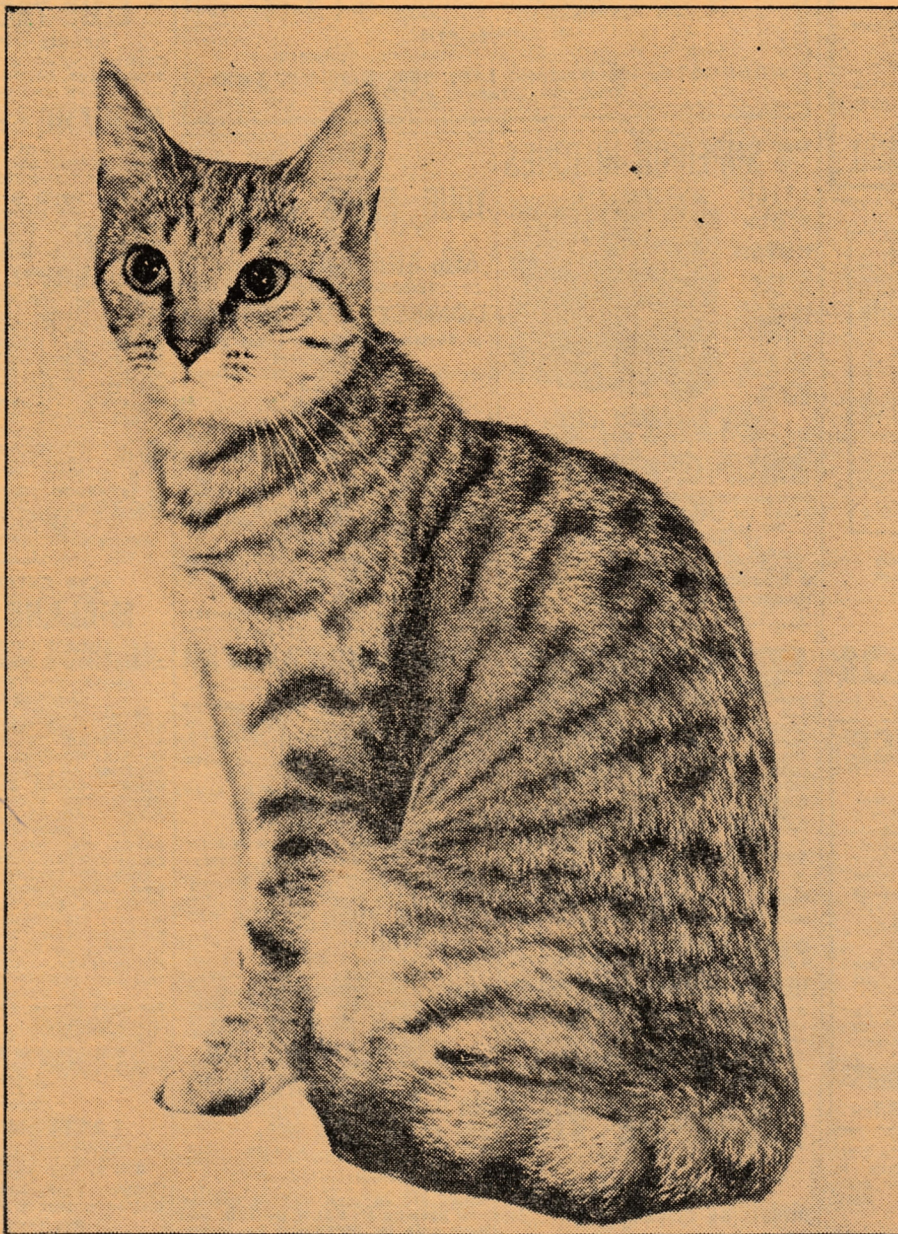


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Joint two-star show in Wales

MR D CADDICK wishes to state that when he referred at the recent BRC National Council meeting to the rank and file of the Welsh Fancy being for one-star shows he did not wish to imply that there was no interest in other grades of show in Wales. Indeed he is very pleased to announce that the Godreaman and Pontypridd clubs are combining their resources to run a joint two-star show. It is an all-out effort to keep the Fancy to the fore and to do something to combat the closure of some railways. There will be 37 classes and half crown specials in each breed class, plus cups, rosettes, juvenile specials and many other attractions.

Mr Caddick's own local club at Blaenavon has decided to run some mid-week shows for juvenile members at which the classes will be judged by a competent young fancier. Requests for this have come from juveniles themselves, but adult members of the club are backing them all the way.

CLOSING DATES

Closing date for the receiving of Midland Area Netherland Dwarf Club nominations will be Oct 31, not as stated in last week's issue.

Nominations for the Northern Counties Tan Club should be sent to the secretary by Nov 20, not as stated.

HUDDERSFIELD'S MEETING

A meeting will be held at the Lockwood Mechanics Institute, Meltham Road, Huddersfield on Nov 1 at 7.30 pm to decide whether to re-form the Huddersfield Fanciers' Society. Any rabbit or cavy fancier is invited to attend. Mr K Blagborough, 84 Birchington Avenue, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield is organising the meeting.

APPRECIATION

Sandbach Original FS thanks all fanciers who gave support at its show on Oct 16. The society's two-star ASS will be held on Nov 13.

STOCKTON'S MEETING

A meeting to decide the future of Stockton Rabbit Club will be held next Saturday, October 30, in the Red Cross Hut, Buchanan Street. All fanciers in the district are invited to attend.

NOMINATIONS REQUIRED

The National Chinchilla Rabbit Club requires nominations for four vice-presidents and secretary-treasurer by Nov 5. The club also requires venues for its 1966 young stock show in the midlands and its 1966 adult stock show in the south. Terms and railway facilities should be sent to J Sanderson, 182 Overton Road, Leicester, as soon as possible.

News from the chinchilla clubs

Mediums account for half the entries at joint baby show

THE Wolverhampton Club and Walsall branch held a joint baby derby for animals of four to seven months at the Courthouse Hotel, Dudley, on October 10. The show was judged by Mr R Boak, with Mr J Payne as judge under instruction.

There was a total of 91 animals entered by 17 breeders, and from this it is clear that breeders are still very interested in showing animals. It was also pleasing to note that the quality was improving. After the show was over the judge commented that the medium animals were of exceptionally good quality, and if this was repeated this year in the regional and national shows the judges were going to have a very hard time. More than half of the animals entered were shown in the medium class.

MALES

Light: 1 Harrison; hc Seymour Hall, Knight. **Medium:** 1, 3 hc Lockett; 2, hc (3) Riga Chinchillas; hc Bradley. **Medium light:** 1 Riga Chinchillas; 2 Harrison; 3, hc Deighton. **Medium dark:** 1 Duggins; 2 Bradley; 3, hc Goodyear; hc Whitehouse. **Dark:** 1 Whitmore; 2 Holden; 3 Harrison; hc Goodyear.

FEMALES

Light: 1 Bradley; 2 Payne; 3 Harrison. **Medium:** 1 Goodyear; 2, hc Seymour Hall; 3 Duggins; hc Bradley, Lockett. **Medium light:** 1 Harrison; 2 Bradley; 3 Deighton. **Medium dark:** 1 Goodyear; 2 Seymour Hall; 3 Duggins.—O B MAGITIS (PRO)

WALSALL

ON October 7 Walsall branch held its monthly meeting at the Dilke Arms, Aldridge. Mr and Mrs Sid Scott, who have recently spent three weeks visiting relatives in Canada, gave an interesting report on their visit, which included a stop-over in New York and a tour of the Empress fur warehouse. We were shown many colour slides taken there and the Scott's helpful comments added much to them.

The evening ended in a general discussion between members, mostly in connection with the baby derby which was to be held on the following Sunday, and which most of the members were attending and showing animals.

Mr Whitmore, another of our more active members, was appointed chairman and asked to form a committee to organise the closed regional show to be held at Lichfield on November 20.—O B MAGITIS (PRO)

LONDON CHINCHILLA BREEDERS' CLUB

THE September meeting of the London Chinchilla Breeders' Club was held on the first Thursday of the month at the Community Centre, 28 St Georges Road, Wimbledon, at 7.30 pm.

AREA 3 SHOW

(Continued from previous page)

male: Same owner (3DG 65/39). **Best baby female:** Mainwaring (MM 65/65); reserve best baby female: Varnam (NV 65/11). **Reserve best adult male:** Dixon (DN 65/1). **Best pelt:** Daish; reserve, Elizabethan Chinchillas. **Best mutation:** McCone (EJM 65/6); reserve, Mainwaring (MM 65/55). **Breeders award:** Daish 49 points; Mainwaring 28; Wells 18.

The meeting was informed of the progress made by the British United Chinchilla Clubs at their last meeting at Lambourne on September 19, and many of the matters raised were given further discussion.

The business of the evening then continued with the showing of two films, hired from CPMA, entitled The Value of Shape and Fur Assessment. It was agreed that the films were very instructive and all present could learn from them.

Members were also given particulars of the new pelt marketing scheme to be run by the club which will begin next month. This scheme will follow closely that now run by the Bristol Club and should be as successful.

The next meeting will be the club show for females on November 4. All visitors will be welcome.—D SEAL (PRO)

CARDIFF

THE Cardiff Chinchilla Club held its baby derby on October 13 at the Three Horse Shoes Hotel, Gabalfa. This was a particularly good evening with 52 entries which were judged by Messrs A Powell, J Turberville and L Chirnside.

The animals were of a high standard and were an indication of the good work of the club and the satisfactory progress being made by members. It was noticeable that the ladies were to the fore—Mrs Winston and Mrs Hall swept the board with firsts in all classes. The champion male and female were owned by Mrs Winston, who also won the breeders' award cup. Results were:

YOUNG MALES

Pale: 1 Winston; 2 Thomas; 3 Stokes. **Medium:** 1, 3 Hall; 2 Reeves. **Dark:** 1, 2 Winston; 3 Hall.

YOUNG FEMALES

Pale: 1, 3 Winston; 2 Stokes; hc Cunningham. **Medium:** 1, 2, 3 Hall. **Dark:** 1, hc Winston; 2, 3 Hall.—W K JONES (secretary)

NORWICH

THE next meeting of the Norwich branch will be at the Lads' Club, King Street, Norwich, on October 28 at 7.30 pm. The main subject will be Nutrition—a recording by a nutrition specialist. This will be followed by a discussion on general chinchilla affairs. All breeders and friends will be welcomed. Refreshments will be available.

The committee, in conjunction with the committees of Essex, Herts and Middlesex, have arranged an inter-counties animal competition. This will be held at the meeting place of the Essex Club, Springfields Lyons County Club, on November 14. Registering of animals will be from noon until 1.30 pm. Only young animals can compete, that is to say, animals up to seven months old on Nov 14. The entrance fee will be 2/- per animal.

This is a new venture and full support is anticipated. The day could be a real social occasion and a grand opportunity to exchange experiences with our neighbouring breeders. The Springfields Lyons County Club is on the A12 about one mile on the Colchester side of Chelmsford. Travelling from Colchester, Springfield is about one mile from Chelmsford. On the left is a Regent filling station and the White Hart public house. About 200 yards further on, and also on the left, is a drive across a meadow to the County Club.—R D COLMAN (PRO)

CATS and CATDOM

Readers write . . .

Governing Council will put matters in perspective

THE Joint Siamese Committee has recently issued minutes of its meeting held on Sept 18. At this meeting, the committee of the Siamese Cat Club, the Seal Pointed Siamese Cat Club, the Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire and the Blue Pointed Siamese Cat Club recommended that:—

- 1 The GCCF be urged to give immediate recognition to the Joint Committee by making it the sole authority for the appointment of Siamese judges.
- 2 Show managers to be informed that the clubs concerned would only support their shows if judges were drawn exclusively from the Joint List.

The Joint Committee then passed a resolution incorporating the above two suggestions and decided that support, including the giving of trophies, should be withheld from shows using Siamese judges not on the Joint List. Furthermore, that the Joint Committee judges should withdraw their services from such shows. Judges and clubs to be informed by letter.

The self-styled "Joint Siamese Committee" is neither affiliated to the GCCF, nor does it represent more than a minority of Siamese breeders and exhibitors. It thus has no official standing whatever.

By attempting to force clubs to refuse the services of judges appointed by the SCA, the Siamese Cat Club, alias the Joint Committee, is not only cocking a snook at the Council, by whom these judges have all been approved, but is also attempting to apply highly improper pressure upon show managers and judges, who, if they allow themselves to be subordinated, will become accessories to an offensive practice.

I am absolutely certain that it will not take the Council long to put matters so that they are seen in their proper perspective. Meanwhile, I advise members of the Fancy to treat this amateurish and ill-conceived attempt at power politics not perhaps, with the contempt it so richly deserves, but rather, with tolerant good humour.—IVOR RALEIGH

ALL KITTENS CARRY DILUTION FACTORS

REGARDING Mrs Baxter's Cream Point Siamese (Oct 7), as one parent was a Lilac Point, all the kittens must carry the dilution factors which produce the colours chocolate, blue and lilac. This rule applies to any cat which has at least one lilac parent.—MAUREN SILSON, Tring Station, Herts.

TEN A RECORD

IN a recent issue Mrs Silkstone inquired whether her Burmese queen, who had produced a litter of ten kittens had created a record for this breed.

As far as I know, and I have been making inquiries ten is the record at the moment, but this has also been reached by my queen, Benroc Bardolino, who earlier this year gave birth to ten kittens sired by my Copplestone Lun-Tha. They were all a fine, strong, healthy litter.—Y BENTINCK

APOLOGIES

WITH reference to the interesting article by Mr A A Bullock in FUR AND FEATHER, Oct 7, "That the Northern Siamese Cat Society had absented itself as a protest against Mr Bullock's notes of Sept 9."

We, as members of the committee of the Northern Siamese Cat Society, were not aware that the society had been

invited to the meeting of the Joint Siamese Cat Committee on Sept 15.

And we as members of the Northern Siamese Cat Society Committee offer Mr Bullock our apologies.—A E NIX and R RHODES

PROBATIONER JUDGES

MRS M EUSTACE and Mrs M Shrouder have been approved by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy as probationer judges for the Siamese Cat Association.—S BERLINER, secretary, 146 Western Avenue, East Acton, London W3.

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CAT CLUB NEWS

Long-hair Cream and Blue Cream birthday party

THE Long-hair Cream and Blue Cream Association held its fourth birthday party in London at the Eccleston Hotel, London, SW1, and was attended by many members. It was a very informal afternoon, but greatly enjoyed by all present. Our president Miss Edith Sheppard, chairman Miss K Yorke, and Mrs Brunton, answered many questions about these lovely breeds and much knowledge was gained.

Mrs Todd, Mrs McVady, Mrs Ruffell, Mrs Iris Herbert, and many other keen breeders passed on various tips and advice from their experiences.

It was helpful and beneficial to have three experts of these breeds, Miss Sheppard, Miss K Yorke, and Mrs Brunton help solve some of the problems of present day breeding.

A delicious tea was served, and it was a joy to be able to talk with friends and exchange one's news, hopes and ideals.

At the Kensington Kitten and Neuter show Miss Page's Blue Cream kitten, Woburn Pansyface, was best Blue Cream kitten. Mr and Mrs Dugdale's Harpur Cream Bun best Cream kitten.

Although judging the Blue Persian adults at the recent Herts and Middlesex championship show, I did have time later in the day to view the cats and kittens and chat with friends.

Mrs MacDonald won the Cream male challenge certificate with Hendras Chamois, and returned to Ireland very happy. Miss Sheppard won with the very lovely Wildfell Quaker Girl, bred by that expert breeder of so many outstanding Creams, Mrs Wright. Mrs Joan Thompson's outstanding Blue Cream, Opal of Pensford, appealed to me very much.

It was disappointing that so few Cream kittens were on show, and equally disappointing that no Blue Cream kittens were entered.

It was a wonderful day for Miss Carr, the proud owner of the best L-H neuter, a Blue Cream, Ch and Pr Widlington Salome. This 12-year-old looked in full bloom and still retained her lovely type, eye colour and well intermingled coat. She was beautifully presented.

Although entered for the show, Pr Hendras Periander was not present. I was amused to hear from Mr Trevor; Peri had gone off on holiday to Devon with Mrs Trevor and no doubt was basking in the sun.

Our friends, the Blue Persian Cat Society are having their 27th Championship show on Thursday, Nov 4, in Denison House, Victoria, London. The Cream and Blue Cream Persians owe much gratitude to the Blue Persian for the contribution of so much, especially "type".

It will be exciting to see so many enthusiasts of these lovely creatures, and Mrs Crickmore who works so hard for this show.

I shall be there, all being well, looking after the stall, and would like to say grateful thanks for all those lovely things you so kindly send and give and purchase. Last year the stall raised £31 for the society, and the previous year £25. I shall try to keep this up. I am grateful to all.—CHRISTINA DUGDALE, Hole Farm, Guestling, Sussex.

NATIONAL CAT SHOW

SCHEDULES have now been sent out for the National Cat Club Championship Show on December 16. Will would-be exhibitors who have not received one please write to me.

I apologise for the errors in the schedule due to the loss of the copy from the printer in the post.

The judges for Siamese Cat Club classes 393/4 Lilac Point Cat and Lilac Point Kitten are Dr Groom and Miss Rickson and the Southsea Cat Club class 413 AV, LH or SH Neuter, Mrs

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Closing date for pedigree entries is November 8, pet entries and the Amateur photographic competition entries November 12.

Mr Johnny Morris will be choosing the best pet cat and BBC Television "Blue Peter" have special classes for children's pet cats, with the winning cat appearing on the programme.—GRACE POND, FZS, Barbeches, Buchan Hill, Crawley, Sussex.

14 DAYS RULE AT COVENTRY & LEICESTER

THE third of the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club's social gatherings this summer took place at Melton Mowbray on Sept 26. Mr and Mrs Ramsbottom were our hosts and made the 33 members that attended most welcome. This meeting gathered in quite a number of members living further afield and our club gained three new members. Once again our hostess provided a delightful tea and we all spent an enjoyable afternoon which stretched well into the evening.

Will would be exhibitors at our forthcoming championship show please note, that in the interest of the Fancy and in an endeavour to make the 14 day rule effective, the committee advises that entries will not be accepted from exhibitors who have exhibited within 14 days of Feb 26 1966.—M E MACALISTER, hon secretary, Dunsmore Gardens, Clifton, Rugby. Telephone: Rugby 5169.

COACH TRIP TO NATIONAL CAT SHOW

A QUARTERLY meeting of the Bedford Cat Club was held at Bedford on Sept 27. The 35 members attending were informed that Mrs Dorothy Silkstone would be our chairman for the coming year, Mr K Staples our vice-chairman and Mrs B F Burlton our vice-president.

Major Chapman from the RSPCA, Mrs Thake, Mrs Burlton and Mr W A Scott, MRCVS sat on the panel of a Brains Trust. Questions on breeding, care of

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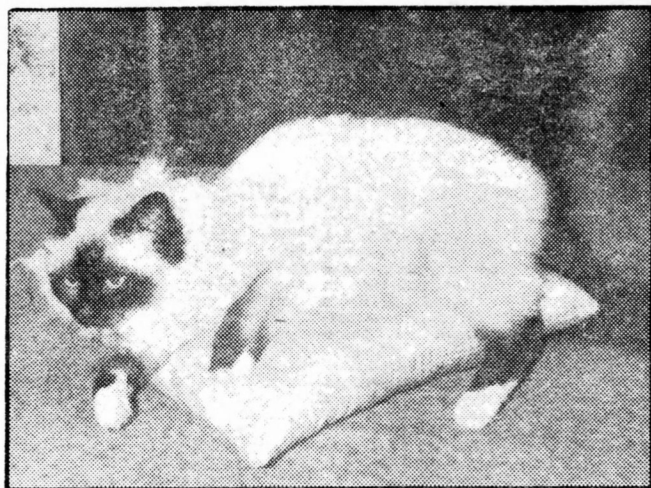
cats, origin of breeds and boarding cat-teries were asked by members and some most helpful and interesting answers were given by the panel.

It is hoped to run a coach to the National Cat Club show on Thursday, December 16. Will anyone interested in joining this half-day trip, please contact me.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Guild House, Harpur Street, Bedford on Monday Nov 29 at 8 pm. We hope that all members will join us for a film evening. New members will be particularly welcome.—(Mrs) A F HUGHES, 33 Fairfax Avenue, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds (hon secretary)

POSTAL CRITQUES

NOTICE Mrs M Giles has generously offered to send on remarks and reports of the club classes she judged to exhibitors. Could not other judges do likewise on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope? Club classes are often extremely interesting to gain knowledge of a judge's views, but it isn't really fair to raise queries with a judge after a tiring day at a show.—MARGERY BISHOP



Nouky de Mon Réve, Birma Cat, the sacred cat of Burma, the first male of this variety to be imported. He is jointly owned by Mrs M Richards and Mrs E Fisher.

Origin of Birma Cat

HAVING recently read a translation on the origin of the Birma (Burman) cat, I was interested to see a specimen of this attractive variety on exhibition at the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club show. Apparently these cats evolved in Germany at the same time as the Colour-points.

Fraulein Krüger crossed a long-haired stud with a Seal-point Siamese who showed all white feet. By mating within the resulting litter, pointed long-haired cats with white feet were produced.

She had great difficulty support-

ing her cats throughout the war due to lack of food supplies, and on her death the entire stock was moved to France where Mlle Gillet continued their breeding.

I believe the descendants of these cats have now returned to Germany, and, of course, many other parts of the world.

Should anyone be interested in a more detailed history of these early breeders I suggest they obtain a copy of "Der Edelkatze" No 2, June, 1965, edited by Dr R Wolf, 6 Frankfurt/Main, Max-Reger Str 25, Germany.—MAUREEN SILSON, Tring

Siamese Cat Club show

(continued)

My congratulations to Mrs Dunnill for the efficient way the show was run, and in particular my most sincere thanks to my steward, Mrs Sayer, who handled the cats most gently yet efficiently. I regret that the quality of the cats present did not reach the standard that one has come to expect from the Siamese show.

Dr W A Groom's classes

SEAL-POINT Limit Male: 1 Keene's Fairvale Rosco, tippy head, nice ear placing, chin a little undershot, lovely eye shape and colour, very good tail, good coat; 2 Luland-Emery's Appledale Sebastian, nicely shaped head but showing the pinch, good eye shape, fair colour, good chin but pale, very good ears, short in the body very good tail; 3 France's Jonnisomfor, shortish head with square muzzle, good firm chin, nice eye shape and colour, good tail, average coat.

Novice Female (split): 1 Appleby's Appledale Mizrati, good head and chin, nice eye shape and colour, very good coat texture, lovely whip tail, pale whisker pads spoiled her appearance; 2 Kite's Lu-Chu-Geisha, small head with square muzzle, tendency to a squint, lovely coat, very good tail; 3 Denny's Pi-Dee Sherry, average type of head, a little undershot, quite nice eye shape and colour, very good coat, good tail. Novice Female (split): 1 Mumford's Stout, nice head but a little inclined to squareness of the muzzle and pinch, nice eye shape, lovely colour, very good coat texture, but dark and brindled, good tail a trifle short; 2 Wood's Edwardian Samantha, dainty cat, nice head, good ear placement, good eye shape but pale in colour, good coat and tail; 3 Weldin's Tve Pippin, longish wedge but square at the muzzle, good chin, eye round and pale, good tail; AOC Senior (1): 1 Griffiths's Ch Safari Ostanova, very good head, good chin, eye shape and colour, good tail, points a little dark, excellent condition; 2 Bower's Lushal Lila, Flower, nice shaped head, a little undershot, nice eyes, very good coat, fair tail, I should like the points to have been more lilac; 3 Kropodra's Kenbar Lvstra, nice head spoiled by some squareness of muzzle, good coat and tail, good eye for shape, a little colour; SEAL-POINT Breeders Kitten Male (split): 1 Guthrie's Roseangle Mildred, nice wide head but pinched slightly, good eye shape and colour, nice coat, good tail; 2 Hughes's Kayou Kamsa, fair length of head spoiled by pale eyes, good ears, nice texture coat, good tail;

3 Cook and Dawes's Yoho Yu-Betcha, fair wedge head but pinched, good eye shape and colour, very good tail. Breeders Kitten Male (split): 1 Wilde's Woodhouse Bolehall Beauty, lovely wedge head, very good eye shape and colour, good chin, average tail, lovely coat; 2 Trotts's Pancroft Pooh-Bah, quite a good head with good eye shape, trifle pale, ears a little close, very good coat, fair tail; 3 Tilly's Katrine Pasha, good wide head spoiled by a pinch, lovely eye shape and colour, very good coat, good tail. LILAC-POINT Breeders Kitten: 1 King's Trimegistos Bellerophon, nice long head with good eye shape and colour, good points, very nice coat, very good tail; 2 Walsh's Seraphim Sinbad, good long head, good eye shape and colour, points a little too dark, good coat and tail; 3 Bower's Siemoo Lilac Symphony, a good overall cat, just not quite reaching the standard of first and second.—W A GROOM

Mrs H Dadd's classes

Once again Mrs Dunnill and her helpers have given us a very smoothly run and happy show—our thanks to them all. My thanks also to my steward, Mrs Clancy, who was so kind and efficient. Exhibitors have become very careless about ears—at least three-quarters of the kittens I handled had cankerous and dirty ears. This condition is quite easy and painless to clear up nowadays.

CHOCOLATE-POINT Kitten, Male, 3-6 mths: 1 Buttery's Samsara Starbuck, a very lovely and well-balanced kitten, good body and points colour, long whip tail, dainty paws, excellent eyes for shape and colour; 2 Bonfield's Ta-tara Oberon, good head and firm jaw, very good colour, well-placed ears, eye shape fair but colour good; 3 Psalla's Cherished Choco Kimsarny, nice profile, eyes too round, ears rather too small; 4 Lingard's Soomanessa Sunsherpa, fair type;

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