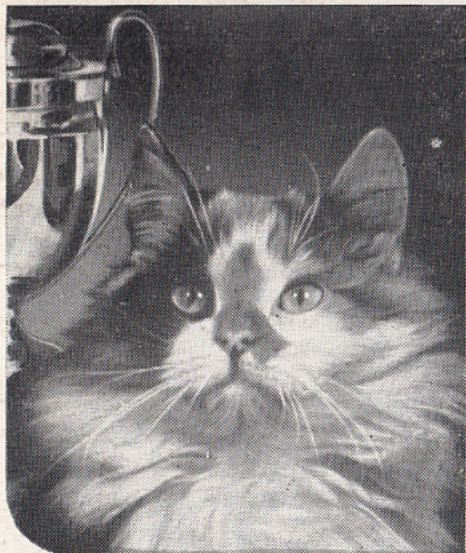


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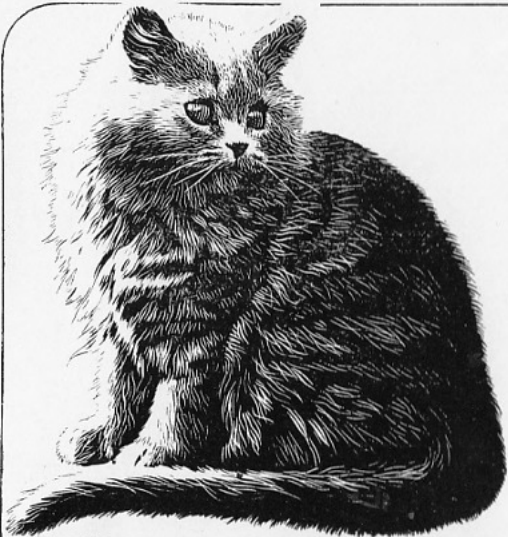
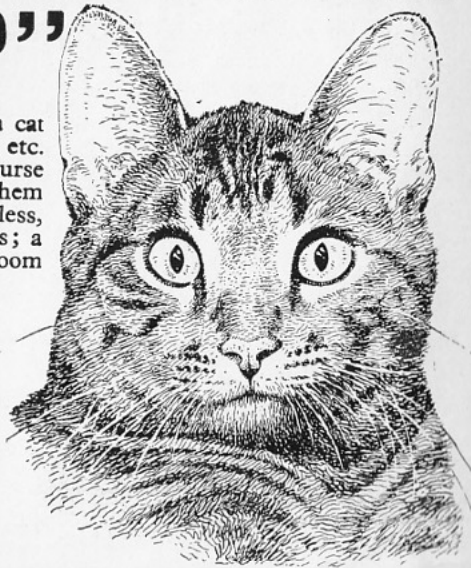
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EDITORIAL

THIS copy of the magazine will reach you during the first few days of 1952, so that it will not be too late to wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous new year, and of course it is the time for making new year resolutions, all of which are good ones, and all of which are strictly observed at the very first, a little less strictly later on and very quickly discarded altogether.

Well what should be our new year resolutions? “Comparisons are odious” said Mrs. Malaprop, or did she say “odorous”? So we will loudly say that we are not going to ask our readers to help us along by making known our magazine to hosts of new readers. This is something not unknown in other parts of the world not so far distant from this Editorial Office, rather would

The Cover Photograph is of ZAIDA DE LABORDE, Prize Winner at the recent Paris Show. Owner Mme. Bogard, France.

we say that our new year resolutions will be to try to please all our public all the time, or if this is impossible, most of them most of the time, and to pander to nobody, to respond to no flattery, nor to expect any, to give praise in whatever quarter where it is due, and to give no quarter where criticism is deserved, to be sure that such criticism that is offered is constructive and for the good of cats and all who keep them.

Those of us who do more than just keep a domestic cat are conscious of many wrongs that could be righted, things that could be bettered in the Cat Fancy, but how many of us are prepared to risk the disfavour of a few by ventilating well considered grievances?

We have been happy to think that the service we offer our readers to give such helpful advice as lies in our power for all problems relating to cats has proved such a success, and readers will have noticed that such questions which we receive and answer, relating to pussy's health, are printed each month, but this does not mean that a reply has to be waited for until the next issue of the magazine appears. In fact, we make it a practice to despatch answers to our readers' queries by return of post wherever possible and it is gratifying to know that our services have been of real value in many cases of illness. Therefore, make it your new year resolution to write to us whenever there is any question in your mind and for which you think we could provide the answer.

CANDID COMMENTS

By SYDNEY W. FRANCE

END OF THE SHOW SEASON.

With the Southern Counties Cat Club Show on Monday, January 28th, which this year is being held at the Lime Grove Hall, Shepherds Bush, London, W.12, this season's shows come to an end, leaving one to reflect on what has gone before. To review the season's successes and failures, to wonder which clubs have held their own financially, which have lost heavily and which happy few have made a profit. The fingers of one hand would be more than enough on which to count the "box office" successes, although we will be given to believe that even the most dismal failure in this respect was surely one of the greatest artistic successes.

Most notable of the all too rare "box office" successes was undoubtedly the clearly outstanding artistic success The Festival Cat Show, held at the splendid Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, London, managed with a noteworthy (and alas! all too few times can this be said) flare for publicity and business acumen.

One is left seriously thinking. Why not fewer shows? More important ones, and if necessary the amalgamation of some

of the specialist clubs shows so that, for example, a joint show could be held say at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall at which The Blue Persian Cat Society's championships could be decided and at the same time and for complete contrast the Siamese Cat Club's annual show and championships. This could provide a complete foil and present the general public with much food for thought, and at the same time cater for a wide range of cat lovers and exhibitors.

For such a show it would be necessary to have a joint committee comprising some business men, and, *this* is important, also members of the committees of the clubs concerned, a proved able show manager should be given the job of putting on such a show.

Such amalgamations of clubs' shows might well be followed by some of the smaller clubs which all have small shows in remote halls which often deplete the club's funds because of their usually poor gates, could again be dealt with in a manner similar to that suggested above and in this way ensure that the widest public and the greatest interest was afforded to the clubs concerned.

There has been much talk lately about there being too many shows. Well, undoubtedly this is a solution, but it must be tackled in such a way that important central positioned halls are engaged, and that no expense is spared in advance publicity and particularly by advertising in the right places. It is not how cheap an advertisement can be obtained that matters, the more important thing is, how suitable is the medium in which the advertisement is to appear, and this, unfortunately, is a point which wants bringing home to more than one show official and about which I might have more to say at a later date.

ONE FINAL WORD.

How long are exhibitors going to tolerate the judging and handling of their exhibits by the few, the very few, chain smoking judges? The cat has to be picked up so as to be judged thoroughly and if it is held in close proximity to a cigarette its discomfort is not hard to imagine. Should there not be a Governing Council rule prohibiting this? I certainly think the answer is an emphatic yes!

SUBJECT FOR ARGUMENT.

Every day questions crop up about the right food for our cats and every day one hears

startling suggestions for pussie's menu. I myself have consistently recommended that with the cat's meal of fish, meat or rabbit, roughage should be provided by the breaking up over the fish or on the plate, of half a Weetabix which is then thoroughly mixed up with the food.

Letters reach me from time to time telling of cats that like small pieces of wholemeal bread, others that have finely chopped carrot, of some cats which have cooked vegetables included with their meals, and there are others which appear to have a great deal of milky foods included in their diet. At a recent show I attended I almost staggered to see a notice on the pen containing a film star's cat, "do not feed," and to see that it had a small dish containing a complete vegetarian diet, including chopped nuts. To my mind there can only be one diet on which all kinds of cats should be fed, and that is one consisting solely of fish, meat or flesh. Milk which has not been boiled I consider harmful to cats and in any case should only be given in very small quantities and not very frequently. The giving of household scraps and the left over bits from the human meals is something that might be looked on with favour by dogs, but it would be another matter as far as cats

are concerned. I know it is amazing how difficult cats are regarding their food, and how in my own home there are those who consider fish a delicacy and those who come running along to the food tin only to stare in amazement at fish, and almost only as plainly as words can say, "Good gracious me! this is fish and you know I only like meat." Rabbit does appear to be a favourite with almost all cats, and particularly with kittens.

Then again there is much argument as to the number of meals a day a cat should have, but I should say that whilst they are young they should have three meals a day, but as soon as they are adult two good meals are better for them, one at about the time coinciding the time of your own breakfast and another at about seven o'clock in the evening.

ON HOUSE-TRAINED CATS— AND OTHERS.

How often does one see advertisements for cats for sale almost invariably containing the phrase "Housetrained." This would make it appear that a good deal of trouble has been gone to by the humans concerned to bring about this desirable state of affairs, but it is a happy fact that instincts, environment, and the mother have most to do with this.

Usually the mother of kits has her own sanitary tray, and it is a good idea to provide her with a much lower one when the kits are two to three weeks old containing peat moss or chippings. The mother uses this and without any sort of lessons it is soon amusing to notice that the kittens do the same. This habit once formed is never lost, and here originates the phrase "Housetrained."

The other side of the picture is provided by the young cat or older kitten which one may buy and which when taken into the house soon proves that it has not been "housetrained." With no preliminary crying at the door or any kind of frantic appeal this cat or kitten will just sit down, wherever would appear most convenient for IT and usually most inconvenient for its owners, and do what nature demands. The carpet? Yes, generally!

Now this kind of cat really does require to be cured, but how difficult it is. You see the sanitary tray contains material in which the cat would simulate digging and this is most important, for the natural idea is to first dig the hole and then use it and then cover over, but if this has never been done from the start the digging idea is abandoned. The only thing I can suggest here is isolating the

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cat for a while in a room sparsely furnished and without floor covering which can be damaged. Provide a sanitary tray and showing the cat how it should be used by placing it in it whenever you suspect that it might be wanting to use it and show your disapproval if it uses any other place than that. I must say that this kind of housetraining can be a despairing job, and not always, of course, a successful one.

THE HOMING INSTINCT IN CATS.

An interesting letter has just reached me from Duke University, North Carolina, U.S.A., on this interesting subject. Mr. J. B. Rhine of the Parapsychology Laboratory there is anxious to be given details of all such cases indicating the capacity of animals to find their way home from unfamiliar territory. We invite our readers to help in this enquiry by bringing to our attention reports of cases of unusual homing or trailing.

THE PHANTOM CAT

By Mrs. E. M. GUTHRO

It was evening. I was standing on the verandah of our small shack in the wilds of Vancouver Island's "West Coast." The stillness of the surrounding forest was broken only by the sounds of nature's "bedtime story"—the flute-like notes of a robin in the top of a hemlock, the persistent drumming of a woodpecker in the dead cedar just across the creek, and, like the muted tones of a hidden symphony, the drowsy twitterings of innumerable small birds.

Suddenly he appeared—quite the largest cat that I had ever seen. Up the little path that led to the clearing in front of the shack he came, with a buoyant, rollicking kind of gait. He was superbly unconcerned with anything but his own affairs, and these seemed to cause him great enjoyment, for he appeared to be laughing good-humouredly at some private joke.

He had short, thick, dingy grey fur, his ears were battle scarred, his legs short and sturdy, and his tail—oh, that tail! It was a short tuffity bob and it twitched humorously, as if it, also, found life amusing. It looked ridiculous on such an immense body, and

yet I felt that it was the only type of tail to complete the ensemble of my unexpected visitor. He lacked the sleek shining appearance of the milk-fed pet, but looked rather as if he had to "work for his living," although the rotundity of his form proved that the living was not merely sufficient but plentiful. Without hesitation he ascended the steps on to the verandah and looked at me with a friendly grin, twitching his absurd tail the while. Joyously he trotted beside me into the house, carefully examined each article of furniture and then rolled on the floor, purring loudly.

I had the strange feeling that he had been there before and was showing me that I was welcome. Refusing food, he retired to the mat, outside the door, lay down and curled his front paws under him as if he had come to stay. I closed the door! Half an hour later my husband entered and I greeted him with, "Did you see the cat?" He looked surprised, and said, "There is no cat here." Alas! it was too true. The verandah was empty. My friendly visitor had vanished as mysteriously as he had

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MEET THE BREEDERS

BLUE NOTES

By DORRIE
BRICE-WEBB

MRS. FRANCE and I travelled to York on the 30th of November to judge the cats at the Yorkshire County's Cat Show, to be held on the 1st of December at the Drill Hall.

Our hotel was situated right opposite to York Minster and we were both sorry we had not time to go in. We did, however, have a stroll after dinner and both expressed our sorrow at not being able to spend more time in this quaint and lovely city. York seems to consist of a series of gates and one which both amused and intrigued us was the name of "Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate." On arriving back at the hotel we asked how this name came about and were told that years ago wheels for carts, etc., were made at this particular spot, and when a wheel was completed it was tested down the hill and they used to whip and whop them, hence the name!

The quality of the Blues was really first class, although with one or two exceptions coats were very shady. This is probably due to the awful weather we are having as fresh dry air is

most essential to blue coats. Mrs. Taylor's My Love of Keston was voted Best Cat, Long Haired or Short in Show. She is really a lovely specimen and excels in type, lovely copper eyes and a pale sound coat. She is by Oxley's Smasher out of Whisp of Keston, and was bred by her owner. My winning male was Mrs. Snowden's Idmiston Afterglow. This cat has always been a keen favourite of mine; he has a wonderful head, neat ears and carries a lovely pale coat. He is by the late Tomothy of Knott Hall out of Priory Playmate. Mr. George Bolton exhibited a very lovely blue male kitten, Townfield Randy by Blue Peter of Kenton out of Ronada Jane (daughter of Thiepval Elf, Oxley's Smasher). Townfield Randy was voted Best Long Haired Kitten. Mr. Bolton will be remembered by many breeders and Townfield appears on many pedigrees. Mr. Bolton considers T. Randy better than T. Monarch, who did so much winning before the war both in England and on the Continent.

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YOUR CATS AND MINE

By LILIAN FRANCE

MRS. DIEDRICH sends an interesting letter from Australia. She says—I am having a lot of trouble with the nerves of my right hand, so cannot write much, and as many kind people have written me from England, would you be so kind as to put a bit in your section wishing them all the best for Christmas and lots of kittens for the New Year. (The Christmas wishes will be too late L.F.). I have not got my Abyssinians yet. It is rather difficult to arrange to get an unrelated pair sent out to me.

The first Spring show was held on November 3rd at St. Ives Agricultural Show. Very good entry. Our Smokes did well again. De Reske Nagy our Smoke queen was Best Smoke as she mostly is. We have a cute litter of Smokes one month old, and I am showing them at the Federal Cat Club tomorrow. A friend of mine has a lovely litter of blues by Adrian of Dunesk. I am having a male for a stud to replace ours which died of tick bite. The bush fires are unbelievably awful here. We went along the road last night and it was Dante's inferno up-to-date. Thousands of miles of hills and

valleys of scrub are alight as far as the eye could see on either side of the road. It is the main highway from N.S.W. to Queensland and huge transports go along all day. The police were at all danger points, holding petrol lorries till it was safe as the flames had roared right across the wide cement road which is 100 feet wide. Red cross stations are set up to feed the firefighters and the homeless folk. It is indeed a sad and dreadful sight—just like a war scene.

This time the Croydon Cat Club held their Silver Jubilee Championship show on the 14th November at the Seymour Hall, London. This is a new venue, and a very good one—Central, modern and with excellent lighting. Soft music played for the enjoyment of visitors, but was selfishly stopped by one or two people who professed not to like it. With Mr. Towe as usual managing the show, it was, of course, an enjoyable event for all. The arrangements for the cats were perfect, and some lovely specimens of all breeds were penned. Full show reports of the winners will have appeared before these notes are in print, so I will not give them here. The National

Cat Club held their show on December 4th at the same hall, with the capable Mrs. V. Parker as show manager. I was very sorry to learn she had been ill. Entries were good, and the show drew a very good gate. I heard also at the show that Miss Helen Hill-Shaw had a fall and sustained a fractured thigh. She is still in hospital, and I am sure has the sympathy of all. Miss Hill-Shaw is, I believe, ninety-two. Mrs. Gunn, who judged at the Croydon Show, has since suffered a terrible blow. Her husband was killed in an accident in London. Everyone will feel the deepest sympathy for her. On Friday, November 30th, I travelled up to York with Mrs. D. Brice-Webb, as we were judging at the Yorkshire County Cat Club's Show on the Saturday. We didn't arrive until it was dark and so only caught intriguing glimpses of this fascinating city. Looking out of my bedroom window at the hotel, I found I was right opposite the Minster. After dinner, we had a walk round, and saw enough to make us promise ourselves a longer visit to explore this interesting old city. The show, under Governing Council rules, was well managed by Mrs. K. Carbert. Entries were good, but unfortunately, a number of Siamese were absent—I hope not through illness. I enjoyed

judging, and there were some very good cats entered. My Best Adult Male was Mrs. Nicholas's S.P. Siamese, Rye-croft Mysterious Mick. Best Adult Female, Mrs. H. Priston's S.P. Rye-croft Eastern Princess. Best Male Kitten S.P. Mr. Dewhirst's Velhirst Vindicator. Best Female kitten S.P., Mrs. Nicholas's Causeway Casandra. Many specials were offered and the judges handed these to the lucky winners. These little gifts bring such pleasure, it is a pity they cannot be handed out at all shows.

Miss K. Wilson brings to the notice of everyone the grave risks incurred by showing cats because of infection which may be spread in spite of every precaution. At one show this season, I myself exhibited three young cats, all of whom had been inoculated with the Lederle Vaccine. They were a Burmese, a Ch. Pt. Siamese, and a S.P., so were all in different sections of the hall. I was very surprised later to learn a number of exhibits had died after the show. My cats had taken no harm at all. This made me determined never to exhibit a cat which has not been inoculated against infectious enteritis. As for the length of time which elapses between shows—there are far too many championship shows in London and not enough elsewhere. The Governing

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Council might interest itself in dividing the country into areas where Championship shows could be held once a year. This would give everyone a chance of attending at least one Ch. Show in his district. The present arrangement is grossly unfair. Except for Birmingham and Nottingham, all the Ch. Shows are held in the South. It is impossible for most people north of Nottingham to travel so far. Manchester, and Edinburgh or Glasgow, should certainly have the status. It would encourage better breeding in the North. How would Londoners like to travel to Scotland before they could

enter a Ch. Show? Enquiries as to when these Clubs will have Ch. status is merely put off with the usual excuse of there being too many Ch. events now. Then cancel two in the South and give one to Manchester and one to Scotland.

I am looking forward to meeting all my friends at Derby on January 11th, at the Notts and Derby Cat Club's Ch. Show to be held at the Royal Drill Hall, Becket Street, Derby. The hall is very central and is easily reached from the station. There is an excellent train service to Derby from most places.

A MONTHLY MISCELLANY

ELSIE KENT'S NEWSLETTER

APOLOGIES for the non-appearance of notes last month. A family bereavement with its attendant worries kept me busy until too late for press. Here's hoping you all had a Happy Christmas, your neuters were surfeited with bits of turkey, your queens were good enough to lay off the love songs and your studs were not bothered with visitors over the festive season. A riotous New Year to everyone with good breeding and showing next season.

I must take up our Editor on his remarks concerning the Siamese Cat Show. Far from being a failure it was just as successful as ever, with exhibits quite up to standard. Certainly the gate was not so good, and I am afraid lack of advertising was largely responsible for this, as no posters were put out this year. The fact that the Crystal show came the following day made no difference at all to our entry as the breeders who wished to exhibit at both shows did so. However, no-one wants two shows within a day or so of each other, and a meeting of the Kit-E-Kat executive and delegates of the Governing Council took place recently

with a view to coming to some arrangement, so perhaps next season will see more co-operation on these matters.

Stories of dual matings come before us from time to time, and the following letter from Miss Gordon-Jones appears to prove it is quite possible:— A black and white cat forced open the door and mated with one of my queens. She was at once mated by my stud Pagan Conqueror, result two blacks and two Siamese. So much for that!

What was the trouble with the show up North? Not being present I wouldn't know, but am I right in assuming we are to have a Society to promote the interests of exhibitors? Why not call it "The Those who don't Win League," as I presume that is the real root of the trouble. Strange how so many exhibitors just can't take it when they are not top of the class every time. As for positively last appearances, I personally would never show a cat once it had achieved its championships, and would be only too thankful to keep it at home, but of what use is a championship won with no competition, and far better is the pleasure of beating the

existing holder of first place. If all champions automatically retired from the show pen, we would soon have a pretty poor lot of cats running around with the Ch. dangling from their necks. And whilst on the subject of new societies, what about one for the Protection of Show Managers and Judges? You can make me President right now.

Scottish hospitality was wonderful when I visited Glasgow to judge at the Scottish Cat Club Show. It gave me great pleasure to meet Scottish breeders I knew only by name. Chief memory was Joan Thompson behaving remarkably like a Siamese at Mrs. McPhail's tea-party with homemade chocolate cake the object of her attention!

Impression of the Seymour Hall, venue of the National Cat Club show, was an excellent one. Lighting was fine with plenty of room to move, but oh! isn't it time some of the big clubs did something about the number of classes. I was still trying to judge whilst Best in Show was dreadingly carrying on, which was quite absurd. Either cut the classes or put on more judges. By about half past five one is quite sick of the sight of a judging book, which is most unfair to the exhibitor. I am sure the rest of the judges felt the same.

Some lovely Siamese put in an appearance. Firstly Ch. Inwood Shadow, looking quite wonderful, collected another certificate. She really is as near perfect a Siamese ever bred and a joy to look at. But I fear this world's Siamese wonder, for all her beauty and grace, will be just another queen to my Petit-Gitto when she comes to stud!

Mrs. Burgess scored with her Bynes Romeo. He goes up on his perfect head, easily accounted for by a look into his pedigree. Hard luck for Chinki Ranya to come up against him. Ranya was looking fine and should go to the top if he retains his present condition. At last Sabukia Sinbad comes into his own, winning best shorthair kitten in show. All the season he has been out of condition with a white muzzle and brindled points. Now they have at last darkened and he is really lovely. Congratulations to Helen Dadd.

Judging Russian Blues, I was confronted by the finest specimen of this unique breed for years. She had the only true green eye I have seen since before the war, and was really lovely type, in fact, what one hopes a Russian Blue looks like. But, and a very big "but," how was she bred and out of "what"? I do not know how this remarkable

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KEEP CATS KITTENISH

result was achieved, but would not mind betting Siamese is somewhere at the back of her. If so, perhaps this is the short cut to getting type into the so-called Russian. Opinions differ of course on this subject. I do not agree with what I call "mucking a breed about" and would prefer to stick to the old-fashioned methods to produce one's winner. On the other hand, my marvellously efficient steward, Mrs. Price, told me she thought it would be over long to stick to those ways and approved out-crossing into other breeds to get what one wanted.

This brings me to a letter I recently received from overseas, where through reading newspaper reports printed for the purpose of giving publicity to shows, erroneous ideas get around regarding what we are trying to breed in this country. I am referring to the Red-Pointed kittens known as Red-pointed Siamese. Blue-Points and Chocolate-Points are not a manufactured variety, they turned up in certain litters ever since Siamese have been bred in this country and Siam as well for that matter, and were known as "sports." We took no notice of them for years until a number of breeders decided to become interested in them, the result being two established varieties, Nos. 24a and 24b. The Red Points,

however, have been bred from Siamese and another kind of cat altogether, and are therefore quite different. Maybe in time more will be bred and application made to the Governing Council to establish them as a new variety, but until then they cannot be called Siamese any more than I can. For goodness' sake, do not think I am trying to kick the idea down the drain. Good luck to their inventor, but it is not quite fair to breeders in other lands who might take publicity for gospel. The long-haired effort in the same direction goes by the title of "Seal-Pointed Longhair" and not "Longhaired Siamese" for which we must be thankful!

Sorry Mr. Warner, I am not looking for a job as publicity agent. Strange what the Cat Fancy can do to the nicest people, but I would advise sticking to the usual method for focussing limelight on the Spotlight instead of an attack on Elsie Kent.

THE PHANTOM CAT—

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appeared. This happened months ago and I have never seen him since.

Did I really see him or was it the ghost of some cat that had lived here in times past?

Had he come back from the Happy Hunting Ground to visit his old haunts? Many evenings I have stood on the verandah and looked toward

the little path, hoping to see him trotting along with his friendly grin and abbreviated tail. Perhaps some night he will call again. Who knows?

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Creatures Great and Small"—Martin Secker and Warburg Ltd., 12/6 translated from the French of Colette by Enid McLeod, a difficult book to review. Your reviewer has never liked anything appertaining to animals written in the first person as by the animal itself, and the whole of this book is of that nature, and yet some of the stories are tremendously touching and anyone with a love for animals, particularly cats, is almost bound to be enchanted by such stories as "The Little Black Cat" and "Domino." For readers of all ages, and for cat lovers of all ages, this book would make a welcome addition to the bookshelf.

"Cats," by Ylla—The Harvill Press, 21/-. Your reviewer has quoted before the Chinese saying, "One picture is worth twenty thousand words," and Ylla's book contains more than 120 photographs of cats. Its value can thus be gauged as being as great as some of our smaller encyclopaedias. Truly the finest cat photographs that have ever been taken appear on the pages of this book and there could not be a child who would not be delighted to own and treasure such a book, and as there are children of all ages it is a book which I can unhesitatingly recommend to all those who have not yet become too old to enjoy the good things of life.

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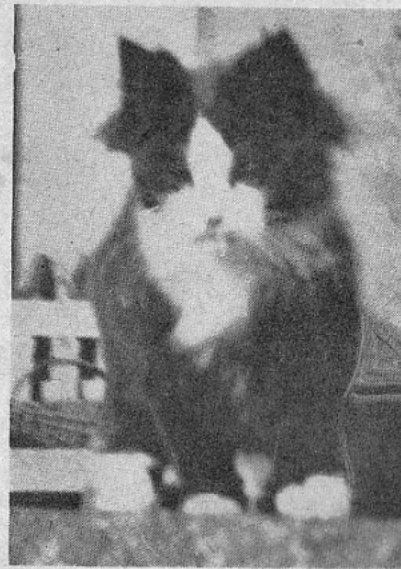
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Silver

Ross-shire,

Scotland.

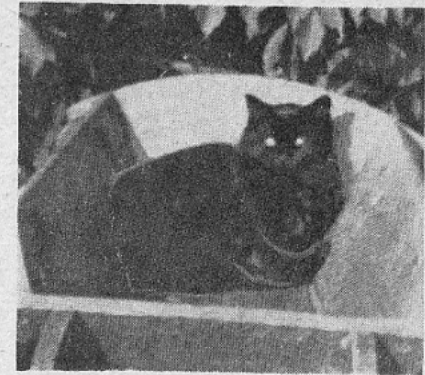
Dear Editor,

I am sending you a photo of Silver. He changed colour three times. First he was black and white, second he was silver grey, third he was grey black. He had an extremely fluffy tail and it was silver. Sadly he disappeared in August. We have twelve cats and are all well fed.

I also enclose a photo of Frill, the kitten who was sick, but is better now.

Yours sincerely,

Eve Shaw-Mackenzie.



Frill

Guildford,
Surrey.

Dear Editor,

With reference to Mr. Warner's letter in the December issue of "Cats & Kittens," in which he says I told him a male at stud could have three queens a week, I most emphatically deny this allegation. My remark was a young male commencing stud work should only be allowed a few queens during his first season, and if this was done he could then in later years take three queens a week during the season, such being a short period when at other times he would be resting. This is the advice I always give to potential stud owners so it is hardly likely I should make an exception in this case.

This is an entirely different statement to the one quoted, and I shall be grateful if you will give this letter prominence

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in your next issue in order to correct the wrong impression created by Mr. Warner.

I never mind taking the rap for things I *do* say, but I am certainly not going to for things I don't.

Yours sincerely,
Elsie Kent.

Bristol.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a snapshot of Lucky for the Magazine.



Lucky

He is 8 years old, very playful, and has a habit of "showing off" when we have company.

He was very ill a while back, but thanks to our Vet he is back to good health again.

My best wishes to "Cats and Kittens Magazine."

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs.) B. Berry.

Southbourne,
Bournemouth.

Dear Editor,

Nearly two years ago I wrote to you asking if you knew of anyone who had a cat to give away—a Siamese cat—as my pocket money did not then run to much. I also enclosed a sketch of a Siamese kitten. You wrote such a nice, encouraging letter to me, and also sent me a postal order for the sketch. I was so thrilled and went about my efforts to find a Siamese cat with renewed hope.

Well, a few months after I was successful, and I now have a beautiful Siamese prince called Kimball O'Hara, W.O.G. He is a real companion and I could not do without him. I am enclosing his photo, and wonder if it is good enough to publish in your magazine. I

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Kimball O'Hara, W.O.G.

am sure Kimball would be most proud and honoured—as I was, to be in your paper.

Yours sincerely,
Shirley Bennett.

P.S.—W. O. G. stands for Wonderful Oriental Gentleman!

11, Livingstone Road,
Portswood, Southampton.
Dear Editor,

I wonder if you could help me with a problem I am loathe to face. In the next month or so I am sailing for Australia and I cannot take my beloved cats with me.

I am most anxious to find homes for a 7-year-old, long haired cat, mostly white with tortoiseshell tail and black spot on back. A son (neutered), 15 months old, black and white long haired. A daughter, 8

months old, short haired, black and white and most affectionate.

Enclosed is a snap of the cats, the one on the right is very old and I intend to have her put to sleep.

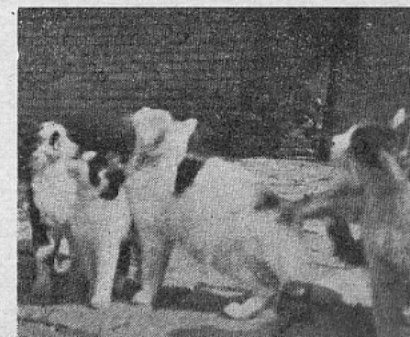
You may put this photo in your magazine if you wish.

The reason I write to you is that I know every one who reads your magazine is a cat lover, and also I have not lived in Southampton very long and therefore know so very few people here.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) R. Robson.

Bodega Bay, California, U.S.A.
Dear Editor,

I am sending you a picture of my white champion in the arms of his first judge; he only wants one point to be double Ch. and only three toward his third Ch. which we hope with luck to earn this year.



Mrs. Robson's happy family

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Champion Dixiland, "Baron" of Shanna Groith

His background is from imported stock, of course, and that is where he gets his beauty from.

One magazine said, a lovely lady and a lovely cat.

I hope that I am not asking too much of you. You remember that you printed my double Ch. Prince Kismet for us and he was greatly admired both from English friends as well as Americans.

With every good thought for the best of luck in these troublesome times.

Sincerely,

Colleen Asbyn.



Baylorne Eros

Shrewsbury.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing two snaps of my pet—Baylorne Eros—a Blue Persian, aged 15 months. It would be nice to see one of them in your magazine.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) N. Meredith.

Isle of Man.

Dear Editor,

Here is another little fellow I am sure would amuse your other readers. His name was Rufus, he was Manx, very small, and yellow and white. He was lost so one of our sons picked him up and brought him home in his jacket on his motor-bike.

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He soon made himself at home, in fact he was full of character, and was quite devoted to his rescuer; if called by him he would *tear* upstairs at once. He was also very fond of chocolate, but only the milk variety; it was worth watching him try to open a box.

You will notice I refer to him in the past, sad to say he was killed on the road before he was full grown. I have other photographs of him the right side up.

Trusting you will send me the snap back.

Yours faithfully,

Constance Flower.

London, S.W.18.

Dear Editor,

Having read your editorial in this month's issue of "Cats and Kittens," I felt I must write and tell you how much I have

enjoyed reading your previous publications. I should first introduce myself as a new reader of your book, which I started taking last August. I have always liked cats, but have never been unduly interested in them *until* I became the owner of a lovely little Siamese kitten—and who could own one of these adorable creatures without falling completely under their spell? I feel I must read any and every article I can that might be of some help in the care of my little pet. And may I say that I have found several interesting and helpful answers to problems in your replies to other readers' letters. I do enjoy reading these, also looking at photos of other people's pets, and hope this will continue in future issues. May I also congratulate you on some of the really lovely photos which appear on the covers of these books. I am sorry I cannot be helpful with regard to any new suggestions for future issues,



Rufus



Miss Ming

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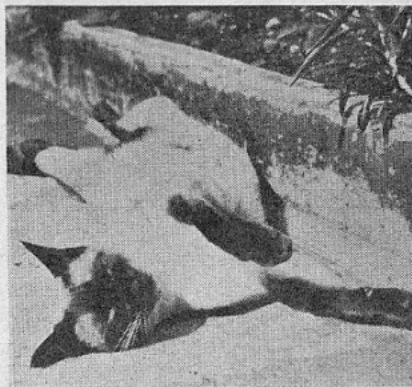
but as I have explained I am a "newcomer" to the Cat World, and am rapidly becoming interested in all its activities. So I wish you all success and a greatly increased publication in the months that lie ahead.

I am taking the liberty of sending a snapshot of my little "Miss Ming"—just one more to add to the many hundreds you must receive daily. But I am very proud of her, of her intelligence and her lovely little ways—she greets me at the door every night when I return home from business with a little cry of welcome. She has a lovely pale cream coat with very dark points. Her eyes, unfortunately, are not that lovely sapphire blue, but are rather sky blue in colour. Sometimes they appear darker.

She has a wonderful pedigree, going back for some years, with many names, I have found out since, that were outstanding in the Siamese world. I should like to have your opinion of her—and, perhaps this is asking too much! you might find some small corner in one of your future issues to insert this snap of my dear little pet. For she is the cause of my rushing to the bookstall every month to get my copy of "Cats and Kittens"!

I noticed the mention by one of your readers of your book on the care of Siamese Cats. Could you tell me where I might procure a copy?

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) Beatrice M. Moyse.



Charles Chinki

Leytonstone, E.11.

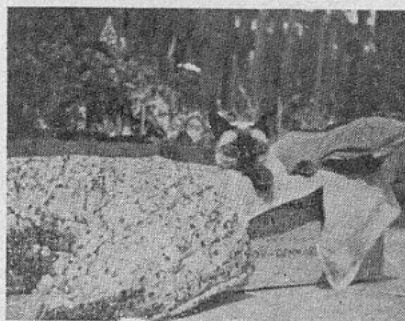
Dear Editor,

I hope these two snapshots of my Siamese Charles Chinki are good enough for your magazine. He is an adorable pussy, though sometimes very naughty. He loves his bed, including his pillow and eider-down.

May I say how much I enjoy "Cats and Kittens," also your third edition of Siamese Cats which I have just obtained.

Yours sincerely,
Edith I. Baker.

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Charles Chinki

Churt, Surrey.

Dear Editor,

I felt I would like to thank you for your prompt attention in sending me, through my sister's order, the magazine, and to say how much I have enjoyed reading it now for several years, and I was wondering whether you would like to show a print of Mrs. Green's white cat, Butch. It was 5 months old when the enclosed was taken, and is a very rare pet, and listens at the door every night for her return from business. I know she would be pleased.

F. Richards.

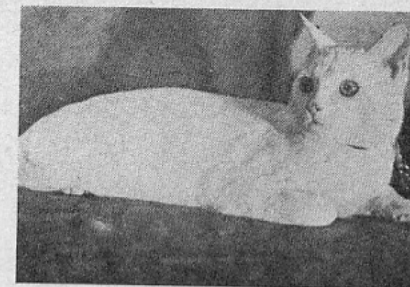


Taio

Gildersome, Leeds.

Dear Editor,

You may remember I wrote you some time ago regarding my Siamese Neuter, who, unfortunately, has catarrh of the stomach. You replied, giving me a course of treatment—Dimol A Tablets, Multivite Tablets, etc., all of which we have been giving him regularly,

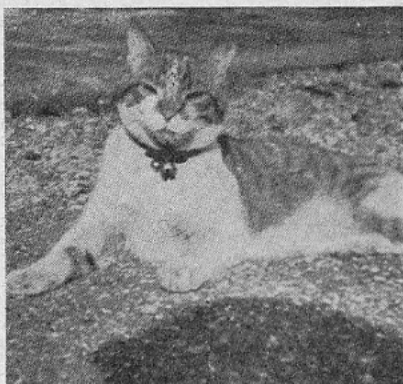


Butch

along with a sprinkling of charcoal over all his food, yet I feel that the catarrh persists.

I am sending you a few snaps—not too good, I am afraid, but you will see that Taio (Etoilebleu Prince Taio being his best name) is a lovely boy, although he has needed great care and constant attention to his diet, for as a kitten of three months he was very much undersized and generally backward, due, perhaps, to this catarrhal condition, but now as you see he is fit and well, but as I said before my husband and I feel that the symptoms are still evident.

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Tim

Taio is delightful to know, he loves everyone, the bigger the company, the better he likes it, especially if there is plenty of admiration to be had.

Our other blessing is a neutered marmalade boy, not a pedigree, but a great pet. The two have grown up together and will be a year old in January, but Tim is very different in nature; he does not like anyone to come near the house and will hide for hours until visitors have gone. A strange feature is his constant fear, he is startled and will panic away from the least noise. He is simply nuts about water; drops and trickles just fascinate him.

The two cats are very great friends and I am sure as we humans watch their delightful habits and little ways, we could learn many a lesson from them.

We have never known them once to disagree in the slightest.

Perhaps one of these snaps will be good enough for your delightful magazine and may we say once again how much we appreciate the articles and readers' letters every month. Trusting you will return the snaps when you have finished with them, postage enclosed.

Yours most sincerely,
(Mrs.) L. Backhouse.

Leamington Spa.

Dear Editor,

I enclose a snap of my blue Persian male, Donovan McMichael, pet name, "Micky," asking for his dinner. He is a grandson of Neuburie



Micky

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Figaro

Bambi, and I bred him myself. It was our first attempt at Persian breeding, and he was one of seven, which I think very good.

Hoping to see him soon in "Cats and Kittens."

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) E. C. Reader.

Forest Gate, E.7.

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a snap of my cat Figaro, who, unfortunately, got run over recently. He was frightfully intelligent, and I had him three and a half years.

I always read "Cats and Kittens," and I wish the magazine every success.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Hilda Vickey.

Timperley,
Cheshire.

Dear Editor,

We will give our little black and white cat Timette the attention for canker of the ear which you kindly advised!

Timette is 3 years old. She is a real Cheshire cat with a distinct grin. She loves to sit in the bath when it is empty and play with my husband and myself a sort of game of cricket which we three only understand.

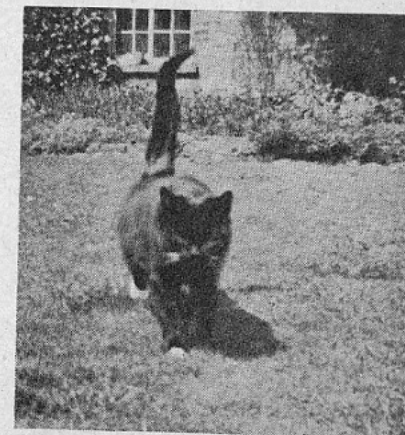
Hoping that you will find it possible to print the enclosed photograph of her in your excellent magazine.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) G. Hellyer.

Milan, Italy

Dear Editor,

I have been a subscriber to your delightful magazine for



Timette

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two years and I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the grand job you are doing. A cat lover is subject to no end of frustrations in my country, and there is very little one can do about the general conditions, aside from loving and cherishing one's own pets. I do so wish I were in England now. I remember only too well the wonderful medical facilities you have, so that it is no problem attending to your animals when they are sick.

I have a problem of my own to submit to your kind attention. Four years ago I picked up in the street a stray kitten (a female). She was not much to look at at the time, but we managed to make her grow to be a lovely cat, really perfect. She is only a tabby, but her eyes, coat, ears and body are faultless. Since we live in a small flat in the city, with no garden or other places where my cat can be safely let out, we thought it best *not* to have her mated. If she had kittens, moreover, we would not know what to do with them. It is very difficult to find a good home for a cat, since there are so many around. My cat, when in season, calls and behaves a little differently from her usual way, but she does it, as it were, half-heartedly and in under-

tones. She never loses her appetite and sleeps all night, so that we thought it might be all right, after all, to leave her unmated. But now she has developed a strange sort of ailment: a yellowish discharge, streaked with blood (nothing to do with her motions), although her general condition is as good as ever. Somebody told me that she may have a tumor or something of the kind, as a consequence of her never having mated. I am greatly distressed and do not know what to do. May I have your advice in this matter, either privately, or in your magazine?

We all love our cat dearly, but here we cannot get the medical help that would be so easily obtainable in London or anywhere in England.

Thanks a lot in anticipation.

Yours cordially,

(Miss) Luciana Talacci.

Dear Signora Talacci,

Please do excuse the delay in replying to your very welcome letter. I have thought very carefully about your female tabby, and can only think that it would be well to try to find a veterinary surgeon who could neuter her. This operation is very often done in this country and is called "Spaying." The

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cat rapidly recovers and is just as affectionate as before, but, of course, never "calls" again,

For the discharge you mention, I wonder if you can get M. & B. Sulfa tablets as she should have one of these to start with and then a half three times a day at four hour intervals and this course for three days. If you cannot obtain them in Italy I would send you some over from this country.

Editor.

Milan, Italy.

Dear Editor,

I thank you very much indeed for your kind and helpful advice.

Unfortunately, it is very difficult—if not utterly impossible—to find a veterinary surgeon here who can be trusted to perform the operation you describe on small animals like cats. You surely understand why I do not wish to expose my pet to the risks of spaying without sufficient guarantee.

You would oblige me very much indeed if you could send me the M. & B. Sulfa tablets mentioned by you, advising me at the same time of their price.

Thanks a lot again and best personal regards from

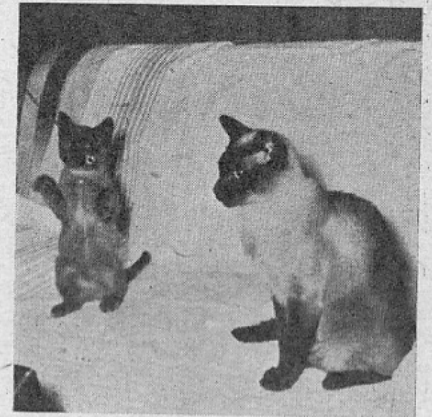
Luciana Talacci.

Dear Signora Talacci,

Thank you for your postcard. I am obtaining some M. & B. tablets and sending them by separate post to you to-day, and will enclose with them instructions for their use.

I do hope they will make your cat better.

Editor.



Mrs. Pamela Hay's Siamese Neuter, and Burmese Kitten

Harston, Cambs.

Dear Editor,

I have taken your magazine now for 2 years, and shall continue to do so, as it affords me many hours of interesting reading, and helps me quite a bit when my cats and kittens have little ailments. Living in the country as I do, it is not easy to take them into the town to the vet., and usually there are so

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many noisy dogs there, it is quite distressing to them.

However, I have perused through all my books and cannot find a similar trouble. My kitten is 3 months old and about 3 weeks ago he began to go thin, and his inner eyelids (the transparent ones) have spread inwards, giving him a "crossed" look. I tried condition powders, but with no result. This is no discharge and he eats well, but is not quite as bright as he was. I have not seen any worms. My husband says it is due to ill-health when the lids come up like this. I would so like your advice and if you can suggest a remedy.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) I. Stocker.

P.S.—I feed him on liver, meat and fish and Kit-E-Kat.

Dear Mrs. Stocker,

As you know cats have a third eye-lid. The usual upper and lower like we have and an inner one, and when the inner one comes up it is a condition described as "having the haw up."

You would do well to worm him, using either Sherley's or Bob Martin's (Tibs) worm preparations, and afterwards give him a course of vitamin treatment. For this you could

use half a dozen Kit-zyme tablets a day, when you would soon find him getting back into condition and the trouble you mention disappearing. Also cut out the liver from his diet and give him a little wholemeal bread broken up with his food and gravy, or Weetabix broken up with it.

Editor.

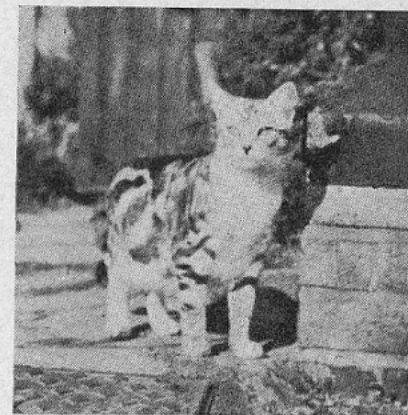
Mitcham, Surrey.

Dear Editor,

Re Elsie Hart's News Letter in your November issue. Her reference to Clonlost Yo Yo in which she "wonders he can stand up" should never have been made by a person of her high standing in the cat world. Not only was her statement one which it was unkind to make, but in addition, it was a statement which was both factually and scientifically unfounded.

Clonlost Yo Yo was chosen "Best in Show" as recently as at the Crystal Cat Show by a board of competent judges from among a fairly large class of well-known studs. Furthermore, it is well known to biologists and other animal experts that a grown male in the animal kingdom never exceeds his natural reproductive capacity, unlike his human counterpart.

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Twiddles and Kittywhiskers

Pets of Mrs. J. Lambert of Brookland, nr. Ashford, Kent

In conclusion, I desire to say that neither Mrs. Hart nor Mr. Warner are personally known to me and that my remarks are purely inspired by remarks in a magazine which up to now I have considered to be well edited and non partisan.

I hope that you will have the courage to print this letter and restore that high opinion, in myself and in the minds of many of your other readers.

Yours faithfully, I. Raleigh.

Ross-shire, Scotland.

Dear Editor,

It was very kind of you to send me a cure for Smoke. The bath I gave him on Saturday has worked very well, in four days. I will give him another one. He is very fond of his Kit-zyme tablets.

Thank you very much for sending back his photo.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Shaw-Mackenzie.

London, S.W.5.

Dear Editor,

As a subscriber to your magazine I would be most grateful for advice regarding my ginger male (neutered) cat aged four years, who is suffering from gravel. He is having tablets to clear up this condition prescribed by his doctor. Can you suggest anything I can give him to prevent this recurring? preferably in capsule form, as his sense of smell is acute and he is easily put off his food. He is also prone to light attacks of eczema in the spring and autumn. He will not take Kit-zyme.

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I try to vary his diet as much as possible, giving him meat, fish and rabbit mixed with green vegetables at alternate meals. He drinks a lot of water, but very little milk. He hates anything fatty or oily and won't even have gravy on his food.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs.) E. M. Sharpe.

Dear Mrs. Sharpe,

I notice from your letter the diet which you have been giving your cat. Cats are definitely not omnivorous and are completely carnivorous.

Meat, fish and rabbit are very good foods, but at a risk of getting a good deal of disagreement, I think that green vegetables are completely unsuitable. I note that you also say that he hates anything fatty and oily, and won't even have gravy on his food. That is because cats have a natural aversion to anything greasy. As an example of this you will have noticed that whilst the cat will eat white fish, that is to say, anything in which the natural oils are contained in the liver, he will have nothing to do with fish like salmon and herrings in which natural oils are in the body and flesh of the fish.

I should certainly cut out the green vegetables and anything oily or greasy, and if necessary

to add a little bulk to the meat and to give roughage, I should break up part of a Weetabix into his food and thoroughly mix it on it, but only a very small part, say a quarter of a Weetabix to each meal. I am surprised that your cat does not like Kit-zyme tablets, most cats are very keen about them, and any poor coat condition is usually very much benefited by a course of these tablets. I suggest that you try Bob Martin's or Sherley's condition powders.

As to the gravel trouble, I think you will find that the tablets which your veterinary surgeon has prescribed are a type which will alleviate the trouble, but I don't think it is possible by medicines alone to prevent this recurring.

Editor.

Coventry.

Dear Editor,

As a keen and regular reader of your delightful publication, may I venture to ask for your valuable advice with regard to chronic diarrhoea that is affecting my cats, two lovely Blue Persians, of excellent pedigree. One is an adult male (neutered), age 1 year 5 months. Has previously suffered from simple gastritis. The other, a female kitten, and due for spaying when better, age 4½ months. It

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is now seven weeks since they went down with the illness, and I am despairing of them ever getting better. I have had the Vet., and he has diagnosed their trouble as Coli-Enteritis. Despite continued treatment (almost daily visits from the Vet.), it is very evident that the trouble still persists. They show no signs of getting better. Truth is, I cannot afford visits from the Vet. indefinitely, and would now seek your help. Do you know of a cure for Coli-Enteritis? Can you supply details of any treatment which readers with experience of Coli-Enteritis have found effective? This is my first experience of an intestinal disorder disinfection in cats, and I should be very grateful if you could advise me what to do for my cats. How long does the condition last?

We have had the kitten since only 11 weeks of age, and she almost straightaway developed the trouble, the adult cat falling victim to the same trouble within a few days of the kitten's arrival. As to cause of trouble, I can only suggest the kitten contracted a chill on first bringing her here. Possibly it may be a result of an "air-borne" germ, alternatively, result of wrong feeding or overfeeding. I cannot say with any certainty, though

definitely the intestines are the seat of the trouble. They both have considerable inflammation of the anus, and are of general unhappy appearance. The adult is especially wretched and would appear to be subject to considerable pain from time to time, as evidenced by his crying out. Both their stomachs are very soft and swollen. Treatment to date has embraced liquid medicinal paraffin, castor oil, Collis-Browne's chlorodyne, etc. Latest treatment, just commenced, is the administration of Enterofagos Polyvalent Bacteriophage.

I have started this treatment independent of the Vet., and whose treatment to date has comprised temperature taking, tablets which I understand to be akin to Dimol A tablets, injections in back leg, and more recently their necks—a vaccine? As yet I have not given my cats Dimol A tablets, having no knowledge of correct dosage, and having only just acquired them, after learning of them from a friend.

Please tell me how I can check their diarrhoea, which is proving so obstinate. What should their diet consist of? What foods should be avoided? Should meat be avoided? What is the best food to give cats for diarrhoea? What general treatment do you recommend

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for their trouble? What medicine is best suited for their complaint?

I have heard of Volvitac—a tonic germicide for cats. Do you recommend this? Regarding administration of brandy to a sick cat, what dosage—how many drops—do you advise? This for future reference . . .

Trusting that you will be able to help me in my present trouble, I am, with sincerest thanks in anticipation,

Yours truly,

A. J. Millner.

Dear Mrs. Millner,

Thank you for your letter regarding your Blue Persians. Speaking from experience, to cure the digestion trouble of these cats you want to give them a three-day course of Dimol A tablets. Half a tablet to the four and a half month old kitten before each meal and a whole tablet before each meal to the neutered male. You will find rapid improvement after the first day and if this improvement continues for the second day it might not be necessary to give the third day treatment.

Cut out all milky foods and give boiled rabbit from which the bones, etc., have been removed, boiled and roasted meat and lightly boiled fish. For each meal break up over the food half a Weetabix and

thoroughly mix with the fingers, this gives roughage. Do not give the cats milk to drink, most cats get along very well with water. When you get the cats fit again, give the kitten a half and the adult cat a whole Bob Martin worm powder each morning for three days.

I should only give brandy to a sick cat when it was extremely ill, and that would be administered to the side of the mouth from a spoon, having first mixed a teaspoonful of brandy to two teaspoonfuls of water. As much as it would take from two teaspoonfuls in the side of the mouth would be ample, but the cat would have to be suffering from a grave illness to need brandy.

If you have a cat going off food do not wait long before feeding it as a cat soon goes back in condition and gets that it has no interest or desire for food. If a cat has not had food for twenty-four hours, I suggest that it is time to secure some Brand's Extract of Beef and mix one teaspoonful to two and a half teaspoonfuls of cold water and again feed at the side of the mouth firmly holding the cat at the back of the neck to so do and repeat this several times a day.

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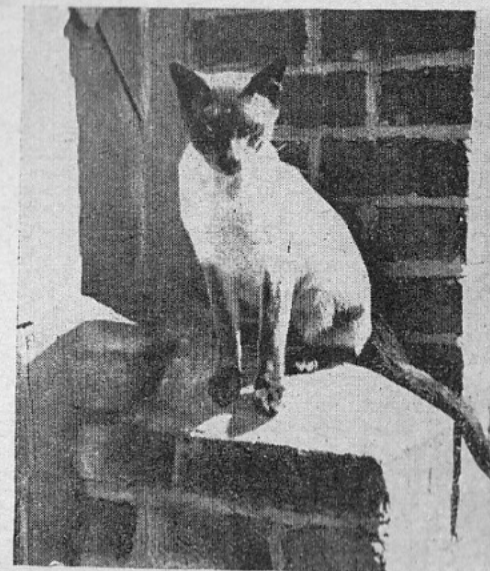
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