

The Red Color Point

by Clare Scott

Like Topsy, the Color Point just "grewed."

Twenty years or more ago a few breeders became enthusiastic over the new "Concha." This was the same Red Color Point which we have today, though the eye color in the early Concha was light in color. Today's Colorpoint presents an amazing brilliant deep blue eye.

This eye color development is normal—the Siamese, from which the Colorpoint is derived, also has improved tremendously in the past 20 years.

It is unfair to expect the Colorpoint to equal the Siamese in type. In eye color, coat color, closeness of coat and temperament, the Colorpoint sometimes excels the best of the Siamese breed. However, in head type, the Colorpoint often comes in a poor second. And, I fear, will continue to do so.

Yet the majority of Colorpoint breeders have fought to retain the Siamese standard, as well as for recognition as Siamese, at great sacrifice are far as show wins are concerned.

The Red Colorpoint does not need the extreme head type to become one of the world's most popular cats. It has a rare, delightful, overly affectionate disposition. It is a hardy animal with a color contrast so striking that the more one is studied the more beautiful it becomes.

While the standards call for cream points in kittens, this writer has never seen a Red Point kitten with cream points. Within five to ten days after birth the kitten's ears become a lovely pink color—and as they are matured the points become a deep orange-red. The body remains off-white, with some shading to match the points as they approach "middle age" (5 or 6 years).

Among the very few breeders who specialize in Red Points is Miss Esther White of 2620 Merced Ave., El Monte, Calif., a red-headed high school student, who has well laid plans to become a veterinarian. She is aided by her sister JoAnn and her parents.

Red-Heads and Red Points should go together! !

CAT FANCIERS TO MEET HERE

The Cat Fanciers' Assn., national governing body for 75 membership clubs—including the Houston Cat Club—will hold its annual meeting Thursday through Saturday at the Shamrock Hotel.

This will mark the first time the convention has been held outside of New York City.

Some 225 delegates will attend the meeting to determine policies and rules under which the member clubs will hold their championship shows. The meeting will open at noon Thursday with registration of delegates, to be followed by a board of directors meeting. There will be business sessions and panel discussions Friday and Saturday, presided over by the national president, Mrs. Marguerite Mabie of Sharon, Mass. The sessions are open to all members of C.F.A. clubs.

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It will be ten years next March since the C.F.A. Annual Meeting was held in Houston. It will take place March 26-27, 1965 at the Shamrock Hilton. The YEARBOOK Editor will be looking forward to the meeting in her home town.