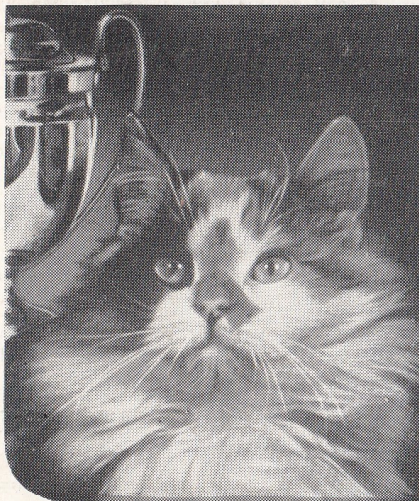


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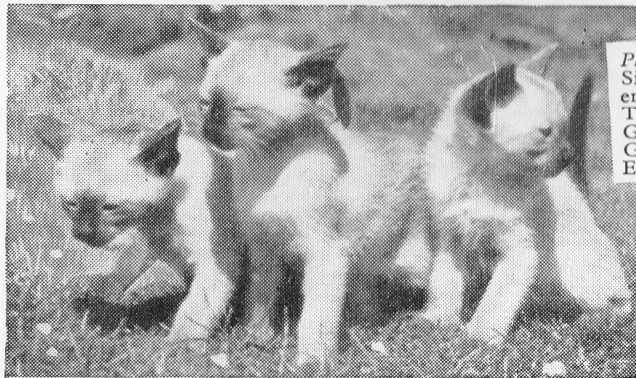


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## EDITORIAL

WE should like to extend sincere Christmas greetings to all our readers young and old, both at home and abroad. Mrs. Blanche Warren, Idyllwild, nr. Los Angeles, California, greetings; Signora Talacci, Milan, Italy; Miss Frances Anderson, Wellington, New Zealand; E. Bartholomew, Esq., Hamburg; Mrs. H. Bullock, Kalimpong, Nth. West Bengal; Miss D. Woods, Kowloon, Hong Kong; Mrs. Garnet Owen, Helsinki, Finland; Mrs. L. Cameron, Esplanade, Durban; Miss M. Carlton-Arymer, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia; Mrs. M. A. F. Collingwood, S. Rhodesia; Mrs. R. Cooper, Auckland, New Zealand; Mrs. R. Croot, Kampala, Uganda; Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, Copenhagen, Denmark; Madame M. A. Gay, Berne, Switzerland; Mrs. K. P. Hogg, Bihar, India; Madame Helen G. Vlachos, Athens, Greece; Mrs. Wynne B. Walker, W. Bengal, India; Mrs. D. Maguire, at The Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong; and Sig. Lujdjens, Rome, Italy; greetings!

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## CANDID COMMENTS

By SYDNEY W. FRANCE

### ON CAT SHOWS IN GENERAL.

After attending the Siamese Cat Club Show in London at the Lime Grove Hall, followed the next day by the gigantic Crystal Cat Show at Olympia, and a short time afterwards the Midland Counties Cat Club Show at Birmingham, I am forced to the conclusion that the time has come when the question of the number of shows in a season, and the venue for them, should be given a good deal of consideration.

There are those who would say there are too many shows in a season, others who think that all but championship shows should be discouraged. This season so far has shown clearly that there is absolutely no reason for complacency, and that those clubs who put on shows will have a job "to make ends meet." If rumour is not lying, the Blue Persian Cat Society had an all time low gate, and an all time low on catalogue sales. That show must have resulted in a loss, against which the club funds are ill provided.

The Siamese Club's show was not as well attended as on previous years, nor do I think that the number of exhibits

was as high as formerly. Whatever the reason, to hold two important shows in London one day after the other cannot but ensure that neither show will be as successful as it could have been with a little bit more co-operation all the way round. In fact, am I right in believing that the Crystal Show has previously offered excellent terms and an assured profit to the Siamese Club had that club used the first day of the Crystal Show at Olympia as its venue for the Siamese Show? If that is the case, what an opportunity missed, as surely the aim of every club and of its members is to show all and sundry the excellence of their cats and to get as many new disciples as possible as potential members of the clubs concerned.

In a recent issue I stressed the view that a few important shows at important show centres such as the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall and Olympia, London, the Corn Exchange, Manchester, some important hall in Birmingham or Nottingham, would almost certainly, given good advance publicity, result in a commercial success, with which

one could expect a correspondingly successful show from the exhibitors' point of view, and of course for the club concerned, but to my mind there is no doubt that too many shows are being put on in too many out-of-the-way suburban halls on days when the public are not likely to be encouraged to attend, and in any case without the very necessary commercial pre-show publicity and advertising which is so necessary to the success of any public venture, however novel or interesting the event.

The recent show of the Midland Counties Cat Club to my mind points an example. Here was a show held in a suburb of the great city of Birmingham. The hall appeared to be so far from the city centre that only the most hardy of those who wished to see pedigree cats would venture the journey to find it. It would be wrong to say that there was no advance publicity and advertising of a suitable nature, but such a hall, so far from the hub of a city, would require much of that if any hope of success were to be entertained.

Then again, often the lighting in these small suburban halls fails dismally for the successful presentation and judging of pedigree cats, and in the instance above mentioned there was no departure from this poor lighting standard.

A correspondent has said recently how a show tends to "tail off" part way through the afternoon proceedings, and how much this could be prevented by the adequate presentation of the prizes won, which prizes are usually very much in view by the way of cups, etc., but never presented. In fact, I am ready to be corrected if it is not the case that after being brought out to be put on the platform for one show, they are not immediately hidden again in the dark vaults of some bank for another year.

The harsh cry of commercialism is often raised by certain factions in the Cat Fancy, but a little bit of the commercial management of a few shows could, with co-operation of all concerned in the Cat Fancy, result in a bigger and better Cat Fancy, and real bumper and worth while shows. Take the recent Olympia show. There the prize winners were, during the course of the afternoon, each and everyone presented with silver cups *to take away*, and there and then cheques for the amount of the prize money which had been won, and no small and inconsiderable money either. I saw one exhibitor pick up prize money to the value of £16. A big question here too. Why not have championships for these big shows, and why not encourage every person

with a pedigree cat to show it in such surroundings and with such prize monies to be won as would guarantee the show to be worth while for all concerned, whether as promoters, exhibitors, or the general public, or the ruling body of the Cat Fancy.

#### A TRADE UNION FOR EXHIBITORS ?

At a recent provincial show a number of exhibitors gathered together and suggested that the time had come when the interests of exhibitors at shows required the formation of a society of exhibitors, and that all exhibitors should be members, and the object of such a society, to protect the interests of exhibitors, to consult with show managers as to the classes that should be put on at shows, to represent the exhibitors in any case in which the exhibitors thought that it was desirable and necessary. Mr. Whiting, the well-known exhibitor who did so well with Mais Mor Marquis, will be pleased to hear from all exhibitors who are interested. His address is: Mr. J. F. Whiting, 7, Oxstalls Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester.

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#### HIGH WORDS AT THE HOTEL.

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## A WONDERFUL CAT

By HAROLD C. MORGAN

AFTER buying a property, I discovered that a large black and white cat lived in the roof of one of the old humpies (a small hut with two rooms in), to which resort he fled on the approach of any human being, so wild was he. He was of the domestic strain, but had gone wild, and he was all the word implies. Noting his good looks, I decided to try and tame him, which, after many scratches and much patience, I eventually succeeded in doing. It was during this period that his enormous appetite earned him the name "Kai-Kai" which is a word used by the head-hunter of Papua and signifies "to eat" or anything that is edible.

"Kai-Kai" could hunt better than any cat I know of, killing anything from rabbits to the biggest and most deadly of snakes. His method of attacking these fast striking snakes is extremely interesting. He would first tease it by sticking his claws into it as often as possible, until the snake was really savage, and striking at "Kai-Kai" as often as opportunity offered, and as the fight progressed, often when opportunity did not offer. This was all part of the tactics employed, and it was for this

haphazard striking on the part of the snake that he waited and worked for. As he continued these tactics, artfully dodging the many attempts to strike him, he would gradually manoeuvre the snake into the desired position. Anyone watching him would think that he was due to be bitten each time that he struck the snake with his claws, but quick as the snake was, "Kai-Kai" was a great deal quicker, and to him it was apparently an easy form of sport. I often thought that he had been struck, but close as it seemed, the fangs never got the flesh, although I am certain they often touched his fur. At last the snake would make the awaited strike, and then he would dash in as quick as a bullet, grab it behind the head with extraordinary accuracy, and crush the life out of it with his powerful jaws. To make assurance doubly sure he would chew its head off, and then watch for awhile, keenly alert. There is not the slightest doubt that he did this in case the dead snake's mate was about, since they are so often found in pairs. The final act consisted in mieowing around the house until he had attracted

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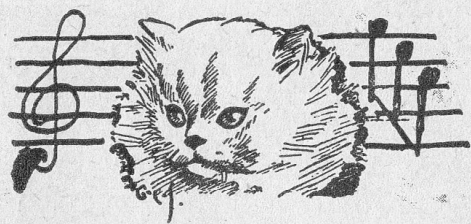
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## MEET THE BREEDERS BLUE NOTES

By DORRIE  
BRICE-WEBB

THE Crystal Cat Show is now over and I should imagine it was enjoyed by everyone. I think personally I liked the hall we had last year, it was smaller and much more intimate. I do not think I have seen so many beautiful cats, and the competition in Blues was very keen. Mages Dugdale's Ch. Harpur Blue Boy was champion of champions and was Best Exhibit in the show. Trenton Sugar Plum bred by Mrs. Harrington-Harvard and now owned by Mrs. Denton, won the cup for Best Kitten in Show. Two lovely Blues these and they well deserved their honours.

I was unfortunately unable to attend the Blue Persian Show owing to fog and being the victim of a nasty cold and sore throat. It was a great disappointment to me as it is the one show of the year that I would not miss. However, it just could not be helped.

I enjoyed a day's judging for the Midland Counties Cat Club Ch. Show, and must say what a beautifully run show it was. There were not many

Blue kittens, and with one or two exceptions were not up to the usual standard. Mrs. Bastow won Best Male and Female Kittens with West-bridge Simba and W. Fifinella, they are two lovely kittens, and stood away from the others.

My lovely little Ronada Onaway, out of R. April by Southway Echo, is now owned by Miss Larsdotter of Sweden. I received a card the other day saying she is beautiful, and her new owner expects great things of her. She is, I am told, like a bit of quicksilver, and when she is not playing eats and sleeps. How gratifying it is to know one's kittens are in such good hands!

I believe I am right in saying that entries are down at most shows so far this season. I do think that the repeated showing of cats that have already won several championship certificates must have an adverse effect on entries. Where, for example, a dozen or so cats are entered in a class none of whom have won a C.C. their exhibitors feel that each one has a sporting

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## YOUR CATS AND MINE

By LILIAN FRANCE

THE Siamese Cat Club's Championship Show, held on October 11th at Lime Grove, ran smoothly under the expert management of Elsie Kent. Although she has resigned from being secretary, I hope she will continue to run the show for many years.

On this occasion I was judging male kittens, and it was a great pleasure to me to handle so many really good specimens. My only real complaint is that we seem to be losing the true Oriental eye shape. My Best Kitten, and later Best Kitten in Show, was Mrs. McGregor's Inwood Chinky, a young male sired by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo, dam, Inwood Ting. A coat like silk, dense points, deep blue eyes, fine whip tail, and, above all, the bloom of perfect conditioning, made Chinky a credit to his owner breeder. This is the high standard of quality we should all aim for.

On October 12th and 13th the second Crystal Cat Show was held at Olympia in the Grand Hall. Here there was scope to set the pens out really well, and they were arranged in blocks, with the platform for best in show judging in the

centre. Here again, I was judging, and was impressed with the high standard of the exhibits I handled. Morris Lindex, bred by Mrs. Richardson, was my nomination for the cup which he won.

At this show, prize money and cups are handed to the lucky winners on the day and for everyone to see. The cups are also won outright. What an improvement on the stuffy methods whereby it is weeks, sometimes even months, before prize money is sent out, and one has long ago forgotten all about it. And the cups are not even held by the winner for a year! It is time some of these stodgy old rules out of the ark were revised.

I was very pleased to be able to exhibit my Burmese male kitten, Chinki Yong Mintha, who won first prize. In the same class were Mrs. Hawkins' Minthamee, second, Miss Calvert-Jones' Yasmeeen, third, and Mrs. Atwell's Shivegalay, fourth. I also exhibited my Burmese litter, five males, one female, accompanied by their mother, in the A.O.V. Short Hair Litter Class, where they won third prize. They were given an enormous pen, in

which they could scamper to their hearts' content, and certainly did, to the amusement and entertainment of all. As the first Burmese litter to be exhibited here, they caused a great deal of interest, and were very much in demand by the photographers. They were also televised, and I loved seeing them at home on my own television screen four or five times during the following week.

They seemed none the worse for their big adventure, and now four of them have gone to new homes as pets, and I have kept one male and the only female for breeding. Many thanks to Messrs. Kit-E-Kat for making possible such a wonderful show.

The Midland Counties Cat Club held their Championship show at Birmingham, on October 24th, ably managed by Mrs. and Mr. Lamb. I stewarded for Dorrie Brice-Webb, and was most interested in the lovely long hairs we handled. Mrs. Lamb's well known Siamese male, Ch. Morris Tudor, bred by Mrs. Richardson, was First and Ch. and Best Short Hair Adult. Mrs. Lamb's male Siamese kitten, Pincop Simon, was First and Best Short Hair Kitten. Tudor was looking lovely, and Simon, who has beautiful blue eyes, should go far. These two cats must give Mrs. Lamb great pleasure.

After many invitations, my husband and I have at last managed a visit to Linda Parker's cattery, near Leicester. After a very friendly welcome from Linda and Master Roger, we were shown the cats—lots and lots of them, including that handsome white short hair, Pinewood Brumas, who lives opposite two other males without appearing to mind. Sabukia Sweet William greeted us in his usual friendly way, and we were pleased to have an opportunity of again meeting Lindale Simon Pie. Looking in perfect condition, he was very happy to do his "dead cat" act for us. A lovely male who is well worthy of a championship, and who has sired some very good stock. The queens were all of excellent type, some with kittens. One litter, sired by Sweet Willie, is very promising, and I am interested in a female kit.

Roger's Blue Persian female, Trenton Teresa, was looking lovely, and her grooming was a great credit to her young master. Linda now has my young Burmese male Chinki Yong Mintha, who later will be placed at stud. He appeared quite settled and very affectionate to everyone. We hoped he had not forgotten us. We were not certain, but he gave us a very serious stare. I saw again a kitten I liked at the Crystal show, Lindale Simone,

sire S.S. William, an extremely typey female, with a wonderful whip tail. Over a very nice tea, it was decided I should bring her back with me; and later she is to be mated to my Chinki Ranya. Linda's cats are fortunate in having a beautiful, large garden, with fields beyond, and a mistress who obviously cares for their every comfort. We shall look forward to our next visit in the not too distant future.

As Mr. J. Martin and Mr. F. Tomlinson were in Derby in connection with arrangements for the Notts. and Derby Cat

Club's Ch. Show, to be held here on January 11th, we had the pleasure of their company for a cup of tea and a catty chat. The show is an event to which I am looking forward very much. As this is the first time it has been held in Derby, I do hope all my friends will help by exhibiting if possible, and, if not, by visiting the show. Everything possible is to be done to make it interesting. There is to be a bar, and non-stop viewing for visitors!

Another queen I hope to acquire soon is Inwood Shangri-La, a litter sister of Inwood Chinky.

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chance of being first. On the other hand, if a cat that has won half a dozen C.C. is also entered in that class, it is almost a foregone conclusion that he will come first again. Can it be wondered at, therefore, that exhibitors withhold their entries if they know that

such a champion is again being put up for competition.

Knowing that it is futile to appeal to the sporting instincts of many such exhibitors, I think a class for champions only should be a feature of all shows. Think of the honour of being first in such a class!!!

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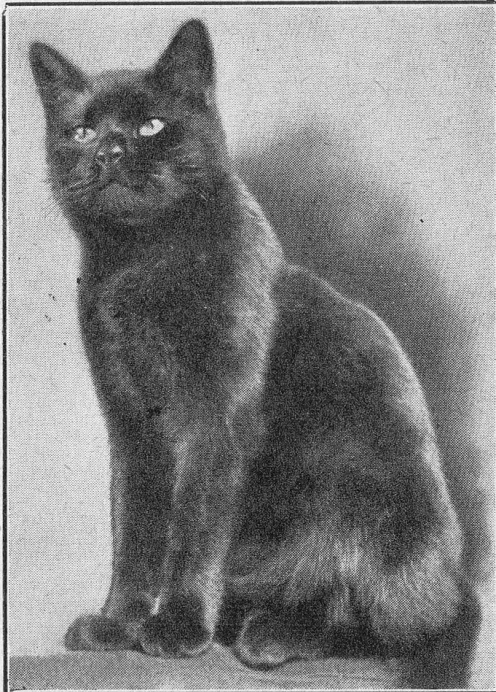
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**A WONDERFUL CAT—**  
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my attention when he would lead me to the scene of his kill with all the pride of a conquering hero, even if I had watched the whole fight take place. He never once failed to do this. Several times I watched him kill a snake in this manner, one of the biggest measuring six feet seven inches without its head. Many times besides he has led me to snakes of various sizes, but all fully grown. I know that he killed them, because he would always do this even when I had observed him killing them, and also he had not the slightest interest in any that I had shot. On several occasions I had taken a dead snake to some spot and left it there, until I had fetched him to the place in the hope that he would be deceived and start sparring with it, but he never was. Far too clever to be caught as easily as that!

He was just as clever with rats and mice, hunting them from the rafters of the sheds, and pouncing down on their unsuspecting backs from as high as ten feet. He would, however, only hunt rats when hungry, and seldom by "request," but on the rare occasion that he did I saw a remarkable feat performed. He watched whilst I loaded wheat bags, and suddenly coming

upon a number of mice, at once he pounced amongst them as quick as usual, catching one under each paw and one in his mouth. He kept them alive under his paws until ready to eat them. This ended further hunting for the day.

He was just as expert at rabbiting, and here he exhibited his abnormal strength, for he could carry a full grown rabbit home and do it easily over long distances, necessitating jumping over high fences with the heavy rabbit in his mouth at the time. When his friends had kittens, he never failed to go out into the paddocks, wet or fine, and bring them home a rabbit to eat.

He would call their mother and laying his kill at her feet, he would sit back licking his chops whilst the kittens fed. I feel certain that he was enjoying the sight of the kittens feeding, just as we would enjoy the look of pleasure on a child's face at the reception of some unexpected gift on our part. These daily trips took more courage than one would think, because he always had at least five fences to jump before he could reach home. I have often thought that his jaws must have been quite exceptionally strong for any cat, as this instance of his abnormal strength shows.

On another occasion "Kai-Kai" got caught in a trap of



the heaviest type during the night. Nothing daunted, he rooted the trap up, and with it fixed to his front paw, jumped three four foot six inch fences and arrived outside my verandah door. Here he rattled the trap as loudly as he could and miewed until I awoke and released him.

Other illustrations of his super strength are the opening of heavy fly-proof doors, which incidentally never caught his tail on the swing back, and the jumping of a 12 feet wide creek with a standing start. He used to leave the ground as if propelled by some unseen catapult.

He made one extraordinary friendship, especially so for a cat, and that was with all "Willy Wagtails." These birds he would allow to alight on his back and tail, the latter of which he often stuck up rigidly

in the air as if for the express purpose of giving these little birds a ride thereon. He never once interfered with one, and they could approach him as closely as they liked without any attempt on his part to catch them. This could not be said of any other bird in the Bush.

He died recently from pneumonia in spite of all efforts to save him. His great age of 27 years proved too much for even such a wonderful cat as "Kai-Kai" to overcome. He killed his last snake about a year ago, which shows that his great age had no effect on his power of speedy movement. Although he is dead, his many daring exploits whilst alive live on as a fitting memorial to so great a cat.

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Little Foxes,  
Bayleys Hill,  
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dear Editor,

With reference to Elsie Kent's article in the November issue of "Cats and Kittens," I do not feel that I should let her unjustified and damaging remarks about Champion Clonlost Yo-Yo's appearance at the Siamese C.C. Show go unanswered.

Surely if Yo-Yo had been, in Mrs. Kent's words, "showing signs of wear and tear"—it is highly improbable that such a knowledgeable judge as Mr. Buffard would have awarded him a fifth Challenge Certificate or that Mrs. Sayers and Mrs. France would have awarded him firsts in their classes.

If a cat were, in fact, showing such signs, one can be quite certain that three such well known judges as these would not have placed him at the top of their classes.

May I further point out that Yo-Yo was judged "Best Short Haired Exhibit" at the Crystal Cat Show two days later, and was also first in the short haired Champions' Class at that show under another well-known judge, Mr. Norris. Surely these awards must be a complete justification of the excellent condition in which Yo-Yo was shown?

As regards Mrs. Kent's implication that Yo-Yo must have been overworked this season, because so many of his kittens have been winning at all the shows—may I point out that I have been fortunate in having queens sent to Yo-Yo by breeders who were going to show, and therefore wanted the best possible kittens. That is the sole reason why he has had so many prize winners.

I might almost echo the well known advertisement and say, "You want the best kittens, Yo-Yo sires them."

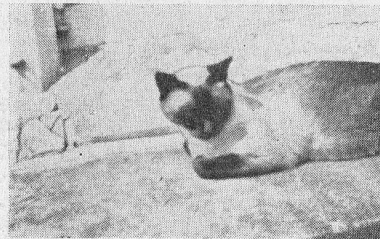
Finally, I should like to say that I took advice from many breeders before Yo-Yo went to stud—from Mrs. Kent herself among others—and from her own mouth she told me that it would be perfectly all right for Yo-Yo to have as many as three queens a week.

I would, however, like to assure Mrs. Kent that, though this remark stuck in my mind, he has not in fact had anything approaching that number of queens, nor will he ever have.

Does it not appear that Mrs. Kent, perhaps through striving to make another of her famous "witticisms," has on this occasion overstepped the bounds of good taste and fair criticism.

Yours truly,  
Richard O. Warner

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Babette

Shephall, Herts.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a snap of my Siamese queen, Babette, hoping it might be good enough to be published.

She is a very lovable cat and is loved and petted by all the family. She has had four litters of very beautiful kittens.

I am looking forward to the next edition of "Cats and Kittens."

Yours sincerely,  
Christine Midgley,  
(age 12 years).

Derby.

Dear Editor,

I am a regular reader of "Cats and Kittens" and look forward each month to receiving my copy.

The enclosed snaps are of my devoted Monica, a female neuter Red Tabby, now nearly two.

We live together in a bed-sitter, consequently I have to take her about with me when



Monica

I go out. She is now very used to the buses and takes a great interest in the passengers. She wears the adjustable elastic harness, made by Collier and Collier, of Southampton, and as advertised in "Cats and Kittens" magazine. The harness is very light and comfortable, and I have no trouble at all in keeping a firm hold on her when she is wearing the harness.

Monica has a very lovable nature, and is greatly loved by all in the house. She is also very playful and loves a game of football and has really a good aim. She has a basket full of all kinds of toys.

She has a beautiful coat and markings. I would very much like to show her.

Best wishes to "Cats and Kittens."

Yours sincerely,  
(Miss) Marjorie E. Heal.

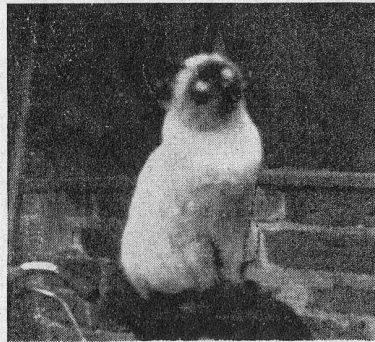
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Shaftesbury Avenue,  
Hull.

Dear Editor,

I enclose a snap of my cat, Blue Persian. We call her Pearl, and she has won four first prizes and two seconds, and will be three years old, 11th November.

Yours sincerely,  
Alice M. Schultz.



Wong

Woodbridge,  
Suffolk.

Dear Editor,

I have enclosed photograph of my Siamese kitten, six months old. She is very intelligent. Wong, that is my kitten's name, loves her Kit-zyne tablets. If I did not

watch her when I open the jar, she would eat the lot. I hope you will be able to find a space in your magazine, as I think myself that she makes a real picture sitting on my cycle seat.

Yours sincerely,  
E. Sawyer.

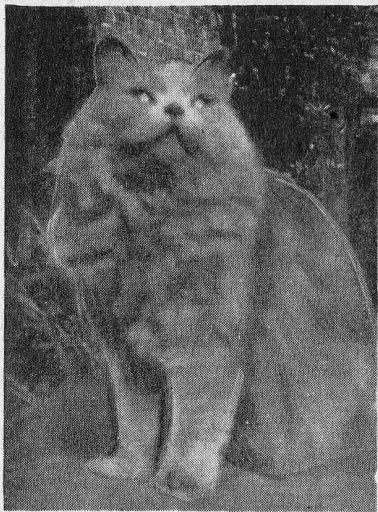
Harrogate.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing two snaps of my Johnny Mop, aged six weeks and six years. As you will see, he is a proud and handsome gentleman, and lords it over the rest of my cat family (Mrs. Duffy and her two sons, Simon and Hamish), and also over myself.

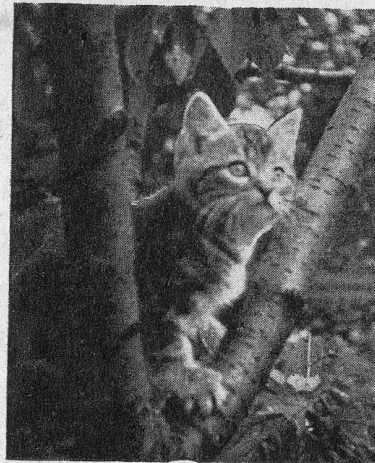
The only discipline to which he ever submitted was that of his mother, Mrs. Mop, now unhappily dead.

She brought him up with much love and pride and with a firm hand.



Pearl

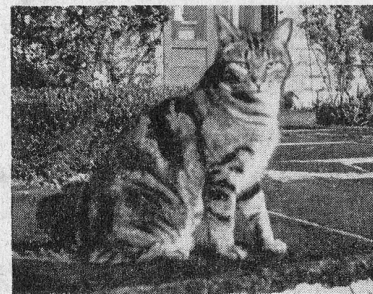
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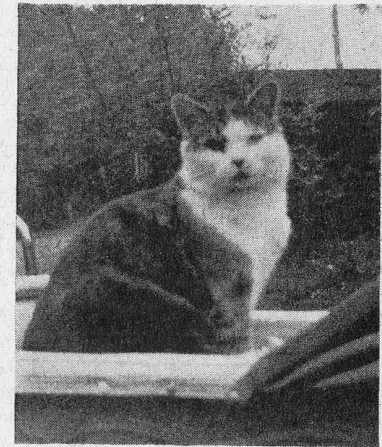
Johnny Mop, aged six weeks

She was a great character, and Johnny inherits his haughtiness from her. I can imagine she often told him, "Be kind always to the Duffys, but never forget, my dear, that you are a Mop!"

Yours sincerely,  
Eileen Knight.



Johnny Mop, aged six years



Roxana

Camberley,  
Surrey.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing photographs of my Tortoiseshell cat Roxana. She is two years old, and has one blue eye and one green. I hope you will find room for her in your magazine one day. I enjoy reading it so much.

Yours sincerely,  
(Miss) Joan Croft.

Caterham,  
Surrey.

Dear Editor,

For such a time now I have been intending to write and air my views about the many interesting features in "Cats and Kittens" magazine which have been in this year's issues, and I also send more of the

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photos of my own cats in the hope that you could find space for them. But there are so many now that I could not possibly send them all at once. Of course there have been failures as well as successes. As no doubt you will know, photographing pets is like photographing young children, one never knows quite how they will turn out. Though for the best part, I have been successful. I am always taking new ones.

To mention only one recent article in the magazine. "Cats have their own individuality." This is only too true, and although we are reminded by naturalists and the like that "Cats are not miniature humans," I for one know for a fact that they *are* at any rate "little people" in a world of their own. One soon realises this when one owns them—or they own us—as so many prefer to put it.

I have always kept cats, and soon notice that their dispositions, their tastes and habits, even their faces, are as different from one another as our own. Human or not, they are in many ways painfully like us (sometimes I think it is a pity that more of us are not like them!). That loosely used phrase "being human" is not much to brag about, and

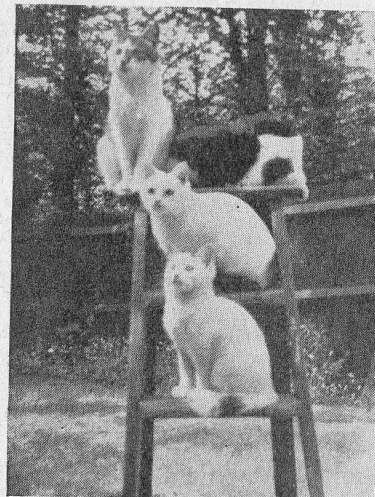
certainly not flattering to cats, as being called a "cat"—suggested in the charming poem of a few months ago which I read in "Cats and Kittens."

My cats are all of one family, the descendants of Tarzan, whose picture appeared in the January, 1951, edition, and each one is quite different in looks and disposition. Like every family when living together, they have their disagreements, and frequently become "not on speaking terms." As lookers on, it is a good thing to notice how absurd such behaviour can be when *we* act thus ourselves! A case of seeing ourselves as others see us.

Secondly, I would like to pay a tribute to Pippa, whose photo is enclosed. Pippa, I am sorry to say, had to be put to sleep only a week before I went on my holidays, due to a stroke I was told, through a knock on the head. Unfortunately I am not in a position to accuse the offender, but evidence seems to point in the same direction, and I think it is a pity that people of this sort get away with giving false impressions about being animal lovers in various ways!

"Pip," as she was often referred to, was the daughter of Juliet (the ermine cat), whose

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Pippa, Pansey, Woppit, Juliet and Nimrod

picture also appeared with Tarzan's, and her only child. She was talkative, restless and always busy over something. In fact, a proper little busy housewife cat, who always cleaned up the bits that the rest of the family spilled upon the floor from their dishes, by scratching the floor. She had talkative eyes of gooseberry green. She rang small bells by shaking them by the thread they hung upon, and liked to drink water from the running tap, and give herself a shower by running under the spray of my watering can (she loved water). She was an excellent mother, and always had beautiful kittens. She was essentially mother's

cat, and slept on her bed, and we miss her very much. When this unhappy event took place, her last kitten, not yet properly weaned, had to be spoon fed by us, but we managed it. He is a black tom kitten that we now call Beaver (after a previous black kitten for which we found a new home, and which the new owners re-christened Hamlet).

The other picture enclosed is a group of some of the family. Pippa sits on top of the ladder. She was always interested in everything. Next to her is Pansey Woppit, her eldest daughter, who is obviously *not* interested. She spoilt the picture, for previously she was sitting so nicely at the other corner. Pansey Woppit is *never* interested—"self" is her motto. She loves a good fight, and any excuse is good enough for one (despite her pretty face). On the next step is Juliet, Pippa's mother and Pansey's grandmother, but still very young and beautiful with her ermine tail. Below her sits Nimrod, who is a new addition to the family.

Nimrod, frequently called Nim, was born at Easter time, and is Pansey's young sister. She has just reached the in-between stage, and is in her own way typical of the average teenager.

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As you will observe in the snap she is making it very obvious that she has reached an age when she feels she ought to be noticed. She knows she is pretty (she favours her grandmother, who, incidentally, prefers to be referred to as "Aunt Juliet" since grandma sounds so elderly). Nimrod also wears a black cap like Juliet, but, unlike her, has not got a black tail of ermine, but a white one tipped with a tiny spot of black and two black rings round it, one broad and one narrow.

Though she still plays with kittens, she likes to have a say in anything the grown-ups are doing, and she has a real school girl crush on her Uncle Fred (Juliet's brother, "Freddie"), which is just the sort of thing one would expect from a girl of Nimrod's age. Already she she is very big for her age, and easily the biggest female in the family, or going to be, since her paws are large. Overgrown, childish, and (one can almost see her giggling) self-willed, yet everybody loves Nimrod.

Best of all, she has so many of her mother's characteristics that she has helped very much to fill in the gap that was left by our little Pippa. She talks like her, and plays with water like her, and despite her having the same colouring as Juliet,

her face is as much like Pippa's as we could have wished. Her coat is exactly the same soft texture, whereas Juliet's is smoother and of the Siamese type (Juliet's father was a Siamese).

In short, Nimrod is simply posing for the delight of her admirers, and she has many. She was recently neutered, and I am very glad to say that she has got over it very well, no ill effects and as playful as ever.

I was rather worried at first about having this done, as I had never had a female neutered before. But now I am glad that it is all over. I strongly advise people who have young queens about Nim's age to have it done if they really want to keep their pets out of trouble and homely companions, especially if they live in towns or flats—and tom cats, of course. Far too many female cats get sent out at night, and far too many suffer from neglect.

Dogs are kept in, cats are sent out, when in practice it ought to be the other way about. Dogs are supposed to protect the house, cats to catch mice—if there are any inside.

Personally, I do not approve of animals out at night at all. They catch colds like we do. Those who complain of female cats always having kittens are

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usually those who are responsible by turning their cats out. Fewer would have kittens if the neutering of male cats was put more into practice. When one does not go in for breeding, and prefers a cat as a companion, neutering is the best thing.

Kittens are always a delight, but unfortunately many people lose interest in them as soon as they grow up. It is sheer wickedness to turn a cat astray just because it is not wanted. Neutering would save so much of this feline distress, and there would be less homeless females and kittens.

My cats have got a good home, but there is a difference in the ones who have been neutered and those who have not. Juliet has not been neutered, but she by nature is an indoor cat and has been trained. This is a matter of luck, her only kitten was a mere mistake. But cats of that disposition are not common. She just is not a family cat. Pip, on the other hand, was just the opposite. She was fond of children, a real family cat, who was difficult sometimes to keep in. It always meant that she required plenty of invalid food to keep her fit after and when she had her families.

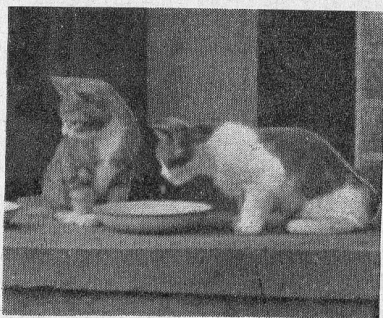
No creature is more appreciative of home comforts than a cat, and how it pays to see that they get them. Life would be very dull without my cat family, and even if you cannot keep six, two is company.

I was very glad that somebody mentioned the importance of varying cats' diet. It is so important. The idea of feeding a cat on just fish or just meat is *not* spoiling, but just sheer punishment, vegetables are absolutely necessary. Often I hear people say, "My cat will only eat cod" or (once upon a time) "My cat will not touch anything but liver." These poor little souls rarely have had the chance to try anything else, and only because their owners thought they were doing the right thing.

When I say vary the diet, I do not mean giving it any old scraps. That can be as bad as giving it one thing, but to vary the meals as often as one can manage. It is not always easy these days, especially for ourselves, but a cat's plate takes far less to fill than our own. Cereals and cat biscuits mixed occasionally help a lot.

Young pets need as much care and attention as babies, which, in fact, they are. They look to us for protection and kindness, they are completely at our mercy. Thus it is up to

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Chunkie and Martin

us to give them every opportunity to learn to trust us, and only when they do this are they really happy.

I hope that by mentioning this that I may be helping somebody's cat, or, better still, some cat who is at the moment nobody's cat. The more happiness we give our pets to enable them to enjoy their lives the more pleasure we in turn will get in having them. As I have always had pets I know it to be very true.

Sincerely,

Cleo Irving.

New Barnet,

Herts.

Dear Editor,

We have two "marmalade" kittens, and they are such great fun and good company for each other that I would like to encourage other readers of

"Cats and Kittens" next time they want a kitten to become the owner of *two* instead of one. It is very interesting to watch their different personalities develop, and although they eat twice as much they are well worth it. I enclose a snap of Chunkie and Martin taken when they were two months old.

Yours sincerely,

D. Reynolds.

Yeoville,

Johannesburg,

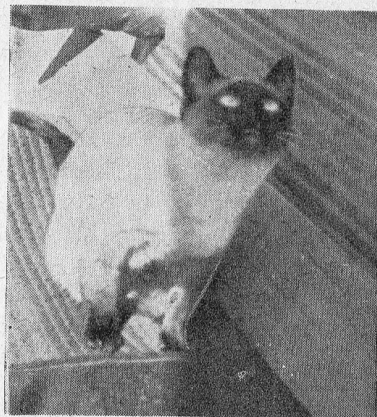
South Africa.

Dear Editor,

I enclose a snap of my Siamese queen, Cho Cho Son. She was eight months old when this was taken.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) J. Menkin.



Cho Cho Son

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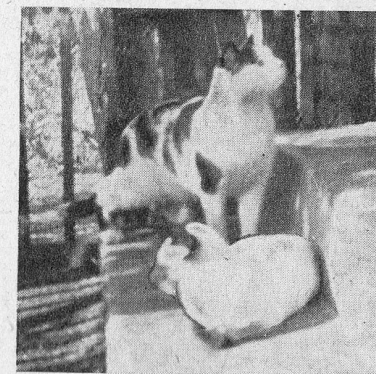
Levenshulme,

Manchester.

Dear Editor,

I must take this opportunity of saying how much I admire your magazine. I have been taking it for nearly twelve months now, and would not be without it for anything.

I am the proud owner of three cats, a black and white neuter named Mack, a male Siamese named Mancunian Smokee, and a female Siamese, Doneraille Prunella, called Beatee as a pet name. The Siamese are expecting their first family in November. They are all very good pals, and play together. Am enclosing a few snaps which I took in June, and would be ever so pleased and proud if any of them are good enough to publish.



Doneraille Prunella and Mack

With closing, I hope your magazine will continue to give pleasure to thousands of people, as I am sure it does.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Dorothy Pimblett.

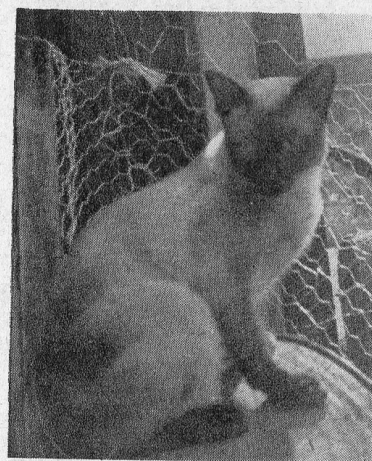
Ticehurst,

Nr. Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Editor,

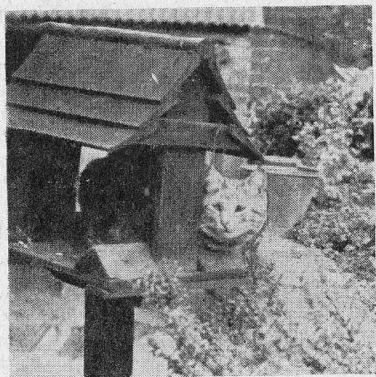
I thoroughly enjoy your little magazine, and, when finished, pass it on to friends and they in turn do the same.

I am enclosing two little snaps—one of my Jumbo, a brown tabby Manx, who weighs about 20lbs. He is now 5½ years old. The other is of Jumbo and Midge, my neighbour's cat. These two were the greatest of pals (both neutered), Midge used to always wash Jumbo all over and when the friend's moved away Jumbo was so sad and lonely he would not eat or



Mancunian Smokee

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Jumbo

drink, only a little water, for a week, and is still even now lonely for her.

I should, if you have room, so like to see the snaps in your little magazine please.

Wishing all the best for "Cats and Kittens."

Yours sincerely,  
L. B. Gillham.



Midge and Jumbo

Ludgershall,  
Aylesbury.

Dear Editor,

Your most kindly reception of my note to you on creogarlic for cats' cough has encouraged me to find the energy to look out photos of Squirrel to see if any of the negatives are of reproductive quality for your magazine. It is a pity so much junk was about.

Unfortunately, our poor old box camera of some twenty years' vintage, does not do him justice, so much detail is lacking.

Incidentally, Squirrel's appearance is improved since the photo. Not only has his eczema cleared up, but he is getting a pelt on him like a wallaby, or a little woolly toy bear, but really resembling a wallaby if you have seen one close up at the Zoo. Originally he was like a little wraith when he first came to us, so misty and fragile. We contemplated calling him Ariel, until we saw his antics in the tree tops.

He has a curious habit of curling his tail over his back exactly like a squirrel when he is pleased or being petted. He has snow white mitts, bootees and cravat, with a flour-dipped nose, otherwise so grey-squirrel coloured that he completely matches some grey squirrel fur I

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have. He is a neuter of course, but unfortunately not as early as it should have been done, as we waited and waited for a vet. who never fulfilled his promise, so finally had to take him in to the nearest town ourselves for the operation more belatedly than we would have wished, so this may affect him growing as large as a normal neuter.

My piece of personal history, whilst apparently digressing from the subject of cats, was in reality bringing me full circle back to them. Until eighteen months ago we had a black cat — one Ulysses — a neutered half-Siamese, who gave his love, his loyalty and his life to us for fifteen happy years. Every New Year's Eve, at one minute past midnight, he *never failed* to cross our threshold when we opened the front door to let in the new year. Always our dark gentleman to first-foot us and bring in the luck for the coming year.

When he left us for his hunting ground in Valhalla, it was unthinkable that we should replace him. Nevertheless, we were filled with foreboding of the ill luck that has surely come to us since his departure. We now feel that if it is possible we must try to include a black cat as a member of our household in time to herald in 1952 for us. I hate to sound

superstitious, but I cannot help feeling they keep ill luck away from their owners. Perhaps just a survival from witchcraft days, and a case of "the devil looks after his own."

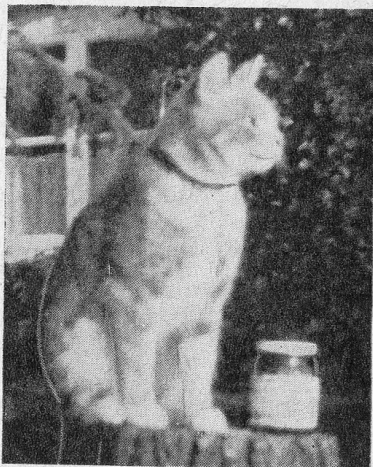
I gather that a half-bred Siamese is always black. They are such lovely characters. (Much of which I hope to write you of Ulysses together with his photo later on.) Do you remember Beverley Nicholls' pair, Rosen-Kavalier. Exactly like our Ulysses, and I knew another called Moses, all pure black—so if you should hear of any Siamese owner whose queen has contracted a mesalliance and wants a good home for the disgraced progeny, we would be so glad to know. Or any plush or short coated young cat that is wholly or entirely coal black, minus a white hair or marking. The touch of colour would voodoo the luck idea I fear.

There are some black kittens in our village, but they are fluffy. I dread having one. I suffered too much distress from a lovely long-haired cat (prize winner at Thame show in 1934) from continual furballing, in spite of careful grooming, to ever wish for another. I think, also, that short haired cats live longer and are far less delicate.

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I can only apologise for the length of this script, but once start me on the enchanting subject of cats and I fear I wax too loquacious. Yours really sincerely and interested reader and correspondent.

Ailsa M. Stewart.



Squirrell

Acocks Green,  
Birmingham.

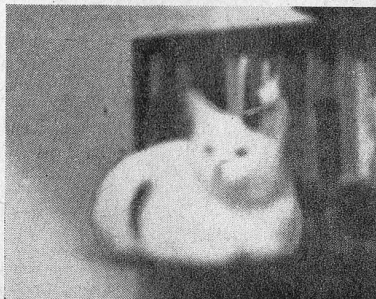
Dear Editor,

I am Mockbridge Snowy, a Manx. My father was Amego Winston, and my grandfather Sedgemere Cecil, so you can see I come out of the top drawer. I was born at Mrs. Bentley's home and came to live with Mother when I was nine weeks old. I straightaway took as



Thora

my very own little pal Cherie, the red tabby daughter of Thora, a tortoiseshell. Here are all our photographs. Please try to print a picture of each of us as Thora will box our ears if her photo is not printed. My, she has got a norful temper! But Mother went to the Crystal Cat Show, and when she came back said she still thought she had got the

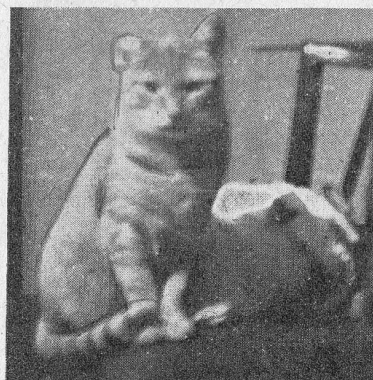


Mock Bridge Snowy

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three most beeyootiful cats in the world. Mother is Mrs. Kenny.

P.S.—She has just returned from the Midland Counties Cat Show, but still thinks we are the best cats.



Cherie

Bellingham,  
London, S.E.6.

Dear Editor,

Three years ago last August, my sister brought me home a copy of "Cats and Kittens." I have taken it in ever since.

I enjoy the letters and snaps of other people's pets.

I enclose a snap of Horley, a very much loved pet, whose friendship I enjoyed for 16½ years. He was all black with a tiny white spot on his neck.



Dimbleby

My present cat, Dimbleby, is six years old. He was a little stray, but he is a lovely big cat now with a beautiful coat.

I much enjoy the little stories of cats you print from time to time, and I have missed the little stories by Una-Mary Nepean-Gubbins.

Wishing your delightful magazine every success.

Yours sincerely,  
May Davies.



Horley



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Warlingham,  
Surrey.

Dear Editor,

I enclose some photographs and snapshots of my cat Tory, whom I had off Mrs. Kent two and a half years ago. He is my constant companion, and except when I was in hospital for a short stay he has never been away from me. He is unfortunately confined to the house as a neighbour's cat attacks him on sight, but he goes for long walks on a lead with our dog. We had an Irish Setter called Gay, who was quite blind for eighteen months, and Tory always fetched her for her dinner, weaving in and out of her front legs to show her the way. He would not eat his own dinner until Gay came for hers, but he would sometimes wake her up when he felt hungry out of hours in the hope that if she were present also it would melt our hard hearts! Gay was put to sleep this summer, and dear Tory was inconsolable, crying round the rooms in the most heart-breaking way, and refusing food because there was no Gay to eat it with him.

Now we have a new puppy, a Shetland Sheepdog, and at first Tory was furious and would either have nothing to

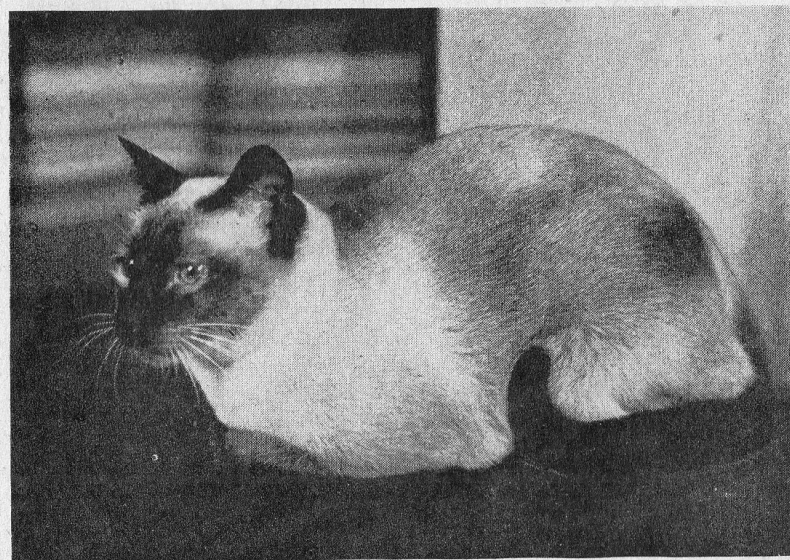
do with him or else attacked him quite viciously. Fortunately they are now the greatest friends, and have wonderful chasing games together, and Tory likes to have company on his walks.

We have another cat, tabby and white, called George, who is six years old. He also follows us out and if he gets left behind sits down in the nearest hedge and waits for us to come back. If we forget him and come back a different way, we have to go back and fetch him, otherwise he will continue to sit there for hours!

We took them all to the sea this summer, and they thoroughly enjoyed their holiday. Tory loved the rock pools and the shore generally, and even caught a crab! George preferred to stay near the house, which he liked as it was a one-storey house and he could climb up the roof. Being a very acrobatic cat, it amused him to dash up and down the steep pitched roof and to parade along the ridge pole in the evenings, while we endeavoured to catch him before the noise of his prancing feet woke up the children.

We have never been afraid of taking our cats away, and they soon settle down and

## TO THE EDITOR



Tory

enjoy themselves. I think it is far preferable to sending them away, and personally I would rather go without holidays than do this. Two or three weeks must seem such a long time to a cat away from his own people, even if he is well looked after.

I also enclose a photograph of Tory's pedigree, which I wrote out and illustrated this year. It is now in the Exhibition of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators at the Crafts Centre of Gt. Britain, 16-17, Hay Hill, W.1., and it was also mentioned in the

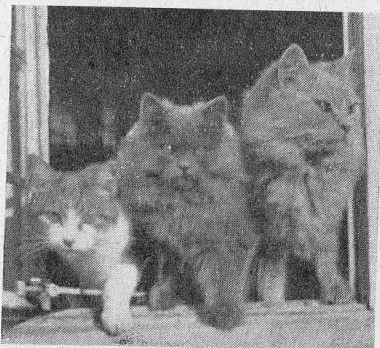
review of the Exhibition in "Eye Witness," the B.B.C. programme after the one o'clock news. Both cats are well known to calligraphers, as I frequently use them to illustrate my manuscripts.

I do like your magazine, which is so friendly and full of information, and I particularly like "Letters and Pictures to the Editor," which is always full of interesting sidelights on cats and cat behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Angel.

## LETTERS AND PICTURES



Jaffa Orange, Kelly and Merlin

Hatton, Warwickshire.

Dear Editor,

I enclose the latest snap of my cat family, and hope it is good enough for publication in "Cats and Kittens."

Jaffa Orange, on the left, is orange and white short-haired, Kelly, in the centre, is a Blue, and Merlin is a very large Cream, weighing over 16lbs. The two long-haired boys are bred by Mrs. Dyer of Birmingham.

They are so looking forward to seeing themselves in print. We do enjoy reading the magazine, and keep every copy.

Yours truly,

(Miss) M. Gordon.

Timperley,

Cheshire.

Dear Editor,

I love my little cat and I would be most grateful to you

if you could give me some advice on the following.

She shakes her head a lot, scratches her ear and there is sometimes a kind of rattle. Also occasionally her ears swell rather badly.

I am so afraid she may be in pain. Is there anything I can do or what treatment would you advise?

Trusting to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) G. Hollyer.

Dear Mrs. Hollyer,

It is obvious that your cat has canker of the ear which requires immediate treatment.

He needs some orange sticks as used the same as for a manicure and a small piece of cotton wool twisted over the end of the orange stick so as to make a tiny swab. Change this swab frequently, and clean out the ears gently but firmly, then insert some Bob Martin Canker Preparation into each ear. Continue this treatment for two or even three days.

After that I suggest you keep your eyes open for any similar trouble, and it would be as well to give your cat a weekly grooming. Just vigorous brushing and combing, and check over the ears with the little swabs as mentioned above.

Editor.

## TO THE EDITOR

Conon-Bridge,  
Ross-shire,  
Scotland.

Dear Editor,

Smoke, my cat, suffers terribly from summer eczema. Please could you give me a cure in the next "Cats and Kittens" magazine. He gets it all down his legs and paws.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Jean Shaw-Mackenzie  
(age ten years).

Dear Miss Shaw-Mackenzie,

I am sorry that your cat suffers so much from skin trouble. You must ask your mother to get for you some sulphurated potash. This has a very bad smell, and she must take an empty cocoa tin to the chemists for it.

Then get her to make a very nice bath for your cat with soft soap, and then place into it the liquid from one piece as big as a walnut of the sulphurated potash which has had some boiling water placed over it. You must be careful not to get any of this into the cat's eyes, and it should have at least three or four baths with an interval of three or four days in between. If this is done it will probably never have this trouble again.

Many skin troubles are caused by vitamin deficiency, and you must ask your mother to buy for you some Kit-zyme

tablets and give it six or eight a day, you will find that it likes having them. Editor.

Coventry.

Dear Editor,

We are regular readers of "Cats and Kittens" and look forward with eagerness to each publication. Especially the articles and letters on our pets' complaints.

You mention in the September issue Dimol A Tablets for looseness of the bowels, but do not give instructions on how much to give as a dose. We have a litter of kittens which are very loose in their motions, and should be very grateful if you would advise me whether it would be safe to give to kittens eight weeks old, and the amount.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) W. Watts.

Dear Mrs. Watts,

Thank you for your letter regarding the dosage of Dimol A tablets for your litter of kittens, which I notice are eight weeks old.

The dosage is a quarter of a tablet before each meal for small kittens, half for large kittens, and a whole tablet for an adult cat. Continue this until a cure is effected. This should not take more than a couple of days at the outside.

Editor.

## Letters and Pictures to the Editor

Halesowen,  
Nr. Birmingham.

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about several of my cats. One or two have died recently, and I have another lovely Ginger looking rather seedy.

I suspect gastro enteritis, and am dosing the sick one with "Enterofagus" Ampoules, as advertised in "Cats and Kittens."

I read in (I believe) your August issue that Elsie Hart had saved one of her cats with this complaint through taking it in time and knowing what to do. Can you tell me, please, the best way to tackle this complaint? Elsie Hart did not say what she did, although she appeared to have effected a cure.

I am very worried, and should welcome your advice on the best procedure to adopt.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) E. R. Stevenson.

P.S.—A friend of mine took her cat to the vet. for penicillin injections, but the cat died.

Dear Mrs. Stevenson,

After reading your letter I cannot agree with you that your cats which have died recently were suffering from

gastro enteritis, particularly as you say you have another ginger cat looking rather seedy.

If the illness from which your cats have suffered was gastro enteritis all of them would have been taken rapidly ill and in almost all cases within twenty-four hours a fatal result. I think it is more than probable that your cats have had "cat flu," which is feline distemper, something rather akin to canine distemper in dogs. There are several kinds of "cat flu"—sometimes the eyes are affected, sometimes the nose, and sometimes the throat, and, on rare occasions, all at once, but these are secondary to the main infection. The best treatment is to keep the patient warm, a hot water bottle in its bed, and so on. To feed the cat, if he refuses to eat, by making up Brands' Extract of Beef, and feeding through a teaspoon into the side of the mouth, forcing the mouth gently open at the side in order to do this. Keeping up the patient's strength is absolutely necessary.

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Editor.

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