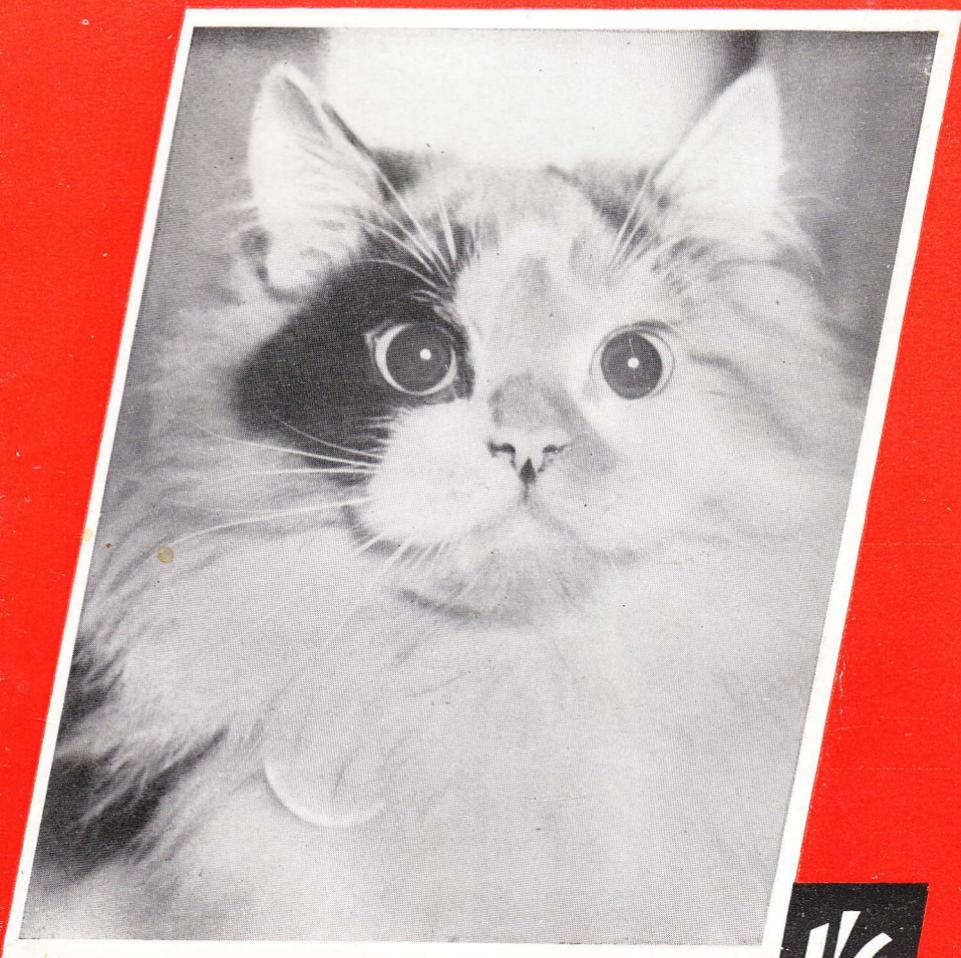


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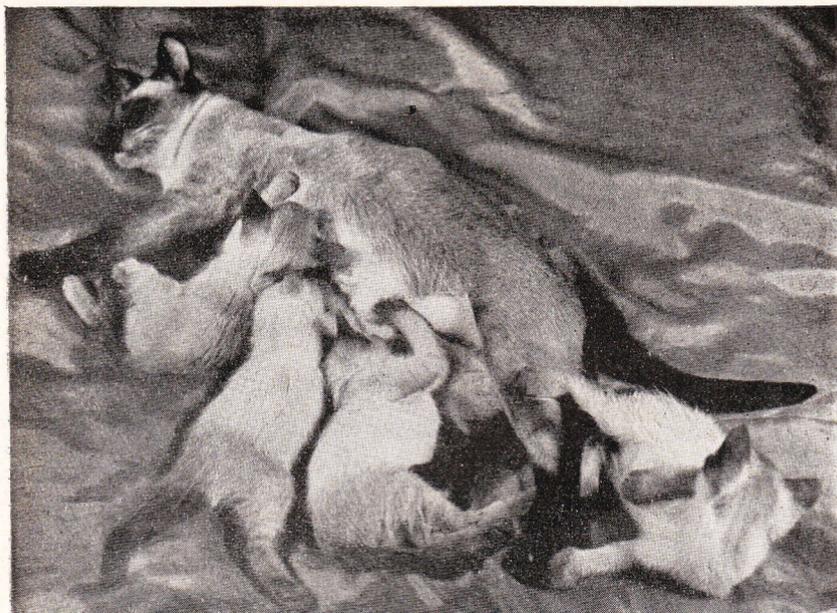


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## FEEDING TIME FOR THREE

We are indebted for this excellent picture of a happy domestic scene to Mrs. K. Dunks, of Acton, West London, whose Cheyne Siamese are a popular prize-winning strain.

## THE TORTOISESHELL CAT

The tortoiseshell cat  
She sits on the mat,  
As gay as a sunflower she ;  
In orange and black you see her blink,  
And her waistcoat's white, and her nose is pink,  
And her eyes are green of the sea.  
But all is vanity, all the way,  
Twilight's coming and close of day,  
And every cat in the twilight's grey,  
Every possible cat.

The tortoiseshell cat,  
She is smooth and fat,  
And we call her Josephine,  
Because she weareth upon her back  
This coat of colours, this raven black,  
This red of the tangerine ;  
But all is vanity, all the way,  
Twilight follows the brightest day,  
And every cat in the twilight's grey,  
Every possible cat.

ANON.

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*The lovely Tortoiseshell - and - White female on our front cover is Mrs. Chapman's well-known HENDON SNOW MAIDEN, picture is reproduced by courtesy of the Daily Graphic. See page 25 for more details.*

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## **Two experts give their views on**

# **Cat Sizes**

**S**OME weeks ago we received a most interesting letter from one of our many American readers which touched on a subject not previously dealt with in this Magazine—that of sizes in cats. The writer was Mrs. Judy Smith, of Staten Island, New York.

Because we felt it would be of interest and value to cat lovers generally, pet owners as well as fanciers, we were pleased to accede to Mrs. Smith's suggestion that the theme should be developed in these pages and that we should get individual opinions on cat sizes from two experts. Here then is Mrs. Smith's letter followed by comments we have received from Mr. A. C. Jude, who represents the scientific viewpoint, and Miss Kathleen Yorke, who is so well qualified to answer on behalf of our Cat Fancy:

"I have long been puzzled by the size of cats," writes Mrs. Smith, "and wonder whether you could help clear up the matter. The Siamese standard calls for a medium-sized cat but I have noticed at shows that judges almost invariably favour the tiniest cat.

"In the Abyssinian Standard, the phrase 'never large or coarse' seems to be construed as meaning that the opposite is correct—tiny and delicate. From all the pictures of Abyssinians

that I have been able to study, I have not seen any that could be called either tiny or delicate. I am very much afraid, if we breeders breed for small size we will sacrifice disposition and stamina. Although disposition cannot be judged very well at shows, loss of their good nature through wrong breeding will eventually kill interest in Abyssinians, as their colouring is not distinctive enough to keep up enthusiasm. I have noticed among dogs, the miniatures seldom have sweet natures.

"Do you think it would be possible to get individual opinions on this subject from the experts? It would be interesting to have the approximate weights of male and female small cat, medium-sized cat and large cat. I have often seen cats penalised for being too large, but never for being too small (among foreign Shorthairs)."

### **Mr. Jude Replies**

Mr. Jude says: Our correspondent specially mentions two breeds in her queries. I will generalise and then Miss Yorke, with her wide experience as an international judge, can deal with the individual breeds mentioned.

It has to be remembered that all the varieties of any particular animal have been produced either by mutation or by the fancier, from probably one definite type. These varieties or breeds will differ in their relative average size, which, in the main, is determined by one or other, or all of the following considerations: (a) by colour, (b) by the bone formation, (c) by the individual requirements

set out in the Standards for the breeds, and by the resultant selective breeding practised by the fancier. These three things in their differing ways control what we express as type.

So far as colour in cats is concerned, it is found that "brown" tends to an increase in size, whereas the presence of a "silver" gene is likely to reduce size. An example of "brown" and increase of size is the Brown Tabby, and a smaller size—due to a "Silver" gene—is the Silver Tabby, the Chinchilla and (probably) the Siamese. Generally speaking, bone formation will remain fairly constant within a breed, but will vary between breeds, to a greater extent. It would seem, therefore, that there is a connection between colour and bone structure size. The Brown Tabby is heavily boned, whereas the Chinchilla is finer boned, thus normally giving a smaller animal. Sex also has effect on bone structure, so that usually the female is finer in bone than the male.

### Inherited Disposition

Mrs. Smith mentions that she has noticed that judges seem to favour the tiniest cat. I believe, that as a rule, a large proportion of the points in a Standard are split equally (or nearly so) between colour and type, leaving size as of relatively much less importance. So it is difficult to see how judges could choose the tiniest cat simply by reason of its size. But it is a fact that with cats like Siamese, fineness of bone largely determines type, and it is quite on the boards that the smaller Siamese are often the most typey, and so will score for that reason, and not because they just are the tiniest in a class. Often I have heard it said "the best is often the smallest in the litter." And it is quite possible this may refer also to colour. Experience with the

breeding of some smaller species of animals has confirmed this. Possibly this is due to earlier size maturity.

The phrase "never large or coarse" is a correct one for a governing body to use when drawing up a standard for a colour which tends to large size. In the larger-sized animals, breeders naturally breed for large size, but after a reasonable limit is reached, a coarseness can develop, and is bound to detract from both good type, and good coat quality.

Of course much could be written on disposition, and from the fancier's point of view, this quality is one of extreme importance, both as regards the pleasure of owning a cat, and of exhibiting. Much of disposition is inherited. The rest can probably be the result of imitation by the young, which forms a habit—a non-inherited habit. But to breed to extremes usually results in strains which are of bad nature. Ultra small animals are just abnormal, and very often, because of the abnormality, the whole structure and system is affected.

### Views of Miss Yorke

Miss Kathleen Yorke replies: I am entirely in agreement with what Mr. Jude has written. Regarding Siamese, if in proportion as to head, body and tail, a large Siamese is allowable. But a medium one is more as the Standard requires. A small Siamese, if in good proportion, is a lovely object, but I should say not so desirable as a medium one unless as near perfect in all else as to points, build, shape, eye shape and colour, tail, mask, etc., and body colour.

I cannot see from following the shows held this season in England and the Continent that the small cat has always been selected. My own judging of Siamese adults in October at the Midland Counties Cat Club Show placed an excellent medium-

built male 1st and very good larger all-round exhibits 2nd and 3rd. The winner excelled so much in all things that it was not possible for the other two to pass him over. Two other judges handling these three cats did likewise, so obviously he was considered the correct size for all-round goodness, type, etc. The male incidentally was Ch. Morris Tudor, who won again at the January Show of the Notts and Derby Cat Club.

Abyssinians must never be large or coarse. This does not mean that opposite is correct. One likes a well-built and developed cat to judge or breed from. The "golden mean," the medium cat of elegant build, is the desired size. It must not be coarse else its beauty has gone. It must not be small or it loses its value. Rather to the point is the quotation "He that holds fast the golden mean and lives contentedly between the little and the great . . ."

## Happy Mediums

Weight in cats is not considered much unless ultra coarse or ultra small. It is quite possible to have a large cat without being the least coarse, as is Ch. Widdington Warden, famous British Cream male. He is of perfect proportions. In Blues and Chinchillas, Ch. Mischief of Bredon (now gone), Ch. Foxborrow Tillie Willie, Ch. Colneside Billie Bumpet (also gone), Ch. Southway Crusader and his famous international Champion brothers are all examples that spring to my mind of large well-proportioned animals, but with no trace of coarseness. On the other hand, smaller perfectly formed such as Ch. Mair of Allington, Ch. Gloria of Pensford, Ch. Southway Josephine are well known and greatly admired. In Chinchillas we have Ch. Langherne Winsome, Ch. Sarisbury Simba (Holland), Feather of Thame, Musidora of Allington and others on

the medium side, all of perfect proportions, neither large nor small.

I should say a large cat would be around about 15lbs., a medium 9lbs. and a small roughly 6lbs. June Rose, a well-known brood queen owned by the late Mrs. Yeates, never weighed more than 6lbs. She won well in shows and had lovely winning kittens of very good average size. Also a Black queen that we owned, Hillingdon Black Pansy, winner of two Championships, also on the small side (smaller than June Rose, a relative of hers), bred some of the largest and finest Blacks and Blues, Ch. Hillingdon Jackdaw and Ch. Hillingdon Black Star being two instances.

## Gland Mechanism

Chinchillas in England to-day are a bit on the small side with one or two exceptions, but the Chinchilla Standard does not ask for size large or small. Here again we prefer a medium build, males naturally to be on the bigger side.

In actual practice, a popular stud cat seems to have more influence on the size and weight of any particular breed than any other factor, seeing that a queen tending to produce very large or small cats has but one or two litters a year, while the stud sires some dozens of kittens and he may always hand on one tendency to large kittens.

Referring back to size. As Mr. Jude says, inheritance characteristics are tremendously important. The tendencies to sizes large, small or medium are mostly brought about through the mechanism of the endocrine glands. Endocrines govern nutrition, growth and metabolism; deficiency in some may produce dwarfism; excess may cause giantism. And, remember, both physical conformation and mental make-up are affected by their functioning. Hence the nature of a cat is affected by

## A page for the proletarian puss No. 12



### AMOROUS INTERLUDE

Mr. A. Marr, of Dunoon, Scotland, whose delightful picture is our selection for the month in this series, writes : " It is a picture of a spontaneous episode which occurred when our Camera Club halted for a picnic. My friend Webb always seemed to attract the little ladies in the fur coats and when we called at a tea room he was again singled out for amorous attentions by the resident cat."

these internal secreting glands by means of their secretion passing into the blood stream. Something of this kind may account for the altered disposition and loss of good nature noticed by Mrs. Smith.

Consider also the Shetland pony, the Sheltie collie and other miniature animals, cut off from the mainland and having to adapt themselves to most meagre feeding. Compare this with the large carthorse adapting himself to a regular and generous diet. Environment again — acting through the glands.

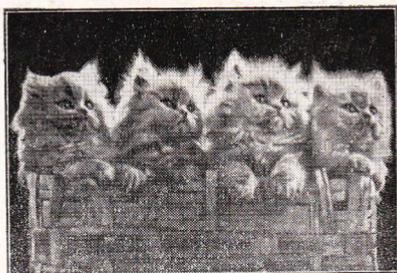
This is a vast subject on which I have touched lightly but with Mr. Jude's contribution I think Mrs. Smith is adequately answered. I hope so.



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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.

## COMPLAINT FROM CATFEEDERS

I have recently been sent a translation of a papyrus in the Cairo Museum which I think will interest your readers. It reads: "The professional catfeeders complain that, although their sacred office exempts them from compulsory labour, the police sergeant is now forcing them to make bricks. They appeal to Zenon against this."

Zenon was a Greek official in charge of a large royal estate in the Fayyum estate, south of Cairo (IIIrd Cent. B.C.). A strange freak of fate has preserved for us what in the Foreign Office is called his "Confidential Waste."

Lady Aberconway,  
London, W.1.

## A QUEEN'S ORDEAL

I decided not to send all my Siamese queens to be mated when they called about three weeks before Christmas in very severe weather. So two were allowed out to manage their own affairs. It was not until Christmas night that I saw a tom and they yelled for nearly a fortnight. I expected kittens early in March but noticed the younger queen (4 years) was much bigger than her mother and when I went into my sitting room last week (in early February) I found kittens all over the place and my little cat very upset. The extraordinary thing was that three kittens were quite large and half-furred, the others were about the size of my thumb and quite bare of fur. I have spoken to the veterinary surgeon and he tells me it is a most unusual thing

for a queen to have kittens of different sizes and stages of development so I wondered if your readers would be interested to know of this experience. The queen seems none the worse now, perhaps a little tired and nervy.

Mrs. L. C. Leach,  
Wreay, Carlisle.

## RADIO VOICE RECOGNISED

I was broadcasting late last night long after my two Siamese queens and our bull terrier had gone to bed. My husband tells me that as soon as I spoke the cats woke up and hustled into the hall to meet me. The bull terrier slept on. Was she wiser or less intelligent than the cats?

I have often noticed that they (the cats) listen intently to the seagulls which usher in the radio programme "Desert Island Discs," but only in the impersonal manner of regular radio fans.

Ann Codrington,  
Aylesford, Kent.

## ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM

My little Siamese, Larnee, gave birth to four black mongrel kittens on 12th February. She is a devoted mother, but she is also devoted to me. Ever since she came to me she has with very few exceptions, slept on my bed at night in the summer and right under the blankets when the weather has been cold, and I know she has missed this way of life since her babies arrived.

I left her last night curled up in her basket with the kittens and went to bed. During the night, she came

in to see me, stayed a few moments and then went back to her kittens—only to return very shortly with one baby, then another and then a third, all of whom she brought into bed with her. She was quite happy until she suddenly thought of the fourth baby and went pattering off, grumbling to herself to collect the fourth kitten.

I know this solves the problem to her entire satisfaction but it is most uneasy to try and sleep with four small soft bodies in the bed. Whatever shall I do?

Mrs. Hylda Almond,  
Hither Green, London, S.E.6.

### SIAMESE FATHERS

I must corroborate Mrs. Broadwood's interesting letter in the November issue of "Our Cats" on the perfect Siamese father. My photograph (reproduced below) shows Yaoni Potts in charge of three of his offspring, Jakopus, Grampus and Sour Puss, one of several families



produced by his wife Tiki-Tiki for my sister, Mrs. J. M. Stubbs, who lives in East Griqualand, South Africa. Yaoni took a fatherly interest in his families by assisting with cleansing operations and putting them to bed. He would also wait patiently at feeding times until the kittens and their mother had taken their fill, before helping himself to the remains. Alas! Yaoni Potts dis-

appeared one day never to return and his ultimate fate remains unknown. He was sadly missed but Tiki-Tiki now has a new Siamese husband to mind the children.

James H. Steele,  
Chislehurst, Kent.

### KITTENS AT SHOWS

Could you please get these questions answered in your next issue? (1) Is there ever a class for kittens two months old and is it wise to show at this stage? (2) Is there any way of checking the age of a "kitten" shown in a class for kittens when it is obviously a cat nine months old and over? And is there any punishment for this offence? I am an exhibitor and very interested in these items of show procedure.

Mrs. Gladys M. Coulson,  
Barton-le-Street, Malton.

(1) Kittens two calendar months old can be shown in a litter class. Few experienced breeders exhibit kittens in litter classes. They are not more susceptible to illness especially if still being nursed by the mother, but if they do contract illness their chance of recovery is considerably less when they are under three months. (2) When kittens are exhibited their sire's name is published in the catalogue of the show, also date of birth. If owners had reason to suppose that kittens exhibited were not the result of their recorded matings, Governing Council Rule 22 could be invoked. This states: "An objection to a cat may be made by any person. The objection must be in writing and delivered to the Show Secretary. If the objection is made by persons other than the Show Committee or the Council, the sum of 10s. must be deposited at the same time, which shall be returned unless the objection be deemed frivolous, in which case it shall be forfeited."

The matter would then be dealt with by the Governing Council of the

**Cat Fancy.** It may be desirable to point out that with Blue Longhairs there is an enormous difference in their weight at any given age. Some successful breeders may have kittens weighing 7 or 8 lbs. at six months, other perfectly healthy kittens may weigh 5 or 6 lbs. at the same age. Some check in growth such as digestive trouble or diarrhoea through unsuitable diet at weaning time or soon after could account for the difference in weight and appearance. A sure sign of perfect health from birth in a Blue is a coat level in shade to the roots. A pale line running through similar to the pearling in a Chinchilla rabbit indicates that at some time the kitten has had a slight rise in temperature which interfered with the pigment. Gradually this pale line becomes diffused and moults out. Mrs. Joan Thompson, one of our most experienced all-breed judges, says that she has never handled a kitten which she had reason to believe was not the age stated in the show catalogue or records.—Editor.

### VISITING QUEENS

At this time of the year many queens are visiting studs for the first time and all too frequently owners are disappointed that the queens turn. It should be remembered that queens when calling are under a big stress and the mere fact of being boxed during a journey to strange surroundings and strange people is enough to put any queen off.

More often than not the owner has not made any fixed arrangements and many useless calls, wires, etc., fly about and by the time the queen has to be sent the owner is so confused that the cat is despatched without proper preliminaries. Here are a few tips which will make for the comfort of your queen and all concerned:

DO NOT arrive without notice at 8.30 a.m. or 10.30 p.m. on the doorstep and expect the stud owner to

greet you with open arms, especially if your queen is loose or packed sardine fashion in a ferret box. See that the queen is delivered in a comfortable and moderately sized box or basket—not some filthy contraption done up with string, the family wash basket or a 40 lb. crate that you can hardly get to the stud house. It has happened!

Find out before your queen calls if the stud owner has a stud available and will accept your queen, with conditions and fee. Provide yourself with a good wooden box 18ins. x 12ins. x 14ins. high with decent catches. A piece of wire twisted round a catch will prevent prying eyes from removing the lid if sent by rail. Baskets are all right for road travel. Never bore holes near the bottom of the wooden box as these cause draughts—air space should be made at the top just under the lid. Two clean blankets should be included.

As soon as the queen calls either telephone or wire the stud owner to ascertain if the queen can be accepted and, if so, give time of arrival. There's plenty of time if you wire at once, as more often than not the fourth day of call is the most successful. Send your money at once if not previously paid as no stud owner is liable to introduce a queen until the fee is paid. On service you will receive a copy of the stud's pedigree. Above all, do not forget to give the queen's pet name by which she is known at home. It does so help if the name is given as pronounced. Remove any collar before sending your queen; this is important as a safety measure. Finally, acknowledge the return of the queen after service at once—not a week afterwards. The stud owner will be pleased and relieved to know that the lady has returned home safely.

Stud Owner  
(Name and address supplied).

# *My American Journey*

We present a further series of extracts from the diary of her extensive American tour which MRS. KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS kindly placed at our disposal. The first instalment appeared in our January issue.

6TH NOVEMBER.—Mr. Stackhouse and I called on the vet. American vets. are doctors, by the way. We discussed the problems of the animal world. It interested me to find that the Americans have more drugs in use than we have. The countryside here is lovely, though more flat compared with the States through which I have already passed. We struck the longest, straightest road I have yet travelled, bordered by scrub pine and large fir trees. Now and again could be seen the cranberry bogs. The fruit is cultivated and quite an industry here. Later in the day I visited Smithville, a village built in 1800 by Hezekiah Smith. The local soil was found to yield a mineral from which steel was produced, but later, with the development of Pennsylvania, the village became a ghost place.

7TH NOVEMBER.—To Burlington, the county town. The Court House at Mount Holly, built in 1796, has some modern interior fittings, but the old beauty remains. To-day is polling day so I went along to the polling station. An official explained the whole procedure, which differs slightly from ours. The ballot paper with a perforated top with a number thereon, is signed—the signed portion placed in the sealed box—the number is detached and placed on a huge spike. The signed slips in the box and the number outside have to tally.

8TH NOVEMBER.—Have made a determined effort to catch up on arrears of post. Mr. and Mrs. Stack-

house's daughter, Lucy Jane, and I went off to investigate Mount Holly. This stands towering above the house. Halfway up the wide but rough path there is a shrine and here a service is held at sunrise every Easter morning. Friends run over in the evening—a mere 100 miles! Am now used to this total disregard for distance. Motored to the Friends' School, Moortown, where I had promised to give a talk, after which the children asked me questions. It was an interesting and exciting afternoon and I was grateful to the staff for the opportunity of getting so close to American children.

10TH NOVEMBER.—To Philadelphia, the capital of Pennsylvania. The statue of founder William Penn adorns the very pinnacle of the State Hall. The stores are packed with everything. At Blum's there is a huge bronze eagle just inside the building. "Meet you at the Eagle" leaves no one in doubt as to the trysting place.

11TH NOVEMBER.—We set off after lunch for the ocean by a long, flat road passing Fort Dix, Army reservation of many acres. At Lakehurst, saw the huge hangar that had housed the ill-fated airship. At Brielle paid my promised visit to Mrs. Ott and we carried on where we had left off in our conversation at the Newark Show. Mrs. Ott had most of Mme. D'Ollone's cats and had met Phyl Wade, so together we had a deep interest in common. Her cattery is perfectly arranged with sunlamps fitted in each, and all the ribbons and rosettes of the prize winners displayed to great advantage. On to Spring Lake and

the Deauville Inn, where Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were our hosts. It was a perfect setting overlooking the Atlantic, good food and good company made the time pass quickly and happily.

12TH NOVEMBER.—By car to New York, where Miss Hydon met me. Two English women meet in the great city! Yes, you are quite right, we had tea and toast while we talked. Off to Radio City, where the entertainment is continuous. Returning from New York to Bogota, the lights on both sides of the Hudson River were like an illustration to an enchanted fairy story. Miss Hydon's "Lavender" prefix is well known. Her cats are beautiful. My favourite was Copper (regret I cannot recall her full name); her eyes were beautiful. I met Lavender Liberty Beau, who is a Grand Champion, and all the others, including the Sheltie dogs. Dogs were my first love and I hope Miss Hydon enjoyed our discussion as much as I did.

14TH NOVEMBER.—After breakfast I set off for New York and spent the afternoon with Mrs. Rollings, with whom I had corresponded re Red Point Siamese. Unfortunately, she had lost the litter, but we went into details of the English and American representatives of this new colour. I think we are able to produce as good, if not better, for we have started with Shorthairs, whereas theirs are founded on L.H. x S.H. The following day I accepted the kind invitation of Mrs. Ralph Wilkinson, President of the Atlantic Cat Club, to attend the Club's monthly meeting. Was delighted to meet Miss Elsie Collins, the Club's Secretary and Treasurer, Miss D. Hobbs, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Alloy and others. This was a very lively and enjoyable time, cut short by the fact that I had to catch the afternoon train for Boston. Met at Braintree by Mr. and Mrs. Sven Nelson, my hosts.

15TH NOVEMBER.—After lunch we set out for the television studios at Boston and on arrival talked over some ideas with Chick Morris, who runs the Hobby Hob-Nob programme on which we are to appear. Ran through a rehearsal for placing—one cannot rehearse cats! All went well. Ch. H.R.H. of Ebon Mask and Ch. Doneraile Drusilla were perfectly mannered. The kittens televised were H.R.H.'s six weeks old kits.

19TH NOVEMBER.—Mrs. La Fayette collected us and we motored to Lexington. I met Double Ch. Rosegates Pasty Ann (Blue Cream). The cattery is beautifully designed with automatic heating which allows the windows to be open. A trap door allows freedom to the outside runs. For indoors the cellar has been converted. Unfortunately, Mrs. La Fayette finds she must give up breeding, but her interest in cats is the same as ever.

23RD NOVEMBER. — Thanksgiving Day, *the* day of the year to all Americans. I felt the growing excitement everywhere. This was a family gathering at which I was one of the Nelson family.

24TH NOVEMBER.—To Boston to lunch with Mr. Paul, of Labco Products. I was given an interesting history of the firm and its products, which are widely used by cat lovers all over the States. Next day Mrs. Gordon called. Her kitten, Dark Eyes of Ebon Mask, was a winner at the Newark Show. A storm is coming up and the wind is fearful.

27TH NOVEMBER.—An early start was made for Norfolk, via Scarsdale, New York, Burlington and Williamsburg. The storm has swept trees across roads and roofs and hoardings have been swept away like paper. But we are following it, not heading into it. It was splendid meeting Mrs. Pinney again at Scarsdale.

28TH NOVEMBER.—The car was covered with snow. After an adven-

turous journey we eventually reach Baltimore, in Maryland. Then on to Washington, the seat of Government. We indulged in an orgy of sightseeing, including, of course, the Lincoln Memorial, Capital Building, Washington Memorial, the Mellor Art Museum, etc. A pleasant day, but tiring.

29TH NOVEMBER.—Toured the main Government Building. Leaving Washington over the long bridge, the drive along the shore of the Potomac River to Mount Vernon was really beautiful. This is the exact route said to have been taken by Washington when riding to the capital. The President and his wife are buried in the lovely grounds of the mansion and here thousands pay their homage each year. The Ladies of Mount Vernon keep the house and grounds in good order. Having an interest in such historic places as this, I feel I could write pages, but the Editor, I fear, will already have made heavy cuts in my diary. At the end of the day we crossed in the ferry to Norfolk.

30TH NOVEMBER. — Arrangements have been made for me to go on the air, introduced by Mrs. Alice White, who does "A Girl about Town" series. We all make easy work of a 15-minute talk. Arriving later at the Show Hall, I was welcomed by the President, Mrs. M. N. Lawrence, and Mrs. Day, who took me to my own particular judging table. The exhibits are brought to the pens, the number being changed with the exhibit so that the whole class is in front of one. This is an excellent idea. The Show was well set up and penned, the hall was light and a family atmosphere prevailed. After a break for lunch the judging continued into the evening. The show went "on the air" during the morning, Mrs. Lawrence, the club's President, introduced the judges, Mrs. Mabie, Mrs. Lester O'Neill and myself, to the "mike," and asked us to say

a few words. The judges' dinner brought the day to a perfect close.

30TH NOVEMBER.—The Solid Colour had yet to be judged. Talked with many members and visitors and later had an interesting local tour of beauty spots with Comd. Runyan as guide. Later, winning cats were rushed to the television studios.

5TH DECEMBER.—Am back again in Braintree. Called on Mr. and Mrs. Blayer, whose cats—two Blue Pointed Siamese—are delightful. Belhaven Hyacinth, from England, should do well; good head and eye colour, fine head and good colour coat, not, of course, glacial white. The male American bred is rather heavier, but nice.

6TH DECEMBER.—The Boston Cat Club invited me to their luncheon and A.G.M. Mrs. V. Cobb met me on arrival and introduced me to those members I did not know. This was a festive lunch; my table card welcomed me and hoped I found American cats up to standard. Mrs. R. I. Mabie, the Club's President, wished me Godspeed and another memory is stored to cheer me later. I do hope some of these friendly folk will come to England.

11TH DECEMBER.—To Boston. Miss Hydon met me and we went straight to Grand Central Palace where the Exposition of All Pets was to be opened the following day. Next morning a friend picked us up with the cats—Beau and two Silver Tabby Shorthairs. After settling the cats in their pens we toured the Exhibition. Fish, mice, goats, dogs, etc., it was splendid. I must tell you of the Silver Tabbies, so alike they are named Lavender Pete and Lavender Repete. I later made for the McAlpine and the Atlantic Cat Club Show. Here I met many friends again and was soon submerged in cat talk with Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Nack,

Mrs. Coons and Mrs. Alloy. Here I met again Miss Billie Bancroft, whose exhibits have a card which says: "I'm Billie Bancroft's cat. Who are you?" The following day we spent at the Show and I met Miss Mabel Turner, Mrs. Bayers, Mrs. Rollings, Mrs. Mellor and other well-known figures of the cat world.

15TH DECEMBER.—My last few days have been spent in touring and shopping, with Mrs. Albicity as guide and companion. With the arrival of the taxi I am on my way home. As I sit talking with Miss Hydon, who has so generously given me the run of her home, I feel I am leaving an old friend. Miss Langtry was aboard and we sit in my cabin. I feel rather sad. I am leaving friends behind. Thank you each and every one for making my stay memorable.

**NEXT MONTH!**

An illustrated article by Miss  
**KATHLEEN YORK—**

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**STOLE MILK FOR HER  
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**Ex-Chorus Girl Says She Took  
25 Pints**

A 50-year-old former chorus girl wept in the dock at West London when the magistrate (Mr. Walter Frampton) told her she would have to get rid of her five cats if she could not afford to feed them.

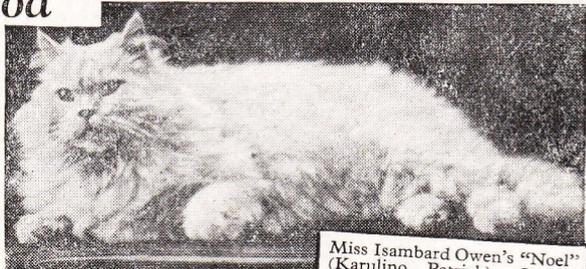
The woman, Mrs. Norah Roach, of Fulham, was put on probation after she had pleaded guilty to stealing three pints of milk from outside a Fulham dairy.

Estimating that during the past few weeks she had stolen 25 pints of milk, Mrs. Roach said she was hard up and thought it would be food for her.

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## More Questions and Answers

# Litter Losses

By ALBERT C. JUDE

Our popular contributor on the fascinating subject of animal genetics sustains the growing interest in the scientific aspects of cat breeding with this fifth 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.

**S**OME readers have asked for information concerning the dying off of kittens two or three days after birth, also about queens which have quite small litters, or produce no kittens at all. In most cases the queens have been reported as apparently in good health, and the owners ask for causes of the faults and whether these are likely to persist with future matings.

These matters are being dealt with as one question, for it seems likely that here we have results from a similar cause. There is an association between sterility and the high probability that the few young born will die of starvation within a couple of days of birth. In this instance, we take sterility as meaning failure to form embryos.

Some time ago I carried out a long series of experiments with mice, by inbreeding stock which was showing early stages of sterility, and in most stages the results ran parallel with those reported as being manifest in cats. It was clear that there is indeed connection between small size of litter and starvation of litter, but it is associated also with the death of embryos late in gestation. It will be

a queen who has a dead embryo or embryos and consequently a placenta still in position instead of being torn away, who fails to have a good milk supply. Furthermore, it occurs only when death is fairly late in pregnancy—say after the first half.

In a mating of certain mice we experience the death of one quarter of the embryos—the homozygotes—but the female suckles quite well. Similarly, in another series of lethals, the homozygotes die by about the 9th or 10th day, and the females suckle fairly well. On the other hand, some experimentally induced embryonic deaths which occur at between 10 and 14 days of gestation lead to very poor suckling by the female.

It would therefore seem that a stock which has small litters by reason of an intrinsically low fertility (i.e., a low number of eggs released by the ovary) may suckle perfectly well; but a stock in which a proportion of the embryos dies late in gestation—whether for genetic or other reasons—may be poor in milk supply. That, then, would answer the first two cases in question, and probably the third case is a further stage of infertility.

We now come to the point where we have to decide what to do about it, for in these first two cases the trouble may get worse. In the proper functioning of the reproduction organs, one part is affected by another. For instance, we have seen that milk supply is governed or may be governed by the degree of fertility. And similarly, all the parts governing reproduction can be affected by what are known as the pituitary glands. If there is a weakness in these glands, and in the cases quoted it seems more than likely, an injection of pituitrin a few hours before mating may possibly have the desired effect.

### Dwarf Animals

I know, of course, that owners may for certain particular reasons be very anxious for these difficult queens to have kittens, and it is quite alright to tonic up in this way, but I only hope that for the good of the Fancy, and for the well-being of the queens concerned, that the method I have suggested will not be used in extreme cases. Medicines are sold for toning up the reproduction organs of animals, but these should not be administered except under proper advice. Many of the weaknesses of reproduction are hereditary and to pass on "forced" kittens is one way to create the kind of bad-breeding stock which was experienced in one or two breeds a few years back.

As a continuation of the foregoing, the following remarks on dwarf animals may be of interest. Dwarfs occur in a number of different kinds of animals. They should not be confused with just the ordinary "smallest of the litter," as say, in cats. They are very definitely quite tiny animals that sometimes appear. In cats, these are usually about half normal size at about 6 to 8 weeks old. As adults, both male and female are usually sterile. The state is often

referred to as "pituitary dwarfism." Generally, the structure of the thyroid, thymus, adrenals, and gonads can be described as infantile.

Experiments have been carried out on dwarf mice, by daily implantations of fresh rat pituitaries under the skin of the dwarfs. Those treated have reached practically normal size, became vigorous, and externally indistinguishable from normals. Males became fertile, and in females, a somewhat irregular oestrous cycle developed, but no young, so far, have been produced by these treated female dwarfs. Dwarf females have, however, been differently treated, and have produced young. A dwarf which received daily implants of two dwarf pituitaries showed no response in its growth curve, while a dwarf which received one normal pituitary at the same times, responded promptly!

### Erring Queens

**My pedigree Blue queen has mated with a stray Tabby male. I am told she is now useless for further Blue breeding. Is this right?**

This evergreen question crops up with amazing regularity and it is difficult to understand how such a belief can arise. No, most certainly such a mating has no influence on future litters. A complete cycle is started at mating, and completely ends at the birth of the kittens. The Blue queen having given birth to her mongrel litter, will, if next mated to a Blue male, have all Blue kittens.

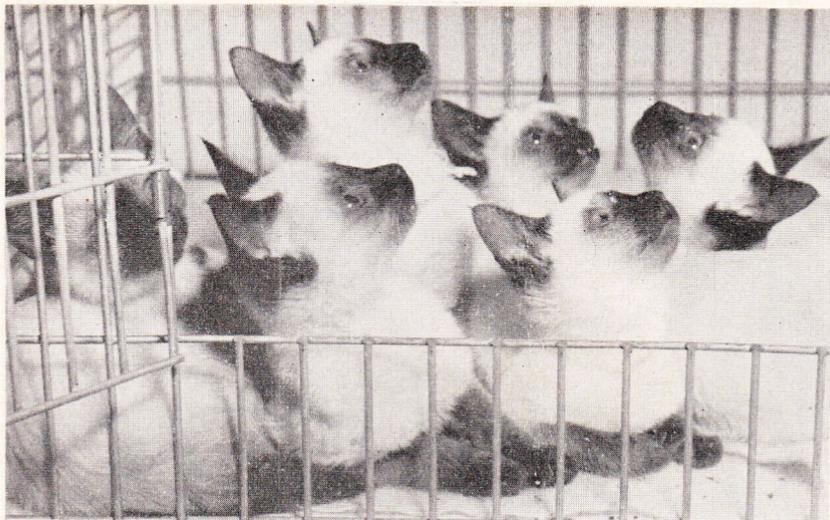
In giving answer to this question it will perhaps be as well to stress that although future litters are unaffected by stray matings, the queen should be taken to a vet. for examination, and possibly he may decide on an injection against possible infection.



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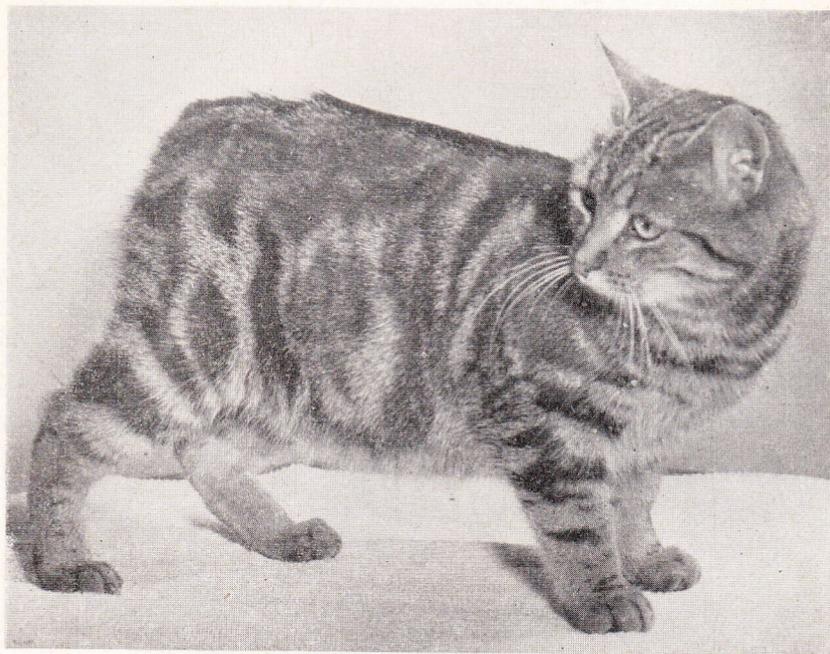
#### PATIENCE IS REWARDED

It took four hours to get this picture of a remarkable Siamese family. Appearing with their owner-breeder, Mr. J. F. Whiting, of Maisemore, Gloucestershire, is (left) MAIZ-MOR-MARQUEESA, (centre) MAIZ-MOR-MARQUIS and (right) MAIZ-MOR-MAISHA, a young kit who insisted on getting into the picture although he wasn't booked to appear. Marqueesa and Marquis are 5 months old in this picture. Marquis is the outstanding Siamese of the season just ended and the story of his remarkable series of show successes is told by Mrs. Joan Thompson in her "Just Fancy" feature. Maisha, the young kit, is now owned by Mrs. Lucille Moore, wife of Mr. John Moore, the Tewkesbury author.

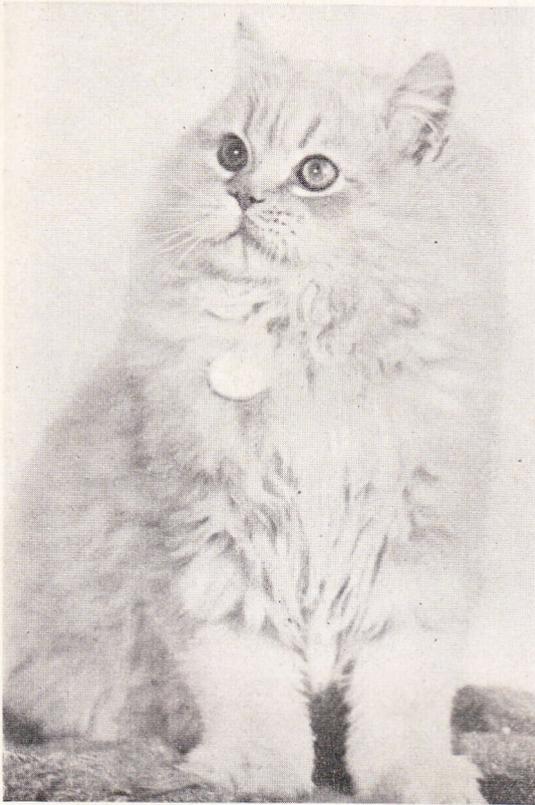


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These alert six were Best Siamese Litter at the Crystal Cat Show and the Siamese Cat Club Show last year. By Saiwheel Simkin ex Proud Philomela, their breeder is Mrs. Denys Highton, of Benenden, Kent.

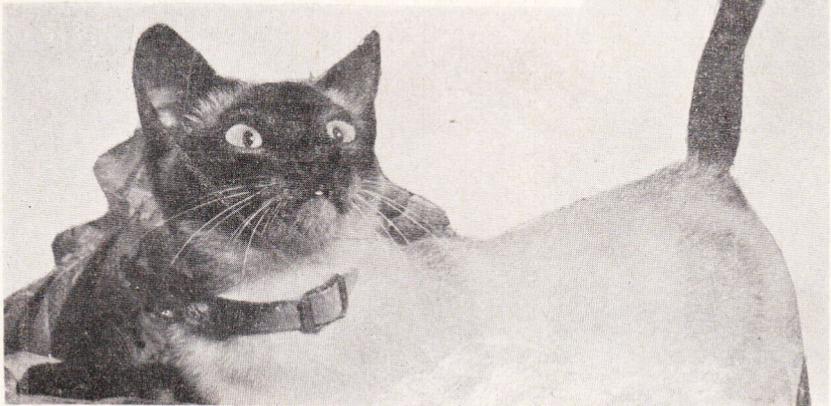


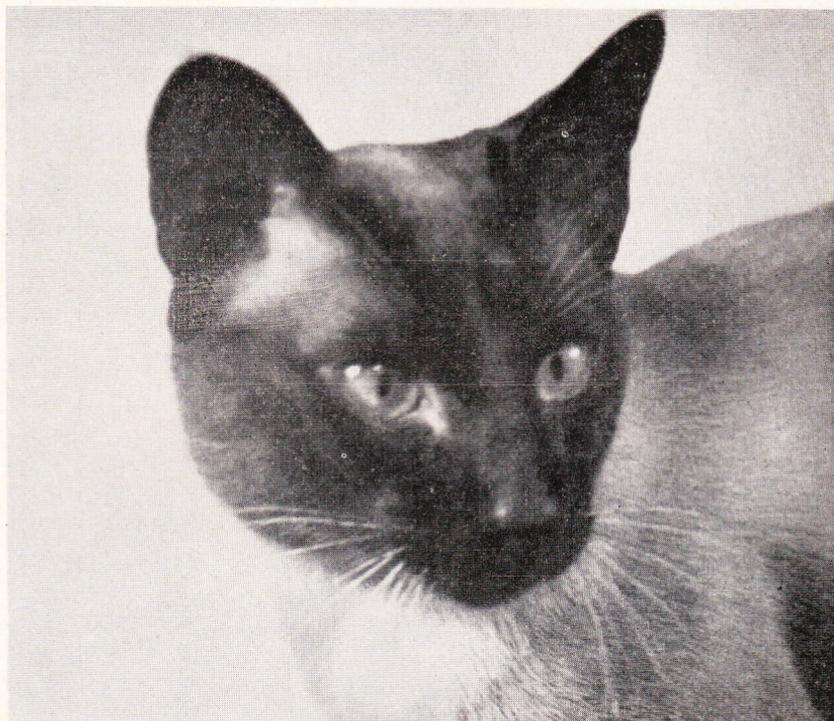
Here is a nice typey Brown Tabby Manx. His name is Champion JURBY OF ELLAN VANNIN and he was purchased in the Isle of Man last September by Mrs. Betty Youngman, Manx specialist, of Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, who took him back to America and promptly groomed him for a successful show debut. Jurby won his Championship in two shows and at the Long Island Show last November he was awarded Best Foreign Shorthair in competition with 30 other cats, 26 of them Siamese.



REDWALLS HUNTLEY, a male Cream kitten bred by Mrs. E. M. Hacking, of Liphook, Hants. This photograph was taken at the Crystal Cat Show last year when Huntley was placed second in a very large class. Previously he had won five Firsts at Sandy Show. His litter brother, Palmer, was sent by air to Brazil.

This Siamese fellow really has something to wave about! He is HILLCROSS TOPAZ (by Hillcross Picot ex Hillcross Amanda), bred by Mrs. E. Towe, of Morden, Surrey. Topaz was First and Champion at the January Show of the Southern Counties Cat Club.





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Here is a study to delight Siamese lovers. This lovely young male is the well-known show winner, Mr. Richard O. Warner's CLONLOST YO-YO, born February, 1949. Bred by Mrs. Burgess, Yo-Yo has collected 24 First Prizes against the strongest opposition and has twice been Best Exhibit in Show. You can read more about him and his owner's career as a fancier if you turn over a few more pages to our "Just Fancy" feature.

## Care & Management by **P. M. SODERBERG**

Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club  
and author of "Cat Breeding and  
General Management"

# *Please Don't!*

**M**Y article this month is starting off on a definitely personal note, but it will not continue so to the end, for the points I wish to make have a much wider application than mere personal experience.

Every day I receive letters on cats and in the course of a year the total is indeed formidable. Of this number far more than half come from people who are comparative novices as far as cats are concerned. Thus many of the small things that go wrong are not the result of negligence but the outcome of pure ignorance which time alone can correct.

### **Infectious Enteritis**

No one will deny that infectious enteritis is the scourge of the feline world with a mortality rate sometimes approaching 80%. It is a disease which scares me as far as my own cats are concerned because I know that if I get it among my pets I am going to be very upset when the worst is over.

Three times during the last year cat owners have written to me to tell me that their cats are dying right and left from this terrible disease and asking me if I can help them with advice.

There is nothing at all that I can do to help although I feel every sympathy for breeders in this trouble. I am not a vet., and even if I were I should not be able to hold out much hope although I should be prepared to try everything. I know from my contact with vets who are my friends that cures are effected although the vet. himself cannot always say why except that he has prevented the secondary complications.

But here is my point. I regard letters which come from homes in which enteritis is present as being a definite menace to my cats. Of course, I read them before I know how dangerous they may be, and then, having memorised the name and address of the sender, I burn them. I believe that it is possible to pass this disease on by way of letter, and I have heard of cases where the only possible source of infection seemed to be the receipt of a letter sent from an infected cattery.

I can give no proof, but I do suggest safety first as the only possible attitude to adopt. If it is ever your misfortune to have infectious enteritis among your cats, do not write to other cat owners, certainly do not visit

them and allow no strange cat to come to your premises if you can possibly avoid it. No one acts carelessly with intention, but one cannot be too careful, although here I must end on a humorous note. One cat breeder who had infectious enteritis among her animals would not even 'phone to her friends who were also cat owners! That was indeed an excess of caution.

### **Cat 'Flu**

This disease, which is much more common than infectious enteritis, is fortunately far less serious in its mortality rate, and I personally regard it with much less alarm. I would, however, suggest that similar precautions be taken when having contact of any kind with other cat owners. I receive many letters about cat 'flu in the course of a year, and so far I have had no unfortunate consequences as a result, but I can assure you that I am always more than careful with such letters. Some years back I had all my cats ill with 'flu and was fortunate that only one died, but it is not a pleasant disease either for the cat or the owner.

### **New Stock**

Some people who lose cats from either of these diseases often ask when they can safely introduce new stock; others merely say that they are replacing a cat which has died. To be absolutely safe no new stock should be introduced after infectious enteritis for

a period of six months, and in the case of cat 'flu the time should be three months. Are these periods too long? Perhaps they are, but they do mean almost certain safety and it is better to err on the side of over caution.

### **Skin Trouble**

Can you recognise the various skin diseases to which the cat is subject? You need not bother to answer the question, which is merely rhetorical, because there is no one, not even the most knowledgeable of vets, who can diagnose all skin diseases on sight.

There are a number of skin troubles which have no significance from the point of view of infecting other stock, but there is certainly one which can cause a lot of trouble. That one is ringworm. If your cat has any form of skin infection, you are running an unwarranted risk if you allow this animal to come in contact with others until the trouble has been definitely diagnosed. Never send a queen to stud if she has an unhealthy skin unless you have been assured by an authority on the subject that there is no risk of the trouble being transmitted to other cats. Similarly, if you have a stud, do not accept any queen unless you know that all your cats are free from ringworm. The fact that the stud himself appears quite fit is little to do with it. The same remarks apply with equal force to the sending of cats to shows. No

one sends a cat to a show knowing that it is a danger to other exhibits, but some exhibitors are careless in taking chances because in their inexperience they are not fully aware of the dangers involved. It is a moral duty to protect the animals of other people when this can be done by taking due care.

### Clinics and Surgeries

Recently I had occasion to attend an animal clinic because I wanted to see the vet. who is a friend of mine. On my way in I passed through the waiting room in which there were a number of cats and dogs. This dog was sniffing at that dog, while another dog was making friendly

advances to a cat which was far from well. What these various animals had wrong with them I just don't know, but I should have been very surprised if one of the dogs was not down with distemper and one cat certainly showed all the outward symptoms of 'flu.

As I've said, the vet. is a friend of mine, so I expressed my views to him. This is what he said and I pass it on. "If a cat or a dog has a temperature, I prefer the owner to get in touch with me before he brings the animal to my clinic or surgery." After all, its only plain common sense isn't it?

So I finish as I started—Please don't.

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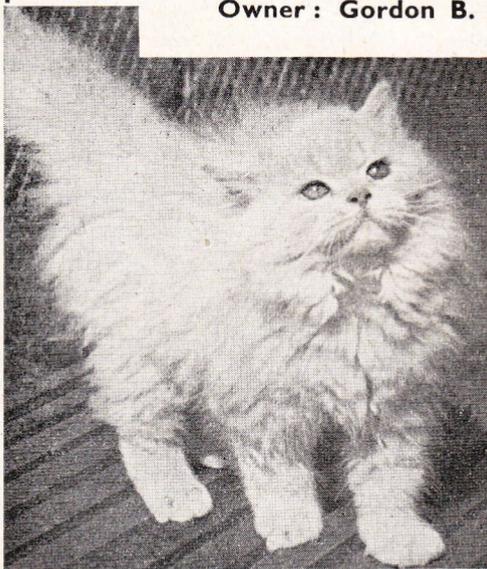
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Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

**R**EGULARLY 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.

**6th February.** Gracing our front cover this month is Mrs. Chapman's exceptionally lovely Tortie-and-white Hendon Snow Maiden. She has had a distinguished career and the unusual honour of winning a Challenge Certificate when only eleven months old. Altogether, she has been awarded 23 Firsts, many of them in large side classes competing with all varieties of Longhairs. Snowey (her pet name) is a real charmer, with an adorable disposition and colouring beautifully distributed. She even has a patch on her tummy and a speck of black on her nose tip.

**9th February.** Received a delightful gesture from Miss Cutter, of New York. A lovely card depicting orchids with crystal dewdrops and a friendly message; a letter reminding me of her pleasure at her pet cat, Mitten Paw, being awarded first by myself at the Atlantic Cat Club Ch. Show in New York in January, 1950. Also enclosed was a dollar bill to be sent to any society devoted to cat welfare. Thank you, Miss Cutter! My choice was the famous cat Mortimer, owned by Miss Rudd, who

has done such splendid work for the Cats' Protection League.

Expressing her thanks, Miss Rudd writes: "What a charming letter from Miss Cutter, of U.S.A. Americans are the most friendly and delightful folk, and what cat lovers! Mortimer's cat-loving friends actually contributed £164 in 1950, and altogether over £200 with the proceeds of his coloured photographic slides, sales from his stall (many items are gifts) and his own collection. The proceeds from the parties at Holland Park and at Slough went direct to the C.P.L. and we gave three showings Mortimer and his friends, having to repeat the first as we sold out and couldn't get enough people in. I enclose one of my favourite pictures of him and should be delighted to see it in OUR CATS. Do go ahead; it will be so nice to see it illustrating your always most interesting diary.

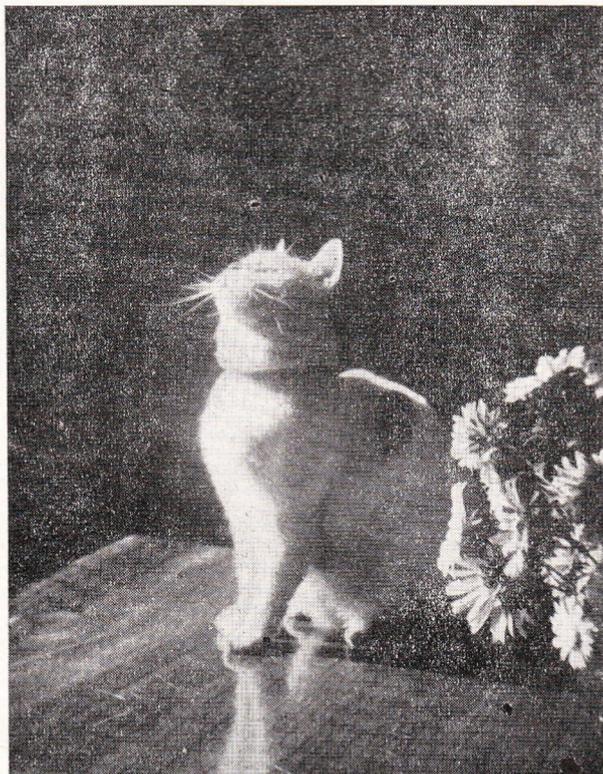
"The 'Kensington News' sent a reporter to interview him and a charming article appeared speaking of his work. Three years ago he was a starving stray, and after four days' feeding, although he was terrified of every human and ran away from them, he eventually let me touch him and to my astonishment put his filthy little paws round my neck, nestling his equally filthy little head under my chin, purring his heart out in gratitude and trust.

"In the Annual Report of the Cats' Protection League he is called 'The C.P.L. Ambassador in London, who pleads for those less fortunate than

himself, going now where they cannot.' He is a full member (subscription paid, like my own) of the London Musical Club and the Siamese Cat Club, as I always think 'he is all Siamese inside!' I have had to have a new nameplate on my door—Rudd and Mortimer—as he has such a fan mail and the postman annoyed people in the other flats trying to find where

hoping Miss Kit Wilson will say a few words about the work of the C.P.L. as I am getting some new people here and want them to realise the magnificent work done by the League."

Miss Rudd does not mention her own devoted work for this good cause although it absorbs every minute of what otherwise might be her leisure, nor does she suggest how



**MORTIMER, "the C.P.L. Ambassador in London."**

'Mr. Mortimer' lived. I am showing some new slides on 14th March here at his home. New slides of Mortimer and Friends and also some of lovely American scenery in Wyoming, Montana and California, the home of his American girl friend, Dinah. Mortimer replied by sending some lovely ones of Kew Gardens in spring. I am showing these also. I am

acceptable a gift or donation would be to the C.P.L.; but if any reader wishes to send I know it will be deeply appreciated by the Hon. Social Organisers, Mrs. Francis Clifford and Miss Adele Rudd, 21 Holland Park, London, W.11.

**12th February.** Miss Chafer has moved from Doncaster to Scar-

borough and writes to say how pleased she was to meet a number of well-known fanciers at the Yorkshire County Cat Club Show on 10th February, organised by Mrs. Carbert. She has been unable to get to the London shows this season and has missed them very much. Over 100 exhibits for a first show was excellent. Mrs. Snowden's Blue male Idmiston Afterglow was Best Exhibit and Mrs. Taylor's Blue My Love of Kenton (by Mrs. Brice Webb's Oxleys Smasher) Best Kitten. Eighteen entries in the household pet class was excellent and in Miss Fitzwilliam's show report one reads: "Every one in tip-top condition and so good-tempered." There was also a class for shop, office, café, warehouse and farm cats with twelve entries, and classes for pedigree neuters and veterans, so pets evidently came into their own at this show. Eighty-six special prizes were awarded. Mrs. Towe, Miss Bull and Miss Fitzwilliam officiated as judges.

**21st February.** The A.G.M. of the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Cat Club was held at the Kenilworth Hotel, W.C.1. This was a new venue to me and a very pleasant place to hold a meeting, warm and comfortable. The President, Miss Kit Wilson, had a very satisfactory report to present. The show last September showed a balance on the right side and membership has increased to nearly 200. This is good news as they have got over the difficulty of all new clubs, i.e., such small membership that income is negligible. It was decided to request the Governing Council to allow a third delegate and Mrs. Aitken was provisionally elected, subject to confirmation. The present delegates, Mrs. Price (Chairman) and Mrs. V. Parker (Hon. Secretary and Show Manager) were unanimously re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the latter for the successful promotion of the show,

the third held by the Club. I will publish a list of judges later when Mrs. Parker has had the acceptances.

**22nd February.** Mr. Richard Warner, owner of Champion Clonlost Yo Yo, kindly sent me the following in response to my request for news of his advent into the cat world:—

"My Life and Siamese. First interested in them when, after a first night in the theatre in 1938, wife and I met our first Siamese at an after-theatre party. A queen—very pregnant—she fell for my wife, honoured her by sitting on her lap, though normally very shy. Produced litter that evening—the queen, not my wife, of course! We had one—neutered, a pet in our flat in Dolphin Square. Then we must needs have another to keep it company, which we bought from Mrs. D. Hindley. A good start, though we didn't know then how distinguished. Both boys were neutered and called Howdie and Johnnie. One broke its leg and recovered after hobbling on three legs (fourth in plaster) for three weeks. Both died of enteritis in 1940. Much mourned, and on my return from Middle East in 1945, wife had a surprise coming home present of a boy and girl kitten. Still very ignorant of good points beyond blue eyes; boy, in fact, had three bad kinks in his tail. Little did we know the trouble of keeping an un-neutered male in the home. Away all day, but faithfully home each evening to feed him. Greeted wife each morning by sprinkling her stockings as she prepared breakfast. Too much for anyone to bear, she evolved a nappy tied round his tummy and over his tail. This worked—believe it or not—and amusement among visitors was unbridled. They had a family, but at six weeks one kitten had to visit vet., returned, and three days later developed enteritis; this spread like wildfire through entire litter, then mother and finally father. All ex-

pired, amid weeping and gnashing of teeth and cries of 'Never again!'

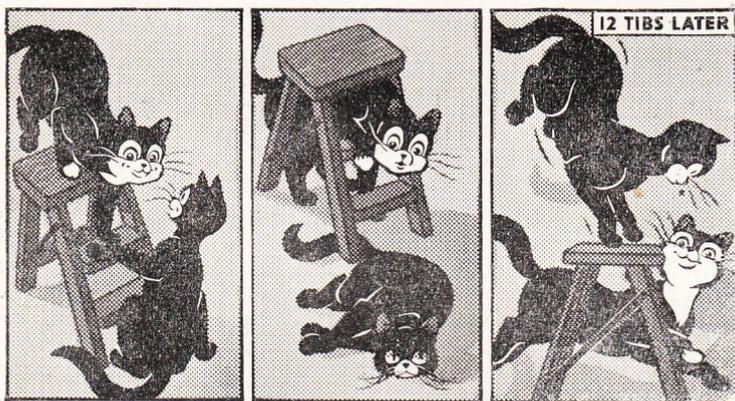
"But again we fell. A year later we bought a queen kitten and she was mated to Sam Slick. She produced a fine litter and we were learning now. Kept her best female, the first 'Spotlight' kitten—our registered prefix. Mother of Spotlight Pride (whom Mrs. Hart sent to New Zealand) and Spotlight Pankeeto, first prize kitten S.C.C.C. Ch. Show in January. Now we decided we *must* have another stud of our own and determined to buy none but the best, and we did!

"Visited Mrs. Burgess at Otford to see her new litter, and immediately at four weeks old picked out Clonlost Yo Yo, who was quite something apart even at that age. Enormous well-set ears, lovely head, eyes and

tail. Booked him and saw him again at six weeks—our first impression confirmed and something quite startling—the runt of the litter, of course, as so often happens. Brought him home at eight weeks, watched him grow and fulfil our first hopes.

"Showed him, at eight months, Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show, 1949, when he was Best Exhibit in Show. This was something we had not dreamed of. Too overjoyed for words. This season he has never been placed lower than second in his Open Class and has won the Percival Cup offered by S.C.C. for adult gaining most points during the season. At Nottingham Mrs. Joan Thompson placed him second, but I must admit she placed a good one over him—Ch. Morris Tudor.

Thank you, Mr. Warner. I



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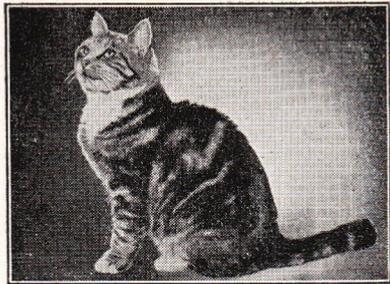
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chuckled over the conclusion. Of course, I admire this lovely cat very much and placed him first in a mixed Shorthair class with 19 entries at the S.C.C.C. Ch. Show and voted for him for Best Shorthair Exhibit. Sired by Doneraile Dekho ex Fox-burrow Runtu, he is only just two years, so here's wishing him a distinguished career at stud. His picture appears elsewhere in this issue.

**24th February.** News of the outstanding winning Siamese kitten of the season, Mr. Whiting's Maiz Mor Marquis, by Ch. Morris Tudor. He has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Matthewson, of Birmingham. As the Matthewsons are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, who live only a mile away, they will be taking a kindly interest and be ready to proffer advice if necessary. I can imagine Mr. Lamb with his rubber brush and chamois leather grooming him for stardom when the autumn comes! Marquessa, litter sister of Marquis, has been purchased by Miss Lant, of Loughborough, Leicester. They have been first in pairs six times and Marquis has won a remarkable total of prizes—48 Firsts, 40 Seconds and Thirds; recorded wins on 14 cups and trophies, including the Shakespeare Cup for the exhibitor whose kittens score the highest number of points in open classes during the show season. Marquessa was First, Open Kitten, at Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show and Best Female kitten Siamese C.C. Ch. Show, and she has had many other wins, but has been baulked by her brother to second place several times. The latter has appeared on television, handled by Mrs. K. R. Williams, and I am told was very calm and well behaved. He has always been a docile kitten to handle at shows, like his sweet-tempered sire, and he did not disappoint "his public" on this occasion, when several of his fans were "looking in" especially to see him.



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**Mrs. M. M. Sewell of Aysgarth, Longstone Hill, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, writes—**

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Mr. Whiting tells me four hours were spent trying to get a good photograph of this famous pair, but they were like quicksilver, and the one published in this issue is the best of an interesting batch, but does not really reveal Marquis's perfections or the charm of his sister Marquessa.

**5th March.** From Mrs. Lis Langberg, breeder of so many beautiful Russians and Siamese in Copenhagen, comes news that her B.P. Siamese Dorja of Finlandia was awarded C.A.C. I.B. at Daraks Ch. Show on 9th, 10th and 11th February, and Mrs. Karin Olsson's Russian Blue Anita of Finlandia also won this high honour. Mrs. Haldis Rohlf, from Norway, was judging Shorthairs and Mrs. Kirstine Anderson, of Copenhagen, all Longhairs. Over 170 exhibits were presented and it was a very successful show. On 10th and 11th March Jyrak Racekatte Klub holds a show at Aarhus, the largest town in Denmark next to the Capital.

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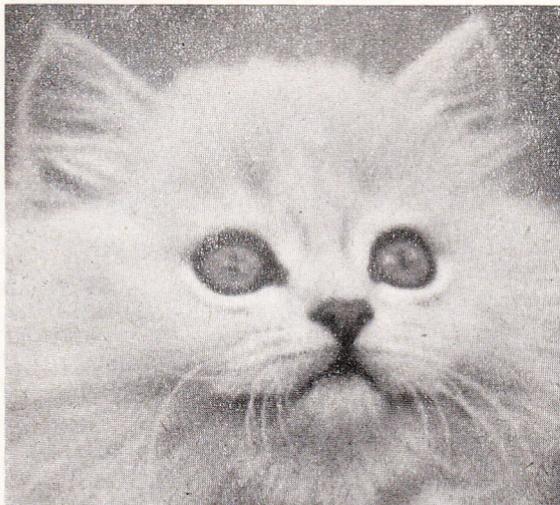
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MRS. MARIA ELIZABETH DICKIN, C.B.E., who devoted her whole life to the welfare of animals, has died at the age of 81. She started the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals in a Whitechapel cellar in 1917 with the help of one veterinary surgeon. Today the P.D.S.A. operates in many countries of the world and attends to more than a million patients a year. The Dickin Award—the Animals' V.C. which was given to Simon, ship's cat of the *Amethyst*—was named after this grand lady, whose passing will be deeply felt by animal lovers everywhere. Mrs. Dickin talked over the radio not so very long ago about her life's work.

A small black and white cat which had been injured was noticed by a passenger lying in a recess in the tunnel at Holloway Road Tube Station. The station foreman, Mr. Robert Fleming, held a train at the platform while he edged along the tunnel. The cat was lying between the running rail and the live current rail where a slip would have meant disaster. Mr. Fleming put a sack over the live rail and rescued the terrified animal, which had been so badly injured that it had to be put to sleep by Superintendent Harris, who arrived on the scene with the P.D.S.A. ambulance. It has been decided to award the White Cross of St. Giles to Mr. Fleming, who is the first person connected with the London Transport Executive to win this award, which is the highest honour

bestowed by the P.D.S.A. to those who risk their lives for animals.

The influential Atlantic Cat Club of New York is, I hear, planning a big exhibition to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year. It is probable that an English judge will be invited to take part in the proceedings.

I have been told an amusing story by a legal friend of mine. It concerns a legacy left some 15 years ago by a cat lover who willed that a sum of £100 per annum should be paid to her housekeeper for the care and maintenance of a pet cat during the remainder of its lifetime. The money has been regularly paid over the years and it was not until a few weeks ago that some horrible doubts began to assail the mind of the solicitor who was handling the estate. How old was the cat when its owner died? What sort of cat was it and was there any record to assist in identification? What proof was there that the original cat was still living and how could proof be established? How long did cats live and were cats registered in any way with distinguishing marks. So the doubts persisted. The housekeeper who has been receiving the yearly payments lives in a remote part of the country and the first move by the solicitors towards resolving the problem has been the calling in of a local veterinary surgeon.

Tom Clarke, famous Fleet Street editor and author, has revealed in an

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interview that his pets consist of Tiger the cat and George, a Dachshund puppy. Their solicitude for each other's welfare is something to be believed, he says, and Tiger has actually taught the dog to try to wash himself in cat fashion.

"In numberless council houses and flats" (writes the well-known canine authority, A. Croxton Smith, O.B.E., in the current issue of "The Tail-wagger Magazine") "the tenants are no longer masters in their own homes. That proud boast of the Englishman anent his 'castle' will soon disappear into the limbo of forgotten things unless we assert our rights before it is too late. Shall we leave it to our grand-children to fight for another Magna Carta or Bill of Rights? As my readers will know, there are council dwellings all over the country in which the residents are forbidden to keep pets of any kind, and so far has the process of regimentation gone that tenants are not allowed to decorate their rooms in accordance with their taste. . . . We cannot all have the opportunity of breeding and exhibiting, but millions derive comfort from the possession of pets, and I sincerely hope the Government, County Council and Local Authorities will reconsider re-

gulations that are causing serious dissatisfaction."

Owners of Russian Blue cats are invited to a meeting on March 31st to discuss the formation of a specialist club. Anyone interested is asked to write to Mrs. de Clifford, 21 Holland Park, London, W.11.

A Surrey correspondent in a Sunday newspaper writes: I am very deaf, but my cat's reactions always tell me when there is a knock at the door.

Minnie, the former sea cat of the liner Queen Elizabeth, has taken up her life as a regular landlubber at Southampton. She recently left the Hackbridge Kennels, Surrey, where for six months the cost of her quarantine had been defrayed by Our Dumb Friends' League. Minnie's new home will be with Mrs. Irving, whose husband is a retired Master-at-Arms of the liner Queen Elizabeth, in which Minnie made many voyages to America.

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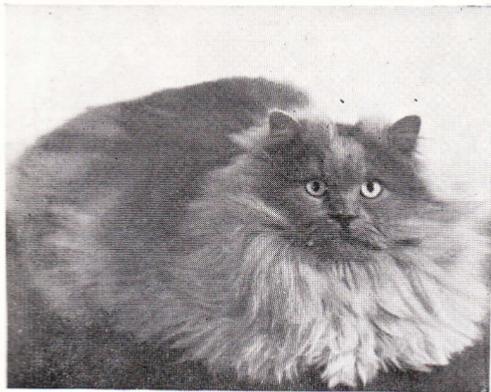
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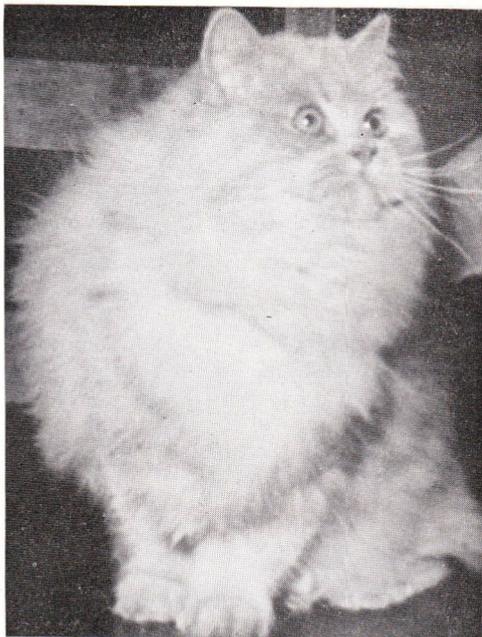
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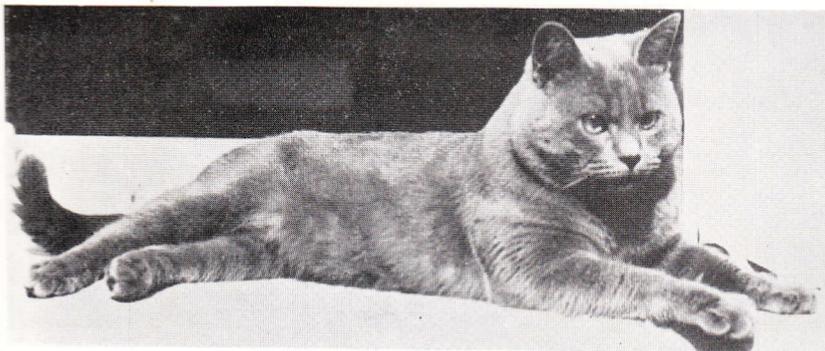


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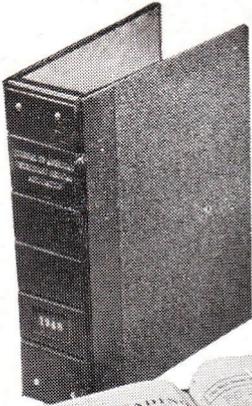


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