

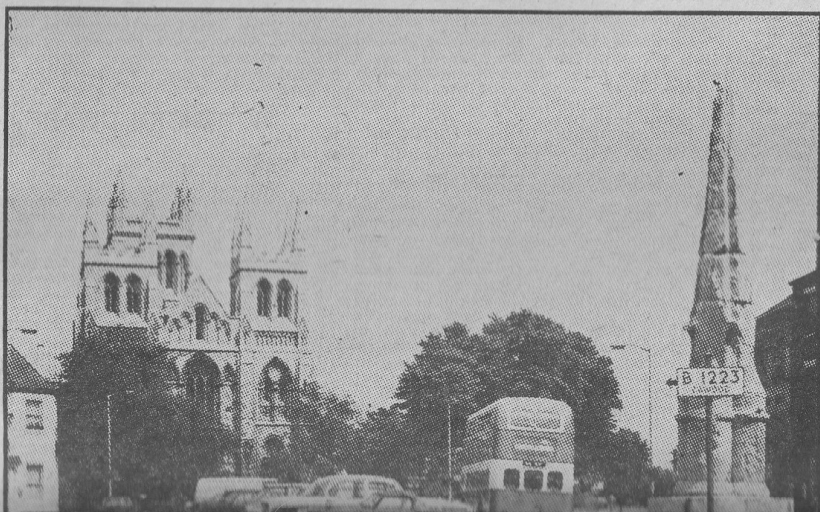
Fur & Feather

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HOW does one address an editor? After all, an editor is entitled to use the editorial 'we'—therefore you, sir, will hereinafter be known as 'you-all', by me anyway.

I was impressed by you-all's editorial, which flowed, which seemed honest and loyal, which was clear to the meaneast intelligence—I understood it—and which gained my confidence.

There are two points I would call in question. You-all say that breeders are very busy hithering and thithering. How about those of us who do all the dithering? Heaven knows, we are the ones in need of solace, sympathy and support. However, reading between you-all's lines, I feel you-all are aware of the problems by which we are beset.

It only remains for me to upset everybody by violently disagreeing with you-all's final paragraph, 'The important little person in all this is the cat itself'—and DON'T THOSE CATS JUST KNOW THAT.

They are the most demanding, aggravating, dictatorial, selfish, autocratic, capricious, arbitrary creatures in existence. Never does a day pass for any human possessed of a devil in feline form, but that poor human is sent-up by the cat again and time again.

There's the cat who is ALWAYS on the wrong side of the door; and the cat who waits for mealtimes to use her tray, and send us screaming for the Air-wick; and the cat who, with love in h.s. eyes, uses my legs to sharpen his claws.

The list is endless, and could be added to by other besotted, bewitched breeders and readers of FUR AND FEATHER.

So why do we endure and suffer domination by cats? For LOVE of them? Not really, it's just because they are as vital as the air we breathe, the blood in our veins, the hope in our hearts—we belong to them! (Mrs) HEATHER MURRAY, Flintshire

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SO CALLED SILVER FOX KITTENS

I CONGRATULATE the Editor on his sensible and sane summing-up of the aims of FUR AND FEATHER and of its attitude to the cat Fancy.

We should be thankful that we DO have an official organ which will not be afraid to publish both sides of an argument.

It is only sad that there is often so much bitterness in those arguments, seemingly with a complete disregard for the welfare of the cats we all profess to love.

It is easy to be bitter, but it is always a destructive emotion. I was an enthusiastic tennis-player, and when I lost the sight of my right eye I was, for a time, very bitter. Then suddenly I realised that it was doing me no good and was causing my friends tactfully to avoid me. No longer able to play tennis, I soon realised the joys of just being a spectator, and later, at seeing my daughters play for their schools.

With a loss of vision one also becomes intensely aware of the things that are purely beautiful—the rose in the early morning, the scent of newly-cut grass—and the warm affection of one's loved pets.

To those who feel bitter at their misfortunes in the Fancy I would say, in the words of the poet: . . . 'but westward look—the land is bright.'

May I end with a personal note? Much criticism has been levelled at me for my 'association with the CIC.' May I first

point out that any association is coincidental.

At the request of the geneticist, Mr Roy Robinson, I agreed to keep and breed the two 'mutant-kittens'—the so-called 'silver fox kittens'. By so doing, I became temporarily a newsworthy subject.

The months have proved that these Kittens' strange coats are probably due to a nutritional factor (as my veterinary surgeon said from the start) and not to a genetical mutation. The cost of keeping the cats and of building a new house and pen has been astronomical, but it was a worth-while project and one which I had promised to undertake.

It is time that cat-owners accepted that the CIC is a commercial firm whose aim is to sell its pet-foods. Originally, it started off badly with appeals to housewives to 'breed cats for money'. The mistake of this approach was realised and the officials are anxious to receive advice. Surely it is better for anyone to be guided by the knowledge of our own experienced breeders.

Let us not fool ourselves. If we honestly wanted there to be no more tragic strays, then NONE of us would sell our stock for breeding.

For, no matter how much we investigate our kitten's future homes, none of us can be certain that all one's kittens will fall into the right hands. (Mrs) ALISON ASHFORD, Maidstone

PRONOUNCEMENT REQUESTED FROM BLUE POINTED SIAMESE CLUB

I DON'T suppose your correspondents from Fife and Co Londonderry were able to attend the Wessex Cat Club show at Bournemouth in March. Had they done so they would have seen the two beautiful seven-month-old Missel-ford kittens which stood out in respect of their pale coats and blue colouring from the rest of the BP Siamese exhibits.

This left one in little doubt that one can do no better than follow the advice given by

Mrs Rendall in articles she has contributed to FUR AND FEATHER and the Siamese Cat Club news letter.

It would be of great help if we could have a pronouncement from the Blue Pointed Siamese Cat Club on this feline colour problem. It has also occurred to me that the use of a colour card might help. I have been told that a European judge once produced a set of coloured glass eye balls when judging Dachshunds at Crufts. J N STEPHENS

ANY ANSWERS

I WONDER if any cat breeder and stud owner knows the answer to my problem.

I have a Siamese male, thirteen months old, as yet still indoors although his male characteristics are quite apparent! He can be hugged, squeezed, bent in half, held upside down and still be as relaxed and purring. But should any strangers enter the house, he is unrecognisably growling, screeching, and finally attacking them. Visitors are only acceptable on their second or third visit, when he will let them handle him as I and my family are able to do.

Is this just a passing phase or is he fed up with meeting too many people. My veterinary surgeon expects me to end up with his being neutered, but I feel there are too many potentially good males being neutered by novices at the first signs of misbehaviour. I would welcome comments. (Mrs) E PEMBERTON

QUARANTINE—THE CAT AND THE OWNER

HAVING read the recent correspondence on the quarantine regulations, I would also like clarification on this issue.

I have just had the misfortune to lose my beautiful Tabby Point queen, Champion Pita-pat Baby Mink. The day after returning from a stud (unmated as she had gone off call) she lost her appetite and was sick. The next morning I called the veterinary surgeon who came in the afternoon and gave her an injection and some chloramphenicol capsules.

She neither ate nor drank and the flesh seemed to drop from her bones. During the night I saw her condition worsen. In the morning I was horrified to see her emaciated and dehydrated body. I immediately started to force-feed glucose, egg-white, and water and called the veterinary surgeon again. She was still vomiting and kept staggering to her water bowl and to the stream outside but seemed unable to drink.

When the veterinary surgeon came in the afternoon, he confirmed my worst suspicions. He diagnosed acute panleucopenia and gave little hope for her survival. She was treated but died the same evening, only 44 hours after the first symptoms. But she had been inoculated some ten months previously as a kitten against this disease.

My attempts to arrange a post-mortem were to no avail as it was the week-end, so when I attempted to obtain compensation from the firm manufacturing the vaccine I was told quite firmly that no compensation would be forthcoming. What troubles me is that no-one has to my knowledge stated quite openly and clearly the degree of protection which

can be expected with the vaccines. What percentage of casualties do the manufacturers think of as reasonable?

Now to quarantine. My veterinary surgeon said that it would be quite all right to get another kitten—vaccinated of course—in about a month. I only have one other cat, a black and white moggie in excellent health.

I read my cat literature and enquired from my friends. It is quite clear from the rules that I cannot show a cat for three months. It is not clear as to the period that I should quarantine myself. It is thought that viruses can only live for brief periods outside a host, but there is little evidence either way.

I repeat Barbara Cronin's plea—will the GCCF give us precise instruction. Its all very well to say 'use your commonsense' but I know that some people's ideas of quarantine may differ from my own and I do not wish to be accused of spreading such a ghastly disease as I have experienced.

Furthermore, until some simple method is devised to detect carrier cats, both the quarantine rule and the clearance certificate are meaningless. My house was clear of FIE as soon as the cat was dead and destroyed, but does my one cat count as a cattery? (Rule 29).

Finally I do feel that the GCCF should adopt a more open-handed approach to the whole problem of publicity. There is a very real danger that a commercially run organization, by providing information, could influence the novices coming into the Fancy, in a manner detrimental to the welfare of the cat. (Mrs) D LOUISE BADCOCK, Lancaster

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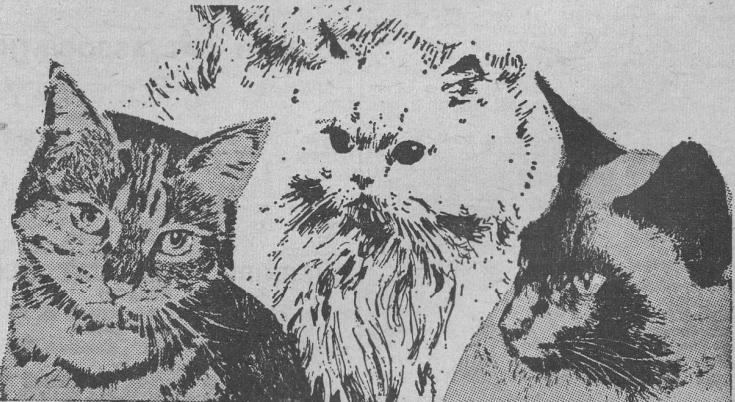
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THE CAT FANCY in Great Britain is controlled by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy—a democratically elected body which does its work extremely well. Of course it comes in for criticism. The plain fact however is that the Governing Council has controlled the cat Fancy for sixty years with the collective wisdom of some of its greatest men and women. There have been ups and downs, there have been heated debates, but a sense of dignity and a devotion to the welfare of the cat has always prevailed. The Council has never run ahead as some people may have wanted it to do, but neither has it lagged behind, as others sometimes allege. The facts of its long history speak for themselves.

How did it begin? Let Kit Wilson tell the story, for who knows it better.

'Before 1910 there had been two registering bodies, The National Cat Club and the Cat Club. The latter had been formed out of a feud within the National Cat Club at an earlier date. The National Cat Club, which was the earliest club, was founded in 1887 and reigned supreme until 1898, when some members headed by Lady Marcus Beresford founded The Cat Club. The Cat Club had the same aims and origins as The National—that is, to promote the pure breeding of cats and to hold shows, also to keep a register of all pedigree cats.

'Here then was the situation, two clubs, two registrations and one cat! Between the years 1900 and 1902 several other specialist and district cat clubs came into existence and several very excellent shows were staged by both leading clubs.

'However, in 1904 or thereabouts The Cat Club came to an end, and The National again ruled supreme; but bad management and general unrest throughout the Fancy caused another upheaval in 1908, when eight clubs broke away from The National and formed The Cat Fanciers Association, and for two years the same old troubles ensued.

'Fanciers tiring of the Gilbertian situation called a meeting in 1910 and the outcome was the formation of a recognised governing body to be called the Governing Council, and on The National Cat Club handing over its powers to this Council it was granted representation in perpetuity of four delegates. About fifteen clubs formed the original Council, but many of these have ceased to exist and others have taken their places.'

Today the Governing Council, through its officials and delegates, its general secretary, Mrs W DAVIS, Dovefields, Petworth Road, Witley, Surrey, and other workers, deals with registrations, transfers, export certificates, certified pedigrees, issues a standard of points for all breeds, an annual list of cats at stud, controls the general running of shows so that the clashes which occurred years ago are now avoided, and issues challenge certificates which go to the making of champions. It is sometimes alleged that it is all done too quietly. The best and most lasting work often is.

But whilst the work of the Governing Council over the years has been—and still is—invaluable, no one would deny that a great deal of the success of the cat Fancy has come from the enthusiasm and the drive of breed clubs and show promoting societies. Much of this work is voluntary, a fact which cat breeders must never forget. But it is also highly professional.

These clubs have done more than care for the breeds—they have ensured the advance of the Fancy and the growing popularity of cat shows throughout the whole of the country. Much of the tremendous work involved is voluntary, though in many cases it has also become highly professional—which is as it should be. Mistakes may sometimes be made, but lessons are learnt from them.

Some of these clubs are very old. Mention has been made of the National. It was founded in 1887 and used to hold a two-day championship show at the Crystal Palace. The Palace went up in flames just two days before one of these events but with superhuman courage Mrs Sherman, the then show

manager, and her willing helpers, transferred the show to Paddington Baths, informed all exhibitors and, wonderful to relate, the show went on as if nothing had happened.

Present show manager of the National is our very capable Mrs Grace Pond who heads a team which puts on a supreme event toward the end of each year. (Next show November 20, 1970).

The Southern Counties is another old society (founded 1903) but the Midland Counties, though reformed in 1949 after a wartime lapse, can beat it in original formation by a year (1902).

Croydon Cat Club celebrated its golden jubilee a few months ago.

The show promoting societies and the breed clubs are deserving of everyone's support. Without them there would be no progress; indeed there would be no shows.

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There is a list of these clubs on this and the following page. Please keep it by you. It does far more than provide a most valuable collection of addresses: it gives YOU the opportunity to become a member of those clubs which have done so much for exhibitors in the past and will go on doing it with YOUR help.

The secretary of THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

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Chairman: Mrs M Brunton, Nuthurst House, Maplehurst, nr Horsham, Sussex.

President: Mrs Joan Thompson, 130 Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent.

Hon treasurer: Mrs L Spiers, Water Hythe, The Green, Hampton Court, Surrey.

Hon cup secretary: Mrs P Hughes, Caenwood Lodge, Ashtead Woods, Ashtead, Surrey.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

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President: Lady Welby.

Hon secretary: Mrs I A EARNSHAW, Heatherpine, Curridge, Newbury, Berks. Telephone: Hermitage 240.

Hon treas: Miss H Scatchard, Court Cottage, Yarnscombe, nr Barnstaple, N Devon. Telephone: High Bickington 212.

Cup hon secretary: Mrs Newton, Moultsford Grange, Moultsford, Berks.

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NEWS FROM THE CAT CLUBS

CASH BONUS WILL BOOST PRIZE MONEY AT ESSEX SHOW ON JULY 18

WILL exhibitors at the Essex Cat Show please note that a first Essex cash bonus is a per capita award of one shilling added to the value of the first prize in the open classes for Rex and CBF and the club classes for Foreign Whites.

Thus, if there are five entries in the class, five shillings will be added.

The prima bonus for best Rex is one shilling per capita of total Rex in show.

Classes 116, 116a should read: 116—Any self coloured Breeders' Kitten, Cornish or Devon Rex, M or F; 116a—AOC Breeders' Kitten, Cornish or Devon Rex, M or F.

Will exhibitors note that under club specials Nos 45a, 45b and 45c are not specials but club classes, and should read—Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club: Class 205, AC SH Kitten (including Siamese) ex AOV; Class 206, AV LH Kitten (including AOV) to be amalgamated if less than five entries in each class and excluding all AOV; Class 207, AC SH or LH Neuter (including Siamese) ex AOV. To be split if five or more entries of SH and LH. KKCC Club specials remain 45d and 45e.

Under judges Mrs Richards's name has been omitted. My apologies to Mrs Richards.

An extra class for Lilac-Point Siamese Kitten M or F, 3—9m has been guaranteed, No 132a.

Judges for all above to be announced later.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE SHOW

Will intending exhibitors at the North East Cheshire show please note that under the new rules of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy ALL cats exhibited, including household pets, must be inoculated at least two weeks (14 days) before being shown and ALL pedigree cats and kittens must be registered.

Schedules have now been sent out. Closing date for entries is June 1. Show manager is Jean Crockett, Jaydees House, 152 Bramhall Lane, Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire; Telephone 061-483 5918.

TABBY-POINT SIAMESE AND PROGRESSIVE BREEDERS CAT CLUB

A tea party will be held on June 20, at Netherwood, Middleton Road, Camberley, Surrey, 3.30 to 6.30. The points cups and rosettes won by members of the Tabby-point Siamese and Progressive Breeders Club during the season will be presented.

LONGHAIRD CAT CLUB

A tea party has been arranged for members and friends of the Longhaired Cat Club at the home of Mr and Mrs Fawell, Broomfield Corner, Broomfield Park, Sunningdale, Ascot.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY CAT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

at DONCASTER RACECOURSE,
OCTOBER 3, 1970

Joint Show Managers (at 577 Halifax Rd, Buttershaw, Bradford), Mr Barraclough and Mr Sucksmith.

Assistant: Mrs Lumb.

Supporters, members and exhibitors at the 1969 Show will receive Schedules.

It would help if anyone else wanting one would notify the Secretary by the end of June (see please), at—
c/o Perfect Buttons, 26a Dock Street, Leeds 10.

Berkshire, on Sunday, June 21, at 2 pm. There will be a bring and buy stall, and a small charge will be made for tea.

Mrs Jean Crockett writes that to help with arrangements she would be grateful if intending visitors would contact her at Jaydees House, 152 Bramhall Lane, Davenport, Stockport, Cheshire (Telephone 061-483 5918 any evening) by June 15, or contact Mrs Fawell direct if this is more convenient.

NATIONAL CAT CLUB

A buffet luncheon and tea party will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 12 noon onwards. Fully paid-up members 10s, non-members and friends £1 14s. Notices have been sent to all members. Further applications and remittances should reach Rosemary Gowdy, Hon Sec, 44 Westover Road, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks, not later than an extended date of June 8.

SHORTAIRED CAT SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Short-haired Cat Society was held at the YWCA, Great Russell Street, London, on May 6. Miss Wilson, in the chair, welcomed thirty-two members to the meeting.

The officials appointed for the forthcoming club year are: Chairman, Miss Wilson; vice-chairman, Mrs Thake; delegate, Miss Wilson; substitute delegate, Mrs J Johnson; treasurer, Mrs Richards; hon sec, Mrs Beever.

The committee of the society retire every three years; 1970 being election year the following were appointed for a three year period. Miss Codrington, Mrs Earnshaw, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Hughes, Mrs I Johnson, Mrs Newton, Mrs Towe and Mr Pearson.

The members approved an increase to the entry fee, which will be 10s from January 1, 1971.

The proposed three tier system of registration and the division of breeds was discussed at great length. The members asked that the GCCF be asked for more time to consider both of these proposals and that the GCCF should hold a meeting at which the two items should be the only business on the agenda. As there is still uncertainty about the proposals more information is needed by the ordinary members of the society.

CHOCOLATE POINTED SIAMESE CAT CLUB

The Chocolate Pointed Siamese Cat Club held its annual general meeting at the Ship Hotel, Reading on April 11.

The officers and committee of the club are as follows: President, Mrs D Clarke; chairman and treasurer, Mr R Clarke; vice-chairman, Mr K Stanley; hon sec, Mrs A Weldin. Committee: Mrs Stanley, Mr Goodfellow, Mrs Weatherly and Mrs D McAllister (co-opted).

A proposal was put forward by a member that in view of increasing numbers of entries in CP and LP Premier classes, that the club requests the GCCF to grant a separate premier class for CP neuters.

There is to be a luncheon party given by Mrs J E Carter at Honeyhanger, The Maultway, Camberley, Surrey on Saturday, July 4 at 12 noon for members and friends.

The club's president, Mrs Clarke, will talk on the CP Siamese cat, and there will be a bring and buy stall.

WHITE PERSIAN CAT CLUB

A meeting will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, June 7, at 20 Etheldene Avenue, London N10 (foot of Muswell Hill, adjoining Alexandra Palace) to which all White Persian breeders, exhibitors and pet owners are earnestly requested to attend to elect a committee and form a British club which is very much



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Tea will be provided at 3s 6d per person and there will be a bring and buy stall both in aid of club funds.

A speaker (name to be announced) will give a talk on genetics in breeding the White Persian.

Readers write . . .

SHOWS—THE MEETING PLACE OF CAT LOVERS

I THINK the letters in this week's issue (May 21) speak for themselves. Even in Ireland someone has enough sense to see what is happening in the cat world, and Margaret M Smith hit the nail smack on the head.

Paddy Cronin's article made a lot of sense if viewed with an unbiased mind. Dr Raleigh, who so often corrects should be reminded of what my grandmother used to say, namely that 'in the land of the blind the one-eyed man is king'. Perhaps she was wrong, I don't know, but in life my handicapped son who can walk (after years of weary battling) is king among the people with whom he goes on holiday for they are almost all in wheelchairs.

So in the Fancy there are those who breed for money and power—little tin gods—but there are many small breeders who breed for pleasure, and their love of beauty. What is more wonderful than to see your queen with her babies gathered around her, or the young male meeting his queen.

To commercialise these things is so wrong. Shows should be a meeting place of real cat lovers. Some must win and some must lose. No one is infallible and no two people see exactly the same thing. Therefore judges can only judge what they see. Sometimes it must be most difficult for them to choose. Just as each mum thinks her baby is the best so we all think our cats are the best, but if you yourself know that win or lose you have to the best of your ability bred a healthy, strong, good natured litter, that should be your reward.

It is nice to win but this we cannot all do. If you really cannot bear to lose, then it is best you leave your cats at home. The most important thing, as the editor of FUR AND FEATHER so rightly says, is the happiness and well being of all our cats. (Mrs) EDEN I GORNALL, Islington.

I MEANT WHAT I SAID

I WAS interested to read Eden I Gornall's letter in FUR AND FEATHER of May 21. A few years ago a very well known judge was exhibiting at a show and her cat was penned next to mine. Both were the same breed.

She remarked that my cat's coat was much better than her cat's, saying that it was very beautiful. I commented on her cat's eyes and full cheeks and expressed the opinion that hers was the better cat and that anyway the better cat would doubtless win and would receive my heartiest congratulations.

When telling a friend of mine of the incident she wouldn't believe that I really meant what I had said—but I did. My cat was second that day.

Since then my cat has won first Premier twice and two CCs but he has not yet managed the elusive third CC as I live a long way from the shows and, being a pensioner, cannot show him as much as I would like to.

However, I am hoping to attend Kensington this season if I can get some transport, (Miss) KATHLEEN DELACROX, Frinton, Essex.

THANKS

Mrs A Peck of the Tailong cats thanks all her friends in the cat world who sent good wishes while she was in hospital. She is now at home and well on the road to recovery. A special thank you is offered to Betty King who looked after the cats so well for the past month.

MAKERS of HISTORY

July 23, 1667—VAN TROMP and DUTCH FLEET sailed up the Thames and bombarded Tilbury.

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LAST DAY to MAKE IT—FRIDAY, JUNE 5.

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