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A KINDLY ACTION

IN presenting to our readers this, the first number of CAT GOSSIP, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindly pat on the back, so encouraging to a new venture making its initial uphill struggle, which we have received from that go-ahead and important body, the SIAMESE CAT CLUB, whose energetic Secretary, Miss Busteed, writes that she is anxious to let others in the Fancy see "that the Siamese people are doing something in the way of support, and not at once throwing cold water on a good effort." They are anxious, she continues, to help forward an honourable effort on our part to help the Cat Fancy. If only other Clubs will see the matter in the same light and help themselves whilst helping us, the success of CAT GOSSIP is assured. In the meantime, we feel the deepest gratitude to the S.C. Committee for their generous and kindly thought, and offer our hearty congratulations on their successful years' working!

THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB

20, Queensway, Hanworth,
Middlesex.

A full Committee Meeting of the above Club, was held at Anderton's Hotel, on November 24th, when the Hon. Secretary presented the full statement of the Show Accounts. These showed receipts for £137 17s. 3d. and expenditure £121 2s. 9s., leaving a balance of £16 14s. 6d. to carry on with next year. It was proposed by Miss H. Hillshaw, seconded by Mrs. Cran, that these accounts be adopted as correct, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Show Committee, and the Hon. Secretary for the excellent balance shown.

Ten new Members and one old Member were elected for 1927, and two resignations were accepted with regret.

The Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Veley, was elected as one of the Club's approved Judges.

Interest was taken, and a discussion ensued on the new Cat paper, CAT GOSSIP, that was being issued on December 1st, and the Committee said they would be pleased to subscribe to it for the first quarter. Mrs. Veley and Mrs. Cran would be pleased to help with an occasional article, and Mr. Lloyd Lewis was willing to have a block made for his stud Cat Ch. Bonzo. They wished the paper every success, and would do what they could for a Cat Paper that was badly needed in the Cat Fancy.

Other matters were then discussed, after which the business terminated.

E. C. BUSTEED, *Hon. Sec.*



Miss Hill-Shaw's Manx
Ch. Katzenjammer's Ghost of Cademuir

A frequently seen Inn Sign in bygone days was that of the "Cat and Fiddle." This is said to have first appeared in Piccadilly. The story goes that a Frenchwoman, who kept a shop at the Eastern end of this thoroughfare, had a favourite cat, and lacking any other sign, put up that of "Voici le chat fidele," which, in course of time, was corrupted into that of "Cat and Fiddle." "The Civet Cat," was, of course, a well-known perfumer's sign. I believe one still exists in Bristol, and I have also noticed a shop in Paris displaying this sign.

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At the last Show, at Lille, I notice that classes, divided by colour, were provided for Short-hair Persians (*chats persans a poil ras*) as well as the L.H. classes. I wonder how these were distinguished from ordinary S.H.?

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Mrs. Egerton Free is gradually taking over the excellent feline rescue work so long admirably conducted by our very good friend, Miss Hill-Shaw. She has established lethal boxes of the most up-to-date kind, and has also model catteries with 6-foot outdoor runs to each. These are situated in Morland Road, Croydon.

NATIONAL CAT CLUB SHOW

THIS, the thirty-seventh Show of the N.C.C., was not marked by very sensational happenings. One of Lady Alexandra's cats escaped whilst being unpacked, and had not been recaptured when the Show closed on the second day. Much sorrow was expressed at the news of the death of Mrs. Esdaile. The deceased lady was a member of many of the Clubs, and less than a year ago had been appointed a member of the G.C. I understand there were 72 more entries than at last year's fixture.

Shorthairs were quite a good section, and Manx well to the fore. Miss Winifred Brookes' delicate drawings of cats I noticed attracted a good deal of attention, and deservedly so. Miss Currie was naturally very proud at winning two Challenge certificates, each for the third time, with her two exhibits, the black L.H., Ch. Jill of Ashburnham, and the S.H. Blue, Rosemary, which had received a similar award from me at Croydon. Mrs. Yeates' White S.H., which did so well at Croydon, here went down, apparently on account of bad temper. Knowledge of the psychology of her own sex might have told Mrs. Yeates that to name a female kitten Lady Be Good would act as a direct incitement to it to be quite the contrary!

BLUE, BRITISH, M. or F.—Rosemary of Ashburnham won for Miss Currie, followed by Ch. Chelsea Thistledown. 3rd—Ballochmyle Mother Goose.

BLUE, FOREIGN.—Only one male, Chilli Bom. In females, 1 and Ch., Mrs. Batt, Danuria. 2nd—Same owner's Lady Zella. 3rd—Mrs. Pearson, Utcha.

BLACK, M.—All well known. 1st and Ch.—Miss Cochrane, Chelsea Orange Pip. 2nd and 3rd—Lady Alexander, whose two exhibits were alone in females.

WHITE, M. or F.—1st and Ch.—Miss Winder, White Turk. 2nd—Mrs. McCowatt, Blythwood Douglas. 3rd—Miss Cochrane, C. Fairy Flax, a good class of six well-known cats.

RED TABBY, M. or F.—Miss Winder again scored with Red Ensign, followed by her Red Turk and Ch. Clayton Masher.

BROWN TABBY.—A gift for Taylor's Brown Star. 2nd—Dick Turpin, coarse; I preferred the spotted tabby (a contradictory term!) Leoparda, last year's winner, or the mackerel Patchitab, had she been in show condition.

SILVER TABBY.—Messrs. Brown and Wilson's grand youngster Sure Again continues his victorious career. 2nd—Taylor's Cliffette. 3rd—Mrs. Bulmer, Stratton Lass. Faygate Silver Sheen is darkening.

TORTOISEHELL.—Lord Tom Noddy led from Taylor's Hopeful. Last year's winner, Egerton House Fifi, third, too dark. Res.—Mulligatawny Soup.

TORTOISE AND WHITE.—It was a pity Barry Patches, the Croydon winner, could not have another try here. 1st and Ch., Mrs. Western, Holme Victorine, a showy cat, nose patch, large yellow patch on back might be better broken up. 2nd—B. Patchwork, well known. That sterling cat Evenmark was again only third. Res.—Blythwood Marigold, lacks brightness of colour.

MANX.—A good class. 1st and Ch.—A new face, Mrs. McLaren Morrison's Egerton House Douglas, typical tabby, nice rabbity coat. 2nd—The well-known white Villish Mona Veen. 3rd—Miss Morant, Chibby of Dunblair.

ABYSSINIANS.—Two, Red Rust winning.

A.O.V.—Lady Alexander's perennial creams.

ANY COLOUR TABBY.—The young Silver won, followed by Brown Star.

ANY COLOUR SELF.—A hot class, Chelsea Orange Pip, White Turk, Rosemary, Blythwood Douglas, in order given.

ANY VARIETY BREEDERS saw Sure Again once more to the front, followed by Clayton Masher and Red Turk.

A.V. NOVICE.—The black Orange Pip, Red Ensign, Cliffette, as given.

SENIORS were led by Brown Star.

JUNIORS (under two years) by Sure Again, White Turk, and Rosemary.

BRACES.—1st—Lady Alexander. 2nd and 3rd—Miss Cochrane.

TEAMS.—1st—Lady Alexander. 2nd—Mrs. Batt's Blues.

KITTENS, A.V. SELF.—1st—Miss Cochrane's Chelsea White Ensign. 2nd—Mrs. Yeates' Lady Be Good. 3rd—Mrs. Jackson's blue Bilateena, I preferred the Reserve, Mrs. Hendry's Foxlaw.

A.V. TABBY KITTEN.—1st—Nice red tabby, Hough, Clayton Masterpiece. 2nd—Rombaldsmoor Red Rogue. 3rd, Another red, Benson's Hamlet. Res.—Mrs. Broughton Hawley's brown Tabbette.

A.V. KITTEN.—Miss Cochrane's White Ensign, Lady Be Good, Clayton Masterpiece, as given.

A.V. BREEDERS and A.V. NEVILL CLASSES.—Clayton Masterpiece.

MANX KITTONS.—1st—Miss Morant, black, Joey of Drumblair, very typical, decided hollow in rump, a bit light. Another real good one second in Miss Cochrane's tabby C. Ellen Vannin, much cobbier, may perhaps when made up be too much so. 3rd, Miss Savory, Douglas of Emberton, quite a nice youngster.

NEUTERS.—1st—Beautiful coloured brown tabby, fails chin, Mrs. Beckett's Joe Beckett. 2nd—A grand silver tabby in Mrs. Wing's Pet Ba-ba. 3rd—Mrs. Tanner, Steve. Mrs. Broughton-Hawley's Tar Baby, a black, who one year took the challenge at Croydon, I thought unlucky, and preferred him to the Reserve; not so pleasing, though larger.

THE SIAMESE CLASSES.

By MRS. BASNETT.

CLASS 99. Male Adult. *Judge*, Mrs. Harvey. 1st—Mrs. Burke's Minoh Ming. 2nd—Mme. Marianne Tostia's Continental Boy. 3rd—Mrs. Allen Maturin's Shipmate o' Mine. Res.—Mr. Woodgate's Takahata. *Abs.*—Miss Bustead's Robinsboi and Rocleo; Mrs. Mortimer Livingstone's Kailas.

Minoh Ming was introduced to the Show world as an adult at the Siamese Cat Club's Show held last September, where he was awarded a V.H.C. He is quite a nice type of cat, but not worthy of carrying off a challenge certificate, which Mrs. Harvey very rightly withheld. Mme. Tostia, a new exhibitor, was very delighted with her

Continental Boy's success. This cat possessed a nicer coat than the first prizewinner, but failed in eye colour and had the kinked-up tail, which is so popular in France, but rather scorned here. Shipmate o' Mine, a good type of cat shown in a very nice condition. Takahata has darkened very much, but he has a very good head and nice eyes.

CLASS 100. Female Adult. 1st and Ch.—Miss Dixon's Simple. 2nd—Miss Jeffries' Gentle. 3rd—Mrs. Allen Maturin's Southampton Gatita. Res.—Mrs. Burke's Ninka-Me. Abs.—Mrs. Mortimer Livingstone's Kish; Miss Busteed's Tinette, Highfield Litamoot, Ch. Ki-weena; Major Woodiwiss's Woodroffe Juliana and Adwing.

Miss Dixon is to be congratulated on Simple's continued success, now making her a full Champion at this Show. Simple and Gentle are so well known that further description is unnecessary. Both are very beautiful cats and should prove an excellent foundation for future Show specimens of true type. Gatita is a very nice dainty queen of a particularly good colour. Ninka-Me is a very dark-coated queen, possessing a very nice head and good eyes.

CLASS 101. Breeders, Male or Female. 1st—Mrs. Burke's Minoh Ming. 2nd—Continental Boy. 3rd—Takahata. Abs.—Mrs. Livingstone's Kailas; Miss Busteed's Kuiyen and Tinette; Major Woodiwiss's Adwing.

CLASS 102. Limit Male or Female. 1st—Miss Jeffries' Gentle. 2nd—Mrs. Maturin's Gatita. 3rd—Mrs. Maturin's Shipmate o' Mine. Abs.—Kailas, Kish, Robinsboi, Rocleo, Tinette, Highfield Litamoot, Woodroffe Adwing and Juliana.

CLASS 103. Novice. Male or Female. 1st—Minoh Ming. 2nd—Southampton Gatita. 3rd—Continental Boy. Res.—Southampton Shipmate o' Mine. V.H.C. Takahata. Abs.—Robinsboi, Rocleo, Tinette, Highfield Litamoot, Kailas, Woodroffe Adwing and Juliana.

CLASS 104.—Veteran. M. or F. over 4 years (Siamese) Cancelled.

CLASS 105. Brace (2 cats or 2 kittens). 1st—Mrs. Kinderman Walker's Chakrilord and Chakrilady. 2nd—Mrs. Burke's Minoh Ming and Ninka Me. 3rd—Mrs. Allen Maturin's Shipmate o' Mine and Gatita. V.H.C. Major Woodiwiss's Woodroffe Juno and Sliwing.

CLASS 106. Team. Miss Busteed's and Major Woodiwiss's entries absent.

Siamese Kittens

CLASS 107. Male, 3 to 9 months. 1st—Miss Dixon's Simzo. 2nd—Mrs. Baker's Koung. 3rd—Mrs. Kinderman Walker's Chakrilord. Res.—Mr. Ike Levy's Loming. (No. of entries, 6—1 absent.)

Had Simzo arrived two days earlier with his birthday, he would have been eligible for the adult class at this Show and just galloped merrily off with his just championship—he is a perfect kitten and should have no fears for his future success in the Show World as an adult. Koung is a very pleasing kitten with a beautiful coat, good points, and a very typical little fellow—he fails in eyes to the 1st. Chakrilord is a rounder-headed type of cat, he has a very nice coat, good eyes, and pleasing expression. Loming is very shaded on the body, but has good dense points, and better head than the 3rd.

CLASS 108. Female, 3 to 9 months. 1st—Miss Batsman's Junella. 2nd—Mrs. Kinderman Walker's Chakrilady. 3rd—Mrs. Ellaby's Fayte. R.—

M. Ike Levy's Tees-side. V.H.C.'s—Major Woodiwiss's Woodroffe Juno and Woodroffe Sliwing. (No. in class, 10.)

Junella is a very beautiful kitten, very true to type. Chakrilady a very nice kit, not such a sweet expression as Junella, eyes are paler and points have yet to darken. Fayte has a very nice head and is a good type of little queen, but she has darkened very much in body colour lately.

CLASS 111. Any variety Short-hair Adult (Radius Classes). Judge, Mr. Western. There were 8 entries in this class. Miss Dixon's Simple getting Reserve and Miss Jeffries Gentle commanded.

CLASS 112. Any variety Short-hair kitten. Judge, Mr. Morris. 1st—Mrs. Ellaby's Fayte. Res.—Miss Dixon's Simzo (No. in class, 6).

National Cat Club Classes.

CLASS 118. Siamese (Cat or Kitten). Judge, Mr. Western. 1st—Miss Dixon's Simzo. 2nd—same owner's Simple. 3rd—Mrs. Allen Maturin's Southampton Gatita. 4th—Mrs. Ellaby's Fayte. R.—Mrs. Kinderman Walker's Charkilord. V.H.C.—Mrs. Maturin's Shipmate o' Mine. H.C.—Mrs. Burke's Minoh Ming. (No. in class, 10 and 6 absent.)

Croydon Cat Club's Classes. Judge, Mr. Ambrose.

CLASS 121. Any variety Short-hair cat or kitten. There were 13 exhibits in this class. Miss Dixon's Simple being awarded 1st and the same owner's Simzo V.H.C.

Midland Counties Cat Club Classes.

CLASS 123. Any variety or colour kitten Male or Female (L.H. S.H. or Siamese). Judge Mr. Weston.

Miss Bateman's beautiful kitten Junella was awarded 2nd prize in this class containing 9 exhibits.

Newbury Cat Club Classes.

CLASS 124. Any variety or colour, male kitten (L.H. S.H. or Siamese). Judge Mr. Norris. Miss Dixon's Simzo awarded Reserve in this class of 8.

Specials.

Mrs. Maturen's Gatita, 1. Miss Jeffries Gentle, 2. Mrs. Kinderman Walker's Chakrilady, 1. Miss Dixon's Simple, 4. Miss Dixon's Simzo, 3.

Mrs. Burke's Minoh Ming 2, including a Silver Cup outright. Mrs. Maturin's Shipmate o' Mine, 1. Miss Bateman's Junella, 1.

THE LONG HAIR CLASSES

by

Mrs. Campbell Fraser.

BEST IN SHOW.—Mrs. Wade, John of Bedale. Best L.H. kitten, Miss Fair, Northway Shelmerdine. N.C.C.—Welburn Bowl, John of Bedale. N.C.C.

CH. CUP AND VICTORY CUP.—John of Bedale. **MINLEY SNOWFLAKE CUP.**—Ch. Minley Rosacara. **DULCIBEL OF ALINGTON CUP.**—Langherne Sunshine. **N.C.C. CH. CUPS.**—Minley Rosacara, Marise of Alington, Jill of Ashburnham, Langherne Sunshine. **BLUE PERSIAN CAT SOC. FRANCES SIMPSON TROPHY,** Marise. **BREWSTER CH. CUP.**—John of Bedale. **Alington Cup,** Maris. **Bluejacket Cup,** John of Bedale. **Hendon Pair Trophy,** Miss Fair. **Blue Neuter Cup,** Miss Nicol, Kingfisher. **BLACK AND WHITE CLUB.**—

Swinton Vase, Minley Rosacara. Heathside Flanack Cup and Ch. Zulanda Cup, Jill of Ashburnham. Club Ch. Cup. Mrs. Yeates, Desert Chief. CHINCHILLA SILVER AND SMOKE SOC.—Vera of Alington Trophy, Langherne Sunshine. Runnymede Bowl, Langherne Felix. Bliss & Paula of Alington Cup, Langherne Gay Boy.

Long-Haired Adults.

CLASS 1. White Male. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Reynolds' Sams' Hercules of Runnymede. Massive type, typical stud. 2nd—Same owner's Powder Puff of R. Bluest eye. 3rd—Mrs. Cattermole's Beauty of Mayfield. Res.—Fata Morgana, fine brace, first excelling in head, second in eye. V.H.C.—Mrs. Higgins.

CLASS 2. White Female. 1st and Ch. 2nd—Mrs. Cattermole, Minley Rosacara, a beauty, best white in Show; Veracity of Mayfield, less heavily coated, excellent clarity. 3rd—Miss Ware's Laughing Sapphire of Mayfield, good cat loses in eye colour. Res.—Mrs. Richardson's Sapphire of Farnborough. V.H.C.—Mrs. Reynolds' Sams.

CLASS 3. Black Male. Miss J. M. Fisher's Ivanhoe of Hadley, excels in head, snub nose, small ears, could be denser and eye colour deeper. 2nd—Mrs. Campbell Fraser's Hendon Eastbury Boglie, the Croydon Ch. winner. 3rd—Mrs. Evans's Heathside Cavalier, fine build. Res.—Mrs. McClure Toto. V.H.C.—Mrs. Glenfield.

CLASS 4. Black Female. 1st and Ch.—Miss Currie's Jill of Ashburnham, well shown. 2nd—Mrs. Yeates's Ch. Zulanda, dense black, veteran, wearing well. 3rd—Miss J. M. Fisher's Laurina of Hadley, gorgeous eyes, failing in coat to-day. Res.—Mrs. Evans's Heathside Black Ladye. V.H.C.—Mrs. Gilbert.

CLASS 5. Red Tabby Male. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Neate's Red Leader, in fine fettle. Unsurpassed red tabby. 2nd—Miss Hill's Whatmer, a favourite of mine, broad-headed. 3rd—Mrs. Glenfield's Red Viking, the Reading and Croydon winner, not looking his best.

CLASS 6. Red Tabby Female. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Green's Tiger Lily of Walborough, glorious colour, full Champion now. 2nd—Mrs. Nathan's Raggety Ann, good, round head, loses in colour, 3rd—Mrs. Kennaway's Garboldisham Rose Anne, stripes less clear. Res.—Mrs. Soame's Scarlet Pimpernel, might have been higher.

CLASS 7. Red Self, Male or Female. Ch. Withheld. 1st—Kennaway, G. Boojum. 2nd—Lowe and Watkinson, L. Evening Sunset. My choice. 3rd—Waldy Candorett, good head, fairly even. Res.—Morant, Harmodius.

CLASS 8. Cream Male. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Stevenson's Budge of Hanley, pale, even colour, grand eye. 2nd—Lowe and Watkinson, L. Merry Lad, fine well-grown type. 3rd—Mrs. Broughton Hawley's Cuttle Cross. Res.—Mrs. Wise. Ab. Shere Khan.

CLASS 9. Cream Female. 1st and Ch.—Langherne Mignonette, of the Coombe, short face, well shown, last year's kitten winner. 2nd—Wise, Victoria of Uddingston, good shade. 3rd—Kennaway, G. Moselle. Res.—G. Candida. I was glad to see these queens did not show a ruddy glow.

CLASS 10. Tortoiseshell. Male or Female. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Yeates's Devonshire Duchess, stands out for colour distribution. 2nd—Adams's Ginger Belle of Barnsley, on the red side, type good. 3rd—Mrs. Evans's Heathside Ladybird, now coming into good form. Extra 3rd—Well earned by Mrs. Soames Flemette. A good class. Res.—Gilbert's Pompilia.

CLASS 11. Tortie and White. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Weston's Holme Dazzle. 2nd—Kennaway's Bobbie Dazzle.

CLASS 12. Brown Tabby Male or Female. Ch.—Withheld. 1st—Evans's Brown Deer, best head. 2nd and 3rd—Kennaway's G. Molly Maolne and G. Mascot.

CLASS 13. Blue Male. 1st and Ch.—Mrs. Wade's John of Bedale, first time out as adult, best in show. 2nd—Bazeley's Colnside Billy Bumpet, a grand pair of half-brothers. 3rd—Freeman, Blue Craggie, consistent winner, excels eye colour. Res.—Lady Eardley Wilmot's Gentleman of Hanley. V.H.C.—Mrs. George.

CLASS 14. Blue Female. Big class. 1st and Ch.—Miss Langston's Marise of Alington, becomes full Ch. Good all round. 2nd—Jephson's Joyous June, nice head, short nose. 3rd—White's Bee in Bonnet, well grown. 4th—Campbell Fraser's Dame Hannah. Res.—Mrs. Forrest's Woodchurch Dawn.

CLASS 15. Blue Breeders. 1st—Marise. 2nd—Blue Craggie. 3rd—Stevens's Moon o' Mendip.

CLASS 16. Blue Novice. 1st—John of Bedale. 2nd—Bee in a Bonnet. 3rd—Hendon Dame Hannah. 4th—Woodchurch Dawn.

CLASS 19. Blue Limit. 1st—John of Bedale. 2nd—Joyous June. 3rd—June of Pensford. Res.—Moon o' Mendip.

CLASS 20. Chinchilla Male. 1st and Ch.—Cotterell, Grant, Trefusis Langherne Felix. 2nd—Cupid of Hyver. 3rd—Roust, Tyndale Boy, excels shape of skull.

CLASS 21. Chinchilla, Female. 1st and Ch.—Aubree Langherne Sunshine. 2nd—Newton's Silver Sprity of Boreham, runs winner close. 3rd—Langston. Res.—Aubrey, Langherne Butterfly. V.H.C.—Reynolds's Sams, Dimple of R. H.C.—Dewdrop of R. A fine class, full of quality.

CLASS 22. Silver Tabby Male or Female. 1st and Ch.—Miss Knight-Law's Merriment of Marston Trussell, well marked, beautifully shown. Might be rounder in head.

CLASS 23. Smoke Male. 1st and Ch.—Spencer-Smith's Raccoon, massive cat, good head, immense coat, under coat might be more silvery. Miss Phyllis Steane's exhibit was wrong classed.

CLASS 25. A.O.C. M.O.F. Lancashire Maid.

CLASS 26. A. C. Breeders. Except Blue. 1st—Dimple of R. 2nd—Mignonette of the Coombe. 3rd—Red Leader. Extra 3rd—Langherne Sunshine. Res.—Jill of Ashburnham.

CLASS 27. A.C. Novice. 1st—Langherne Butterfly. 2nd—Ginger Belle of Barnsley. 3rd—Merriment. 4th—Heathside Ladybird.

CLASS 32. Braces. 1st—Wise. 2nd—Aubrey. 3rd—Evans. 4th—Fisher. Res.—Lady Eardley Wilmot.

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Finally, a sack was lowered, and with his remaining strength "Jumbo" clung to it and was drawn to the surface in an exhausted state.

The cat was given some milk, and soon recovered. It had apparently had no sustenance except the water it fell into.

The action of the porters has been brought to the notice of the local committee of the R.S.P.C.A.

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