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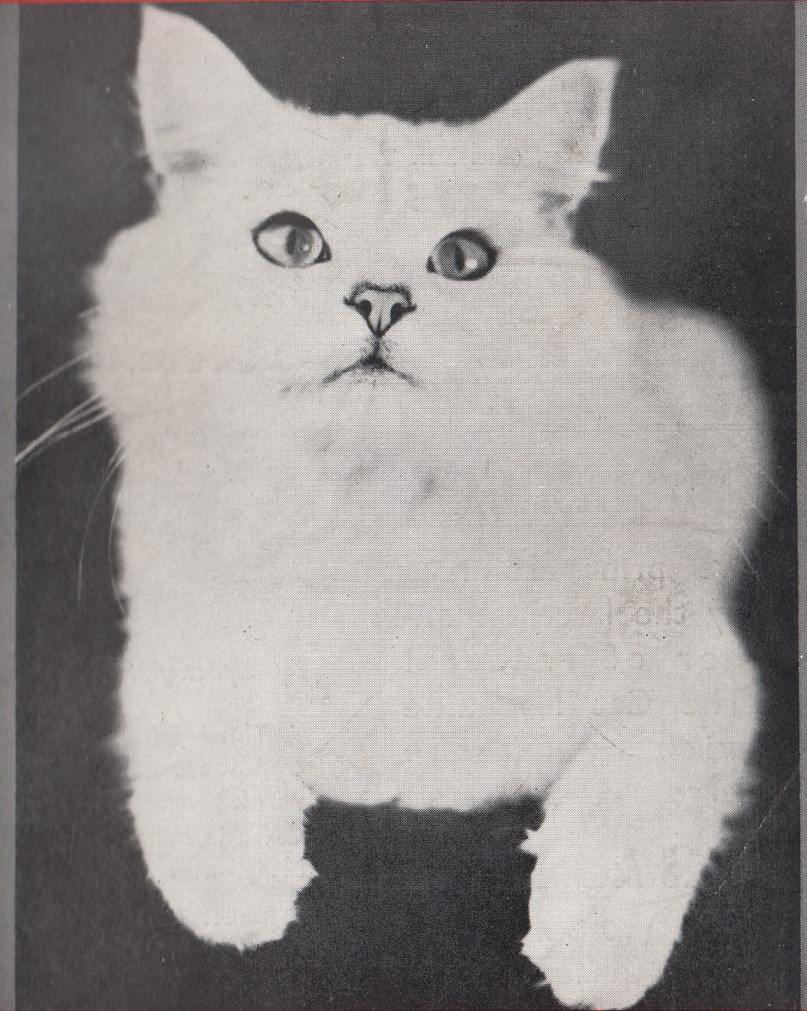
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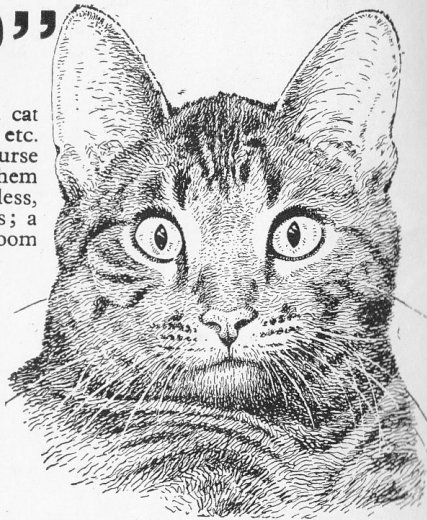
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EDITORIAL

TO compile each month a magazine such as ours would at first glance appear at worst to be no difficult task, and to some a mere triviality, but this is the season of the year when those of us who go further than merely keeping a cat, but who breed pedigree cats, think of exhibiting them at the numerous shows during the show season which has just commenced and which will continue through the winter until the middle of January of next year.

To be successful with any periodical one should be able to gauge approximately the number of potential readers, and it is an open secret that whilst there are few homes without a cat there are reputed to be but four hundred breeders of pedigree cats in this country.

In a previous issue we said that our aim with this magazine was to please most of our readers most of the time, to do better than this would be bordering on the impossible, and we are left wondering, therefore, whether by publicising, as we do, these cat shows, and by describing them for our readers to the best of our ability, and mentioning those cats which in this writer’s opinion were outstanding, we are living up to this principle?

The Cover photograph is of DENBURY DUFFY (see page 30)

Well what are the pros and cons? The breeders say if anybody is going to keep a cat, why not aim a little higher and instead of having an ordinary alley cat, why not go in for a pedigree one, and instead of letting the female cats have unlimited kittens, why not, by carefully keeping the cat in at certain times, see that she has kittens sired by pedigree toms, which kittens, instead of having to be given away, can be sold? If this were done, the time would come when instead of the four hundred breeders mentioned above there would probably be tens of thousands of old and young, if not enthusiastic at least intelligent and sensible ones, what is more it could reasonably be expected that these owners of pedigree cats could be found all over the country and not as at present just in certain centres near to large towns like London and the South, Birmingham and Manchester.

The success of our feature, "Letters and Pictures to the Editor," one which started in a very small way with a few letters and a few photographs each month and which now results in our receiving many letters and numerous photographs almost every day, leads us to reason that our readers do like to see photographs of, and to read about, the kinds of cats that other readers have, and it must be confessed that the photographs appear to be in about equal proportion between pedigree and non-pedigree cats.

From time to time we have tried different approaches in the contents of our magazine, having had fiction about cats, fact, reports on pedigree cats and shows; and from our readers we have hoped to glean information as to the type of material that seems the most popular for the magazine. Nothing could be more helpful in this connection than the expressed opinion of our readers themselves, and we really would appreciate receiving as many letters as possible from you all, giving us your candid view regarding some of the points raised above. It really would be of great help to us and I would appreciate your co-operation.

THE EDITOR.

CANDID COMMENTS

By SYDNEY W. FRANCE

GOOD NEWS OR BAD?

By the time you read this "the cat will be out of the bag" and news of Elsie Hart's resignation will be out. Elsie, now Mrs. Kent, she of the red hair, has never failed to bring the light of day where she thought it was wanted, and has never spared herself in the interest of her club from which in this high executive position the break will be hard indeed. Many times there have been those who literally "wanted her blood," but she has never wanted for, nor ever will I think, a goodly number of important and eloquent supporters and firm friends.

The Siamese Cat Club, with the largest membership of any cat club in the world, has benefited greatly by the services of a secretary so able, intelligent and forceful. The late Cyril Yeates, doyen of the Cat Fancy, said on more than one occasion "a club is run by its secretary." Until recently a member of the committee myself, I do not know whether to endorse those words or not, but her successor will be in the

position of disproving or proving, as the case may be, this qualification. Curious is it not, that her successor is another member of the red-haired family, Katrina Sayers, well known judge and kindly soul, whose interests also run to large scale farming, expert knowledge of Arab horses and pedigree dogs. Not the least of her accomplishments surely is that of having certainly the most legible writing that the present writer has seen, and about which, at a recent general meeting of the Siamese Cat Club, she was complimented by one of the members who received a letter which had been addressed by that good lady.

CATS CRUEL?

In "Animal Intelligence" George J. Romanes's states that cats torture mice simply for torture's sake. My own opinion is that a cat is merely keeping itself in practice and at the same time gives itself a certain amount of pleasure by keeping alive its quarry before finally despatching it. I wonder if it is the kind of practice for which it thinks a live animal

fills the bill better than a piece of screwed up paper which is often pounced on. The love of hunting is undoubtedly strong in cats, and not always for the need of something to eat. In fact, how many of us have not seen the baby shrews with which our cats are sometimes found playing? I have never known a cat to eat one yet!

ON YELLING CATS.

What a mystery it is about these blood curdling yells which we often hear from the fighting toms. In their wild state the ancestors of the present domestic cat went on their way alone, and certainly never expected to, or received, help from another of their kind when they came within danger, so that would not be a reason for the loud cries. It has been suggested these loud yells are in the nature of battle cries, and well they may be. It is certain that a cat which is being beaten, either in combat or mistreated, never cries, although it certainly growls or spits.

ARE CATS THIEVES?

Even the best fed cat seems to enjoy a stolen dinner joint rather than his own tasty dish however well laid out it might be, and a drop of milk stolen out of the jug always seems more delectable than that from the saucer on the floor. Some

people have been very successful in teaching their cats from kittenhood to keep off the dining tables and to leave food and milk alone, but I should say that whilst it may be possible to teach the cat to leave things alone this would be much easier than teaching the cat to do things, which I should think is almost impossible.

CATS AND VITAMINS.

A letter came to us the other day from Merlin Andrew, one of our valued readers, who "can never agree with editorial pushing of advertised goods," and who, whilst saying nothing about the good words we had to say in our last issue about the Kit-E-Kat company, does not think that we should have favourably mentioned Messrs. Phillips Yeast Products Ltd., makers of the Kit-zyme tablets.

In his letter Mr. Andrew says he does not deny there is some "slight benefit" to be derived from a course of them if the cat is very starved of vitamins.

The present writer reserves, and will continue to reserve, the right to praise or to say nothing (working on the principle that if you have got nothing good to say about anyone or anything, it is best to say nothing at all) the right to do so regarding any medicine,

food or article, prepared specially for cats.

For some time we feel we have been of some assistance to our readers who have posed for us their questions relating to their cats and more particularly to the health of them, and it is surprising how many of their letters have mentioned symptoms which, very obviously, denoted vitamin deficiency. This particularly applies to unhealthy coats.

It was because I was recommending Compound Vitamin Tablets and Halibut Liver Oil capsules and not proprietary lines advertised in our magazine, that I was approached by the manufacturers of Kit-zyme, who have been advertising for some considerable time in our pages, but whose products had never been mentioned by us until the last issue, and was given facts and figures to prove that the effects derived from the use of the Kit-zyme tablets were at least as much as, and in many cases more than, those to be derived by the use of the Compound Vitamin Tablets and the Halibut Liver Oil capsules.

It was natural, therefore, to be fair to the manufacturers, and at the same time to

acquaint our readers of this fact. And, of course, it is common knowledge, that whilst the vitamin tablets and the liver oil capsules have to be forcibly administered, the cat will readily take the Kit-zyme tablets of its own accord, and, in fact, usually likes them very much. We felt it should be made as public as possible.

The Technical Department of Messrs. Phillips Yeast Products very kindly gave me their observations on the points raised by our correspondent, and they had to say there is more than a "slight benefit" from a course of Kit-zyme "if the cat is very starved of vitamins." They ask if our correspondent has ever seen a cat "very starved of vitamins," or "has he ever witnessed the immediate and spectacular improvement that follows vitamin therapy in a victim of hypovitaminosis?"

BOOK RECEIVED.

"Your Cat," by P. M. Soderberg, Cassell & Co., Ltd., 3/6d. Good value for 3/6d., I must say. 118 pages, cartridge paper, three colour cover. The erudite P. M. Soderberg again lists for us much that has been written in a readily accessible manner. The illustrations are excellent.

DID YOU KNOW?

By ATHALIE HASLAM

I WONDER how many of us know that our cat walks on the tip of her toes, that her ankle and wrist joints appear to be half-way up her legs and are usually mistaken for the knee or elbow, while in fact these two joints are close under the body and could be mistaken for hip or shoulder?

As the hip-bones and shoulder-blades are rather curiously set and the tip-toe walk, these things might explain the beautiful graceful motion of the cat. Puss can spring or leap magnificently, but when running or trotting her steps are short and quick, for she cannot stride and the body is never out of balance.

Puss can easily move her claws in and out of their socket-sheaves as she can also move her ears, both powers long lost to Man, and as all cats, except the lion and the tiger, can climb trees, the curious movable claws are adapted wonderfully for this purpose. The only reason, of course, that lions and tigers cannot climb trees is that their bulk is probably too great.

No dwarf race of cats has ever been known, although nearly all animals are subject to dwarfing, and in many cases a dwarf variety has been firmly established, for example, in the case of ponies, lap-dogs, etc.

The cat's homing instinct is very highly developed, and there are several well-authenticated stories about cats which force us to recognise this. The mother of Saul Andrews, the writer on educational and juvenile subjects, had a cat that lived with them for twenty years. He had ways of his own, and some peculiar markings, and one day when he disappeared he was mourned as dead. This was quite natural as twenty-four is a good age for a cat. However, some five or six years later, a very old cat came to the door begging to be let in. After he had been let in it was obvious he knew all about the interior of the house for he went to an old favourite sleeping place and fell asleep. He stayed there for the rest of his life as if

nothing had ever happened, and when he eventually died he must have been about thirty-three years old.

Perhaps some of you have noticed the well-known habit of the cat when settling down to sleep she turns herself round and round. It is often said that this is due to the necessity for making a hidden resting place in undergrowth or long grass. She only treads down enough for her sleeping body. A large open space might end by the puss being made a meal of by some enemy.

Like most other animals, the cat has three eyelids, the usual two and a third one at the nasal corner of the eye. This is an inner eyelid and serves to keep the eye clear of intrusions. This would seem necessary because the ordinary eyelids do not normally meet when they are closed over the eye, and this can be proved if you watch your cat when asleep, usually the eyes appear to be only half closed.

It is well-known that the cat is a light sleeper, but it is not so well-known that any shadow which falls upon the cat's "half-closed" eyes will waken her. But, however, when very very sleepy, the cat will close her eyes fully and trust her life to fate. Eyelashes, of course, are not present at all in the cat.

It is often thought that the reason our pussies stick their claws into table-legs, tree trunks and so on, is in order to sharpen them, but, in fact, they do this to stretch the muscles and tendons of the foot.

We must have all noticed the way cats rub against legs, chairs, etc., as a form of showing affection, and relating to this Charles Darwin ("Expression of the emotions in Man and Animals") says:—"The desire to rub something is so strong in cats, when feeling affectionate, that they may often be seen rubbing themselves against the legs of chairs or tables or against door-posts. This manner of expressing affection probably originated through association, from the mother nursing and fondling her young, and perhaps from the young themselves loving each other and playing together. Why cats should show affection by rubbing so much more than dogs do, and why cats only occasionally lick the hands of their friends, whilst dogs always do so, I cannot say. Cats cleanse themselves by licking their coats far more regularly than do dogs; on the other hand, their tongues seem less well fitted for the work than the longer and more flexible tongues of dogs."



MEET THE BREEDERS BLUE NOTES

By DORRIE
BRICE-WEBB

HOW lovely a well groomed and kept Blue Persian cat looks!

No exception were the cats we saw at Lady Eardley Wilmot's a fortnight ago when we took Ronada Blue Orchid, who has been purchased by Lady Eardley. Mr. Brice-Webb, Mrs. Hancox and myself motored down to Henley. It was a glorious day, the sun shone and Orchid was perfectly sweet and was no trouble at all. She settled down at Tollgate Cottage at once, drank her dish of milk and made friends with everyone. This pleased me very much as we wondered how the little lady would behave in strange surroundings.

A lovely litter of blue kittens were brought in for our inspection. They were an exquisite colour and an object lesson in perfect grooming and condition, as were all the cats we saw. A male out of the litter took our fancy. He really is a very good all round kitten, and should do well in the show pen. The kittens are by Ve Day Victory of Henley out of Westbridge Catriona. Catriona was bred by Mrs. Bastow, and

is by my Oxleys Smasher. She is a very pale coated queen and has a lovely top to her head with the neatest of ears. We then saw a seven months old kitten of Catriona's out of her previous litter. A huge fellow this, carrying a pale flowing coat and almost as big as a fully grown male. A very beautiful queen was then shown to us, wonderful type and head with the dearest little nose. We were told she was 14 or 15 years old. I must say she did not look it. Two Pekingese dogs completed the family. These were lovely and so friendly. What an ideal home for animals is Tollgate Cottage. Lovely lawns down to the river, weeping willows, moorhens and swans—a really charming home.

We had a very cordial invitation to visit Mrs. Oglethorpe's charming home. Thamesmeade is only just round the corner from Tollgate Cottage. We could not stay very long as we had to motor back to Nottingham, but we did see the dam of Int. Champion Priory Blue Wish, who

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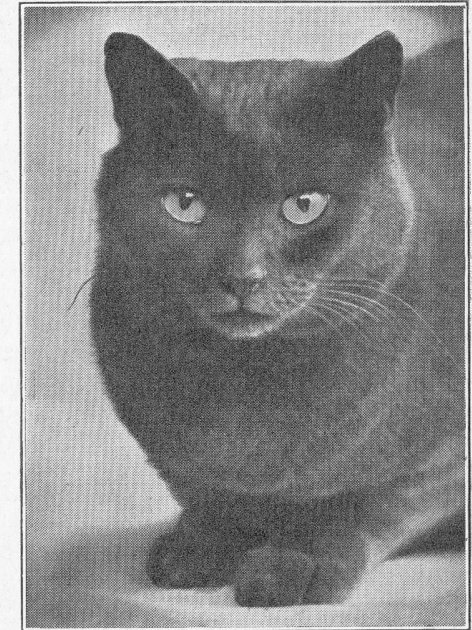
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YOUR CATS AND MINE

By LILIAN FRANCE

THE Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club held their Championship show this year on September 15th at Cricklewood. Ably managed by Mrs. Parker, as one would expect, the hall was spick and span when we arrived. The Club's shows are now becoming so popular it will soon be necessary to book a much larger hall, where everything can be accommodated in one room, which saves a lot of running about. Some lovely cats were exhibited, and I was pleased Master Roger Parker won his third Challenge Certificate with Pinewood Brumas, a handsome blue-eyed white short-hair. A popular win was Miss Duke's very typey Siamese S.P. female kitten, Hollywood Fiesta, later best short-hair kitten. Miss Dukes, who has not previously owned a Siamese, tells me Fiesta was given to her as a present.

Most of you will already have read the reports of the show elsewhere, so I will just say it was a most enjoyable day in spite of pouring rain outside, which did not appear to spoil the gate, for the hall was crowded all the time.

Shows seem to be coming along thick and fast. The Siamese at Lime Grove on

October 11th, followed by the Crystal at Olympia on the 12th and 13th, and the Midland Counties at Birmingham on the 24th. By the time these notes are in print they will be all over, and we shall be looking forward to the Croydon show on November 14th, always a popular event, managed by Mr. A. A. Towe.

By the beginning of November, the cold weather is usually upon us, and we are looking out our warmer attire. Likewise, preparation should be made to see that outdoor cats shall be comfortable during the winter. Mine each have an extra blanket, and a heater for very cold weather. They do not need to be hot, but during bad weather they have to spend many hours in their houses and a little extra warmth is comforting. I do not think cats catch cold from living in outside houses, but from being allowed to go in with wet feet. The feet should always be carefully dried after a run. I never allow my cats into the run if it is wet or if there is a cold wind. They are much safer inside where they can view the world through their window from a comfortable shelf. Special care should

be given to their food, which should be as nourishing as possible. I know many people advocate giving vegetables to cats, but I never do this.

Unless it is simply pouring with rain all day, each of my cats gets some completely free time with access to plenty of grass. Felines in the wild state would not eat vegetables, but would certainly eat grass, and as this is natural to them, it is best to cut out the vegetables from their diet where grass is available.

During the winter, half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil is very good for your cat. I give it mixed with an equal quantity of Parrishes' chemical food, which contains iron and is a good tonic. Most of the cats prefer it.

Take advantage of all good weather to allow your cats freedom and exercise. Remember, they will have to spend many hours shut in their houses, and full advantage must be taken of daylight and dry weather. They are much better kept up in snow, rain or fog. If extra care is taken from now on, many cases of distemper and cat 'flu, caused through chills and being below par, will be avoided.

If your cat should appear off colour, and you are at all worried, do not hesitate to call in a vet. Prompt treatment

usually results in complete recovery. Do be very careful, if you have any infection, not to spread it by writing to, or visiting, other cat owners. Carelessness in this matter is unforgivable. Even if you have no cats of your own, do not visit a person with cats if you have already been to a house where there is infection. You can carry the germ and pass it on to any cat you may touch, thereby causing endless trouble, expense and unhappiness.

Miss Marjorie Lant kindly gave me the correct dosage for Garlic Capsules for worms. One each night for one week. Repeat after a fortnight.

I really must mention my little families. Cheli has six Burmese kittens, Jonta four Siamese by Mais-Mor-Marquis, and Sheba, twins by Gally. Twelve kittens is more than somewhat, especially as the Burmese are now nine weeks old and are like six little d—s. Trying to tidy up their house is a work of art. They seem to be everywhere, and Jonta's four are rapidly catching them up. Such pretty babies—with the softest white fur. I just want to cuddle them every time I look at them. Sheba's twins, Angela and Angelo, are extremely interesting. They are both very typey, and

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A MONTHLY MISCELLANY

ELSIE HART'S NEWSLETTER

ANOTHER Siamese Show is over and was, I have been told, a success. To me it presented the usual chaos with quite half of the exhibitors wanting to go home in the middle of the afternoon. How these people must hate me when I only carry out the show rules and refuse to let them. Personally, I have every sympathy, once the judging is over my one object was to get away with my cats. There is, however, another side to the question. If every exhibitor, or even half of them, departed at four o'clock it would be a pretty poor show for the patrons who, after all, pay their money to see the exhibits and not a row of empty pens. We advanced the time in order to allow removals at a reasonable hour, but it makes no difference. If we closed the show at three o'clock there would still be exhibitors who wanted to go before.

Congratulations to Mrs. Duncan Hindley for her triumph with Blue Seagull. It must have been pleasant to once again occupy a position she has held so many times. New-comers have probably never even heard of her, but Mrs. Hindley in this capacity reigned supreme for a good many years in the past.

I take off my hat to Lily France and Mr. Soderberg judging Siamese for the first time. Both came through the unenviable task of picking winners from classes of twenty to thirty kittens with flying colours. And, what kittens, the quality was really superb. Mrs. McGregor's Inwood Chinky and Mrs. Lamb's Pincop Simon, two of the loveliest kittens I have ever seen, ran close for best in show. The former got the award under best in show judge, Kit Wilson. I was proud to see his dam, Inwood Ting, was sired by my dear Petit-Gitto. I wonder how these kittens will fare as adults, with Siamese one never knows. Adults did not seem to be so good this year. Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo added another certificate to his name and so did Ryecroft Ranchi, although I must admit the former seemed to be showing signs of wear and tear. Considering the number of kittens he has sired this season, and very good ones too, I wonder he can stand up!

Helen Dadd will probably remember being kept awake at night by the wailings of Seal-sleeve Petit-Marquis, orphan of Petite. Sequel this morning, in a letter from Miss Marie Angel, with whom Tory, as he is called because he is true

blue, eventually found a home: "It seems a long time since I wrote to you, but there is always so much to do. I thought you would be interested in the enclosed photograph of Tory's pedigree which I wrote out and decorated this year. It is now on exhibition at the Crafts Centre of Great Britain in the Society of Scribes and Illuminators' Exhibition. The photograph does not show the colour, of course, but the miniature of Tory himself has a blue background and all the cats are in natural colours. The lettering is in golden grey with the champions' names in red. Everyone at the Crafts Centre is most interested in the cats, and Tory was exhibited there last Christmas in a series of Christmas cards. I thought you would like to know that one of your little cats is becoming quite well known in the Scribes' world! We took him on holiday with us this year. He loved going down to the sea and was always asking to be taken out. He liked playing in the rock pools and once caught a crab. I have never seen his eyes look a more intense blue than when we were there. I think it must have been the strong light from the sea and beach. He would sit on my shoulders in the evening watching the moon on the water for ages without moving, and was fascinated by seagulls.

I think he fancied he could catch one if he tried hard enough, and you should have heard the furious language when we were feeding them and he was on the inside looking out." Lucky Tory. The photograph is just the most wonderful thing I have ever seen, being a drawing of a complete pedigree. The lettering is beautifully done, and either on top or around each cat's name is drawn the cat itself, all in different positions—and they look like Siamese. I wish I could have seen it in colour. Well, he was worth saving wasn't he, Helen?

Situation vacant. Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club. Qualifications necessary. Knowledge of typing, ability to tell fairy stories, be rude, be amiable, know exactly how every Siamese has been bred through the centuries, why it throws blue-points, or Chocotes, has mongrels, will not mate, will not have kittens, has too many, or not enough, tears the furniture, eats wool, what to do for every possible ailment and a few more as well, does not win at shows. That is just a few to go on with. Most of all a well developed sense of humour, without it you are lost and would soon be in a mad-house. Advantages. According to the folk who do not like you. Enquiries for kittens,

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THE TABBY IS THE COMMON ANCESTOR

By RONALD WALKUP, D.S.O., D.F.C.

ALL embryo kittens are tabby marked, and it is well believed that the most commonly found cat in the world, the Tabby, most nearly resembles the earliest recorded cats—those that lived about four thousand years ago.

At that time life was carried on in surroundings which it would be difficult to imagine to-day. Except for the civilization that existed in China and Egypt, the then world was largely one of forests, swamps and jungle.

The cat family was well provided for life in these surroundings, with its eyes having expanding pupils, for the semi-darkness of the thick vegetation, and for catching its prey for food.

One of the earliest forms of life is said to be the dreaded snakes, and it is not without significance that the cat imitates the snake from birth. Even a newly born blind kitten will make a snake-like hiss on the approach of any creature save its mother. The arched back and the swishing of the tail are again mimicry of the snake's movements.

Even at the moment when the cat is preparing to spring on its prey, its tail is switching rapidly from side to side, just at the moment one would think that absolute stillness and quietness would be essential. The explanation has been given that the cat is so actively absorbed in the task of trapping its prey that all its senses and efforts are keyed up to that end, and the tail is waved to simulate a striking snake—one of the most feared of jungle denizens.

No one knows how many centuries went by before the cat became a domestic creature, although it is commonly supposed that the ancient Egyptians were the first to bring the cat into the domestic fold. Two thousand years ago, Egypt was the granary for most of the then known world, and ships were carrying grain to other nations, and some cats were carried in them to far off lands.

The Egyptians thought so much of the cat that it was protected by its own goddess, Bast, and was worshipped as a

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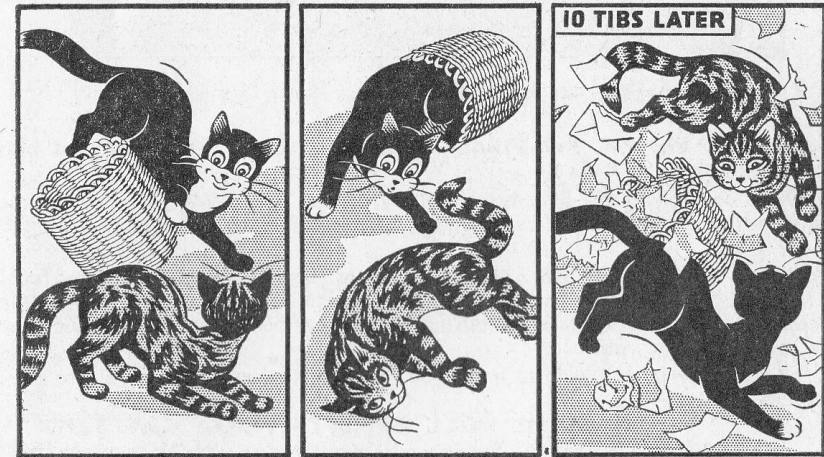
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was bred by Mrs. Oglethorpe. She is eleven years old, and looked only half that age, a beautiful queen and in lovely condition.

We were sorry to leave our good friends, but we all enjoyed our visit so much and hope to go again in the not too distant future.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Rees at Mrs.

Bastow's home. She has four beautifully bred queens, one, Uffdown Cinderella, had just been on a visit to Southway Echo. Mrs. Rees had brought two kittens with her. They were by Ch. Oxleys Peter John out of Bayhorne Venus. They were really beautiful—copper eyes, pale coats, neat ears and very good type. These kittens should be heard of again as they are sure to make a name for themselves.



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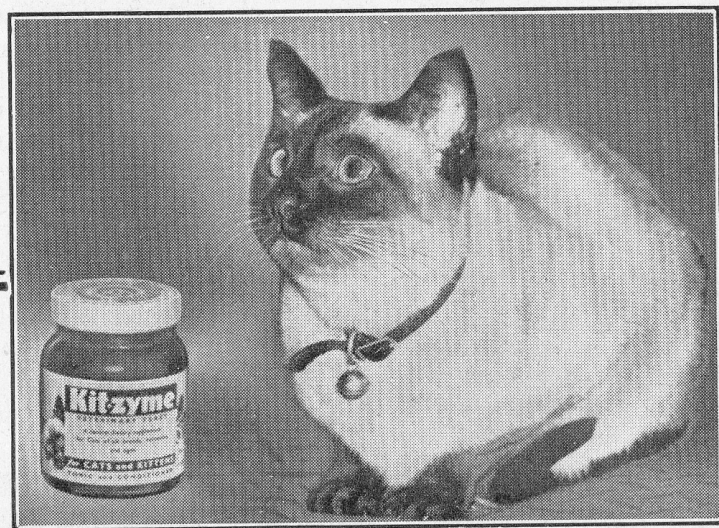
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WHO WILL BELL THE CAT?

THERE was a devilish sly cat, it seems, in a certain house, and the mice were so plagued with her at every turn that they called a court to advise upon some way to prevent being surprised.

If you will be ruled by me, says a member of the board, there is nothing like hanging a bell about the cat's neck to give warning beforehand when puss is a-coming. They all looked upon it as the best contrivance that the case would bear.

Well, says another, and now we are agreed upon the bell,

who shall put it about the cat's neck? There was nobody that would undertake it, and so the expedient fell to the ground.

The moral: The boldest talkers are not always the greatest doers.—*From the Fables of Aesop the Slave.*

Five hundred years before the coming of Christ, Aesop, a slave of Phrygia in ancient Greece, was condemned by the priests to be thrown over a precipice, but his wit is known to all who read books.—The translation by Sir Roger L'Estrange (1616-1704).

THE TABBY IS THE COMMON ANCESTOR—*from page 14.*

living symbol of light and darkness, and on its death was embalmed and sent on its last journey to its heavenly paradise.

It is supposed that the first cats to reach Britain came with the Roman invasion, and the time came when it was protected by Royal decrees, and a value was placed on it.

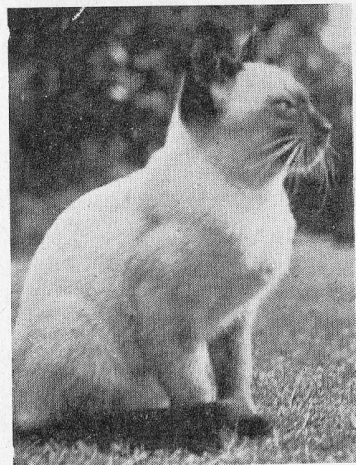
The Middle Ages saw the worst period in all history for cats, and witch hunting was always accompanied with dreadful treatment of cats, which were said to be the

familiars of the witches. Not only were the witches publicly burned at the stake after torture, but cats were also burned to death as their accomplices.

By the middle of the nineteenth century, cats had again taken their rightful place in the household, and it is now believed that there are over six million cats in Great Britain alone.

By the way, did you know that they are colour blind, cannot distinguish one musical note from another, and rely on their whiskers to feel their way about in the dark?

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Nam

St. Leonards-on-Sea,
Sussex.

Dear Editor,

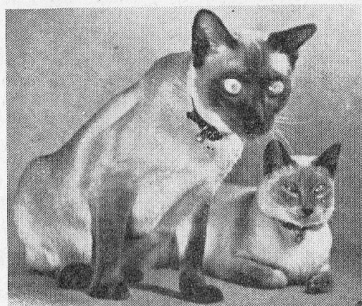
I am sending a photo of Nam. It was taken by Mrs. Neale, who has a Siamese neuter by the same sire as Nam. She is three months old in the photo. It is the first good one we have been able to take of her as she is so bouncy. As you see, she was rather cross in the one in which I am holding her.

Yours sincerely,
Joanna Binny.

Southampton.

Dear Editor,

I am delighted to hear that you will publish the photograph of Pearl, which I sent you quite recently.



Topaz and Sapphire

I am now sending you two more photos., which I took not long ago, in the hope that they may be of use to you.

I have had to temporarily give up breeding, and am keeping these two Siamese as pets. They are Topaz and Sapphire, both neutered now, and a very devoted pair. Sapphire, the Blue-point, is very much "my girl," the only time I have left her boarded out for ten days, she refused to eat, and returned home looking more like a whippet than a cat, she was so thin. Another of my cats who went with her, was perfectly fit; I did not think she would pine with one of her pals for company.

I had her sprayed shortly after, and I think she is better now than she has ever been. Both she and Topaz are very playful. They are always having a "rough and tumble" and go quite crazy at times.

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I see there is to be a new edition of your book "Siamese Cats." I had a copy of the first edition, which I enjoyed immensely.

I was pleased to receive the "Cats and Kittens Magazine" this morning. I always look forward to its arrival.

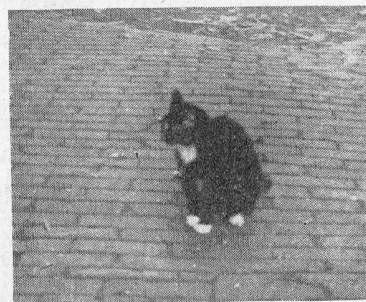
Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) I. M. Donovan.

Parkstone, Dorset.

Dear Editor,

Here there is a young cat which has such terrible breath. My cats do not have it, and other cats which I have come across are not like that. Could you or any of your readers tell me what to do about it?

I wonder if you would mind putting some of my pictures into your magazine. My real pet is the black one. Her name is Figgi. The other cat is called Silky. She is eight years old, and Figgi eleven years. I



Figgi

had to take her to the vet. one day as she had a bad paw. She was so good and kept so still at the vet's and with all the traffic. People stopped me in the street as she was so tame. I took her just loose on my arm, and she did not even try to run away.

I do enjoy your magazine very much.

Yours truly,
Roma Dunsby.

Dear Miss Dunsby,

The best treatment for the young cat is to give one Dimol A tablet before each meal, continue this treatment for three days, when a cure should be effected.

The photographs of your pets we shall be very glad to have in our Letters and Pictures feature next month.

Editor.

Ilkeston, Derbys.

Dear Editor,

I enclose two snaps of Periwinkle (Perry), my year-old Siamese, bred by Mrs. Shelmerdine of Borrowash. I think the one of him sitting on my knee is the best. Note the long-suffering look—he had just been wrested from his favourite garden sport of catching (and eating!) bees! This activity has resulted in frequent

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Periwinkle

large swellings in and around his mouth, but—need I say it?—these self-inflicted tortures have not once caused him to miss a meal!

His high spirits are unbounded, and his lovely blue eyes hold a wondering innocence completely belied by his acts of puppy-like mischief. Some of the items recently demolished by the little rogue include a length of old Christmas tinsel, five cork table mats, several sprays of everlasting flowers, and the tail of his rubber mouse. Is it any wonder that I live with one hand on the bottle of Liquid Paraffin!

Despite all this he continues to eat three good meals per day, but will refuse even the most

tempting dish if I forget to sprinkle it with a few corn-flakes, of which he is very fond.

We have a riotous game every night just before bedtime, then he tumbles into his basket at the side of my bed, and no more is heard until 6 o'clock the next morning, when with an urgent paw and loud purrs he asks to be allowed to finish his beauty sleep in *my* bed. With all his whims and mischief, we are very fond of the little rascal, and as for him, well, he does not complain—at least not often! Wishing continued success to "Cats and Kittens."

Yours sincerely,
Gwen Brown.

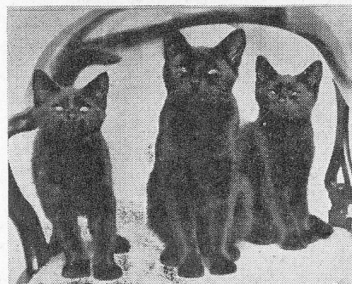
Letchworth,
Herts.

Dear Editor,

We are sending you a photograph of our little family, and if you could find room for them among the other loved pets, we should indeed feel proud.

Tuppence was a sweet wee thing when she came to us from the factory, with a strong scent of oil and grease! Her mother had been found dead, and my brother-in-law was afraid she would die, or get caught in the machinery, but with care she has grown into a beautiful cat, and her glossy

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Tuppence, Tomek and Penny

coat is much admired. She has one square of hair on the back of her neck which has grown the wrong way, and looks very quaint.

She is now the proud mother of two lovely three-months-old kits, Tomeik and Penny, and the same jet black.

It is such a pleasure to receive your delightful magazine each month.

Yours very sincerely,
Gladys Clutterbuck.

St. Just in Penwith,
Penzance,
Cornwall.

Dear Editor,

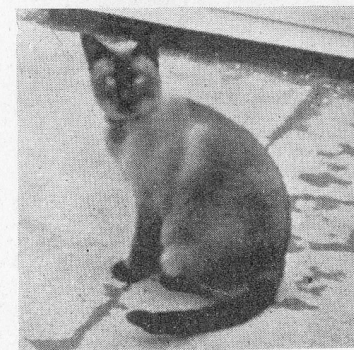
I read your magazine "Cats and Kittens" with delight. What an interesting, useful little book. I enclose two snaps of my darling Siamese Mr. Pimm. He was born 22-5-50. His name Paley Phumipal. Sire, Prestwick Poo Too. Dam,

Typic Sila. Grandsire, Prestwick Patrie, Grand-dam, Prestwick Poo. Grandsire, Southwood Kuching. Grand-dam, Typic Peers. Breeder, Mrs. Creese. Colour, S.P. Sex, male (neutered).

He has always been beautifully clean, and travels to Cornwall from London every three weeks with me in the car. Sometimes staying, sometimes doing the trip back to London with me in less than seven days. He is wonderful. Disposition, sweet. At the cottage (which he loves), he lives in my studio, plays outside all day.

His eyes are the most beautiful sapphire—so perfect (no squint). He is strong, and has his Lactol one a week, which he loves. Also halibut oil.

A very kind person in Cornwall looks after him if I leave him. As I go away a lot, and



Mr. Pimm

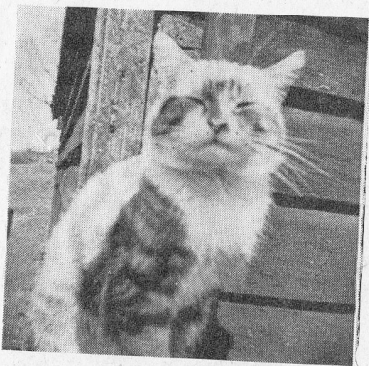
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cannot take him to Paris, I have him in my flat in London with me most of the time. He is a very happy baby, and I love him very much, and appreciate my giver. I take him out on a lead.

Always wishing your magazine all success,

Yours very truly,
June Catt.

P.S.—He eats and loves his rabbit.



Bill

Yeldham,
Essex.

Dear Editor,

I enclose a photo of my cat Bill, who has just died after having been caught in a trap round the neck.

He was such a dear that I do not think there is another cat as nice as him.

I have been reading your nice little magazine for a year now and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

Yours faithfully,

H. Hayter.

Stafford.

Dear Editor,

I am a regular reader of "Cats and Kittens" and wondered if the story of my pet would be interesting for your magazine as I lost him only in August and am still feeling very lost without him.

He was a black and white neuter, 10 months old. He came to live with me when he was six months, just an ordinary little every day cat. He was born in a fruit shop.

He had four white feet, white waistcoat, small black beard, pink nose and a charming set of white whiskers. His name was Snooky Poo.

He endeared himself to all the family—would not be ignored on any occasion. He was talkative and intelligent.

He loved playing hide and seek—indoors round the furniture, and out of doors round the bushes. Every night of his young life, about 10 p.m.,

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Snooky Poo

he would sit on the hearth, head erect, waiting and looking at my husband, who would be reading. You see, my husband used to take off his reading glasses and make shadows on the floor, and Snooky used to chase them, never quite succeeding in finding out what they were or even catching them. Sometimes just for fun we used to make him wait, then he would jump on to the arm of the chair and touch the glasses gently with one paw and say prur-prur in that delightful way which some cats have. We used to leave open the bedroom door, and every morning he would be sitting majestically on the side of the

dressing table looking at us—with that look, "Are you getting up soon?"

He was the dearest, sweetest pet I have ever owned. I think that he purred his small life away—he was that happy.

As I sit by my window writing this story, I can see his little place beneath the apple tree—for one sad day last August, we found him in the garden paralysed in his hind legs. The vet. came and said that he needed an operation. Well, he had it—was returned to me still under anæsthetic. We were all concerned for Snooky that sad week-end. The vet. came again, but all to no purpose. He died while still asleep.

I write this in honour of a little black and white pet and companion named Snooky Poo.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) E. Dixon.

P.S.—I am hoping soon to have another kitten from his mother.

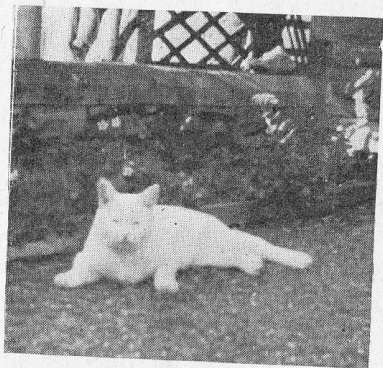
Bristol.

Dear Editor,

Could you print our loved Alba's little photo.?

I myself am up in bed, and he was so pleased to find me back again after Hospital. He puts his arms (paws) around my neck day by day as a sign

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Alba

of the kind, faithful love that he has.

Please let me have the little photograph again.

Alba is perfectly white, with pink-lined ears, and he is beautifully proportioned, with fine capability of hearing.

The folk who look after me are great animal-lovers. They have a large tabby pussy, aged 15, very dear indeed.

These friends of mine, as well as myself, enjoy your charming magazine greatly.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs.) R. M. Symons.

Barnes,

London, S.W.13.

Dear Editor,

Over a year ago I wrote to you with reference to your book "Siamese Cats" which had just been published. Also at the same time I enclosed a small

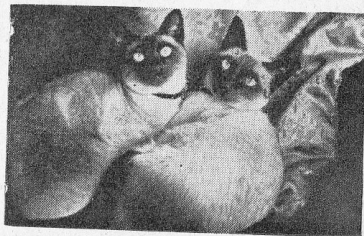
photograph of my queen Deste, which you published in "Cats and Kittens."

I took your advice in the book re breeding, and the results were very satisfactory. Five kittens, unfortunately, I lost two males at birth, and Deste reared three females.

Here is a photograph taken in my lounge in their natural positions. Deste left, Pandora right. You probably notice that Pandora is larger than her mother, with beautiful eye colour and points, and daddy's long tail (Jokoko, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bishop).

Pandora's character is mixed, sincere affection and a spoilt child of one year old.

Both mother and daughter are sterilised, and I would like to add this about sterilisation. The mother was done nine weeks after her litter, as she had already called again. The vet. advised this, as she thought there might be something wrong, and it proved there was,



Neste and Pandora

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because the ovaries were very cysty.

Pandora called at four months, and I thought she had perhaps inherited her mother's complaint, so I had her done at four-and-a-half months. Both were no trouble at all, and I felt rather foolish after all the fuss and worry I had made for myself over having them done.

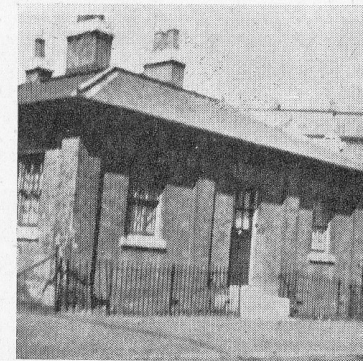
The pair are inseparable and devoted, with mother always giving in. I feed them on fish and horseflesh alternate days, and two Kit-zyme tablets each per night. They drink water mostly, and they are very healthy.

Pandora, unlike her mother, does not eat dates, but I get her figs in a wooden box, only this type she likes. She will eat two or three cut up small.

Could I prevail on you, dear Editor, to be kind enough to publish this photograph. I am conceited enough to believe it would make a good cover picture. If you decide otherwise, I should be exceedingly proud to see it inside "Cats and Kittens."

Coming back to your book, I have lent this book, "Siamese Cats," to quite a few people who have not owned a Siamese, but I am happy to say now do.

Yours faithfully,
Iris Campden Collins.



Lodge at Entrance to Pet's Corner, Victoria Gate, W.2

London, S.W.7.

Dear Editor,

Thanks a lot for your reply re block of my L.H. Blue, who will be on show at Olympia, and I will await with eagerness the October issue.

I enclose herewith four photos. which may or may not be worth reproduction in your "Cats and Kittens."

Two of several I took *with permission* of the (now closed) Pets' Cemetery, Hyde Park, Marble Arch.

This stands concealed behind the Lodge at the Victoria Gate, off the Bayswater Road (snap of Lodge herewith), and is the resting place of pets—both dogs and cats, and the inscriptions on many of the little tombstones bear testimony to the love and devotion of their owners.

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Corner of Pet's Cemetery,
Hyde Park

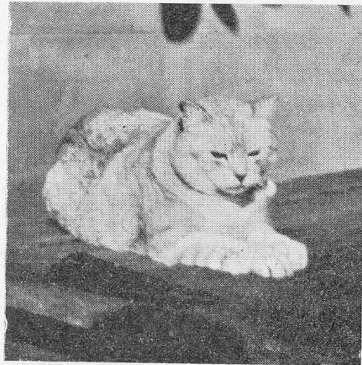
Should you feel disposed and have room for reproduction in "Cats and Kittens" I would be pleased—but would point out that these I hope to use with others in my forthcoming book, "The Cat via the desert and jungle to our fire-side."

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Gladys Irene Jackson.

P.S.—I think these are especially interesting in the light of the recent increase in numbers of cases of "cruelty" to animals reported in the press—but can easily be offset by numerous instances of love and devotion to our dumb friends.



Lady Aberconway's Mr. Kipps, aged 8 years, and looking sulky because he hates being photographed

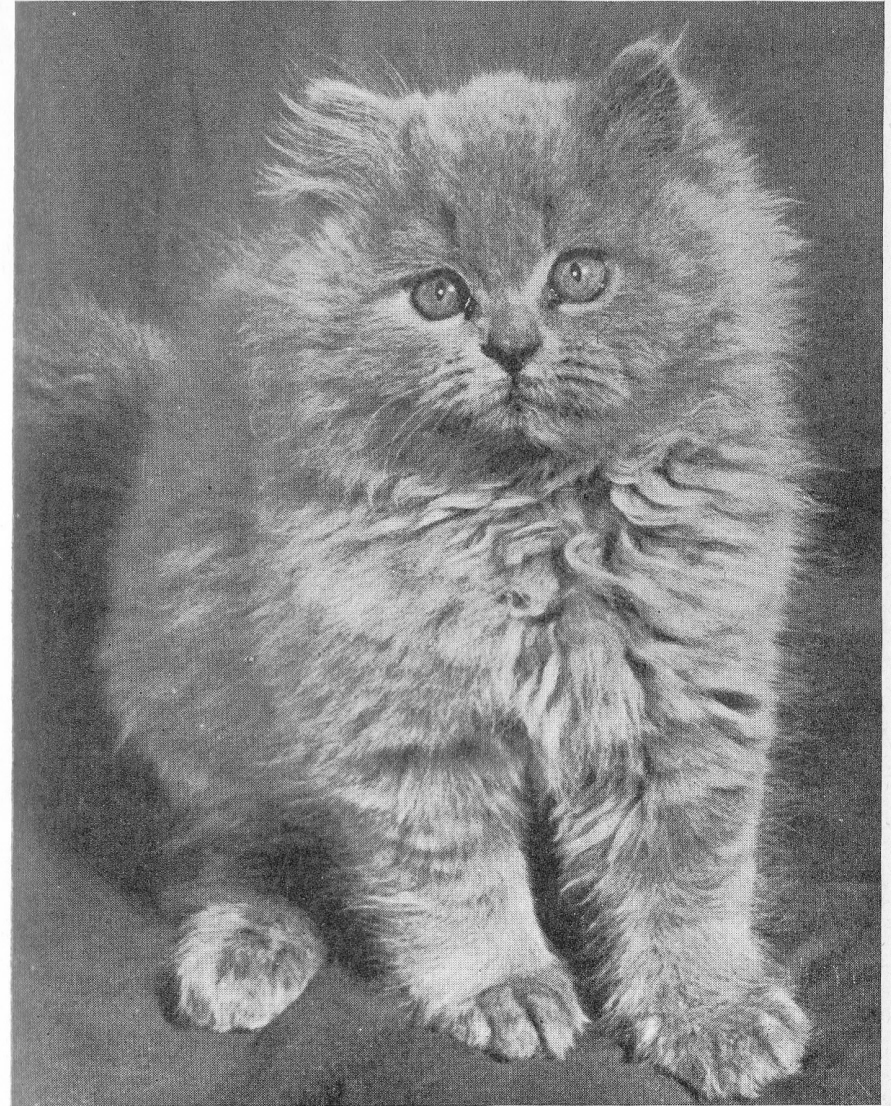
Cricklewood,
N.W.2.

Dear Editor,

Am enclosing a photograph of Anson Adam, Anson Belinda's son by Robin of Pensford. If you think it is worth publishing, should be very glad for you to do so, and I know it would give his new owner great pleasure. He came Reserve in an enormous class (23) at the Festival Show. His mother won 23 awards and a cup for best eyes in show last season. I have some photographs of Anson Delphinium, but think Adam's is better.

Could you please return the photograph whether or not you publish. Am enclosing stamps to cover return postage, and if you do reprint it, would

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ANSON ADAM

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it be in the October issue? I find my breeder's card in your excellent Magazine a great help, and have sold no end of kittens through it.

Yours sincerely,
Irene Statman.

Carisbrooke,
I.O.W.

Dear Editor,

My friend has a male kitten, five months old. She took him to the vet.'s yesterday to be neutered. The vet. said he could do nothing to him as the kitten is a freak, and has not the organs of a male, although he is certainly not a female. Is this at all unusual?

My friend is rather worried about it, so I told her I would ask your opinion.

My cat Timmy, whose photo. you published 18 months ago, is very well, and he really is enormous. I would like your advice on a matter please.

Although I brush and comb him every day, he still gets fleas. I bought some powder from the vet., but when I used it as directed he was so distressed I do not like to use it again. I have bathed him once or twice, but they still get in his fur, which is very long, the underneath parts are just like angora, so soft and silky.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) M. Wood.

Dear Miss Wood,

I am sorry that there is nothing that I can recommend regarding your friend's five months old kit.

It is very unusual, but I do not think your friend need worry, it is quite on the cards that when it becomes adult it will portray the characteristics of a neutered cat.

Regarding the fleas which your own cat gets. The only thing I can suggest is that you buy one of Spratt's steel combs specially made for cats. If you have any difficulty in obtaining locally you could write direct to Spratt's, their address is: 41, Bow Road, London, and keep him well combed.

You should also sprinkle Fisson powder, which you would obtain from any good pet's store or Boot's veterinary counter. Change his bedding and on no account let him get near hay or straw, which are notorious for harbouring fleas.
Editor.

Brighton, 6.

Dear Editor,

While not a regular reader of your magazine, I occasionally purchase a copy to find out when and where the next shows are taking place and to learn the latest news about cat breeds.

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I was therefore particularly interested in your September issue with pictures and news of Burmese kittens, and if it were not for the extra work that an addition to our "household" would entail, I should be very tempted to put my name down with Mrs. France for a Burmese kitten. As a lover of Siamese cats, I feel sure that this new breed would be as delightful a pet.

What really prompted me to write, however, was to thank you for the suggested diet for Siamese cats given in your reply to Mrs. Christian on page 28. Our own Siamese (neuter tom) Chulalongkorn—or Chula for short—has always shown a certain amount of dislike for the cheaper grades of fish; rabbit is, of course, greatly liked and so is whale meat, but these are too expensive for daily diet, as well as being insufficiently varied for the cat's well-being. Expensive fish is also popular, particularly any soles or turbot left over from our own table. But cod has always been difficult; if he is hungry he will toy with it and leave some in his plate, if not hungry he turns up his very nose at it, and the same applies to fish pieces which my fish-monger can often supply. Ever since mixing crushed Weetabix with the fish, Chula

has cleaned his plate! We were astonished at first, but there is no doubt about his liking the new mixture, and he now cleans up whatever he has pushed off the plate on to the floor. Previously that was left for the dog to finish! A course of Kit-zyme as well in accordance with the directions, and feeding troubles appear to be solved—for the present at any rate.

With many thanks for your "tip."

Yours faithfully,
Philip S. Palmer.

Dear Mr. Palmer,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 2nd, from which I am pleased to learn that the advice we have given another of our readers has proved so useful in your case for a diet for your Siamese.

It is gratifying to learn that often the advice we give is beneficial to all concerned.

Editor.

Plymstock
Plymouth.

Dear Editor,

My request is a favour, and wonder how the enclosed poses will suit you for printing. The photos. are of Denbury Duffy, a young male Chin. At yesterday's Taunton Show was placed second for C.C. to

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Indwalls Jack Frost by Mrs. Vize, after *fifteen minutes'* judging of the two cats. Duffy is fifteen months. Jack Frost three years !!!

In all he won two firsts two seconds, and two thirds, a prize in all classes entered, and his debut show as an adult cat. He was bred by Miss Main, from Whiteheather Kathleen and Miss Langston's Stourbank Silver King, and a credit to both.

A very great surprise at Taunton was our massive white Jasper. Just three years old. We entered him to give variety, to help Miss Cathcart. To our surprise he gained first in Neuter S. class, and Miss K. Wilson said he is the finest cat she has handled for many years. Most beautiful condition, beautiful coat, clean ears and all a cat should be, and we must show him at the National. Her best neuter in show, but on being brought out was found to have been beaten into Reserve in Miss Yorke's open class, with Siamese elements against him. I have sent off his registration form now to Mr. Hazeldene, so we shall see how he goes at the National.

Yours sincerely,
W. Kingdom.

(The Photo of Denbury Duffy appears on our cover)

Southport.

Dear Editor,

I have read the September issue of "Cats and Kittens" and come across a letter written to you from Miss Marion Jackson, which refers to the use of our preparation Tibs.

As you can appreciate, we read this letter with great interest and also your reply. Naturally we were pleased to learn that she uses Tibs, but noted that she confines their use to a period of three weeks at a time during the spring and autumn moults. I hope you will understand it if I remark at this stage that regular treatment of one Tibs Cat Powder once every day throughout the year will, in most cases, prevent many of the well-known disorders, including loose coat.

Given regularly Tibs are a complete conditioner. These powders supply all those essential vitamins and mineral elements which may easily be lacking in the cat's daily diet. I am enclosing three cartons of Tibs Cat Powders, from which you will note that Aneurin Hydrochlor (Vitamin B1) and Acid Nicotin (Vitamin B2 Group) are included in the formula contained in each powder. I hope you will have an opportunity of testing this preparation yourself, and I

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shall be interested to receive any comments on its make-up and efficiency.

I enclose a copy of the Tibs Cat Book in case it is of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Martin Limited.

J. E. Eatly.

Editor's Note.—We have tried the powders in our own Cattery, and can endorse the maker's remarks. The Tibs Cat Book is well worth keeping in every home where there is a cat.

Charing,

Kent.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if you could help me.

I recently purchased a Siamese kitten (now five months old) who, when she came to us, had a rather bad cold, which now appears to have developed into a rather serious form of nasal catarrh. It seems to affect her more evenings and mornings, and she sneezes a great deal, and as she does this so a rather unpleasant smelling discharge comes through her nose. Her breathing at times, especially when she sleeps, is rather like a rustling snore and seems to distress her. I have tried Tibs bronchitis powders, Friars Balsam placed in hot water for her to inhale, and

tonic quinine pills, but none of these has had any effect on her. Incidentally her appetite is good, and she will eat almost anything. Also she is, apart from this infection, in splendid condition. I should be very grateful if you could suggest anything to give her, or could give me advice.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss.) P. Tutt.

P.S.—She is very difficult to administer anything in tablet form to, and I should be pleased if you could suggest what is best in this respect.

Dear Miss Tutt,

I have thought very carefully about the symptoms you describe in your letter regarding your Siamese and the serious form of catarrh from which she appears to suffer.

If I were you I should ask your vet. to supply you with some sulfa triad tablets and give her a course of these. I think you will find they will do a great deal towards curing up that condition.

Curiously enough, only today one of our readers has written to tell us of a garlic cure for this sort of trouble. The makers are Messrs. Solidol Chemical Limited, Ashmead Works, Disney Street, London, S.E.1, and if you will write to

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them you will find that they will send you a pamphlet telling you all about it. It sounds as if this would be something very good.

Editor.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

Dear Editor,

I was most interested to note Lilian France's article in which she quotes Mrs. Collingwood's, of Rhodesia, letter of enquiry concerning the use of garlic for worms. I did not know this was a specific for worms at all. For many years we have used the pellets of Creo-garlic put up by the Solidol Chemical Co. (same Co. as Lysolato), of Disney Street, London, S.E.

We do not get the veterinary form; but share our own box with the cats. They are marvellous medicine for any fever or influenza, etc., and I am never without them in the house. We find that when a cat develops a cough, a first sign of cold, we can put an abrupt stop to it. Once a cat gets a really bad cough, it seems to get such a permanent hold on it and does pull it down so. I get unmercifully teased by my husband. If a visitor dares sneeze, he warns them to disappear before I come at them with a dose of creo-garlic. I enclose a couple of spare leaflets in case any one is interested.

We have a charming little twelve months old neuter named Squirrel because he resembles one (grey) in appearance and behaviour. His mischief would fill a book, so engaging are his little ways. Later I will let you have a photo.

He suffered terribly from eczema when we first got him, but Kit-zyme cured him, but we have been constantly troubled with round worms, so if I could hear that garlic (and what form of it) is a specific, perhaps we can clear him, as he cannot keep down other worm medicines. The vet. says all cats that live in the country are inclined to have worms, and no need to worry unduly if cat is otherwise healthy.

Yours truly,

A. Stewart.

P.S.—Surely Elsie Hart's allusion to the *Black Siamese* is the Hybrid, which, I believe, is always black. We had one, Ulysses, for fifteen years. All the charm but none of the delicacy of the Siamese.

Holyport,

Berks.

Dear Editor,

I was very interested to read your article in the September issue of "Cats and Kittens" on the Festival of Britain Cat Show, but the paragraph which

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interested me most was the final piece regarding club trophies, etc.

Whilst not a "pot hunter" in any sense of the word, I deplore the system of winning cups within the Fancy—I have, in the past, won many trophies for swimming, all of which had to be won three times, but *always* one held these for the year of winning—but one rarely sees the cups offered for the Cat Fancy. I received a certificate of winning certainly from the Notts. and Derby C.C., but this is not even done by most clubs. At the recent Herts. and Middlesex Show I had the good fortune to "win" three cups—our local paper, full of enthusiasm, reported this fact. I received a rap on the knuckles by return from the Secretary of the club concerned asking for this to be denied, as I had only recorded "wins on" said trophies. If a cup is offered to be won four times, surely the year you win it—you have won it? I think a great more enthusiasm could be aroused if winners actually saw and held the trophies so won. If not, why put them up for winning annually. A "points" system surely would be preferable? No miniatures or certificates are issued, so that, if one fails to win the cup next year and

so on, no record is ever held by the owner of the winning cat or kitten.

I also agree with your wish that trophies should be presented at the show—after judging "best in show" most shows tail off into most uninteresting affairs, people anxious to get exhibits home, etc. If a proper presentation was made at the end of the show, surely this would hold interest right to the end?

I feel sure the average novice would be fired with more enthusiasm if they held trophies so won, or, at least, received *some* memento. This is not "pot hunting," merely a reward for their achievement. At present it is farcical.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mollie Turney.

Weston-super-Mare.

Dear Editor,

I notice that in this month's issue you mention several times re diet for cats and kittens Weetabix broken up to provide roughage. I do not think my cats would take kindly to it, but I give wholemeal bread which is marvellous for dogs or cats when mixed with fish, fresh or tinned.

I have taken "Cats and Kittens" mag. for years, and happening to look through an

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old copy, pre-war (it was then the size of the present "Radio Times"!), I read a Siamese breeder's article, in which she said she gave all hers, Persians, too, to prevent fur balls, wholemeal bread, so I changed to it right away, and I am sure

my cats are infinitely better for it, their coats being so much thicker and glossier. I tell all my friends with cats not to give white bread, but brown or wholemeal.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) N. Edmonds.

YOUR CATS AND MINE—from page 11.

Angela has the most wonderful eyes. I hope they are a deep colour. I thoroughly enjoy watching these two babes, and feel they should become really worth showing, which I hope to do later on.

I was asked the other day what to do for sticky eyes in

kittens. At one time, I always got them with litters and they often were most troublesome to clear up. Now, I cover the front of the breeding box with a piece of black cloth, and keep it there for three weeks. I never get kittens with sticky eyes now that light is excluded!

A MONTHLY MISCELLANY—from page 13

all of which you keep to yourself and sell at fabulous prices. If you keep a stud, all the queens he can possibly serve and then some. Little presents, such as butter, tea and sugar, not forgetting all sorts of other things given in the hope the givers will get a write up or you will assist in selling a kitten.

Take it from me, and I should know after twelve years, the above is just plain hoey. Kitten sales are bad, I do not get any more enquiries than the other person, or the high price, and that goes for the rest of the tittle-tattle.

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