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TO ENROL ONE NEW MEMBER  
DURING 1973?**

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# THE CAT

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CATS AND THEIR  
WELFARE



The Cat is indeed the symbol of the home. Mark Twain summed this up when he wrote in Pudd'nhead Wilson that 'a house without a cat, and a well-fed, well-petted, and properly revered cat, may be a perfect house, perhaps, but how can it prove its title?'

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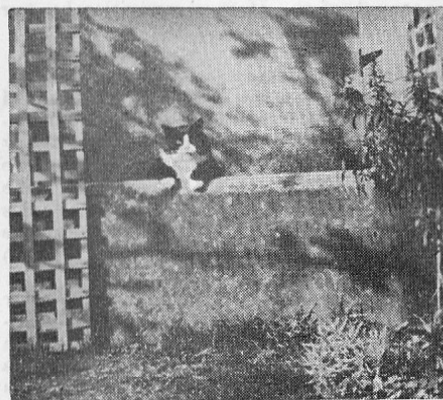
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## ROUND AND ABOUT

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

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

As I compile these notes for the Spring edition of the magazine I, like all branch Secretaries am wondering what our complete report for the past year will reveal. We, at Headquarters, are awaiting the financial report of our activities knowing that recent records will have been broken once again and not solely for the reason of increased and ever rising costs. All these details will be given a little later in the year as part of the annual report.

Meanwhile we have passed quickly from the New Year through the traditional quiet weeks of the year and are wondering what the Spring might bring. Perhaps a reduction in the number of unwanted kittens thus showing that our continuing neutering efforts are beginning to bring the required results. Several areas of the country have reported over the past months a decrease in the number of unwanted kittens but regretfully we now appear to be faced with an ever increasing number of stray and abandoned cats, often adults, chiefly as the result of redevelopment work that every town and city appears to be undergoing. Not only are old homes being demolished in huge numbers but many sites have been taken over for commercial use and when new homes are erected they are invariably blocks of flats and "no pets allowed".

It is obvious that neutering and home finding are the two spheres of our work that will require our greatest and most sustained efforts throughout the whole year. For this reason it is pleasing to record that we now have several small groups of people working together within varying parts of the country in the hope that one day they will become official representatives of the League.

I can finish my notes in no better way than simply saying "CONGRATULATIONS" and these are directed to our latest group of workers now to be known as the North Kent Group. The group Secretary's name and address can now be found for the first time in our branch directory on the back inside cover of the magazine. This group has been quietly working for a considerable time raising their own funds from bazaars, in getting the neutering scheme well launched in their area. The group is based in the Northfleet/Gravesend area and can already boast a home finding team of helpers stretching from the outskirts of South East London along the southern bank of the Thames to Gravesend and beyond. To our new group of friends in North Kent we extend our welcome, our thanks and our best wishes for a successful venture.

### C.P.L. MEMBERSHIP

In our last magazine I wrote of the hopes that 1972 would see the enrolment of 300 new members and I am pleased to report that the final figure was 309 including 44 new life members. It is also gratifying to report that in the first four weeks of 1973 another 36 new members have joined us thus showing that support of our cause is steadily growing.

A. E. PARRATT

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1973

Our 46th A.G.M., will be held on June 9th, 1973 at Caxton Hall, as usual. Full details will be published at a later date but as we have brought forward the date of our meeting to June by popular demand, we would like to give you early notice of this date.

### CAT CARE

Several of our readers have written recently and asked that two of our well advertised slogans be repeated once again.

Firstly the suggestion, that as often as possible and especially with new pets, of cats and kittens wearing collars containing their name and address or telephone number. Whilst some of our feline friends do not take kindly to wearing a collar many do but, please remember the right collar is a MUST and this means an elasticated type or those containing an elastic inset to guard against unnecessary dangers when climbing or perhaps falling from a tree and being subsequently trapped by a branch becoming caught up in the collar.

Secondly, our old slogan of "keep your cat in at night". We have had many reports lately of suspected cat stealing from areas all over the country and we do implore all our readers to guard against this practice as carefully as possible, by making sure that their pets are safely indoors during the long dark evenings and nights.

### "WHISKAS" COMPETITION

Any reader who has been collecting labels from the tins of Whiskas in recent weeks is reminded that the best chance of any prize winning is to make one large worthwhile entry. Mr. Peter Davies has been collecting these labels on behalf of the C.P.L., and states that if any reader cares to send their labels to him showing the animal names and the number of tokens enclosed, he will enter them all into the competition en bloc and, who knows, maybe the C.P.L., will benefit as a result. Please send your labels *direct* to Peter Davies 18/20, Romeyn Road, London, S.W.16., and please remember that he has to send all entries in to arrive by 31st March, 1973.

### WANTED

We have two readers who would be pleased to receive any balls of wool, any colours acceptable, with which they can make cat blankets. These are sold in aid of C.P.L., funds and are always popular, apart from being very useful and welcome by our feline friends. One of these ladies is Mrs. Janes of 1, Dovercourt Road, London, S.E.22., the other being Miss D. Gowing whose address will be found on the back cover of this magazine. Please send any available supplies to either of these ladies and *not* please, to Headquarters.

### HASLEMERE RESCUE CENTRE

Many members have asked for news of the Rescue Centre at Haslemere which is, of course, financed completely by Headquarters.

On page 29, we are pleased to print such

an account of the Homes' activities by our resident Warden, Mrs. N. de Clifford.

### CAT COMPETITION

On page 31 you will find an amusing and informative little competition for your enjoyment and solving. To save unnecessary postage and the hoped for flood of replies, the details are being printed in the magazine and there are no spare competition copies so if you think of any friends who would like to join in, please pass your copy on to them in good time.

The Chairman has offered to receive your answers and will scrutinise each set of solutions until the first three correct answers are found. It is hoped that you will enjoy this little puzzle and ensure that Mrs. Sherratt has a heavy post as the result of her kind offer.

### APOLOGY

On page 4 of our January edition, there appeared a short review of an excellent book entitled *The Treasury of Cats*. Owing to an error whilst compiling these notes, this publication was advertised at a cost of £1.05p instead of the correct figure of £1.25p. My apologies to the publishers and any readers who may have been surprised when buying this book from any of the well known book shops throughout the country.

### THE LONG DISTANCE WALKER

I am sending you a clipping from the local newspaper that I found so remarkable that I just had to send it to you.

It is regarding a cat "Tippy" that was brought from California to Oregon where he got lost only to appear 60 days later at his home in California. The cat had then travelled a little over 400 miles over desert and mountain country, an incredible feat I think.

HARRY A. NELSON (*Mexico*)

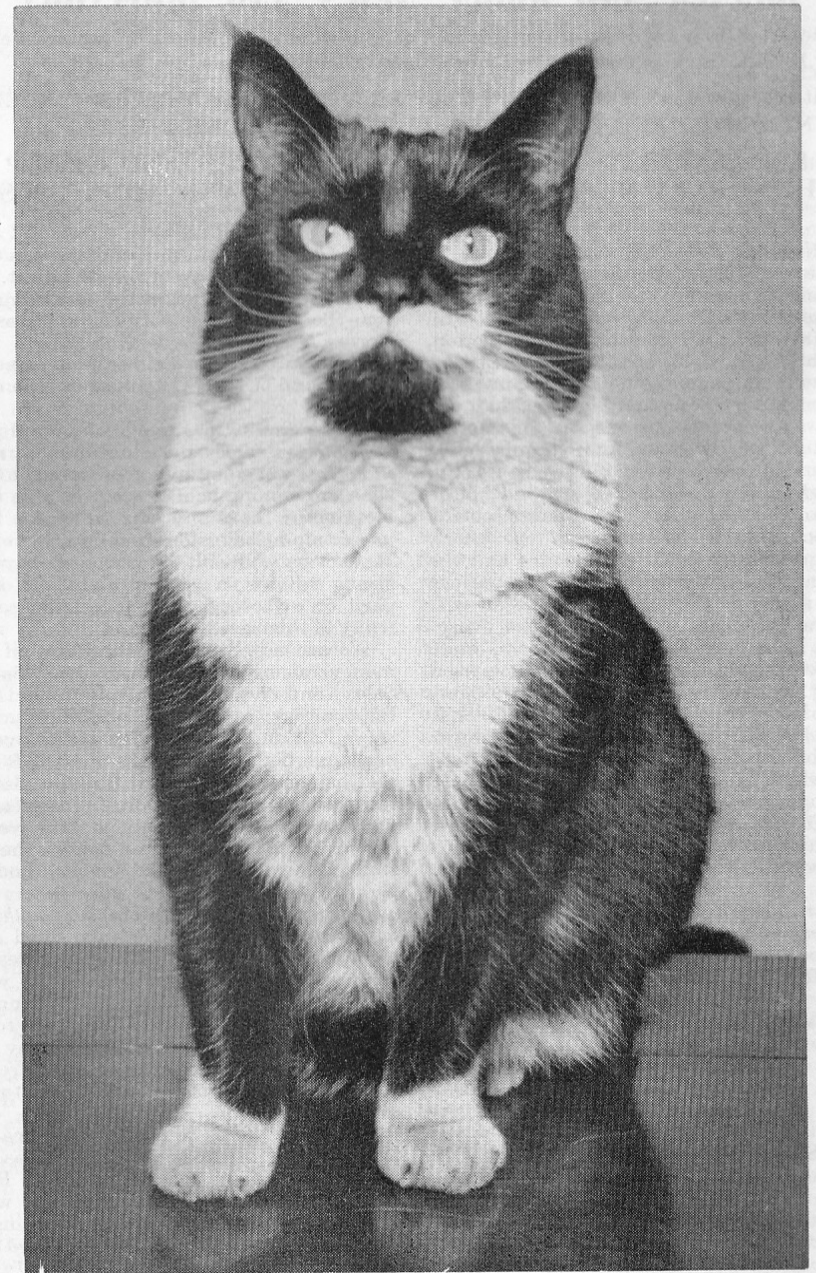
### Recorrio un Gato 650 kilometros en Camino de Retorno a su amo.

CONCORD, California, septiembre 19 (AP).

Los dueños de un gato de cinco años afirman que el animal se perdió en Oregon y atravesó 650 kilómetros de terreno montañoso y desértico para regresar a su casa suburbana de esta localidad.

Mack Kitchen y su esposa dijeron que el felino de nombre Tippy, apareció ayer, unos 60 días después de haber desaparecido en Central Point, Oregon, cerca del límite con California.

Una de las hijas del matrimonio, Nancy, de 16 años, había llevado al gato allí cuando fue a vivir con su hermana mayor. Al parecer "Tippy" prefirió el clima de California.



'PUSSKIN' - once a stray

## 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

#### BIRMINGHAM BRANCH

January 1973, marks the end of my first six months in office as Secretary of the Birmingham branch and I can look back with mixed feelings to a somewhat chaotic period, the highlight of which was the discovery that there are other people as dotty as I am about cats. Unfortunately I am not able to do much in the way of practical work, but the Herculean efforts of our very limited number of active members are staggering and I think Birmingham can be justifiably proud of the results of this last year. The voucher scheme is, of course, the mainspring of our effort, without which we could not survive and the untiring fund raising efforts by various members help cover other expenses.

Like all branches we need more of everything — more money, more members, more homes for rescued cats and more kindness from Mr. and Mrs. Average Person, whose thoughtlessness leads to so much cat suffering. That caused by deliberate cruelty is a matter unsuitable for discussion here and is, in fact, one to which I feel there is no answer. We are preparing now for our always popular jumble sale in March and have bazaars lined up for Spring and Autumn, so we are most anxious to receive any items you can spare which we can sell.

We are grateful to those from whom we have received anonymous donations, whether in cash or in kind, and would assure them that their gifts have been well used, and if anyone can offer a home to one of our rescued cats or kittens we shall be delighted to hear from them.

F. PRIMMETT,  
109, Handsworth Wood Road,  
Birmingham, B20 2PA.

#### CHELMSFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The news about the new Shelter is good and we hope to tell you more about it in the next issue of the magazine. If you would like a few more details "to be going on with", please write to us for a copy of our current Newsletter, where Pusskin, the Chief Shelter Spokescat, reveals all — or almost all! Please can anyone help us to think of a nice name for the new Shelter? At the moment the bungal-

low is called "Rhiwlas" and we don't know what it means or even how to say it. So far we've only had some rather rude suggestions for the new name, such as Catastrophe Corner, Neutering Nook, Pussies Place, Tabbies Tabernaecle, Felines Folly, Caterwaul Camp and Cosycot! None of them very suitable.

Home finding is going very well at the moment and for the first time for many months more cats are going to homes from the Shelter than are coming in. We are now able to take in some of the many cats which we feed in and around Chelmsford and find them homes. It is very difficult to interest anyone in giving a home to a cat straight out of a car park or a factory yard, for instance, where many of them are.

We are now well into the swing of 1973's money raising activities with two "Saturday Sales" and one bazaar already behind us. By the time you read these notes the St. Valentine's Fair on February 17th will be over, and our next big bazaar is the EASTER FAIR at Chelmsford Cathedral Hall on Saturday 7th April, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Do come along if you possibly can — we hope to have some special attractions and of course the usual stalls, home-made refreshments and nice people (we mean you, our guests)!

We would be very grateful for *anything* for our bazaar stalls, and for your good second hand clothing for our Saturday Sales. This year we are having six bazaars as well as eight Saturday Sales. Also several Rummage Sales and Coffee Mornings. We *have* to have all these events to make enough money to run Shelter and feed all the cats, and it really is quite a task gathering enough things together to sell.

We would also be grateful for calendar pictures and birthday and Christmas cards with cat pictures on them. Mrs. Brenda Hopkins, our calendar making lady, worked very hard at the end of last year raising over £30 by her efforts. We also have a "used stamp lady" and a "trading stamp lady" so we would be very happy to receive stamps of both kinds.

The final total for cats found good homes in 1972 was 978. This was 204 more than

1971, and we're pleased that we're making progress.

C. PETERSON.

Piers Gill, Fir Tree Rise, Little Baddow, Essex

#### DERBY BRANCH

We are now having constant requests for financial help towards veterinary bills. Most of these have been incurred by people we do not know, who have not always approached us first, and who have taken their cats (or have actually called veterinary surgeons to their homes), telling them that C.P.L. will pay the bill. This is quite apart from spaying or neutering, and is the kind of exploitation that we can well do without. Some of these fees actually run into double figures, and most of the people concerned are well able to pay the fees themselves. We always help pensioners, and we of course have medical fees to pay for cats in our cattery, awaiting new homes. Quite a few of these have been injured in various ways, and we did have a bad outbreak of cat 'flu during October, which necessitated frequent visits from our vet. Our local veterinary bill last year amounted to £84, no spays or neuters are included in this figure. All this is causing us considerable and unnecessary worry, how to combat it is the problem. We have an excellent P.D.S.A., in this town, and we often advise people to take advantage of this service. To keep good faith with our veterinary surgeon friends we have paid most of the "foreign" bills, as a gesture of goodwill, but an end has to come sometime, we just cannot help everyone, otherwise those *really* needing help will suffer. If anyone has any ideas on this problem, we shall be grateful to hear about them.

Jumble sales this year will be as follows: February 24th, June 2nd, September 22nd, all at the Burrows Hall, Bloomfield St., Derby, will members please note the dates, and also note that we are very short of articles for re-sale, please will they rally round and help to increase our depleted stock. We have two bazaars (with refreshments) booked for April 28th and July 14th., at the Guild Hall, our Christmas Bazaar is scheduled 24th November. Our A.G.M. is also at the Guild Hall on Saturday 31st March at 2.30 p.m. We welcome new member Mr. H. F. Betts.

In conclusion, may we thank all those kind friends who have sent us donations, some of them anonymous; our good friend in California, dear Perey, who has thought of us again — we hope he is fit and well. We would also like to record through this magazine that we are shortly to receive a legacy — our first ever — with grateful thanks to the late Mr.

Frank Hickinbottom, for having thought of us.

D. ELLIS.

14, West Avenue, South, Chellaston, Derby.

#### EDMONTON GROUP

I am sorry that I have been unable to send a report in recently but I have been so very busy. I would like to thank all those kind people who came to Fluffy's party and sent her donations and gifts. She received some very nice birthday presents including chicken, red salmon and lots of other goodies which she shared with her many pals in the Sanctuary.

I have now opened our latest charity shop and would be very grateful for any goods that you can spare including jewellery, unwanted gifts, clothing, shoes, woollens, books, toys, knick — knacks and bric-a-brac.

If you have any green shield stamps or cigarette coupons to spare please do send them along, as these can be sold to help purchase tinned food for O.A.P.'s pets. As members know I do my utmost to help the poor and needy as a pet is often the only company a pensioner has. The rising price of pet food often makes it impossible for a pensioner to keep a pet and recently one old gentleman called on me saying "dear Mrs. Walledge please can you put my two cats to sleep for me, as I can no longer afford to keep them", he said he had lost his wife and could not keep the cats on one pension. Things had been easier on two pensions coming in but as the cats now always seemed hungry he thought that it kinder to have them destroyed. I soon solved that problem for him and said I would let him have a weekly supply of pet food, he went away a new man and that was another lonely old pensioner helped.

As you know I cannot always find time to write a report with so much work to be done and so few hands to help. For instance 15-20 cats are taken for speying every week and that alone takes up much time. I have also recently taken in a lovely white cat who appeared to have been abandoned in the next road where the gardens back on to mine. I have called him Nobby and must say he was in a poor state when I took him into my sanctuary but have managed to get him fit and well by caring for him and I hope soon to have him neutered. So you see life for me is one long round of work, not a moment to rest, running the shop, collecting jumble and the fetching and carrying of cats. It is a problem for me to raise enough funds to carry on independently so you will understand that I can do with all the help you can give me financially and otherwise.

Mrs. C. WALLEDGE,  
39, Oxford Road, Lower Edmonton, London,  
N.9.

## LEICESTER & LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH

We are all so happy to read of the efforts of Branches in helping destitute cats and kittens in other parts of Britain. No sooner is there a lull in demolition work in Leicester's slums, and the saving of abandoned cats and their little ones, than yet another district is set upon by the Corporation.

This time we were too late to save a few cats, as the labourers just tossed the bewildered felines into the nearby canal. We asked the help of the R.S.P.C.A. in this matter and were able to gather in quite a few strays, nearly all of whom have been found good homes.

One dark tabby, who has evidently fended quite well for herself out of doors, had 3 delightful evenly spotted fawn and brown kittens, the day after we gave her shelter. They were immediately reserved by very pleased new owners, but "MUM" is more difficult to place. If anyone can spare the time and patience in wooing her confidence they will have a lovely trouble-free spayed friend, and we would be most pleased to help.

1972 was a most unlucky one for us. Mrs. PLUCKNETT died. She so kindly let us have our shelter in her garden at very short notice, when MRS. GRAY left us to start private boarding, this left cats for us to feed etc., at the other end of town from where we live. However, we have found an excellent person who is very capable with our cats. The runs are large and the sleeping quarters very warm and clean. If you would like to send woollens, coats or blankets of any kind to:-

Mrs. PAM JOLLANDS, THE BUNGALOW,  
HIGHFIELDS FARM, MILL LANE, BLABY,  
LEICESTER.

we would be extremely grateful, as we had to burn the old huts and the bedding because of sickness.

In August, a woman asked us to have her three cats spayed, which we did. She then immediately gave the lovely long haired Mother cat to a Farmer, 40 miles away. On January 10th 1973, the cat arrived back on the door-step, very dirty and thin, but so very happy to see her kittens. Therefore, we have agreed to send the occasional tins of food to help out, as the owner is raising her own children on a tight budget.

Many thanks for your gifts for the tabby who did not deserve to be nailed by his front paws to a fence. He is quite happy in his new home, and he limps still, but he gets around.

The elderly retired members of our Branch take delight in selling clothing, shoes, jewelry etc., from their own homes, they are able to help this way without too much effort.

M. BAKEWELL  
211, Anstey Lane, Leicester.

## NORTH KENT GROUP

As stated on page 19, we are now operating at full strength and can announce our spring Bazaar to be held on May 9th 1973.

Any offers of help or articles for sale to make this first Bazaar the success we hope for will be very welcome.

I am hoping that C.P.L. members living in the area of our group will contact us after the issue of this magazine, so that we can be of mutual assistance to each other. I know there are a lot of people struggling on their own and if we can work together we can get a lot more accomplished.

MRS. E. BROOKER,  
5, Park Avenue, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 8DW

## NORTH LONDON BRANCH

In common with all other animal societies, the Branch has begun 1973 with an influx of cats given as Christmas presents and, within two or three weeks, brought to us for disposal. It is sad that people still give innocent animals as presents without any thought or enquiry as to the suitability of the home.

Since we submitted our last report, the Annual Fair at the Horticultural Hall has been held. The Fair is a fine opportunity for London branches to meet each other and many other members of the League. We are grateful to Headquarters for giving to us this chance. The financial rewards of our stall are also very satisfactory.

Apart from the Christmas present cats, we are experiencing a slight lull at the Shelter. Very few kittens are being brought in and we are glad of the chance to place some of our older residents in good homes. We ask all members to seek good homes for us. It is very sad that, although so many beautiful cats come to us, only one in every ten eventually goes to a home.

Our next event is our Jumble sale on the 16th of June, to be held at the Upper Holloway Hall, 602A, Holloway Road, N.7. Goods for the sale will be very gladly received.

We continue to receive Green Shield and other trading stamps from kind members. How useful they are to us is shown by the fact that, in 1972, we did not need to buy one single item of equipment for the Shelter.

We are also encouraged by the many donations we receive. In this connection, may we ask that cheques be made payable to the Branch and not to individual members. Many are made payable to the Secretary in her own name and similarly to the Treasurer and both would prefer that this were not so. Our Bank manager would also be pleased that he did not have to remind us so often of forgotten endorsement of cheques.

M. DAVIES,  
435, Caledonian Road, London, N.7.

## MANCHESTER BRANCH

Christmas, the New Year and all that they may entail are now but memories and yet some people may recall these special occasions with joy and happiness and alas! others with sadness. To the latter I extend my deepest sympathies and hopes that they may have a much brighter future.

My recollections are experiences of joy and happiness when Mrs. Thompson and I were feeding the strays and unwanted cats and kittens as well as all the other creatures under our care. Excellent care is exercised all the year round but one must admit to very *Special Treatment* at Christmas. To some people - the uninitiated - we would be called cranks or some other choice adjectives would be quoted to describe us. Such criticism is treated with the contempt it deserves and only serves to inspire far greater efforts from dedicated people who serve the cats and kittens who so desperately require our friendship.

Phone calls are received at all hours and urgent messages often necessitate my son or I rushing across the city to rescue some unfortunate cat or kitten. To witness a cold, wet, hunger-starved creature enjoying a good meal in the warmth of a cat-chalet in our Animals' Convalescent Home is a joy one can never forget and when it is repeated over and over again it then becomes a "memory" to remember for all time. We are only a Branch of the "Cats Protection League" and the good work accomplished by colleagues and myself is a testimony to the great need for "Rescue Work" in the greater Manchester area. I am deeply grateful to Janet - my son's wife - who gave up her work so that she might concentrate her endeavours to seeing to the welfare of cats and kittens in our care and this is all the more commendable when it is realised that she is an unpaid servant.

During my thirty-six years in animal welfare work I have been instrumental in saving countless numbers of cats, kittens and other creatures and it is common knowledge that to fulfil such duties one must have a great love for animals. Yet "we" are often called sentimental cranks and if our humane duties to see that justice prevails attaches this label to us, then I for one do not object.

All the cats and kittens who pass through our hands vary in so many ways - some are very affectionate and others are timid. Some talk with a soft gentle purr and others growl, some lick your hand and others give you little affectionate bites and many cats refuse to even entertain your attentions. Many have shocking habits due to a lonely existence in the ruins of demolition areas and have no faith in humans. These creatures, wherever possible, must be re-habilitated and make no

mistakes on this issue, this can be accomplished. A few weeks ago I rescued two tom cats and for these creatures to be housed and to stand a chance of good homes, castration was a dire necessity. These operations were duly carried out and one cat was placed in an excellent home last week and the other occupies a cat chalet. Some people may be of the opinion that it is wrong to castrate a cat of two to three years and I agree with this conviction but a proviso must be added. If the animal is not castrated then a humane passing is the ultimate fate of the cat. I wonder what the answer would be if the cat could speak our language and the following question posed:- If you refuse castration a humane passing awaits you, but agreement to accept the operation means that your precious life is shared and eventually a good home awaits you. Which do you prefer? !I have no doubt in my mind what the reply would be.

A short while ago my daughter rescued an abandoned few weeks' old kitten. He had to be fed every two hours and he was very, very ill. I was of the opinion that his chances of survival were almost non-existent but with careful nursing, special feeding and veterinary treatment FIDEL pulled through. Caroline, my ten years' old grandchild, helped considerably in nursing Fidel and having survived this terrible ordeal I am certain that little miracles do happen because the kitten is now fit, well and enjoying life to the full.

My most grateful thanks to N.B. of Salisbury who so kindly sent a £1.00 Donation in an anonymous capacity around the 30th of January. Contributions are always welcome because due to our small list of subscribers our income is somewhat limited and expenses heavy. Our Branch operates on a deficit each month and this necessitates drawing on our meagre resources and obviously this can only continue for a specified period and you know when this will reach its climax. Rates, heating, food, maintenance etc. are extremely heavy and new subscribers are desperately required. Will you help colleagues and myself with a contribution to ensure the continuation of our good work? Your co-operation and trust in the Branch will be deeply appreciated.

Our "Spring Fair" will be held sometime in May, 1973 and donations or gifts for sale will be most welcome. In conclusion my sincere best wishes to our General Secretary at H.Q., his Staff, Committee and Officers in all Branches and most important of all, you the Reader.

MR. A. THOMPSON,  
The Homestead, Newgate Lane, Wilmslow,  
Cheshire.

# LONDON MEMBERS

## PLEASE NOTE

# LONDON ANIMAL FLAG DAY

**SATURDAY 28th APRIL  
1973**

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**HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE PRECEEDING  
WEEK**

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*HELPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED BY OUR THREE ORGANISERS  
IN EDMONTON, NORTH LONDON AND SOUTH LONDON. THEIR  
ADDRESSES ARE SHEWN ON THE BACK INSIDE COVER—PLEASE  
HELP*

### S.LONDON COMMITTEE

Here is our list of delights in store for you:

**Saturday, April 14th**

**Bazaar and Sale**

THE PHILBEACH HALL,  
PHILBEACH GARDENS

Underground Station

Earls Court : Warwick Road,  
exit adjoining St. Cuthbert's Church

Buses Nos. 31 and 74.

**Doors open at 2 p.m.**

All helpers will be very warmly welcomed  
— and anyone who would come along to help,  
please do so, we need help.

**Saturday, 5th May**

THE BIG BAZAAR — THE BIG EVENT

The Cathedral Hall

Ambrosden Avenue, S.W.1.

(Ashley Gardens) near Victoria.

**2 p.m.**

This is earlier than usual, so we hope it will be  
easier for everyone to come. All helpers must  
be there, please and all our good friends.  
Stock for sale will be gratefully received at  
any time.

**Sunday, 20th May**

Miss Maureen Hamilton and her charming  
cats invite you to a BRING AND BUY TEA  
PARTY in their home. Please write to The  
Close for an invitation and all information.  
ANIMAL FLAG DAY will be **Saturday, 28th  
April**, for selling in the streets, and Friday  
27th for the City. House-to-House collections  
can be made throughout the preceding week.  
Three more people have offered to take boxes,  
and two others may be persuaded to do so . .  
as of to-day, I have 91 boxes still waiting  
to be claimed. Boxes can be sent out at any  
time; and they will be ready for distribution  
at the Philbeach Hall. Please help, please find  
us more sellers.

There has been a wonderful response to our  
request for help in stringing beads . . . so now,  
we would like more beads, please. If you  
happen to have any old necklaces you don't  
want, please let us have them.

We had sad news. Mrs. Naughton Rushen  
died very suddenly just before Christmas. As  
Isabel Barras, she was secretary of the Lon-  
don Committee, during the difficult early  
years, just after the last war, when the C.P.L.  
started up again in London. She was one of a  
band of helpers who did a big job. She was the  
moving spirit in launching the bazaars which  
are held several times a year now, and which  
provide our funds, she helped to start the  
voucher scheme and she was untiring in her  
efforts to help stray and unwanted cats.  
She had seven of her own in her home, where  
she frequently entertained us. Her marriage  
took her away from London, and we missed  
her sorely. It is sad that she had been in touch

shortly before her death, and she had plans  
for helping us again in the active work. There  
must be members who remember her, and  
anyone who is fond of cats should be grateful  
to her for the work which makes it possible  
for us to-day to carry on. I should like to  
have an Isabel Barras Rushen Memorial fund,  
I am opening it with a personal gift of £10,  
and I hope that everyone who feels as I do  
about the need for helping cats will send a  
contribution. If we can get together enough,  
I should like to make special effort for preg-  
nant cats, Isabel was always worried about  
their sufferings.

At the Rescue Centre Saffron and Simnal  
send thanks for the help they have received.  
Saffron is transformed into a fat friendly  
little cat, Simnal is still shy, but much better.  
We have another little Perdita, a black and  
white puss with large, sad eyes. And we have  
Pedro, a magnificent orange persian and a  
wonderful selection of beautiful torties,  
tabbies and jet black creatures, all ready to  
settle into lovely new homes. We also still  
have the feline gangsters, Duffy, Toughey  
and their awful friends, they seem to be  
building a nest in an apple tree, at least they  
are constantly dashing up and down, I fear  
they have some horrible plans. We have been  
asked for two articles: a silver ladle and a  
cow-bell. If you happen to have either and can  
spare it, we would be most grateful. Our  
Curio Corner has for years been one of our  
greatest attractions at our bazaars, now we  
need more curios. If you have any little thing  
in your house which you can spare, please  
remember us, we would like a horse-brass, a  
fitted workbox, a fan, a snuffbox, an old  
ornate pipe, and an interesting walking-stick,  
well, I am just suggesting, we will be glad of  
anything. And thank you.

NEREA DE CLIFFORD

12, The Close, New Malden, Surrey.

### SUSSEX BRANCH

Just to show that Sussex is nothing if not  
up to date and that we have truly "gone into  
Europe", we have a story from one of our  
members who is Italian and lives in Locarno.  
It is good to know that this magazine goes  
out to her there. She had five stray cats that  
she cared for but they were smitten this last  
November with Feline Enteritis and four or  
them died before help could be given. The  
fifth one she found out in the garden des-  
perately ill, and in her own words "I passed  
one night out of doors to help him, and he  
was so low he let me touch him. I put in his  
bed a hot water bottle and after three hours  
I made another one and so on". Next day  
she was able to get Veterinary treatment for  
him and took him indoors where she nursed  
him back to health and to happiness as he

## SUSSEX—cont.

follows her about the house and loves all the family, and doesn't even want to go outside any more.

We still have a number of young cats wanting homes but only get requests for tiny kittens, so Minnie's children and Brandy's boy are still with us.

We were so lucky at Christmas among a number of donations received were some for strays at Cat Haven and the Annexe to have a special Christmas Dinner which was much appreciated. My own gang of 10 were included in one gift which was so kind, and some extra tins of Evaporated Milk went down with great relish.

When the Winter is over we shall start thinking of Bring and Buy Sales again, it is not much good in the bad weather, folk don't want to turn out, but some gifts for the stalls have already arrived, so we are full of hope for the future.

P. MARK

113, Ashburnham Road, Hastings, Sussex.

## ULSTER BRANCH

It's still Winter as I write these notes, but by the time you read them Spring will be just round the corner (at least I hope so) and we will be well launched into our programme for 1973. Our plans are something like this:

- March:** Our A.G.M. will be held on 31st March, and we hope for a good attendance. The annual report and details of the meeting will go out along with this magazine.
- April:** Jumble and/or White Elephant Sale.
- May:** Coffee Party and Sale in Bangor, probably about the third week.
- June:** Open Day at the Cattery.
- July/**  
**August** Jumble Sale
- September** General Meeting and Draw, once more arranged by Mrs. K. Y. McBride.
- October:** Hallow'een Party.

This, then, is what we hope to do. Whether we will be able to carry out these projects depends entirely on circumstances. After what seemed to be a comparative lull in January we have had renewed outbreaks of violence during the past few days and all indications are that there is lots more trouble brewing. Will it EVER end?

Once more I would like to express our gratitude to all our friends for their sympathy and generosity and may I specially thank those who send gifts and stamps and parcels

but prefer to remain anonymous, also the folk who tell me not to bother sending a receipt. Sometimes I take them at their word and now I want them to accept this as their official "Thank You".

Mr. Liken is delighted about the flow of used postage stamps arriving at 61, Cherryhill Road, Dundonald. Please keep it up. Then there's Miss Bradshaw asking for wool scraps so that she can crochet lovely things which bring in a lot of money. Parcels can be sent to her at 21, Knockburn Park, Belfast 5. Our supply of envelopes suitable for sending out the magazine is getting low. Now that the flaps are invariably stuck down it's not so easy, but with a little bit of care when opening you can often salvage them so try to save as many as possible for us. Until a new Magazine Secretary is appointed envelopes can be sent to me. Finally, we are always grateful for items which we can sell at our different functions. What about those surplus Christmas gifts? We would be glad to have them.

At the Cattery the hard slog continues as Mrs. Tredrea and her part-time staff, helped by voluntary workers, battle to cope with the unending flow of cats and kittens. In addition to the strays we are increasingly being asked to help rehabilitate the much loved pets of people who for some reason are forced to part with them. Sometimes it's a direct result of "the troubles", sometimes age or illness. One feels so sorry for the poor, bewildered little creatures suddenly transported from a happy home and familiar surroundings. You may find it hard to believe the following tale but it's true "cross my heart and hope to die". A man arrived at the cattery to make inquiries about having his cats put down. It transpired he had three and two of these he had got from us. They are all quite young and beautiful, but his wife was about to produce a baby and had fallen for the tales about the harm cats could do - you've heard it all before, of course. Anyway they wanted to have the cats destroyed and would then bury them in the garden and erect a headstone in their memory! Presumably they imagined that the headstone would compensate the cats for the loss of their little lives.

Unwillingly they agreed to allow us to take back the two Cattery cats - the other poor little mite will no doubt pay the price and end up under the headstone. Until the event of the baby these cats had obviously had a very happy home and been well looked after. It makes one marvel. "There's nowt so queer as folks".

(MISS) ELIZABETH R. MCKEE

92A, Earlswood Road, Belfast, BT4 3DZ

## WEST CORNWALL

Christmas was as we expected . . . frantic. We cared for 160 animals and we reckoned we dealt with over three hundred people calling, and twice that number again by phone, so we were quite weary at the end of it all. A lot of these cats were of course boarders, but many of them were the poor mites who were left on the wings of the world whilst owners had their Christmas holiday away from home. Dozens of cats were lost over the holiday season and dozens found and although we managed to fix quite a number up with their rightful owners, many more went unclaimed. It seems a terrible oversight that there isn't an official notification centre for lost cats. It is all taken too lightly. People losing or finding cats never seem to know what to do about it, they either conclude their lost cat has been stolen, run over, eaten by foxes or poisoned and get another cat, or they report the loss to the R.S.P.C.A. or the Police or us. The people finding the cat either think it has been dumped, or report the loss to one or the other of the above places, and so the muddle goes on. Over the years I have felt very strongly about all this and have spent hard earned cash inserting notices in the local press imploring cat lovers to report lost and found cats to us and many of them do, but it isn't official and many people don't read papers and some people have never heard of the C.P.L. and are quite vague about the R.S.P.C.A. The Police could help, but we all know that cats usually arrive at quite a different place when lost and it is unlikely that the reports are made at the same police station so that doesn't help.

This Branch would be quite willing to be an official receiver of all reports of missing or found cats if it could be given the correct publicity and I feel certain other Branches would be agreeable too, and this could be the solution to one of our most persistent problems. Our catteries always contain numbers of stray cats who must have come from good homes, why can't we get through to the owners who are searching for them? Perhaps lively cat lovers in different parts of the country could pester the powers-that-be to do something tangible about this situation which I feel is of utmost importance.

Local cat lovers who read The Cat will be glad to know that we are making plans for some original activities. Fund raising is often irksome, so we hope to have a bit more fun with it and you will hear about this in due course through the medium of the Cat or local papers. We must say thank you for the letters which arrive in the post with donations and interesting cat chat and for the lovely parcels we receive, we enjoy

collecting up nice things to sell, it does make our lot happier.

K. BEESLEY,

Catlowena, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

## THE RESCUE CENTRE

We have completed two years here. Two years full of work and worry, surprises, problems, doubts and debates, experiments, triumphs and difficulties, but not, I must say, boredom. We are never dull here. The cats are always interesting and always ready with new ideas.

The situation is lovely. Right in the country, with common land in front and woods behind us, and tall trees all round. Our house was a studio, made out of the old stables, built when horses were given the best. We (that is Miss Godbold and myself) live upstairs, the ground floor is all for the cats. There is the cats' kitchen, a surgery, a little office and the big handsome cat-room, which was the studio, furnished with huge quadruple-size pens, where cats can be housed for special attention. But the main living-space for the cats is all out of doors. The whole property is enclosed in a tall chain-link fence, which keeps cats from wandering out and any passing dog, fox or person from getting in.

Within the enclosure we have twenty large houses, each big enough to house up to four cats, each with its own wired run and double doors. New arrivals are given their own houses and kept in till they are quite settled and have been speyed or neutered, then their doors are opened and they join the "mob" running free in the enclosure by day. Breakfasts are served early to each cat-house. Each cat has its own meal in a separate dish. This system means a certain amount of extra work, not to mention the washing up, but we both feel that it is the only way to be quite sure that everyone is eating good meals. After breakfast the doors of the small runs are opened and the inmates troop out to take up their lives in the grounds, where there are trees to climb and bushes to hide in, a rather charming bank where there might possibly one day be a mousehole and in season a big park of tall bracken, which the cats dearly love. There are squirrels at the tops of the tall trees, but they never come down.

Just before sunset, suppers are brought out on trays and served to the cats in their own houses. All cats are usually lined up near the gates in good time, watching for supper. The clever ones soon grasped the idea that they would be fed in their houses, and used to rush into them as soon as the trays appeared, then even cleverer ones started a short cut by dashing into the nearest houses, regardless of ownership and jumping up and down,

## THE RESCUE CENTRE—cont.

mewing "Here I am . . . Here I am". The actual owners of the houses were very much put out, and usually climbed on top, dancing on the roofs and yelling for their meals to be served there . . . finally, when everyone is sorted out, doors are closed and peace falls.

It is fascinating to watch the way of life of these cats. Cats are definitely not pack or herd animals. There is no sort of group organisation, no boss cat. Small determined cats push hard to be in front, and large lazy cats let them do as they like - certain cats do not like cats at all and spit and swear if any cat comes near them, and all the others make careful circles round them to avoid their temper. There are a few pairs, usually related, sometimes just friends, who go about more or less together but in general each cat has its own life, has its own favourite places and sleeps and plays and walks on its own.

In turn, we bring the cats indoors to have some home life, ready for the time when he or she will go off to a good home; this is our main object, we want all our cats to go to homes, and we prepare and train them for this. Some are delighted to come in, and having once done so, do not like going out again, others make it quite clear that they prefer the outdoor life. We try to fit each one with a home to suit its character, and we certainly can offer any would-be owner a cat to fit pretty well any specifications. We have pure white and jet black and tabbies both mackerel-striped and tiger-marked and tortois ginger, all the colours with white trimmings if preferred, or large patches of colour on white. We have bright, extrovert noisy cats, and gentle little quiet ones and busy cats who will follow you around, and dignified creatures who keep themselves to themselves. Some must have country homes with big gardens, others would be perfectly happy in a small flat. In fact, if anybody wants a cat, I think that we can supply it, and we would be very pleased to do so. We can always arrange for any of our cats to be seen at The Close, New Malden, if more convenient. All cats go for a trial period and can come back to us, though up to now very few have done so.

Our future plans include improvements and some alterations of course, nothing is perfect, but in general we plan to continue on these lines, giving the cats a free life and placing them in homes as soon as they are ready . . . and we hope that we may be able to carry on for a long time to come. Miss Bruce Joy lived and worked here for just on fifty years. I don't think, somehow that I shall manage to beat her record, but I mean to try!

If any member would like more information about what we are doing and how we do it, I would be delighted to hear from anybody interested.

NEREA DE CLIFFORD  
The Rescue Centre,  
Chase Lodge Studio,  
Haslemere, Surrey.

## OBITUARY

It is with great regret that we record the death of Miss M. Loasby, the Vice Chairman of our Coventry branch. Miss Loasby had been a valiant and untiring worker in her area for a considerable period and her untimely passing will be sadly mourned by her Coventry colleagues and all C.P.L. workers.

## WHY HELP CATS?

by N. DE CLIFFORD

Yes. Why help cats, when there are so many animals needing help? . . . Why help animals when there are so many human beings needing help? . . . We are, all of us, asked these questions often and often; I don't think anyone ever listens to our replies, but lately I have been considering them. Why do we help cats? What is it that makes a goodlooking woman throw up a glamorous job to take over a feline sanctuary and work 16 hours a day? Why does a busy office-worker actually want to spend precious week-ends giving a hand in a cattery? Why does a successful business man interrupt his work to make sure some stray cats are fed? What is the thread that joins so many people of different ways of life, so that up to fifty of them will spend all of a long sunny summer day, or a miserably cold winter one, in a dusty, drafty hall, lugging heavy cases, sorting goods and selling, on their feet, so that we can have a successful bazaar?

The answer is not entirely just fondness for cats, not even understanding of them. It is something else, empathy, an innate feeling, comparable to an ear for music, though very much more rare. Probably not more than one person in a thousand cares for animals, and of these, again, only a few care for cats, but to ask those few and special people to do something else, is like suggesting to a good pianist that he would have made better use of his time skiing.

We know what cats need. They need help and it is laid on us. As a painter has to paint and a writer has to write so have we to work for cats. We help cats because they need our help.

## 'CAT' COMPETITION

For your amusement and the League's profit, Miss G. W. Lewis, a Life Member, has kindly compiled the Quiz on the opposite

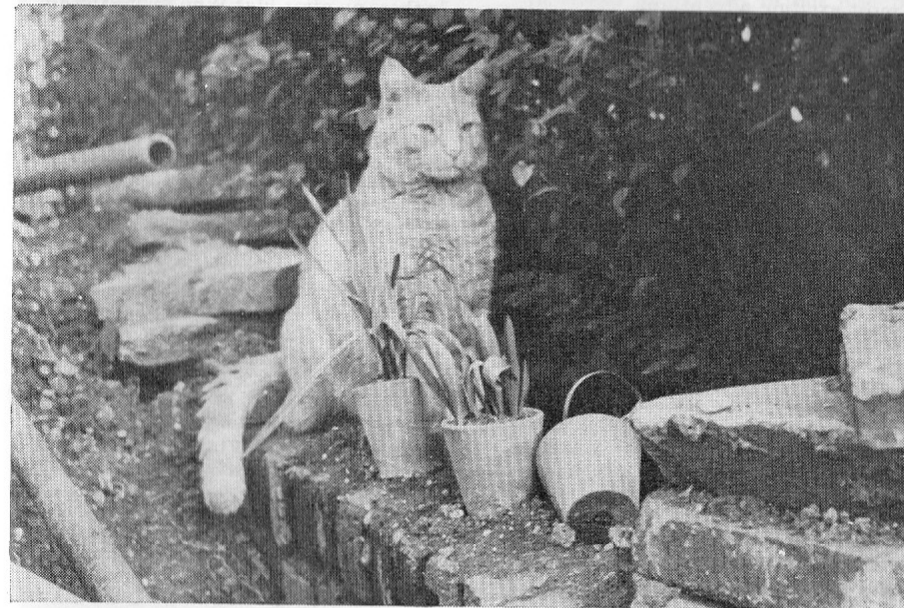
page. There is no entrance fee, but if the puzzle gives you pleasure, a small donation enclosed with your solution will give pleasure at H.Q.

Find the word containing "CAT" that fits the clue and send your answers to MRS. SHERRATT, 141, UPTON ROAD, SLOUGH - marking the envelopes "COMPETITION". The envelopes will not be opened until March 31st. A small prize will be awarded to each of the first three correct answers found.

## 'CAT' COMPETITION CLUES

All words have "CAT" in the right order in some part of the word.

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|--|----|---|-----|
| 1. Symptom which assists doctor or surgeon . . . . . | 8  | 18. Join together . . . . .                     | 11  |
| 2. Enforced by repetition . . . . .                  | 9  | 19. Short of water . . . . .                    | 10  |
| 3. Excess of water . . . . .                         | 8  | 20. Intertangle . . . . .                       | 10  |
| 4. Kind of board . . . . .                           | 9  | 21. Light vessel . . . . .                      | 9   |
| 5. Of the French pussy . . . . .                     | 5  | 22. Attempt to cure . . . . .                   | 8   |
| 6. Not pussy's fur-tidier! . . . . .                 | 5  | 23. Justify . . . . .                           | 9   |
| 7. Withering . . . . .                               | 8  | 24. Tree of U.S.A. . . . .                      | 7   |
| 8. A prelude . . . . .                               | 7  | 25. See "Dixon of Dock Green" . . . . .         | 5-4 |
| 9. Used to condemn plays . . . . .                   | 7  | 26. The work of a don . . . . .                 | 9   |
| 10. Something affirmed . . . . .                     | 9  | 27. Thoughtless . . . . .                       | 12  |
| 11. Important part of some books . . . . .           | 10 | 28. Associated with a Mediaeval Saint . . . . . | 9-5 |
| 12. World-wide . . . . .                             | 8  | 29. Part of a horse's accoutrement . . . . .    | 6   |
| 13. Double-branched . . . . .                        | 10 | 30. Has no legs . . . . .                       | 11  |
| 14. Associated with Test Match . . . . .             | 5  | 31. Carnivorous animal . . . . .                | 4-3 |
| 15. Nice . . . . .                                   | 8  | 32. A vehicle . . . . .                         | 3-3 |
| 16. Anything but regular . . . . .                   | 9  | 33. On many roads . . . . .                     | 4-4 |
| 17. Troublesome affection . . . . .                  | 7  | 34. A long drop . . . . .                       | 8   |
|  |    | 35. Italian dignity . . . . .                   | 11  |
|  |    | 36. Concerned with rod and line . . . . .       | 9   |
|  |    | 37. A kind of class . . . . .                   | 8   |
|  |    | 38. Sometimes causes death . . . . .            | 11  |
|  |    | 39. Employed at some functions . . . . .        | 7   |
|  |    | 40. Sea monster . . . . .                       | 7   |
|  |    | 41. To send down . . . . .                      | 9   |
|  |    | 42. Not found in town or village . . . . .      | 9   |
|  |    | 43. Included in string orchestra . . . . .      | 6   |
|  |    | 44. Quibble . . . . .                           | 11  |
|  |    | 45. A nautical hoist . . . . .                  | 3-4 |
|  |    | 46. Appease . . . . .                           | 7   |
|  |    | 47. Difficult passage . . . . .                 | 3-4 |
|  |    | 48. Suppliant . . . . .                         | 9   |
|  |    | 49. Involved . . . . .                          | 9   |
|  |    | 50. The negative pole . . . . .                 | 7   |





## MEMBERS' CORNER

The following verses, as you'll see,  
Are in very irregular metre;  
But they may make you smile and relax for  
a while,  
I'm sorry the rhyme isn't sweeter!

Our Jo-Jo is a ginger cat, a very intelligent  
creature,  
His little white waistcoat and little white paws  
A most attractive feature.

Our Jo-Jo is a lovable cat, more like a child  
is he;  
He puts his soft paws round my neck,  
Most affectionately.

His lovely eyes look into mine, He purrs and  
sing so sweetly,  
He seems to ask me to love him back,  
Almost pleadingly.

Our Jo-Jo is a "show-off" cat, He must be  
noticed you see;  
He bites his toys and makes a noise, If he is  
ignored by me!

If visitors come, he won't be quiet and let  
them enjoy their tea,  
He's up to his tricks, he claws and picks,  
Most persistently.

When Jo-Jo goes down Beaver Batch it's a  
most exciting adventure;  
To explore where other cats have been,  
Investigate the local scene,  
Wherever he dares to venture.

At supper time he comes back home and  
seeks his special dish;  
He welcomes everything good he finds,  
especially if it's fish!

Then into his own small chair he goes, with  
blankets as warm as can be,  
And spends the night in great delight,  
With Tiddles for company.

N. RICHARDSON

### BEDTIME STORY

I've a four-foot bed and you'd think that that  
Was enough for me and one little black cat.  
Forty-eight inches is what we've got  
And forty-eight inches seems quite a lot.  
Then how does that little black cat contrive  
To take forty-three and just leave me five?  
I'm sure that a four-foot bed should be  
Enough for one little black cat and me.

IDA M ROSE.

### THE CAT IN THE GRASS

What's that in the grass?  
I saw a black thing pass!  
There it is again!  
Surely saw it!  
You simply can't fail,  
Why, it's a tail!

Two ears now!  
Is it a dog, or a fox?  
'Cause it can't be a cow!  
Perhaps it's a pig,  
No! they're tawny, brown-tipped ears!

There's a head!  
It's tawny like . . .  
Why, yes, well no, it can't,  
If, it isn't a little tabby cat,  
I'll eat my hat?

A. C. WHITMORE

(Amanda is one of our younger readers  
- Editor)

### TO TABBY

Tabby was my little boy,  
Tabby was my only joy,  
Up in the laburnam tree  
Is he frightened? No, not he.  
He can climb upon the roof -  
He's not frightened-there's the proof.  
Full of life, and now he's dead,  
A car has bumped his little head,  
In the garden quiet he lies,  
Under soft pacific skies.  
Is there an after-life? Who knows?  
I want to go where Tabby goes.

E. WALTON

### TIKKI

Your eyes bewitch me;  
Looking into them is like  
Gazing into deep green pools  
Flicked with the Gold of Sunshine  
Flickering through the leaves of trees  
Deep in a dappled forest.

Depending on your mood, those pools  
Are soft with drowsy-flow of love  
As if by Sunshine warmed;  
Or black and lowering whipped,  
To fury by impending storm.

Sometimes, when closed, they vanish alto-  
gether,  
As if the surface has been covered  
With the light brown leaves of Autumn.

When you have left me  
AS, alas! someday you must,  
I shall forever see those dear green pools,  
And hear you soft melodious purr.

JOANNA LAWS

## MEMBERS' CORNER (cont.)

### WANTED

Mrs. E. P. Glynn, of 4, Knappe Cottages,  
Colemore, Alton, Hants., would like to help  
and work in a Cattery. She would ask for no  
payment but would require accommodation  
for herself and one "precious puss". If any  
reader knows where this lady could find such  
a billet, she would be pleased to hear from  
them.

### WANTED

Detached two bedroom bungalow on the  
outskirts of Folkestone, Kent, for middle  
aged couple and two cats. Excessive price  
impossible, but can pay cash on an average  
price.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Bryant, 76, Wennington  
Road, Rainham, Essex, RM 13 9TH.

### WANTED

Writer, forties, some hospital training,  
seeks partnership or otherwise occupation as  
helper (full/part-time) with owner of cattery  
or breeding establishment. Salary less im-  
portant than independent accommodation.  
Suggestions welcomed by - Mrs. R. Lake,  
Boxted House, St. Audry's Hospital, Melton,  
Nr. Woodbridge Suffolk.

### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Carlo a gentle, loving and  
beautiful cat, sadly missed by his owners and  
all their friends.

M. CANE.

"In ever loving memory of my darling  
"Pu-Pu" who came to me a kitten and gave  
me 19 years of love. Now he sleeps among the  
trees and shrubs where he used to play.  
Sadly missed".

E. M. CRAIG

"Remembering always, with affection,  
CHERRY, who died 27th December, 1972  
aged 19 years 8 months.

TOM AND DREENA ELLIS

Treasured memories of our 3 beloved cats:-  
Darling "KIKI" (T.W. 1519) with us for 13½  
years, released from illness by kindly sleep,  
28/2/52 then our dear little humble "TIGER"  
(T.W. 2039 aged 12½ who fell sleep after a very  
short illness 21/2/58. Lastly, our sweet  
"JENNY" (T.W. 2972) sorely missed after  
13 years of loving companionship, and  
gently put to sleep 2/4/71. "Until we meet  
again" little ones.

DOROTHY AND ALAN TURNER

## END OF THE ROAD FOR THE HOBO CAT

ALDERMAN Henry Ayre and his staff are  
in mourning for a cat which hitched a 450-  
mile trip from Scotland, only to run out of  
road in Tiverton.

Alderman Ayre, who is on Devon County  
Council, and runs a furniture business,  
stopped off at Edinburgh to pick up a part-  
load on his way back from Inverness.

While they were loading, the cat was play-  
ing around the van. So he shooed it away.

But when the van got back to Devon there  
was the cat inside.

Alderman Ayre said: "He was obviously a  
cat that liked to travel. He was a good looker  
too, ginger with a bit of Siamese in him".

"One of my staff offered to give him a  
Home".

But the ginger cat must have used up his  
nine lives on Scotland.

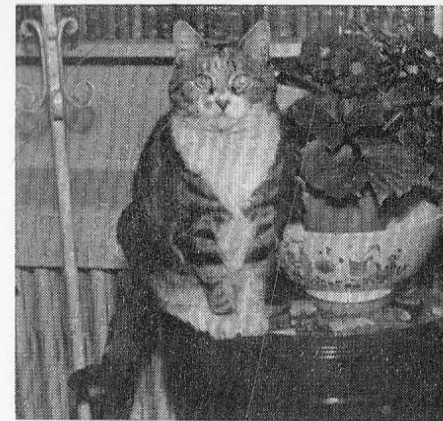
For on the day of his arrival in Tiverton he  
walked through the open shop door into the  
street and was run over and killed.

Alderman Ayre said: "I'm rather sad about  
it all. He didn't even live long enough for me  
to give him a name".

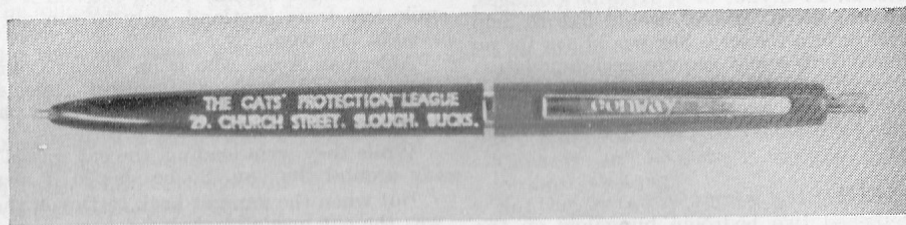
(From the "Sunday Independent", December  
24th, 1972 and sent by Mrs. K. Beesley).

In treasured memory of our best beloved  
MUMSIE and her daughter, our dearest  
CO-CO. Also, our own sweet darlings FOO-  
FOO and TIBBS.

Auntie Averill



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

**Buy:** Hand-knitted dishcloths and/or Aprons, from Mrs. P. Ilves, 1 Penn Street, Oakham, Rutland. Prices, Aprons 45p. Dishcloths 9p.

**Wanted:** Cloth Badges, County, Club, School Cap or Blazer. Each will earn 10p for my C.P.L. Collecting Box.

Your interest and co-operation will be much appreciated. Miss D. Gowing, Rosemary Cromer Road, Roughton. NOR 29Y Norfolk.

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