

## HERE'S WICKEDNESS!

The following news item is taken from the *London Star* of January 27th, 1948:—

"Women wept and one fainted during an identity parade of dead cats held in the yard outside Bow Street Court to-day.

"The parade was in connection with charges against two livestock dealers, Grindlay Forbes, 35, and Donald Frederick Day, 27, both of Loughborough Road, Brixton.

"They were accused of stealing cats belonging to Mrs. Mary Warwick, of Lillington Street, Victoria, and Mr. Edward Dykes, of Gonsalva Road, Battersea, and of conveying four live cats at Moreton Terrace, Victoria, in such manner as to cause unnecessary suffering.

"They were further accused of cruelly illtreating and torturing eight cats by tying them in sacks and putting them in a box.

"Mr. J. S. Williams, prosecuting, said two policemen saw Forbes and Day with a lorry in Victoria. Forbes picked up a cat and when questioned said, 'I was not picking cats up. I was releasing them. They get in the loft where I keep my pigeons.'

"The officers, said Mr. Williams, saw four cats tied up so tightly in two sacks that they could hardly move.

"At the home of the men was a box in which were two sacks containing three cats and a sack containing two cats. The cats were taken to an animal dispensary. Three were dead on arrival and the others were destroyed."

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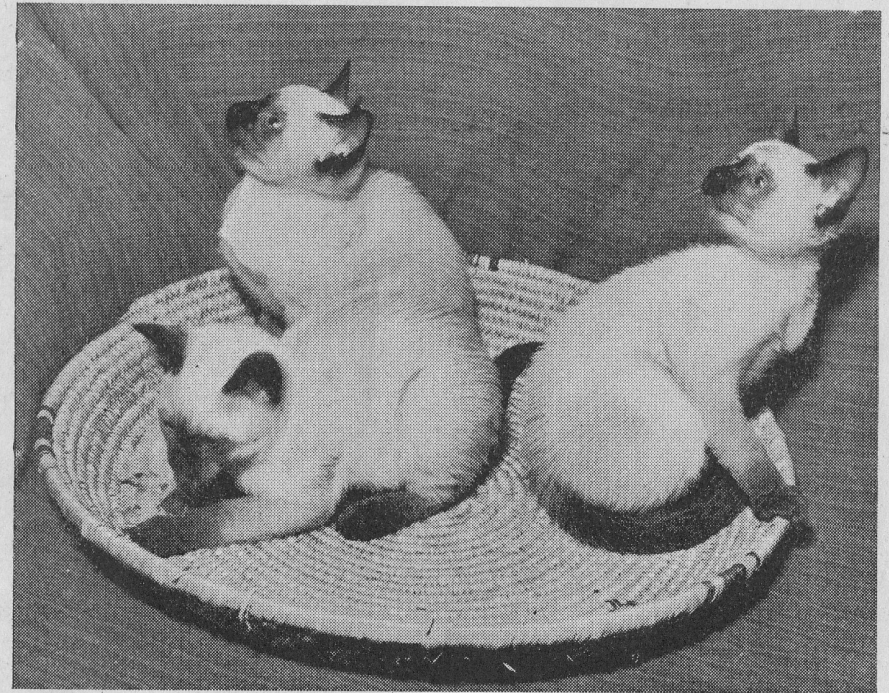
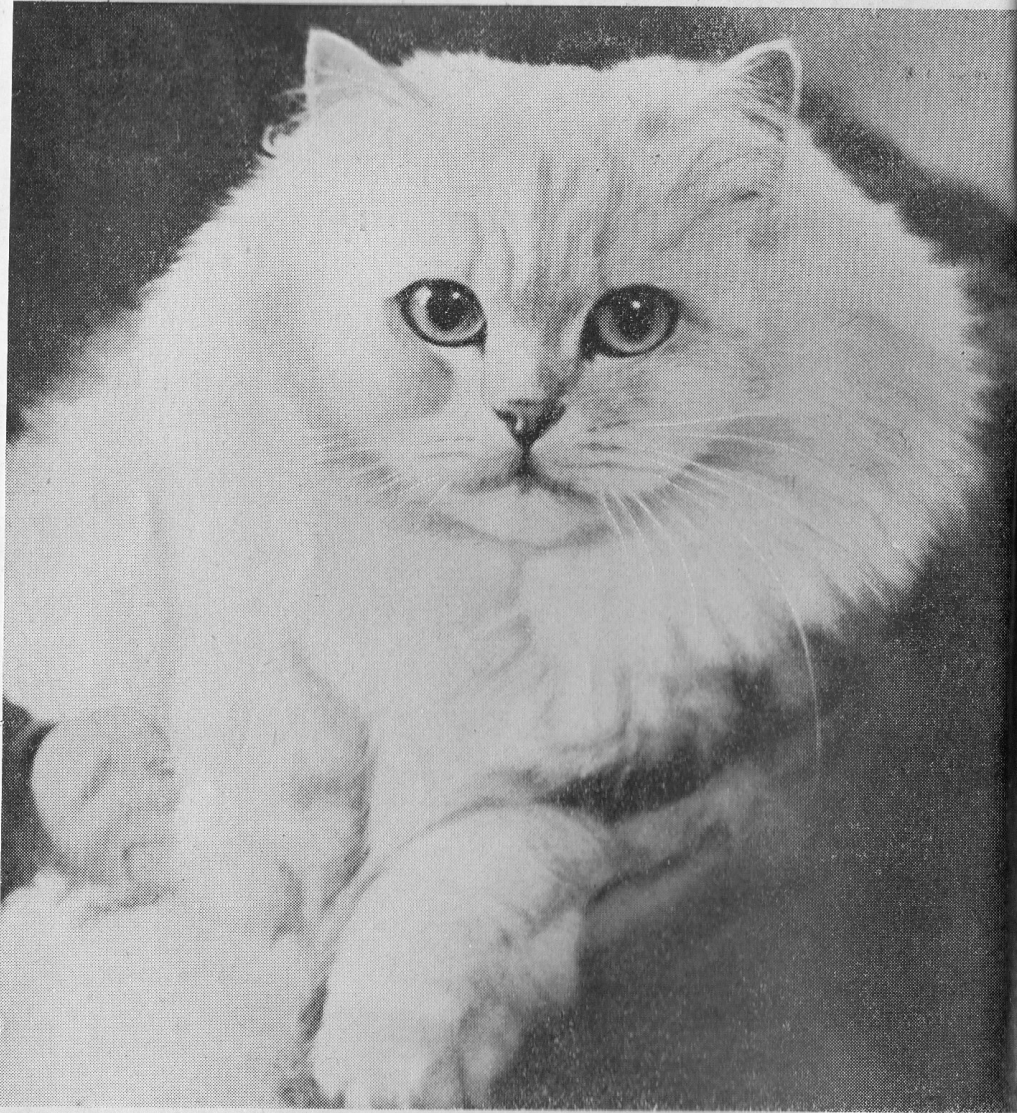


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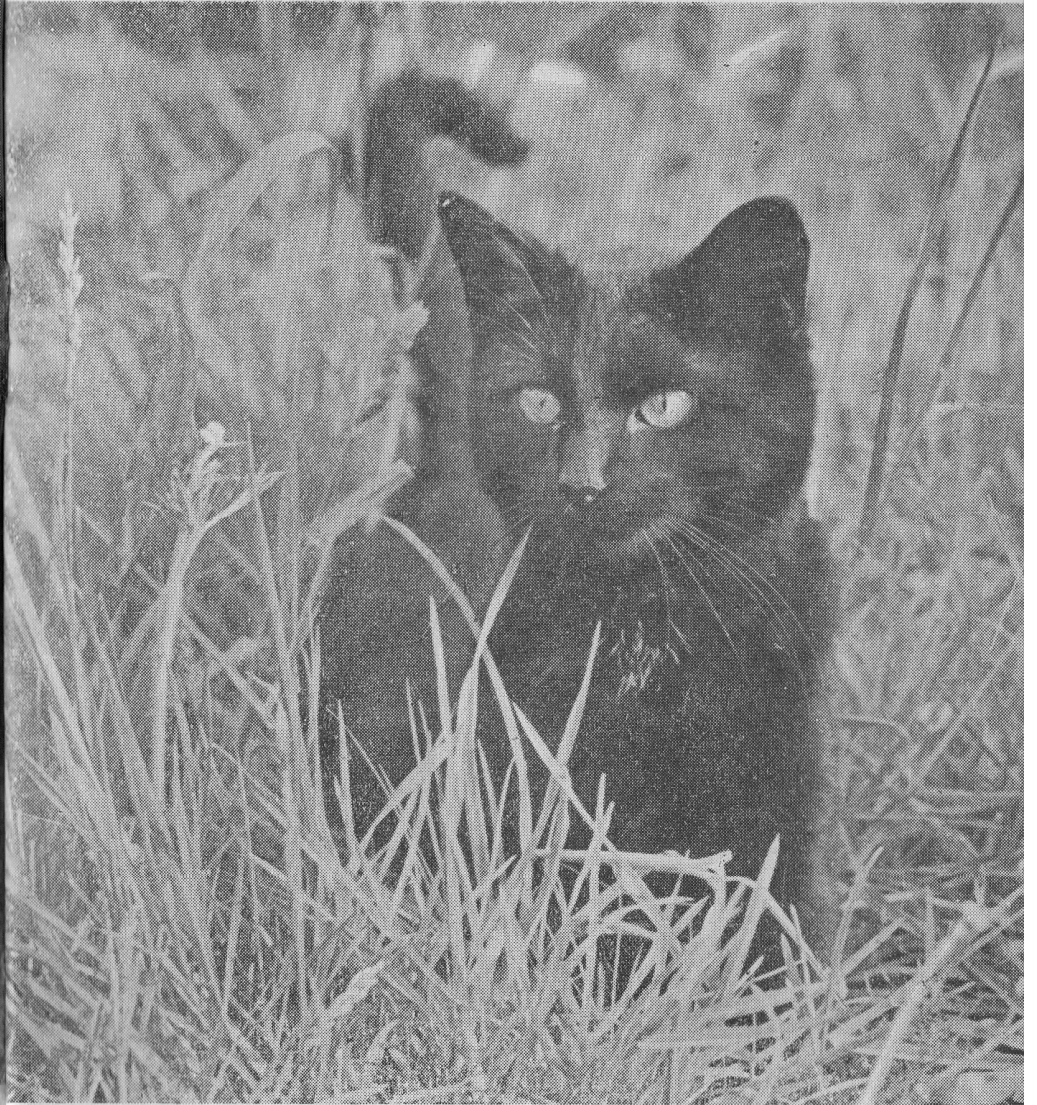
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## KITTENS ON THE GRAND SCALE

By M. P. WILLIS

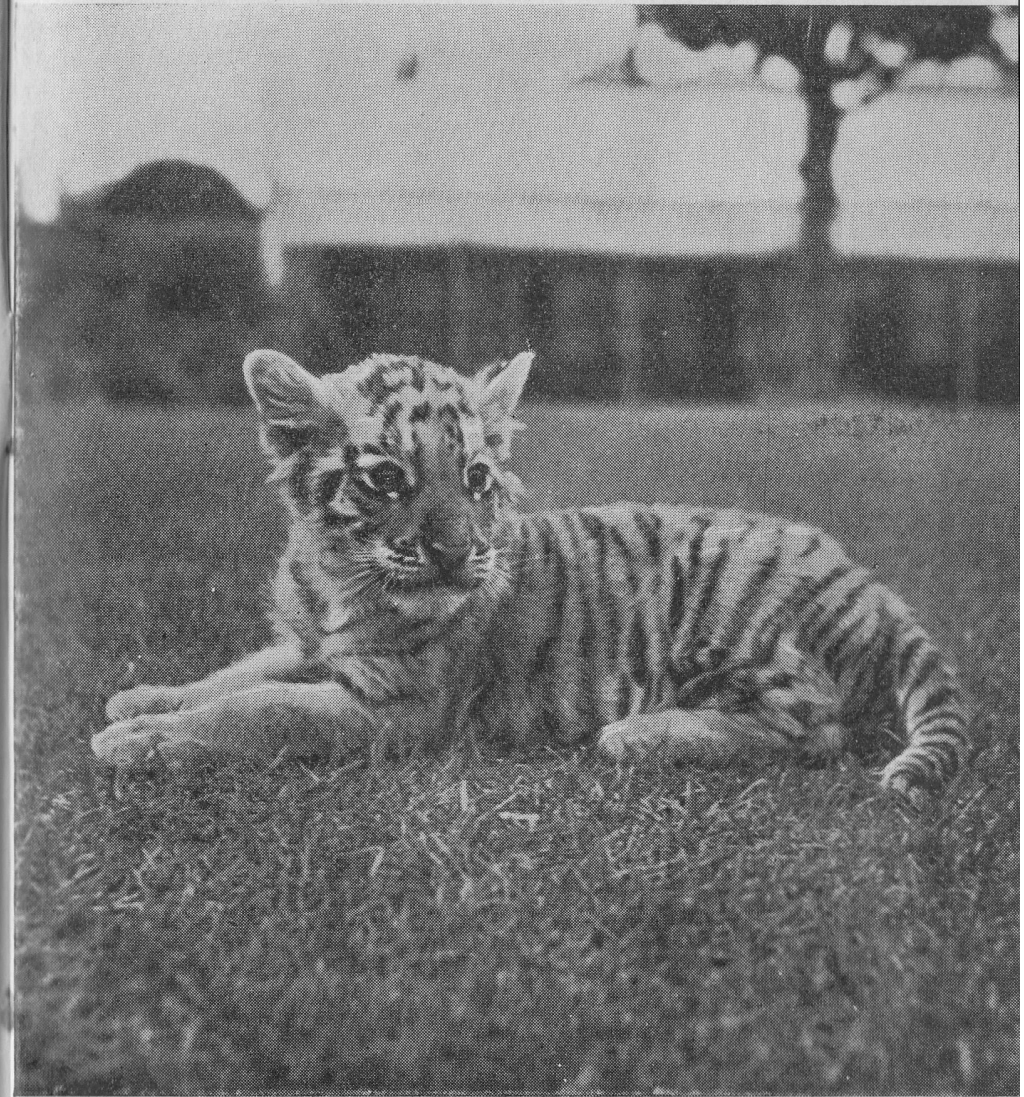
**T**HERE can be no more attractive sight in any Zoo than a litter of lively lion cubs gambolling kitten-like around the mother. The Clifton Zoo is fortunate in breeding several litters of lions and tigers each year. This success is undoubtedly helped by the deep understanding and genuine love of big cats which is shown by their keeper, Sydney Fishlock. For 32 years

he has been handling them, and not once has he had an accident, although some animals he treats with the easy familiarity of well-loved domestic pets.

Before cubs can be shown to the public, there are many anxious days in the cat house. Expectant lionesses are temperamental creatures and must be kept quiet and secluded in a special box set in a boarded-up cage. Once mated, a lioness remains true to the same lion all her life, and will not tolerate another near her at mating time. Two of the favourites at Clifton, Ceasar and Elizabeth, have been together for twenty years without a single quarrel, as far as humans can tell!

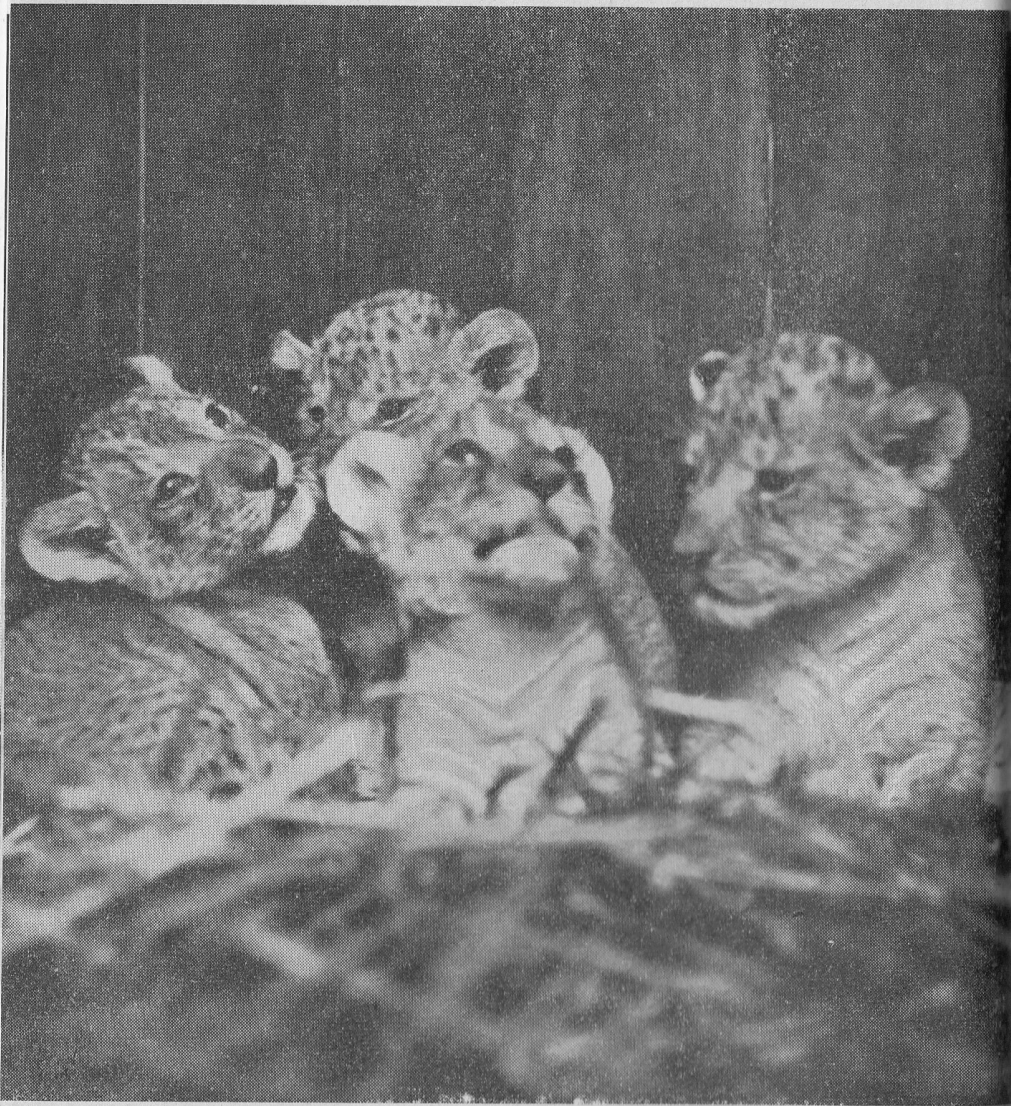
Elizabeth is an exceptionally good mother, and each year produces her litter of two cubs—the usual number. One year she broke all Zoo records by producing quintuplets, all of which reached maturity. Most animals are savage and unapproachable when they have young, but there is a firm bond of affection between Elizabeth and the keeper. The morning after the happy event she will bring her cubs out in her mouth, one by one, right up to the bars, with an expression of "Just look what I've got now!" and wait to be praised.

Other lionesses are notoriously bad mothers. One handsome



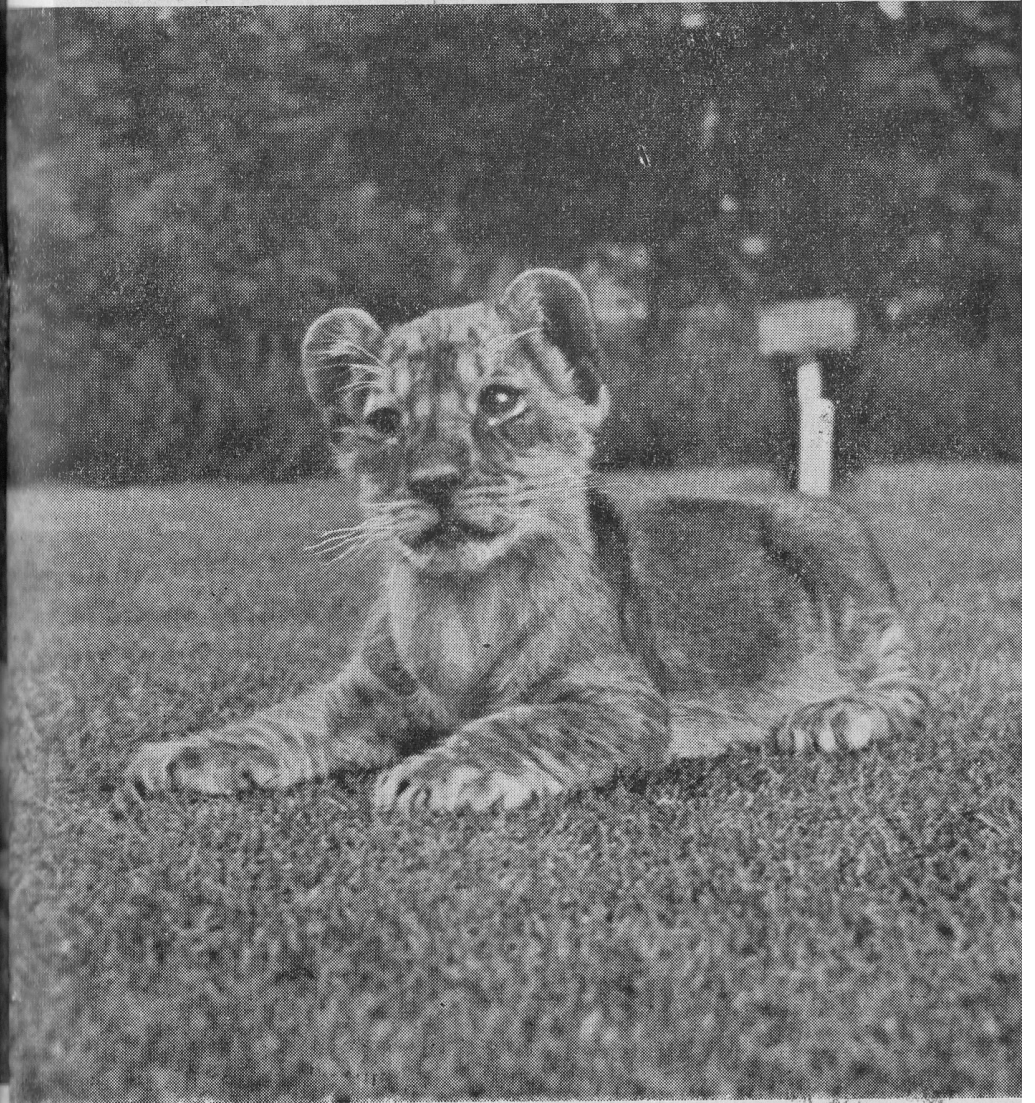
creature called Julie usually gets tired of motherhood after a few days and refuses to feed her cubs. The incessant squeals of

hunger from the babies indicates to the keeper that they must be rescued. They are then bottle fed on goat's milk, but if they



are very weak they are taken home by Fishlock. When this happens all domestic activities are made subservient to the cubs.

There is a perpetual sterilising of milk and bottles, a measuring of cod-liver oil, a warming of padded baskets with electric



heaters that would do credit to a human nursery.

Two partly grown tigers still in the Zoo were born here, but

were abandoned at once by the mother. They were rescued and put to be suckled by the keeper's spaniel which had just had her

own litter of puppies. The dog was given a special vitamin-charged diet, and the little animals thrived. But as they fed, so they kneaded away at the foster-mother's flanks, just as kittens knead away at the cat's fur. If the keeper had not quickly made little leather bootees for their paws, they would have cut the soft flank to ribbons. These striped kittens remained quite docile and cuddlesome as long as they were kept on milk, but as soon as they tasted raw meat all their savage instincts were aroused. It was very amusing to watch these two chubby cubs, so fat that they could hardly waddle along, stalking their keeper from behind, bellies pressed flat against the ground, ears well back, creeping forward inch by inch, then suddenly lumbering forward a few feet and giving him a sly nip on the ankle.

Two puma cubs were born a few years ago. They looked, and behaved, rather like Siamese kittens, and could be led about on a leash. Leopard cubs have also been successfully reared—a rare occurrence in Zoological records. These twins were the most interesting of all the feline kittens. They spent their time chasing each other, chasing their tails, chasing wooden balls or swinging on dangling ropes, with never failing energy. Their

favourite toy as they grew bigger was a rubber motor tyre. This was the subject of ceaseless tugs-of-war, the temporary winner usually curling up inside the tyre and pretending to go to sleep until the loser regained his courage to start the battle again. Although now fully grown, the tyre is still part of the cage equipment and is still as popular with them.

There have been tignons—crosses between lions and tigers—but they are not very popular. Most people look at the tigon and mutter, "I don't believe it." These animals are larger than lions, with unstriped bodies and heads similar to tigers. They seem to lack the grace of either parent and are not very hardy.

Cubs from Clifton Zoo are in demand not only in England, but all over Europe. They go to circuses and to private owners as well as to Zoos.

Contrary to popular opinion, keepers prefer to deal with animals captured from the wild rather than animals born in captivity. The former are easier to handle as they are still afraid of man, and the ultimate relation between animal and keeper is one of mutual respect. Animals reared from cubs have too many memories of youthful familiarities and want to continue their playful ways long after they are fully grown.

## How Good Was My 'Mini!'

By H. G. PANDYA, M.A.

**ALTHOUGH** many years have passed since I left the village of my birth, the memory is still fresh as if all that happened only yesterday . . . .

We were living in a small village in India. We had two cows and plenty of fresh vegetables and seasonal crops from our fields. My Father was the Head of the Village Panchayat (self-rule) and we were happy with our simple, contented and peaceful lives.

One cold night in Winter, we were having our usual fire-side chat. Suddenly, a kitten entered our premises. It was frightened on account of being chased by a street-dog. The kitten felt safe in our shelter. My father gave some milk and moved his hand fondly over its body. Since then, Mini became one of our family members.

While all of us went to bed, Mini was always awake. She used to guard our humble cottage, and she did it with the vigilance of a sentry. When tired, she would come to my bed and sleep with me.

We enjoyed this bliss for five years.

Mini was now quite accustomed to our routine life. She was very obedient and docile. She had, no doubt, attained her indispensable position. During this period, she had two deliveries, giving birth to half a dozen kittens each time. We used to play with the kittens and she looked magnificent as a proud mother. Later on, kittens left our home one by one, but Mini stayed on.

The period of successive years was trying for all of us. Monsoon had failed for the preceding two years. Crops had not grown and famine declared.

Poor, helpless villagers along with their cattle were starving to death all around. It was a dismal sight. We had amongst us a one-year-old third brother. There was a keen tie regarding allotment of milk between Mini and the Baby. Both our cows had succumbed to famine. We had been obliged to beg for milk here and there.

Once upon a time, we could procure only half a cup of milk. My Mother insisted that it should be given to my youngest brother; but my father was horrified to see the depressed face of Mini. She had not seen milk for the last several days. He argued: "you can feed the baby from your own milk. Who will

feed my Mini in this famine?" And he offered it to Mini, with all the affection of a father!

The next day, we had nothing to eat whatsoever. We were gazing at pale faces of one another, and went to bed at last in utter disappointment. The Mini was out in search for food. She returned at mid-night and awakened me by her familiar cries. Evidently she had brought a rat for my food! How could I explain to Mini that it was not possible for me to share with her favourite dish?

But those days of distress had now been over. God had favoured His chosen folk once again. Mini was now growing older. My father was getting more and more strict towards her. She was forbidden to leave home at night and strangely enough, Mini used to understand his commanding accent: "Mini, now don't be selfish. How can you think of going out the moment you had your milk? Go and guard the cradle of your brother!"

She obeyed immediately without argument.

This training in Mini's life was essential from the practical point of view also. My parents used to go for field-work during day-time and my elder brother and I to study at a village school. There was no one else to be by the side of my youngest brother,

except perhaps occasional visits of my mother. Mini, however, gave her faithful service. She did not leave his side for a single moment and it was in this hour of discharging her duty loyally that her existence was threatened by a snake.

On numerous occasions before, Mini had fought with serpents and other insects and her fight was always crowned with victory. She had bright piercing eyes and beautiful tawny straps round her white symmetrical body; and though her skin was soft, yet she was confident of her acute smartness and sharpness of teeth. In times of danger, especially at night, if challenged by a superior foe, she had not failed to awaken us as a precautionary measure.

But this most fatal occasion was to test all her capacity. It was noon-time and my mother was expected back. Just before her arrival, Mini had to encounter with a big serpent which was on its way towards the cradle. Mini must have attacked it with alertness and ferocity of a hunter. When we came home during our recess, we saw Mini actively engaged in life-and-death struggle with that dreadful snake. She had caught the snake just near its mouth but its tail was free to encircle round the cat's body; and everytime that the serpent thrashed her

with its unusually long tail, Mini experienced breakage of her bones. But she was determined to fight to the finish.

We were terror-struck and could not take any action. By the time mother came, the serpent was overpowered and breathing its last breath. This struggle had told upon Mini's physical system, she fainted. After a while, she looked at each member of the house and surroundings and finally closed her eyes for ever.

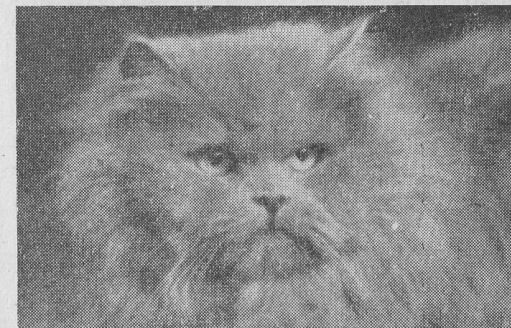
## THE MONTH'S NEWS

A charming photograph of Miss J. P. Deeble, Hon. Secretary of the South African Cat Union, appears in the April number of the American magazine entitled "Cats." An interesting article accompanies it and among other items it tells us that: "To Miss Deeble of Princetown, Natal, goes the distinction of carrying the torch for the tremendous interest that is being shown in cats in Africa. During 1946, Miss Deeble called a meeting of known cat lovers and launched the South African Cat Union which covers the U.O.S.A. also the Rhodesias, and is affiliated to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy in England.

Chief interest in the S.A.C.U. and its growth appears to be among the owners of Siamese."

All of us wept bitterly over this loss, in fact, all villagers praised Mini's excellent courage and supreme sacrifice but we, on our part, including my father, had no words to pay fitting tribute to that delicate and lovely creature who was part and parcel of our daily lives, who had shared with us our joys and sorrows and ultimately gave herself up in trying to save us from the dreadful disaster.

Oh! How good was my "Mini!"



Ch. WOODCHURCH APRIL BLOSSOM

I was interested to read that breeders are handicapped by the tendency of kittens to be stricken with paralysis in their back legs. Veterinarians attribute it to in-breeding.

Miss Deeble tells readers she gives every cat and kitten a teaspoonful of cod liver oil every day and since starting it has had very few cases of paralysis.

I was intrigued with the amount of cod-liver oil given and puzzled as to how they could assimilate so much. Possibly totally different climatic conditions, and feeding, may account for it.

In the past I have found cod-liver oil, except in very minute quantities, either gives diarrhoea, or puts cats off their normal diet.

I remember Captain Powell in pre-war days recommending halibut oil capsules, and these I have given with success, one a day to pregnant and nursing queens and less frequent doses for younger stock.

Miss Deeble wrote to us as far back as November, 1946, asking for news of any publications about Cats, as there is a great demand for information in Africa, also she wished to know how the British specialist Clubs allocated show points for the various breeds.

Fru Ruby Eisenhuth of Copenhagen sent two illustrated copies of "Dansk Racekatten Union," and gives interesting news of Danish Cat Clubs, she writes:—"After the Germans evacuated Denmark in 1945 several members of the various clubs decided to form special Clubs such as, The Angorakatte Klub; The Short Hair Cat Club; The Siamese Special Club. The Clubs now work together in a union. "Dansk Racekatte Klub" and are getting on very well. We often hold meetings where there are either lectures on sundry cat problems, moving pictures, or discussions on anything concerning cats. I am breeding Chinchillas now but I still possess my Siamese cat, which believe me, is very fond of the Chinchillas."

Among the lovely photographs in the Danish papers was a particularly striking one of an Abyssinian, it shows so well the lovely ticking characteristic of this variety.

The letter from Fru. Rudy Eisenhuth brought vivid memories of a delightful day Mrs. K. R. Williams and myself spent with her and Hr. Eisenhuth when I went to Denmark to judge cats at the Show organised by the Racekatten Cat Club in April, 1947.

We all motored nearly thirty miles from Copenhagen to the old town of Elsinore, along the coast, with the sea on one side and the green beech woods on the other, the lovely renaissance castle of Kronborg being our objective, after an interesting visit followed by a marvellous lunch we went on to Roskilde to see the Cathedral, which was being prepared for the interment of King Christian the following day.

Hr. and Fru. Eisenhuth did everything possible to make the day a memorable one and we returned to England with delightful memories of their hospitality, also of a very enjoyable dinner party given by Herr Knud Hansen, President of Darak, the oldest Danish Cat Club, and last but not least, the very interesting Cat Show which was organised by Herr Hamann the President and Chairman of the Racekatten Club.

The majority of British fanciers consider April an unsuitable month to hold Shows because it is the breeding season, and nearly all the long hairs are out of coat, but it was remarkable how presentable the cats looked and some of the long hairs had sufficient coat to grace a Winter Show.

Some lovely cats were presented, although eye colour in Blues was considerably paler than in England.

The Red Long hairs were lovely and one could not help toying with the idea that an exchange might be well worth while. It seems a pity that this is the only country which

imposes quarantine on cats as few breeders are inclined to risk importing any whilst the law insists they must go into quarantine for six months.

I believe the first one to be imported was a Blue Pointed Siamese and that died a few weeks after arrival.

Although British Cats on the whole have little to gain in quality from the introduction of Danish Cats the outcross to fresh blood would probably be beneficial as regards fertility, also the latter have probably had a more varied diet than most breeders in England have been able to provide the last few years.

I remember vividly the excellent condition of the Danish cats and the lovely sheen on the coats of the majority.

The Annual General Meetings of the Clubs in London have been well attended and those who prophesied in 1939 that war would mean the demise of the Cat Fancy have been confounded.

As a matter of fact it has come back like a giant refreshed and never in the twenty four years I have been in the Fancy has there been such an enormous number of spectators attending Shows, such a desire to ascertain how to breed cats, and so much publicity in the press.

At the Southern Counties Cat Club meeting on April 13th in London several fanciers had taken long journeys to attend.

Mrs. Cyril Tomlinson all the way from Willingdon, Sussex. Mr. Gordon B. Allt from Bembridge, Isle of Wight, Mr. Martin and Mr. Tomlinson from Nottingham. Mr. Tomlinson has been breeding cats for twenty-five years and attended nearly all the pre-war Championship Shows, he has exhibited and bred a number of very lovely Blues includ-

ing Ch. June of Knott Hall, and this season's consistent winner, Mrs. Jackson's Timothy of Knott Hall.

The majority of Exhibitors will be pleased to hear the next Southern Counties Cat Club Championship Show at the end of January, will take place at the Paddington Baths, Bayswater. Mrs. K. R. Williams has kindly consented to organise it again.

This is a more convenient venue than the Bath's Hall, Shepherd's Bush and is accessible to all the London termini by taxi or bus.

Friends of the late Miss Heywood will have recollections of the gay tea parties she gave to her friends at her private house near by, on the day of the pre-war shows also to the enjoyable Summer Garden Parties in Porchester Square. Miss Heywood and her friend Miss Audrey Steer bred some glorious Chinchillas and Blues.

Miss Steer now resides at Newmarket and has not the facilities for breeding at present, but she has a few pets and the famous Ch. Langherne Winsome, this queen has had considerable publicity in the local press. A long write-up appeared about her show career and she achieved further notoriety when she was lost some months ago.

Miss Steer searched for four days and nights before finding her very sleepy a mile away.

The National Cat Club Ch. Show on November 30th is also taking place at Paddington Baths. Miss Kit Wilson has kindly agreed to act as Show Manager again and no doubt is pleased that Mrs. J. M. Newton has been elected on to the Committee of the N.C.C. as they work together so agreeably and produce such excellent results, as we know by their successful team work for the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show last July.



Mrs. Brunton is also a welcome addition to the Committee and was elected Delegate to the Governing Council at the N.C.C. Annual General Meeting on April 20th.

Although I did not have an opportunity of speaking to her I was interested to see Mme. Dollie; and hope her attendance indicates that she intends to breed cats again. Her lovely orange eyed White female, Colnside Rose Alba was the loveliest cat of this variety I have seen, she excelled in type and it was unfortunate for her owner that only Blue eyed Whites were granted Challenge certificates at the time she was exhibited, now of course, they are eligible to become full Champions.

Mrs. Cattermole, Hon. Secretary of the Black and White Cat Club gave a delightful tea party at her house, following a Committee and A.G.M. on April 24th.

I was pleased to hear Mrs. Aitken had been elected one of the Club judges: she has bred Blacks for many years, and been awarded several prizes with them, a notable achievement was the breeding of the first post-war Black female Champion, Ch. Bournside Cleone by Idmiston Rajah, this young queen is nursing a fine litter of Blacks by Ch. Chadhurst Barry consisting of two males and two females.

Mrs. Vize has already judged Blues, and for many years before the war was an indefatigable worker for the Cat Fancy, she has bred several varieties and exhibited successfully. A cat she owned which I admired very much was Woodchurch Japonica, litter sister to the famous Ch. Woodchurch April Blossom, it was unfortunate for the former that she was nearly always competing against her sister as they were two exceptionally beautiful queens.

Although Mrs. Macdonald is a well known breeder of Siamese, particularly the Blue pointed variety and does not breed long hairs, she has joined the B. and W.C.C. and it was very pleasant to meet her, also Miss Beckett of Willesden, another good worker for the post-war Cat Fancy.

Mrs. Axon, genial Hon. Treasurer of Croydon Cat Club has acquired a Tortoiseshell queen from Mrs. Askew of Takeley. Firefly of Takeley by Ch. Widdington Warden is a lovely queen excelling in type and has neat little ears so well placed on her broad head. Firefly has bred some lovely stock including two Tortoiseshells, Dragonfly of Takeley now owned by Mrs. Cyril Tomlinson, and Fireball of Takeley, owned by Mrs. Henn. Another breeder attracted by a Tortoiseshell is Mrs. Harrington Harvard, she has purchased Hendon Tansy by Ch. Black Beret from Mrs. Campbell Fraser. Her Blue male Oxleys Peter John has had a successful season at stud and several litters by him have already arrived.

Miss Brenda Stephenson's Brown Tabby, Paulette mated to him has two Blue females and one Brown Tabby, her fine queen Glenshee Felicity is in kitten to Ch. Deebank Michael. Mrs. Harrington Harvard has just had the whole of their kitchen garden wired in, this will give the cats a large area to roam in, in addition to the long runs attached to their huts.

Major Benbow has an appointment at Ludlow so Mrs. Benbow will be leaving her ideally situated house in Cornwall and returning to Westbrook, Little Hereford, Near Ludlow at the end of June, her future house has fourteen acres of fields and orchard, plenty of stabling and a trout stream running through the grounds so it sounds another

ideal place for breeding cats. Ch. Pelham Silver Girl is in kitten to Miss Maudes Victor of Gwerneryn and Bayhorne Damask has also recently visited him. The cream queen Theydon Sheila bred by Miss Pelly is a hale old lady of eleven, she has always been a great favourite of her owners. Mrs. Benbow writes: "I have had applications from America for Creams and Blue Creams all through Cats and Kittens Magazine, and several inquiries from different parts of England. I think the lovely photos are a great asset to its popularity, and the April number was the most interesting ever, and just what is needed."

Miss Hill Shaw sends me news of a service which should help to attract local residents to attend Croydon Ch. Show on November 4th. Croydon Libraries have an Information Bureau where a Public Events diary is kept for the use of the public, in which organizers of any event in Croydon to which the public is admitted may enter particulars. It can be consulted any day between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the vestibule of the Central Library near the Town Hall. Mrs. Axon

also has some ideas for local publicity which should help to attract a good gate.

I know exhibitors will be very pleased to hear that the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy have granted the Committee of Sandy and District Floral and Horticultural Society permission to hold a Championship Show on August 26th. At the first post-war show at Sandy in 1946, Championship status was granted and 217 entries were received. The following year it was a non Championship Show and the result was only 100 entries. The cat section in 1947 was a disappointment to the Sandy Show Committee, and it certainly was to Cat breeders who had taken the long journey primarily to see the cats. This year Sandy Show should attract the largest post-war entry as there are many more breeders prepared to exhibit, and expressing their wishes for Cat Shows. The entry for the Dog section at Sandy indicates how much more attractive Championship status makes a Show to exhibitors. In 1946 entries for the non Championship Dog section were 582. In 1947 entries for the Championship Show were 2,018.

*Joan Thompson.*

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## ELSIE HART WRITES

**M**ANY beautiful cats are never to be seen on the show bench. Owners may be too busy for exhibiting, too far away for travelling, costs too high, or they just don't care to allow their pets to sit all day in a pen. Such are the cats of Miss Kennedy-Bell, whose stud Larchwood Clover is quite well known, but of whose queens very little is heard. Firstly there is a grand old lady Judie Belle with colouring and texture of coat seldom seen today. Eleven and a half years old and by nearly forgotten Croham Hao, she carries her years with pride. Her daughter Kaybee Dixie by Ch. Pita, a long fine queen like a racehorse. Blue-Point stud Lela Yen by Ch. Zy-Azure-Phandah and a really lovely Blue-Pointed Lady complete the picture. Clover, surely an odd name for a Siamese male, has good type and is the father of some fine stock. All were in marvellous condition.

Rarity in Australia is a Siamese cat. No-one seems to know anything about them writes Mrs. Pockley from Sydney. Her two cats survived

the journey very well and travelled with their owner in the care of the b's'un who adored them and fed them with every possible delicacy. After Port Said they had the run of the native passengers' quarters which were empty, much nicer than being shup up in their crate. Quarantine is only 60 days in Australia and the cats settled down in their new home with alacrity.

Summer shows are on the way. Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club's (incorp.) start the ball rolling on July 14th at the Porchester Hall, Porchester Street, W.2. This has always been a happy gathering with special classes for neuters and household pets. Arrangements are in the capable hands of Miss Kit Wilson from whom all particulars may be obtained and with this super hall the show should be a winner.

First Championship Show will be Sandy and District Floral and Horticultural Society in August. Brian Stirling-Webb judging Siamese will be out to find something to beat his Chirmon Lon. What about having a go?

Major Murrell, who did so well last show season has sold his winning kitten Proud Potentate to Mrs. Martin of Chelmsford. I hear he has developed into a fine young cat and will be put at stud early

next year. Studs being few in that part of the country he will no doubt be in demand amongst the ladies of Essex. Mrs. Martin ends her letter "Must rush off now to the fish shop." And so do all cat keepers.

Quite a third of my mail consists of letters asking for diagnosis on all manner of catty ailments. Much as I would like to prescribe, without veterinary qualifications I am unable to do so, having only average cat breeders experience. Do get expert advice without delay in case of illness, it pays in the end. For readers' information. A list of Cats at Stud may be obtained from Mr. F. H. Thompson, 130, Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent. Siamese Cat Club pedigree forms are available for members of the Club only. I regret I do not know of any boarding catteries or where to buy collars and leads for cats. Sorry!

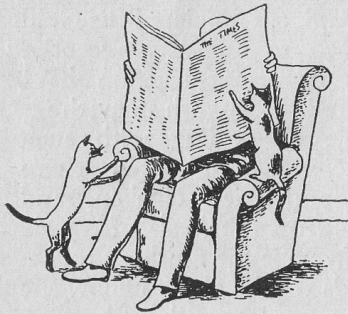
A gathering of Siamese fans is being arranged for July when the Club hopes to hold a tea party in London for members and their friends. These annual "tea-fights" are part of the Siamese social system and although one member once asked for some tickets for the good of the cause but intimated that it sounded just the sort of party he would run a mile to avoid, persuasion succeeded and he still

lives, so do not be discouraged.

Battered and worn after four month's hitting the high spots with U.S. cat fanciers Miss Gold returned to austerity recently. Years of semi-starvation have rendered the English stomach incapable of dealing with such delicacies as unlimited rump steak and fried chicken, and crossing on the heels of a gale warning put the finishing touch. Friends will be glad to know she has now recovered. She was particularly interested in the Burmese cat, a variety unknown in this country, and but for quarantine regulations would have brought back a pair of these delightful creatures. The Burmese and Siamese are practically identical but the former are entirely brown in colouring with yellow eyes. Chief quality is wonderful short glossy coat and an adorable disposition.

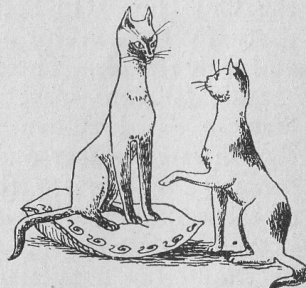
Sold as a pet to be neutered Sealsleeve Shah-Gentil could not tolerate the advances of his new owner's Bedlington terrier. He came ill and through a mutual friend was rushed to Miss Reed, who already had a colony of Siamese. For weeks he hung between life and death and when finally recovered he decided Miss Reed's establishment was to be his permanent home. He has developed into a strong virile male, the sweetest animal imaginable.

## MR. COMPTON MACKENZIE AND HIS CATS

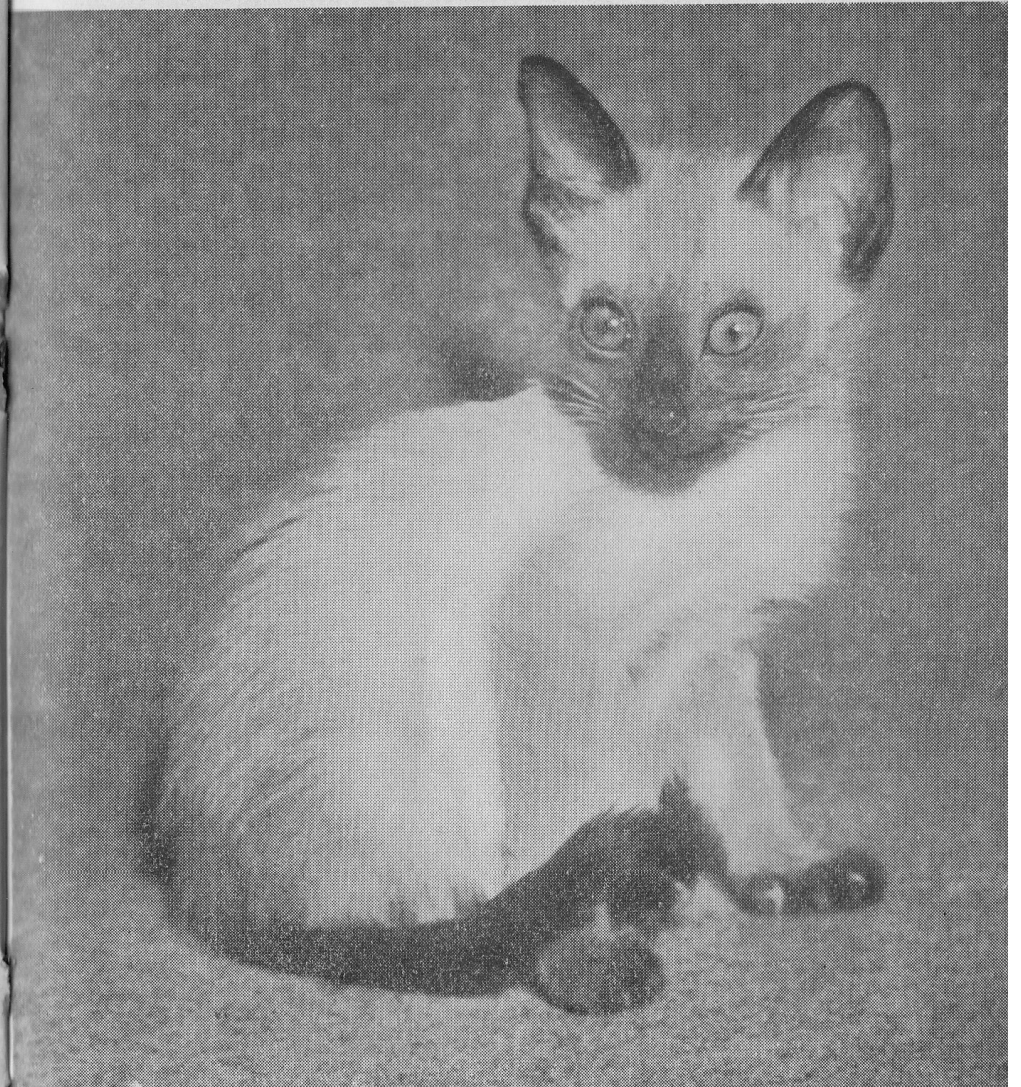


Many splendid books you've written.  
 Not so splendid as your kitten;  
 Lovliest of kittens she,  
 From a Palace oversea.  
 Siam's Palace saw her birth,  
 Never cat more fair on earth:  
 Mesalliance was her fate  
 Most plebian was her mate.  
 Yet they made a radiant pair  
 Sporting gaily, light as air,  
 As you used the stolid "Times"  
 For a plaything, prompting rhymes  
 Such as these, to sing their graces,  
 As they pranced with pretty paces—  
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M. F. NORMAN



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## LETTERS and PICTURES

19, Glengarry Road,  
London, S.E.22.

Dear Editor,

Until I read in last month's "Cats" a long letter published in this column, I have felt rather dubious about writing of my cherished little pet, because the story would have to be quite detailed and I thought it would be out of place to write more than a few sentences; now I feel I can write with peace of mind.

One photograph of Dinky Charles would convey little as to the type of animal he is and so I enclose several of him in his different moods.

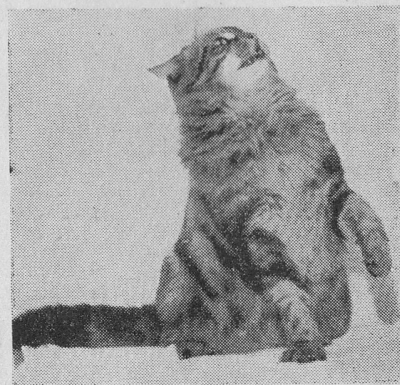
Dinky Charles is only the second cat that has belonged to me. During the war my first cat, who was a stray that made his home with the family, had to be put to sleep because of old age (generally reckoned at about twelve years), and I felt so lost without him that a number of weeks of misery followed his death and I had to replace him. A little Tabby Persian took his place aged six weeks. He was fluffy, shy and very incapable when he first arrived in his new home and he lay on the back of the settee in the warm April sunshine trembling a little and curled up very small. He seemed far too young to take away from his mother but the salesman assured that he was strong enough. For a few days he had to be fed with a tea-spoon and even when he found he could manage by himself he could not cope with a saucer and insisted on having his refreshment in a waxed cardboard jam lid.

From the time he first entered the garden he seemed to decide that it was his own private playground



Miss Plumridge  
with "Dinky Charles"

and if he spied an intruder it certainly spelt disaster unless escape was made "vite vite." His first dangerous escapade happened not with another of his tribe but with a fully grown rat; this was when my own little Dinky was no larger than a rat himself and possessed nothing in the way of strength compared



## TO THE EDITOR

with the enemy. As there was nothing he could do to kill the rat he had to manoeuvre it into a corner and then stand guard over it. My father went to the rescue to save the little hero from the sharp claws and teeth of the rodent.

As he grew older he became a fine sportsman; hurdler, runner and footballer. He would leap through a bicycle tyre held up for him and jump over outstretched hands. Indoors he would "dribble" a table tennis ball the full length of a room and used to make a very good goalie between the legs of a chair, smartly returning any likely goal whence it came.

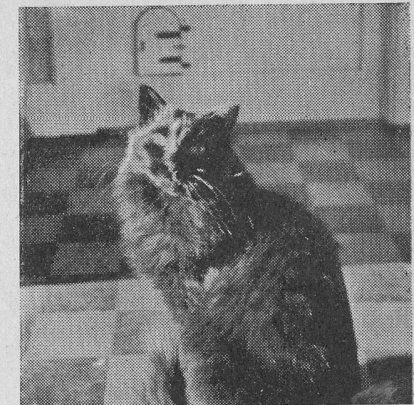
Now six years of age, these games are still a constant source of delight to him in his gay moments and on-lookers still have entertainment as good as any cabaret show. He is as good a friend as any human could have and any person who owns an animal should feel this toward it and treat it as one of the family not as an inferior. They will always repay in their own way.

Yours truly,  
P. Plumridge.

Wildwood,  
Georgetown,  
Ontario.

Dear Editor,

In your adorable magazine received this week I notice that you welcome letters and pictures to the Editor, and I'm enclosing herewith a picture of my black pusscat. His name is Woozy and he is part-Persian and he is here sitting on the kitchen floor with his very own door in the background. This door leads to the basement and in the winter-time is always closed. So it



"Woozy"

is very convenient for Woozy to help himself, go through his little door and down to his sandbox. This winter particularly, he has been indoors a great deal for we have had it extremely cold—28 below zero was the coldest but there have been many days ranging from zero to 15 below.

This little door has black leather "hardware hinges" and a piece of elastic, so it swings backwards and forwards and allows him to go either way. The little knocker is just put on for an artistic balance!! Woz weighs ten pounds, but this winter he gained a half pound, and he really presses down his long coat of fur as he pushes the door open with his nose and walks through.

It is a never-ending source of amusement to all of our visitors, young and not-so-young.

Greetings from Canada,

Yours very truly,  
Eleanor Batkin.

## YOUR CATS AND MINE

By LILIAN FRANCE

IN January, Mrs. Southall of Hereford had an accident which necessitated her going to hospital. Whilst there, her Siamese stud Balolo, disappeared, and has never been seen or heard of since, in spite of every possible effort to find him. Mrs. Southall was very upset about his loss, and I myself was very grieved. Many readers will remember him when he was at stud with me. He was a grand cat, and had the lovely fine close coat so desirable in Siamese. He was, undoubtedly, the cleverest stud cat I have ever seen. Difficult queens were no trouble to Balolo. His party piece was the rhumba, which he would do on request, and which delighted visitors and children. When I went to Jersey, I couldn't take all my cats, and so I arranged for Balolo to go to Mrs. Southall, from whom I bought him originally. I knew I would always hear about him from her and get occasional snaps, on which he always looked well and happy. I was pleased to see a photo of Joseph on the readers' pets page, a fine kitten sired by him, the property of Mrs.

Ivimey of Bristol. I hope Mrs. Southall is now completely recovered.

Many Spring litters have arrived to give pleasure to their present and future owners. My Chinki Gilda is nursing her first litter of four fine kittens, two boys and two girls. Melissa Minette P'row surprised us by having eight. Two died, and she is very busy nursing five, whilst Gilda has taken over one. Gilda takes it all very nonchalantly, but 'Lissa' thinks her babies are the most important things in the world. If she is going to eat, or take a walk, and the babies cry, back she goes to them, cuddling them up most lovingly, all thought of herself gone. She is a most devoted mother and so proud of her babies.

Many of my friends will remember "Sandra," (Bromholme Chên Wan) my Siamese queen. I have reluctantly had to consent to have her put to sleep. She contracted cat 'flu in 1945, and, in spite of everything a good vet. could do, she never lost the catarrh it left her with. Recently, she became worse, until it was obviously unkind to keep her. Both my husband and I were extremely fond of her. She has had many litters of beautiful kittens, and I am very glad I kept a daughter from her last litter, Chinki Sunya.

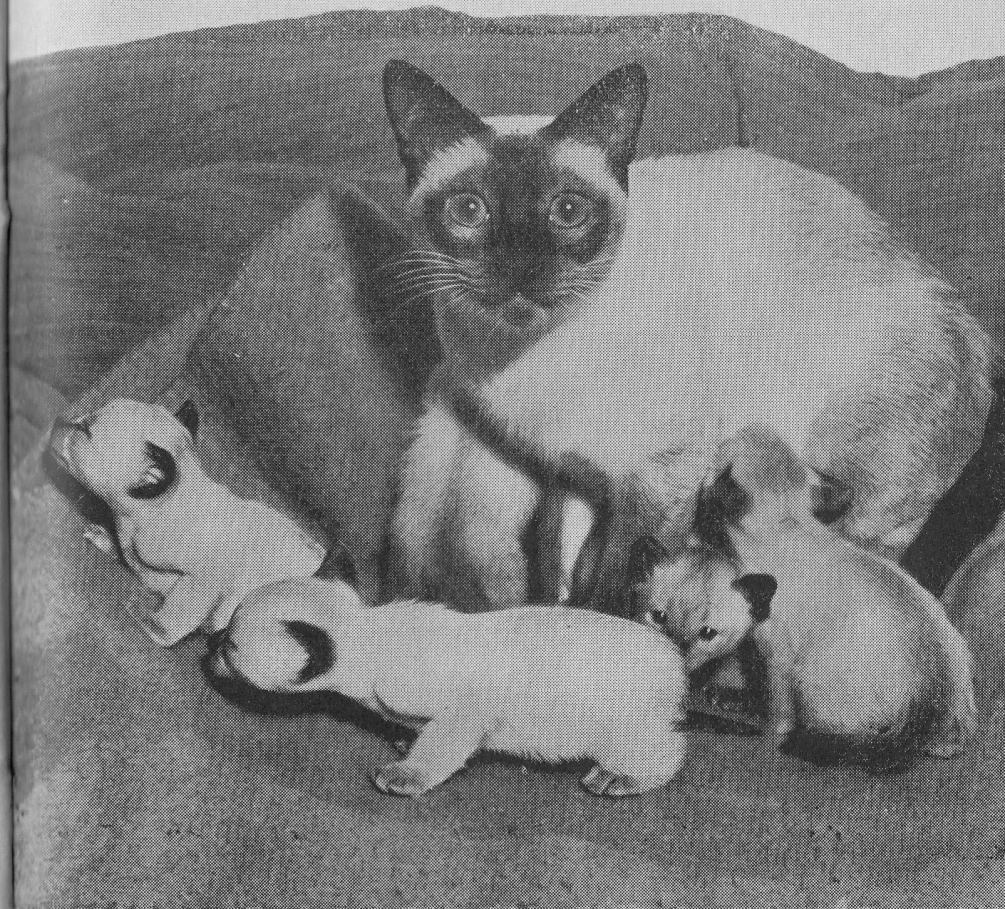
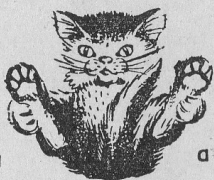


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SEALSLEEVE SHAH—PASHAH AND HER KITTENS,  
OWNER AND BREEDER, ELSIE HART

# Heads Tails & Whiskers

A Monthly Miscellanea



arranged by Mickey

WHEN A BADLY torn book was returned to an American library, a note was attached from the borrower apologising for the fact that it had been chewed by her puppy. Title of the book—"How to Train Your Puppy!"

CONGRATULATIONS to 16-year-old George Jones, a Brixton boy whose bravery has won for him the bronze medal—the animal rescue V.C. of the R.S.P.C.A. George brought down a terrified kitten from a tall willow tree after rescue attempts by the N.F.S. had failed. Well over a thousand children attended the presentation ceremony at a local cinema.

THE CLOSING DOWN of a Rhondda colliery brought strenuous opposition to the nationalisation process from a cat which had lived all its life in the underground stables with the pit ponies. He flatly refused to quit his birthplace and had to be caught in a box trap before he could be taken to the surface.

THE STORY of another 'stay down striker' comes from South London. This one has unfortunately an unhappy ending. A little black and white kitten was discovered under the floorboards of a house where it had been for several days. Hungry and frightened, it resisted all the efforts of a R.S.P.C.A. inspector to coax it from its hiding place. Even a cage trap with a tempting meat bait proved ineffectual. The kitten had eventually to be shot.

THE CAT POPULATION of Darwin, capital of North Australia, is suffering from attacks by pythons and crocodiles. A news item just received says that a plague of these reptiles is spreading over a vast stretch of country which has Darwin as its centre. One resident had her kitten taken by a python from in front of the kitchen stove.

CAT LOVERS in Ealing are to co-operate with the borough in its Arts and Civic Week by helping to organise a Fur and Feather Exhibition on June 11th and 12th, to be held in the Queens Hall, Town Hall, Ealing. It is understood that only people actually living in the borough and suburbs can exhibit but of course everyone will be welcome to attend.

ACCORDING to an American screen magazine, Ethel Barrymore broke a long-standing rule against seeing her own films when she went to see "Night Song." She said she wanted to see her cat's acting debut! We are not told if the title of the film was in any way inspired by the nocturnal adventures of this feline star!

AN UNUSUAL case came before the Kensington magistrates when the Hon. Mrs. A. McLaren Morrison, aged 83, was summoned by the Council for keeping animals and birds in such a state as to cause serious infestation and nuisance. Evidence by a sanitary inspector disclosed that the animal population in a 20-roomed house included 16 cats, 8 dogs, 13 hamsters and 25

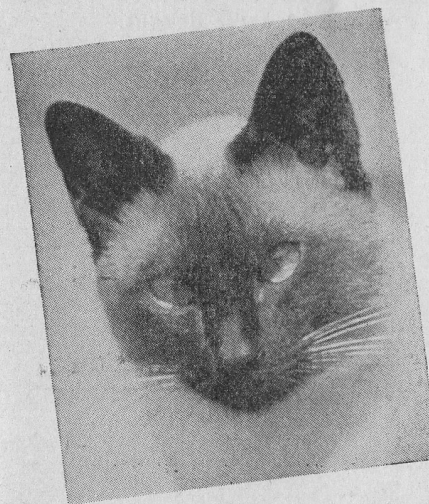
birds. Mrs. Morrison, it was said, was devoted to her pets and had declared "they are my life. If you take them away, I shall die."

HERE IS Neville Cardus, well-known sports writer in "The Sunday Times," writing about the opening of the cricket season at Lords. "I saw the pavilion cat, the black one with white round his whiskers and on the rear legs. He has obviously wintered excellently, was glossy and satisfied. This is the cat who has been known to venture on the field of play as far as the wicket in a Test Match, where an umpire has not rudely 'shoo'd' him away but has picked him up, after some coy dalliance with finger, and some ingratiating onomatopoeia from the lips and tongue, and carried him

back to his seat in front of the Tavern." A privileged fellow, this cricketing cat of Lords.

GEORGE THE FOURTH, when Prince of Wales, was walking in a London thoroughfare with the celebrated Charles James Fox, when the two young men laid a wager as to who would see the greatest number of cats as they went along the street. Fox won the bet comfortably, as he said he would, having counted thirteen cats to the Prince's none. Asked by the Prince for an explanation of this curious result, Fox explained that "Your Royal Highness took the shady side of the street as the more agreeable. I knew the sunny side would be left to me, and that is the side that cats prefer."

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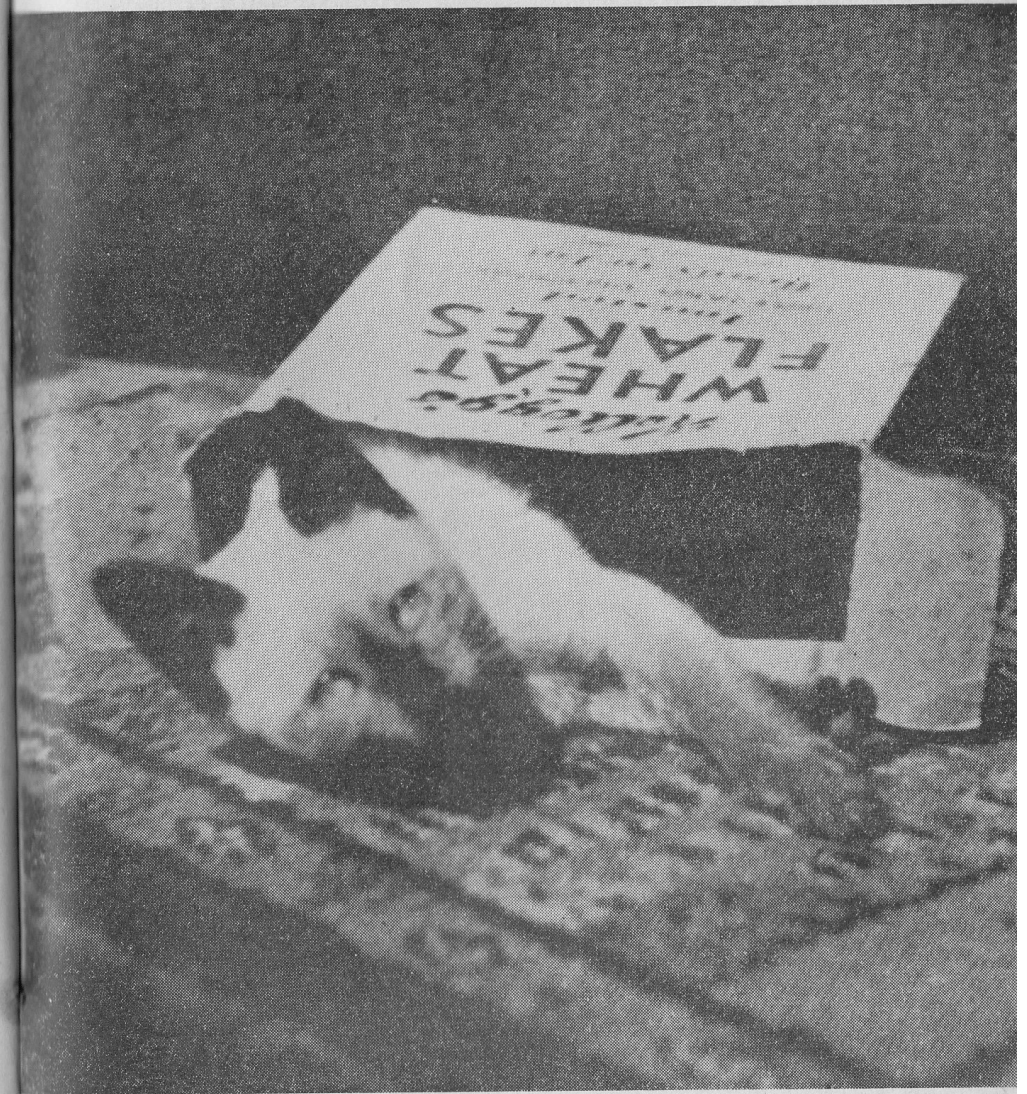
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By UNA MARY  
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"They are quite out of hand," agreed Babykins.

"What can we do?" asked Rolly.

Plumpey had a brilliant idea.

"Let's start a school for kittens! We could hold it every morning in the Big Barn."

The others agreed it was a wonderful idea.

"Who shall be the Head Master?" asked Edward.

The others elected him and asked him to teach History, and Lionel arithmetic; Plumpey the poet, became Master of reading and writing, Rolly organiser of the exercises and games, and Babykins who did not excel in anything, was put in charge of arranging the chairs and desks for school and preparing the elevenses each morning.

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Edward, with the aid of the globe, gave them a most instructive geographical lesson, followed by a lesson from Plumpey, teaching, reading and writing.

Then came a break, and they all had some milk.

Lionel, with the aid of the blackboard, followed the break with an arithmetic lesson, which the kittens enjoyed as he made it very interesting!

Finally, Rolly marshalled them on to the lawn, and gave them some exercises, followed by a quick game of Hide-and-Seek.

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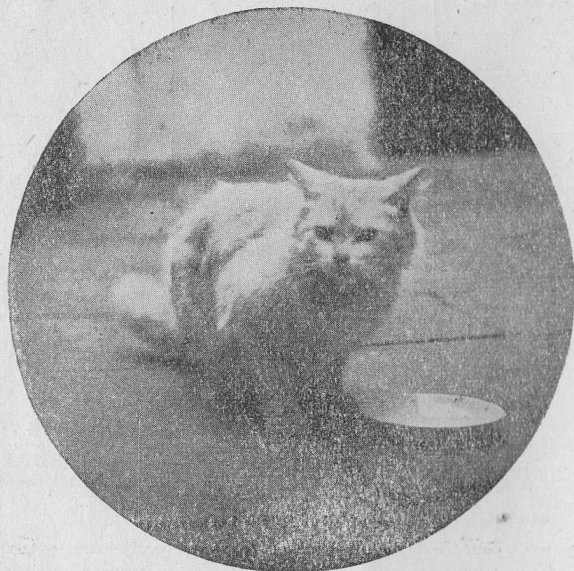
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