been experienced in any kittens other than Siamese, and half-bred Siamese. One further case, an ordinary black-and-white domestic kitten seen some years ago, was symptomatically similar, but the pathology of the condition was not investigated at the time."

In this paper, the history and symptoms described are similar to, but more comprehensive, than those already described in OUR CATS.

The writers state that "the exact aetiology of this condition is not yet fully understood, and it is only possible to put forward some tentative theories. At this stage, the most significant single factor for the causation of the disease appears to be dietary. Enquiry into the diet of affected kittens and their dams revealed they were maintained almost exclusively on raw meat and water. The most severely affected kittens had received no milk since being weaned, the owners being informed by the breeder that Siamese cats would not drink milk. It is interesting to note that a similar syndrome of osteodystrophy can be produced experimentally in kittens by feeding an entirely meat diet from weaning."

The writers state that treatment of this condition "has so far been purely

empirical, and has resulted in only one successful recovery.

"The first consideration is correction of the diet; it is advised that cow's milk or milk foods be given along with a high protein diet, and calcium in an assimilable form. We favour dicalcium phosphate, and also advise supplements of vitamins A and D.

"Bi-weekly injections of vitamin B₁₂ (0.25 mg. per dose) have also been given to maintain condition and appetite, and aneurine hydrochloride 1 mg. has been administered orally each day to restore normal nerve metabolism. In addition it is also advisable to rid the kitten of any possible Ascarid infection, for which purpose piperazine citrate has been found very efficacious. Treatment for secondary conditions such as cystitis may also be required. If pain is severe, a suitable analgesic may be prescribed.

Little response

"In a recent case (Nov., 1958), concerning a 12-week-old Siamese male kitten, the typical changes of osteodystrophy were observed on X-ray along with an impacted fracture of the proximal third of the right femur. The treatment in this case has been augmented by weekly injections of vitamin A in a dosage of 100,000 I.U. given intramuscularly.

"In the majority of cases there is little or no improvement, in spite of the treatment, and eventually the kitten dies or has to be put to sleep. In the case of the one kitten which recovered, it must be pointed out that though unable to stand, it did not suffer from complete paraplegia. It regained the ability to stand in 4 to 5 days, but the paresis persisted during walking for some weeks. After a period of about 6 weeks of reasonable activity it suffered a relapse, with a return of the symptoms in a milder form. There has

been no further recurrence since then, but it took 3 to 4 months for full activity to return. A full sister to this kitten from a previous litter had to be destroyed after sustaining a fractured spine as a result of a fall."

The Associate Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Victor A. McKusick, M.D., is much interested in the similar disease in Man. He now has an affected male Siamese cat born last November, and the presumably heterozygous mother of this cat who has been mated to the same male who sired her last litter. Professor McKusick's plan is to study the clinical behaviour of the disease in cats, making frequent X-rays and observations on what, if anything, may alter the severity. He and his colleagues who are expert in the chemistry of bone, and the histology of bone, will also study the calcium, phosphorus and alkaline phosphatase in the blood. This work, coupled with that already done, together with investigation of the cases traced so far in the Fancy, will

greatly assist in establishing facts about the disease in cats.

It will be realized through what is written here, that the present possibility of cure is remote, except perhaps in quite mild cases. The difficulty is that mild cases of abnormalities are very often hard to detect. The *accumulated* information points to the possibility that there may be inheritance of the *tendency*, or that at least the disease may run in families. Some cases in this country have been traced back to a particular stud, and in other cases, the dams were similarly affected.

Any cases suspected by fanciers should at once be brought to the notice of a veterinary surgeon, and no treatment should be given unless prescribed by a veterinary surgeon. For instance, to over-compensate for calcium can be harmful. This might give rise to urinary calculi or stones, and could be particularly dangerous, especially in neutered males.

A. C. Jude's series "Genetics for the Novice Breeder" will be resumed in next month's issue.

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IT's "Hail and farewell!" to an old friend in the Fancy this month. Mr. W. A. Hazeldine has relinquished his post as Secretary to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy after many years of devoted service. I am sure that readers will wish to join with me in sending him good wishes for many years of well-earned retirement. Secretarial duties and all the other work connected with registration and transfer have grown steadily since the war.

Sam is a black cat living on the sixth floor of a New York apartment house. One day he got too venturesome and plummeted down to the ground. Now he is hobbling around with one back leg in plaster.

An application was heard at the July meeting of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy for the recognition of Red Point Siamese. It was decided to refer the matter to the executive committee for further consideration. At the same meeting the Council expressed its disapproval of the term "Havana" to describe the variety of cat which has recently been given a breed number as "Chestnut Brown Foreign." Red Point Siamese, by the way, are now recognized by one of America's largest associations.

It is reported that the price of kittens has gone up 80 cents in the Mexican town of Huizuco because rats are multiplying fast and invading fields, barns and homes. The ascendancy of these pests is due to an alarming fall in the cat population, due it is said to poisoning through fumigations in an anti-malaria campaign. Cats away—rats at play!

A Rome housewife has had a bit of a shock. She was taken to hospital with serious injuries after a cat fell on her head from a fourth floor window. Her face was scratched and bitten.

The El Paso Del Norte Fanciers' Club organized earlier this year has now been accepted by the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., at their June board meeting. President is Mrs. C. C. Strange and Secretary Mrs. H. E. Woten.

Stories of friendships between cats and budgerigars are becoming pretty frequent of late and several good pictures have appeared in the newspapers. One of the latest is retailed by Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald in the *News of the World*. It concerns Johnson, a nine-year old Tabby cat with a considerable reputation as a mouser. He caused his owner some distress when he brought in an unharmed budgerigar and laid it on the floor. The bird was duly restored to its home with a neighbour. Four days later Johnston repeated the trick. Eventually the budgerigar was transferred to live with Johnston's mistress but from the very first day in its new home Johnson hasn't shown the slightest interest in the bird!

An intriguing item comes from Australia. It reveals the existence of a mother cat who was born three-and-a-half years ago without fur, claws, whiskers or eyelashes. Her name is Sylvester and she is owned by a Melbourne Grammar School student who has other pets—lizards, snakes, fish, guinea-pigs, dogs and birds. Although she looks rather ferocious, Sylvester is the perfect mother to three normal kittens and she is said to

obey commands more like a dog than a cat. In the winter, she is kept warm by a woolly coat.

Two tiny black kittens were thrown into a flooded mine shaft 90 ft. deep by some inhuman human at Whiston, near Liverpool. A boy heard their frantic mewling and a search by firemen and police failed to locate them. But four days later, R.S.P.C.A. men took ropes, ladders, a rubber dinghy and search-lights to the spot. They found the kittens swimming weakly, now and then trying to get a hold on the smooth sides of the shaft. They were hauled to the top eventually and taken away for care and attention. It is hoped that good homes will be found for them. "A devilishly cruel act," commented a R.S.P.C.A. inspector, "It's amazing that we found them alive." It is thought that for some time

during their four days in the shaft the kittens found a ledge on which to huddle and one of them had used a piece of wood as a raft.

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A paragraph from the *El Paso Herald-Post* tells of the presentation of a Puss'n Boots Bronze Award and Citation to a local cat for her kindness in adopting and raising two young white rats named Mickey Mouse and Mighty Mouse. The cat continued to mother the rats when they became fully grown and would take them by the scruff of the neck and hide them when strangers appeared.



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I have received a news item from Auckland, New Zealand, which tells of a homing cat who walked 200 miles. Ginger belongs to Corporal A. J. Williams and his family. When a move was made from Waiouru to Papakura Camp, Ginger apparently didn't like her new home a little bit. Within a few days she was missing and all efforts to find her failed. Six weeks later a telegram arrived from one of the Williams' family's former neighbours at Waiouru saying "Cat here. Have you lost it?" Ginger's travelling box was sent to Waiouru and soon she was back home at Papakura, her pads all worn and scarred. It is thought that Ginger followed the railway tracks for much of her 200 mile hike.

Africa has so many trouble spots these days that it's nice for a change to pass on a cheerful item which reveals the pioneering spirit of our friends in Rhodesia. The Rhodesia Cat Club recently held its second show in Salisbury. The first show last year attracted 58 entries but this time there were 146, of which 70 were in the unregistered classes and I hear that the condition of the household pets revealed a great love and feeling for cats. Great news this from the "big cat" country! Patrons of this progressive Club are Sir Roy and Lady Welensky.

The cat of Henry James, first Baron Montague, has his portrait hanging in a place of honour at Beaulieu Abbey, Hampshire. A big ginger and white male, he was painted by a lady described as the Chatophile en Chef to the family.

The R.S.P.C.A. officers were puzzled when a straying cat brought in from the streets of West London was found to be wearing a tab round his neck announcing that he was "Tiny Mason, 29 Ferndale Road, Streetly." Streetly is in Staffordshire, more than a hundred miles away from London. The mystery of Tiny was solved when it was discovered that the Mason family had moved to a new home in Ealing, West London. Let's hope that

Tiny's change of address has since been recorded in the proper place!

James Downing, of Lowestoft, bravely climbed a 127-foot ladder to rescue a stranded cat. On reaching terra firma James asked for a strong cup of tea. "I can't stand heights," he explained!

Many of you will remember the late Miss Adele Rudd and the wonderful work she did with the help of Mortimer, the little stray cat she befriended. Mortimer died in 1955 and Miss Rudd died two years later. The work still goes on for in her will she left a legacy to the R.S.P.C.A., together with the administration of the Mortimer Fund. During their lifetimes Miss Rudd and Mortimer raised many thousands of pounds to aid sick and unwanted cats and kittens and the industrious pair won many friends all over the world. Supporters of the Fund recently held a party in the West End of London. Various articles were sold and there was a special display of photographs of Mortimer taken by Miss Rudd. Another £70 was raised for feline charities.

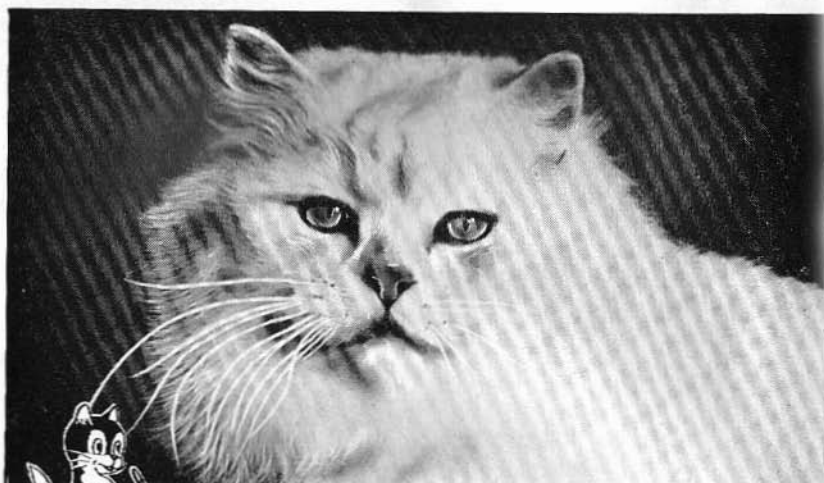
That newsy little item about cats you have read in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just put down ... will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications are particularly welcome. I send best thanks to all who have helped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

MICKEY



MRS. E. FISHER, 60 BRADFORD ROAD, COMBE DOWN, BATH is going abroad and would be grateful for accommodation for her three Siamese Cats (Seal, Blue, Chocolate) and three Queens on breeder's terms. Would be separated. Apply above.

Tibsical memories of father by the Champ's son



A scoop for the Tibs reporter! The facts revealed by the son of the great Chinchilla champion "Sylvadene Solomon!"

"Father always insisted on daily Tibs, so naturally I've been a Tibs fan from kittenhood," said this luxury-loving cat. Did you ever see a cat who looked more pleased with life? His owner, Mrs. F. S. Barker, of Sylvan House, Ilkeston, Derbyshire is enthusiastic about Tibs too: "I must say that I would not be without Tibs. In my opinion they are still the best for keeping cats in bloom, sparkling eyes and wonderful coat." Sound teeth and bones too!

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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON—popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge—turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

Kensington Show

THE Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show on July 29th at the Royal Horticultural Hall attracted an entry of over 350 pedigree kittens and neuters, and nearly 50 household pets. Fortunately for all concerned it was a cooler day to enable us to enjoy this delightful occasion when the kittens make their bow and the neuters are so handsomely catered for by a generous classification.

With Mrs. Aitken as Show Manager everything went according to plan, and good management usually means exhibitors commencing the day unruffled by mishaps such as errors in entries or penning, etc.

July is early for the Longhair neuters but they made a brave show and when one compares them with the stud cats and brood queens happily nursing families at home, one realizes the demands that breeding make. The queens should

of course be in tip top condition but it is the length and density of their coats which usually suffer.

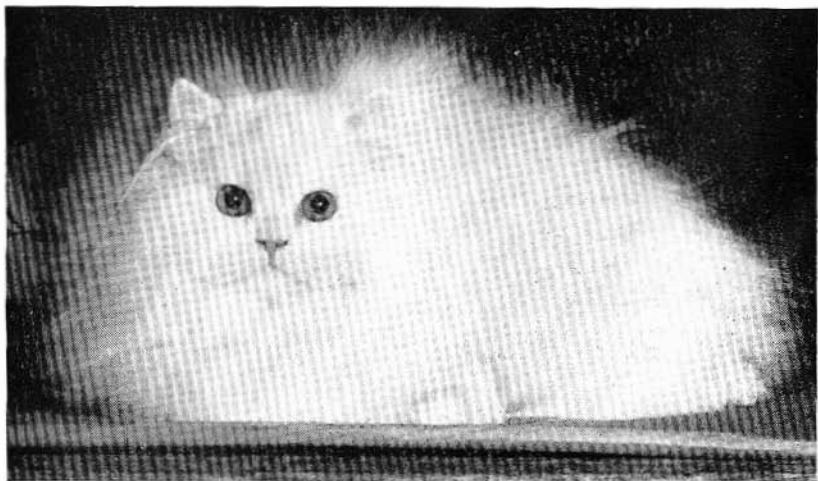
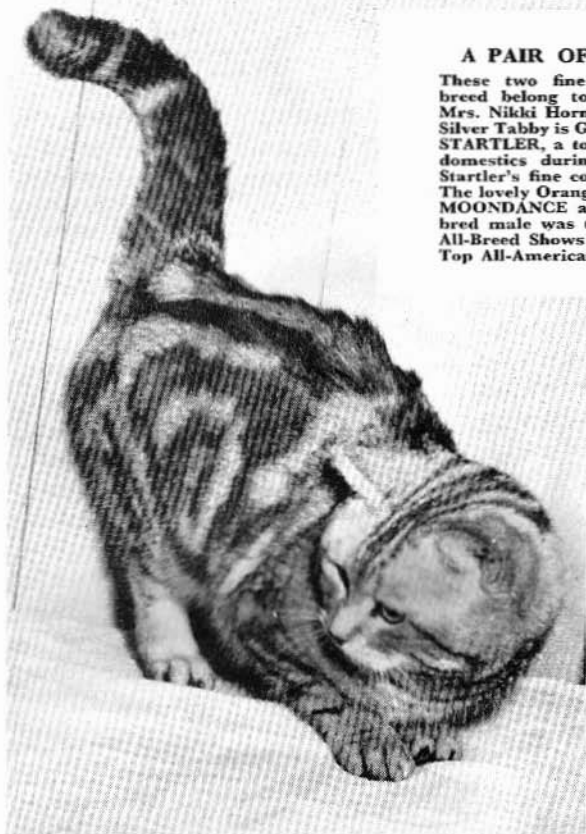
Main awards were: Best Longhair Kitten—Mrs. Brunton's Blue, Ravishing Rose of Dunesk by Gwynn of Allington; Best Longhair Neuter—Mrs. Speirs' Chinchilla, Loreley of Allington by Ch. Flambeau of Allington; Best Shorthair Kitten—Mrs. Hezlet's Burmese female, Rancee Mambo by Ch. Darshan Khudiram; Best Shorthair Neuter—Mrs. Montgomery's S.P. Siamese, Premier Daybreak by Ch. Killdown Sultan; Best Siamese Kitten—Mr. Richard Warner's S.P. male, Whitecoats Malahide by Lancy Palladin.

Thirty-eight Blue L.H. kittens entered in four Open Classes meant that some promising kittens were not in the first three and some of the second prize winners should win well at later shows. Miss Statman's Blue female Anson Blue Dream (second to Mrs. Brunton's Ravishing Rose) was a handsome well grown kitten with an exceptionally broad muzzle and lovely eye colour for which she received a special prize. Mrs. Denton bred her sire Camber Dearheart who is now owned by Miss Statman. Miss Bryce's Glenbury Blue Dream was first in the two to three months female class, a hefty lass for her age by the same owner's Danny of Dunesk.

Best Blue male kitten was owned by a novice, Mrs. Hicks, who entered Misty Mischief in one class. He was well balanced and had a good head and firm chin, neat ears and excellent eye colour.

A PAIR OF TOP AMERICANS

These two fine representatives of their breed belong to the Shawnee Cattery of Mrs. Nikki Horner in Indiana, U.S.A. The Silver Tabby is Grand Champion SHAWNEE STARTLER, a top winner among the male domestics during the past show season. Startler's fine cobby head is worth noting. The lovely Orange-eyed White is SHAWNEE MOONDANCE at 7 months. This owner-bred male was three times Best Kitten at All-Breed Shows and has since been voted Top All-American Male Kitten.



A LINE TO REMIND YOU THAT OUR DECEMBER ISSUE . . .

He was by Mrs. Barron's Paul of Pensford out of a female bred by Miss Rodda. Chadhurst Twinkle. Mrs. Mitchell's Roseveth Sweet William by Pyeleigh Horatius was the winner in the younger male kitten class.

Nineteen Cream kittens were an excellent entry and the judge, Miss Sheppard, made Mrs. Brind's male Brynwood Casanova by Ch. Briaric Beauty her Best Cream kitten. In Blue-Creams Mrs. Stephenson's Ashdown Glenatic by Woburn Sunshine was the winner.

Three or four Longhair kittens in the Open Classes in other varieties was the average and outstanding were Mrs. Hacking's Chinchilla male Redwalls Chorister by Ch. Bonavia Contenta; Mrs. Calder's Smoke Broctons Harriet by Ch. Bircotte Nono, and Mrs. Rosell's Red Tabby Bruton Red Biddy by Broughton Marvo.

Mrs. Worsley's Tortie and White Trubun Jennyfur by the same sire was the best in this variety that we have seen for a long time. Another welcome sight which we see all too rarely nowadays was Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway's Blue-eyed White Charmina Zinnia. Mrs. Rippingale won the L.H. litter class with a bonny quintette by her male Avernoll Festival Laddie.

Strong Siamese classes

Sixty-four S.P. Siamese in seven Open Classes gave Mrs. Kent and Miss Prentis, the judges, plenty to do although a pleasing feature of this Show was that judges were not rushed off their feet and most of us had a little leisure after 4 p.m.

Sires already well known themselves or for the quality of their progeny were mostly responsible for the first prize-winners, which were: Mrs. Keene's Killdown Lysander by Ch. Killdown Sultan; Miss Codrington's Watermill Popinjay by Lancy Palladin; Mrs.

Highton's Silken Merryn by Avonside Dayspring; Mrs. Hardy's Senty-Twix Dia by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy; Mrs. Keene's Killdown Desdemona by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy; and Mrs. K. R. Williams's Doneraile Diana by Doneraile Druid.

Mrs. Lauder had twenty Blue Points in three classes to judge and made Mr. Carpenter's Abyad Blue Belle by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy her Best B.P. kitten. Mrs. Holroyd had nineteen Chocolate Points in two classes and Mrs. Stewart's male Bolney Kien by Sunland Sijui and Mrs. Dain's female Danburi Lokanda by Sayam Zar Prak were the winners.

In a class of fourteen Any Colour Siamese litters, Mrs. Hezlet's six by Lancy Palladin were first and he also won the Stud Class judged on progeny. I was interested in looking up Palladin's pedigree as his progeny are winning well and as usual with successful sires it contains many winners and cats who have themselves been a success as breeders, such as Lindale Simon Pie, Ch. Prestwick Penglima Pertama, Ch. Morris Tudor and several Hillcross cats bred by Mrs. Towe.

Mrs. Towe's choice for Best Burmese kitten in three Open Classes containing fourteen kittens was Mrs. Hezlet's Rancee Mambo. In Blue British Miss Beckett's choice for Best was Mrs. Johnson's Flexton Gigi and in White Shorthairs Master Burrow's Bourneside White Alyssum. Mrs. Attwood won with her Cream kitten Aldra's Sweet William and in Blue-Creams with Aldra's Guelder Rose. In Silver Tabbies Mrs. Grant Allen's Culverden Dear Charmer was prominent.

Miss von Ullmann's Chestnut Brown Foreign Roofspringer Pengi was the only representative of this breed. In two Open Classes provided for Russian Blues Mrs. McPherson's Windywhistle Zenith and Mrs. Read's Terushka Tanya were the winners and in Abyssinians Mrs.

Turner's Arkwright Zimrie, Mrs. Borst's Ambalynx Hyacinth and Mrs. Spreadbury's Deckham Gazelle.

Considering the hundreds of Longhair kittens which are sold as pets to be neutered, it is surprising that more owners are not interested in exhibiting them. There was only one newcomer in the Premier Any Colour L.H. Self Neuter, Mrs. Trevor's Hendras Perlander. The winner was Mrs. Wilson's Priory Golden Glory, a lovely Cream excelling in type and eye colour. In Any Variety Foreign except Siamese there were twelve exhibits and the winner was a Burmese, Mrs. Giles' Premier Pegasus. In A.V. British Miss Delacroix's Blue Jezreel Jamie and in Manx Miss Sladen's Stonor Jack were the winners. There were about thirty fewer pedigree exhibits than last year and this was probably due to the excessively hot summer. The gate was excellent, however, and the Show very successful.

English Manx are tops

From Mrs. Arthur Tomaszewski, of Michigan, U.S.A., welcome news arrived of her success with British bred Manx. She purchased Greeba White Rock, an odd-eyed White Manx male from Mrs. Twining of Douglas, Isle of Man, and Stonor Tortie True, a Tortoiseshell from Miss G. Sladen. From this breeding—to quote her letter—"I obtained a superlative blue-eyed white female kitten that has been elected All-American Shorthair Female kitten by U.S.A. *Cats Magazine*. She was also the highest scoring kitten in the Midwest section of our country. Her name is Creggyn Doo's Pasteurized. Her dam Stonor Tortie True is now a Grand and Triple Champion and elected All-American Tortoiseshell Manx. It is the first time a Manx has ever scored as top kitten in this survey and we thought it would be a lovely surprise for the two English breeders to read of the success of their cats and their progeny in OUR CATS."

American cat sitting

Mrs. McEachern, of San Francisco, sends a cutting from a New York paper which runs:—"Lonesome Cats Get Sitters." Mrs. Judith Schofield is President of "Save a Cat League" and she got the idea from baby sitting. The idea is that the sitter comes in—usually twice a day—and feeds the cat or cats, changes its pan and stays a while. Or you can engage in reciprocal cat sitting. The hired sitter usually charges 1 dollar 50 a day plus car fare and they are furnished from a pool of about 70 persons in the Greater New York area who have volunteered.

Previously the League's main activity has been finding homes for strays and it places 500 to 1,000 a year. It now has about 300 members and its list of sponsors include Basil Rathbone, Gypsy Rose Lee, June Hava, Hermione Gingold, Jayne Meadows and Orson Bean.

There is no such thing as an unplaceable cat, Mrs. Schofield declares. The Save a Cat League, far from being an outfit of little old ladies with shawls, is mostly composed of married men and women in their 30's and 40's.

Mrs. Schofield is, of course, a cat lover and her present cat, Flagpole, has gained fame as an actor. He appeared in eight performances of "The Barber of Seville" at the Metropolitan Opera House and was paid ten dollars a night and cab fare. "He's been very uppity since then," she declares. "Throws his weight around with all the other cats."

Thanks to inquirers

Many kind inquiries have been made about the absence of my notes last month. It was not due to illness I am glad to say but owing to a re-arranged schedule of production which made it impossible for me to complete my notes within the new time limit.

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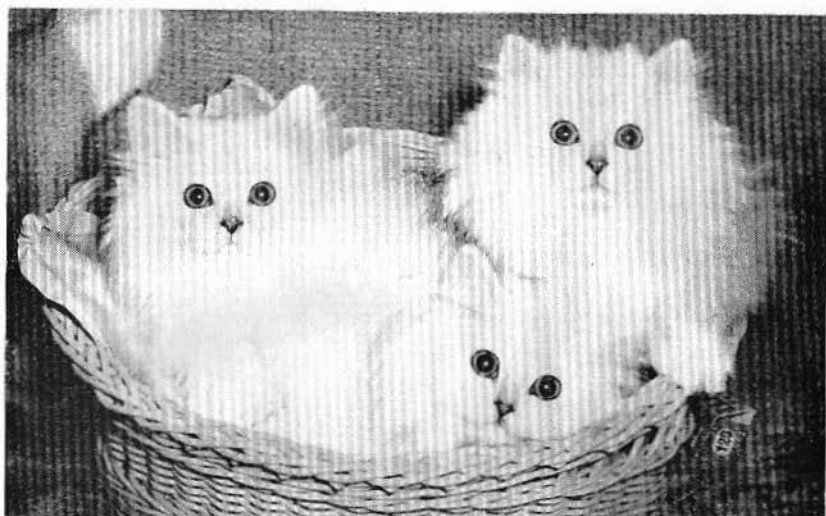
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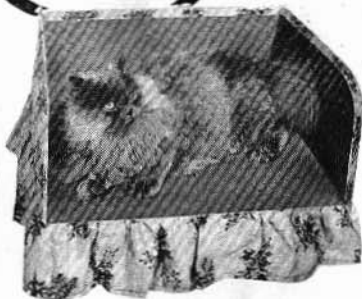
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News from "Down Under"

CAN I exchange some wet, bitterly cold weather for a few sunny days? Still, I suppose we have been lucky and must expect some of the rough stuff as July and August are our cold and windy months. So far, floods have not done much damage in N.S.W. But there has been a little in other states, with the exception of South Australia, which is having its first rain for the year.

Siamese C.S. Show

Our second last Ch. show of the season was staged by the Siamese Cat Society of N.S.W. at Burwood Police Boys' Club in July. It proved to be a nicely conducted and happy fixture for all. Mrs. I. Paris was Organizer and Mrs. Donmall Show Manager and a good entry was their reward. Mrs. Paris sets up and prints the show schedules and catalogues for most clubs now. They are very well done and a great convenience for secretaries, to whom this task is usually a bugbear.

Mr. and Mrs. Donlis, who had much to do with forming the first club in Brisbane after the war, were present and two other very interested visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, of Hobart, Tasmania, who brought three Siamese (two Seal and one Blue Point) with them on their holidays. I noticed they got quite a few prize cards. They gave the good news that a club is being formed in the Apple Isle.

A Brisbane judge and a local judge made the following awards: Best Exhibit—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Cassandra; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. Carne's Carlton Prince Yo Yo; Best Kitten—Mrs. I. Donahee's Pic Point Amoy; Best Opposite Sex Kitten—Mrs. Carlisle's Tchanton Tuan; Best

Interstate Exhibit—Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins's Blue Mink; Best B.P. Siamese over 9 months—Mr. Allen's Ch. Westwood Blue Lady.

Committee re-elections

The Annual General Meeting of the R.A.S. Cat Club was also held in July and voting for Consultative Committee vacancies resulted in the re-election of the three retiring members—Harry Wynne, F. Pearce and Mrs. A. Vize (in that order) for a further term of three years. Nine candidates were nominated.

Our nude cat

I am sending you a *Post* cutting which gives a picture of Sylvester, our nude cat (no clothes at all). The name seems rather out of place for a lady cat with a large family!

New Zealand. The *Newsletter* for June is to hand from Miss Menzies, O.B.E. I notice that Miss R. Lovejoy is now Secretary of the Palmerston North Cat Club vice Mrs. Carian, who becomes President. Greetings to both ladies! This Club held a very successful fixture in June and special mention goes to Mrs. Carian for her splendid organization. The Auckland judge mentioned that history had been made in N.Z. with the Best Longhair award going to a Blue-Cream. You can't keep a good girl down and it seems that Highland Scotch Mist, owned by Miss Lovejoy, is some gal.

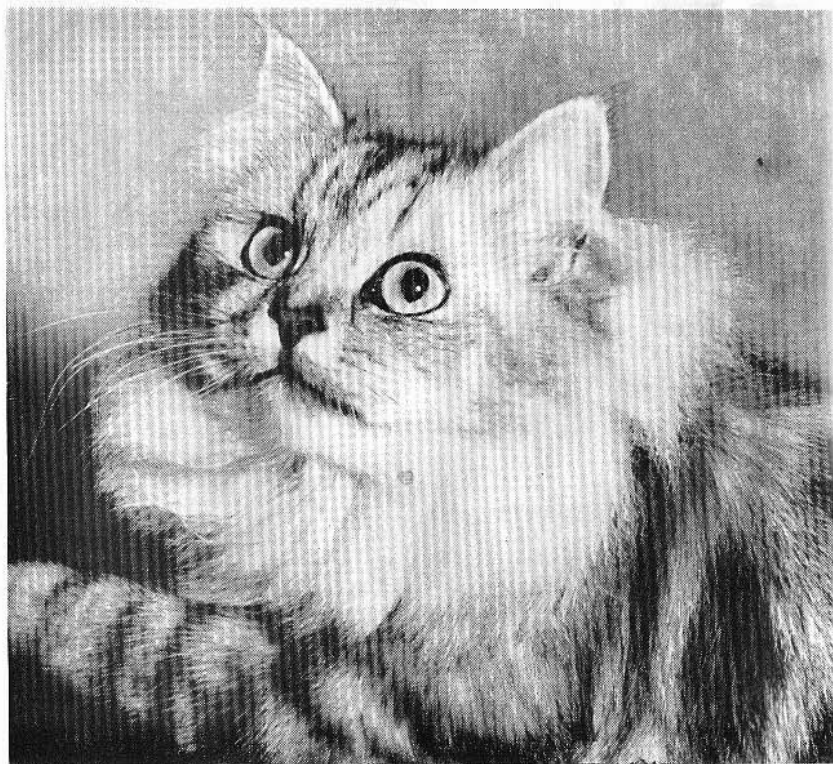
Another very successful fixture was held in Wellington in June, at which two judges officiated. I notice Miss Menzies mentions cats winning their Champion medals this year. Seems a lovely idea

and I would ask : Are the medals presented by the clubs or the Governing Council ? The winner of 70 points (male) and 60 points (female), here is awarded a Ch. Certificate only.

Here are some of the awards : Black Male—Mrs. Shuker's Lindisfarne Gimmick ; Chinchilla Male—Miss R. Lovejoy's Ch. Bonavia Campanelle ; Black Female—Mr. Sedcole's Ellrose Princess Sewell ; Silver Tabby Female—Miss S. Tasker's Fameleigh Myosotis ; Tortie Female—Mrs. Gill's Kon Tiki Mustard Splash ; Cream Male—Miss Lovejoy's Ch. Woodland Mischief (imp.) ; Cream Neuter—Miss Pinkerton's Glen Esk Cream Puff ; Orange-eyed White —

Mrs. Max's Illawarra Show Flash ; S.P. Siamese Male—Mrs. Archibald's Ch. Eastwood Prince Niki ; S.P. Siamese Female—Mrs. Thornley's Westwinds Arien ; C.P. Siamese Female—Mr. Amory's Eastwood Poppett ; S.P. Siamese Spay—Mrs. Clarkson's Mylynn Belle ; C.P. Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Raynor's Archville Nai Lusaka ; Burmese Male—Mr. H. Pollock's Ch. Merrick Apollo (imp.) and same breeder's female Ch. Paquita (imp.).

With regard to the Auckland Show in June, I have no information other than the Ch. winning exhibits—as follow : *Longhairs*—Mrs. Shuker's Illawarra Carol Joy ; Mrs. Foster's Fernglan Mischief's



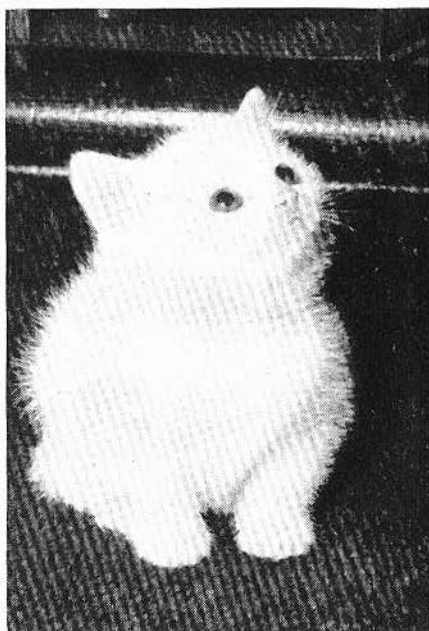
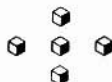
This lovely head belongs to FAMELEIGH MYOSOTIS (Fleur) whose owner, Miss S. M. Tasker, of Wellington, New Zealand, reminds us that a picture of her as a kitten appeared in one of our 1957 issues. Fleur has since won two Challenge Certificates at local shows and in February this year she became the mother of four kittens by Farways Lorenzo, Best L.H. Cat at the 1958 Wellington C.C. Show.

Pride ; Mrs. Mayhill's Highland Golden Gleam ; Mrs. Johnson's Tiana Bo-Peep ; Mrs. Downey's Lindisfarne Sally Flower ; Mrs. Ross's Langbank Dandy ; Miss R. Lovejoy's Ch. Bonavia Campanello ; Mrs. Ellis's Lindisfarne Garnet. *Short-hairs*—Mrs. Woodbury's Ransein Moulmein (Burmese) ; Mrs. Sedcole and Pollock's Ch. Paquita (Burmese) ; Mrs. McGregor's Glengyle Gentilhoowell (S.P. Siamese spay) ; Mrs. Carrian's Tasiliun Fernando (Abyssinian) ; Mrs. Sedcole and Pollock's Ch. Merrick Apollo (Burmese) ; Mrs. Downey's Scarsdale Pensive Grace ; Mrs. Arthur's Finnistere Shindi (Abyssinian) ; Mrs. Boyce's Lindisfarne Showgirl (S.P. Siamese spay). All N.S.W. exhibitors were sorry to hear of Miss Hore's loss of her White male when she reached home from her Australian visit. I noticed her successful application for the title of Champion for Illawarra Kia Ora at the meeting on 4.8.59, along with several others.

South Australia. The C.F.A. held a Ch. Show on June 27th when a Melbourne judge made the awards from a record entry of 120. The Secretary evidently forgot to send the awards and the *Newsletter* to hand contains no details. I gather a very informal and happy gathering took place at Secretary Gebhardt's home after the Show. I agree with Don's remarks : "There should be many more of them." Under the heading of "Pure and innocent" appears this schoolboy howler at the Show : "Is a novice cat one that has never had kittens ?"

Victoria. The Siamese and Short-hair Cat Club held their third Ch. Show in the City Hall, Parramatta, on August 1st with one N.S.W. and four Victorian judges doing the honours and 218 cats benched. Chief awards were : *Siamese*—Best Cat—Miss B. Saker's Ch. Talbingo Tuena ; Best Opposite Sex—Col. and Mrs. Scott's Slindon Trafalgar Scott ; Best Junior Male—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Valbert Blue Raschid ; Best Junior Female—Mrs. Leighton's Tanglewood Fair Lady ; Best Kitten—Mr. and Mrs.

Bumak's Yonalin Belinda ; Best Opposite Sex Kitten—Mrs. Lewellin's Yonalin Tai Ming ; Best Litter—Mrs. Chick. *Longhairs*—Best Cat—Mrs. Bicknell's Ch. Monivae Rascal ; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. Price's Regent Bambi ; Best Kitten—Mrs. Dunn's Monivae Shah ; Best Opposite Sex Kitten—Mrs. McDonald's Kalmia Azure ; Best Longhair Champion—Mrs. Bicknell's Rascal ; Best Abyssinian—Mrs. Thurmer's Finnistere Sherada ; Best Pair of Cats—Miss E. Beattie's Gd. Ch. Monivae Troy and Spada Angelique. I see Miss B. Saker's Yonalin Patapon has been granted top honours in Melbourne. It happened on my birthday—we should have celebrated together !



Just to let you know that next month my mistress Miss A. L. Stubbs will be telling you something about us rather-neglected British Shorthairs.

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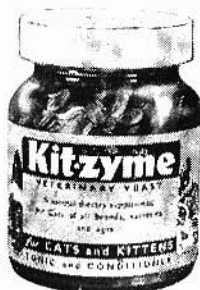
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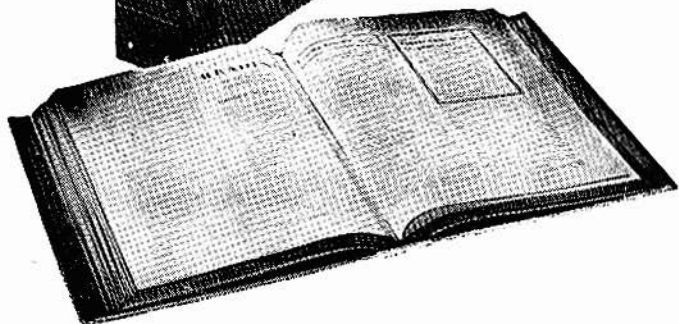


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