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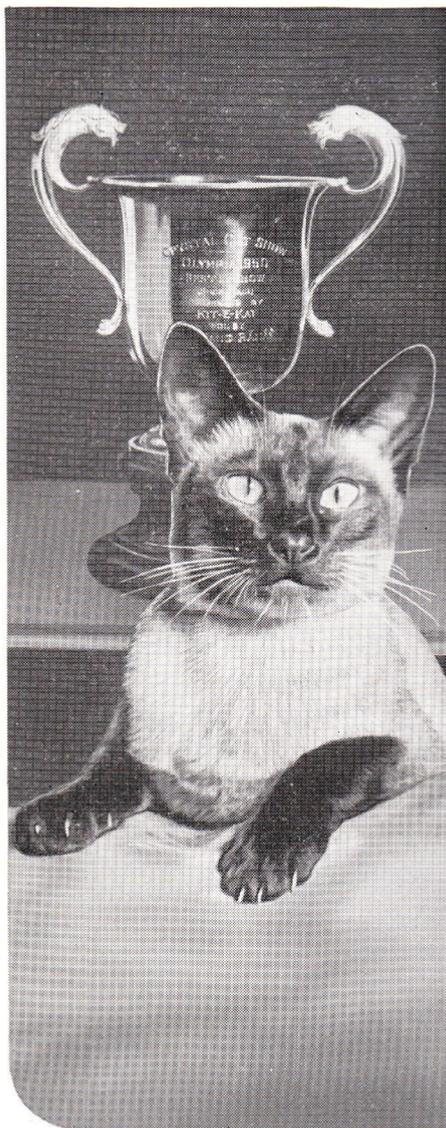
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- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
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BETTER LATE ?

THANK you all for being so patient and understanding over the belated appearance of the Magazine last month. The prolonged dispute in the printing trade, which was confined to the London area, made production very difficult, and although our own printers co-operated most loyally it was not possible to avoid some of the snags and delays on blockmaking and typesetting. A number of important periodicals came out in strangely attenuated form, whilst others, including the mighty "Radio Times," were unable to get out in any form at all. So all things considered we were lucky to suffer no more than a few days' delay.

The dispute is now settled and I hope very soon to get the Magazine to you regularly by not later than the 20th of the month. Earlier and punctual publication will, in fact, be well to the top of my list of New Year resolutions!

Whilst I am on the subject of the Magazine, there is another matter to which I would like to refer briefly. It concerns a rumour that has been circulating in some quarters about OUR CATS. Like so many rumours,

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it is entirely without foundation and I shall take appropriate action should I succeed in tracing those who are responsible for it.

It has been rumoured that OUR CATS is a subsidized publication. Exactly by whom or by what it is supposed to be subsidized, I have not the faintest idea.

The facts are these. OUR CATS stands where it did when I launched the first issue in January, 1949. It remains completely free and independent ; an individual enterprise that has neither sought nor received one pennyworth of support from outside sources. And so far we have managed to "paddle our own canoe" quite nicely, thank you!

THE EDITOR



**On seeing a picture of Winston Churchill greeting
the ship's cat during the Atlantic Pact Meeting**

*Prime Minister, your stature grows!
For the morning paper shows
That you're more than diplomat
Since you know how to greet a cat.*

*Complete respect is in your pose.
The while your hand seeks kitty's nose
She with grace accepts your pat
And gazes with attention rapt*

*Upon that one who speaks to her
Those words which cause a joyous purr.
Thus you went to that great meeting
The nobler for that moment's greeting.*

*When you at last are carved in stone
May you not stand there all alone,
But have a cat to share your glory,
For surely 'tis a heartening story
How midst the strife of our world-hell
You paused to wish a pussy well.*

ELSIE ELY

Front cover picture—by Associated Press—shows picty Eileen Barton, American radio and film songstress, with lucky Reulette, her pet Silver Tabby kitten.

REVIEW OF A LOVELY VARIETY

The Brown Tabby

By devotee MISS J. F. CATHCART

IN the year 1930, when I seriously turned my attention from other breeds to my first love in cats—the Brown Tabby—there were exactly three Champions in existence—Ch. Vickers Vimy, Ch. Soame Bronco (both males) and Ch. Brown Owl (a female). It was from the second named of these males that I was to start my now well-known Trelystan strain.

There had been many very lovely specimens in the pre-1914 war era, and though I never saw them in the flesh I have seen photos and read about them in Miss Frances Simpson's monumental work, "The Book of the Cat." Her own stud Ch. Per-simmon—the Brayfort Champions, Viking, Victory and Victor—Ch. Stanhope Copper King, Ch. Holme Surprise Packet, and so on. They were apparently all beautiful animals and in those days it was no uncommon occurrence for this breed to produce the Best in Show.

In the early post-war days, from 1920 onwards, Mrs. Kennaway, Miss Hotson and Mrs. Soames were carrying the torch, and Ch. Garb Mascot for several years was the only pedigree Brown Tabby at stud. He died in 1928. Following his death Mrs. Ripley's Ch. Vickers Vimy (bred by Mrs. Gaskin) appeared on the horizon. His colour was

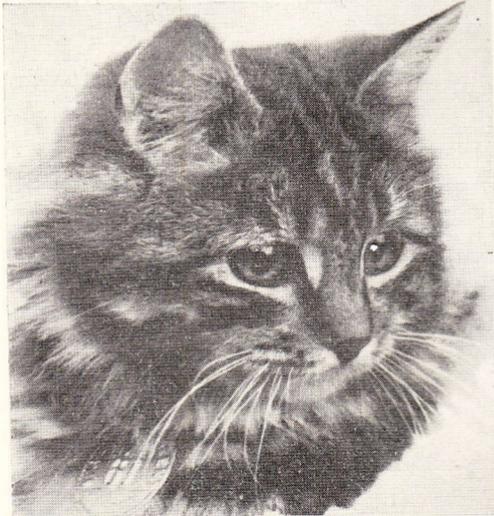


The author with the two Brown Tabbies left to her care by the late Miss Stubbs.

good, but, like most true sables he had light lips and chin. He sired Ch. Soame Bronco out of Mrs. Soame's Dinah in 1929 and Bold Marx, bred by Miss Hotson out of Mary Malone, in 1930.

This was the year, as before stated, that I resolved to make a serious attempt to breed good Brown Tabbies, and early in 1931 (after consultation with the late Mr. C. House) I mated a very good little Tortie daughter of Int. Ch. Colneside Cream Bunne to Ch. Soame Bronco. The result well repaid me, for she had four

most lovely kittens, one of which was my famous Trelystan Garnet, later to win a total of 23 Championships under practically every Brown Tabby judge in the Fancy. This litter also contained Trelystan Coral, a female, which I later sold to Mrs. Soame, from whom in 1933 she bred a very good type male by her sire Ch. Soame Bronco. He was registered as Soame Bunkawai, and this youngster secured the Best in



FAITH OF SPELL-LAND

Show award at the Kensington Kitten Show that year. He later won a number of second prizes but never achieved more than one Challenge Certificate.

That year also saw the birth of two more bonnie males—Miss Marriott's Basildon Ruffie, a very picturesque and heavily coated cat, and Miss Longley's Topper Malone. The last named quickly achieved Championship status and on the only two occasions on which Ch. Trelystan Garnet and Ch. Topper Malone met the honours were even, each one

beating the other. Topper's chin was sound and he was a very even sable colour all over, but his markings were not so fine as Garnet's and in places he was brindled. He was, however, a grand specimen and it was much to be regretted that death from blood poisoning claimed him in his prime. He left two sons behind, Miss Longley's The Major (who later became my property) and Miss W. French's Ch. Wiggy. The Major was, in my opinion, a better cat than Ch. Topper Malone, but he had a burn mark on his flank which spoilt his show career. Both these cats were born in 1935.

In 1934, Miss Fisher bred Tiger Tim of Hadley, by Ch. Trelystan Garnet, and in 1937 Warrior of Hadley, by Miss French's Ch. Wiggy. Tiger Tim was sold to Miss Grace and never became a champion though he was a fine specimen. Warrior secured his title and after his show career became the property of Mrs. Wright. Two more males were born just before the war, Miss Jury's Purring Wolf and Trelystan Garnetson (bred by Miss L. Stubbs). But more about these later.

At the post-war shows Miss Fisher's Ch. Dandy of Hadley has reigned supreme. He was born in 1944 and was sired by The Major. He has won 11 Challenge Certificates, but unfortunately he has had little or no competition in his own breed class, but as he has also won well in side classes against all breeds and colours he can fairly be called THE Brown Tabby of the nineteen-forties, just as my own deceased Ch. Trelystan Garnet was THE Brown Tabby of the nineteen thirties. Who will be the

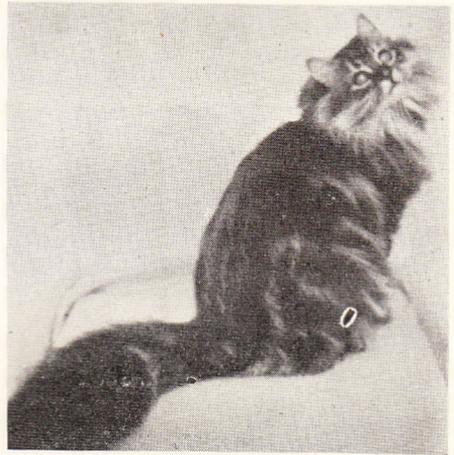
lucky breeder of the outstanding male of the nineteen-fifties?

So far in this article I have dealt only with the sterner sex. We will turn now to the ladies. Here those with Championship status are few and far between. Between Ch. Brown Owl's death and the present date there have been exactly four—Ch. Trelystan Chrysolite, Ch. Trelystan Jacinth, Ch. Celeste of Hadley and Ch. Trelystan Amethyst, in that order. Both Chrysolite and Jacinth were born pre-war (1934 and 1936 respectively) and both were sired by Ch. Trelystan Garnet. Chrysolite was out of a Blue queen, Benjamima of Spell-land, owned by Miss French, and Jacinth was her daughter. The late Captain Powell thought very highly of Jacinth and when she died in 1940 he wrote in "Fur and Feather": "Such quality has rarely been seen . . . Jacinth's colour being the best I have ever seen in a Brown Tabby female. From the point of view of colour alone I considered her to be the most lovely cat of her day of any breed, and I fear it will be long before I see such another."

There were several good females shown in the 1930s, but no others became Champions. Miss Fisher's EE and Miss Marriott's Basildon Mavis both had Challenge Certificates to their credit and other outstanding females were Faith of Spell-land, Trelystan Coral, Ursa of Hadley and Vixen of Hadley, all prize winners.

When Ch. Trelystan Garnet died in 1944 I decided my breeding and show careers were finished, and they would have been had not fate taken a hand! In 1946, Miss L. Stubbs (who in

conjunction with Miss Nepean had the Nanpean Cattery) died and bequeathed to me a bungalow on condition I also took whatever cats she left at her death. There were only two, an elderly Brown Tabby female called Nanpean Donna and her eight-year-old son, who turned out on investigation to be the son of my old favourite to whom Donna was mated in 1939. He was very like his father and had never been registered, so I called him Trelystan



CH. TRELYSTAN JACINTH

Garnetson and showed him at the National in 1947, where he was 1st in the Male Class. It was at this same show that Celeste of Hadley gained her final certificate for Mrs. Wright and thus became a Champion, but she has since died.

In 1948, Mrs. Norris sent Basil-don Throstle to be mated to Garnetson and one of the kittens I later bought, registered her as Trelystan Amethyst and won with her at each of the three shows for which I entered her. She became a full Champion at the S.C.C.C. Show in 1949. She is now the

only living female Champion of the breed. Of all four female Champions since Brown Owl two were daughters and two granddaughters of my old Garnet. I now have an 18-month-old grandson—Trelystan Jasper—who will, I hope, carry on the Trelystan reputation.

If only new breeders would take up this lovely variety they would never regret it. They are certainly not overdone like so many varieties and they are equally certainly *not* "ordinary cats," as they are only too often regarded by the general public. Their glorious sable colour and dense black markings make a cat of dignified beauty. They are full of character and intelligence—a real "tiger in the home," and a good specimen can hold its own against all comers at the shows. Ch. Dandy of Hadley has been taken out for Best in Show on several occasions, and so was Ch. Trelystan Garnet. On one occasion he *was* best Longhair Adult at Gloucester in 1936.

Near-Extinction

On referring to the Stud Books—the one for the period 1934 to 1937 lists 9 males and 22 females—the latest edition 4 males, 6 females. It is heartbreaking to read these figures, and unless more fanciers can be found to carry on with this very lovely variety it is doomed to near-extinction, like so many of the British Shorthairs as well as the Longhair Silver Tabbies and Smokes. This would be a tragic loss to the Fancy.

Efforts are now being made to revive the Smokes and all sorts of cross-breeding is necessary. This

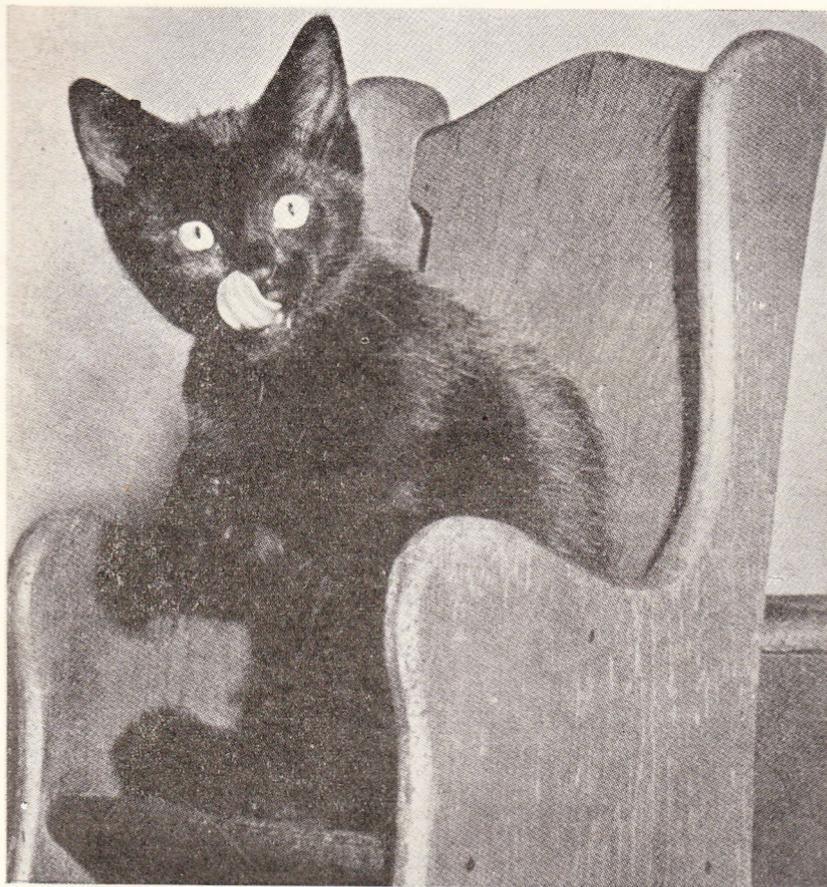
must not be allowed to happen with the Brownies; far better to save the breed while we still have a few good ones on hand to keep the race alive for posterity than for our successors to have to start from scratch and slowly and laboriously recreate what has already been created and allowed to perish.

To anyone about to start in the Cat Fancy for the pure love of it and not simply for financial gain, Brown Tabbies offer a greater opportunity on the show bench than the more fashionable varieties, and the possession of just one little pansy-faced baby will bring you into the Brown Tabby fold and keep you there.

(More Brown Tabby pictures appear on page 17)

A black and white cat at Brentford owes his life partly to an Alsatian watch-dog and partly to the care of the P.D.S.A. When the dog was out for exercise he became very interested in an old tea chest, half buried on the rubbish dump at a factory. Usually Shally is an obedient dog, but this time he paid no attention to his master's calls, so master opened the box. Inside he found a half-dead black and white cat, starving, too weak to move and with ugly head wounds. He must have been in the box for nearly a week. At the P.D.S.A. at Ealing the Technical Officer determined to save the cat's life. He cleaned the wounds, gave injections and hand fed the cat. After a week the patient was well on the road to recovery, taking an interest in life and eating for himself. The cat has been named "Lucky" and it is hoped that a good home will be found for him when he is fit again.

A page for the proletarian puss No. 8



Walter Chandoha

“I've had better meals in a fox-hole.”

This delightful study with its amusing caption is one of several appearing in a fascinating booklet issued by Ethicon Suture Laboratories, New Jersey, U.S.A. The booklet contains over twenty fine photographs of cats and kittens and these have been happily wedded to various aspects of hospital life by writers of some slick captions. Further reference to the booklet is made in this issue by Mrs. Joan Thompson in her “Just Fancy” feature.

It is interesting to note that the Laboratories, who supply catgut, express their pleasure that cats are not the source of this essential suture material. The word catgut has its origin in the sheep gut string used on the ancient Italian musical instrument, the kit (violin). Hence kit gut—later to become catgut, the string instituted by Lord Lister as suture material.



Tailpieces

*A regular newsy feature
with a selection of the best
items from home and overseas*



THE popular Sandy Show will next year revert to a one-day show and also to the old date, namely, the last Thursday in August. This decision will mean that the 1951 Show will be held on the 30th August.

The Memorial Fund opened by Our Dumb Friends' League in memory of the late Mrs. Charles Cruft, the animals' friend, will be used to rebuild the quarantine kennels and the hospital at the League's branch at Blackheath.

Mr. Harry H. Wynne, Secretary-Treasurer of the Cat Fanciers' Association of New South Wales, which is affiliated with the Royal Agricultural Society Cat Club, would like to exchange views and printed matter with a secretary of one of the English Clubs. His address is 26 Railway Street, Hurlstone Park, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. Will someone please respond? The Chairman of this Club is Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, who has just returned home after spending several months in this country, during which he visited many fanciers, attended several shows and made a host of friends.

The Cat Fanciers' Association of New South Wales staged a very successful Championship Show in June in conjunction with the N.S.W. Sheepbreeders' Association, who provided a "ready-made" gate. The show is reported to be the most successful in the 25 years' existence of the Club, which later in the month staged a Silver Anniversary Presentation Evening when the winning

trophies were handed out. The Best Cat was Mrs. D. Burnage's Chinchilla Ch. Rex of Chatsworth, whose picture appeared in the January issue of this Magazine. Best Opposite Sex was Windsor Lady Heather, a nice Blue owned and bred by Miss T. Young. A new Club—the Southern Cross Siamese Cat Club—has been formed this year.

A newspaper report says that the women of Grantham (Lincolnshire) have voted for a shilling tax on cats.

Minnie, the liner Queen Elizabeth's former cat, who has been suffering from a severe attack of cat influenza, is now recovering, thanks to the skilful nursing at the Hackbridge quarantine kennels, where the fees for her stay are being met by Our Dumb Friends' League. Unfortunately, her quads, born three weeks ago, also contracted influenza and two of the four kittens have died. There is hope, however, that the other two will be saved.

I have news for those who have been unable recently to procure a copy of Lady Aberconway's admirable work "A Dictionary for Cat Lovers," which has been unobtainable for about six months. The book has now been reprinted by Michael Joseph, just in time for those who are looking for a suitable Christmas gift for a cat loving friend.

H. Allen Smith's novel, "Rhubarb," is to be filmed by Paramount Pictures. It will tell the story of a cat who inherited thirty million dollars and a big league baseball

team. The money was left by an eccentric millionaire who, having no respect for the intelligence of his heirs, bequeathed his property to the pet cat.

A Miami woman is reported to have solved the problem of what to do with an unwanted litter of kittens in a novel manner. She made the round of her neighbours' doorsteps early one morning and on each she left a sleeping kitten in a basket, to which was attached a note which read: "Please be kind to my child. (Signed) A Broken-hearted Mother."

When cats are scared and frightened—as many were on Guy Fawkes

pion picture of Our Dumb Friends' League Animal Photographic Competition and Mrs. V. E. Major, of Great Bookham, Surrey, is the prize-winner. Mrs. Major is, of course, the well-known breeder of Abyssinians and examples of her skill with the camera have appeared in this Magazine. There was a well-attended exhibition of all the photographs sent for the various sections and classes (horses, cats, dogs, birds and other animals) at the London headquarters of the League on the 16th of this month.

A 44-year-old Mildenhall chemist who said he had destroyed many

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A Persian cat trapped under a man-hole at Twickenham for three weeks was rescued, given first aid by the R.S.P.C.A., and restored to its owners.

A London evening newspaper recently carried the following appeal from a Leicester motorist: I was in London on October 9 and parked my car near Hyde Park Corner. On my return to Leicester after a non-stop journey I opened the bonnet of the car and found a Tabby cat wedged inside. With difficulty it was removed. The cat is, I should say, about nine months old, with white legs, white underneath and well nourished. Some mention of this may be the means of restoring the cat to its owner.

An Abyssinian cat among the fruit blossom has been judged the cham-

hundreds of cats and dogs during his twenty years of practising, has been fined for causing unnecessary suffering to a cat. Evidence was given by a cinema manager, who related how he took a friend's cat to be put to sleep because it was going blind and suffered from asthma. The chemist put the cat into a chest with a sliding lid and poured some liquid into the chest through an aperture. The witness described how the poor animal shrieked and endeavoured to claw its way out of the box. Eventually it became quiet and the chemist placed it in a cardboard box. The cinema manager paid a 3s. fee and took away the box. He then proceeded to dig a small grave, but when he tipped the "body" out of the box into the grave, the cat jumped up and attempted to run away. He thereupon returned to the chemist's premises and expressed his disgust about the whole business. The defendant pleaded not guilty and was fined £1 and ordered to pay four guineas costs. MICKEY

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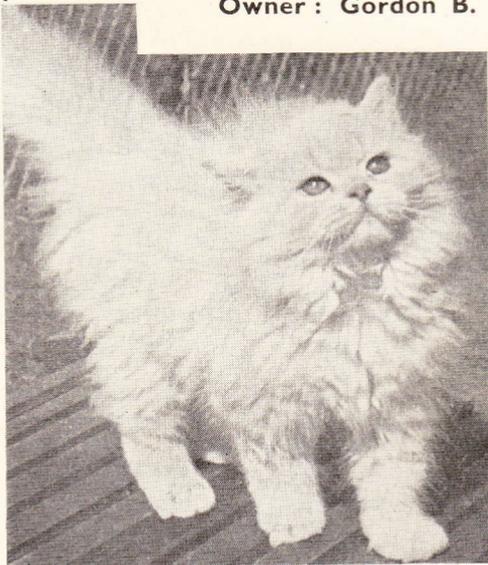
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Our popular contributor on the fascinating subject of animal genetics sustains the growing interest in the scientific aspects of cat breeding with this second instalment in a fine new series. Readers are invited to submit their simple problems to Mr. Jude who will be pleased to answer them for the general interest in ensuing issues.

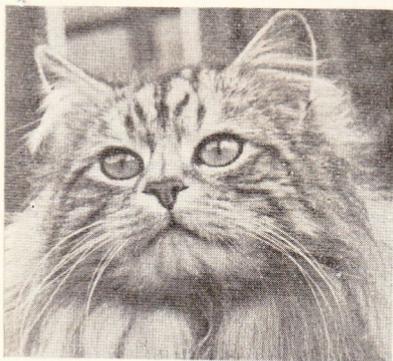
I HAVE noticed that tabby markings vary in pattern and size. Will you please explain this ?

There are three distinct types of markings displayed by ordinary Tabbies—"blotched," "striped" and "lined." The "blotched" type have bars or stripes covering the sides and form a distinct whirl round the groin. The "striped" type is very much like the "blotched"; in fact, the only difference is that there is no whirling or blotching round the groin. The "lined" type presents a clear difference in that the stripes are much finer and closer.

If two "pures" of the "blotched" type are mated together, all the resultant kittens will be similar in type to the parents—all "blotched." When a "pure" "blotched" is

mated with a "pure" "striped" the whole litter will be "striped." This is because the "striped" type is dominant over the "blotched."

But should the "striped" parent not be "pure" bred, that is, if it had a "blotched" parent mated with a "striped," the result being "striped" kittens owing to the dominance of the "striped" type, then half the kittens will be "striped" and half "blotched." All the kittens of a "pure" "lined" type mated to a "pure" "striped" type will be "lined," for the "lined" type is dominant over "striped." But an impure "lined" type similarly mated will give kittens half of which may be a hybrid form of impure "lined," and half pure "striped."

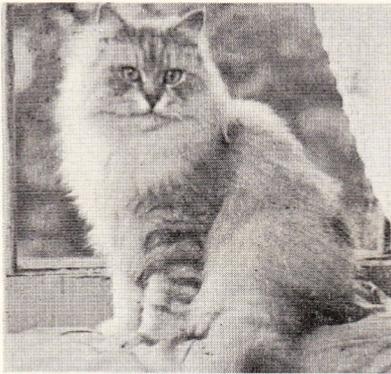


Two interesting examples of Tabby markings supplied by Mr. Jude by way of illustration to his answers to questions on the subject.

The same correspondent asks:—

The whole of the ordinary Tabbies seem to have preserved a wonderfully good quality of marking. This would be expected in the Fancy breed, but how do you explain the preservation in the absence of selective breeding?

There are two parts in the answer to this question: (a) the effect of the wild coat, (b) the effect of domestication. The tabby was the original coat pattern from which all other "colours" have been evolved. If all these "colours" were left to uncontrolled matings it is a fact that there would eventually be a reversion to the original coat colour pattern. This indicates the persistence of the markings. In cats, tabby colour pattern is dominant to black. White is dominant to any other colour. But



Blue Chinchilla bred by the author shows tabby markings on head and front legs.

in the case of a "tabby and white" cat, the tabby portion of the coat still remains unaffected in marking and clarity of marking.

So we can say that of the pigmented coats the tabby pattern not only persists, but is always tending towards its original dominance of clearly defined coat colour pattern. And perhaps a good example of all this is in the case of the mating of

Chinchilla to Blue. The Blue is a "self" colour and is a "pure," i.e. Blue mated to Blue must always give Blue and only Blue, yet the Blue Chinchilla shows a clear definition of tabby markings, especially on the head and front legs, even though the Chinchilla parent was unmarked.

When thinking of the effects of domestication, are we right in saying there is no selection in the race of ordinary Tabbies? I think not. There certainly is uncontrolled mating in a local cat population, but when the kittens are born the cat owners usually keep only the best marked ones—especially in Tabbies—and put the rest to sleep. This is a very definite selection towards the maintaining of coat colour pattern, but one seldom used by the cat fancier, even though he might retain for himself the best of a litter for future breeding.

Dead Litters

My queen recently produced a dead litter, and after a day or so seemed poorly and did not eat. Does this often happen and what precaution should be taken?

Much research has been carried out with mice covering the above circumstances, and the findings apply to cats also. I have other questions relative to this subject, which are to be answered in due course.

The cause of the queen's illness was that her milk was bound. When a cat has a miscarriage or produces a dead litter the milk ducts often become stopped up and the milk hardens. It is possible for decomposition to set in, followed by inflammation or lacteal tumours. It is bad practice, therefore, to take away the whole litter from a queen—household pet or pedigree. The queen may be subjected to considerable pain, if not serious illness.

In the case of miscarriage or dead

litters, or when fostering of a complete litter becomes necessary or is resorted to for any reason, it is best to take immediate steps to dry up the milk supply by feeding dry for several days, only giving sufficient moisture to quench thirst. Addition of salt to the food will help, and a dose of castor oil is advised.

In cases where tumours are not discovered till full, they should be lanced. Cut downwards to make sure of perfect draining and wash out every two or three hours with a warm solution of "Sanitas" or similar preparation, and apply zinc ointment. Care should be taken to see that the wound is not closed too quickly. It is, of course, not advisable for the fancier to carry out the operation, but the treatment is named for cases of necessity.

The fact that much-rebuffed Sammy, a stray white kitten, decided finally to pay a visit to the local National Health Office led to his finding a permanent home and companionship at the Pontypool branch of Our Dumb Friends' League. Weeks before, thin and very off-white, Sammy visited Pontypool Road railway station. One of the porters took him home, but the porter's own cat took instant objection and drove out Sammy, who ran away and vanished altogether. It was weeks later that Sammy paid a call at the National Health Office, where he was fed and looked after for a week until one of the lady clerks decided to take him home. But her cat Paddy showed such strong resentment that she brought Sammy to Our Dumb Friends' League, where there were three cats. But they were so accustomed to seeing strangers that they made friends at once with Sammy, now nearly snow-white and thoroughly enjoying himself after his mixed experiences.

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WRITING in the September issue of "The Cat," the journal of the Cats' Protection League, Joan E. Davids set us thinking about the appalling indifference to the welfare of animals that is a feature of some foreign countries, particularly those where the human standard of living is low.

"I found myself brooding sadly while on holiday in the Haute Savoie this summer," she writes. "Here were emaciated, listless, undersized and starving cats, none of which had achieved full development, and all were like wizened kittens.

"Being bi-lingual, I spoke to many people about the obvious neglect of the animals, and one French girl was particularly forthcoming.

"She said that until she had lived in England, she had never given the welfare of animals a thought, and she was amazed (and became gradually touched and awakened) by what seemed at first to her to be an almost excessive consideration and love for animals in this country.

"On their farm the cat fended for itself; there was always plenty of milk for it to steal, and edible bits and pieces about the place. No one would have dreamed of feeding it or petting it. . . . And I came to the conclusion that there is a real and desperate need for an International Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with alert inspectors."

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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.

A PERFECT FATHER

It has been suggested to me by many breeders, and even written about, that my Siamese stud cat Tschudi Buddha is almost abnormal because he loves, washes and plays with his kittens instead of savaging them! Also, because at 5 years he remains house-trained and doesn't bother with strange females. To me this is just an outcome of good training and a natural life.



TSCHUDI BUDDHA "fathers" his offspring.

I have kept at least a dozen tom cats as pets and have never yet had the unpleasant experiences which seem the order of the day with most breeders. True, I have not bothered to adjust their love lives in the past so I imagine they had their secrets. But I do maintain that when a cat is given a normal life and not reduced to the indignity of a canary in a cage, he will not give way to what I consider abnormal behaviour, or develop nervous disorders so common to-day in the pedigree animal. After all, if humans, or any other species, were kept under abnormal conditions they, too, would be less civilised.

Lions, who are feline, do not savage, but protect their cubs in the jungle, and certainly Tschudi Buddha, though a great hunter and fighter, is an ideal "sitter" where his progeny are concerned. He only resents them trying to suckle him, but even then he just gently removes himself (or them) and it would surprise me greatly to ever see any signs of savagery.

Mrs. Felicity Tschudi Broadwood,
Send, Surrey.

CONGENITAL DEFECTS

I suspect that Dr. Archer in your September issue will have aroused further interest in the case of the dead litter which Mrs. C. wrote about and I commented on in the August edition.

Dr. Archer mentioned how certain congenital defects can arise in the human species as in the cases where expectant mothers are attacked by German measles. I believe cases of blindness and other afflictions have been recorded due to the above circumstances. Similar happenings occur in mice, and so it may be that the same sort of thing happens with cats, although up to the present I have not heard of research in this direction being carried out.

In my previous comments I said there was not enough evidence to form any decision as to the cause of the deaths, but I leaned to the view that the cause might be an environmental one. In some cases where defects are caused through infections, they should be considered as due to

environmental circumstances, for the unborn life is governed by conditions of unusual nature. Had the mother remained healthy at the time, her son or daughter would not have been afflicted. But the affliction might be of such a nature that it could be passed on. Then it becomes an hereditary defect.

I am glad to say that Mrs. C. has now had her queen mated to the same stud. When the litter is born I am passing on the facts to Professor Sorsby, because in cats this instance is unusual and will certainly be worth fullest investigation. Bad breeding results teach us far more than the good ones and reports like Mrs. C.'s are always appreciated.

Mr. Albert C. Jude,
Mapperley, Notts.

About that letter you were going to send us. Why not sit down and write it NOW? This is YOUR feature. Please help to keep it going.

POINTS ABOUT JUDGING

Now that the show season is in full swing, here are a few notes that may serve to help the novice. Novice exhibitors are often puzzled because their cat wins a 1st under Mr. Black, reserve under Mr. White, and nothing at all under Mr. Brown. Let me try to explain how this comes about. Under Mr. Black, there are three cats in the class, Exhibits Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and they gain awards in that order. In the class judged by Mr. White there are four exhibits, of which No. 1 of the previous class is one, the others are 4, 5 and 6. As Exhibit 1 does not come up to the standard of the others, the awards are: 1st, No. 4; 2nd, No. 5; 3rd, No. 6; R., No. 1. When Mr. Brown

judges he has a large class (possibly kittens and adults), including No. 1. The numbers are 1, 4, 5, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 41, and some of these may have been winners in their age group classes. In this mixed class Mr. Brown has quite a task to decide. His placings are: 1st, No. 7; 2nd, No. 18; 3rd, No. 19; R, No. 30; VHC, No. 4; C., No. 5. The remainder (amongst them Exhibit No. 1) do not get cards, so you see how the different awards come about. No. 1 wins over 2 and 3, but not over the other exhibits.

Again, at a July show your kitten is, let us say, a day under 6 months on the day of the show. He wins 1st in the 3 to 6 months class. At a show in August he is perhaps 3rd or Reserve, maybe even cardless, in the 6 to 9 months class. You will see that in the July show he had full advantage of the age group—he was just in the age limit; whereas in the August show he was the youngest in the class. Variations under different judges are unavoidable, for even with judging to a standard there may be a slight variation in interpretation. It is rare, even at a "Best in Show" judging, to have all judges vote for the same exhibit. Cats, especially Siamese, alter during the actual show. An exhibit may be bright and show himself. Later he becomes bored and lackadaisical, so that it is difficult to see his eye colour.

With regard to championships, unless there are seven exhibits in the combined open male and female classes, a challenge certificate cannot be awarded for both sexes unless the judge considers the 1st male and 1st female to be worthy of the award. Two challenge certificates can then be awarded provided another judge's opinion is sought and given. Both judges must sign the award slips.

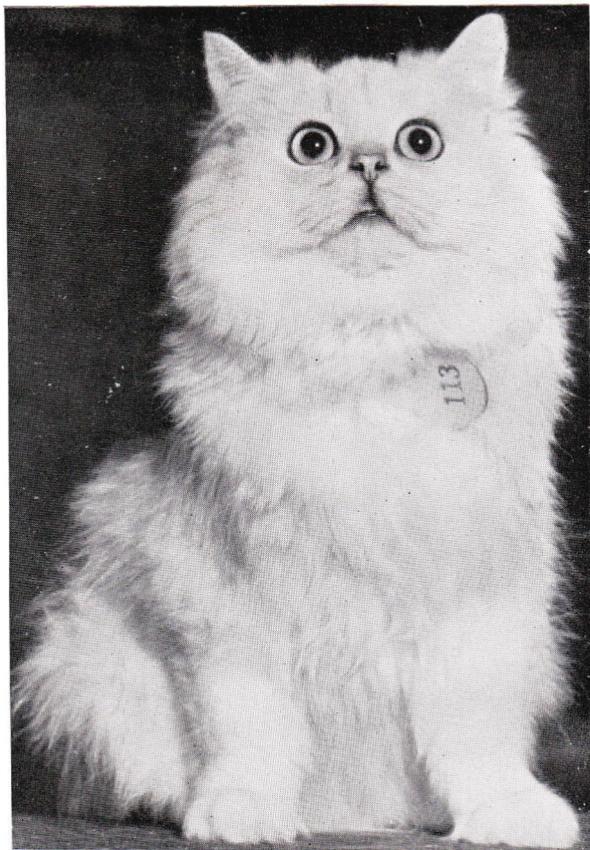
Mrs. Kathleen R. Williams,
Sutton, Surrey.



CH. DANDY OF HADLEY, described by Miss Cathcart in her review of the breed—see earlier in this issue—as THE Brown Tabby of the 1940's.



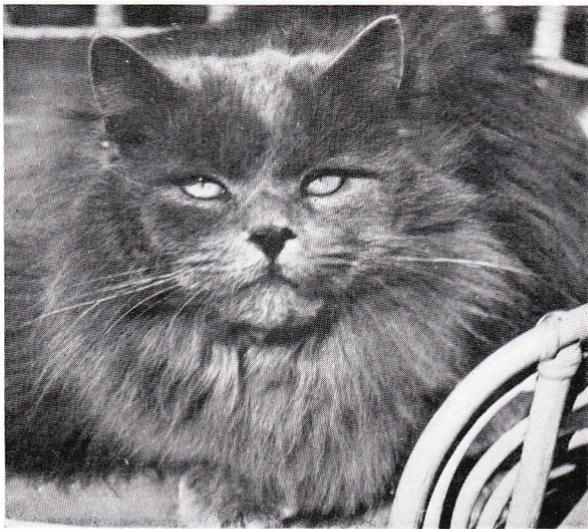
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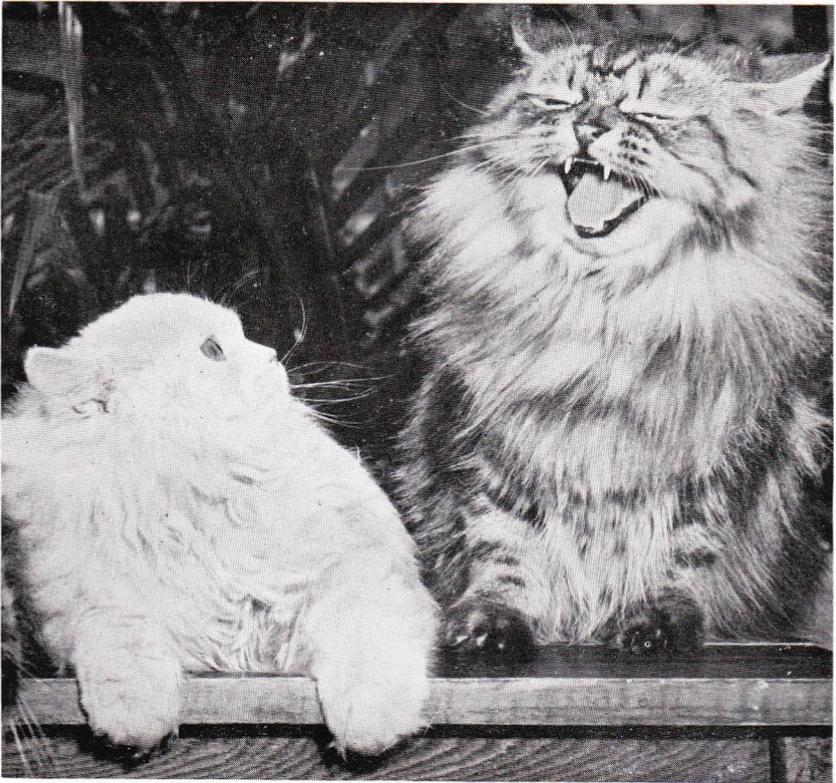


Associated Press

FARQUHAR AIGLON, young Chinchilla male presented by Mme. Gibbon, well-known American-born fancier living in Switzerland, was adjudged Best Exhibit at the recent 3-day International Show organised by the Cat Club de Paris.

CHAMPION RADIANT PRINCE OF ROMA, owned by Miss Thelma Young, is a leading Blue Longhair in Australia. Three times Best in Show 1947/48, he sired the Best Kitten at this year's Royal Easter Show in Sydney. Radiant Prince is a descendant through Boon of Culloden (imp.) of some famous English Blues, including Milord o' Mendip and Flick-a-Maroo.





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CONVERSATION PIECE.

We have waited a long time to present this remarkable picture to our readers and that we are at last able to do so is due to the kind co-operation of a subscriber living in Florida and to Mrs. Frank B. Sessa, of the Miami Florida Cat Fanciers' Club. The ladies in the picture are (left) Chirn Sa-Hai Honeybun, Cream female owned by Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan, of Miami, and (right) Champion Sunny-Land's Lavinia, Brown Tabby female owned by Miss Klara Schick, of Miami. Further comment seems superfluous!



Miss Jonquil Antony, well known to thousands of radio listeners through her association with the popular feature "Mrs. Dale's Diary," is seen here with Mrs. Linda Parker's famous Siamese stud LINDALE SIMON PIE.



And here is a fine perky litter sired by Simon Pie ex Proud Maxie. Breeder is Mrs. W. M. Ford, of Walton Bay, near Clevedon, Somerset. The kittens were $2\frac{1}{2}$ months old when this picture was taken and one of them, Causeway Colleen, has since won well at the Olympia and Birmingham Shows.

P. M. SODERBERG tells the story of

A Grand Old Lady

AT the Crystal Cat Show held at Olympia in September, Ch. Langherne Winsome, a Chinchilla, was chosen as Best in Show. As a bald statement of fact there seems to be little unusual in that, but if that is what you think you are wrong, for Winsome is a most unusual cat. At the ripe old age of 12½, Ch. Langherne Winsome was chosen from nearly 400 cats to receive this premier award. A photograph of her and the handsome trophy she won appeared in last month's issue of OUR CATS.

When I heard that this would probably be Winsome's last appearance on the show bench I felt the time had come when part at least of her story should be written. This is no obituary notice of a grand old lady, for I hope that she will live for a number of years yet in that environment of comfort and affection which she has always known how to accept with a queenly grace, for Winsome is nothing if not an aristocrat both by breeding and outlook.

I have a very keen personal interest in Winsome as she belonged to me for several years and during that time showed me in one respect more favour than she has shown either of her other owners. For me she did produce two pure-bred Chinchilla kittens which survived, but more of that anon.

This story could not have been written without the help of Miss Audrey Steer, who has for many years been a breeder of Chinchillas and has gained for herself an international reputation. It was Miss Steer who bought Langherne Winsome from Mrs. Aubrey, who had bred her, and it was to Miss Steer that I gave her when it was obvious that so beautiful a specimen of the breed should be seen on the show bench, a task which I did not want to undertake. It is thus that I am deeply indebted to Miss Steer for filling the many gaps in my knowledge of the life story of Langherne Winsome.

Winsome was born on the 5th May, 1938, and was first shown at Croydon by Mrs. Aubrey, her breeder, in the same year. It was here that Miss Steer saw her for the first time, and although Winsome had not won a prize, Miss Steer made up her mind to try to buy her. The price asked, however, was ten guineas, which was high in those days for a kitten which was not a winner, but the advice of Miss Langston, who even then was a famous breeder of Chinchillas, was taken and Winsome was purchased.

Her next show was the Southern Counties, run by Mr. Western, which was, I believe, the last show before the outbreak of war. Here again Winsome was unfortunate, for although she was entered in a number of classes she only managed to win a 1st in the Novice and was 2nd to Birch-

stone Silver Girl, who had on a number of occasions during the season been Best Kitten in Show. Thus as a kitten Winsome did not have a distinguished career on the show bench, but no one could deny her quality, which became more apparent as she developed into an adult. Yet six years had to elapse before she could again be shown and during the interval many incidents were to happen in her life.

A Real Madam !

Naturally, as soon as she was old enough Winsome was mated and the chosen stud was Miss Langston's Jolyon of Allington, but there were no kittens. After this she was sent to stud on a number of occasions, but without success, and it really looked as if Winsome was a non-breeder.

The stage was now being set for another adventure in the lady's life, for Admiral Edgar was sent to Malta and his wife took with her two outstanding Chinchillas, Seamist Cedric, a son of the world-famous Ch. Thistledown Carus, and with him went Seamist Roderick. In 1941, however, Mrs. Edgar returned to England, but was unable to bring her cats with her and these were left in the care of Lady Strickland. It was not surprising that Mrs. Edgar looked round for another Chinchilla, but she was unable to find one until Miss Steer went to stay with her and took Winsome with her. Miss Steer returned to London, but Winsome remained behind in Newton Abbot.

It was now that this cat began to show her individuality. She went out when she felt like it and she returned when she felt so in-

clined. She made her bed in places which were fitting for a cat if it suited her, but she showed no respect as to place or person if she wished to choose a naval uniform on which to scatter her almost white hairs. In fact, she became a real madam. Just to show that she could manage things satisfactorily if she so wished, she suddenly surprised Mrs. Edgar by giving every evidence of being in kitten. This was no hoax. She had found a husband of her own choosing and in due time surprised both her owner and herself by producing five kittens which she reared without any difficulty.

Bar Sinister Kittens

A few months later she repeated the performance with another five, but by this time Mrs. Edgar became alarmed by her wanderings far and wide and the long absences from home which usually accompanied her love affairs. Newton Abbot hardly seemed the right place for such goings on and Mrs. Edgar offered to give her back to Miss Steer, who was living in London.

This was where I came into the picture. At that time I was breeding Chinchillas and my queen had come from Miss Steer. As I lived out in the country I seemed a suitable person to have the wayward lady, and after I had heard the Winsome saga from both Miss Steer and Mrs. Edgar, I was considered the right person to adopt this lady of character.

Early in 1943 she arrived, together with one of her bar sinister kittens, Binki by name, a Silver Tabby of quite reasonable appearance. After a few days a

good home was found for Binki and Winsome was on her own.

Self-willed at all times, she soon became mistress of her new surroundings and treated all humans and felines with a cold disdain, but she was always a lady in her aloofness and never descended to spitting or using an offensive paw.

She was allowed complete freedom, but as she had successfully reared two mongrel litters I could not see why she should not produce Chinchillas. Naturally, I waited anxiously for her to

“call,” and when she did she was sent off to a well-known stud who was a proved breeder of excellent kittens. Much to my disappointment Winsome showed no signs of having kittens, and when she was next in season back she went to the same stud.

(To be concluded next month)

NEXT MONTH!

Our December Issue will be published on the 18th of the month. It will be a 40-page number packed with interesting features and fine pictures.



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A NEW BOOK FOR SIAMESE FANS

The book that has recently made its appearance under the title "The Breeding and Management of the Siamese Cat" should quickly become common currency among Siamese lovers everywhere. Mrs. K. R. Williams has done an efficient job in that she has contrived to pack within its 140-odd pages a mass of interesting and useful information with over 70 supporting line and gravure illustrations. The book is efficiently introduced by Miss Kit Wilson and Olivia Manning. The former hails Mrs. Williams's work as a worthy successor to Phyl Wade's book "The Siamese Cat." That is praise and recommendation indeed. She very rightly points out that it is impossible to know everything on the subject of

Siamese, the most intriguing of felines.

Mrs. Williams's book is based on her experience and knowledge acquired during upwards of twenty years' breeding, nursing and exhibiting Siamese and, of course, she has the additional advantage of close contact with the Siamese world in general in her capacity as show manager and club secretary. The author tells you what to look for when buying a kitten, how to feed and manage it during its early days and the points to look for as it develops; how to select your stud and how to send the queen to stud. Nursing and ailments are fully covered and there are also interesting chapters on Red Pointed and Chocolate Pointed Siamese, and useful hints on how to register, exhibit, sell, export or board.



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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.

10th October. It is interesting to read in the American publication "Cats" that the 56th season of the American Cat Fancy has 89 shows arranged for the season which commenced in California on July 23rd and will close next March. In addition, a few shows may be arranged for late spring and we read: "Several Clubs who have yet to decide on dates could bring the total events to 100. The problem facing these Clubs is the site of such shows.

"The 89 exhibitions are a far cry from the first season of organised cat-dom back in 1895, when three events were staged. The first of these was at Madison Square Garden, New York. The Domestic Shorthair Speciality in Norfolk, Virginia, this season is believed to be the first of its kind in America. Recently the title Domestic Shorthair has been changed to American Shorthair and has evidently evoked some criticism, but the position is expected to be ironed out by the Clubs themselves later in the year.

"Perhaps the 1950-51 season will be marked by some qualified judge

rising to the occasion and naming an American Shorthair Best in Show. The selection of a Shorthair cat in an all-breed event as Best in Show did happen—once! This memorable feat occurred at the Albany (N.Y.) Cat Show in 1905. Black Peter, a solid Black male, was named tops in a field of 110 entries by the judge, Mrs. Barker."

It is also a very rare occurrence for any Shorthair except a Siamese to be Best in Show in England, and the reason, in my opinion, is not hard to seek. One has only to peruse the catalogues and registrations to see that the majority of Shorthairs are registered as "All particulars unknown," or one or both parents classified as "Unregistered," which on enquiry one finds are cats of unknown mixed breeding. So therefore they have more faults than the pedigree cats which have been selectively bred for several generations.

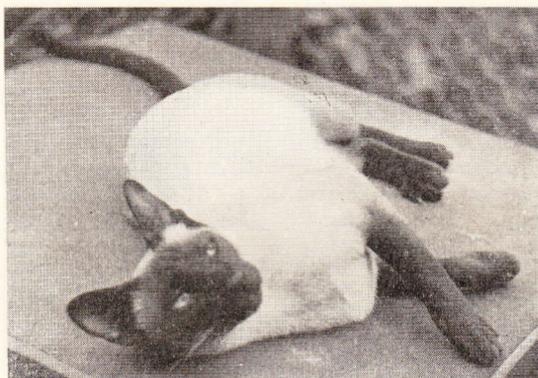
When someone really does set out to perfect a breed, for example, Miss Tucker with Red Tabby Shorthairs, we get the exceptionally beautiful Vectensian Rio Tinto, a female excelling in depth of colour and wonderful markings. I should not be surprised to see her Best in Show or Best Shorthair in Show. Miss Sladen's Manx Ch. Stonor Kate (Best in Show, Croydon C.C.Ch. Show, 1948) was a notable example of a Shorthair winning this honour.

Mrs. Youngman sent me a booklet from U.S.A. with 23 outstanding

photographs of Shorthair cats published by Ethicon Suture Laboratories, of New Jersey, to advertise their surgical products. I have mentioned before that cats are used as a medium for advertising numerous varieties of products in U.S.A. This happy little booklet is about the finest example of its kind I have ever seen. The captions all appertain to the medical world, and I loved the one "Schedule or no schedule, they're hungry now," where the illustration is of a contented cat lying in a box feeding a large litter of very young kittens.

writing prize cards. What a number of cards seem to be awarded when one has to write them! I sat writing solidly for four hours but eventually reached the end of my duties to be free to tour the Show. The S.C.C. shows are always enjoyable, well managed by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Hart, and well attended by enthusiastic exhibitors and visitors.

Best Cat in Show was Mrs. Nicholas's Seal Point female Ch. Southwood Sunya, by Oriental Silky Boy, bred by Mrs. Sayers. First and Challenge Certificate winning male, Mr. Peter Pope's Proud Pedro (by Ch.



Mrs. Nicholas's CH. SOUTHWOOD SUNYA, Best in Show at the Siamese Cat Club Championship Show.

In the preface one reads: "As to cats, we owe the name, at least, a salute. The larger percentage of our business is supplying you with cat-gut—an age old misnomer for surgical gut made of sheep intestines. Further, we are happy that cats are not the source of this essential suture material, for many of us are fond of the beautiful little creatures. We hope that both ailurophiles and ailurophobes will enjoy this Cat-a-log."

12th October. An enjoyable day at the Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show, where I had a job new to me, viz.,

Slades Cross Shahid and bred by Major Murrell); Best Kitten, Mrs. Dadd's Seal Point Sabukia Sweet William (by Lindale Simon Pie, bred by exhibitor); Best Blue Point adult, Mr. Stirling-Webb's Misselfore Pan Print (by Misselfore Autumn Print, bred by Major and Mrs. Rendall); Best Blue Point kitten, Dr. and Mrs. Groom's Banchor Blue Norah (by Blue Seagull, bred by Mrs. Macpherson).

Miss Rene Ray, authoress and film star, made a graceful speech and presented the rosettes after being introduced by Mr. Soderberg, Chairman of the Club. It was good to see him

again after his recent illness. A notable absentee was the President, Mr. Compton Mackenzie, who was unable to be present. Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Carlton Biddle were welcome guests, as was also Mrs. Oswald, from Edinburgh, attending her first S.C.C. Ch. Show. She is very keen and full of ideas for the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club, of which she is the enthusiastic Hon. Secretary. She will have the good wishes of all cat lovers when the postponed show of the Club takes place early in the New Year.

16th October. Mrs. Machin tripped in to tell me she had seen a butcher's van delivering horseflesh in Wickham Way. She took the name and address: W. T. Thurkle, 207 Coldharbour Lane, London, S.W.9 (Brixton 3574). I was soon in touch with him and find it a tremendous boon having meat delivered every Monday. Knowing how many friends and acquaintances will be glad to hear about this service, I am glad to pass on the information that on various days in the week the following widely separated towns and adjacent places are covered, namely, Richmond, Shepperton, Sidcup, Swanley, Woolwich, Gravesend, Maidstone, Chertsey, Wimbledon, Ripley, Guildford, Croydon, Esher, Clendon, Epsom, Sutton, Uxbridge, Ascot, Osterley and many other localities. Meat can also be sent by post or railway. Mr. Thurkle will be pleased to give all particulars of this service on request.

17th October. To visit Mrs. and Miss Rodda on a lovely sunny autumn day. Disporting themselves in a big run were four sturdy Black Longhair kittens by Mrs. Aitken's Ch. Bournside Black Diamond and her own male Ch. Chadhurst Sambo. They excelled in type and their silky

coats were exceptionally sound in colour for Black kittens of their age. Mme. Ravel, of the Cat Club de Paris, has purchased one of the kittens which had a lovely head and type.

Three very nice Blue female kittens by Ch. Southway Crusader were chasing leaves in a courtyard. One of these has been purchased by Mr. Brook, of Highgate Village, a young fancier who won so well last season with his Blue kitten Idmiston Daydream. Miss Rodda had the misfortune to lose at the beginning of the year through an accident her stud Chadhurst Rhapsody. He had one of the loveliest heads I have seen on a Black male and such a short nose and tiny ears. Fortunately, she has a daughter of his to carry on.

The queens were all fit and well, and the Tortoiseshell Ch. Chadhurst Juliet, a great favourite of mine, was looking just as lovely although not yet in winter coat. Miss Rodda has bred some of our loveliest Black Longhairs and has done much to popularise this charming variety.

25th October. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were in great form at the Ch. Show they organised on behalf of the Midland Counties Cat Club at Birmingham. Exhibitors and entries showed a considerable increase on the first post-war show in 1949. When the public were admitted at 2 p.m. one could hardly move between the aisles.

An innovation I was in favour of until it was put into practice was to commence judging at 11 a.m. to enable exhibitors from London to arrive in time for judging. The vet. was unavoidably detained so it was nearly 11.45 before we commenced. I had a splendid steward, Mr. J. F. Barker, who manfully found a way for me to the pens after the public surged in, but even so judging after 2 p.m. was performed under difficulties. Although every exhibit had a thorough inspection, I think the con-

sensus of opinion among the committee, judges and stewards favoured a return to the usual hour of 10 a.m. for judging next year.

The Best in Show about 3.30 was expeditious. The judges officiating were Miss K. Yorke, Mr. Felix Tomlinson and myself. Here are some results: Best Longhair Cat in Show, Mrs. Herod's Orange-eyed White Carreg Cracker, bred by exhibitor; Best Shorthair Cat, Mrs. Lamb's Siamese Ch. Morris Tudor, bred by Mrs. Richardson; Best Longhair Kitten, Mrs. McVady's Blue Gaydone Candy Kisses, bred by exhibitor; Best Shorthair Kitten, Mr. Whiting's Siamese Mais Mor Marquis, bred by exhibitor; Best Neuter, Brigadier and Mrs. Rossiter's B.P. Siamese Mirza Taklif.

Mrs. Henn's Baralan Blue Boy was awarded his final Challenge Certificate, so he joins the élite and is now one of the six Blue male Champions we have in England. The other Champions are Astra of Pensford, Deebank Michael, Harpur Blue Boy, Southway Crusader and Oxleys Peter John, a lovely array of first class cats. A very popular award was first and Ch. (her second certificate) to Mrs. Crickmore's Thiepvál Enchantress. She is superb, and although she has been awarded over 50 firsts she has not had the best of luck as an adult, so here's hoping she will become a Champion before the end of the season. Another cat to become a full Champion was Miss Langston's Chinchilla Scamp of Allington. The winning Siamese female was the ever-youthful Mrs. Nicholas's Ch. Southwood Sunya, now $4\frac{1}{2}$ years of age. She has lovely type and has retained her youthful figure.

As I was flying to Paris the next day I came home in the evening and had a very pleasant journey with Mr. Richardson talking about Siamese.

Mr. Richardson has recently sent to Copenhagen Morris Sable, a son of Ch. Hillcross Song and Morris Una. The latter's progeny have now won over 50 Firsts. Morris Sable was shown at the three-day Show in Copenhagen last month and we are now awaiting the result.

26th October. Met Miss Langston at Kensington Air Station and later Mr. and Mrs. Brunton arrived bringing with them Miss Muffet of Dunesk to be exhibited at the Paris Show by Signora Vera Moser. Miss Muffet will live with her new owner in Italy. Major Dugdale brought another Blue female, Harpur Periwinkle. We took a peep at these two lovely representatives of our Longhair Blues and then left by coach for London Airport, where we found Miss K. Yorke awaiting us. After simple formalities we took off on a clear starlit night and soon left the twinkling lights of London behind us.

In Paris a warm welcome awaited us from Mdme. Gibbon and her daughter Liseron, Mdme. Bridgett and the Vice-President, Mr. d'Autremont. On arrival at our hotel we were greeted by Mrs. Speirs, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Vize. The last named had flown over the evening before to see the Show and to bring Myowne Ferly, who is going to Italy as a husband for Miss Muffet of Dunesk. A short chat and off to bed to prepare for a busy time at the three-day show.

27th October. To the Hotel Continental to find everyone engaged in last-minute preparations. The spacious ballroom with elaborately painted walls and ceiling was lit by massive chandeliers, so judging was mostly done by artificial light, which tends to penalise Blues more than any other variety. Before placing the winners in the Blue male adult

class my stewards took the three which were obviously the winners into a side room which had excellent daylight.

Best Exhibit in Show was Mme. Gibbon's Chinchilla male Farquhar Aiglon, the winner under me in the Open class and my nominee for this honour. Other winners were: Best Longhair Kitten, Miss Muffet of Dunesk; Best Shorthair Cat, Mme. Desbrieres de Laveleye's Silver Tabby

evening of the third day all the Champions were brought to pens on the platform and then each one was taken out and held up for the spectators to see. This was a very popular idea and elicited much applause. The cats behaved remarkably well whilst taking their bow. The best couple, judged on their aesthetic beauty irrespective of their class awards, were Mme. Deteix's Chinchillas Whim de Balkis and Xyla de



Lovely litter of Longhair Whites (by Southway Rascal ex Netheridge Snow Storm), shown by Mme. Sarrazin, were winners at the Cat Club de Paris Show.

Ch. Chichat d'Acheux; Best Kitten in Show, Fru Lis Langberg's Russian Toni of Alsenburg, a very lovely exhibit with the short, fine, silky coat so desirable in this variety. Fru Langberg also won with an adult female bred from the same parents as Toni. I last met her in Copenhagen a year ago, and it was an unexpected pleasure to meet her again. The journey took about seventeen hours each way, but she considered it well worth while.

The Best Champion was Mlle. Perrin's White Longhair Ch. Int. White Flowers du Leman. On the

Balkis. Mme. Gibbon won in groups with a lovely trio of Chinchillas which included Farquhar Aiglon. The special prize for Best Cat or Kitten, born in France was awarded to Mme. Pulby's exquisite orange-eyed White Longhair Djanghir Xermine. I heard later that the Challenge Certificate I awarded her was her third and final. She was exhibited in perfect show form and is a worthy Champion.

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China Boy of Dunesk, followed by another very lovely male, Mme. Formont's Talisman of Knott Hall, and Mme. Sarrazin's gorgeous-eyed Southway Rascal, who was too short of coat to be placed higher on the day. The Blue females were judged by Miss K. Yorke and were also British bred. Ch. Int. Priory Blue Wish was followed by Pegotty Ann of Dunesk and Ronade Amethyst. Siamese were few in number and so far have not achieved anything like the popularity they have in England. The special prize for best Siamese was awarded to Mme. Deboncourt's Tchín Tchín de la Carrière. Mlle. Urruty's Black Longhair male, bred by Mme. Ravel, is a very lovely cat and I was interested to hear has a Cream sire, Widdington Wotan. The Birmans, with their semi-long coats and S.P. Siamese colouring and characteristics except for their white toe tips, are a fascinating variety.

After the judging the pens were decorated. I noticed the prevailing shade was white and the materials satin, silk or ninon. To infuse colour into some of the schemes lovely flowers outlined the pens. One pen had red spotted muslin curtains with a cradle to match and, believe it or not, every time I looked into it the three Siamese kittens were in the cradle and mother was mounting guard on the floor!

On the second day Mme. d'Autremont arranged a drive round Paris for the four judges from England, Miss K. Yorke, Miss Langston, Mrs. Spiers and myself. It was a sunny afternoon and most enjoyable.

Mrs. Macdonald travelled with Miss Manley the previous Thursday. Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Carlton Biddle, of U.S.A., were present and Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Martin, representing Kit-E-Kat, were also interested spectators. So British cat lovers were well represented. Mme. Ravel, Mme. Destrem and the Committee thought of every

detail for the welfare of exhibits, exhibitors and judges and the social side was on a par with everything else.

The class of seven Longhair White females I had was the best for quality and quantity I have had in this variety, and when comparing notes with Miss Yorke we found her winning male was my winning female, Djanghir Xermine's litter brother.

Thousands attended the show; although the public is allowed in all day they do not interfere with judges as we were provided with enclosures.

30th October. To lunch with Mme. Sarrazin. It was so interesting to see the lovely quartette of White kittens with which she won Best Litter at the Show. One little gem, a female, is going to Mme. Gibbon in a few weeks. She has the exquisite type one sometimes sees in Orange-eyed Whites. Although the dam has golden eyes and the sire, Southway Rascal, exceptionally deep copper, one male kitten has pale blue eyes. Mme. Sarrazin has arranged a large room for her pets since my last visit, and one idea quite new to me I thought excellent. The floor linoleum does not terminate at the skirting board but goes up the wall all round for about a foot and is kept in place by a piece of bevelled wood. Occasionally one gets a kitten who has a lapse and makes a pool, and as any saturation of wood flooring eventually causes odours, this idea is thoroughly hygienic. Southway Rascal has perfect house manners so leads a happy home life and often spends the night in the lounge. When he is older and has visiting queens he may not be so reliable.

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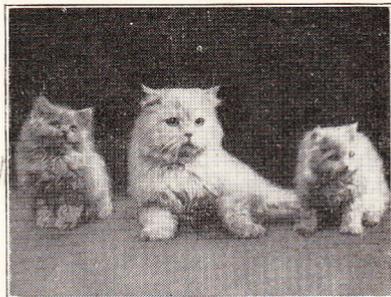
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31st October. Flew back to England in brilliant sunshine after we had shot up above the clouds. I wonder if one ever loses the sense of charm and mystery of travel by air. Home at noon to find the small family well and full of purrs.

1st November. Miss Hildyard to tea accompanied by two friends and two very nice Cream female kittens by Miss Gabb's Optimist of Sunfield. Both have nice type and are paler and more level in colour than most Cream kittens are nowadays at six months of age. Miss Hildyard started breeding cats about seven years ago and has had some good Creams, notably Mrs. Hacking's Anchor Cream Cracker, dam of Redwalls Huntley, winner of several firsts. She also bred the very nice Tortoiseshell Anchor Patchwork, winner of two seconds in very large classes at Olympia.

2nd November. An enjoyable farewell luncheon party at the Majestic Hotel, Kensington, given by Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Carlton Biddle. They have made many friends here and we so regretted they could not stay for Croydon Show on 9th November. However, they have engagements in U.S.A. so it was impossible. Among the guests present were Miss K. Yorke, Mr. and Mrs. Hazeldine, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Towe, Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Hacking, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Trefor-Williams. Mrs. Macdonald brought numerous Olympia photographs for us to see. They are lovely and I wish it was possible for all cat lovers to see them. I sat opposite Mr. Macdonald and we were amused to hear about his procedure when feeding four different age groups of Siamese kittens when Mrs. Macdonald was in Paris. However, we agreed it was very sensible and the proof was that all the cats and kittens were fit and well when Mrs. M. returned!

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Titi

Titi, one of my Siamese, was almost a constant companion, but I'm afraid that quite a lot of her affection was cupboard love. As soon as I could eat I had chicken and I had quite a lot of it although I am not very fond of it. Titi, however, adores chicken. As soon as it was light she used to come outside my bedroom door and start to talk. If no one let her in then she scratched the door and knocked on the handle. Then when the chicken arrived she was full of affection. What bad language she used if I gave her the skin and kept the best pieces for myself!

Pooh also came to see me often, but as he weighs more than fourteen pounds and will insist on lying on my feet, I did not keep him very long at a time. Now Pooh is a hunter and when he came he usually brought some food with him.

The Dogs

The dogs were most amusing, but they could not quite understand what was happening. They were not used to seeing me lying in bed and they were not at all happy that I did not get up at once and take them for a walk.

Laddie, of course, was boisterous. He used to dash into the room and if I did not take much notice of him he jumped on to the bed to find what it was all about. So he was soon banished.

I can tell you something about Laddie which unfortunately he cannot understand. He is now a father although he has not yet seen his family. Some weeks ago Sue, his wife, presented him with fourteen Red Setter puppies. Of course, that was too many for Sue to feed, but she was left with eight. I think that was perhaps too many, but her owner helped her with the feeding. Last Friday I went to see this family, but Laddie had to stay outside because fathers with dirty feet cannot go in to see babies.

Broadcast

I'm almost afraid to tell you that you can hear Uncle Peter on the Home Service at 1.10 after the news on 3rd December because you remember that this time last year everyone who was going to help with my programme fell ill. However, if you listen on 3rd December you will soon know whether it is Uncle Peter talking about "Cats."

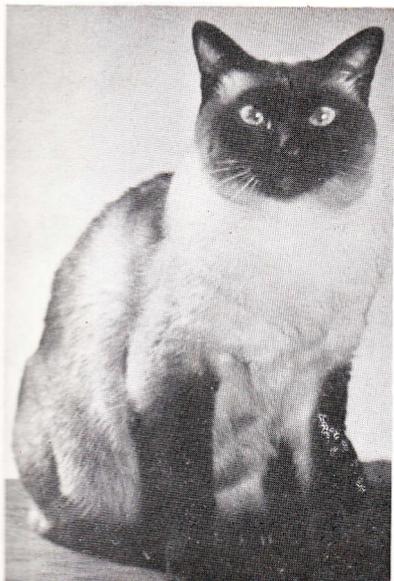
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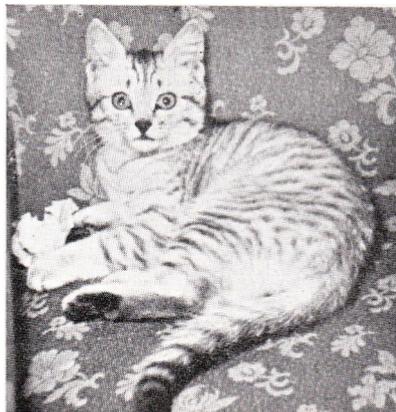
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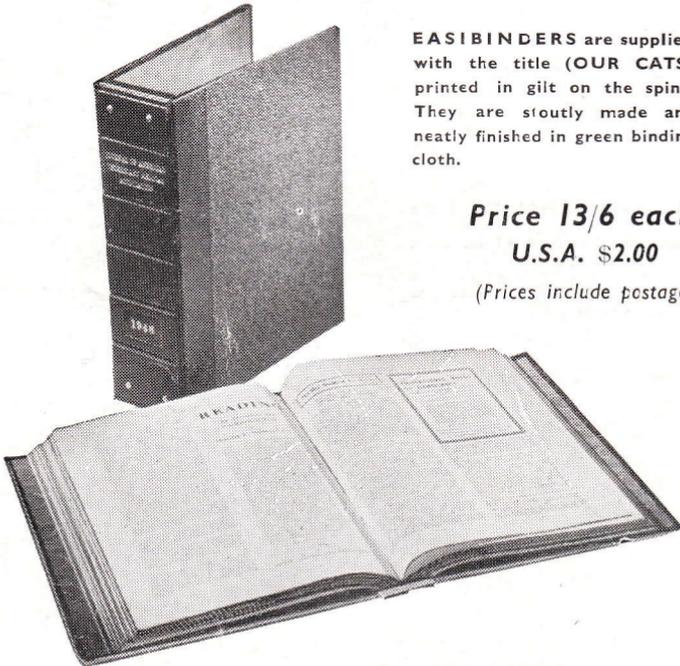
This little snap of a Siamese baby is submitted by Mrs. G. A. Young, who recently left Kent to live in Kowloon, Hong Kong. She writes : I have purchased two kittens (parents from Bangkok) so I feel they are the genuine article. They display all the typical characteristics of the Siamese and it does seem a pity that they have no written pedigrees.



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