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LAST MONTH'S MAGAZINE

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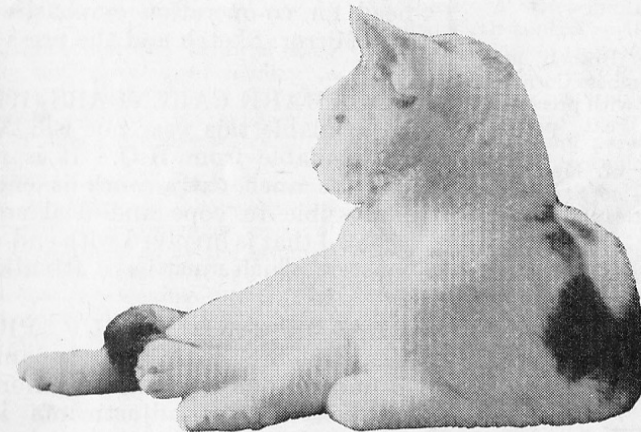
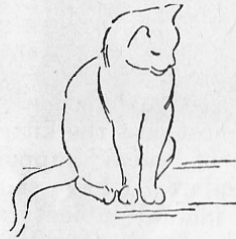
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THIS IS Cat Week period so it would seem appropriate to begin my editorial with a mention of the fact that this is our forty first annual event and to reflect on last year's "glory". We celebrated our fortieth birthday in great style and beat all previous records in fund raising, an outstanding feat which we cannot expect to repeat without a strong incentive. I feel sure the project to be launched in 1969 will appeal to our members and create the urge to set another record—see Round and About.

SOOTY: The publicity given the rescue of this feline waif and the condemnation of the brutal act which almost cost the kitten its life shows the value of "press" support in matters of animal welfare. I have said, many times, that given factual publicity at the right time the work of animal welfare organisations can be pinpointed and the need for co-operation emphasised. Thank you Mirror, Sketch and the press in general.

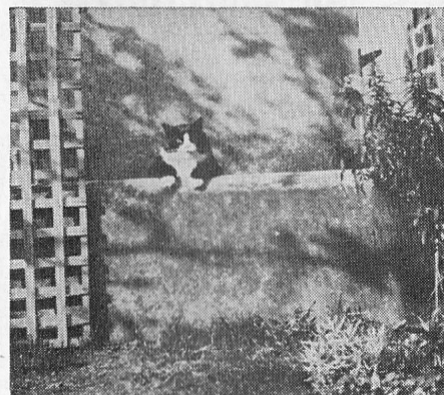
BOOKMARK CALENDARS (1969) will *not* be available this year nor will Xmas cards be available from H.Q. It is regrettable, but so much extra work is entailed it is impossible to cope and deal satisfactorily with all that is involved with end-of-the-year matters which must have attention. *p. 111.*

BRANCH AND GROUP PROBLEMS: Changes are taking place amongst the Branches due to reorganisation at Committee level or adjustments in internal policy about which we shall learn more in due course. In the meantime H.Q. keeps in touch by contact with their respective Chairman of Committee's.

C. P. L. PENS: It is gratifying to get so many repeat orders for our latest advertising medium which incidentally is here to stay. I shall have more to say on this subject later on. *See page 111.*

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.

These comments and the editorial were written during my convalescent holiday; a very much needed break after a six week period of illness followed by a shortage through staff holidays which was trying to say the least of it.

CONTINUING on the subject of animal birth control—spaying and neutering—the proposals referred to in previous issues of The Cat have been discussed by the League's Executive Committee as the basis of a project that should arouse considerable interest and must without doubt do a vast amount of good in the world of animal welfare in which

the C.P.L. plays an important part. By the early part of 1969 we shall have completed our scheme plans and have estimated the initial cost and the expenditure for the first twelve months.

In brief, the idea is to escalate the existing spaying and neutering scheme through our voucher service, to a level, nationally, that has never before been attempted.

The fullest co-operation of our Branches and Groups will be essential and we may need to introduce a system of district representatives where we have no Branch or Group. There will be many ways in which our members can help and we feel support will be forthcoming when the appeal is made.

WE ARE CONVINCED our plans are realistic and that our policy in regard to neutering and spaying is the right one in combating the stray and unwanted cat problem.

The recent brutal incident in which Sooty was involved calls for measures that will ensure as far as it is humanely possible to do so, that cats and kittens are not subjected to abuse. A strict limitation of numbers—animal birth control—will undoubtedly play a very big part in this endeavour.

CORRESPONDENCE, PARCELS, ETC. Whilst it seems inevitable that some letters, etc. will go astray it is possible that some correspondence and parcels intended for us are not received. It would be safer to use our full address which is:— Prestbury Lodge, 29 Church Street, Slough, Bucks. By the same token some of the letters and parcels sent out from H.Q. do not reach their destination despite the fact we always give the League's address for return of the letter, etc. if undelivered so please bear with us.
A. A. Steward.

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NOR BOOKMARK CALENDARS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FROM HEADQUARTERS THIS YEAR
BUT
CPL PENS COULD BE A GOOD
SUBSTITUTE — THEY WILL BE A STOCK ITEM
FROM NOW ON**

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.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH

Hon. Sec., Miss J. P. Scriven.

The idea of forming a Cats' Protection League Branch in Birmingham, belonged to Miss Mabel Jenkins, who is now our Chairman. Miss Jenkins is a Housing Visitor, and it was during the course of her work that she saw the unhappy plight of the many cats, left behind by their owners when they were re-housed. So, getting together a few of her friends whom she knew were interested in cat welfare, a cat rescue group was formed. As we felt the need to belong to an official organisation, we applied to the C.P.L. Headquarters, and in due course, we,—all ten of us—were officially recognised as the Birmingham Branch.

So far we have been completely self-supporting financially, organising the usual Jumble Sales, Bring and Buy sales, Coffee Mornings, etc. in order to raise enough money to get ourselves launched. At one point we had a total income of £144, and during the past months we have been able to rescue many cats and kittens, advertising and finding good homes for most; getting others neutered or spayed. Consequently our bank balance to date is now down to £63—in spite of our manning two stalls at the Animal Fayre at the Birmingham Town Hall in December, which brought us another £62.

We realise that in a city the size of Birmingham, our work at the moment is a mere drop in the ocean. Nevertheless we feel we have made a start.

Where do we go from here? Our main aim obviously is to expand. We must get more members.

We need somewhere to house our rescued cats and kittens whilst they are waiting for us to find homes for them. At the moment members are helping out, but their houses are now full, and can take no more. Boarding at a vet's is expensive, and we have a long list of cats and kittens awaiting our help. We need transport to rescue and deliver our cats and to get in all areas of the city. We need a cat trap and more cat baskets, and, if we are going to expand, we shall soon need financial help too.

Although hope of fulfilling all these needs are beyond our wildest dreams at the moment. Our first aim, that of increasing our membership, we do hope to achieve. With this end in view, we are, at the moment, sending out

letters to all our cat-owning friends, and to those with whom we have placed cats or kittens, telling them of the formation of the branch, and inviting them to join us. May we also extend the invitation to all readers of "The Cat" magazine in the Birmingham area?

Meanwhile we have over two dozen kittens and several grown cats to place. If anyone living in the Birmingham area can help with home finding, we shall be delighted to hear from them.

CANTERBURY CAT SOCIETY

Affiliated to C.P.L.

Our A.G.M. was held on Friday September 27th. This has been an extremely busy year. I think we have been faced by almost every problem that could arise concerning cats and their owners, but am pleased to say that we have been able to give at least some help and advice in every case. During the year we have placed 70 cats and kittens in new homes and visited many others who were placed in previous years. We have traced and returned 5 lost cats to their owners—and arranged many more spayings and neuterings this year.

We have had great help with transport; I must particularly thank Mrs. Fiennes who always gets me to and from the meetings whatever the weather. Also Mrs. Kirwan and Mrs. Cooper who act as district nurses, assisting owners with treatments or dressings at home and doing much to rehabilitate some of the neglected cats. Mrs. Pullen and Mrs. Headley are doing the same in the Sturry area. We have representatives at Littlebourne, Deal, Faversham, Whitstable, Herne Bay and Thanet, and many of the Boarding Establishments and Veterinary Surgeons round the coast have all given assistance particularly in home finding.

Our baskets are always in use and cages have been on loan for the nursing of two seriously injured cats. Both made good recoveries. We now own three very nice cedar-wood cat houses and their runs which are completely portable. The library is still adding new books, and magazines are always on sale. The Newsletter goes out regularly, also "The Cat" magazine. We continue to board cats for sick and aged owners and people in temporary difficulties. In fact the work never stops!

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We have also had a very successful year of social activities, including Jumble Sales, Coffee Mornings and tea parties, etc.

Once again thank you everyone, for the wonderful amount of work, time and energy that has made all this possible. Special thanks to the male members and friends who do so much work and organising so quietly in the background, and also the patient husbands and relatives who drive the cars.

EDMONTON

We must begin this Report with an apology for not submitting a report for the last issue of our magazine, but we have been extremely busy. Visitors from far and wide have visited the Sanctuary and have been unanimous in their praise. A gentleman from Ireland was most impressed by our work, and has promised to visit us whenever he is in England. A lady visitor from Switzerland has promised us a parcel of Swiss embroidery and other goodies for our sales, which we are eagerly awaiting. With so many visitors coming and going, we are beginning to feel that our Sanctuary is like Grand Central Station.

Mrs. Walledge has, of course, long been famed for her work on behalf of animals, and has recently enjoyed a great deal of publicity in the National Press; this has kept her very busy answering an enormous fan mail, a task which she is only too happy to undertake, along with entertaining her many friends and visitors.

More good news. We are absolutely delighted to have at the Sanctuary our new Mascot—Glen. He is a beautiful St. Bernard, and we often call him Monarch of The Glen, as he is so magnificent. Glen is already coming up to expectations doing good work for the cats, as our other St. Bernards have done before him. Need we add that we adore him.

Dear Nicholas, one of our O.A.P. cats, wishes to thank the very kind lady who regularly sends him a tin of chicken, to which he is very partial. Readers will no doubt remember that several months ago Nicholas had an operation for the removal of an external tumour. We are glad to report that he is enjoying life, and food, and is very happy.

This summer, as was to be expected, we have taken in and sheltered a large number of cats and kittens, and we are doing our utmost to find good homes for them all.

Our ambulance has been called to several accident cases, and in some cases the cat involved has been saved by skilled veterinary help and happily restored to its Owner.

Mrs. Walledge sends a special 'Thank you' to all her friends and supporters who regularly send jumble, bazaar goods, etc., to help her in her work.

GLOSSOP

Our sale of Christmas Presents is to be held on Saturday November 2nd. from 11.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. at Community House, Market Street, Glossop. Admission is free, coffee, tea and snacks will be available. Friends unable to come may care to send a donation however small to enable us to carry on the work of rescue and feeding of destitute cats. The whole of the proceeds of the sale will be devoted to this work.

We regret to say that lack of income has compelled us to reduce supplies of tinned pet food to the old people who feed and shelter strays.

Our main responsibility is for the destitute ones we have rescued and boarded out until homes can be found. At present we have nineteen cats and twelve kittens in our care. Now the holiday period is over more good homes are available.

During the past two months we have found homes for thirteen cats and twelve kittens, and another lost one has been restored to her owners.

We are most interested in Mr. Steward's plans for Animal Birth Control. Already we have done quite a lot in this direction, and are now faced with more demands than we can meet financially. Many people with large families, also O.A.P.'s are willing to pay half the cost. However, most of these people seem quite incapable of making their own arrangements with a Veterinary Surgeon. Safe transport is essential and can be a very expensive item. A few fibre glass carriers available on free loan in various parts of the area would help to cut costs. These now cost £4.5.0d. each, but as they are so easily disinfected they would be most useful for this purpose. Liza's many friends will be pleased to know, that she has gone to a very good home with a large garden.

Prunella and her five kittens are the ones now most in need of little extras. These were not strays but neglected unwanted in Hyde where they had been begging food from neighbours. The six weeks old kittens and their mother are all very thin but active, and are responding to good regular meals.

We have adopted another old cat ourselves. A person in Ashton-under-Lyne asked if we could do anything for Bardy. It seems he had been abandoned five years ago and she had fed him and given him a piece of carpet to sleep on in a garden frame. She thought he would not stand another winter out of doors. He would sit on her doorstep, but her husband would not have him in the house. Recently he had been mauled by a dog and she had got veterinary treatment for him. Unfortunately, we found he was suffering

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from inner ear trouble, but he seems to be responding to treatment by our own veterinary surgeon. He now has every comfort we can provide and has settled in well with other cats.

We thank Headquarters for the trap with which we hope to bring in the tortoiseshell cat living under a shed, mentioned in our last report. Over three months ago when the old lady who owned her was taken to hospital, she ran out of the house and no one has since been able to pick her up or entice her indoors. Neighbours are putting food out for her.

These are only samples of the many problems with which we are faced. Sometimes we feel the worry and responsibility of it will get us down, but when we remember we are the only source of hope for so many of these unfortunate cats and kittens we manage to carry on somehow. With the help of old and new friends we hope to be able to provide adequate winter food and shelter, at least for the fortunate ones known to us.

Miss J. Houston wishes me to thank friends who send library books and do not enclose an address for reply. I also add my thanks for postal orders and parcels received anonymously, also for green shield and S&H trading stamps sent to Miss M. Thomas, 292 Hyde Road, Woodley, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire. A receipt will be sent for a complete book. As postal charges are so heavy a stamp for reply to letters would always be welcome.

A Reminder for Cat Owners. Cats in common with other animals need clean drinking water always available. Please remember to put some out for strays.

LONDON COMMITTEE

We are now preparing for our Christmas Bazaar, by the time these notes appear, it will be over, but at this moment it is difficult to think of anything else! It is very important to us to make a real success of the bazaars for we rely on them for our funds, and funds are essential!

The work of the London Committee covers a wide field, most specially in the issuing of vouchers for speying. This was launched as our work just twenty years ago. At that time we had to include some "educational" instruction, as many people did not know about speying, now it is well-known, but still has to be urged on thoughtless cat-owners, many of whom are truly fond of their cats, but inclined to postpone the speying. We have managed for twenty years to stick to our first principle:— speying for any female cat or kitten whose owner will let it be done, but we are now facing the question of whether we can afford to continue on the same scale. We have a special neutering fund from which

we pay, and into which many owners have repaid in small sums the big outlay. Repayments are becoming less and less, and of course, costs are rising. If anyone would like to help, we would be glad of donations to the neutering fund. It is good work.

The Rescue Centre is now coping with semi-wild cats from derelict sites in London, the Milton Memorial Garden-pens are full. The cats have most of them started their lives as pets, and it is wonderful how soon they remember their old ways, but they need a lot of veterinary attention. We now have five ready for new homes, five well on the way, and six who have a long way to go, but who will be pleasant pets in the future. And then of course, we also have Minni-Ha-Ha, the wickedest small cat we have ever had, she spilt her milk and danced in it onto her new blanket, she climbed up behind her house and dropped off onto my head when I crawled to find her, she picked up dollops of cat-food in her paws and threw them through the wire netting into the next pen and terrorised two huge gentle cats . . . every day she thinks of something new to do and it is always awful. If any kind person wants to help a wicked cat, she would like 2/6 extra for rabbit. The good, gentle cats probably would like extra rabbit too, but somehow it is Minni-Ha-Ha who lets us know what she wants!

Curio corner is still very active. We are being asked for all sorts of things, old beads, old paperweights, and anything in brass is specially wanted. Jade, Jet, ivory, mother-of-pearl and Tunbridge-Wells-Ware are all saleable. Can anyone give us a kimona? Or anything from old Japan? Our nugget is growing, we welcome for it any little bit of gold, no matter what.

We have plans for several coffee mornings and Bring-and-Buy tea-parties, so please send us anything you can to stock the stalls. Thank you very much.

MANCHESTER

After two years of trials and tribulations we are now ready for an intensive humane campaign in the greater Manchester area.

Our establishment at 155, Burton Road, West Didsbury, Manchester, M.20.8.LL., has been renovated and decorated throughout. We have accommodation for 33 cats and special cages for kittens. With an estimated 1,000,000 stray cats in the country it is obvious that Mr. Steward and his conscientious staff at Headquarters, as well as loyal workers in all Branches, will be actively engaged in rescue work and endeavouring to alleviate the unnecessary sufferings inflicted upon these homeless creatures. We,

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in Manchester, will play our part in the perpetual campaign to bring succour to those creatures desperately in need of same.

Our Committee is seeking a reliable Care-taker for the "Clinic"; to live in and see to the care and welfare of the cats under our supervision until good homes are found. Any enquiries should be sent to the Honorary Secretary at the address above.

With the ever increasing cost involved in the running of a Branch we do appeal to "Cat Lovers" in the north to join our ranks and so help colleagues and myself to inject new life into our Branch. After two years of stalemate, primarily brought about by the illness of Miss Mabel Spurr, we are now eager to revive our Branch. Miss Spurr is far from well and we are sure "Cat Lovers" everywhere will join with us in wishing her God's speed in her recovery. The loss of her devoted pet "Darkie" who raised over a £1,000 for our Branch was a severe blow to her, especially as "Darkie" passed away from a broken heart during her stay in hospital. However, after complete re-organisation etc., we will now forge ahead in our humane endeavours on behalf of creatures in need of care and friendship.

My most grateful thanks Readers for having taken the time to read this, my first report, on behalf of the Manchester Branch in the capacity of Honorary Secretary.

Arthur Thompson.

NORTH LONDON BRANCH

We are now just beginning to recover our breath after the Summer rush. During August, we took in over 400 cats, mainly pets to be put to sleep because they were an inconvenience during the holiday period. Most owners excused themselves by saying that they were bringing a stray which had wandered into their garden. September was little better. The holiday period places a great strain on our staff, and we are most grateful to Mrs. Dempsey and Miss Neary—who carry on regardless and never complain, also our Driver Mr. Corroyer, who has to cope with a large number of collections.

Autumn has brought with it an increase in offers of good homes. We were thrilled recently to place in a wonderful home two long haired sisters who had been inseparable companions for several months at the Shelter. Another grey cat, brought to us at three weeks old, has also gone to a very good home with one of our members. When brought in, three nursing mothers rejected him and it was necessary to rear him on the bottle. The care and patience of the Shelter Staff was well rewarded when he went to a good home, a strong lad of 8 weeks.

Late one rainy night last May, an imperative knocking on the Shelter door revealed two young boys, whose request to Miss Neary was "Please, 'ave you got a Muvver?". One of them was carrying a three day old kitten which had been abandoned on a building site. Fortunately, we did have a nursing "Muvver" who accepted the kitten without fuss. We are delighted that the poor waif has been placed in a good home, at four months old.

Will anyone find good homes for two short haired white cats, both spayed and at present resident with us?

Our permanent residents keep well. Straykins is disgusted with humans since he had an ingrowing dew claw clipped. In spite of his 18 years, he leaps on to a 7 foot cupboard at the entry of any stranger into the Shelter.

The increase in printing costs and postage has hit us hard. We send out by post 460 notices of our sales and the abolition of the 3d post means another 460 pence in postage for each event.

Once again, we express our thanks to our helper Miss Whitman for all her efforts at home finding on our behalf. During the last Bank Holiday Miss Whitman came from Wallington, Surrey, took several of our cats and kittens back with her and thus saved our staff a great deal of work over the holiday and saved us the cost of feeding these cats.

Make a note in your diary—our Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday December 14th at the Holloway Baptist Church in Holloway Road, N.7. (just North of the Royal Northern Hospital). We open at 11 a.m. and continue until about 4 p.m. Goods for sale would be very gratefully received by the Secretary. We have stalls for all sorts of goods, so that anything you send will be on display for sale. Those gifts you received last Christmas and haven't yet used would be most saleable, and would help to swell our funds.

Lastly, we again remind you that very attractive Christmas cards for sale at 9/- per dozen plus postage. They are some of the most attractive cards obtainable, all showing some of our past inmates. Postage is about eightpence a dozen.

SOUTHAMPTON

The Southampton Branch of the C.P.L. raised £92.10.9d. gross at the Southampton Common Show (12th and 13th July this year) and the Jumble Sale held at the Cavendish Hall on the 17th of this month raised £37.10.0d. gross.

SUSSEX

During the last two months we have helped with more neutering than usual. Quite a number of people who were unable to find homes for their kittens came to us for help, and we advised having the mother cats spayed to save having more unwanted kittens, and we have helped with the expense.

Readers will be glad to hear that we had a letter from the new owner of Jenny, the little mother cat who with her kittens we took from the mentally sub-normal child. She tells us that Jenny soon settled in her new home and seems very happy.

When shopping in a busy street I noticed a pretty kitten of about three months old running about outside a butcher's shop. He was obviously hungry and could smell the meat, but was scared of all the hurrying people and the traffic. I picked him up and he was thin and a bit grubby, and so hungry that he nibbled at my fingers. Just when I was wondering what to do about him one of our members came along and I asked her if she knew where the kitten belonged. She told me that she knew the owners and that they neglected the poor little thing, and he was left out at night and not well fed—in fact they didn't want him. I decided to take him home where I gave him food and milk, and he was just ravenous. After having devoured a large meal and drunk four saucers of milk he found the most comfortable chair in the office, and having rubbed his face against mine to say 'thank you' he curled up and slept. Later in the morning I sent him up to Cat Haven. He was only there three days when some people who went up to choose a kitten took a fancy to him and gave him a happy home.

This week we have found homes for three kittens, enabling us to make room for a mother cat and her two babies. A lady had been feeding the mother who seemed to be living in the woods at the back of her house, and then one day she turned up with two six week old kittens; they will be ready for homes soon.

We have received gifts for Simm's Shoppe from all over the country for which we are very grateful, and we would like to say 'thank you' for £1 sent anonymously by an O.A.P. for 'the cats', and to tell her that we found a good home for the cat she mentions. Thank you again 'Cutie Cat of Devon' for your donation to help the mother of four'. We are indeed grateful.

Our Coffee Evening on August 1st was a great success, and resulted in a profit of £25.5.6d. Our thanks to the two hostesses Mrs. Redway and Mrs. Squires and their helpers.

ULSTER BRANCH

Bit by bit I'm catching up with news items which have got a wee bit behind, partly because there was no Magazine in July and partly because there was so much going on in the Ulster Branch during the Spring and Summer.

Last month I got as far as the White Elephant Sale which took place early in June. The next big event was our General Meeting on 26th June when the Committee members were At Home to all who cared to come at 147 Cliftonpark Avenue. This seems to be turning into a sort of tradition and a popular one at that. A large number of people come along to see the cats and inspect the new isolation unit. The Ballot, organised by Mr. and Mrs. McBride was incorporated with this Meeting and no doubt had a lot to do with the excellent attendance. The Committee wish to express their appreciation of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. McBride in arranging this Ballot and needless to say we also thank the donors of the lovely prizes and the members who bought tickets. An amount of £130 was raised. Musical entertainment was provided by Miss Lorna Gulston and a nice supper was served to all present.

At the end of July a Jumble Sale was held and although this was rather hastily arranged and many people were on holidays about £20 was added to Funds. Again may I thank the organizers and helpers. I would also like to record our gratitude to Mrs. Miller and Felix who did a wonderful job apple gathering in the orchard—I think they managed to make about £10 for apple sales which represented a lot of hard work.

The summer was, as usual, quite hectic and the Shelter was always overflowing. However our wonderful weather was much enjoyed by the cats and when they can be out all day long it does make the work a bit easier. We got some very successful homes but mostly for kittens. We still have many adult cats waiting hopefully. I wonder would any person offer a super home to a special little cat rescued in a very bad condition but now nursed back to health though it will never regain the use of one eye. Its original owners were traced but they "didn't know where it slept" "supposed it lived by catching mice" and said it had caught a cold as a kitten and never got over it. It was unhealthy for the children and they even offered money to have it "done in". It's extremely affectionate and adores climbing trees. It would make a marvellous pet for someone—and it deserves a chance. Any offers? Surely someone, somewhere in Ulster could make room for it. Please!

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We record, with sorrow, the death of Miss Barbara Forbes-Bassett, a good friend of the Ulster Branch and adoptive "mum" of Ginger. It was touching to learn that at the funeral pride of place went to a wreath of yellow "mums" and the inscription read "In gratitude, from Ginger".

Stop Press

Our Sale of Work was a great success—final figures are not available but the last amount I heard was over £280 so it seems we have reached our target of £250 and some to spare. This is a wonderful result—many thanks to all who helped to achieve it.

Cat Show

Adult cat (Colour) and Best of Show. Mrs. I. Parker, 170 Shore Road, Greenisland, Co. Antrim. Adult Cat (Black/White) Mrs. V. Press, 8 Norwyn Ave., Donaghadee. Kittens. Miss V. Adamson, 6 Mount Joy, Durham City. We had so few kittens we just made one class for them.

Finally—there will be a Jumble Sale in November so send us all your unwanted.

WEST CORNWALL

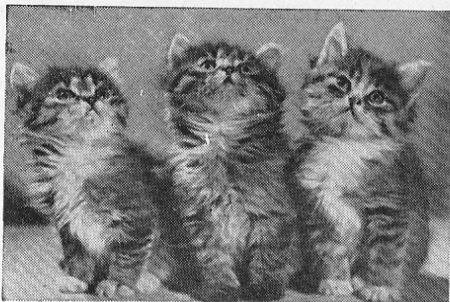
Summer has ended, but Open days continue. Cat lovers from all parts of the country have sought us out, admired the cats and catteries and supported our Cause. A good many folk could or would not abide by the rules and turned up on the wrong days without appointments, we did our best for them but it threw us out terribly and our days seemed to finish later and later. However we managed to help many with their problems and Cats' Bazaar proved a profitable attraction and the total takings stand at £140. This is a tremendous help and we are more than grateful to the people who have kept the shelves full. Mrs. Crossley-Meates our President seems to find large quantities of the most desirable items and these treasures liven the old building up considerably. Regular parcels from "fans" and visitors help to keep up stocks and we have something for everyone. We have been most fortunate with friends who have given up their Saturday afternoons to man the stalls, bazaar, catteries and tea garden. The large quantities of books we receive were taken over by teenager Bill Visick who not only has spent almost every Saturday in the capacity of librarian but also several days a week as general factotum, and has answered phone and door bells, soothed irate folk, helped in the catteries and made himself indispensable. Thanks Bill and all my kind girl, (and boy) friends who have been absolute bricks.

Letters are still going a bit haywire and the increase in the letter rates haven't helped either. Then when we do receive them we often haven't the time to reply at once. Please forgive delays, after a days slog it takes some discipline to sit down and write a dozen or so letters after midnight. Incidentally letters would be answered much more promptly if hand writing was clear or better still letters typed, and a S.A.E. is an absolute boon to a busy HON. ORG. SEC. as well as a terrific save on funds. Our yearly postage costs are considerable. Then there are phone calls, these persist day and night and we are expected to give snap decisions on complicated matters and long conversations ensue regarding cat problems, if we happen to explain that we were in the throes of cooking, feeding cats, or attending to the vet then often the caller loses patience and we are in disgrace again . . . Too many people expect a twenty four hour a day, seven days a week service from anyone who happens to set up an animal welfare organisation particularly if it is voluntary, but contrary to popular belief we do enjoy an occasional bath, the odd meal and an evening to the cinema once in a while, and when these mad bouts of extravagances are criticised we are apt to hit back, only to be asked "Well what do you do it for then?"

Cats and kittens galore this year. My statement last month that we do not keep kittens brought in a few queries from readers, and I beg to explain that we do not ignore the plight of unwanted kittens, but we do have them put to sleep and persuade owners of litters to do the same and to have the mother car spayed and offer to help with costs if needed. In order to rescue, neuter, feed, house and care for three hundred unwanted cats a year we need an average of £20 for each cat. This does not include paid help. These cats go to new homes in fine and trouble free condition. We rarely have outbreaks of infection in the catteries and the cats are properly cared for. We could not possibly attempt this high standard if we overloaded our catteries with crowds of homeless cats and kittens. Funds are limited and regular practical help impossible, so we try to keep the work within our scope and do our best under the circumstances.

We hope to continue Open Days on Saturday afternoons until the weather turns really cold, but we plan to have a Christmas Bazaar and would be glad to have oddments to sell.

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MEMBERS CORNER

Not all cats are thieves. We had a dear cat named Tydney and he never stole a thing. I came home from the office one day to hear him wailing very sadly and found him outside the open window. My father had taken the tea tray up and stood it on the table in front of the open window and then left it and dear old Tyd was gazing sadly at a plate of salmon which adorned the centre of the tray. But he didn't touch it. He was served fish as a reward, of course. Another of our cats had only one weakness—he couldn't resist beet-root! G.I.F.

I am writing to say how strongly I agree with Frieda Le Pla that cats attach themselves to *people* rather than places.

Many years ago I adopted a half wild sandy cat aged about two years old. He was my constant companion day and night for six years, until he died. During those six years he accompanied me through a series of residential jobs, and also on holidays. Wherever we went he always regarded my room as his home and seemed perfectly content there, though in a new place he would be nervous *outside* my room, and anxious to return to it. Never once in the whole of those six years did he leave me or get lost.

Incidentally, he was a hunter of no mean ability, yet I could leave him for hours alone in my room with my canary. Never once did he attempt to touch it for he knew it was "ours". Mary Telfer.

I have read the article Round and About—concerning the neutering and spaying of cats—with the help of the C.P.L. and other cat lovers. I firmly believe much could be done throughout the country, if, eventually enough voluntary workers could be found to work in districts, to do what I have been doing for several years now. It is this:—I do all I can to propagate the advantages of neutering and speying and then I undertake to make the

necessary appointment with the vet for the operation and then collect the cat, take it to the vet and return it in certain cases, such as with a queen from a home with small children, I keep the cat for a day or two in my cat kennel. In the case of "Toms" I bring them to my house—sometimes two or three at a time and the vet comes to do the job doing a local anesthetic. Any case needing a full anesthetic of course I take to the surgery. I now have a fair reputation and anyone who has a cat problem comes along.

There are many country districts as this one, where it is difficult to get to the surgery at surgery hours for those at work. Also some people cannot cope with contacting the vet on their own.

All one needs is a bit of time, a love for cats, and the indispensable motor car and a cat basket or two. Miss J. E. Napier.

The Gift

My much loved ginger cat has a passion for wool. He roams around and brings me back balls of it. Once I saw him come from a nearby house, where a new baby had recently arrived. He crossed the road with two balls of lovely baby wool between his teeth, and when I scolded him, as he laid them at my feet, he picked them up and took them back. Mrs. R. H. Leytonstone, London.

Thieving Cats. (Aqui é gato encerrado!)

Letter to the S.W. Electricity Board: "When you receive refrigerators and other items with doors which have to be kept closed in transit, do you get any protective corner-pieces with them? One of my cats has found out how to open my refrigerator door and I am having to put a wide elastic band right round the entire unit . . ." And the reply: "Unfortunately closures in transit are effected only with adhesive tapes. We cannot suggest anything better than the elastic band . . ."

Was I having mental lapses? Imagining I'd done things I hadn't? Was the magnet held door failing intermittently to function? The truth began to dawn the day I found a shelf slightly pulled out. Yes, Rusalka, (Oh! Silver Moon—most of my girl-cats are operatic heroines) my huge stripey, believed to have come from some gypsies, had been watching with a good deal of interest as I put away the fish.

Next time she watched something going into the fridge I listened for noises-off in the kitchen. Not long to wait; silently I peeped round the door. One action of one huge paw was enough to break the magnet-hold. The shelves were inspected, the one carrying the chiller pulled out, the chiller pulled off, and—

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clatter—delidded with her nose. Time to intervene! No sense of guilt at all. I was in the wrong for greedily hiding delicacies and being silly enough to think they couldn't be found. Mrs. F. J. Collier, (Mary Collier), Lapwing, Musbury, Axminster, Devon.

Here is a little story I thought you would like to hear.

When we moved to the new house we bought our two cats with us, both tabbies, TOSCA, 10 years, and BESSIE, 2 years. Bessie settled down very well and after doing what I tell everyone else to do such as keep them in for a few weeks and don't feed before you let them out also butter their feet, I let them out. Bessie at once made a tour of the garden and came back in for breakfast Tosca disappeared over the fence and did not return. We were very worried and put adverts up everywhere including the local paper, a kind lady rang a week later and said she thought he was in her garden. We went straight there and it was to our delight Tosca, a little thinner but otherwise alright. It is now seven months since we moved and I am glad to say Tosca now goes out and returns quite happily. Both cats wear a collar with an elastic inset complete with name and new address on a disc.

Jean Rovey.

The Cat Without a Name

She was a long-haired buff-coloured cat and came from a home where she was not wanted. Her brother was made much of, but the poor little sister was left out in the cold and received no petting or affection. So she wandered off on her own and made friends with some kind people who stroked and made a fuss of her and gave her the petting she lacked.

Strange to say she would not take food from her kind friends, but returned to her so-called home to be fed and to pass the night. All she wanted was a little notice and petting. Whether she was properly fed seems doubtful, as the poor darling was very thin.

It is a well known fact that domestic animals need affection, and they get it as a rule in most homes. It is strange that our friend has no name. What a home for the poor neglected waif! E.M.F.

DONATIONS TO CATS' PROTECTION LEAGUE IN MEMORY OF MAURICE C. PIKE

From: Mrs. Hanna, A. Solan, W. C. Billingham, W. H. H. Durling, Ann Udal, Arthur H. Stocker, Y. A. M. Stott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bick, Miss L. S. Connon.

The Animal Welfare league of South Australia Inc.

On behalf of the above League, may I express our sincere thanks for your help in sending us a copy of your Pictorial Brochure of the Leagues Headquarters.

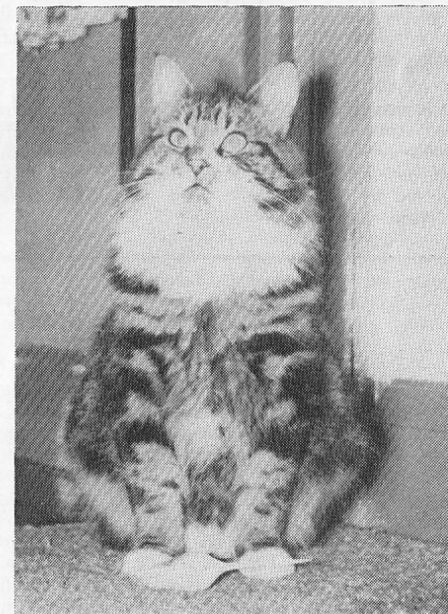
We are filled with admiration and it gives us the inspiration to set our goal to similar heights. Thank you again. Joyce Mills (Mrs.) General Secretary.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to yourself and your staff for the very kind care and treatment you showed to my cat Sandy in her recent and rather prolonged stay with you. Thank you once again. (Mrs.) M. Barber.

I enclose 10/- for six Ball Point pens, hoping you still have them in stock.

It's such a good idea to introduce your League to people, I often speak of you to people who are lovers of cats and yet haven't heard such a society exists.

Thank you for magazine which is so interesting each month. F.H.



IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Kinkie Kola little "King of Siam" Tailwaver No. 3350, our loving faithful friend, companion and entertainer for 15 years and 10 months. Helped gently to sleep Aug. 8th, 1968. M.H.R. (Missus) and the Aunts.

BONNIE, born May 25th 1957. Put to sleep July 8th, 1968, after a short distressing illness; for 11 years the very loving, gentle and faithful friend of Margaret Neville.

Girlie, 9th Sept. 1948: still a companion after 20 years in our hearts. E.R.R.-T: E.M.P. In memory of my dear Sam, a good and loved companion for 14 years. I C S.

BEE-BEE (1950-1965) my dear companion for fifteen years. Remembered every day by his Mum. F.G.S.

In ever loving memory of my precious little Puss "Timmy" who fell asleep on 31st Aug. 1968. Sadly missed by my sister and me. I. Neale.

In memory of our beloved "Tinker" T.W. 2028 who died on Oct. 29th, 1954, aged 17½ years; and our own darling "Smudgie" who died on Aug. 4th, 1966 aged 13 years, as well as all our other Pets—all loved: never forgotten. Eric and Elsa Martyr.

In loving memory of "Pussy" a most beautiful and unusual chocolate-coloured cat with vivid green eyes, who died in Rothesay on August 22nd, 1968, aged 12 years. Sadly missed by his mistress, Mrs. Wood and the summer boarders.

To "Timothy" our beautiful silver tabby baby (neutered) who was stolen from our home 18th Sept. 1968. Aged six months and for whom we still search. Mrs. C. S. Monham-Brown, 12A Station Road, West Drayton, Middx.

Darling Terry. Put to sleep with much love and sorrow from Mummie and Auntie. Aug. 16th 1967.
"Ce n'est pas adieu, mais au revoir".
Rosalind Denis-Browne.

In loving memory of one of the extremely kind, gentle, friendly and most affectionate cats we have ever known, "Dinkie-Do's" most commonly known as "Do-DO's" Proctor, aged 13 years old on 15th September, 1968—died peacefully after an illness of nine months, from cancer, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday 23rd September, 1968.

We shall always love and remember him and shall miss him so very much, things will not ever be the same now that he is no longer with us.

We hope that his long sleep will be happy and peaceful.

From:— Mrs. E. M. Proctor, 32 Kingsway Court, Kingsway, Hove 3, Sussex. Also from:— Miss S. Proctor and "Kitty-Witty" Proctor, T.W. 4125, 36 Kersfield House, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15.

In un-failing memory of my sweet Panda, most affectionate, intelligent home loving cat, put to sleep July 22nd, 1968, aged 13 years. So sadly missed. E. Giles.

In ever loving memory of our very own Baby Tweens who passed over on the 28th September 1968, and also our very own dearest Boy who passed over 1st December 1967. Both aged 10 years, 9½ months. Our most heartfelt thanks for all the love they gave us. For ever in our hearts. Mr. and Mrs. W.F.H.

HOMES WANTED

Lovely black and white female cat (spaying arrangements in hand) 8 months old approx. Needs good home with no other cats. Apply Mrs. Rust, 17 St. Norbert Road, Brockley, S.E.4.

Beautiful Large Tabby with white front. Age about 5. Name Billie. Needs quiet home. Very clean. Apply Mr. Bradley, 267 Wood Lane, Dagenham, Essex. Phone 592-1328.

Kind home (or homes) desperately wanted for two lovely black and white kittens, male, born 22.7.68. Would arrange delivery. Mrs. Pipkin, 66, Humberston Avenue, Humberston, Grimsby, Lincs.

Two young female cats. Dark tortoiseshell, smooth silky coats, part Siamese. Seek kind person to give them a home or they will have to be destroyed. Mrs. Beck, Green Hedges, Banbury Lane, Byfield, via Rugby.

Mrs. Adela Hammerton Armstrong.

With great regret we note the passing of Mrs. Armstrong. As Adela Hammerton, the pianist, she will be mourned by musicians, but we will miss a very good kind friend to all needy cats. She never had fewer than three of her own; the most famous of them all being Lohengrin, the smoke Persian who lived for nineteen years. During the war she made an air-shelter in a basement store-room to which cats from all round Holland Park were brought when the sirens sounded. In 1946 the Cats' Protection League London Committee started up and even to-day members will remember the wonderful party Mrs. Armstrong gave to celebrate our "debut." Mrs. Armstrong played a whole programme of music dedicated to cats, she hunted through the whole history of music to find unusual selections. And ever since then, she has not failed to help us on every occasion. We would like to have a pen for stray cats in our Rescue Centre in her memory, if possible a large double pen which would take up to eight cats together. Anyone who wishes to give support to this, please send a donation, marked "Mrs. A." to 12 The Close, New Malden, Surrey.

Moddy the tom cat looks a picture of contentment these days, as four playful kittens romp all over him.

But it wasn't always like that. For six-year-old Moddy was very much the quarrelsome type who had a new scar to show practically every time he came home.

The remarkable change in him began the day he returned to his home in Goodmayes-lane, Goodmayes, Essex, carrying a kitten between his teeth.

His owner, Mrs. Wendy McMillan, watched in amazement as he carefully put the kitten down, washed it from head to toe and put it to bed.

Two hours later Moddy was back again with a second kitten, then a third and finally, a fourth. Three of them have markings just like his own, and Mrs. McMillan, 25, said yesterday: "I think he must be their Dad. Their mother must either have died or abandoned them".

The kittens—called Tiger, Pug, Milky and Pontius Pilate—are three or four weeks old and they have settled in happily.

DAILY MIRROR
October 1st, 1968.

Mrs. B. jumps to the defence of stolen pups and pussies.

A protest petition, aimed at the catnappers and dog snatchers who feed research laboratories with stolen domestic pets, is now reverberating far from its original Oadby launching pad.

Campaigner behind it is 32-year-old housewife Eileen Bent, who meets Member of Parliament John Peel at her Wigston Road home next month.

He will be handed more than 5,000 signatures and urged to pressure Parliament into tackling the black market in cats and dogs.

Mrs. Bent herself sets out not to give the impression that she is just another animal-loving "crank".

"Stealing in itself is a crime and animals can be bred for laboratory use. It's just that the labs prefer stolen animals because they are cheaper," she explained.

The market rate for a stolen pet is £2 to £5 for a cat and £4 for a dog. These prices are paid to stealers by the dealers who then make a profit of 100 per cent in the transaction with the laboratory.

Mrs. Bent's strenuous name-collecting has had its effect in other areas and now Birmingham and Yorkshire are joining in.

But cat and dognapping is not a great conscience-pricker, as Mrs. Bent has discovered. Working from her home, she dispatched 1,163 petition forms to every conceivable club and organisation in city and county. Only 122 found their way back—just like the strays.

Next problem is convincing Britain's great animal-loving public that it goes on. Catching thieves cat-handed is almost impossible, although it has happened and resulted in an identity parade of 22 cats which brought 400 owners in search of their missing pets.

But she can refer to John Bleby, director of the Medical Research Council's laboratory animal centre. He estimates that three-quarters of the establishments using research animals buy them on the black market.

In Leicester last year, a woman in Syston Street saw her cat snatched up into a van that disappeared. So did her cat.

One drawback, perhaps, is that the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection is behind the campaign. And many ordinary people get tired of the sustained emotional bellowing of the anti-vivisectionists.

As Mrs. Bent pointed out: "This is not a vivisection matter".

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