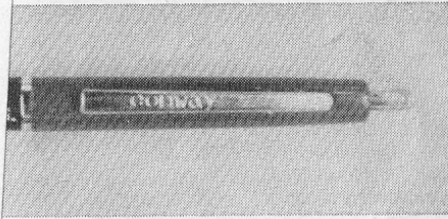


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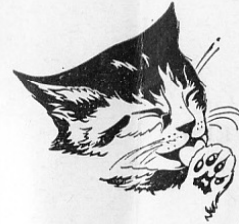
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**JULY/AUGUST 1971**

Reference is made to the meeting of 24th March 1971 when the above was discussed - Mr. Steward having withdrawn from the meeting. It is now recorded that it was unanimously decided that Mr. Steward be paid a gratuity of £5,000 subject to the agreement of the Charity Commissioners. It can now be reported that such agreement has been received and can be confirmed that this payment was made by the League's Solicitors on the 4th October 1971.

**MR. A. A. STEWARD - RETIREMENT**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

### CHANGES MUST COME

Forty four years ago the Cats' Protection League came to Slough, where the Slough Cat Club formed the hub of the new Society. Mr. Steward was put in charge and a house was given where the Stewards would live and begin the great work which has filled their lives ever since. Forty four years, living over one's work, snatching holidays whenever the chance arose, nothing short of the deepest devotion to cats could have achieved such a record.

That devotion the League found in Mr. and Mrs. Steward. Try to imagine 24 hours a day seven days a week, on call to answer any appeals for help that must be dealt with. That has been the Stewards' life for all these years. The result of this is a League standing firmly on its feet, making itself felt in the animal world.

It is hardly surprising that Mr. Steward at last finds he has had enough and has said that he will retire on the 30th June. We must regretfully accept his decision, while we sympathise with it. Although no longer actively engaged in the League's work I am glad to say that the Stewards will still be on hand to help us with advice from their accumulated experience.

It only remains for me to try to express the sincere gratitude that we must all feel towards two people who set out with an aim in view - to help cats and lessen the distress amongst them - and who have built us such an admirable organisation for that purpose. Very few of us can look back over our lives and see such achievements behind us.

Let us wish them happy years to enjoy well earned leisure.

Osyth Sherratt  
Chairman

As a postscript to my announcement of Mr. Steward's retiring, I am glad to be able to report that the League has the good fortune to obtain the services of Mr. Parratt for the post of Secretary.

Mr. Parratt has already proved his interest in the League's work in various ways. As you know, he has filled the position of Hon. Treasurer for two years; Mrs. Parratt, also is sincerely interested in the work and drives the van, fetching and carrying and doing much necessary trapping.

Please join with me in wishing him well in this venture of his. May he never regret relinquishing his present occupation on the Great Western Railway.

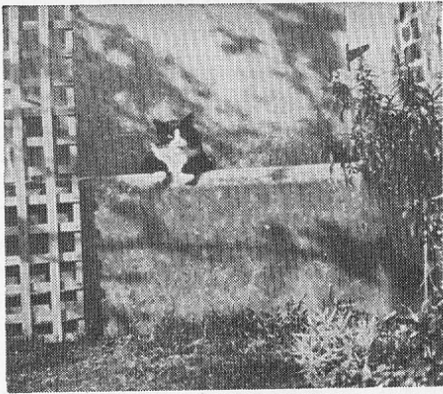
Osyth Sherratt

## PLEASE NOTE

IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY it has been decided to use this copy of the magazine/Report as an invitation to the Annual General Meeting which, as I expect you already know, will be held on the 10th July, 1971 at Caxton Hall (Kent Room) at 3.00 p.m. and the Agenda will be printed on the back of this issue. Please bring your copy of the Magazine/Report with you.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS As suggested at the A.G.M. last year we are printing a complete Statement of Accounts separately and copies will be available for all who would like to have one. They will be available at the A.G.M. In response to a request we are giving the number of staff employed at Headquarters and their various duties. As I have said in a previous issue of the magazine we

have never been over staffed and at times we find it extremely difficult to keep up to date even with the staff that we have. Those employed at Headquarters are, apart from myself and my wife who was a full time voluntary worker now retired with me, there is Miss Poole my assistant and shorthand typist, Miss North shorthand typist, Miss Hyson typist/records, Miss Davies typist/records, Mrs. Saunders typist/neutering project and Miss Durka typist/telephonist. The Clinic Staff are:- Mrs. Shea, in charge, Miss Cam second in charge, Miss Hatcher and Miss Quartermain Cattery assistants and Mrs Parratt part time ambulance driver. I think this takes care of all that has been required of us to supply information which was considered necessary.



## ROUND AND ABOUT

*Report and Comments on "this and that" concerning the welfare of cats and kittens and the work of the League generally by the General Secretary/Editor.*

### A FAIT ACCOMPLI

It has taken forty-odd years to bring about the success that the League's position in the world of Animal Welfare and moneywise now shows. Every inch of the way has been fought to put the League on the map and make it stick there, by virtue of its achievements on behalf of the least understood and least appreciated of the domestic pets.

My wife and I are proud to have had the opportunity of raising the status of cats through our combined efforts over the years and we now step down, somewhat regretfully to make way for younger people with the physical strength to carry on the good work. It is really a question of the spirit being more than willing but the years of constant endeavour demand that we call a halt. We can now relax in the knowledge of something attempted, something done and solemn promises to keep the League's flag flying have been kept.

**THE FUTURE** Your Chairman has announced my successor, Mr. Parratt, and he is assured of any assistance or advice that I can give in dealing with some of the knotty problems with which he is likely to be faced. For the time being my wife and I will still be resident at Prestbury Lodge, 29 Church Street, Slough by agreement with the Executive Committee, but please note in the event of members wishing to write to us and in order that our mail can be kept apart from that of the League if such correspondence is addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Steward, 29 Church Street Slough it should put matters right.

For the time being too I will officiate as Editor of the magazine, so you will be hearing something of us from time to time. At this stage I would like to express my sincere

appreciation of the support that has been given, both in connection with the work of the League as such and the editing of the magazine. It has not always been possible to publish stories, photographs or poems but there may still be time to include anything outstanding before somebody else takes over. What more can I say but "thank you".

**APOLOGIES** Over the past few months we have had the unfortunate experience of dealing with the after math of the postal strike when delayed correspondence was suddenly released and a deluge of letters from friends and members who had been unable to write to us during the strike and, very wisely, delayed doing so. In addition illness and staff changes contributed considerably to the delay in dealing with the pile up of work and we have been very much more in arrears than ever before. As will no doubt be realized there are always the very urgent matters to be dealt with and particularly where the Neutering Project is concerned and the requirements of our Branches. It would need the wisdom of a Solomon to decide what to do first in order to please everyone and unfortunately delays have occurred which have proved irritating to say the least of it to many of our members and friends. We do apologise most sincerely and hope that you will accept this expression of regret for the delays which were, as I feel sure you will appreciate, unavoidable. Another unfortunate happening was that many more letters did not arrive than has been the case in the past and some of ours seems to have altogether gone astray. Unfortunately there is no accounting for what can happen in transit and again we are very sorry for the inconvenience and disappointment that has been caused through no fault of us at Headquarters.

## ROUND AND ABOUT—contd.

### BRANCH-GROUP APPEALS

As you know, from Branch Reports in the Cat Magazine appeals are made quite frequently for goods for sale at local fund raising events. The "gifts" that are sent to Headquarters in response to our regular appeals are distributed to Branches and Groups as the needs arise.

We feel sure members would wish to give as much support as possible to the needs of their local or nearest centre of activity so we suggest that any "gifts" for sale that would normally be sent to H.Q. be posted direct to whatever Branch or Group members wish to support. Apart from getting gifts to the Branches quicker it will save us at H.Q. both time in packing and money in B.R.S. charges.

### LOCAL (Slough) NEWS

I would like to express my appreciation to your Society on the efficient and prompt co-operation given to my department with regard to the trapping of the colony of stay cats in Victoria Street Windsor. The occupants of the various houses affected also have expressed their appreciation of your efforts. Chief Public Health Inspector Royal Borough of Windsor Berks.

### WHOSE CAT?

On April 7 a large black and white neutered male cat (lame on hind leg) was rescued from a tree in Black Pond Lane by an R.S.P.C.A. Inspector and we collected it at the request of Mrs. George, 1 Beaconsfield Villas, Black Pond Lane expecting to hear some news of his owners.

He has been with us over five weeks but we are no nearer restoring him to his owners than we were at first. Can you help? I would be most grateful. **ALBERT A, STEWARD,**

### RESULT

Sunday May 30th **CAT CLAIMED** had been away from home about nine months.

### LOST March 3rd 1971

**BINKIE:** Smoke Grey Short haired neutered female:—  
Information please to:—  
Mrs. E. Carter.  
9 Guessens Court  
Wellyn Garden. Herts.

## BOOKSHELF: REVIEWS

"My Cat's in Love" FRANK MANOLSON, D.M.V. Pelman Books Ltd. £2.25p

For those owners of Queens that have not had them neutered and who, for one reason or another, refuse to do so, contrary to the preaching and practice of the League, Dr. Manolson has provided the most specific information on cats sexual behaviour, but that is not all. Apart from mating, conception and kittening there is a fund of detail of other matters concerning the welfare of cats of both sexes and kittens as well. Not everyone's choice in the realistic sense but truly explanatory and very useful.

"The Siamese Cat" PHYLLIS LAUDER B. T. Batsford Ltd., £2.50p

Owners of Siamese cats, and there must be a very large number of them, will be delighted with this latest edition of information of much importance to both breeders and owners alike. Illustrated in both colour and black and white. The Siamese is far too lovable a pet for owners not to know all there is to know about them, so this valuable contribution by an authoritative person on the subject is certainly a must. The illustrations are superb.

"Genetics for Breeders" ROY ROBINSON, M.I. of Biol: The Pergamon Group of Companies £2.75p

Obviously a publication for the specialists of the cat world but equally obviously a work of immense importance. Abnormalities are given considerable attention and for all who are interested in knowledge in depth this is a wonderful opportunity to study at leisure.

"The Animals Came in" JOHN HUGHES Barrie & Jenkins £1.25p

The R.S.P.C.A. is a household name and one hears of its activities daily but not so much detail as appears in this delightful publication. The work of the R.S.P.C.A. Animal Centre in Taunton is described in a way that only one with the day to day experience of Mr. Hughes could re-enact it. One lives and learns and generally the process is a slow one. In reading Mr. Hughes' book one learns a lot quickly of what is being done in that corner of the R.S.P.C.A. empire.

"Colour Point, Long Hair & Himalayan Cats" S. M. MANTON, F.R.S. George Allen & Unwin

With all the cats there are in the world one would assume that the average person knows a great deal more about them than they actually do and whilst there are a number of publications dealing with the household cats there is not a great deal of information available in connection with what are often called the "exotics", meaning of course the cats that are bred for show purposes and, of course, for sale. These cover a variety of extremely interesting types to mention but a

## ROUND AND ABOUT—contd.

few, the Siamese, the Burmese, Abyssinians which, together with the various long haired and short haired blues, blacks and whites, constitute a world of their own. "Colour Point, Long hair and Himalayan Cats" is a much needed publication to complete the information cover of these that I have mentioned and others that are so well known in the cat fancy. One is amazed at the amount of information available in this newly published

book by an author who knows exactly what she is writing about. Naturally it is of greater importance to those breeders who are particularly interested in the subject dealt with but for those who have cat interest generally at heart it is well worth speculating so little to obtain so much.

### NOTE:

NONE OF THE ABOVE ARE OBTAINABLE FROM C.P.L. HEADQUARTERS

## OBITUARY

Mr. Edmund Luff, the League's Chairman until his retirement, died suddenly on May 2nd, 1971. Always an active person in every sense of the word, he led a very full life and a most useful one, until the end. We at Headquarters who came under his influence appreciate how great a loss has been sustained by both friends and associates. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Luff and relatives.

Miss Muriel Barber, Founder and for many years Chairman of the Sussex Branch died in a nursing home early in May. For years she suffered considerably from the after effects of operations and was crippled by arthritis, but through it all she remained her cheerful self and took a keen interest in the work of the League and the Sussex Branch in particular. Her courage and determination not to give in, especially where animal welfare was concerned will be an example to us all.

## 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.

### SEE INSIDE BACK COVER — FOR BRANCH AND GROUP HONORARY REPRESENTATIVES NAMES AND ADDRESSES

#### CHELMSFORD

The Shelter is absolutely bursting at the seams with cats and kittens. We thought 30 was enough to cope with but now we have 65. Mrs. Middlemiss vows that not another one shall go in, but what happens? Last week, in order of appearance, first a very pregnant puss who promptly presented us with three kittens (to show us how much she liked us), then a very small kitten was brought in. He had been found in a collapsed state, in a hedge. After these came two young neutered toms, one half dead from malnutrition and the other with pneumonia (both now getting on very well after much treatment from the vet). Then two more abandoned cats in kitten, and a mother with two four week old kittens, found in a country lane miles from anywhere and obviously dumped there. This little mother is earning her keep by feeding two other three week old kittens who were found half drowned on the side of a busy road beside the body of their mother who had been run over. No doubt it was the intention of the incredibly cruel people who put them there that this should be the fate of all three. Sometimes we just want to sit down and cry.

Fortunately home finding continues apace, but poor Mr. and Mrs. Middlemiss not only have to cope with the cleaning of the Shelter and the feeding of all these cats, but the phone rings constantly. Yesterday they received 35 phone calls!

The rest of us on the committee are doing our best with our constant money raising efforts to cope with the financial headaches that the Shelter has brought, but we are steadily losing ground. It just does not seem possible to raise the minimum amount of £30 a week which the Shelter needs. In the hand to mouth existence in which we find ourselves, and with the constant worry that we only have enough money in hand for the present week's food for the cats, we do beg you to help us if you possibly can. Here are some ways.

1. Become a member of our Branch by sending a donation(25p minimum)

2. Please send us your good second hand clothing and unwanted gifts etc. for our Saturday Sales and Bazaars.
3. Please send a donation towards our Special Shelter Appeal Fund.
4. Mrs. Brenda Hopkins, 24 Peel Road, Chelmsford asks me to thank all the kind people who sent lovely cards for her to make into calendars for Christmas 1971. She now has enough for this year but would be glad if you would continue to save any suitable ones and send them next year! Orders will be taken for the calendars in September - details in the next issue of The Cat.

Mrs. Hopkins is now appealing for material for her "summer" money raising effort. She is making very attractive peg bags and would be grateful for any remnants of strong cotton material in gay colours, minimum size 24" x 16". The peg bags are on sale at 27p each (5/6d) and when ordering from her (address as above) please could you include a little extra for postage. We are also very grateful for odds and ends of knitting wool, larger pieces of material for aprons and cushion covers and, of course, postage stamps torn off the envelope with a good margin of paper around them. Mrs. Hopkins will gladly receive all these things at her address to relieve Mrs. Middlemiss of some of her "load".

Finally, thank you all our good friends who came from near and far to visit the Shelter on our first open Day on May 1st. we had a glorious sunny day and all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the Shelter profited by £50. The next Open Day is probably to be on July 10th when we hope to have our STRAWBERRY FAIR at the Shelter. What could be a more pleasant way of spending an afternoon than talking to cats and eating strawberries and cream at the same time!

During April and May 83 of our cats and kittens went to good homes.

## BRANCH AND GROUP REPORTS

### DERBY BRANCH

We are working very hard to promote interest through our local press regarding the importance of spaying and neutering. We thank H.Q. for the supply of vouchers; this project is going ahead very well, and to homes where they are most needed. Our kitten season started early this year, we had two little 'broods' in February, homes have been found for all, follow-up for spaying is in hand. We of course still have the problem of the abandoned female, usually in kitten, and we have five of these now spayed, patiently awaiting homes. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Des Gratton, and Mrs. Beryl Gardner for their great help in caring for C.P.L. cats and taking them to the veterinary surgeons for spay.

Possibly because of the postal strike, which we hope now is ancient history, donations have been very scarce, also we have managed to enrol only two new members this year.

It seems late to mention our Christmas Bazaar which took place last November, but for the benefit of members who could not attend, this was very successful, though we did clash with many other functions, on the same day. Thanks to our Bazaar Opener - Mrs. Marjorie Paxton who also ran a special evening of her church's Ladies' Circle, to help with fund-raising. The Christmas Prize Draw alas, was not too successful due to monies not returned and the high cost of printing, Mr. & Mrs. J. Robinson worked very hard to make this a success, but we made so little that we have reluctantly decided to give this function a miss this year. One of our local Derby collecting boxes (made for us by Mr. D. Gratton) was stolen at Christmas time from the surgery of a local vet, so not only did we lose the money, but the box as well which was most useful to us.

A lot of care was taken in choosing an accessible venue for our A.G.M. which was held on the 22nd May. This was at the Guildhall in the town centre, now modernised and beautifully furnished. It was good to see old friends again, but we much regret that out of a total of 64 members circulated, only 19 attended. We were rather disappointed. Mrs. Betty Nilson continues to run her 'shop window' in aid of C.P.L. funds, she tells us she is running short of items for sale, so if you have any small items such as unwanted jewelry, ornaments et cetera she will be most pleased to receive them - at "Furniture Finds", Goodale Street, Derby. Mrs. Nilson was elected Honorary Vice-President at our A.G.M. as recognition of her work in fund-raising.

We are sad to report the tragic death in a road accident in March of Mrs. R. E. Saunders.

a staunch cat-lover, who has supported us almost since the beginning of our Branch in Derby. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Ken Saunders (her son) who so kindly donates the work of preparing Derby accounts each year.

### GLOSSOP AND DISTRICT

Firstly we would like to thank all our friends old and new who sent donations in response to our appeal, and Headquarters for their generous cheque to help us over this critical financial situation. We also thank all who have sent parcels.

The pieces of blanket were very much appreciated by the cats during the cold winter months. A local friend gave them a good spring mattress. In addition to finding it comfortable to sleep on, the young ones have great fun using it as a trampoline. We mentioned this in our report for the May-June issue of the magazine but by mistake it was put in the wrong column.

We are having a Midsummer Market on the 26th June and after this we shall be collecting new and next to new goods for a sale in September or October.

This summer we celebrate our 8th Birthday. Would any friends care to hold a little birthday garden tea or bring and buy sale for us?

I would be pleased to hear from anyone within travelling distance who would help with transport and home visiting or with a House to House collection in Glossop.

This is our worst period of the year when all these northern industrial towns completely close down for their Annual Wakes Holiday fortnight, Homefinding is practically at a standstill and it is the peak period for strays. Some of these, particularly the ones in kitten are obviously abandoned, but many are lost from temporary homes where their owners have left them with relatives or friends, far from their own homes. So many people do not realise that a cat taken to a strange house should be provided with a sanitary tray and kept indoors for at least a week. This also applies when people move house. Otherwise the cat will probably try to find its way back to the old home.

There is a great need for a temporary shelter for these with the possibility through advertising of restoring them to their owners. A few days ago a little cat was picked up from among the traffic in a busy street and brought to us. The very same day it was claimed by the owner who gratefully gave us a donation.

We keep a local REGISTER OF CATS LOST AND FOUND and would like to extend this over a wider area and advertise

### GLOSSOP—contd.

the fact, but as this would mean taking in many of the cats reported straying, our present financial position prevents us from doing so. However we are convinced that there is a great need for this service throughout the country.

#### WE NEED

1. Gifts for our sales.
2. Coat hangers to display coats and dresses at the sales,
3. Pieces of woollen blanket if they have not been near any cat infestation.
4. Coins, pre-war pictures post cards, picture tea cards etc, for our collectors stall.
5. I will credit the Branch with 10p each for old shillings and silver three penny bits, 3p for farthings and three times their face value for old pennies.
6. Used postage stamps particularly foreign and special issue. Please leave a margin of paper all around.
7. Green Shield and S. and H. trading stamps to Miss M. Thomas, 292, Hyde Road, Woodley, via stockport, Cheshire.
8. Cooperative Society trading stamps.
9. Post war novels including paper backs for our little lending library in a south coast town, Miss J. Houston also collects and sells unbreakable discs for our funds, Address on request.
10. Handicraft books and cuttings from magazines.

A stamp for replying would be welcome. If any friends have still not received shellcraft etc. ordered from me some time ago, or replies to parcels or letters, please let me know and I will refund postage.

### LEICESTER AND LOUGHBOROUGH

The postal strike hit our Branch very much indeed. We had little or no rummage, used stamps or donations etc, and we missed the encouraging letters too, but, by asking the Police to allow us to start our House-to-House collection earlier than requested, and at the same time begging for gifts for the Cat Show stall in Leicester we managed to help the most needy of the strays. Our own personal telephone bills soared enormously as this was the only way of reserving space at Shows out of town.

Mrs. Linwood-Wright has seen the result of almost all the ways of destroying or abandoning cats and kittens - some ways so sadistic they could be the work of the devil. One grown friendly cat had had both ears cut off, and its throat cut with rusty scissors by children on ground from which old houses had

been pulled down. They readily confessed to the police that their parents had asked them to dispose of the animal because they were not allowed to take it into their new tower-block type flat. We knew it was a friendly cat because, although suffering pain after having its ears cut off it followed the children until they decided to kill it completely. (23,000 families are still awaiting re-housing into pet-forbidden flats. What distress amongst cats awaits us?) Six pure white kittens were found on a mound of coke, surrounded by deep flood water in a stoke-hole at Syston, near here, and four other tiny kittens, also pure white had to be destroyed because someone had fatally injured them. Four black kittens were found in a plastic bucket which had been placed six feet high in a tree in Lady Jane Gray's Park, Newtown Linford - they were quite unable to get food or water and five kittens, approximately a month old, were thrown onto a bon-fire whilst the demolition men's attention was elsewhere. We had our vet destroy them immediately, as they were so badly burned. although the kind workmen risked being burned themselves in their effort to save them.

We are extremely grateful indeed to all who have sent beautifully knotted and sewn toys, knee rugs, tea cosies and other cleverly made things for us to sell on our gift-table at the various shows, and to Betty in London for her steadfast help at all times when we need it. Also to all who save milk bottle tops and tin-foil to help the funds. May we ask for more, please, as we are going, with ginger Manxie, our treasured mascot, to three more Agricultural Shows in the next few months, and are having a Bring and Buy when we hold our Raffle Draw soon. Packets of balloons, old dolls to dress, unwanted jewellery, books white elephants, left over materials, sewing cotton, bias binding, flower and vegetable seeds are most welcome.

Elizabeth Barrie is going to be our new Secretary. This will leave me free to boost our neutering programme as I have during the day to take and fetch cats from the vet. in his working hours. But I shall still be very happy to hear from you all at any time.

### SUSSEX BRANCH

For the past two months this Branch has been experiencing a difficult time, mainly owing to the death of the late Secretary who served it so well for many years. As the Secretary I have not found it easy to "step into her shoes". However things are now getting organised. Then the postal strike caused a certain amount of trouble as when it ended there was a considerable backlog of correspondence and subscriptions to deal with.

However on the 22nd April we held the A.G.M. at St. Johns Parish Hall St. Leonards and arranged a Coffee Evening to follow. There was a fair attendance of members and we made a net profit of £42.64.

At this meeting we were very fortunate in enrolling a new member for the Committee, Miss. Felthouse. Miss Felthouse lives in Fairlight near Hasting and she kindly offered to take care the some-what difficult task of collecting subscriptions. Mrs. Lickley who had previously done this was unable to continue. I may say that Miss Felthouse has been most successful in obtaining several new members in the Fairlight district.

Miss Mark, the member of our Committee who does yeoman service in taking in strays and kittens has had a busy time. She took in a mother cat who had been shut up for nearly a week in a coke shed and had had her kittens during this time. She had no food or water and when found she was in poor state and her milk dried up. However Miss Mark valiantly took on the task of hand feeding the three kittens (there were five altogether but two died) and nursing the mother back to health. The family are now making satisfactory progress and should be able to go to homes if they can be found, in a few weeks time. Miss Mark has three other kittens to look after which had been dumped on her and two adult cats. Altogether she has dealt with 15 cats and 13 kittens this year.

Cat Haven at Pett is now well equipped with heating facilities and there are three cats in residence, all wanting homes.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the anonymous donor of a considerable number of Green Shield trading stamps and pink stamps which have been sold to help the funds.

Our next event will be a Coffee Morning which one of our members, Mrs. Adams, has kindly offered to arrange some time in June. We are also being represented at the Bexhill Cat Club Show at the De La Warr Pavilion Bexhill, next Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th and 27th May when we hope to get some new members.

#### ULSTER BRANCH

I'm sure many people have been surprised that the death of a well-loved and devoted Chairman, Mr. James McClay, seemed to have passed almost unnoticed. Unfortunately the letter containing the notes in which reference was made to this sad happening was a casualty of the postal strike. I would therefore like to repeat the opening paragraph of the Ulster Branch notes for March/April, 1971. It read as follows:

"Early in February the Committee and members of the Branch were saddened by the sudden death of their well-loved Chairman, Mr. James McClay, B.Sc., who for ten years, from 1961-1971, presided at our Committee meetings, and was a generous and enthusiastic supporter of all our activities. The Ulster Branch is the poorer for his passing — the pussies have lost yet another of their best friends. We would like to express our sympathy to Miss McClay and Gillian in their sorrow."

The missing letter also expressed thanks to all the kind friends who remembered the cats at Christmas time and made it possible for them to have a first class meal. By the time you read this the longest day will have passed but even so we want to say a belated "Thank You".

Having read the heart cries from the other Branches concerning the financial problems following the postal strike, I hasten to point out that this applied to us as well. Furthermore in our case there is the further complication of the troubled state of Ulster in general and Belfast in particular. It has been virtually impossible to organise fund-raising events for no one is prepared to attend functions in the town at night — one never knows when or where a bomb will explode, or a riot erupt. For the same reason no one wants to cross town to attend events at the Shelter and risk not getting home again. This has been a most serious set-back to our work and we are wondering whether our members, and particularly those who are not now able to help much in the active life of the League would consider putting aside a small weekly sum, say twenty new pence (or less or more) and sending it along perhaps every other month so that a small but regular and dependable income would be available until such times as things are more normal. After all it's only a fraction of the cost of a packet of cigarettes and would be a small sacrifice when one thinks in terms of a starving cat. Please think about this and let us hear from you. We are literally inundated with cats and kittens and the holiday season has hardly started. We blame the riots and the rehousing programme for the large numbers of strays being brought to us. Do help us if you can.

Two dates to remember. The Sale of Work will be held if all goes well on Saturday, 13th November. Start now collecting items for the stalls.

Then on Saturday, 25th September, we have arranged a square Dance evening like the one we held during the Birthday year and which proved so successful. Miss Malcolmson is running a Tombola on this occasion and would like lots of small prizes. We hope conditions will allow these two events to take

place for we simply must try to make some money if the work is to continue.

Two final pleas. We still urgently need a few more voluntary helpers, especially in the afternoon to assist in giving the cats their evening meal. We simply can't afford any more paid staff so if you spare a few hours we'd be most grateful. Phone Mrs. Irwin, 79891. And finally, can you find a good home for just one cat or even make room in your home for one? If you worked among the darlings as we do you would hate to even contemplate having them put down. The need is desperate — please try to help.

#### WEST CORNWALL

Living in such a remote spot we are amazed that we are still attracting visitors to Open Saturday afternoons. We have our regulars who enjoy the company of animals and browse happily in the book shop and bazaar. To linger over tea served in the garden, munching home made bread and cakes and admiring the glorious views seems to be some folks idea of bliss, and why not? We love welcoming our contented regulars. Then we have the children who gayly romp with shaggy dogs and friendly cats, the teenagers searching for bits of lace and velvet for trendy clothes making, the quiet men who spend much time contemplating the stray cats who respond cheerfully to the attention, the ladies seeking bargains and the older people who just want to put their feet up and nurse an enormous cat, our ancient felines are always ready to oblige and we can usually offer a cat a lap. All this leads up to funds to keep us going, we even charge for admittance now but we give value for money and we try to keep our stocks fresh, so we are very glad of the parcels you send us. Foreign stamps are marvellous money makers. Miss Loane of Galstonbury still copes with our stamps and sends us completed sheets priced and ready for selling, so we keep her supplied with plenty of stamps. We are very lucky to have this help and also for the way in which our committee members turn up regularly to help out on Saturday afternoons.

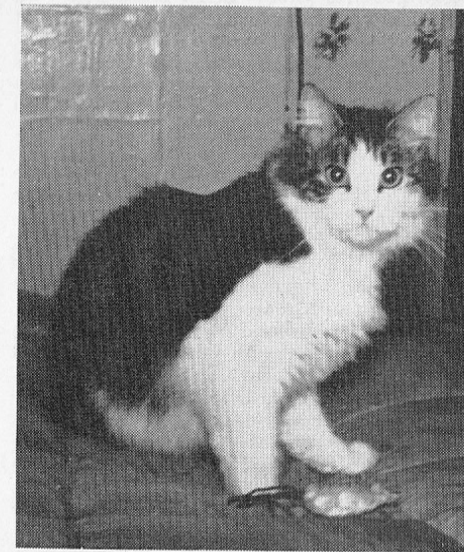
We expect to see many readers of the Cat during the summer and we would like to remind you that if you can't manage a Saturday afternoon please phone or write for an appointment. Our main work is caring for animals and running the branch, so social work has to be strictly rationed otherwise the cats suffer. Already we have had callers without appointments who are disappointed that we cannot spare them much time, but they cannot realise the work and organising which goes into the running of a place like Cathlow-

ena. If it were a normal business with a matching income we would have a staff of twenty to cope with the work which four of us do voluntarily, so we do hope you will understand why we have to make this appointment only rule.

Another batch of pebbles for Ambber's garden have been completed and will soon be on the wall. We still have plenty of room, so if you want to remember a departed pet, send a donation and the name of your cat (or dog) and we will have it done.

We have some attractive prints of Cathlowena which we sell for 20p, we would be pleased to send a copy to anyone wanting one, a nice bit of old Cornwall would no doubt give many people pleasure.

Destroying unwanted kittens has been our unpleasant lot lately, and our catteries are brimming over with unwanted cats, Home finding is not easy and we are becoming more wary about homes. It is easy to become emotional and sentimental over these cats but a home at any price is not the answer, and if sometimes we do send away would-be adopters empty handed then we are only considering the cats. It is not easy to pass judgement on a persons ability to take care of a cat and I wish it was easier to make wise decisions, but I am glad to say our careful home picking is almost completely successful and most of our cats settle down happily.



## MEMBER'S CORNER

### MARION AGAIN

The First time Marion Sillars hit the headlines was in 1967 when the 'Torrey Canyon' carrying 100,000 tons of crude oil, stranded on the Seven Stones, off Lands End. In the words of one ornithologist it 'was the worst disaster in the history of British ornithology'. And Marion was among the R.S.P.C.A. officials who worked day and night to save bird life affected by oil which spread over the Dornish beaches. For her work in this operation Marion was awarded the R.S.P.C.A. Oil Pollution medal. But more recently Marion was again in the news and in respect of a cat called 'Oily' It began when dockers saw a pitiful bundle of oil clogged fur and a couple of pleading eyes and when they fished the dripping ball out of the dirt in the River Thames they found a little half-dead cat.

'She looked a really hopeless case but I thought if I could get her to perk up in three hours it would be worth it; said Marion, who is a supervisor in the R.S.P.C.A. clinics division. R.S.P.C.A. 'TODAY'

### TO OUR TWO CATS

Should we outlive you, little friends we trust on some little puckered faces and those ears that twitch at every mention of your names. To look again into those liquid eyes that with complete assurance look to ours or join some boistrous or mysterious game and marvel at your speed and your grace and powers: To hear a grateful purr - miow and sense that Instant as your very hearts would break, that mounting throbbing and those padding feet, Instant as your very hearts would break, that tell of joy and happiness complete. Without these boons to troubled life below could Paradise endow? G.J.N.

You may be interested to know that the only "cat" I have now is a young genet, not really a member of cat family at all, but he has lovely black and grey tabby fur and thick black tail, ringed in grey. He even miaows and purrs, but I believe he is a really a member of the stoat and weasel family.

A.C.M. Bayley Liberia W. Africa (member)

Very many thanks for your kind letter and for the Tailwavers form which I have completed and duly return. Uly and Alo are very proud now they are official Tailwavers, even though Alo has little tail to wave, and they are sending Five shillings (Twenty five N.P.) which they have collected in their little collecting box from admirers who come to see them from time to time. It is for the Tailwavers' Fund. C.A.M.

### 'LOREXANE' DUSTING POWDER FOR PETS

It is not enough to feed and exercise pets. Dogs and cats must also be well-groomed and clean to keep them healthy and contented. It is very easy for pets to pick up fleas and lice, particularly in warm weather. These are annoying to animals and owners. Cats and especially dogs, can hurt themselves by scratching too much. Also fleas are "carriers" of more serious ill health.

A very effective way of keeping pets free from these unwelcome parasites is by regular dusting with 'Lorexane' dusting powder. 'Lorexane' is produced by ICI's Pharmaceuticals Division, is pleasant and safe to use, and is inconspicuous when in the pets coat. It contains Gamma Benzene Hexachloride, which is recognised by veterinary authorities, as a powerful and persistent insecticide, especially suitable for use on animals.

'Lorexane' is sold in 100g. polythene puffer containers and sell at 15p. A single application rapidly kills common insect pests and this effect will last for some 10 days.

'Lorexane' can be used very sparingly on cage birds. It is also useful as a household aid for destroying fleas, lice, earwig, cockroaches and other insect pests. It is particularly suitable for use on ants' nests, dustbins and waste food containers. Press Release. 28/4/71.



## IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of BOBBY and MICHAEL who died April 15th and May 14th 1965, aged fifteen years. Two loving little brothers who gave me so much happiness and are so greatly missed by W. Bales.

NANA, The Duchess, May 1947-May 1960. Remembered every day. E.C.

In loving memory of my dear pal PIP. Mrs. L. M. Hughes.

In loving memory of a great gentleman and a beloved friend, TIMMY, T.W.2359, 17 years old, put to sleep on Friday, April 2nd, owing to a growth on his head: buried amongst the roses where he loved to lie.

Mrs. E. J. Lister  
To CHUNKY T.W.4659, the gentlest and sweetest companion who went to Green Pastures, May 1970. D.L.B., Hove.

In loving memory of dear WINSTON T.W. 4235, reluctantly put to sleep 17/7/70, age not known but a grand old man who will never be forgotten by his "Mum and Dad".

Loving memories of our darling KIKI T.W. 1519, released from illness by kindly sleep February 1952, aged 13½ years: also our dear TIGER T.W.2039, fell asleep February 1958, after a short illness, aged 12 years: and our dear little JENNY T.W. 2972, aged 13 years, peacefully put to sleep 2nd April, 1971. Until we meet, little ones. A. and D. Turner.

In ever loving memory of our darling TIBBS who passed over 8th May, 1971 in his seventeenth year. Dearly loved by all who knew him. Auntie Averil.

In loving memory of our darling "TIDDLES" who fell asleep on 16th May, 1971 aged 13 years, a most gentle creature, sadly missed. Dorothy Mellor, London.

In memory of my darling TUBBY, put to sleep on February 8th, 1971, aged 14 years, and very sadly missed. B.P.

Donation to the Tailwaver fund, in memory of JET MORGAN, T.W.3154. Mrs. O. Q.

In treasured memory of our lovely sweetheart kitten-cat MANDY (Binky-Boodles) who always gave so fully of her love and never faltered in her courage or her love throughout her illness up to her passing away at the age of 13½ years on January 28th, 1971. Oh Mandy, how we miss you. Peter and Valerie Densham and your kitten friends.

In loving memory of my dear cats, BUBBLES, ANDY, PIPPIN and EROS. Never forgotten. M. Meridith.

In fond remembrance of my two most dear ones, PUD, put to sleep to spare her from pain on 17th June, 1967, aged 14 years 4 months: and PINKY, died peacefully on 18th August, 1965, aged 19½ years. Grief yields to time, but love within the heart lives and abides in sweetest memory. M. Burgess.

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This report is your invitation  
to the Annual Meeting

JULY 10th 1971

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#### TOP MOGS

Pedigree cats least need the services of the C.P.L., but the C.P.L. had its stall, together with several other societies for the protection of animals, at the National Cat Club Show at Olympia in November, 1970. I was glad to see that many owners of cherished and often very valuable cats had a thought for the strays and the victims.

I had for the first time treated myself to a visit to a Cat Show, in middle life, and was almost overwhelmed by some two thousand beautiful cats on view. There was the Most Valuable Cat in the World, a white Longhair, a great sleeping snowdrift with the Guinness Book of Records at his side, his glory proclaimed on a notice, satin streamers with rosettes pinned to his pen, his muscles latent under his cumulus softness. There was Jason, television star, blinking mildly at a never-ending, police-marshalled queue, almost unbelievably well-behaved Siamese with an obvious sense of responsibility to his public; there was Arthur, controversial cat of advertising fame, paw-scooper of pet food, quite hidden from view by the throng of his admirers. One Siamese sat snug among silver cups, a challenge shield, a luxury cushion, accepting homage, obviously regarding his trophies from any shows as his merest due, probably expecting next an honorary doctor-

ate in Mousing from one of the less senior Universities, no doubt one that not long ago was a C.A.T. There were cats blazing with displayed honours like Horatio Nelson on his quarterdeck: boards covered with bright rosettes above their cages, note of their illustrious records and eminent bloodlines. There were kittens for sale. Oh dear! I fell in love with them all: tiny summer-cloud longhairs made more appetizing still by blue backcloths: tiny Siamese like dancing pearls or acrobatic opals, already telling us all about it in minisupermiaows; treacle-sweet little Burmese like leaping chocolates; young Abyssinians, transistorized pumas, sleek, friendly, looking balanced and confident; for the amateur or the offbeat, tiny poodle-coated Rexes with their horrifying frownlines and mutant weirdness; the lovely ice cream with chocolate sauce of the Colourpoint Longhair; at moments it seemed that the ultimate imaginable bliss would be to take all those kittens in a tinkling caravan of miaowing baskets to some stately pleasure-dome in Xanadu, presumably with a large deep-freeze full of rabbit and steak and cream kept cool beside the sunless sea! Certainly it was hard just then to believe in the incongruously brutal notices proclaiming beautiful toms to such be "at stud to approved queens": could business have anything to do with kittens so exquisite they seemed as if they must have floated down like blossoms from some trembling kittentree with a silver-birch bark? (But I suppose a kittentree would have not a bark, but a miaow.)

Still, one really could not have all the cats and kittens; not two thousand! Each was in a spotless pen, with a notice asking the public not to touch. The cats had not read the notices and not infrequently touched us dirty humans, lashing out with wild paws, or making grabs for buttons, ponytails or jingling jewellery. One Siamese objected to my turning my back on her and gave me a good thump on the shoulder. Each cat had its regulation clean plain white blanket and clean sanitary tray, its number and its numbered neck-tag. The formality of the environment emphasized the softness, the voluptuousness, and the determined nonconformity of all cats. Some had removed their tags and thrown them on the pen floor. Some had knocked down numbers or other notices. Some had crawled under their blankets, or liked their spotless trays so much that they had gone to sleep in them, often with a considerable overlap. One snowy White Longhair kitten presented herself so much as a roast on a dish that a spectator murmured that she needed only a few sprigs of fried parsley. The record drop-out was no

doubt the cat who rolled herself up thoroughly in her blanket and then went to sleep in her sanitary tray! Other cats seemed to be modelling their fur coats professionally, or gave interviews to anyone who wished, and readily answered questions. And, of course, the staff owned by the cats were kept busy, righting trays that had been tipped over, straightening blankets, mopping up spilt water, tidying meat with which cats had been playing tiddleywinks or bringing in meals.

The display of rare and perfect breeds was marvellous; it is worth the while of every cat-lover to visit a Cat Show and see some of the beautiful creatures and learn more of the different breeds. To me the most breath-takingly lovely cats in the show were the Tabby-Pointed Siamese; the breed was officially recognized only in 1966 and I had never seen even one specimen before; the usual pearly Siamese body, very pale, very shapely, had delicate black and silver tabby markings on head, paws and tail; a subtle mysterious cat, touched with silver in a moonlight dream. I loved the Brown or Blue Burmese, oddly suggestive in form and pose of the Egyptian cat statues, in the British Museum, enigmatic, almost hieratic; the silver tabbies shimmered; the black short-hairs shone so that black seemed to be a positive colour; and every cat had eyes like jewels.

Yet perhaps the finest sight of all was the corner devoted to Pets, where a humble homebody, astounded at her own glory, fizzing and sparkling and nearly crying with joy, was telling strangers, "They're **both** ours, they're sisters; I've never put either of them in a show before!" as she stood, positively fluorescent with happiness, beside two staid domestic cats, side by side in two cages, each with a prize card. I talked to some of the owners in this section, and several of the large, sleek, beautiful animals

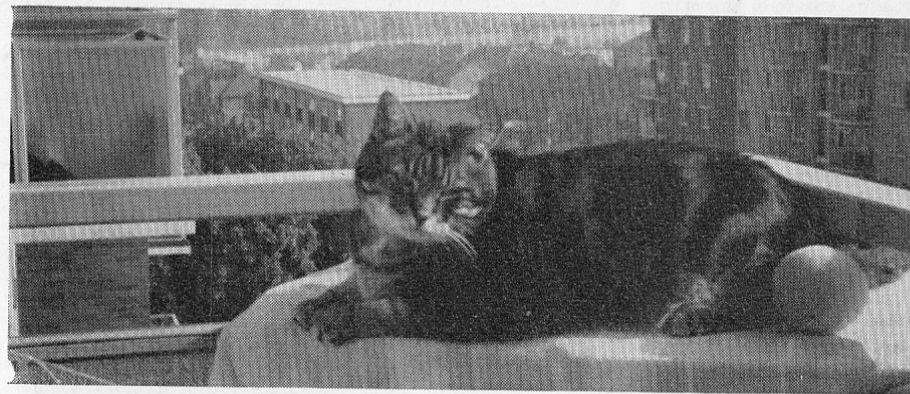
had begun life as miserable little strays, hungry rejects; they were now a proof of what love, care and generosity can do for a mongrel kitten. There were no nondescript cats; they might not have aristocratic pedigrees, but they were all lovely in their different ways, and the humblest cat is regal.

There were, of course, a few mishaps. Many people stopped to speak consolingly to the delicious little Siamese labelled, "Not to be Judged - Wrong Kitten." One splendid young Burmese was pilloried as "Difficult to Handle - Bites" and was telling us all about her psychological difficulties with much eloquence, gesture and an occasional lash through the wires. One pathetic cage had just the photograph of a beautiful cat who had died under a car a few days before the Show. And, inevitably, one cat from the Pets Section, a ginger tom, escaped and had to be tannoyed for; he was found unscathed in the lost property office and had his adventure reported in the evening papers.

The congestion was formidable, but the crowa was extremely good-humoured, and the policemen on duty smiled. What a treat for policemen the innocence and gentleness of a Cat Show must be! The air was full of rapturous ooings, endearments, tenderness; and I noticed some cat-lovers who had come to look curiously like cats themselves.

I am hooked on Cat Shows. So much living beauty under one roof! and so much love to be seen, too! Animal worship does irritate some fine people who think all the time of human needs; but there are much nastier amusements than drooling over two thousand mogs, and for some hours there were in London a hall full of innocent happiness and awe at beauty. The tellers of tails do not pursue the loftiest of all ends, but they are probably among the nicer human beings.

Marjorie Boulton





# ANNUAL MEETING

10th JULY 1971

CAXTON HALL

2.30

## AGENDA

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Report for 1970

Account for 1970

Election of Auditors

Secretarial matters

BUFFET TEA

BRANCHES

# 44th Annual Report

## THE CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

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Mr. A. A. STEWARD

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Under Veterinary Supervision

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*General Secretary:* Mr. A. A. STEWARD

As this is the last Report to be presented in my name, on account of my retirement, it may well savour of reminiscing for which I trust I may be forgiven.

ANNUAL REPORTS are like humans, they mature with the passing of years. My early recollections of The League's Report is a mixture of faith and hope with which they were compiled. Faith in our cause and future and hope that our efforts would be accepted as progress. Reports faithfully portray future prospects in as much as progress means development and advancement. One must, progress there is no standing still. From the four page Reports of yesterday, the twenty page counterparts grew, depicting the League's progress from a back room gathering of cat lovers to a Registered National Charity striving to break down altogether, the attitude still so common, "its only a cat". To this end we continue to direct our main efforts to educating cat owners and prospective cat owners to their responsibilities. Our "Facts About Cats" booklet and "Cat Care" and our practical assistance through the Neutering Project are evidence of this. In addition we still operate a Voucher Scheme that covers emergency boarding, food for strays, Veterinary attention etc., in approved cases.

**BRANCHES AND GROUPS:** We wish it were possible to give regular reports in the magazine from all Branches. A comprehensive picture of the League's work in various parts of the country would then be apparent. Unfortunately some of our Branch Secretaries are unable, through lack of time, to present Reports, so we obviously cannot print them. However you will like to know that Headquarters is in close touch with all its representative bodies and gives aid in one form or another as and when there is need for it. Branch Secretaries are, or should be, aware of this arrangement.

**THE NEUTERING PROJECT:** We are glad to report the success of this venture during 1970, so much so that we have now brought most of our Branches into the scheme by periodic issue of Vouchers the payment for which, the Veterinary Surgeon's charges, being the direct responsibility of Headquarters. This is supplementary to the grants to Branches which have been a regular feature in our overall expenditure for a considerable time. We hope to do more in both fields in the future and in particular where the less fortunate, moneywise, of our Branches are concerned.

**SHELTERS:** So many people seem to have a wrong impression about shelters or perhaps the word is not defined so as to give its real meaning. We have always understood "shelter" to mean a temporary refuge as opposed to something permanent as the word "home" indicates, Shelters operating in the name of the League are places where temporary accommodation is available. The period of stay may vary from days to weeks depending upon circumstances. There are always times when a shelter is full and to over crowd is not in the best interests of cats and kittens and particularly in the type of weather where cat Influenza etc., is prevalent. To utilize a Shelter for more or less permanent accommodation is not realistic when one realizes how many requests are obtained for us to "take in a cat or kitten". We must pursue our policy of limited accommodation, limited period of retention, home finding where it is possible from the point of view of the cat's condition and temperament and, alas, humane destruction as and when necessary. It is realized that this is not popular in many circles, but to do the greatest amount of good for the largest number of cats and kittens, and that is our responsibility, we have to be realistic as hurtful as it may be.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

SHELTER facilities are not as adequate as are expected by many of our enquirers but home finding is much more a fact than is generally believed. We exercise as much control as possible in regard to homefinding to ensure that the right people have our kittens or cats and that they are believers in our Neutering Project. UNFORTUNATELY there will be surplus kittens (during the kitting period) for a long time and good homes for fully grown cats will be in very short supply for equally as long a period; in fact until our Neutering Project really begins to bite and bite hard into the opposition still met, mainly by men, to the operation. We need to make greater and more strenuous efforts to get over to the cat owning population "the facts about cats".

ADVERTISING as such is costly, but the League has so far managed to get by with the minimum outlay for the maximum result and so conserve its funds for other purposes, the direct needs of cats and kittens.

RESCUE: Allowing for the very limited staff and facilities, the League has accomplished a great deal during the past 12 months as reports in the magazine have shown. Perhaps in the next Annual Report it will be possible to give individual Branch facts and figures but for this occasion the collective details are presented below, giving adequate support to our claims for progress.

### RECORD OF CLINIC SHELTER FIRST AID AND RESCUE WORK DURING 1970

DESCRIPTION	
Cats/Kittens received as strays or unwanted .. .. .	6,818
Cats/Kittens for which homes have been found .. .. .	5,210
Cats/Kittens destroyed either directly or indirectly .. .. .	2,802
Cats/Kittens (Males) Neutered .. .. .	7,015
Cats/Kittens (Females) Spayed .. .. .	6,501
Cats/Kittens given treatment on premises or on voucher scheme or by arrangement with local veterinary surgeon .. .. .	18,107
Cats/Kittens boarded by arrangement .. .. .	620
Accident cases dealt with directly or indirectly .. .. .	897
Cats/Kittens (stray or unwanted) collected .. .. .	5,715

OBITUARY: During 1970 we lost a number of good friends and members all of whom we shall miss very much. A complete list follows:

#### DECEASED 1970

Miss D. M. Bailey	Miss A. F. Mitchell
Miss J. Barrett	Major A. R. F. Murdoch
Miss K. M. Berry	Miss M. I. Norton
Mrs. M. Boughey	Miss H. Rabbitt
Mrs. I. Bristow	Miss A. Ripley
Miss L. Buckley	Mrs. I. Ripley
Miss M. Carver	Mrs. Seeker
Mrs. D. E. Day	Mrs. E. Sewill
Miss E. M. Drew	Mrs. A. R. Shorthouse
Miss E. Ellice-Clark	Miss G. E. Sidgwick
Miss V. H. Fairtlough	Mrs. M. Spink
Miss Giles	Miss Stoessiger
Miss P. M. Green	Mrs. E. Taylor
Lady B. Haig	Mrs. E. M. Tomlin
Miss P. M. Green	Mrs. E. Taylor
Mrs. E. G. Haldane	Miss K. Uhl
Miss H. Hendon	Miss V. E. VanderVord
Miss V. K. Hildebrand	Miss D. Vane
Miss M. H. Hodgkinson	Dr. R. B. Wallace
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Mrs. E. Illingworth	Miss B. Winfield
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Mrs. K. Ker	Miss M. L. Winnett
Mrs. C. R. King	Miss E. Winter
Dr. G. Langfelder	Miss A. Woods
Miss V. A. Lash	
Mrs. D. E. Lewis	
Miss B. Lowden	
Mrs. E. Luscombe	
Miss C. R. Macfarlane	
Mr. H. T. Marson	

## BRANCH REPORTS

### COVENTRY

Another extremely busy year has passed, as you will see from Mrs. Newman's report, and I would like to say immediately how grateful I have been during the year for all the help and support I have received from so many of you. A great number of cats have been temporarily cared for by our boarding members, and I would like to thank all the following who have helped in this way:- Mrs. Bailey, Miss Barford, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Blenkinsop, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Hunnislett, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Kay, Miss Loasby, Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Pack, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Ison, Miss Marton and Mrs. Richardson. Unfortunately, during the last twelve months we have lost Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Hunnisett, so that the number of cats able to be boarded has had to be reduced. I'm afraid we are going to be hard pressed to accommodate all the strays which will undoubtedly appear during the next two or three months, when the kitten rush starts, and so I am making my usual appeal for new boarding members to help us over the very busy next two or three months. Please do consider helping in this way, if only for a limited time.

A word now about the many fund-raising events held during 1970. We had several Jumble Sales, and mostly they were very successful. We have come to the conclusion that the hall at St. Marks in Bird Street is well situated, and convenient to most people, and I should like to thank all the regulars who turn up to help at the Sales. Please keep it up! The whist Drive held last month raised £9 and I should like to thank all those who sent prizes for this. Among these were two cakes from "Elizabeth's" from one member, and two Owen Owen Vouchers from another, making four very attractive prizes.

I am sure you will realise by now that we have come to regard the Van as almost indispensable, but there are occasions when we are grateful for help with transport, and this has been forthcoming from several members or their husbands, so, our thanks to Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. Newman. I should like to say a special word of thanks to Mr. Pack, in this direction. Since he and Mrs. Pack moved to Rugby he has done a great deal of transport for us. So much so that many of the cats boarded by Mrs. Pack are brought into Coventry by Mr. Pack, either to the Vet for neutering, or to go directly to their new homes, so saving Mrs. Thornett and me the job of fetching them, and we are

both very grateful for all his hard work. Mrs. Pack is now looking after all our advertising, in addition to being our busiest boarder, and we are indeed most appreciative of all their efforts.

During the year, in addition to the 100 female cats neutered under the Voucher Scheme from Headquarters, to which Mrs. Newman has referred, we are able to ensure that another 157 were spayed; also 78 male cats were neutered. At this point I should like to thank the staff of Messrs. Ritchie and Ritchie for their patience and co-operation. They are always helpful and do their best to help us out of some very difficult situations. Mrs. Hunter continues to act as Receptionist, and deal with what is quite often a very difficult and demanding public.

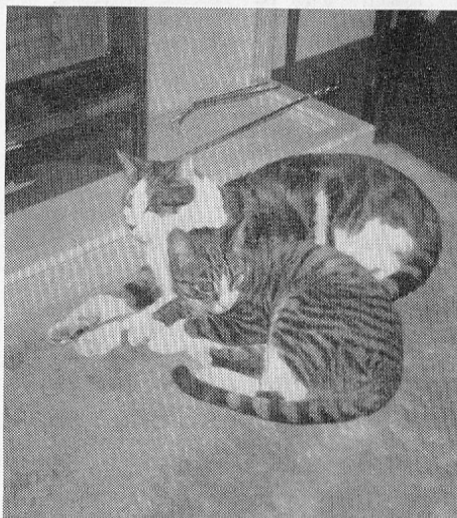
I am pleased to say that we have received some very useful publicity from Mr. E. T. Jury of the Coventry Evening Telegraph. He has published some interesting pieces about cats, and is always anxious to help us in any way he can. His column is one of the best ways of getting through to the public and bringing home to them the various aspects of cat welfare. I should like to express the gratitude of the Committee to Mr. Jury for his co-operation.

In conclusion may I remind you that we do count so much on the support of our members, without whom our activities would be severely curtailed, and I do hope that many of you will attend the events we shall organise in the forthcoming year.

### EDMONTON

During the past year we have rescued no fewer than 470 cats and kittens and placed them in good homes. Our work entails a lot of rescue work, and of course trapping, which is not always easy. The doors of Mrs. Walledge's modern Cat Sanctuary are always open to the never ending flood of poor unwanted felines. Our ambulance is kept very busy indeed fetching and carrying, and is almost worn out; we shall soon be needing a new one. We have been called out to many emergencies during the past year and have done our utmost to help relieve suffering.

Spaying and neutering entails a lot of our time, and this year we have broken all our previous records, our grand total being 1,500. It must be realised that a great number of these cats are helped from our funds, and it is keeping us poor. Of course, this aspect of our work is vital and must be done regardless of expense.



We have had a Charity Shop running for some time, but we cannot open it very often as we are short of goods to sell, therefore, if you can find us anything saleable it will be greatly welcomed. We also require Trading Stamps and Cigarette Coupons.

Our old friend Mr. Chamberlain came all the way from Norwich during the Postal Strike with goodies for our pussies. The strike made a lot of difference to us.

Our dear old resident 'Fluffy' will be having her 25th birthday party on the 24th July. If you would like to attend please write for an invitation as there is not too much room for a crowd.

We wish to thank all our very kind friends who send us parcels and donations, also Headquarters and Committee for all their help and support.

### GLOSSOP and DISTRICT

Whether or not 1970 could be considered to be a successful year depends largely if not entirely on one's viewpoint

After seven years of uphill work, trying to cope with the problem of strays and unwanted, we find that the gap between income and expenditure has widened to an alarming degree. Each year my sister and I have had to put more and more of our own money into the C.P.L. bank account in order to meet the increasing expenses.

With large scale demolition of slum property and the building of vast housing estates, the number of abandoned and stray cats has increased considerably and we have rescued more than ever before. Several, but very few, of the strays have subsequently been claimed by their owners. Homes were found for 117.

In the early part of the year a very bad cat flu attacked a considerable number of our cats boarded out in a commercial cattery. Veterinary fees and the required long term boarding expenses were very heavy.

The purchase tax on pet food, increasing veterinary and advertising charges, coupled with a decrease in amount of donations has resulted in a critical financial situation. Not only can my sister, and I no longer afford to put in so much of our own money, Headquarters strongly object to our doing so. We are therefore compelled to reduce expense in order to bring them into line with income. This means that we must drastically reduce the number of cats admitted for rehabilitation.

Towards the end of the year, Mrs. Honer made another good stone building available for the cats so there is no longer any need to board any in catteries. Newcomers, those recovering from operations and any cat rearing a kitten are housed in the indoor

kennels and runs in one building. The other is left open during the daytime and the cats are free to play in the garden and visit the house. There is also an isolation unit. We thank Mrs. Honer for taking such good care of the cats at a cost of 10p (2/-) each a day which is little over the cost of their food.

During the year 84 cats were speyed and 10 neutered. We thank Headquarters for sending us a supply of vouchers which made this possible, as we consider this to be a very essential part of our work.

Many thanks also to all friends who have sent us donations and parcels, to a C.P.L. member in Bristol who does all our printing free of charge, to Miss J. Houston who runs a little lending library for us in a south coast town, to Miss M. Thomas and her mother who spend so much time dealing with trading stamps and to all our committee members and local friends who have helped with sales, transport and in any other way during the year.

Gifts of cat food are still sent regularly to a few elderly people who are feeding strays or have several cats of their own.

As we have no investments, no legacies, no regular income the number of destitute and needy cats we are able to help during 1971 must depend almost entirely upon donations from readers of 'The Cat' and our own small local sales. We need at least to double the 1970 income and ask all friends who consider the work worthwhile to please help us to achieve this.

### LONDON COMMITTEE

A quick report on our work for the year would be: "carried on as usual." The same questions seem to arise every year, the same problems and the same jobs that have to be done. We have coped as well as possible with the usual requests for help and advice, we have had the Christmas Dinners for Cats, Family Planning for Cats, and Summer Holidays - but there is a difference. Every year one or two people seem to be remembered, the one which has struck me most during the past year was a pretty young woman who called and said "I want to ask you about the best place to dump our cat". I did not fully understand so she explained "We are going abroad this summer, so we have to dump the cat before we go, we thought somewhere about twenty miles away, which way should we go? If we cut off her whiskers or her ears or something she won't come back." Feeling rather ill, I asked "How did you get this idea?" She answered "I was told it at school." This seems impossible, but alas! it is happening, people with cars and the means to take holidays abroad, are deliber-

ately "dumping" their cats, that is taking them miles from home and then putting them out of the car. The horrible idea of also mutilating them I have traced *not* I am glad to say to a teacher, but to a big boy. It seems to me that someone (and I think I know who) will have to start an education campaign to reach children in school and give them the right idea of how to look after a cat. Who would like to help us to get onto tackling this problem? We shall need help, something will have to be done.

All our problems are not as terrible as this, we have some interesting and some amusing ideas put to us and throughout the year, we have many cases where people are very fond of their cats, and prepared to make real sacrifices for poor puss. It is sad that so many otherwise good people do not seem able to understand that a cat can be a comfort and a companion to a lonely elderly person. "No pets" is the inflexible rule far too often, and it causes suffering which need not be. However, I think we are gradually talking round some authorities to reconsider this attitude.

The greater part of our work is still concerned with neutering, and speying. We have our own vouchers, which we issue for as much as our funds allow, and we also help by providing food in special cases, and we make holiday arrangements for solitary people who would not otherwise agree to take even a short holiday. One feels thankful that there are so many who really do care for their cats.

### S. LONDON RESCUE CENTRE

We have suffered a very sad loss, in June 1970, when Mr. H. F. Osborne died suddenly; his constant help and encouragement since the very start has been a real support, and we miss him badly.

During the year 371 cats have been through the Rescue Centre, the most of them to go on to new homes, though some were with us while owners were ill or away, and were returned to their own homes; in every case, if we had not been able to help, the cat was in danger of being put to sleep.

We have had the pleasure of receiving a visit from 6 Australian veterinary surgeons, who came to see exactly how we kept our cats, fed them and all the details of their care, and specially the size and materials of our pens and runs, as they hope to encourage the "chalet" system of keeping cats. It seems that we are credited with having pioneered this, which is now very general in England.

We have had here two foreign film units, one German and one Italian, taking what we thought were documentary films; we have been flattered to hear since that the films

have been sold to veterinary training institutes, as a standard to be reached by any place keeping cats in numbers, and as a result of this, a very charming letter from Bolivia, asking permission to make use of the same films. One feels that we are getting known!

Throughout the year we have had two cats put to sleep, both very old and failing. Otherwise, we have not had any destructions, and, very fortunately the cats have kept well. Our veterinary expenses are mainly for speying and the special care needed to help neglected strays to get back to normal.

The year has had its full quota of bazaars, sales and markets, the proceeds of which enable us to keep going. There is no way adequately to thank our wonderful helpers who turn out for all these occasions and work hard and go home tired out and full of plans for the next! I wish that I could let every one of them know how much I appreciate all the help which is given so generously. I hope that the knowledge of the cats who are saved from horrors is a true pleasure to them.

Also we thank very truly all the kind people from all over the United Kingdom, and further afield who send us the goods to stock our stalls, they make our work possible, and I feel deeply grateful for the parcels which arrive steadily.

Our band of regular supporters has increased to 34, that is 34 Florin Friends and other kind people who send us a fixed donation at regular intervals. It is a great help to know that we can count on these sums, which may be any amount, they make our steady income; if anyone would like to join during the coming year, please do.

Miss Troughton continues to lead with the collecting box, she breaks her own records, and no one has come near her figure, but we have several other kind people who are climbing steadily up the charts!

Of course, our main interest and work is the home-finding. We are indeed fortunate in having the Countess Grudzinska and Mrs. Westwood-Morris, who work untiringly to find homes and to arrange the transport of cats to the new homes. Miss Grace Read has also been a wonderful help, specially in finding homes for kittens.

Our special Department of Very Old Cats is still running at full strength. We have eight Old Dears, over 15 we think, though we cannot be certain, as they have all been strays at some period. These cats are paid for by people who like old creatures to have as much life as possible.

There have been many ups and downs, and with the closing year, we are facing anxiety about the future, for everything is so much more expensive and funds are

hard to raise, but Christmas has been a lovely time, thanks to two kind friends who arrived here with a huge basket full of chicken, ready cooked all ready to be served to the little hungries as a Christmas treat, it was a wonderful moment. We were able to give a real chicken dinner to the two Christmas kittens, who had just come in and who had not had a good feed in all their short lives; to see them settled down, washing their faces and purring suddenly seemed to make it all worth while.

### NEWBURY

During 1970, 82 cats and kittens have been found good homes. In spite of this far too many cats and kittens have to be put to sleep, which makes the work most depressing at times.

During the year we were able to restore 2 cats to their rightful owners who were overjoyed to get their pets back.

More people seem to be moving home and cannot take their cats with them. Elderly people have to go into homes and are not allowed their cats. The high cost of food makes it very difficult for Old Age Pensioners.

Mrs. Cox had a most successful coffee morning held at her house and a Bring and Buy stall, in spite of a Bulb Show in the village and many people down with 'flu, this was most successful.

The Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire gave the Branch a stall at their show in Reading Town Hall which did very well. A stall was also given at the village fete in Mrs. Newton's garden and a Jumble Sale was also held in Cold Ash.

We have a most helpful committee who always turn up to help. Members help in collecting cats, taking them to their new homes, vetting homes etc. and helping the cats in any way they can. We have given out vouchers for neutering, given the Branch by Headquarters and have had a number of cats neutered and spayed by Mr. Addis.

### NORTH LONDON

Perhaps the most valuable gifts which the cat can give to man are its tranquility and grace and detachment and, in this distracted era of ours, we were never more in need of tranquility and grace and detachment." So wrote Sir Compton Mackenzie. How sad it is that comparatively few appreciate the precious gifts which a cat can bestow. The unappreciative ones caused us to receive into the Shelter in 1970 a total of 2359 poor stray and unwanted cats, 183 more than in 1969. Many were fine sleek cats and some were in a pitiful state. Some were brought to us, some we trapped, some we collected and

several were dumped on our doorstep at night. Miss Neary, our Shelter attendant, affectionately called 'Daisy', recently heard a kitten's pitiful cries at midnight when making her last rounds of the Shelter. She checked and found an eight week old kitten on the doorstep. On another occasion, the Shelter was opened at 9 a.m. as usual, ten minutes later a cat in a carton was dumped on the doorstep. The person who left it could not be bothered even to ring the bell and carry the cat in. Most fortunately, the cat was a tabby with white chest and paws, just matching the type of cat for which we had received a request a few days earlier. The waif was quickly spayed and placed in a very good home. Among our intake of cats were 399 unsold pet shop kittens.

Sadly, we find all too few good homes for our cats, despite frantic searching by our friends and helpers. Those who cannot be placed in suitable homes have to be put down painlessly and sad though this is, they go on their way in an atmosphere of love and kindness, instead of running hopelessly about the streets in search of food, often getting knocked down and injured by traffic or crawling to some derelict site to breed more strays and die in misery. How wonderful it would be if every reader of this report could find just one good home for us during 1971.

Our spaying service is still most active, and during the year we have arranged for the neutering of 731 cats. This side of our work is carried on by Miss Magee and Daisy, and involves much form filling and telephoning. Our Driver, Mr. Smith, does the fetching and carrying, driving daily through rush hour traffic to collect and deliver the cats. We are very grateful to all who carry out this work for us and in particular to the two veterinary surgeons who are generous to us in their charges.

We are amazed to find from our accounts that we have, in 1970, paid our way and our income has slightly exceeded our expenditure. This has never previously happened in the history of the Branch, and is due in the main to the wonderful donations which we have received from friends and the very generous grant from Headquarters. Thanks to all our voluntary helpers, our takings at the Christmas Bazaar and our jumble sales have risen. By their hard work, our loyal helpers have directly raised over £1,350 for us. Due to the very hard work of Miss Hutt, our Chairman and Treasurer, and of Miss Smithson, we sold an enormous number of our Christmas cards in 1970 and showed almost double the profit of the previous year. We must also express our gratitude to Mr.

King-Farlow, our Honorary Auditor, who freely gives his professional services and nurses our finances, and who has prepared for us the splendid account annexed to this report.

In October last, a very charming two page article, describing the Branch and its work appeared in a young girls' magazine called "Princess Tina". We hope that all the youngsters who read it will grow to be cat lovers and ultimately helpers of the League.

Our year ended on a bad note, with hooligans throwing a brick through the plate glass window of our shop. Fortunately the weather was bad and none of our resident cats were tempted to leave the comforts of the Shelter. We are now waiting for contractors to erect wire mesh over the windows, at an estimated cost of £80.

There must be many who would wish to help the Branch in its work but do not know how. For them, we list a few of the many ways to help:-

Primarily, seek good homes for our cats.

Collect Bazaar and jumble material for us.

Serve at our sales, particularly our Christmas Bazaar.

Send us Green Shield and other trading stamps.

Send us used postage stamps, leaving a margin of paper.

If you should decide to collect jumble for us, may we ask you to pin together all parts of a suit or costume and all matching curtains. In the turmoil of a jumble sale, such articles become separated. A single curtain might sell for coppers whereas a matching pair would sell for silver.

We close this report by thanking all those who have done so much for us in 1970. They are far too numerous to mention by name. With so many kind donors and hard-working helpers, we face 1971 with great optimism.

### NOTTINGHAM

During the year we removed our Cat Shelter which had been over at Derby, to the garden of our Secretary and, fortunately, so far we have not had to house any cats in it.

We have been extremely fortunate in finding homes for various stray cats and kittens during the year, demand has almost exceeded our supply!

Our Vets have been most co-operative in the use of the vouchers for the neutering scheme, and we have only a small number left of our initial issue.

We heard of a lady in one of the local villages taking in a whole family of cats - father, mother and kittens which had come from a farm. The parents, in particular the father, were semi-wild, she has managed to

tame the mother, and the father is slowly becoming more friendly. As she could not bear to part with any of them, and was prepared to give them all a good home we issued the necessary vouchers for neutering and spaying.

We shall be taking a stall at the Notts and Derby Cat Show next year. This is always a very popular attraction and possibly we may even recruit some new members.

A sad case which has had a happy ending was reported to our Chairman. A gentleman found a cat, obviously run over and rather badly injured; he took the cat to the vet, and as its owner was not known, he, himself made extensive enquiries in the area where he had found her (not far from our Chairman's home) and eventually found the owner - he was Polish and a bachelor - she was a stray he had adopted - she was in kit at the time of the accident. We have had her spayed for him and he was so grateful for all the C.P.L. had done that he has become a member of our Branch.

### SOUTHAMPTON

A fairly good year in every aspect of our Work. All the functions we ran exceeded previous years' profits and were very well attended thereby giving us hope that all the work done was being appreciated. Jumble Sales once more proved a good source of revenue and we thank all the kind people who gave us the Jumble and the helpers who sold it. The other efforts we ran all showed improved results and the Christmas Bazaar especially was most successful. As far as we were able we try to keep expenses down to a minimum but in these days of ever-increasing prices it is not easy and no doubt 1971 will be a more difficult year in this respect with increased postage, advertising, transport, etc., expenses so we shall be endeavouring to raise extra funds to offset these increases. Consequently, any unwanted gifts suitable for stalls, Jumbles etc., will be needed more urgently than ever. Veterinary expenses for 1970 were £430, which included a large number of Speys, thereby helping to keep down the number of kittens born, to avoid them having to be put down at a later date through lack of homes.

Among the many cases dealt with by the Branch during the year were the following:-

A man 'phoned up greatly agitated to say he had eight cats and had to go into Hospital for a few weeks and could find no Animal Society willing to help Board them while he was there. We took the Cats in for the weeks he was in Hospital and they are now back with their grateful owner.

A long-haired Cat named "Tina" was taken to the Vets to be put down. The owner on being asked the reason said it was wild which was hardly surprising as its coat was so badly clitted it was tight to the skin and must have caused the Cat quite a lot of pain. The Cat was taken by us and the clots gradually removed (it took about 2 months, and at all times it was quite tame). She is now fit and healthy and in a good home.

We are hoping that we can cope with all the problems of Cat Welfare that will no doubt arise in 1971 due to the rising costs of Animal Foods, Houses being pulled down for Slum clearance and Motor Roads, etc., with the consequent difficulties to owners of Cats if they have to move to "No-Pet" flats.

### SUSSEX

As you all know we have suffered a great loss through the death of Mrs. Perry, our very hard working Secretary, and I hope you will forgive me for any inadequacies in this report.

We have had a busy year and have placed 91 cats and kittens in homes during 1970 and more than 80 have been neutered under our Voucher scheme.

Alterations have been carried out at our Shelter at Cat Haven giving the inmates more freedom and greater protection from cold winds. Heating has also been installed and the cats' quarters are now warm and cosy.

Miss Mark has had a busy year in her own Shelter, Cat Haven Annexe, and many cats and kittens have been cared for by her and passed on to good homes.

During the year we have held two very successful Coffee Evenings and one Coffee, Morning which brought in a total of £76.55 also a Christmas Bring-and-Buy Tea which resulted in £57.56½. Our stall at the Charities' Fair on June 3rd realised £18.84.

We received a gift of £200 from Headquarters, also a legacy of £100 from the Executors of the late Miss Tomlin, and a Donation of £50 from Mrs. Scotchford.

We regret to report that Mr. Ruckert, our Hon. Treasurer, has been forced to resign through illness and Mr. Grist has accepted the post in his place and we are very grateful to him for all the help he has been to us through a difficult time.

We also wish to thank Mrs. Morgan for the excellent manner in which she has conducted our Committee Meetings throughout the year.

### ULSTER

After the pleasant and successful Birthday

celebrations of 1969 we looked towards the Seventies in good heart and with high hopes. Our hopes, unfortunately, were quickly dashed for the New Year was only a few days old when Mrs. Miller's unexpected departure from the Flat created the first crisis. As it was impossible to leave the premises unoccupied, especially in view of the situation existing in Belfast at the time, Miss Long, Miss Donaldson and myself set up "camp" in an empty bedroom and resigned ourselves to sleeping there, two at a time, during the emergency. Happily we were unaware that the emergency was to last for three and a half months. During the worst of the winter weather through the morning traffic we commuted daily across the City. Often we arrived at night to find we had to cope with the evening chores if a voluntary helper was unable to turn up, frequently our sleep was disturbed by the sound of explosions, some rather too close for comfort. Late night, or, more correctly, early morning callers were a problem. We never knew what they wanted because we didn't open the door but on one occasion we were worried when the departing young hippie was seen to have a cat tucked under his arm. For the last two weeks of our stay we had to get up in time to feed all the cats before leaving for work. But "every thing passes" and the relief of "147" came on the 18th April, with the arrival from England of Mr. and Mrs. Tredrea, though even this was not allowed to go entirely smoothly. When we emerged at 6 a.m. on a cold Spring morning to meet the Heysham boat we found the car had a flat tyre.

Although Mrs. Tredrea came in the first instance as assistance to Mrs. Miller, she has now taken over the running of the Shelter. We are very grateful for the excellent work Mr. and Mrs. Tredrea have done since they came amongst us and we hope they will remain for a long, long time.

Having got the Shelter problem settled we turned our attention to other things, which had been more or less neglected during the crisis. Jumble Sales, White Elephant Sales, our annual Sale of Work, an Open Day combined with Bring and Buy Sale and a Ballot, organised by Mrs. K. Y. McBride, all brought in much needed money. In addition to the Annual General Meeting we held several other evening meetings which were reasonably well attended, though we would like to see even more of our members coming along on these occasions.

During 1970 we have had many difficulties and disappointments and it has been a major misfortune that five of our most active and enthusiastic members have gone to live in England. However, we have had our pleasant

surprises too, one being a substantial Legacy from the Will of the late Mr. J. Livingstone, 10, Cregagh Road, Belfast, which has enabled us to have our premises and facilities much improved, including a large area of our big garden completely fenced which means wonderful freedom for nearly all our cats. We would now like a few little Cat Chalets for day-time naps so if anyone wants to provide one of these in memory of a pet we'd be glad to hear from them. Another great delight to us was the film of the Shelter made by Mr. Raymond Williamson. This depicts the everyday activities of the Cattery and has some charming shots of the cats and kittens.

New members have joined us and we welcome them warmly. Inevitably others have passed on, including Mrs. Stalker who was a foundation member of the Ulster Branch.

We would like to thank Mr. Steward and the Executive Committee at Headquarters for generous supply of vouchers in connection with their Neutering scheme. Because of these we have been able to arrange for many cats to be neutered or spayed for persons who could not have afforded it otherwise. We are also most grateful to Headquarters for their Christmas donation which far exceeded expectations and for their willing assistance throughout the year. Our Veterinary Surgeons, too, have been most helpful and interested and we would wish to put on record our appreciation and thanks.

Mr. J. McClay has been our Chairman once again and we thank him for his interest and ready help at all times. Mrs. Livingstone in her first year as Honorary Treasurer has done a great job and kept the books in apple-pie order. The Magazines are still being dispatched by Mrs. Jackson who does this rather routine task so delightfully and we thank Mrs. Gunning, our Tea Hostess, for arranging many delicious suppers at the meetings. I know the Committee would wish to express appreciation of the splendid work done by Miss Gulston and Miss Kent in the field of Welfare Work, which includes vetting homes, checking up afterward, investigating complaints and so on. This is one of the most important aspects of our work.

Finally, to all who help in any way - whether at the fund raising activities, by doing practical work in the Cattery or by sending along items for selling, used postage stamps, tinfoil, donations - Thank you very much. We hope we may count on your continued support in 1971.

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### WEST CORNWALL

A year of repetitious cat work, fund raising, cat rescuing, kitten destroying and neutering.

The heavy gales have torn at the roofs of the catteries but since our recent renovations the cats have been much warmer and ratproof. We often wonder where the rats live now. We are still maintaining a large number of unwanted cats, and after neutering we find them good homes. This naturally involves much time and work and we are lucky to have three permanent helpers who work voluntarily. We are therefore able to tackle work further afield than hitherto.

Our tireless treasurer Norah Ford, and committee member Faith Libby have manned the bazaar every Saturday for two years and more, as well as running jumble sales and helping in every way they can. Other members of our committee make us attractive goods to sell and call over as often as they are able, and our President Mrs. Crossley-Meates raises funds, sends us goods to sell and is a source of inspiration in our work. Without these good souls our Branch would be a sorry one.

We are still managing to cope with the ever ringing phone, the piles of letters and callers who are always after help or advice.

Lost and Found cats are still a constant worry. We advertise regularly in the local press begging owners of cats to phone us if they lose one. We discover from time to time that stray cats which we have placed in homes turn out to have belonged to someone who hasn't reported the matter early enough.

We care for the cats of old or sick people when they are taken to hospital or old peoples homes. This work is the most heart-breaking of all. The cats are often as bewildered as their owners and we have some pathetic moments when the poor souls visit their beloved pets who are sometimes kept in the catteries for years. We have a large crowd of feline O.A.P.'s who started off like this and when the owners die eventually the cats are too old to place into new homes rather than destroy them we allow them to live their remaining years in loving surroundings . . . and how they live . . . Tiggy-puss the tabby is going on twenty and the rest are youngsters around the eighteen year mark.

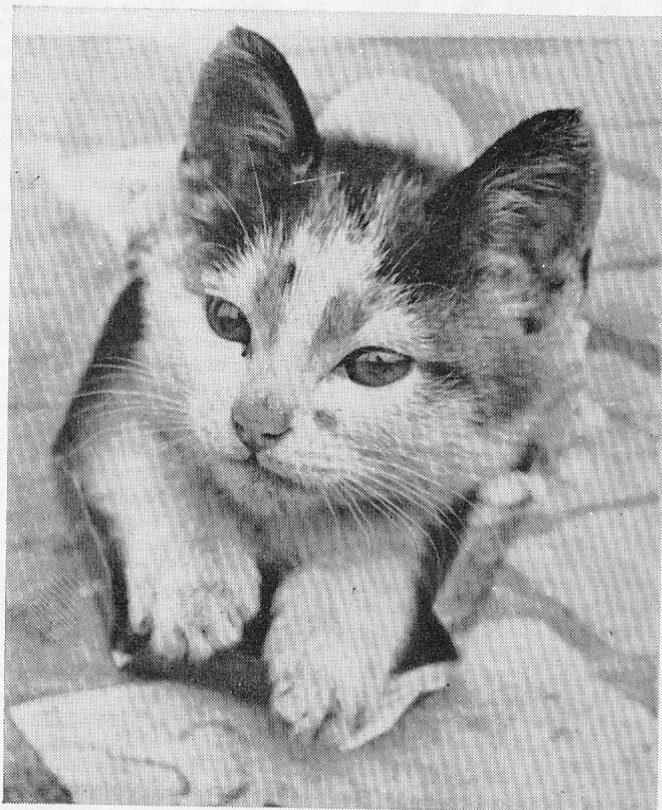
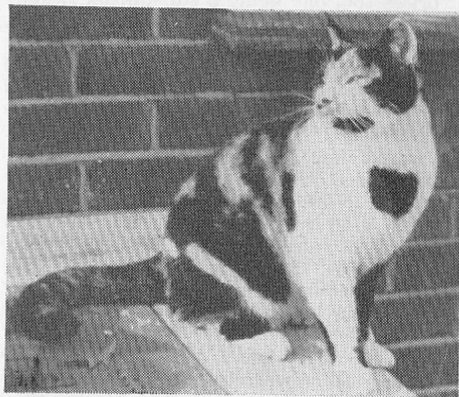
We did extremely well at a Christmas Fayre and over eighty people called. Considering we live very much off the beaten track we couldn't grumble, and every Saturday we receive a fair number of callers who enjoy an afternoon with the animals.

We now have a fair sized book department, also a wide selection of stamps which Miss E. Loane from Glastonbury has kindly under-

taken to sort, price and mount for us. We are always glad to receive stamps, books and anything to sell in the bazaar, we try to keep our stocks interesting to attract would be buyers. The collection of Victoriana is coming along and we plan to do something of interest with these lovely byegones.

As you can well imagine, Cathlowena is becoming more like a small village every day, so many departments and attractions and the cats loving every minute of it. We are happy to meet cat lovers any Saturday afternoon or other times by appointment.

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