

Cat Association and Shows

My daughter, who has Siamese and Abyssinians, was able to arrange for me to visit 10 catteries, attend a cat show and meet members of the San Diego Cat Fancy to whom I gave a short account of the British Cat Fancy. The work of the Feline Advisory Bureau which I described raised much interest.

Of the eight Cat Associations in America, the Cat Fancier Association is roughly equal in size to the rest put together. Each of these associations holds shows under its own rules and judges. Winning cats compete for the annual National Awards for the whole country and for the various regions known as the "All-Star" awards presented by the C.F.A. and the "All-American" awards for cats competing in the shows of the other seven associations.

There are nearly five times as many shows held under the American Associations as under the G.C.C.F., and though many of these are small, last season three shows attracted over 500 cats, the most prestigious of these being held at Santa Monica, California, under the C.F.A.