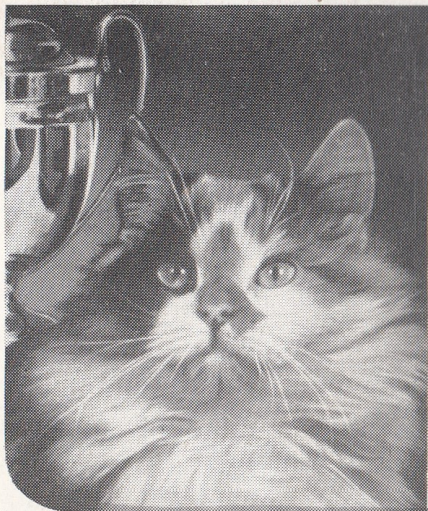


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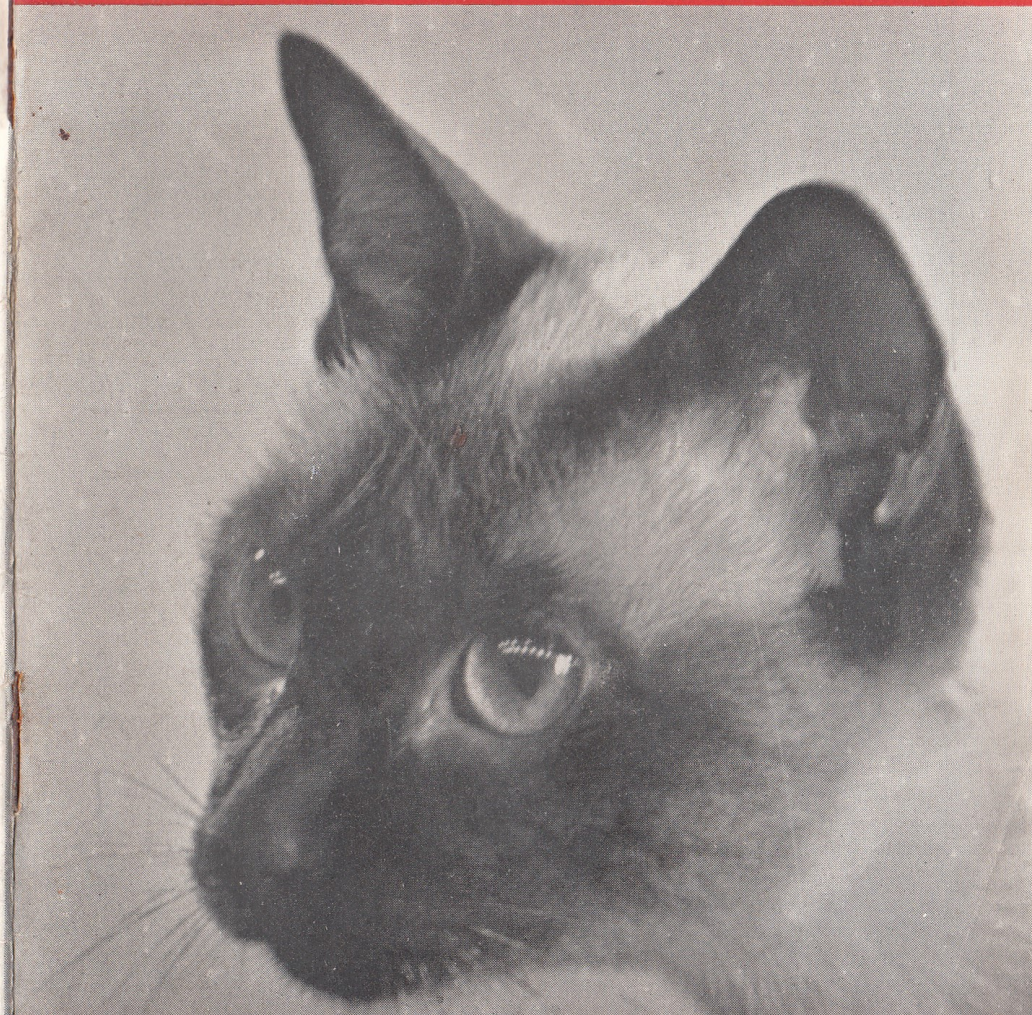
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## **EDITORIAL**

NOT all cat owners are cat breeders, but almost all of us who keep cats, whether pedigree or ordinary, are interested to know what the prize winning cats are like, what to look for in an outstanding Siamese or Persian, and to know something of the big cat shows, the season for which is just commencing.

This little book is designed chiefly for amateur cat breeders and lovers of cats, and our aim is to help with such wisdom and discretion as we can, all those either plain "just cat lovers" or fanciers who read our magazine and write to us when they get the urge to do so.

At this time of the year we get many letters from readers obviously wishing to exhibit for the first time, from others wishing to visit their first cat show, and, let us confess, from a smaller number who say in effect, "We have just an ordinary cat, and like to read about just ordinary cats. We don't want to read about cat shows and prize cats."

No one can please all the public all the time, so we try to steer a middle course, and endeavour to please as many as we can for as long as we can.

The Cover Photograph is of Mr. Norman Winder's  
**CHINKI WINTIDD SERAH**

Thus, whilst we do, during the show season, write about them, we try to keep our notes of good general interest, and print only what would interest but not bore all those not directly interested by reason of breeding or exhibiting.

Our advertisement pages this month carry news of several big shows, all of which everyone interested in cats should plan to visit. The Siamese Cat Club hold their important Championship Show for all Siamese Varieties on October 11th. Under the well proved and able management of the club's secretary, the well known Elsie Hart (now Mrs. Leslie Howard Kent)—let's call her Elsie! as we know her well through her feature, "A Monthly Miscellany." This is at the Lime Grove Hall, Shepherds Bush, the public being admitted at 1.30 p.m., admission 2s. 6d. An important two-day Show follows, the Crystal Cat Show and Exhibition in the Olympia Grand Hall. This, the largest cat show ever to be held in this Country, under distinguished patronage, has an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Lt.-Colonel Graham Cherry, M.A., and which includes Mr. D. L. Martin, F.Z.S., Mr. H. M. Macdonald, and Mr. J. H. Mason. The Show Manager is Arthur Towe, well known Chairman of the Croydon Cat Club. All the profits are being devoted to the Feline Research Fund of the Animal Health Trust.

Last year there was a record gate for all time for cat shows, not less than 15,000 people attending, but this year it is estimated there will be 30,000 visitors during the two days, Friday, October 12th, and Saturday, October 13th. The Show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prices of admission are: Adults 3/-, Children 2/-.

The Blue Persian Cat Society is holding its Championship Show for Blue Persians on Tuesday, October 16th, at the Anson Hall, London, N.W.2. This is certainly a show which all who enthuse over long haired cats ought not to miss. Persian Cats probably have the longest show history, and certainly were exhibited at the Crystal Palace as far back as 1871, when indeed the *first* cat show took place. The Anson Hall is easy to reach being at Chichele Road, Cricklewood, and it is open to the public from 12.30 to 5.30 p.m. Admission 2/-.

## HOW MANY KINDS OF PEDIGREE CATS?

By SYDNEY W. FRANCE

OVER thirty is the answer. That surprises you, doesn't it? Most of you, if asked the question, would soon think—Siamese, Blue Persians, Manx, and then start pondering, a few would add Abyssinians, and that would just about close the list.

### LONG HAIR VARIETIES.

Each special breed or colour in cats has its own club and its own colour points, but there are special points that apply to all long hair breeds. The head must be broad and round, wide between the ears, which should be small; the nose must be short, the muzzle broad, and the eyes large and bold. The body must be cobby, with short thick legs, short tail, and long flowing coat.

Long hair cats are Blacks, Whites, Smokes, Red Tabbies, Red Sells, Silver Tabbies, Chinchillas, Blues, Brown Tabbies, Blue Creams, Tortoiseshells, Creams, Tortoiseshell and Whites, and Blacks and Whites.

### SHORT HAIRED VARIETIES.

Short Hair Cats differ entirely from the long hair cats. Much more slender in build, there should be nothing cobby about a short hair cat. It should be lissom, agile, and rippling with movement, and much more active than the rather elegant but languid Persians. Their coat should be smooth and glossy.

Indeed, the main difference between the Long Hair and Short Hair Varieties is that the long hair cat should have a full, long coat, and the short hair cat must have a smooth, close lying coat.

No cat with a medium length coat would grace either a long hair or short hair cat show pen, and would not win.

Blacks, Whites, Siamese, Abyssinians, Manx, British Blues, Russian Blues, Silver and Red Tabbies, and the newly imported and but recently introduced Burmese make up the list of short hair pedigree cats.

## CANDID COMMENTS

By SYDNEY W. FRANCE

### A CALIFORNIAN CAT LOVER.

That amazing Californian, Dr. Guy Bogart, in a recent letter to me enclosed the text of a radio feature which he broadcast recently. He tells me that this feature is a regular one, and he talks of cats, all about them, and from what I hear there is not much concerning their history, habits and characteristics which he does not know; and what is more important, talk of in a most interesting fashion.

He has one of the most comprehensive libraries of cat books in existence, and I am surprised at the interest which our American friends take in the earlier works on cats which were published here and in Europe.

### RARE BOOKS ON CATS.

Miss Agatha Davies, of the Coronet Book Shop, New Orleans, Louisiana, is one of the importers of these now rare books for the American market, and regularly publishes lists of those she has been able to obtain, and cat lovers like Guy Bogart are always on the look out for another "missing link" for their collections.

One of the books Guy Bogart mentions as now being offered

by the Coronet Book Shop is Frances Simpson's "Cats for Pleasure and Profit," listed at thirty dollars. A book worth thirty dollars in America aroused my curiosity, so I looked for it in our office library, and was glad we had it.

How enthralling it was to go through its pages! What changes have taken place since it was written. For example, "Long haired cats are the most popular." That was true then, but *that* was before the Siamese cat commenced to gain its remarkable hold on the cat loving public. Now, there is no doubt that what was a rarity in the 1900 show pen and household, is now most certainly the most well known pedigree cat to the general public, and at the shows.

### TITLED OWNERS.

Then, the exhibition of cats, when this book was written, as I mentioned in an earlier article, the nobility of the country appeared to be the principal breeders of the pedigree cats, and kept large numbers of them.

Illustrations show cats like Royal Bobs, a fine Blue, bred by H.H. Princess Victoria of

Schleswig-Holstein, from Lady Marcus Beresford's Blue Boy II and Duschar. "Royal Bobs is dark slate blue, but very sound in colour, with a beautifully shaped head and fine eyes."

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### ON NAMES.

What interesting names those pedigree cats of fifty years ago had. Such names as Othello, His Majesty of Whitehall, Lord Nugent, Champion Romalldkirk Admiral, Lord Argent, and Lord Southampton. To-day the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy would not accept such names for registration.

### CANNOT STAND THE CLIMATE!

What will Siamese cat owners and fanciers think of this—"Perhaps the most difficult cat to breed and rear in this Country is the Siamese. Some fanciers declare these cats cannot stand our climate." Certain it is that breeders of Siamese have much to contend with and many disappointments to suffer. The Royal Cat of Siam, so called from the original breed being kept in the Palace of the King of Siam, is one of the most fascinating cats to keep as a pet. They have wonderful intelligence and seem to have great powers of attaching themselves to human beings.

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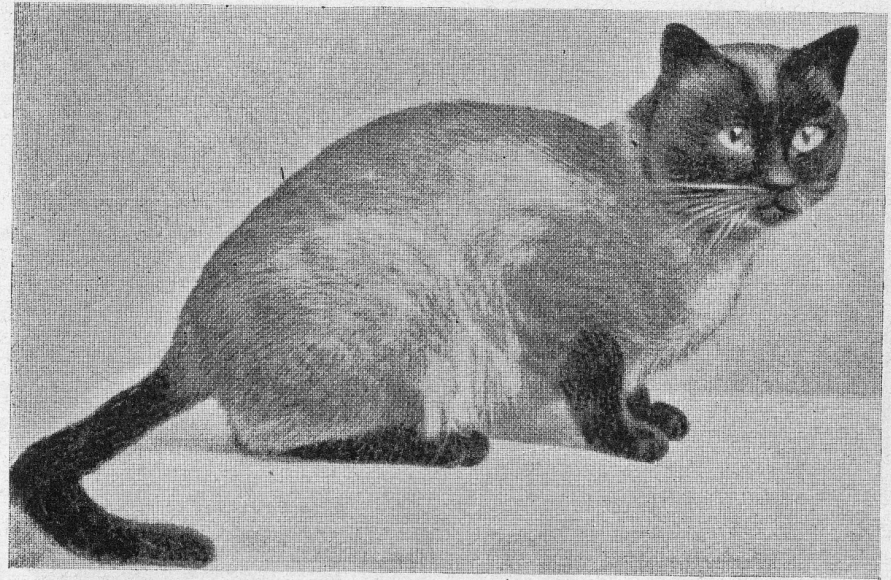
In Colouring they resemble pug-dogs.

On the question as to whether the tail of a Siamese cat should be kinked or not kinked, no two opinions appear to agree, though H.M. the King of Siam is quoted as saying they ought not to be.



Miss Frances Simpson's BLUE KITTEN, BONNIE BOY.

Compare this prize winner of fifty years ago with to-day's winning types, and what do you think of the prize winning Siamese of those days on the next page ?



TIAM-O'-SHIAN IV

THE NAME CHURCHILL IS NEWS.

Little did Mrs. Kathleen R. Williams, well known Siamese judge and Festival Show personality, realise what was in store when in her Siamese Notes in our contemporary, "The Cat Fancy," published by another well known international judge and member of the Governing Council, Miss Kit Wilson, she mentioned medicine for *Winston Churchill's* cat. She described her efforts with Mrs. Varcoe to obtain some American Serum which is a specific for a very serious condition in cats. There is little in the Country, and eventually Mrs. Parker—owner

of the well known Lindale Simon Pie and Lindale strain Siamese, was contacted, and arranged to send it to London by passenger train.

Came the sequel—the newspapers got hold of it, and what was intended for news just for cat fanciers becomes national news.

Blame ? There can be none. The ladies concerned are to be congratulated on their prompt action, and the newspaper men on catching the clue which gave them a good write up.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of all animals, must have

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## MEET THE BREEDERS BLUE NOTES

By DORRIE  
BRICE-WEBB

WE spent a lovely time at Blackpool and Fylde Show on August 14th. We travelled up by car on the 13th. When I say we, I mean my husband and Mrs. Bradley, my steward. After settling in at our hotel, we went for a drive along the promenade, parked our car, and spent the evening looking at the amusements.

It was a lovely day for the Show, the sun shone and there was a nice breeze which made it quite a pleasant task judging. The marquee was a very large one and beautifully light—it was a pity that the entry was such a poor one, as there were quite a few really nice specials and the prize money was good. There were 29 cats entered, but I hope next year to see this doubled.

My Best Cat in Show was Mrs. Jessop's Julian of Hadley, bred by Miss Fisher. He is a beautiful male and so beautifully balanced, and shown to perfection. Congratulations to his owner and to his breeder, he is a credit to both. My Reserve Best Cat in Show and Best Short Hair was the Siamese female, Mrs. Cooper's

Crawstone Jane, a very lovely exhibit of good type and the loveliest whip tail.

After a very pleasant day we arrived home very tired, to find all our Blues well and happy, thanks to Mrs. Bastow, who kindly looked after them for me. I hear Westbridge Joy (by my Oxleys Smasher) has been purchased by Mrs. Jessop as a future wife for Julian. There should be some good results from this mating.

Ch. Astra of Pensford will be staying with me until next March while his owner, Mrs. Vize and her husband go for a holiday to South Africa.

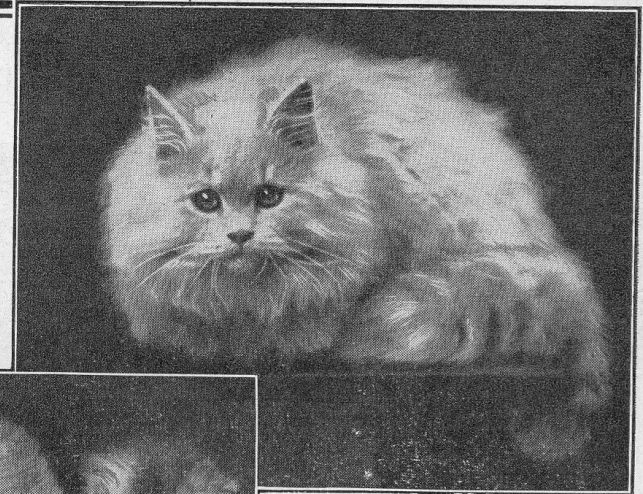
My Ronada April's babies, by Southway Echo, are now eight weeks old, two females and one male. The male and one of the females look quite good, and I am hoping to take them to the Blue Persian Show on October the 16th.

The Notts. and Derby Ch. Show will be held at the Drill Hall, Derby, on Friday, January 11th. The hall is very large and light, and I am sure that Derby should prove a good centre.

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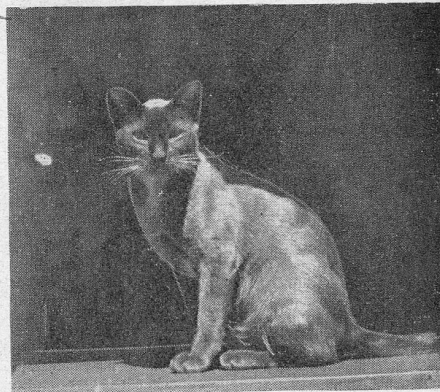
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## YOUR CATS AND MINE

By LILIAN FRANCE

ON August 30th I travelled with Mr. and Mrs. Brice-Webb in their car to Sandy Show. Unfortunately the weather was not kind. Fairly frequent showers and two heavy downpours kept visitors away. Good weather is so necessary for this kind of affair, but for those interested in cats, this section was really worth a visit. The marquee was a really high and big one, and I think the arrangement of the pens was excellent and could well be copied at other shows, so that the public could view the exhibits without hindering the judges. The pens were formed into an oblong, with the judges on the inside and the public and exhibitors on the outside. This could be improved on, as there were two rows of cats placed back to back down the centre. Here there could have been an aisle right through the centre with cats on either side, thus making two oblongs. A barrier could have been placed at either end to enable judges and stewards easy access to either section, and all the cats could have been viewed instead of having to wait until after the judging. This idea should be copied at other shows, so that the public need not wait to



Mrs. H. Needham's Burmese  
Chinki Yong Malik

come in and would not get in the way of the judges. The entry was very good, and, for the time of the year, all cats looked in excellent condition.

Mrs. Nicholas' Siamese queen Rycroft Ranchi, won her first Challenge Certificate, and was, quite deservedly, Best Adult.

My Siamese male kitten, Chinki Ranya, was Best Short Hair Kitten, and won eight firsts, so it was a field day for me.

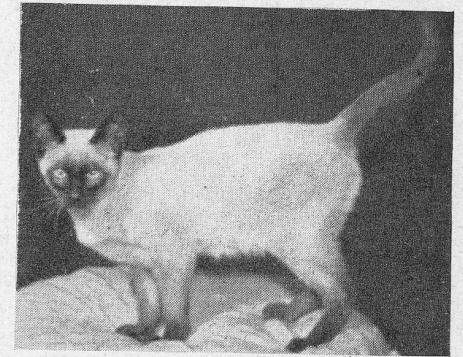
I was glad to see such a good entry of chocolate points, and though there is much room for improvement, it is bringing them out to be seen at shows, which will more quickly lead to this. I think their coat colour is beautiful, with no

tendency to go grey as some of the seal points do, the shading being a delicate brown to match the lovely cream body colour. Patchy points and brindling were the chief faults, and type, especially length of head, and eye colour, must be improved.

Our youngest exhibitor, Master Roger Parker, gained his second Challenge Certificate with Pinewood Brumas, his Short Hair White male.

I enjoyed a chat with Mr. Stirling-Webb, Mrs. Williams and Miss Wentworth Fitzwilliam, who were all exhibiting chocolate points. For the first time I met Mr. and Mrs. Matthewson, who own Mais-Mor-Marquis now. They were delighted to hear about my Chinki Jonta's litter by him, the first kittens to be born sired by Marquis, though I have since heard one of their own queens now has a litter. I had a chat with many other friends. Altogether a very enjoyable day.

I was pleased Burmese were represented at the Sandy Show, although I had not taken any of mine. Dr. and Mrs. Atwell were there with their beautiful little queen, Chinki Yong Shwegalay. With her lovely all brown coat she looked such a contrast to the Siamese kitten in the next pen. Mrs. Dunning, who owns Shwegalay's sister, tells me she has already called several times, although she is



Mr. Norman Winders'  
Chinki Vashni

only just seven months old, and wonders how she is going to keep her back until she is nine months!

Mrs. H. Needham sends a snap of her Burmese neuter, Chinki Yong Malik. He had a most wonderful coat as a kitten and it certainly looks like satin in the picture. Mrs. Needham says: "Much as I like Siamese, I don't think you can compare the two. 'Tut' was delighted to see us when we returned from our holiday, and he sleeps with me every night. Although the Siamese have plenty of character, the Burmese do have far more."

Whilst on the subject of Burmese, Cheli's six kits are progressing famously and are such a bright eyed little lot. They certainly look a picture all cuddled up to mummy in a cat basket.

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## A MONTHLY MISCELLANY

### ELSIE KENT'S NEWSLETTER

BACK again, certainly wed, but unfortunately, not gone to South Africa where I had been consigned by various folk with whom I am not too popular, bearing the label "good riddance." But what a lot of real friends I found, and I do thank every one of them most sincerely for the deluge of congratulatory letters and greetings telegrams. Nothing has given me so much pleasure. From A. A. Steward, a very old friend, and Secretary of the Cats' Protection League, came a letter which must be quoted. "You will retire with the knowledge of having done a great deal for our friends the cats in general and Siamese in particular, and if I may say so there could have been no worthier a successor to Phyl Wade." What more could I wish? Anyone who knew Phyl will understand.

The Festival Cat Show, so ably run by Kay and Frank Williams, was a wonderful success and judging from the queues awaiting admission, a financial one as well. If any attempt had been made to out-crystal the Crystal, it must have more than succeeded! Make up of both shows was identical except that one was held under

Governing Council Rules, complete with championship status, the blessing of *all* its delegates, and exemption from entertainment tax, whilst last year's effort had to fork out half its takings to the Government and fight hard against the many attempts to kick it down the drain. However, whether a show is run as a commercial proposition, an advertising stunt, or for the improvement of cat breeding, the hardened exhibitor will exhibit so why waste time trying to stop them? One difference—managers of the club shows work like niggers all day and probably are up all night too, and, if they get paid at all, salary works out at about 3d. per hour, the affair with the cash behind it can pay its managers well enough to send them for a rest cure to recuperate.

Unfortunately, this year's Crystal comes immediately following the Siamese Cat Club, a matter which was unavoidable. I regrettably had to decline the invitation to judge at Olympia for this reason. Two days at Lime Grove will just about finish me off, and I could not even pretend to be bright enough to give any

satisfactory attention to judging on the following two days, which would not be fair to those who exhibited under me.

Whilst agreeing that these new enormous shows are attractive, as a financial success and from the point of view of the public, I cannot help thinking that the smaller, more intimate shows are far nicer for the exhibitor, the judges and the real cat enthusiast. One can at least meet and chat with one's friends. Stand comfortably in front of a pen and admire its occupant instead of fighting one's way through a crowd reminiscent of the cup final between the pens and stalls covered with highly priced knick-knacks, mostly displays of the most extraordinary Siamese I ever saw (no offence, Mr. Warner). I remember the delightful little shows held at Exeter, Cheltenham and Tunbridge Wells by the smaller clubs. Entries might not be overwhelming, gates indifferent through lack of money to advertise, but there was a pleasant homely atmosphere about them which is quite lacking to-day. No-one cared if the best known film star in the world came to present the awards, we went to see and admire the best cats in the world. Admittedly the Cat Fancy has grown, and with it come the seekers for power and

profit instead of the pleasure and pride in breeding a first-class cat. A pity!

Arrival at Tye Cottage, the time 5.45 p.m., returning from an all day session with the Governing Council, fellow delegates will know what that means. Met at the gate by small daughter. "A man has been with a Siamese cat, he found it on the common, he's coming back at six o'clock." Further particulars from next door neighbour. "Yes, a man from Dunmore Farm had brought a Siamese cat, found on the common, thinks it is a female. Enquiries proved it did not belong to the Sayers, and all the Sealsleeves were safe and sound. He is bringing it back later on." Immediate preparation of spare cat house to receive stray. At 8.30 car stops at gate and huge rabbit crate is lifted out, carried down to cat house and carefully opened. Most indignant Siamese comes forth, a beautiful specimen, no straying queen think I—and sure enough proves to be a very nice male neuter fit for the show pen. He deeply resents his captor, who thinks him a nasty vicious animal, but responds to my Siamese noises and eats a dish of meat. After some discussion, I agree to house him until he is claimed, and 'phone the R.S.P.C.A., who could not



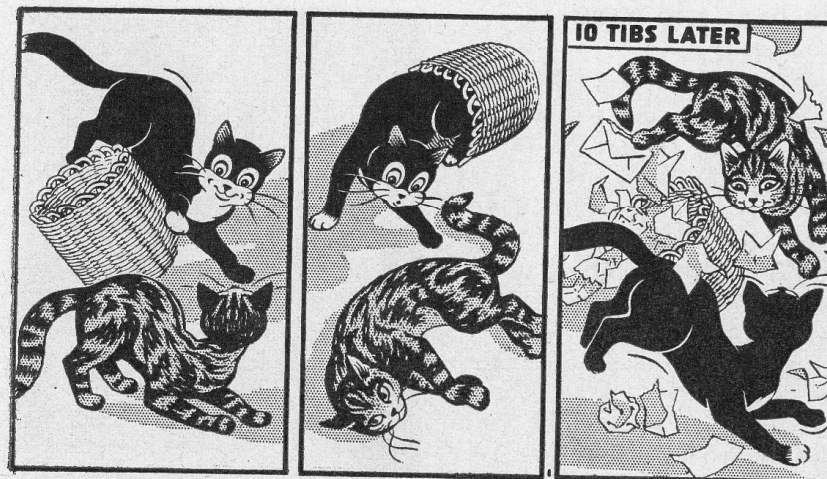
care less, then the various police stations, who could not care even lesser. At 10.30 owner of cat was located by finder and he was handed over with great relief. "He always goes out on the common and sometimes does not come back until quite late. We hadn't really missed him!" No blame could be attached to the gent. from Dunmore Farm, who quite naturally thought the cat might be a Southwood or Sealsleeve out where it had no business. Once more phoned the R.S.P.C.A. and police stations to say cat now claimed. It is too late to start answering letters, so that is one reason why you did not get a reply by return!

Thursday, August 30th, found me keeping an appointment to judge Siamese at Sandy, made over a year ago when astute Mr. Porter way-laid me in a corridor at the Grosvenor Hotel and asked why he could never get me into Bedfordshire. Telling him I was usually already engaged for championships before he asked me, he promptly pinned me down to officiating in 1951. Weather was not too good, but cats made a record entry, and it was a wonderful arrangement to have the public on one side of the pens and the judges on the other, which enabled them

to complete their classes in comfort. It was a field day for Siamese as Mrs. Nicholas' Ryecroft Ranchi came out Best Exhibit in Show, with Lily France's Chinki Ramya as best short haired kitten. Kill-down Jupiter won his third and final certificate, and so becomes a full champion, as does Kay Williams's chocolate point. All these Siamese well deserved their awards as they were penned in a beautifully finished condition. The Seal Points were all on the dark side, but each one excelled in type. Look into their pedigrees and there it is again, all are descendants of the same old prize winning stock.

Entered in a variety class was a Burmese kitten. This is the second time this variety has made its appearance at Championship shows. In the absence of any recognized standard, it was difficult to judge it, which was hard on the exhibitor. The Governing Council should consider recognizing the breed and approve a standard of points.

Hoping to see you all on the 11th. The place, Lime Grove Hall, Shepherd's Bush. The event, The Siamese Cat Club Championship Show. I am sending Mr. Allt a complimentary ticket!



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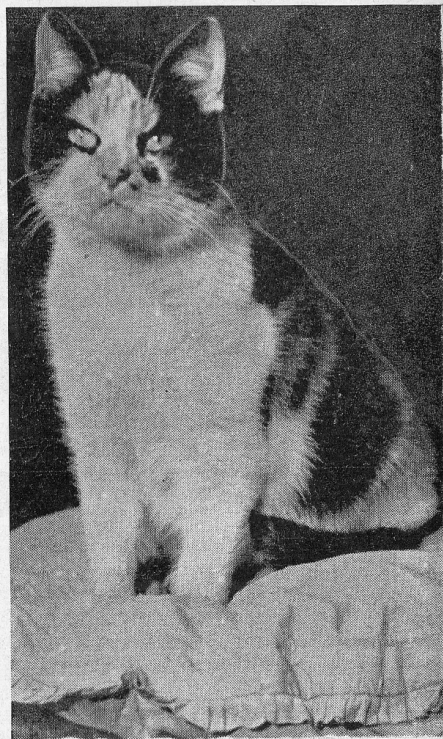
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**YOUR CATS AND MINE—***from page 11.*

A letter from a reader says : "Some time ago my cats all had colds which left them so dreadfully snuffly, and so far I have not found anything to really help them. Spraying up the nose with penicillin had no effect, and the vet. seems at a loss to know what to suggest next. Have you any suggestions ?"

Yes—I have ! Ask the vet. for Sulpha-triad tablets. Give one whole one, and then half a tablet three times a day from three to five days. Follow with a course of crude cod liver oil, half a teaspoonful once a day, but regularly, and not with food. Give it in between meals. Get an ordinary wooden box from the grocers and make a wired front on a frame to fit it, fastening on with two hinges and a hasp and staple on the top to secure it when the cat is inside. Put a teaspoonful of eucalyptus oil in a jar and half fill with boiling water. Put cat and jar into the box, cover with a blanket and leave for half an hour. Do this regularly every day, and keep on until the snuffly condition clears away. It may take a long time, but is very little trouble and is really worth it. You will find the cat makes itself quite comfortable and appears to enjoy the warmth. Give it its run first. On no account allow

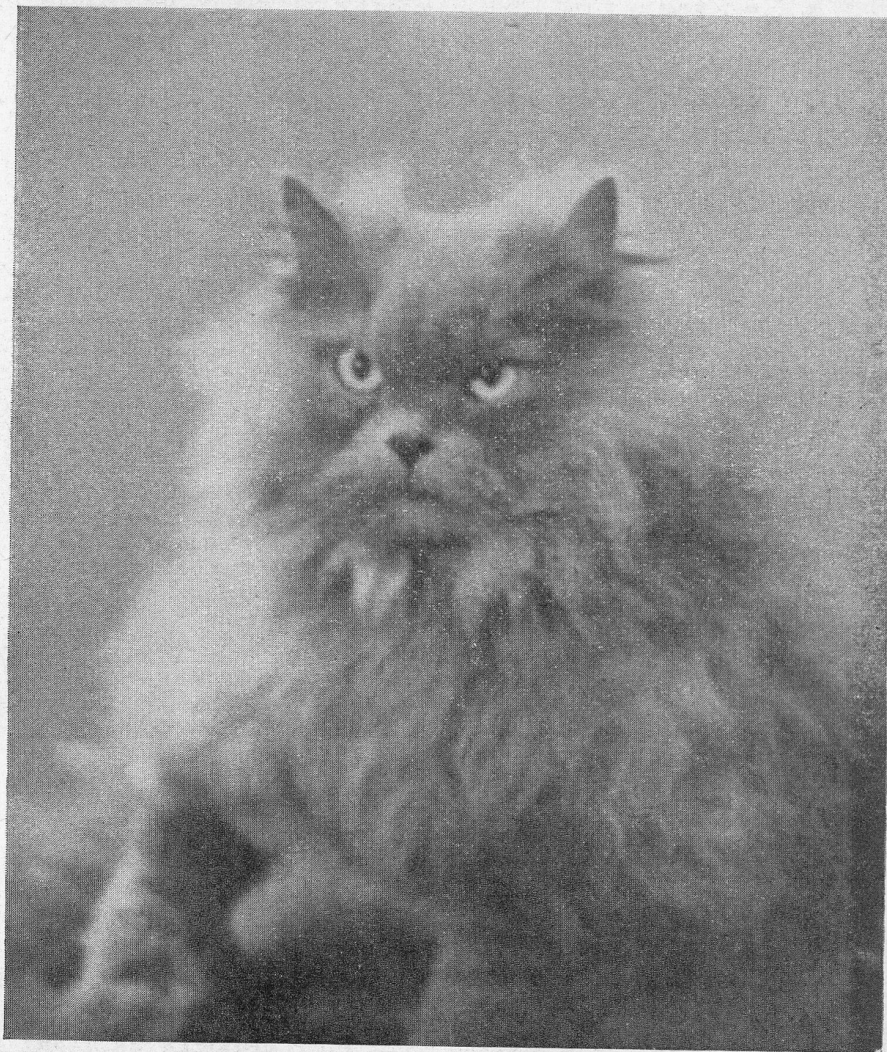


Mr. Norman Winders'  
Tiddles

it outside or into the run after the inhalant, as the pores must be allowed to close. I hope this information may be of use to a number of readers.

Miss Cherry Calvert-Jones has bought one of my Burmese female kittens and sent the following amusing letter :— "Yasmeen is asleep in my lap at the moment. We are really delighted with her. She is so friendly and attractive, and what a strong character ! I

*Please turn to page 33.*



VIGILANT VICTOR

owned by Mrs. G. Jackson

See Letters and Pictures, page 28

## Kit-zyme saved Smoky's life . . .

Mrs. PHYLLIS HAWKES of 29 Frewell Buildings, Bourne Estate, Holborn, E.C.1, writes:

"Smoky, my eighteen months old British Blue Cat, is a character. He eats bread with jam or marmalade or anything sweet, he is jealous of men folk in the house and bosses my mother and me in a shocking fashion. He has had a highly adventurous life—any other cat would have been stone dead by now, but not Smoky. Once, he was stolen for three months and we had given up hope—but back he came. And while he was away it was amusing the way his lady friends would visit the flat each morning to see where he was!



Smoky and his Mistress

A short time ago, Smoky was in more trouble and got very badly bitten on his middle. He had five punctures on his stomach that turned septic, and he was so ill that he wouldn't eat anything except Kit-zyme and the purpose of this letter is to thank you for what the tablets did for him. All the time he was ill he practically lived on Kit-zyme and I am sure that is why he is alive now.

I don't know what you put in Kit-zyme but Smoky adores it and, when we play a game of hide and seek, he searches all over the place for the tablets.

Now, after his serious illness, Smoky is again as perky as a kitten and I feel so grateful I simply had to let you know that Kit-zyme had saved his life.

Good luck to your good work . . . ."

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## HOW THE CAT FANCY IS MANAGED

By ATHALIE HASLAM

THE first Cat Club in this Country was the National Cat Club, which was formed in 1887.

Many prominent cat owners were members, and the Club quickly drew up rules for shows which have been in use ever since. The Cat Shows which were an annual feature at the Crystal Palace, London, from 1871 were taken over by the National Cat Club in 1896 and the N.C.C. Show has been one of the most important Championship Shows ever since.

In 1898 trouble, which had been simmering up in the Cat Fancy, came to a head, and there was a split. Headed by Lady Marcus Beresford, the Cat Club was formed, and between 1900 and 1902 many new clubs started.

For six years there were two rival governing bodies, and shows were run under rival auspices.

Then good sense prevailed and the N.C.C. again became the sole governing body. This continued until 1908, when further trouble flared up and a number of clubs formed a rival Incorporated Cat Fanciers' Association. In 1910 after several meetings to seek a way out of rivalry of this kind, a "Governing Council of the Cat Fancy" was formed, the Council consisting of delegates from each of the Cat Clubs in the Country, and this is the position to-day.

The Governing Council issues rules for Shows, grants Championships, keeps a register of the pedigrees of cats and kittens, issues a stud book, and is the final court of appeal, is umpire in all questions or disputes of any kind arising out of any show held under the Council's rules.

## LETTERS AND PICTURES



Michael-Bruce

Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Dear Editor,

I read your magazine "Cats and Kittens" with interest, and particularly enjoy readers' letters and photographs of their pets. I am enclosing some negatives of snaps of Michael-Bruce, six years, and Nobby-Montrose, his nephew, aged five years, and hope you will be able to use them. I should welcome cat loving "Pen Friends."



Nobby-Montrose



Gerwin

I enclose an envelope for return of negatives.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) E. D. Murray.

Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Dear Editor,

In your July issue of "Cats and Kittens" Dorrie Brice-Webb mentioned a litter of three "chocolate box kittens" by Smasher out of Westbridge Fay. Well, I am the proud possessor of one of them, which we call Gerwin. I am enclosing a snapshot of him and hope you will print it in your magazine (when space permits).

## TO THE EDITOR

He is three months old and weighs 3 lbs. 6 ozs. The hour he looks forward to mostly is when we are all gathered round the television set, and it is his privilege to sit on the knee of one of the members of the family, and he apparently takes as much interest in the programme as any of us. Probably he knows that at the end of the programme there is a saucer of warm milk awaiting him. Before concluding, I would like to mention an anxious day which we had recently when, owing to D.D.T. fly cards, our kitten was poisoned through eating the poisoned flies. I am mentioning this for the benefit of other cat lovers who may not be aware of this danger, but I am glad to say he has now recovered.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Amy Winters.



Willie

Beckenham, Kent.

Dear Editor,

I bought "Cats and Kittens" magazine for the first time last month, and I think that the mag. is a very good one.

The part I like is the "Pictures and Letters to the Editor," I was therefore wondering if you would be interested in the photograph that I enclose of my cat Pandy. This was taken by myself and I retain the copyright.

If you can find any space for it I should be very grateful.

Yours faithfully,

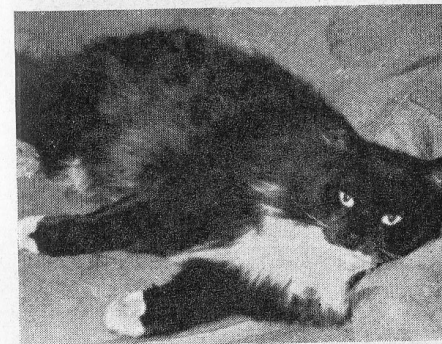
B. Davies.

Melbourne, Victoria,

Australia.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing photos. of my cats, Pudden'ead and Willie, both neuter males. Pudden'ead



Pandy

## LETTER AND PICTURES

is a light grey tabby, and Willie is a marmalade color, and has lost the sight in one eye. He was a "stray" before we got him, and had had a very hard life I fear. However, they are both very happy with my husband and I, and very spoilt. We are members of the Victorian Cat Protection Society, and do a lot of work among the strays of Melbourne.

If you have room, I would love to see a photo. of Pudden and Willie in your magazine, which I look forward to arriving out here.

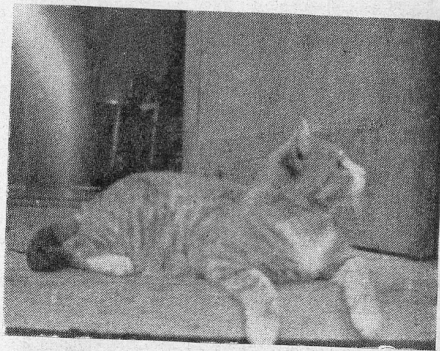
Best wishes to your magazine and all cats in England.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Beryl Haynes.



Storm and Pudd'n



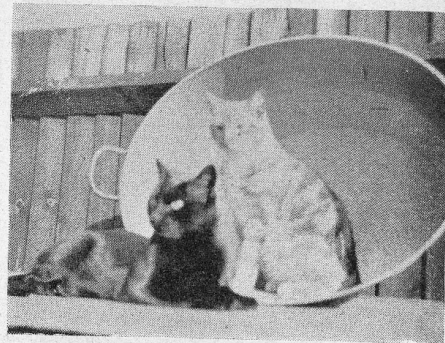
Pudden'ead

Heston, Middlesex.

Dear Editor,

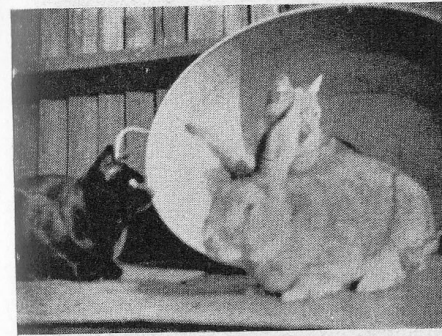
With my letter I have enclosed a few photos. of my two cats, Pudd'n, a ginger tom, and Smoky, a half Siamese neuter. They are both nearly three years old. I sincerely hope that you will be able to publish their photos.

I am not always able to get "Cats" because I still go to



Smokey and Pudd'n

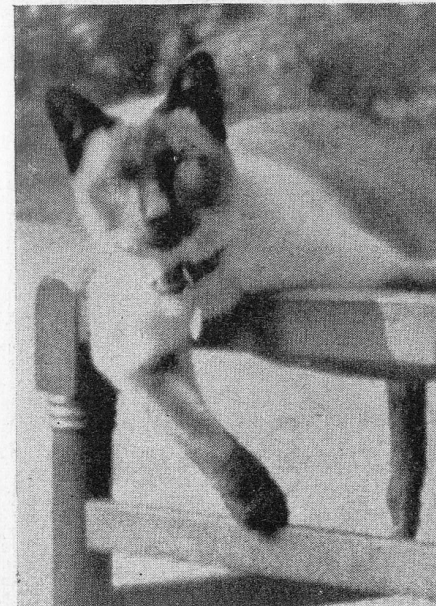
## TO THE EDITOR



Smoky and Pudd'n with  
Thumper my rabbit

school, but am now trying to buy it regularly.

I have seven animals—a dog, two cats, two rabbits, and



Tiki

a pair of guinea pigs. They are all kept as pets and not for food.

The cats love going for walks in the evening, and in the daytime I am able to let all the animals run together on the lawn without caging them.

Although Smoky and my dog Storm lick their chops at the sight of the guinea pigs, they make no attempt to harm them.

Yours sincerely,

Ann B. Leatherbarrow  
(15 years).

London, S.E.23.

Dear Editor,

Through the "Cats and Kittens" magazine I came into touch with Mrs. Edna Austin, whose "Teddy" appeared on the cover of the May issue. She very kindly helped me with my Siamese kitten "Tiki," and I should so much like her to see his photograph in "Cats and Kittens" if you can spare the space for it.

Although Tiki is a typical Siamese to look at, we find him much less affectionate than the "ordinary" cats we have had. His chief characteristics are intense curiosity and a passion for rabbit.

Thank you for sending my copy of the magazine so promptly each month.

Yours faithfully,

Joan Wilkinson.

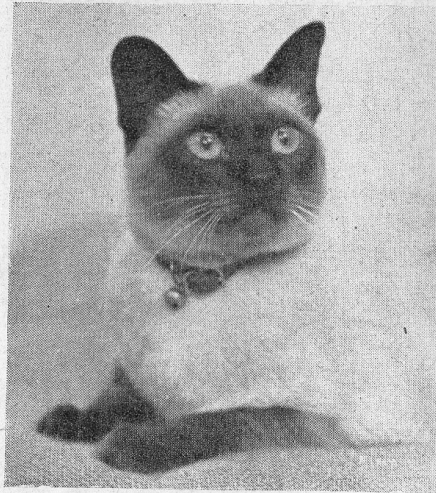
## LETTER AND PICTURES

Buxton, Derbyshire.

Dear Editor,

This is a photograph of Angelo, my Siamese cat. He will be three years old in September, and is the most adorable pet imaginable.

Yours sincerely,  
Ruby Rose.



Angelo

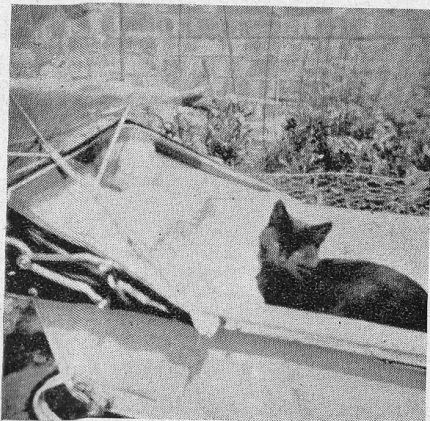
Cheltenham, Glos.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a photo. of our three cats, which we are very fond of. Our little girl loves to take Smut for a walk in her doll's pram. Timmy is very naughty. He will make me get up every morning at 2.30 to be let out. Vicky is very good, and will remain in through the night. I would not like to be without them, they are such company. I am very fond of your book "Cats and Kittens," which I take in

regularly, and would be delighted if you could print one or more of them.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Ida Boffin.



Smut



Vicky

## TO THE EDITOR



Timmy

Bergen, Norway.

Dear Editor,

My name is Sappho, and I was born in London, but left for my new home in Norway, when I was nine weeks old. Now I am four.

Here we are all regular readers of "Cats and Kittens," and so is my brother Pani and his family, who live in Surrey.

I am enclosing two photographs of myself and my good

master, Erik Thomsen, which I hope you will print in your magazine. I think my English relatives may be interested to see what a beautiful lady I have become.

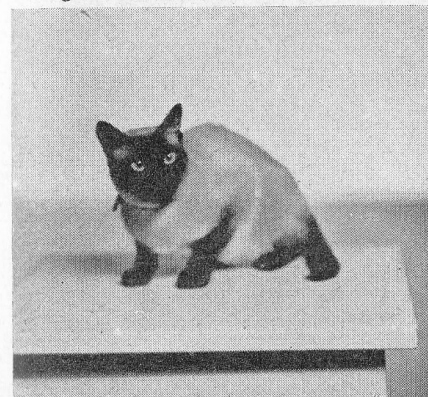
Yours faithfully, Sappho.

Horsforth, Nr. Leeds.

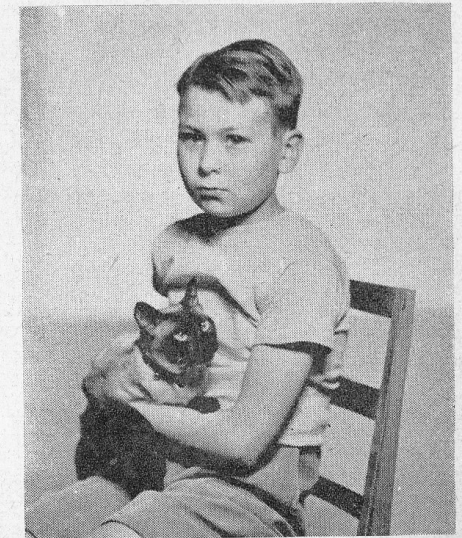
Dear Editor,

We joined as subscribers of your magazine some little time ago, and it is certainly quite a unique publication in that it has obtained an intimate contact with its readers, and this is largely due to the contents, letters and pictures.

We have a Siamese female cat about two years old named

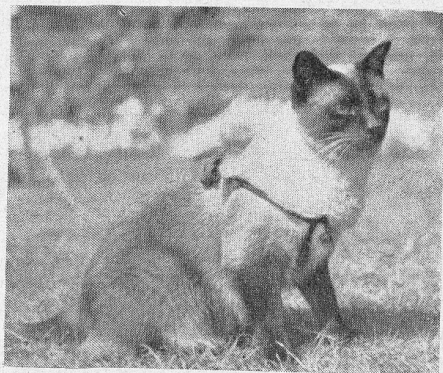


Sappho



Erik Thomsen and Sappho

## LETTERS AND PICTURES

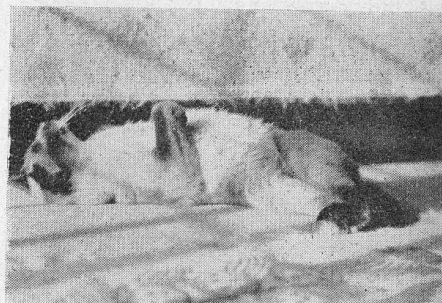


Lindy-Lou

Lindy-Lou, and my wife forthwith gave instructions that a photograph must be taken of our cat. I never realised until this was attempted the many difficulties associated with obtaining a good photo. The number of times when just ready for a little nap urgent requests have been made to get the camera at once as the cat was



Lindy-Lou hiding things under the carpet



Lindy-Lou waiting for her tummy to be rubbed

in some unique position. Of course, every time on arrival the cat had turned round the wrong way to the sun or moved into another position. However, recognizing many failures, herewith enclosed a few snaps, one of which may be suitable for including in your columns.

Lindy-Lou has many little tricks, one of which is, every evening when the frisky feeling comes along she is very fond of making a sudden jump at my wife when sitting at ease in her chair, running up to her shoulder and giving her a gentle pat on the cheek with one paw, and darting away again, a sort of game of 'tig.' Another is when food is not being prepared quickly enough, she gives a gentle nip to my wife's ankle. Any little article that Lindy-Lou has finished playing with she always carefully hides under the carpet

## TO THE EDITOR



Charlie

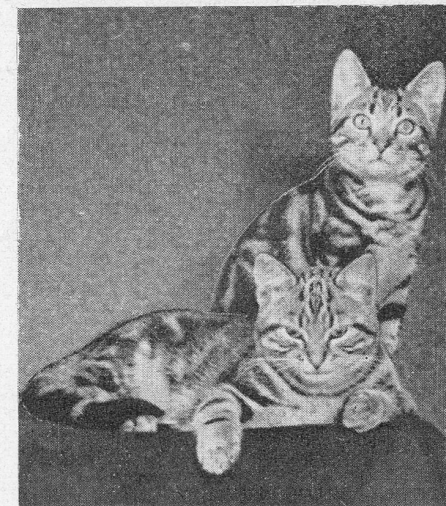
till the next time. One of the photographs shows Lindy Lou doing this, and another shows her rolling on her back for her tummy to be rubbed.

Yours Sincerely,  
G. H. Hodgson.

Chipping Norton.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if you will have space for this snap of ginger Charlie. He was only five years old, but had a terrible ear disease and we have had to part. I have to admit, not entirely without shame, that he only caught about three mice in his life, but, more than fish or any delicacy, he preferred crumbly bread. Every meal time he took his same place beside the son of the house and waited for pieces to be supplied. If they did not come along quickly enough the boy soon had a claw in his coat sleeve. He swears that it was not purely coincidence that the right elbow wore out and not the left.



Cheeky Boy and Billy Boofulo

We still have Bua, a lovely Siamese, MacDuff, a blue kitten with comic ways, Nimbus the spaniel, Banga the collie, and a couple of exuberant fox hounds, but I shall be glad when the grass grows again over that little place in the orchard. Yours truly,  
(Mrs.) K. V. Cambray.

Wigginton, York.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a photograph of Cheeky Boy and Billy Boofulo. I regret to say that since taking the photograph Cheeky Boy has disappeared. It is almost certain he went hunting for rabbits, but how he met his end there is not a single clue.

## LETTERS AND PICTURES



Jo Balolo's Boy,  
Owner Mrs. I. I. Jimey

Their mother is a stray cat who was taken over with the furnished bungalow in which we live.

Yours sincerely,  
J. A. G. Farlie.

South Kensington,  
London, S.W.7.

Dear Editor,

Should you be able to make any use of enclosed photo. of my neuter Blue Persian, Vigilant Victor—the pleasure will be mine—as is the reading of your monthly publication. I hope one day in the near future to see your Burmese—I hear they are wonderful.

Yours truly,  
(Mrs.) Gladys Jackson.

(Editor's Note — Vigilant Victor's photograph appears on page 17.)

Brookland,  
Nr. Ashford,  
Kent.

Dear Editor,

Could you please find room in your magazine for the enclosed snap of our dear little Spooks.

We found her and her sister as kittens on a farm very sad and neglected.

She was the prettiest little cat we have ever seen, with silver tabby markings (like a chinchilla rabbit).

She loved to accompany us for walks across the fields.

Unfortunately she was run over and killed when barely a year old, and is sadly missed by us all.

I also enclose a snap of her little nephew Smokie, three months old. He is white with grey tabby markings on his back



Mrs. J. M. Newton sends us this photo. of some jungle kittens born in the open near a Burmese temple in 1943

## TO THE EDITOR



Spooks Brookland

and head. He also is very intelligent like his aunt, and loves to play with a ball, which he picks up and carries about in his mouth like a dog.

We do look forward very much to your magazine each month, which we find most interesting.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) J. Lambert.

London, W.14.

Dear Editor,

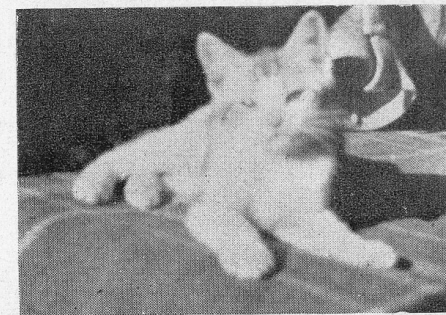
"Cats and Kittens" is so delightful, there is just one little thing only I could suggest to make it even better: that most attractive feature, Letters and Pictures to the Editor, sometimes takes some searching to find the letter referring to

the cat whose picture has knocked one sideways on sight. I dare say I am not as bright as some, but one number I had to read almost all the letters before finding *the* one to match a picture that had captivated me. Could not it be done thus:

Dear Editor (re Tim),

That would not take up any more room as there is always space after Dear Editor, and it would show at a glance to which picture each letter referred. It is impossible to get the letter beside the appropriate picture—or sometimes even on the same page owing to varying length. I *would* like to have an identifying mark! Another idea, number the picture and number the letter, but I think my first suggestion would be best. I am sure you will not mind me making it.

Yours sincerely, Adile Rudd.



Smokey



## LETTERS AND PICTURES

(*Editor's Note.* — On this occasion we do not feel that we can agree with Miss Rudd's suggestion, but should be glad to hear our readers' views.)

Flint,  
Flintshire.

Dear Editor,

I enclose a snapshot of my Siamese cat Zippy, which I hope you will be able to include in your magazine. I first had "Cats and Kittens" in April, 1950, when I had Zippy. We have another three cats and a dog with three puppies. There is only one fault with Zippy, and that is he eats wool.

Wishing your magazine every success.

Yours faithfully,  
Rhianon Evans  
(age 13).

St. Johns,  
I. O. M.

Dear Editor,

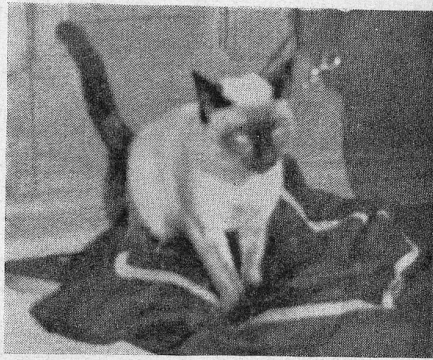
Would you like this for "Cats and Kittens." We call it Pa, Ma and the baby.

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs.) Constance Flower.

Stone,  
Staffs.

Dear Editor,

I enclose two snaps of my Siamese Chinki-Moshi-Kou. We had him from ten weeks old,

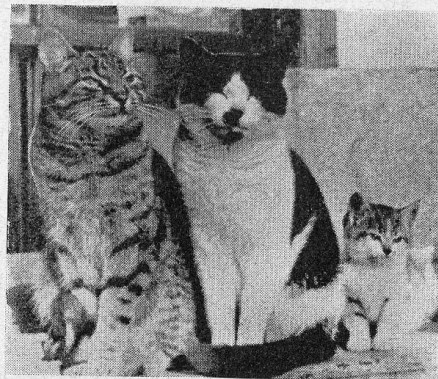


Zippy

now two years and ten months. He is really very handsome now and weighed 12 lbs. last time I weighed him.

We are all devoted to him he is so intelligent and companionable, and affectionate.

I hope one of the snaps will be good enough to print in "Cats and Kittens," which I



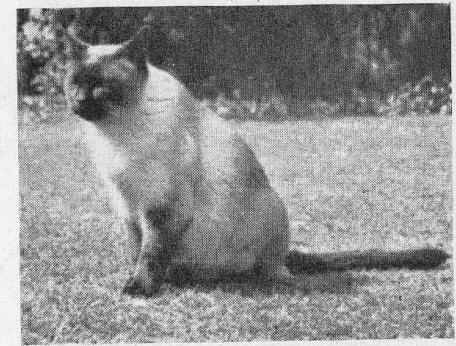
Pa, Ma and the Baby

## TO THE EDITOR

read with great interest each month, especially the article by Mrs. France.

I enclose stamped envelope for return of snaps, please.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) C. F. Leigh.



Yo-Yo

Dear Editor,

I enclose two photos. of my Siamese cat, Yo-Yo, fifteen years old. I do hope you will be able to find room for them in "Cats and Kittens" sometime in the near future. I have taken your magazine from the commencement and very much look forward to receiving it each month.

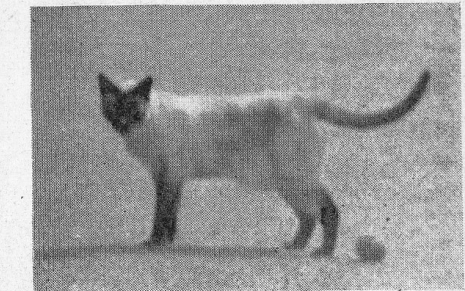
Yours sincerely,  
F. C. Brookes.

London, W.2.

Dear Editor,

The following query has been sent to me from a friend in the North of Ireland, who has recently acquired a very charming little grey cat. She asks me what I would advise, but I am afraid I have never come across such a condition before:—

"She has lost the hair off the tip of her tail and has about an inch of shiny grey stump sticking up. Is there any known reason for this or any cure? The tail looks perfectly healthy



Chinki-Moshi-Kou

and is not tender, although it was a bit, before the hair came out. If it does not grow again would it be possible to have the tip taken off, because it really looks awful and quite spoils her beauty."

I should be very grateful if any of your readers could give us any advice.

Yours truly,  
(Miss.) B. Forbes-Bassett.

## Letters and Pictures to the Editor

Dear Miss Forbes-Bassett,

I think the symptoms your friend in Ireland described are consistent with a vitamin deficiency.

If the cat is adult and fairly large, she could give it eight Kit zyme tablets a day, but if it is a small and young cat two twice a day would be sufficient.

I think she would find that this would cause the hair to grow again on the tail.

Editor.

Leigh-on-Sea,

Essex.

Dear Editor,

My cat, age six years, has had a turn of jaundice, and we have had him treated at the vet., who has discharged him as going on nicely. It is now four weeks since he went down ill, and it has left him rather weak, very thin and weary. He was a beautiful Persian before. Can you advise me how long this weak condition lasts, and if there is any chance of it re-occurring. His mouth is still troubled and needs a mouth wash still, which makes his feeding difficult. He has a tendency to want *raw* fish and meat. But is this wise?

I shall be grateful if you can give me any information on this subject.

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs.) B. E. Millar.

P.S.—We have two Laburnum trees in our garden, of which the flowers have dropped considerably this year. Are they harmful to cats?

Dear Mrs. Millar,

I am sorry to learn about your Persian being so difficult. I suggest that you give him a course of Cod Liver Oil, and I think that the raw Cod Liver Oil as supplied for veterinary purposes is much better than the refined variety obtained from chemists. I think in the refining some of the vitamins and valuable properties are lost. If he is a smallish cat I should give him half a teaspoonful a day, and if he is a large one, one teaspoonful.

As to his diet. I should let him have lightly boiled fish, lightly boiled rabbit, both of which, of course, should have the bones removed, and meat which has been lightly roasted. I do not think a little raw meat will do him any harm.

Regarding the Laburnum. I think it is extremely doubtful that your cat should eat any of the seed pods, and it is only those which could really be injurious.

Editor.

## YOUR CATS AND MINE—

from page 16.

collected her at St. Pancras and decided to find a quiet place to sit with her in the open until it was time for my train. A nice rest on Tower Green was indicated; but we arrived to find the whole of Europe, not to mention numerous colonies, had thought of the same thing. With difficulty I found a corner by the White Tower, and let her out for some air. She was patted by a head warden, who had a strong Irish brogue and was covered with

medals. I think I can claim she is the first Burmese ever to visit the Tower of London. She has settled down perfectly, eats like a horse, loves the family clock-work mouse, and attempts to climb trees. I regret to say, she sleeps with me."

Mrs. H. Foxwell sends sad news of her Abyssinian queen, Chinki Chikoa. She was sent to stud and developed cat 'flu, although the stud owner had no trouble, neither had we. It seemed to come out of the air! So it means starting all over again with Abys.

## CANDID COMMENTS—

from page 7.

some share in the Phillips Yeast Products Limited, makers of the well known Kit-zyme tablets. Recently I received a sad letter from Rovereto, Trento, Italy, from a reader who had lost her home during the air-raids on Italy and is living in an institution kept by nuns. Her constant companion is Blackie, who, she says had such a beautiful pure black coat which is now such a pitiful sight, moth eaten with large bare patches. I passed this letter on to Mr. Willison of the Technical Department of this company and was delighted to learn that the company had immediately despatched a tin of 750 Kit-zyme tablets direct to our reader in Italy, and in a letter to me Mr. Willison said, "It is a very sad letter and we are glad to help such a deserving case. We are hopeful that

Kit-zyme will do a lot of good as the cat seems to be very undernourished."

## A BOARDING HOME FOR SIAMESE CATS.

Dr. and Mrs. Francis of Low Knap, Halstock, Somerset, write me that we had omitted from last month's magazine their advertisement for the excellent boarding establishment which they run exclusively for Siamese cats. Many enquiries reach us from cat owners anxious to ensure that their pets are really well cared for when for any reason they are away from home, and we can unhesitatingly recommend Low Knap. We have personally come into contact with owners whose cats have stayed there and they are full of praise. We could do with more such places for all cats and situated near to most of the large towns.

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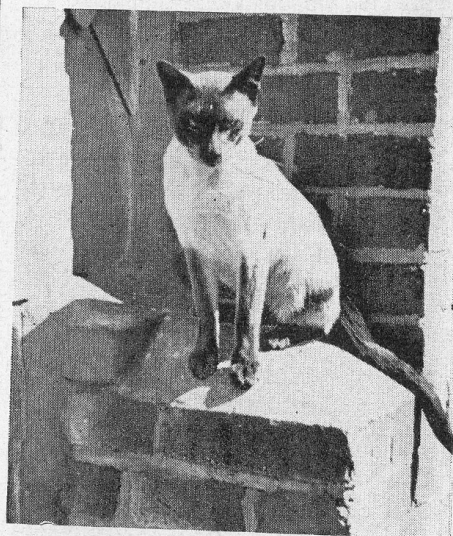
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