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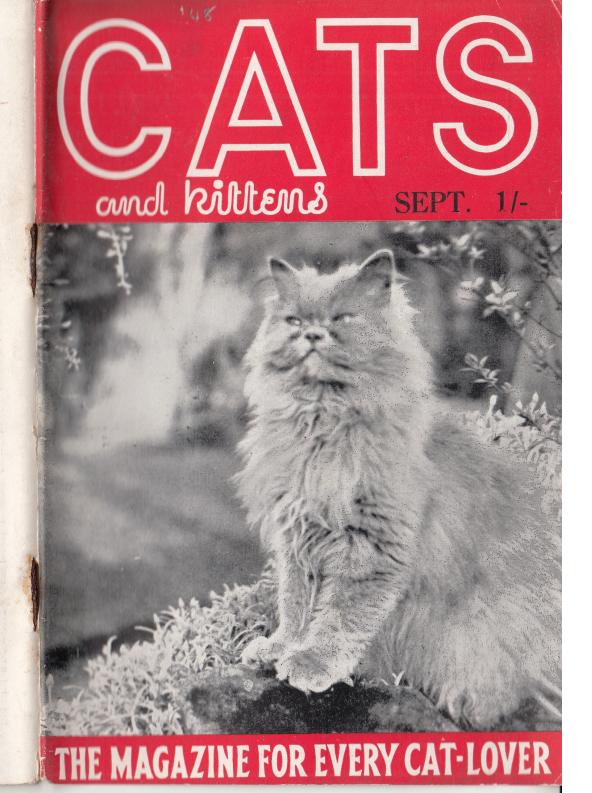
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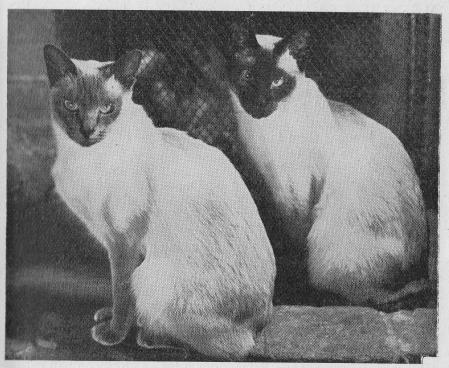


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VELVET MASK DINAH, Blue-Pointed Siamese and LINDSEY LOO, Seal-Pointed. Owner, Dr. MacLaren

The cover photograph is of Westbridge Angela, owner, Mrs. Bastow, West Bridgford, Notts.

The photograph on page 17 is by Tom Weedon.

#### INTELLIGENT MOTHERS

By ERIC W. B. WHITEHEAD

I was once visiting a farmstead in the Outer Hebrides where, to keep down rats and mice in the hayricks, they kept a number of cats. It so happened that three of these cats each had a litter of kittens about the same time. Each cat was black and all the kittens were black.

In order that the mothers and their babies should be comfortable and warm, the farmer's wife had brought them into the kitchen, where each family had a basket to itself. One day, whilst the mother cats were being fed outside and everyone on the farm was busy, the farmer's little girl picked up the kittens one by one and placed them all together on the hearth rug.

The kittens did not mind one little bit. Indeed they enjoyed having an adventure outside their baskets. But when the mother cats came back from their meal, licking their whiskers and saw all the kittens mixed up on the hearth, there was a terrific commotion. They ran about, their tails erect, miaowing in a most distressed way.

It was difficult for anyone to help very much. Not one person in the farmer's household could say definitely which kitten belonged to which cat. The mother cats were not to be beaten however. It was funny to watch them. They stood together in a little group, their faces very serious, miaowing occasionally as if they were talking it out amongst themselves. Then they would regard the tiny squawking kittens intently.

One cat would then walk over confidently to one of the kittens, grasp it firmly but tenderly behind the neck, and carry it off to its basket. Then another cat would do the same with another kitten and then the third cat claimed a baby.

At last they were all sorted out and each mother settled down for an afternoon nap with their babies. I am quite sure no mistakes were made, and that each cat got the right kitten, but how they could tell their own will always be a mystery to me.

# CATS WHO GO DOWN TO THE SEA

By JOAN M. BLAKELOCK

CATS have always played a part in the tradition of the sea, ever since the ancients identified the cat with the moon, the ruler of the tides. They had a more sinister connection on Medieval times, when in many parts of Europe, particularly in the highlands and islands of Scotland, men believed that tempests and disasters at sea were caused by cats that were really witches in disguise. Today sailors value cats as good shipmates, who are not only useful in keeping down rats, but who bring good luck, and are often able in a mysterious way to sense approaching storms and other perils and give warning.

Cats of course are not able to tell us why so many of them hang round the water front in certain seaports, but there they are, and when one gets bored he takes passage on some ship and extends his knowledge of the world.

The steamship Clairton, plying between Liverpool and Norfolk, Virgina, arrived in

America one day with a Manx cat who sailed as a stowaway, not declaring himself till Liverpool was below the horizon. The men said the ship had never had such a smooth and speedy voyage, and they gave the credit to Stumpy, as they named the Manx. Sailors believe that tailless cats are special carriers of good luck.

Some sea cats have shown on occassion, qualities of real heroism and devotion. The Coast Guardsmen at Cape Cod tell some stirring tales, and some pathetic ones, such as that of the cat of the Castagna, who after the vessel was wrecked was found upon it, keeping solitary vigil by her dead captain's side.

Captain H. Grant wrote of the courage and intelligence of two more seafaring cats, Old One-Eye and Oldtimer, in the New York Herald Tribune Magazine.

On a night when his vessel was caught in a fierce hurricane Oldtimer made her way

through blinding rain and wind to Captain Grant by the wheel house, and gave him to understand that he must follow her. Then she led him along slippery decks and down ladders to the after well deck, and straight to where some heavy cargo had come loose from its lashings and was crashing dangerously against the bulwarks. It was Oldtimer's last service. On that same night she was swept away by a sea that broke over the boat deck while she clung there, as it were on guard.

Old One-Eye was born dumb, but on two occasions he forced himself to miew. On one, he woke the Captain just in time to save himself from a cook who threatened him with a galley knife. On the other he gave warning of a drifting dory with two exhausted fishermen in it, on a night so dark that but for the cat they would never have been sighted.

For many years the effigy of a ship's cat stood over the door of a house in Stockholm, Sweden. Recently the house was

torn down, and old people in Stockholm recalled the deed for which the cat was honoured. The Captain of a sailing vessel died during a voyage from Haiti, and his wife died also, their baby daughter being left in charge of a nurse who did not know if the child had relatives or where to go to find out. But the ship's cat, a former resident of Stockholm, was not at all at a loss. As soon as the boat docked he led the nurse with the baby up one street and down another till he reached No. 22, Vasterland Street. Then he stopped and miewed at the door. It was the home of the baby's grandmother.

Yes seafaring cats have proved their worth, and the latest addition to their ranks is Lulu a ginger Persian, belonging to Sir Oliver Franks the New British Ambassador. The cat escaped from her cage during the Queen Elizabeth's voyage to the U.S. and when the liner left for the return trip to England she still remained hidden aboard.

As we are about to go to press we learn that Mr. Yeates has deferred to the unanimous wish of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy that he should reconsider his

resignation and remain as Chairman of the Governing Council, and we are therefore pleased that for some time longer at least this prince of chairmen retains office.

#### HAS A CAT NINE LIVES?

By A. H. CATTERMOLE

WE hear so often, a cat has "nine lives." Why I don't know! I have tried hard to find out, but after nearly 30 years of breeding and keeping cats am no nearer a solution. I think its just one of those "old tales" which die hard. One need only have a cat ill, perhaps only just a little "off colour" nothing much wrong at first, but before one realises it, there is serious trouble. The worst of it is, a cat is not exactly a good patient, she just gives up and it needs a lot of patience and devotion to keep her or him going.

I have heard it said many times: "I just found him or her dead, I don't know what was the matter, he seemed alright when I left him last night!" What does it prove? What about the nine lives?

A cat may have a bad fall, nothing broken perhaps, just suffering from shock, but there is nothing very strange in that. The cat's body is soft, and bones pliable especially in a young animal, but people will say she escaped trouble, because of her having "nine lives." I have often

warned people that their cat was not well, even given my reasons for it, but I was laughed at, only to hear a little later, that the cat had been found dead. So many people only believe what can be seen, a serious hurt or injury, but everything else is taboo.

I once asked a very well-known vet. about the cats "nine lives" and he said to me: "it is all nonsense!" This vet. had been for several years a vet. at the Zoo, and he told me there was only one animal more difficult to treat than the cat, and that was the Kangeroo, but at the same time the cat is the first to give up.

I could easily quote cases where everything was done immediately to help the sick cat, but as the animal in question was not much interested in living—just died! The first thing usually is, he or she refuses all food. That up to a point does not harm a cat as a well-fed cat can do with a rest sometimes, but it cannot go on for any length of time. Then it will have to be hand-fed.

benefit others. I advised her to altogether. give the white of an egg, cutup, not beaten, if available. but if possible about every two Harris says in Dickens.

Mentioning hand feeding, hours. As the condition of the reminds me that quite recently cat improves. I cook thin milk a lady wanted advice about it, foods. These must not be too which I gave her and as it thick and on no account lumpy proved helpful to her, she as the food must be able to run begged me to mention it in off the spoon, and as for lumps, "Cats and Kittens," as it might it will put a cat off food

Now please, don't all write Then there is Glucose, but if to me saying, that your cat must one cannot obtain it, sugar have "nine lives," because of dissolved in water. I only give such and such a reason. "There a few tea-spoonfuls at a time, aint no sich a thing!" as Mrs.

#### THE KENSINGTON SHOW

#### ELSIE HART'S NOTES

THE Siamese Cat Club celebrated it's annual "beanfeast" at the Charing Cross Hotel in glorious technicolour and a terrifying display of New Looks. Sensation in millinery was sported by Mrs. MacDonald, chosen by her husband. A budding Dior in our midst. Guest of honour Cyril Yeates presented retiring Chairman, Mrs. Duncan Hindley with wrist-watch subscribed by grateful members. Old and new Siamese mingled together in happy confusion. A pleasure to see Mrs. Bowle and Mrs. Alexander who travelled from Bristol, Mrs. Jenning and Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were other long distance travellers. Pamela Wynne, whose novels must be well-known to most people, was a successful breeder of Blue-Points in pre-war days and has now taken them up again. Hon.

Treasurer, Mr. Stirling-Webb dealing with the ladies, Hon. Secretary in ancient hat rescued from friend's dust-bin and done up for the occasion chatting to as many members as possible. Applications for this party were terrific, but as numbers were limited to ninety, late comers were unlucky. Sorry, but please apply early in future.

Further instalment in the lovelife of Idey. "She has been so restless I thought she wanted to kitten outdoors, but I kept her in. Any how it was all a false alarm as the day she should have kittened she was roaring for a mate and her extra girth proved to be just good living." Evidently the presence of the school-marm put them off! To continue, "I contacted another stud owner and they understand Siamese and have a special place. There was no hole and corner affair with them as the stud and Idey welcomed each other with open arms." This being so let us hope that a colony of little Idey's are on the way.

Appropos Joan Thompson's remarks on children and the handling of kittens, there is no reason whatever why any child should not be taught how to care for kittens at an early age. Infant prodigies using wee kittens as stuffed toys make me see red. There is one treatment only for such behaviour and it isn't Montessorie.

Stud owners beware the gentleman who phones that his queen is calling and may he bring her to be mated. It is always a week end. Oueen arrives and after departure of owner is found not to be in season at all. Is kept in the hope that she will come on, but does not. Week-end over, she is returned unmated and no stud fee charged. Ouite a good idea for free board and lodging for one's cat whilst away. With a number of males at stud in various parts of the country this can be successfully worked many times.

Porchester Hall, Bayswater, filled to overflowing with Siamese for the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Societies (incorp.) summer show. Judging in a heat wave was no easy task but ably assisted by Val. Prentis, pearl of stewards I struggled through. Mr. Pope bread, paste and hot water!

making a reputation as a breeder of winners must have been pleased that Mrs. Holland's Pagan Princess, by last season's winners, Pagan Goddess and Ch. Sealsleave Petit-Laid, came out 1st in a large class of females. Mrs. Parker, novice exhibitor won best short hair in show with Lindale Simon Pie, Don't give him quite so much to eat and he will look all the better for it. Nice to see Mr. Yeates looking so fit, accompanied by the inevitable Iris Hancox, who after so much expert tuition will make a good judge one day. Some really fine neuters on view but why the continual exhibting of Mrs. Jennifer Dubedat? I refused to allow my steward to be mauled by this lovely but most temperamental lady, who has repeatedly won through last season's shows. Either she is naturally bad-tempered or her nerves are strained to breaking. point by the show atmosphere so it would be kinder to retire her from the show bench and leave her at home. One oddity, a red self, unsen for years, or at least a red self according to the judges. Owner informed me it was a red Abbyssinian Never having seen one I wouldn't know. I was unable to see the household pets but heard they were a grand lot. As usual the show was excellently managed by Kit Wilson. What refreshments, food and drink really tasting like it. Congratulations on finding caterers whose definition of the word isn't

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MRS. PARKER WITH HER SIAMESE MALE KITTEN, LINDALE SIMON PIE. BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW, KENSINGTON KITTEN AND NEUTER CAT CLUBS SHOW

#### YOUR CATS AND MINE

#### By LILIAN FRANCE

I was not able to go to the Kensington Kitten Show held in London on July 28th, so passed on my schedule to Mrs. Linda Parker, who lives at Cropstone near Leicester. Hers had not arrived, and she particularly wanted to show.

The sequel was a telephone call from Mrs. Parker after the show, to say her male kittten "Lindale Simon Pie" had taken four firsts, was best short haired kitten in the show and best exhibit. I was so happy to know I had been able to help Mrs. Parker to get her kitten entered, and she sends me the following details.

"Lindale Simon Pie" born 9-4-48 sire, Mystic Dreamer, dam Beaumanor Bricky, Bricky had nine kittens, and the vet. took her away to operate. She had a miraculous recovery, but could not feed the kittens, so with hourly feeds day and night, I started to rear them by using an eye dropper with valve rubber on the end as a teat.

Simon was always the best behaved baby, and fed well. Other kittens in this litter are also fine Siamese specimens. A leading Leicester surgeon bought two which are named Lindale Nutmeg and Peppercorn.

It is a labour of love to feed these babies who otherwise would have to be put to sleep, as a foster mother is not always available. The lying under but plenty of shade as pleased as I is now cooler.

prizes at the show were given by Miss Jonquil Antony, Authoress of the daily B.B.C. Serial "Robinson Family" and Mrs. Dales Diary..

Mr. and Mrs. Brice-Webb have just paid their first visit to Prior's Barn. We spent a very happy afternoon recalling old times, and the very pleasurable shows Mrs. Webb ran during the war. They were both most interested in the cats, also our new family of pedigree goats. My husband and I were delighted to see how much improved in health Mrs. Webb is, as she has recently been in hospital.

I was very surprised and interested to learn she had seen, quite by chance, two lovely blue persian kittens, 'complete with registrations, for sale in the Derby market. Of course, she bought them, to rescue them, as I expect I should have done had I seen them. She tells me they are really good kittens. I had no idea owners disposed of these lovely pedigree babies to be sold in the open market, with no idea of what kind of homes they would eventually find.

I know Siamese cats love warmth but the recent heat wave didn't suit mine. They were all listless and very finicky about their food. The kittens spent most of the day lying under bushes where there was plenty of shade. I am sure they are as pleased as I am that the weather is now cooler.

# THE KENSINGTON KITTEN AND NEUTER CAT CLUB'S SHOW FULLY REPORTED

#### JOAN THOMPSON'S FEATURE

THE Cat Fancy has sustained a great loss in the resignation of Mr. Cyril Yeates, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy for twenty six years.

We heard the regrettable news with a sense of personal loss as Mr. Thompson in his capacity as Secretary to the G.C. for the last ten years, has been in frequent touch with him and they have worked together in perfect harmony during the whole period.

Contact with Mr. Yeates has left us with a profound appreciation of his wisdom, justice and tactfulness in all matters appertaining to the

Cat Fancy.

Fortunately he has agreed to remain on the Governing Council as Delegate for the Black and White Cat Club so we shall not be altogether deprived of his extensive knowledge.

As Honorary Secretary of the National Cat Club for many years, and Chairman of various Cat Clubs, and Honorary Show Manager of the N.C.C. Show, when it was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, it would be impossible to estimate the amount of work which he has so willingly and successfully undertaken on behalf of the Cat Fancy.

The late Mr. Western once described him in a contemporary journal as "The Prince of Show Managers" and on that happy note I bid farewell to Mr. Yeates as Chairman of the G.C., and express a fervent hope he will be with us many years in his other executive positions.

The second post war show of the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Clubs (incorp.) on July 28th attracted eighty-three exhibitors, who exhibited one hundred and sixty three Kittens and Neuters.

Entries numbered 1,062 which I believe is a record for a Summer Show confined to Kittens and Neuters. The Hall was well appointed, very spacious and had ample accommodation for visitors who wished to sit out and chat to their friends and there was plenty of space between the pens to move about. The catering was excellent and appeared to be non-stop. I hear the same firm will be catering for Croydon C.C. and the National C.C. Ch. Show in the winter.

The weather was almost too kind as the blazing sunshine and intense heat prevented a number of my own and no doubt other fanciers acquaintances from attending, however, there appeared to be a throng of visitors in the afternoon so I hope the gate was a good one. We have to thank the Joint Hon. Secretaries and Show Managers of the K.K. & Neuter C.C., Mrs. Newton and Miss Wilson for the excellent management of this delightful show.

The floor below the Hall was a swimming bath and I was amused to hear one of the exhibitors Mrs. Black and her daughter Margaret indulged in a swim morning and afternoon. Surely a delightful way of passing the time whilst the management was coping with the show itself.

No doubt my colleague Mrs. Hart will be writing about her excellent entry of Siamese but in passing I will mention the Best Exhibit in show was Mrs. Parker's Siamese male kitten, Lindale Simonpie by Mystic Dreamer bred by exhibitor.

The Best Long hair kitten in show, Mrs. Brines Avernoll Prince Charming by Valleyend Blue Prince ex Candi Pedrina the latter bred by Mrs. King of Silchester.

The Best Neuter and Reserve Best exhibit in show was Mrs. Burns handsome Smoke long hair named Squire a winner of many 1st prizes at last season's shows.

Best short hair neuter, Mrs. Cattermole's Siamese Chinki Jaffra. Bred by Mrs. France. The Neuters were a handsome lot, and all those I judged in excellent condition and a great credit to their owners.

The Household Pets had a room to themselves on the ground floor and the few owners I had time to speak to were very interested in the pedigree stock upstairs. Mr. and Mrs. Cowlishaw, well known by repute to readers of Cats and Kittens exhibited a lovely Siamese neuter named Duffington Pandarus which I subsequently found I had awarded a first to in a radius class.

It was a pleasure to see a class of five long hair blacks worthily headed by Mrs. Aitkens pair, Bourneside Black Diamond and Black Opal by Ch. Chadhurst Barry.

Mr. Allt exhibited six cream kittens, all by his own cream male Molesey Ali Baba. Among them was one of the loveliest long hair kittens for head and type which I handled on the day but she was short of coat so I could not place

Danehurst Creamy Clare higher than third in class. "Any colour self male or female 2 to 9 months" although this was an honour as there were twenty kittens in the class. Mrs. Black exhibited a very attractive White male named White Crystal by Neuburie Bambi, also his two very nice black litter brothers. These kitten were the result of mating her White queen, Princess Laska which was by a Blue sire to a blue bred male for several generations. The queen had two Blacks and two Whites and one has to go back several generations to an unknown ancestor on the dams side before one could find a possible explanation for the blacks.

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Bruce Webb looking so fit and well after her recent illness, she intended travelling home to Nottingham with Mrs. Bailey of Littleover, Derby. I was pleased to hear the latter is delighted with the Blue male Sir Roger of Dunesk by Adrian of Pensford ex Ch. Dream of Dunesk which she purchased from Mrs. Brunton in 1947, her very pretty queen Southway Wendie has had five kittens by him and Oxlevs Delphinium and Oxlevs Periwinkle, three and two respectively.

I also had time for a little chat with Mrs. Price, Chairman of the Herts, and Middlesex Cat Club and Mrs. Parker, Honorary Secretary. Friends of this young Club will be pleased to hear it is forging ahead with a membership of well over 100, and preparations are in hand for the Club Show on September 21st. The Committee were very appreciative of Mrs. Sharmans kindness in travelling to help with suggestions of show management. they could not choose a more competant person to advise them as the pre-war Southern Counties Cat

Club Ch. Shows run by herself were models of all a show should be. The following judges have been invited to officiate, Blue Long hairs, Miss Langston, Blacks, also Whites, Smokes, Chinchillas and Silver Tabbies Mr. Cyril Yeates. Red, Cream, Blue-Creams, Tortoiseshell and Tortie and White Mrs. Yeend. Short hairs Mrs. Newton. Abyssinian Mr. C. Yeates, Siamese Adults Miss Kit Wilson. Siamese Kittens Miss Beckett. Miss Collins the well known breeder of Blue long hairs and Smokes has had a distressing experience with her Smoke queen Kala Romany Rose. A porter was carrying her at Paddington Station, when she escaped from her basket.

The G.W. Railway put up fourteen posters offering £5 reward for her and the P.D.S.A., the R.S.P.C.A. and Dumb Friends League also offered all possible help After being missing for over a week she was found and captured on Paddington Station on July 24th.

The authorities telephoned the good news and Miss Collins went up to collect her, she rightly says it was almost a miracle to recover her in the circumstances.

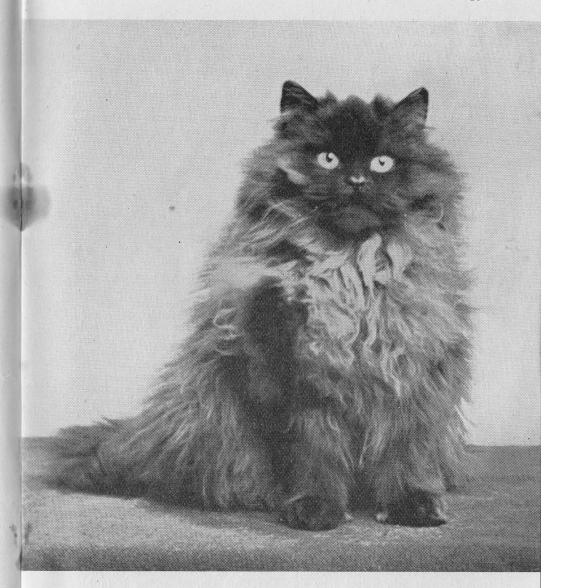
Kala R. Rose was thin; dirty and very hoarse as though she had been crying a lot but otherwise unhurt and very glad to be home.

I was sorry to hear that Major and Mrs. Pepper of Pembury, Kent have decided to make their future home in New Zealand, their young son emigrated some time ago and when his younger brother decided to join him in business and wrote to say as a surprise they had had a house built which was awaiting their parents, it proved irresistable so we are losing these two enthusiastic cat fanciers on August 16th or 18th, when they fly by B.O.A.C. to their new home.

Owing to various rules and regulations when animals travel by air the cats are going by sea on the Orari leaving July 30th and arriving the first week in September. Major and Mrs. Pepper are very concerned for the comfort of their pets but we hope all goes well as such well bred and mostly unrelated Blues might be the foundation of a flourishing cat fancy in New Zealand. The five Blue adults travelling are Oxleys Tommy Lad, Deeday of Allington, Grania of Allington, Farways Blue Falla, Michaelmas Daisy of Dunesk and the Blue kitten Trenton Little John bred by Mr. and Mrs. Harrington Harvard. I hope to tell readers later how this family flourishes in New Zealand. One thing Mrs. Pepper is particularly looking forward to is unlimited fresh meat and milk for the entire family and wonderful fishing almost on the premises.

More news of Blue kittens about to travel abroad comes from Mesdames Broxton and Robinson of Cirencester. I sold them Wendy of Pensford in 1941, she was litter sister of Ace and has proved an excellent breeder, mated to their own male Mokoia Tafete she had twins and when the purchaser came to collect the male, she also fell in love with the female and is taking them both out to Singapore when she returns in the Autumn. This lady has other Blue queens out there, and a friend who owns a male which will be suitable for Merely Mona later on. Blues are very much admired in Singapore, but I hear are not yet up to our standard as most of them were sent there from Australia.

Mr. Walter Chapman who bred some lovely pre-war Blues also Blacks and owns the Carlton pre-fix writes: "I tried to attend the garden party given at Mrs. Mitchell's on behalf of the Herts.



KALA ROMANY ROSE (Smoke Persian)

Mentioned in Joan Thompson's Feature

and Middlesex C.C. but I had a visitor from America staying with me. I wish Cats and Kittens Magazine all the success it deserves. it is very nice. I had Carlton Mickey put to sleep before I left for California as he was over fifteen years of age, he was blind and almost deaf, but enjoyed his meals and a walk until the end. Carlton Black Bess died whilst I was away and since my return I have been without a pet and missed them so much that last week end I looked at some Boxer puppies and finally decided on a bitch, ten weeks old, she is most attractive and if all goes well I shall breed from her next year. I had a very nice time in Los Angeles but I was glad to get back to Kings Langley. I am afraid one would have to be young to settle there, and enjoy their way of life, all bustle and excitement. I spent four months in Los Angeles and five weeks in Washington.

The Californian climate is just too wonderful, 80 degrees in the shade in the winter. Santa Monica is most attractive and one can have sun bathing all through the winter.

Wish I had more petrol so I could come to see you both." Mr. Chapman does not mention having another cat but perhaps we can persuade him to have another Black as the cat fancy needs more breeders of this lovely variety.

Good news comes from Mr. Baude of Chandlersford, Hants, he has just finished an enjoyable trips vacation from the Queen Mary and as he will be taking another one from October 9th, followed by six weeks whilst the Queen Mary is laid up he will be able to attend some cat shows, it will be very nice to see him and no doubt he will be exhibiting his lovely Reds and Torties.

I was very sorry to hear he has lost his fine Tortoiseshell queen. Kingsmead Gloria from the results of an accident, he describes it as "one unlucky chance in a million."

Mrs. Polden of Reigate who bred the lovely winning Chinchilla kitten, Poldenhills Pussoline which appeared on the cover of the May issue of Cats and Kittens, mated her to Miss Langston's Stourbank Silver King and is delighted with the four kittens which she has produced.

Mrs. Polden writes:— "Geraldeena's two males and two females are lovely, I have never seen such all-over paleness in her kittens, it is the best and largest litter she has had in her four years.

Mr. Pope of Ashford, owner of the famous Siamese queen Pagan Goddess, has purchased one of them named Poldenhills Lulu Belle, and the other female Poldenhills Flora Dora goes to Mrs. Calder M.R.C.V.S. of Guildford, who, with her husband are very well known in Surrey as veterinary surgeons. The two males are lovely and I am reluctant to sell them to be neutered for pets, I hope they will be purchased by breeders.

Poldenhills Cameo Suzanne has presented me with one kitten by Ch. Foxburrow Tilli-Willi, born yesterday, she appears to be very nice and pale. I believe it to be a female, I only managed a brief examination and I find it easier to sex kittens when there are several for comparison.

I hope to show my dear neuter Simba Fitz Matthew at Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show, he is in his ninth year and in splendid condition. Sukilon his mother is over twelve years old, she had one of her two remaining teeth pulled, and since then has become quite skittish even acquiring a hand-

some ginger admirer who serenades her persistently.

I am looking forward to the Cats and Kittens Year Book and am sure the photographs will be very interesting. I did not show my Chinchilla kittens as July is a very difficult month for us owing to staff holidays.

Cook-Radmore, Hon. Mrs. Secretary of the Southsea Cat Club attended the K.K. and N.C.C. show. I had previously had a letter from her so will quote it:-Well its just on midnight which seems to be my usual hours for any correspondence and I keep that to a minimum because I have to, for with 40 cats and now 37 kittens, who occupy 10 houses, as well as being all over the place indoors, there is much feeding and cleaning to do after I've got the dogs fed, they have to come first, that is what I dislike about them compared with the cats, they won't wait, once they have seen me a.m.). Still I am delighted with this year's flock of kittens. I have so very many whites, and I must tell you, the old grand mother of all of them, Albany Adorable who had 2 Ch. certificates before the war, has reached the ripe age of 13 last April, still very young in heart. She is my oldest, and next comes Charmaine, aged 10, whom we call Piece as she is a daughter of Masterpiece of Allington. She has had 2 kittens all her life, until this year when she insisted on having 4. but they were unfortunately dead, but she jolly well started to call within 12 hours, have you ever heard of such sheer exhuberance?

I had a very busy stud season too, my Siamese Albany Thumper being much in demand. From January to Whitsun I had no week end free of visitors, though some had to come back several times, just stopped calling by the time they arrived. I wonder if other folk had this trouble too? I did miss the shows so much, G.C. meetings even more I think, its dreadful being so out of everything. I hope when Desmond gets back from the R.A.F. (now in Austria) in September to be able to resume.

I've got to the stage where I cannot think anymore, I am too tired so hoping to see you one day. (Why don't you come down, there is a nice hotel just opened in Waterlooville. Both studs giving many B. point Siamese.

Audrey.

Mrs. Cook Radmore is anxious to get the Southsea Cat Club really active again, and an Annual General Meeting will be held at Southsea on August 7th.

Herr Knud Hansen, president of Darak Cat Club sends a very welcome letter from Copenhagen with further news of the very successful Cat Show in Gothenburg, Sweden. I mentioned in my last article there were over 10,000 visitors. The judges officiating were Fru Lis Langberg, Herr Borge, Jorgenson and Herr Knudd Hansen, the latter writes:-"We had to plan it economically as beforehand we did not know how it would run and we had to use many Swedish Kroner ("hard currency") for the Danish officials and exhibitors who numbered twenty-five persons.

The president of the Norsk Racckattee Klub were there also.

Gothenburg is a very pretty city with about 400,000 inhabitants, the second town in Sweden. We sold about 50 kittens so later on a new club may be founded there.

The town is about 100 miles from Copenhagen. I believe it is the first time in the history of the cat that a club has arranged an exhibition so far from its domicile and, moreover, in a foreign country. The cats arrived by rail, steamer and aircraft. For a part of the Danish exhibition and about 100 cats and kittens and the material of the exhibition weighing about 4 tons we had procured room in a Danish steamer sailing directly from Copenhagen to Gothenburg. Of course, the expenses were very great, and we should have about 7.000 Kroner before there could be anything for the club, so we were running a great risk. However, thanks to a careful planning, everything went exactly as intended on the minute and the spot, and our calculations held good. At Easter too we had an exhibition in Helsingborg (Sweden), which too went well. but it was not by far of so great dimensions.

My cat book ("Kattebogen") is now sold out from the publishers, and I have received order for a new edition. In this I intend to bring a chapter regarding Breeding, and there I would treat the question of what qualities are particularly inherited from the father and respectively the mother.

With regard to this question I would be very obliged to you to receive an opinion as to which of the parents, according to your experience, is having most influence on the form of head, the eye-

colour, the coat, the construction and the colour.

It is amazing to think of 10,000 spectators attending a Cat Show and indicates the potentialities of the cat fancy in Scandinavia.

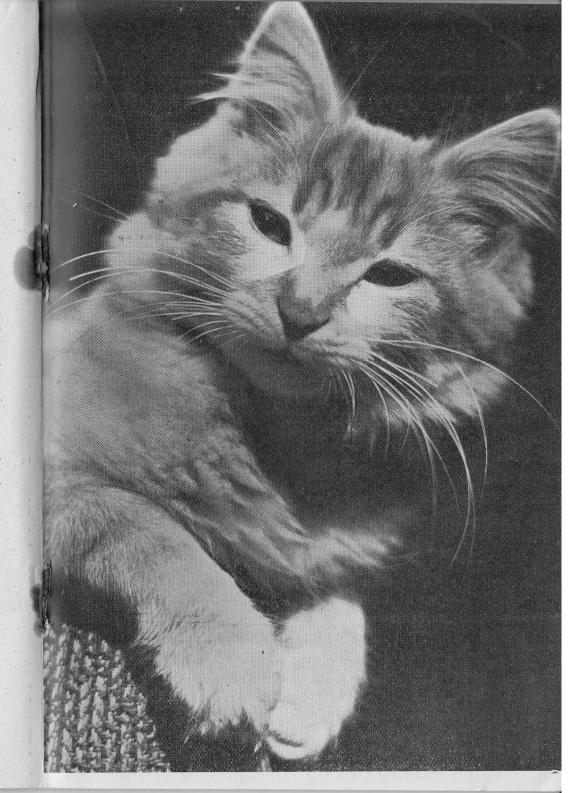
With regard to the last paragraph in Herr Knud Hansen's letter. I wrote him to the effect that after 24 years breeding cats and seeing the results of many other breeders experiments I would hesitate to suggest that certain qualities such as coat, type or eye colour are a masculine or feminine prerogative to pass on to their progeny.

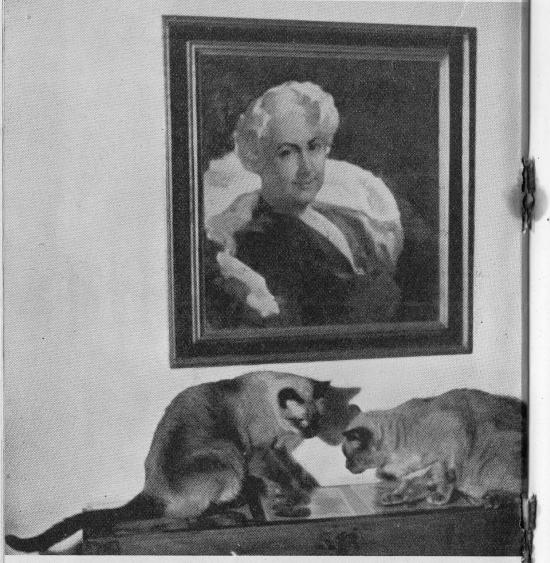
I think that the longer one breeds cats the less inclined one is to be dogmatic. What we do know by observation is that certain males and females are prepotent to pass on qualities in which they excel, and others equally prepotent to pass on faults. When this occurs it probably indicates they have had ancestors which excel or fail in the same respects so one gets a double dose in the progeny of such cats.

However, Mr. Hansen has raised a very interesting point and perhaps the Editor, Mr. France will invite Mr. Jude of Nottingham to express his opinion in Cats and Kittens. Mr. Jude has made a very thorough study of genetics and as he also breeds cats, his opinion would be interesting.

Herr Knud Hansen would also be pleased to hear the views of other cat breeders on this matter.

Joan Thompson.





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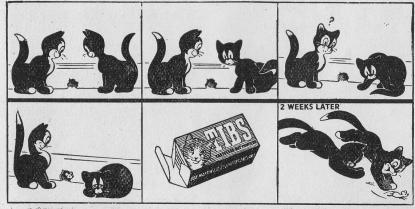
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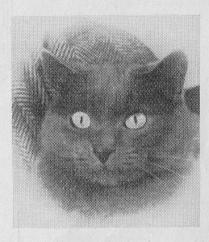
1, Catherine Street, Winton, Eccles.

Dear Editor,

Here is a photograph of my cat "Quip" who will be 8 years old on August 1st, he is very intelligent, his favourite trick is to shake hands, often putting out his paw without being asked, it would indeed be a thrill to see him in the splendid magazine.

Yours,

Mrs. B. Brunel.



"QUIP"



"SIR BINKS and PATRICIA"



"ROY"

48, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham.

Dear Editor,

My sister and I have been readers of your magazine for some time now, and we should like to tell you how much we appreciate and enjoy it.

We thought you might like to print a photograph of our 3 pets. Sir Binks, the black one is 9 years old, but Patricia a white and red tabby, is only 11 months. Despite the difference in their ages, they are very good friends and often lie curled up together on the same chair and they give each other a thorough washing nearly every day.

The other snapshot is of Roy, a brown tabby, a very dear friend who has now passed on. During the war he collected £1 for the Red Cross from friends of ours who were asked to put pennies in his box. None of them could resist his wistful pleading look!

Yours faithfully,

D. Brookfield Davies, (Miss).

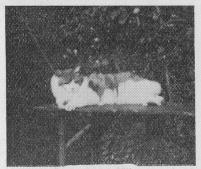
#### TO THE EDITOR

Laurel Cottage,
Uplyme,
Lyme Regis,
Dorset.

Dear Editor.

We are regular readers of "Cats and Kittens" which we find very entertaining. I enclose 2 snapshots of Sandy our gold and white Persian. We hope you will put them in the magazine. Sandy is 3ft. and half an inch long from tip of tail to tip of nose. 1ft. and half an inch high and weighs 12½lbs. He is 8 years old and still loves a game of hide and seek before bed time. He is a great pet and always likes to "help" whether in the garden or in the house. He came to us in a pound sugar bag, when he was a month old.

Yours truly,
Florence E. Pring.



"SANDY"

Thornhurst,
P.N.E.U. School,
Burgess Hill,
Sussex.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I take great interest in cats and kittens of all kinds. I love your magazine and all the articles and pictures.

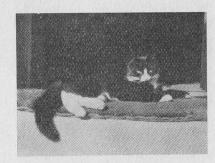
I have got four cats all of whom I loves very much. Last winter one of our cats, Little Tim got flu and



"BLACKIE"

died, I was very sad as I loved her most of all the cats I have ever had. I have enclosed a picture of her. She was very affectionate. Our oldest cat is Persian and Little Tim was half Persian. I have also enclosed a picture of Blackie her mother who is not quite so affectionate as Little Tim was but she is very sweet all the same.

Yours very truly, Margaret Lancaster (age 12).



"LITTLE TIM"

# OVERSEAS LETTERS AND PICTURES

Esplanade, Queenstown, Tasmania, Australia.

Dear Editor,

I enclose a photograph of two beautiful large cats, they belong to a friend of mine, sister MacDonald, who is in charge of the child welfare clinic here in Queenstown.

I used to have your excellent magazine "Cats and Kittens" when I was in London, and now my mother always forwards her copy on to me, and how I enjoy reading it, I felt I had to send on this photo and let your readers see these two lovely pussies from Tasmania, they have a devoted owner, and I can say with truth, I've never seen such big cats.

Here are a few remarks about "Peter" and "Timothy." "Timothy" weighs 16½lbs., he loves to get into the bath and wade up and down till the water has all disappeared, then he likes to be dried, and sit there with towel round him till the bath has cooled.

He calls his mistress every morning at 7.30 a.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and never mistakes the days.



"Peter" is the younger (seen in foreground) he is eight years old, and he weighs  $13\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., he used to turn somersaults when slimmer, but now being more dignified he puts pencils under one rug when asked to.

Neither of these cats has had a days illness, and can be seen any day meeting their owner down the road on her return from the shops when "Peter" always jumps on to her shoulder to be carried home, while "Timothy" escorts them with tail up.

I wish your magazine a long life, I just love reading all about cats, I was lucky to find a lovely home for my cat when I left England, and often get letters from his new owner, also snaps, I have adopted a stray cat here, I just can't do without one!

Yours truly,

Margaret E. Barlow (Mrs.)

#### AMERICAN "CAT OF THE YEAR"

#### By CHARLES A. KENNY

THE 1948 All American Cat of the Year is a male Blue Persian owned by Mrs. John H. Revington, 942 Anderson Street, Bristol, Tennessee. He is Grand Champion Dixi-Land's Pearl Harbor Yank, born July 12, 1944, sired by Champion Pearl Harbor's Yankee Doodle out of Pearl Harbor's Dixi-Land's Jewell. The cat was bred by Mrs. E. Rebecca Janes of Hampton, New Hampshire.

In the six times shown in the 1947-48 season he carried off the title of Best Cat. He was named All-Southern in 1947 and 1948, as well as All American in 1948. A cat must win the title of All American in his or her sex, color and breed classification before qualifying for the Cat of the Year title. This is the second year in a row that a blue Persian male has won the title. Last year it was Champion Wimauma Masterpiece of Chalsu, owned by Mrs. Charles Victor of North Hollywood, California.

In the American sweepstakes to determine the Cat of the Year, Yank technically won over nearly 2,300 contestants in 57 shows in the United States and

Canada. The Cat of the Year is determined by a mathematical system applied to the results of all cat shows staged in the United States and Canada during a complete season. Yank had the greatest point score of all competing cats.

Yank is a grandson of Grand Champion Dixi-Land's Salute, who was a son of two well known English cats—Benjamin of Westfield and Dixi-Land's Wanda of Dunesk. Yank's other grandsire is the famous imported English cat, Champion Lavender Chu Chu.

Mrs. Revington is well known throughout the American Cat Fancy as a breeder of Blue and White Persians. She is also one of the top ranking judges of the Cat Fanciers Association.

The Best Opposite Sex Cat of the Year award for 1948 goes to Double Champion Vee Roi's Katisha, a Siamese seal point female owned by Mrs. R. H. Hecht of Normandy, Missouri. Mrs. Hecht won the same award last year with Double Champion Lantara Gene, blue point Siamese female.

#### A FEATURE FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

### THE CAT'S HOLIDAY

#### By UNA-MARY NEPEAN-GUBBINS

**E**DWARD, Lionel, Babykins, Plumpey and Rolly decided that they all needed a good holiday.

"We've been working extremely hard and I think we deserve a rest!" agreed Plumpey, stroking his tired brow.

"Where shall we go?" asked Lionel who had been positively lethargic of late.

"Let's go to the sea! Good air! Lots of food! Plenty of healthy exercise! It will put new life into us!" said Rolly who looked as lovely as ever.

They all thought this an excellent idea and finally decided to go to Bexhill for a fortnight.

"What shall I do about my bathing suit—it's very moth eaten!" cried Plumpey.

"Why not embroider a coloured daisy over each hole," cried Babykins. Plumpey thought this a very artistic idea.

"I'll teach you all to swim!" cried Rolly heartily.

"I, for one, can swim perfectly well already," said Edward with dignity.

"What else shall we take beside our swim suits?" asked Lionel.

Everyone made lists and there was great excitement as the packing began. At last the great day arrived and they all got into the train and to their joy found an empty carriage.

The first thing they did when they got to Bexhill was to go and look at the sea. Babykins, who had never seen it before, walked straight into it, not knowing it was wet. This caused the others to laugh merrily though to this day Babykins can see nothing funny.

The fortngiht passed only too quickly. They walked in the morning exploring all the surrounding countryside and in the afternoon had a snooze; then after tea they went to play on the beach, with their spades and buckets and try and catch shrimps among the rocks. Once Plumpey caught a crab, or rather a crab caught Plumpey, for it attached itself to his tail, which was extremely painful.

At last their holiday came to an end and they had to catch the train home.

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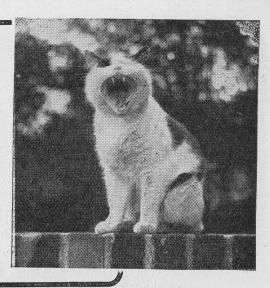
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    Show Manager: Mrs. Hart,
    Tye Cottage, Frog Grove Lane, Wood Street,
    Guildford, Surrey.
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  - 30th N.C.C. (Ch.). Paddington Baths, Queensway, W. Show Manager: Miss Wilson,
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