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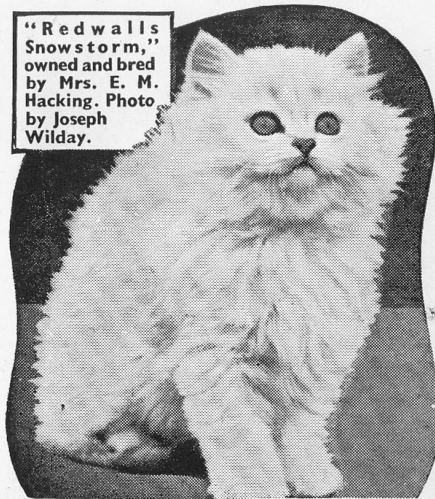


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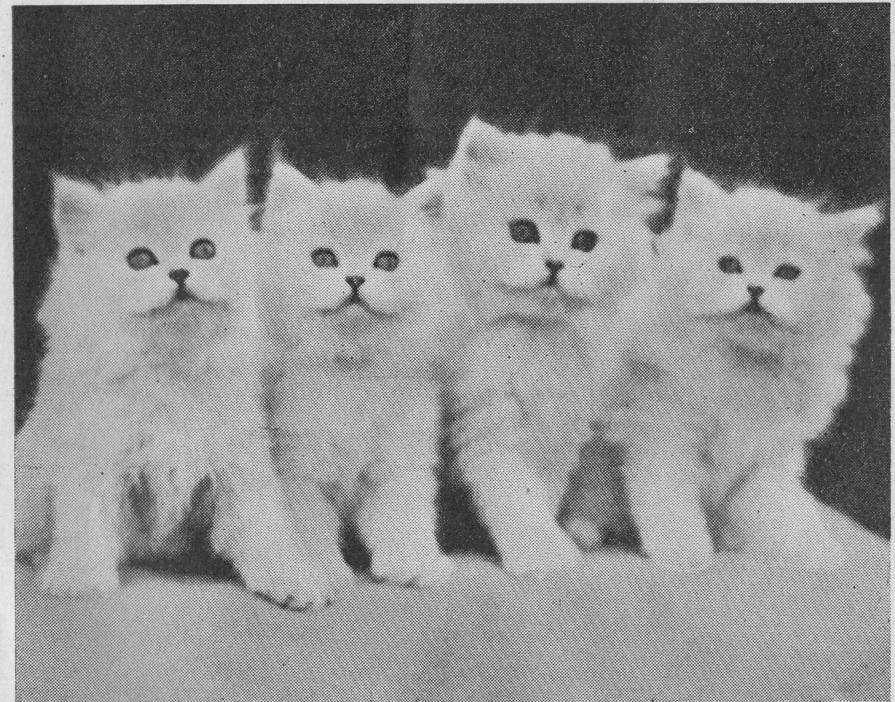
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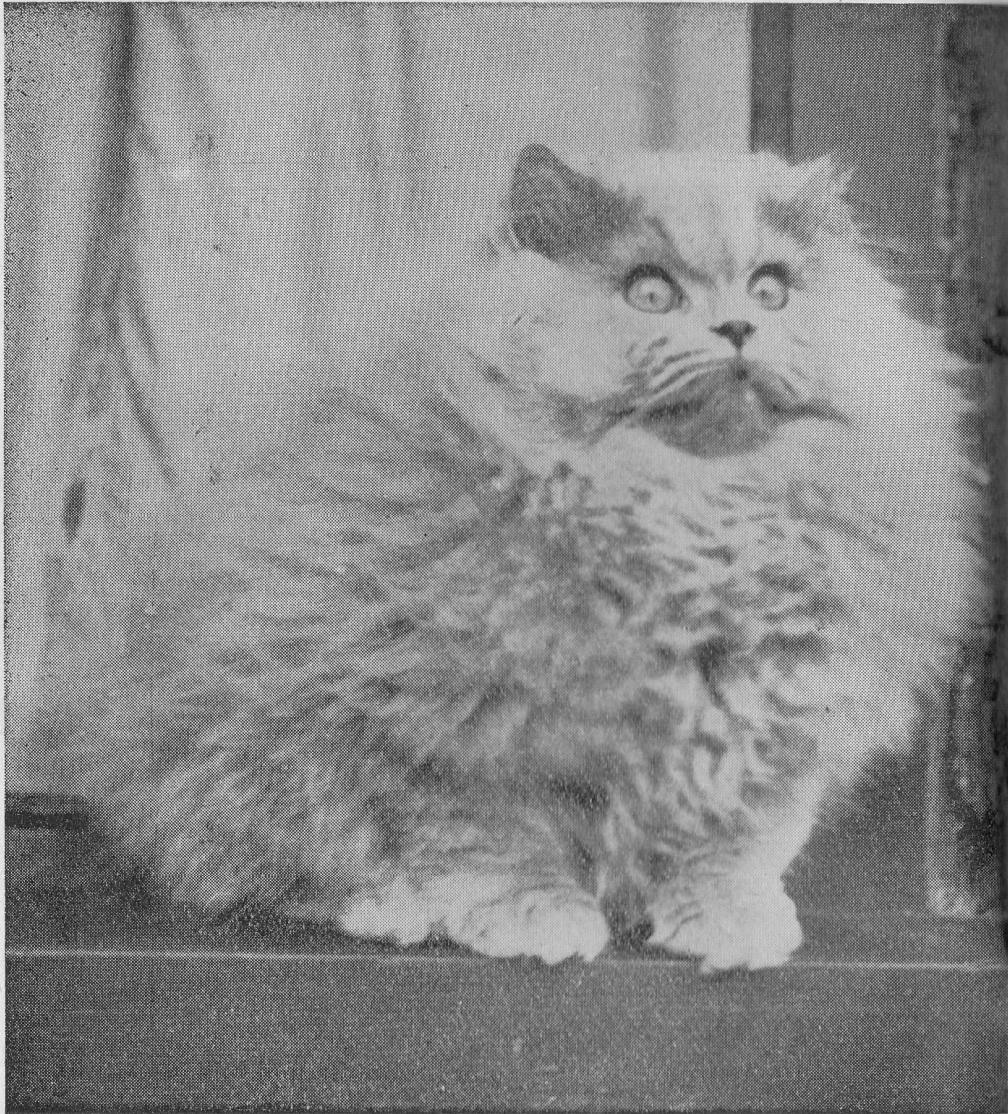
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Miss Joan Gilbert, well known Editor of B.B.C. Woman's Hour, televising at Alexandra Palace with Mrs. Williams and Miss Steer's Chinchilla Champion Langherne Winsome, and Mrs. Thompson's Judy of Pensford, both big winners at the Southern Counties Championship Show in 1948.

EAST END TYPES

By PAMELA COURSE

TWO reasons why our garden has an attraction for cats are obvious. One is because it is the only garden larger than a backyard in the part of London in which we live; the other is that we possess a tree. The tree deserves capitals, as it is the only proper tree in the district, apart from some very puny specimens in the nearest Park, which, in any case, are fiercely guarded by determined L.C.C. Park keepers with an inherent distrust of cats.

And my own cat, Fluff, undoubtedly has a paw in the matter. I don't know what price he charges for conducted tours of our garden, but most cats seem willing to pay. Fluff's discourse I imagine, runs something like this—

"Here you see several fine specimens of early chrysanthemums, which are quite delightful to roll upon. Go on, have a roll, I don't mind. They aren't my chrysanthemums, anyway. This is where the young seedlings are planted out; the soft earth is beautiful for scratching. Come on, let's have a scratch. Don't worry about the things they're throwing

from the back door, they don't intend to hit you—I say! that was a bit close. Perhaps we'd better move on. Here is the first small lawn. You can eat all the grass and be sick if you like—it's not my lawn. And this—this is the Tree."

Here the party stand still in wonder, gazing at the Tree. Some of the younger ones have probably never seen a real tree before, and have to have it explained to them by Fluff. Having grasped the technique of it, they ascend the Tree and thoroughly enjoy themselves. After half an hour or so they decide that our garden will make quite a good temporary pull-up for cats.

For most of our cat visitors are nomads, who wander in and out of our lives in a patchwork of personalities. Some stay a day or two, some stay for weeks or even months, but they inevitably disappear eventually to other camping grounds.

One of the most memorable of our visitors was Sandy, a little orange kitten who attached himself to us one Spring and showed no signs of leaving. He would follow me all around the garden and jump onto my lap the moment I sat down, with a great display of affection. We could not keep him ourselves at that time, and he seemed too genteel a little cat to join the tribe of local nomads, so we set about trying to find him a home. But it was no use—no one wanted Sandy. The only person who offered to have him finally turned him down on discovering he was a male kitten—averring, contrary to the general rule, that she had been told that all ginger cats were females. Things did not look too well for Sandy, and we were sorry to have to leave his fate still in the balance when we went away for a short holiday.

When we came back, Sandy had gone. I saw him once again, some months later, lean and tattered in appearance. He ran away from me when I tried to approach, and had obviously joined the tribe of semi-wild cats who live in our district.

Another of our visitors was Agag, a large white cat with black and white striped legs, which gave him rather a clownish appearance. He also was very affectionate, but had an uncertain temper. He would weave around our legs purring loudly, then suddenly and for no apparent reason, snarl and attack us with claws at the ready.

There was no trace of gentility about Agag. He was an out-and-out gangster, homeless and scorning domestic comforts. His torn ears and numerous scars testified to his battling prowess, which, while he patronised our garden, was often brought into evidence against other cats who ventured to approach. Strangely enough, he appeared to be a little scared of my Fluff, for what reason I can't imagine, as Fluff is a most amiable animal who never fights, although he occasionally referees for others.

Cherry Blossom was another temperamental cat. Small and jet black all over, she turned into a little fighting spitfire on encountering another of her own race, but vamped human beings like mad. Eventually she did well for herself by taking up the position of ship's cat on a trading vessel.

The only cat who has stayed—who was, in fact, here before us—is Wapping Will. A bedraggled greyish cat, he slinks along very close to the ground and slides round corners like a crook. I have never stroked him, for he has never permitted anyone to get near enough to touch him. He seems to have a very deep distrust of humans, yet is frequently in our

garden and occasionally sits on a windowsill, looking in. During the summer he often takes advantage of the open kitchen window to jump in and eat whatever Fluff has left on his plate. I have sat in the kitchen and watched him; provided one keeps perfectly still, he will accomplish his mission, with one eye on the person and one on the plate; but the slightest flicker of movement sends him flying out of the window and over the wall into the bombed out building next door.

The birds in our garden do not fare very well, for Wapping Will eats even the driest crust with relish. Whether the scraps put out are intended for the birds or for himself, they all go down the same throat.

Although he is the most persisting unfriendly cat I know, we should feel lost without him. Our Wapping Will is definitely an institution.

The cats who inhabit warehouses and sheds in the docks are deemed worth rewarding for their work. A special person is employed to feed them regularly. Their job of keeping the warehouse rats down is of utmost importance, probably more so than they think themselves. Carcasses of rats retrieved before being made into a rat pie are sent to laboratories to be tested for infection. The discovery of a diseased rat can mean the compulsory destruction of any cargo which it may possibly have damaged. A small army of dock cats are necessary to eliminate this danger as much as possible.

The majority of these cats are semi-wild and unapproachable, the exceptions being those wise creatures who attach themselves to cabins and police boxes where indulgent humans may be expected to offer pleasant titbits in return for feline companionship.

SOME LITTLE KNOWN CATS

By
KIT WILSON

AT the beginning of this century, in fact one might say until well after World War I, the Siamese Cat was regarded as a rarity and the possession of one was spoken of in the same way as the ownership of valuable antiques, or pictures. To-day they may almost be described as "common" in the numerical sense only.

The Abyssinian Cat too although the oldest known race of cats may be regarded as a comparative newcomer to the show-bench, although there were infinitely better specimens exhibited at the early shows than there are now. If some of the greatest zoologists are to be believed the Abyssinian is the nearest approach to the Sacred Cat of Egypt, and it is quite possible that they are right in their supposition that after the fall of the great Egyptian Empire many of the cat inhabitants of the Temples, and, in fact, the pampered pets of the great houses, escaped into the Desert and reverted into the wild state. Examination of the skins, and travellers' descriptions of the African Wild Cat prove it to be

smaller (the late C. H. Brook, who was an authority, says by one third) than its European counterpart. It is also indisputable that the African Wild Cat is tamable, whilst the European has never really become domesticated, though I believe that well known naturalist Miss Frances Pitt did bring up some wild cat kittens. They were never really to be trusted nor were they safe to handle.

Whilst the Siamese have become in price well within the pockets of all, the Abyssinian, owing to the fact that the breed had almost dropped into obscurity during World War II, are still a luxury though a little band of enthusiasts are working solidly to revive them with great success.

Apart from these known cats there are others which have seldom if ever been seen on the show-bench, but they can be counted among the domestic cats of the world. The Burmese Cat has been exhibited in France, and has also been bred out there. In his book "Nos Amis Les Chats" Marcel Reney devotes a chapter to "The Sacred Cat of Burma" and gives a comprehensive description of which the following is a very rough extract:—"Burmese Cats are very sociable, intelligent, gay, loving and obedient to their owners after the manner of a dog. The body is long but massive, the feet round, firm and well proportioned. The head is also very large like the Persian but unlike the Siamese the nose is short. The eyes are slightly oblique and are the Saphire blue of the legends. Although the hair is semi-long it is very long over the flanks, and the ruff is abundant, whilst the hair on the face is short and on the tail long and thick. The colour and points are similar to the Siamese but the general cream may be more

brown." Many, seeing a Burmese Cat, would describe it as a long-haired Siamese, but there is no doubt that these cats were found in the Temples in Burma. One of the millionaire Vanderbilt family acquired a pair from the Temple of Lao-Tsun, but the male unfortunately met with an accident on the boat which caused its death and the female pined away. Others nevertheless have been bought and exhibited but whether they are as good as the original pair will never be known.

Another species of Burmese Cats has been exhibited in the U.S.A. These are similar to Siamese in every way with the exception that their coat is much browner and the eyes yellow. These cats were imported into the country by Dr. Joseph C. Thompson of San Francisco, but authorities differ as to whether they were true bred or unnatural Siamese.

Apropos of the Burmese Cats in France our own Miss Evelyn Langston reports on the "Fascinating Chats de Birminie" in the Paris Show of 1936 where she was judging.

In the early part of this century, Mrs. C. H. Brooke exhibited an Indian Cat which in shape resembled a pointer. He had long slender limbs and a thin tapering tail, small ears (large in kittenhood) and pointed head and face. His cry resembled the call of the Siamese intermingled with the wail of the banshee! According to a picture his markings were those of a red mackerel tabby. This cat had an adventurous life. First, with his sister, he was stolen from Bombay by an English sailor, then suffered shipwreck on the way home. Both fell overboard when nearing port and the male was the only one saved. On arrival he escaped on the

docks, was re-captured and after having changed hands many times was purchased by Mrs. Brooke who showed him at a Crystal Palace Show as a rarity. There being no other in the country he could not carry on his species, and so far as can be ascertained no others have ever appeared again either in this or any other country.

In the late middle-ages travellers into the hinterland of China wrote of the "Lop-eared" Cats which are described as being like a rabbit. Mention of these cats cropped up from then on and at the end of the last century a class was provided for them at a show on the Continent. Several English Judges and other interested persons went over to see them but alas the pens were empty, the class having been "cancelled" so whether this cat is a travellers' tale, or a legend, must always be one of the lesser known mysteries.

In 1902, Mr. F. J. Shinick of New Mexico possessed a pair of Mexican Hairless Cats, their make-up being exactly the same as that of the Mexican Hairless dog which has been exhibited in this Country at Crufts and other leading shows. Unfortunately again these cats were brother and sister, and as in the case of the Indian Cats one met with disaster, the male being killed by dogs. Again as far as can be ascertained, nothing further has ever been heard of the breed, as far as the Cat Fancy is concerned as none have ever been exhibited. Photos of these cats are in existence and can be seen in old cat books.

A description of the cats of Malay came from the late Miss Dora Barrow (whose tragic death at the beginning of the year was recorded in Cats and Kittens), who had spent many years in that country. She said "The only cats of

any breeding were the Siamese, and they were kept only by the well-to-do Chinese or Europeans. The ordinary cats of the country are tail-less, mostly tortoiseshell, orange or black. They are great hunters and will even kill snakes heralding their skill by a peculiar cry. They have a hard life as the states born Chinese who are the workers of the country hate and despise all cats."

Research proves that many Asiatic cats have a tendency to malformation of their tails or are tail-less. Siamese cats often have kinked tails, and Burmese Cats are frequently found with crooked or twisted stumps, or are often without tails. Japan too has a breed very similar to the Manx Cats, and Kaempfer in his Natural History book, avers that the cats on the Isle of Man came originally from Japan. This is of course one answer to the vexed question of what is the origin of Manx Cats but personally I doubt if the correct answer will ever be found, as there are so many theories, some logical others quite fantastic, but nothing really authentic.

In America in 1861 there was a species of long-haired cats called Maine Cats, but whether these were any particular breed is a matter for speculation. Although their beginnings were far beyond human memory, it was certainly to be supposed that their ancestors came to the State of Maine with some of the early settlers, and although there seems to be no standard for this breed they were certainly exhibited. Geoffry's Wild Cat, and the Ocelot have been shown at Continental shows. I believe the former has never been trained and was only shown as a zoological exhibit. A specimen of the latter was exhibited at this year's Paris show, and was of a good age, but

the owner saw to it that no unauthorised person handled it. Although it seemed docile enough with those it knew, and allowed me to stroke it. I noticed that its owners showed great caution in transferring it from the basket to the cage at the commencement of the exhibition. This one was a female.

I have been told of the East African or Mombassa cat and have seen snapshots of one, which would seem to be a direct descendent of the African Wild Cat. The picture I saw showed a tabby marked cat with semi-long hair, but consultation of old cat books gives the description "a short coat of wiry texture." They certainly have far more the appearance of the wild cat than that of the domestic tabby but I was assured by the owner of the photo that this one was tame though when hunting it reverted to its wild state.

I remember when quite a child our old family doctor had a "pigmy cat" which although of advanced age was no larger than the average four months kitten. He had brought this specimen back with him from a voyage up the Amazon as a ship's doctor, (his usual way of spending a holiday). This cat was a sort of creamy orange and white colour, but whether it was a freak or a specimen of a special breed I do not know as I was too young at the time to regard cats as anything but pets!

The Blue Short-hair that we know in this Country as "British Blues" are described in the French catalogues as Chartreuse Cats, and over the vexed question of Russian Cats, which were for many years in this country described as "Blue Foreign" and have only reverted to the name Russian since a ruling was passed at a Governing Council meeting at the beginning of this

year. Although there has been much discussion, on and off the Radio, as to the validity of the name. Mrs. Fosbery one of the oldest breeders on the Governing Council said that the first Russian Blue to enter this country was given to her in 1896 by the then Czar of Russia and came direct from his Palace where the strain had been in existence for generations, which seems clear proof.

Australia has never had any definite breed of cats though there have been cats of peculiar qualities which have been called Australian. Some of the old cat books describe a type of spotted cat as coming from that Continent, and in my early days in the Fancy I showed a

white cat with coral pink ears, topaz eyes, and shape like the Siamese which had been given to me by a steward on board an Australian liner as an Australian cat. Certainly she had distinctive peculiarities. She hopped rather than ran, and always preferred to sleep either on the top of a door, or high cupboard or shelf, than in comfort on a chair or cushion. She caused a great deal of controversy, and certain fanciers rather rudely refuted her designation, so she was never shown again. She lived to a ripe old age, and had many kittens by mates of her choice but in every litter there was always one who closely resembled herself in colour, shape and distinctions, so who knows?

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 And those who cross him are as good as dead,
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 And bar the doors before you go to bed.

Sylvia Barwick.

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Show Notice

THE LANCs. and North-Western Counties Cat Club Show will be held on August 28th at Eccles in conjunction with the Eccles Horticultural and Agricultural Show (supporting East Lancs. Home for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers and St. Dunstan's War Blinded ex-Service Men and Women). Judge, Mrs. Brice-Webb. Usual cups, trophies and specials for members. Schedule and particulars from Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Culley, 65, Westbourne Park, Urmston, Lancs.

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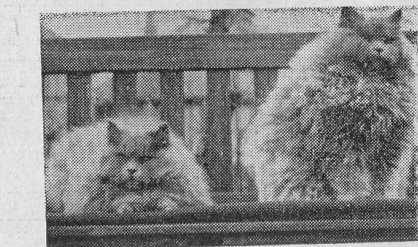
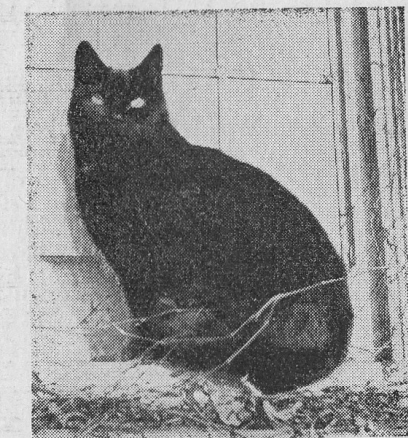
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Dear Editor,

Here is a photograph of our two
Blue Persian kittens.

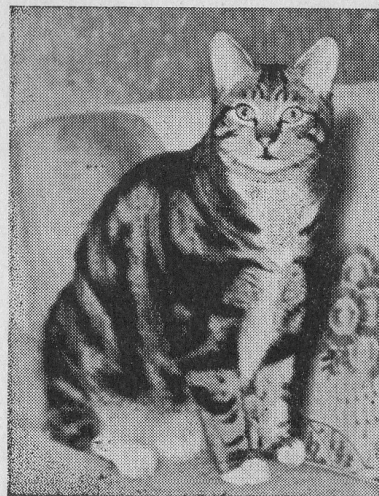
They are 8 months. Bred by
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undersigned.

E. Muriel Sherwin, (Mrs.)



Mrs. Hobson, of 28, Gordon Hill,
Enfield, Middlesex, sends us this
charming study of "PANSY" her
lovely pet.

TO THE EDITOR



On the right is SHA, very demure
Siamese, owned by Miss Reed,
London.

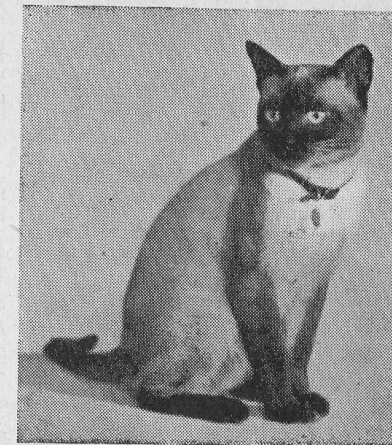
15, Egerton Road,
Hartshill,
Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffs.

Dear Editor,

Ticky-wee is 7 months old and
my first introduction to Siamese.
After reading Mr. Michael Joseph's
"Charles," I found it impossible to
get the idea of living without one
in my home. I cannot explain how
thrilled I should be to see his
picture in your excellent little book
"Cats and Kittens."

He is the pet and companion of
Yours sincerely,
Margaret Emery.

TINKER, on our left, is the pet of
Miss F. M. Colley, of 100, Nathan's
Road, North Wembley, Middlesex.



Below is TICKY-WEE.



YOUR CATS AND MINE

By

LILIAN FRANCE

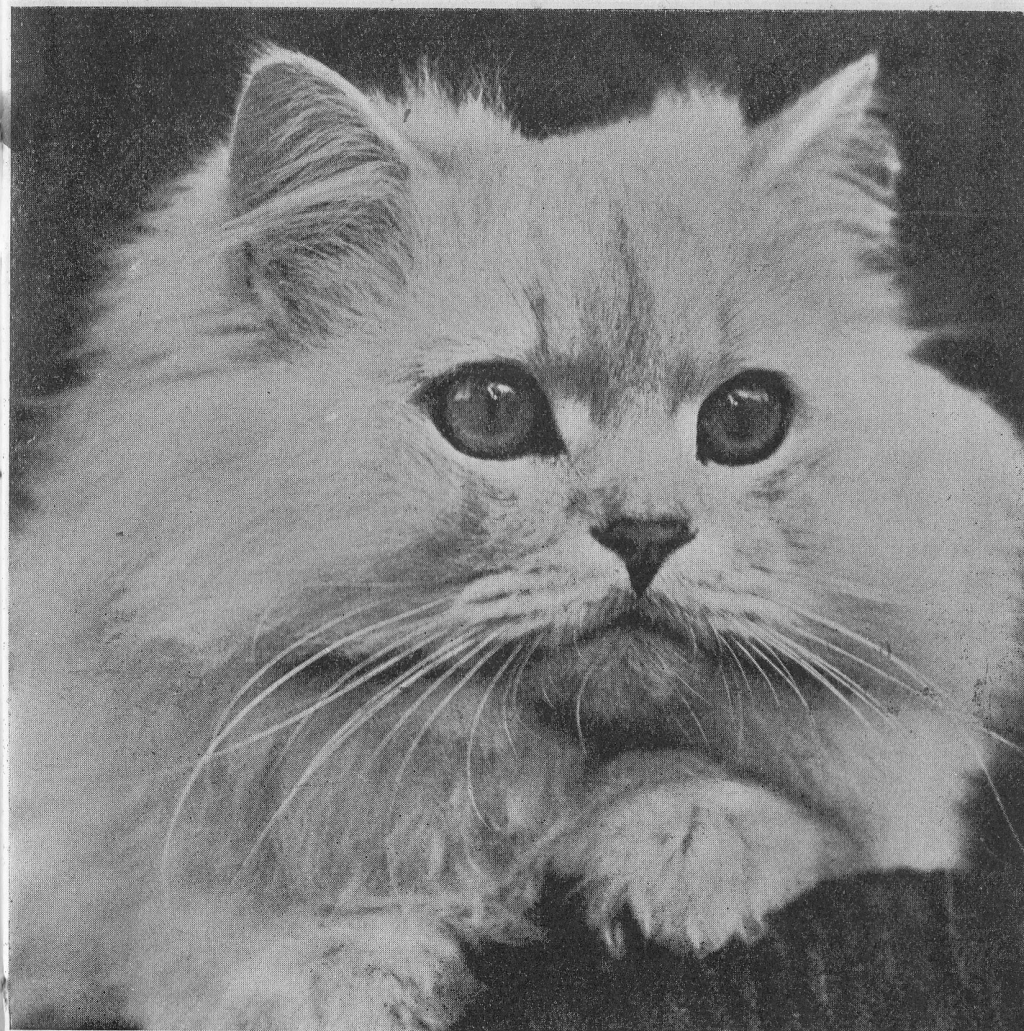
I thought my ducks were laying away, and whilst looking around for likely places, I peeped into a small disused shed, where, to my surprise, I saw a litter of five lovely kittens, two marmalade and white; and three tabby and white. Although they were without bedding of any kind, they were beautifully clean. I found out to whom the mother (a torty and white) belonged, and was told she always had her litters at Prior's Barn. She soon came along to join her little family, bringing with her their father, a fine marmalade tom. Their owner told me all but one must be destroyed, so as one of my queens had lost her litter, I gave her one marmalade tom. Never was kitten adored so much.

Minky was so thrilled with this baby, she wouldn't even leave it to eat. So I had to hold her dish for her whilst she stayed in with her baby, or put it into her basket, so

that she could eat without leaving him. As Minky had practically no milk, I had to feed the kitten by hand until he could lap. It made a lot of work, but I really couldn't mind when I saw the pleasure Minky was getting from mothering this baby. I do hope I shall be able to find a good home for him later on. He would make a lovely pet if neutered. Perhaps in July when this appears in print, someone will be looking for a pretty kitten?

I must say a word here about canker! It is my experience that whilst many people care for their cats in other respects, they simply will not take any trouble with their ears. I recently bought a Siamese queen and litter—four lovely males by my Chinki Romeo. I thought they didn't play as much as they should for their age, and on examining them, found their ears completely blocked with canker. When one realises the dirty brown stuff in the ear is made up of living organisms, it is easy to imagine what pain and discomfort is felt by an animal suffering from this trouble.

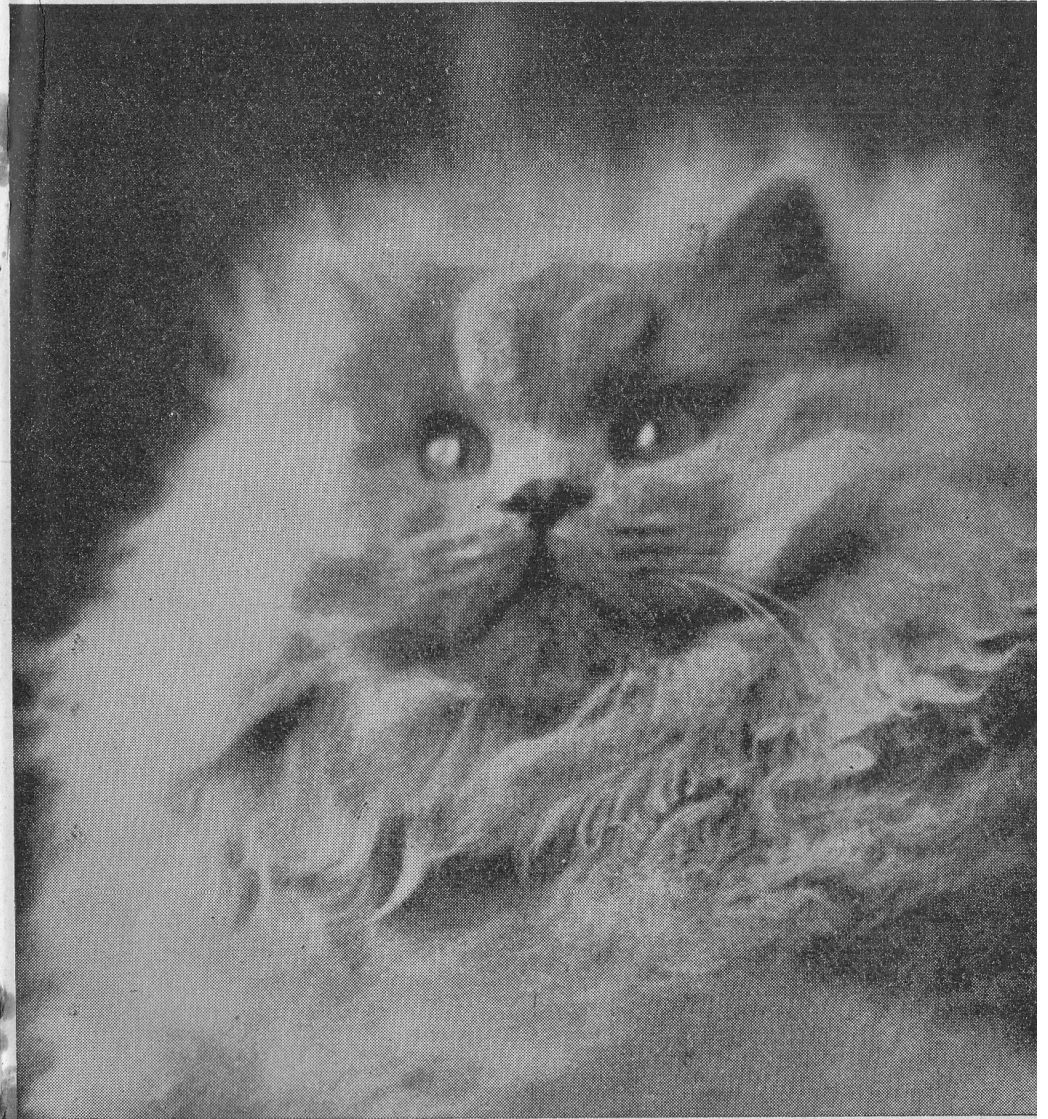
Clean the ears gently but thoroughly with cotton wool wrapped round an orange stick dipped into boracic lotion, with a very little antiseptic ointment on it. Keep changing the cotton wool until the ear is clean. Finish off with canker powder. This can be applied with a camel hair brush, and leaves the ear looking pink and clean. Make sure your cat or kitten is not suffering from this painful trouble. Make a point of cleaning the ears once a week. You will then detect any sign of canker immediately it appears. Canker definitely becomes worse if left without attention and is a cruel form of neglect.



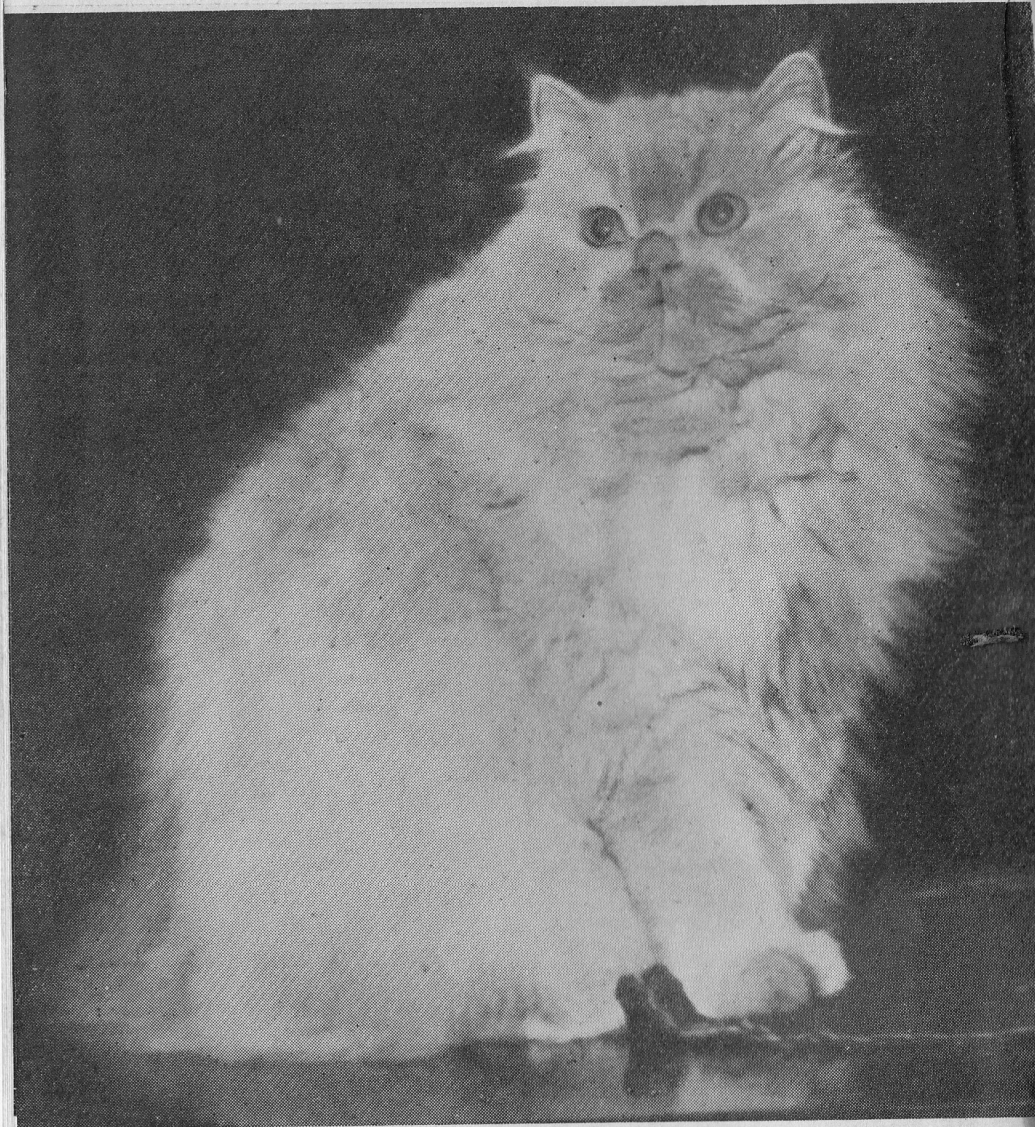
A pre-war champion. Miss Audrey Steer's Chinchilla male, champion Thistledown Carus.



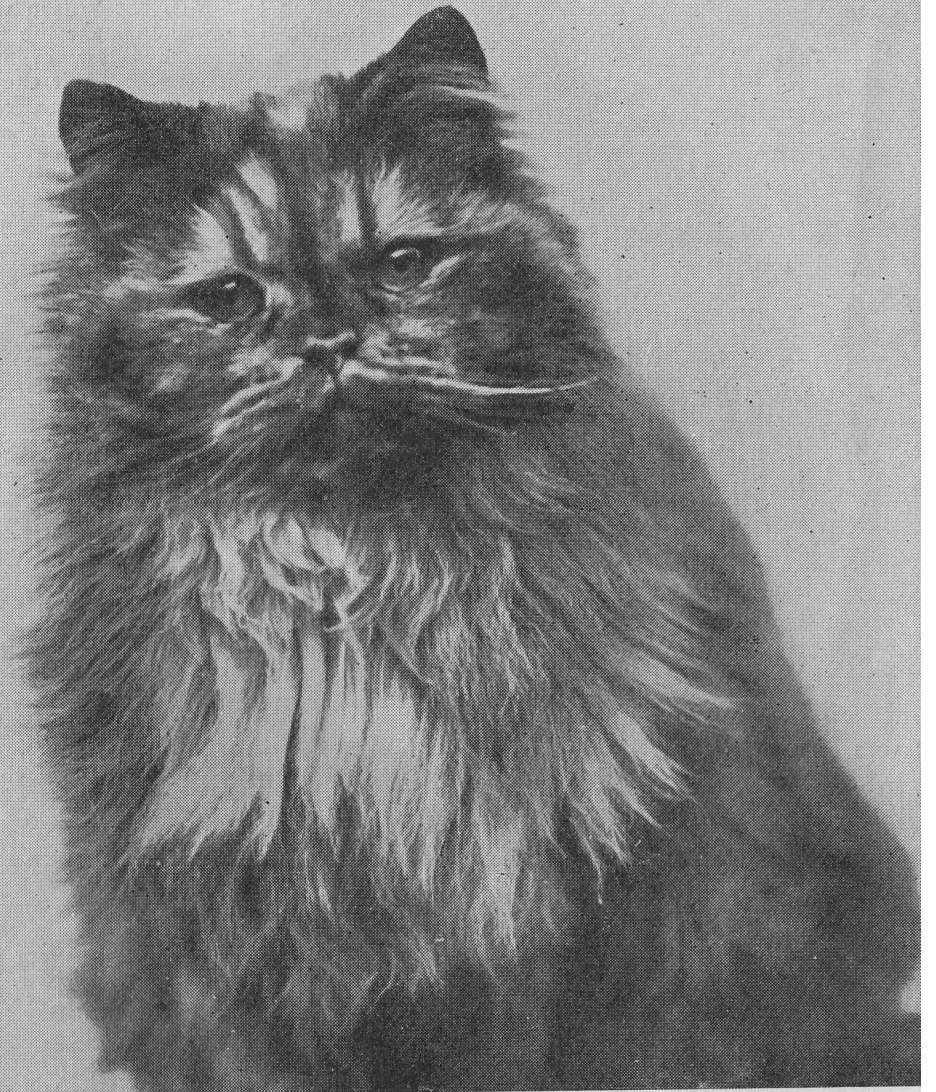
Champion Dream of Dunesk, by Colneside Bright Angel ex
Appleblossom of Dunesk, breeder Mrs. M. Brunton.



Cherry Blossom of Dunesk, by Adrian of Pensford, ex Champion
Dream of Dunesk, Breeder Mrs. M. Brunton.



Champion Oriel of Sunfield, Cream Long-haired female Persian,
owner Mrs. Jackson.



HENDON TITIPU, Long-haired Tortoiseshell, winner of two
championships and many firsts, owner and breeder Mrs. Campbell
Fraser.

Joan Thompson Writes

THE Annual General Meeting of the Kensington Kitten Club and Neuter Cat Club (incorporated) on May 12th was very well attended, and in addition to the Committee, members were pleased to see the President, Miss Rachel Ferguson, the well known novelist, who is taking a great interest in the Club and proving a very active worker. In addition to these activities she is President of the Kensington branch of the R.S.P.C.A. and a member of the Committee of the North Kensington Cat Clinic. Michael Joseph has kindly consented to act as Vice-President, his delightful books about cats have been so much appreciated and enjoyed by cat lovers that one feels two such well known personalities and animal lovers are a great acquisition to the club. The joint Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. J. M. Newton and Miss Kit Wilson had an excellent report to present to the members.

When the K.K.C. and Neuter Cat Club decided to amalgamate, their joint members numbered twenty-two, at the end of the first year they had risen to 137 and new members are joining nearly every week. The Committee did not receive very much encouragement to restart the club and organize a Summer Show after the war, so it must be gratifying to them that their faith has so quickly reaped

such splendid support. A special vote of appreciation is due to Mrs. Newton and Miss Kit Wilson who combined so well to make the first post-war Summer Show in July 1947, such a success. Their efforts, and those of the Committee, have enabled the Incorporated Clubs to launch out and engage the Porchester Hall, Bayswater for their next Show on July 28th.

It is, I believe, the most expensive one ever hired for a Cat Show and will cost £50, so here's hoping for a splendid entry and a throng of people to see the exhibits.

The following judges have agreed to officiate, Mrs. E. Hart, Siamese, Miss Yorke, Blue Kittens, Mrs. F. H. Thompson, All other long-hair kittens.

The Rev. Basil Rees, Short-hairs, Mr. C. Yeates, Club, also variety classes.

A month later, on August 26th, Sandy and District Floral and Horticultural Society follows with the season's first Championship Cat Show. No doubt we shall see some good adults making their bow. The Committee are offering a generous classification and again it behoves cat breeders to support their section.

The cost of erecting a special marque, and the clerical and other work involved is a big item in these expensive times, and if prize money exceeds entries it may mean that the Committee will hesitate to provide a cat section next year.

Comparing the entries of the two Sandy Shows, we do know Championship status attracted double the entry so it will be interesting to see what happens this year.

It has always been a controversial subject as to whether an August Show should be a Ch. event as the long-hairs are not in full coat, but

there is no doubt breeders make a greater effort to exhibit when there is a possibility of procuring the elusive Challenge certificate. The prize money in the Ch. classes will of course conform to Governing Council rules, 20/- First; 10/- Second; 5/- Third, with entry fee 5/-. All other classes will be 12/6, 7/6, 3/-. with an entry fee of 3/-.

The following judges have agreed to officiate.

Mr. Stirling-Webb, Siamese adults and kittens. Mrs. Bazeley, Blue adults and kittens. Mrs. Vize, Whites, also Blacks. Mrs. Yeend, Chinchillas, Silver Tabbies and Smokes. Miss Yorke, Creams, Blue-Creams, Brown, also Red Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortie and White. Mr. Norris, Short-hairs, including Abyssinian.

Six judges is a larger number than usually officiate at Sandy, but no doubt exhibitors will be pleased as they like to know the awards early in the day, and their exhibits are judged whilst they are still fresh.

Quite apart from the delights of the cat section, there are hundreds of lovely dogs, rabbits, cavies and mice, and glorious flowers, to say nothing of dressed poultry and honey which one may have the opportunity of buying if one stays late enough.

Several breeders last year refrained from attending as it was impossible for them to arrive in London early enough to catch the only train in the time table from Kings Cross, which enabled them to be in time for the judging. Actually the Leeds train stopped at Sandy by special arrangement so I advise intending visitors to make inquiries later, regarding a similar service. Information about the Show will be supplied by the Secretary:— Brian S. Porter, F.A.I., Market Square, Biggleswade, Beds.

Mrs. Culley, Hon. Secretary of the Lancashire and North Western Counties C.C. tells me there is to be a cat section in conjunction with Eccles Horticultural and Agricultural Show on August 28th.

Mrs. Brice-Webb has agreed to judge. I hope she will have recovered from her recent illness, and be strong and well long before that date as I know it will be a congenial task for her to judge.

All particulars about the cat section can be obtained from Mrs. S. S. Culley, 65, Westbourne Park, Urmston, Near Manchester.

The Blue Persian Cat Society Championship Show takes place on October 12th, in London. The hall has not been chosen yet. Mrs. J. M. Newton has kindly consented to be Show Manager and will have the help of Mrs. Brunton and Mrs. Spiers, the latter has accepted the post of Honorary Treasurer in place of Mrs. Campbell Fraser who has given so many years of service to the B.P.C.S. and worked so agreeably with the Hon. Secretary, Miss I. M. Fisher. The following judges for the Show have been selected. Mr. C. Yeates, Blue males, Mr. Tomlinson, Blue females, Mrs. Askew, Male kittens, Mr. Martin, Female kittens. Several well known breeders have been invited to officiate as future judges, namely, Mrs. Askew, Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Spiers, Miss Marjorie Bull.

The President of the American Cat Fanciers Association, Miss Elsie Hydon of Bogata, New Jersey, U.S.A., and the Hon. Secretary of the Cat Club de Paris, Madame Ravel have been invited to become Senior judges, which means they are eligible to judge Blue adults at Championship Shows in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald of Ewell, Surrey, gave an enjoyable

garden party to a few of their friends at the end of May. Mrs. Hart was one of the guests, accompanied by her lovely little daughter Joanna, she seems to have an affinity to Siamese and spent most of her time nursing some kittens, it is delightful to see a child so gentle and sweet with animals.

I had a very interesting and instructive talk whilst we were having tea with the Siamese breeder Dr. Maclaren, our subjects ranged from the sulphonamide drugs to the reason why milk causes diarrhoea in some kittens. I knew M and B was useless against certain groups of organisms, but did not know it is listed as a dangerous drug and a chemist can be struck off the register if it is known he is supplying it for animals without a prescription from a veterinary surgeon.

I have frequently been surprised to hear breeders have administered M and B when their cats are below par, and no expert opinion has been sought to ascertain what is really the matter with them. Correct diagnosis is the basis of all treatment and I should never advise giving any of the sulphonamides without consulting a veterinarian.

Mrs. Macdonald's Blue-pointed male, Raard Blue Sacchi was looking well. I thought the accommodation provided for him ideal and it is a pity all males cannot be similarly housed, he has two large houses connected with a large run, as one house is used for his visiting queens, he gets plenty of exercise, tripping in to see if one has arrived for him. A thoroughly hygienic idea for a stud house was a zinc lining all round the base of the wall about two and a half feet high.

I was pleased to see Miss Beckett, owner of the Blue-pointed male Raard Rota, and the Seal-pointed male Chinki Kang Wee and a small

family of Siamese queens, she is on the Committee of the K.K.C. and Neuter C.C. and is a grand worker for the club and the show.

It was a most enjoyable party, blessed with lovely weather and a warm welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald.

Mr. P. M. Soderberg's book "Cat Breeding and General Management" published by Cassell & Co. Ltd., is now available and I recommend it to everyone who intends, or is already breeding cats.

I wish such an instructive book had been in existence when I started to breed them in 1924, as I should have revelled in its definite advice about the simple things which puzzle novices such as the correct age to neuter kittens, the sexing of them, and the signs to look for when a queen is coming into season. For the more experienced breeder there is much to interest them and suggestions for the care of stud cats, pregnant queens, and weaning kittens is invaluable. Sound advice is offered on so many problems which may arise when breeding. Excellent articles are contributed by breeders who have successfully exhibited and bred the respective varieties.

Lady Eardley Wilmot writes about Blue long-hairs. Mrs. Cattermole on Whites. Mr. C. Yeates, Blacks. Miss Yorke, Creams and Blue-Creams. Mrs. Axon has contributed notes on Tortoiseshells and Torti and Whites.

A lengthy and very interesting article is devoted to Siamese and was written with the help of notes supplied by Mrs. Duncan Hindley. Every pre-war exhibitor will remember the consistent success and the high quality of her Prestwick Siamese whenever they graced the show pen.

Mr. H. W. Basnett, Hon. Secretary of the Abyssinian Cat Club writes about this lovely variety.

The Rev. Basil Rees contributes an interesting article on British Short-hairs. The official standard of points is included for each variety.

I especially liked Miss Evelyn Langston's opinion on her method of judging and recommended it to the attention of all those who have the ambition to judge, her wise concluding remarks are "Always follow the dictates of your own conscience. Be honest, be just and above all be fearless."

My only criticism is that to conform to authorised economy standards the illustrations, which in many cases are lovely have had to be published on unsuitable paper and although the paler varieties such as Whites, Chinchillas and Creams also the Blacks are not at a disadvantage, the medium chosen is not ideal for Siamese and Blue long-hairs.

The ninth volume of the Official Stud book published by the Governing Council has been supported by many paid entries from breeders.

The winners in adult open classes at Championship Shows are published free of charge. The following are the figures, 77 Seal-pointed Siamese males, 113 Seal-pointed Siamese females, 19 Blue-pointed males, 21 Blue-pointed females, 63 Blue long-hair males, 86 Blue females, 20 Black males and females, 15 Blue-eyed White males and females, 9 Orange-eyed Whites male and female, 32 Creams, male and female, 8 Smokes, male and female, 4 Silver Tabby, male and female, 10 Brown Tabby, male and female, 19 Red Tabby, male and female, 40 Chinchillas, male and female, 19 Tortie

and 2 Tortoise and White females, 23 Blue-Cream females, 15 Short-hair, male and female, 10 Abyssinian, male and female, 5 Manx, male and female.

The Stud Book will probably go to press in June, and it rests with the printers when publication takes place. It will be a valuable work of reference and all cats entered will go down to posterity. The price charged will be the minimum consistent with the cost and every cat owner, breeding pedigree stock will find much to interest them.

Date of publication will be announced later.

Miss Bull of Thornton Hough, Cheshire has several flourishing families of kittens. The Cream queen Byways Buttercup has five by her own Cream male Walverdene Major, all these are booked and it is nice to hear one female is going to Miss Sylvia Langhorne who is starting to breed Creams again, her affix "O' the Combe" was well known before the war and her Cream male Ch. Shere Khan O' the Combe was the sire of many winners. Miss Bull writes that she had several orders from readers who saw the photograph of the dam in March issue of "Cats and Kittens."

Pansy of Pensford has two Blue males, also by the Cream male, one of these is going to Mr. Frew of Fife. Deebank Gloria has four by Gem of Pensford and these Miss Bull considers "super kittens" she is keeping a female, one is going to Mr. Anthony de Santis of Oakland, U.S.A., and one to Mr. Soderberg, if she fulfills her early promise.

I was sorry to hear her lovely Cream queen, Woburn Carolyn had a difficult confinement and hysterectomy had to be performed, three kittens survived and are being reared by a foster mother. Carlton Tunice has three very pretty kittens

and both the males are sold. Two other Cream queens are expecting families, one of them by Mrs. Sheppard's lovely Ch. Widdington Warden. Miss Bull has orders for six Cream females in addition to those already sold. Fortunately Cynthia the goat kidded a few weeks ago, and is giving five pints of milk a day so all the kittens will be reared on it.

In addition to this family, Miss Bull has forty baby chicks, and eight little ducks.

It was a very cheery letter and as she is the personification of energy, and has a young companion who is a great animal lover, she is not alarmed at the work involved.

I visited Mrs. Davies at Chalfont St. Peters recently, she is happily installed in her country home and has gone to great expense to make conditions comfortable for her small family of Blues, her queen Priory Blue Dream, bred by Mrs. Oglethorpe was looking very pretty, this queen has always been a great favourite of mine, she excels in type, and her coat is exquisite in texture and colour. Although it is the worst time of year for Blues, she was absolutely sound and level, she is the dam of the French Champion Priory Blue Wish, owned by Madame Gibbon. Writing about the Paris Show, Miss Langston said "In a large class of females the Championship went to Priory Blue Wish which becomes a full Ch. and also an International Champion. She is a massive queen of a charming shade of blue and of very good type."

Priory Blue Dream is now expecting a family by Miss

Campbell's Adrian of Pensford, by whom she has already had several lovely kittens. Her daughter's Priory Pansy was nursing a male kitten excelling in type.

Mrs. Davies has purchased a male kitten from me, Dandy of Pensford by Valleyend Blue Prince, he is a fine big kitten and his breeding suitable to make both her queens to. Her garden has been wired in so the cats enjoy unlimited freedom and sunshine.

Mrs. Axon's very lovely Tortoiseshell queen, Firefly of Takeley by Ch. Widdington Warden has been on a visit to our young male, she has an exceptional head and the neatest ears so well placed on her broad head. It will be interesting to see what she produces this time. Mated last Summer to Miss Phillip's Valleyend Blue Prince, she had a litter of Tortoiseshells and one Blue-Cream.

When we took her home we saw the mixed litter Mrs. Axon's Tortie and White had produced by a black male of unknown lineage, they were a fine healthy family of five. One Tortie and White kitten looked very promising and we may see her in the show pen.

I remember vividly Mrs. Axon's beautifully marked Tortie and White long-hair queen, Champion Noxina at pre-war shows, a photograph of her appears in Mr. Soderberg's book.

So far this has been a much better breeding season than last year, so there should be a number of kittens eligible for the forthcoming shows.

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A REPORT from Woburn Sands, Bucks, says that a 21-year-old queen has given birth to two kittens, her second litter of this size this year.

PETS SHOW is to be held by the scholars of a junior West Wickham school. An excellent idea this and one worthy of development by our educational authorities.

A DISH enjoyed by guests at a Chinese wedding feast consisted of baby mice, dipped in honey, and swallowed alive. When informed about this my favourite tabby enquired indignantly—"Why the sweet sauce?"

WHEN a provision store was fined £2 recently for letting mice get at their store of oatmeal, the defence pleaded that two cats were kept on the premises. "Perhaps they are getting old," observed the Chairman of the Bench.

AN INTERESTING little letter has reached me from J.H., of Ponteland, Northumberland, who writes: "Our little girl, Dove, begged for a handful of salt. Thinking she wanted to try and catch birds, we gave it to her. She returned later, carrying a neighbour's huge cat, its tail covered with salt. Surely this is the first time a little 'bird' has caught a cat!"

FLYING may be a safe enough pastime for human beings, but it has its dangerous moments for cats, as one tabby recently discovered in Clydebank, Scotland. Whilst the tabby was crossing a street, a large seabird swooped down and seized him. Apparently the cat proved too

heavy for the bird, which dropped pussy from about 12 feet up. No damage was done.

"WHICH makes the better pet—cat or dog?" This was the question put to its readers by "The Philadelphia Bulletin" in a popularity poll. Dogs came out top with 50 per cent., cats came a close second with 44 per cent., 4 per cent. gave "both" as their answer. The editor in his summing up stated that the poll showed that cats are accepted as ideal pets where the owners have restricted living space, such as small apartments.

A BIG black cat named "8-Ball" acts as guardian and retriever in an American mousery, where white mice are bred for use in medical research. He rounds up and returns to his master any mice that escape from the several thousand breeding cages. The record of "8-Ball" is without blemish despite the obvious strain put on his innate desires and he remains content to "bring them back alive," in exchange for a dish of mashed crackers and cream.

ACCORDING to "The Sunday Express," a Flintshire housewife never had to worry much about the weekly joint because she could rely upon her cat Beauty to bring home a rabbit. When Beauty was late coming back from one of her hunting expeditions, the husband went out with his gun. Away up on the mountainside he saw Beauty stalking a rabbit, which she caught. A fox suddenly appeared, however, and killed Beauty. The fox in turn was shot by the watcher with the gun.

ACCORDING to H. Mortimer Batten, the well-known Scottish naturalist, there are now more wild cats in the Highlands of Scotland than at any time since 1914. In that year they were extinct north of the Caledonian Canal, but they are now more fully re-established in all their former haunts from Loch Lomond to Gleneagles. There is little or no evidence that these truly wild creatures are inter-breeding with semi-wild cats of domestic blood, numbers of which are also at large in open country.

THE PROBLEM of the stray and uncared-for cat appears to have reached alarming proportions in Melbourne, Australia, where the Animal Welfare League has issued a circular begging owners of female cats to have litters painlessly destroyed within a few hours of birth. It is suggested that one male kitten might be kept, this to be neutered. In the view of the League, it is the thoughtless, though kindly people who will not try to learn simple facts about cats who are responsible for the misery of thousands of homeless animals.

A DEVICE erected by a Bolton man to keep cats away from his garden turned out to be a death trap. The man, father of seven children, described at the inquest on his wife how he attached some flex to sticks in the garden and how the wire was connected up to a plug in the kitchen. It was his custom to insert the plug before going to bed each night and to remove it every morning because of the danger to the children playing in the garden. On the day of the tragedy, he found his 33-year-old wife lying dead over the wires of the device and nearby his 17-month-old son was found with burns on his forehead.

SOME ENQUIRIES have reached me regarding our recent reference to cat insurance. An excellent service is now available to owners of pedigree animals and some examples of the cover obtainable with Lloyds are (1) death by accident and disease, fire and lightning (2) death by accident and disease, fire and lightning and breeding risks and (3) death by accident and disease, fire and lightning, breeding risks and loss from burglary and theft. Cover is operative anywhere in the United Kingdom, including show visits and all travel. A company specialising in this kind of business is Messrs. H. Leonard Puckle & Co., Ltd., 98/106, Cannon Street, E.C.4., to whom your enquiries may be addressed.

THE FLEET STREET office of the famous "Yorkshire Post" has lost its much-loved pet Mickey, a victim of the traffic juggernaut. In a generous obituary notice, it was written—"Mickey had a fine war record, remaining at his post in our London office to brave the terrors of the later blitzes, the tip-and-run raids, the flying bombs and the rockets. The austerity that peace brought in its train found him equally unperturbed. He was widely known in Fleet Street and its vicinity and, only the other day, when he came out of a building well up Fetter Lane, someone was heard to say: 'Hello, Mr. Yorkshire Post!' His adventures were what is usually known as endless and included another street accident, when he lost his tail. He was the only cat I have ever known or heard of who regularly used a lift. Mickey loved to ride up and down and would wait patiently for the gate to be opened. The staff had enjoyed his companionship since 1941. He will be sorely missed."

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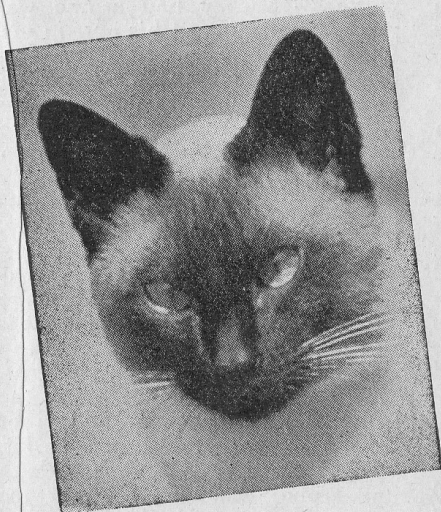
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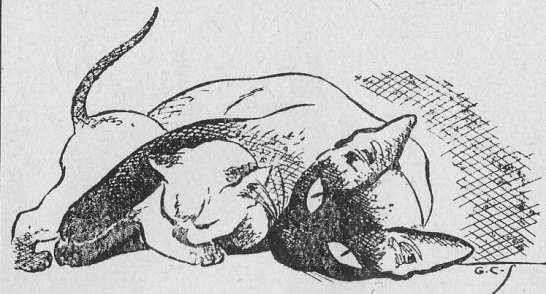
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"We must each take a satchel!" said Edward.

"And a stout stick!" added Rolly.

"What shall we take to eat?" asked Lionel.

"Fish paste sandwiches, sausage rolls, cake and milk!" advised Babykins.

"We'll start early in the morning!" cried Rolly excitedly.

It turned out to be a beautiful day and they all set off in high spirits, each carrying a satchel and hiking stick. Plumpey also added his notebook and pencil, in case he had an inspiration for a poem.

After they had walked a long way, Lionel stopped to lick his paws, saying: "Couldn't we rest for a while—and have some refreshments?"

"Yes, I'm footsore and weary too!" cried Plumpey, staggering under the weight of his satchel.

"Where's your strength? . . . Where's your energy?" demanded Rolly striding untiringly along.

"What we need is moral uplift!" said Edward. "Let's sing something as we go along!"

"Oh dear!" sighed Lionel, who being musical was always upset by the warblings of his friends.

Nevertheless, Edward marshalled them and started the chorus of "Felix Kept on Walking."

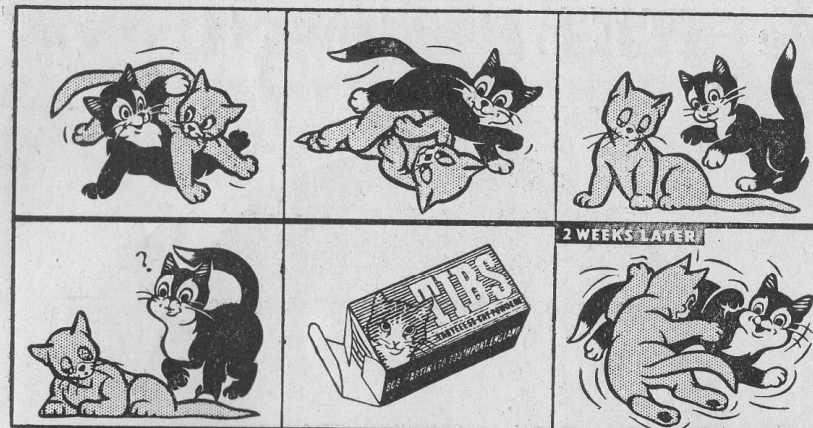
At last they reached a beautiful place overlooking a deep valley.

"Don't move!" whispered Plumpey, gazing enraptured before him. "Where's my notebook? I must write a sonnet about this exquisite view. I'll call it" " Ham sandwiches and hard boiled eggs," cried Lionel, announcing the contents of his satchel as he opened it.

Then they all unpacked their satchels and shared all their food. It was a delightful picnic and they all agreed that everything tasted much better out of doors.

At last Edward said it was time to go on.

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