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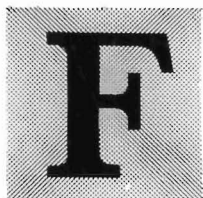
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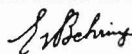


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- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats ;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
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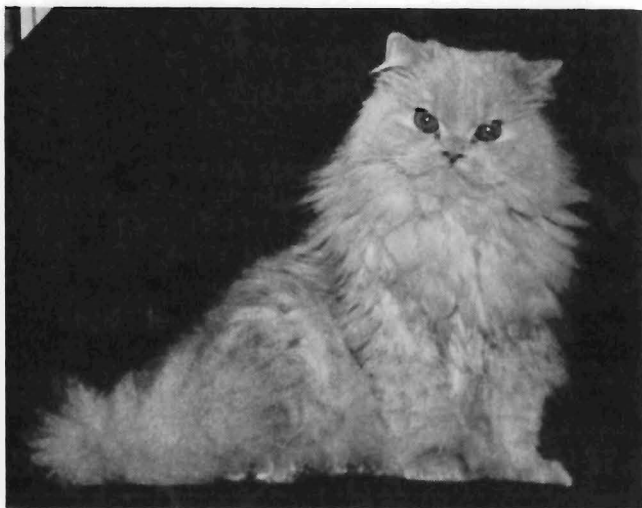
There is a Brown Burmese somewhere in this basketful of kittens bred by Mrs. Mary Wilson, of Verwood, Dorset. The Siamese are Blue Points belonging to Sapphire Lolly Pop, previously owned by the late Mrs. Kathleen Williams. Their sire was Ch. Missfore Ryken, who has since died. The Silver Tabbies are a lovely litter by Ch. Gringo Silver Peregrine and Marisarni Silver Velvet and the Chinchilla is a son of Ch. Ivelholme Democrat and Ch. Amberley Thistledown.

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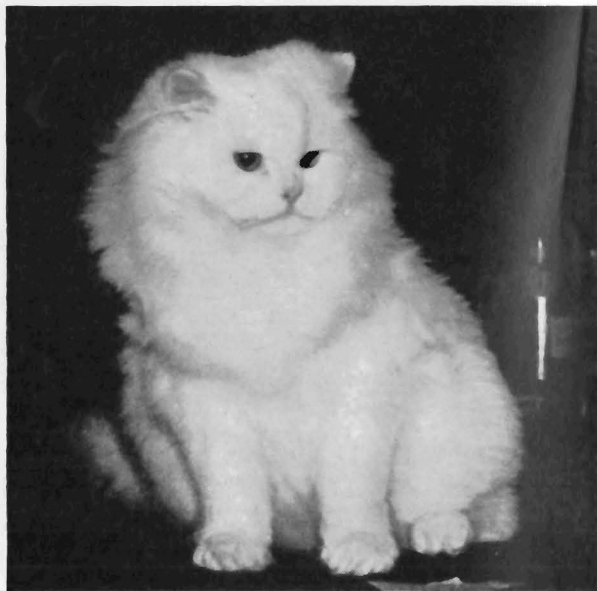
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*We much regret that on page 18 of last month's issue we inserted the wrong caption for Dreamboy's picture and in consequence Goldilock's picture was omitted. We make amends now.*

# Hoppy

By ELSPETH JARVIS

**H**OPPY was purring the day I lifted him from the basket he shared with his five brothers and sisters. He was then a three-month-old Siamese kitten with chickory blue eyes. He still purrs except when eating and sleeping, although now he is an elderly gentleman—three weeks short of fourteen years to be exact.

I had longed for a kitten, and at last my mother's resistance to pets had worn down. Maybe she realised that I should need a companion in the near future and time proved her right—she died a few weeks after Hoppy's arrival.

Our flat seemed very large and lonely after so many years of my mother's companionship—no affectionate "goodnight" came from the adjoining room. Just a dull thump announced Hoppy's arrival on my bed. I fought a brief battle with my conscience and Hoppy won. Henceforth he slept under the eiderdown—purring softly under my caressing hand.

Mercifully, I married a cat lover! Hoppy was very much a "one woman" cat and men terrified him. But my husband won him over very quickly. Possibly a few bribes in the shape of prawns and tins of minced chicken did their part! Granted, Hoppy loved me most but his master came a close second.

Poor little fellow! He seemed fated to act as a comforter as just before our second wedding anniversary, history repeated itself—my husband died suddenly and Hoppy became my comfort and made bearable the home which

overnight had become an empty and lonely place.

Had it not been for Hoppy I would have remained indefinitely with good friends, but he needed me. Granted he was well fed, warm and comfortable, but my voice brought him anxiously to the door demanding to be picked up and cuddled. So I went home and, thanks to his companionship—the clasp of his warm furry body during those first lonely nights, home soon became the well loved place it had been before!

A year later catastrophe struck again.

I walked home for lunch, took Hoppy for a walk in the garden, fed him and left him asleep on my bed, resting my face for a moment against the sleepy little body. I walked out slamming the front door behind me.

## Sadly missed

Maybe it's as well we don't know what fate has in store for us. Little did I realise that a cerebral thrombosis would strike me down that afternoon, leaving me semi-paralysed and in hospital for 14 months, during which time I never saw my pet. I missed him sadly. I knew he was with kind people—that he was well. But I fell asleep night after night wondering if he was happy—if he missed me—if I would ever see him again and, if so, would he know me?

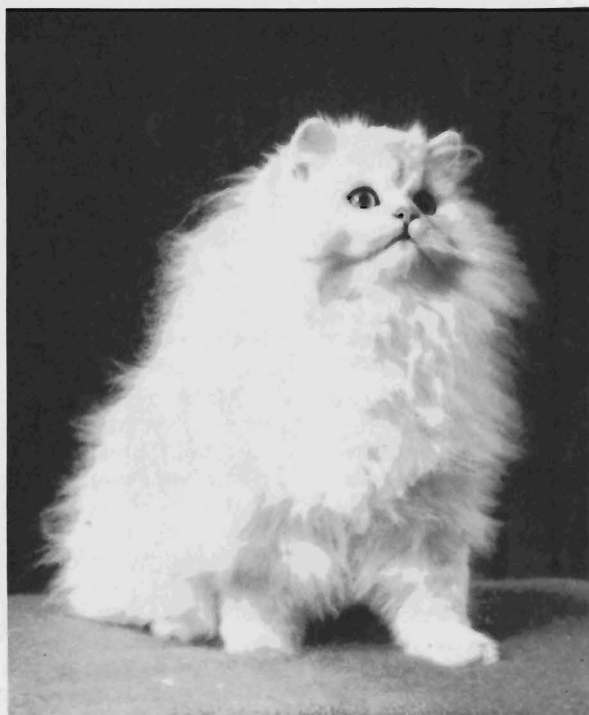
All stories should have a happy ending and this is no exception.

At last I was fit enough to return home—not to my own home as it seemed unlikely I would be able to live alone again—but to my sister's charming bungalow, where they had added a sun room to give me as much light as possible and an uninterrupted view of the garden, so that I could bird watch with ease.

No mention was made of Hoppy and for a moment I wondered if the prospect of taking on a disabled person and her cat was more than they could bear to contemplate.

The rush of tyres on the drive announced my brother-in-law's return from business. He called me from the sunroom and I walked laboriously to the door. A basket stood open on the floor and out clambered a somewhat indignant and ruffled cat. A bowl of fish—a sniff around the unfamiliar room and he jumped up onto my knee, curled up in a ball and responded to my caresses in the old familiar way, the familiar purr and gentle nibble of my fingers.

*We were home and Hoppy was himself again !*



*Kenneth Scowen*

**BONAVIA FLUTE (Ch. Bonavia Contenta ex Bonavia Capriola)**  
was Best Chinchilla Kitten at the Southern Counties Show 1965.

**Owner Miss K. Bradley, breeder Mrs. M. Turney.**

# ***Impressions of Munich***

RICHARD GEBHARDT, prominent American judge, breeder and C.F.A. member, concludes his account of a judging assignment on the Continent.

**S**INCE my travelling and busy schedule, along with the holidays, it has been impossible for me to continue the article I started (January issue *OUR CATS*) on my judging abroad.

Leaving Brussels, with a stop in Paris, I reached my destination of Munich. Awaiting my arrival was Mr. Rodenstein and Mrs. Creamer. Both of these fine people I had the pleasure of meeting before.

I arrived in time to attend the meeting of FIFE, and once again met the officers and delegates. Mme Ravel retired as President of the Federation and was replaced by Dr. Balsiger. Both these members of the Fancy have given excellent service to the organization and I wish them every success in their new ventures and offices. Mme Brita Remborg (Sweden) continues as Secretary, and I am sure she would be extremely difficult to replace. She has the ability to understand all the problems with an unbiased approach.

I was a guest judge and took over the Abyssinian and Havana Brown classes. There were some very fine Abyssinian entries and as in all parts of the cat world, the types varied a great deal. The differences showed me more clearly the need to exchange ideas and bloodlines in hopes that we may all one day be breeding in the same direction. It will not happen over night and there will be a great deal of dispute over the desired standard before we reach an agreement. This should not be a deterrent, provided we keep our heads and good sportsmanship in sight.

The entry of 400 cats all beautifully presented, made a fine exhibit for the fantastic public interest of about 8,000 people. I especially enjoyed meeting so many fellow judges and friends with whom to discuss the various problems and ideas of the Fancy around the world.

Mr. Carl Stein was a most capable Show Manager. Having managed many shows myself, I know something of the work and the responsibility they entail. The method of judging here was similar to that used in England. The cats were judged from the cage they were benched in. The one disadvantage was that the cats in the centre of the hall and under the lighting could be seen better and this made a difference in judging the colour of coat and eyes.

## **A good arrangement**

The ratings were the same as in our country, giving first, second, and third, but here they go a step further and "qualify" the cats. I approve of this arrangement highly and I would like to see it copied in other countries. Each cat is graded Excellent, Very Good, and Good or Fair. This is particularly good when a cat is alone in its class. The fact that it automatically receives a first, would not necessarily mean the cat was a first rate specimen; it may be only "Very Good". My only difference in judging this way was that I was not as generous with the "Excellents" as were the local judges. To me, if a cat is Excellent, there is not much else left except "Perfection", and no exhibit meets this ultimate in type. It seems unfair to upgrade a cat when it was entered for your opinion. Unless a judge is going to

give an honest opinion and evaluation of the cat, how is the breeder and exhibitor ever going to feel the need to improve?

I was very surprised to note how little competition is welcomed. The only win is that of your class. No exhibitor ever learns which cat was the best of its breed or colour (such as the Best Siamese or the Best Blue Persian) nor is there any Best in Show. It seems so unsporting not to want to compete for the title. I would rather lose outright than to come away from the show not knowing just how good my exhibit was in comparison with the others. How can anyone learn what the best is if nobody competed for it? Exhibitors must learn it is no sin to lose and unless you have competition you have nothing but an exhibition of cats.

### Quality very high

The quality of the cats in Munich was outstanding. It was a beautiful and impressive show. I take great pride in being able to judge in the Munich show and wish to thank all who made it possible. I learned a great deal myself. I came away with new ideas and further knowledge of our Fancy abroad on the Continent.

I had many enjoyable experiences in the days following the show and a real treat was to visit Mr. Rodenstein and Mr. Christl. These gentlemen were most

hospitable to me. I fell in love with their lovely Saluki dog, and I now have one. They have a wonderful home and garden full of pets and flowers. Mr. Rodenstein's ability to handle and present animals reminds me of an American gal, Mrs. Nikki Shuttleworth. Both have the art of grooming to such perfection that you only have to feel the animal and you can tell who has worked on it. This is a quality that is born in a person; others work very hard to achieve it. Mr. Rodenstein has the finest all round Blue Persians I have seen. Better still, let me say, he has the ability to make them appear to be the finest. I was excited to see the pair of Black Persians sired by my Grand Ch. Voo Doo Silva-Wyte Jersey Gem and TNT. They were in flawless condition. Both are Champions now.

Mrs. Sophia Creamer invited Mr. Bannon and I to stay at her home, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We enjoyed a wonderful social at Mrs. Creamer's with Brita Remborg, Mrs. Pia Hollenstein of Switzerland, Mr. Nordane of Norway, with Germany and the U.S. represented.

Type and overall conformation is most important in America. Colour changes so quickly here, for we have about four different climates and many of the cats travel as much as 500 to 3,000 miles to compete in a show. Due to these drastic climatic differences we place more emphasis on the type, since colour is such a temporary condition. Do not think we



**REENE'S DEBBIE, Silver (Chinchilla) queen, bred and owned by Mrs. Irene Laffoon, of Burbank, California, U.S.A., has appeared with distinction on the television screen.**

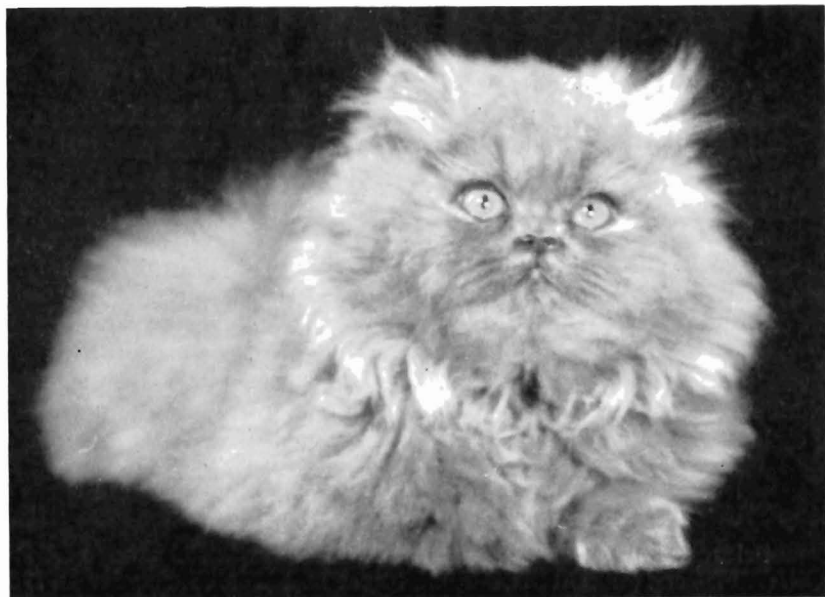
do not care about colour, as that is not so. But we must learn to recognize a good specimen even though it is not in full coat and the differences between poor or incorrect colour, as to colour that is off, due to shedding or too much sun, etc. Our Siamese are very fine in bone and with lovely long heads and body. I prefer this type to a stocky cat for if the cat is "Bred that way, not fed that way", you will see a most elegant Siamese. A Siamese that is deprived of food to keep thin is quite obvious and shows very poor condition.

I do not feel standards should be described as medium for nobody knows what medium is. I like to see the various breeds kept distinct and to conform to a standard that is unlike that of any other breed. It is healthy for the Fancy to have new breeds but they must show new characteristics to set them aside. I do not want a Burmese that looks like a Siamese, or why have a Burmese? Why should a Russian Blue look like a Blue (domestic) Shorthair? They often do. The only time the standard of type is the

same and must be exact is where more than one colour variety exists within the breed. A Chinchilla is a Persian colour and not a breed. Therefore the type must be the same as for the Blue, Cream, Red Tabby, etc. All are merely colour varieties of one breed.

I have judged in many far off places, and it is interesting to note that certain breeds and colours are higher in quality in certain areas. Two new colour varieties that are greatly confused are the Cameo and Blue Smoke Longhairs. The Cameo is very simple if you think of the Chinchilla or Silver cat and replace the black tipping with red for cream, still keeping the pure white undercoat. The Blue Smoke is replacing black with blue and again the same white undercoat. Too many breeders are passing off what appears to be a Cameo or Smoke with what is really an unsound Cream or Blue.

I hope I have been able to give some food for thought along with my report. Perhaps later I may be able to go into more detail on the various aspects of judging.



Meet MARMSBURY MACDUFF, a young Blue Longhair with a future. Bred from Ch. Briaric Beauty ex Fenella Sue of Pensford by Mrs. Marjorie Graham, of New Southgate, N. London, Macduff won his Open Class at Olympia in December, where he was exhibited by Mrs. D. Joudrey.

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# Looking at the breeds

## No. 23 - TORTOISESHELL LONGHAIRS

By HUGH SMITH

RARE and interesting. I think this may aptly describe the Tortoiseshell Longhairs. Since they are difficult to breed they are not often to be seen, even on the showbench, where they are numbered in twos and threes. Whenever they appear they are bound to attract attention.

Tortoiseshells have existed for a long time. They must have resulted from the natural breeding of cats with different solid colours. No doubt, fanciers at first must have tried to breed cats showing two colours with markings more attractively arranged than will usually occur through chance matings in nature.

*(continued overleaf)*



*Hugh Smith*

Miss N. Woodfield's Tortoiseshell Longhair PATHFINDER COBWEB.

It is believed that Tortoiseshells were in the first instance short haired. Later they were mated to self-colour pedigree longhairs of the required colour to produce the long haired breed.

The three colours required are black, red and cream. These must be well split up and scattered over the body. They should not occur in excessively large patches since balance must be maintained. It is important too, that each patch should contain hairs of one colour only. Such cats are difficult to breed and certainly can never be reproduced to order.

It is very important that the distribution of colours on the face should be even. Although the Standard does not call for a "blaze" from the forehead to the tip of the nose, a distinct strip between the eyes is desirable. This should be red or cream—never black.

## Type is good

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has set the following Standard of Points for the Tortoiseshell Longhair:

*Colour*—Three colours, black, red and cream, well broken into patches; colours to be bright and rich and well broken on face.

*Coat* —Long and flowing, extra long on frill and brush.

*Body* —Cobby and massive, short legs.

*Head* —Round and broad, small, well-placed and well-tufted ears, short broad nose, full round cheeks.

*Eyes* —Large and round, deep orange or copper.

### SCALE OF POINTS

Coat	...	...	50
Body	...	...	15
Head	...	...	20
Eyes	...	...	15
Total...			100

On the whole, type in Tortoiseshells is good. This probably results from the use of good studs of solid colour.

Males with tortoiseshell markings are almost an impossibility, yet not quite. They do appear from time to time but they are almost always sterile. There have nevertheless been at least two males on record that fertilised females.

To start breeding Tortoiseshells it is essential to start with a good female; probably a good female kitten will have to be obtained and when she is old enough to breed from, a good self-coloured stud of cream or black colouration will be chosen. Blue can be used too, since blue is diluted black. Red cannot be safely employed since there are no male Red Sells and to use a Red Tabby would invite the production of undesirable markings.

The mating of a Tortoiseshell female to a self-colour male results in a mixed litter. There will be some self-coloured offspring and possibly one of the desired Tortoiseshells. For this reason there are never very many female kittens for beginners to choose from. But when a kitten is chosen it is important to see that it is not pale-eyed.

This is a difficult breed but it seems to me that there is such an element of surprise in the outcome of each mating that it could attract the newcomer to cat-breeding, who was prepared to welcome a stiff challenge. Certainly more Tortoiseshell Longhairs could with advantage adorn our showbenches.

The Club for the breed is The Red, Cream, Torti, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society, whose Hon. Secretary is Mrs. J. M. Newton, Moultsford Grange, near Wallingford, Berks.

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**Next month's issue will contain**

**a special illustrated feature dealing**

**with the advance of the Colourpoints**



# Tailpieces

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



**L**ORD Leatherland told the members of the House of Lords he was sick of "the slick sloganising on television. Of the thing that gives us man appeal . . . the WM7 . . . the fairies that force grey out and white in . . . of the cats and dogs which by some marvellous instinct choose the right container with the particular kind of meat that was being advertised."

Lady Welby, who has been closely associated with the Abyssinian Cat Club for many years, has kindly sent me the following snippet from the *Trinidad Guardian* on her return home after a trip to the West Indies. The story actually comes from South Africa and concerns a kitten who was slowly starving to death at the bottom of a 25-foot borehole in the veldt. It was discovered by the puppy of a young boy and his sister when the three of them were out for a Sunday afternoon walk. The little fox terrier could not be coaxed away from a hole in a block of concrete which had been used to cover the borehole. For nearly an hour the children tried to get the kitten out by lowering bits of string and wire tied into loops. Eventually an old African living in a shack came to the rescue with what is described as "a powerful mouse trap", which was set and lowered into the hole at the end of a piece of string. Seconds later the rescue party heard the spring of the trap snap and the kitten miaowing. Slowly and gently the trap was hauled to the surface and there was the kitten "caught" by its two front paws which were bruised but not broken.

According to the *Daily Mail*, pride of place on the Women's Institute Market Place Stand at the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia went one day to royal rag mice stuffed with catmint. They had been given by the late Princess Royal and had been made up the night before by the Princess's lady-in-waiting Miss Gwynned Lloyd.

Writing to the *Field* magazine, Margaret Shaw Campbell, living on the Isle of Canna, Scotland, tells a fascinating story about a half-Siamese neuter male, tiger striped and saffron under-parts, who disappeared from her house in January 1962. On December 14, 1964, he was found calmly waiting in the sitting room before breakfast, looking quite sleek and handsome, Mrs. Campbell continues: "He had been away within a month of three years yet one would think that he had been away only three days. He was delighted to see me, answered his name at once, purred and rolled, then after breakfast retired to his old bed in the drying cupboard." The island of Canna is small and has only eight inhabited houses at the eastern end. No one spotted the absentee but it would be possible for him to conceal himself in the many caves and old burrows, where there would be plenty of birds and rats. Mrs. Campbell concludes: "One suggestion is that he was with the fairies and did not notice the passing of time."

Mrs. Louise Hampton-Cole, a Bracknell, Berkshire, housewife with three young children, claims to be a witch.

She is flying to New York in an attempt to raise cash for a witchcraft centre in Britain. As a "white" witch, she wants only to do good, though she has the power to do evil. Her husband is a warlock, a male witch. Louise has a pet cat named Vatela.

A couple who abandoned two cats when they moved house were fined £10 each at Luton, Beds. They wrote to the magistrates from an address in Kent admitting the offence. They were also ordered to pay costs of £5 15s. 6d.

Columnist Norton Mockridge of *The New York World Telegram and Sun*, records an interesting interview with Rouben Mamoulian, a famous name in the film world and perhaps best known for his direction of "Porgy," "Porgy and Bess", and "Oklahoma". Mamoulian has four cats in his Beverly Hills home. Sugar, a 17-year-old Chinchilla, Scheher-

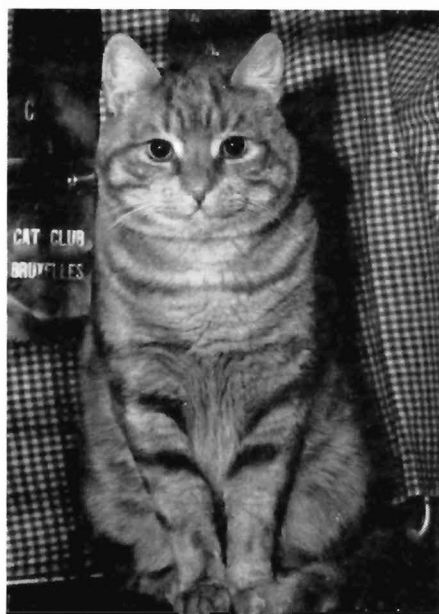
azade, a Chocolate Point Siamese, Naba, a Black Persian, and Little Pretty, a Seal Point Siamese. He believes that actors would do well to study the cat because it is important for an actor to become emotional at short notice. The cat is the most individualistic creature on earth. It has independence and integrity and usually keeps itself "lean and ready for action".

Cats who live in the alleys and warehouses around the old part of the Yorkshire seaport Hull, have reason to be grateful to Miss E. H. Daniels, head of a printing firm which has offices in the locality. She has taken an interest in their welfare for more than thirty years, feeding them regularly and providing them with shelters. When the owners of one of the empty warehouses decided to get rid of the cats Miss Daniels protested against the setting of traps to catch them. They run away from everybody except her.

Writing in the *Siamese News Quarterly* of the Siamese Cat Society of America, Mrs. Phyllis Lauder, one of its associate editors and international vice presidents, says: "It is highly probable that blue was brought to the points of Siamese by a cross, very likely fortuitous, with a blue Malayan cat; chocolate by a cross with a brown all-over cat. It is certain that lilac appeared from crosses between Siamese cats heterozygous for blue and brown. Breeders on both sides of the Atlantic have deliberately introduced red possibly from interest rather than greed".

It is worthy of record that the above Society easily passed the 500 membership mark last year. Now they have "set their sights" on the ambitious four-figure target for 1965. Good hunting!

The first English lecturer in Moscow State University under the Anglo-Soviet Cultural Agreement had some interesting things to say about cats in Russia on his return home to London on leave.



**PREMIER FREDERIK BARBAROSSA, Red Tabby neuter owned by Mrs. J. J. Moorman, of Oegstgeest, Holland, who saved him from being drowned by a farmer soon after birth. His mother was a pedigree Red Tabby Sunkist van Kerkwerpe.**

Communist cats are scarce but he knew three Russian cat lovers. When he cuddled a tiny kitten he had grave misgivings about its future as an old superstition holds that the black cat brings bad luck to those whose path it crosses. He had a photograph of a large, fluffy black-and-white in Lenin-grad and a Moscow tabby often followed him, attracting some attention. A smug cream cat was to be found on a corner near the British Embassy. "I courted it steadily. It always stared through me". So he found the homely Hampstead tortoiseshell, purring from its wall, "an easy commonplace, no far-sought rarity."

A Los Angeles judge has awarded £35 15s. damages to Mrs. Katherine Young because a pilot would not let her take her black cat in his airliner. Mrs. Young said the airline steward refused to

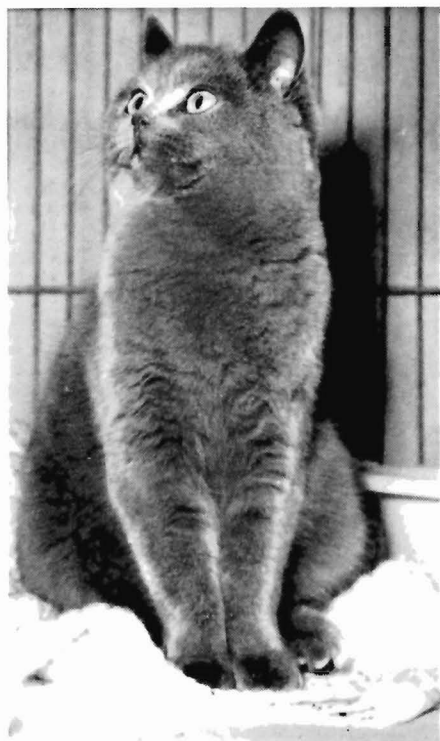
take Tweetie the cat because he was black, and there were already enough hazards in flying. To Americans black cats are unlucky. Mrs. Young had to wait for another plane. It was snowing. Tweetie caught pneumonia and died.

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PENSYLA MIRUS, 10 months, British Blue Shorthair bred by Mrs. Joan Richards, of Ashted Surrey. She was winner of the Slimbridge Trophy as Best Shorthair Exhibit at the recent West of England and S. Wales C.C. Show held in Cardiff.



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## SCOTTISH SHOW

CATS vied with a Rugby International and a students charities day in Glasgow when the Scottish Cat Club staged its 8th Championship Show in February at the McLellan Galleries. Judging from the excellent public support, the cats lost nothing to these rival attractions. There was in fact a record gate and doubtless the pre-show appearance of Miss Kit Wilson on the Scottish Television programme "Here and Now" helped substantially to achieve this result.

Congratulations are due to the Show Manager Miss M. G. Duff, M.R.C.V.S., and her team of willing workers. President Mr. W. S. Steele won a special word of thanks for all the hard work he put in.

There were 152 pedigree cats and 34

household pets on show. The main awards were as follows: Best L.H. Adult

Mrs. Hogan's Snowwhite Enchantment (by Ch. Deebank Mascot and Ch. Snowwhite Giselle), a lovely Orange-eyed White; Best L.H. Kitten Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Posy (by Pathfinders White Shepherd and Ch. Pathfinders Rosebud), a brightly patched Tortoiseshell and White; Best L.H. Neuter - Mrs. Taylor's Scottish-bred Chinchilla Pr. Almondhull Crispin; Best S.H. Adult - Mrs. Bentinck's Coppelstone Lun-Sha (by Benroc Buckthorn and Benroc Bardoline), a shining Burmese; Best S.H. Kitten - Mr. and Mrs. Saunders' Appledale Scylla (by Supra Ah-Wun and Appledale Mizrati), a dainty little S.P. Siamese; Best S.H. Neuter - Mrs. J. Wise's S.P. Siamese Raemore Solitaire



SUPRA CASSANDRA, exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Saunders at the Scottish Cat Club Show, was Best Siamese Adult. Bred by Mrs. M. Hudson, he is now in his second year.

Gem; Best Siamese Adult (Mr. and Mrs. Saunders' Supra Cassandra 'by Oakay Boy and Ch. Nefretiti). Snowwhite Enchantment was unanimously voted Best Exhibit in Show.

The household pets were fortunate to have Miss Kit Wilson back among them as judge, a position she shared with Mrs. M. Eustace and Mrs. Keith. Top

honours went to Mrs. F. Thomson's Longhair Ming and Miss A. Mackay's Shorthair Jock.

It is interesting to note that the Scottish Cat Club was founded in 1894. It was a founder club when the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy was started in 1910. We trust it will have many more shows as successful as this one.



**PR. SAPPHIRE OF DUNESK** received her third Challenge Certificate at the Scottish C.C. Show in February. This lovely Blue Longhair belongs to Dr. William Blyth, of Bearsden, Dumbartonshire, and was bred by Mrs. M. Brunton from Gwynn of Allington ex Wild Rosebud of Dunesk.



**AYME-TU-WYNN R. E. LEE**, handsome Black Longhair son of an American Double Grand Champion and a great grandson of the famous English Champion Chadhurst Sambo, belongs to Miss Dorothy E. Mason, of Kentucky, U.S.A. He is a 3-year-old 14lb. stud.



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### Up in Lancashire

**A**S the awards of the Championship shows have already been published elsewhere and so much time has elapsed since the last Championship fixture of the season in February, only the Best in Show wins and a few other wins are recorded here this month.

Mrs. K. Vickers was Show Manager for the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club fixture on February 13th which attracted an entry of over 200 pedigree exhibits and nearly 40 household pets

Best Longhair Cat Mrs. Burrows' Blue male Champion Orion of Pensford (by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford); Best L.H. Kitten Mrs. Harding's Seal Colourpoint female Ming-chiu Souk (by Ch. Briarry Zorab and Ch. Briarry Candytuft); Best L.H. Neuter Mrs. Hughes' Blue Premier Guilden Blue Knight (by Ch. Snowcloud

Crispin and Abbotsbank Morning Haze); Best Shorthair Cat Mrs. Beever's British Blue female Fendale Tarantella (by Premier and also Champion Fendale Fedelia and Ch. Teign Tilly); Best S.H. Kitten Mrs. Warren's Chestnut Brown Foreign female Senlac Bronze Beauty (by Ch. Senlac Coffee Bean and Ch. Crossways Hydena); Best S.H. Neuter Mrs. Peak's British Blue Fendale Monarch (by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella); Best Siamese Adult Mrs. Clarke's Lilac Point Santilla Apollo (by Ch. Bradgate Yippee and Siepoo Lilac Lula); Best Siamese Kitten Mrs. Willis' S.P. male Wilryk Vivo (by Ch. Phenoi Fuang and Purrdale Portia); Best Siamese Neuter Mr. Nix's Dogley's Blue Dandoola by the above sire and Kuala Azure Estra.

### Growing popularity

White Longhairs are increasing in popularity due perhaps to some of the adults of lovely type and purity of coat which we have seen over the last few years. Miss Matthews, already well known for her Blues, won with an Orange-eyed female Wiswell Oriel.

Mrs. Wright's Cream male Wildfell Northern Light distinguished himself by being awarded a Challenge Certificate at just over nine months of age.

Mrs. Trevitt was delighted when her Blue female Poppet of Pensford (by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Mooncoin Judy) was awarded her final Certificate to become a Champion and so was Mrs.

Plews with her Blue-Cream Harpur Cotton Socks (by Ch. Briar Beauty and Posy of Dunes) who also became a Champion.

## Out in the West

When the G.C.C.F. granted Championship status to the West of England and South Wales Cat Society it gave the committee and members much pleasure. Their fine efforts to make their first Championship fixture at Cardiff on February 20th a success were amply rewarded. Mrs. Joan Merry was an efficient organiser.

I liked the little note on page one of the catalogue: "Thank you for coming to our Show. We hope you will enjoy it".

It attracted nearly 200 pedigree exhibits, which was excellent as the breeding season was well under way and owners are usually reluctant to enter adults who have already completed their Championships at earlier shows. Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat Miss Woodfield's Tortie and White Ch. Pathfinders Mayflower (by Pyleigh

Horatious and Pathfinders Russet Leaf; Best L.H. Kitten Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint Mingchut Souk repeating former triumphs; Best L.H. Neuter Mr. Shrimpton's Cream Premier Bartholomew of Pensford, also ending a very successful season; Best Shorthair Cat Mrs. Richards' Blue British female Pensylva Mirus (by Ch. Pensylva Quickie and Ch. Pensylva Pansy); Best S.H. Kitten Mrs. Watts' Brown Burmese female Lynsilva Rosamunde (by Kathoodu Kipper and Heartease Jessica); Best S.H. Neuter including Siamese Mrs. Folkes' S.P. Siamese Dunchattan Tarje (by Ch. Windale Derri and Dunchattan Gigi Shantung); Best Siamese Adult Mrs. Peck's S.P. Siamese male Ch. Tailong Kuli another cat who has had many outstanding wins; Best Siamese Kitten Mr. Cross's L.P. female kitten Colgrove Sapphire (by Ch. Praha Festoso and Ch. Praha Corillo).

Thirteen classes were provided for nineteen household pets and nineteen special prizes. Mr. Bellamy was awarded "Best" with Aleck, born in 1961.

The clubs and exhibitors supported the show well by offering 194 special prizes for the pedigree section. Miss Sellar's Blue-Cream Ceylum Anne (by Donatus of Allington and Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower) became a Champion. She is a cat excelling in type and eyes. Another young cat to attain Championship status was Mrs. Durbin's Orange-eyed White male Nineveh Dreamboy. Mrs. Riches' Cream female Startops Shanu (by Ch. Widdington Orion and Ch. Startops Baby Bunting) has also ended the season a Champion. So too has Mrs. Plews' Cream female Tewhit Goldilocks (by Ch. Leemar Christopher and Dominic Perpetua).

## List of Champions

Congratulations to all these owners and many others whose cats are now Champions. A full official list will be published in due course in this journal.



When Mrs. Dora Kershaw, of Blackpool, was on a visit to Rhodesia she visited the cattery of Mrs. I. S. Taylor, of Salisbury, where she made friends with CHINKI RANYA. This fine Seal Point is a son of Ch. Bradbourne Benedict of Silverlawns bred in England by Mr. R. P. Tew who has sired numerous Open Class winners at Rhodesia C.C. shows.

Although I cannot follow the fortunes of all the adult cats at the various Championship Shows it has always been a pleasure to announce as early as possible when they have attained Championship status in England or overseas when their owners have notified me.

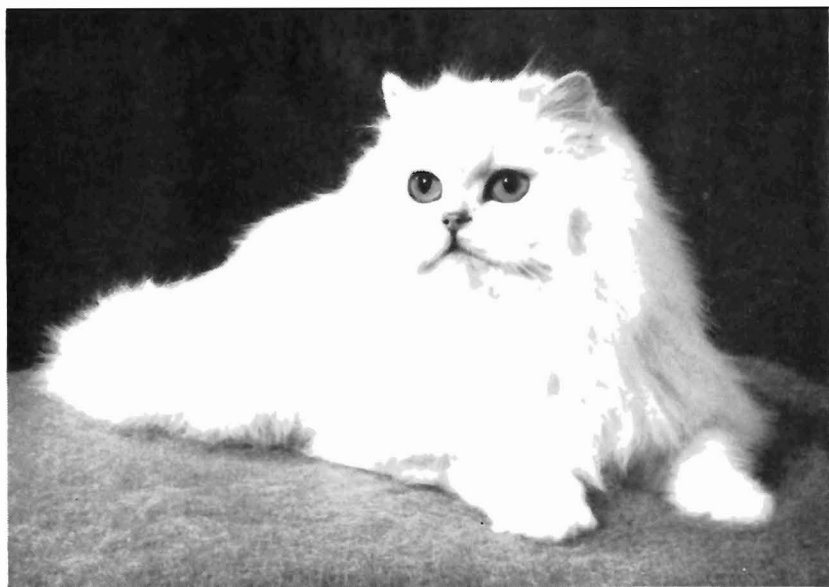
## **Suffolk and Norfolk Show**

It was a lovely early Spring day for the Suffolk and Norfolk Cat Club fifth Sanction Show on March 13th. This Club also aspires in the future to Championship status and if it is eventually granted they have a very capable and unruffled Show Manager in Mrs. Crickmore. Although there is probably less tension and more actual enjoyment among exhibitors at non-Ch. shows it is normal for clubs to be ambitious to procure the much larger entries that full status attracts.

However there were some exhibits of fine quality who had won well at major shows. Major awards were: Best Longhair Exhibit Mrs. Denton's Orange-eyed White female Camber Giselda (by Ch. Guilden Snow King and Camber Enchantress; Best Shorthair Exhibit Miss Woodfields' Tortie-and-White Ch. Pathfinders Painted Lady, one of the loveliest I have seen of this variety. She has dense black and brilliant red sharply defined patching accentuated by the gloss and condition of her coat and purity of the white.

Mrs. Rippingale was awarded Best Cream with Widdington Althea, Best Blue-Cream with Rainhams Pansy Face, and she also bred the Best Blue in Miss Dawson's Rainhams Mary Rose by Ch. Camber Winston who won his Open Class.

Miss Woodfield, an exhibitor who has had a very successful season and supported the shows so well, won again with her Tortie-and-White Longhair Ch.



*Kenneth Scouen*

**Mrs Mollie Turney's lovely Chinchilla CH. BONAVIA LORETTA Ch. Bonavia Contenta ex Marjolaine of Allington was Best Chinchilla at the Southern Counties C.C. show and later went on to win her championship at the Coventry and Leicester C.C. Show**

Pathfinders Rosebud. This female excels in type as well as colouring.

Best Longhair Neuter was a very good Blue Mrs. Rand's Thiepval Marius

Best Siamese adult was Miss Yates' B.P. male Blue Peterkins. Mrs. E. Fisher was first in an amalgamated class of Lilac Pointed adults with Ch. Praha Fermezza. Mrs. Colville's Mackerel

Tabby Manx Just Bobby was outstanding and in lovely condition.

Mrs. J. Newton was impressed with 24 household pets and much enjoyed judging them.

Last but not least the Best Neuter in Show was a magnificent Black pedigree Shorthair Miss Gosling's Ch. Jezreel Maxwell.

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**ME AND MY CAT**

**A study of the exhibitor and the exhibited at the Reading show of  
the Siamese Cat Club of the British Empire**

# A collection of cats

Book review by Sidney Denham

IN his recently published *Years in a Mirror*, Mr. Val Gielgud gives a delightful description of the cats who shared his life during the thirty-five years he spent with the British Broadcasting Company (B.B.C.). Perhaps the most interesting of these was a cat that he did not own, a veteran wooer of his female Siamese when he lived at Campden Hill in Kensington. Most of Lulu's liaisons were scandalously fleeting affairs, says Mr. Gielgud, but she had a "steady" in a ruffianly tom-cat who looked half-starved, had lost part of one ear and had a gash across his face. Mr. Gielgud christened him Scarface who in the thirties was the most notorious of American gangsters, but obviously had a sneaking admiration for him and put down a regularly filled saucer for him in the backyard which, he suggests, might explain as much as the attractions of Lulu his constant attendance.

"None the less, for the benefit of the cynical", Mr. Gielgud writes, "it should be recorded that on one occasion, when Lulu was in labour and having a difficult time of it, Scarface was discovered in the kitchen beside her kneading her body gently and helpfully with his paws; and when she was nursing her kittens, he would leave for her horrible relics of his dustbin forays outside the door that led into the yard".

Lulu was a gift from Sir Compton Mackenzie, whose novel "Carnival" Mr. Gielgud adapted for radio in 1930. With Eric Maschwitz, he went to stay with "Monty" who then lived on Jethou, one of the Channel Islands,

with his Siamese cats, all descended from Sylvia. How many there were Mr. Gielgud says he never found out, but his diary records 13. One of them, the runt of the latest litter, was the odd girl out in a harmonious family, bullied by her brothers and sisters.

When Sir Compton suggested that Lulu—named after a faintly disreputable character in his novel *Extraordinary Women* should accompany Mr. Gielgud back to the mainland, he accepted. Lulu happily exchanged the bluebell dells, rabbits and views of Jethou for the tiny house and back yard in Kensington.

## Absence punished

Another cat of character was a Siamese named Hugo, who shared a flat in Covent Garden. His personal eccentricity was to sleep in—not on—Mr. Gielgud's bed, preferably on his feet, emerging in the morning to bite his ear and purr. Mr. Gielgud's work inevitably took him away for a day or two at times and although he always arranged for Hugo not only to be fed but to be visited, Hugo always "punished" him.

Siamese owners will know how a cat can send its owner to Coventry. After a few hours when Hugo felt his point had been made "he would suddenly appear or scratch at the door or jump on my bed . . . no woman could have established a grievance more neatly or less hurtfully".

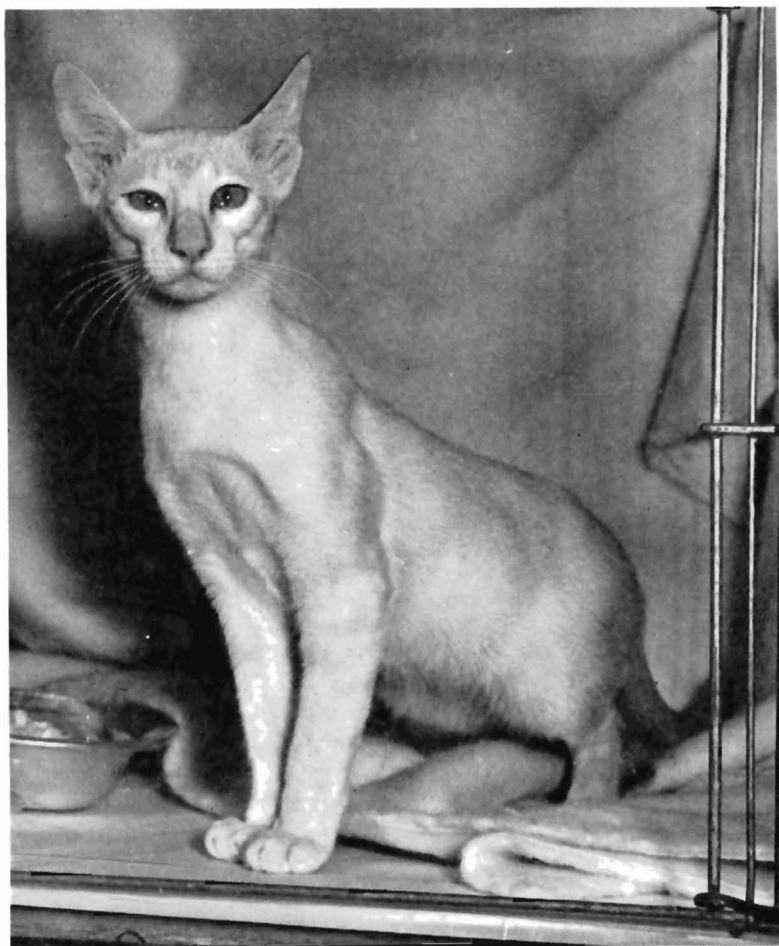
Another remarkable cat was Merlin, a gift from Dorothy Sayers, who worked with Mr. Gielgud on the play-series which became famous—"The Man Born

to be King". Miss Sayers said Merlin's mother was a genuine witch's cat and Merlin was certainly aware of many things invisible to the human eye, writes Mr. Gielgud. He would stare with his amber eyes unwinking for hours at apparent vacancy, bristle all over and indulge in inexplicable leaping.

Merlin developed a habit of climbing bookcases and had to be given a country home where he

could indulge his passion in trees. Later, Mr. Gielgud acquired a Burmese and although breeders may not approve of his beryl-green eyes, U-puss was obviously a character, patronising the polo at Cowdray Park, sitting on Mr. Gielgud's shoulder and "contemplating dogs, humans and horses with an expression of mildly supercilious indulgence".

*Years in a Mirror* is published by the Bodley Head at 25s.



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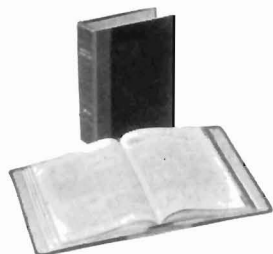
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