

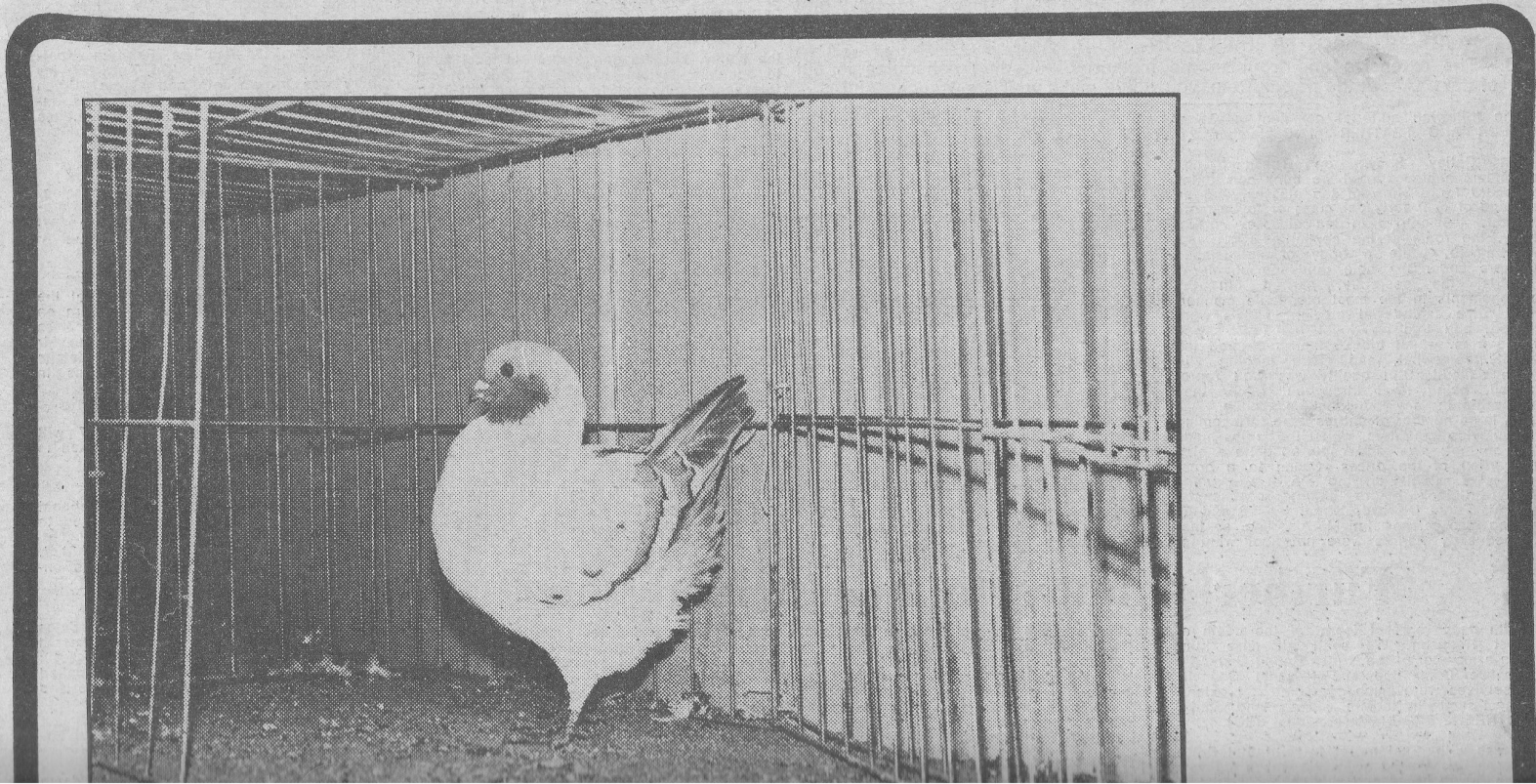
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# Cats and catdom

## Research necessary on feline haemophilia

IN REPLY to Dr Raleigh's Pertinent Points (April 24) the subject of feline haemophilia was briefly discussed in Veterinary News, Vol 4, No 2, February, 1969, by Mr R C White, MRCVS. This short note has provoked considerable discussion among members of the veterinary profession, and it appears that, while not wanting to be alarming, the suggestion of this condition in the rex breed ought to be examined further.

To this end, the Central Fund for Feline Research would like to be able to arrange a special grant to a research worker to probe this condition. Any person willing to donate to this should contact me. It would also be useful to learn of breeders who would be willing to co-operate through their veterinary surgeons in such an investigation.

With regard to the publication of the subject in the April issue of the FAB Bulletin, all scientific matter comes under careful scrutiny and this particular article was not considered to be alarming. There are too many examples of defects being hushed up by breeders so that any control, introduced at a later stage, is very unlikely to be effective quickly.

Whether haemophilia is shown to be an hereditary defect, like haemophilia in the human, or whether it is due to other factors more prominent in the Rex breed remains to be seen. It is, however, surely better that attempts are made to initiate scientific research into this problem as it would appear that there is a need for further elucidation of the condition described as haemophilia and which is causing concern both to the veterinary profession and owners of this feline breed.

Dr Johnson and Mr Povey have written a short article for the Feline Advisory Bureau's July Bulletin on the mechanism of blood

rather open, but still that wonderful unwavering affection.

On April 20 she died. I bred her from the first Siamese queen I ever owned, Chocolate Nose, who is still with me, and for fifteen years I have been privileged to know the friendship and affection of Mrs Mouse. 'Sleep soft dear friend, for while I live, you shall not die'. NORAH APPELBY (Appledale Siamese)

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**The award for top neuter of the past championship show season was won by Mr L J Greenlees's L-H Red Self, Deebank Tahzib, not as stated in last week's issue. Tahzib won four best neuter awards—at the Yorkshire, Smethwick, Manchester and Preston shows—one more than Bonavia Balthazar and Marshbrook Caesar who share the runners-up positions. In the principal winners list on page 406 the best long-haired neuter award at Manchester should have read 'Mr L J Greenlees's Deebank Tahzib, breeder Miss Bull'.**

**Inadvertently Mrs N Stephens's name appeared as the breeder of Miss C McColm's Seal-Point Siamese neuter Mekhala Sampson which won two principal awards. Miss McColm is the owner-breeder of this cat.**

clotting which is, as many already know, a very complicated procedure. It would be of great help if breeders could contribute some case records and histories which can be published. It would also be of interest if information can be given in respect of whether this has occurred in any of the first rex cats or whether it has occurred only in crosses with Siamese or Chestnut Browns. Similarly, it would be of interest to know if any suspect cases have been seen in the German Rex cat.

Finally, we should ask ourselves whether we love cats sufficiently to endeavour to investigate this problem and to save thousands of yet unborn kittens from suffering. JOAN JUDD

### HAPPY MEMORIES

SHE wasn't a famous cat, in fact she only ever won two prizes at shows. She produced large litters of beautiful healthy kittens with the greatest tranquillity and efficiency. Her affection was constant and demanding; she loved people but was not indulgent with her own kind.

Looking back through the years I remember so much and yet not enough; the day she came home with half a pound of sausages for her kittens.

She produced her last litter at the age of ten—five lovely kits, but gradually, insidiously, it was obvious she was failing. Just growing old gracefully, my veterinary surgeon said. She went out much less, her walk was slow and deliberate, her blue coat

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## Some bouquets and criticisms

### LYLIE BURNES ON THE PAST SHOW SEASON

NOW the show season has drawn to its close, various things stand out in my memory of a happy if not spectacularly successful season.

First, Harrogate: The handy water containers placed on tables at strategic places round the hall, with tin openers firmly attached. An excellent idea this, particularly here where the toilet facilities are rather small, and where water bowl filters can cause congestion.

The award board at Bournemouth was the exhibitor's dream, being so tidy and clearly marked, and firmly fixed, though when I was asked to put up some results, I could not find any pins to do so. On inquiry I was told you carried them in your pocket; I found myself another job at that!

Cirencester also had an excellent board, with open class results separate from club classes, all clearly marked. Also, here, a very good, quickly served lunch. A pity this show had to close so early. This must have affected the gate, but it is one of my favourites, it is always so friendly.

I wasn't able to get to the Midland this year. I have rather fallen out of love with Birmingham. I get more lost there than any place I know, and I have a genius for getting lost. Everyone I ask is Irish, charming and as ignorant of the surroundings as myself, albeit very helpful in a negative sort of way. I did hear that the award boards were still situated in the gentlemen's cloak-

room, where one trips over gym shoes and other impedimenta in one's endeavour to see the results. When Mrs Wilson ran this show she had the brilliant idea of having the results stretched all along the length of the hall. This was easy to read and from the sticker-upper's point of view very easy to operate. I know, I was that dog's body.

Still on the subject of award boards, one of the worst, if not the worst, is the National. Until willing volunteers turn up it doesn't even have any Cellotape—I know from personal experience—and there is never enough space for all the classes. Surely a show as big as the National could provide something more in keeping with its stature.

A criticism that crops up at nearly every show is the delay in putting up the award slips. It seems that too much importance is given to marking catalogues. Surely one for FUR AND FEATHER (firsts only) and two others fully marked up is sufficient on the day. It is nothing unusual to see several people with six catalogues each, carefully copying out the result from one slip six times, then handing it to a neighbour, who goes through the same ritual, before passing it to the prize card writer. Meanwhile, the slips pile up, and the exhibitors get more and more frustrated, especially those who have travelled long distances to the show, and don't want to wait too long before making the return journey.

While on the subject of awards, I must

disagree with Mr Winder (FUR AND FEATHER, February 22) concerning the premature putting up of prize cards. I have stewarded for a great number of judges, in all breeds, long haired, short haired and Siamese, and I have yet to find anyone who is influenced by the cards already on the pen. Judges much prefer to rely on their own judgement. I have known judges who, confronted with a breed with which they are not too familiar in a side class, ask the opinion of another judge more conversant with that particular breed, but they have never been influenced by the cards already displayed. I consider this to be a grave disparagement on the integrity of judges, who are a most dedicated band, even if we do not always agree with their appraisal of our own exhibits. LYLIE BURNES

### STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

THIS time I write with a feeling of sickness. I am horrified. I have received a copy of the 'People's' articles on the dreadful fate of dogs in Japan. I do not take the 'People's', so I had heard about previous articles, and like most people thought in passing, this is awful.

After attending a meeting held by the Cats' Protection League, and then reading the reports in the 'People' I just cannot put into words my thoughts: sleep evades me as pictures keep coming into my mind of helpless animals being so maltreated.

At the meeting, pictures of rescued cats were passed round. Their condition was pitiful, horrifying. I have never seen anything like it, and it happened in this country. I felt like weeping. I went home and looked at my own cats and dog, so full of love and trust. It just doesn't seem possible that people can be so inhuman: kittens abandoned, cats turned out and left to die.

I have asked at the annual general meeting what is being done to combat the literature put out by the C in C who say 'Take your kittens to pet shops, and they will be found good homes'. At the Cats' Protection League meeting the secretary stated that the number of deserted cats had risen this year—they actually bought 392 kittens from pet shops in order to save them from being abandoned because they hadn't been sold. Some of these kittens are obviously the result of a pedigree cat mismatching (this is from one tiny area only), so heaven knows how many more in the country are abandoned.

I stress that I feel a lot of the damage has been done by the mistaken impression the public have been given that breeding pedigree cats is a lucrative hobby, it is not. It is a labour of love. If cat breeders do not wake up and join in the fight for the dogs the same thing will happen to our cats. High prices are a temptation, and too few people can resist the lure of money. It is so easy to say 'I am a lone wolf and don't involve myself in all this business' or the easy way out, 'it will fizzle out in time'. I know where my kittens have gone, do you? Are you so absolutely sure that your kittens are where they were purported to be? If you have too many breeding queens, how can you be sure, I know I can't. The answer would seem to be breed in small numbers; one will then be breeding for love and not for money.

These terrible happenings will not go away, if you don't look. They will only go away if everyone who loves animals, dogs and cats, works together to stop it.

Don't leave all the work to a small band of dedicated workers. Each and every breeder is involved, whether you think you are or not, every time a kitten is born you are adding one more tiny life to this traffic and it could be that tiny lovable little kitten that will share the same fate as those poor wretched helpless dogs and puppies in Japan. Remember, it is complacency that so often allows these dreadful things to happen.

Are you doing your bit toward helping the helpless: If not, why not? because it isn't your business, it is, everyone who breeds a kitten or a puppy is involved, and everyone should do his bit toward stopping these horrors. If you haven't read the article in the 'People', get it and read it, and see if you can sleep easy, I can't, and I hope you won't until you are doing something positive to help stop this terrible traffic in dumb animals.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Miss K Tilby on the death of her pet Sun-hunter. We know he had a good life and will be sadly missed. E I GORNALL

### LONG-HAIRED CAT CLUB?

I, AND a lot of other breeders of long-haired cats, was approached at the National Cat Club show last December, and asked to sign a paper saying we were interested in a long-hair cat club. I was very interested, but have heard no more of it. I do hope it was not a flash in the pan.

Come on long-haired breeders, let's all go on strike if we don't get a club of our own. P POPE

## Expulsion possible for exporting

(Black and White Club notes)

THE annual general meeting of the Black and White Cat Club was held at YWCA Central Club, London, on April 15. Miss Kit Wilson was in the chair and there were fifteen members present. The officers and committee for this year are: Chairman, Miss Kit Wilson; hon secretary and treasurer, Mrs M Calder; committee, Mrs Boulton, Miss Bull, Mrs Denton, Mrs Hogan, Miss Sellar, Miss Sherlock, Mrs Silverman; delegate, Mrs Calder; substitute delegate, Miss Sellar.

This year the GOCF granted a breed number to odd-eyed LH Whites. They should be registered now as Breed 2b, and they are not eligible for challenge certificates.

The Thame Show Cup for LH Orange-eyed Whites was won outright this year by Mrs Hogan, who has offered the club two cups. Mrs Cattermole presented five cups to the club which had been won by her cats in the past. Miss Sellar offered a salver.

Miss Wilson spoke on the subject of the cruelty to and fate of the cats exported to certain countries in the Far East.

It was decided unanimously that under the present circumstances, any member of the club exporting a cat to countries in the Far East, or being involved in any way in such a transaction, should first ask advice from the secretary, as otherwise such members may be expelled from the club.

I remind members that subscriptions (10s) were due on January 1. MURIEL CALDER (hon secretary), 81 Epsom Road, Guildford.

### MISSING

ON Wednesday, April 23, at about 4.15 pm a half-grown kitten mysteriously disappeared. He was a Devon Rex male, with a thin white coat, red points and blue eyes. I believe he was the only one known of this colour.

He had never before left my house and enclosed garden, so it is supposed that he must have slipped out of the front door when a visitor called, and been unable to find his way back in for a few moments.

Despite all my inquiries, no-one locally recalls having seen him at all, although he was a delightfully friendly little soul and there were many children about at that time. Local advertising has brought no resulting information whatsoever, despite a reward being offered.

I appeal to anyone who is offered or learns of the whereabouts of this sweet and precious kitten to contact me at once. (Mrs) LEO P HEATH, Lohteyn Rex Cats, 26 Layers Close, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks (Telephone Gerrards Cross 84967).

### CUPS FOR TABBY-POINTS

WILL show managers please note that Mrs K Burgess of 31 Bancaskie Road, Eltham, London SE9 is now show secretary for the Tabbypoint Siamese and Progressive Breeders Cat Club.

Cups have been presented to the club and will be awarded on a points basis for Tabby-point adult male, adult female, kitten, breeders kitten, and neuters. The trophies will be awarded annually and held for one year. The year will commence with the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club's show and end with the Siamese Cat Association's show. Points will be awarded throughout the season for every championship show. To qualify cats must be entered in both the open class and the club's class.

The number of points awarded will be on a sliding scale and will depend on the number of cats which compete in the open class on the day of the show. Should ten cats compete in the open class points would be awarded so: 1st place ten points, 2nd place nine points, 3rd place eight points, reserve seven points, vhc six points, c five points. If eight cats compete the first place will be awarded eight points, second place seven points and so on.

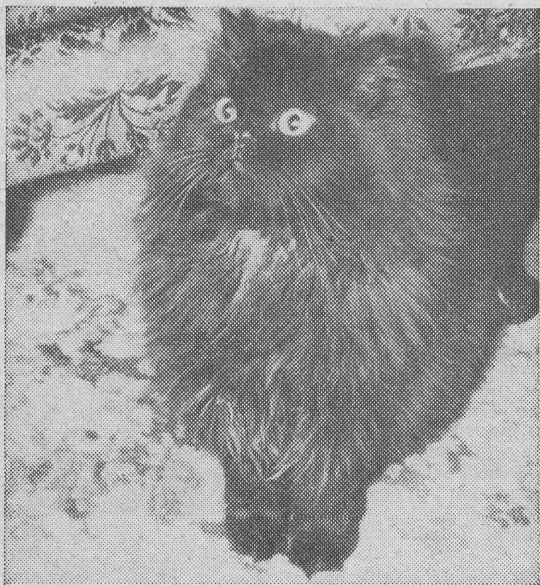
On the completion of the season the total points won by each cat will be divided by the number of shows attended; the cat with the highest number of points after this will win the trophy.

The cups won during the 1968-1969 season will be presented at a social event to take place later this year. MARJORIE M GAMBLE (hon sec), The Lodge, Farningham Hill, Farningham, Kent

### CORRECTION

IN Pertinent Points in FUR AND FEATHER of April 24 I mentioned that the Governing Council's Executive Committee had passed a rule specifying the conditions under which championship shows could be held. I should have said that what the Executive Committee passed was not a rule, but a recommendation.

Matters relating to shows are dealt with by the Council; and this particular resolution was well received and thoroughly discussed. The Council decided that show managers should be consulted before a rule was made, so that one or two difficulties could be cleared up. I RALEIGH



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Mrs. Irene Trickett of 30 Stannington Road, Sheffield 6, Yorkshire, owner-breeder of the Shaareen Persians, writes:—

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## Fund for research must continue

IT WAS a great shock to learn in FUR AND FEATHER of April 10 of Marjorie Hudson's resignation as appeals secretary to the Feline Advisory Bureau.

We all have our cat's welfare at heart. I owe a great deal to my veterinary surgeon's help in saving my two kittens' lives. Had he not had the drugs at hand and the knowledge of which ones to use I should have been a much sadder woman.

I will tell of one episode because it might be a help to someone else.

All five of my cats were playing in the bedroom while I was sitting at the dressing table. Suddenly, the only sound was a sort of fluttering, sizzling noise. On investigation to my horror one of the kittens (15 weeks old) was lying on her back with the flex from the bedside lamp stuck to her mouth.

I pulled it away from her, getting a shock myself (Yes, I'd forgotten to unplug it first). Shana was not breathing. I think she was dead but cannot be sure as I didn't wait to find out.

I held her mouth closed and put my mouth over her muzzle and breathed hard, at the same time banging her chest with the heel of my hand. After a few quick breaths her chest started bubbling. While keeping her stretched out on my lap and massaging all the time I phoned the veterinary surgeon who fortunately was in the surgery. I took her to him wrapped in a blanket. He injected antibiotics, cortizone and vitamin B12. To cut a long story short, Shana now, at 6 months, is a lovely kitten. She wouldn't have been if research had not been carried out.

This means the Central Fund for Feline Research must continue. I am not alone in thinking that Marjorie Hudson was a wonderful and hard working secretary (honorary). She has a way of getting people to support the cause she obviously feels very deeply about.

As a registered charity FAB wants money for all its good works. May I suggest that Marjorie Hudson gathers her helpers and forms a committee which perhaps could be called 'The FAB Research Aid'.

A lot of charities form separate branches, each one working toward the same goal.

If Marjorie Hudson decides that she could bear to take up the reins of office I will be very happy to support her. (Mrs) COLLEEN SCOBLOW, Stanmore, Middlesex.

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I would like to thank Mrs Marjorie Hudson for all the wonderful work she has done over the past years relating to the Feline Advisory Bureau's Central Fund for Feline Research. I know many cat lovers will be only too sorry that she has found it necessary to terminate her position as hon appeals secretary for this very worthy cause. To you, Mrs Hudson, and your helpers, a very big thank you for everything you have done. There are those of us who appreciate your efforts.

My most sincere thanks to all those very kind people who were so sympathetically helpful to me on the recent extremely tragic death (owing to a road accident) of my darling little Neuter CP Siamese, Supra Atlas. Atlas had had a short, but very successful, show career, and, as well as being greatly loved by my husband and me, he was obviously much admired by many cat lovers. I am truly amazed at the large number of friends in the Fancy that Atlas had made for us. Of course, we miss the little fellow so very much (and always will), but all the kindness shown to us will, I am sure, help us to overcome our sad loss. BERYL LYON

Congratulations to our lovely Blue Burmese Queen,

## Lydeard Princess Bluebell

on winning her fifth CC at the Cheshire Show.

Her five CCs have all been awarded by different judges during the season just ended, and we offer our thanks to Mrs Giles, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Shrouder, Mrs Towe and Mr Watson, and also to other judges who have given her numerous awards. We also send Bluebell's breeder, Mrs A P Pike, our thanks and best wishes.

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# WINNERS AT THE CAT SHOWS

## CROYDON—continued

The entries for Croydon show on March 22 increased this year to 628, the largest entry we have had. It would have been difficult to fit any more pens into the hall and I am sorry that double pens had to be restricted to LH Male cats and LH Neuters. I thank all who helped me—Mrs Bentinck and all her helpers on the table and award board etc; Mr and Mrs Kite in the pay box; Mrs Fisher and Mrs Mournie on catalogues; Mrs Raleigh and Mrs Owens who took charge of the tombola; Mrs Owen Jones who did a variety of routine jobs and worked hard all day; Mrs Barron who collected the nominations and put them in order enabling Mr Raleigh to get through the best in show procedure quickly and efficiently.

Mrs Lambert was unable to judge on account of illness and I was grateful to Mrs Newton who took her classes at a few hours' notice, also to Mrs Menezes who was given special permission by the chairman of the GC to take on some miscellaneous classes which had not been judged due to a misunderstanding.

I have received a lot of letters from exhibitors saying how much they enjoyed the show. Fortunately we had a fine day, a good attendance and the show has made a profit. In answer to some queries, I am asked to say that Mrs Biggie's cat, Ch Ulysses O'Grady was absent from the show.

The mistakes in the schedules and catalogues are regretted; everything has to be done in too much of a hurry these days. I had no time to have the proofs checked as they were late reaching me.

We missed Miss Yorke very much. Until last year I cannot recall a Croydon show since 1948 being held without her there, a popular judge, she was always charming and gracious and had a presence which was hers alone.

I hope to pay out the prize money sometime this month.

The annual general meeting will be held in June; items for the agenda must reach me by May 16 E TOWE (show manager)

### Mrs Joan Richards's classes

Many thanks to Mrs Towe, her committee and helpers for making the last London Championship show of this season such a happy and successful day. Sincere thanks also to Mr Fred Russell, who stewarded again for me so expertly making my day an easy and pleasant one.

**SH AOC Cat 4:** (Abs Curtis-Hayward, Warren) 1 Bridgman's Tordown Softly Softie, White male of good foreign type, tail a little short and slight kink, coat rather harsh and past its best for colour this season, head shape good, deep sapphire eyes of lovely shape 2 McLeod's Osmonds, White female of fair foreign type, tail rather thick and yellow-streaked, again coat rather harsh but a better colour than winner, very short wedge, turquoise eyes of correct shape, this queen gave me the impression she may be in kitten; I sincerely hope not bearing in mind the GC Rules and most of all the welfare of the cat Kitten 5: (Abs Warren) 1 Wilding's Dandycat Ivanhoe, Self lilac male of excellent foreign type, good wedge and ear placement, eyes light green, fine close-lying coat of pleasing colour 2 Fisher's Sukito, sweet little Black female of mixed types, black to the roots, but coat a little long, tail long, roundish head, eyes turning 3 Curtis-Hayward's Orange Blossom Special, pretty female of mixed types, coat rather long but of a lovely even coffee-coloured ground with dense seal points, whip tail, short wedge, turquoise eyes r Hopper's Tijha Hsue-Kungchu, White female of mixed types, deep blue eyes, round head, whip tail, coat open and rather yellow **SHORT HAIR** AV Breeders cat 8: (Abs, Maddocks) 1 Jordan's Monas Amber Light, light red/mackerel/White/Manx female, excellent body shape with good depth, correct stance and good round rump, completely tailless, hops well, correct double-texture coat, typical head of pleasing shape, an excellent exhibit, shown in first-class condition 2 Savage's Bonaventura Chesney, British Blue male of excellent type, nice pale coat colour but rather soft texture, good orange eyes, rings on tail, this cat's tail is unfortunately damaged about half an inch from tip 3 Harris's Ch Millstar Alexander, Silver Tabby male of excellent type, good clear and correct tabby markings on body, head and legs, tail rings rather smudgy, sound coat with good colour contrast, eyes green rimmed yellow, well presented r Colville's Rosental Dishy Dolly, blue-cream/white female Manx, pretty young cat which is getting rather high on her forelegs thus losing desired stance, good round rump, completely tailless, semi-double coat, head slightly too round for the breed, ears too small, eyes green, a very attractive exhibit vhc Grant-Allen's Elvaston Silver Petula, female Silver Tabby of good type, excellent pattern, black rather rusty due to moult, nice head with true hazel eyes, fawn on nose hc Pearson's

Lowenhau Silver Gillian, female Silver Tabby of good type, coat rather soft, colour contrasts too pale thus losing pattern definition, good head, eye colour could be better, nose rather fawn. This was a very interesting class AV Brace cat 11: (Abs, Menezes, Warren) 1 Health's Lohter'n Si-Red, lovely Cornish red Si-Rex of superb type, really thick beautifully rexed coat, lovely medium wedge of correct shape and profile, good ear-set and pleasing eye shape and colour, a really muscular virile-looking male; Lohter'n Sweet Charity, an excellent Cornish Rex female of tortie colouring, another beautifully thick rexed coat, perhaps very slightly bridled, lovely muscular type with nicely balanced head and correct profile, also desired blaze on head for tortie colouring, a beautiful, brace presented in perfect condition 2 Lloyd's Buskins Chin Cau, Brown Burmese male of excellent type, coat lovely for texture and colour, good short wedge, nice slightly rounded top of head, eye colour a little pale; Vanya, Blue Burmese female of good slightly daintier type, coat excellent for texture and colour, nice head with good eye shape and colour, another excellent brace 3 Chapman's Ch Chinkook Kiowa, normal Abyssinian male of excellent type, fine treble ticking with a truly ruddy undercoat giving a lovely rich appearance, good head shape and eye colour and a typically alert expression, little white on chest; Karnak Thelja, normal Abyssinian female, very similar to Kiowa, just slightly daintier ex 3 Scatchard's Abyseal Jade, normal Abyssinian female of excellent type, ticking quite good though colouring a little dull today, lovely head and eye, just a little white on chin; Ch Philos Precious Topaz, Red Abyssinian female of beautiful type, excellent treble ticking giving a most pleasing rich red colouring, fine head and eyes, just a tiny bit of white on chin, very difficult to separate from previous brace r Higgins's Jezreel Cassandra, Cream Tabby male of excellent type, good short coat well patterned, good head with nice eye colour; Diana's Hercules, Brown Spotted male, good type, coat of good texture but barred rather than spotted and coat pattern is on surface only undercoat being all same colour, face could be rounder and ears a little large, nevertheless a good brace of British cats well presented vhc Pearson's L Silver Gillian and Barbiste Isabella, Silver Spotted female of good type, insufficient spotting, coat rather soft, solid spineline, good head with orange eyes which should ideally be green or hazel to correspond with coat colour hc Butcher's Ch Briefly Braid, brown tabby male Manx; and Ch Kerridwen, tortie/tabby/white female Manx, each had a good stance, depth of flank and a good round rump, with correct coat texture. Although a really short back (which each exhibit had) is a requisite of the breed, I found their backs so short that the indentation at base of spine was difficult to find. Each had the typical Manx head. I spent a long time on judging this brace of fine Manx. An excellent class, full of quality AV Novice kitten 20: 1 Wilding's Dandycat Hula Dancer, Chestnut Brown female of fine graceful type, coat a sound rich chestnut colour throughout, really short and shining, lovely head of correct shape narrowing to a fine muzzle, excellent earset, beautiful green eyes of oriental shape, dainty legs with neat oval paws, good tail, my best kitten today 2 Darby's Silversmoke Ethiopian, Red Abyssinian male of excellent type, coat well ticked, of fine texture and a most pleasing shade of red, correctly shaped head with good ears, eye shape and colour excellent—a lovely alert-looking kitten. Coat free of bars and only tiniest bit of white on chin, a really lovely kitten which should do well 3 Butcher's Gregory Griggs, red and white Manx male with tabby markings, generally of good type with lovely stance and quite tailless, back almost a little too short, correct coat texture, typical Manx head, hops well 4 Treadgold's Honeychile Harriet, Brown Burmese female of excellent type and good whip tail, neat oval paws, nice fine-textured coat which is rather too dark, good short wedge and top of head, eyes too green, presented in excellent condition 5 Lord's Boogie, red tabby Manx male, very promising exhibit with excellent stance, good depth of flank, well rounded rump and the ideal Manx coat, typical head r Banfield's Annelida Dianthus, white Devon Rex female of beautiful type, excellent head with correct earset and lovely eye shape, little short of coat today but shows good rexing vhc Worthy's Sayonara Raspberry Ripple, nice female Devon seal Si-Rex, good type, well-shaped head with nice earset and good eyes, little short of coat at present but showing good rexing vhc Lord's Rowley, blue/cream/white mackerel tabby Manx male (unusual colouring for a male), huge kitten with good depth of flank, good stance, a real Manx head and good double coat, tailless, at the awkward stage at present and a little inclined to fat which just spoils his stance, this should disappear on maturity, an interesting exhibit which should progress well hc Biswell's Prospero Ann, Tortie and White female of good type,

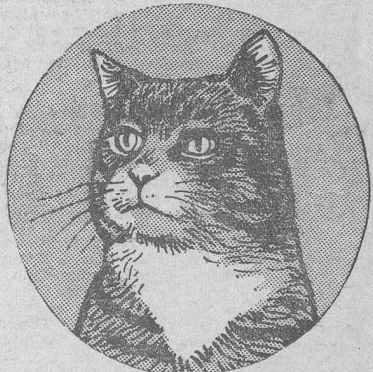
bright colouring, well patched but has tabby markings and white hairs interspersed in colours, eyes changing. I found my best cat in the Midland Counties Club class, Miss Wiseman's lovely normal Abyssinian Contented Bambino which was later best in show. Two other excellent exhibits I had in club classes were Mr Russell's Lucksway Blue Print, a superb British Blue male, and Mrs Neale's SiSlinki Topal, a lovely Seal Point Siamese male. Congratulations to all three exhibitors. JOAN RICHARDS

### Miss I Robson's classes

Congratulations and thanks are due to Mrs Towe for yet another splendidly organised and happy show.

**RUSSIAN BLUE** Cat 3: (Abs, Foster) 1 ch Foster's Sylphides Varakova, female with good head and well-proportioned body, colour a pleasing shade of blue, nice sheen on coat, good typical coat texture, eyes rather pale 2 McLeod's Meadium Urry, male, head rather too round, good body and limbs, tail not long enough and too thick 3 Foster's Broadweir Zarena, female, rather better head but still not long enough to be typical of breed, coat not very good being open rather than close-lying and lacking sheen, tail short **BLUE BRITISH** Kitten 4: (Abs, Maddocks) 1 Foster's Brynbubo Maximilian, fine young male, very good round head, neat ears, big round eyes of promising colour; body, tail and texture of coat all in accordance with British standard 2 Vowles's Jezreel Jessica June, female, another good kitten; pretty silvery blue colouring, good eyes; coat and shape, tails a little in chin to winner 3 Savage's Bonaventura Biddy, very pretty female, promising eye colour, coat soft as yet and rather too long, tail short as in a longhair **CORNISH REX** Kitten 3: (Abs, Hilleard, Stock) 1 Ashford's Annelida Candytuft, white female, very attractive specimen, beautifully waved coat, excellent profile, type generally very good 2 Warren's Senlac Lamorna, female, also very good, lovely red and white coat with symmetrical marking as required by standard for bi-coloureds of this variety, very good rexing, muzzle rather pinched, probably a temporary fault 3 Stock's Pikko Stardust, Tortie, well rexed, coat thin in places which put her down today, type very good, youngest kitten in class so has plenty of time for development **DEVON REX** Kitten 7: (Abs, Porter, Blagrave) 1 Fuke's Cosmic Sierra Sue, beautiful little black female, extremely good head and type generally, very well rexed 2 Banfield's Anne-

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Iida Dianthus, white female of very good type, head, body, limbs and tail all satisfactory, short on coat today except on back which showed good waves 3 Gautrey's Maris-amic Miss Moppet, blue, very nice type, thick coat but not very wavy r Hunt's Parlant Olovah Twist, black, very good coat, faults on head somewhat, requiring more breadth

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SH 6:** (Abs, O'Neill) 1 Chapman's Ch Chinook Kiowa, splendid Abyssinian male of excellent type and colouring, very good ticking, lovely tail, well shown 2 Aitchison's Ch Bluewave Bobo, cream Manx male, good short body, deep flanks, well-rounded rump, excellent stance, muzzle could be a trifle longer 3 Scatchard's Ch Philos Precious Topaz, red Abyssinian of lovely colour and type, in fine condition, tail could be longer r Shewbridge's Ch Tamruat Sophar, Blue Point Siamese male excellent in type, beautiful eyes for colour and shape, coat thin on back today and tail for some reason fluffed out to look bushy today

**SHORT HAIR AV Foreign breeders cat 16:** (Abs, Jameson, Worthy, Warren) 1 Wiseman's Contented Bambino, really lovely Abyssinian, excellent in type, lovely rich colouring 2 Ashford's Annelida Icicle, Devon Rex male, white with beautiful thick waves all over, very good neck, body and limbs, also tail, nice head, just a little too rounded 3 Emmott's Jingpaws Blue Meteor, Blue Burmese, very good cat, excellent eyes for shape and colour, good type and coat texture 4 Gane's Burdach Mace, Cornish Rex male, cream, another fine cat—this class was full of quality—excellent rexing, good straight profile, ears well set r Floyd's Ch Eigerfell Romeo, red Abyssinian male, very good specimen, excellent head, profile and coat

**AV Limit cat 23:** (Abs, Vickers, Wickham-Ruffie, Caldwell) 1 Henderson's Culverden Elfreda, Silver Tabby female, really lovely type, strong colour contrast, excellent in markings, short close coat 2 A Icicle 3 Colville's Rosenta Dishy Dolly, blue cream Manx female, delightful cat, good short body, high on back legs, well-rounded rump, type well up to standard 4 Coddington's Crispi Noodle, blue cream Cornish Rex, excellent type, body and head very characteristic of this variety, thick wavy coat 5 Warde's Flume Atalanta, Red Abyssinian, lovely colouring, very good type, well shown 6 Biswell's Prospero Mandy, very pretty Tortie and White, good patching in lovely rich colours r Higgins's Dianas Hercules, Spotted Brown, excellent spots, and very little barring indeed, coat texture typically British, head and body less so. Once more I tender my warmest thanks to Miss Mary Hodgkinson who, as always, stewarded for me most ably and tirelessly throughout a busy day. I am indeed grateful to her.

IRENE ROBSON

## Mrs A Cook-Radmore's classes

**LH BLACK** Male cat: 1 ch Trickett's Petrarian Black Panther, really all black, fine type head, good eyes, nice small ears, good plume tail Female cat: 1 ch Weston-Abbott's Goravon Virginia, lovely type shaped head, very good eye colour, little brown under chest, nice small ears, plume tail 2 Stone's Kala Samantha, fine heavy coat, bit brown, narrower head and not so short nose Kitten: 1 Gallaway's Petrarian Matilda, nice kitten, deep eyes, very good well balanced face, good heavy coat, not ready yet as light edged

**BI-COLOUR** Cat: 1 Woodfield's Cream and White, Pathfinders Midnight, beautiful type face, even markings, long flowing coat, very good eyes

**AOC LH** Cat: 1 Harding's Mingohu Koca, lovely, beautiful colour all over 2 Woodfield's Pathfinders Blue Bouquet, Blue Cream and White, very type.

**PREMIER OF PREMIERS AC** Long-haired: 1 pr of pr Whiteley's Pr Bonavia Balthazar, huge glorious Chinichilla, beautiful ea de nil eyes, nice brick nose, very good head, excellent well ticked coat, excellent bone, well tufted feet 2 Gillard's Pr Goravon Simon, lovely type Blue, massive chap, heavy coat very shady today, tufted feet, tail not as good as above 3 Piteri's Blue, Pr Barcombe Scilla, rather shady heavy coat, very good bone, eyes not so good colour

**LONG HAIR AC** Maiden kitten: 1 Dollimore's Dolmege San Michele, Cream female, very type head, bit warm in colour and shady like the rest, fine plume tail 2 Holloway's Peela Erica, Blue, very type, nice short plume tail, very good soft coat, fairly even, light tufts behind ears 3 King's Stroma Blond Angel, very light Cream but shady, nose longer, too light frill round neck, nice tail. I thoroughly my day back judging after so long, with operations. Grateful thanks to my kind steward Miss Woodger. A R COOK-RADMORE

## Mrs J Merry's classes

My thanks to Mrs Towe and her committee for inviting me to judge at this show. I hope it was the financial success it deserved to be. I am very grateful to Mrs Howe who stewarded so well for me, even organising the headlong dash for my train, thank you, and to Mrs Pocock who helped out for part of the day. There were some lovely cats and kittens, but the Blues, both Burmese and

Siamese, were mostly rather fawn today

**BROWN BURMESE** Male kitten 5: (One abs) 1 Warren Hurlock's Lin-Lin Kye Matanga, very good head, well placed ears with gentle rounding between, eyes greenish in centre but with golden edges, good legs, dainty paws and very good tail, coat of good colour and medium quality, what a pity mum chewed his whiskers 2 Smith's Magamba Argus, very bright and alert looking wee kitten, excellent head, good eye colour, generally well balanced, coat open today 3 Double's Capella Aurea, head pleasing but slightly Siamese in type, well set eyes and ears, bone medium, proportions very good r Fardell's Lin-Lin Kye Kubera, ear setting a little high and head rather flat between ears, very good eye setting, fine bone, good tail, good close coat

**Female kitten 8:** (Two abs) 1 Double's Capella Andromeda, this kitten had the very individual Burmese expression, her head was very correct in shape and eyes were of good colour and well set, good strong jaw, close lying coat of good texture and warm colour, nice fine bone and a good overall balance, my nomination for best kitten 2 Henson's Amberilla Artemis, at first sight this was a textbook kitten of outstanding type with a really excellent head, strong yet svelte body, good limbs and lovely colouring, unfortunately her tail is at present definitely on the short side spoiling her balance as a whole. This is an example of how difficult it is to mark exhibits according to a points system without a mark for general proportion and style 3 Treadgold's Honey Chile Harriet, good profile but head, seen full face, had the straighter planes of the Siamese. A really lovely coat, good limbs and tail, some white shoulder hairs r Bentinck's Copplesstone Brown Miss, good head with correct profile, good eye colour, nice wide eye setting and jaw bone, well proportioned, unfortunately a piece of grit had got into her eye and she was rather distressed and not showing to advantage vhc Proctor hc Fraser

**BLUE BURMESE** Kitten 9: (Two abs) This was a strong class, hard to separate 1 Oliver's Belcanto Blue Thais, an exquisite kitten of true Burmese type, slightly fawn today, good medium wedge with rounded top, well set ears—their tips tapering cleanly to a neat muzzle—good eyes widely set and of good colour, fine bone and long body with tail in proportion 2 Mack's Belcanto Florida Tosca, appeared so like the winner that I was relieved to find she was a litter sister, my notes regarding her were almost identical with the winner's but when they were put side by side Thais just had the edge in smoothness of coat and colour 3 Mack's Belcanto Blue Ernani, male, larger than his sisters, good head with well-set ears, eye colour quite good, his wedge I thought a little on the long side, very good fine bone and excellent tail, very good coat quality but rather fawn, good firm body, already quite muscular r Page's Ramree Binlanq Penang, female, good type and the best of all the good eye colours in this lovely class her eye and ear setting were rather closer than the winners, giving a slightly longer and more Siamese look, but all the first four were brought out more than once before I could decide their order. Her coat was of good texture, bone long and fine and she had a good tail vhc Corland and Tully hc Fleet c Silverman and Swift

**SIAMESE BLUE POINT** Male cat 9: (five abs) all very fawn today 1 ch Shewbridge's Ch Tamruat Sophar, this lovely boy, although not locking his best today (his body colour was poor) excels so much in type that he was my best adult. Apart from his generally good bone there is a purity in the lines of his head and neck which is aesthetically satisfying from any angle. He must be very easy to photograph 2 Kite's Lu-Chu Capricorn, nice type but jaw rather square, very good coat quality, good bone and long tail 3 Biqqie's Ulysses O'Grady, good long limbs, nice head and good eye colour general colouring rather dark, tail a little heavy r Hodgkinson's Whitehaugh Blue Clover, badly pinched today and head could be longer, nice eye colour but would like a wider setting Female cat 7: (Five abs) 1 Griag's Chaglo Yanaqu-chi good medium wedge eyes rather round and a slight chin weakness nice firm cat with very good bone and general proportions, lovely coat quality, some fawn on back, tail and haunches but otherwise very beautiful colouring 2 De Groot's Wenrob Dheilus medium length wedge, nice type good bone showing pinch today, very fawn

**SHORT HAIR AV** Debutante cat 8: (Two abs) 1 Johnson's Jezreel Jaxina, female, very attractive cobby British Blue, good coat, slightly brindled today, nice head with neat ears 2 Morton's Sabra Silvasue, Blue Burmese female, very pleasing type and general proportions but lost marks by being rather fawn 3 Sayer's Pitapat Shane, Red Point male, quite good type but would hold his ears down so did not show to advantage, coat open today and rather long also not as pale as it should have been r Kite's Praha Leo, Seal Point male of medium type, good long body and legs, nice tail, colour cold. JOAN MERRY

## Mrs J Paddon's classes

**LH BROWN-TABBY** Cat 2: (one abs) 2 Milburn's Periopal Golden Goblet, I was

sorry not to be able to place this exhibit higher, but he was very out of coat and condition. I think (as other judges in the past) that he has earned his retirement from the show bench Kitten 1: 1 Chapman's Karnak Brookhaff, quite a nice kitten with good markings but would like a warmer good colour, slight green rim to eye and white under chin, well presented

**LH RED TABBY** Cat 1: 1 ch Owen-Jones's Bruton Roxane, lovely type, markings and colour, really red, but very short of coat and needed a bit more grooming.

**LH TORTOISEHELL AND WHITE** Cat 6: (four abs) 1 ch Betteri Ch Princess Kimojo, really lovely queen with superb patching, especially on face, good type and eyes and very well handled 2 some owner's Ch Kimojo Candlelight, another very nice specimen, very well patched but just slightly longer in nose than winner, little to choose between them.

**LH TORTIE OR TORTIE AND WHITE** Kitten 1: 1 Woodfield's Canford Celia, sweet little kitten but rather too much white with the colours a bit pale, nicely prepared

**BI-COLOUR** Cat 2: (one abs) 1 ch Woodfield's Pathfinders Pacemaker, black and white, excellent head type and eye, small ears, well balanced body needing a bit more white

**LONG HAIR AC** Breeders (ex Blue) cat 17: (four abs) 1 Stevens's Snow-white Sylphida, very beautiful Orange-eyed white, good eyes, small ears, cobby body with short legs and tail and dazzling white, beautifully presented 2 Fawcett's Barwell Chloe, an outstanding Blue-Cream show to perfection, excellent intermingled coat, lovely eyes and type (I would like to add that I nearly passed over this exhibit because of a 'Do not touch' notice scrawled on a bit of card on its pen. Because it appeared quite amiable my steward made some enquiries, and learnt that this was not an official notice, but apparently put up by the owner.) 3 King's Ch Startops Sans Souci, very massive Cream male with a wonderful head and superb type, absolutely flat face with gorgeous eyes, coat a bit warm and shady r Fisher's Ch Praha Shawnee, beautiful Birman female, nice head and eye and correct white on paws and hind legs, nicely textured coat 5 Ch Candlelight 6 Foster's Finchfield Rag Doll, very sweet little Cream female, good head and eye colour r Macdonald's consort Rosalind, another Cream female, nice head and small ears

**AC Limit cat (ex Blue) 21:** (five abs) 1 B Chloee 2 Ough's Bower Salix, very nice Chinichilla, excellent eye colour, and very lightly ticked, good type, unfortunately some knots on tummy 3 Owen's Pipo du Clos Fleuri, exceedingly nice Birman, good head, nice colour and type, correct feet and leg markings 4 Cartmell and Shingleton's Ming-chiu Malmo, nice blue Colourpoint, pale body colour, good type and fair eye, well presented 5 Ch K Candlelight 6 Klusk's Zaba, nice type, well intermingled coat, rather pale eye colour r Hutton's Sarobi Salome, blue Colourpoint slightly long nose and pale eyes. All the rest of my classes were club ones, but I can supply notes on these entries on request. Congratulations to Mrs Towe for a superbly run show and grateful thanks to my ever efficient steward, Mrs M Robinson. She is one of the best and a judge who gets her is lucky. J F PADDON

## NORTHERN SIAMESE

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## Mrs H Philpot's classes

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Macalister on a happy, well-run show and many thanks to my steward, Mrs Forrest who worked very hard all day and was a cheerful companion.

**AC Novice male kitten 11:** (Abs Norton, Griffin) 1 Winder's Saturn Sinbad, SP, nice ears, good profile, nice points, good tail, coat a little open 2 McGrath's Musetta Milort, older SP kitten with not quite such a long head, good eye colour, nice coat texture, whip tail 3 Le Croissette's Finchfield Silver Swank, Tabby Point, nice head and ears, clear body colour, good rings on tail 4 Richardson's Pendalmistee El Suba, LP, nice head, good ears, eye shape and colour, good tail r Wildon's Sunjade Blue Flax, BP, nice head, excellent eye shape and colour, nice coat and excellent whip.

**VISITORS AC** Kitten male 8: (Abs Gee) 1 Lovey's Fair Barnabas, excellent head except for slightly weak chin, good eye shape and colour, long body with good coat colour and nice points, excellent whip 2 S Sinbad 3 McGrath's Milord r Denny's Pi-den Cheetah, nice ears and profile, good coat contrast, good tail

**NEUTER Senior 3:** 1 Stafford's Kaprico Karlo, SP, good head and ears, pale coat with good contrast, eyes slightly pale, excellent tail 2 Braithwaite's Deeyin Aureur, BP, short head but good firm chin, nice mask, good texture coat, medium tail 3 Ferguson's Santha Sweet, SP, slightly short head, straight profile, nice ear set, short tail

**Visitors 9:** 1 Burness's Windale Chico, SP, nice head and ears, good eye shape and colour, nice coat colour, medium tail 2 Hill's Redleaf Vassilius, SP, nice length head and profile, ears set rather forward, good profile and chin, medium tail 3 McColm's Mekhala Sampson, SP, good wedge and chin, nice body length, excellent tail r Jackson's Mintaka Sandalwood, CP good profile, excellent coat texture, eyes a little round. HILDA PHILPOT

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## Mrs O Ramsey's classes

My sincere sympathy to Mrs Johnson in the tragic loss of her husband shortly before the show. May I offer congratulations to her helpers who worked so hard to make the show the success I am sure it was.

Many grateful thanks to my excellent and helpful stewards, Mrs Killick and Miss Swift, who battled on with huge kitten classes and gave me all possible help in a somewhat hectic day.

I would have liked to see more really good SP and CP Siamese. There are, in my opinion, far too many varieties of cat of all sorts, especially foreign shorthairs, and breeders are attracted first to one and then another, meanwhile older breeds are neglected and become unfashionable in favour of these exotic creatures.

I hope to see some really good SP Siamese and real milk chocolate CPs in the autumn. There were some nice kits at this show which I hope to see again later.

**SIAMESE SEAL POINT** Female cat: 1 Annuskans's Zils Fair Maid, good female, nicely balanced, very good eye colour and oriental shape, nicely shaped body, neat paws, whip tail, good points contrast and body colour, good head and ear shape 2 Frecker's Zeus Jacaranda, very good type but rather thin, nice head and eye colour good, not enough contrast in points 3 good strong top of head and ear placement, muzzle rather perched, rather heavy type body and eyes too round but of good colour r Haines's Trefoil Clementine, not enough width to top of head, nice eye colour and coat of good texture and colour type fair and tail rather short (abs Shewbridge, Smith)

**BLUE POINT** Cat: 1 Annuskans's Zils Zebede, good well balanced male, rather a big boy but I like this in a male and he is not at all clumsy, beautiful coat texture, rather fawn on back, lovely strong head and good eye shape 2 Wallace's Bru-Bur Bobo, female, very close to winner, excellent type, long head and nice body shape, very neat paws, good colour but fawn on back 3 Annuskans's Zils Zola, very nice little female, dainty and neat, small oval paws, nice head and body shape, good coat colour and contrasting points r Smith's Ishmael Mon Amour, male, very good type body, head too narrow on top, tendency to squint but good eye shape Kitten: 1 Frecker's Zeus Azalea, beautiful kit of very good type, body shape and ears excellent, oriental eye shape and good colour, wonderful tail 2 Perry's Physalis Aloragajah, also very typey, head and ear placement very good, tail long and whip, nice body shape, eyes rather round 3 Frecker's Philamanda Natasha, nice kit of good type, nice head and ear shape, was reluctant to show herself to advantage today r Hartgen's Anjolese Josodad, male, this kit would have done much better but one eye appeared to be irritated, very good and excellent head shape, good type whip tail, will do well I think another day, not at his best today AC Breeders kitten: 1 Burgess's Karibur Philla, CP female, in spite of very pale points this kitten's lovely type makes him a worthy winner, he should be a real beauty when his points darken because they will I believe be the right colour, beautiful head and ear shape, tiny oval paws, whip tail 2 Z Azalea 3 Burgess's Karibur Aznak, CP male, also a lovely type kit, good head and ear shape, eye shape and colour good, tiny kink to tail r A Josodad AC Novice kitten: 1 Neale's Casmen Kai-Koura, these Tabby points certainly have type, this is a very handsome female of beautiful type and excellent markings, I admired her very much and was sorry to have her in 1

huge mixed class 2 Rimmer's Asum Ki-Sun, beautiful little Tortie Point, I was sorry not to place her in a previous class but classes are too big especially mixed classes, very nice type and correct markings extending to whiskers, good head and body shape, excellent exhibit 3 A Josodad r S Nimrod VISITORS AC Siamese cat: 1 Neale's Sisilinki Topal, very good SP male, beautiful head and ear shape, excellent body and general type very good, good eye colour and whip tail 2 Z Zebedee 3 I Mon Amour r Jones's Trismegistos Electra, elegant LP, the lighting did not do justice to these delicate colours, nice type female, good head and body shape, dainty paws SURREY AND SUSSEX AC Siamese Neuter: 1 Cronin's Starshine Sorokki, beautiful SP in lovely contrasts, deep points, pale coat, good head and ear shape, very handsome exhibit 2 Mills's Diamden Shang-Yin, also a very good type, nice body and head shape, whip tail, eyes good shape and colour 3 Carter's Meikleriggs Calpernius, lovely LP, colour and coat texture excellent, good type, well presented. OLGA RAMSEY

**Miss A Codrington's classes**

I took some classes owing to Mrs Clarke's illness. The substitute show managers did an excellent job and I do congratulate them. We were all sad at the absence of our chairman, Mrs Iris Johnson and send her our sympathy in her great loss.

My steward Mr Day, was all a steward should be and was a great prop. I thank him very much.

**SIAMESE CHOCOLATE POINT Cat:** 1 Paramor's Physalis Wai-Ling, beautiful male of superb type, well set eyes which could have been a little deeper in colour, points a bit pale yet but if they come on well there will be no stopping him 2 Durrant's Karibur Sabishi, pleasing and well balanced female, good eyes and nose but head could be longer, dainty feet and nice points 3 Morris' Rideallington Caramello, head should be larger, good eyes, nose and tail r Stuart Hodgkinson's Druries Bruno Tam, fair type, good eyes, muzzle rather pinched, coat a bit long and points and tail colours did not match vice Tanner's Stantal Charm, female, this exhibit could do better I think, today she had spectacles and a pale chin which was nevertheless well shaped, type good (abs Eyles) **TABBY POINT Cat:** 1 Hunt's Ambercoat Amorita, nicely marked and good quality coat, rather lacking in length of head and tail (abs Eyles) **RED OR TORTIE POINT Cat:** 1 Sayer's Pitapat Shane, excellent body and head shape, loop and points good, tail a little thick at base, he did not like his left ear being touched 2 Page's Ilona Golden Star, head too short but good eyes and tail and colour (abs Whate) AC Novice cat: 1 Paramor's Physalis Linky Loo, SP male, very promising ind. 3, lovely coat, gorgeous tail, fine nose and eyes, I would prefer a slightly stronger chin but musn't grumble at an excellent exhibit 2 P Shano 3 Annuskan's Zils Zola, very nice Blue Point female, well balanced body and lovely coat and points r Annuskan's Zils Fair Maid, nice little head, good coat, eyes and nose, fair vhc Frecker's Zeus Jackaranda, female, good profile and eyes, muzzle pinched, good tail, rather dark (abs, Shewbridge, Smith) **CHOCOLATE POINT Kitten:** 1 Burgess's Karibur Philia, lovely female, should go far, excellent all over type, lovely head, eyes and tail, good colour, my best kitten 2 Mills's Illmay Ashanti, another good kitten, he was fine when I first handled him but was frightened when I got him out again, I couldn't find a reason and was sorry, he is of excellent all round type and should go far 3 Burgess's Karibur Azrak, nice kitten of good type and colour, tiny kink r Sayer's Solitaire Garnet, very good type, good tail and coat though points a trifle dark, not at her best today as one eye was weeping vhc Tanner's Hazlewood March Hare, fair type and good coat colour (abs Busk) **RED OR TORTIE POINT Kitten:** 1 Rimmer's Asuni Ki-sun, beautiful little female Tortie Point, good type and very fine markings and eyes 2 Mills's Cockleshell's Flame, this kitten is most promising, only lacks colouring at present, type excellent 3 Sayer's Solitaire Fireopal, fails in type to winners, head rather round but good colouring **TABBY POINT Kitten:** 1 Neale's Casman Kai-Kowra, very good type and markings except that tail rings are rather blurred 2 Menim's Casman Germanicus, excellent type and lovely tail, fine eyes, needs clearer markings on back legs but he is young yet 3 Otto's Donna Mia, fair type and colouring, tail shorter than above **VISITORS AC Siamese kitten 23:** 1 K Philia 2 A Ki-sun 3 Gornall's Degor Tawee Tareka, well grown kitten with very good eyes and lovely head though chin could be stronger 4 C Kai-Kowra 5 Perry's Physalis Alor Gajah, elegant kitten, all over type very good, eyes of good shape but rather pale vhc Rex Parkes's Moonspinner Aurora, good kitten; haws up when I saw her vhc Hartgen's Anjolese Josodad, good kitten, eyes a little full. ANN CODRINGTON

**COVENTRY & LEICESTER**  
(con inued)

The Coventry and Leicester show was, as always, very successfully run by Mr and Mrs Bullock. The numbers far exceeded last year's and there was still room in this fine big hall for more so that there was no overcrowding anyway and everything was so well arranged. My very grateful thanks to my most helpful and attentive steward. I am very sorry to say that I do not know his name. I must also apologise for the delay in sending in my report.

**LH AOC Cat 3:** 1 Harding's Mingchiu Koca, most attractive Self coloured chocolate brown of nice type, in very nice condition, coat a little short today, yellow eyes 2 Edwards's Zimalus Marella, very pretty silver of nice type and chinchilla colouring but very heavy ticking (Abs, Wyant) **Kitten 3:** 1 Harding's Mingchiu Danladi, Self brown, same colour as Koca with larger eyes, type medium, yellow eyes which were nice and large and round, this colour of coat is most attractive 2 Woodfield's Pathfinders Blue Bouquet, I think this is a very attractive kitten which might be called a Blue Cream Tortoiseshell (I stand to be corrected on this) lovely soft coat and condition, type medium (Abs, Britton) **NEUTER PREMIER AOC THAN SELF LH 2:** 1 pr Greenlees's Pr Deebank Tahzb, lovely type and coat and colour, red self, large orange eyes, lovely deep coloured coat, very good self, lovely tail, sweet and gentle, and in very good condition 2 Linsey's Akebia Buddleia, Seal Point Colourpoint of medium type, pale eyes, coat colour rather uneven **LONG HAIR AC Senior cat 13:** 1 Plews's Tewith Tamara, lovely type Cream female, palest cream, absolutely sound, in lovely coat and condition, beautiful cat 2 Woodfield's Ch Pathfinders Posy, t and w, very tidy cat, medium eyes, bright colouring, nice white patch on back but rather too much white on front 3 Sanderson's Bluemin Melondrop, good type Blue, shady today, medium eyes, good full tail very nice all round cat 4 Shepard's Startops Muna, gorgeous face and large round eyes, deep copper, lovely type cat, shady today and not in full coat and eyes rather wet r Emslie's Ch A Nimbus, good type Smoke, large fine cat, mask quite good and good tail, more grooming required vhc Hood's Dulcimo Arlette, Chinchilla, nice green eyes, fairly heavy ticking, type quite good, more grooming required vhc Ruthmell c Sharp (Abs, Harding, Wyant, Whyte) AC Limit kitten 20: This class I think had fortunately been split, as there were thirty-nine AC Limit kittens. 1 Cochrane's Edelstein Miss Muffet, very pale Blue, lovely sound coat, excellent type, ears a little open, very pretty kitten 2 Suddaby's Peereth Aaron, huge Blue male kitten, good sound coat, nice type, rather open ears, medium eyes 3 Roden's Sonata Concerto, blue Smoke of nice type, excellent eyes, lovely texture coat 4 Brimdon's Lanjoy Moreford, huge White kitten, good type, large eyes, fine physique, more grooming required 5 Hodgson's Dolmege Sunshine Girl, very nice type kitten for type and length of coat but shady, nice eyes for size and colour r Crockett's Donbank Petite Fleur, baby Chinchilla, sweet and good eye colour vhc Ashton hc Emslie c Wacht, in the Blue Persian female club class Mrs Knight's lovely Roidancio June Rose was outstanding. In the Lancs and N Western AC LH Cat Mrs Plews's Ch Tewith White Crest, gorgeous White male, and again in the Nor C C class AC LH Cat, in Preston CC AV Neuter, Mr Pearson's Amberley Silver Sylvester, beautifully marked Silver Tabby was first. M BRUNTON

**Mrs E Towe's classes**

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bullock for staging such a big show. The work involved in organisation is now colossal.

**BI-COLOUR Cat:** 1 Woodfield's Pathfinders Tangle, good type, distribution of black and white very uneven, good tail, nice eyes 2 Woodfield's Pathfinders Goldstrike, red and white, nice head and eyes, should like more red in coat **BIRMAN Cat:** 1 ch Selby's Praha Chen Yu, good type, well presented, well built cat, nice tail, eyes good blue, white markings on front and back feet very good, coat rather dark today **SIAMESE RED POINT Cat:** 1 Sayer's Solitaire Tagetes, well grown, good type, nice head and eyes, good texture coat, ears of good colour, lack colour on mask and legs 2 White's Yclept Adsum, big cat, nice head and eyes, nice colour ears, tail could be longer, mask and legs lack colour 3 Jones's Mandessa Sindy, good type, nice head, ringed tail, light coat, no mask or points, r Baxter's Embee Klet Thuang **AOD Cat:** 1 Wiseman's Contented Khan, pale coated cat of good foreign type, ringed tail, nice head, eyes rather round **COVENTRY AND LEICESTER CAT CLUB AC Siamese cat:** 1 Hayes's Rushay Romano, Tabby Point, light coat, good shape and colour eyes, ringed tail, good mask and points 2 Burlton's Ona Lopez, good type BP, good head and eyes, good mask and light coat open today, long tail 3 Farley's Flayre Chocolate Mandarin, nice type CP, good coat, rather shady today, good eyes, nice tail 4 Key's Sukotal, SP, good head and eyes, good quality coat, little patchy today, nice tail, sweet cat 5

Grimmett's Barbecat Cmbo, SP, good head, well set eyes, nice texture coat but dark today, good tail **ABYSSINIAN CAT CLUB Red Abyssinian Cat:** 1 Hunt's Firefly Borrowed Dreams, good type, head and eyes, no white, clear tummy, good coat and undercoat, long tail 2 Brooks's Ch Densu Bracken Bey, big elegant cat, nice head and green eyes, nice coat and undercoat, tail ringed today 3 Warde's Flume Atalanta, good type, elegant, nice legs and feet, good tail, little white on chin and neck ring r Watkinson's Flume Calypso, nice tufted ears, orange eyes, heavy neck rings, white on chin and chest, good type **BURMESE CAT CLUB Blue Burmese Cat:** 1 Mack's Harp Minkus, good style, coat of good texture and colour, nice eyes, legs and feet, good tail 2 Laurent's Harp Drigo, good type, nice head and eyes, coat colour and texture good, nice feet, good tail, ran winner close 3 Silkstone's Tinypaws Blue Monarch, nice head and eyes, coat colour and texture good, nice tail r Boutel's Coppelstone Bluebell, dainty, nice head and eyes, coat colour and texture good, good tail Blue Burmese kitten: 1 Holmes's Cragland Blue Mist, dainty, good head, eyes, and coat for colour, long tail 2 Mack's Belcanto Ernani, good type, head and eyes, coat good for colour on texture, ran winner close, rings on tail today 3 Oliver's Belcanto Blue Thais, good head and eyes, nice coat and tail, good type, r Mack's Belcanto Florida Tosca, smaller kitten, good type, nice colour coat, good tail **CHESHIRE AREA CAT CLUB AV Neuter:** 1 Greenlees' Pr Deebank Tahzb, excellent type LH Red Tabby, good head and eyes, good colour coat, good tail, well presented, later best LH Neuter 2 Williams' Pr Silverseal Clement, good type SH Silver Tabby, markings and colour good, ringed tail and good necklace 3 Andrews' Thiepval Marcus, big LH Blue, good top of head, good eyes, ears a little pricked, lovely tail, coat rather dark today, well presented r Lai't's Pr Brownreys Chicabu, good BP Siamese, good type, coat and points. A very good class **NORTHERN SIAMESE SOCIETY AC Siamese kitten 6-9 mth:** 1 Challoner's Whitehaugh Blue Sixpence, good type BP, mask and points correct colour, eyes good for shape and colour, good light coat, long tail 2 Harrison's Raeburn Hannahlore, good type LP, long head, well set eyes, good tail, mask, points and coat 3 Strawford's Marshbrook Zwando, SP of good type, oriental eyes of good colour, whip tail, good mask, coat too dark today, 4 Maund's Saknon Zepher, big BP, good head, mask and points, long whip tail, ringed today, nice coat 5 Bould's Marshbrook Sultan, good type SP, long head, eyes good colour, whip tail coat shady today r Brabyn's Sakura Corinnalynx, good type Tabby Point, eyes good shape and colour, grey and black markings, long ringed tail, coat too dark today. Many thanks to my steward, Mr Pearson, for all his help; he is very efficient and handles the exhibits with care and understanding. E TOWE

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**Current affairs in the cat world**

IF UPON seeing my name at the bottom of this article readers think they are in for a good laugh, I am sorry, they are not. I am glad that everyone, well almost everyone, took my last article in the good humoured vein in which it was written. Now, I am deadly serious, as I always am when anything affects the welfare and happiness of cats.

Which is the worst of the present evils, Japanese importers, Russian skimmers or the fifth and sick cats of the backyards, who, like the poor are always with us? Even if the Emperor himself assured me that Japan is a cat's paradise, I still would not let my kittens go there. If the kittens are unhappy I like them to be near enough to come home again, I could not afford to pay the return fare and quarantine in this country. For this reason, I will not let relations in Germany have one of my kittens although I am sure it would go to a good home. Try chattering to your cat in another language; it will look at you in amazement—if Siamese (usually talkative) it will probably say 'I knew it, she's off her nut.' Just think how lonely puss will be when the rhythm and pitch of the human voice is so much different from the familiar European tones he has always known. My husband would like to deport the lot of us at the moment as 'someone' has dug over his seed trays in the cold frame; that's life!

The Russian skins does seem like newspaper sensationalism. I understand that the skin of Felis Domesticus has no pelt and is therefore not strong enough to work with, but I also remember what people said about Davy Crockett hats.

Civet cats, of which the scent gland secretion is used as a perfume fixative, is also a cat, but rather different from cats as we know them. I saw a rug in a showroom which was made of 'cat skins' but it appeared to be an animal somewhere between a mongoose, subfamily of the civet, and a coypu. Let's hope this theory could be right, for want of another name. I think fur coats look better on the

donor, unless made of nylon.

I must endorse Pat Neale's request (February 27) that the show cat be given his due comfort and that good clean white blankets and adequate potties be provided at all shows. What possesses people to use unwashed show equipment? Might I suggest that when the show manager makes her first request to clear the hall, the show committee make a quick reconnaissance, checking cats' comfort and, if inadequate, the exhibitor should be reasoned with; if comforts are then refused a second opinion called and upon agreement a large 'Entry cancelled' notice be placed on the pen. No one ever leaves the hall at first request so there is no excuse and as soon as word gets round that such-and-such a club is red hot on blankets, exhibitors would soon conform for fear of losing their prizes.

Show managers could keep a 'black list' of continuous offenders and not accept their entries. This idea I feel would work and be fair to cats and the conscientious exhibitors. Show committees comprise experienced cat owners; many have reared families too, so they know what is what.



Lastly, I refer to Mrs Phillips's letter (March 20). I, too, have wondered why sick or off-colour cats are placed at shows. If their condition is such that the judge has to mention it, if only to shame the owner, who in most cases should know better, why place it? It's a bit of an insult to the other exhibitors.

Often in show reports I have read, 'Short head', 'weak chin', 'brindling', 'small ears', 'round or pale eyes', 'long coat', 'too dark', 'short tail', 'kink' etc and have chuckled to myself, thinking 'If they were the winners, what were the rest like?'

An enterprising plastic surgeon could make a fortune. ANN EMMOTT (Agamemnon Siamese)