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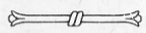
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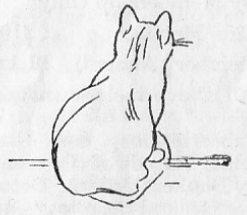
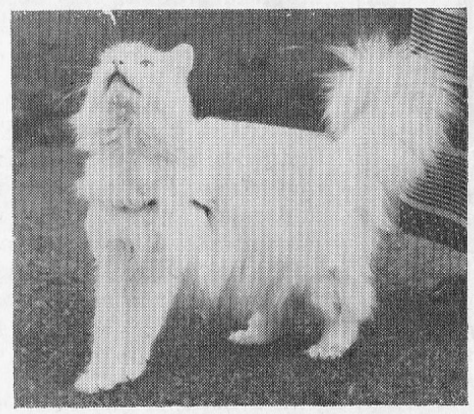
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CAT WEEK: The next issue of The Cat, the October/November number, will show what measure of success we have had in our attempt to create a new image, so we take this opportunity to make a last minute appeal for your support.

## Please Do Not Overlook the Centre Pages

OUR APOLOGIES: for the omission of the Cat Week details referred to in our editorial for August and for the substitution of a China Cat for the Indian Silver Teapot etc; the problem has been valuation. The details of Cat Week will be found on pages 473-475.

BRANCH & GROUP REPORTS; constant enquiries about "What is being done here and there has decided us to include all addresses, whether or not a report of current activities is available at the time of going to press. We have also decided to amalgamate the back page information with this particular section and so keep all Branch & Group matters "under one roof".

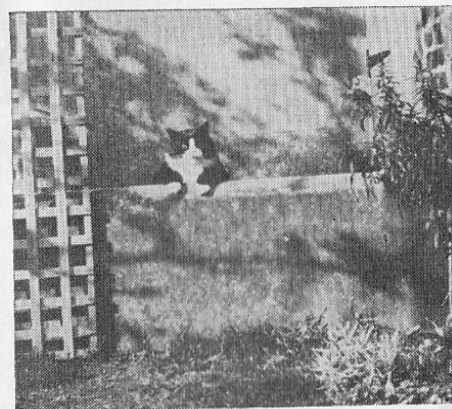
We hope to use the back cover for the specific purpose of further fund raising appeals.

## OUR ILLUSTRATED BROCHURE:

Now that our members have seen the Clinic facilities at Headquarters they will be able to visualize what goes on when we make our periodic reports on Clinic incidents etc. Copies of the Brochure are available at 1/6d. each post free.

A. A. Steward.

EDITOR and GENERAL SECRETARY



## ROUND AND ABOUT

THE LINK. Cat Stealing is rife in London according to press reports one of which says:-

Cat stealing continues in Waltham Forest. Nearly everyday another pet disappears, leaving owners heartbroken, wondering what has happened. But the owner will probably never know."

For everyone knows that cat thieves exist, but it is very difficult to prove.

If the animal is stolen, it is almost certainly sold for vivisection—and this thought more than anything else tortures pet lovers. They would rather the cat be dead than the subject of painful experiment.

One such owner is Mr. Ernest N. Cox of 15 Devonshire Road, Walthamstow, whose cat "Whisky", disappeared early last week, he is certain that Whisky was stolen for vivisection purposes from outside his home.

Angrily he says: I feel very strongly about this. These parasites should be exposed. Even more than the thief I blame the heartless people who buy these animals. I am writing to my M.P. to see if he can help. ADVERTISEMENTS appear in suburban papers for litters of pedigree and crossbred puppies and kittens for resale, unwanted pets collected free; and LABORATORIES are using more and more animals of the domestic category every year.

Cat stealing is illegal; advertising in the manner above is harmless on the face of it, but misleading and perfectly legal.

The C.P.L. joins other Societies in warning those who find it necessary to dispose of a pet to make quite sure it goes to a reliable person who will give it a good home or is handed over

to the official representative of a registered Animal Welfare Organisation who will guarantee it will not be used for any research purpose what-so-ever and who will tell you frankly whether or not a home can be found for it.

The thought of taking life is repugnant to many but it is the lesser of the two evils. If good homes are not available there are two alternatives, death by humane methods or experimentation in its worst form. Dealers are usually agents for laboratories.

BE WARNED. Be sure you know what you are doing when you answer an advertisement of the nature mentioned.

HEADQUARTERS REPORT: We had a spate of "Leg injuries" during the past month these things seem to run in three's, and happen at most inconvenient times. Two of the "accidents" occurred on the morning of the cat owner's departure on holiday so it was fortunate we were available to take them in and care for them. All are recovering.

One incident worth recording is of a patient that sustained an eye injury and was rushed to us an hour or so before the owners went away. They were very concerned and telephoned from Bournemouth the next morning (Sunday) at 9 a.m. to enquire about "their cat". At the end of their holiday, family and cat went home together.

Another reunion took place when a five month old kitten was claimed by the owner who had to go away urgently and left the little lady in charge of the eldest son. Kitty was found and brought to us late at night by people living near by. Two grown-ups and three children had been enquiring and had eventually located the people who had found the little cat. Alls well that ends well.

The cat that journeyed 300 miles: We are still trying to get some definite news about this. Several visits have been made by us to the old home but up to the time of writing these notes, the cat has not been seen again by anyone who could identify him.

Vapona Strips: So far we have been unable to obtain specimen for testing. We will report when we do.

Cat Fads and Fancies: One of our patients, (one of the three with fractured legs) refused every kind of food we provided so we enquired of the owners what his usual food was and were told. "He has the cat food from Sainsbury's" and so we were introduced to the Sainsbury special, meat or fish, which proved just the job.

Albert A. Steward.



## BRANCH AND GROUP NEWS AND DIRECTORY

Enquiries from anyone wanting a kitten or who would adopt a cat or two are welcomed by C.P.L. Honorary representatives whose names and addresses are starred \*.

But please note:—DO NOT CALL AT ANY OF THE ADDRESSES EXCEPT BY APPOINTMENT: MAKE CONTACT BY LETTER OR PHONE FIRST.

**CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT GROUP**  
Hon. Sec. Mrs. J. Middlemiss, 335, Springfield Road, Chelmsford. Phone 55065 \*

Having been washed out at the Strawberry Fair in June, we chose one of the hottest days of the year for an evening Rummage Sale at the Cathedral Hall. Starting about 2.00 p.m. with carrying and sorting, "the few" finished around 10.30 p.m.—The dealer failing to turn up for the "remains" until around 10.00 p.m.!! It wasn't his fault and he was as weary as we were, poor man. We feel, sometimes, that there **must** be easier ways of raising money? Seventeen pounds was not up to our usual figure, but "Sales" are a prominent feature of this thriving community. However, we have enough goods for a Market Stall early in August. Once again our thanks to "Anonymous Bow".

At the monthly Committee meeting delegates to the Annual General Meeting of Headquarters at Caxton Hall submitted their report and answered questions arising from this.

The tiny abandoned kitten, (now Sam, and someone's pet) which was quite ugly when rescued, has become a really attractive little creature—white with black patches, one over an eye, like the proverbial pirate! Well, you never can tell. Our problem "tom" belonging to the Australian emigrant has been allowed to stay on at the cattery, where he can spend his remaining days snoozing in the grass or one of the many sheds, etc,—a happy solution, the news of which is now winging its way to his late owner. Now we have new problems looming up—a small "colony" on the outskirts of the town, five cats living on a "rubbish tip"—and a cattery bursting at the seams! Truly, as Mr. Steward told us, we are dealing with the most difficult of animals!!

**EDMONTON GROUP:** Hon. Organiser, Mrs. C. Walledge. Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Brown, 39 Oxford Road, Lower Edmonton, London, N.9. Edmonton 1264 \*

We are sorry about not sending in a Report for last month, but we were so busy that there just was not time.

However, our party on July 8th was a resounding success; visitors were many and the cats were delighted. Nearly enough money was raised for another new Cat Chalet, so if anyone can spare anything towards the little we need, the cats will be very grateful. Readers will probably be seeing a photograph or two in the future printed in the Magazine, and, meanwhile, photographs of the cats in their chalets can be had on application to Mrs. Walledge, price 2/6d. each.

Visitors are always welcome at the Sanctuary by appointment, as sometimes our hands are full with other work.

Difficult cases continue to arise of kindly but misguided people allowing colonies of cats to grow from a few strays before asking for help.

Several weeks ago a lovely tabby and white mother was brought to us with her two small kittens, we named her Mandy. The kittens have gone to very good homes, but Mandy is obviously in kitten again. She could not possibly have got herself mated here, as she is residing in our Maternity Ward which is, of course, reserved for mother cats and their young. However, Mandy is very partial to Lactol, which she laps up with great gusto, whilst expecting her next happy event.

Our family of cats and kittens wish to record their grateful thanks to their large circle of friends and supporters, both at home and overseas, who continue to take an unflinching interest in their welfare. Also, Mr. Steward, and the Executive Committee, whose timely assistance has more than once rescued our bank balance from being in the "Red".

**S.O.S.** Please do not give cats and kittens away without first inspecting the homes, as they may end up in unsuitable homes. A smooth tongue can often be very deceptive.

**NEUTERING AND SPEYING:** It is vitally important that we take every opportunity to stress the necessity for these operations to be done. This is something everyone of us can do tactfully of course so as not to create antagonism. Please do so.

## BRANCH & GROUP NEWS

**GLOSSOP & DISTRICT GROUP:** Hon. Sec., Miss M. Wilson, Cowbrook, Glossop, Derbyshire Glossop 2156 \*

We expected extra work during the holiday period but hardly such an overwhelming flood of heartbreaking problems.

Briefly these are some of them.

(1) Flu among our own large family of cats.  
(2) Flu through another group of cats and kittens boarded out in a cattery.

(3) The idea among a certain section of the public, that because we work under the name of a society we should be prepared to take all their unwanted cats and kittens and also to provide a free "Health service".

(4) More and more little stray mothers.

For weeks a little stray has crossed a main road in Ashton-under-Lyne, for food. Now she has brought over three kittens and was seen washing them under a tree. We shall take them in if they can be caught but they are very nervous and one had disappeared within a few hours.

Smokey was found in a yard in Hyde. Her five kittens were a month old when reported to us. Three are smoke grey like their mother. Could anyone offer a home to one of them?

Gina was found with a litter of newly born kittens in an old shed. She is rearing one, so also is Pluff who came in just before her six ginger kittens were born.

### THE BRIGHTER SIDE

The lives of two more little cats have been saved by our having them spayed. A telephone call went something like this:—  
*Caller:*— I have a female cat and a female kitten and I cannot keep them both.

*Reply:*— We cannot take them here. Will you let us help you to get the mother spayed?

*Caller:*— I want to have the cat put down and just keep the kitten.

*Reply:*— Why have the mother put down?

*Caller:*— Well she has lived hasn't she? The kitten hasn't

*Reply:*— What do you mean?

*Caller:*— Well she has had kittens hasn't she?

As the woman has a child we leave you to guess our reply to that one!!!

In the end she is keeping the mother cat which we have had spayed and we are trying to find a home for the kitten.

Tiddles and Tortie have settled in well and will stay here. Little Simon has also come here as he was left alone in the kennels when his brother got a home. Daisy thanks all the friends who sent donations for Brand's essence which she shares with Patrick and others fighting the flu. She has started

sneezing again but Aster her kitten is now quite strong.

Thanks also to all who send us donations, some anonymous, gifts for our stalls, clean pieces of old blankets and trading stamps. Please send Green Shield and S. and H. stamps to Miss M. Thomas, 292 Hyde Road, Woodley Nr. Stockport, Cheshire. A reply will be sent to all who send in completed books. Please enclose S.A.E. if a reply is required for loose stamps.

As we have more cats with kittens than kennels for them, a few more kennels would be very welcome. We also need a quantity of drinking dishes. We are able to get stoneware ones at 1/6d each.

May we hope that one day the C.P.L. will have its own Inspectors to deal with cases of cruelty. In the meantime we can pass on the leaflet "How cats are Protected by law", and hope another society will deal with the offenders.

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

I am afraid that due to pressure of work, plus an impending much needed holiday, my report this time is rather brief. We have taken a very big hammering in the shape of unwanted cats and kittens and it does seem that good homes are very scarce. Our resources have been stretched to almost breaking point, and our Summer raffle was not a huge success as were previous ventures, consequently our funds have gone past zero. I must admit it is a very sorry situation and one of the main reasons for the depression that has clouded the Branch outlook. When a Branch committee is very much overworked and cannot raise sufficient funds to meet its heavy demands tempers flare and opinions clash. However we are making all out efforts to try and pull out of our present position. We do get little rays of sunshine occasionally, only yesterday I had a splendid donation from a gentleman in Monaco to whom we are most grateful also our old friend ANON who keeps sending regularly.

Both Mrs. Ilves and myself were most impressed by this year's A.G.M. and it was encouraging to see more Branch representatives there and more interest being taken. Branch problems can very often be tackled easier from advice given by another Branch who has already experienced same. This is exactly what was happening at Caxton Hall this year. I do sincerely hope that after my holiday I can settle down to paint a rosier picture for my next report.



## BRANCH & GROUP NEWS

**LONDON COMMITTEE:** Hon. Organiser, Mrs. N. De Clifford, 12, The Close, New Malden Surrey. Malden 1563 \*.

We have two important dates for everyone: Wednesday 20th September, The Community Centre, Wimbledon.

### THE AUTUMN BAZAAR

Doors will open at 1.30.

Please come and please tell all your friends about this. Goods for sale and offers of help will most gladly be received by the Hon. Organiser, Countess Grudzinska, 48, Home Park Road, Wimbledon Park, S.W.19.

and

Saturday 28th October,  
Cathedral Hall,  
Ambrosdin Avenue,  
S.W.1.

### THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Doors will open at 2.30 please note these dates and please do all come to help to make both successful. We will need lots and lots of things to sell—and people to help—we want to make these really profitable, for the need is very great—we have too many cats. One newcomer "Chanella" is tortie and white and she was found down a deep hole in the Edgware-Harrow Road Flyover and we know she is someone's pet, but so far we have not yet found her owner. Black Prince and Black Fluss are two magnificent full Persians—they do love their meals, especially when, we can give them rabbit.

Little Chris is a shy creature with a passion for whiting and tinned salmon. If any kind friend could spare a few shillings our gourmet cats would be grateful.

**MANCHESTER BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mr. C Cadley, 89, Northern Grove, West Didsbury, Manchester.

"Darkies" Party will be held on October 21st at Green Garth M/C 14 at 3 p.m. Gifts will be most welcome and should be sent to Miss Spurr, 155, Burton Rd., West Didsbury, Manchester.

Note: Miss Spurr is in hospital at the time of making this appeal but wishes Darkie's Party to be held as in the past.—A.A.S.

**NEWBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. I. A. Earnshaw, "Heather-pine", Curridge, Nr. Newbury, Berks.

Sixteen members attended the A.G.M. held on May 13th at Newbury, Miss Murifords resignation from the Committee owing to transport difficulties was accepted with regret.

During the last 12 months 223 cats and kittens have been found good homes. 14 cats have been neutered and 32 spayed. These do not include cats and kittens boarded temporarily by Miss Munford and Miss Earnshaw while waiting for suitable homes. Mrs. Penglaze held a most successful coffee morning and raised £12 and it was encouraging the number of newcomers who heard of the C.P.L. for the first time.

A Jumble Sale was held in Newbury by the Committee's joint effort and another £12 was the result.

At the village Fete held in a downpour at Monksford Grange a small stall manned in turn by members from far and near managed a total of £16 and we are grateful to everyone for these efforts to help our work.

Through the kindness of some members who are officers of various Cat Clubs we have been sent generous donations from the pedigree cats to their less fortunate relations.

We should also like to thank Mrs. Clark for giving us tea at the last two A.G.M.'s and also the many people who have helped to make the last year a successful one.—Mrs. J. M. Newton, Chairman.

The Newbury and District Branch wish to record their deep regret on hearing of the death, by accident, of John Ward, M.R.C.V.S. of Hermitage.

Mr Ward most generously gave up time and used his great skill to help all cats and kittens entrusted to our care. Mrs. Ward was a committee member and his wise and kindly advice will be sadly missed by us all.

Our Secretary, Mrs. Earnshaw, has been asked to express our Branch's sympathy to Mrs. Ward and her family.—J. M. Newton, Chairman of Newbury and District Branch.

**NORTH LONDON BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. D. Davies, 435, Caledonian Road, London, N.7. North 5355 \*

We, at this Branch, never cease to be surprised at the kindness and generosity of humans and, in particular, of members of the League. The story of our old Shelter cat, Straykins and his operation, brought in Brands Essence galore and donations with which to buy the same, from all over England, Ireland, the Channel Isle and even one from the Continent. As a result, Straykins has made a wonderful recovery and is showing signs of regaining his former very healthy appetite. A celebration was held at the Shelter with rabbit all round for the inmates and the Old Man presiding while being spoon-fed with baby food.

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## Great Expectations



## CAT WEEK 1967

Forty pence, forty threepences, forty sixpences, forty shillings, forty halfcrowns and so forth, all such comfortable round sums to celebrate Cat Week in this fortieth year of The Cats' Protection League. There is no draw this year, so we must make up the £2,000 we need for the end-of-year handout to the Branches for their work for strays in other ways, and the collapsible collecting boxes sent out with this copy. The Cat are the visible proof of our complete confidence in your help. Forty years of continuous work on behalf of our friends the cats, is a matter worth celebrating, and here we have the chance to show how much we appreciate what has been done by so many devoted people for so long on our behalf for the welfare of the cats in whose fate we are interested, though with many of us it is a case of watching from the side lines and not taking an active part in the battle.

So do fill up your boxes and ask for more. Make your friends have them we can supply them.

Mr. Steward is introducing other money making ideas which we hope will appeal to you, and with your help which is always so generously forthcoming, I am sure we shall have a successful Cat Week 1967.

Osyth Sherratt, Chairman.



## You can help make this years fund raising effort a great success by:

ARRANGING A MINI BAZAAR, COFFEE MORNING OR AFTER-NOON TEA AMONGST YOUR FRIENDS.

**N.B.** We will supply "Gifts for Sale" to the value of £5 or more on request.

### or You can

MAKE AN OFFER FOR:-

- 'China Rooster Tea Pot' valued at £8
- 'China Cat' 10 in. high valued at £5
- 'Bound Copy of the Apocrapha' value undetermined

OR

SEND FRIENDS A COPY OF:-

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- 'Illustrated Brochure' 1/- post free

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China Cat:	I offer	£.....
Apocrapha:	I offer	£.....

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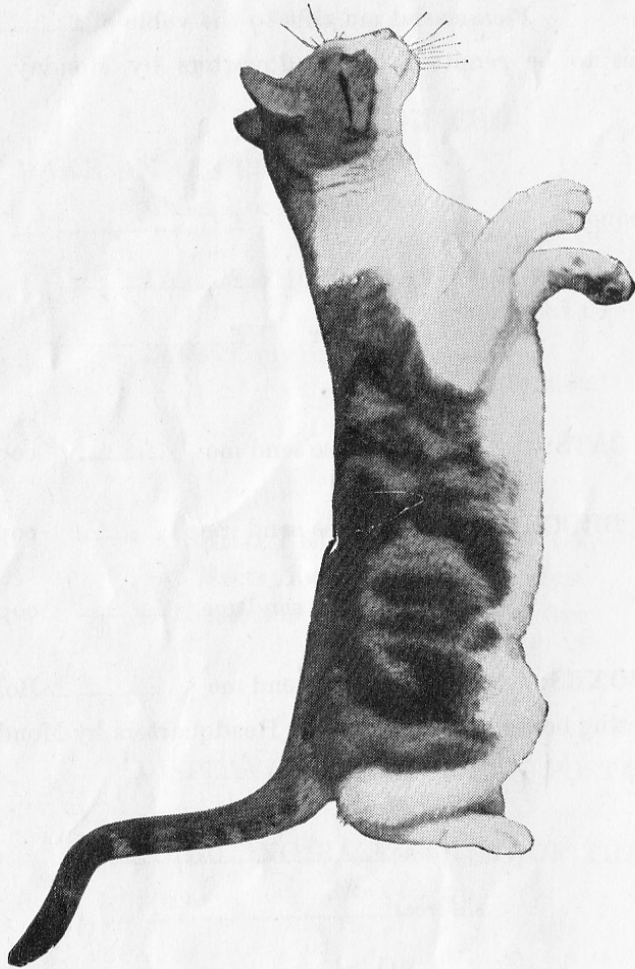
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## A MESSAGE WITHOUT WORDS



## BRANCH & GROUP NEWS

(Continued from page 472)

Another party was held to celebrate the 21st Birthday of Sally, one of the late Dr. Matthews' cats now in the excellent care of our Olive Magee. Both Sally and her guests dined off fresh Salmon and her health was toasted with champagne, to which Sally responded with milk. Among the gifts were a small chicken, tins of salmon and tins of cat food. Sally was most appreciative.

Lest readers should think that all we do is celebrate, our work must also be mentioned.

In June 400 cats were brought into the Shelter. Of these, we have to date found homes for only three; during July and August our intake will rise to 600 or 700 per month, while the number of homes found will remain approximately the same. Both the number of cats brought in and the lack of homes can be attributed to the holiday period. Many people bring in their own cats saying "We've found a stray, will you please take it in". Others are more honest and say "We are going on holiday—here is our cat, do what you like with it". However, we would prefer them to bring their cats in than leave them like one of our recent intake, a 10 week old kitten found in a garden with a label tied round its neck with a boot-lace. The label said "Please give me a home". This pretty little kitten is still at the Shelter awaiting a home. We pay tribute to our Shelter staff who, although two full-timers and one part-time driver at this time of the year do the work of seven and on some days work themselves almost beyond endurance.

We also thank all those readers who helped Straykins, many of them anonymous, and all those who show such interest in our work.

**SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Miss B. M. L. Sayce, "Dungarvan", 79 Portswood Road, Southampton. Phone 57212.\*

At the Southampton Common Show held on the 14th-15th July, 1967 we collected £103 gross including £15 9s. 0d. Mrs. Tillman raised on her draw for a box of groceries for Bingo Sessions. This is quite a new venture. She hopes to start them as soon as possible to aid funds. She has had many and varied gifts given to her for prizes.

Mrs. Tench very successfully placed forty-one kittens on Friday and 27 on Saturday bringing the total to 68 for the two days, and one of the most difficult to place was a mother cat and her eight week old tom kitten. When these two were brought in it was requested that they should be placed in a home together and on no account were they to be separated.

If they were not placed the person who brought them would collect them and have them destroyed.

All day Friday no one was interested in having the mother and her small son, and as Saturday was slowly passing the kittens were being chosen and still no one showed any signs of interest in Samantha and her small one. We were all getting very worried about this and almost giving up hope of a happy ending, when with only an hour to the close of the show an elderly lady came into the Marquee. After looking round and seeing the plight of "mother and Child" she decided to adopt them both. The feeling of great relief and joy felt by us all cannot be expressed.

Mrs. Tench shoulders the responsibility on these occasions with fortitude, as the "vetting" of so many people is such a short period as to their suitability to own one of these precious little lives, and finding a reason for refusing unsuitable would-be owners without giving offence and creating bad feeling is a great nervous strain.

But she continues to persevere with this almost impossible task. Several more kittens have been "dumped" on her door-step since the show. These unscrupulous people never leave their names or addresses or even a small contribution towards the kitten's keep until it is found a good home.

At times it is almost impossible for her keep up with these ever growing demands on time, energy health and funds.

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

This is the most worrying time of the year for us—so many cats and kittens needing homes, and so few people wanting them owing to the holidays. We now have 40 on the books and they keep coming in. We almost dread the phone ringing as its mostly "I wonder if you can help me"—and then we guess whats coming.

One very sad story. A member rang up from Hastings saying that she had found a stray cat in a terrible condition—just skin and bone and it looked an old cat. We took it to the Vet who said we could not possibly save it. Surely someone must have seen it before it was reduced to that condition.

And now a happier story.

Belinda, a rather timid little lady of six months, found herself abandoned when her people left the town to live in London.



## BRANCH & GROUP NEWS

Sammy a large ginger cat, resident a few doors away, found her sitting, miserable and bewildered, on the doorstep of her former house, and although they had not been introduced, Sammy and Belinda were soon good friends.

Sammy's practical mind lost no time in assessing the situation. By sheer force of personality, he had Belinda following him to his home. He arrived, complete with lady companion, on the doorstep, and mewed until the door was opened.

Gallantly he stood aside and directed Belinda into the kitchen and sat beside her while she regaled from his food bowl.

Belinda soon became one of the family and now where Sammy goes, Belinda follows.

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

First of all I want to remind you about the annual sale of Work, which will be held on Saturday, 7th October, 1967 in the Central Hall, Rosemary Street from 11.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The following Stallholders counting on you to help them have well-stocked Stalls:

**Christmas Present:** Mrs. K. Jackson, 30, Ladas Drive, Belfast, 6.

**White Elephant:** (Good quality) Miss L. Gulston, 25 King's Drive, Belfast, 5.

**Cake & Sweet Stall:** Dr. L. McElroy, 268 Antrim Road, Belfast 15.

**Kitchen Stall:** Mrs. K. Y. McBride, 265 Cavehill Road, Belfast, 14.

**Grocery Stall:** Mrs. K. Livingstone, 10 Wynchurch Terrace, Belfast, 6

**Book Stall:** Mr. & Mrs. Oldham, 26 Summerhill Park, Belfast, 5.

**Small Jewellery Stall:** Mrs. Kennedy, 3 Waterloo Gardens, Belfast, 15.

**Toy Stall:** Mrs. Gilmour, 36 Malone Avenue, Belfast 9.

**Handkerchief Girl:** Hilary Clark, 16 Kincoira Avenue, Belfast, 4.

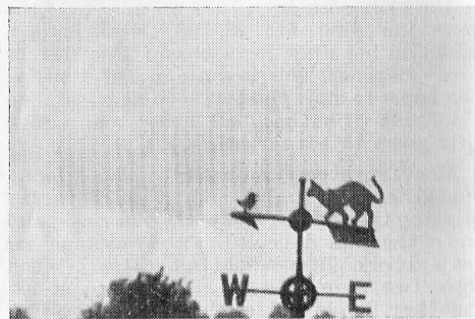
Hilary hopes everyone will send her at least one nice handkerchief—she's grown so big it takes a lot of handkerchiefs to cover her. In this connection the following little story may be of interest. Last year a cat lover in America read about our sale and sent us three lovely handkerchiefs. I wrote to thank her and since then we have corresponded. By the time you have read these Notes we will have met in New York and she has promised to take me to visit the Humane League's premises in Greenwich Village, where she is a voluntary helper among the pussies. And, on the subject of friends in faraway places—

recently I received a five dollar note from Lady Jane Grey in Canada for our Lady Jane! Here again there is the possibility that I may be able to say a personal "Thank You" to the Canadian puss. But to get back to Ulster and the Sale—we are anxious to make this Sale the best ever and our target is £200 (at least) after all expenses are paid. I feel confident we can do it if we all make a real effort, anyhow lets try. I'd like specially to mention the Cake Stall which was not too well supported in recent years. Please try to beg, bake or—well to produce from somewhere a cake or a few biscuits. Home-made fudge and sweets also sell well.

Thanks to Anon (Bow) who continues to send Postal Orders from time to time. I also want to say "Thank You" to those members who have helped so splendidly at the Shelter during these past hectic months. I'm sorry to say all my urgent appeals for extra assistance did not produce one single volunteer but we have a small loyal, dependable panel of helpers who have been beyond praise and without whom we might have had to close the Cattery. More workers are still needed—we really should have two people on duty each evening. At present several of our helpers have to work on their own.

This summer has been, I think, the busiest we have ever had and there are lots of lovely kittens and cats needing homes. Could some members try a little private home-finding. If fifty people each placed one pussy what a difference it would make. I need hardly say that the homes have to be good ones.

There is such a lot to say this month I can't possibly fit it all in. I just want to finish by mentioning my visit to the Annual General Meeting in London. It was a tremendous pleasure to meet all the friendly people whose names have long been familiar, including Ginger's "Mum". Oh, you won't forget the SALE, sure you won't.



## BRANCH & GROUP NEWS

**WEST CORNWALL BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. K. Beesley, Carclew Catteries, Trewinnard Road, Perran-ar-Worthal, Nr. Truro, Cornwall. Phone 176. \*

Not so many visitors this year, due perhaps to the locked gate and the "No admittance without an appointment" notice. It would be heartwarming to have an ever open door and cheerful helpers to greet all and sundry but alas we have only two pairs of hands, and cannot afford more help, so all our time is spent working with the cats and dealing with cat problems. Caring for fifty or more cats does not leave one much time for the social round particularly in the summer, but we do enjoy a half hour with cat lovers from "up country" as they say in Cornwall, and a phone call can usually solve the problem of a locked gate.

Soon however everyone will be able to turn up in their hundreds to visit the catteries for we plan to hold an Open Day on the 9th September. After so many requests for a repeat of our last year's successful Days we felt we really should make an effort and

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**COVENTRY BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. C. Bloomfield, 32 The Hiron, Styvechale, Coventry.

**DOVER BRANCH:** Hon. Sec. Miss O. Watson, 6 The Paddock, Dover, Kent.

**DUBLIN BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. S. Connolly, 11 Leicester Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin.

organise a similar event. We are already collecting goods to sell and persuading our friends to lend a hand. Weather permitting, there should be plenty of fun and a crowd of happy cars to greet you. So make this a date... 2.30 p.m. on Saturday the 9th September. If you can't manage to join us perhaps you would like to send us a little something to pop in the box, or a white elephant to sell. We made £120 last September... dare we hope to do better?

We were particularly touched by the thoughtfulness of readers who remembered Yum-Yum's birthday on the 27th July. To mark the occasion Mrs. Crossley Meates, our President, (affectionately known as Auntie Pres to all cats, and proud owner of Chang, Yum-Yum's twin brother) and I paid a visit to Mosa, little sister of Yum-Yum. She looked wonderful for all her fifteen summers and welcomed us with the same warmth and dignity we know so well. It was a happy if not nostalgic afternoon, and we wish Chang and Mosa many many more contented years.

**GREAT AMWELL & DISTRICT: GROUP** Hon. Sec., Mrs. Jones, 376 Ware Road, Hailey, Hertford.

**ISLE OF WIGHT:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. E. Kent, Cheviot Cottage, St. Lawrence, I.O.W.

**NOTTINGHAM BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Mrs. D. Davis, 65 Edale Road, Sneinton Dale, Nottingham.

**WALSALL BRANCH:** Hon. Sec., Miss R. A. Nash, 25 Wolverhampton Street, Walsall, Staffs. Walsall 21630. \*

Where names and addresses only are given Branch—Group news had not been received at time of going to press.—Editor.

## Letter of the month

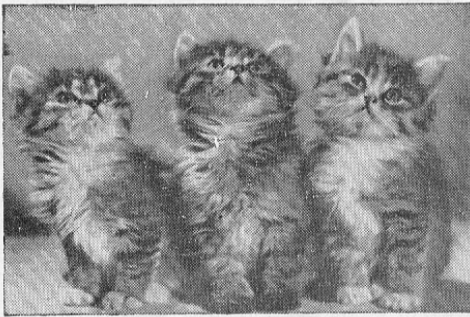
Could I ask you to spare a moment to have a letter sent to a young man on behalf of the League showing our appreciation of his unusual kindness to a cat of a friend near here.

"Jonas" ran out for his last run at 10.30 p.m. when a car just missed killing him, though very fortunately only knocking him and badly cutting his side face and paw. As he did not know the owner he put puss in his

car and went to the nearest vet, where he left the cat. The next day he collected Jonas and took him back to where the accident happened to enquire for his owner.

Fortunately his master was in the garden and saw him at once. His mistress has to take him to the vet for his discharge on Wednesday.—Miss C. N. Godolphon.

**we did**



## MEMBERS CORNER

### BEAUTY COMES BACK

She was a beautiful long-haired tabby cat with white markings and we called her "Beautiful", or "Beauty" for short.

We were stationed at Murree in India (now Pakistan) and Beauty was happily established with us there. She had a favourite perch, like most cats, up in the roof above the kitchen. She and our dog were devoted friends.

In due course I was due to leave my husband and go home to the children and Beautiful was to stay behind with him.

All went well at first and then Beauty disappeared into the blue leaving no traces. This happened after I had left for England, and we were desolated.

Some months later when I returned to India we moved into another quarter at Murree, some distance from our last home. We missed our lovely cat very much,

However, we had not been settled very long when one morning to my utter surprise and joy the Khansama (cook) came in with a broad smile on his face: "Memsahib, your cat come back", and lo and behold there was Beautiful, large as life, looking in splendid condition, purring with joy and pleased as Punch and kissing her great friend the dog. We could hardly believe our eyes.

We fed her with chicken and other delicacies but she seemed almost to prefer the bats and mice on which no doubt she had been subsisting for months.

Truly fact is stranger than fiction.—E. M. F. For Mrs. C.

It is with very great pleasure that I enclose a cheque for £10 for the C.P.L., part of the proceeds of our recent coffee morning 40 crowns for your 40th birthday, with our best wishes. We all enjoy "The Cat" and thank you for sending it each month.—J. K. Morrall.

### Outcast Pets Face Tragedy Without Help

Throughout the world there are many thousands of homeless animals that have been abandoned and unwanted. What will become of these animals?

These animals experience starvation, poor shelter and cruelty, among many other terrible dangers. These animals are left out to continue needless breeding. After the many young are born, the cycle repeats itself.

There are 10,000 young born every hour. In California there are now 10,000,000 dogs that are licensed. Only 4,000,000 have homes the rest are surplus.

Many of these dogs and cats will only find tragedy. As soon as the young are born many are put to death. So why then must there be life with death so shortly afterwards?

In too many cases the infant animals are dumped and left to starve. Many of the animals are slaughtered by drowning, poisons, shotguns and irresponsible human beings.

There is a way to stop a lot of this. If you have an animal please have it spayed or neutered. It will stop needless breeding and will make your pet more affectionate.

These innocent animals that are born learn quickly that there is no place for them. Out of every six puppies and kittens, only one of each will have a home. Yet each of these pathetic outcasts was a living, loving, loyal creature, eager to shower its affections on some responsive human.

Do you have a pet? Stop and think how you would feel if your pet was starving and dying of disease with no home.

The question is what will you, the people, do about these innocent animals. Is it life or death?

We, the people, make the decisions. I urge you to please help these animals, as if it were a child, for they also feel love, grief, hunger, and pain as you and I do.

So whatever you are doing stop and think. Remember these animals do depend on you for their welfare and survival, for God made the animal as well as man—Diane Birkner, Kay Larrison, Sherman Oaks.

## PLEASE NOTE

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## MESSAGE

### REFLECTIONS - 1967

#### I think of my cats—living and dead

**T.W. 3714** Pong, the crippled old warrior—gallant gentleman—Patriarch—old in his wisdom—patient, speculative, understanding—and resigned.

**T.W.3896** Barrie—the strange one—warm, puckish, with her interrogative tail—affectionate, querulous, insecure—she remembers the cold and the fear and the long swim—probably her mother and her brothers and sisters drowned (but the children who gleefully took them out to sea were amused). Vale, frightened and shivering but growling kitten!

**T.W. 3954** Brandy—the lion—with his orphan's reach for food, confused but brave—the fighter, defiant—but the pat of a gentle paw in the morning—and then, embarrassed by tenderness, away.

**T.W. 3994** Stranger—the seemingly placid—who only wants to be near—but is moody and changeable She eats incessantly—but, after all, she almost starved to death waiting and watching for the people who abandoned her.

**T.W. 3955** And Tarbaby—the little sister—who is so delighted to be allowed to play with her bigger and older brothers and sisters—and who sleeps with a toy seal—which she can trust. The children were very original dipping her in tar (hence the name) and sticking her tail to her stomach. She remembers the tar, and the awful hopelessness and she doesn't trust anybody (she doesn't really miss the tail). But she purred beseechingly not to be left to die in agony (after all, children have to express themselves, don't they?) and, hovering on the brink, crept to a single ray of sunlight to warm and dry the poor little bruised body. Satiny now, and pampered—but she remembers.

Pyewacket, Sister Muggins, Blackie, Petey, Tiger, Garden Mama, Whiteleg, Torpedo, Mama, Grayie, Ping—hail, and farewell! Requiescat in peace.

### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Pe-pe aged 13 years 7 months, died suddenly July 20th 1967 after a short illness. "Always loved Pe-pe". Harold Reree Raymond and Deirdree Lee.

In loving memory of my dear cat "Bonnie" who died of a stroke in June, 1967. Aged eighteen years three months—L. Nevols.

"Treasured memories of my sweet Pinky, fell asleep 18th August, 1965. Aged 19½ years. Too dearly loved ever to be forgotten and still terribly missed"—M. Burgess.

In loving memory of My beloved cats, Tibby Tibbs died 3.8.56. aged 10 years, Mr. Tibbs killed by a careless motorist in 1957 and Billy-Billy-White T.W. 2656 put to sleep at the age of 12 years suffering from an incurable illness—G.L.

In loving memory of my faithful old Jezebel who left me recently after nearly fourteen years of faithful and loving companionship and who came to me a poor starving stray so weak she could scarcely stand—A.V.S.

Kitty (Girle) 9th September, 1948. Ever living in our hearts—E.T. R-T., E.M.P.

## S . O . S

Homes urgently wanted for seven kittens, apply Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary, Priory Road, Ascot, Berkshire.

Age	Sex	Colour
10 weeks	Male	Ginger and White
10 weeks	Female	Grey and White
3½ months	Male	Black/White star under chin
3½ months	Female	Black
4 months	Male	White and Black

OBITUARY: We deeply regret having to record the passing of Mr. Alfred Noble whose recent retirement to Bournemouth was mentioned in The Cat. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Noble who for so long served on the Leagues Executive Committee and gave us considerable support in all our activities.—A.A.S.