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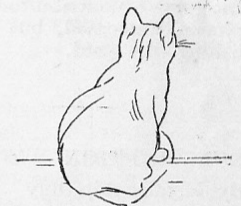
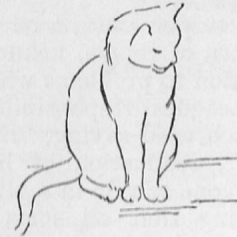
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IT TAKES ALL SORTS: This somewhat ancient expression very often conveys more than would appear on the surface and I think perhaps if more attention was given to what obviously is a "truth" there would be less unpleasantness amongst people who have basically the same views but directed into opposite channels. That we have to learn to live with this particular problem is very evident to those who come into contact with it more frequently than others. I make this comment because it has a bearing on the work of the League and links up with my fairly frequent requests either through the magazine or in my correspondence, for forbearance in the matter of replies, acknowledgements and attention to problems which are obviously the Leagues responsibility. To quote another much used saying, "time is a deciding factor", realization of how much or how little anyone can do in a given time, and remembering that all sorts of people write to us, and whatever their request they must all have consideration, there is little wonder that delays cannot be avoided. This is regretted as much by Headquarters as it is by those who are naturally anxious to know if their request or correspondence has been received and is being dealt with. I can only say as I have done in the past, that we do our best to keep our work something like up to date and I offer my sincere apologies for any inconvenience that our members or friends may occasionally experience.

To use the Editorial column for this purpose may not be quite in order but I do particularly want to draw attention to this very worrying matter and ask again that you will bear with me.

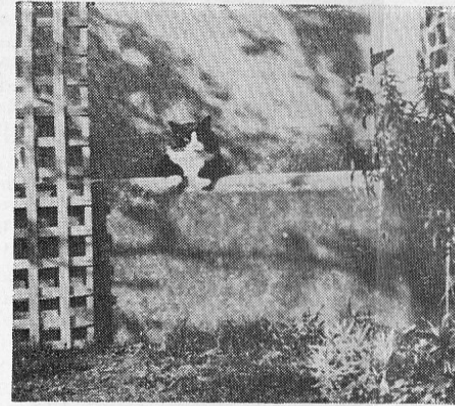
A. A. Steward

EDITOR & GENERAL SECRETARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 1st 1967

AT CAXTON HALL.



ROUND AND ABOUT

Cat news from near and far

PRESS: The Sunday Post records the adventures of Sooty, the pet of a Glasgow housewife that allowed its curiosity to lead it into a spin-dryer and for about fifteen minutes everything went round and round. Fortunately no damage was done but no doubt Sooty got a big fright. Curiosity could have killed the cat.

The News of the World brings to light the problem of dealing with cats (and dogs) that are either left behind by families living in married quarters when soldiers are posted overseas or that are attracted to barracks for one reason or another. Food is naturally the chief reason for "visiting" but it soon develops into permanent residence and results in a rapid increase in numbers. We understand that special destruction centres are to be established by the R.S.P.C.A. We don't envy them the job.

The Daily Mirror tells us of the Italian cat that helps itself to milk straight from the cow and being caught in the act solved the mystery of the low milk yield and no doubt put a stop to the help yourself idea.

The Birmingham Post gives good news for Railway cats; an increase in the subsistence allowances. Unfortunately it only applies to some "grades": those whose job it is to keep the rats and mice at bay, which only goes to prove that cats cannot live on rats alone.

The Daily Express via Robert Pitman, and other papers too, reveal the latest in scientific experiments in which cats are involved. We gather that the consensus of opinion was by no means in favour of the exercise nor its objective.

We have always maintained that the influence of the Press if brought to bear at the right time and with persistency, could carry the weight we so often need to turn the scales in favour of the animal world at crucial moments.

PUBLICATIONS: Particularly Cats by Doris Lessing; Michael Joseph: price 21/-. This is not just another book about cats. It is the work of an artist who is able to portray facts and emotions in their right perspective and to present morals in a most effective manner. So few are able to define so clearly what they see in the daily happenings of cats whether their own or belonging to someone else. To read this book and fail to be impressed or to learn something is impossible. It should be read and read again.

Memoirs for Mrs. Sullivan by Bryna Ivens Untermeyer: George Allen and Unwin Ltd.: price 21/-. The pleasure cats and kittens can bring into a home and the lessons one can learn from close association with them are well and truly revealed in this captivating account of the experience of a young couple who knew from the first that no home was complete without a cat. The resulting biography leaves nothing to be desired from the reader interest point of view and takes its place amongst the books about cats that cat lovers would not like to have missed.....

C.P.L. - B.E.A. & CATS (2).

An S.O.S. on behalf of two cats in Tangier set the telephone wires humming and the League into action. A man and his cats would have to be parted forever if their fare back to England could not be raised. Time was a deciding factor so it was a question of quick decision. So, C.P.L. sent B.E.A. a cheque and cats, 2, live to fly another day.

CAT WEEK: Stage 2: The success of previous Cat Week fund raising was due to the enthusiasm of our members and their friends plus salesmanship, or perhaps persuasion is a better word, and the devoted interest of the promoter of Cat Week Draw, our Chairman Mrs. Sherratt. We do not forget our Bazaar organisers and helpers who also played their part.

Despite some disappointment at the discontinuance of the "Draw" we feel sure that we shall have the usual support of all who subscribe to the League's magazine or who know of the work of the organisation. We are attempting to create a new image for Cat Week, one which we are certain will lead to greater local interest and more support for the work in which we are all so interested.

ROUND AND ABOUT cont.

Last month we put forward what we hope were practical ideas and which we trust will appeal to members and their friends. We now enlarge on one of these proposals, the Small Sale, Bring and Buy, etc. We know the difficulty of obtaining "goods for sale" for these occasions, so Headquarters will supply saleable gifts to a specified value to any members who will arrange a sale amongst their friends or neighbours. The details are left entirely to the member and there is no stipulated time or date except that all proceeds must be sent to Headquarters at the end of Cat Week, which will be from Sunday October the 1st to Saturday October the 7th inclusive. You can start now or you can apply at any time that you feel that something can be done to arrange a sale.

A. A. Steward

THE BEXHILL CAT CLUB

"Muff" started it all. The beginning was "Muff", but "Muff" was not at the beginning, for "Muff" had just died and Miss Katherine Terrot was very said, so she founded The Bexhill Cat Club in memory of her cat, "Muff", and to give herself an interest. What a milestone that was in the lives of our local cats present and future.

Now, that was in 1949, and it was more or less a social club, the first meeting was held in a local tea shop! The aim was to gather cat loving people together and talk and discuss cats, have outings, etc. But very soon the members realised that there were many stray and unwanted cats in the Town and something had to be done about them. So the Club and its work expanded and much practical help was given. The Policy was, and still is, that if the Club takes a cat then that cat belongs to the Club and that cat's life is guaranteed, unless, of course, a Vet, advises us of any incurable illness.

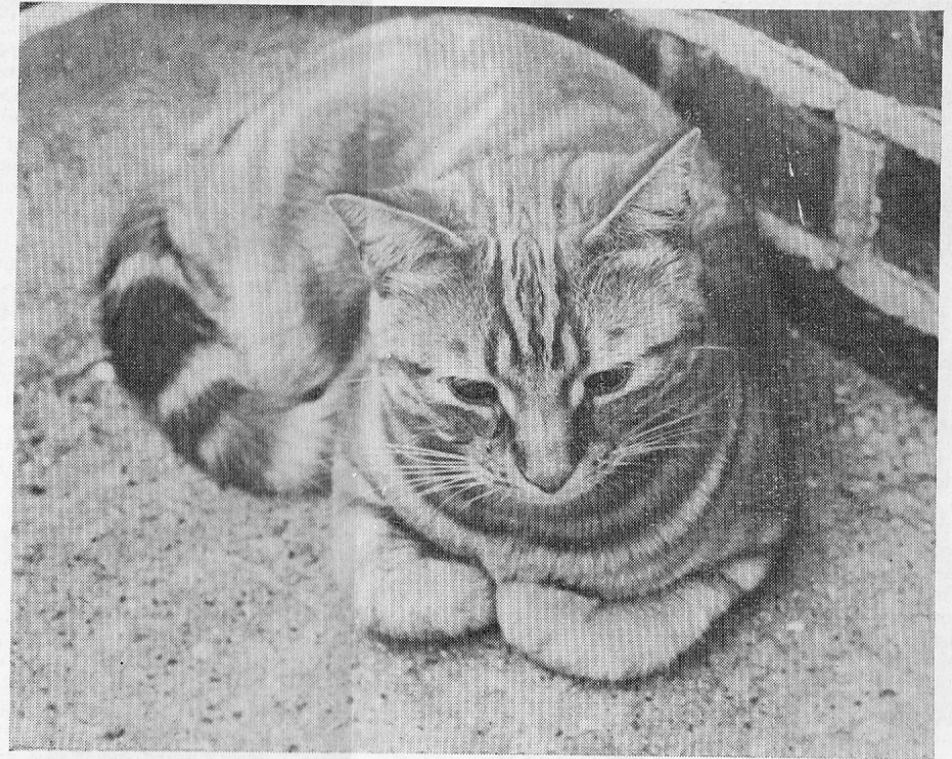
The present day aims of the Bexhill Cat Club are to give help to stray and unwanted cats, to place cats in loving homes (the right cat in the right home), to give help and advice regarding the well being of cats, and to run an "Adoption" scheme which has started in order to help the older cats who are hard to place but who have a perfect right to live, and also to allow people who are living in hotels, flats and Nursing Homes to "adopt" a cat and gain pleasure from the knowledge that they are helping a cat and also owning one at the same time, without actually having the cat living with them but being able to visit it whenever they wish.

The Club has maintained its social activities and an Annual Cat Picture Show (which is a unique and internationally known event and a very profitable one), a Christmas Sale, a Summer Outing, a Christmas Party and various Coffee Mornings are held to raise funds and foster interest in cats and cat-lovers of all varieties!

We are very fortunate in having for our Life-President Mr. Beverley Nichols who takes a great interest in all our work. Club Membership today totals over 200 with members and friends as far away as America Japan, France, as well as in Scotland and many parts of England. The Annual Subscription is 2/6, and we have a badge for 2/6 which depicts a black cat's head. The Club's affairs are directed by a Committee of 5. A Club Newsletter is sent to all members three times a year and we also hold available lists of Boarding Establishments in the area, lists of Pedigree Breeders and a leaflet on the Feeding and Treatment of cats and kittens.

The Welfare work is thorough and lengthy, experience has taught that every case must be treated separately and no two cases are alike. Each needs careful investigation otherwise there is bound to be unhappiness. Therefore a tremendous amount of time is spent on this aspect of the Club's work. All the Officers and workers are voluntary, administrative expenses are kept to the absolute minimum and therefore practically all our funds are devoted to the welfare of cats.

We hope that this short history of The Bexhill Cat Club has interested you so do please apply to the Club Secretary, Mrs. S. Welch, Woodhurst Farm, Ivyhouse Lane, Hastings for a membership form.



SAMSON

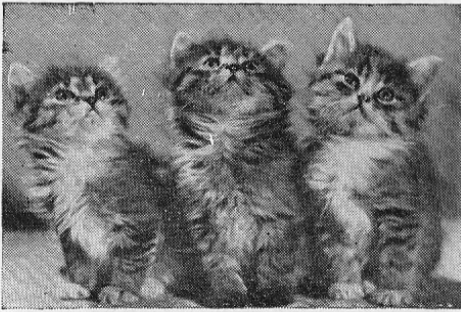
SAMSON: is one of the long line of cats with which we have been intimately acquainted over the years, one of the many we have adopted or vice versa as the case may be. Like the majority of the cats that have shared our lives he has character and indeed is perhaps the greatest of all in this respect; an evenly marked sandy tabby "gentleman" of about two or three years at the time of writing, with a temperament very much in keeping with his colouration. He switches from angelic to devilish at the drop of a hat.

In one of his number of encounters with his companion Tippy, a smoke grey long-haired "gentleman", much his senior, he acquired a scratch which developed into an ulcer on one of his eyes that took several weeks to heal. All through the lengthy period of treatment he never complained, never scratched when the twice daily application of ointment was

made and slowly but surely the ulcer healed and the eye is now as clear as ever.

Samson's moods change without warning; from the aristocratically sedate to the comic actor within seconds; from a display of posing with all the gracefulness that cats give so effortlessly assumed to a frantic run around induced by a breeze-stirred leaf or a scrap of paper. With the "wind in his tail" he is away around the room on and off chairs, tables, etc., down the hall and up the stairs, underneath carpets and rugs, behind curtains, etc., etc.

So much then for Samson the aristocrat, the comic, the acrobat, the loveable and often the most exasperating feline that ever came has a stray to 29 Church Street, Slough. Samson perhaps no different from other cats except of course to us.—A.E. & A.A. Steward.



MEMBERS CORNER

Memories of Childhood—and of a Black Cat

Old newspaper files yield much treasure to the patient hunter. In a "Whiting's Column" in the Boston Herald of years ago, we found this charming and tender record of some early memories of Edward Elwell Whiting, the distinguished journalist and author. The "newspaper man... who used to come home after midnight" was his father, who was Associate Editor of the Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican for many years.

We remember days long ago when we were sick in bed, as children sometimes are; and we think about toast softened with water, or milk, and spread with lots of butter; and we think of the rain pattering on the piazza roof just outside the window; and we think about the funny patterns in the wallpaper; and about someone with kind eyes and a soft hand who came at night and smoothed out our hair and smiled, and made us feel that being sick was not so bad. And we think, too, of a black cat that lay, hour after hour, on the white counterpane, and purred, and looked at us with its round yellow eyes; and was company.

We think of a newspaper man in those days who used to come home after midnight, every night; and we can hear the furnace being opened, and then the coal shoveled directly into the hod (he always said it was easier to do it that way than to use the coal shovel), and we can hear the water running through the pipes as he drew a glass of water to drink in the kitchen; and we imagine the little kerosene lamp he was carrying about; and the night lurch he ate all alone at the table in the dim dining room; and we knew that the black cat was with him purring expectantly, and not in vain, for a share in the lurch, and for a good word, and stroking of its fur.

We think of rainy Sundays when the house was still, and the trees were dripping

water on the lawn; and of the distant church bells; and books about; and a piano on which we tried to pick out tunes a note at a time; and of the fragrance of matting in the wet weather; and of painting all about on the walls; and puzzles to do; and in the picture is a cat that follows us about the silent house and rubs up against our thin little legs and keeps us from being lonesome. From Reverence for Life.

I had a nice holiday in the Isle of Man last year (my first visit) and saw the Pedigree Stud Cats in Noble's Park Cattery, Douglas. Saw very few "household" Manx cats. They seem to be very rare.

No doubt you have heard of the enclosed legend, but maybe you would like to print same. I have put it into my own words.

We have a Crib in our parish church every Christmas, and I always put a small model cat in it. Our Rector welcomed the idea, as the cat is a clean animal, and thinks it quite possible that one was present at the Nativity.

Mr. C. L. Aldrich

I have much pleasure in sending you a cheque for £15 7 3. This has all been made from the sale of stamps.

We missed my darling Mopsa so very much that the only thing to do was to have another, so a very beautiful tortoiseshell has come to live with me. I have named her Sheba and she is a year old. My friend who is living here at present adopted a white kitten at the same time. She calls her Chinky. The two get on wonderfully together and cry for one another if separated. We wondered how two female cats would agree but it couldn't be better. We think Sheba may have been spayed already, but Chinky will have to be done very soon.

You asked me if I would let you know the total amount we have made for the League. I make this to be £791 0 10. Sheba is very willing to continue with this and will send her photograph when available. She is such a dear cat, very gentle and loving.

Audrey Cozens & Sheba.

Twenty years ago while staying with a friend a black kitten walked in, and the vet said it was a few months old, which actually makes him twenty in March. He is just wonderful, I hadn't seen him for years until last week, he has all his faculties, is not deaf or senile in any way and it makes me wonder what is the usual span of life for a cat? I saw your address in a newspaper and felt you would be the people to tell me Miss A. Hobbs.

MEMBERS CORNER—cont.

Can any readers of "The Cat" give me any information about 6-toed cats, sometimes called "Boxers" or "Boxing Cats"?

I have recently acquired a very fine kitten of this type and through the press of the S.W. and Westward I.T.V.—the latter have been acting as postman for me—various items of information have come in, including a female Boxer!

What I particularly wish to know is their district of origin, or country if outside the British Isles, and the date they may first have been recognised. So far no-one has been able to tell me either of these. Please reply direct to Mrs. Mary Collier, Lapwing, Rosemary Lane, Musbury, Axminster, Devon.

THE LEGEND OF HOW THE CAT LEARNED TO PURR

When the Infant Jesus lay in the Manger at Bethlehem, the Cat, being a curious beast, was very anxious to see Him, and sat outside the stable, looking very worried.

An Angel noticed this and asked the Cat what was the matter. "I want to go in and see the Baby, but I have nothing to take Him for a gift, and feel that I cannot go in empty-handed".

"Go in," said the Angel, "and you will receive a gift that the Holy Babe will love."

So the Cat plucked up her courage, and wriggled under the stable door, and jumped up on the Manger wherein the Infant lay.

The tiny hands stroked the Cat's soft warm fur, and the Cat was so thrilled that she started purring, and so soothed the Baby off to sleep.

Our Lady was so grateful to the Cat, because she was so tired, and was now able to take a little rest herself.

Enclosed are a few envelopes, and some warm material for the cats, and ten shillings in Memory of the black cat Kitta I have looked after for ten years, left to look after himself I found him semi starved. After a year of good food he grew into a lovely cat, much petted by many passers-by. Even so far as Africa I have had enquiries. He used to sleep in the boiler house at St. Andrew's College, but at the end of 1966 the place where he jumped down was filled in and therefore he hadn't such a warm place to sleep. After the 27th December no one has seen him. It would have been much more bearable if we could have found his body. On the bank in front of St. Andrews College he would sit and

a notice with a reward offered. He loved his garden and never crossed the road. I only hope he doesn't suffer. He would never stay with anyone or in a house for long. There was a fox about—and wonder. There was a great bond of affection between us, and he was in splendid condition.

May you be greatly helped in your work with these poor neglected creatures.

Miss M. Belcher.

In the DIARIO DE LAS PALMAS, published in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, issue of November 29th, 1966 the following story is given as a part of an article warning on the indiscriminate use of insecticides.

"In a certain city in Bolivia, said Professor Commoner, the DDT that was used to fight mosquitos, also killed all the cats in the vicinity. Without cats, the city was invaded by a certain specie of rat carrying black typhus and hundreds of persons died as a result". I thought you would be interested in this.—Betty Glanville, Apartado 614, Las Palmas, Canary Islands.

CATS IN ANCIENT FLORENTINE ART

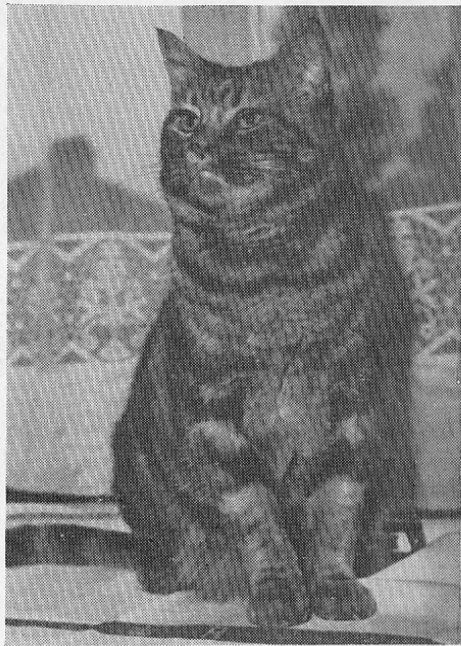
Just a few weeks ago, a party of us were walking through the famous UFFICI Art Gallery in Florence, home of many world famous paintings.

Facing the originals of well-known paintings we discovered how much more beautiful were their colours than those of the reproductions with which we were familiar.

When our guide brought us to Leonardi da Vinci's "Last Supper" the clearness and beauty of tint of every detail were remarkable.

Then, with amazement, three of us noticed that the artist had included a cat in the picture! Pushing his way out, ears down, from behind a stiff-looking table cloth, which reached to the floor was a large tabby! There he was, gently squirming himself out, and making for a bowl of food which a kindly apostle in the left fore-ground was bending down to offer him. How this simple incident gave the artist an added opportunity to show his skill; the kindness and pleasure of giving reflected on the elderly, wrinkled face of the apostle, and the cat's mingled expression of anticipation of a meal; recognition of the hand of what was evidently a friend, combined with a shade of annoyance with having to negotiate and crawl under a table cloth which looked stiff as a board.

The sheer unexpectedness of finding something so completely new in a well-known painting made it for several of us a joy, and a memorable occasion.



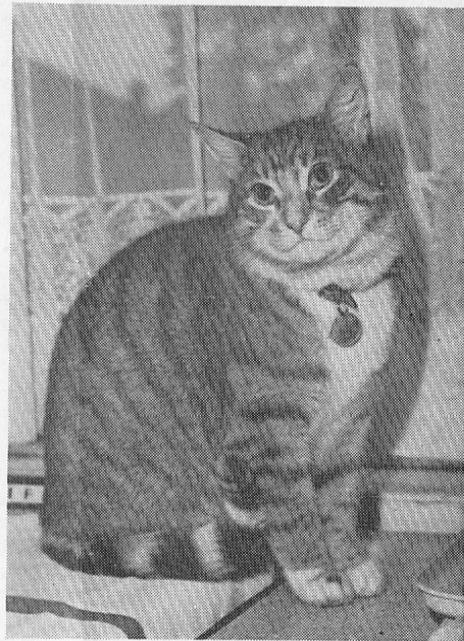
TAMMY

A deep ginger of about 10-12 years of age. He has been with us about 3 years. He was unwanted and undoubtedly would have been put down but we "adopted" him just in time it happened like this:-

A neighbour had a ginger who was missing for several days and out went an S.O.S. (in shop window cards and also an ad in the local). The response came from several miles away. Someone had a ginger stray for several days. This was "Tammy". He wasn't the neighbours lost cat, but they decided to keep him as a replacement. Lo and behold! a week later the original wanderer returned and of course the household was delighted! Unfortunately Tammy became a lodger, and was very miserable. We realised his plight and although we already have 3 cats could not bear to think of him being destroyed. So he is one of us and what a treasure he really is.

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"WOMAN SAVES CATS WITH
KISS OF LIFE"



MILKY

He is 4 years old. He came to us from the FAITHFUL FRIENDS LEAGUE. As a kitten arriving one cold Saturday night in the Leagues Van he stood in front of our fire in the dining Room and shivered (with nervousness). He is absolutely fit—like a streak of lightning in the garden. A terror for birds unfortunately, but shy and terribly affectionate with us. H. J. Everett.

The wife and I were confronted with an extreme emergency last Thursday when two of our cats were for all intents and purposes dead on the kitchen floor.

Although we have had cats for some fifteen years and they always settled down for the night in the kitchen near the boiler and any possible fumes have never presented a problem. On this occasion however, it very nearly proved fatal but for the quick thinking and action of the wife.

I attach press cutting of the reported incident for your information and also in the hope that it will be of use to your members for the safety, protection and treatment of their pets.—H. J. Everett.

MEMBERS CORNER—cont.

Last year I was out in Australia for five months—I had a wonderful time staying with an old school friend.

The enclosed newspaper cuttings I thought might interest you. The cats seem to be well thought of out in Australia. I went over one of the homes, near Melbourne, it was beautifully arranged for the cats which pleased me.—Margaret Baddeley.

HOLIDAY HOTEL FOR THE LONELY CATS

Southport.—An application has been made to the Gold Coast City Council for permission to erect a 12-unit private hotel for cats at Currumbin.

The application is by Mrs. M. W. Marlay, of Pacific Parade Currumbin, who has told the council that people going away on holidays have approached her seeking board for their felines.

They wanted their pets to have good accommodation while they were away.

The private hotel would be in a thickly-wooded very secluded area at 746 Pacific Parade.

The establishment would be called "Private Hotel" for cats".

Today's council meeting is expected to approve the proposal.

Now it's home Units For Cats—Brisbane, Saturday.—Gold Coast cats will soon purr in their own paradise—a super, private hotel with individual suites and luxury fittings.

The Cats Whiskers private hotel for cats is being built at Currumbin and will open in July.

Cat-lover Mrs. M. W. Marley, of Currumbin, dreamed up the idea to provide a home for cats while their owners are away.

The hotel, 66ft long and 44ft wide, will accommodate 12 cats in separate units, each 6ft by 4ft and with a 20 ft grass playing area.

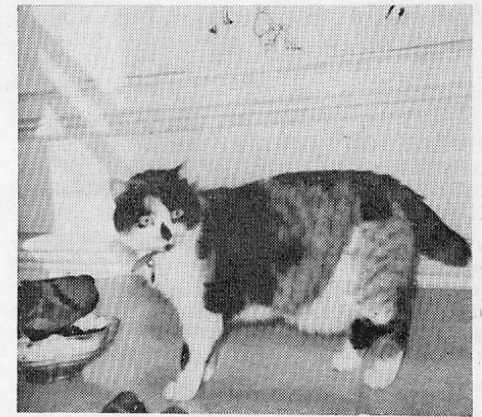
The idea of building the hotel came to me when several of my friends complained they had no place to shelter their cats while they went on their holidays" Mrs. Marley said today. "I adore cats".

Each unit will be fully-lined, have little windows and soft cushions, and there will be fresh linen each day.

A special kitchen next to the pastel-coloured hotel will turn on exquisite meals for even the most finicky puss.

"I'll provide a menu for owners so they can tell me just what their pets like to eat", said Mrs. Marley.

"And every cat will be groomed every day".



FLOSSIE

As I have noticed that you are grateful for interesting photographs of cats, I have pleasure in enclosing several photographs of Flossie, a large tortoiseshell who belongs to one of my staff, in case they would be of any use for publication in "The Cat". At the moment Flossie is friendly with the pigeon who comes to sleep every night in the bedroom of the staff member in question, and Flossie goes to fetch the pigeon, who spends all day outside, if she is not back to sleep.—The Hon. H. G. Joynson-Hicks.

WOMAN SAVES CATS WITH KISS OF LIFE

The kiss of life was given to two cats early yesterday by Mrs. Ellen Everard of 56 Old Farm Avenue, who found them unconscious on the kitchen floor. The room was filled with fumes from a boiler.

Two other cats in the house were not affected but two budgerigars were dead in their cage.

The discovery was made by Mrs. Everard's 17 year old daughter Sandra.

While Sandra ran next door to Mrs Evelyn Ruby to telephone for a veterinary surgeon, Mrs. Everard took the unconscious cats, Milky and Tammy, out of the fume-filled kitchen into the garden where she gave them the kiss of life.

Mrs. Everard said: "The cats' eyes were glazing, their teeth were clenched".

"I forced two fingers into their mouths and breathed into their throats and just managed to save them."

The vet. said this should warn people not to keep animals in the same room as a boiler during the night.

BRANCH & GROUP NEWS



EDMONTON GROUP: Hon. Organiser, Mrs. C. Wallege. Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. L. Brown, 39, Oxford Road, Lower Edmonton, London, N.9.

An urgent appeal please this month for good homes for some of our really beautiful kittens and larger cats. We have so many delightful cats and kittens that food bills have risen enormously. A little financial help in this direction will be 'purr-fully' received.

If you are lucky enough to be owned by a charming and gracious cat, will you please seek permission to have a small coffee morning or a little Bring & Buy for the benefit of the very deserving cats of Edmonton Group?

Recently we were asked to investigate and help in "The Case of the Houseful of Cats". This transpired to be a somewhat misguided, elderly and rather poor lady who has, in a rather small house, seventeen fully grown cats and nine kittens under six months old. Not one is spayed or neutered, and all are interbreeding, having originated from one male and two female strays who were taken in during the winter several years ago. We are of course, bringing pressure to bear re spaying and neutering, and have high hopes of success in this direction as we have stated that we can help with food for the existing cats, but it will require a small fortune to feed the number she will have in a few months time. Incidentally, this lady wishes to keep each and every one of her cats, and certainly would not hear of one going to another home. More of this case next month.

An anonymous letter just received tells of another similar sad story, and the Writer begs us to "do something", so, "Once more into the breach dear friends".

Spaying and neutering are keeping us as busy as ever.

Eleven emaciated and diseased cats were trapped and humanely destroyed recently in a local factory colony. These cats were in a pitiful condition, which was partly due to factory employees being forbidden to feed them, and partly due to pest Control Officers ridding this area of rats and mice.

GLOSSOP & DISTRICT GROUP: Hon. Sec., Miss M. Wilson, Cowbrook, Glossop Derbyshire.

Thank you Maraduke, Amber, Joe and Thomasina Snow for the lovely surprise of such

a generous gift for our little needy ones. It is so encouraging to welcome new helpers. To all who regularly send us gifts of various kinds we send our thanks. Please remember to enclose name and address.

The parcel of good blanket pieces (with even the postmark unreadable) has been sent with a quantity of tinned food to the O.A.P. over eighty years of age, mentioned in our last report. We were also able to get a few tea chests which we made into little weather-proof shelters for the many strays which come to her garden.

The eight young and unwanted farm cats have been brought in and neutered. Two have gone to private homes. The others are living contentedly together in a caravan in a friends garden. With toys to play with and good regular meals they are becoming quite friendly. We have called this little home "Speedwell". As these will be with us for some time at a cost of 1/6 each day we are having a Rummage sale for them. We can get a good second-hand price for curtains but not for clothes or books.

The cats living in the two caravans on the hill farm are healthy and happy. A friend sent them an eiderdown. It needs a cotton cover and if anyone has one to spare we would be pleased to have it.

Prunella and Bobby have gone to homes but Tosca and Suki have come back to us as their owners were going abroad.

Other strays have been rescued and homes found. Blackie has just gone to a good home. He was found abandoned starving and ill a fortnight ago and he has made a wonderful recovery.

Our greatest need is for someone, preferably with no cats of their own, who would care for a sick stray for us when necessary. With Blackie we were fortunate to find somewhere at the very last minute. With the next we may not be so lucky.

We also need help with transporting one of our most expensive items.

Our Spring Fair will probably be held in Whaley Bridge or Chinley, help with stalls or refreshments would be welcome.

Mrs. Richardson and her young daughter Anne would be pleased to do hand knitting for our funds. Their address is 238 Chase Road, Burntwood, Nr. Walsall, Staffs.

Miss Thomas, 292 Hyde Road, Woodley, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire, collects green shield and S and H stamps to exchange for goods for our sales.

Our South Coast lending library address on request. Educational and paper backs welcome.

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I would be pleased to send one of our small collapsible collecting boxes to anyone who would collect 3d bits etc. for us. Also I would be pleased to send my design for tea chest shelters to anyone who could make good use of it.

As I watch Nobby biting a pattern round the edge of a corrugated cardboard carton I am wondering whether all the owners of kittens realise the importance of play. This soft corrugated card is just right for them when they are teething at around six months. Incidentally it also saves the furniture. Cut air holes in for safety in case they pull it over themselves. Cats also love to hear their own names which cannot be repeated too often.

LEICESTER AND OAKHAM BRANCH: Hon. Sec., Mr. S. W. Spencer, 11 Ullswater Street, Leicester.

A few weeks ago we noticed a peculiar advert in our local press asking for a litter of kittens not more than ten days old, good homes guaranteed. For some time we have suspected local Colleges of conducting experiments but we have never been able to get any tangible evidence, just rumours. Suspecting this to be a likely lead I decided to bait the trap in the hope of learning the department or individual responsible. Inventing a supposed litter of kittens I wrote to the box number on plain notepaper and within two or three days a reverend gentleman with a title "Father" representing the Physcology Department of a local college presented himself at my house. Forwarding the details to Headquarters I took the advice of Mr. Steward and ran an advertisement in the local press for three nights warning the public of this type of practice.

Our February meeting was largely taken up by a debate that I have long advocated, for some time now the pressure of work in this Branch has steadily mounted and has taxed our resources to the limit both from a practical and a financial point of view. I feel it is time that the people who do the work here are able to carry on without the continued worry of being in "The Red"! In order to bring about a happier state of affairs I did my utmost to impress upon the committee how

happier they would be and how much better they would enjoy doing the work if they did a little less work and conformed it to a reasonable budget.

This is not the first time that I have tried to create this elation but I do think that this time I have made the necessary impression and we are going to give it a trial for two or three months.

We obviously cannot carry on indefinitely with this ever gloom prospect that not only worries the Branch Treasurer but the committee on the whole, and having been connected with the Branch since its inauguration it would be very tragic to me if it fell by the wayside after all the effort that has gone into it. We shall probably feel a little guilty at first, doing less work but I think when we have gathered strength financially we shall reap a greater benefit later. May I thank kind friends that have sent donations recently and trust that I may be able to enlighten readers more in my next report.

NORTH LONDON BRANCH: Hon. Sec., Miss Dora T. Malfatti, 5, Carleton Gardens, Brecknock Road, N.19.

I imagine that most branches share-like for some aspects of the months of January and February because of the usual lower intake of animals; we received no more than 80 or so for the two months. Fewer kittens, too, meant that we were able to place more older cats in good homes.

"Straykins", who is a permanent resident of the Shelter and now some fourteen to fifteen years old, is still with us but has moved upstairs with Miss Neary—at his own request. We all think this as a very pleasant situation as both he and she were in service to the same lady when Straykins was a young man!

Jane, who lived on the site of the old Euston Hotel and was a stray in that area, is now with us after breeding with unailing regularity for nine years. She is still untamed and because she has been a stray for so long, will remain with us for the rest of her life. She was trapped on the site amid protests from people who—for reasons impossible to fathom—wished her left there to continue breeding semi-wild strays, thus swelling the homeless cat population. We are now in the process of trying to clear a large number from the site. Unfortunately, several have been buried alive by the building operations there, in spite of continuous and desperate hard work on the part of Mrs. Davies and Miss Tomlinson. They wish me to say that if only people who object to

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trapping could take a long view and could see the misery and disease which obtains among colonies of homeless cats our job would be easier. Further, if the many kind people who feed these cats regularly would try to collect the kittens, the lot of yet more cats would be improved.

Our driver, Mr. Corroyer had a rather amusing encounter recently. On receipt of an urgent call to collect a cat who had had kittens in a cupboard, he sallied forth on his errand of mercy. He arrived at the house and just as the door was opened a small boy appeared from next door and came in with him. The cupboard was inspected and Mr. Corroyer made preparations for removing the family. Whereupon the small boy said, "You can't take that cat and kittens away; they belong to my dad!" After checking and digesting this information our slightly surprised rescuer went next door and questioned the owner.

Mr. Corroyer. "Is it your cat next door in the cupboard?" Householder. "Yes". Mr. Corroyer. "And you want to keep the family?" Householder. "Yes." Mr. Corroyer. "Well, then, why don't you go next door and get them?" Householder. "No, you get them." (!) So what?

Finally, I'm very sorry to report my resignation as Secretary to the Branch. Pressure of work and consequent health effects over a long period have forced me to take this step. The Committee have been most kind and have asked me to record their appreciation in this report. They have, also, indicated that they wish me to continue writing the monthly report and to distribute "The Cat". It is, of course, understood that I shall maintain a permanent interest in the Branch and assist in as many other ways as possible.

THE CAT'S PROTECTION LEAGUE.

(North London Branch)

The Annual General Meeting of the above Branch will be held in the MAY WILLIAMS HALL, HOLLOWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, 602A HOLLOWAY ROAD, LONDON, N.19. on Saturday the 8th day of April 1967 at 6 p.m. Refreshments and "Bring and Buy" sale. YOUR support will be greatly appreciated.

SUSSEX BRANCH: Hon. Sec., Mr. G. M. Holmes, 35 Pevensey Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

On the 13th February, Mr. Arthur Redway died suddenly of a heart attack.

He was a member of our Committee; probably the most versatile of all of us, as good at conceiving valuable ideas as he was practical in carrying them out.

Not only was he a zealous worker in Cat Welfare but also in B.U.A.V. and other charitable causes. We shall miss him badly in this respect.

More important to us, however, is the loss of his personality. There is an old tag, *De Mortuis Nil Nisi Bonum*. The philosophy may be susceptible to challenge. It is certain, though, that no one knowing Mr. Redway intimately could speak of him other than favourably.

He was naturally kind, generous almost to the point of embarrassment and so patently honest that you would instinctively trust him infinitely.

He exemplified the sentiment: "I shall pass through this world but once. If there is any good that I can do let me do it now".

Arthur Redway did it, at every opportunity. The world is a little richer for his having passed through it.

ULSTER BRANCH: Hon. Sec., Miss E. R. McKee, 92a Earlswood Road, Belfast, 4.

Every now and then (but not nearly often enough) the members who help at the Shelter are gladdened by the news that one of our adult cats has found a home. Such an occasion was recently when our twin brothers, Mutt and Jeff, departed to a "little place in the country" (or may be not so little) where they have lashings of garden and fields all around. They settled down quickly and are giving their new owners a lot of pleasure by their antics. Another lucky puss is Fatso who has gone to live with a kindly "mum"—she too adapted herself easily to her new surroundings. Now wouldn't this inspire some member to take one of our big "cats"—we have several darlings, including a quiet, neutered big blue-grey fellow, nine years old, whose owner had to part with him. It would be nice if some member would offer to give him a home for the rest of his days.

New arrivals in the past few weeks include a pretty white and tortie mother, rescued with her five lovely babies, from a rubbish heap right in the heart of the City.

We hope to have a Coffee Party sometime in April at the home of a Member in the Stranmillis area and there will also be a

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Jumble Sale shortly so items for this will be gratefully received at 147 Cliftonpark Avenue, and of course we are still collecting milk bottle tops and used postage stamps.

E. R. McKee,
Hon. Secretary.

92a Earlswood Road,
Belfast, 4.

WEST CORNWALL BRANCH: Hon. Sec. Mrs. K. Beesley, Carelew Catteries, Trewinnard Road, Perran-ar-Worthal, Nr. Truro, Cornwall.

Apart from the usual gale damage, life has been comparatively peaceful, no kitten problems yet, and the numbers of resident stray cats decreasing. The lost and found cats still remains a major problem, and it is frustrating persuading owners of lost cats to attend to their obvious duties to recover a lost pet. They ask the near neighbours and conclude puss is dead, whereas a phone call to the police, animal societies, vets and an advert in the local paper would more often than not succeed in finding lost pets.

After a bout of cat 'flu last year, we have decided to build an extension to enable us to spread out and leave parts of the catteries empty for periods in order to allow germs to die down. Overcrowding in catteries present serious difficulties and when we allow our hearts to rule our heads we are tempting providence. Plenty of fresh air and space is vital for cats, so we hope the new wing will be open in time for the "season". Dare I breathe that this will make a large hole in our funds, but we shall have to worry about that when the bills comes in, and then plans for money making events will have to go into operation.

The last jumble sale organised by Mrs. Maskell raised over £50. This tireless worker and her friends worked cheerfully and long, and we are more than grateful for this wonderful boost to our funds.

We are still selling goods sent in gift parcels. Stamps, coins, old silver, unwanted presents, Victoriana, bric a brac, and of course jumble are always welcome and we can collect locally to save heavy postage, so when in the throes of Spring cleaning remember us, that old silver teapot in the attic could well save a cats life.

LONDON COMMITTEE: Hon. Organiser Mrs N. de Clifford, 12 The Close, New, Malden, Surrey.

Will everyone please note these two dates:-

Saturday 22nd April The APRIL MARKET

St. Cuthbert's Hall, Philbeach Gardens, London, S.W.5.

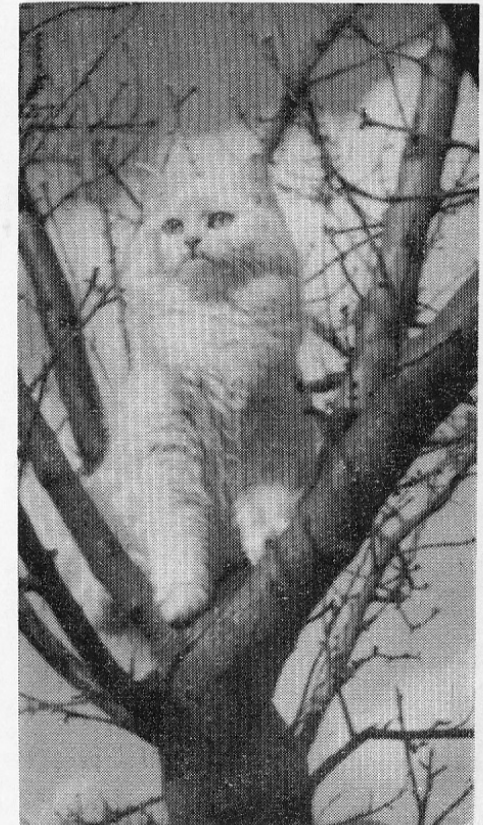
Doors open at 2 o'clock.

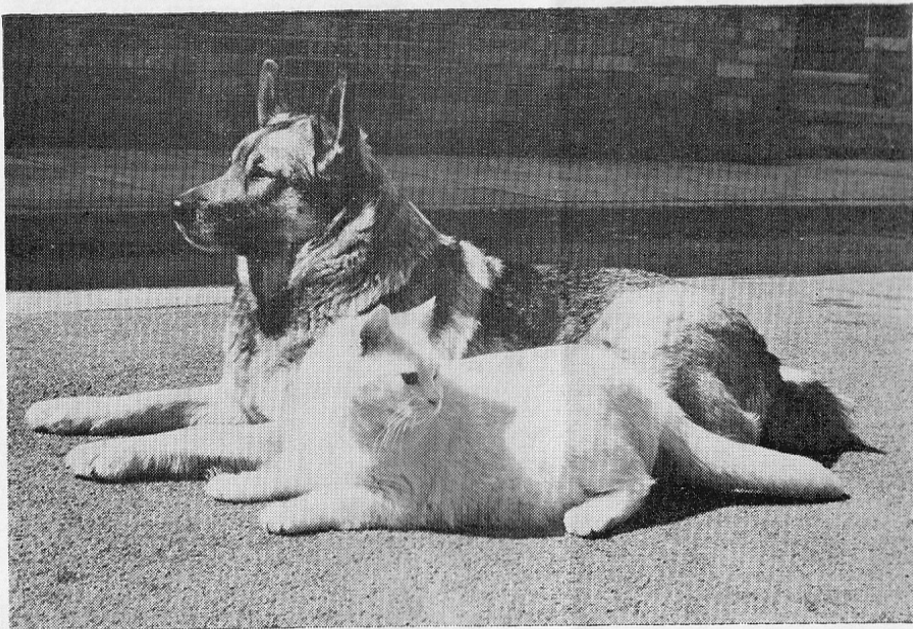
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Saturday 3rd June The JUNE FAIR

The Cathedral Hall, Ashley Gardens, Victoria, S.W.1.

Doors open at 2.30.





BUNTY and OMO

Omo's in memoriam was recorded in our last issue.

IN MEMORIAM

I enclose herewith postal order for 10/- in loving memory of my darling Jenny, Tail-waver No. 3760.—Sydney Compton.

In loving memory of my darling Timothy who died on Dec. 19th after only one day's illness. Sadly missed.—K. E. McGill.

In ever loving memory of our dearest Mumsie, Coco, Cinders and Foo-Foo who passed over in April 1965. God will watch over you our loved ones, until we meet again in his kingdom.—Mr. & Mrs. W.F.H.

In loving remembrance of my dearest "Algy", who slipped peacefully out of my keeping on February, 17th 1967 aged 15 years and 5 months. A faithful and loving companion. "So dearly loved and so greatly missed".—E. M. Green.

In loving memory of our dear black persian cat "Sooty" gently and painlessly put to sleep in his home on February, 7th.—W. Warner.

In memory of two much-loved little companions, Beau, put to sleep on April 21st 1942, aged 10 years, and Bijou, died January 6th, 1967 aged 18 years. Missed and mourned by R. and E. Green.

In memory of our lovely golden-eyed Carol, always purring until his sudden first and last illness at the age of six. "They shall not grow old".—Cicely Waddon.

In loving remembrance of my gentle friends Simon, T.W. 3438, who passed over 5th December, 1963 aged 8 years, seven months. Also Timothy T.W. 3439 who passed over 15th March, 1966 aged almost 7 years. We shall meet again my dearly loved.

WAYS and MEANS

Readers can greatly assist the League by sending to Headquarters, 29 Church Street, Slough, Bucks, any of the following:

Odd ounces of wool for making woollics for sale at our Bazaars.

Notification of change of address.

Linen and blanket pieces, newspapers and odd pieces of string (about 18 inches long), for use in the Clinic.

Used envelopes, foolscap size only please, with flaps intact.

News-cuttings concerning cats, but please make sure that the name of the paper and the date of publication is given.

Used stamps, British Foreign and commemorative.

Unwanted birthday and Christmas presents or anything saleable for our Bazaars.

Names and Addresses of Boarding Catteries



Other ways of helping the C.P.L.

Astrological analysis of character. Letter with date of birth, stamped addressed envelope and donation for the C.P.L. to Mr. Curtler, 5, Hill Avenue, Worcester.

Graphology (Character from handwriting), letter with signature, stamped addressed envelope and donation for my C.P.L. collecting box to Miss E. M. Jackson, 11, Clarence Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

Buy your hand knitted dishcloths from Mrs. Peggie Ilves, 38, High Street, Oakham, Rutland. Price 1/3 including postage.

A Toy Mouse will provide fun and exercise for your cat or kitten. Send 2/6 to Secretary, Cat's Protection League and Tailwavers, 29 Church Street, Slough.

Aprons to order in aid of funds 5/11 each. Details from Mrs. P. Ilves, 38, High Street, Oakham, Rutland.

Perspex Name Brooches in various colour 1/6d. each. Profits to C.P.L. Send S.A.E. to Miss P. E. George, Gilfach, Whitton Knighton, Radnorshire.

Dolls, specially old ones, bits and clothes for dolls are wanted by The Doll Club, 21, Holland Park, London, W.11.

Water Colour Portraits of Pets from a clear snapshot, 10/6 each. Snaps of pets or children Enlarged and Coloured from own negatives, £1. Please give description. Cheques should be made payable to C.P.L.—Dorothy Hall, Plemont, Hill Road, Watlington, Oxford.

Old Postally Used Picture Postcards, dated before 1920, of Britain or overseas wanted by the Revd. A. W. R. Hughes, The Vicarage, Coalbrookdale, Shrops. 5/- for every 100 received to the C.P.L. Sender's postage refunded.