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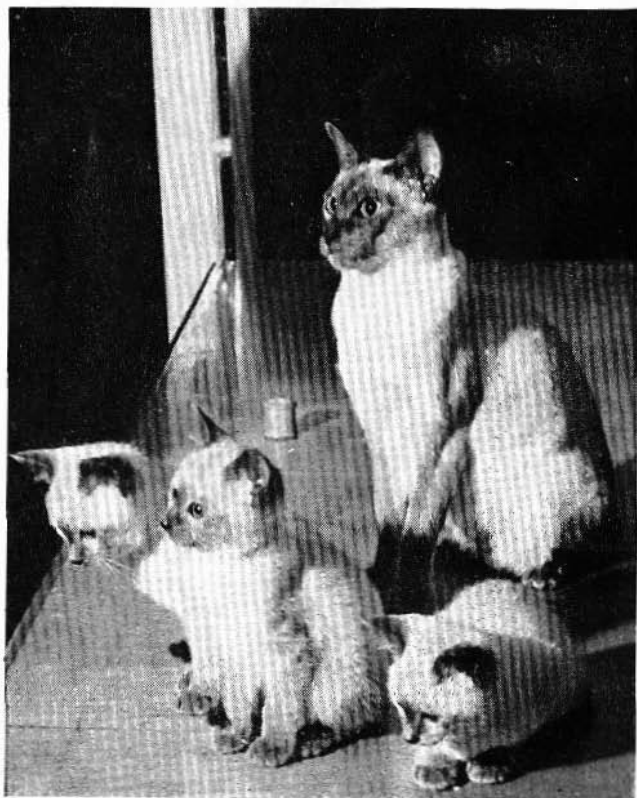
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*Hugh Smith*

A charming study of Mrs. H. G. Philpot's Blue Pointed  
Siamese queen with three bonny kittens.

## Let's go to a show

Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1959-60 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1959	Promoted by	Venue
15 December ...	*National C.C. ... ..	London (Olympia)
1960		
9 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire C.C. ... ..	Nottingham
23 " ...	*Scottish C.C. ... ..	Glasgow
26 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C. ... ..	London
6 February ...	*Lanes and N.W. Counties C.C. ... ..	Preston
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.



THE LATE PRICE CROSS

Since we reported the death of Mr. Price Cross in last month's issue further details have come to hand. They add up to just about the saddest and most tragic news we have ever recorded. He was found in his Dallas (Texas) home badly beaten and stabbed to death by an intruder. Police discovered a heavy brass candlestick wrapped in a bloodstained towel, also a couple of knives. His wallet and car were missing. A youth of 19 has been apprehended by the police. Price Cross, aged sixty-two and a former employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, made a close study of Siamese and his interest in English bloodlines never waned over the years. He subscribed to OUR CATS from the first issue and his good work for the Fancy was recognized recently when he was elected President of the American Cat Fanciers' Association. Our photograph of him, taken not so long ago in the home of a veterinarian friend, is reprinted from our May issue as our farewell tribute to "a great guy." His beloved family of Siamese and Abyssinians have been taken care of by Miss Hoyt, Mr. Carl Darnell and other "friends in need."

# Keep the old

By ANN L. STUBBS

**N**O-ONE who loves cats and is interested in their breeding could fail to be both fascinated and charmed by the new breeds which have made their appearance in recent years. We have seen the glamorous Colour-point, the Chestnut Brown, the quaint curly coated Rex cat, the Red Pointed Siamese and the Blue Burmese, not to mention the Lavender Shorthair.

Striking and beautiful these creatures are, but, I venture to say, no more so than many of the varieties which have been with us for a great many years. A glance through one of the many delightful cat books published fifty or sixty years ago will show that the newcomers are merely taking the place of other lovely varieties which through lack of interest simply petered out. Were it not for a small band of enthusiastic breeders we should have lost a great many more varieties in recent years.

Many Shorthair Tabby varieties have vanished in obscurity, notably the Spotted Tabby, to a lesser degree the Mackerel Tabby, and the Blue Tabby. It is only a handful of breeders who are keeping alive the three remaining pedigree Tabbies, the Silver, the Red and the Brown. So often the Tabby is spoken of as "ordinary." His lovely markings are taken for granted. Yet I am sure that were striped cats unknown and one was either introduced from some exotic Eastern country or carefully and secretly bred, the breed would rise with amazing rapidity to the top of the popularity poll !

Most neglected even of the Tabbies is the Brown Tabby, one of the oldest colours known and in its true beauty one of the most lovely. It should not be confused with the dull, grey mongrel tabby seen in scores about the country. A good Brown is an exceedingly handsome fellow ; the ground colour of his coat is a rich sable, showing to the greatest advantage on the nose and ears. His body is covered with jet black markings in the most orderly and intricate pattern.



The author's attractive Brown Tabby **CH. WHISTON TABITHA TWITCHET**, sired by Timothy Titus ex Whiston Gorgeous Gussie

His head is particularly lovely, round and kind with neat ears and a charming brick-red nose. His large round eyes are full of expression, hazel or gold in colour and running from them over the top of his head clear black lines are painted in a variety of patterns. His full cheeks are crossed by two mascara swirls and, to complete his ensemble, he wears a necklace, rings on his tail and the most dashing striped stockings. Could anyone so very well dressed be described as either plain or ordinary ?

### A cat of character

The Brown Tabby has great intelligence ; courage and endurance, combined with an equable temperament, a capacity for getting a lot of fun out of life ; and he loves his humans.

A few years ago he was almost extinct as a pedigree cat and even now the registered Brownies in this country could almost be counted on the fingers of one hand. Happily one or two breeders are now taking up the cudgels on his behalf so maybe, before too long, he will be back again in greater numbers and wearing the glorious coat he used to wear, for it must be admitted present-day Brown Tabbies would not hold their own against the great Champions of sixty years ago.

### Witches had taste

The Black Shorthair is also a most sadly neglected variety. One might imagine that we still lived in the Middle Ages when black cats, believed to be familiars of witches, and even the devil in feline form, were shunned by all God-fearing people. Personally, I think the witches showed excellent taste ; there is hardly any cat more striking than a really good Shorthair Black, with no white hairs spoiling its "shoe-shine" coat, its vivid amber eyes providing such striking contrast.

Thanks to the devotion and care of a few breeders, and the discernment of a small section of the public, the lovely pedigree Red and Silver Tabbies are still with us in small numbers, as is the Blue-eyed White which seems to be enjoying a slight boom. The Shorthair Blue has managed to hold its own through all vicissitudes ; and, greatest thing of all, since the War one vanished variety has been revived—the Shorthair Cream.

Yes, the New Breeds, the Exotic Breeds, the Old Breeds, all are lovely, for to the true cat-lover every cat has charm. But the loss would outweigh the gain if the old, the Tabbies, the Blacks, or any of them were to become extinct for the sake of the new. *There's room for them all !*

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### BLACK CATS — LUCKY OR UNLUCKY ?

In Britain, black cats are considered lucky and any bride would be pleased by the appearance of one at her wedding. But in many countries on the continent, the reverse is the case and a black cat walking across your path is considered a sign of bad luck.

This was recalled by Mr. Kruschew at his speech at San Francisco, when he claimed the Los Angeles chief of police had been "superstitious" in preventing him visiting Disneyland.

"I am confident that had we gone to Disneyland nothing unpleasant would have happened," said Mr. Kruschew. But there are superstitious people.

Such was the case even with Pushkin, the great Russian poet. It is said that once when he was making a sleigh trip in winter, a black cat crossed the road, so he returned home. But that was in the remote past. To-day we should not have stopped in front of a black cat ; we should have continued according to schedule.—S.D.

## Over 50 years ago in America

The two fascinating items which appear below were printed in an issue of *The Syracuse Herald*, New York, dated 14th January, 1905. They were discovered as yellowed with age newspaper cuttings in a second-hand book purchased by a Florida subscriber, Mr. Sam L. Scheer, who kindly had copies made for our readers to enjoy.

### FROM THE CATTERIES

**Felines of high degree exhibited at the ALBANY Show.**

**Plain ordinary American cats seen alongside of Persian beauties valued at thousands.**

*"Buff Letts," the Cat with 24-Carat Gold Crowned Eye Teeth, the Only Animal Holding an Official Permit to Travel Through the Parks of New York and other Rare Tabbies on Exhibition.—The Cat Journal Man from Palmyra was There.*

ONE of the exhibits of the Albany Cat Show, which closed to-night, was the beautiful white Angora, the Hon. Peter Sterling, owned by Charles H. Jones of Palmyra, the well-known editor of the *Cat Journal*. The Hon. Peter Sterling was among the prize winners, as he is at every cat show.

He is so used to shows, by the way, that in Albany he was allowed the freedom of the show room, and walked around, making friends with everyone. He is deaf as a post, as are so many of his class, but appreciates kind words and praise, interpreting the lips, as do deaf children.

There were many noted cats at the Albany show. A tabby male which attracted much attention was the Hon. Roscoe Conkling. The Hon. Roscoe is 16 years and 7 months old. He is owned by M. A. Sheedy of Albany. Dandelion Prince of Orange, owned by James S. Wade of Seven Oaks, Albany County, was another cat that interested visitors.

Probably the most valuable cat in the collection was Bittern Chiffon, an imported Persian Silver cat, owned by Mrs. James Conlisk of Gowanda, who recently refused \$1,500 for the animal. Mrs. Maude A. Letts of New York exhibited three long haired cats. One of these, Buff Letts, is an orange and white neuter and is valued at \$500. It is a "globe trotter," and when its owner

lived in Buffalo was the mascot of the Buffalo basketball team. It has the distinction of being the only cat holding an official permit to travel through the parks of New York.

More novel, however, than any of these points is the fact that the cat has two 24-carat gold crowned eye teeth, of which it is very proud. The "cat with the gold teeth" as it is called, obligingly raises its upper lip that the visitors may admire this dental peculiarity. A tortoiseshell female, valued at \$750, and a Black male, valued at \$900, were in Mrs. Letts's collection.

Osiris, the finest Blue Persian imported cat in the country, and owned by Dr. R. Ottolengui of New York, was also exhibited. This cat has fifteen ribbons and has never been beaten. The ribbons which have been framed, were shown with the cat.

An imported Chinchilla, Roger by name, owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Perrin of Rochester, was another interesting cat. It is valued at a thousand dollars and has cups and ribbons galore to its credit.

Mrs. Allen H. Jennings of Indianapolis exhibited a "Smoke" male named Cigarette, valued at a \$1,000. Mrs. J. LeBain of North Chatham, who keeps the "Blue Jacket Cattery," was the largest



exhibitor. She entered thirteen long haired cats, many of whom are prize winners.

The cats that travelled the longest distance were the five sent by Mrs. W. M. Chapman of Romco, Mich., from the "Cusic Cattery." They were cared for by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Brace of Rochester, the Secretary of the Lockhaven Cat Club, who managed the Albany Show.

A musical programme was given yesterday afternoon. It was not provided by the cats, as many might suppose, as prize winning cats are too well bred to howl. It is only the mongrels, fanciers say, that make night hideous. The programme was contributed by young women pianists

of Albany. There were no vocal numbers on the programme. This was in deference to the cats, who it is said, seriously object to singing. The prizes awarded the successful contestants consisted of medals, milk bowls and cash amounts ranging from \$2 to \$5.

Mr. Jones, who as editor of the cat journal, is looked upon as a feline authority, was the most conspicuous among the exhibitors, not that he courts attention, but simply because he could not help himself. Mr. Jones probably knows more about cats, especially more good things about the little domestic animals, than any other man in this country. His paper is the only publication of the kind in the United States.

### THE CARE OF CATS

**This item appeared in the same issue of the Syracuse newspaper as the one reproduced above and was signed by a writer named Pilgrim. Progress has certainly followed over the intervening years !**

**A** word as to how to care for pussy. A pan or box half filled with dry earth should be kept where a cat can always have access to it day or night. With care there need be no trouble.

Cats should be fed regularly, and should have a supply of fresh milk, as well as meat and a variety of other food. Many cats are fond of asparagus, celery, corn, bananas, and will eat raw potatoes and other vegetables. A cat should have meat occasionally in small quantities. Liver is not a good diet, and should only be given boiled. Give cooked meat or fish, cut up into small pieces. A chicken, or fish head will give them great pleasure, and they are also fond of cooked chicken.

### Rat meat diet

Meat diet is heating, and causes the skin to become hard and the hair to lose its lustre. Angoras are good ratters, and if rats or mice are plentiful, will get enough meat in that manner.

A dish of water should be left where the kitty can always get at it. The dishes from which a cat is fed should always be kept perfectly clean.

### Fleas are stunned !

Whenever possible a cat should have access to grass, as sickness is often prevented if it can be had in time. In case of fleas, it is recommended to sprinkle the cat and its basket or box with Persian insect powder. The cat should be placed on a large newspaper, and after the powder is brushed out, the paper and contents should be burned. The fleas are not killed by water or powder, but are only stunned for the moment.

There certainly has been a remarkable development in the relations between the human race and the purring pets of the fireside. The world has been ransacked for new varieties of the feline kind, and they are now being bred with a care and intelligence never before bestowed upon them.



# Veterinary questions answered

By M.R.C.V.S.

## Recurring abscesses

**A London reader writes :** *I have several cats and lately one little fellow nearing two years old has developed a series of abscesses just under his face. They do not appear to upset him overmuch as he eats and drinks well all through the period of the abscesses coming up and breaking. I cannot understand the cause of this trouble as I give my cats a varied diet and take the utmost care of them.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** I have a suspicion that the trouble may arise through scratching round about the ears, side of the face and under the chin. The irritation is caused by a mite infestation of the ear for which there is no better treatment than Otodex, as advertised elsewhere in this Magazine. If this should not be the cause then you should apply to a veterinary surgeon for a course of anti-pyogenic injections.

## What is pyometra ?

**A Berkshire subscriber writes :** *I have a five-year-old Siamese queen who has recently been operated on for pyometra—not uncommon in dogs, I am told, but unusual in cats. This queen has had six litters and all have been difficult and complicated with the exception of the first. In March last year she had a Caesarian, when two kittens survived from a litter of eight. In March this year she kitted again, with the help of pituitrin injections, and had four strong and healthy kittens. I shall be glad of any information you can give me with regard to pyometra and in particular whether it is a condition which occurs suddenly, or whether it builds up over a period and could have been the cause of this queen experiencing such difficulties in kitting.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** Pyometra is an inflammation of the womb complicated by the formation of pus. It can of course be chronic, in which case the animal would have exhibited symptoms of illness—sickness, loss of appetite, probably a temperature, etc. ; but in the acute form the symptoms are accentuated and pus may appear at the vulva (in the open type) or in its absence (the closed type) there would be an increase in the abdominal girth. I would not think that pyometra was a cause of several previous difficult parturitions. If she becomes in kitten again, it might be a good plan to administer by mouth a capsule of chloromycetin daily for a week prior to parturition.

## 'Snuffling' Siamese

**A Yorkshire reader writes :** *I have a 14-months old Siamese male cat who was gravely ill last Christmas with cat flu. I managed to pull him round but ever since he has suffered from snuffles and running eyes. I took him to my vet. who gave him a daily injection (intramuscular) of Dimycin for three weeks. After the third day he was a lot better and by the end of the treatment he was back to normal and I thought he was cured. It is now three weeks since his last injection and he is decidedly snuffly again. I was given to understand that if the treatment worked it would be permanent. He is a fit and beautiful cat and I would therefore like to know if he can be permanently cured.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** Your cat evidently has a chronic sinusitis, which an antibiotic should cure. But it is a fact that bacteria can become resistant to such chemicals and it is then a good plan to switch to a different one. To obviate

daily visits and i/m injections, I suggest you purchase capsules of chloromycetin and give one daily for a week by mouth. During the second week use terramycin. Your veterinary surgeon can supply or write you a prescription and will state the appropriate dose for your animal. Failing satisfaction this way, there is a surgical remedy in which the sinuses are trephined and cleansed from without.

## A dirty habit

**A Birmingham reader asks :** *Can you please help me (my own vet. cannot) ? I have two queens—one Siamese sprayed and one Burmese that I breed from. The former started some months ago to spray in the house and I concluded that it was due to her operation. Now to my dismay my Burmese has also started this dirty habit and I just don't know what to do. I am very fond of them both but just cannot stand this from two of them. They never go in the same place, just anywhere. They have complete freedom outside, so there is really no excuse.*

**M.R.C.V.S. replies :** I am not surprised your veterinary surgeon cannot be very helpful in your dilemma as truthfully there is little that can be done when cats cultivate this dirty habit. All I can suggest is that you make a point of watching them both for a few days and each time you catch them spraying, to hound them out and give them a good fright, until they fear to repeat the performance. Or you could sprinkle pepper, Flit or paraffin over the places they use. Sorry I cannot be more helpful.

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**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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## THE NEW ASSOCIATION FOR SIAMESE



Here we present some of the officers and trophies of the newly-formed Siamese Cat Association. Seated—Mr. Carter (Treasurer), Mr. Ivor Raleigh (Chairman), Mrs. E. Towe (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. L. J. A. Price (Vice-Chairman). Standing (left to right)—Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Madge Shrouder (Area Secretary for the South), Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Helen Martin (Asst. Secretary), Mrs. North (Area Secretary for the North), Mrs. H. Porter, Mrs. Lentaigne, Miss Ann Codrington, Miss Grace Eley and Mrs. Alice Ferguson. Other Area Secretaries not in the picture are Mrs. Charles (West), Mrs. Demus and Mrs. Thake (Midlands). The Burmese intruder is a kitten Hassan Keran.

## ***Genetics for the novice breeder***

By A. C. JUDE

**H**EREDITY expresses itself in the resemblance of offspring to parents, independent of environment, and is due to the fact that both parents and offspring develop from the same kind of germ plasm.<sup>1</sup> In uniparental inheritance the offspring under uniform environmental conditions are commonly indistinguishable from the parent. The germ plasm from which the parent and its offspring develop is of one and the same sort. But in bi-parental inheritance the two parents differ from each other, sex being only one of the differences between mother and father. One contributes an egg, and the other a sperm to the production of the new individual.

These so-called gametes<sup>2</sup> differ from each other not merely morphologically,<sup>3</sup> but also in their potentialities. So the germ plasm from which the new individual arises is not identical in character either with that of the mother or with that of the father, but is a combination of a *part* of the germ plasm of the mother, with a *part* of the germ plasm of the father.

In the more general features of its organization in which the parents were alike, the new individual is like them. The progeny of two cats, however dissimilar, are unmistakably cats. One parent may have been of one breed, and the other parent of another breed, but no-one would hesitate to call the offspring cats, though they differ in many respects from both parents.

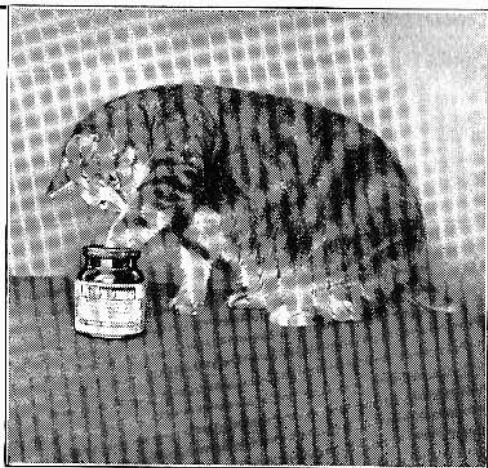
We therefore must make a distinction between the more general, and the special characteristics of organisms. Heredity is concerned in both. Both have their basis in the germ plasm. But what we have learned about heredity in the past few decades—and this is much, being the greater part of the knowledge of the subject—concerns rather the special than the general features of organization.

In crosses between different breeds of cats, we can follow the inheritance of such special characters as long versus short hair, large versus small ears and many differential characters. We have already mentioned that the inheritance of these special characters is conditioned by a gene, a material body located within a particular chromosome of the nucleus of the germ cells and from them handed on directly to the body cells which arise from the germ cells in development. But in all cat crosses, we cannot trace the heredity of the general characters which constitute say a dog rather than a cat ; or for that matter the characters which constitute a carnivore rather than an ungulate ; or those which characterize a mammal, or a vertebrate.

### **No direct proof**

All these are present, and it is commonly assumed that they, like the special characters, depend upon the existence of chromosomal genes. But we have no direct proof of this assumption, and it is difficult to see how such proof can be obtained. For the evidence as to the existence of the special unit characters of organisms is obtained by the method of crossing first employed by Mendel, in

***"... helping  
herself to her  
nightly ration"***



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which an individual possessing a particular unit character is crossed with one not possessing it. The recurrence of the character in question in the two following generations of offspring forms a basis for explaining the method of transmission, which conforms with Mendel's law.

In crosses of different breeds of cats, both parents contribute the complex of genes indispensable to a vertebrate, a mammal, a carnivore, and a cat, so there exist in such an experiment no gene differences to indicate what these essential gene complexes are. It is assumed in the chromosome theory that if we could cross a dog with a cat we should find that the differences between them were of the same sort as those between different breeds of cats, namely, dependent upon chromosomal genes; only the differential genes in such a case would be much more numerous.

## Egg organization

Egg and sperm, which unite to form a new individual, are equivalent to each other in chromosome content, except as regards the sex chromosome, to the discussion of which we shall return later. But the egg is not a mere container of chromosomes. Its influence on development is not restricted to its chromosome content. The cytoplasm of the egg is already organized at the time of fertilization. Its parts differ qualitatively, so that as cleavage progresses, blastomeres with different potentialities are produced, although the nuclei which they contain are all alike in chromosome content.

It is impossible to explain the primary organization of the egg as due to immediate chromosome influence, for it arises in the presence of exactly the same assortment of chromosomes as is found in each cell of the body. Yet those body cells are highly differentiated parts of a complete organism.

The egg cell is potentially also a complete organism, though it has the same chromosome content as the highly differ-

entiated parts of the mother. Hence, that differentiation is not a function of immediate chromosomal activity, but inheres in the unitary organization of the species, whether that organization finds expression in a single cell (the egg) or in a mass of differentiated cells (the body) derived in development from the egg.

It is not necessary to assume that the egg has an organization as complete and elaborate as that of the adult. Students of embryology are very emphatic on that point. The amphibian egg develops first a "grey crescent" in the blastula stage, which acts as an "organizer" to determine the fate of the adjacent parts and ultimately of the entire egg. Those adjacent parts are undetermined when the grey crescent makes its appearance. They can be made to produce almost any part of an amphibian body by bringing them into proper relation with an organizer, either the primary organizer of the egg itself, or another organizer transplanted from another egg, even from the egg of a different species or genus. Thus, the development of the egg is largely epigenetic, determined step by step, it being necessary to assume only a few primary features in the organization of the egg at the outset.

### Fresh terms:—

- 1 **Protoplasm** : The viscid semi-fluid substance composed of oxygen, hydrogen, carbon and nitrogen constituting the living matter from which all living organisms are developed.
- 2 **Gametes** : Protoplasmic bodies which unite sexually for reproduction.
- 3 **Morphology** : The branch of biology dealing with the form of organisms.  
(to be continued)



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# Scottish Cat Lovers

By SIDNEY DENHAM

(With acknowledgments to the "Edinburgh Evening News")

CATS have for centuries been the preferred companions of writers and artists and this has been as true in Scotland as in France, Germany, Italy and elsewhere.

No cat contributes to the domestic scene of Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night," but Joanna Baillie makes it clear that in fact a cat was an accepted fireside friend in even the poorest home by the end of the eighteenth century: Her long poem, "The Kitten," which could have been

written only by a cat lover opens with the:

*Wanton droll, whose harmless play  
Beguiles the rustic's closing day. . . .*

But, as she notes after a description of a kitten playing which rivals Wordsworth's—

*. . . not alone by cottage fire  
Do rustics rude thy feats admire.  
The learned sage, whose thoughts explore  
The widest range of human lore,  
Or with unfetter'd fancy fly  
Through airy heights of poetry. . . .*

is also enchanted by a cat.



JOHN KAY

*Drawn & Engraved by Himself 1786.*

The Edinburgh caricaturist (1742-1826) and his cat,  
said to be the largest in Scotland.



Was Thomas Carlyle the "learned sage" she had in mind? A succession of cats lived at the Carlyles' famous Cheyne Walk house, adored friends of Thomas, but generally hardly tolerated even for his sake by the houseproud Jane Welsh, who eventually became the slave of a dog.

Carlyle liked to have his cat with him at breakfast and other meals and feed him meat and "dribbles of milk," as Mrs. Carlyle called them when complaining that the cat spoiled the carpets and hearth rugs, but that Mr. C. would never believe his cat could do wrong.

"A selfish immoral, improper beast!" Mrs. Carlyle called the cat in one letter, and in another gives instructions for Mr. C. to be mildly deceived about the absence of "that cat! I wish she were dead!"

### Hopelessly spoiled

Another philosopher who adored cats was J. M. E. M'Taggart, for whom a Scottish link in his ancestry can be claimed. He never passed a cat in the street without stopping to introduce himself. His own special favourite was Pushkin, whom he always introduced formally to his learned friends, who had to treat him with proper respect or incur M'Taggart's rebuke. Pushkin had the freedom of the dinner table, and was regarded by visiting philosophers as hopelessly spoiled.

"I believe if there were only one chair in the room, you would give it to Pushkin and sit on the floor," he was chaffed one day. "Of course," he replied, "that would only be fair. I could think about the Absolute and I don't believe Pushkin can."

Although from his earliest days Sir Walter Scott's fascination by witchcraft made him interested in cats, he was essentially a dog man and came late in life to loving a cat. This was Hinse, a cat which came to rule the Scott household including to Scott's astonishment his huge dog, a cross between a deerhound and a

mastiff that "would make no bones of a wolf and pulls down a deer without difficulty."

One day what Scott had long feared came to pass. "Alack-a-day!" he wrote, "my poor cat Hinse, my acquaintance and in some sort my friend of fifteen years, was snapped at even by the paynim Nimrod. . . ." The bite was fatal and Scott could only quote the words of Brantome to some successful dueller friend: "Ah, my good friend, you have killed my other good friend."

Scott was much impressed by the Angora cats of the Archbishop of Taranto, whom he visited in Naples—these long-haired cats were then comparatively rare in Britain. But it was the manners of the cats rather than their appearance that was impressive. The Archbishop always had his cats take dinner with his guests, each seated on its chair round the table, waiting its turn to be served. Once when another visitor from Britain was dining in Naples, the Archbishop asked one of his chaplains to help one of his cats. The butler immediately intervened, whispering in his Grace's ear: "My lord, la Signora Desdemona will prefer to wait for the roasts."

### Occult powers

As a young man Scott was impressed by the green-eyed black cat of "bowed David Ritchie, the Black Dwarf." Ritchie asked Scott if he had "poo'r" and when he disclaimed it, showed him the cat, saying "He has poo'r" and Scott says he felt it. There are frequent references to occult aspects of the cat in his "Demonology and Witchcraft," including one to a gallant Highland chieftain who when confronted with a cat had been "seen to change into all the colours of his plaid."

James Boswell did not go as far as that, but he confessed: "I am uneasy when in the room with one; and I own I frequently suffered a good deal from the presence of the same Hodge"—the cat

of his idol Dr. Johnson, who proclaimed him "A very fine cat, a very fine cat indeed."

Perhaps it was Boswell's prejudice or lack of understanding which led him to record that Dr. Johnson used to go out to buy oysters for Hodge without explaining that at this time Hodge was a cat grown old without teeth and the oysters were the only nourishing food he could take.

Like Scott, Andrew Lang was fascinated by myth and folklore; but where cats were concerned he was practical and understanding, as well as witty. In a magazine essay fortunately preserved by Lady Aberconway in her "Dictionary of Cat Lovers," Lang rebukes authors who speak of cats "with a levity and familiarity most distasteful" and continues with some fascinating reminiscences of cats he has known.

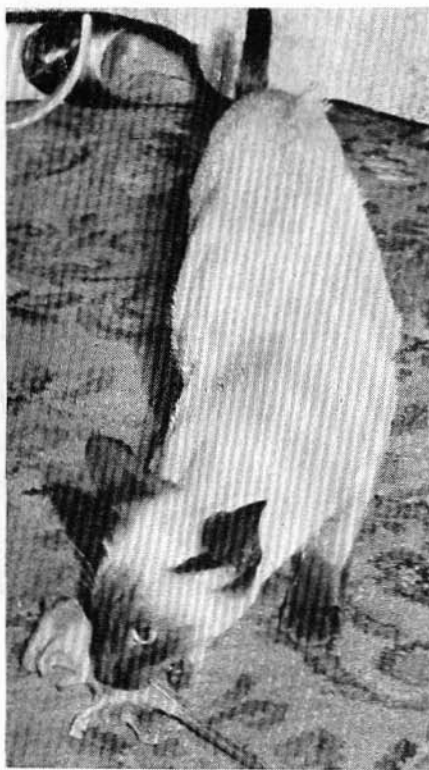
Describing his own Gyp who was a great thief, he wrote: "Gyp had a stroke of paralysis and believed he was going to die. He was in a fright! Mr. Horace Hutchison observed him and said that this cat justly entertained the most painful Calvinistic apprehensions of his future reward. Gyp was nursed back to health, as was proved when we found him on the roof of an outhouse with a cold boiled chicken in his possession."

Dr. Gordon Stables, R.N., was another popular Scottish writer passionately devoted to cats. He gained fame as a stalwart of the "Boy's Own Paper," a prolific writer of adventure stories. But his book, "Cats, Their Points and Characteristics," published in 1874, was one of the first to be published in the English language on the subject, and did an immense amount of good in publicising the proper physical and psychological treatment of cats and in fighting the cruelty to what was still at this time a widely persecuted animal.

Stables campaigned for Parliamentary recognition of cats with its inevitable sequel, taxation, which, he estimated, would add £200,000 a year to the revenue. The book is full of anecdotes

about the cat, mostly contributed by Scots whose names and addresses are given as authenticity.

There have been many other fascinating and famous Scottish cat lovers, such as the extraordinary and tragic Eleanor Bowes, who married the Earl of Strathmore in 1767 and proclaimed she hoped never to go to Heaven unless she could be reunited with her cats there, and Dr. Robert Liston, who was as famous in London as Edinburgh for his rudeness to his patients, but demanded that they and his friends should treat his cats like ladies and gentlemen.



CAUGHT!

WING HOI CHAKI, bred from two English cats, Merlyn's Silken Rogue and Merlyn's Killdown Jeanette, is one of South Africa's best S.P. Siamese studs. Mrs. Enid Versveld, of Barkpan, has shown him with success at Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town shows and he was 1st and C.C. at the last Western Province C.C. Show. Mr. Versveld was so impressed with Chaki's skill as a mouser when he was a kitten, that he spent most of one night determined to get an action picture. Here is the result!

# Tailpieces

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



**S**T. MARK'S, Regent's Park, known to many as "the Zoo church," has been restored after its heavy damage from bombing in the last war. It is now a bright and spacious edifice containing several examples of fine work by distinguished craftsmen. An unusual *Benedicite* window by John Hayward, of the Faith Craft-Works, was recently dedicated. It includes a portrait of the Rev. H. A. Stickley's cat Freddie (reproduced below) and also the Russian moon rocket.



I hear that 240 cats were benched at the Canadian National Exhibition's Cat Show in Toronto in the summer. Among the Abyssinians (20 strong) the best was an American cat, Mrs. Leonard Shuler's Ch. Scelene's Firefly but English imports were prominent, notably Mr. and Mrs. McGill's Harmony Tygar of Dunedin

(bred by Mrs. Harmer), Deckham Camilla of Dunedin (bred by Mrs. Stuart), Mr. and Mrs. Williamson's Contenti Christie (bred by Miss Iris Wiseman) and Mrs. Field's Chatwyn Taha of Choti-Li (bred by Mrs. Tancock). Mrs. Field's Chota-Li Cayenne, a lovely red Abyssinian, attracted a lot of attention. It is interesting to note that Abyssinians and Colourpoints are popular varieties in the expanding Canadian Fancy.

Manila post office has 14 cats on its payroll. Their job is to rid the storerooms of rats. I wonder whether the "pay" adds up to more than rat meat!

The Education Committee of the R.S.P.C.A. has expressed concern at the increasing loss on the Society's monthly journal *The Animal World* resulting from the rising printing costs. In order to reduce this loss it has been decided with extreme reluctance to increase the price per copy from 4d. to 6d. starting with the January, 1960, issue.

I was very interested to read in the October issue of the R.S.P.C.A.'s journal that considerable progress has been made as a result of the meetings concluded in London this year between members of a Joint Anglo-American Sub-Committee set up to draft a constitution of a new organization for the international protection of animals. Animal protection societies throughout the world will be invited to become members of the new society. Certainly a step in the right direction!

Remember that attractive picture in our August issue of the Siamese queen and her nine babies who had to be hand reared by Mrs. Ivor Thomas, of British Columbia, Canada? The queen was Blackland Silver Mist exported by Mrs. Dorothy Clavier, F.Z.S. Silver Mist is now a full Champion and has collected 55 ribbons at only three shows. She travelled by plane with her kittens to attend the September Calgary Show.

How inhuman can humans be? Some astonishing facts are revealed in the editorial of the October issue of *The Animal's Magazine*, the monthly journal of the P.D.S.A. Last year the number of pets put down during the holiday season (either at their owners' request or because they had been found starving and miserable in the streets on to which they had been turned by their holiday-making owners) reached the disgusting total of 214,973. This year the figure is likely to be well over six figures again.

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Have you heard the story of the lady who owned a very shy cat that used to dash under the sofa every time a visitor called? She found a simple cure for this unfortunate habit—she cut off the legs of the sofa!

On two days in August the famous P.D.S.A. Sanitorium at Ilford was visited by over 1,600 animal lovers from all over the country. A dozen homeless cats and kittens were no longer homeless by the time the last visitor left.



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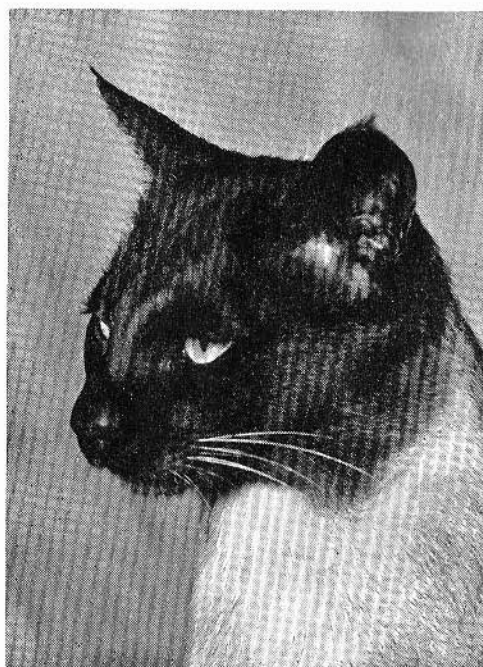
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Publications to reach me during the month include a copy of the interesting little *Newsletter* of the go-ahead Northern Counties Cat Club who have just held their first Championship Show. Mrs. May Eustace is the editor. One item particularly is deserving mention. The Club President Miss Stella Simpson invited members and friends to the grounds of her lovely home at Bradley Hall, Wylam, Northumberland. I quote: "It was a very successful day financially and 400 happy cat lovers strolled round the beautiful grounds and picnicked on the lawns."

Many pet owners in London had the scare of their lives this month following the Scotland Yard warning that meat sold from a Notting Hill shop was believed to have been infected with anthrax. A quantity was sold to pet shops in different parts of the City and likely purchasers were advised over the radio and in the newspapers to burn it immediately and take themselves and their pets for medical examination. The warning was necessary because anthrax can kill and humans can be affected by merely handling the meat. Some doubts were subsequently expressed as to the real gravity of the situation and at this writing I do not know the outcome. The suspected meat was certainly collected and burnt.

The Glendale City Council of California, U.S.A., have some quaint ideas when it comes to matters feline. According to their laws a kitten becomes a cat at four months and residents have to get a permit if they want to own more than three cats. Democracy at work!

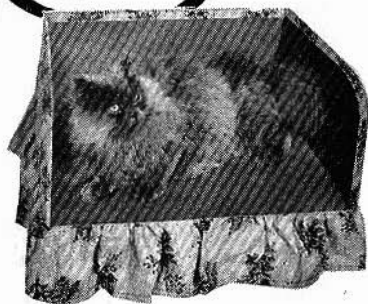
When Mrs. E. Marlow, of Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks., applied to the County Council for permission to run boarding kennels at her home her application was refused. The planning authorities maintained that the kennels would be undesir-

able in the locality. So Mrs. Marlow appealed to the Ministry of Housing and at the inquiry produced a stuffed miniature poodle. "How can anyone object to a dog that size?" she asked. She also stated that she had bred animals including Persian cats for 30 years and had always placed them first and foremost in her life. The Ministry's decision is to be announced later.

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

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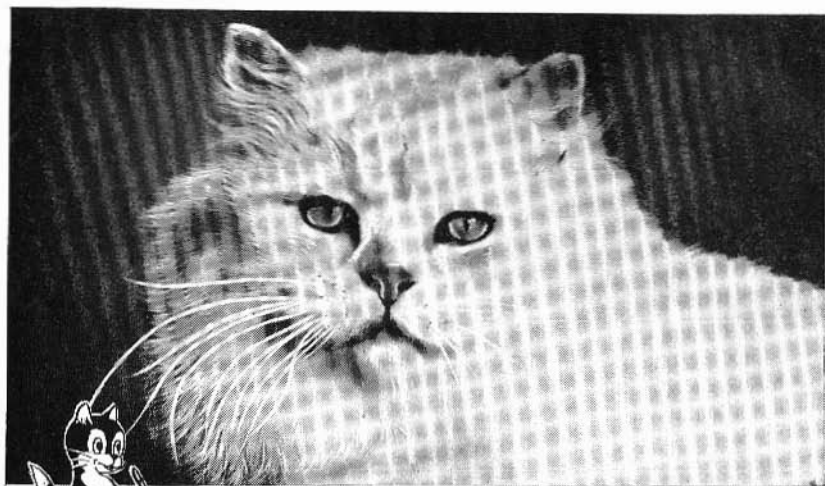
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#### Northern C.C. Show

**M**R. AND MRS. H. M. FORSTER were the Show Managers for the first Championship Show of the Northern Counties Cat Club which has been re-organized in Durham. The venue was the modern Seaburn Hall on the sea front at Sunderland. This Club has an active social side, which seems to be much easier to attain than in London, where although many exhibitors live within a comparatively short distance they are just too far away to attend pre-show or post-show festivities, to say nothing of being too busy tittivating their exhibits.

Mr. Forster kindly sent me the following news: "Our N.C.C.C. Ch. Show on September 19th was a success. We were fortunate enough to have some television coverage and my wife and myself appeared in a live broadcast with six of the cats from the North-east which did well at the Show. The public

response to this part of the programme was most gratifying and we feel the ordeal was well worth while as it all helps to make more people cat minded.

"We were very pleased that commercial television were interested enough to give us this opportunity which as far as I know has not happened before so far North.

"The cats we presented in this 'North-east Roundabout' programme were: Mrs. Morland's L.H. Black Longovicus Bonnie Berris, Mrs. Dawson's Neuter Almondhill Amanda, Mrs. L. M. M. Williams L.H. Blue kitten Bluemine Morgiana, Miss Macpherson's Burmese Benroc Beau Brummel, Mrs. Mavis Dunn's Siamese B.P. kitten Fenham Wee Beauty and Mrs. Eustace's Siamese S.P. kitten Silken Rosemerry.

#### One "got away!"

"The following were the Best in Show winners: L.H. Adult—Mrs. McVady's Blue male Gaydene Rory; L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Williams's Blue female Bluemine Morgiana by Boy Blue of Kenton; L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Dawson's Chinchilla Almondhill Amanda by Terry of Allington; S.H. Adult—Mrs. Macpherson's Benroc Beau Brummel by Ch. Darshan Khudiram; S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Dunn's Fenham Wee Beauty by Ch. Bluchayes Foxy; S.H. Neuter—Mrs. North's Chilton Dreamer by Ch. Laurentide Cometes."

"One incident was regrettable. Mrs. Watson's S.P. male winner of his Open

Class Milori Galliard was being taken up for Best in Show when he escaped from the steward. Unfortunately he could not be caught in time for him to compete and we felt most sympathetic towards his owner as he had won so well and was in such fine condition that he may have lost the award for Best S.H. adult.

"On a Saturday last month an open day to members of our Club and friends was held at the home of Mrs. May Eustace at South Shields. Mrs. Eustace is a prominent worker for the Club, being on the Committee and also editing our *Newsletter*. We are most grateful to her for playing hostess at this well supported occasion. Our President Miss Stella Simpson presented trophies to Club winners and to those members living too far away to attend, the cups, etc., will be sent by post. A lovely afternoon and evening was had by all."

### **Blue Longhairs compete**

Although there were only 51 exhibits at the Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show on October 1st at the Central Hall, Westminster, it was a bright enjoyable fixture and such a lovely summery day. The average quality of the kittens was better than last year and some of the second and third prize winners should win well at later shows.

The Blue males were in an excellent light facing the windows but the females facing inwards were at a disadvantage in a mixture of very subdued day and artificial light. What a pity this well situated hall for exhibitors and the public has such indifferent lighting! Cat shows need a good top light to display exhibits at their best particularly for coat and eye colour. I understand the judges took the adult females and the kittens to the windows to judge.

Eight Blue males were headed by Mrs. McVady's Gaydene Rory (by Ch. Thiepvall Paragon) who was later Best Exhibit in Show. The same sire was responsible for Miss Davies's adult

winning female Uplands Anna Capri. The mothers of both these exhibits—Gaydene Lulu and Vigilant Bo-Peep—are daughters of the late Ch. Astra of Pensford, so these two 1959 winners have very similar breeding.

Best Kitten was Miss Page's male Woburn Bonamy by Woburn Chippy and Best female Mrs. Brunton's Ravishing Rose of Dunesk by Gwynn of Allington, both lovely kittens.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks' Mnemosyne Misty Mischief by Paul of Pensford was the winner in the older Open Kitten Class and Mr. and Mrs. Reid's Briaric Alexandra by Danny of Dunesk in the younger Open Female Kitten Class. A notable absentee in this class was Mrs. Denton's Camber Louise who was flying to Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A., five days later. It was a wise precaution not to risk infection so shortly before export.

The perennial female neuter Premier Trenton Verity, ten years of age, was Best Neuter. Where, oh! where are all the lovely kittens which breeders have sold as pets to be neutered? Gracing hearthrugs and living a life of domestic bliss one supposes.

I was sorry that the popular voting competitions for the "Most Beautiful Cat" and "Most Beautiful Kitten" were omitted this year. It is always interesting to see how the exhibitors themselves and the public vote.

Visiting the Show as a spectator it was very pleasant to have time to exchange opinions with friends and be able to make a thorough tour of the exhibits.

### **Down at Southsea**

Exhibitors at the 6th Ch. Show of the Southsea Cat Club, now in its Silver Jubilee Year, enjoyed a lovely sunny day on October 14th. Beach cafes were still open and it was warm enough to have a siesta in a deck chair if one felt so disposed. Near enough to London for many breeders to get to Southsea and home again on the day, it attracted an excellent entry of over 270 exhibits.

The Longhair entry was particularly pleasing and some lovely cats and kittens were on parade, the adults much improved in coat since the first All-breed Ch. Show in August.

Best L.H. Cat in Show award went to Mrs. McVady's Gaydene Rory. Congratulations to her on his also becoming a Champion. Best L.H. Kitten was Mrs. Hacking's Chinchilla male Redwalls Chorister by Ch. Bonavia Contenta. It was pleasing to see Mrs. Hacking exhibiting Chinchillas again after a rather lengthy interval. Best L.H. Neuter went to Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla Premier Broctons Margaret by Ch. Flambeau of Allington.

The only White L.H. to be awarded a Challenge Certificate was Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway's Myrwal Andy, a golden-eyed male by Ch. Lotus Atlas.

In an Open Class of eight Blue females Mrs. Crickmore's Thiepval Desiree by Ch. Thiepval Paragon was the winner. Congratulations to Mrs. Barron on her Cream male Paul of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous becoming a Champion and on Paul's kitten Dalan Raymond being Best Cream Kitten. He was one of the L.H. kittens brought out for Best in Show and together with the winner Redwalls Chorister, Mrs. Brunton's Blue Ravishing Rose of Dunesk, Miss Page's Blue male Woburn Bonamy made an outstanding quartette. All were in lovely coat.

### Strong Chinchilla entry

Mrs. McLeod's Chinchilla female Linnet of Thame by Silver Lustre of Thame is a beautiful dainty queen. She also came out for Best in the adult L.H.'s. Another was Mrs. Joan Thompson's Cream female Brynwood Sunrise by Ch. Widdington Winterset. It was pleasing to see an entry of twelve Chinchilla kittens; in the female class Miss English's Arcamor Moonlight by Ch. Laurel of Allington was first. Mrs.

Wilson's Cream L.H. Neuter Priory Golden Glory became a Premier. He excels in type and eye colour and with his breeding he is a loss as a sire.

As usual, the Siamese entry was excellent and from the Seal Point females came the Best S.H. Adult Mrs. Highton's Random Rose Petal by Ch. Killdown Kerry. In a class of ten S.P. males Mrs. Browne's Silvatan Suntan was the Challenge Certificate winner. His sire Briarry Macaroon is a Chocolate Point. Best S.H. Kitten was Master Boorman's female Marquisite Cachucha by Ch. Jezreel Jake. Best S.H. Neuter went to Mrs. Lambert's S.P. Siamese Firesprite Pedro by Ch. Causeway Pita.

### Formidable competition

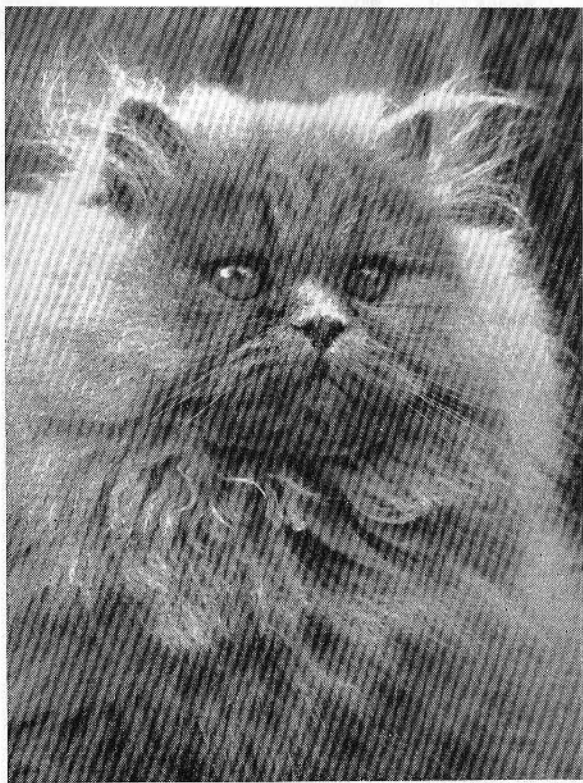
One Open Class was provided for S.P. Siamese male kittens 3 to 9 months and first of the 15 entries was Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Amberly To To and in an Open Class of 23 females Mrs. Charles' Gringo Morotai was first. Formidable competition for these exhibitors.

Space will not permit details of all the first prize winners but Mrs. Thake's. Silver Tabby Shorthair Silverseal Herrick was awarded several firsts. Miss Aitken's White Manx Ch. Noend Snowman was awarded another Ch. Certificate and Lady Glubb's Abyssinian female Deckham Nefisa also won her Open Class. Major and Mrs. Rendall's Blue Pointed Siamese gave a good account of themselves; they bred the first female adult Mrs. Worsley's Misselfore Duena and both sexes in first prize kittens Misselfore Rex and Misselfore Vanity. Mr. Russell's B.P. Ruselon Shebluhe-Hi was the winning male.

Mrs. Cook-Radmore worked hard to make the Show a success and it was gratifying to see a hall crowded with spectators and a very good entry to reward her and her Committee for their combined efforts. This is usually a bi-annual show and one suggestion for



Perfect and instant trust ! The Siamese kitten is Silverlawns Saucy Talk, the pick of a prize-winning litter at the July show of the Rhodesia Cat Club. The amazing thing about this photograph is that it was taken within half-an-hour of Saucy Talk being introduced to her new home by Mrs. I. S. Taylor, of Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. The kitten's sire is Sanguine Soniboi, an import from England. Susie, a female Cocker spaniel, has recently had puppies.



*F. W. Sinus*

**WOBURN BONAMY**, Miss C. Page's promising young Blue Long-hair male, has been winning all along the line so far this season. His latest and best success was Best L.H. Kitten award at this month's Croydon C.C. Show. He is bred from Woburn Chippy and Woburn Annabel.

the future which would please exhibitors is a panel of at least three L.H. judges for the Longhairs and a panel of three S.H. judges for the Shorthairs.

## Overseas visitors

Welcome guests at home in early October have been Mr. and Mrs. Anderson from South Africa and Mrs. Helsham from Sydney, Australia. It is so interesting hearing of the progress of the Fancy overseas. By the time these notes appear they will be on their way home. Here's wishing them *bon voyage*. I hope next Spring will bring us other cat lovers from far away places. They will certainly be made welcome by breeders here and we shall always be interested to hear about their shows and activities.

## Blues of quality

It was very pleasant to visit Mr. and Mrs. Boulton again at Bromley, Kent, and to see their cats and kittens so well housed and in such lovely condition. They have never sought the limelight and seldom exhibit. Denyston Denys, their Blue male by Mokoia Tafete, a son of the famous Ch. Mischief of Bredon, was looking in fine fettle and carries his nine years lightly. He was Best Blue Male Kitten at two London Ch. Shows in 1950. He has a lovely head and the neatest of ears so pleasingly rounded at the tip.

One of Mrs. Boulton's three queens Camber Dream Girl, a queen with exceptionally lovely eyes has distinguished herself with a quartette of bonny kittens by Denyston Denys. One had been sold but of the three I saw, all had lovely coats and already copper eyes. One female was outstanding, excelling in head and type and her brother was also good. I was pleased to hear these two will be exhibited as they are much too good to "blush unseen."

Mr. and Mrs. Boulton attend many of the London Ch. Shows as spectators

and have an excellent appreciation of good felines. Mr. Boulton has just retired so we may see them taking a more active part in the Fancy in future.

## Physical defects

It was an excellent decision on the part of the delegates to our Governing Council when they decided by a majority vote to debar cryptorchids and monorchids from competing for Challenge Certificates. We know it will be hard on some good males and there is one Blue male at present, a monorchid, of exquisite quality which one could almost weep for because his owner will not be able to compete with him. But for the general welfare of the breed it is better to take every step to avoid a repetition of these disappointments.

In the opinion of many of us we would like to see physical defects even more severely dealt with and two which come to mind at once are kinks in the tails of Longhairs, and any cat or kitten which has had an operation on its eyelids. The consensus of the opinions of the qualified veterinary surgeons who attended the Conference in London convened by the Governing Council in 1957 left one in no doubt that in their opinion these physical defects could be hereditary and such animals should not be bred from. Certainly they should be barred from show competition.

## Kinky tails still accepted

Over twenty years ago my husband, the late F. H. Thompson, had this letter published in the official organ of the Governing Council. He was then delegate and on the Committee of the Blue Persian Cat Society :

"*Defective Tails.*—I regret that my proposal to eliminate all cats and kittens with defective tails from among the prize winners was not passed at the last G.C. meeting, but I should like to point out

that it was only defeated by one vote, which indicates that the motion had many sympathizers.

"The whole point, in my opinion, is that by awarding prizes to kittens with kinks in their tails owners are later encouraged to place the males at public stud, and owners of queens send to them, often quite unaware that they have this fault.

"I cannot agree with Mr. Yeates, that 'no judge is likely to overlook it, and the animal will naturally be penalized.' Actually, a male kitten won first in the open class at the National Cat Show a few years ago, and, incidentally, was the son of a cat with a very badly kinked tail. As recently as last autumn kittens were being awarded first and second prizes at a north-country show, and two well-

known judges at the beginning of the show season commented on the growing prevalence of this defect.

"Kittens are penalized for unsound eyes and shady coats which, in many cases, are only a temporary condition, yet this more serious fault which can never pass with age is tolerated.

"However, the question has been discussed at the G.C. meeting and there we must leave the matter at present."

F. H. THOMPSON.

Twenty years later prizes are still being awarded by some judges to exhibits with kinks. So surely it is time they were eliminated from competition and given less opportunity for passing on this defect to a percentage of their descendants if their owners still wished to breed from them?



Reference was made in last month's "Just Fancy" to the excellent "Cats' Inn" boarding establishment conducted by Mrs. Mollie Turney at Holyport, Berks. Here is a view of the outside pens and some of the guests, including a pair of Colourpoints which Mrs. Turney is taking inside for a little personal attention.



## IN THE SIAMESE WORLD

**S**HOWS and more shows! In spite of the increase in the number of All-Breed Shows, the Siamese Cat Club Show held annually in October is still regarded by Siamese enthusiasts as the high light of the season. It is remarkable that a specialist club can year after year attract sufficient entries to run a fixture entirely on its own. The General Election spoilt the gate this year but this didn't interfere with the enjoyment of the visitors.

Mrs. R. W. M. Davies' Missflore Shera, a Blue Point bred by Major and Mrs. Rendall was Best Adult and Best Exhibit in Show. Mrs. Davies was very thrilled that her journey south was so well worth while. Best Male was Mrs. A. H. Watts' S.P. Beau Bosun, bred by exhibitor. Best Female Kitten went to Mrs. D. Nicholas' Helsby Beta, another B.P. bred this time by Mrs. J. Jackson. This kitten was also Best Kitten in Show, a performance she repeated at Preston. Best Male Kitten was Mrs. J. M. Stewart's Chocolate Point Bolney Kien, an owner bred exhibit. Among the neuters the best was Mrs. R. Horwood's Pr. Samarkand Johnny Gurkha, bred by the exhibitor and I believe this was his fourth P.C.

### Lilacs becoming popular

You will note that the different points, Seal, Blue and Chocolate, were all represented among the main awards. While on the point of colour, Lilac Points are gaining in popularity. They have the pale coat that attracts the eye and it remains pale. Their pastel shades make them fairy like and they all seem to have remarkably loving natures.

Our President, Sir Compton Mackenzie, could not be with us but I met him later in the month when he presented the prizes at the Edinburgh and East of

Scotland Championship Show, where we had a chat. We were pleased to have with us a number of visitors from overseas—Mrs. M. Helsham, Vice-President of the Siamese Cat Club of New South Wales, Mrs. and Miss Cowan, of South Africa, who are over for some months and have brought their Siamese pet with them; also Mr. and Mrs. Anderson from South Africa, whom many of you will have met at the shows. The Andersons had entered a B.P. kitten Bichet Genista, bred by Mrs. H. Philpot, but at the last moment they could not show him. He was, however, shown at the Midland Show where he won his Open Class.

There were several promising kittens, notably Mr. R. Warner's Whiteoak Malahide; Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson's Amberley To To; Mrs. P. M. Lord's Tarleton Rebel; Miss Gordon-Jones' Celestial Show Bunting; Mrs. A. H. Watts' Du Bu Polka and Mrs. N. Morrison's Brackledown Gigi. These were winners in Open Seal Point Classes. In Blue Points Major and Mrs. Rendall's Missflore Rex and Mrs. R. M. Dunn's Fenham Wee Beauty were their Open Class winners. In Adults Mrs. A. Bachell's S.P. Firespite Cindy gained 1st and Ch., as did Mrs. M. Dunn's Fenham Tarkas.

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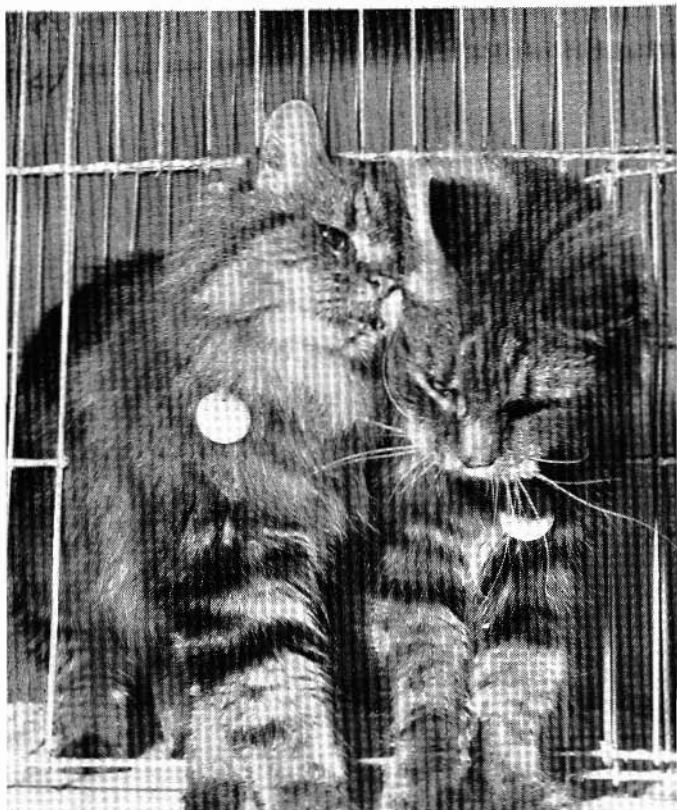
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## News from "Down Under"

**H**ELLO everybody! We've been having lots and lots of lovely rain, too late to benefit the hay crop in many parts, but good for the new season's fruit crop, just setting.

**New Zealand.** I have a *Newsletter* from Miss Menzies and this always makes enjoyable reading. The Governing Council has set up a special committee to prepare a course of instruction and practice work for clubs desirous of holding judges training classes and the type of examination to be set for candidates. Eight show dates for 1960 are approved and can be supplied to anyone interested.

The shows of the Hastings, Hutt Valley and Gisborne Clubs seem to have passed off very well. The first named was held in August and top winners included Miss Lovejoy's imported Bonavia Campanello and the same breeder's kitten Highland Suntan, Miss Nickle's neuter Highland Silver Charm, Mrs. Herkt's Shorthair Lindisfarne Symonetta and Mrs. Taylor's Blue Seal Temple Song.

Hutt Valley had a big entry at the new Taia Hall and the arrangements made by Secretary Mrs. Archibald were greatly appreciated. I notice among the awards Mrs. Downey's Thiepvall Persephone (imp.) and her Longhair kitten Lindisfarne Day Dream. Among the Shorthairs Mrs. McGregory's S.P. Siamese Glengyle Gentilhomme and Mrs. E. Sutherland's Glengyle Kaen were prominent.

Gisborne C.C. did well with over 100 entries. The weather was not kind as rain, hail and wind persisted with a background of snow on the hills. This is a young but rapidly growing club.

Challenge winners were Mrs. Johnson's Tiana Bo Peep Black, Miss Holme's Illawarra Little Laurie Blue, Mrs. Saunders's Langbank Lady Caresse, Miss Holmes's Illawarra Prince Leo, Mrs. Saunders's Langbank Gay Coquette among the Longhairs and Mrs. McGregory's Glengyle Gentilhomme and Mrs. Herkt's Lindisfarne's Symonetta in Shorthairs.

**South Australia.** A few observations to hand from Adelaide per Tom and Jerry again, chief of which, I guess, is confirmation of the retirement of Don Gebhardt as Secretary of the Cat Fanciers' Society. Tributes are paid to Don, which I endorse. Mrs. Woods has been persuaded to fill the vacancy. I see that as there are so many good cooks in the club it has been decided to run a cake stall at the next show—a bright idea. Mrs. Hunt has been appointed Publicity Manager and Mrs. Hart Trophy Mistress, two very important positions.

**Victoria.** Front page news of the September issue of the *Newsletter* from the Siamese Cat Club of Melbourne is the resignation of Mrs. Patterson from the Committee. It came as a shock to me as Mrs. Patterson was always very keen and a consistent worker for the Club since its inception in 1950. She has been asked to accept a life membership as a token of esteem and it is to be hoped that she will continue to take an interest in the affairs of the Club.

An experimental Siamese breeding sub-committee has been formed consisting of three Siamese judges. No spring show will be held this year as a suitable hall could not be booked for the dates required. Great interest has

been aroused by the arrival in Melbourne of Mrs. J. D. Picken's two lovely English importations, both young Longhair males who should do much for Australian stock.

**New South Wales.** There are three kitten shows listed for November and December at City, Arncliffe and Lidcombe and most dates, both Ch. and kitten shows, have now been approved for 1960. I hope the Blue Mountains Cat Society did well with their first exhibition last month. About a dozen students of the judges' training class have been examined in theory.

Several of us have had wonderful letters from Mrs. Helstam, who has been visiting English breeders and shows. Very soon we shall be getting first-hand news about this exciting trip as she is expected home round about the time these notes appear in print. Congratulations to Mrs. Iris Paris on her imported Siamese B.P. female Catterstock Blue Voyager as a mate for her male Coochie Blue Caprice. Blue Voyager has an imposing ancestry comprising Ch. Prestwick Blue Crackers and Ch. Misselore Riken, etc. Blue Caprice, bred by Mrs. E. Henry, Secretary of the Queensland Cat Club, has done well on our show bench.

I have received another long and interesting letter from Mrs. Sampson, of S. Rhodesia. Her queries have been answered. They have Siamese cats, squirrels and a bull mastiff which the Siamese order about like nobody's business! Another interesting letter has reached me from Mrs. J. P. Marceau, of Canada, which tells of the formation

of a special breed club to be known as the Abyssinian Cat Club of Canada. She is anxious to establish contact with Aby. breeders all over the world. Come on, you breeders of the cuddly Aby., let's hear from you! I am sure Mrs. Marceau will not be disappointed as it is astonishing what OUR CATS is doing to link up with cat lovers everywhere. Contact Mrs. Marceau at General Delivery, Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada.

**Queensland.** I have been requested to correct a paragraph in my July issue notes re the formation of a body in Queensland called the Council of Federated Cat Clubs. It has been pointed out to me that this body does not control the Queensland Cat Club, which is still affiliated with Victoria from whom they have received great help and have now been granted permission to form their own Consultative Committee to deal with urgent matters, etc., subject to ratification by the Victorian body. This step may simplify matters a lot and no doubt the same order will be sought by Adelaide.

No further news from Queensland. No doubt they are all too busy soaking up the lovely sunny days and delicious tropical fruit which is the order up there just now. Speaking to Norma and Mr. and Mrs. Cawley up there a few weeks ago, they said they were enjoying their new State and would not care to come back to N.S.W. to live. Mr. C. is certainly enjoying better health.

Best wishes to all the breeders in Blighty during their busy show season.



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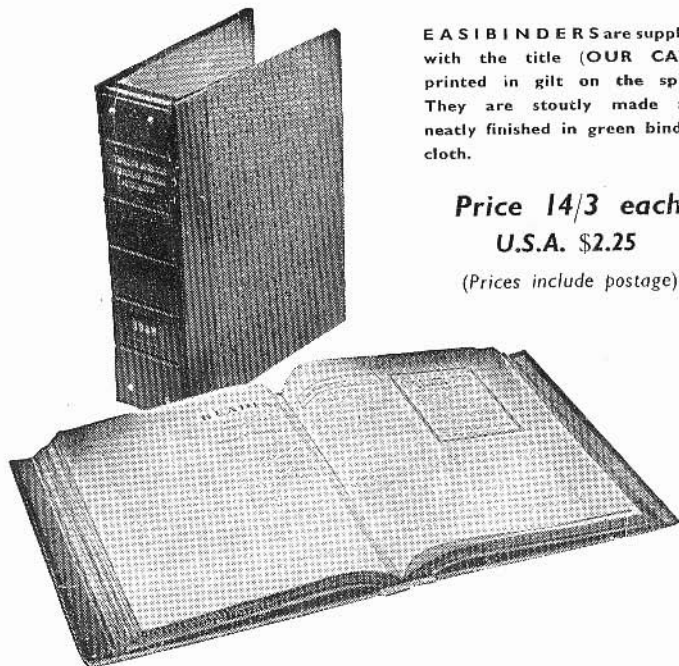
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