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- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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OUR FUTURE PLANS

BEFORE I say anything at all about our publishing arrangements for the future, I would like to thank our subscribers everywhere for their patience and understanding over the past few months when the Magazine has been so very late in reaching them. Calls on my time have been so very heavy of late that I have not been able to keep on terms with the calendar since my return from abroad in August and now, with so very little of the year remaining, the position can only be adjusted by the merging of two issues.

This course has therefore been taken and the combined October/November issue which you are now holding should enable us to achieve regular publication in the future round about the 20th of each month. Subscribers and series advertisers will not be losers in any way over this arrangement as an issue will be automatically added to their current orders. Our December issue will be ready for sale at the National Cat



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Club show at Olympia on the 14th of next month. Then in January we shall be having another in the popular series of New Year Greetings Numbers (see announcement elsewhere in this issue).

Taking a long term view of the Magazine's position in the light of what has been achieved so far and what the future may have in store, I am sorry to have to announce that subscription rates will be increased with the January 1964 issue. Such a course is necessary to ensure survival.

The new subscription rate will be 27s. 6d. for 12 issues post free, an increase of 2s. 6d. For the half-year the price will be 14s. 6d. The increased rate for the Americas will be \$4.50 and the single copy price will go up from 2s. to 2s. 6d. There must also be some small increases in our charges for advertisements but I do not intend to disturb those for the popular Directory of Breeders. It is worth recording that the Directory, which has built up into an important feature of the Magazine, carries the space charges it started with in our first issue in 1949. That at least is something to be proud about!

I shall look forward so very much to a continuation of the splendid support which you have given to OUR CATS over the many years. Thanks to this, we have been able to escape the fate that has overtaken so many of the small specialist publications.

EDITOR.



SHOWS FOR THE 1963/4 SEASON

Brief details of the show fixtures so far arranged for the coming season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers. A list giving fuller information may be obtained (price 6d.) from the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., 4 Elim Court Gardens, Crowborough, Sussex.

		Promoted by	Venue
1963			
14 December ...	*National Cat Club	Olympia, London
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1964			
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15 February ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties C.C.	Southport
26 " ...	West of England & S. Wales C. S.	Cheltenham
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14 March ...	Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club	Lincoln
	Surrey and Sussex Cat Club	London

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On Red Pointed Siamese

By DR. N. E. ARCHER

Although this article was written over ten years ago by one who can justly claim to have pioneered the Red Points, we have taken the opportunity to reprint it because of the sustained interest in the variety which is evident to-day in many corners of the cat world.

RED Pointed Siamese cats are the most recent addition to the growing Siamese family, and they certainly promise to be among its most attractive members. I have a six months old kitten sitting beside me as I write. She has a silvery-white body colour, guinea-gold ears and tail; her mask, fore-legs and hind feet are pale gold, and her eyes are sapphire blue. The colour scheme is delicate and distinctly charming. When first class type is added to beautiful colouring, this breed will be in the front rank of pedigree cats.

In breeding Red Points we are deliberately combining genetic factors which have not until recently been studied in association. The officially recognized breeds of Siamese cat, Seal, Blue and Chocolate, all have the same basic pigment, melanin. It is modified in the Blue and Chocolate breeds by a dilution factor specific to each breed. Red colour in cats is produced by an entirely different basic pigment. Whether this pigment would behave differently from the black pigment when combined with the Siamese restriction factor could only be discovered by experimental breeding and observation.

So far as I have had the opportunity of watching colour development in Red Points, the story is precisely the same as in Seal Points. The kittens are born white, and within a few days begin to show colour in the ears and tail. Later, the mask, forelegs and hind feet gradually become pigmented, and when growth is nearly complete, a shading of gold appears on the back.

To plan successfully the production of a Red Pointed Siamese strain *de novo*, it must be clearly appreciated that the pigment genes in cats are sex-linked. That is, they are carried in special chromosomes, called the X chromosome. The female possesses a pair of these chromosomes, while the male has only one X chromosome, his pair being completed by the Y chromosome which makes him a male. It follows from this that a Red male can be bred from a Tortie or a Red female, irrespective of the colour of his sire, whereas a Red female can only be bred from a mating in which red pigment is present in both parents.

Possible colour patterns

In plain language, if we arrange a mating between a Seal Pointed Siamese queen and a Red Shorthair male, the resulting litter will comprise tortoiseshell females and black males. None of the kittens will have the Siamese colour distributed, but they are all Siamese hybrids, that is, they carry a Siamese factor. A tortie female from this litter is then mated with a Siamese male. The predictable possibilities from this mating are black, tortie, seal pointed and tortie pointed females; and black, red, seal pointed and red pointed males. With so many possible colour patterns it obviously may mean breeding several litters before the coveted male Red Point appears. When he does, further Red Points, both male and female, can be produced by mating him back to his hybrid tortie mother or to one of his tortie pointed sisters or half-sisters. When Red Point is mated to Red Point, the resulting litter will contain only Red Pointed kittens, since the Red Pointed cat must be pure or homozygous, both in respect of colour

genes and the Siamese factor, in order to have that particular appearance.

My own scheme for breeding Red Points has followed very much along these lines, except that I was lucky enough to acquire an accidentally bred Red Pointed male in the first instance, and so started my experiments in the third generation from the first cross-mating. This Red Point's mother was the tortoiseshell daughter of a Siamese queen which had made an escape mating. The tortie was mated back to a Siamese male and produced in the same litter as my Red Point, a seal point, a black, and a red male.

When he was mature, I mated the Red Pointed male to a Seal Pointed queen, and have repeated this and similar matings a number of times since; the resulting litters have always consisted, as expected, of tortie pointed females and seal pointed males. The tortie pointed females are exotic-looking creatures whose points are a mixture of seal, red and cream, with a smoky white body colour. They have all approximated more nearly to the Siamese than to the British type, and have all developed quite good blue eye colour when mature.

From two of these tortie points, which I retained as the most promising, I have bred four Red Pointed kittens this season. Three of them were females; produced, of course, by mating the tortie points back to their sire; and one male, a most fascinating little fellow now four months old, which was sired by a Chocolate Pointed Siamese.

So far as these breeding results go, they confirm the assumptions on which the plan was based, and which it was designed to test. The next step will, I hope, include Red Point to Red Point matings, and further out-crossing to Seal Points in order to improve both type and the points density of the Red Points.

I should like to emphasize that I have been able to give here only a brief outline of the method and results of several seasons' breeding experiments, and have not even mentioned many important factors in the production of good Red Pointed Siamese. Experienced breeders will realize that I have indicated only one of the ways in which these cats can be produced.

(Reprinted with acknowledgements to "The Cat World," the official journal of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Australia and Victoria).

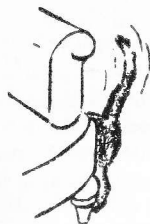


Even if you know you are a V.I.P. (Very Important Pussycat) your first appearance in public can be a little unnerving. Kosset Carpets Ltd. sent their own V.I.P. POLDENHILLS SCAMPI (a 3-month Chinchilla bred by Mrs. Polden) to grace the red carpet specially made for a London film première. Scampi soon overcame his shyness.



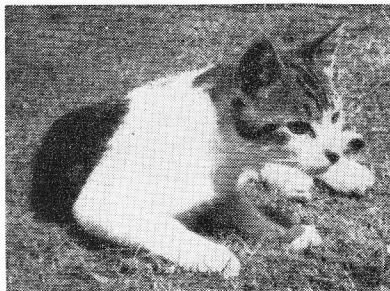
Tailpieces

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



WE recently received a cheery letter from Mrs. C. M. Rockford du Preez, of Johannesburg, who is doing a good job as Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Society of South Africa. The late Kathleen Williams was an honorary life member of this Society for over ten years and present day patrons include Mr. and Mrs. V. Watson, of Matlock, Derbyshire, who have done such splendid work for Siamese and Burmese and contributed to the advancement of these popular breeds at home and overseas. With Mrs. Rockford du Preez's letter there came a copy of the Society's breezy and informative *Newsletter*.

"Cats" is the title of a new P.D.S.A. film (16mm.) which is shortly to become available to borrowers. It runs for twelve minutes and takes a close look at the history, ways, types, care and management of cats. It should therefore be in great demand by clubs and for social occasions. It is also calculated to be of particular use in helping young folk to understand their pets and to care for them. With the help of the British



Thursday, once a stray, plays his part in the new P.D.S.A. film "Cats".

Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, an interesting sequence has been built up in the film showing the cat in ancient Egypt when he was both hunter, pet and image of the gods. Applications for hiring should be addressed to the P.D.S.A., Clifford Street, London, W.1.

Mr. Charles d'Oliver Farran, a lecturer at Oxford University, acquired a pair of Sudanese cats when he and his wife were working in Khartoum. They were duly christened Ginger and Tutti Frutti. When the time came for them to return to Oxford, the Farrans were disinclined to submit their pets to our quarantine regulations, so they decided to have them removed to their permanent home at Menton, France. This involved finding someone dependable who would be responsible for Ginger and Tutti Frutti for a short period. The temporary services of a local woman were secured and then the Farrans let it be known that the free use of their South of France villa was available to any genuine cat lover until early December, when they would be returning to Menton. Mr. Farran said that the prospective cat-sitter would have to prove that he was a genuine cat lover and not just after a cheap holiday. "You can tell a cat lover by the way he talks," he explained. "I will know all right."

Australian veterinary surgeon Mr. John Cross, addressing a meeting of breeders and judges associated with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Australia and Victoria, said that tranquilizers were useful if properly used. They were not recommended for excitable

cats at shows because there was a risk of unexpected reactions. The length of time tranquilizers will sedate a cat varies with the animal and some cats coming out of sedation seem to "explode". Mr. Cross added that temperament is an important thing in breeding stock and if you are going to drug to hide a temperamental defect, you could be helping to perpetuate that defect. Tranquilizers were of great use in connection with anaesthetics at operations. There is no cumulative effect of tranquilizing a cat—it is all discharged within 24 hours.

This is in reply to two enquirers. The Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 comes into force in January next. Under the Act, to which we devoted some space in our July issue, animal boarding establishments will have to be licensed by local authorities who may appoint one of their officers, a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, to inspect places.

It was good news to read that Miss Vivien Leigh, who was brought home from New York in a state of nervous exhaustion due to overwork in the musical play in which she has been appearing, was soon out and about again. One of the first things she did after a rest was to go out for a drive with her grandson Neville and her Siamese cat.

Mr. Donald Bissett, actor and children's writer, has been given permission to erect a cat on top of the Whittington Stone on Highgate Hill. When he was on tour with the Royal Shakespeare Company he wrote a fairy story in which the Queen drives up Highgate Hill and stops to talk to a stone cat on top of the Whittington Stone. Later, on a drive past the Stone Mr. Bissett was surprised to find that the Stone was catless. Rather than change his story to meet the situation he decided to try and change the situation to fit the story. So now two sculpture students are submitting a design for the cat in stone and Mr. Bissett hopes to raise the necessary £200 for the commission among his friends.

It is regretted that the picture of the Chinchilla kitten Fishermore Echo on page 14 of last month's issue was incorrectly captioned. Mrs. D. A. Lodge, of Hesse, E. Yorks, is of course the breeder of all the Fishermore cats and the name of Miss A. Brooks, of Bristol, should therefore have been shown as the owner of Echo only and not the breeder. Echo (by Ch. Fishermore Helios ex Ch. Fishermore Calypso) was Best Chinchilla Kitten at the 1962 show of the Midland Counties C.C.

An Aberdeen woman Mrs. Patricia Mennie has been fined £10 for abandoning her pet cat. It was alleged that when she moved her home she left the cat behind and the offence came to light. Aberdeen Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals received a phone call about an injured cat. It was so badly injured that it had to be put down. Mrs. Mennie was eventually traced and admitted the offence.

Not long before his tragic death by drowning in the summer of 1954 while filming *Shark Island* off the Achill coastline, Charlie Osborne presented an 11-year-old cat to Major Dermot Freyer, of Corrymore House. The cat

THIS MONTH'S BACKSLAP

came in a letter from a lady who conducts a cattery of repute in Texas, U.S.A. She wrote: "I have just received three past issues of OUR CATS from a close friend and feline judge who resides in Pennsylvania. Setting aside a busy work schedule I devoted the entire afternoon to the exploration of this charming publication. My time was not wasted. Your most informative and interesting magazine was totally absorbing. In my humble opinion, it far surpasses similar periodicals in clarity, content and composition. OUR CATS shall soon become a welcome frequenter to our Home."

was named George by the Major and down the ensuing years he became known to locals and to a legion of tourists as "George Osborne." He received letters and Christmas cards from the four corners of the earth. Part Siamese, George quickly established himself as an honoured and respected member of the Corrymore household as well as the undisputed leader of the feline community. He died earlier this year at the fine old age of 21 and this is how *The Mayo News* described his passing: "George's friends at home and abroad will be pleased to know that his passing was a peaceful one, for he died while dozing on his favourite window sill, when the evening sun was slowly sinking down the western sky and casting its farewell slanting rays like a burial shroud over the prostrate form of the slumbering Monarch of Corrymore House".

Another local cat character—this time at Amersham, Bucks.—has recently died aged 16. He was Ginger, who lived in a "council house"—a home provided by the town—in the Memorial Gardens. He begged like a dog for special titbits and every Christmas received cards and gifts from many parts of the world.

A newspaper columnist comments that dog mania takes a lot of forms. The Americans spend 250 million pounds a year on biscuits, ermine-trimmed dog boots and humorous doggy buttons inscribed "I like cats".

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 but it should be remembered that we cannot reproduce direct from newspaper illustrations. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.

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Two black queens

By E. HARPER

ALL cats own the homes they live in but surely two black cats called Spot and Fluff must own one of the most exclusive homes any cat ever had. They live on an island—Round Island in the Scillies. And they own the lighthouse.

Ten years ago, two tiny black kittens were brought from St. Mary's to make their home in Round Island Lighthouse. Since then, they have known nothing of the outside world. For them the island is their world; their subjects, the keepers who tend the light.

Occasionally, the local population is swelled by visitors, such as the B.B.C. television camera men for whom one of the twin sisters condescended to pose. But such upsets are not welcomed. Cats like a fixed routine and resent change and intrusion, even if it brings fame and a television appearance in "*Animal Magic*".

Showed up well

Spot owes her name to a tiny white spot between the ears. Fluff, a dignified old lady, probably finds the name a trifle embarrassing now she has reached a certain age, even if it did suit her as a kitten. The sisters are both black. Were they chosen to bring good luck to the Island or because they would show up well against the whitewash and clean stones of their property?

Cats do not need a great deal of exercise. The two black queens take all they need march-

ing round the lighthouse, admiring the view or just lazily seeking the sunniest spot. Although there is plenty of fish in the sea, they like tinned food best, supplemented by a few scraps from the keepers' table. Well-meaning visitors who give them tit-bits are not welcomed, for Spot and Fluff are promptly sick—always preferring to be so inside the house and not conveniently in the garden!

Like all cats, they hate wet, rough weather. When storms rage and gale force wind blows their fur the wrong way, they sensibly stay indoors—even turning the inside coal store into a ladies' cloakroom!

Possibly, they find a dearth of male admirers at times but, by and large, they are as happy as a king—or, as queens can be and will probably reign over their kingdom for many years yet.

Our Governing Council recently called a special meeting to hear a statement on the affairs of the Russian Blue Cat Club, which was wound up in August, and the newly-formed Russian Blue Cat Society. The meeting was convened in order to decide on a suitable course of action in the best interests of the breed. Miss Kit Wilson gave her views on behalf of the Short Hair Cat Society and it was finally agreed that any meeting deemed necessary to clarify the position and to bring interested parties together should be convened by the Society. The Council also agreed to revert to the old Standard of Points for the breed, as set down in 1939.

Please "come in" — this time!

Our forthcoming January 1964 issue will be another

SPECIAL NEW YEAR GREETINGS NUMBER

OUR CATS is truly international — the only magazine of its kind in the world. It reaches subscribers in nearly 40 countries and is therefore the perfect medium for seasonal greetings and messages between fanciers and their catteries, pet owners and their pets, clubs and their officers, humane organizations, etc.

The rates for advertisement space remain particularly attractive for those associated with the Cat Fancy and we hope that many more will avail themselves this time of the opportunity to send out their New Year Greetings via one of the available spaces in OUR CATS. It will work out much cheaper than cards and their postage !

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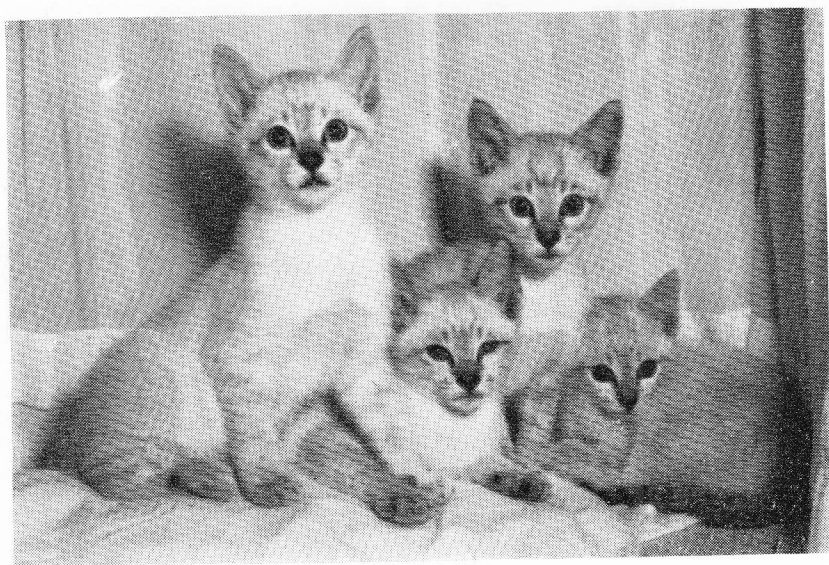
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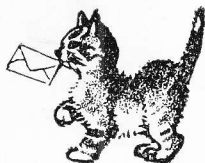


**An appealing litter of first generation Lynx pointed kittens born in Brisbane, Australia, in June
last. Mrs. L. Batten and Mrs. L. W. Gillingham.**



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.



Cats in Malaya

I WAS very interested to read about the new Lynx pointed breed in one of your earlier issues as they are very common out here in Sarawak. But very few cats here have a nice long tail. The usual Malay cat has a very short tail and my own ginger cat has a crooked stump.

The Malays like their cats and never dream of getting rid of the kittens. I have befriended and found homes for many of the stray kittens, much as I hated parting with them. At one time I had eight cats and the last time I went to the U.K. I took my Borneo cat with me. He has a happy home, I'm glad to say, and some day I hope to have my own home and be re-united with my cat again.

Incidentally, this town is Kuching, which is Malay for cat. There is a veterinary clinic here now, thank goodness! When I came out here first in 1953 there was nowhere to get medicines or veterinary aid for our pets, but the doctors at the hospital always helped as best as they could and in one the doctor cured a cat of mine which had feline enteritis. It is a bit of a strain having pets out here, but life would be pretty miserable without them.

In one of your issues you had a news item about the cat-less kampongs in N. Borneo. I believe that in one of the kampongs some cats were actually dropped by parachute owing to the rough country. There were no casualties.

MARGARET BARLOW (Mrs).

Kuching,
Sarawak,
via Singapore.

And in Japan

I am a member of the Japanese Cat Club (not as called Japan Cat Club). We have Siamese and Persian Cat Clubs in Japan, too, which are working actively. Our Club loves our domestic cat, which is traditionally Japanese, and we are trying to expand our activities.

Our domestic cat is the pet for the ordinary people and they are in many different sizes, shades and patterns. They have gentle natures and lovely voices.

We had a cat show in Tokyo for the first time this year and an experienced judge came from America. Our cat got a prize and I am enclosing the graceful picture of her for your readers to enjoy. (Picture on page 23. Editor)

MADAME TOSHI OKUDA

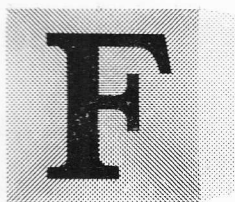
(From an address in France).

A BOOK FOR A MESSAGE

As our January 1964 issue will be another in the popular series of SPECIAL GREETINGS NUMBERS, we are inviting readers to send us their own contributions.

All they have to do is to take the heading "My New Year Message to the Cat World" and then compile not more than 750 words appropriate to the occasion. The subject provides considerable scope as messages may be gay, constructive or critical or even in verse. We have three very nice cat books ready to go to the writers of what in the Editor's opinion are the three best messages. These will duly appear in the Special Greetings Number.

Entries must reach OUR CATS, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, by not later than 16th December. Please mark your envelopes "Message" in the top left-hand corner.

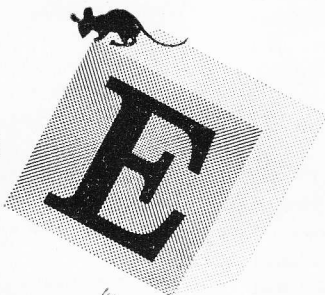


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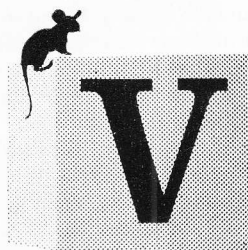
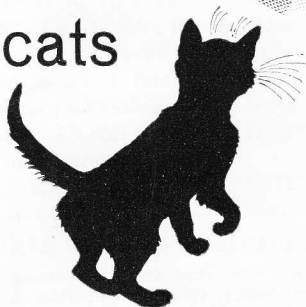
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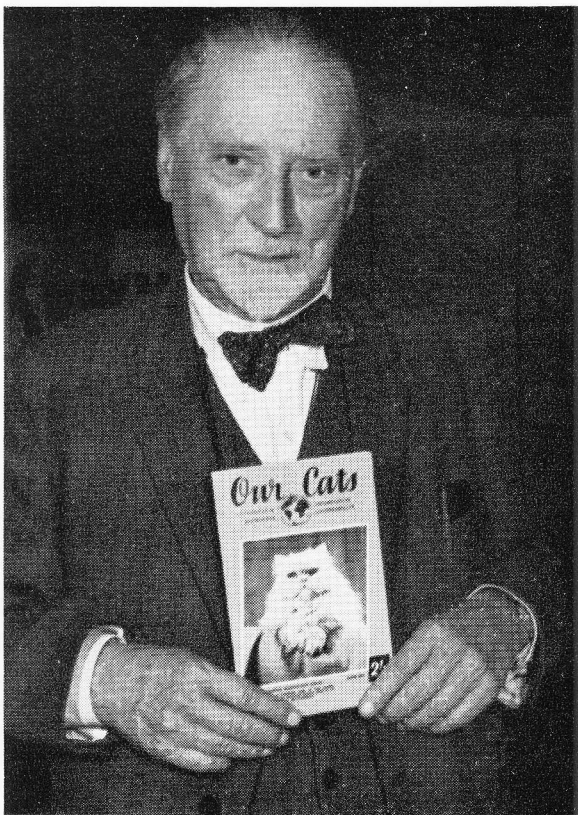
(Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club)

THE Siamese Cat Club staged its 33rd Annual Championship Show on October 8th, at Seymour Hall, London, W.1, with Mrs. Mary Dunnill as Show Manager.

An energetic band of helpers worked hard before and during the show to make it the very real success it was. Mr. Bullock recorded the awards in "The Book", Mr. Haynes was in charge of the table, with Mrs. Channing, Mrs. Eustace, Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Nokes,

Mrs. Sansom and Mr. Hudson all working hard all day, writing the award cards, marking catalogues and answering innumerable questions. Mr. Philpot and Mrs. Hardy were kept busy at the door. Mrs. Sayer looked after the information table and sold a record number of show catalogues, helped by Mrs. Arnold.

Mrs. Levison and friend ran a most successful raffle, and a wonderful basket of fruit given by Mr. Bath was won by some lucky person, but unfortunately,



Hugh Smith
During his visit to the annual Show of the Siamese Cat Club, President Sir Compton Mackenzie found time in which to pay us this handsome compliment.

not by me! Mary Hodgkinson attended to the award board, and Mrs. Wakerley and baby kept a very attentive eye on our wonderful array of silver cups and trophies. Mrs. Helen Martin and Mrs. Dafforn acted as show-manager's "right hand" and worked energetically all day, wherever needed.

Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, was with us all day, and very kindly acted as referee judge. Nineteen judges, with their stewards, coped with huge classes, and all the cats and kittens behaved beautifully. I did not hear of a single bite!

A busy time for the three veterinary surgeons, Mrs. M. Calder, Miss E. Woodyer and Dr. G. Schneck began at 8.30 a.m. and they were kept hard at it until all the cats and kittens were "vetted-in" and safely penned. Over 300 cats and kittens were presented, all looking their best, and comfortable on warm, white blankets. The lucky ones had hot-water bottles too, and the shy ones took cover under their blankets.

A pleasing picture

The Seymour Hall is a beautiful venue for a cat show. It has excellent light, plenty of room so that, even with three double rows of cages, there is generous gangway space. The tables mounting the cages were draped with yellow bunting, edged in black; information, sales and best-in-show tables on the platform were draped with blue Siamese Cat picture tea-towels. Judges and stewards in white overalls, and judging tables complete with blue bowls and blue towels, all helped to make a very pleasing picture to enhance the beauty of the most important personage in the show, the *SIAMESE CAT*.

All colours of points were represented. Twenty-one male Seal Point cats, thirty-three female Seal Point cats, nine Blue Point males and sixteen female Blue Point cats, eight Chocolate Point males and four Chocolate Point females,

fourteen Lilac Point females and only three male Lilac Points were entered in the eight adult championship classes, competing for the important Challenge Certificate, three of which must be won under three different judges before a cat may be called a Champion.

A class of sixteen magnificent neuters competed for the Premiership, and ten Champions were entered in the Champion of Champions class. Fifty-six Seal Point male and female kittens, twenty-five Blue Point kittens, twenty-four Chocolate Point kittens and nineteen Lilac Point kittens were all competing for Best Kitten in Show. There were nine litters of kittens. Also, on exhibition only, were some tabby-pointed cats and kittens and one red tabby-point. I had hoped to exhibit my own Chestnut Browns, self-brown Siamese kittens, but decided against it as they were entered for competition at the Southsea Show on 16th October, giving a clearance of only seven days between exposure to any possible infection.

Members become authors

Brigadier Sir John Smyth and Lady Smyth, both members of the Club were at the Show, and Sir John was kept busy autographing copies of his book *Beloved Cats* which were on sale. This is a charming story, illustrated by line drawings by Lady Smyth, about Pooni, purchased at last year's show, and Tomkin, a kitten bred by Mrs. A. Hunt and sired by my stud, Beaumanor Tammi.

Another member of our club has recently published a book about his Siamese cats called *A Kitten for Christmas*. This is Keith Bryant who was also exhibiting for the first time with a little Lilac Point female kitten bred by Mrs. Zoe Wood. Mr. Bryant has, currently, three Siamese cats, one a Blue Point queen with six babies, as well as the new Lilac Point, and is rapidly incubating the show-bug.

The Best in Show panel consisted of Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Varcoe and Mr. Stirling-Webb. Six adult cats were brought out, all of which had been placed first in their Open Class, Mrs. Keen's Sabukia Sirocco, Seal Point male; Mrs. M. Wilson's Amberley Teresa, Seal Point female; Mrs. Bowles' Pheanoi Fuang, Blue Point male; Mrs. Denny's Pi-Den Acacia, Blue Point female; Mrs. Demus' Thaipuss N'ow Mi, Chocolate Point male and Mrs. Biggie's Edwardian Chantal, Lilac Point female. Thus all colours were represented.

Sabukia Sirocco was chosen as Best Male and Amberley Teresa Best Female. The supreme award, Best Exhibit in Show was won by Sabukia Sirocco. Sirocco was bred by Mrs. Helen Dadd, and it is splendid to see the number of winning cats in this show all sired by her stud, Champion Samaikand Gallant Lad. Sirocco, Teresa and her runner-up, Champion Sabukia Sayonara, Sabukia Sirocco, Teresa and her runner-up, Champion Sabukia Saiena, owned by Mrs. Clancy (dam of Sirocco), Pheanoi Phuang, Sabukia Sayonara, Sabukia Semantha are all prize-winning children or grandchildren of dear old Sammy.

Best Male Kitten was Mrs. Marshall's Kylemore Chocolate Soldier, a Chocolate Point, and Best Female Kitten, Mr. Bruce Burlton's Bru-bur Tedda, Blue Point. The Chocolate Point secured the coveted Best Kitten award. Best Neutër was Mrs. Highton's Silken Fleury; Best Seal Point Litter (3 kittens), Mrs. P. Moss; Best any other colour, Mrs. Butler's litter of 6 kittens.

Cats like women

Our President, Sir Compton Mackenzie, was in fine form and before presenting rosettes to the winners addressed the gathering. He is quoted in "Words of the Week About . . . CATS: Too much sentimental nonsense is written about cats. They are neither mysterious nor sentimental. They are realistic, like women" (*Sun. Telegraph*). Sir Compton then presented rosettes to Mrs. Keene, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Burlton, and was himself presented with a gaily wrapped parcel by the Show Manager, as a token of appreciation from the Siamese Cat Club.

We hope the show will prove a financial success. The gate was good, but in any event, the day was enjoyed by all and I think it can be called a happy success.



Hugh Smith

SABUKIA SIROCCO, as reported above, was Best Exhibit and Best Male at the recent Championship Show of the Siamese Cat Club.



The bright new star in the American firmament is this magnificent White Longhair AUZULITA PALEFACE OF CASA CIELO, a Grand and Quadruple Champion owned by Mrs. Walker K. Johnston of San Diego, California. He was crowned "Cat of the Year" in the competition sponsored by *Cats Magazine*. Mrs. Johnston spent 18 week-ends between November and March on the show circuit, travelling more than 36,000 air miles. Not once did Paleface fall sick, in fact he gained two pounds during his travels. He now weighs about 17 lbs. and "eats everything in sight that isn't nailed down," reports Mrs. Johnston. Paleface now retires from competition but of course he will be on view to the public at a number of shows. Mrs. Johnston herself travels considerably as a popular C.F.A. judge.



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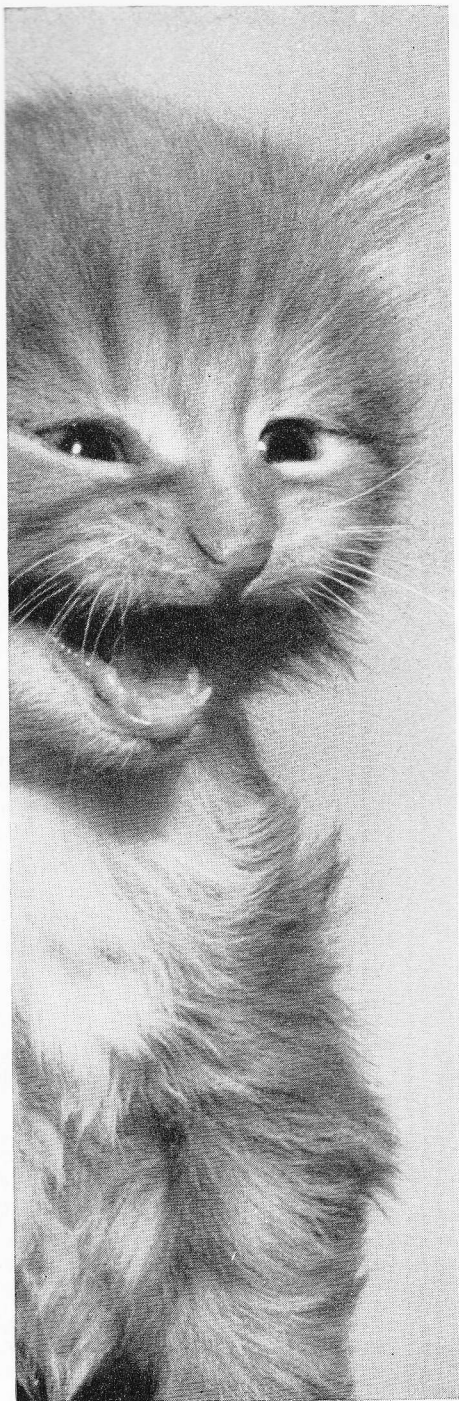
IT was a lovely sunny day for the Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club Ch. Show on September 14th and the light was perfect for judging and seeing the exhibits at Alexandra Palace. The genial weather evidently attracted the public as the gate was excellent and they had plenty to see as 377 pedigree exhibits were on view and several household pets. This must have been very pleasing for the Show Manager Mrs. Crickmore and the Hon. Secretary Miss Statman who was in charge of the publicity.

Main awards were as follows: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. Reynolds' Black female Petrvian Jacqueline by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax and Chadhurst Molly; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Brunton's Blue female by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Rosie of Dunesk; Best L.H. Neuter—

Mrs. Roden's Smoke Premier Treetops Zero by Ch. Bircotte Nono; Best Shorthair Cat—Miss Bone's Abyssinian female Nigella Mirriam by Nigella Sita and Nigella Camille (Miss Bone also won with her male Wahul Caesar); Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Robinson's British Blue female Jezreel Juna by Jezreel Jeremy and Jezreel Justma; Best S.H. Neuter—Mr. Rees' Silver Tabby Flixton Silver Twist by Culverden Maurice and Silverseal Shelley; Best Siamese Cat—Miss Granger's S.P. Siamese male Penenden Romulus (his photograph appeared in August OUR CATS) by Bradbourne Orion and Celestial Charm; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Marshall's C.P. male Kylemore Chocolate Soldier by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey and Ch. Seax Sheba; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Highton's S.P. Silken Fleury by Ch. Killdown Sultan and Silken Roselle.

No Blue-eyed L.H. Whites were entered and in an amalgamated class of Orange-eyed White males and females Miss Wright's lovely queen Snowcloud Lucinda by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi won.

The winning Blue adults were Mrs. Barron's Ch. Camber Mario by Ch. Thiepval Enchanter and Mrs. Brine's female Avernoll Favorita by Sheepfold Casanova. Mrs. Plew's Cream male Leemor Christopher by Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam achieved Championship status at three consecutive shows, a really splendid achievement for a young owner exhibiting her first pedigree cat. She has purchased as a future mate for



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Miss Sellar was awarded Challenge Certificates with her Blue-Cream Coy-lum Anne, a queen excelling in eyes and type by Donatus of Allington and also her Red Tabby Deebank Ruby by Ch. Cherry of Carne. Winning Chinchilla adults were Mrs. Ashby's male Bonavia Skippie by Silver Mesa Apache and Mrs. Arnold's Amberley Silver Mist by Ch. Scamp of Allington. Miss Woodthorpe's Tortoiseshell Baytor Fantasy by Ch. Arcamor Scamp won in this variety and Mrs. Harding in Colourpoints with Mingchiu Monique by Briary Shamus.

Top L.H. kittens

The following were the winning Longhair kittens in their Open Classes—Miss Lench's Black Deebank Black Diamond by Vigilant Mark; Mrs. Durbin's White Nineveh Snow Prince by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin; Mrs. Winall's Blue male Shimmering Silver Cloud by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch; Miss Wash's Blue Parka Phoebe by Ch. Camber Mario.

Cream male kittens won the 3 to 5 months and the 5 to 9 months classes, namely Mrs. Bishop's Lecreme Adventurous Antony by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale's Harpur Cracker Jack (litter brother to the winning Blue-Cream kitten). Miss Lench's Smoke Beauvale Tamara by Ch. Beauvale Conquest; Mrs. Bacon's Chinchilla Ivelholme Fidelio by the late Ch. Fidelio of Allington; Mrs. Aitken's Tortoiseshell Bourneside Dapple by Bourneside Cream Jolyon; Miss Woodfield's Tortie and White Pathfinder's Maytime by Ch. Arcamar Scamp; Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint Mingchiu Tal by Ch. Briary Euan.

Mrs. Culmer exhibiting for the first time won the litter class with a bonny well grown trio of Blues by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch.

Fifty-seven Siamese adults in the four colours were not as many as usual at a London Ch. show. The best S.P. female in an Open Class of twelve was Miss Alexander's Samsara Saradonova by Samsara Sarapec. Blue Point adult winners were Mrs. Hudson's Macedon Marquis by Praha Maestoso and Mrs. Denny's female Pi-Den Acacia by Doneraile Lilac Dalman. One C.C. was awarded to an entry of six C.P. Siamese and that went to Mrs. Sayer's Solitaire Apache by Ch. Bradgate Yippee. Mrs. Denny's Khubsurat Sweet Sultan (by Waverley Blue Herald) and Mrs. Biggie's female Edwardian Chantal (by Praha Andante Maestoso) were the winners in Lilac Points.

Mrs. Forrest had the honour of winning both the male and female 3 to 6 months S.P. Open Kitten Classes with Dunchattan Yuri (11 in class) and his litter sister Dunchattan Lam Chih (16 in class) by Ch. Windale Derri. The winners in the older kitten classes were Mrs. Hooper's Kathoodu Kasanova by Kathoodu Kiada and Mrs. Jones' Perstypaw Friskie by Whiteacres Piers.

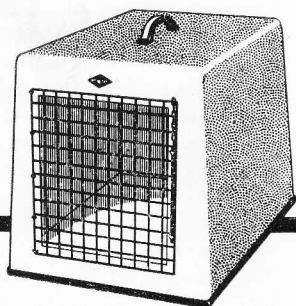
Among the Shorthairs

B.P. Siamese winning kittens were Miss Alexander's Macedon Elfin Lad by Praha Andante Maestoso; Mrs. Read's Doneraile Blue Psyche by Lao-Tzu; and Miss Yates' Misselfore Ovid by Misselfore Lilac Cloud. C.P. Siamese winners were Mrs. Marshall's Kylemore Chocolate Soldier by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey; Mrs. Fisher's Edwardian Sandala by Sunland Sijui and the same owner won in L.P.'s with Praha Fermato by Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha.

Mrs. Hooper won with her Brown Burmese male Dewpoint Kybo by Ch. Darshan Khudiram and she bred the winning female Mrs. Chapman's Kathoodu Kassandra by Kathoodu Kimi. Blue Burmese winning adults were Mrs. Deakin-Burrow's male Pya-

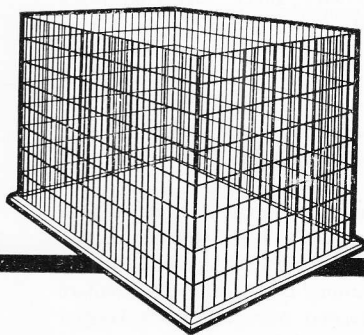
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Beng-Lam by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo and he also sired the winning Brown Burmese kitten Miss Edy's Cuckoo Seria Silky. The winning Blue Burmese adult female was Mrs. Chalmer's Stuilven Moon-Lee by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee.

Mrs. Richards won with her British Blue male Pensylva Quickee by Ch. Jezreel Jake and he also sired her winning Blue-Cream Pensylva Pansy. Mrs. Colville won in Manx with her adult Manx male Fireball and her kitten Rosental Rapunzel by Ch. Brumasino.

Three Chestnut Brown Foreign were entered and Mrs. Graham won with Senlac Bronze Belle by Senlac Ebony Flash. Mrs. Savage added another Ch. Certificate to her British Blue female Ch. Bonaventura Prudence. Russian Blue adult winners were Miss Lee-Mead's male Meadliam Larkspur by Jennymay Einar and Mrs. MacPherson's Windywhistle Gvadne by Michifer Ivor. Silver Tabby adult winners were Miss Harris's Ch. Millstar Alexander by Wilmar Puck and she also bred the winning female Millstar Misty Memory by Wilmas Silver Perigaw.

Many handsome neuters were among the 33 adults exhibited in addition to the three Best in Show exhibits the following won Premier certificates: Mrs. Trevor's Cream Longhair Premier Hendras Periander; Mr. Rees' Silver Tabby Short-hair Flixton Silver Twist and Mrs. Knowles Burmese Ballard Basseim.

The clubs gave excellent support by guaranteeing classes and special prizes offered by breeders altogether numbered 272.

In the North

The Yorkshire County Cat Club attracted an entry of over 232 pedigree exhibits for its Ch. Show at the Sun Pavilion, Harrogate on September 28th and the Show Manager, Mrs. Beever who is also Hon. Secretary, and her Committee met with general approval for its success and happy atmosphere.

An innovation before the show was a tea party organized by the National Cat Club. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Brunton and the Committee considered it a good idea when so many exhibitors, judges and stewards were assembled in Harrogate for the fixture the next day, to give N.C.C. members in the north an opportunity of expressing their opinions. They could also bring their friends as guests. As far as one can see the Annual General Meeting will continue to be held in London as it always has been and of course it is the venue of its famous show at Olympia which attracts a record number of exhibitors, and visitors from overseas. Mrs. Wright writing from Keighley, Yorkshire, said it was a pleasure to see Miss Kathleen Yorke, President of the N.C.C. at the party.

"All the winners"

Now for results at the Y.C.C.C. Ch. Show: Best L.H. Adult—Mrs. Crickmore's Blue male Mooncoin Musketeer by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Ch. Anastasia of Dunesk; Best L.H. Kitten and Best Longhair Exhibit—Mrs. Burrow's Blue male Orion of Pensford by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford; Best L.H. neuter—Mrs. Smith's Smoke Allenvale Caesar by Ch. Beauvale Conquest; Best Shorthair Adult—Mrs. Woollen's Red Tabby male Ch. Tip Top by Airboro Aristocrat; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Bone's Abyssinian male Nigella Scareb by Nigella Sita; Best S.H. neuter—Mrs. Nix's Silver Tabby Gables Silver Bell by Silverseal Leander; Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. Peck's S.P. Siamese male—Tailong Kuli by Ch. Tailong Luki-Looki; Best Siamese Kitten—Miss Yates' B.P. female Greelow Poupee by Browndreys Kraisee; Best Siamese neuter—Mrs. Roberts' Chinky Chang by Chang. Mrs. Clarke won in Any Colour Self L.H. neuter with Mooncoin Juliet by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. The two winning Blue adults Mooncoin Musketeer and Mrs.

Burrow's Borrowdale Susette both completed their Championships. Congratulations also to Miss Wright for her lovely White female Snowcloud Luanda by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi.

Mrs Plew's Cream male Ch. Leemor Christopher again distinguished himself by winning his Open Class. Another L.H. to add a Ch. Certificate was Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint female Mingchui Monique. Five Smokes was a pleasing number of this variety and the winner Mrs. Wroot's female Allenvale Gibolette by Ch. Beauvale Conquest was bred by Mrs. Leving who by her enthusiasm for Smokes has done much to revive this lovely variety. She also breeds Blacks and Blues and all the Allenvale and Beauvale cats are bred by her.

Mrs. Procter won in Blue-Creams with Delphic Star by Startops Bobee. Surprisingly there was only one Chinchilla Adult, Mrs. Clark's winning female Caro-Nome Honey by Ch. Scamp of Allington.

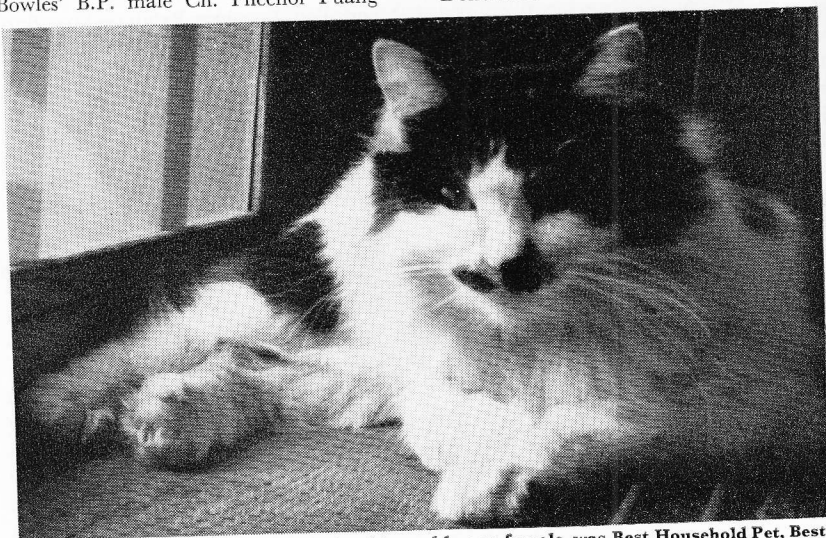
There were 45 adult Siamese and Ch. Helsby Cheetah sired the winning S.P. female Mrs. Bradbury's Abyseal Ateeka also the winning B.P. female Mrs. Bowater's Wildpear Flite. Mrs. Bowles' B.P. male Ch. Pheanoi Fuang

by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad won again. Mrs. Logan won in an amalgamated class of L.P. adults with Annelida Lilac Nicholette by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey and Mrs. Sayers in *C.P. with Solitaire Apache.

Four Burmese males had Mrs. Somers' Kevitor Cha-Cha-Cha and ten females had Mrs. Kings' Kiang Yashmir both by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo as the winners.

Five Abyssinians were headed by Mrs. Threadingham's Kattypuss Jacintha by Ch. Nigella Sascha; six Silver Tabbies by Mr. Beckett's male Gables Silver Marks by Ch. Gables Silver Mark. Mrs. Weller was awarded Challenge Certificates with her Orange-eyed White S.H. Mavlyn Moby Dick by Ch. Mavlyn Cokey Boy and her Tortoiseshell Andersby Atortella by Ch. Andersby Allacreichi and Mrs. Webster in Blue-Cream S.H.'s with Belmont Moonstone by Ch. Nidderdale Robin.

Space will not permit details of the winning kittens except those which were Best in Show but they can be obtained from marked catalogues (price 4s.) from the Show Manager: Mrs. A. S. Beever, Poplar Farm, Fenwick, Askern, nr. Doncaster.



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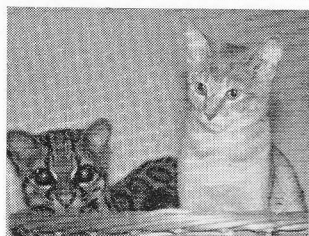
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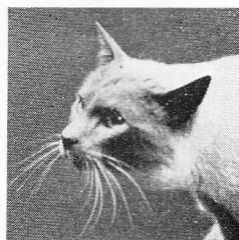
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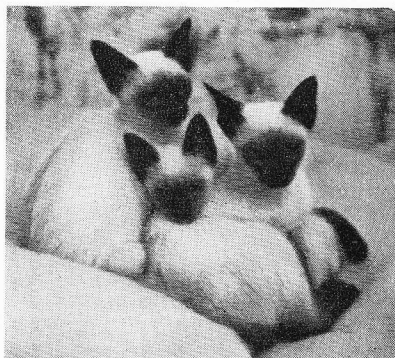
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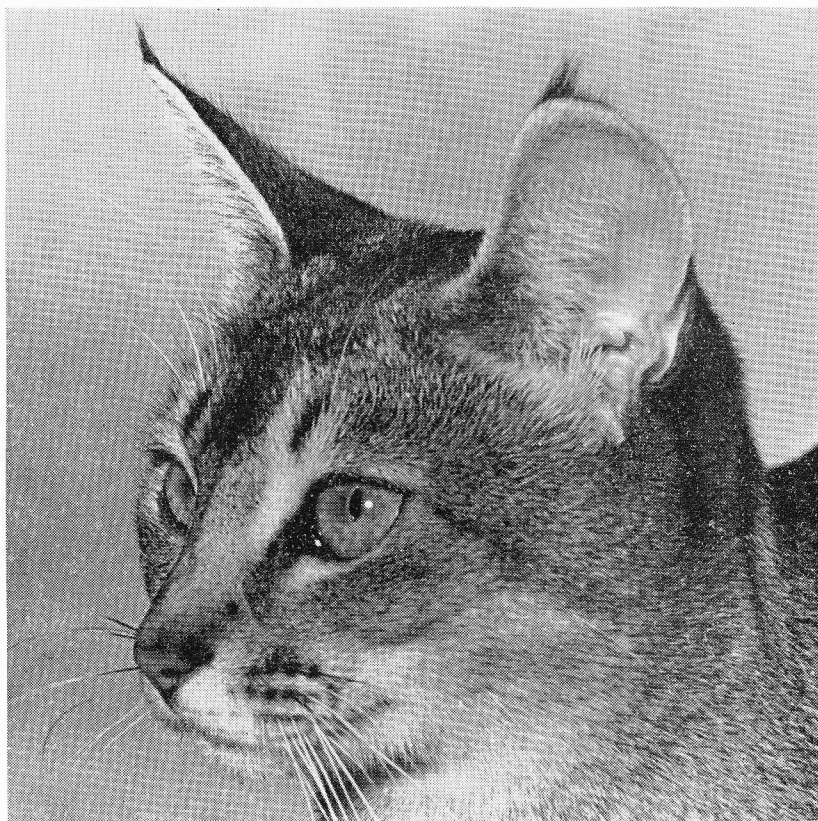
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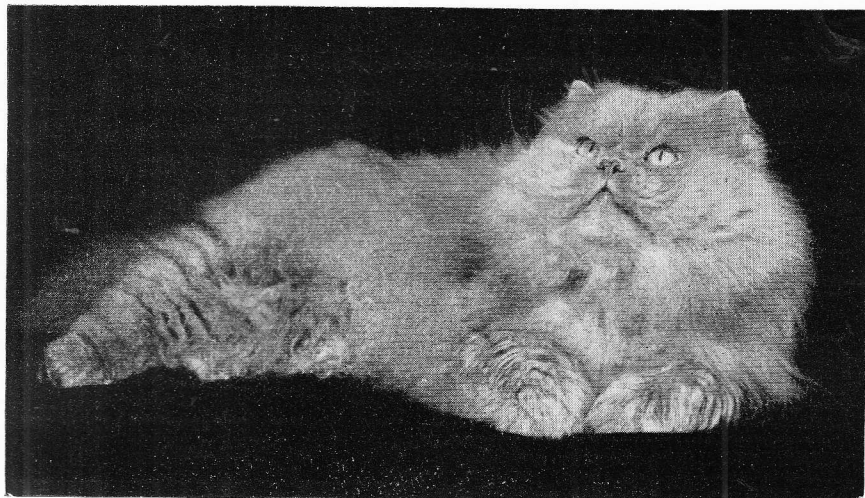
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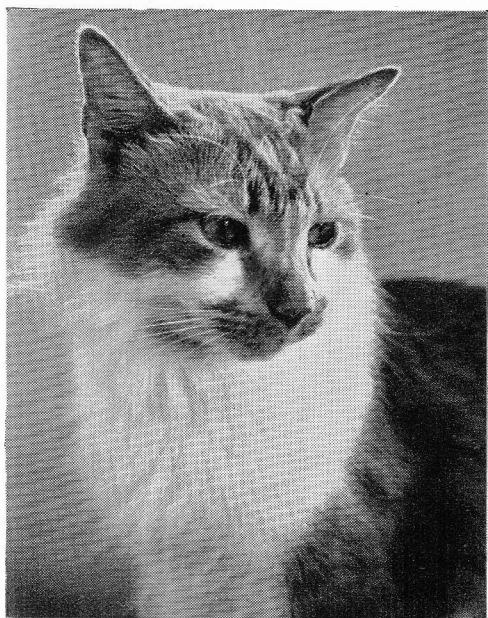
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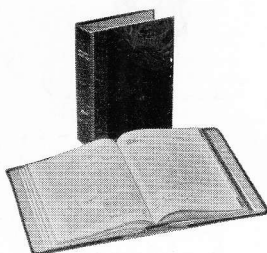
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