

Snuffy Smith and the Korats

One of my most interesting days was spent in the San Fernando area of Los Angeles. We first visited Mrs. Ruthe K. Miner who breeds Shaded Silvers, Abyssinians and Korats. These little blue shorthaired cats with heart-shaped heads (in the males) are becoming quite popular after Mrs. Richard Negus, secretary of the Korat Cat Society, had imported a number of them from Northern Thailand following a visit of several months. In the literature about them she points out that, though comparatively rare, they are regarded as the true native cats of the land. Ruthe also introduced me to her TV star Snuffy Smith, a 23-lb. Lynx Chous, a long-legged intimidating feline but as friendly as they come, mixing happily with her other cats. Ruthe's garden was completely wired in and the only place I visited where the cats could roam at will outside.