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ALTHOUGH the entries for Bradford-at-Harrogate show are not available at the time of going to press it is certain that they will be comparable with those of last year. The number of exhibits is: Fancy 631, Rex 253, Fur 344 and Cavies 423. We learn that duplication in the cavy classes has been 'exceptionally good'.

All entries received by Saturday January 16 were dealt with in the normal way. The section managers and their helpers literally worked night and day to ensure that labels for all these entries were in the post by that afternoon.

Because of prevailing postal difficulties entries received after the Saturday could not be acknowledged. These entries have been fully dealt with both in the entry books and the judges' books. Box labels have been made out but have been retained by the officials.

Any exhibitor who has made entries but has not received a label is asked to send or bring his stock to the show. The Exhibition Hall will be open for receipt of stock all day on Thursday and all through Thursday night until 8 am Friday.

Stewards will be available to ensure that all stock is given a pen number so that it may come out for judging. Exhibitors who have not received box labels but who are showing more than one rabbit and will not be bringing their exhibits by hand are asked to make it very clear with a note on the box label or a letter inside the box which classes each rabbit is to be entered in.

It is hoped that judging will commence at nine o'clock on Friday January 29.

During the morning the Mayor of Harrogate will be conducted around the show by President John Meek.

FUR AND FEATHER representatives will be present at the show on both days. They will include Marjorie Ryder, Brenda Gilmore and Susan McLauchlan. They will wear white FUR AND FEATHER sashes and will be happy to receive news, club notes, reports and advertisements from any visitors. They want you to approach them with anything which you want to appear in FUR AND FEATHER of February 11.

We also have a special request to make to all the judges. If at all possible we would like them to do their reports at the show and to hand them to one of our FUR AND FEATHER girls. Judges, if they wish, may dictate their reports to these representatives. The great thing is for us to have as many reports as possible by Saturday afternoon so that they can appear in the next issue of our paper. Please help us.

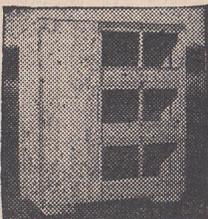
We should be glad also if any secretaries of the following shows who may be present at Bradford-at-Harrogate would contact Susan McLauchlan, who will give them report sheets for their coming events. The shows concerned are:

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What I would like to see in the cat Fancy of 1971

Ivor Raleigh

THERE are among us a number of professional moaners who would have no difficulty in finding something to grumble about in paradise. As for me, I think that our Fancy is not too bad as it is. How else can one explain its rapid growth; and the fact that newcomers to the Fancy remain in it.

Of course the Fancy can be improved. There probably is not a single organisation in the world which cannot be improved; and if we are to improve it, we must start at the top. The reason for this is simple. It is the government of any country or organisation which sets the tone. Show me a bad government and I'll show you an unhappy country.

In the case of our Fancy, we have suffered on the Council from a virtual lack of leadership for something like twenty years—that is, until a couple of years ago. Since then things have improved substantially, but a great deal still remains to be done.

The lack of leadership to which I refer was not the result of a lack of talent among the delegates. The talent has always been there. In my opinion the cause of the trouble was that a significant proportion of the senior delegates were quite happy to preserve a state of chaos in the Council. With a chaotic Council and a tight policy of secrecy no one was in a position to interfere with the countless private plots in which a number of delegates took such delight. In this connection, it must be remembered that our Council until quite recently, was virtually a closed shop to which admittance could only be gained by a long campaign of boot-licking.

Things are different now. The wider enfranchisement of the clubs which constitute our Fancy has brought to the Council a refreshingly wide spectrum of opinion and ability which, coupled with the knowledge and experience of the older delegates has resulted in a Council possessed of a tremendous potential.

Inevitably such a Council is much more difficult to manage and to guide; and for this potential to be fully realised the best available leadership must be provided. Without it the Council will prove unmanageable and its potential for good will be wasted and dispersed.

Next, and of equal importance, it must be realised that the Fancy is no longer composed of well-to-do people amusing themselves by being nice to cats and ghastly to each other.

We are now a large and complex organisation and such an organisation needs a government which governs.

Our infrequent Council and com-

mittee meetings are grotesquely inadequate for such a job; and I should like to see the Executive Committee meeting monthly and the Council meeting five or six times a year.

I should also like to see the foolish rule which requires a chairman to resign after three years, repealed. In its place, I should like to see a rule introduced to enable any delegate with more than a given number of years on the Council to offer himself for the office of chairman without the need for a proposer or seconder.

These two rules adjusted as suggested would enable the Council to retain a good chairman and to sack a bad one, without any embarrassment. If your money was invested in a company which paid you excellent dividends each year, you would be mad to sack the managing director for no better reason than that it was 'someone else's turn to make the tea'.

In short, I would like to see a well-led Council working twice as hard as it is working at present, under the best leadership available to it. And since my opinion of the delegates is a very high one, I think it quite likely that this will come about. The election of delegates for three years instead of one, would help also.

Next, I should like to see show rules and rules for the registration and classification of cats finalised upon a rational basis. We are well on the way to achieving the second; but the first has been thrown from committee to committee *ad nauseam*, and the kind of Council I have in mind would quickly solve this little problem.

Coming to the question of shows, I would like to see two major changes. First, I would like to see the number of classes greatly reduced so that judging is always finished by lunchtime. Increasing the number of judges is useless. They would merely get in each other's way.

To make such a change viable from the point of view of the show management I should like to see prize money remain at its present level and entrance fees raised to £2 per class, in line with continental practice.

It should be pointed out that these changes would result in much less handling of cats.

I feel sure that the many cat lovers among my readers would welcome such a move. It is true that the cost per class, to the exhibitor would go up by a factor of five. This, would be right and proper, for this is the ratio by which the value of money has fallen since the war.

Secondly, I would like to see abolished the rule which requires judges to obtain a second decision when withholding a certificate or granting an extra one in small, split-sex opens. Surely, nobody seriously believes that a judge has the slightest difficulty in finding another judge to countersign his slip? The present rule is degrading to judges and casts doubt upon their integrity. If you can't trust your judges, you may as well give up.

I should also like to see all clubs putting-up their judges in good hotels. At present, some clubs are unfaultable in this respect, while others (and there are one or two famous clubs among them) treat their judges quite shamefully.

Finally on this subject, I would like all judges to be reimbursed on the day of the show. Some clubs take months to do this; and many of our judges are elderly people living on small pensions, clubs should also make sure that the hospitality they offer judges does not end when they reach the show hall, but continues until they are delivered at the station, when the show is over.

The next major improvement I would like to see is the organisation of the Fancy in its secretarial, registering and public relations functions. At the moment, all of these aspects leave much to be desired. This, of course, is one of the jobs which a well-run Council would find no difficulty in bringing about. Associated with such reforms is the obvious need to consolidate the Fancy's financial position and to provide it with accommodation of a professional standard. Both of these are at present laughable; and the first can best be attained by increasing registration fees by a realistic amount. The second would then follow naturally.

Last but by no means least, I would like to see a feeling of friendship and affection permeate the Fancy at all levels. One must admit that any suggestion as to the means of achieving this end must be subjective. But my personal view, garnered from my own experience, is that our policy of secrecy has been the greatest single cause of

discern between the Council and the Fancy

A bad Council will inevitably make mistakes; and if it is weakly led, its mistakes will be numerous. Rules of secrecy are the natural consequence of trying to wriggle out of bad decisions, both at executive and at Council level. If your deliberations are secret, it becomes easy to wriggle-out of bad decisions. One simply refuses to explain them.

I want to see all secrecy done away with. It is, in my view, the absolute right of every member of the Fancy to know exactly what his elected delegates are doing, and why. Curiously, it is only a very small proportion of today's Council who want secrecy; and I have no doubt but that 1971 will see the end of it.

With proper and frank relationships established at all levels between the Council and the Fancy a feeling of trust and respect will develop. This will be of inestimable advantage to the delegates in that the office of delegate will be held in respect, and delegates who make fools of themselves will answer for it publicly.

I have already expressed the view that most of our delegates are capable and intelligent people. The minority who are not, are regularly re-elected as delegates simply because their club members have no means of finding out how bad they are. Complete abolition of secrecy will quickly change this position; and the dead wood will be replaced by men and women of ability to the great advantage of the Council and of the Fancy.

Ideally, I would like to see Council meetings held in a hall provided with a public gallery in which members of the Fancy would be welcome to sit and watch their elected government at work. This would quickly sort out the sheep from the goats.

In conclusion, my hope for 1971 is to see a strong, well-led Council doing twice the amount of work it is doing today. I hope to see the questions of show rules and classification and registration resolved and out into practice. I hope to see the finances of the Fancy both at Council and at Club level rationalised in line with the present value of money with the result that the Fancy becomes a sensibly run, efficient organisation with a good public image, capable of claiming its right to a voice on all questions of animal care throughout the land.

Above all else, and as a consequence of the other improvements, I hope to see the Fancy, free of all secret practices, function as a proper setting in which cat lovers can meet in a spirit of mutual pleasure and affection.

NEWS AND REPORTS

AN URGENT REQUEST

We ask all club secretaries, judges at Coventry and Leicester Cat Club Championship Show and at the Southern Counties Championship Show to post their news and reports as soon as postal dispatch permits. Please don't delay. Because of the postal dispute there will be a great deal of catching up to do. We earnestly request judges to write their reports NOW and to post them at the earliest possible moment.

CHAMPION CATS AND PREMIERS 1969-1970

The following is the complete list of Governing Council of the Cat Fancy champions and premiers for 1969-1970. Medals for both champions and premiers will be dispatched in due course by the medallist direct to the owners. (A notice will appear in **FUR AND FEATHER** when the medals have been dispatched).

We regret that due to a misplacement in the typescript folios some details were incorrectly given in our recent issue. They are given correctly below.

We are also asked by Mr Ronald G Care and Mrs Alison Ashford to add champions to this list.

Name	Sex	Breeder	Owner
LH BLACK			
Petavian Black Panther	M	Mrs G Reynolds	Mrs I Trickett
Petavian Serena	F	Mrs G Reynolds	Mrs J Parkin
LH WHITE (Blue Eyed)			
Nineveh Fleur	F	Mrs Durbin	Mrs Aitken
Tinkerbell Princess	F	Mrs Geddes	Miss L Carling
LH WHITE (Orange Eyed)			
Camber Valiant	M	Mrs E M Denton	Mrs R Silverman
Donbank Baby Doll	F		Mrs J Crockett
Garavon Melanie	F	Owner	Mrs M Tapp
Lanjoy Lulu	F	Mrs R Stokes	Mrs B Wyant
Snowwhite Jewel	F	Owner	Mrs J Hogan
LH BLUE			
Ardwyn Zenobia	F	Miss E Davies	Mrs A Rogers
Bullensmede Blue Chieftain	M	Owner	Mrs Y Bullen
Camber Caprice	M	Mrs E Denton	Mrs M Hallis
Dalesmere Mandy	F	Mr and Mrs G W Barkby	Mrs Y Bullen
Dalesmere Trudy	F	Mr and Mrs G W Barkby	Mr and Mrs J F Sanderson
Edelstein Marionette	F	Mrs D Cochrane	Mrs C Suddaby
Marmsbury Corin	M	Mrs Graham	Mrs Tillotson
Rojodanco June Rose	F	Mrs J Worth	Mrs S Knight
Woburn Blue Beauty	M	Owner	Miss C Page
LH RED SELF			
Joyda Hardrada	M	Mrs H J White	Mrs M A Critchlow
Pathfinders Rose Red	F	Owner	Miss N Woodfield
LH CREAM			
Lomond Lochinvar	M	Mrs Richardson	Mr and Mrs M R Addley
Wonderland Tansy	F	Owner	Mrs O Ruffell
LH SMOKE			
Bianca Shadow	F	Owner	Mrs S Whyte
Fishermore Nabucco	M	Mrs Lodge	Mr and Mrs G R Britton and Mrs B Ellis
Sonata Maestro	M	Mrs F Roden	Mrs S Whyte
Wildfell Tessa	F	Owner	Mrs B Wright
LH SILVER TABBY			
Dorstan Damaris	F	Mrs D Gurney	Mrs M Greenwood
LH RED TABBY			
Comari Clover	F	Miss D M Vine	Mrs D M Vine
Helensbrook Cornflake	F	Owner	Miss M Tosswill
LH CHINCHILLA			
Fishermore Paris	M	Owner	Mrs D Lodge
Fishermore Pasiphae	F	Owner	Mrs D Lodge
Ivelholme Jingle Bell	F	Mrs Bacon	Miss A Nash
Jemari Emma	F	R and J Gowdy	R and J Gowdy
Lillwhite Josephine	F	Owner	Mrs E Wethered
Ling Deborah	F	Owner	Mrs H Hood
Pasha Sheba Spotlight	M	Mrs M Rolls	Mr & Mrs G Voltaire
Polar Viking	M	Mrs M Roberts	Mrs E Brill
Spindrift Jill	F	Miss S Bridges	Mrs E F Taylor
LH TORTOISESHELL			
Bamboo Betula	F	Miss Henton	Mr and Mrs G R Britton
Petite Point Ptasha	F	Mr Sucksmith and Mr Barraclough	Mr Sucksmith and Mr Barraclough
LH TORTOISESHELL-AND-WHITE			
Pathfinders Nightlight	F	Miss N Woodfield	Miss N Woodfield
LH BI-COLOURED			
Pathfinders Goldstrike	M	Owner	Miss N Woodfield
Pathfinders Pacemaker	M	Owner	Miss N Woodfield
LH BLUE-CREAM			
Crusaders Anna Marie	F	Mrs D Cochrane	Mrs J Tomlinson
Tewhit Pansy Face	F	Owner	Mrs B Plews
COLOURPOINT			
Mingchiu Nina	F	Owner	Mrs Harding
Mingchiu Toby	M	Mrs S M Harding	Mrs M C Hoover
Beaumist Angelo	M	Mrs B Nicholas	Mrs J Crockett
Ryars Moonstreak	M	Mrs E M Ruthwell	Mrs M E Amphlett
Xox Betula	F	Mrs Rolls	Mrs Bentinck

Name	Sex	Breeder	Owner
BIRMAN			
Praha Chen Yu	F	Mrs E Fisher	Mrs J P Selby
Pipo Duchös Fleuri	M	Madame Jurcel	Mrs J Worth
SH BLACK			
Jezreel Mosstyn	M	Mrs I Johnson	Mr R Pearson
BLUE BRITISH			
Bryn Buboo Little Monarch	M	Owner	Mrs P H Absalom
Fendale Impish	M	Mrs S Beever	Mr R Pearson
Manana Tom-Tom	M	Owner	Mrs M Maddocks
BLUE RUSSIAN			
Anderida Silver Bambina	F	Owner	Mrs J Garnett
Crumberhill Vilna	F	Owner	Mrs P Kirby
Hengist Jascha	M	Mrs N Fiske	Mrs J Garnett
SH CREAM			
Pensylva Pink Champagne	F	Owner	Mrs J Richards
SH SILVER TABBY			
Culverden Elfreda	F	Miss I Robson	Miss O Henderson
Hillcross Silver Jacaranda	F	Mrs E Towe	Mr R A Pearson
Lowenhaus Fingal	M	Owner	Mr R A Pearson
Lowenhaus Roderick	M	Owner	Mr R A Pearson
Lowenhaus Rosamund	F	Owner	Mr R A Pearson
Lowenhaus Silver Jonathan	M	Owner	Mr R A Pearson
Lowenhaus Silver Murielle	F	Owner	Mr R A Pearson
SH BROWN TABBY			
Tom Drooley	M	Mrs G M Hewitt	Mrs R Hewitt
Zephyr Eridanus	F	Owner	Mrs J Higgins
SH TORTOISESHELL-AND-WHITE			
Pathfinders Cheta	F	Owner	Miss N Woodfield
Pathfinders Rachel	F	Owner	Miss N Woodfield
Pathfinders Raneé	F	Owner	Miss N Woodfield
Lyndy	F	Unknown	Mrs E H Maddick
ABYSSINIAN			
Contented Bambino	F	Owner	Miss Wiseman
Contented Infanta	F	Miss I Wiseman	Mrs I Loveys
Linquenda Giovanni	M	Owner	Mrs M M Quinton
Linquenda Jacaranda	M	Mrs M Quinton	Mrs B Chapman
Taishun Zuki	F	Mrs E Menezes	Mrs P MacIntyre
Woodhouse Marmaduke	M	M R Wilde	Mrs D Fantin
RED ABYSSINIAN			
Flume Atalanta	F	Mrs V K Braggins	Mr and Mrs Warde
Madrigal Dougal	M	Mrs Riosignoli	Miss Wiseman
Taishun Tarawa	F	Mrs Menezes	Mrs D Fantin
SEAL-POINTED SIAMESE			
Chanrai Suyin	F	Mrs D Ryder	Mrs N G Denny
Dunchattan Ayshah	F	Mrs L B M Forrest	Mrs T Folkes
Marshbrook Kwando	M	Mrs J V Strawford	Mrs T Folkes
Marshbrook Melodie	F	Mrs L Forrest	Mrs L Forrest
Saturn Sapphire Sonata	F	Owner	Mrs N Farnworth
Sislinki Topal	M	Owner	Mrs P Neale
Spotlight Rouble	M	Mr R Warner	Mrs S Smith
Wayfarer Jose	F	Mrs M Conoley	Mrs S Attrill
BLUE-POINTED SIAMESE			
Browndreys Merlin	M	Miss E M Elias	Mrs M A Peck
Chalmi Towkay	M	Mrs A F Imlach	Mrs K B Benn
Dunchattan Blue Lace	F	Owner	Mrs L Forrest
Ona Lopez	M	Owner	Mrs J M Buriton
Rana Betsy	F	Mrs W Rowlatt	Mrs C Ryder
Sakhon Zephyr	M	Owner	Mrs J Maund
CHOCOLATE-POINTED SIAMESE			
Druries Aprila Gem	F	Owners	Mr and Mrs D J Drury
Karenza Chocolate Kisses	F	Mrs K Sowerby	Mr R G Care
Physalis Mai Ling	M	Owner	Mrs V Paramor
Physalis Phandah	M	Mrs V Paramor	Mrs A Imlach
LILAC-POINTED SIAMESE			
Brubur Telelekebir	F	Mr B F Buriton	Mrs J M Dodkin
Physalis Chulalongkorn	M	Owner	Mrs V Paramor
Physalis Pundit	M	Owner	Mrs V Paramor
Sundance Chantal	F	Mrs M Halliday	Mr J A Shewbridge
Tamruat Lilac Domino	M	Owner	Mr J A Shewbridge
MANX			
Brightwell Bart	M	Mrs K P Butcher	Mr A L Butcher
Brightwell Bathsbeba	F	Mrs K P Butcher	Mr and Mrs W M Taylor
Brightwell Beetle	M	Mrs K P Butcher	Mrs K P Butcher
Rosental Dishy Dolly	F	Owner	Mrs C S Colville
BROWN BURMESE			
Linlinkye Matanga	M	Owner	Mrs R Warren-Hurlock
Lydeard Jason	M	Owner	Mrs A Pike
Peerless Sarala	F	Mr N Winder	Mrs F Siddall
Procul Yorike	F	Owner	Mrs E V Chapman
BLUE BURMESE			
Belcanto Florida Tosca	F	Owner	Miss M Mack
Cragland Blue Mist	F	Owner	Mrs E C Holmes
Harp Minkus	F	Mr D Watkins	Miss M Mack
Jingpaws Blue Monarch	M	Mrs Emmett	Mrs D J Silkstone
Sabra Blue Josephus	M	Misses Swift and Silverman	Mrs P Evelyn

Name	Sex	Breeder	Owner
SH BLUE-CREAM			
Pensylva Twilight Fantasy	F	Owner	Mrs J Richards
CHESTNUT BROWN FOREIGN			
Dandycat Brown Bear	M	Mrs P Wilding	Mrs B M Stewart
Dandycat Hula Dancer	F	Mrs Wilding	Mrs A Sayer
SPOTTED			
Dianas Hercules	M	Mr Clarke	Mrs J Higgins
Lowenhaus Ferragus	M	Owner	Mr R Pearson
Lowenhaus Juno	F	Owner	Mr R A Pearson
Sireli Dapple	F	Owners	Mr and Mrs J A Watts
Zephyr Dionysia	F	Owner	Mrs J Higgins
BI-COLOURED			
Primlington	M	Unknown	Mr H V and Mr J M Biswell
TABBY-POINTED SIAMESE			
Meikle Riggs Sruia	F	Owner	Mrs A Weldin
Prtapat Baby Mink	F	Mrs W Holt	Mrs D L Radcock
Reoky Jnala	M	Mrs D Yorke	Mrs A Sayer
Spotlight Hijack	M	Mr R Warner	Mr and Mrs A C Saunders
RED-POINTED SIAMESE			
Pitapat Shane	M	Mrs Holt	Mrs A Sayer
Yclept Adsum	M	Mr Chappell	Mrs D White
TORTIE-POINTED SIAMESE			
Asuni Kisin	F	Owners	Mr and Mrs T Rimmer
Ceedee Em Seraphina	F	Owner	Mrs S McLean-Ingils
Nikaed Minerva	F	Mrs D Deakin	Miss M M Gamble
CORNISH REX			
Apnelida Lucia	F	Owner	Mrs A Ashford
Chah Ming Encounter	F	Mrs Spencer	Mr and Mrs Goodwin
Elan Lord Nelson	M	Mrs G A Hilleard	Mrs A Ashford
Senty-Twix Crispatis	F	Owner	Mrs N Hardy
Watermill Othello	M	Miss A Codrington	Mrs P Harrison
DEVON REX			
Annelida Icicle	M	Owner	Mrs A Ashford
Hesperian Gypsy Moth	F	Mrs S Rees	Mrs S Clark
Hesperian Harlaquin	M	Mrs S Rees	Mrs I Loveys
PREMIER CERTIFICATE WINNERS			
Name	Sex	Breeder	Owner
LH BLACK			
Sonata Titus	M	Mrs F Roden	Mrs V W Whitley
LH BLUE			
Georgian Eowyn	M	Mrs D Smart	Mrs J Green
Hilldew Blue Boy	M	Mrs B Y Galt	Miss M Rodgers
BLUE BRITISH			
Brynuboo Blue Bandit	M	Mrs P H Absalom	Mrs C Bennett
Brynuboo Blue Joss	M	Mrs P H Absalom	Mrs C Bennett
Jezreel Jokyl	M	Mrs I Johnson	Mr H Moon
SH SILVER TABBY			
Amberley Silver Sylvester	M	Mr and Mrs M Wilson	Mr R A Pearson
Silverseal Clement	M	Mrs Thake	Mr R A Pearson
SH RED TABBY			
Belhaven Tangerine	M	Mrs Lauder	Mrs S L Monish
ABYSSINIAN			
Almida Kebra Nagast	M	Mr and Mrs R A Brooks	Mr W King
Taishun Sarana	M	Mrs E Menezes	Mrs R Smith
SEAL-POINTED SIAMESE			
Saturn Saracen	M	Mrs Farnsworth	Mrs E K Gregory
Somerlid Adonis	M	Owner	Mrs E Graham
BLUE-POINTED SIAMESE			
Bru Bur Pegasus	M	Mr B F Buriton	Mr H C Smith
Harcoosi Chui Chai	M	Mrs P Cooper	Mrs A Parkins
CHOCOLATE-POINTED SIAMESE			
Maimasang Sahabat	M	Owner	Mrs J Coombe
Mintaka Sandalwood	M	Miss S Freer	Mr F Jackson
Physalis Apollo	M	Mrs V Paramor	Mrs B J Lyon
SH ANY OTHER VARIETY			
Windswift	M	Mrs Whiteside	Miss M Allau
BROWN BURMESE			
Ardenia Black Opal	M	Mrs J Treacher	Mrs I Marshall
Seath Waite Bamboo Boy	M	Owner	Miss V J Huthwaite
SPOTTED			
Marisarni Silver Sam	M	Mrs M Ze Goubin	Mrs K Gautrey
TABBY-POINTED SIAMESE			
Casmen Karesuando	M	Owner	Mrs P A Mennim
RED-POINTED SIAMESE			
Embee Yuh Yuh	M	Mrs M G Baxter	Mrs J Oxtoby
TORTIE-POINTED SIAMESE			
Southview Francesca	M	Mrs M Silson	Mrs J Waite
AOC SIAMESE			
Careyvale Cottage Tiger	M	Mrs Shelton	Miss N Wilson
CORNISH REX			
Elan Lysander	M	Owner	Mrs G A Hilleard

The exhibition Tabby and the club which ensures its existence

Ralph Chapman

THE PROLOGUE

REVEILLE was 3 am. An hour and a half was allowed for grooming and show preparation (cats first, with wife and self a poor second), then breakfast if there's time. This was followed by three or four hours of driving through winter fogs. Then came the usual show scrimmage. At 3 pm weariness advances apace, lightened perhaps by a red ticket or so, and one is grovelling about underneath the bench for a few remaining drops of life-saving coffee from the flask. The hall is packed and the public is with us in strength. Two typical viewers-approach—one knows all about cats and enlightens the other thus: 'Oh these are just ordinary tabbies—the Siaburminnyans are over there!' And off they go, leaving one with a gorgeous Long-Haired silver tabby, a pride and joy with her beautiful black and silver coat and emerald eyes. Just tabbies I' sooth!

NOW READ ON

EVERYONE knows what a Tabby cat looks like—or do they? Certainly the most common sort of cat to grace the fireside hearth is a cat with a basic body colour overlaid with stripes, splotches and bars—and more often than not, with white bib and paws. Members of the cat fancy will know that a Tabby with that sort of standard of points would not get very far in an open class. To the general public, all such cats are 'Tabbies', and they are usually amazed when they see a top quality thoroughbred Tabby, and then one hears—'I'd no idea that you could get them like that!'

Associated with this concept is the inevitable difficulty of selling a Tabby kitten to anyone who has not seen it first—or even of getting a would-be purchaser interested. 'Tabbies are five bob down at the farm so don't try your ten guinea stuff with me.' Such are the makings of an ever decreasing spiral where Tabbies are not bred very much because the kittens are difficult to sell.

STATUS SYMBOL

There was, until recently, no status symbol about a Tabby when so many lovely foreign breeds were available. Very few of us can follow a breeding programme and steadily lose money on it—and so, sadly, fewer and fewer Tabbies appear on the show benches.

This was the position a few years ago when I first acquired a LH Silver tabby. I bought it because I fell in love with it. In due course this little bundle of fur became Ch Wilmar Wade with nine CCs to his credit and was well known and much admired at almost all the southern shows.

It was after I had started to show my Tabbies that I came up against the situation outlined in my

prologue. Of course this state of affairs had been known to the more established breeders for a long time. In the Long-hairs, the Red and Brown Tabbies hardly ever appeared and the odd Silver was 'thrown in' with the Chinchillas (with no disrespect to these lovely cats). The proportion was usually about one Tabby to twelve Chinchillas. As for a Tabby going up for best in show, this was unheard of.

In the SH Tabbies things were a little better, but here the progress was confined almost entirely to the silvers, with SH Browns and Reds almost non-existent.

STUBBORN STREAK

At this point the stubborn streak of my Yorkshire ancestry asserted itself. Why should our lovely Tabbies be dismissed in this off-hand way? Something had to be done about things.

At the end of 1968 a few of us got together to talk things over and plan action. Tabbies were at that time covered by a number of mixed-breed clubs, but there was no specialist club for Tabbies. On this objective we set our sights.

Letters were written to all people who had exhibited Tabbies over recent years. We explained that what we had in mind was the formation of a specialist club whose prime objects would be to do all that was possible for all Tabby Cats and in course of time restore

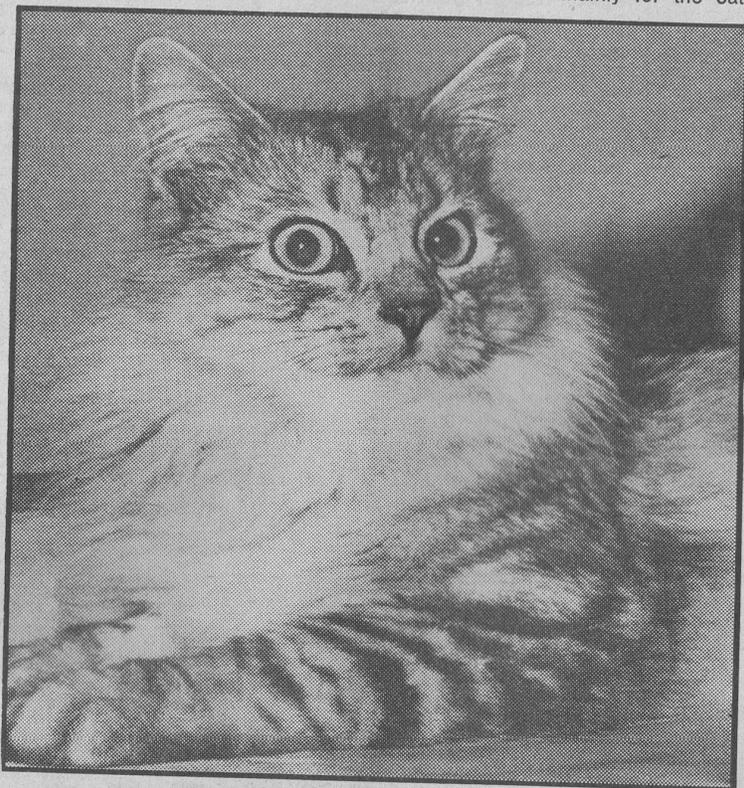
them to their rightful place in the cat hierarchy. It was thought that this could be done by bringing together all the cat lovers with similar feelings who could assist one another with advice, breeding, selling problems and so on. We sought opinions as to what kind of support might be expected for such a move.

The replies did not make world headlines. There were so few of us—but the response was encouraging enough for an inaugural meeting to be held in May 1969. The ground work had been well done in advance, and at the close of the meeting club rules had been approved, officers elected, subscriptions etc fixed, a club badge approved (with enamel lapel badges for members) and a pattern of rosette agreed upon to be awarded to our beloved Tabbies at the shows.

We elected as our first president Mrs Mary Greenwood of the Wilmar Cats, with Mr Alan Butcher of the Brightwell Manx as vice-president. (Our highest office is held annually, but a past-president can be nominated for re-election after a lapse of some years).

ACTIVITY

It was appreciated that for the club to prosper it must become known—and not just known that it existed. It had to be known that it was a club which was active and DID THINGS—mainly for the cats



Mr Chapman's Ch Wilmar Wade

and secondly for the members.

To gain this publicity it was decided to advertise in all the championship show catalogues. As a half-page advertisement is a heavy financial load on an infant club, the club invited members to sponsor such adverts. The response was such that in the very first year all the championship shows carried the happy, smiling face of The Tabby Cat Club at no cost at all to the club.

Also from the publicity angle, and to encourage members it was resolved that during the first year club rosettes should be awarded to any Tabby or Spotted kitten which won its open class. Included in this were the tabby Manx. The rosettes are in the appropriate colours of brown, silver and red, and look most handsome.

Third, to make sure that the club was an active body, with members fully informed of activities, it was decided to issue a news letter in which Tabby results at all championship shows are given, with a short note on the show itself. Articles written by members on any 'catty' subject are included and there is an advertisement service. The editor is able to write up the southern shows, but for the midlands and north we have club correspondents who kindly undertake this work. Our newsletter, 'The Tabby Cat' is one of the few cat journals published quarterly at no extra charge and has proved very popular and is well supported.

ORBIT

Such was the birth of the Tabby Cat Club. After 'lift-off' had been achieved, efforts were directed to gaining sufficient acceleration to 'go into orbit' and become one of the many recognised and accepted breed clubs with the associated duties and privileges. As many will know, a newly formed club cannot apply for affiliation to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy until after a probationary period of three years and the membership has reached a certain level. Naturally we plan to make application to the Governing Council for this status in 1972. The Council is kept informed of the club's activities and by complying with the Regulations the club is hopefully confident that this honour will be conferred. There will certainly be no problem about membership as numbers are on the increase daily. At the time of writing, the club has just topped the 100 mark on the membership roll.

PUSS-ON-THE-HEARTH

One development which was not anticipated in the early days has been the interest taken in the club by owners of Tabbies in the household pet class. The club does its very best to further this interest as these pussies-on-the-hearth occupy as much, if not more, space in their owner's hearts as do the pedigree show cats. These Tabby pets are just as important to the club, even though they do not conform to our man-made standards. I think these little cats feel proud not to be left out of things or shunned by their aristocratic brethren.

After nearly two years has progress been made and has anything been achieved? The answer must be a very definite yes, and not just because membership numbers have increased so satisfac-

torily. It would be nice to be able to say that at all the shows all the Tabby classes have had representatives, but this is not always the case. What has happened however, is that more and better quality Tabbies have been shown with frequent trips to the best in show judging.

I like to think also that we have developed into a happy well-knit group of cat lovers who share a common interest and derive a great deal of pleasure from this. One contributing factor above all others in the progress is the decision to make all members feel that they are a real part of the club. To do this the secretary's correspondence must perforce be long and frequent. This is a labour of love which gives me a great amount of pleasure—amply repaid by seeing the club grow and by the ever increasing circle of friends which the club has brought.

WELCOME

I hope that sufficient has been said to convey the atmosphere of the Tabby Cat Club, and to those Tabby lovers, and others, who are not in our circle I would extend a very warm welcome.

The annual general meeting will probably be held in May this year, at the YWCA and anyone who loves Tabbies is welcome to come along. Full details will be published later.

Finally, if any further information is sought, or any help on Tabby matters needed, the club and I are always ready to help. We are not so foolish as to say that Tabbies are the only cat, or the best cat, but after all, they are foundation members of the cat world and beautiful creatures in their own right.

It is only at the dictates of whimsical fashion that new, exotic breeds take centre-stage and so predominate for a while in popularity. While this is happening there is a very real danger that the dear old-fashioned breeds could disappear for ever. The Tabby Cat Club is determined that this shall not be allowed to happen. RALPH CHAPMAN, Honorary Secretary, Karnak, Mannington, Wimborne, Dorset.

OR DO THEY?

EVERYONE knows what a Tabby cat looks like—or do they? Certainly the most common sort of cat to grace the fireside hearth is a cat with a basic body colour overlaid with stripes, splotches and bars—and more often than not with a white bib and paws. What is not perhaps so well known is that pedigree Tabbies exist. These are bred to conform—as nearly as possible—to very precise standards as to shape and colour. The small band of breeders who have tried it are quite convinced that the production of a really top-class Tabby cat is one of the most difficult things to achieve in the cat breeding world.

To start at the beginning, the markings of a Tabby conform very nearly to those of a wild cat. This animal undoubtedly played a large part in the evolution of present-day pussies. It is believed that the word 'Tabby' is derived from the name 'Attibya'—the part of Baghdad where for centuries a certain type of silk was produced with wavy or 'watered' markings. The

resemblance was obvious, and so we have 'Tabbies'.

It has also been suggested that a wild cat when curled up and asleep will present the appearance from above of a coiled serpent, and thus render it safe from attack by birds of prey. Be that as it may, the Tabby cat which is bred today for show and exhibition must have a very definite pattern to its markings. While the perfect specimen has yet to be produced, the ultimate aims are as follows:

The body should be a basic colour of the same shade all over, and superimposed on this are lines of a different colour, darker than the base ground. The pedigree cat—as opposed to his household friend or wild cousin—has these darker lines arranged to form a definite pattern. On the head there should be fine, unbroken lines running down by the side of the nose, forming a letter 'm' on the forehead. There are similar lines on the cheeks which conform generally to the facial contours, and are referred to sometimes as 'whorls'.

Next there should be two—sometimes three—bands of colour across the chest (the Lord Mayor's chains). Usually wider than the head linings, they must be well spaced and as even as possible.

The front legs should carry distinct stripes although here the number is not precise. Possibly the more stripes the better, provided always that they are clear and distinct.

THE BUTTERFLY

Across the shoulders is what is known as 'the butterfly'. This is made up of two ovals of darker colour as distinct and regular in outline as possible, and in the centre of each oval appears a dark patch of solid colour.

A similar but more elongated oval appears on the flanks—some-what thicker in outline than in the butterfly. Down the spine runs a line of dark colour, with a line of base colour on either side. In the ideal cat these lines continue in uniform width and are uniformly separated right through to the tail.

Flank markings are usually irregular and merge with the back leg markings where the stripes tend to be somewhat wider than those of the front legs. The tail should be clearly ringed, and here again, the more rings the better, but they must be clearly separated. The tip is usually solid colour, and must certainly not be white. Nor of course, should there be any white anywhere on the body.

Tabbies occur as both Long-haired and Short-haired cats. With the Long-hairs it is understandably more difficult to get the sharp differentiation in coat colours due to the hair length. Three colours are recognised in both varieties, brown, red and silver. Tabby markings appear also in Manx cats. A variant of the Standard Tabby is the 'Spotted cat' where the darker markings are broken up into spots.

TABBY MUST NEVER DIE

In the early days of the present century some wonderful Tabby cats were to be seen, but all varieties have lost ground during recent years, giving way to the more popular foreign varieties such as the Siamese and Burmese. There are so many types of lovely cats to select as one's companion

and friend, and it would be quite wrong to insist that any particular breed is the best. But, nevertheless, the small band of breeders who have remained loyal to their dearly-loved Tabbies have been saddened by their fall from popularity in the face of competition from their exotic foreign cousins. It is so easy for a breed to die out through lack of support. It was with these sort of thoughts in mind that a small number of breeders in the south of England got together to form a club for tabbies at the beginning of 1969.

The Tabby Cat Club exists solely to look after the interests of the breed—both LH, SH and Spotted. It is an organisation which keeps Tabby-lovers in touch with each other, and spreads the news about Tabby goings-on. It supports cat shows by offering to its members, trophies to be won, and awards club rosettes to winning kittens at championship shows.

Anyone who seeks a Tabby can contact any member of the club and every effort will be made to find a suitable cat or kitten. A news letter is to be published about three times a year and the club is to maintain its own register. Its avowed intention is to press on with its aims for the next three years, after which qualifying period it is hoped to apply to the Governing Council of the cat fancy for recognition and affiliation.

PROUD LINEAGE

Fundamentally the club says—please remember that the pedigree Tabby has a proud lineage equal to all and longer than most of the other lovely pussies you will meet

at the shows. He is a British cat and proud of the fact. Because he is a Tabby it does not mean that he was born in the dark corner of a farmyard barn of questionable parentage. Dear farmyard moggies—please forgive us—we are fighting only for our just recognition in the cat hierarchy.

To anyone who falls in love with our Tabbies the club extends a very warm and cordial welcome to membership. The annual subscription is ten shillings, with an initial entrance fee of ten shillings. The annual subscription for junior members (sixteen years and under) is five shillings and a joint subscription for husband and wife is sixteen shillings—the same entrance fee applicable in both cases.

The club secretary is: Mr R Chapman, Karnak, Mannington, Wimborne, Dorset, who will be glad to answer any queries or supply information.

The club treasurer is: Mrs D H Light, Morningside, 10 Persley Road, Northbourne, Bournemouth.

Scented fur

I AM not a breeder nor an exhibitor but I was most interested to read Kay Hill's article 'Nostalgic Memories', November 5.

My Blue Point queen is almost three years old and from the day she came to live with us at ten weeks my husband has frequently remarked on the scent of her fur. I must admit that I have not really noticed this and until I read Kay Hill's article I did not take him seriously.

Also, although she is not up to show standard, her head being rather short, her coat is paler than those of other Siamese that I have seen of the same age. CHRISTINE JEVONS, Burntwood, Staffs.

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Here English is spoken My happy memory of Gothenburg

Alice Ferguson

I RECENTLY returned from my second visit to Sweden. This time was the occasion of the Föreningen Adelskattens International Championship show held under the auspices and according to the rules of the Fédération Internationale l'Europe (FIFE), on November 14 and 15, in the very modern Trade Fair building.

Gothenburg is a delightful city which celebrates its 350th anniversary next year, and is a mixture of old and new. It is famous for its fresh fish and sea food which is delicious; has a thriving shipping industry, a large harbour and docks visited by ships from all over the world including the Soviet Union; a compact motor works turning out thousands of Volvos; and a fascinating shopping area called 'The Avenue' where there are some fine shops and department stores which are very modern in style and design.

The people are friendly and very courteous and the service in restaurants and hotels superb.

Sweden is a comparative newcomer to the Fancy and the serious breeding of good pedigree cats, but it is a rapidly growing Fancy. Her breeders are full of enthusiasm and pay great attention to all the finer points. They are most knowledgeable on pedigrees and take the breeding of good pedigree cats very seriously indeed.

Most of them own several varieties and know all there is to know about each variety. On account of severe winter conditions, cats, male and female, and the family, all live happily together under one roof, with the cats having freedom of movement within the house or flat. Apparently the vexed problem of spraying does not arise. I wish I knew how it is managed—especially with full males!

The show was a very large—if not the largest—Swedish show, having a total entry of 452 exhibits with five judges. It was most expertly and efficiently organised by Fru Eivor Andersson, secretary of Adelskatten and breeder of the justly famous San-T-Res cats which dominate the Swedish cat scene, and Fru Kristina Kronvall, vice-secretary of FIFE and vice-secretary of the club.

Breaking down the entries, there were 192 Persian and Long Hairs, judged by Fru Aina Junglander of Sweden and Fru Haldis Rohlf of Norway; 143 British and Foreign Short Hairs (excluding Siamese), judged by Fru

Gerda Pederson of Denmark and Fru Edith Dunvaid, also of Denmark; and 117 assorted Siamese judged by me alone.

I felt like royalty, being provided with a retinue of one apprentice judge, Hungarian Dr Ference Ung, who spent his entire time at my elbow just listening; three stewards, two to fetch and carry the exhibits and hold them on the table for me, and one whose sole duty it was to see there was a never ending supply of clean, warm disinfected water and clean towels, to mop down the judging table and judging pens between each exhibit and class; and a clerk to sort out the mass of papers and to write the assessment of each cat as it was made.

An interpreter was unnecessary because English is spoken as the second language and is taught in all schools from a very early age. Consequently everyone—even the 'bobby on the beat'—speaks our language remarkably fluently and well, and is most anxious to practice it.

Although everything was made so easy and one could just sit in one place all day concentrating on judging. I think in practice, our method in England of walking around the hall to individual pens, giving each exhibit the minimum of disturbance, is better. I found that due to being carried some distance from the 'home' pen through crowds of people, and being put in an absolutely bare judging pen, which although mopped out, probably still smelt of the 'previous occupant'—especially if that occupant had sprayed—made the exhibits so tense and nervous that many arrived on the table looking far from their best.

So many had puffed whisker pads giving an appearance of pinch and square muzzle, eyes dilated and distended to the fullest possible extent, making them look goggle-eyed, and with ears pressed down to make bonnet ears, making a correct assessment very difficult.

These same cats and kittens looked so different when they were relaxed, but the difficulty was to get them to relax. Various English clubs entrusted me with specials to take over for the show and these were won by the following:

Blue Persian Cat Society: Two spoons, best Blue adult, was won by Champion Palomino Viva, male, owned by his breeder, Varin

Holm of Norway. Best kitten was Palomino Penelope, owned as above.

Capital Cat Club: Three rosettes. Best adult was Brown Tabby male, Champion Kandaha Alexander, owned by Ranveig Moun of Norway. Best kitten, Chinchilla female, Ruthsborgs Susette, owned by Anna Marie Eriksson of Sweden. Best neuter, Golden-eyed White male, Sivasas Gay, owned by Siv Kristensson, Sweden.

Red, Cream and Tortie Cat Club: One rosette for best Long Hair Cream was won by Trojas Caesar, male, owned by Marie and Hans Larsson of Sweden.

Burmese Cat Club: Three rosettes; best adult was Brown male, Tornfalkens Arakan, owned by Gun Wilstafus, Sweden; best kitten, Brown female, Daffy, owned by Marianne Sundström, Sweden. There was no Neuter so this was not awarded.

Abyssinian Cat Club: One rosette; best cat was Cirnos Rufo Pellerino, male owned by Helena Andersson, Sweden. This cat also won Mrs Earnshaw's private special.

National Cat Club: Two rosettes. Best Long Hair cat, Brown Tabby male Ch Alexander of Kandahar; and best Short Hair cat, the Red Abyssinian male, Cirno Rufo Pellerino.

Kensington KK & NCC: Two rosettes. Best Short Hair kitten was the Brown Burmese, Daffy; best Long Hair neuter was the Golden Eyed White, Sivasas Gay.

Northern Siamese Cat Society: Three rosettes. Best AC adult was SP female Ingelgardens Irabella owned May Britt Johansson. Best AC kitten was CP male San-T-Res Caress Racy, owned by Eivor Andersson, Sweden. Best AC neuter was male, Jimmy, owned by Gertrude and Christer Jacobsson of Sweden.

I would thank Adelskatten for the superb hospitality extended to me; for the delightful bouquet of flowers with its warm 'Welcome' note attached which was waiting in my hotel suite; and for the very dainty gold Adelskatten medal and chain, such a charming gift. In addition to paying all travelling, living and hotel expenses, I was also presented with the equivalent of about £5 for doing the job! Kristina Kronvall and Cyril Ostrup made themselves personally responsible for my comfort and entertainment, and between them they made my stay in Gothenburg a visit to be long remembered with very great pleasure.

Les Amis du chat

ON November 7 and 8, 1970, there took place at Antwerp the championship show of 'Les Amis du Chat'. Madame Dekesel, assisted by her committee, managed the show, which was very successful, with a big entry and a big 'gate'. The judges were Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Barron, Mrs Ross, Mr Trevor and myself from England, and Ir A A Damsteeg from Holland.

We were charmingly entertained by M and Mme Dekesel at their home, and on the 7th there was a banquet at which the food was delicious and the speeches well worth listening to. In particular M Dekese, Mme Lochef, President of l'Union des Associations Felines de France, and Ir Damsteeg spoke most interestingly.

The show was beautifully organised and some of the cats were outstandingly good. Best Longhair was a very good Blue; best Shorthair, Mme Bacquet's Abyssinian, Sesostris de la Nouvelle Bubastris; best Siamese, Mme Bulteel's Blue Point female, Suly des Monts Dorees. All were cats of outstanding merit.

I know that all the English judges would join me in thanking the people who stewarded for us so efficiently, and our kind hosts, who sent us home with gifts of lovely porcelain. PHYLLIS LAUDER, Reading

Neocat

NEOCAT'S Championship Show for 1970, held on November 28 and 29, was beautifully run at the Philips Jubilee Hall at Eindhoven. The secretary, Mrs van Loon van Vliet, had splendid support from, among others, Mr Vermeulen, and her own daughter Miss van Loon.

There were six judges of whom three, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Thake and myself, were British, and some of the exhibits were very good indeed. Mrs Thake and I took the Shorthairs, and best Shorthair male was a Brown Burmese of high quality with deep yellow eyes, Ch Pallady's Sir-Sir, bred by Mrs Pallady, owner Miss Verhey.

Best Shorthair female, Twinkle Star's Angela, owner-breeder Mrs Craane, a most beautiful self lilac with lime-green eyes.

Best kitten 3-6 months, a delicious Brown Burmese, owner-breeder Mrs Aberson; 6-10 months, a Chocolate-pointed Siamese shown by Mevr Stigchel.

Best Shorthair litter, shown by Mevr de Visser, Siamese, all with good eye shape, a very promising litter of typy kittens.

We were delightfully entertained by our hosts, and I thank the young people who looked after us so well. Mrs Thake and I examined a young Dutch lady, already a Longhair judge, and passed her as a Short-hair judge, so that Holland has now one more all-breed judge.

The show ran very smoothly, and the cats were well presented, so that it was a very enjoyable two days. PHYLLIS LAUDER

At Lyon

THE Cat Club de Paris and the Cat Club du Centre (Fife) held a most successful show in the Salle d'Exposition des Arts at Lyon in November 1970. The show was organised by Mme Ravel and Mme Alleezitte, with the assistance of a most efficient and hard-working committee.

I judged the Siamese and Havanans, in company with Mme Pia Hollenstein for long hairs and Mme Boudon for short hairs. I had some very lovely exhibits, and some promising kittens in my classes. Unfortunately, however, many of the Seal-pointed Siamese were much too dark in coat and did not show sufficient contrast.

Mme Villechaise showed a lovely Blue-pointed queen, Blue des Monts Dorees, which was best Siamese adult in show; and Mme Lucas, of Holland, showed a very good Lilac-pointed kitten, Liac Magnolia van Poelgeest, that I would expect to have a promising future.

I greatly enjoyed my work at the show and my visit to the very lovely old city. I wish I could have stayed longer.

My very grateful thanks for all the kindness, hospitality and help I received, not forgetting M Granget, who acted as my secretary and pupil judge, and Mme Lemaire, my untiring steward. DORA CLARKE

Felekat

FELEKAT'S 35th International Cat Show, held in the lovely RAI building in Amsterdam, was a most impressive affair. I understand that it is Europe's largest show.

I judged the Chocolate, Lilac, Tabby, Red and Tortie pointed Siamese, and found the exhibits of good standard and shown in excellent condition. The best cat that I handled was an exquisite Lilac-pointed male neuter, Toengai van Siana, which had just about everything. I could not fault him and would

Inheritance in white cats

Patricia Turner

AS THE New Year opens white breeds continue to gain in popularity and the study of the inheritance of their characteristics continues. If facts are taken at their face value it would appear that the chances of white-blue and odd eyes and of deafness are increased when red colour genotype is present in one or both parents.

The chances of pigmented markings on the nose leather and skin of the head seem increased in the same way. The term 'white-blue' describes the blue eye commonly found in the white Persian, and this can be present either together with or separately from Siamese in the solid white cat.

Cats investigated have been classified into six groups according to eye colour and each group shows other factors in common. This may be significant or it may simply be coincidental.

As the simplest way to solve the problem is to invite breeders to disprove the apparent explanations found to date I set out the facts found in each group and invite readers to send me contradictory or supporting data. I do not propose to conduct discussions through the columns of FUR AND FEATHER but when sufficient replies have been received to form any definite conclusions I will detail the surviving or new explanations.

I am appreciative of the fact that pigmented markings on the nose leather or skin of the head are definite faults in pedigree white breeds and also that breeders do not like to draw attention to deafness in their stock. However only codings and statistics are supplied to my colleagues unless permission is given otherwise and only statistics and conclusions will be published. No details are supplied to any official of the cat Fancy.

Other matters concerning white cats including head smudging, the malformations of the inner ear in some cats, reduced visibility (if any) the independence of piebald white spotting and the restricted white spotting producing lockets, white toes and white belly spots will be discussed at a later date.

GROUP 1 BLUE EYED

These are the blue eyed cats produced by the action of 'white-blue'. Depth of colour varies from almost colourless to a fairly deep blue. Pigmented markings may appear on the nose leather and in extreme cases on the skin under the fur of the nose and ears. These are known as nose spots and so far have only been apparent in cats likely to be tortoiseshell or known to be tortoiseshell in genotype.

All white-blued eyed cats recorded have pedigrees involving the possible presence of red colour in the genotype of one or bilateral blue eye colour.

GROUP 2 ODD EYED

These are believed to be an effect of the white-blue genotype and are similar to group 1 blue eyed cats in every respect other than in their ownership of one orange eye. The orange eye appears on the left or the right in almost equal numbers of cats. They do not breed true for odd eye colour.

GROUP 3 ORANGE EYED

In this context orange describes any colour that is not blue. None of these cats show nose spotting although white-blue eyed progeny and odd eyed progeny from matings with coloured cats may do so. They appear to be capable of breeding true for bilateral orange eye colour.

GROUP 4 BLUE EYED

These are the Siamese genotype equivalent

of Group 1. They are produced by the combination of white-blue with Siamese in the white cat and are currently only found in some Foreign Whites (in England). Some show nose spotting. In colour, the blue tends towards the colour found in the average chocolate point Siamese. They do not breed true for bilaterally identical colour but may produce some white kittens with odd blue eyes.

GROUP 5 ODD BLUE EYED

These are the Siamese equivalent of Group 2 and like Group 4 cats are produced by the combination of white-blue with Siamese in the white cat and are currently only found in Foreign Whites. Most show nose spotting.

In colour one eye appears darker and less glassy than the other although the effect lessens with maturity. In the young odd blue eyed kitten one eye will be seen to have a definite slate blue colour. Like their non Siamese relations they do not breed true for odd eyes.

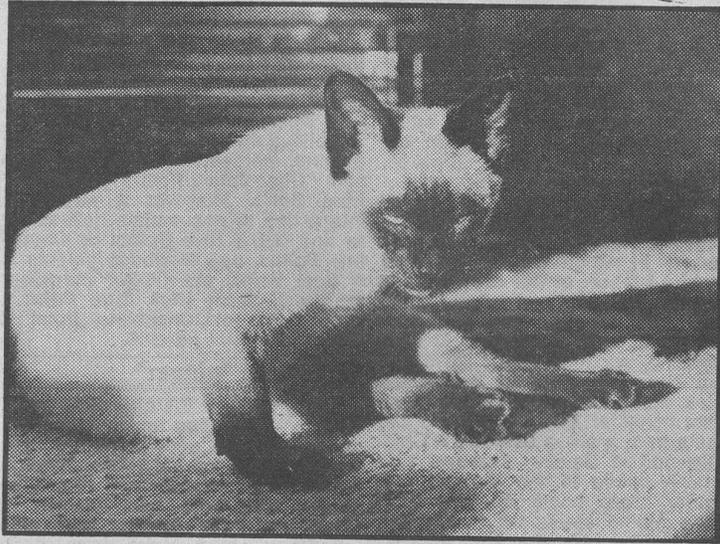
GROUP 6 BLUE EYED

These are the Siamese equivalent of Group 3 and are produced by the combination of orange eyes and Siamese in the white cat. They are the ultimate aim of Foreign White breeders. They do not show nose spotting and appear to be capable of breeding true for bilateral blue eye colour. Depth of colour varies considerably dependant upon the absence or presence of chocolate brown and/or blue dilution—the deepest colour so far bred being similar to that of the very darkest eyed blue point Siamese (these being seal in genotype). It can be seen that there are four groups of blue eyed cats and that the inheritance of only one of these can be predicted with

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Siamese—past and present

Mary Dunnill



have been very proud to have owned him. He was later judged best Siamese neuter in show.

My best male was an English import, Ker-now Red Vin, owned by Herr Akkerman. This cat was of excellent type and good red colour, with a true Siamese expression. He later became best Siamese male in show.

Ch Cattleya van Poelgeest was my best female, owned by Herr Moorman and shown in tip-top form. She became best Siamese exhibit in show.

My best kitten was a Lilac Point, Lilac Delsey Chez la Rose, bred and owned by Herr Borhoorn Tonkman. This was a very typy and promising kitten, that should do well, as indeed she did when judged best Siamese kitten in show.

I also handled some other very promising kittens, and a really lovely Havana, Josef van Mariëndaal, that became best short hair male in show.

The Chocolate-pointed Siamese, though on the whole quite good, showed the same fault as in England—points colour much too dark, although their body colour was generally better than ours, with far less shading, and almost without exception their eye colour was brilliant.

In conclusion, my grateful thanks to Mme Schubert van Akerlaken and her committee, and in particular to Mme van Winsen, for their hospitality and for making my visit so happy. My thanks are also due to Herr Lucas, who acted as my very efficient secretary, and to my three stewards—they were all quite indefatigable. DORA CLARKE

Mrs Brunton's classes

There were close on 800 cats and kittens at the beautiful show run by Felikat. The hall was entirely built of glass, which ensured splendid light for judging.

The centre of the hall in its entire length was most artistically arranged with an ornamental pool at each end surrounded by lovely plants and spring flowers and in each pool three gorgeous flamingos in salmon pink and white. Between these pools the judging rings were enclosed.

There were many splendid exhibits. The best Longhair exhibit, and also best exhibit in show was an International Champion Chinchilla, Cupido van Weirinxveste, in perfect condition on the day.

Other outstanding exhibits were Int Ch Bentveld Monkey Face, a lovely Tortoiseshell in the brightest of colourings and lovely type with tiny ears and deep copper eyes.

A beautiful huge Cream male, wonderful physique and condition, with splendid type and small ears, full flowing coat of even shade was Int Ch Paciotto van Kernheim.

Several lovely cats were a little out of coat on the day including David of Thane, an International Champion bred by Mrs McLeod with lovely large eyes of splendid colour. These were just a few of the most outstanding. It is impossible to mention all.

No report would be complete without my very grateful thanks for all the kindness and hospitality received from Felikat and the great help from my three charming stewards and secretary. M BRUNTON

Miss Prentis's classes

Arrangements for judging were excellent and I owe a debt of gratitude to my secretary and my two stewards. Very kind hospitality was extended to us and we enjoyed the trip by boat round the canals on the Sunday very much. The cats I handled were of high quality and I must mention a few of them. I was particularly struck with the Havana which was eventually best short hair in show. A lovely type with marvellous green eyes. His name Josef van Mariëndaal.

I had as best Seal Point Siamese Ch Chicco van Fandango. I liked him very much, excellent type and with very good contrast from points to coat, not always met nowadays.

We had a lovely souvenir in the catalogue which has been embellished with Adriane's photographs. VAL PRENTIS

Inheritance in White Cats

accuracy. Similarly only two groups (3 and 6) can be stated to be free from the possibility of nose spotting.

The cat true breeding for white coat has only been proved with Group 1 cats to date although it seems reasonable to suppose that white-blue eye colour and white coat are inherited independently. Thus the orange eyed white cat of group 4 or the blue eyed white cat of Group 6 should also be possible true breeding for white.

Details of cats which appear to accord or contradict the statements made above will be most welcome and details of the following cats (if they exist) will be of especial interest.

Orange eyed cats with nose spots; orange eyed cats with two white parents and producing only white kittens from coloured matings; orange eyed cats with two blue eyed white parents. PATRICIA TURNER, Te Whare, Little London Road, Horam, Heathfield, Sussex

AN article on Siamese, past and present? Oh, Mr Dyson, what a task. Where to begin? Where to end?

In the beginning, were Pho and Mia, that 'Royal' pair, sent to England in 1884. Hot in pursuit, one of the earliest recorded stud cats, Tiam O'Shian came to Miss Forrestier-Walker who, with her sister Lady Vyvyan, bred a series of Tiam O'Shians, I, II, III and IV.

Then there was the first recorded champion, Wankee, a comfortable looking, solid cat pictured in Frances Simpson's 'Book of the Cat'.

These early cats appear heavy and coarse and almost round-headed compared with our present day Siamese cat with a long head and long, svelte body. They were 'delicate' and not easy to breed, and were somewhat or a rarity.

But by the end of the 1914-18 war, they were firmly established in England. Names that we can find in the pedigrees of our own cats, way back, include such as Champion Bonzo, Champion Mon Dek and Champion Slightly—he was dark but very shapely and had the flat, sleek coat one so seldom sees today. That was in 1920 and 50 years later, we are still bemoaning the loss of the close texture coat and asking where is the contrast between pale body colour and points.

By the 1930's, show catalogues and registers were carrying names with prefixes we all know—Fontmell, Slingsby, Hoveton, Angus, Prestwick, and 'type' as we know it today is emerging. Squints and kinks are less frequently seen, heads are lengthening and bodies are slimmer; eyes are a brighter blue and less round.

Angus Silky was the forerunner of many of the oriental line, 'very typical, lovely shape, perfect head, dense mask and good seal points, excellent eyes, smooth glossy coat, perfect condition.' Thus ran the judge's report in *FUR AND FEATHER*.

Oriental Silky Boy is behind many of the well-known breeding lines of today.

Prefixes such as Sealsleeves, Kill-down, Sabukia, Hillcross, Doneraile and my own Sumfun, carry on the

oriental qualities. These lines, and the Prestwick lines are seal-point lines, with an occasional chocolate-point progeny from Killdown Kerry sometimes appearing. Well-known cats, all seal-points, in the 1950's were Killdown Jupiter, Hillcross Melody, Clonlost Yo-Yo, Prestwick Penglima-Pertana.

The Blue-point Siamese was looked upon as a 'freak' when it first appeared and had to fight hard to be accepted. Mrs Cox I'de did much to forward its popularity, and the Missel-fore cats, bred by Major and Mrs Rendall are well-known the world over for their pale body colour. Miss Mavis Dunn's prefix, Fenham, was carried by many good blue-points.

Mrs Hargreaves' Laurentide Mercury was the first officially recognised Lilac-point from a 'manufactured' line. Breeders today will appreciate the steps down from the original out-cross of Siamese to Russian Blue, through Laurentide Ephone Jet, Ephtoo Jade, Ephree Amethyst. The early lilac-points were heavy cats, more British than foreign in type.

After the lilac-points come a stream of new varieties. The present day Siamese cats can be any of four 'solid' coloured points, classified under Breed 24, seal, chocolate, blue or lilac, and a never ending array of tabby, red, tortie and 'AOC' classified under Breed 32. The mind boggles when we come to the proposed genetic classification into 20 varieties.

A glance through a present day schedule for any championship show gives seven varieties competing for challenge certificates. Where open classes are offered for both sexes, there can be thirteen challenge certificates won at every championship show. Competition is keenest in the seal-point classes where the number of exhibits often exceeds 30, while the Red-point or Tortie-point entries are sometimes only two or three. Large classes however, do not necessarily mean top quality and often there are many cats that do not even 'come in the running'.

Many of the present day champions can trace their ancestry to the

'old' lines—new prefixes but the old inheritance. Many of the prizewinning cats on the show bench are cats that have been selectively bred, using descendants of the lines mentioned earlier in this article. Prefixes such as this round dozen are carried by consistent prizewinners, Bru-bur, Dunchattan, Fantan, Katrine, Kuala, Pi-den, Roundway, Samsara, Spotlight, Supra, Tailong and Wayfarer.

Names fast establishing themselves as quality lines are Alexa, Careyvale, Druries, Karibur, Kirash, Lymekilms, Mayfields, Nikaed, Physalis, Redleaf, Saturn, Sislinkie, Starshine, Tamruat, Taurus, Ubon, in the 24 group, and Embee, Pitapat, Senty-Twix, Solitaire, Southview, Reoky, in the 32 series.

I am reluctant to comment on the many new varieties encompassed by Breed 32. There are some very beautiful cats bred and shown. 'Type' is certainly there but the many permutations and combinations in the breeding programmes for these varieties bring problems and headaches for the judge and classifier.

Today, speaking generally, there are just too many people breeding too many kittens that, because they are 'pointed' are called Siamese and so will sell. Too many pet-type and too few true-type, and far, far too much commercialism. Whatever the colour, our Siamese cat should conform to the laid down standard—good type, long, wedge head, strong chin, slanting oriental eyes of a good blue, large, pricked ears, svelt, muscular body of the correct colour, coat short and close-lying, a long-whipped tail.

Intentionally, I do not comment on the faults seen in many of the present day cats exhibited at our shows. The perfect Siamese cat has yet to be bred. But what a joy when we do occasionally see near-perfection!

The cat in our picture is the author's Sumfun Pu Tu.

My cat's a show-off

UNABLE to compete in knowledge, wit or exchange of personalities I would like to contribute my quota to the cat section of *FUR AND FEATHER*.

I read all the correspondence with avidity but with one very satisfactory Long-haired White neuter I cannot add helpful or critical information.

Nevertheless, I am able to help cats to the best of my ability with the help of my Crumbs, who is wholly loveable in spite of the recessive gene which is his pathetic lot.

The two of us go round lecturing on cat care to Townswomen's guilds and other meetings and we raise funds for my treasure's less fortunate cousins. I explain the intricacies of dieting (most folk think cats eat only fish), the benefits of neutering, the necessity of veterinary care; I demonstrate grooming and pill giving and if sometimes I preach to the converted they get their value in fondling Crumbs, described by an eminent judge as the best tempered cat in the show.

If any of you kind judges, who have treated the two of us with great generosity (or anyone else interested in the welfare as well as the showing of cats) would like to call on me to speak when you are too busy, I promise my audience a hilarious afternoon. Accompanied by Crumbs, who is also a show off, I sometimes wonder if my words fall on deaf ears as he attracts all the attention.

I am not defeated because together we are helping our friends, adrift in increasing number, who cannot beg for themselves. MYRA C KALIS, Westcliffe-on-Sea

Must type come first in the Siamese

Coat contrast and colour are of vital importance

J N Stephens

AT the recent Siamese conference in London a discussion took place on coat colour and contrast culminating in a speech which, while deploring the prevalence of dark and muddy coats, finished with the words 'Type must come first'.

I believe many people would agree that we are in serious trouble over both contrast and colour, yet many cats of lovely type continue to appear on the show bench.

If type is to be given first place one can only conclude that present trends will continue, that coats will get darker and that contrast will gradually fade away. If this trend is to be reversed it is desperately important to try to find the cause of the trouble.

'The Siamese gene'

Contrast, as we all know, results from the Himalayan pattern which is caused by what we loosely term the Siamese gene. This gene produces blue eyes and prevents the development of the biochemical substance called melanin in the hairs covering the warmer parts of the body while allowing the natural colours to develop to their full extent in the points and other cold parts of the body and gives a shaded effect elsewhere.

Without contrast we have no Siamese Cat at all and yet we are in danger of losing it.

Can we seriously argue that a cat with a nearly solid coloured coat, even if it has lovely type, is more Siamese than a cat of unlovely type but with the full Siamese contrast?

Let us then examine some possible causes for this loss of contrast.

The first point that arises is whether it is caused by darker coats. The evidence is conflicting because although many dark coated cats do show lack of contrast, there are also cats with dark coats which show plenty of contrast and warm coated Seal Points and cold blue Blue Points which show little contrast, so perhaps we have to look for another explanation.

Temperature

The second point is the influence of temperature. There is plenty of evidence, particularly from the managers of quarantine catteries, to show that Siamese that come from warmer climates develop coats with less contrast in England. During the first half of this century Britain had a period of comparatively warm temperatures, but in the last ten years average temperatures have been lower. Could a drop of a few degrees in average temperature have affected coat contrast? However, though outside temperature may be lower it is probable that our homes are now kept warmer.

Albino genetic system

We can not leave this subject without considering whether loss of contrast has been caused by a gene mutation or a hitherto unsuspected allele and in this regard I think it is worth paying some attention to the

Albino genetic system.

This is known as a multiple allelic system as it consists of a number of alternative alleles (alleles are alternative genes at the same locus on the chromosome) which affect the development of melanin in different ways in Chinchillas, Smokes, Burmese, Siamese and Albino cats.

Now the American Cat Fancy recognise a Longhair cat called the Shaded Silver or Cameo (the red version) in which the unpigmented or white portion of the coat hairs is half way between that of the Chinchilla and Smoke. The American Don Shaw, writing recently in Cats Magazine, suggests that this is due to a separate allele in the Albino series, though I believe British geneticists consider that the shaded cat results from a cross between a Chinchilla and a Smoke. However this certainly leads to the thought that another allele could possibly exist in the Albino series which is causing a reduction in the area masked by white hairs and a consequent loss of contrast in Siamese.

Colour mixing

Now let us take a look at colour. I don't think there will be much disagreement with the statement that both Seal Points and Blue Points are changing colour. Seal Points are becoming blacker in the points with a colder coat colour and Blue Points are becoming muddy fawn in coat. There is one school of thought that believes this is due to mixing colours in breeding, so I propose to examine the possible effect that blue, seal and chocolate could have on each other.

Let us first consider the Maltese blue colour. It is caused by a clumping together of the melanin granules, which, in this different geometric form, reflect light in the blue grey range instead of the seal/dark brown range. It is a recessive gene so that a Blue Point only results when a blue gene is inherited from each parent. Blue mixes with chocolate to give lilac and with red to produce cream. The problem is whether the inheritance of one blue gene affects the colour of seal and chocolate. A C Jude contended that Seal Points born from a Blue Point x Seal Point cross would show a blue cast in their seal colouring. Within my own limited experience I have not noticed this and I question whether blue affects chocolate. A Chocolate Point stud which I have used, and which has the true milk chocolate points, was sired by a Lilac Point which means that this stud carried blue. However other breeders may have different experiences.

More data required

Next we have to consider whether Blue Points or Chocolate Points born from one or more Seal parents are likely to be darker in colour as some writers believe. It must be remembered that all Blue Points and all Chocolate Points carry the Seal genes. There is no need to give the

scientific explanation for this when one remembers that a homozygous Blue Point (ie, pure for blue) mated to a homozygous Chocolate Point (pure for chocolate) produces all Seal Point kittens. It is very difficult to believe that Seal does affect these colours, particularly as Blue Points and Chocolate Points originated from Seals. However it would be interesting to accumulate data to try to find out if Blue Points or Chocolate Points, one of whose parents is a Seal Point, are darker in colour than cats born from Blue Point x Blue Point or Chocolate Point x Chocolate Point parents.

Chocolate 'nigger'

Lastly there is the chocolate gene. This is a mutation which stops the melanin in the seal colouring from developing to the full extent. When a Siamese cat inherits two chocolate genes, one from each parent, a Chocolate Point results; if it also inherits a blue gene from each parent a Lilac Point is produced.

The question again is whether the inheritance of one chocolate gene can affect colour, because in theory it should not. The gene is supposed to be recessive which means that both parents have to pass it on for it to be effective.

In practice however chocolate markings can frequently be seen in Blue Points, if one of the parents is a Lilac Point or Chocolate Point.

There is also the assertion that Seal Points carrying chocolate tend to be darker, which if correct is most mysterious and for some reason the inheritance of two chocolate genes by a Red Point produces darker, not lighter colouring.

There seems to be a good deal of evidence now to show that chocolate is not in fact entirely recessive, and this thought has recently been expressed by the American Don Shaw. In fact the little chocolate gene may well be a serious nigger in the woodpile, and I believe that another allele in the brown series named Cordovan, a colour midway between Seal and Chocolate, has been described in the Journal of Heredity. Could this gene be present in the Siamese cat and be the cause of dark coats?

Need for research

I won't attempt to go any further into this problem, but I hope enough has been said to indicate that this is a complicated matter which requires the help of geneticists and a lot of research. The advice that pale coats and good contrast will only be achieved by selective breeding is doubtless technically correct, but of doubtful practical value as breeding of Siamese has now become so widespread.

I know for example that one third of the people who have applied to join the South Western Cat Club in the past twelve months have indicated on their application forms that they have started or intend to start breeding Siamese, and I expect the

picture is similar elsewhere. Every new breeder of Siamese who knows nothing of colour genetics and every dark coated cat that becomes a champion adds to the problem and we may already have reached the point of no return.

The questions we must ask ourselves are these. (1) Are we to accept the darker colours and loss of contrast as normal? If so surely the standards must be amended. (2) Do we accept the present standards as correct? If we believe this what steps are we going to take to reverse the present trend. (3) Or do we propose to let things slide and do nothing? The result of this course of non-action would mean that confusion will continue to reign and the status of our Siamese show cats will fall still lower in the eyes of the world.

A fragmented Fancy

If we are failing to do anything about this major problem I suggest it is because the Siamese Fancy has become hopelessly and ludicrously fragmented, and that it is unable to initiate any practical action in such matters. In this small country we have three national Siamese clubs based in London and the South East, two clubs in the North and Scotland and seven national clubs representing the six recognised Siamese colour groups. Many of the 1,200—1,500 Siamese breeders and Siamophiles belong to several of these clubs. A lively and progressive Fancy is one which is organised to facilitate the maximum opportunity for the discussion of problems and exchange of ideas, provide good communications amongst its members and speaks with a united voice in the Governing Council. The membership of most of the existing clubs is too widely scattered for conferences to be organised to which breeders can get and too weak in finance to produce good journals. Even the Siamese Cat Club with over 900 members can produce a journal only twice a year compared for instance with the much smaller Siamese Cat Society of New South Wales, whose journal comes out four times a year. The need for separate clubs to represent separate colours seems pointless once that colour has been established, as the main problems that affect Siamese breeding are common to all colours and colours overlap each other.

Idle money

I belong to four Siamese Clubs whose combined resources at the date of their last Balance Sheet amounted to just under £2,000 and the resources of all Siamese clubs must be about double this figure. What use is being made of this money? It is invested in the Banks and Government Securities and helps thereby to subsidise a whole range of activities instead of being used for the benefit of the Siamese Fancy for which the money was

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originally subscribed.

We need, I suggest, to bury our differences and organise ourselves into regional clubs or groups who can help educate novice breeders and try to exercise some control over breeding, and who can send delegates to a strong central body that can reasonably claim to speak for Siamese breeders from the whole country with the funds and the will to promote research into urgent problems such as deterioration in contrast and colour. The Joint Siamese Committee should be a start, but confidence in its ability to act in a practical way was not enhanced when at the recent conference its officials were unable to explain what they meant by asking the conference to vote for a resolution asking that the committee should be 'recognised' by the GCCF, and came to the conference with no case prepared to support their proposition. If we are to get anywhere our communications must improve and we must be united.

Coat Colour in the Abyssinian

I AM a breeder of Abyssinian cats and have recently made a study of the genetics and chemistry of their coat colouring. I was extremely interested in the letter from the South African reader (FUR AND FEATHER, January 14) who enquired about white markings in these cats.

The following would appear to be the contemporary opinion on this question, although many details remain to be settled. I have been unable to find any scientific papers dealing specifically with the cat, but I would be pleased to supply your correspondent with a list of references to other, more general papers if she so requires.

The coat colour in the Abyssinian is of the type known as 'agouti' in which the hairs carry alternate bands of black and red-yellow pigments. This colouring is thought to arise by the action of a gene which inhibits the production of black pigment and which also has some adverse effect on the production of yellow pigment.

Most animals are less efficient at forming colour on their undersurfaces and hence, though the hairs of the back are marked in bands of black and yellow, hairs on the belly, neck and chin most often have no black at all and the yellow colour is much reduced or even absent (as in the Abyssinian chin).

This pattern varies a good deal according to the animal species involved—there is a type of guinea pig which has banded markings on its stomach hairs. On the other hand many mice, rats and rabbits have white markings all the way down the stomach. In some respects we are very lucky with our Abyssinian cats: I do not know of anything else which has such well developed 'ticking' or which shows so striking an orange colour in the 'yellow' (as opposed to black) areas of the coat.

Thus I regret to say that it seems very likely that the pale chin in the Abyssinian cat is due to the same major gene that gives it its uniquely coloured coat. This does not necessarily mean that it would be impossible to breed out the pale chin—I should be just as interested as Mrs Beswick to know whether anyone has yet done so.

Improvement in the general depth of coat colour (probably controlled by numerous minor genes) could theoretically do this, but whether this is possible in practice I do not know. In the very short time I have kept these cats it has been brought home to me how very great the effect of environmental factors (feeding, general health, ambient temperature etc) can be on the colour of the coat.

Under these circumstances it may well be very difficult or impossible to recognise any inheritable improvements in the chin colour. However, if it can be done in Tabbies, let it not be said that the Abyssinian breeders were any less skilful at their job! (Mrs) M J FOWLER, Eastleigh, Hants

Why not a 'Neuters Anonymous'?

THE sale of charity cards ranging from 4s to 15s per dozen is expanding every Christmas, but colleagues and I were unable to find the charities nearest our hearts, ie BUAV, JAWS, Foal Farm, FAB, CPL, PDSA, etc. We did track down a RSPCA vendor, but he had sold out.

We appreciate that the usual charities are very worthy causes but so is the plight of many less fortunate felines. Would it be possible for a body in the Fancy with Mrs Pond's and the National Committee's blessing of course, to arrange a stall selling cards for the various cat charities at the National Cat Club show. The stalls are almost as much part and parcel of the show as the cats, and give it that 'fun of the fair' atmosphere.

Personally I should like to see someone start a 'Neuters Anonymous' organisation whereby the good hearted people who cannot say no to a cat in need could draw on the fund for reimbursement of neutering fees. Ultimately the number of strays would be reduced.

Of course I appreciate the role of the entire tom. Some breeders allow a difficult queen the husband of her own choice or as happened to us recently, Fenella my errant Siamese went courting, lost her way and was found two weeks later a mile from home very thin and very frightened.

May I express my sincere gratitude to Mrs Mary Bardall who accompanied me to London's Club Row on the bitterly cold morning of Sunday December 20. Cats of doubtful origin have in the past been known to turn up there. Fortunately this was not Fenella's fate.

It might be of interest to know that, according to the stall holders, all the kittens they have are Persians. I was offered an obvious household pet for five guineas. It was a tiny baby not in my opinion old enough to leave its mum. Mary and I laughed when told that a Russian Blue type kitten with a white fleck on the throat was a Persian. The trader turned quite nasty, told us to go away.

In conclusion may I comment on Mr Raleigh's article of January 14—I wonder what we will be writing about say thirty years hence. ANN EMMOTT (Mrs), Bishop's Stortford

A crying need

THE death of Mrs Moveny in tragic circumstances has made it very clear for the need of a committee of responsible people to deal with matters. I wish the older members of the cat Fancy who howled me down when I suggested this some years ago, could see the piteous plight of her animals. I have called to task the clubs for doing nothing to help its members before and I do so again.

Unfortunately, when vandals broke into her house, they frightened away the remaining cats which we were unable to catch.

The RSPCA who were marvellous hope to catch them in time. We felt that the cats were such an asset to red breeding and to save them all from being put to sleep we have them here. (Mrs) I W PEARSON, Guildford.

Feline Research

I APPEAL to everyone interested in the Central Fund for Feline Research to save all unwanted Christmas presents and any other gifts in new condition suitable for a stall which Mrs Threadingham and I will run at the Hull Show on July 31. Mrs Threadingham is very busy knitting and sewing and if anyone else would like to fill in the long dark evenings making toys and gifts to sell, their efforts would, I know, be much appreciated.

I expect to be at most of the forthcoming shows so it would save the donors postage if they gave me the things personally. Otherwise parcels can be sent to me, Miss C McCole, 48 Victoria Avenue, Hull, Yorkshire or to Mrs D R Threadingham, Bernina, The Birches, Bramhope, nr Leeds. We will be very grateful for all support offered to us on behalf of CFFR. C MCCOLE

The Registrars

SO MUCH hot air has been emitted by the barrack room lawyers of the cat Fancy that the basic cause of the present dispute has become befogged and is in danger of becoming lost.

As I understand it—being one who stands on the side lines just listening—an emergency meeting of the executive was called during the luncheon recess, to appoint a new registrar to replace Mrs Aitken who was seriously ill and could no longer carry on.

This having been accomplished, without any prior warning of its intention, the executive then summarily dismissed Miss Prentis and appointed by telephone another Siamese

Registrar in her place at a greatly increased salary.

It is this which has so disturbed those of us interested in fair play for all. Why this unseemly haste to be off with the old and on with the new? In this country we are proud of our reputation for justice not only being done, but being seen to be done.

In England everyone is presumed innocent till proved guilty, and all are given proper opportunities for preparing and entering a defence against accusation of misdoing.

No doubt Miss Prentis was not absolute perfection—who is?—but she had the basic right to defend herself against any accusations made against her at the special meeting of the executive, which anyway had not met to discuss her problem, but was convened solely to deal with matters relating to the other registrar.

She was denied this right and was condemned and dismissed UNHEARD.

That other so called evidence has since come to light after much digging and scuffling is entirely beside the point. Had a proper meeting been called with facilities for both sides to prepare and present evidence for their case, and the post advertised as is customary if the verdict was against Miss Prentis, none of the present unpleasantness would have occurred.

To dismiss someone and then search for evidence to justify the decision so to do, and produce it at the very last possible moment, is a negation of British justice and must be peculiar to the cat Fancy.

I agree the horse has been most savagely and mercilessly flogged, but the coup de grace has not yet been delivered, and while there are those left willing to fight for principle, who are against injustice and the shabby treatment wherever they may occur, the horse will not die. ALICE FERGUSON, East Grinstead

IN a recent epistle Dr Raleigh resorts to the oldest trick known to man. He attacks critics as ill-informed, unintelligent, unimportant, interfering people protesting about trivialities, and woos by flattery those whom he wants to impress.

As president of the Council I shall always use any influence I have in matters where I think help is needed. I resent Dr Raleigh's remark that I have no knowledge of the Prentis matter, or that my knowledge is gained from 'hysterical biased protagonists'. I am well able to analyse the pros and cons of a situation and show an unbiased opinion.

Dr Raleigh must not think all members of the Council have the same views as he. His is well known. Is his idea of a future Council biased on the Prentis affair than Dr Raleigh, who made no secret of it, as was shown by his opening remarks at the last Council meeting when he referred to Miss Prentis as being 'completely and utterly incompetent' and one who had 'caused absolute chaos with the records of the Council'.

The Doctor should learn and appreciate that what is so essential to the proper and efficient running of any organisation is a chairman who is completely and utterly impartial in everything that he does when he occupies the chair. Was Dr Raleigh? I am not protesting about the decision of the executive in dismissing Miss Prentis. Legally the committee had the power to do it but it is not one of the fundamental principles of a British constitution to condemn a man unheard—audi alteram partem.

I protest at the way the executive acted in the Prentis matter—hastily and without giving Miss Prentis the opportunity to be heard, and I also protest at the way the matter of the reports were handled at the last Council meeting. It was disgraceful and I challenge Dr Raleigh at the next meeting of the Council to answer every one of the questions in my previous letter in FUR AND FEATHER and set out in my letter to delegates of December 1, 1970. He says there is no need for secrecy; therefore let's have none. Let us know his views. Let's be frank and open in our dealings.

Dr Raleigh now raises the question of the future chairmanship. He raises it as he raised the question of Miss Prentis by his article 'Storm in a teacup' sometime ago. When he wrote this 'Storm in a teacup' article he was congratulating himself for the part (ignoble as I find it) he had played as chairman. What was the cost? Did the Doctor think of the honour of the Council and the honour of those who were mistakenly moved and impressed by his oratorical powers?

I am now an old woman in the evening of my life and I may not live to see the utopian Council that Dr Raleigh envisages following his occupation of the chair. But do not count your chickens before they are hatched my dear Doctor! As you have raised the issue of the chairmanship before you put yourself up as a candidate for the chair let us hear what your policies are going to be which will mean to the Council a 'significant step forward'.

As President I shall support you in everything that is good for the Fancy, but while there is breath in my body I shall fight for justice and humanity and oppose you at every turn if any step is taken which is not in the interests of the Fancy. GRETA HINDLEY

CANNOT the matter of the former registrars to the GCCF be allowed to drop now. However right or wrong the case was or is, it can never be rectified.

I feel strongly on this subject for I inadvertently was the cause of the whole matter, through my husband who sent in my resignation and the doctor who decided that my work should be cut down.

In my own mind I had decided that next year (1971) should be my last and then the business of registrations and registrars would need to be discussed in a calmer and less hurried manner.

Under the present circumstances neither of the previous registrars can be happy and the reputation of the cat Fancy in general be enhanced by any further discussion on the matter. E G AITKEN, Hindhead, Surrey

Chinchilla controversy

AS one of the chief persons concerned in Mrs Rolls' letter I must correct one or two erroneous statements.

In 1962 Mrs Rolls visited my home and purchased a male kitten—purely as a pet, for herself. She then said she would like another for her daughter. At the time I had two kittens only, brother and sister, a relationship I would never advocate for breeding, but I was assured they were not to be used for this, as though bred from show stock I did not consider them up to my usual show standard.

I explained that I did not register pet stock on advice given to me by Miss Langston, and, as far as I was concerned that was the end of the transaction.

Never did I receive a request from Mrs Rolls to register these kittens, neither did I receive, or return, any cheque from her.

Imagine my surprise when, at Olympia the following year, the male kitten was shown under another prefix, and the female, under yet another. I approached the show manager and, by virtue of my withdrawing my objection, both cats remained in the show.

Mr Rolls then approached me stating they wished to breed and extra money was paid. I blame the GCCF for ever registering a kitten by a prefix other than that of the breeder. Neither can I see how they can re-register a cat with a sire 'unknown' at one date then, later, re-register the same cat, this being contrary to GC rules.

Had Mrs Rolls approached me in the first place stating she wished to show the cats purchased from me, I would have been the first to help, something I try to do for all novice breeders but, without any word to me, these cats were registered by two prefixes and then entered for show entirely unknown to me. My advice not to show or breed from the cats until the matter had been resolved by the GC was, of course, correct procedure.

Mrs Rolls' statement that her cats are more pure-bred than any other Chinchillas on show today, is untrue. No cat can claim to be completely bred by the owner until, I would say, at least three generations carrying the breeder's own prefix, are behind such a cat. As neither Pasha Sheba Mitzi nor Zimalus Nicholas were bred by Mrs Rolls, they cannot qualify as her breeding.

I am sorry that Mrs Rolls decries Chinchilla breeders—in anything competitive one has to be prepared for criticism and the nearer the top one gets, the more it becomes apparent. M TURNEY

IF Mrs Marjorie Rolls and Mrs Eileen Hunt will take the time and trouble to read my letter (FUR AND FEATHER, November 5, 1970) once again and take note of what is written, they will find they are both mistaken.

No, Mrs Rolls, I was not confused. I did not write that Ch Pasha Sheba Crusader was pure English bred. I have his written pedigree, as I had my Caronome Honey mated to him once.

Nothing was further from my mind at the time of writing to FUR AND FEATHER than making any skits about Mrs Rolls's or any other person's breeding programme. I would not like to even try to do such a thing.

For being guilty of the crime of making the mistake of two e's in Pasha Sheba I stand corrected. I apologise and simply say 'Sorry.' Strange as it may seem to Mrs Rolls, some more of us do have principles also.

If and when Mrs E Hunt re-reads my letter, I hope she will be able to grasp the point or gist of the matter.

I stated I would like to get the bloodline of Poldenhills Merlin back into our Chinchilla cats by using his son, Ch Pasha Sheba Crusader. No reference was made to Ch Pasha Sheba Crusader being pure English. This I know only too well as I have a written

copy of his pedigree.

To my way of thinking (some may agree with me, others disagree) Poldenhills Merlin was one of the most beautiful Chinchillas of recent times.

I have learned a little more about 'pure breeding' in the past eight years than I appear to be given credit for.

This is all I have got to write on this matter. To me it is now closed. (Mrs) ADA L CLARK, Burringham

CAT CLUB NEWS

FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has agreed to the alteration of the name of Dengor Tareka to Dengor Tawee Tareka. Any person who has registration certificates of progeny which show the name of Dengor Tareka should send the certificate to the Registrar for correction.

The delay in Siamese registrations and transfers is regretted. The executive committee has taken steps to reduce the delay. Applications will be dealt with as rapidly as possible.

SOUTH WESTERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB

The special general meeting of the South Western Counties Cat Club on December 13 was well attended. The proposition under dis-

ANNOUNCEMENT

An advertisement has appeared in **FUR AND FEATHER** from Mr Pier Carlo Frabboni, MRCVS. We are informed by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons that Mr Frabboni's name does not appear in the register. The advertisement was published by us in good faith, but we draw the attention of all readers to the statement above.

ussion was accepted and the matter passed back to the committee for further action.

Will members please let me have nominations and items for the annual general meeting agenda not later than Friday February 5. Nominations are required for chairman, two delegates and committee members. The four retiring committee members are Mesdames Armour, Hunt, Fenn and Young, the first two not wishing to stand for re-election. The consent of all nominees must be obtained before nomination while in the case of delegates, their consent must be received by me in writing, together with the signatures of the proposer and seconder. Mrs Paddon and Mrs Pring, our present delegates are willing to stand for re-election.

The annual general meeting will take place on Sunday, March 21, 1971 at the Great

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK CAT CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

NORWICH on **SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1971**, Venue to be arranged.

Nominations for committee should be sent to the secretary in writing by February 28, together with a proposer and seconder who are fully paid up members. Also the written consent of the nominee.

Hon Sec, Mrs P COPPLE, 16 Columbia Close, Kesgrave, Ipswich. Telephone: Kesgrave 3707.

DEATH OF EVELYN LANGSTON

We learn with deep regret of the death of Evelyn Langston, the well-known and well-loved breeder and judge whose devotion to all cats, Chinchillas in particular, goes back through a long life time. Evelyn Langston was over 80.

She was a teacher of music and many famous singers (such as Olive Groves and John Boulter) have come under her training.

She died on Saturday, January 23, and the funeral will be at Woking Crematorium on Friday, January 29 at 3 pm.

Tributes to the late Miss Langston will be given as soon as postal services permit.

Western Hotel, Exeter, preceded by the usual lunch for those wishing to attend. Full details will be included in agenda. M ROBINSON, hon secretary, Bernina, Ashton, Exeter.

SIAMESE CAT ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Siamese Cat Association will be held on April 24 at 3 pm at The Great Western Royal Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, London W2. Items for the agenda must be received by the secretary not later than March 16.

Nominations invited from fully paid-up members for committee members and for delegates to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. There are seven vacancies on the committee. The retiring members are Mr T Paramor, Mrs J B Mills and Mr S F Ryder, also Mrs J G Dodd and Mr K J Dessauer who were co-opted during the past year. All are eligible and willing to stand for election.

The present delegates are Mr T Paramor and Mrs E Lentaighe who are eligible and willing to stand for election.

Nominations, with the names of the proposer and seconder, together with the written consent of the nominee, must be received by the secretary—Mr L E CARTER, Newholme, Cedars Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 1EA, not later than March 1. LEONARD CARTER, Hon Secretary

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX CAT CLUB

The Hertfordshire and Middlesex Cat Club will hold its annual general meeting at the Great Northern Hotel, Kings Cross, London N1 on Saturday March 27 1971 at 2.30 pm. Items for the agenda should be sent to the hon secretary, to arrive not later than

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Please send subscriptions (50 new pence) due on January 1st, for 1971, to the hon treasurer, Miss Moira Swift, Flat 6, 25 Shepherds Hill, London N6.

New members, please apply to the hon secretary, Mrs A Wilson, 'Redleaf', Christ Church Road, Crouch End, London N8

MIDLAND COUNTIES CAT CLUB

The second prize winner in the Siamese Premier of Premier class at the Midland Counties Cat Club show on October 24 1970 should be Mrs Lait's Pr Browndreys Tano, not Pr Dordon Remus as printed in **FUR AND FEATHER** on December 3.

SURREY AND SUSSEX CAT ASSOCIATION

Nominations are required for the offices of president, chairman and vice-chairman, secretary and for four committee vacancies for the Surrey and Sussex Cat Association.

All nominations, duly proposed and seconded and accompanied by a declaration of willingness to serve should reach me not later than February 28.

It is also requested that all cups and trophies be returned to Mrs C Belts, Tree-tops, Dells Common, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks, not later than April 1. (Mrs) J M D SOUTHERLAND, Hon secretary, 77 Hallsfield Road, Bridgewood, near Rochester, Kent

SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK CAT CLUB

Will all exhibitors please note that owing to the postal workers' strike it may not be possible to post tallies etc for the Suffolk and Norfolk championship show on February 13.

In this event they will be available on the morning of the show at the entrance to the hall.

There will be a stall for the sale of home produce—cakes, marmalade, jams, etc. Any gifts for this stall would be gratefully received.

LANCASHIRE AND NORTH WEST COUNTIES CAT CLUB

While the strike of postal workers continues entries for the Lancashire and North West Counties Cat Club Championship show, to be held on March 13 will be accepted by telephone. Entries can be sent to Mrs Wolstenholme at Great Ecclestone 547 (at any time) or, in case of difficulty, to Miss Rickson at 061-445 4004 (evenings only).

Entries may also be handed to any committee members at their homes or at the Southern Counties Cat Club show today (January 28) or at the Scottish Cat Club show. The closing date for entries is extended to February 6.

The inconvenience to intending exhibitors is regretted, but it is hoped that they will support the show regardless of difficulties. (Mrs) B WOLSTENHOLME, assistant show manager, Tinpaws Cottage, Mill Lane, Elswick, near Preston

WESSEX CAT CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Wessex Cat Club will be held on Sunday, February 21 at the South Western Hotel, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth at 3 pm. Tea will be provided.

To assist catering arrangements, will members who intend to be present please let me know by February 17. ANNA BANKS, Hon Secretary, Highbank, Littleton, Winchester. Telephone: Starsholt 429.

SCOTTISH CAT CLUB

Will exhibitors at the Scottish Cat Club show on Feb 6 please note that tallies and

vetting cards will be handed out at the hall.

Classes 183-185 will be judged by Mr Tomlinson, and classes 114, 119, 121, 122, 124, 172, 173, 207, 221 and 263 will be judged by Mrs E Burrows. SHOW MANAGER

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Southern Counties Cat Club will be held on April 3, 1971 at the Eccleston Hotel, Eccleston Street, London SW1 at 2.30 pm. Items for the agenda should be sent, in writing, to the secretary by March 1 1971. B BARRON, Hon secretary, 54 Sweetcroft Lane, Hillingdon, Middlesex

MERSEYSIDE CAT CLUB

A successful Christmas party was held by the Merseyside Cat Club in Liverpool on December 19, when about 50 members and friends gathered together.

The next meeting will be held today (Thursday) at 8 pm when Mrs F Smith with her Golden Labrador guide dog will give a talk on the wonderful work done by guide dogs for the blind, the training they receive etc. Do try to come along to the Scout Shop, Pembroke Place, Liverpool to meet them both. Refreshments will be served.

The annual general meeting will take place on Thursday, February 11, at 8 pm, at the Scout Shop, Pembroke Place, Liverpool. The officers retire annually but all are willing and eligible to stand for re-election.

Mrs Joan Taylor and Mrs Lottie Pagan retire from committee this year and do not wish to stand for re-election. Our thanks to them both for their help during the past two years.

Nominations for vacancies (these must have the approval of the person concerned) and items for the agenda must reach the hon secretary before January 26.

Please remember that subscriptions were due on January 1 and due to rising postage and printing costs, have had to be increased this year (as agreed at the last AGM) to: 15s (75p) double, 10s (50p) single, 2s 6d (12p) junior, £5 life membership. These should be paid as soon as possible.

Fully paid-up members only are eligible to enter club classes, compete for special prizes, or to vote at any meeting. Failure to pay subscriptions by the end of April will necessitate the payment of a new entrance fee (25p). LIN COBLEY, Hon secretary, 46 Trinity Road, Bootle 20, Lancashire.

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX CAT CLUB

It is hoped that by now the secretaries of all affiliated clubs have received the 'begging' letter for the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club show in September this year.

I feel that I must explain to all other clubs that it is not intended to steal the march on any of the shows which will be held before ours. In the past a number of snags have cropped up at the last moment which have caused schedules to be delayed. Last year it was a printing strike.

It is hoped that the schedule will be sent to the printers early in order that it is printed and out of the way before they are overwhelmed with printing the schedules and catalogues for other shows at the busiest time of the championship season and the holiday periods.

By my early action on behalf of the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club I hope to avoid one of the problems of the past. I wish to assure all other show managers that our schedule will not be sent out to our exhibitors out of turn.

It is hoped that this letter will clear up any misunderstanding. J A SHEWBRIDGE, Show manager

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LEEDS TO SCOTLAND TRIP

There are two seats available on the minibus trip from Leeds to the Scottish show on February 6. Trips by minibus have also been arranged from Leeds to the Notts and Derby show on February 27 and the Lancs and North Western Counties show on March 13. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Threadingham, telephone Leeds 671078.

OBITUARY

Mrs Rosell's young red tabby stud Bruton Ptolemy died in his sleep of an enlarged spleen. He is sadly missed for his loving nature. An irreplaceable loss to the Bruton reds. He was 5½ years old.

CORRECTION

On page 43 of FUR AND FEATHER dated January 14 1971 the pedigree and record of Miss L E Carling's Premier Kennerleigh Jonathan was inadvertently printed under the heading of champion.