Beautiful Beautiful Creams

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From the time I saw my first Cream Persian it has been my favorite! I didn't start in creams in the beginning. I saw my first at the shows. Anthony DeSantis (Longhill), Maurine Hoag (Nor-Mont), and Frances Kosierowski were showing beautiful creams. Maurine showed Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont Sandman, a real ton cream. Mr. DeSantis

didn't get to many shows as he wasn't well and was also a Judge. When he did, his cats were outstanding and today are behind most of the winning creams somewhere — not all, but a lot, I have seen Ch. Craig's Taffy Apple and Ch. Longhill's Taffy Doll and the one I remember the most is Gr. Ch. Longhill's Michael. He had the real even, light flowing coat we drool over and was a real beauty. He showed him at his last show and got Best Cat, both "shows". He told me about a nice son of his and I got him. He was Gr. Ch. Longhill's Michael II of Castilia. He was beautiful and lived up to the Longhill name. There were only 2 shows then and 20 points were needed so the most one could get



at 1 show was 8 points. He went Best Champion and Best Cat 5 straight times for his Grand and he left me several nice creams to go on with. About a month ago — his mother was still living.

I got my first pair of creams from Mrs. Ella Maderia (Maderia Cattery) and I was about the proudest person alive — they were just beautiful. I sent the female to Gr. Ch. Lee's Hi Hat Champagne, bred



Ch. Castilia Senora De Oro II

by Mrs. Lee and owned by Marie Wilson, of Detroit. She had four beautiful kittens and I kept one. Her sister was my first Grand Champion. She was Castilia Peach Blossom owned by Karen Hills. I named mine Senora De Ora and bred her to a Maderia Grand and I got my Pride and Joy, She was a real cobby cat with a large head. When bred to my Gr. Ch. Longhill's Michael II — she gave me several males but only one female -Castilia Senora De Ora II. Betty Unger got her and with Ch. Longhill's Michaelangelo

(litter brother of Michael, owned by Dick Gebhardt, 13 years old and still living and siring) got several Grand Champions; including Gr. Ch. Fairvilla Charming Fella of Nor-Mont, owned by Maurine Hoag: Gr. Ch. Fairvilla Mikes Boy; and the litter sister of Michael II, a Blue Cream owned by Mrs. Bloem. Her name Ch. Longhills Misty Moon and with her beautiful Gr. Ch. Bloemhill Pekoe gave her several



Ch. Castilia Paige of Theo Dora

Grands. Another brother, Ch. Longhills Super Mike was the Sire of Mrs. Hoag's "CAT OF THE YEAR 1962", Gr. Ch. Chez Moumette of Nor-Mont bred by Elaine Owens, a real typy cat — good bone, large head.

Creams are not easy to get type and color. We like pale long coats, no bars. So many are dark or tipped dark. I like to clip them down in the spring and remove all the dark and dead coat. Creams change in color. They will be barred and dark one year and pale the next. It seems like the older they get, the better coat color they get,

although many are pale and good color all the time. My Gr. Ch. Castilia Sandy of Purr Time, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burneston, was dark one year and very pale even coat the next. Also Gr. Ch. Castilia Pekoe of Nor-Mont was the same, he was dark the first year and got a nice color later to be the "ALL STAR CAT 1968" and "ALL STAR BOX CAT of 1969". If I have to choose between color and type, I would take type over color, for no matter how good the color is, they must have body and head type underneath.

When I lost Gr. Ch. Longhill's Michael II, I was without a cream male. Maurine Hoag let me have the first good kitten she got — Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont Brandy of Castilia — a lovely cream with

a big head. His Dam, Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont Duchess (Tortie) and Sire Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont, Michael cream male. He is the sire of Gr. Ch. Castilia Diane of Nor-Mont and others, Diane is the mother of Grand Champions.

I was fortunate in getting a daughter of Miss Clum's Gr. Ch. Beamsley Sunshine of Gaylands, (IMP), who was a beautiful cream male with nice large head and wide set little ears, and he has sired several Grand Champions. She is Ch. Larks Purr Lady Gai bred by Gladys Morgan and mother of Gr. Ch. Larks Purr Cairngorm, cream male owned by Mrs. Augusta Clarendon of Maryland; also mother of Gr. Ch. Larks Purr Honey Boy owned by Gladys Morgan (breeder) of Pennsylvania and mother of my Gr. Ch. Castilia Pekoe of Nor Mort; and mother of Ch. Castilia Pekoe



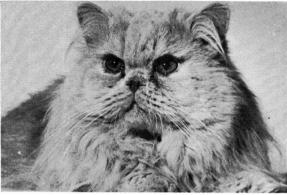
Gr. Ch. Chez Moumette Cal of Nor-Mont

of Nor-Mont; and mother of Ch. Castilia Paige of Theo Dora, whose sire is Gr. Ch. Bloemhill Pekoe.

My Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont Debbie of Castilia, Blue Cream, has given me several Cream Grands — Gr. Ch. Castilia Sandy; Gr. Ch. Castilia Sandman; Gr. Ch. Castilia Carmel of Nor-Mont, and several more coming up. A son of Sandys bred and owned by Diane Gessell (Wood-

kiff) cattery of Tennessee, has sired several Grand Champions. One is Woodkiff Gold Bangles, cream female. She made her Grand in one show at one year of age.

Ben Ehrhardt has bred some beautiful creams. Gr. Ch. Ben-Mar Daydream (now 11 years old and still siring) a pale, pale Cream, sired by Ch.



Nor-Mont Brandy of Castilia

Nor-Mont Randy of Ben-Mar, cream, who needed only 1 point for Grand when he lost him. Gr. Ch. Ben-Mar Minuet, a real beauty, and Gr. Ch. Ben-Mar Jeanette all have been, Best Kitten and Best Cat many times.

There's Gr. Ch. Hadleigh Hedda of Misty Mornin' owned by



Gr. Ch. Larks Purr Cairngorm

Charles Milwain and William T. Nix. She is a pale cream and made Grand in 1 show. There's Gr. Ch. Wycliffe Cream Puff, a pale cream female bred by Lucille Pelton and owned by me, she is a grand-daughter of Gr. Ch. Longhill's Michael, the Second, of Castilia. There's Kilarney's Tom Tom, a beautiful cream bred and owned by Ellen Brown of New York. There's Gr. Ch. Bloemhill Sparkle bred by Lillias Bloem—a real beauty. There's

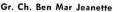
Gr. Ch. Caruso Coppertone, beautiful, bred and owned by Betty Caruso, New Jersey. There's Gr. Ch. Simbelair Sandstar, daughter of Gr. Ch. Castilia Sandy and a Blue Cream sister of Gr. Ch. Larks Purr Precious of Castilia, also a half sister of Gr. Ch. Castilia Pekoe of Nor-Mont, bred and owned by Mrs. Stanley Weston of Canada.

To go way back, years ago, there were Gr. Ch. Lee's Hi Hat Cherie and her son Gr. Ch. Rosemont Golden Boy



Gr. Ch. Woodkiff Gold Bangles

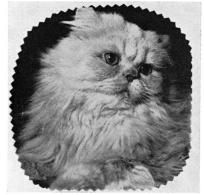






Gr. Ch. Ben Mar Daydream

"CAT OF THE YEAR" 1958 shown by Frances Kosierowski and a beautiful pair they were. Also, Golden Boy's son Gr. Ch. Rosemont Adonis. There was Gr. Ch. Suni June of Dawn, bred and owned by Mrs. Millbeck of Michigan. Then Gr. Ch. Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone bred by Anthony DeSantis and owned by Helen Muller of



Gr. Ch. Kilarney Tom Tom

Texas. She was "All American Cream Female" 1953-1954-1955-1957-1959 and "All Southern 1956". Creams are like the rest of the Persians — a dozen cats, a dozen different dispositions. To get one ready for a show and see that cat all fluffed up, is a beautiful sight. I know I have left out some other beautiful Creams but I'm talking about ones I have seen and remember.

The only advice I can give you is buy from good stock with winning Cats behind them. It's very hard to buy a Best in Show, as a breeder likes

to show his own and there are very few that good. Try to breed your own. All lines do not click together, so to one good breeding there

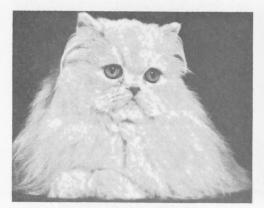
may not be any kittens show type and still the male may sire lots of Grand material kittens with others. Don't give up, try another good male and find one that lines go good together. It's a challenge all the way; try and try again. Torties are very good for creams, also Blue Creams. When I first started breeding Creams, I'd go to Mrs. Maderia and I'd see all those beautiful Tortoiseshells there; she'd sell most of the solid Creams and keep the Torties to breed to



creams and keep the Torties to breed to Gr. Ch. Simbelair Sandstar cream males for them. Now I understand why. She said the Torties

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Some Famous Early Creams



Gr. Ch. Ben-Mar Minuet



Gr Ch. Diane of Nor-Mont



Gr. Ch. Castilia Sandman



Gr. Ch. Wycliffe Cream Puff



Gr. Ch. Castilia Sandy of Purr Time



Ch. Buddy Boy of Flo-Sher



Gr. Ch. Beamsley's Sunshine of Gaylands



Gr. Ch. Longnih's Tres Chic



Gr. Ch. Fairvina Mike's Boy



Gr. Ch. Longhill Michael II

and the Blue Creams were the breeding cats. But the day you get Best Champion or Best Cat in the show on one you have bred yourself is a real thrill and worth all the EFFORT.

NOTES ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marcena Myers started breeding and showing in 1950. She started with Silvers, but almost at the start, had a White and Blue. She was lucky, she said in having her first Silver go Best in Show. Later she stayed with Whites, Creams, Blues and Blue-Creams, breeding for Solid Colors. She loved the Silvers, but had to limit her stock, so when she got the Creams "that was it". She has always loved animals and never been without a cat or two. Mrs. Myers owns the Castilia Cattery, a name which recurs often in the finals in today's shows, and lives at 126 Pleasant Drive, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001.

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