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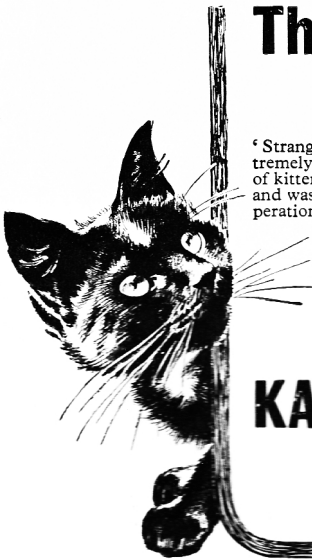
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A BLOW FOR FREEDOM

WE published in our May issue an innocent-looking paragraph reporting the passing of the Marauding Cats Bill in the American State of Illinois. An anti-cat organisation styling themselves the Friends of Birds Society had been campaigning for years to get this lopsided piece of legislation passed and its enactment would have meant that owners of cats in that State would have been liable to fines if they allowed their pets to "prowl or run at large."

How very near the F.B.S. came within reach of success can now be told. The Bill was put over in the local legislature and everything looked fine for the birds and gloomy for the cats. Then one man emerged to change the whole situation. He happened to be a cat lover and Governor of the State. The Bill was vetoed! So the Illinois cats may continue to walk by themselves or as and when they please.

The Illinois incident had widespread repercussions and there were numerous expressions of relief at this triumph of common sense. Items appeared in the world's press but none spoke more wisely or more pungently than the leader writer of that powerful American magazine "Life." The few extracts that follow are typical of the brilliant whole and will, I am sure, interest all our readers:

The cat is frequently indifferent to human beings, but that is only because its self-respect demands equality in friendship. The dog is a natural yesman, a natural stooge; the cat insists that it is just as good as you are, which is what Tocqueville and other famous

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political theorists consider to be the necessary foundation feeling for true democracy. When you have really earned a cat's friendship it will be friendly in turn; otherwise no dice. . . .

The cat is the supremely esthetic animal, compact of grace, lightness and poise. It is constantly assuming stances which no ballet dancer, no top-flight figure skater, has ever succeeded in bettering. A cat can do without thinking what it takes a Pavlova a decade to perfect. As for the destructiveness of cats, it is greatly exaggerated. Most of them prefer milk to bird feathers. . . . We hate to see a bird's beauty dragged down by a cat, but if, as William Blake says, 'A robin redbreast in a cage puts all Heaven in a rage,' what does caging do to the proud spirit of the cat?

. . . On balance (and what cat isn't?) the cat as killer does far more good to the human race than harm. . . .

Beyond all this the cat, as Saki says, lives by the attribute of courage. Even the youngest kitten dies like a good soldier, its face—and claws—to the enemy. The cat, unlike the human being, rises above the monkey calumny of gossip; you never get a cat down by giving it a bad name. It is superior to fate. . . ."

The incident is hardly likely to be repeated over here, where we feel less passionate about such issues. Still, as we said last month, it's nice to know what is going on in the rest of the world.

It is worthy of mention that the Governor of Illinois, in vetoing the Bill, remarked that the problem of cat versus bird is as old as time. If it is to be resolved by legislation who knows, he said, but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age-old problems of dog versus cat, bird versus bird, and even bird versus worm!

EDITOR

A LEGACY FOR THE LEAGUE

"£15,000 to open Clinic for Cats." That was a headline to surprise and delight cat lovers when they opened their newspapers the other day. The brief facts are that a certain Miss Constance Aston, resident of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, in her £51,904 will, bequeathed £15,000 to the Cats' Protection League, of Slough, Bucks, for the endowment and upkeep of a clinic for cats in the Island.

When we spoke to Mr. Albert A. Steward, the popular and energetic Secretary of the League, there was little official news available for pub-

lication regarding this munificent bequest. He was himself awaiting legal developments, and although anxious and willing to give us the fullest possible story when the facts were established, he could do little more at the moment than to confirm that Miss Aston had been a member for many years and that hers was the biggest legacy ever left to the League.

Mr. Gordon B. Allt, F.Z.S., that enthusiastic Fancier, is the League's official representative in the Isle of Wight, and he has very kindly consented to help in any way that he can in regard to the founding of the proposed clinic.

WHO'S WHO among the Breeders

MRS. M. ESTELLE OGLETHORPE

IT is singularly appropriate that as these lines are being written the curtain is coming down on another brilliant fortnight of International tennis at Wimbledon. Your chronicler was present on the occasion of that amusing incident when for a few brief moments the more serious intentions on the famous Centre Court were shelved and the interest of the great crowd became focussed on the antics of a small, furry, four-footed and bushy-tailed intruder which mysteriously appeared from somewhere among the crowd to interfere with play.

The intruder was not a kitten but a squirrel which, after a chase by perspiring ball-boys, promptly turned round and bit its captor! The crowd roared its approval at each exciting incident of the chase and its sequel.

Few among that great crowd could have been aware, as we were, that the sacred precincts of the Wimbledon Courts have been invaded many times in the past by other furry personages. Indeed, this very fact was responsible in pre-war years for one of the best-known affixes ever entered in the registers of catdom. The affix "of the Court" was registered by Mrs. M. E.

Oglethorpe, to whom great credit is due not merely for a happy and apposite choice of title, but also for the reputation and success which subsequently became attached to it.

"The affix 'of the Court,'"
Mrs. Oglethorpe kindly informed
OUR CATS when the plans for this



Mrs. M. E. Oglethorpe.

interview were being made, "was really inspired by the All-England Tennis Courts at Wimbledon, on to which my garden backed. When my cats disappeared from time to time they

were invariably found there. I recall that during an illness my nurse had to go hunting after an absentee and my pet was found only after a lot of trouble. It was then that the idea of the affix was born.

“ At this stage, of course, I was very much the novice. The first Blue Persian I owned was called Velvet Paws, to whom I became greatly attached. I knew nothing about breeding and was at a loss to know what to do about it and how to start. So I went to a Wimbledon bookshop and asked the proprietor for a book on cats. He gave me, as a great favour, ‘ The Fireside Sphinx,’ by Agnes Repplier.

Began with a Book

“ I recall taking the book home with great joy, but although it was a most delightful work—I have it still and enjoy reading it over again at odd moments—it told me nothing about the more practical side of care and management of the cat. So back again I went to the bookshop and explained my dilemma. Eventually I was given ‘ Cats for Pleasure and Profit,’ by Miss Frances Simpson. There still remained a lot I wanted to know, so I wrote to Miss Simpson, who came to visit me at Wimbledon; and thereafter all was plain sailing.”

Mrs. Oglethorpe continues: “ I was, of course, most fortunate to have such a guide, philosopher and friend as Miss Simpson just at a time when I was keen to

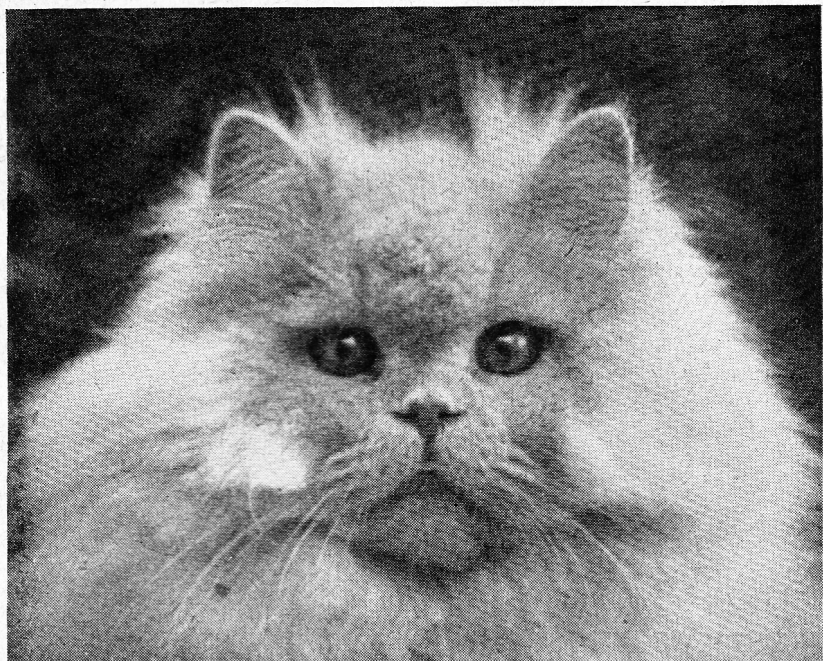
launch out as a Fancier. This great expert lost no time in coming to the point: My little queen Velvet Paws’ was not good enough for the purpose of breeding show kittens. So she eventually purchased for me the queen Dewdrop, and it is from her that all my cats are descended.

Show Successes

“ From Dewdrop’s sons and daughters I bred Pierrot of the Court and he was the sire of my lovely Pierrette of the Court, who was dam to International Champion of Champions, The Autocrat of the Court, in the possession of Madame Ravel. From Pierrette I still have her daughter Sweet Memory, Best Kitten in Show at Exeter just before the outbreak of war. It was at this show that I had the thrill of having bred the Best Blue Male (Playboy), the Best Blue Female (Elfinella) and the Best Kitten (Sweet Memory).”

“ I was also very thrilled and delighted when my Fifinella won a Championship at every show and quickly became a full Champion. I still have her daughter Debonnaire, whose show career was cut short by the war. Breeding can, of course, bring its surprises and disappointments. It can also bring many fine friendships and there is always the odd chance that the gift of some ‘ ugly duckling ’ may turn out ‘ a swan.’

“ One of my most successful



THE AUTOCRAT OF THE COURT, Blue Persian International Champion of Champions bred by Mrs. Oglethorpe.

cats was Champion Jasmine of Farnborough, who came to me as a gift kitten. As an adult she won nine Championships and I bred from her Echo and Narcissus, who became Champions in their turn. But let me make it quite clear: Jasmine was no 'ugly duckling'; she was a beautiful kitten of great promise.

"To Prince Karl August of Thurn and Taxis of Bavaria I sent Amaryllis, and from the Prince I subsequently received many most interesting letters and pictures of his father's palaces. Another distinguished enquirer for my stock was the Maharajah of Kolapur, who sent his secretary over from India to select a

young queen. Choice fell on a lovely female I bred by Milord of Mendip. I retain as a memento of this transaction a cable from the Maharajah in which he said, 'Highly delighted.' The Maharajah bred Blue Persians and his wife's interest was Pekinese; they had marble temples built in their honour and in which the animals lived. A third kitten of my breeding travelled even farther afield—to Australia, where she was Best Exhibit at the Royal Sydney Show. I later had the thrill of receiving a cable informing me that I had been made a life member of the Australian Fancy.

“ I have never kept a big cat-
 tery and do not believe in keep-
 ing more cats than one can make
 pets of. Neither do I believe in
 keeping cats shut up to any great
 extent. Even wild animals lose
 their courage when kept in cap-
 tivity. My aim has always been
 to breed for quality rather than
 quantity—soundness and fine
 texture of coat, perfection of eye
 colour and exquisite type. I also
 believe in breeding for sweetness
 of disposition, and this one can-
 not do if one is unable to keep
 their cats as pets.



Pierrette of the Court

“ One of the loveliest kittens I
 ever had at Wimbledon was
 Sultan (now the pet of Sir Osbert
 Sitwell) who has since visited me
 at Thamesmead, my present home
 at Henley-on-Thames, where I am
 a near neighbour to that grand
 Fancier, Lady Eardley Wilmot.
 On the occasion of Sultan’s
 visit, Sir Osbert gave me a copy
 of his then latest novel, ‘ Those
 were the Days.’ The fly-leaf was
 inscribed: ‘ For Mrs. Oglethorpe
 with gratitude for Sultan from
 Osbert Sitwell.’ The book is one

of my most treasured possessions
 and I am deeply grateful to the
 Editor of OUR CATS for promot-
 ing the kitten Sultan to a place of
 honour on the front cover of this
 issue.*

“ In conclusion, I cannot wish
 anyone greater happiness than
 that they should have the com-
 panionship of “ a little lion, small
 and dainty sweet,” who fills her
 place in life with a rare perfection
 and with

“ ‘ Half gentle kindness and
 half disdain
 In salutation courtly and
 urbane,
 Where naught disturbs the
 concord of her reign.’ ”

* *Position deserved and merited — see
 front cover.—Editor.*

SUGGESTION FROM FLORIDA

I would like to see a research in
 cat psychology. The Harvard-Yale
 Laboratory, 25 miles from us, is con-
 ducting experiments on a 22 months
 old chimpanzee, which was given at
 birth to one of the research workers
 and his wife. The animal, which has
 never seen another chimpanzee since
 leaving its mother, wears diapers and
 baby clothes, eats at the table in a
 high chair and is treated exactly like
 a human baby. At a recent cocktail
 party she met the guests at the door,
 finger in mouth and clinging to the
 skirt of the hostess.

Cat research psychology would un-
 doubtedly be on different lines, but
 I am sure it would be as instructive.
 I know my own pet cat Tufty (pic-
 tured on another page of this issue)
 is more intelligent than most mon-
 keys and sea gulls, another species
 studied at the Laboratory. I under-
 stand that the foremost authority on
 bee psychology, an Austrian, is at
 the Laboratory now. So why not
 cats? I am hoping.

Mrs. Harlow Merryday,
 Palatka, Florida, U.S.A.

Hot Weather Troubles

By FORCEPS

(Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons)

IN some parts of the country, at any rate, one associates the occurrence of eczema in cats with the hot weather. Moist eczema is more common among Longhairs and is a very distressing condition. The skin becomes hot, tender and swollen, and there is an oozing of serous fluid from the inflamed surface which—as a result of excessive licking by the cat's rough tongue—may become quite raw, as well as hairless. The discharge causes matting of the surrounding fur, and where germs find their way in through the broken skin surface, infection is set up with the formation of pus and a yellowish scab.

“Moist eczema” is a convenient term, giving one an exact mental picture of the skin trouble in question, but it would be rash to say that it is a specific disease. Our knowledge of what causes eczema, either in human beings or in domestic animals, is still incomplete, but we do know that a cat infested with fleas will often develop the moist form of eczema. Nor need there be many fleas present.

Dusting Powders

It seems that some cats are “sensitised” to the effects of flea bites, so that the damage and irritation caused is out of all proportion to the number of fleas on the animal's body. For this reason, however clean and well cared for, your cat may be, do make a careful search for fleas periodically, especially if there are signs of irritation during the hot

weather. If many are found, they may be easily got rid of by means of one of the proprietary dusting powders containing some Gammexane or Derris.

The best way is to smooth back the fur “the wrong way” with your fingers and drop in a little of the fine powder. Do this gradually over the whole body, and leave the powder in the coat for as long as you can conveniently keep an eye on the cat and prevent licking. Then with a comb or soft brush remove as much of the powder as possible.

Dry Eczema and Diet

Several dusting powders sold for the purpose of destroying fleas or lice (and harmless if correctly used) contain D.D.T. Care must be taken to use such powders very sparingly on cats, and not too frequently, since poisoning not uncommonly results due to the cat licking and swallowing D.D.T.

Dry eczema is characterised by itching, redness, a patchy loss of fur, scurfiness, small spots, cracks and scabs, all of which do not necessarily occur at the same time. The back, forelegs and head are usually involved, in that order. Very often the origin of dry eczema appears to be dietetic. Thus it will occur in the cat fed monotonously on salt fish, and possibly on horseflesh. A change of diet is indicated.

Try giving meat instead of fish for a while, with a little liver (if obtainable!) once a week. A well-known

proprietary brand of dehydrated food for cats offers one solution to the problem of a change of diet at the present time, when meat is so scarce. It is inadvisable to buy ordinary meat at pet food stores unless it has been cooked first, since raw meat condemned as human food may be the cause of passing on disease.

Include some vegetables in the diet—most cats are very fond of beetroot. A laxative may be indicated.

Correct Diagnosis

Some cats, like people, are allergic to certain food and other substances, and this is one of the causes of eczema. In some cases the presence of some sensitising agent, together with a shortage of pigment in the skin, will render the latter abnormally sensitive to sunlight. Other predisposing causes include the presence of fleas and other parasites, such as the harvest mite, confinement in small, hot, poorly ventilated quarters with insufficient exercise, and mineral deficiencies. Kidney disease may also be responsible.

Treatment of eczema should be left to the veterinary surgeon. In the moist form of the disease it is essential that the skin be properly cleaned up, and it may be necessary first to apply a local anaesthetic. As there is more than one condition closely resembling dry eczema, a correct diagnosis is important. Very often this means the use of a microscope, for such things as mange parasites and fungi are invisible to the naked eye.

A spell of hot weather may be accompanied by a change of coat, which may result in a great deal of hair being swallowed, with the formation of a hair-ball in the intestine causing a blockage. The affected cat is uneasy, off its food, constipated,

and may vomit. When the coat is seen to be coming out, a dose of medicinal liquid paraffin is often advisable in the case of long-haired cats, repeated as necessary.

Castor oil and other purgatives should never be given if a hair-ball is suspected, for they will only distress the cat without relieving the trouble.

MONTHLY VET. NOTE

Sometimes a cat is to be seen in a restless, uneasy state, wandering aimless around, hiding under furniture. He may mew a little and swish his tail. Food is refused, and as time goes on the aimless wandering gives place to crouching with the back arched and a reluctance to move.

There may be some drops of urine on the floor, with specks of what looks like silver sand. There is a tense, round swelling in the abdomen, though this is seldom spotted by the owner, who often first becomes alarmed at the cat's refusal to eat or move and its pitiful expression.

What has happened? The bladder has become distended, usually as a result of the urethra being blocked by sand-like material, and the animal is unable to pass water—except, perhaps, for a few drops at a time.

If this state of affairs is not promptly relieved, two factors operate to cause death: shock, due to the pain; and re-absorption into the bloodstream of decomposing urine. No time must be lost in obtaining the services of a veterinary surgeon.

This condition is not uncommon in adult male cats, and it is thought that an almost exclusively fish diet may predispose to it.

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“ HAPPY FAMILY ” IN HERTS

The go-ahead Herts and Middlesex Cat Club held an enjoyable and successful Garden Party at Bushey Heath, Watford, last month, when the guests assembled in the delightful grounds of Hollygrove House, the residence of the President of the Club, Mrs. E. Mitchell. Excellent entertainment was provided by a hardworking Committee for a good attendance of members and their friends. Those present (and included in our group photograph) included Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Kit Wilson, Miss K. Yorke, Mrs. L. A. Price, Mrs. V. Parker, Miss Dukes, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Matthews, Dr. Archer, Mrs. Willbourne, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. K. R. Williams, Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Devereaux, Miss Hance, Miss Mabey, Mrs. Crimmen, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Reffell and Mrs. Harmer.



Let's go to a Show

Brief details of the various Cat Shows fixed to take place during the approaching 1949/50 Season are given below for the information and guidance of our readers. We shall present more detailed information from time to time as it becomes available. Make a point this time of attending as many Shows as you can. There is no better place at which to make friends and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and management.

	1949		
26 July		Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Clubs (incorp.) ...	London
		(See advert.)	
30 July		Beeston Show	Beeston, Notts
25 August		*Sandy Show	Sandy, Beds
		(See advert.)	
27 August		The Lancs and North Western Counties Cat Club ...	Eccles, Lancs
		(See advert.)	
2 September		Durham County Press	Durham, Lancs
21 September		*Herts and Middlesex Cat Club	Watford
28 September		South Western Counties Cat Club	Torquay
12 October		*Blue Persian Cat Club	London
13 October		*Siamese Cat Club	London
27 October		*The Midland Counties Cat Club	Birmingham
10 November		*Croydon Cat Club	London
19 November		Scottish Cat Club	Glasgow
6 December		*National Cat Club	London
	1950		
9 January		*Notts and Derby Cat Club	Venue to be fixed
23 January		*Southern Counties Cat Club	London
26 January		The Lancs and North Western Counties Cat Club ...	Manchester

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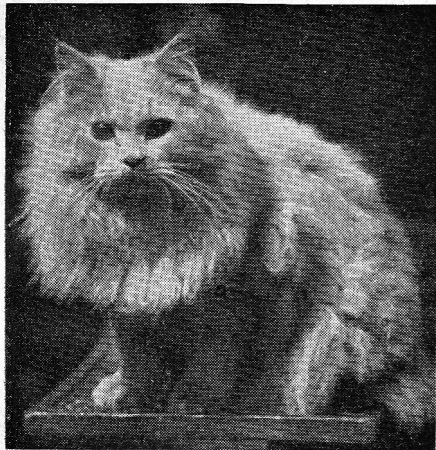
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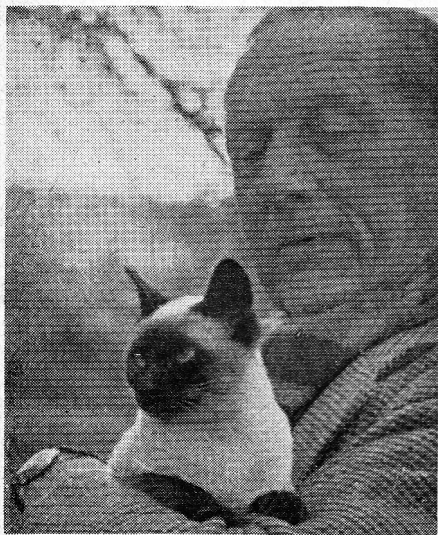
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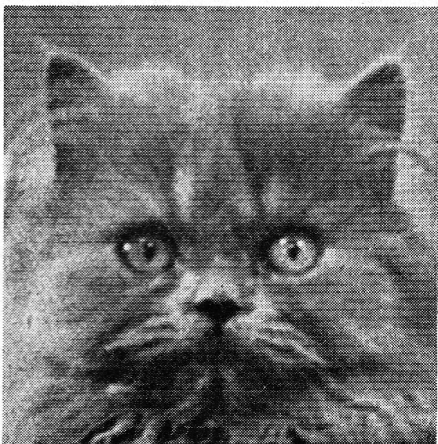
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PALATKA CARDINAL (otherwise "Tufty") with his mistress, Mrs. Harlow Merryday, of Palatka, Florida, U.S.A. We wish we could have reproduced this photograph as it was received—in all the glories of natural colour. Tufty's burnished red coat was a match for the brilliant colouring of the exotic flower on the left of the photograph.



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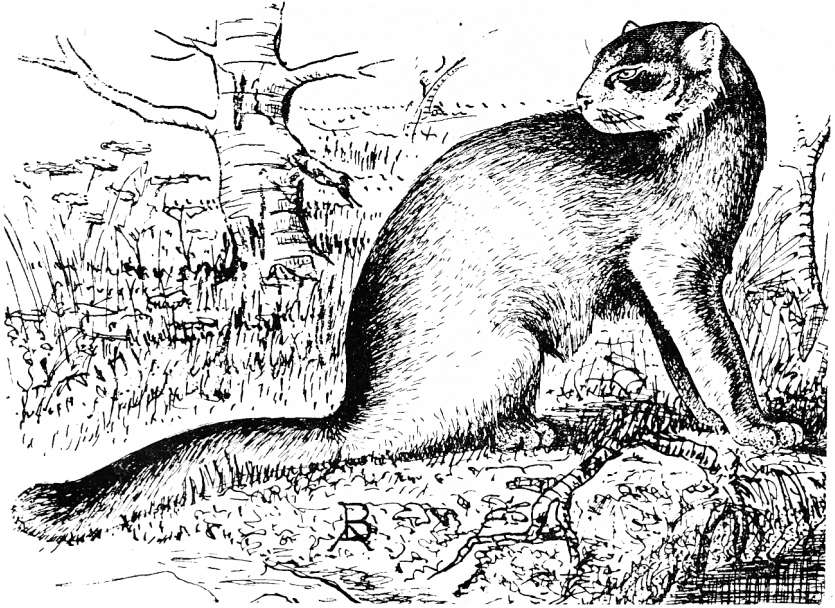
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Top : EYRA

Bottom : PALLAS'S WILD CAT

Correspondence Corner

Readers are invited to send contributions to this feature and so to join in the useful exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge. Letters should be concise and deal preferably with items of general interest.

It may interest breeders and lovers of cats to know that we have for years been trying to breed a Tortoiseshell male, but that out of a few score of kittens there has not been a male yet. The nearest we got to it was when there was one kitten that would have been taken by any expert for a male when a few hours old. Avoiding handling the kittens at all until they are at least 8 or 10 days old, we then found that it was a female after all. It looked very much as if the male tendency had shrivelled and turned into female *after* birth. It happens even in humans, as we know, though science has no explanation for it, so we wonder if this was a similar case.

What may also interest readers is that we have bred a *blue* Tortie. The mother is a ginger and white queen and the grad-dam was a perfect dark tortie. When born, the kitten was practically all blue with

tiny spots and she grew into a remarkably pretty blue, cream and ginger Tortoiseshell. The predominant colour, of course, is blue. There was no blue tom anywhere near when the ginger-white mother was mated, so it looks like a very far throwback and it must be assumed that there was a blue strain somewhere way back in the ancestry. I have never seen or heard of a *blue* Tortie, so perhaps we have quite a unique cat? She is half Persian, high-legged, with an unusually long tail, a granddaughter of Thomas of Penshurst, the biggest ginger tom in the country and a perfect ginger tabby. He stands 16 inches at his haunches, is 35 inches long, a great hunter and more faithful to his master than any dog. Thomas accompanies his master even when he goes shooting rabbits or birds and is also a perfect "gun-cat."

Mrs. M. Munro,
Hildenborough, Kent.

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BEATRICE BLACKMAN gives you a few

Holiday Tips

THE annual headache of "What to do with our cats during the holiday" is with us again. Many owners of cats, Siamese in particular, abandon holidays for themselves as they cannot make satisfactory arrangements for their pets. Some break short a much-needed rest to return to care for a pining feline friend or, perhaps, to search for one lost from a boarding establishment.

Here are a few ideas for coping with the problem.

A few fortunate cat owners find holiday accommodation where their pets are welcome. The recent prompt booking up of a farm advertising holidays with a good home for cats, is evidence of the need for this type of catering. Here indeed is an opening for those with holiday facilities suitably situated and interested in cats.

Home is Best

There are hotels which will accept cats, mostly with misgivings, I feel. It is a tie on the owner and not too good for the cat whose freedom must be curtailed.

A more satisfactory arrangement is possible to those fortunate enough to possess friends in holiday places who have a fellow interest in cats.

You may have friends in the country who would welcome your cat as a member of the family.

It would "oil the wheels" if you undertook to care for their pets in turn, or invited the hostess to a holiday in town as a quid pro quo.

The best arrangement, of course, is to have a friend stay in your home to care for your cat on its home ground. This has all the advantages. The cat is not disturbed by strange surroundings or by travelling. Few cats like trains, though many Siamese are quite "cat-minded."

Cat Sitters ?

Should no friend be available, the idea of advertising for a cat sitter has been successfully tried. In this case there were two Siamese queens whose care was balanced against a flat in town for the holiday. The plan worked well.

•Where the family take furnished accommodation the cat can be included as one of the holiday makers. Michael Joseph describes how adaptable his cats were to this plan in his book "Charles."

Cats have been taken on caravan holidays and have loved it. The snag here was in restraining the hunting instincts!

As most cats are good sailors, a holiday afloat can include puss, but only if you keep to home waters, or your cat will have to go into quarantine. It is necessary to secure the gangway to

prevent "absence without leave."

Very many people take their cats to animal boarding establishments. If you do this, it would be wise to inspect the quarters your pet will occupy. It needs little imagination to envisage the unhappiness of a freedom-loving animal confined to a small pen. Kennels and veterinary establishments can only cope with boarders by restricting their freedom. The cats miss the family atmosphere and find scientific feeding a poor substitute for the indulgences bestowed at home.

On premises devoted to animals there are bound to be cases of all the ills your pet is subject to at one time or another. The risk of infection is very real. If no alternative to boarding in kennels offers, do take your cat's own bedding and feeding dish.

By far the greater number of cat owners just ask a neighbour to feed the cat. This frequently means putting the food down

with no guarantee your cat gets it. Cats so left often wander away and may be picked up by the cat thieves. The plan will work satisfactorily where the neighbour is conscientious and a sincere cat lover.

People who leave home and simply shut the cat out to fend for itself are all too common. As the law stands, no action can be taken against them. If they leave a cat shut up they can be prosecuted, and the R.S.P.C.A. should be informed at once.

It is a common belief that cats are more attached to places than to people. This is quite wrong. The cat is a living, sentient being, affectionate and very dependent upon human contact.

Return this affection and trust by making the best possible arrangements for your cat and enjoy your holiday without nagging anxiety for your pet. It need not cost a great deal; just some little extra thought and effort.

A CAT'S WONDERFUL LEAP TO SAFETY —>

What must surely be one of the most remarkable pictures ever taken of a cat's leap for its life is shown on the page opposite. "Daily Mail" cameraman Henry Bush took it and we are indebted to that newspaper for permission to reproduce this outstanding example of pictorial reporting.

The incident took place in Islington, North London. For five days the cat clung precariously to a branch of a tree 60 ft. from the ground. Various rescue attempts were made but they all failed owing to the slender nature of the branch and its great distance from the ground.

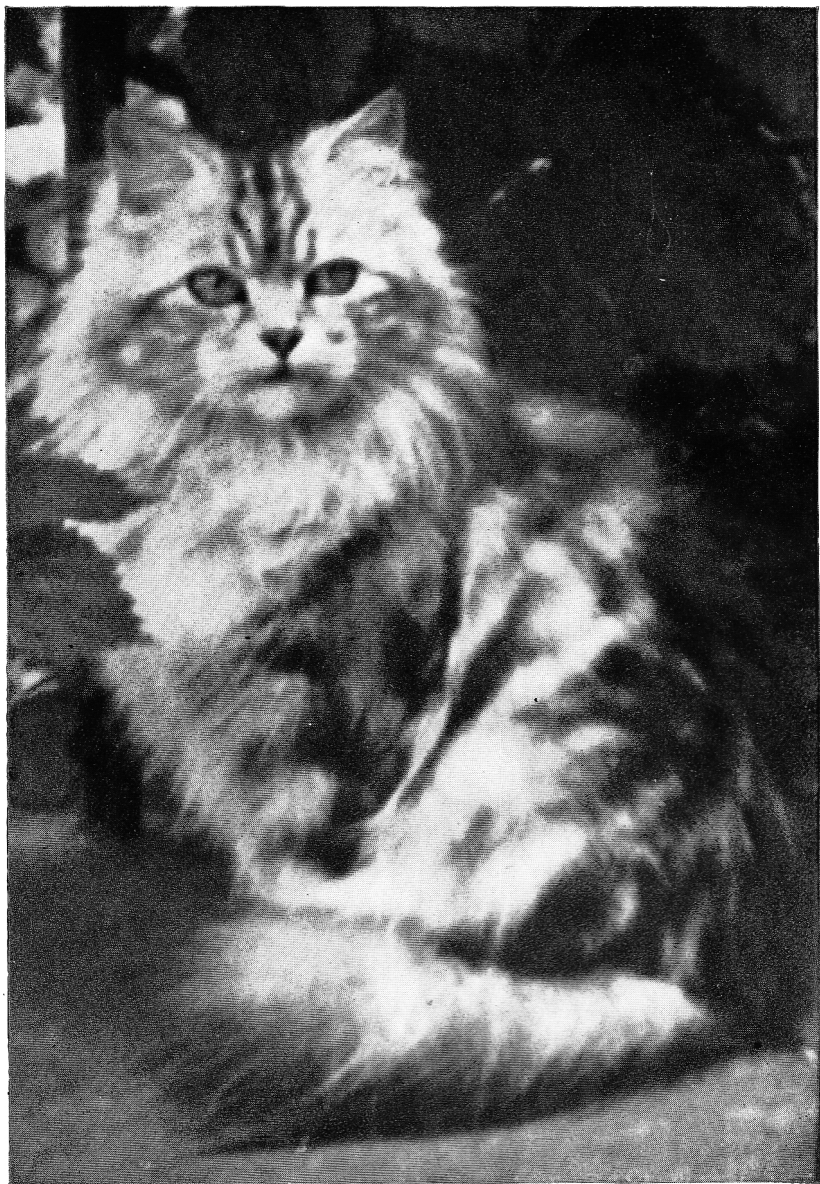
The help of the local Fire Brigade was enlisted and the firemen promptly laid on their rescue plans. A sheet was held out under the branch. One of the men ascended the tree to first of all fix a rope to the branch. It was planned that if the branch with the cat on it could be sawn off and pulled clear over the direction of the extended sheet, the animal would lose its hold during its fall and eventually land safely in the sheet.

But things didn't quite work out that way. As the sawn-off branch was pulled clear the cat leapt the whole 60 ft.—missed the sheet, landed safely on the ground and promptly made off.

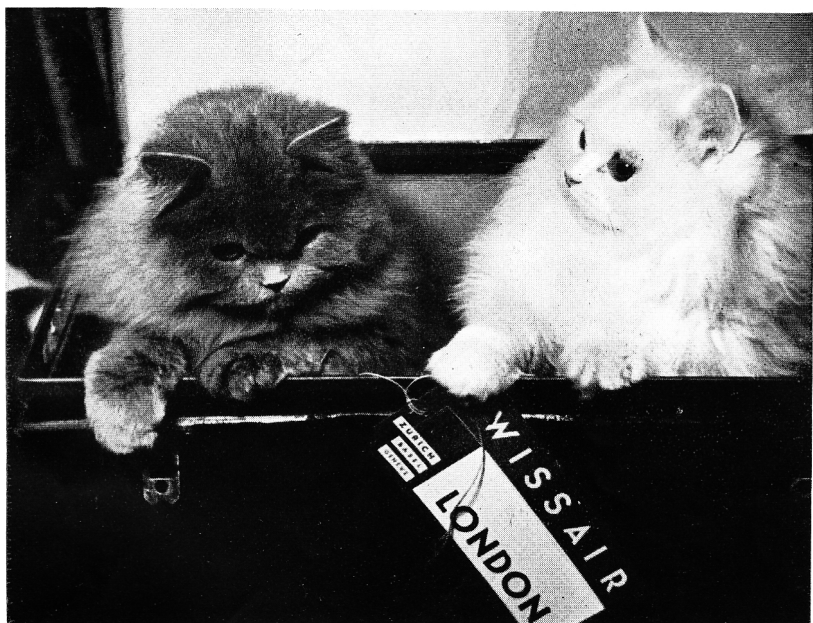
Note particularly the confident poise of the flying animal with its ears pricked, head down and front paws "ready to land." Note, too, the attitude of the little girl in the foreground who just didn't dare to look—or listen!



Daily Mail Photograph



CHAMPION LUCIA AMELIA OF ROCKVILLA, handsome Silver Tabby belonging to Miss M. S. Paton, of Greenock, who is a prominent member of the Scottish Fancy.



Presse Diffusion

Exported to Switzerland by Miss E. Langston, where they were welcomed by their new owner, Mlle. Perrin, of Lausanne, these two lovely Longhair kittens are thoroughly alert and interested after their first experience of air travel.



SEDAN COCKTAIL, handsome Cream Male bred by Mrs. Brady and now owned by Miss H. L. Posthuma, the well known Dutch Fancier. He is half-brother to International Champion Southway Wizard.



A delightful bird's-eye view of Myostis, Siamese queen and her quadruplets. Photographer is Dr. R. M. G. Atherstone and the block has been kindly loaned by the Editor of the Siamese Cat Club News Sheet.

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Back to Nature

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On the other hand, I rarely seem to be free from trouble with the pedigree queens. When I have only four breeding queens I consider myself lucky if only one is a complete passenger and the remainder breed reasonably well. Of course, there are pedigree queens which breed well and rear their kittens without difficulty, but unfortunately in my experience they are the exception rather than the rule. When one is found it is almost beyond price if only for the fact that like often begets like.

I am quite prepared to admit that my management may be at fault, but the trouble goes deeper than that. The difficulties of the present time are not the result of present mismanagement so much as the outcome of wrong practices over many generations of cats.

It is quite impossible to wipe out these mistakes of fifty years in the average lifetime of one cat, but one must make the best of a bad job and work with an eye to the future.

A Natural Life

If you possess an ordinary house cat, what extra care or trouble do you take when you know that there is a litter on the way? Generally speaking, you do little or nothing about it except that you may be a little more generous in the matter of food. Apart from that, in all other respects the female leads her own natural life.

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Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

REGULARLY every month, Mrs. Joan Thompson—popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge—will turn the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

1st June. The Siamese Cat Club tea party, attended by about 100 members and their friends, was a great success. I thought the new venue at Stanhope Gate was a decided improvement on the old one in Oxford Street, where the noise of the continuous traffic can be decidedly disturbing. The Chairman, Mr. Soderberg, and the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, and all members of the Committee were present; two of the latter, Mrs. K. R. Williams and Miss Kit Wilson, were cheerfully taking tickets at the door.

The running buffet tea was an excellent idea to encourage friendliness and informality, and I noticed some of the menfolk very busy dispensing tea and cakes. I again heard the suggestion that members should wear identification badges with their name on. It is a good idea, as after every social meeting one hears that someone was present one would have liked to have spoken to. So many breeders are only known to each other through correspondence

3rd June. To Chalfont St. Peter to visit Mrs. Davies and fetch Gem, who had been staying with her whilst

I was away. Found him very fit and actually weightier—a tribute to her good care. Her very nice Cream female Tollerton Babette, bred by Mrs. Oakley, had given birth to three Cream males and two Blue-Cream females; the first litter of her young Blue male Dandy of Pensford. Unfortunately, Babette was rather a long time in giving birth to her kittens, so advice was sought and an injection given. The result was the kittens arrived but her milk glands became so hard they were unable to feed, and as it was three days before a foster mother was found they were by that time too weak to suck. Artificial feeding was tried, but I know of very few cases where it has been a success with newly born kittens. Mrs. Davies determined next time to allow nature more latitude. A few days later her lovely pale queen Priory Blue Dream gave birth easily to one strong kitten on the 70th day of gestation.

It was delightful to see how unconcerned her cats were with the Boxer dogs, although one five months old puppy was strong enough to bowl me over when we went for a long walk on Gerrards Cross Golf Course in the evening. The Blue queens had remarkable coats for the time of year and the lovely texture one associates with the descendants of Mrs. Oglethorpe's Blues.

6th June. Two enquiries this morning for the Governing Council Standard of Points. This is obtainable from the Secretary, Mr. Hazeldine,

1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey, price 2s., and is a very useful guide to everyone who intends to breed pedigree cats.

8th June. Schedule of the Beeston and District Carnival Show arrived. The cover picture of Thiepval Eve, a winning daughter of Ch. Southway Crusader, is most attractive. It is too late now to enter for the Show, but it should be well worth a visit, as in addition to the cats there will be many other attractions, and with Mrs. Brice-Webb as Show Manager we know it will be in capable hands. The venue will be the Notts Rugby Football Ground, Ireland Road, Beeston, Notts, and the date 30th July.

The schedule of the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Clubs' (incorp.) Show on 26th July at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, is a comprehensive one and an imposing list of 100 special prizes are offered. In the past some lovely kittens have made their bow at this Club Show and I hope this notice will meet the eye of cat lovers who have not yet heard about it and encourage them to go.

At a recent Governing Council meeting it was decided to award the title of "Premier" to neuter cats who have been awarded a first prize in their Open class under three different judges and they will receive a certificate to commemorate the award. They will be competing for this honour for the first time at this Show.

12th June. Colonel and Mrs. Wintle came to tea and brought a lovely litter of five Blues by Mrs. Finch's Claremont Blue Boy for me to see. One male was really outstanding and the only female excelled in type. I have seen very good kittens by this male before and it is a pity that so far they have not been owned by anyone who is interested in exhibiting.

13th June. Executive meeting of the Governing Council in the morning and a cheery lunch at Stewart's. Miss Langston told us that Ch. Mair of Allington is in kitten to Ch. Southway Crusader. The result of this alliance will be interesting and the kittens should be super quality.



Our photograph, taken at the Tea Party given by Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald at Ewell, Surrey, shows (Seated, left to right): Mrs. Martin, Miss West, Mr. P. M. Soderberg, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Wedgwood, Mrs. Holroyd, Mrs. William, Mrs. L. K. Sayers, Mrs. Elsie Hart, Hostess Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Cattermole, Mrs. Towe, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Mr. Cyril Yeates, Mrs. Vize. (Standing, left to right): Host Macdonald, Mr. A. E. Cowlshaw, Mrs. P. Lauder, Miss Lauder, Mr. Sayers, Mrs. Archer-Thomson, Miss T. Dore, Mrs. Cowlshaw and Mrs. Jean Thompson.

15th June. Delightful party at Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald's, Ewell, Surrey. Their garden is so secluded and lovely considering it is so near London. Several well-known personalities graced the occasion: Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Towe, Mr. Yeates, Mr. Soderberg and many others. It was nice to see Mr. Cowlshaw, Editor of *OUR CATS*, and his wife attending their first social event in the cat world, although, of course, we have seen them both at many shows in the past. Mr. Fall took a number of photographs and it was amusing afterwards to note the blissful unawareness of some of the guests caught by the camera, myself, for instance, disposing of a cream bun!

Mrs. Macdonald's queens were allowed their usual liberty, although they kept at a discreet distance and peeped coily from the undergrowth. Altogether an enjoyable event and an opportunity to meet one's fellow Fanciers.

19th June. Visited Mr. Buffard and his Siamese. Many newcomers to the Cat Fancy do not realise the long experience some breeders such as he has had. Mr. Buffard has attended so few post-war shows owing to the prolonged illness of his wife, who passed away in early May. Mrs. Buffard commenced breeding Blue Longhairs over twenty years ago, and when she decided to give them up and devote herself to Siamese, Mr. Buffard had a few Manx, one of which, Bunny Girl, was awarded two Challenge Certificates in 1936 and 1937.

At present he owns six Siamese queens and two Seal Pointed Siamese males, Parkhill Tritoma (who is a son of Prestwick Poo Too) and Parkhill Ranson (a son of Puxon Bahol and Ch. Nigella). The last named is a lovely queen, excelling in type, and is the most celebrated inmate of

the cattery. She was awarded her final Certificate under Miss Beckett at Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show last November, and in her report after the show she writes: "Lovely head and eyes, long, lean body and real whip tail. I admired this cat very much when she was shown in the same hall two years ago. Her maternal duties and the passing of time have not caused her to thicken or lose her lovely lines in the slightest degree."

Seeing Champion Nigella in her own home, I can endorse all that Miss Beckett writes. Mr. Buffard told me some present-day breeders consider her thin, but we both agreed she has the svelte shape we considered indispensable in pre-war winners, and she is beautifully firm and lithe when handled. Her breeding record, too, is wonderful. She has had 25 kittens in four litters and reared every one, and last, but by no means least, one male out of her litter born in March has been purchased by Mrs. Christopher Soame for her father, Mr. Winston Churchill.

Mrs. Soame visited Mr. Buffard in the Spring of 1947 and obtained a male kitten by Puxon Bahol which was taken to Mr. Churchill's country house at Westerham, Kent.

Eventually it was decided to obtain a companion and Mrs. Soame purchased a son of Parkhill Tritoma and Ch. Nigella born in March.

Apart from his own experience of breeding and exhibiting Siamese, Mr. Buffard has been attending Championship shows for many years and has the qualifications needed for judging. Many Siamese breeders have expressed the hope that he will be invited to act in this capacity next show season.

24th June. I have received some lovely photographs this month but few are suitable for publication.

Soft focus effects are very attractive but too blurred to reproduce well. In some cases the cat or kitten appears as a minor subject against a paraphernalia of other objects which detract from its importance. Snapshots submitted are seldom suitable for enlargement and nearly all the photographs which have appeared in the centre pages of *OUR CATS* have been taken by professionals on quarter or half plate cameras. Miss Langston's photograph of Flambeau of Allington (May number) is a lovely example of what is required.

Readers, especially those abroad, are very interested in the photographs published and I have had letters requesting me to send them on to the owners concerned.

29th June. Committee meeting of the Siamese Cat Club at Fleming's. Afterwards I had a chat with Mr. France about the Burmese which he has imported from Mrs. Blanche Warren, of Bellflower, California, U.S.A. They are an unrelated pair, Casa Gatos da Foong, a male, and Laos Santee Wat of Casa Gatos, the female. They must be most attractive with coats seal brown in colour, Siamese type and characteristics, golden eyes and sweet disposition. It is a great pity the female lost her kittens at birth after arriving in quarantine, and it seems an arbitrary law that the pair cannot live together during quarantine so that they can mate naturally again. Although Burmese are not a recognised variety in England, they can be exhibited as Breed Number 13A—"Any other Colour" or "Not for competition."

A charming photo of Burmese appears in the June number of the American magazine "Cats." Another interesting photo is a Spanish postage stamp which appears to be the only one ever issued depicting a cat. It was to commemorate the flight of Col. Charles

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Breeder of many famous Siamese—see entry
in Directory of Breeders—this issue

Lindbergh in May, 1927, and the cat is a Black Shorthair seated on a shield gazing, one presumes, at his plane flying East.

30th June. Welcome letter from Miss Posthuma, of Aerdenhout, Holland. She is very pleased with Int. Ch. Southway Wizard. He is out all day in his big run and is a healthy, strong cat and a keen sire. Mated to Farways Deirdre, he has produced some very good male kittens.

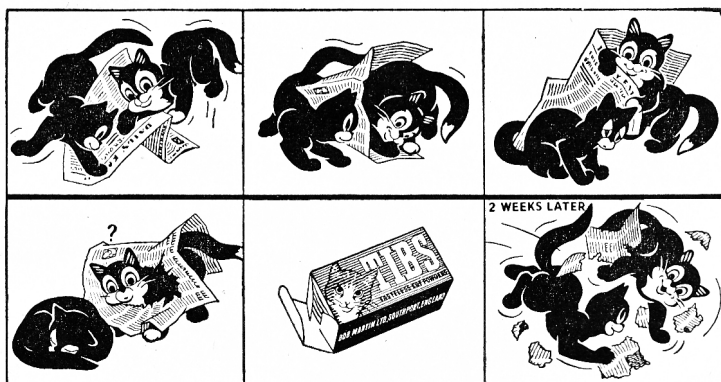
Sedan Sherry, mated to Wizard, has a lovely Cream male and, judging by Miss Posthuma's remarks, she does not agree that it is preferable to breed Cream to Cream, or that one should do so to get purity of colour.

One has only to look at the pre-war records of Champion Creams bred in England to realise that some of the finest which have ever been produced were bred by Mrs. Stevenson of the world-famous Hanley affix.

I handled all the following cats many times, and not only were they Champions but on several occasions

they were also Best Exhibit in Show. It is interesting to remember how these super-Cream cats were bred and how consistently Blues were used. Ch. Biscuit of Hanley, sired by Ch. Mischief of Bredon (Blue), dam Ch. Wish of Hanley (Cream); Ch. Buff of Hanley, sired by Flick-a-Maroo (Blue), dam Ch. Pickles of Hanley (Cream); Ch. Sherry of Hanley, sired by Bullet o' Mendip (Blue), dam Ch. Wisp of Hanley (Cream), and his litter brother, Ch. Shot of Hanley; Capt. Guy St. Barbe's Ch. Croesus of Culloden, sire Ch. Buff of Hanley (Cream), dam Honeysuckle of Culloden (Blue-Cream); Mrs. Bazeley's lovely Creams Ch. Colneside Creame Bunne, sired by Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet (Blue), dam Colneside Charming; Ch. Colneside Sunshine, sired by Benjamin of Westfield (Blue), dam Colneside Candy.

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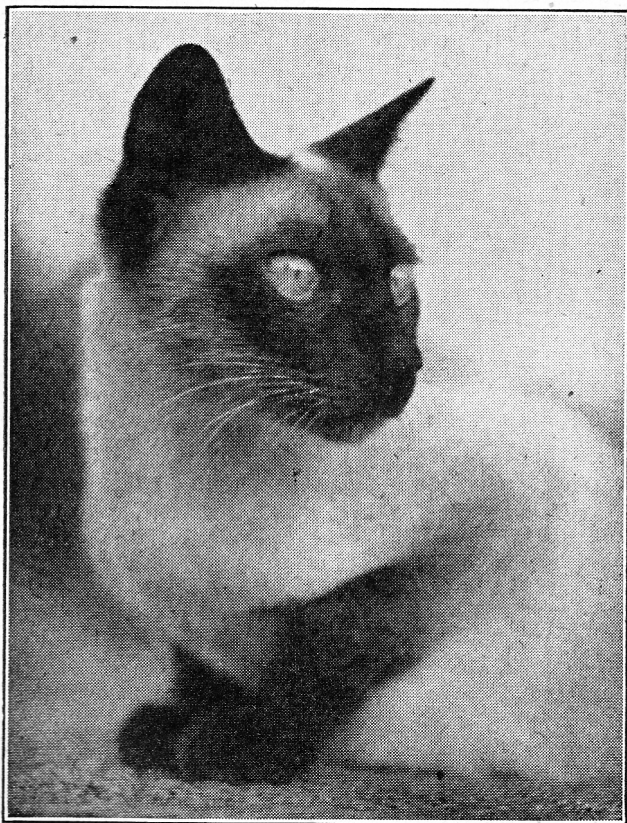
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eye colour, and to eliminate bars and hotness of colour, which some of the original Creams got from their Red Tabby ancestors.

Miss Posthuma continues her letter: "The son of Wizard and Sedan Sherry is paler than any that I have ever seen by a 'Cream to

K. R. Williams, Hon. Secretary of the S.C.C.C. Her two Siamese males, Doneraile Dekko and Afka Khan, looked very fit and well, and both had well-built houses and ample runs, which were large enough to enable them to take walks, and gallops when they were feeling "kit-



DONERAILE DEBUTANTE.

Cream' mating. Int. Ch. Theydon Heather (bred by Miss Pelly in England) celebrated her 14th birthday and she had an egg, horse steak, cheese, ham, cream, smoked herring, a fillet of haddock and suffered from a hangover, but soon recovered." Thank you, Miss Posthuma. Exchanges of opinion are always welcome on breeding problems.

In the afternoon to tea with Mrs.

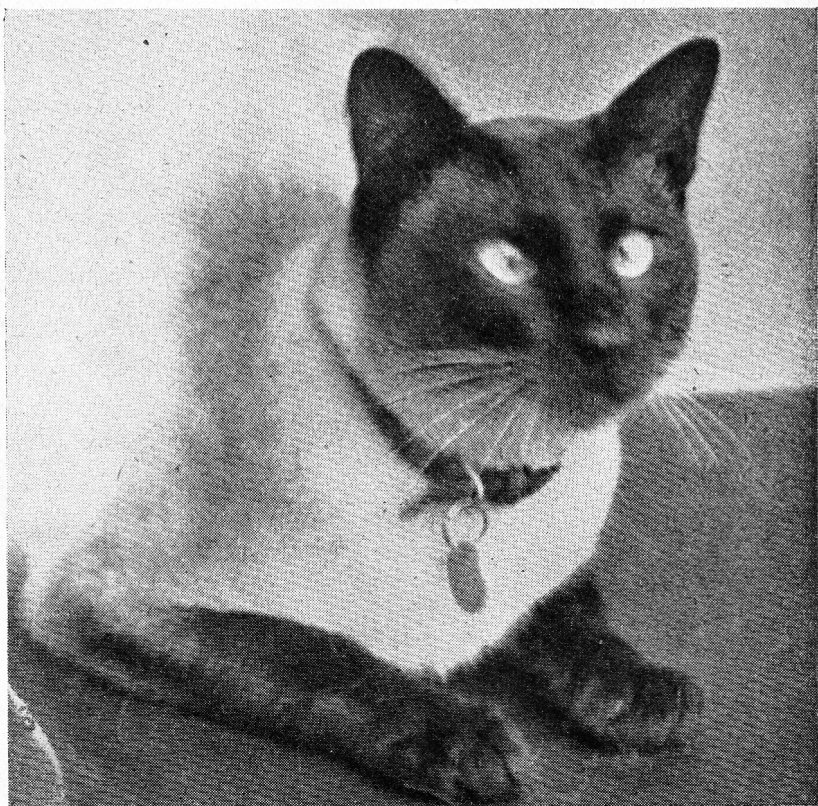
tenish." Climbing roses have been planted at each support outside the run, so in a year or two they will have a bower of roses to peep through. Wisely these stud houses were built on opposite sides of the garden and both males looked very placid. Several lively, healthy kittens were romping about in spite of a temperature of about 80 in the shade, and the mothers looked benignly on.

Mrs. Williams's Chocolate Pointed female Seashell de Listinoise (who was first in a class for Chocolate Pointed at the S.C.C.C. in January) has been mated to Mr. Newell's C.P. Buluu Macho, a son of Sam Slick. Doneraile Debutante was awarded a Challenge certificate under Miss Gold at the National Cat Club Ch. Show, 1947. She is by Oriental Silky Boy, and although she is six has retained her lovely pale coat. Her daughter, Doneraile Drusilla, exported to Mrs. Nelson (U.S.A.), became a full Champion and has given much pleasure to her new owner.

Mr. Lewis, of Enfield, Middlesex, sends news of Sianna Charles, who is by Prestwick Poo-Too. He was second in his Open Siamese kitten class of 24 kittens, judged by Mrs.

Hart at the K.K. Show last July, and was awarded four 1sts. At the Siamese Cat Club Show in October he was also a winner. Charles is now a proved sire and Mr. Lewis's queen Typic Peeress has a litter of five by him, some of which are already sold.

On the whole, this appears to be a better breeding year for Blues, and Miss Bull reports some bouncing litters by her Blue male Adrian of Pensford, also several by her Cream Walverdene Major. She was very pleased to see Mrs. Williams and Miss Yorke on the eve of Chester Show. With a little more publicity this should develop into a very popular annual event as there are a number of breeders in Chester and district and interest is on the upgrade.



SIANNA CHARLES.

To the Children



From Uncle Peter.



Boys and Girls

I think I ought to start off with some news of the family. You remember, I expect, that I told you that I was hoping to have some kittens this year. Sheena was the first to have a family, but I am afraid she was not very fortunate as she had six babies, all of which were dead when they were born.

Helga, the baby of the family, did extremely well and made up for Sheena's shortcomings. She was only ten months old when her family arrived, which is rather unusual for a Blue Persian. However, without any difficulty she produced six babies and they are now nearly a fortnight old and quite twice the size they were when they were born.

During the last few days their eyes have been open, but not wide open as they are when they start running round. As I expect you know, kittens' eyes usually start to open about the eighth day. You have to be very careful then as kittens' eyes must not have strong light all at once. They have to get used to the light gradually.

I was reading something about cats the other day which I think will interest you. As I told you in one of my earlier letters, cats were very much respected in ancient Egypt because of the good work they did in protecting the wheat from rats and mice, and it was quite a usual thing in that country for the whole family who owned the cat to go into mourning when it died. In this country it is usual to wear black clothes at a funeral, but in Egypt long ago, if you were in mourning, you used to shave off your eyebrows. Thus when the cat died all the family had no eyebrows for some weeks. The Egyptians used to spend quite a lot of money on the cat's funeral. First of all the body was embalmed to preserve it and then they gave their household pet a second-class funeral. Only very important people had first-class funerals, so you can see the cat was a very respected animal. All cats were buried in special cemeteries and there were two very famous ones in Egypt, one at a place called Bubastis and the other at Beni-Hassam.

Somewhere round about fifty years ago the cemetery at Bubastis was dug up and these mummified cats, totalling several hundred thousand, were collected and sold by the ton. I am afraid that poor puss who, when she died, had been shown so much respect, was then used as fertiliser to put on the ground to help the crops to grow.

Before I finish this month's page, I wonder if you can suggest a reason why there was a cat not so long ago which was called "Paris-Londres"? I don't suppose you can, but the story is that this was the first cat ever to fly in an aeroplane. When quite a young cat it was carried from Paris to London and then christened with this rather remarkable name.

Uncle Peter

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MORE news reaches me concerning activity over the Border. The Scottish Cat Club, which, by the way, has changed the date of its show to Saturday, 19th November next, has re-drafted the constitution of the old Club and the following office-bearers were elected to serve at the recent Annual General Meeting: Hon. President, Mr. James Garrow, F.Z.S., Loanhead, Midlothian; President, Mr. Peter P. Connor, Carnbrae, Coatbridge; Vice-President, Mr. Peter Forbes, F.R.H.S., Methven, Perthshire; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Richardson, 21 Herriet Street, Glasgow, S.1. Seven committee members were also elected.

It is hoped to present a schedule of about 25 classes at the November Show, which will be judged by Miss Kathleen Yorke. It now remains for Fanciers in Scotland to rally round and make the event an outstanding success. If any English Fanciers are holding trophies not won outright belonging to the Scottish Cat Club they will render a service by returning them to Mrs. Richardson.

A 13-year-old American schoolgirl lost her cherished pet cat when it was killed on the railway lines. She promptly sat down and wrote to the President of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company: "Dear Sir,—My cat was killed by one of your engines. He was a black cat named Cinder. I would appreciate another cat." The reply came back: "A pet we learn to love is a very valuable piece of property. In the near future we will see that you have a cat to replace Cinder."

The promise was duly kept and the presentation of Cinder II to the schoolgirl was made by the pilot of the train responsible for the sudden end of Cinder I. The "handing-over" ceremony was an occasion of much local interest and excitement.

There were heroic rescue scenes when a great flood of water from an old working broke into the Arthur and Edward Colliery in the Forest of Dean. Many men had to struggle waist and shoulder deep in the torrent before they reached safety and some of them were in the water for ten hours. Morgan Teague, one of the last to be brought to safety, rescued the pit cat. He was badly scratched by the terrified animal, which had never been above ground before.

Visitors to the cricket matches at Lord's will probably have made the acquaintance of Panda, the M.C.C. mascot cat. Last seen during the Test Match against the New Zealanders, Panda is reported missing and his absence is giving rise to much concern.

The new 48-page edition of the "Tibs" Cat Book can be obtained (price sixpence) from Messrs. Bob Martin, Ltd., Southport, Lancs. This information is given in response to enquiries received as a result of the notice given on this page last month to this valuable little work.

Mr. T. Dalling, M.A., M.R.C.V.S., F.R.S.E., Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, has been elected President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for the year 1949-50.

Congratulations to plucky 14-year-old Tony Baker, who lives in North-West London. Some friends visited his home one day and brought with them a greyhound which pounced on Tony's pet cat Nigger and began to maul him. Tony didn't stop to count the risk when he dashed in and rescued his pet from the savage attacker. The Dumb Friends' League presented Tony with their bronze medal at a ceremony attended by the Mayor of St. Pancras North Council.

For two years, reports the London "Evening News," Bouboulle, a sturdy black and white cat, has made trips to the local newsagent to fetch home the daily paper for his mistress, Mrs. LeBeleguy, of Harlington, Middlesex. Although occasionally delayed by traffic or waylaid by dogs, he never fails to arrive home safely with the paper.

Miss O'Leary, an Irish woman who had been a licensee in the Stokes Croft district of Bristol for nearly 40 years, was known locally as "the good neighbour." She was a great cat lover and sometimes kept as many as six on the premises. During the war she helped the R.S.P.C.A. in the work of rescuing and caring for cats and other animals made homeless through the air raids. Now she has fallen a victim to a murderous attack by some unknown assailant. Her battered body was found in a back room; a string had been tightly drawn round her neck. One cat remained in the house when the police arrived.

Brian Vesey-FitzGerald, known to all radio listeners, contributed an interesting article to the "Star" in which he dealt comparatively with intelligence in cats and dogs. He came down heavily in favour of the cat. "I am convinced," he writes, "that cats are infinitely more intelligent than dogs. And I am convinced that all dogs regard cats as rather superior beings and that the vast majority of dogs are at the same time more than a little frightened of cats." Here indeed is the voice of experience and authority. Mr. Vesey-FitzGerald has kept and studied both animals for many years and, like many more of us, he confesses to a fondness for both.

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