

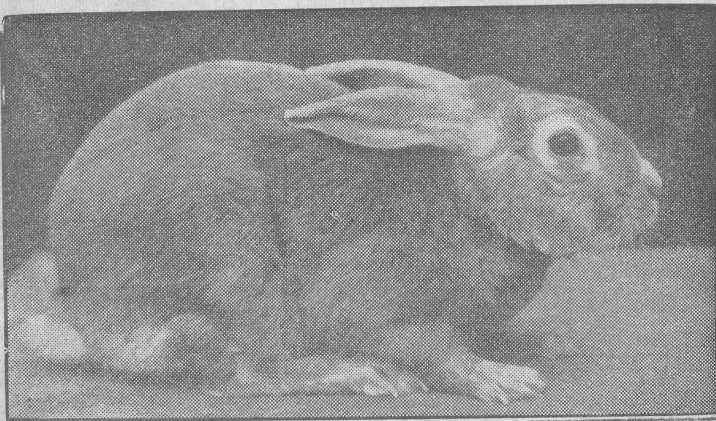
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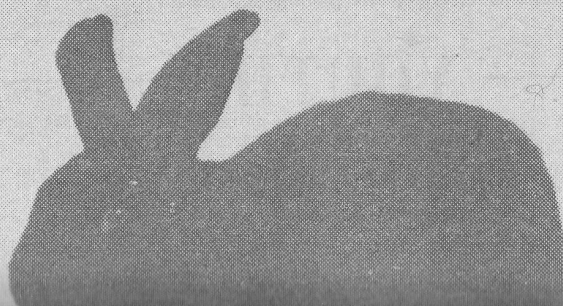
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FELINE ADVISORY BUREAU 1969 ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

THE Feline Advisory Bureau Council is pleased to present its tenth annual report and to announce substantial progress in the majority of its projects. The dissemination of knowledge has been on a much wider scale than hitherto, encompassing many outside the Fancy—for it should be appreciated that the cat Fancy represents only a fraction of the total population of cats.

Academically, the Bureau has expanded, and has enjoyed publicity whereby advice is being increasingly sought from zoologists, veterinary and kindred professions, authors and from those engaged in caring for cats in the laboratories.

While this is most encouraging, it does not give room for complacency, for with the world population explosion, there is more ignorance, neglect, indifference and cruelty than ever before, many animals are needlessly exploited, so that we must all strive to work just that little bit harder, and those few hours longer, in order to combat this threat to animals who cannot do anything to help themselves. We have also those who

would condemn our research projects and retard our progress, so that only constructive thought and a will to win will result in our fulfilling our promises, are hopes and our aims for the future.

Looking back over the ten years the Bureau has been established (eleven, if we count the year we functioned as a test period), it can be seen that much has been achieved. We have the support of the most eminent veterinary and medical men and women engaged in small animal practice and we feel there is a tremendous potential for the future; the future of the Bureau can be translated as the future for the cat, as it is the only comprehensive organisation there is. It is becoming increasingly international, and it has the honour of charity status. However, the future depends on hard work; accurate work; routine work which is often tedious and boring and too few people like to be committed for too long a period. But if we are to fulfil all our aims, and fulfil them we must, we must have more helpers who are not afraid of work, and whose

only reward will be in seeing progress develop over the years, and the knowledge that they have helped to achieve this. A charity means also that there are some irksome tasks which must be done to schedule. We therefore want to hear from people who consider they have these qualifications.

We wish to pay tribute to those who have given of their time and energy in the past, particularly to such people as Mrs Hudson in her organisation of the Central Fund for Feline Research Appeals campaign and Mrs Bowles who was in charge of the genetics library. There are many others who have not sought the limelight but who have given much service to the FAB. One such is Mrs Lambert, formerly acting treasurer. Finally we wish to thank your hon secretary, Mrs Judd, for her devotion and dedication in what has been a difficult year. Without her steadfast persistence and sheer organising ability, the FAB would not only never have started, it would never have reached its eleventh year.

BSAVA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

The past year has probably been notable from the veterinary aspect for the progress made by the Research Fellow, Mr R C Povey, BVSc, MRCVS, on the epidemiology of Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis. This is now in its second year of study and the findings by Mr Povey are proving that this disease has been well worth financing. The understanding of this disease and insights into the epidemiology are proving of great use to many veterinary surgeons and although at this stage it is difficult to see the production of satisfactory vaccine to provide long immunity, work is progressing on this and we hope that it will be possible to eventually produce one. Mr Povey has addressed many meetings during the past year and has stimulated a great interest in this disease.

During the past few months there has been an interest in the possibilities of a haemophilia-like condition in the Rex cat. This has interested the Bureau and requests have been made to breeders to supply any relevant case histories. At the present time these are being directed to Bristol University.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This was again well attended by many veterinary surgeons interested in the feline species and we are grateful to those members of the profession who gave papers, which will be published in the bulletin in due course. It would seem that the standard of these conferences continues to improve and it is encouraging to find members of the Bureau desirous of learning more about the scientific aspects of breeding and keeping cats.

There continues to be a great amount of assistance given by many members and there is a steady flow of queries which are handled by these members. The association wishes the Bureau continuing success in its aims to further the knowledge of the feline species. L M WHITTARD, P N HUMPHREYS

VETERINARY LIBRARY AND SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS REPORT

The number of scientific and veterinary papers concerning the cat which is published annually is enormous and ever-increasing. To keep the Bureau library up to date entails a considerable amount of labour and expense. It is felt by the librarian that unless more use is made of the library by members, such expense is hard to justify. Many veterinary papers are not hard to understand, perhaps with the aid of an inexpensive biological dictionary, and cat breeders and owners would do well to study them. Why then, is the library so little called upon? What can be done to encourage members to borrow papers? Perhaps a questionnaire could be printed in the bulletin, which would help to answer these questions.

I would like to express my gratitude to those who have been kind enough to supply the Bureau with copies of their papers, for addition to the library, during the past year.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

In contrast to the situation reported for the library, the Bureau's special publications are in constant demand, and there is rarely a day upon which an order is not received. New members almost invariably purchase a large selection—long-standing members add to their collections and purchase quantities of diet sheets to give away with kittens that they sell. Shops purchase supplies for re-sale. Recently, complete sets have been in great demand by cat clubs abroad and by scientific institutes and university departments in this country. BBC Worsley's Hour also requested a set to help them in the preparation of a programme on cats broadcast in April.

Mention of the special publications in FUR AND FEATHER which is done periodically, always brings forth a flood of orders from non-members—it is to be hoped that many of these subsequently join our number.

In addition to the publications shown on the current list, the 1968 conference papers are now available, also the paper on 'Disin-

fectants and detergents', and a page of photographs illustrating the construction of an 'FAB Approved Boarding Cattery' and others are in the course of compilation. RUTH GOODWIN

GENETICAL LENDING LIBRARY

This library has been closed for re-establishment and the appointment of a qualified geneticist secretary. Until such time, Mr Roy Robinson, the geneticist, will deal temporarily with correspondence.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

As distinct from the veterinary lending library, the reference library is maintained at HQ office and contains many important publications which are necessary for reference in the day to day work of the secretary. Among some of the titles are:

The Veterinary Record (Journal of the British Veterinary Association).

The Journal of Small Animal Practice (Journal of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association).

The Carnivore Genetics News Letter.
The UFAW (third edition) Care and Management of Laboratory Animals.
Diseases of the Cat: G T Wilkinson, MVSc, MRCVS.

The Clinical Aspects of Some Diseases of the Cat: Joan O Joshua, FRCVS.

A Study of the Cat: Walker.

Canine and Feline Nutritional Requirements.

A variety of genetic books.

GCDF stud books.

SCC registers.

Many overseas publications including Die

Edalkatz and lay publications of an extensive variety.

BOARDING CATTERY INFORMATION SERVICE

Continues to perform a valuable function in advising pet owners, many of whom are old age pensioners who have never had to board their cats before and need reassurance and help in making the arrangements.

The FAB cattery construction papers are much in demand but few of the applicants appear to take the project through to fruition, probably because when reading all the details it becomes apparent if it is to be undertaken in a proper and reliable manner. Many applicants who enquire about boarding of animals are unaware that they have to apply for both a licence and planning permission. However, it is worthy of mention that should a sincere applicant with the necessary qualifications be turned down, an appeal can be made to higher authority and in this the Bureau can, and has, given substantial assistance.

During the year one cattery only has received FAB approval—the Stonehenge Cats Hotel, near Salisbury (proprietor: Miss S M Hamilton Moore) which has been awarded five star rating.

Under the ruling that 'FAB approved' catteries must complete an annual questionnaire and are subject to inspection, to ensure that standards are maintained, all were retained on the list during 1968 with the exception of one which, regrettably, refused to accept the ruling and has therefore been removed from the list of approved catteries.

A revised questionnaire for boarding cattery owners applying for inclusion in the FAB list of boarding catteries is now ready and available on request from the Information Service. CAMILLA MCCOLM

MEMBERSHIP

Sixty-one members have been enrolled during the year, including a number from overseas.

AFFILIATIONS

We are pleased to announce that the following are affiliated:

The Nederlandse Vereniging van Kattenvrienden

The Brisbane Longhair Cat Club.

The Queensland Society of Cat Genetics.

The Abyssinian Cat Fanciers of Canada.

The Israel Cat Lovers Society.

The Rhodesia Cat Club.

The Feline Judges' and Breeders' Association of Western Australia.

The Siamese and Shorthair Society of Queensland.

The Federal Cat Club of Australasia.

Applications are invited from other overseas organisations.

BULLETIN

The Bulletin continues to be highly regarded as an authoritative publication and a great number of complimentary letters are received, especially from abroad. However, we would like to see a printed edition, but this must remain an aim of the future. If the Bulletin could be developed by way of a reliable publication for advertisements, this could be achieved. It enjoys a good international circulation, and advertisements can be illustrated by photographs which could provide a most worthwhile medium for breeders as well as pharmaceutical firms.

APPOINTMENTS

Due to the increasing interest in the large

cats, the British Veterinary Zoological

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TAO

Mrs Naomi Esterson of 62 Harvard Court, Honeybourne Road, London N.W.6 writes:—

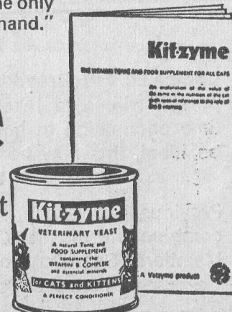
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CATS AT THE SHOWS

CLUB NEWS

Essex success

The original intention was to hold a big exhibition of pedigree cats. Alas, as previously announced we could not get the blessing of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. Sadly, we withdrew our open invitation to exhibit pedigree cats and the gala at the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on August 9 was staged and financed by the committee of the Essex Cat Club and a few helpers and friends. Rather than let the Cats' Protection League (Chelmsford) and the excited local population down, the committee decided by a majority vote to hold a do of some kind—the do finishing up like a garden party under cover.

Craftily, husbands, wives and children of all committee members were roped in and housework was abandoned. Never have I encountered so much enthusiasm. Whatever I asked of anyone he did it. A photographic competition, which attracted sixty entries, judged by the president of the Photographic Society, Chelmsford, was organised by Mr Brooks; a most elegant cat stall was arranged by Mrs Brooks; a very efficient tombola was staged by Mr and Mrs. Cordell at short notice, their daughter Jennifer raised £4 by raffling a handbag given by Mrs Rippingale. We burnt the midnight oil and produced a souvenir programme which included the short history of the Essex Cat Club and stories by budding writers (copies are available from the treasurer, Mr Colville, at 2s 6d plus 6d postage).

Mrs Aitken, the club's president, came from Hindhead, in Surrey—leaving during a thunderstorm, and arriving in sunny Chelmsford at the crack of dawn—complete with heavy suitcase and kittens to give an eager audience a demonstration on how to groom a longhaired kitten. Secretary Mrs Brown, ran a lucrative raffle, as well as being always around. We had a plant stall and 'guess the weight of the marrow' competition (Masters Marshall and De Ferry in command); a bring

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1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Chocolate Point Kitten Class 3-6 mths.

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1st in the Litter Class. The dam of these beautiful kittens is **Roundway Candytuft**, who is owned by Mrs Kathleen Sowerby.

Mrs M MACONCHIE, ROUNDWAY COTTAGE, BURCHETTS GREEN LANE, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

Telephone: Littlewick Green 2042.

HALIFAX

(concluding report)

This was a delightful show. I judged some really fine cats. I do most heartily congratulate Mr and Mrs Mallinson whose first attempt at show managing was such a resounding success. I hope they were satisfied with the results of their labours.

My thanks to Mrs Jean Crockett for her good stewarding and companionship and for the kindness of her and her husband in driving me all the way to Liverpool station.

SIAMESE SEAL POINT Cat 9: This was a good class with keen competition 1 Lodge's Deelyn Bambu, male, gorgeous eye colour and shape, good profile, long body, coat a bit on the dark side, fine boned male 2 Burn's Newlan Serendipity Sue, female, good pale coat, lovely profile, very slender legs with neat feet, excellent whip, eyes not oriental enough but of grand colour 3 Benn's Monarch's Lady, another fine boned female with good whip, very nice eye colour, ears just a little high r Winder's Saturn Sinbad, beautiful coat colour and lovely eye colour, tail could be longer and he appeared to carry his ears rather low **BLUE POINT Cat 6:**

1 Howard's Blue Gingko, tynp female with long slender body, fine legs and feet, good ear set, very fine wedge, nice colour eyes but rather round 2 Ride's Kraisee Jamie, male, ears too high, lovely profile with firm chin, good body length, tail rather thick, shorter but even wedge 3 Burn's Octavian Schatz Rofrano, male, remarks similar to previous cat but not quite such a good wedge r Binyon's Lithou Mignonette, female, good length tail but too thick, nice wedge and length of body, ears could be larger

LILAC POINT Cat 1: 1 Brotherton's Gwenvon Princess Pearl, a big cat, good body length and tail, well balanced male, good profile **AOC Cat 6:** 1 Richardson's Ch Sunjade Chocolate Domino, CP male, lovely type, long legs and tail, good profile and fine even wedge 2 Haggard's Pitapat Firecrest, RP male, gorgeous eye shape, lovely type, long body and tail, stands high, no colour on legs, a great pity 3 Haggard's Sharloi Gina, TP female, good top of head, good profile, long legs and tail, eyes rather too round but nice colour **AC Kitten 5:** A good class.

1 Haggard's Sharloi Silver Jade, TP female, nice eye shape, good even wedge, long slender legs with very dainty feet, good length tail with minute kink, very attractive 2 Fiddes's Lorelei Dylan, BP male, well balanced, long body and whip which was a little thick at root, nice wedge 3 Haggard's Pandora, SP female, good tail, nice profile, good wedge and fine muzzle, well shaped eyes of nice colour, very pale about the whisker pads, promising r Lumb's Purrdale Blue Monarch, BP male, lovely coat colour, long legs and good tail, eyes rather round vhc Griffin's Pendlemist Holly, CP female, good length body and tail, eyes too round, well balanced female, stands high on long legs, pale coat. Five very nice kits **AC Breeders cat:** 1 D Bambu 2 Gingham 3 Kraisee Breeders Kitten: 1 S Silver Jade 2 S Pandora 3 Blue Monarch AC Adult or kitten novice:

1 B B Ginko 2 N Serendipity Sue 3 Hepburn's Springheels Zenobia. Tortie Point, very dainty with nice profile and good whip. **NEUTER SIAMESE:** 1 Stafford's Kapricio Lilac Assagai, LP, very lovely cat, so elegant, long legs, beautiful head, slender body, excellent whip, my best exhibit, he later became best exhibit in show, I congratulate his breeder in presenting him in such perfect condition 2 Brown's Purrdale Tai Yuan, BP, good length body, lovely head, nice set eyes, coat rather dark 3 Wade's Felix Andreas Wadev, SP, long nose, lovely pale coat, good profile and tail r Bennett's Rushcroft Rommel, SP, good profile, long tail, nice colour coat, good eye

colour but eyes too round AV novice: 1 K Lilac Assagai 2 Webb's Clough Consort, LH Cream, good head with tiny ears and strong jaw, lovely large eyes, full coat, nice little nose, coat a bit hot 3 P Tai Yuan. MARJORIE MACALISTER

KENSINGTON

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Mrs P Lambert's classes

Congratulations to Mrs Barron and committee on another lovely day. This very popular show was equal to the many I have always enjoyed and I hope a financial success rewarded the efforts of so many helpers. My most sincere thanks to Mrs Dafforn for stewarding for me.

SEALPOINT SIAMESE NEUTER PREMIER

18: (one abs) 1 pr Blunden's Drurles Minstrel Lad, very good all round type, nice head with good ear set, lovely oriental eyes of good colour, straight profile and level chin, excellent contrast and pale coat, shown in first class condition 2 Gregory's Saturn Saracen, most wonderful type and marvellous oriental eyes, perfect texture coat, after a great deal of thought I very reluctantly placed him second as he was very brindled around the eyes and had white on chin, front legs were patchy, I am sure when these very temporary faults have cleared, this boy will be difficult to beat. I shall watch his progress with interest during the show season 3 Mills's Diadem Shang-Yin, a delightful cat with good length muzzle and brilliant eye colour, nice wedge and good textured coat, quite good tail and shown in lovely condition 4 Cullen's Patrician Madonna, very nice type female, excellent eyes, good contrast and nice coat, rather short tail r Dilloway's Stanmonty Marcon, slight pinch, nice top of head, very dense mask, rather brindled at base of tail. This was my only open class. Two kittens I judged in club classes worthy of special mention were Humphreys's Greenleaf Geronimo and Lovey's Rocklo Titus. Both showed great promise and were beautifully presented. PHYLLIS LAMBERT

Mrs L Speirs's classes

Many thanks to Mrs Barron, show manager, and to the committee for a very enjoyable and well run show. To my steward, Mrs Roden, I offer my sincere thanks, firstly for attending under great difficulties and secondly for her usual unfailing help and attention throughout.

LH SMOKE Kitten: 1 Whyte's Bianca Pilot, very attractive male kitten, very good type, neat ears, large round eyes most promising in colour, lovely silky coat with the real ash-white undercoat, frill and flanks, beautifully shown 2 Sharp's Blyth Shadow, nice little female, rather short of coat at the moment but with decided pale frill and ear tufts and very promising eye colour 3 Baker's Opus Tara, not quite up to Smoke standard, at present a shady black, type could be better, nose could be shorter and head broader

LONG HAIR AC Litter: 1 Warwick's litter of four very good Chinchillas, all four were most promising kittens with very good coats, nice type and one especially was outstanding, a most attractive family 2 Wilson's Blue litter, also a very good litter running very close to the first, broad heads and promising eye colour, coats nice and silky, one was rather short. Without names or numbers they cannot be separated 3 Dexter's Blue litter of three, at this age all very promising with broad heads, neat ears and fine silky coats, eye colour not yet determined r Morris's litter of three consisting of two Blue-Creams and one White kit which were certainly not breed 3 as per catalogue. The Blue Cream kits had nice silky coats but were oddly patched on face, the white kit was very nice, very good coat, nice type and good eye colour AC Novice exhibitors: I was disappointed in this class and found none of the kittens outstanding. I was also sorry to find two Chinchilla kittens with a very strong tendency to yellow eye-colour 1 Anton's Mingchiu Milo, Blue Point Colourpoint, quite nice type, nice colour of coat to blend with points, eye colour not determined 2 Siddon's Tatvan Culbin, nice Turkish kit, good white coat with auburn markings behind the ears, good shaped head, nicely ringed tail, eye colour not yet determined but promising 3 Young's Summers Champagne, quite a nice Cream, sound silky coat, quite good type, promising eye colour r Chetwynd's Wynmoor Fleur, nice Tortie, well patched, quite nice type, good eye colour, coat could be a little longer **NEUTER AV Veteran:** 1 Hodgkinson's Waverley Blue Herald, Siamese with excellent mask and points, deep blue eyes, nice head, good type 2 Richards's Pr Bambi's Mischief, lovely Cream, beautiful colour, coat still a little short, very nice type

KENSINGTON KITTEN AND NEUTER CAT CLUB AC LH Nitter: 1 Whitley's Pr Bonavia Balthazar, beautiful Chinchilla, excellent type, deep eye colour, long flowing coat lightly ticked, beautifully shown 2 Davies's Ardwyn Jaxon, beautifully groomed Blue, excellent

coat, tufted feet, very good type and eye colour, neat ears and broad head 3 Pullen's Chahurst Red Charmer, lovely Red Tabby, excellent markings, very deep red coat on back and on face, very good type, excellent eye colour 4 Whitley's Sonata Titus, Black, excellent type, good eye colour, long dense silky coat, very well shown r Tobich's Oairis Apollo, massive Blue-eyed White, lovely coat long and pure in colour, good depth of blue in eye colour, nice type **COLOURPOINT, REX COATED AND AOV CLUB AOC (Breed 13A)** kitten: 1 small self-colour brown kit, coat rather short, fair type, eye colour not determined (three abs). In my club classes I must mention two very outstanding kittens. One was Mrs Ashurst's Cargo's Miss Goody Twoshoes, a most beautiful Blue Cream kitten which was excellent in all respects and the second was a Blue kitten, Mrs Cordell's Moonshine of Dunesk, which was really lovely. Both kittens came to the table to be judged for best in show and Miss Goodytwoshoes won the coveted award. L SPEIRS

Readers write . . .

LITTER OF ELEVEN

I AM the owner of a pedigree Brown Burmese which has produced a litter of eleven kittens. Three were stillborn (fully formed) and three more have since died. Is this unusual? Inquiries have revealed that no one has heard of a cat having eleven kittens. She is the most charming cat I have ever had the pleasure of owning, but alas she found her own mate.

Is this a record of sorts. (Mrs) S DUNFORD, Pulborough, Sussex.

FROM AUSTRALIA

HAVING followed with great interest the show career of a fine Seal Point male kitten I decided that a cat of similar breeding would be a great asset to Australian Seal Points in general. A friend arranged purchase and money was forwarded. Then, after several weeks the breeder refused to sell the kitten to me, her reason being that I may export the kitten to Japan.

This breeder gave me no chance to speak in my own defence, just ignored any correspondence. Did she imagine that I would incur high expenses, endure long delay and other problems which imports entail—to then export to Japan. The fact that Australia is on the same side of the world as Japan does not necessarily make us in cahoots with Japan. We are just as horrified by treatment meted out to animals as English folk, and we are just as sincere in our love for cats. This breeder evidently does not really have the advancement of the cat Fancy at heart.

I feel very strongly that we should be denied the privilege of buying top class cats because of unfounded rumours. (Mrs) NITA K RUSSACK, South Australia.

. . . A LOT OF THOUGHT AND COURTESY

Oh dear, whatever did I say? My thoughts on show procedure appear to have been misinterpreted or not understood by the uninitiated. I would not dream of putting forward thoughts about education.

The reference to military funerals makes me rather sad. I have attended these too. Towards the end of the war in Germany we sadly laid to rest the scarred bodies of hundreds of soldiers and civilians of all nationalities with full military honours. My husband being a soldier, we paid our last respects in Britain to several of his friends too.

Military funerals, weddings, christenings, cat shows—each event has to be executed with precision, a lot of thought and, courtesy.

If no-one thought, men would not have been on the moon.

And one last thought: Mrs Colville never moans—she is the happiest soul in the cat Fancy. C S COLVILLE, Brentwood, Essex.

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FAB ANNUAL REPORT

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Society have been appointed to the Board of Advisors.

D G W Crighton, PhD, MRCVS, of the Animal Health Trust Small Animal Centre, who is well known for his interest in leukaemia, has also been appointed to the Board. It is hoped that he will give a paper on this subject at the next conference.

Mr P N Humphreys, MRCVS was appointed to the chair.

Mr R S T Bennett, AIB, of the Westminster Bank Limited, has been appointed non-treasurer. This was considered desirable in the light of the bureau being granted charity status, and certain technicalities which are generally beyond an unqualified man.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Finally, the committee extends its thanks and appreciation to all those who have given assistance and advice throughout the year, and especially to the continued and expanding support of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association.

CAT CLUB NEWS

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and buy stall, cakes and refreshments were manned by the CPL.

The quiet ones: Mr Grange (vice-chairman and ClC), his brother, Mr Norris, Mr Brown and other all saw to it that not one of the many jobs were left undone.

Mr and Mrs Marshall at the gate reported that almost 500 people had come through the door by the end of the afternoon. Mr Colville, in finance, happily reports nearly £100 takings!

We had thirty-six household pets (including twelve from CPL)—Mr De Ferry in charge. He obligingly became 'The Voice' in the absence of a microphone. Mrs Rippingale judged the pet cats. Mrs Grange's two little daughters, dressed in delicious pink, presented poses of flowers to our two VIP's, Mrs Aitken and Mrs Rippingale.

All the excitement of prizegiving over I was presented by the committee with a bouquet of flowers. There I stood—Madame Chairman and gala manager—with dirty knees from crawling about the stage among the prizes—bedraggled dress, hot and bothered. I opened my mouth to say my thanks—but nothing came out I'm sure. So thanks folks, for all you have done for me, for the appreciative CPL (£27 up) and for the Essex Cat Club (£40 or so up). (Mrs) C S COLVILLE (secretary), Iona, Hunters Chase, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.

CHESHIRE AREA CAT CLUB

The Cheshire Area Cat Club will be running coaches to the following shows: 1969—November 1, Edinburgh; December 13, National; 1970, January 24, Coventry and Leicester at Leicester; February 28, Notts and Derby at Leicester.

Will anyone, who wishes to book a seat for the first two of these trips please inform me as soon as possible, and remember to obtain your schedule from the appropriate show managers in good time. (Mrs) P JONES (secretary), 6 Oakland Vale, New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire.

SIAMESE CAT CLUB LUNCHEON AND TEA PARTY

The annual social occasion of the Siamese Cat Club was held on July 19 at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London, where a very good luncheon and tea was enjoyed by all. It was arranged in accordance with the wish expressed by the members at the last annual general meeting of the club.

There was a good attendance and we were very pleased to welcome Mrs Joan Thompson among us. All the members and their friends seemed very pleasantly relaxed and enjoyed the opportunity to talk in such a comfortable atmosphere. Many had travelled long distances.

We held a successful raffle in aid of the Blue Cross, the animal welfare society. There were several very nice prizes and an extra one which was a surprise, a most superb fresh cream strawberry flan, most beautifully made, and given by member Mrs Daphne Deakin. It must have been quite a feat bringing it up to London on such a hot day. We were delighted to be able to give the Blue Cross £6 6s.

We were sad not to have our chairman, Mrs Joan Varcoe, with us. She was abroad, and unfortunately we had arranged the party before realising that she was not going to be in this country at the time. In her absence she gave a glass of wine to each member present and we all wished her the best as we raised our glasses.

We have had several requests for a similar event to be held again and we hope to repeat it again before too long a time elapses. ELIZABETH BIGGIE, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks

WESSEX CAT CLUB

A social event for Wessex Cat Club members and friends will be held on September 13 at the South Western Hotel, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, at 3 pm, when Mrs E Towe will give a talk entitled 'Cats Down Under', an account of her recent tour of the cat world of Australia. Admission will be 4s 6d members, 5s 6d non-members. Tea will be provided. In order to assist catering, will any member wishing to come please let me know as soon as possible. (Mrs) A BANKS (hon secretary), High Bank, Littleton, Winchester, Hants (telephone Sparsholt 429).

SEAL POINT SIAMESE CAT CLUB

Rumours have been circulated to the effect that the Seal Point Siamese Cat Club is opposed to experimental breeding, and particularly opposed to breed 32 in its various forms. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If by experimental breeding one means indiscriminate and haphazard use of Siamese, then the club is certainly opposed to the practice, and it is hoped that this opposition is shared-in by all responsible Siamese breeders. On the other hand, the club recognises the ethical validity of well-regulated and thoughtful research, carried out with a

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