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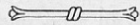
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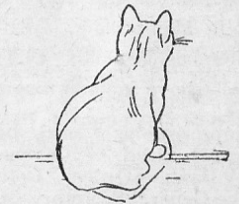
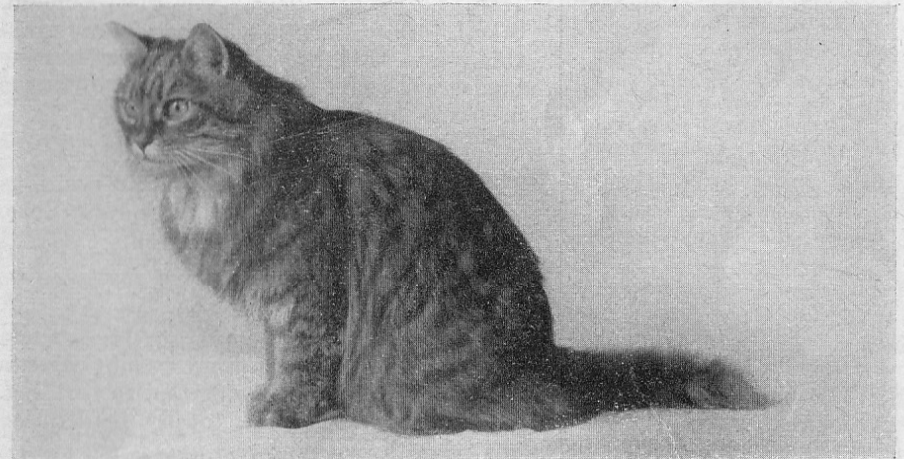
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CAT WEEK 1967: will go down in the history of the C.P.L. as the greatest success since the inception of our annual fund raising event. It was the incredibly magnificent response to the Chairman's appeal and the "collecting box" innovation, that not only beat last year's total, but exceeded the visual target of £2,000. Details on page 486.

THE ANNUAL CAT WEEK BAZAAR: did not take place this year owing to circumstances beyond our control and on which we have enlarged in Round and About.

THE ANIMALS FAIR: will be held on Friday and Saturday November the 24th and 25th at the Royal Horticultural (New) Hall, Greycoat Place, Victoria, London, S.W.1. The C.P.L. will be there again this year. Our three London representative bodies will again link up with Headquarters in a combined stall.

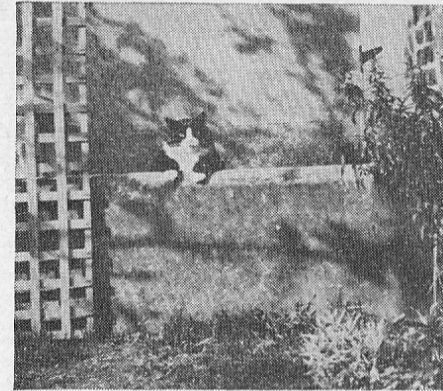
THE FUTURE: our plans and propositions will be put forward early in the New Year. We hope you will be impressed.

APPRECIATION: what can we say that has not been said before at times when results of our special fund raising events have been so overwhelming and so thrilling. Our "thank you's" are totally inadequate but nevertheless sincere.

IF WE ARE A LITTLE LATE IN GETTING THIS ISSUE INTO CIRCULATION DO PLEASE BEAR WITH US AND THE PRINTER WHO IS IN THE PROCESS OF "MOVING TO NEW PREMISES".

A. A. Steward.

EDITOR and GENERAL SECRETARY



ROUND AND ABOUT:

The Secretary's Comments on "this and that" concerning cats and kittens and the work of the League.

OUR ANNUAL CAT WEEK APPEALS: To what better purpose could the funds raised on this occasion be put than the relief of suffering and distress amongst cats and kittens, up and down the country? It has been our practice to devote these proceeds to the practical work of our Branches and Groups according to their needs and we have no doubt that this policy will be continued. The Executive Committee is always mindful of the financial problems of these good people.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR: Those who for so many years have contributed to the success of our Cat Week Bazaar will have wondered why no mention has been made of it in "THE CAT" and no appeals made. Friends living locally and further afield will regret the discontinuance of an event that has become a feature of considerable interest and importance in the League's social activities. That both the "Draw and Bazaar" were "out" of this year's Cat Week fund raising plans was regrettable but unavoidable, the main reason being, briefly, too few having to do too much. The wish to carry on as before was very strong and there were doubts and fears amongst some of our members as to whether the substitute scheme would be successful. We at Headquarters realised there was a risk and that a departure from any popular event gives rise to apprehension. However "Needs must when the devil drives". With an optimism that has now become second nature we said "Wait and see" because we knew you would rise to the occasion as indeed you did.

In our Editorial we refer briefly to our plans for the future. This is roughly what we have in mind.

A permanent "mini shop" on the wall of Headquarters Clinic.

A shop window on the back page of the magazine.

An extension of the "collecting box" scheme.
Co-ordination of Cat Week activities between Headquarters and our Branches and Groups. Supporting and encouraging individual or collective efforts on the part of our members in connection with small sales, coffee mornings, etc.

Linking up with these "ideas" is the intended extension of our voucher scheme to cover more of the areas where we have no Branches or Groups and where without doubt there is a vital need for our work.

BRANCHES AND GROUPS: Some Societies seem to have more problems than others in connection with their Branches and those with which we have been faced from time to time are normally linked with the widely differing opinions on the fundamentals of the League's work. These issues are very much in evidence where the Branch or Groups covers "rescue" and rehabilitation. Occasionally lack of support, or active interest, such as Committee work etc., are responsible for the break down of a Branch or Group. This has happened in Cardiff, Liverpool, Bradford, Godalming and Doncaster but in most of these districts we still have a foot-hold and hope very much for resuscitation in the future. In the meantime we are pleased to report the inauguration of a Branch in Birmingham where it is much needed and no doubt reports of this new venture will reach us in due course.

This is perhaps the moment to mention the League's interest in The Cat Rescue Centre in Brighton operating the Edith Woodward Charity. The C.P.L. with three other Animal Welfare organisations have been approved by the Charity Commissioners as permanent Trustees and have two representatives on the Board of Trustees.

VAPONA STRIP: The much advertised insect killer which encountered considerable criticism, has been investigated and whilst we at Headquarters do not find it suitable for our purpose it must be admitted that if the explicit and comprehensive directions are carried out, the danger element can be discounted. It must be understood however, that we have not made a test. The structure of our cattery etc. does not permit carrying out the directions given on the package.

A. A. STEWARD

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYBODY

CAT WEEK 1967

I think we all wondered how the new Cat Week scheme would work. I know that I personally felt guilty about ending the Draw. However we kept our fingers crossed and hoped. As usual all of you have responded wonderfully. Thanks to your generosity and a little bit of luck in having our fortieth birthday there is an unbelievable total, better than ever. So far in our efforts for Cat Week, we have never reached the final record. Each year seems to be an impassable one and the next year we find that it was not by any means as impassable as we thought. Thank you all very, very much. Every year I tell you on behalf of your Executive Committee, of our gratitude not only for the actual help you give us but for the trust that this help seems to infer. It is most heartwarming. Thank you.

OSYTH SHERRATT, *Chairman*

RESULT OF "HIGHEST OFFER" COMPETITION

China Rooster Tea-pot goes to our Chairman Mrs. Sherratt whose sealed offer was £20.

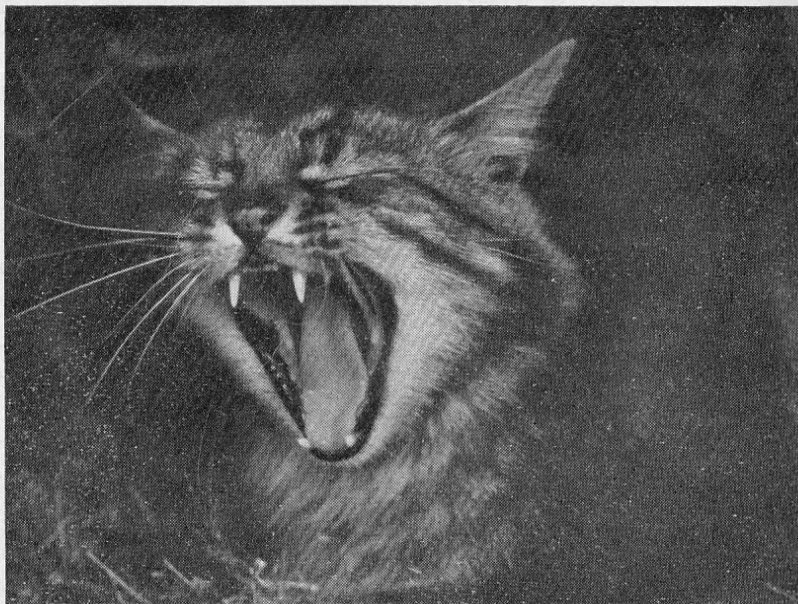
China cat goes to Miss Mould who offered £10.

The Apocrypha highest offer was £13 but as there is a little doubt as to the value to a collector the bidder is being given the opportunity of withdrawing her offer.

Note:—It is possible that the final figures of this year's appeal will not be ready for printing of the sum before going to press, but we will give you the amount up to a specific date and the grand total in the next issue.—A.A.S.

TOTAL TO DATE OF 1967 CAT WEEK APPEAL: £2,550.

THAT'S SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT



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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.

Since the last report, in early August, holidays have curtailed activities somewhat. However, the Market Stall on Saturday, August 5th brought in £23, and another £33 resulted from a September Fair on Saturday, September 2nd, held in the garden of "The Plough", Springfield, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Topley. An innovation was "Madam Tabitha" and her Crystal Ball, a part well played by a new committee member and very popular all afternoon. "Madam's" voice was showing the strain by 5.0 p.m.!

A gift of ten dollars from Miss Schuchard in Oregon, America, came as a pleasant surprise, also 7/6d Hoylake, Wirral, and our old friend from Bow. Our grateful thanks goes to all these good people.

Best cat story of the month concerns puss who went to school! The family, while away on holiday, arranged for her care by neighbours, but she set out to "track down" the young member of the family and turned up on the little girls empty desk. At school—a considerable distance—where friends recognised her and returned her to her home.

An S.O.S. one night from a local works brought our secretary a tiny scrap of black and white fur and whiskers, literally "fly-blown" only a week or so, old. Bedded down in the bathroom (only recently vacated!) with warm milk and glucose feeds, "the Scrap" developed into a tiny but attractive kitten. Cleaning it up was a major problem, as always, but a large bitch puppy, herself an "orphan of the storm", took in the situation at a glance, having demanded to know what dwelt behind the bathroom door! One lick of her large tongue bowled over "the Scrap", which picked itself up and returned for more, stumpy tail erect purring like an engine! This was repeated after every feed and a respectable little "Marcus" captured the hearts of a middle-aged couple living in on a quiet country road and they took on his up-bringing enthusiastically.

Ten cats and forty-three kittens have gone to homes in August and September. At the time of writing a number of cats and kittens are in the cattery and others in homes.

We would welcome British and Foreign Stamps— $\frac{1}{4}$ in. border left PLEASE—any saleable article—collection arranged locally—offers of help in any form and of course, just MONEY! Our commitments become heavier as we become better known!

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

Our hands are kept very busy lately with a high percentage of trapping work in factory colonies. Kittens are being born in the most unlikely and, practically, inaccessible places. However, some very humane work has been carried out to help reduce the suffering and near starvation of cats and kittens in factory areas.

At 8.30 a.m. one Tuesday morning during September a young man called from a nearby building site; "could we please call at the site and take away a black cat and her three newly born kittens?". On arrival at the site we were amazed to find that the exhausted shivering and hungry cat (plus three kittens) was on the fourteenth floor of an incomplete block of flats. The Foreman of the site, who brought them down in baskets, was almost in tears; after seeing them safely in our ambulance he swiftly walked away feeling for his handkerchief. That same evening he called to enquire about them, and handed us the sum of £1. 2s. 6d., being the proceeds of a lunchtime 'whip-round' on the site. The big question is, how did a pregnant cat manage to enter a building site which is patrolled by Alsatian Guard Dogs and climb fourteen floors in order to produce her young? did she, one wonders, smell or sense on that site the milk of human kindness amongst those tough, hefty building workers?

Earlier during the month of September, some of our strays were entered in the Cat Show at Alexandra Palace; they won several

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first prizes and were all well placed. One dear old chap, Ginger, won a silver cup, bringing our total of silver cups to three. We are so pleased and proud of them all.

The local council has graciously consented to let us have the use of an empty shop (shortly due for demolition) for a few weeks. Goods of all kinds are most urgently needed to stock it, so please send us anything you can spare, jumble, unwanted clothing, books, shoes, unwanted gifts, costume jewellery, linen, etc. Larger amounts can be collected if you let us know as soon as possible.

If anyone tries to telephone us during the day for any reason at all and does not get a reply please remember that we may be out trapping, feeding strays, taking cats to and from the Vet for spaying and neutering, etc., so if you do not get a reply, please try again in the evening, as now the days are getting shorter we must cram as much outdoor work as possible into the daylight hours.

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

This past month has literally been a ghastly nightmare and I am constantly filled with a growing suspicion that something of great importance has been forgotten! Picking up the threads from my last report, it was decided to ask Mr. Steward to come and discuss the Branch's affairs and advise us accordingly. An early date in September was set and Mr. Steward arrived and the Committee set everything before him and awaited his verdict. The problem, he assured us, was usual and common in this sphere of activities: too many cats especially on the boarding pay roll, not enough helpers, and insufficient money coming in to cope with the expenditure involved. We were most grateful and quite obviously a much wiser bunch of people for his visit and one can imagine the relief when Mr. Steward assured us that the necessary help would be sent immediately, but quite obviously we have got to try and balance our expenditure against income. Following Mr. Steward's visit within a very short space of time I had to arrange a Committee Meeting and dealing with correspondence that had come in, (this meeting was to decide the date for the Branch A.G.M.) I had a bare 14 days to find a suitable room, advise all members etc., I trust I can find a suitable inoffensive answer when any member suggests that the Secretary should inform the members earlier. Several old friends mostly obtained through the medium of "THE CAT" have sent most expressive letters and substantial donations.

I hope by the time this report is in print I shall have answered everyone, but with Branch correspondence and my time very limited indeed it is most trying that one cannot do the impossible. We are most truly grateful to this wonderful band of people, the Committee. I feel these friends scattered about at Frensham, Barton, Seagrave, Leamington Spa, Highbury North London and our old friend ANON have faith in our ability and it is up to us to justify their support by keeping this Branch working. When we have ironed our little problems I am sure that we can do our job better than before, with more spirit and unity of purposes. Mrs. Kenwood-Wright has acquired a little shop but the takings are being absorbed at the moment by an overspill of boarding, once this is settled these funds can be used for other purposes. Mrs. Pearson is still in Portugal, for the greater part of this year we have been a Committee Member short and with things being what they are it has not helped. Nevertheless temporarily the cloud has lifted. My thanks to all who have helped and I now feel I can attend the members meeting less tense than I could have done a month ago. I hope to have more news next time.

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

Our Autumn Bazaar in Wimbledon was The Greatest, we had crowds of people and I think everyone enjoyed the long busy day. Now we are preparing our Christmas one, and after that there are smaller sales and stalls. We need things to sell. Just about everything anyone can spare is welcome. We have big jumble sales, as well as fancy stalls.

Now comes the season for tea-parties, coffee mornings and wine-and-cheese evenings. We would be most grateful to any kind person who could have one of these at home. How about a "shower"? We would very much like a Nursery Shower for a needy family, mother and six small creatures who are in the Rescue Centre at present, and taking up most of our time. We would suggest gifts for them: nice warm blankets, pretty little balls, tins of beef baby-dinners, soft brushes and combs, fancy collars, they will each need their own when they are a bit bigger. Some of the requirements of human babies, I am glad to say, are not essential in the cat world! But small kittens still need a lot. At the Rescue Centre the House Full boards are up. We are very full indeed, but we think kind homes must soon be found

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for the really beautiful people awaiting them. We have Jet Black, and Pretty tabby, and Badboy, who is white with interesting patches, and kittens and kittens in all colours. Our handsome pair, Black Prince and Black Fluff are still with us, and greatly enjoying the little extras which kind friends have sent. Now we want to know, seriously if we could count on help for an unusual case. "Colette" was rescued with a twisted paw. She is young, healthy and very friendly, we know she could get a home, if the paw were put right, but this would mean a small operation and treatment, which would cost quite a bit more than we budget to spend on one cat. I am now opening a "Colette" fund, and will be very grateful for help. If everyone who reads this would send Colette 2/., her expenses would be covered.

Curio Corner continues to bring in most welcome funds. We have been asked for candlesticks, any kind. Have you any you can spare? If so please send them to 12, The Close, New Malden, Surrey. We also have collectors waiting for Ivory, Jet, Jade, Mother-of-Pearl and Amber in any shape and of every kind, and there is a steady demand for old workboxes, jewel boxes and little boxes for snuff, patches or stamps, and any bits of table silver no matter how old or dented. These things help to keep us going. So please send if you can.

N. DE CLIFFORD

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

Although the Autumn and Winter now face us, we are relieved that the holiday season is almost past. Our intake of cats is decreasing weekly and is, once more, reaching manageable proportions. No doubt, those people who have, so callously, parted with their pets to go on holiday, will now approach us for replacements. They will, however, not be supplied by us.

Every Branch and Group is glad to welcome a new, hard-working volunteer and we are delighted to welcome Mr. Reginald Smith who, throughout the Summer, has spent most of his spare time at the Shelter carrying out those jobs and doing necessary repairs which only a man can do. Had we called builders in to do this work, the cost would have been enormous. Not only has Mr. Smith given great practical help, but has also taken "Speedy" (of whom we have written in the past) into his home and has found a good home for another of our long-standing residents for whom we had almost despaired of finding a home.

We much regret to report the death of "Min" at 17½ years. She was the devoted pet of our valiant helper, Miss Tobie Vare and readers may remember that Min and Miss Vare featured largely in the National Press some years ago. Landlords endeavoured to compel Miss Vare to part with her pet, and, despite County Court and Appeal Court hearings, Min and Miss Vare were successful and remained happily together for several years.

We now have Christmas cards for sale at 9d and 10d each. They are most attractive and show pictures of some of our strays who have been restored to health and found good homes. We ask for your support in buying these to help us pay the ever increasing costs of running the Branch.

Finally, we report that our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday the 2nd December at the Upper Holloway Hall, Holloway Road, N.7. (near the Royal Northern Hospital). We shall be open from 11.30 until 4 p.m. and Christmas gifts of all types will be on sale. Again, we ask the support of all members who can come on that day.

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

One of our members, Mrs. Gee who lives in a village outside Nottingham has been very busy in her area. After a spate of Airgun incidents involving pets, she visited the local Schools and interested the children to such an extent, that they held an Animal Week, and now look forward to reading Mrs. Gee's, copy of "THE CAT", each month. She has also managed to persuade several Cat owners to get their Cats Spayed or Neutered, themselves, which all helps.

Mrs. Prince, who has the Cat Chalet, had a young black male Cat, no more than one year old. When she received him, he was in a very bad way with sores all over him. The Veterinary surgeon, dressed his wounds, and suggested Neutering, this was done, but all to no avail. The Veterinary said, he had picked up a wasting disease, during his wanderings and had to be put to sleep. Mrs. Prince adds that it is sad to think that had he been neutered earlier this might never have happened.

Now a follow up to the two Long Haired Cats, mentioned in the August number, the blue, her name is Bonnie produced four kittens, two boys and two girls and Sally who is a really magnificent black is expecting a happy event in early October, and is now looking extremely smug, about it.

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SUSSEX BRANCH: Asst. Sec., Mrs. H. G. Perry, 35, Pevensey Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

This month we have managed to find homes for several cats and kittens, but still have about thirty on our books.

Unfortunately, our Shelter accommodates only six cats, mostly strays that people have asked us to take, and the others have to wait in their owners homes until we can place them. In the case of sick or injured cats, Mrs. Wilson, our Veterinary practitioner at Bexhill-on-Sea, takes them as boarders. She is a real animal lover, and has been a wonderful help to us in this connection, and the cats she boards are treated like her own and given the run of her house.

On August 10th, we had a very successful Coffee Evening in Hastings. We made a net profit of £26. We had stalls loaded with donated goods for sale, raffles, a fortune-teller—who is always a big attraction—and a boy of thirteen who did conjuring tricks.

On the 19th September, we held an A.G.M. which was attended by twelve members only. No other event in September, but we are now getting busy preparing for our Cats' Christmas Market to be held at the White Rock Pavilion Hastings on November 1st.

We continue to get reports of strays almost daily, and a few weeks ago we were told of a young boy who found a tiny kitten amongst the rubbish in his dustbin. It did not seem to have an owner so we were asked if we could take it and of course we could. Having no room in our Shelter, we gave it to our vet to board and she found a good home for it straight away.

We have had many enquiries as to Simon's welfare as he has not been mentioned in our reports lately. I hasten to assure his admirers that he is very much alive and well and will soon be celebrating his 7th Birthday, which we keep on the anniversary of the day we took him in as a little stray crying in the rain.

One of our members, Mrs. Coney, told us of a tiny kitten she heard crying in a wood. It seemed to be quite alone, apparently abandoned. She took it home and found that it could not even feed itself, so she is giving it Lachol specially sold for kittens and puppies. When it is eight weeks old we shall take it into our care and find it a good home. She cannot keep it herself as her own cats will not accept it.

We have received a donation again from Anon, London. Thank you Anon for your kindness.

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

At the time of writing these notes we have just had our first Jumble Sale of the new session and are busily preparing for the annual Sale of Work. In this connection may I say "Thank You" to all the friends who have sent us contributions, they are much appreciated by the various Stallholders. Also, Hilary asks me to thank the many, many people who have sent her handkerchiefs—she's thrilled every morning when the post-man arrives with handkerchiefs from here, there and everywhere. She even had a parcel from Spain. It's quite amazing how our Magazine seems to find its way round the World, which leads me to mention my visit to Canada and New York in August. I was delighted to be met at the Air Terminal in New York by Mrs. Marie Reeves whose acquaintance I made (on paper) when she sent three handkerchiefs for our Sale last Autumn. We had a great time "talking cats" and she took me to visit the Cattery run by the Humane Society in Greenwich Village where I met lots of American pussies who welcomed me by putting their little paws through the bars of their cages and begging me to make a fuss of them. Incidentally, Mrs. Reeves is now a member of the Ulster Branch!

Still on the subject of places far away I might mention a letter and donation from a cat-lover in Oregon, U.S.A. and a Bond for 1,000 dollars, intended to bring us in an annual income of £20, from a Canadian friend who read a little item about us in a Provincial Newspaper. This unexpected support from across the Atlantic is most welcome and very heartening.

We have still a large number of cats and kittens in residence in the Shelter—one beautiful, pure-white part-persian male cat was left locked in his home when the owners emigrated to Australia, and was discovered when decorators moved in. He is recovering slowly and has been neutered so we want someone to give him a good home. Offers please! Just recently I had a letter from a member in Islandmagee who reminded me that two years ago she read our appeal for homes for adult cats and decided to take one in although she already had two cats. In fact she ended up by adopting a mother and son and reports that they settled very happily—all four pussies are in flourishing condition. Please will other members give this matter urgent thought—could you make room for just one more pussy in your house???

Future events? Well, we expect to have a general meeting in November and would like to see a bigger attendance of members—

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it's been a wee bit disappointing recently.

We intend to hold a White Elephant Sale sometime in November (please send us lots of elephants) and are also planning a Christmas Fair and Coffee Evening, probably in early December. We hope you will, as always, give us your support in these efforts.

Please continue to collect silver paper and milk bottle tops, and to send us white elephants, good quality jumble and used postage stamps. They all help. Parcels may be sent to 147 Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast 14 or to me.

WEST CORNWALL BRANCH: Hon. Sec., Mrs. K. Beesley, Carclew Catteries, Carclew Estate, Perran-ar-Worthal, Truro, Cornwall.

An unusually hectic summer has ended like a nightmare. Constant pleas to house large litters of unwanted kittens, the ever mounting numbers of stray and unwanted cats, phones ringing non stop and a continuous stream of uninvited humans calling at the most inconvenient times. With cats first and foremost in our minds it is not surprising that our tempers become frayed and we wonder if it is worth ruining our health and sanity for the sake of thoughtless people who cannot understand how to deal with a cat.

However when we are "mucking out" in the catteries we become very much aware of the feline philosophies....patience, relaxation, meditation, affection and comradeship. I imagine our cats are sometimes praying for the human race, we are certainly in need of some supplication.

You are probably thinking this all sounds like a gigantic moan and you're dead-right. After running the West Cornwall Branch for fourteen years I have come to the end of my tether. It all began as a bit of fun in my Truro hairdressing salon, we made a lot of money with competitions, shows, and selling goods. Then everything grew gradually at first and then at an alarming rate. Something that had begun as a hobby turned into a serious and necessary business, until eventually the hairdressing was partially put aside and cat rescuing and rehabilitating took over. In the salon funds were easily made, but working in the catteries left little or no time for begging, so the work has been carried on with money sent or given by our cat loving friends and supplemented from my own income. This unfortunately has dwindled to such an extent that I am now forced to do other work to bring in money to keep us going. Up until recently the work has been done solo with a little paid part time help. Now there are two of us working for no other reason than our love for cats, but

we must face consequences. Our branch has grown to such an extent that in order to carry on with such useful work we must have more money. It would be so easy to close up the catteries, retire smugly, and quietly enjoy this delightful cottage and garden with charming memories of so many, many cats, perhaps write a cheerful little cat book or take up pottery. Happy thoughts.... BUT battling with humans over cats has become such a way of life now that we feel we must go on and we have made a very important decision. We are selling this beautiful cottage and buying an old shabby farmhouse with out buildings and space where cats can enjoy peace and comfort, and we shall be able to run large boarding facilities to help with the costs of the stray catteries. Two pairs of hands are now doing the work of six, we should be able to afford more help if our venture succeeds. We must have adequate conveniences such as hot water and sinks in the catteries. Cooking facilities, a maternity ward, an isolation block, and most important a reception room for visitors. I am very weary of odd bodies wandering all over my home with muddy feet searching for me whilst I am perhaps in the bath, cooking a meal, or way down the bottom of the garden comforting a homesick cat. Many of you have had your head bitten off when you have called out of turn, and bless you—you come back for more. So you see we have made this big decision because we are so confident that you will not fail the Cornish cats. We know H.Q.'s are more than kind in assisting in these extreme cases, BUT we are NOT going to ask them to help, they have to keep going and as always we do want to be independent, so lovers of Cornwall and its cats, dig deep, and help us to build the Best in the West, and who knows one day when you call without an appointment you may be greeted by reformed good tempered HON. ORG. SEC.

Open Day on the 9th September was a huge success. Warm and sunny and cats galore. Seven hundred visitors, and plenty of willing helpers made us a grand total of £150. The youngsters came into their own and worked like slaves. Thanks to everyone who helped and friends who sent donations and parcels. We are more than grateful especially as people travelled from as far away as Plymouth. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, particularly the cats, they have never seen so many people in their lives....

Plans for Christmas are modest this year, no new cards etc. but we will make our cats happy with plenty to eat, new toys and blankets and above all the extra loving they so richly deserve.

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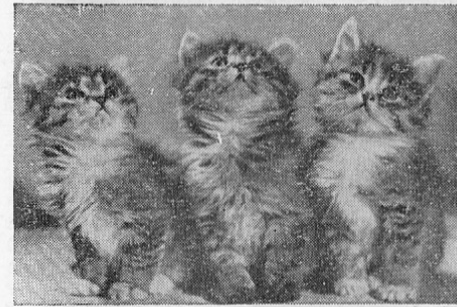
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Where names and addresses only are given Branch—Group news had not been received at time of going to press.—Editor.



MEMBERS CORNER

I have been wondering if there are any members living in Derby or district, and if ever anyone has tried to start a branch in the town. The two nearest I see are Glossop and Nottingham and I would think there would be quite a need for a Derby branch, if enough people could be interested.—Elfreda Ellison, 44, Bakewell Street, Derby.

I think the little boxes are a much better idea than the draw tickets and I hope you have had a good sum.

I shall be pleased to have another box to keep for the year until next Cat Week.

With every good wish for the success of your work.—H. B. Warry.

Just a few lines to thank you very much for showing us round the Headquarters, it makes it so much more personal than just seeing pictures. We were most interested, and very impressed with all you have been able to achieve in a comparatively limited space, everything was so well laid out and immaculate. Our only regret is, that we do not live near Slough, so that we could perhaps give you some voluntary help.—Dorothy Revill (Mrs.)

We lost our two cats (indoors) the other day and my husband found them and it was so funny although a bit tragic. There they were underneath one of the beds—they had torn the hessian from underneath the bed and were curled up in the hessian that was hanging from the base of the bed! They were purring away completely oblivious that my bed was ruined! Couldn't get cross with them—just had to laugh.

It is wonderful to read the magazines and know all the help that is being given to the strays etc. Do all I can locally in any way when I am needed.—E. McInnes (Mrs.).

I wonder if you can possibly help me to trace one of my cats. She has been gone three days, and despite a thorough search of the area by family friends, and the local police who know her well, no trace has been found. About the same time and on the same day, several other people in this area have had their cats disappear. This leads me to the dreadful thought that someone has taken them for vivisection purposes. Cat stealing has been rife here for some time. My remaining cats are of the disposition that they will only come to the family, but Cleo is most affectionate and would go to anyone who spoke to her, as she has known nothing but love all her life, and would naturally assume that is what she would continue to receive.

Her description is as follows: Russet brown tabby, speyed female, eight years old, with a small white patch to the left of her nose, amber eyes, wearing a gold coloured collar with elastic inset, attached to which is a small disc bearing our name, address and telephone number. Mrs. R. F. Bambury, 46 High Street, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex. Tel. Southend 557632.

May I appeal to anyone thinking of having a cat, not to choose a long haired one unless they are prepared to spend about ten minutes a day on grooming throughout the cat's life?

I recently had brought to me one with fur not only matted solid all over its body, but with felt-like "wings" the size of my hand, growing outwards. After careful veterinary examination, the condition of the cat left no alternative but to be put to sleep.

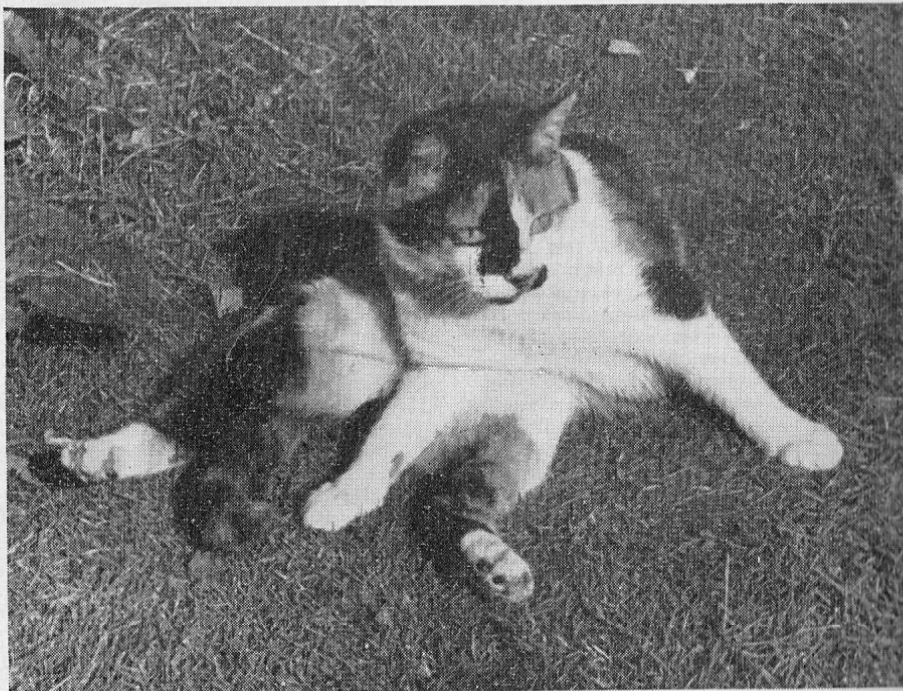
This was not a stray, but came from a kindly home where the people just did not know what to do.—Cecily Waddon.

Just a brief note, in haste, to send the stamps which I have thus far saved for your Tailwavers. (2 envelopes)

I should like to express my appreciation for your kind and interesting letters, and the lovely magazine and postal cards, which of course I keep and show to all our friends.

All good wishes to you and your good work.—Mrs. G. Wackenhuth, U.S.A.

Please find cheque for £12. 6s. 0d. which I collected in the boxes for The Annual Cat Week Appeal. Most of this came from the School of Music, refresher course at Matlock. The majority of musical people like cats. One lady and her daughter gave me two cheques of £10 0s. 0d. each. One I am sending to you and the other I am going to use for local animal welfare and anti-hunting.—E.R.C.



MEMBERS CORNER

I can't do much to help your Cat Week as I have little time and less cash! However I enclose 75 Egyptian stamps which should be a bit more in demand than usual as there are few British people left in Egypt now. There are also 12 Greek stamps. I am sorry some have been badly cut—it is difficult to persuade people to leave enough margin.

I will send the contents of my Cat Week box on the due date but don't expect there will be very much as I don't get out a lot so have limited opportunities.—M. D. Curnow

The Pictorial Brochure of H.Q. is most interesting. I for one, had thought of 29, Church Street, simply as a brain centre, and had no idea that it included first class hospital facilities.—Miss S. M. Satchwell.

WANDERING KITTEN

A black kitten who made a 120-mile journey to Offenham, near Evesham, this weekend, behind the radiator of a car, was taken back to its Welsh home yesterday in a more comfortable part of the vehicle.

Mr. William Davies, of Ferry Lane, Offenham, first noticed the kitten playing in the yard at his sister's home in Caersws, Montgomeryshire. But he had a shock when he found it sitting snugly behind the car radiator when he arrived back at Offenham.

From The Evening News, Sept. 20, 1967

It's no fun being a stray cat. Tibby, the tabby decided that what he needed was a permanent home—somewhere warm to sleep with plenty of milk and tasty titbits.

The new building in John Street, Brighton, looked ideal. The men in blue who walked in and out looked friendly too.

A few days later he had taken up a position on a low wall outside the main entrance. Finally encouraged by friendly pats he set paw in the police.

That was a year ago and Tibby is now a permanent resident. He has progressed to sleeping in an old filing basket in the station's front office. Often there is a sign beside his basket which warns: "Do not disturb—on night duty."

Sometimes though Tibby has not been too well, and the medical fees and bus fares involved have cost Sgt. Len Feast £1.

Please find enclosed cheque for £10. 16s. 6d. This has all been made from sale of stamps. All good wishes—Audrey Cozens, Sheba and Casey Jones.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a cheque for 6/- being the amount collected in the little box that I received three months ago for this purpose. I am afraid it is not a lot, but every little helps.

On my slender means it is all I can do to pay my way these days and, much as I long to help all animal charities, I am finding it increasingly difficult to do so. However, in spite of this regrettable fact, if you think it worth while, do please send me another of these little folding collecting boxes and I will at any rate get a few shillings in it over the course of time.—B.M.W.

STOP THAT CAT! ORDER TO BUSMEN

Bus company chiefs have decided not to take action in the case of passenger Sam, who never pays his fare.

For Sam is a cat, a ginger tom with a passion for bus rides.

Sam, of the Crown public house, Silchester, Hampshire, waits in the bus queue opposite his home almost every day—and sneaks aboard when the conductor's back is turned.

A five-minute flip to the next stop, or the one after, used to satisfy him, and nobody worried.

But one day Sam stayed aboard for a free trip to Reading, eight miles away.

His dossier was sent to Thames Valley transport chiefs.

A Thames Valley official said last night: "Our conductors have been told to watch for this cat".

Sam's owner, Mrs. Joy Davis, said: "I thought he might have been cured of his mania when he was taken all the way into Reading. "But he still tries to cadge a lift".

From the Daily Express, Monday, July 3, 1967
The Birmingham Post
Monday, August 7, 1967.

LULU'S BED TIME

Hey diddle diddle
She's bang in the middle;
I wish that she'd lie on the side.
It's hardly a treat
When you've cramp in your feet
To know that she's purring with pride.

R. R. Scott



THE SPAYING WARD

In memory of "TONY TAYLOR": once upon a time, there lived in Slough not so very far from the League's Headquarters a cat named Tony. In due course Tony travelled on to the Happy Hunting Ground and his owner went abroad. A few months ago we were informed that a sum of £682-18-2 on deposit at a local Bank had been given to the C.P.L. in memory of TONY. We quote from a letter received on the 8th of September 1967:

"I have no objection to your using my name in any brochure or magazine you run.

I would very much like a plaque bearing my name and mentioning the amount of the gift and its purpose namely to help sick and injured cats.

It will give me much pleasure to receive any magazines etc. you send to me.

I lived in Slough for forty years and was well known at the League as was my cat Tony.

Miss Stevens of Sussex Place and I worked together.

Trusting that my gift gives comfort to the poor animals.—Mrs. E. Taylor."

Note:—This was in reply to our enquiry regarding Mrs. Taylor's wishes in respect of her gift.

When impending modifications have been made in the "Casualty Ward" a plaque will be mounted in a prominent place.

IN MEMORIAM

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1967



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In loving memory of Lee who had to be put to sleep on 20/6/67, aged 11 years. He was a most affectionate half-Persian 'Moggy' and is sadly missed.—J Silverston.

In loving memory of dear Twinkie, gently and painlessly put to sleep in his home on September 19th, aged 12 years, and all our other dear pets.—W. Warner.

Bee Bee 1950-1965, big 'Blotched' tabby. Loved while memory lasts. His mum.—F. Sansom.

In memory of our lovely DOT. Run over.—E.D.V.D. and P.V.J.

In memory of Kitty, T.W. 2943, who passed away suddenly on 11th November 1964, but still lives on in our hearts.—E. & M. Emery.

This is in treasured memory of darling Timmie who died peacefully in her sleep on August 15th, 1967, in her seventeenth year. Always loved and remembered.—The Sullivans.

In loving memory of Julie, former Tail-waver at Tunbridge Wells.—M. Y. Hayles.

To the precious memory of my adored and devoted 'Blackie', who died on Sunday morning 9th April, 1967, asleep under the lilac tree and sure in my heart of *immortality*.—D. Standrick.

In memory of Wiggy, Nobby, Parky and Smut. They will always be remembered by W. & N. Townsend.

In loving memory of my Bunty, aged 10, killed on the road 9-7-67. C. Crisp

In memory of my dearly loved little pussy "Blackie Mittens" who died on August 14th. She was 14 years old last April 30th.—M. Davies.

In memory of my beautiful blue Cat 'Silver' aged about 3 years. Killed by a hit and run driver on August 15th, 1965, also little 'Gay' an attractive tabby and white who disappeared on July 21st, 1963, aged 3 years. Such happy cats, and so full of mischief. Both came as strays at about 3 months old. And dear old 'Pongo', so affectionate, died December 14th, 1966, aged 15½ years. All sadly missed.—I. H. Eccleston.

Always thinking of our beloved pets, Tinker T.W.2028, who died on October 29th, 1954, aged 17½ years, and Smudgie, who died on August 4th, 1966, aged 13 years, and all our other much loved pets who died before.—E. & E. Martyr.

In memory of my four beloved pussies. BUBBLES, ANDY, PINNINS, & ERROS.—M. Meredith.

In loving memory of my darling Michael-mas, who passed away on the 14th September, 1967.—A. Cartwright.

Cheetah, put to sleep 2 years ago and little Derana who never returned home in 1961, aged 10 years.—C. Johnson.

In loving memory of DANDELION T.W.3824, who died after an operation on 9th August, 1967, about five years of age.—O. M. Hyett.

Pusskin, on October 5th, 1967, aged about 15 years. Greatly loved and missed by K.A.W. and B.O.W.

In memory of our Siamese Richard who died on October 3rd, aged 16 years. A very dear and faithful friend.—F. M. Pugh.

A small Thank You for 15 years of fun and affection from our dear "Tigger" who died recently and is sadly missed by his lonely 14 years old brother and his owners.

RUMINATIONS OF A CAT LOVER

The Cat has been described as the perfect example, in the Animal World of co-ordination of mind and muscle: This is seen so often in everyday life but I never cease to wonder as the ease with which my cat "floats" up on to a wall so effortlessly. I sometimes wonder, can he make it? I compare his effort with that of humans in races or any other test of muscular activity.

It is said cat's use their eyes much more than dogs but it appears that they are better at focussing a moving object than one that is stationary. I have tested my Bunty by putting something under his nose but until he has smelled it he seems not to know it is there. I feel sure his sight is not good at close quarters. Are cats colour-blind? I believe this to be so, as they are nocturnal animals fundamentally.

Their hearing is very acute. I can hear fairly keenly but my cat's attitude when my husband has arrived at his garage round the corner, tells me that he has heard familiar noises that have escaped me. If he is out he goes to meet my husband.

When we had four cats (more by accident than design) they greatly amused my neighbours and her husband, by their following him back to the house. This was probably because he had some meat or fish for them, their natural diet if living in the wild. Their sense of smell is far beyond the human range; stray cats are a headache I feed a poor little black cat at the bottom

of our garden. He sits on the wall and having got used to me, will come down for the food.

He was missing for six or eight months, and when he came back he was so thin and emaciated, it was difficult to recognise him, but he could still scale the wall and I was delighted at his return. What had happened in the time he was away. This is one of the mysteries of the Cat World. From the wall where he sits he jumps down at once when he smells or anticipates his favourite food, pilchards or fish and meat, plus a saucer of cream.

How keen is the cat sense of smell? Cat-mint attracts them as does some handcreams, others have the opposite effect. Some cats appear to have a wider range of sensitivity than others.

Napoleon the Weather prophet:—He lay prone with forepaw's full extended when rain was coming after a long draught. The press were told about Nap's forecast, which was proved to be right and when he passed on, his tombstone was inscribed "Nap the weather prophet. 1917-1936".

It has been said that cats are psychic and many very prominent people have vouched for their cats uncanny behaviour in certain circumstances and their obvious premonitions of danger etc. The press recollect numerous incidents when intelligence and unusual ability in cats are evidence. Volumes could be written on this subject.

Published in memory of Mrs. Vivian A. Wall who passed in August 1966. A good friend to all Cats and of the League, from new tabulated reflections found after her death.

CORNISH CAT

The moon across the placid bay was full
And quietly audible the whispering tide;
When leaping on the rocks,
As from a moonbeam slide,
A cat of dazzling white appeared,
In perfect fantasy of feline play,
That I remember of St. Ives.

—Rev. G. F. Tull (from *The Ark*)