

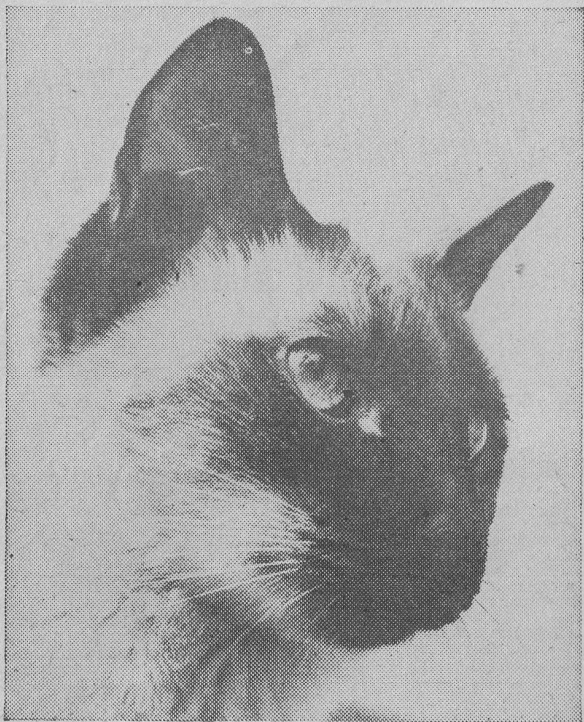
WINNERS AT THE CAT SHOWS

SURREY & SUSSEX

(continued)

LH BLACK Cat: 1 Stone's Kala Samantha, good type, neat ears, good top of head, firm chin, good orange eyes, coat a little short today and short tail **LH WHITE Cat:** 1 Sherlock's Redmire Yashak, odd-eyed white, both eyes of good colour, nice coat and tail, should like top of head wider and ears smaller **MANX Cat:** 1 Mudd's Dreemskerry Russet, good type Red Tabby for colour and markings, double coat, nice eyes, good rump, quite tailless 2 Butcher's Brightwell Beattie, good Tabby, coat well marked, colour good, green eyes, quite tailless 3 Butcher's Ch Kerridwen, sweet Tortie and White, good rump, would like coat thicker, probably moulting r Butcher's Ch Brightwell Brianne, excellent type Tabby and White, good coat **SHORT HAIR AV Novice cat:** 1 Ashford's Annelida Icicle, good type white Devon Rex, green eyes, good tail, excellent coat 2 Caldwell's Sittang Puan Kandy, dainty Brown Burmese, good head and ears, good coat, nice

tail, eyes rather too green 3 Baines's Kim's Natasha, good type Tortie and White, some tabby markings, solid feet, lacks blaze and colour on mask r Betts's Dellswood White Heather, excellent type British White, good short tail, nice coat but eyes green **AV Limit cat:** 1 Rockell's Hatchgate Cornocob, good type Rex, green eyes, well-furred coat of apricot colour, long tail, correct whiskers 2 Ashford's Anna May, tortie Rex, excellent type, good eyes, nice tail, well-furred coat, bright colours 3 Woodfield's Pathfinders Marion, excellent type, good feet, nice eyes, coat colours bright and well mingled r B Beattie vhc D White Heather **MANX Kitten:** 1 Butcher's Gregory Griggs, good type red and white tabby, good thick coat, good rump, eye not yet determined, promising **SHORT HAIR AV Breeders kitten:** 1 Ashford's Annelida Sea Mist, well-grown blue Rex, good head and eyes, coat good colour blue, long tail 2 Woodfield's Pathfinders Mary, good type Tortie and White, well patched, bright colours, nice eyes, all feet white 3 Silverman and Swift's Sabre Blue Nickel, well-grown



TAO

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Blue Burmese, good tail, nice head and eyes, coat shady today r Ashford's Annelida Black Velvet, tiny black Rex, very sweet, very good thick coat, promising **NEUTER AOC LH:** 1 Pither's Bon Bon Rajah, big SP Colourpoint, good head and eyes, dense mask and points, short tail, full coat 2 Otto's Oleander Merry Scamp, good Chinchilla, nice head, good green eyes, good coat, full tail, ears a little pricked 3 Pither's Pr Barcombe Scilla, good type Smoke, good white undercoat, nice head and ears, good tail r Pither's Bon Bon Sultan, BP Colourpoint, big cat, very good coat and tail, colour of mask and points good, eye colour could be deeper, a good class, all cats in good condition and well presented **CROYDON CAT CLUB AC Siamese cat or kitten:** 1 Gornall's Dengor Tawee Tareka, good type SP, good head, eyes good for colour, would like setting more oriental, good coat, dense points, long tail 2 Sayer's Pitapat Shane, RP of excellent type, good head, oriental eyes of good colour, mask and points lack colour, good tail 3 Sayer's Solitaire Fire Opal, good type, eyes good colour, but a little round, ringed tail, light coat, ears and mask good colour but pale feet and legs r Mills's Cockleshell Flame, another good type RP but no colour in points, very pale ears **NEUTER—AV FOREIGN:** 1 Simmons's Waverhouse Einme, Brown Burmese, good head and eyes, correct profile, good coat, no white, good tail, nice ears 2 Procter's Kathoodu Kardinal, well-grown Brown Burmese, coat colour good, nice tail, green eyes 3 Caldwell's Ramree Chindwin, good type Brown Burmese, good texture coat, nice tail, eyes green r Tobias's's Seathwaite Sitta, big Brown Burmese, nice head, green eyes, would not be taken out of pen **DEVON REX Cat or kitten:** 1 A Icicle 2 H Cornocob 3 A Sea Mist r Blgrave's Cosmic Cool Cookie, good black kitten, nice orange eyes, good ears, nice tail, well-furred coat. I was asked to decide between the best SH cat and the best LH cat in order to award the Remembrance Bowl for best exhibit. I found this decision very difficult, but chose Mrs Fisher's Birman cat, Ch Praha Shawnee. She is a beautiful little cat. Runner-up was Mrs Neale's SP Siamese male, Sislinki Topal. He is very promising but very young and still immature compared with the older cat. The standard of exhibits I thought very high. We were all very sad about Mrs Johnson's absence but all concerned with organising the show are to be congratulated on a very good and happy event. My thanks to my steward, Mrs K Burgess, for all her help. She handled the exhibits expertly. E TOWE

NORTHERN SIAMESE

(continued)

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Macalister for another well run and happy show. The venue is good with excellent lighting, and the show attracted a good gate. **BLUE POINT Male cat:** 1 ch Guthrie's Ch Tamruat Blue Boy, long head, eyes good for shape and colour, light coat of good texture, little shady today, whip tail 2 Biggie's Ch Ulysses O'Grady, big cat, long head, eyes good for shape and colour, coat shady today, long tail, did not want to be handled 3 Hughes's Bru-Bur Kalmar, long head, muzzle rather pinched, eyes of good shape and colour, coat dark on back, straight tail r Kelsey's Dailyn Double Diamond, good head, eyes good for shape and colour, long tail, coat very dark today **AOC cat:** 1 Edgecombe's Warnedged Rhapsody, Blue Tortie, foreign type, very sweet cat but no standard to judge to 2 Hodson's Jaqueen Kwenilda, eyes too round for Siamese type, points not determined **AC Visitors male:** 1 T Blue Boy 2 Alexander's Ch Kuala Caru, good SP, long head and nose, eyes good shape and colour, long tail, coat of good texture, little shady today 3 Jones's Ch Lorelei Zebodee, good type LP, big cat, good head, shows good for shape and colour, long tail, eyes well 4 Biggie's Ch Ulysses O'Grady r Paramor's Physalis Chulalongkorn, good type LP, good head and eyes, lovely light coat, long tail, mask little pale today **Novice kitten:** 1 Earsden's Marshbrook Melinda, dainty, whip tail, good head, oriental eyes of good colour, dense mask and points, coat shady and open today, promising 2 Denny's Pi-Den Cleopatra, younger SP, good type, eyes good for shape and colour, good coat, whip tail, promising 3 Lodge's Deeyin Mercury, tiny kitten, very sweet, good head and eyes, whip tail, dense points ex 3 Marshall's Edwardian Rosewood, LP with lovely coat, eyes good for shape and colour, whip tail, good ears 4 Key's Kaloke Chandra, tiny sweet SP, eyes good for shape and colour, light coat, dense points, long tail 5 Prescott's Diamond Cinderella, good type CP, mask and points of good colour, long whip tail, lovely coat, would like eye colour to be deeper r Campbell's Shushilla Fenella, good type SP, nice eyes, mask brindled, coat open, rather out of condition today otherwise would have been placed higher. A very good class **BLUE POINT SIAMESE CAT CLUB Neuter:** 1 Braithwaite's Deeyin Aureus, good type big cat, nice eyes, straight tail, good texture coat but dark today **NORTHERN SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY CHOCOLATE POINT Cat:** 1 Shewbridge's Tamruat Alpa Kumara, good head and eyes, light coat, good tail, good style, shows well, mask brindled today 2 Edgecombe's Benhall Mistletoe, excellent type, oriental eyes, light coat,

correct colour nose leather and pads, mask pale today ex 2 Imlach's Physalis Phandah, big cat, good head, eyes good for shape and colour, long tail, lovely coat, mask pale today 3 Burlington's Bru-Bur Rochefort, good head and eyes, long tail, points good, coat open today r Richardson's Sunjade Chocolate Domino, big cat, good head and eyes, long tail, mask brindled **AC RADIUS kitten:** 1 Met-calf's Chiki Achilles, dainty BP, nice head and eyes, light coat, good tail, nice feet, shows well 2 S Fenella, 3 Campbell's Pitapat Firecrest, excellent type, big kitten, ringed tail, nice colour ears, mask and points too pale r Threadingham's Bernina Chocolate Fiona, good style CP, good light coat, eye shape too round but good colour eyes. My sincere thanks to my very efficient steward, Miss McColm. She was excellent in every way. E TOWE

THREE COUNTIES CAT SOCIETY PARTY

The Three Counties Cat Society will hold an informal tea party for members and friends at Amberley, Manor Road, Verwood on June 21 from 3—6 pm. Admission will be 3s 6d members, 4s 6d non-members. To assist catering arrangements, will anyone who wishes to attend please notify me as soon as possible.

Schedules for the show on August 23 are now in the course of preparation and will be dispatched to all members and exhibitors at last year's show during June. Will anyone else who requires one, please apply to me, preferably in writing. (Mrs) M A WILSON (hon sec), Amberley, Manor Road, Verwood, Dorset BH21 6DY

WHITE PERSIAN SOCIETY

BRITISH CHAPTER MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, at Challoner Club, 61 Pont Street, SW1 (behind Harrods, Knightsbridge).

11 30—11 50 am. Assemble.

12 noon. 'Infection and Diseases of the Ear, Eye and Nose in White Persian and Long-haired Cats'—Dr Michael Floyd, Veterinary Surgeon, California, USA, now at Royal Veterinary College, London.

1 pm. Buffet lunch for all. Members at invitation of Regional Vice-President, Mrs E Durbin. Visitors and non-members 12/6, booked in advance please.

2 pm. 'Genetics in the breeding of the White Persian'—Dr P Scott, PhD, BSc, Royal Free Hospital Medical School, London, WC1.

WHITE PERSIAN SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting, 3 pm.

At which Item 5 will be a discussion on the future activities of the Society and it hoped the election of a committee for this purpose. All members, WPS, past and present, and interested White Persian owners and breeders are invited to attend in the interest of the breed.

4 pm. Afternoon tea for members and guests at the R Vice-President's invitation.

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ABERDEEN—continued

The North East of Scotland Cat Club held its second sanction show on May 17 in Aberdeen. Undoubtedly it was a great success. The officials and committee worked very hard and were fettered by a large gate. The visitors showed much interest in the exhibits. Nearly every breed was represented. JMN

Mrs J M Newton's classes

SH BLACK Cat: 1 Pearson's Ch Cathiss Renee, type good, dense black, coat a little long, very nice condition **BRITISH BLUE** Cat 2: 1 Simpson's Ryeland Regal Gent, excellent, broad in face, good short coat although rather dark, eyes a little pale 2 Simpson's Gemstone Bluebell, very good type, good colour coat, eyes well shaped but too green **SH SILVER TABBY** Cat 2: 1 Pearson's Lowenhau Roderick, plush real British coat, markings very distinct, good type, just wins today on coat texture, both exhibits in fine condition, my best cat 2 Pearson's Ch Silversal Oriole, well built, good shape and type, markings stand out well, coat a little long at present, a little white round chin **SH SPOTTED** Cat 1: 1 Pearson's Barbiste Isabella, type good, well spotted and distinct, extending under body, nicely shaped, rather solid under tail **BROWN BURMESE** 1: Abs Milne, 1 Hankinson's Elmham Siegfried, very dark in coat, well shaped body, neat feet, eyes too green **DEVON REX** Cat 1: 1 Hough's Annelida Laurella, good type, well-set ears, very coat coming in well over body **BRITISH BLUE** Kitten 1: 1 Pearson's Fendale Impish, very good type, thick short coat, well proportioned body **SH SILVER TABBY** Kitten 1: 1 Pearson's Lowenhaus Jacqueline, too white under body, marking clear on top of body, very nice type, eyes turning **SH SPOTTED** Kitten 1: 1 Pearson's Lowenhaus Juno, dense clear spots, good eyes for size and colour, nice type, my best kitten today **BROWN or BLUE BURMESE** Kitten 1: 1 Kemp's Heilan Mctina, well grown, eyes near standard, good

type, few white hairs **CORNISH or DEVON REX** Kitten 1: 1 Herd's Annelida Wisteria, coat not quite in yet, doubtless due to age, good type, well-shaped body **NEUTER AV FOREIGN** 3: 1 Moir's Balmidi Satin, shining close coat, neat head and body, no white hairs 2 Duncan and Pittendriugh's Anavis Castana Certania, eyes near correct colour, fine condition, coat a nice even colour 3 Ross's Heilan Gozo, nice short wedge, eyes too green, shining nicely textured coat **AV BRITISH** 2: 1 Glennie's Muirend Fireball, good Cream, lovely eyes for shape and colour, good type and coat, slightly ringed tail 2 Pearson's Amberley Silva Sylvester, very clear markings, slightly long coat, good type **LONG HAIR AC** Breeders cat 4: Abs Duff, 1 Hepburn's Sun Beam, Cream, soft profuse coat, good top to head, very good type rather hot on back 2 McKay's Dunrobin Rowana, coat very good, type also good, dense mask fading a little due to end of season 3 Sutherland's Blue, good type, shady, ears rather open at base, nice broad top to head r H Black Pearl AC cat not bred by exhibitor 4: Abs, Weymouth, Leith, 1 B Hermes 2 H Cream Conquest 3 P Ajax 4 S Pussy Galore AC Novice cat 5: Abs, Duff, Leith, 1 D Rowanna 2 P Ajax 3 C Cowboy r H Black Pearl AC Senior cat 1: 1 Sutherland AC Junior cat 5: 1 D Rowanna 2 B Hermes 3 H Cream Conquest r C Cowboy AC Kitten not bred by exhibitor 1: 1 E Barwell Aricia AV Novice kitten 1: 1 Connor's Akela Theodora-Trix **NEUTER AC LH** 3: Abs Bradley, 1 Wilson's Almondhill Goldie 2 Lowe's Glenbury Morning Star 3 Mavor's Topaz Gem AV Novice 1: Abs Thomas, 1 B Satin AV Brace 3: Abs Bradley, W Bluebell 4 Blue Zircon 2 H Che-Che and W Bluebell 3 W Princess Minou and Poo-Ki, excellent class for condition **RADIUS** Over 25 miles 10: 1 L Roderick 2 D Rowanna 3 B Hermes ex 3 P Phandah r H Cream Conquest

5 Ch S Oriole vhc M Scheherazade and A Blue Laddie AV Kitten 6: 1 L Juno 2 A Theodora-Trix 3 F Impish 4 A Wisteria r A Tai-Lu vhc L Jacqueline. My other classes are club classes. Will anyone who wants a report on his exhibit please write enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. I expect to be away from home for the first fortnight in June. Mrs Murray and a young girl whose name I do not know stewarded for me and made my day a very happy one with such careful handling of the exhibits. I do thank them both for such hard work. J M NEWTON

PREMIER THUNDER

It is with great sadness that I have to write of the death of Premier Thunder. He died recently, quite suddenly, from a kidney infection, in spite of all that veterinary help could do.

He was the much loved pet of Mrs Catherine Ellis and the first Colourpoint to attain premier status.

This was a beautiful and gentle cat. IRIS HANCOX

LINCOLNSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY—CAT SECTION

Will exhibitors in the cat section at the Lincoln show on June 19 please note the following changes of judging: Mr Tomlinson will now judge classes 35, 58, 62, 63, 65a, 68, 70, 92, 95, 107 and 108; Mrs Thake will judge class 65b. Classes 62, 63 and 65 have been split. SHIRLEY BEEVER (joint show manager)

KENSINGTON MAIL

Mrs Margery Bishop, who resigned as honorary secretary of the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club last April, regrets that she is unable to answer any correspondence appertaining to the club. All requests for club support should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs M Thake, 18 Humphray Burtons Road, Stivechale, Coventry CV3 6HX

Governing Council issues a warning

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy warns all breeders against selling three or more kittens to the same buyer, especially if there is any indication that they may be sent abroad, particularly to Japan.

The office of the Registrar (other breeds) —Mrs E G Aitken—will be closed from June 8—18, 1969 inclusive.

Attention is drawn to all clubs that at Championship and sanction shows it is necessary to provide a special breed class for all recognised breeds for adults and kittens. Thus you may not have 1e Spotted or Bi-coloured, M or F as one class or AV Novice M or F. (Mrs) W DAVIS (hon sec).

Meeting discussions

At the last Council meeting held on April 23 at YWCA, London WC1 the chairman, Mr J Trevor, said that it was with regret that Council heard of the news of Miss K Yorke's death. He, and many members of the Cat Fancy and Governing Council had attended her requiem. The delegates stood in silence in remembrance.

It was agreed that the show season should start each year with the beginning of Council's year, i.e. June 1. Therefore, this season runs from June 1 1969 to May 31, 1970.

Regarding Breed No 32, this matter is still being considered by the Joint Siamese committee and therefore the present position continues for the season beginning June 1969.

The proposition was carried that the Council be willing to consider judges nominated by the Siamese specialist clubs and put forward on their behalf by the Joint Advisory committee (Siamese Cats).

The following judges were approved for Burmese: Full judge—Miss K M Macpherson; probationer judges—Mrs M J Howe, Mrs P D B Hughes, Mr F E King, Mrs H G Philpot, Mrs R Pocock, Mrs C Somers, Miss M K Swift.

The proposition was carried that Siamese kittens under the age of three months should not be shown. This is operable this year except where Schedules have already been printed. (Mrs) D DAVIS Secretary, Dovefields, Petworth Road, Witley, Surrey.

BEWARE

The Siamese Cat Club strongly urges all its members when selling kittens to make every possible enquiry to ensure that the destination and ultimate home is a good one for the animal. This is especially important when sending out of the United Kingdom, for then there is no coming back, except through six months quarantine. Do not send your animals off into the blue, and do not send at all to the Far East. Those of us who have seen for ourselves how cats and dogs are treated by many of the orientals know that cruelly abundant that starvation and disease are rife. Cats are kept in cages in America, and not the large open air cages that we in Britain confine our cats when they are not allowed full freedom. I quote from an American news letter about Siamese, 'In Florida, USA area, a kitten factory operates. One operation housed in two small rooms, crowded with cats in small cages... two brand new litters of babies were on display. Admission charge 75c for adults and 25c for children.'

Please put the welfare of the animal first and foremost and don't be tempted by high remuneration to add another possible victim to the vast army of strays. Remember, too, there are bad homes here, as well as abroad. (Mrs) MARY DUNNILL (honorary secretary) The Garth, High Lane, Haslemere, Surrey

APPRECIATION

I FEEL most grateful to Mrs Burrows and Mrs Polden who cared for my cats during my visit to Canada. The most fastidious cat owner need have no fear in leaving his cats with Mrs Polden if she is able to accommodate them. Camber Anne Marie went to Mrs Burrows for matrimonial reasons and a holiday, and we hope will have lovely babies by Ch Orion of Pensford. MARGERY BISHOP

LONG-HAIRED CAT CLUB

A meeting to discuss the formation of a Longhaired Cat Club will be held at the YWCA Great Russell Street, London, WC1, on Thursday, August 14 at 2.30 pm.

Arrangements can be made for tea to be provided if those intending to come to the meeting will notify me fourteen days prior to the date arranged.

All Longhair breeders and owners will be welcome. (Mrs) BLANCHE BARRON, 54 Sweetcroft Lane, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

CANCELLED

The exemption show due to be held by the Gwynedd Cat Club at Caernarvon on August 7, 1969, will not now take place.

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We wish to express thanks to the committee and willing helpers of the Nor' East of Scotland Cat Club, who ran the Show so efficiently.

Also to judges Mrs J Newton and Mrs E Aitken who thought so highly of our exhibits on the day.

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BLUE-POINT SIAMESE FOR THE NOVICE

THETIS RENDALL

I HAVE been asked to write on Blue Pointed Siamese, especially for the newcomer to this variety.

I am assuming that the newcomer will begin by purchasing a female BP kitten. It is of primary importance that this kitten should come from healthy parents, and come through from birth to full kitten-hood without any major set back, or any set back for that matter at all.

I never breed from any queen, no matter how good, which had a dead kit in her litter, or whose litters are uneven in the size of the kits. I will not tolerate runts. If a queen produces these faults, mated to different studs, I have her spayed at once. I have followed this policy ever since I began to learn and have experience in breeding. Looking at my records I notice that it is nearly ten years since a queen produced a dead kit, and all my litters of four to seven kits are quite even in individual size, making equal progress up to eight weeks or so, when the difference in sex begins to show. It is heartbreaking and a waste of time and money to continue to breed from an unsound queen.

Colour at birth

I advocate buying a female kitten of at least 3 months of age, bred from parents which are both Blue Pointed. A good kitten from a correct all BP mating is coloured white at birth, and should not, in my experience, develop a cloudy or dirty coat as it grows older. It should go right through to adolescence with a clear coat. This coat colour in the older kit is not the clear white shade as at birth, but is a faintly blue-white, a difficult shade to describe.

I never breed from a kitten or young adult which has what may be termed a 'whiter than white' coat, as I have found from experience that this ultra whiteness often becomes exceedingly dark in early maturity. In the same way I avoid a kitten with very deep points,

as I have found that these can be a symptom of a dark coat in adolescence.

Eye colour

Eye shade should be a very bright vivid blue, not the deep sapphire shade to be seen in the best SPs. When the standard for BPs was first drawn up the description given for eye shade was a 'bright china blue'. The word 'china' was changed about 1958, and 'vivid' was substituted, in my opinion a change for the better, though 'china' expressed what the earlier breeders felt should be aimed for in BPs.

Recently, in a club journal there was an article by an American breeder who stated that it was nonsense to try for the 'china blue' shade, and inferred that any shade would do, 'the deeper the better'. I beg to differ. The china or vivid blue required is a very difficult shade to breed. The shade tends to fall between a washed-out blue or a deep sapphire. I contend that when the correct shade is won, no other shade is so 'right' for the good BP.

Nature has a way of imposing a balance of colour for the Siamese. If one quality is strengthened, such as eye shade, the rest of the body colour and points tend to deepen also, to maintain this balance. I think the word 'china' was not altogether a good description of blue. I like to think of the shade of a clear sunny sky in Switzerland, over snow clad mountains.

Body colour

Blue is a difficult colour to breed, and in Siamese it has a tendency to run all over the body. But this can be controlled by rigid selective breeding. For me the all blue coat is a greater

fault than too much fawn, a very ugly fault indeed, particularly when the entire coat is permeated. Unhappily it is a very common fault today. But this fault too can be controlled by correct breeding methods. I doubt whether the fawn can be entirely eliminated, especially in summer. In the young cat I think there will nearly always be slight shading along the lower part of the spine and upper thighs. With age this shading could change to blue, the body, chest, tummy and flanks remaining white.

I think one of the most important rules in breeding is to understand the strength and weakness of one's own stock. The newcomer having bought her first female kitten, will have to let her have at least two litters before being able to assess her queen's breeding potential. The advice usually given to a new breeder is to mate with a stud which is strong where the queen is weak. This advice is only permissible where it is possible to see some kittens sired by the stud under consideration, and to note whether or not he has the ability to hand on his good points. If this is not possible, and I liked the look of a certain male, I should prefer to use that male's sire, in the greater likelihood of the particular qualities being handed on to the queen.

Breeding plans

Breeding in the widest sense is a long term process. I always make my breeding plans for a minimum of two years ahead. For the newcomer the first two litters from her queen are in the main experimental, as I have already said. After this I think the new breeder should take stock and decide where her chief interest lies, and whether she wishes to concentrate on improving

certain qualities. Having made her decision, she should hold to it steadfastly, despite disappointments, for if she learns and observes her mistakes, a certain amount of success will surely come. It is very easy to become diverted off course, and to wander down by lanes with no fixed idea, but always after some fresh idea which has little or no connection with the main plan.

As is known I have a permanent idea fixed for the pale coat, and frankly have had to withstand quite a few diversionary ideas over the years, which would have led me into a blind alley, and also might not have given me the great interest and excitement of proving and disproving my many theories on producing and retaining a pale coated BP. I have proved for my own satisfaction that this pale coat can be produced by selective breeding and not usually by heredity. For example, a stud or brood queen which has very beautiful eye shade can hand this on to the majority if not all her progeny, even though the second parent may fall in this detail. But a very pale coated parent is unlikely to hand on the same degree of paleness when mated to a dingy coloured partner. But there is every possibility that at least one of the resulting kittens could show an improvement on the darker parent.

I think it is to be deplored that the various colours in Siamese are being interbred, for the most part quite indiscriminately. It may be necessary when trying to establish a new variety in colour to interbreed with those colours already stabilized, but otherwise, in my view the only method to improve all varieties of Siamese is to breed colour to colour. But I regret that I must plead guilty in using another point colour to maintain and improve my own strain of BPs.

Pale coats

For some years there has been a dearth of pale coated BP studs. Rather than use a male which failed to please me in this respect, I have been experimenting with Lilac Points. In some ways I think it has been a mistake, but at least I have retained consistently a pale coat in my cats. The use of an LP must not be regarded as a short cut to the desired coat colour. The LP must be very carefully selected as many LPs throw very dark BP kittens. The selection can only be made by observation of the BPs thrown and by a test mating. By the end of this year I am hoping to finish using LPs of either sex, and to return to BP x BP breeding in the new year. From then I shall begin to breed out the LP, and hope to have, possibly, four generations of solid BP breeding in seven or eight years time. But plans can go awry.

Whatever the objective in breeding, whether in the hope of contributing toward the improvement of the breed, for exhibition, or just for the pleasure of having kittens around, the time, trouble and expense, not forgetting the hard work, is the same for a good quality litter as a bad one. So I would urge the pet category of breeder to try to raise the best quality kittens possible. There is no reason that I can see why the neuter or spay which is not intended to grace the show pen, should not be an ornament to the breed and a pleasure to the eye. For the newcomer it can add to the interest to try to learn to have 'an eye' for a good cat.

On re-reading these notes I realize that much of what I have written will provoke profound disagreement. I must reiterate that I have written on results from planned breeding over more years than I care to remember, and many of these views and ideas will be found in other articles which have appeared in various journals, though some of these views have become more firmly entrenched as the result of continued experience. I have had two breaks in my breeding programme, a rather long one in recent years, and it takes time to pick up the threads. True breeding is really a line of continuity yet based on some repeat performances. Some beginners have success at the outset, but it requires knowledge and experience to develop the initial success into something more lasting and ultimately more satisfactory. With cats it is a long road to build up a strain of generation following generation, but perhaps it is this length of time which creates its own pleasure and gratification, I wonder. Possibly rabbits or mice might have brought results more quickly, but probably with less happiness.

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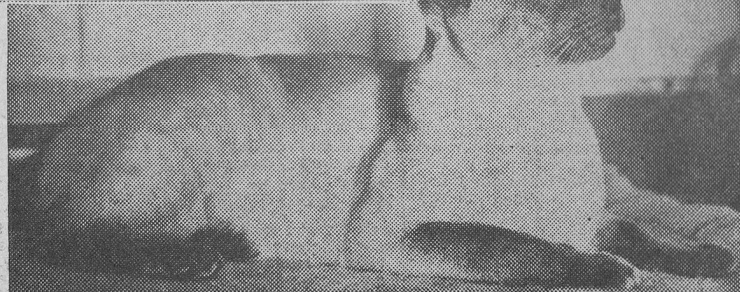
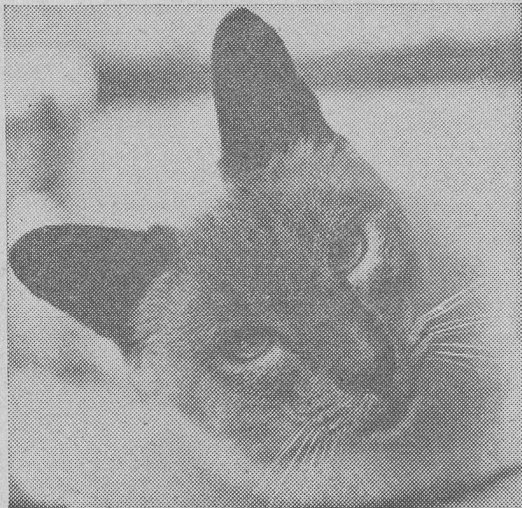
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Readers write on cat topics

SHOW PROCEDURE

I READ with interest Mrs Colville's thoughts on show procedure in FUR AND FEATHER of May 22. I entirely agree that the procedures for vetting-in and the posting of award slips still leaves much to be desired and Mrs Colville's ideas are certainly most constructive.

However, where I take issue with Mrs Colville is the necessity for retaining the best in show award. The present system of nominations for best in show is certainly in need of overhaul and, if we must still go on having such an award, then I would go along with these suggestions for improvements in the method of nomination.

I suppose that my wife and I fall into a category somewhere between those who are 'quite used to it' and those who are still hoping for their first best in show. Any such awards which we have won were really quite meaningless and a best of breed award still means far more in terms of real achievement.

My views on best in show judging can best be summed up by an incident which took place at the Herts and Middlesex show a few years ago. The best Short-haired kitten was being judged and eventually two kittens were presented to the referee judge for her final decision. One was a Manx (not mine incidentally) and the other a Foreign White. The very distinguished judge took a brief look at each exhibit while it was being held in the arms of the stewards, kissed both kittens on the forehead and awarded the best kitten to the Foreign White. If she had kissed the Manx on the other end it would have been more praiseworthy as at least she might have ascertained if the kitten was tailless. A L BUTCHER

THE NAMED THE TOWNS

WINNERS of the competition I organised in aid of the Central Fund for Feline Research are: 1 Miss P Simmons, Hailsham, Sussex; 2 D Chapman, St Albans, Herts; 3 Mrs E Wildon, Melton Mowbray, Leics; 4 Miss B J Perkins, Hailsham, Sussex.

The answers to the 'Name the Town' competition were: 1 Melton Mowbray, 2 Winchester, 3 Dover, 4 Carmarthen, 5 Chippenham, 6 Doncaster, 7 Rotherham, 8 Basingstoke, 9 Llandrindod Wells, 10 Cokermouth, 11 Swindon, 12 Torquay, 13 Worksop, 14 Felixstowe, 15 Nuneaton, 16 Guildford, 17 Orpington, 18 Huntingdon, 19 Stevenage, 20 Marlborough, 21 Barry and alternatives, 22 Lichfield 23 Evesham, 24 Tipton or Hitchin, 25 Cambridge, 26 Whitby, 27 Scarborough, 28 Aldershot, 29 Chester, 30 Maidenhead, 31 Grantham, 32 Swansea, 33 Aylesbury, 34 Dunstable, 35 Dorking, 36 Dudley, 37 Fishguard, 38 Letchworth, 39 Rugby. SALLY BEELEY, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

SAFE AND SOUND

I AM absolutely delighted to report that my stud cat, the British Blue, Brynbuboo Little Monarch, returned home at 7 am on May 27 just three and a half weeks after his mysterious disappearance. Although extremely thin and very dirty he has been in no way harmed and apart from a cold is quite well. My veterinary surgeon is of the same opinion as my husband and myself that he has been shut in somewhere—if only cats could talk! However, the main thing is that he is back and has not suffered some horrible fate and we will soon have him looking his old self or better.

I thank all my friends in the cat Fancy who have telephoned and written their sympathy and I would also like to add that I still intend to see my local MP (who happens to be Enoch) about the dreadful thieving that goes on and I now have two replies from Universities I have written to, to lend colour to my arguments. PATRICIA H ABSALOM

POOR SERVICE

ON May 22 I sent two kittens on the 6.40 pm train recorded delivery (for which I paid 10s extra) from King's Lynn Station 'To be called for' at Carlisle station. I understood the kittens would arrive at Carlisle station between 8 and 8.25 the next morning. I telephoned the purchaser that the kittens were on the train.

Imagine my horror when at 3.15 pm the next day, 23rd, the person rang to say the kittens had not arrived.

I immediately telephoned King's Lynn station who said they would ring me back in half an hour, but never did. Then I telephoned the regional office in London, and after being passed from one person to another, finally spoke to someone whom I presume was the

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Regional Officer, who also said he would ring back, but never did.

The kittens arrived at Lochmaben station at 7.15 pm, May 23 and the purchaser was waiting for the train to come in. They were just handed down from the guards van, with no explanation.

These kittens were twenty-five hours without food and water. Is there nothing one can do to wake British Rail up. One cannot sell all one's kittens in one's own area.

If I had gone out and left the kittens in the house for twenty-five hours without food and water, I would soon have the RSPCA on to me, for cruelty.

In February of this year a cat was sent from Bishops Cleeve station on the 10.30 am. It did not arrive in Norwich until 6.20 pm and it was supposed to be a through train. British Rail do not want to know when we complain.

The purchaser of the kittens said she peeped into the basket not knowing what she would find, and two little soulful faces looked up, 'and not a mark on the blanket'.

I think if kittens can travel for twenty-five hours without food and water, they must have more than stamina. MARJORIE ROLLS

QUESTIONS

I WAS surprised at the virulence of the letter written by R G Silson (FUR AND FEATHER of May 22) as I presumed from what I had previously read that he was, if not a cat breeder, at least interested in them. Let us analyse the letter.

1. Miss Wilson was accused of dishonesty yet Miss Wilson gave merely the facts as issued by the Home Office and a few comments which she was entitled to make on the Home Office figures.

2. What would R G Silson call a living death. Whilst death is inevitable its manner can vary. The life we live can also vary in its degree of happiness and satisfaction. Would R G Silson say that being kept in confinement and used for all kinds of medical experiment is not a living death. If not, what kind of life is it?

3. The basic requirements of the Home Office are then quoted. Are we expected to be so naive as to believe that these requirements are strictly adhered to. My own knowledge of people, especially those of scientific mind, leads me to believe otherwise, (see sub paragraph E).

4. 'The majority of experiments are simple test injections of drugs'. Why then do the Home Office give figures which show that out of 14,531 cats reported used 11,414 were given anaesthetic. Obviously, to give an anaesthetic whilst testing a drug would be stupid. One would not obtain a true picture of the particular drug's working. Or, has R G Silson access to figures which are different (perhaps different figures of cats actually used)?

5. Animals are kept to a high standard. Naturally, they have to be. To be constantly subject to tests which affect their health, they must be healthy and strong. Can we presume that they are comforted and given affection by their jailers to keep them happy and contented, something essential to all animals including human beings. If so, then these people are of the same breed which under the late Hitler experimented with human beings (for the good of humanity they claimed) but were also good husbands and fathers.

If R G Silson has access to information which would help to alleviate people's fears then he should publish it, not accuse people who are justifiably concerned of a dishonesty which is not proven.

Perhaps now, if possible, R G Silson will let me have some facts.

A: What is the average price paid for cats by laboratories?

B: Do laboratories if they receive an obviously pedigree cat ever query its sale to them?

C: Has a laboratory ever reported to anyone that it suspects that a cat in its possession might be a stolen cat after enquiries have been made to them.

D: In experiments made, how many are in fact experiments which will benefit humanity; how many are in fact to cure a specific disease or condition and if so what is the incidence of this particular disease or condition?

E: Does R G Silson agree that the experiment just recently perpetrated on birds which were deliberately deafened, was a valid experiment?

I offer as an opinion that a very large number of experiments are made out of scientific or medical curiosity and not as an attempt to benefit mankind; that a great deal of public money is wasted in this way; and that a closer supervision would save a good many cats and other animals and a lot of public money. L H WAKEFORD

Tributes
 Mrs F E TAYLOR
 It is with deep regret my husband and I learned of the passing of Mrs F E Taylor, of

Bumper Castle, Thirby, Yorkshire.
 Mrs Taylor was a sweet and gentle woman, always ready to help the novice breeder. She had a great knowledge of Blue Persians, which she bred herself. Possibly her best known was Ch Boy Blue of Kenton. She always tried to obtain the pale blue coat in which she succeeded and which Boy Blue was renowned for. I still have one of his kittens bred from Ch Anastasia of Dunesk.

Mrs Taylor also bred a lovely Tortoiseshell, Ch Pansy Face of Kenton. These are only two of the lovely long hairs bred by her, when she had to retire from the cat Fancy due to ill-health.

My husband and I offer Mr Taylor and family deepest sympathy in their sad loss.
 STELLA KNIGHT

I have lost a good friend on the death of Mrs F E Taylor. I knew her for twenty years. As a cat breeder I received much help and kind advice from her. I am sure many will miss her. To her family I extend deepest sympathy. ROSE CHAPMAN

GORDON BOAL
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