

# Fur & Feather

FUR AND FEATHER is the official organ of the British Rabbit Council, and of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, and is devoted to rabbits, cats, pigeons, cavies, mice and ranch chinchillas.

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## MORE THAN A SHOW — ALMOST A MIRACLE

THE 1970 London Championship show is going world-wide. A radio interview with the general secretary, Mrs Pat Gaskin, will shortly be transmitted to European countries who will be invited to attend the show in the Great Hall at Alexandra Palace, N22, next October 30 and 31.

Already the organisers have been in touch with fanciers and clubs in Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, South Africa and America, and an exchange system of prizes and rosettes has been suggested. A beautiful plaque has come from Switzerland and more than thirty ribbons from America.

'The London' of 1970 will be more than a show. One of the highlights will be the 'Welcome to London' display organised by the London Championship Show Society. It will be near the main entrance and is being designed to inform the public on all small livestock queries and to help fanciers and exhibitors with show information. Flanking the stand will be the show's famous Grenadier Guards in full ceremonial bearskin and red tunic uniform.

### 'Our man at the mike'

Other attractions will include a club stand judging competition, tombola, national schools competition; the

whole show and exhibition will be co-ordinated by 'our man at the mike', Mr Vic Eldridge.

As for the competitive show itself, there will be one of the most comprehensive schedules ever put before the Fancy with judges already chosen from the Fancy's top experts. Details will be given very shortly, but it can be revealed that Mr Harry Brown will judge the best Fancy rabbit in show, Mr Edward Smith best Normal Fur, and Mr Edgar Mold best Rex, and from their three nominations Mr Vic Eldridge will decide the best rabbit in show.

### Something for everybody

The programme will include a three star rabbit championship show, an open cavy show, the young stock show of the National Cavy Club, an open mouse rat and Gerbil show run by the London and Southern Counties Mouse Club, and invitations have gone to various organisations to stage an open hamster show, an open ranch chinchilla show and a commercial rabbit exhibition.

### Fun and games

'The London' of 1970 will be in every sense a GREAT show, reminiscent of some of the finest events of the past and with a social side which will be on the same high level. The dance and

party on October 30 will be at the Alexandra Room, Alexandra Palace.

A hard working, happy committee, under inspiring leadership, has all major arrangements completed and is working every week on publicity. 'The London' will have a costermonger's barrer at the Vauxhall Spectacular show on June 13, at the Dagenham Town show on July 11 and 12, and at the Orange Blossom show on August 1.

### And now—YOU

What is wanted now is the whole-hearted support of the Fancy. Membership of the London Championship Sow Society is 5s for juniors aged sixteen and under, 10s for adult members, £1 1s for vice-presidents, and £2 for patrons. Club affiliations are also welcome from £1 1s, and badges will be sent free to all members. This year the adult member's badge is an inscribed royal blue and gold shield with a space for the name of the member, which will act as an introduction to fanciers at the show.

'The London' not only deserves support—it is earning it. Please be generous in YOUR help and do it now.

Pat Gaskin at Elder House, Chattisham, Ipswich, Suffolk, has a receipt book at the ready.

**BOOK YOUR DATE NOW FOR 'LONDON' — THE GREAT SHOW  
OCTOBER 30 and 31 1970**

**Cats and Catdom**

**BRITISH BREEDERS ALSO HAVE A HOUSE TO PUT IN ORDER ALLEGES VALERIE ROLLS**

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I W PEARSON complains in **FUR AND FEATHER** on February 19 that the National Cat show does not get enough publicity, then in conclusion relates how honest a dog breeder was in admitting that she actually made a profit from breeding dogs—unlike cat breeders who claim to breed as a hobby only.

Probably if the NCC show did publicise, on TV and in national newspapers etc, on a larger scale, it would be under criticism again for commercialising the Fancy.

It was thought that it was publicising the value of pedigree cats, some time ago now, which led to the stealing of cats from shows.

As regards the dog breeder admitting she made a profit from her hobby. Most dog breeders who breed on a large scale mainly breed to supply the overseas market. Prices for their stock usually start at a three figure sum. In other words they sell to the highest bidder, a practice which also exists in the cat Fancy.

I fail to see how dog breeders are friendlier than cat breeders when one reads of dogs being poisoned by some jealous person while at a show, and also of fringes being cut off. I should hate to see the cat Fancy get that friendly.

Those who do export abroad can claim to make a profit from breeding cats. Perhaps the profit made could be donated to the Ivor Raleigh headquarters—perhaps—I am sure the headquarters would soon be available if they could be so persuaded.

It may disappoint I Pearson to learn that there are many breeders who do not make a profit from their hobby, including myself. The majority of my kittens I sell as pets, hoping that they will lead a happier life, rather than selling every kitten for breeding, which seems to be the general trend nowadays regardless of whether the type is good or not.

It is impossible to make a profit if they are fed and looked after properly. Any breeder will know this to be true, and newcomers thinking differently should have the pitfalls of breeding pointed out to them.

According to **FUR AND FEATHER** recently, I Pearson and her breeding of Shorthair Whites was worth while after all. If she was able to send them out to America. It would seem quite an achievement.

If Japan is still in for criticism, surely our own country should head the list before criticising others. We DO have experimental laboratories, where animals suffer agonising pain, poor helpless pets, that have been stolen.

Only last year, on a television programme, complaints were made of some of the cruelty that goes on in the laboratories. Dogs were opened up and injected. When the dogs were closed up again they died, and in any case if they were not closed up again died just the same.

Cats were shown also in some terrible experiments.

About two years ago now, a dozen dogs were saved the fate of reaching their destination, a research centre in Scotland. According to Kings Cross Station it had been going on for some time. The dogs were dispatched Sunday evenings. Most of the dogs were pedigree animals.

In spite of the recent 'Horror Farm' in Devon where dogs and other animals were found in an emaciated state, some already dead, the anti-Japan protesters were not in uproar.

**WHY NOT?**

That happened in this country. Do you turn a blind eye because it was an isolated case? I should think there are many like that, or will finish up like that eventually.

We might have a law to protect our animals against cruelty, but the RSPCA cannot always intervene unless actual physical cruelty has been witnessed.

It isn't just the back street breeders that need looking into. The so-called breeders of repute, the stud quarters and a lot of boarding establishments, are not all entirely innocent.

I am not saying the terrible situation in Japan does not exist. But should we brand the entire country for what goes on in certain parts?

The Japanese are well known for having supreme breeding livestock, buying only the best. Just recently they bought our best racehorses from the Newmarket Stables.

Their aim is to lead the world with the best bloodstock.

Is it then better to sell to America, where they have electrified collars for dogs to stop them barking?

To Sweden, where the de-clawing of cats originated.

To Italy, where the streets are overrun with wild, starving, stray cats.

English do-gooders would do better to keep their own house in order, perhaps by following Barbara Cronin's footsteps by rescuing strays and general welfare for the less fortunate animals here and help set higher standards in establishments where breeding livestock are kept. VALERIE ROLLS (Miss), Hazelmere, Chapel Lane, Scarning, Dereham, Norfolk.

**ANSWER TO MISS CRONIN**

MAY I take up several points from Miss Cronin's letter. We drew the attention of the American bosses of the cat Fancy to the harmful effects of the advert 'Buyakitten' etc and received a vague reply.

Money for a headquarters was available from a private source.

No association will be granted registration unless it fulfills stringent requirements.

The jibe at the afternoon tea set has been said before. Members of the afternoon tea set financed, encouraged and publicised the finding of a breed, very popular now, along with members of the working class, who never felt themselves inferior.

Rather than start a new cat Fancy, purge from office all the members that abuse their positions to further their political ends.

Nobody cares whether Mrs Cronin is a van driver or not—her work for the cats is all that counts, and that is admirable. (Mrs) I W PEARSON, Bromley.

**A ROSE COLOURED WORLD**

I WOULD like to take up the comments of Faith (Mr, Mrs, Miss?) in **FUR AND FEATHER** of April 9 on looking at the world through 'rose coloured glasses'—in this instance the Cat Exhibition World.

'Faith's' article leaves one to assume that he/she knows as little of the ophthalmic world as that of the cat Fancy—and that he/she has such vision (and long may it continue) that common aids are not yet necessary.

However, may I inform her that with tinted glasses, be they light tinted or very dark—and the writer wears both—colours are not changed in any context whatsoever—these lenses are ophthalmic lenses and NOT BEACH GLASSES.

A final comment. Perhaps 'Faith' might add 'hope and charity'—all of which start at home—to his/her condemnations in the future. LILLIE SHEPARD

**RABIES**

THE British Veterinary Association considers the new precautions against rabies to be wholly justified as a crash measure, pending the results of the investigations by the Government Committee of Enquiry which is to be set up.

While the Association fully appreciates the added inconvenience to dog and cat owners, the potential risk both to man and the existing animal population must be the primary consideration—Press statement from the British Veterinary Association.

Press Officer: W J Fraser. Tel: 636 6541.

**HALIFAX AGRICULTURAL SOC EXEMPTION CAT SHOW**  
(under GCCF rules)  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1970**  
at **SAVILE PARK, HALIFAX**  
**ALL BREEDS AND HOUSEHOLD PETS.**

Schedules ready June 1.

From Show Manager—

Mr J MALLINSON, 22 Farfield Ave,  
Wibsey, Bradford 6, Yorks.  
Telephone: Bradford 67914.

CAT BOOKS, List 4d.—Little Bookshop,  
Farnham Common, Bucks.

# AN OPEN LETTER TO DR RALEIGH COME TO THE AID OF THE BRITISH SHORTHAIR PROPOSED RESOLUTION COULD PROVE DEATH KNEEL OF THE BREED

DEAR SIR, It is many months since we read the tender article about your beloved cat who was laid to rest as some day we all must be and whether your personal attitude to our feline friends has been affected by the happenings only you will know. However to the rest of the Fancy it has become increasingly apparent that you are prepared to become directly involved with invectiveness between people.

As a judge your findings are highly respected and valued but as a person who writes dubious articles you are lowering your public image.

Most of us have known poverty and some have risen above it by more noble means than your self confessed actions and neither do we forget.

How you can malign a lady whose every living moment is devoted to the love of cats is beyond comprehension to those who know her.

If during the course of your visits to Yorkshire you can afford a little from the gains of which you are 'far from proud' then you will see living examples of her work.

The address is Lynton Bridge House where since 1968 has stayed with us two British Black Shorthairs which she rescued from a demolition site in Stoke Newington, along with many others, not all of whom she could find homes for.

You could even read the desperate note of pathos she wrote and attached to the bas-

ket of the mother, who we were prepared to accept, when it was found the night before despatch that she was rearing a four-week-old kitten who obviously had to be sent with her.

You could do even better and that is to take a rightful stand in the GCCF against the proposed resolution that cats of unregistered parentage shall not be eligible for open class awards and challenge certificates.

At a time when all knowledgeable people are becoming increasingly concerned about the future of the British Shorthair such a resolution would be disastrous and could be the death knell of the breed on the show bench.

It is accepted that such propositions are not raised without foundation, but it appears that if some form of protection is required it is because of the ridiculous crosses which have taken place among the Foreign Shorthairs, so then let any new legislation apply to them only and please leave our own very British native cat in the present status.

At the time of writing, the rules say that any registered cat may take honours provided it conforms to the standard for the breed. What more justice could be required?

To deviate from such a rule would be to introduce man-made pieces of paper to over-ride the beauty which nature can pro-

duce unaided among the British and to alter from the present ruling of judging the cat on appearance on the day and instead to take into consideration the recorded pedigree is the first irretrievable step towards discrimination because of parentage and we all know what that leads to.

There is a matter of high principle at stake and as a man of honour please make every effort to persuade your confederates to stand in favour of cat against people on this issue and bear in mind the limbo into which many beautiful exhibits could be relegated, that is already registered but in the future no open class and likewise no pet class.

Furthermore, if such a resolution is passed then surely it can only be applicable to registrations from that date onwards, because all previous registrations were offered and accepted on the ruling that all such cats were entitled to any award and reversion of this would certainly be morally and probably legally unconstitutional.

I have deviated purposely from the defence of a cat lover on to the defence of a cat breed in the hope that having transgressed against the one you will now make amends by coming to the aid of the other. Meantime let us wish you many happy years of being our judge and counsellor but please make sure your facts are right and the points pertinent before putting them into print. Yours sincerely, CLAUDE MADDICK, Goole, Yorkshire

Mrs Bullock, Mrs Newton, Mrs Burrows, Miss Wiseman. Delegates to GCCF: Mrs Earnshaw and Mrs Menezes.

Miss Scatchard is writing the news letter but please send subscriptions for the news letter to Mrs Bullock, as the club has greatly increased the committee decided to appoint a treasurer.

## WESSEX CAT CLUB

A tea party for members of Wessex Cat Club will be held on June 13, at 3.30 pm at the South Western Hotel, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth. Dr Ivor Raleigh will give us a talk on 'The cat Fancy today'. Rosettes will be presented during the afternoon to members who won cups at the show Admission 5s. Members who intend to be present please contact Anna Banks, hon secretary, High Bank, Littleton, Winchester. Telephone Sparsholt 429, before June 10.

## MERSEYSIDE CAT CLUB

Mr and Mrs Dick held a very successful cheese and wine party at their home in Irby on May 14 which was much enjoyed by all who attended.

The next meeting of the Merseyside Cat Club also promises to be successful when Mrs Dixon will be having a coffee evening with a difference on Thursday, June 18 at 3 pm. There will be a bring and buy sale (foodstuffs only) and a raffle. Why not come along and join us? Mrs Dixon's address is 3 Cedar Drive, Formby, Lancs.

All subscriptions should have been paid to Lin Cobley, hon secretary, 46 Trinity Road, Bootle 20, Lancs by now but if you hurry you may still be in time to avoid paying a new entrance fee.

## SIAMESE CAT ASSOCIATION

All correspondence for the Siamese Cat Association should be addressed to Mr L E Carter, Newhome, Cedars Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey. Subscriptions etc to Mr T Parnor, 75 Dunkeld Road, Dagenham, Essex. Letters for show support should continue to be sent to Mrs Jean Burton, Twin Ash, Woodlands, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. Many thanks.

## TABBY CAT CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Tabby Cat Club was held on May 16 at the YWCA Central Club, London.

President for 1970/71 is Mr Alan Butcher, who, in taking office, thanked the retiring president, Mrs Mary Greenwood for her work on behalf of the club as its first president. Mrs Greenwood took her place on the committee as immediate past president, and Mrs Joyce Higgins was elected vice-president. The two vacancies on the committee were filled by the election of Miss M Aldersea and Mr T Higgins. The club treasurer, Mrs Helen Light, and the secretary, Mr Ralph Chapman, were re-elected for a further year.

A number of interesting points were discussed during the afternoon including the question of club support for shows, advertising and the new three-tier system of registration as proposed by the Governing Council.

Members were able to see for the first time the handsome assembly of trophies donated to the club during our first year, and, where applicable these were awarded to the winners.

## KENTISH CAT SOCIETY

Will exhibitors at the Kentish Cat Society show at Chatham please note that class 17 will be judged by Mrs Hughes, classes 138 and 139 to include breeds 13a and 26.

## PRESTON CAT CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Preston Cat Club was held on April 26 at the Red Court Hotel, Blackpool.

There was a good attendance of members, who, at the request of the chairman, stood for a short silence at the beginning of the meeting as a mark of respect for our late vice-president, Mrs E Holt.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Miss Margot Bryant; vice-presidents, Mrs Y Bullen, Mrs G Parker and Mrs L Schofield; chairman, Mr A Burrows; hon treasurer, Mrs E Burrows; hon secretary, Mrs E Richardson, Ridgial Farm, Barrowford, Lancs, Telephone Nelson 64367. Committee: Mrs C Ashurst, Mrs L Badcock, Mr & Mrs C Cooper, Mr E Davies, Mrs D Hoyle, Mrs M Lumb, Mrs A Nutter and Mrs J White.

In recognition of his services to the club, our retiring secretary, Mr Gordon Holt, was made an honorary life vice-president. Governing Council Delegates are Mr and Mrs Burrows.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1970 are now due and should be sent as soon as possible to the treasurer. Advertisements for the next edition of the Club Newsletter should be sent to the secretary.

## GARDEN PARTY

The Capital Long Hair Cat Association is having a garden party at the home of Mr and Mrs B Shepard, 46a Uplands Road, Sutton, Surrey, on July 4 at 3 pm-6.30 pm. Members and their friends are invited. There will be many attractions including a bring and buy stall. Tea and entrance 5s. All proceeds for the Association's funds.

## COLOURPOINT QUALITY RISING, BUT... WISHFUL THINKING WON'T GIVE UNIFORM JUDGING

ANOTHER dismal season over for the Colourpoints, 0-1 male, female or kitten rightly placed in far too many shows, and Colourpoints at times have been double the number of any other variety of Longhair. It is not only dismal but tragic. As Mrs Nicholas has rightly pointed out CCs readily go to the wrong cats, our best judges cannot be on for every show; and foreigners and others who study marked catalogues and award lists come to quite wrong conclusions, which some of them have widely publicised. The management and the breeders of experience should be on the same side.

There is no doubt about the rising quality of our best Colourpoints and there is no disagreement concerning this among our best judges. These Colourpoints are due to the work and planning of just a few breeders. But some of our most competent judges have also noted the falling standard of the average Colourpoint in recent years, as numbers have increased. And no wonder. The falling level is partly due to the breeding from any and every female, the cheaper the better; but much worse, it is due to the shocking placings at many shows which encourages breeding from the wrong cats.

Experienced breeders of Colourpoints know the standard which is what they are after. At the moment Mingchiu Colourpoints happen to stand highly in the estimation of the world, but their reputation would be mud if I exported specimens similar to some which have been honoured on our show benches. In recent years two best in show awards made to Mingchiu Colourpoints have given me no pleasure because I had better exhibits in the pens. But the panel of best in show judges could not know this. An exhibit rightly placed as best in show at a large show, has, a few weeks later, been dubbed worst Colourpoint in its open class, although the competition was weaker and the exhibit finer than ever!

It may interest those who sweep aside a numerical system of judging as undesirable, to know that my cats in America and Canada have received far more consistent judging on the marks system than they get in this country. In Britain a new colour variety to the points, which had taken eleven years to make with good type, was greeted with acclamation and two CCs by those who understood. But in a full year the cat failed to get a third CC because, on the few occasions when the cat was shown in full coat and looking finer than the season before, the judges who happened to handle it had little grasp of the standard, and anything so unfamiliar was put down to poorer specimens of the older colours. It is the cat Fancy itself which is dragging down a new and struggling variety. And it is dragging down other varieties as well, the Colourpoints do not suffer alone.

There is general agreement that show competition is a primary asset of the exercise. Replace all championship shows by exhibitions and the difference could not be missed. But if there is to be competition it must be competent. The satisfaction of

achieving bigger and bigger shows should be replaced by a determined effort to make such shows always worth while, and not left to the occasions when our few hard-working, devoted and competent judges are put on.

There are plenty of moves going on in the world aiming at uniform and efficient judging. But this will never be achieved just by wishful thinking. It must be planned for and worked for. The management of the cat Fancy would do well to study the means whereby consistent judging in time and place is obtained by other disciplines, and obtained it is. Even 'The Cat Breeder' for May 1970 has given details of one determined effort to achieve good judging. We may not all favour judges' schools; examinations; licenses renewed annually (or not); but the whole is a move in the right direction, in contrast to the smug nothing which is being done in this country.

The publication in July of a well illustrated book about Colourpoints will not give us good Colourpoint judging, even if the book proves useful to breeders and interesting to others. The Shorthair judges who have stated that of course my criticisms are invalid may

find enlightenment as to what a Colourpoint should and should not be in the many illustrations in this book. But the problem is not one which can be coped with by the individual, or even by a club, which will do nothing, unless instructed from above, about its judging lists. It is a matter of utmost importance which should be dealt with by the management of the Fancy. But the latter prefers to turn a blind eye on the slide to the dogs at the expense of both Colourpoints and breeders, and every suggestion for improvement has been squashed.

And the exhibitors, who are the last to receive consideration, their patience is not unlimited. One of many items may be mentioned. Exhibitors should have the right to ask for a medical certificate of fitness to undertake judging by any one judge on any stated date. If such is not forthcoming, then the judgements dispensed should be declared void and entry fees returned. The assumption that anything goes, and that exhibitors can go on paying, should be replaced by a more honest approach. One may well ask, whither the cat Fancy? S M HARDING, Richmond, Surrey

## NEWS FROM THE CAT CLUBS

### WEST OF ENGLAND AND SOUTH WALES CAT SOCIETY

We regret that two paragraphs were inadvertently omitted from the report of the annual general meeting of the West of England and South Wales Cat Society (FUR AND FEATHER, May 14). They read as follows:

A collection was made (at the meeting) for the World Wild Life Fund and for Animal Welfare in Japan, the total of £6 being divided equally between the two. The bring and buy stall raised approximately £7 towards show expenses.

### NORTHERN SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY

Thirty members attended the annual general meeting of the Northern Siamese Cat Society which took place on April 25 at the West Park Hotel, Harrogate. The proposition that the officers should be elected for two years and the ordinary committee members for three years was passed unanimously.

A lively discussion followed the proposal that the Society Rule which states 'No member shall allow his or her kittens to be put in a pet shop for sale' be abolished. Mrs Towe spoke on the outcome of kittens being sold to pet shops and how pedigrees are so easily falsified. She said prefixes are too easily obtained these days. By a very large majority vote the meeting decided the rule should remain.

Mrs Eustace, president, paid tribute to the officers and committee for the fine work they had been responsible for during the past year. Now she was in this country again she hoped to attend more meetings. Great satisfaction was felt with the outcome of the show held at Harrogate.

The following were elected: President, Mrs Eustace; vice-presidents, Miss Hoyland, Mrs Towe, Dr Hill; chairman, Mr M C Metcalfe; hon sec, Mrs M Macalister; hon treasurer, Mr I Macalister. Committee: Mrs Barnes, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Genty, Miss McColl, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Threadingham and Mr Stacey. Delegates to the Governing Council: Mr and Mrs Macalister who will also be show managers for 1971.

Mr Metcalfe, chairman, thanked Mr and Mrs Lumb, the retiring committee members, for their help for the society in the past.

### BLUE PERSIAN CAT SOCIETY

The Blue Persian Cat Society held its annual general meeting at the YWCA Central Club on May 7. There was a very good attendance of forty-two members. The chairman, Mrs Brunton, told the meeting that Mrs Grace Pond had reluctantly been compelled to resign as treasurer, due to ill health, and that Mr R A Cordell had been elected in her place.

Members who were elected or re-elected to the committee were: Mrs Pond, Mrs McVady, Mrs Graham, Miss E Marshall and Mrs Denton.

### ABYSSINIAN CAT CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Abyssinian Cat Club was held on May 2 at the GWCC Club, Great Russell Street, London. Thirty-six members attended. The following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr Burrows; vice-chairman, Miss Kit Wilson; hon secretary, Mrs I A Earnshaw; hon treasurer, Miss Scatchard; hon cup secretary, Mrs Newton. Committee: Mrs Branbury, Mrs Menezes,

# CROYDON REPORT—continued

## Mr F Tomlinson's classes

Congratulations to Mrs Towe and her helpers on a most successful and enjoyable jubilee show. In spite of the show being late in the season there was a very good entry and the quality of the exhibits was high. I was surprised to see so many longhairs in good coat. Many thanks to the Croydon Committee for their kind hospitality and for their gift of a box of chocolates. I was most fortunate in having Mrs Whyte steward for me again. She handles the cats quietly, and is always at hand. Many thanks to her for her help throughout a busy day. I apologise to exhibitors for being so late with my report. I have had an attack of flu and have not been able to finish writing my report until now.

**BLUE** Female ad 5: 1 ch Bullen's Dalesmere Mandy, lovely queen, excellent type, round, well balanced head, good eye shape and colour, rather short of coat, even colour on top, paler at roots 2 Wright's Raindrop Topsy, another very good queen, excellent type, well shaped head, broad skull with ears well placed, snub nose, good muzzle and chin, good eye shape and colour; fair coat for the time of year, very dark in colour and tinged with brown 3 Dexter's Maron Coral, good head with ears set well apart, a little heavy in brow, sound eye colour, nose rather straight, fair muzzle and chin; pale coat but very shady, nice short brush (abs Aitken, Willis) Senior cat 2: 1 Bullen's Ch Bullensmede Blue Chieftain, male of very good type, lovely top of head with neat, well placed ears, wide open eyes of good colour, short, full face, short of coat and shady tail thin and could be shorter 2 Orpin's Robhurst Royalist, another nice male, good head and type, broad skull with well placed ears, but not quite so neat as those of winner, very good eye shape and colour, nose broad but a little straight, good muzzle and chin, coat of good texture, fairly even colour on top, paler at roots, short tail, little to choose between these two on the day Breeders kitten 7: 1 Hall's Almund Tosca, a super female, excellent type, perfectly balanced head, wide awake eyes of deep colour, very neat ears, long, full, silky coat, pale blue and absolutely sound, short full brush, good frill and furnishings. Later best kitten in show 2 Hall's Almund Carina, another lovely female, excellent type, broad skull with ears well placed, snub nose, firm muzzle and chin, good eye shape and colour, nice coat, pale and of good texture, fairly even in colour, but not so long as that of winner, and not so well furnished, nice short tail, both in wonderful condition 3 Hannaford's Torcloude Robert, well grown male, very good type, nice skull with ears well placed, though a little open at base, eyes of good shape and colour, short broad nose, well filled cheeks, full coat and brush r Cochrane's Edelstein Uschi, another good female, very good type, ears set well apart but a little open at base, short nose, good muzzle and chin, good eye shape and colour, coat of good texture, pale colour, shows fewer marks and has a pale frill vhc Piner's Marpenir Remus, hc Crickmore's Thiepval Issadora (abs Crickmore) AC LH Team: 1 Howes's Ch Willanbet Eddy, Honeymist Cream Tamara and Honey-mist Tiamaria; Eddy a Cream male of excellent type, well shaped head, short full face, good eye shape and colour, nice coat and texture, shows pale undercoat and tummy, tail could be shorter; Tamara, Cream female kitten, very good head and type, nice short face, good coat, texture and colour; Tiamaria, lovely Blue Cream, excellent type, well balanced head, eyes wide open and of deep colour, lovely coat soft and well mingled with pale colours, short, full brush 2 Shepard's Deebank Gay Cavalier, Willowglen Rouge Soleil and Willowglen Lotus Blossom; Cavalier a Black male of good type, nice top of head with ears well placed, nose rather straight, chin could be stronger, good eye shape, sound in colour, nice coat and colour, tail could be shorter Rouge Soleil, Red Self female kitten, very good head and type, short, full face, good eye shape and colour, nice coat and colour, shows faint markings 3 Collins's Kala Karsavina, Kala Cavalier and Kala Yasmeen; Karsavina, Smoke female, nice type, skull could be wider, nose straight, nice muzzle and chin, good eye, needed more grooming, tail brown and brindled, lacks the light undercoat and contrasts in colour; Cavalier, Smoke male, good type, nice head, neat ears, good eye shape, sound in colour, good nose, muzzle and chin, long coat, much better colour but has a brown face,

short tail, shows a few white hairs; Yasmeen, Blue Colourpoint kitten, fair type, good head, ears a little open at base, broad nose but rather straight, nice muzzle and chin, sound eye colour, nice coat and colour, brownish tail, hind legs stained r Sherlock's Bircotte Zarda, Redmire Yashek and Seasprite Exquisite; Zarda, an Orange-eyed White male, good type, small ears which could be set wider apart, short full face, sound eye colour, nice coat and texture; Yashek, an Odd-eyed White male, moderate type, rather narrow in skull, straight nose and chin, could be stronger, good eye shape and colour, rather a yellow face, nice coat and texture; Exquisite, a Chinchilla male, good type; nice top of head, nose a trifle long, chin could be firmer, wide awake eyes of good colour, good coat and texture, even ticking vhc Dexter (abs Willis, Galloway, Fisher) AC LH Brace 10: 1 Howes's Ch W Eddy and Honeymist Cream Chieftain; Chieftain, Cream male, very good type, neat top of head, short nose, firm muzzle and chin, good eye shape and colour, nice soft coat but rather shady on the day 2 Shepard's W Rouge Soleil and Willowglen Lotus Blossom; Lotus Blossom, Tortie female kitten, very good head and type, neat top of head, short nose, wide muzzle, firm chin, good eye shape and colour, good coat and texture, needs a little more colour to brighten up the coat, two solid feet 3 Dexter's Exuma Lunar Light and Maron Coral; Lunar Light, Cream male, good head and type, would like a little more stop in nose, nice skull, good muzzle and chin, good eye shape and colour, nice coat and brush, good texture but a little shady r Bentinck's Ch Chantia, Copplestone, Blue Copplestone Ch Chantia, Copplestone, Blue Colourpoint, good head, nose straight, good eye shape and colour, coat of good texture but body colour too dark, tail thin; Chantia, Blue Colourpoint, rather pointed face, ears open at base, good eye colour, nice coat and colour (abs Galloway, Rosell, Bullen, Willis, Fisher) VISITORS AV LH or SH Neuter (ex Siamese) 10: 1 Marshall's Marmaduke of Pensford, Blue LH, good type, well shaped head, good width of skull with ears well placed, sound eye colour, nose broad but rather straight, nice muzzle and chin, nice coat, good texture, rather dark in colour but even on top, paler at roots 2 Smith's Taishun Sarana, normal Abyssinian, very good head and type, nice ears and eyes, slender build, good legs and tail, white lips and chin and a spot on chest, he has a necklace too 3 Staples's Canella Zelah 5 Blue LH female neuter, nice head and type, ears well placed, nose broad but could be shorter, nice muzzle and chin, pale coat of good texture, paler at roots r Mumford's Lohteyn Golden Boy, cream Rex of good type, well shaped head, ears set, good eye shape, nice body shape, short-coat could be more waved (abs Delacroix, Hawkins) JUBILEE CLASS AV SH Foreign cat 14: 1 Wiseman's Ch Taishun Solo, normal Abyssinian male, excellent type, well shaped head, good body shape, legs and tail, bright eyes, very nice coat, good colour and ticking, a little white on lips and chin, faint necklace 2 Simmons's Contented Dawn, normal Abyssinian female, very good head and type, ears well set, slender build, nice body and tail, short coat, well ticked, warm colour, a little white on lips and chin, small spot on throat 3 Clarke's Amharic Tuckerbox, black Devon Rex male, good head and type, good body shape, needs a little more stop, nice short coat well rexed, good body shape, legs and tail, bare patches behind ears r Osborne's Montanha Blue Shadow, Blue Burmese male, good head, slight pinch, greenish eyes, nice coat and colour, good legs and tail, in hard condition (abs Scatchard). Outstanding exhibits in my side classes were the SH Silver Tabby Ch Lowenhaus Fingal; the Manx, Ch Monas Amber Light; the LH Cream kitten, Brackenhill Perry; and the Abyssinian (red), Madrigal Dougal. FELIX TOMLINSON

### SOCIAL POSTPONED

The social of the Birman Cat Club, which should have taken place on May 31 at Mrs E Fisher's home, is being postponed to a later date.

### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CAT CLUB

Will members and exhibitors at the Bedford Cat Club sanction show on July 11 please note that from approximately June 10 the show manager's telephone number will be Ware 821671. Closing date for entries is May 29, please make sure you sign the FIE inoculation declaration.

### CROYDON CAT CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Croydon Cat Club will be held on Tuesday, June 30 at the Eccleston Hotel, Victoria, at 3 pm. Any items for the agenda must reach Mrs E Towe, 3 Sackville Gardens, Hove 3, Sussex, by June 5.

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