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Let's go to a Show

We urge our readers to attend as many Cat Shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show programme for the 1953-54 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers. The list will be revised from time to time as fresh information becomes available.

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Ripe Old Age—for Siamese

By BARBARA HEWLETT

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DURING the eight years I have bred Siamese I have had a great deal of help from more experienced breeders, and now I feel it is time I made a few suggestions that might be helpful to others about the problem of preserving Siamese kittens and cats to grow to a ripe old age.

Although many Siamese succumb before they are three years old, there are other reasons for death than disease which I feel should be included in the possible 75% of non-survivors. Many of these deaths are due to the extreme activeness, inquisitiveness and fondness for roaming which are characteristic of the breed. They are, for instance, being run over, killed by dogs or other cats, getting trapped, shot by gamekeepers and caught in works of refrigerators or other mechanical or electrical devices, or getting drowned in water butts. Another cause of death is being given worm powders intended for dogs.

Like Human Babies

Now, barring accidents, the best way to set about getting a long-lived Siamese is to choose a kitten that comes of strong, disease-resistant, long-lived stock. One can easily make enquiries about the sire's and dam's parents, whether they are still alive, and, if not, what caused their death. I think the queen and her antecedents are very important here as the queen bears the kittens and feeds them up to eight weeks or so, and if she is disease-resistant she can hand on that resistance through her milk in addition to genes for long life which the kitten may receive from both sides.

Anyone who has compared Siamese kittens and other varieties at six weeks will have noticed how much smaller the Siamese kittens are, and, I think, they may be compared with premature human babies, which need very much more warmth as their temperature-regulating mechanism doesn't work very well, and secondly, more protection against infection. Once they reach the age of four or five months they seem much more robust and able to stand varying temperatures. Several precautions I suggest here.

Choose the strongest and most active kitten you can, at least eight-to-nine weeks old, and have it in the spring or summer so that, if others in the household are not too careful about leaving doors open or seeing that it is able to get into a warm corner, it will not suffer. Have it immunised against feline infectious enteritis with the vaccine now available. Do not try to shut it away from all possible sources of infection—if it is going to catch something it will catch it whatever you do—and the poor little soul might as well lead an active life with as much freedom as possible. It will build up more resistance to infection that way once it is over its babyhood.

Too Many Overfed

I think overfeeding also makes Siamese more liable to catch diseases. Siamese, being so greedy, demand food constantly and far more often than is good for them, and I am sure more Siamese are overfed than any other breed of cat.

Now for disease. I have nursed four of my cats and kittens with feline infectious enteritis at different times and lost

one of them. That was a kitten of six weeks which was feeding from its mother. None of the rest of the litter caught it. This is nothing to boast about as I am a nurse and my husband a doctor and sick cats are far more similar to sick humans than many people realise.

At the very first hint of serious disease action must be taken. Loss of appetite, lack of playfulness, rapid breathing, vomiting or diarrhoea (these two latter not necessarily present in feline infectious enteritis), staring coat, lack-lustre eyes, they must be recognised at once and treatment started. Put in a warm, undraughty room in a box with a hot water bottle.

A cat with a high temperature will do its best to drag itself into a cold place. One-third of a capsule of chloromycetin four-hourly for grown cats and one-quarter or one-fifth four-hourly for kittens is the dose. Try and obtain a prescription from your veterinarian in case of emergencies as prompt treatment

is essential. Chloromycetin is very bitter and is best given in a teaspoon or hypodermic syringe (with no needle on it) in a little water. It will make the cat dribble and froth at the mouth owing to its bitterness. Give hourly feeds of two or three teaspoonsful of glucose and water and add a few drops of brandy occasionally ; it is an excellent stimulant.

Good Nursing

If the cat is still alive in the evening, do not keep disturbing it at night, but only for the four-hourly doses of chloromycetin, and give it a little drink then and refill the hot water bottle. Sleep is very necessary. Remember the saying of a well-known surgeon, "Only good nursing can save him now." This is a challenge that has frequently been met with regard to human patients and it presents a like challenge with our feline ones. Never despair and don't start digging that grave too soon. Cats are no worse than humans about taking nourishment when they are desperately ill.



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The Topical Press

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Quiz!

In which "thirsters after knowledge" are handed over to our panel of experts. Readers are invited to submit their questions —by post please, marking their envelopes "Quiz" in the top left-hand corner.

Mixed Families

I have kept Longhaired cats for many years and should now like to add at least one Siamese to my cat family. I am rather worried because I have been told that Longhairs and Siamese always quarrel and never become reconciled to each other. Is this true?

Nine times out of ten sweeping generalisations are false, and what you have been told as a fact is far from the truth. Some Longhairs will not tolerate Siamese, while some cats of the latter breed loathe all Longhairs. What has been proved is that it is only a very few who cannot be taught to tolerate each other. It is by no means unusual to see a Siamese and a Persian sleeping together in the same box. If you want a Siamese, have one, and then, after a careful introduction, see that these two distinct varieties get to know each other gradually. You should have little trouble if you are prepared to spend time on helping the cats to get used to each other.

A Muted Pet

I have a cat which tries to miaow and yet hardly makes a sound. When I talk to him he tries to answer me but fails. Is this a sign of any serious trouble?

If the cat has always behaved in this manner, there is no reason for anxiety. There are many cats who go through the motions of talking in cat fashion but who nevertheless make little noise despite their efforts. The volume of noise produced by cats varies very considerably

with individuals. Some cats never seem to make any sound at all apart from the instinctive purr, others are extremely "talkative," particularly Siamese. If you are still worried, take your cat along to the vet. He will be able to tell you if there is anything wrong.

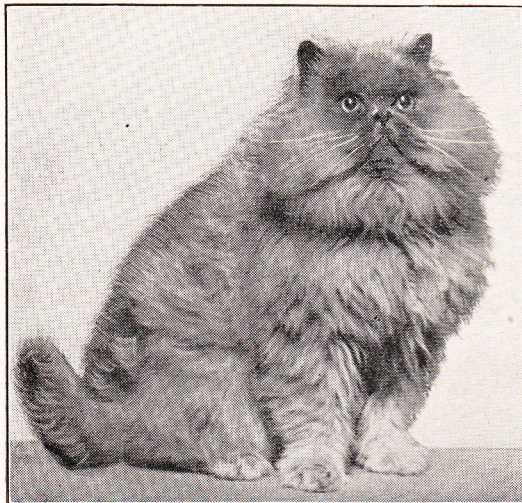
Necessary Quarantine

I cannot understand why cats imported from abroad should have to remain in quarantine for six months. I am told that this is to prevent the spread of rabies, but I have never heard of a cat in this country suffering from this disease. Is this expensive precaution really necessary?

The answer to your final question is undoubtedly "Yes." The risk of rabies may be small, but it does exist and must be avoided. Countries which have no quarantine regulations report cases of rabies in cats from time to time, and in such cases the risk to humans is so serious that it cannot be accepted. The fact that we are free from this dread disease is proof positive that quarantine precautions are worthwhile. The time may come when the period of quarantine can be reduced, but before that happens medical science, and veterinary science in particular, will have to make further progress in diagnosis and probably immunisation.

Bird Catchers

I am a bird lover as well as a lover of cats and I become very worried when my cats bring in birds they



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have caught in the garden. Is there anything I can do to prevent my cats from catching birds ?

This is a very difficult question to answer because the natural instincts of the cat are involved. Before domestication the cat had to hunt to live, and thousands of generations of hunting cats have left their indelible mark on cat nature. Cats are always attracted to moving things and will try to catch them even if they have no desire to eat what they have caught. As cats are also intelligent they can be taught, but it is a slow business when primary instincts are involved. Never allow your cats to eat or even to play with any bird they have caught. Scold them every time they attempt to stalk a bird and you may in the end produce a cure, but a deal of patience will be needed. An alternative is to keep your cats shut up in a large run, but that is by no means a happy solution for the majority of cats.

Odd Tastes

We have a friend whose Siamese is a wool and cotton eater. Do you know of any remedy for this ? The cat is well fed and a course of vitamins has even been tried in an effort to cure him of the habit.

This Siamese is obviously seeking something which is deficient in its diet. It may also lack facilities for proper exercise. As you give no details we cannot comment very fully on these points. A change of diet which provides the cat with meat and fish is advised and it might be well to give it a teaspoonful of cod liver oil in malt once or twice a day. Obviously, your friend should also help by removing temptation as much as possible from the path of the cat.

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Misty Grows Up

By P. M. SODERBERG

Author of "Cat Breeding and General Management" and other books.
Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club.

THE fact that some months ago I wrote about my perverse little Siamese called Misty has led me into a deal of correspondence about her. Even now, whenever I mix with cat owners—and that is frequently—someone is sure to ask how this wayward creature is developing.

Let me say first of all that she is a most attractive cat for the simple reason that her conduct is always unpredictable. She may have the manners of a gutter cat quite frequently, yet at other times she shows all the delicacy of a real lady. Naturally I do not understand her, nor has she any intention that I ever shall. On those terms we have to accept each other almost as though it were a case of "for better or for worse."

I have had several Siamese in my time, but never one that was so consistently noisy. However, I must admit that it is a noise with a difference, for slowly but surely I am learning the language and I hasten to obey the orders so imperiously given. That is my only hope of the peace and quietness I desire.

Now let me say that I am a great believer in regular feeding times for cats and it is indeed rare for the expected meal to be even five minutes late. But did this consideration on my part make any difference? Not in the least, for the shouting for food started at least an hour before the prescribed time. The cry was insistent, it was unendurable. Thus, in self defence, all was prepared well in advance so that as soon as the wailing started the saucer could be placed on the floor and the noise would cease.

At the critical moment the food was produced to be at once approached by a disdainful nose. Then, with head well raised to allow free movement of the larynx, Misty continued to wail, but this time with the note of frustration. It took

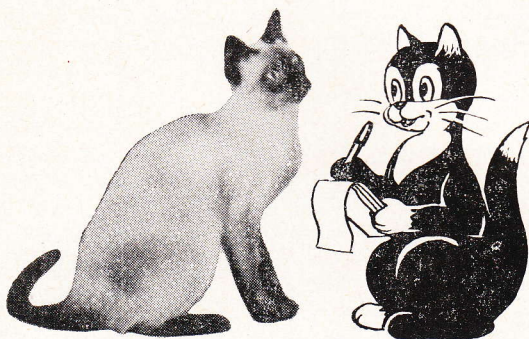
me days to realise that this singular little cat had the soul of a cook. She was not hungry, but was anxious to see that everything was prepared and mixed to her satisfaction. Now that she can prowl on the kitchen table and inspect each ingredient, the hour between five and six is one of the most peaceful of the day.

Really Vulgar

Of course, she does not approve of everything that is set before her. She has her whims and fancies as I have myself, but culture of some sort or another prevents me from showing my dislike in a manner which is really vulgar. She has no such inhibitions. Give her the tenderest of horse steak bought at a prohibitive price, offer it raw because all cats are supposed to like some raw meat, and she shows her disdain by treating the meat and saucer as though it were her tray. Figuratively but unmistakably she rakes the peat moss over it. Oh, yes, I know what she means and at once I go for the tin or the packet and she shows which she wants. Some days these receive the same unceremonious treatment, but generally speaking I know now what she wants and I am gradually weaning her from the vulgarity of this sanitary tray mentality.

But talking of sanitary trays reminds me that it is in just this private matter that this cat of mine displays the greatest delicacy. She has acres to roam over, an abundance of undergrowth, plenty of good, clean earth and a profusion of green lawns, but what are they to her? Certainly not what you would expect. When Nature's call is insistent, no matter how far she is from the house, home she comes and goes to her tray hidden in the dark recesses. If you catch her in the

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Tibs reporter, Tibby, has a flair for a scoop, and here he is on the scent of a future champion. Shah Jehan, a magnificent seal-pointed Siamese, owned by Mrs. Vincent of Park Road, Woking, Surrey, has a record of which any cat might boast.



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act you can see the look of resentment on her face as much as to say, "This is your fault. Why is there no door to shut?"

How much I have learned of Siamese language I shall not know until I get the next one, but Misty can certainly alter a tone or add an inflection which conveys a meaning which only the ignorant among felines or humans could misunderstand.

Auntie Titi, a much older Siamese, is obtuse and will not understand, but I know before she does when she is literally to be tipped off a coveted radiator. The first request is quite polite and then, if ignored, becomes rude as a prelude to physical action which if not violent is nevertheless irresistible. For a time there are two cats on one radiator with equal shares, but it does not take long before the shares are unequal, and finally one cat has nothing left to sit on. It is Titi who in high dudgeon and indignant voice takes herself off somewhere else.

For several months now I have been rather disturbed by this disconcerting female. I've had Siamese queens before and all of them have started to call certainly by the time they were seven months old. Not so Misty! Other queens on the premises have called and lured stray toms to the garden. Misty has herself joined in the fun, but no wandering Tom was allowed to approach her, for with a lightning paw she kept any too impertinent male at a distance the while she assumed an expression of complete innocence.

Several times she became extremely fussy and for hours on end would not leave me alone, such was her affection. In my ignorance I said, "This is it," but it wasn't. On a number of occasions she howled as though the urge of motherhood was upon her, but it only lasted for five minutes and then, with the flick of a tail and an almost knowing wink, she went about her normal business.

When she was over nine months I confess I was getting really worried. I knew

this was no ordinary cat, but surely she was no physical oddity. Ten months to the day it happened.

She jumped on my desk, planted her four feet all square and uttered that deep, hollow sound which is never forgotten when once heard. As the hours passed a crescendo was reached and I took her off by train. The whole carriage knew what was happening and I was surprised how many people knew that this was a Siamese.

I chose the stud myself and Misty is with him now. According to reports all is well and she is behaving, but I'll believe she is going to have kittens of my choice only when I see them.

If there are any I'm sure that they will possess their mother's charm and her perversity, and those who will own them will be lucky or unlucky depending upon how they like their cats. But one thing at least is certain—Misty has at last grown up.

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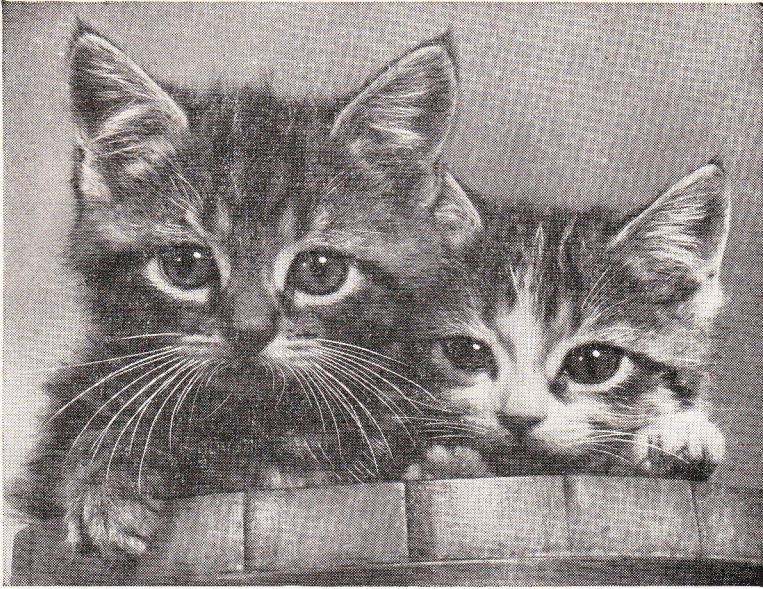
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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline. This month it is our privilege and pleasure to present her airmailed report on the big show at Sydney (at which she was guest judge) and of the hospitality she was accorded by officials and members of the up-and-coming Australian Fancy.

TWO hundred-and-seven exhibits were entered for the Championship Show of the Cat Fanciers' Association of New South Wales at Sydney on 22-23 May. It was held in one of the many spacious halls in the show grounds of the Royal Agricultural Society at Moore Park which have an area of over 70 acres. The buildings and parade ring are ideal for the exhibition of animals and produce of all varieties.

Two magnificent halls are built on the style of the Seymour Hall, London, with glass roofs rising in tiers to ensure maximum daylight. Partly along one side of the Manufacturers' Hall there was a public picnic lawn: the sunny Australian climate lending itself to this sort of jollification. At present these halls are too large for the cat shows, so it was held in an adequately-sized building partly underground but with good daylight enhanced by perfect weather so

welcomed by the exhibitors of cats, cattle, sheep, and farm implements.

Mr. Harry Wynne, Secretary of the C.F.A. and Honorary Show Manager, worked tirelessly for the success of the Show. He was very pleased with the entry as well as the number of spectators, who were only allowed in among the exhibits on the second day. The first day was devoted to judging from 9.30 to 5 p.m. and one needed all one's experience to handle so many cats in such a short space of time and to keep one's wits at the alert throughout the day.

Willing Helpers

Siamese were judged first, a variety which, in my opinion, takes longer than the Longhairs. At lunchtime it was decided that Mr. F. Pearce, senior Vice-President of the C.F.A. and doyen of Australian cat judges, should judge the Longhair kittens and from his nominees in each variety I would select the Best Kitten. In the morning Mr. Pearce kindly acted as my steward with Mr. Brown, Mrs. Harvey and Miss Young. All were very quiet and efficient on what I gathered after judging was an interesting occasion for them as they knew so many of the exhibits and their records.

Many English breeders will remember Mr. E. J. (Ted) Lonsdale who visited us in 1950 and attended several of our shows, leaving for Australia after the Blue Persian Show in October. He is President of the C.F.A. and one of its founders. Mr. Lonsdale has been closely associated with the Fancy for over 30 years and his wife imported English cats



Sydney Morning Herald

Introducing Miss G. M. Williams's winning pair of Siamese kittens at the Sydney Show. BLUEMEAD GLOSUN MANDARIN (on the left) was Best Siamese exhibit bred in Australia and BLUEMEAD RADIANT GLOW (on the right) was Best Siamese Female Kitten. Now see report on page 14.

over 20 years ago but for health reasons no longer takes an active part in feline affairs.

I am writing these notes several days after the Show and have had the opportunity of visiting well-known breeders and of seeing more of the lovely surroundings of Sydney. Many pleasant outings were planned by Mr. Lonsdale.

The Shaded Silvers, the Chinchillas and the British-bred Siamese and their immediate descendants were the outstanding exhibits, the last-named being a triumph for home breeders. Best Siamese Exhibit bred in Australia was Miss G. Williams's male kitten Bluemead Glosun Mandarin. His half-sister Bluemead Radiant Glow was Best Siamese female kitten. This pair were by Inwood Glow, bred in England by Mrs. McGregor from Champion Clonlost Yo Yo and Champion Inwood Shadow. Both the 1st prize litters in two age groups were by Glow and his progeny won nearly all the major awards in Siamese kittens. Mandarin was a beautiful exhibit, palest cream coat, deep seal points and mask, lovely shape, head a true wedge, exceptional ears for placement and in proportion to the head, deep blue eyes and a good tail. Radiant Glow has been sold to an American breeder.

Siamese Winners

Mrs. Corbett's Champion Mais-Mor Marmaduke (by Champion Morris Tudor) was 1st and Ch. Male. Mrs. Donmall's Ch. Mystic Lady Chula, bred in Australia from British-bred stock (Gracedieu da-Yook and Southwood Sympathy) went 1st Open Female, followed by Ch. Causeway Cluna, a daughter of Lindale Simon Pie. Third was Long Crendon Fa-Ying by Seal-sleeve Petit Gitto, the dam of Bluemead Radiant Glow. Thirteen females were entered in the Open Adult Class. Mrs. Abbott's Ch. Mystic Rapture was a notable absentee—a much-photographed lady, this queen, I was told.

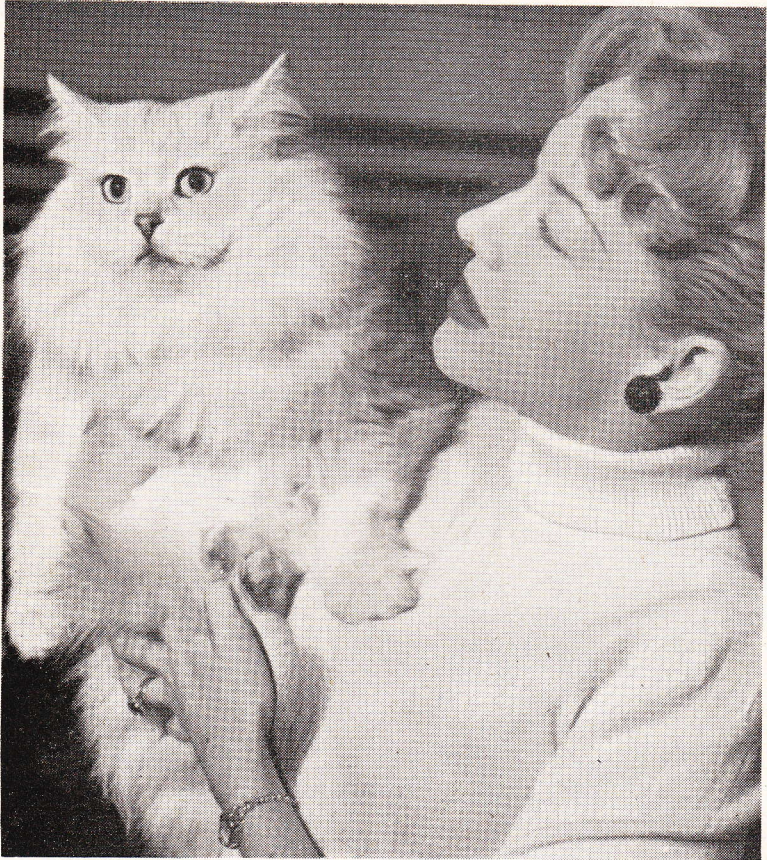
Three very good Blue Points were penned. Lovely Ch. Velvet Mask Delphine had the honour of being the mother of the winning male, Mrs. Austin Pott's Suey Mak Michael, and Mrs. Corbett's Suey Mak Valea. Delphine was 1st Brood Queen in a class of eight Siamese—not judged by progeny as in England—and Best Inter-State Exhibit (16 in class).

Best Longhair Cat was Mrs. Mitchell's Shaded Silver Ch. Glenroyal of Wendoover, a very lovely male sired by a famous Australian Chinchilla Mrs. Burnage's Ch. Rex of Chatsworth. The same owner's 1st Open Female, Wendoover Lass was a little sister. This pair were beautifully presented, their coats were soft, silky and fine in texture and had the frosty tone and purity of colour so essential in this variety. Both had good heads and type and the male particularly had a lovely expression. His only fault was slight bars on the forelegs.

A Different Standard

Another handsome male contesting hotly for Best Longhair Adult was Mrs. Wallace's Ch. Romany Royalton, a Chinchilla by Ch. Royal of St. George. He was Best Adult Chinchilla. Best Longhair Female, Miss Haswell's Chinchilla Miowena Trinket, was in grand coat, pure in colour but more heavily ticked than present-day Chinchillas in England. She was closely followed by Mrs. Cain's sweetly pretty Georgette of Carlton, by Ch. Rex of Chatsworth and Redwalls Ballerina, the latter being an import from England bred by Mrs. Hacking. If Georgette had had better eyes and a longer coat it would have turned the scales in her favour. Mrs. Mason's lovely Blue-eyed White male Platinum of St. George and her Merry Girl of St. George were charming exhibits, also Mrs. Rochester's Black female Delhi Princess Anne, a queen excellent in coat, type, and with fine copper eyes.

Miss Young's Blue male Milord of Windsor excelled in soundness of coat and had nice head and eyes; well



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Mrs. Gallagher with Mrs. Wallace's Chinchilla male Champion ROMANY ROYALTON, Best Chinchilla Adult at the Sydney Show.

presented, too. Mrs. Wood's Ch. Ceberus Blue Mist was the winner in Blue Females and Best Blue Kitten was Mrs. Harvey's Playmate of Windsor, bred by Miss Young. Blues on the whole were much sounder in colour than some of our present-day adults in England. But they were not so ultra-typey as the majority of those winning today in England, Europe and America.

Although the Australian standard allocates the points differently the awards confirm my opinion that there is remarkable unanimity of opinion when experienced judges make their major awards. The majority of my winners were already Champions I found at the completion of my judging. The Cat Fanciers' Association's scale of points for all breeds and colours is : Colour 25, coat and condition 25, head (including size and shape of eyes) 20, type (including shape, size, bone, length of tail) 20, colour of eyes 10 ; total 100.

Sporty Exhibitors

No Shorthairs other than Siamese were on exhibition. They appear to be regarded as domestic cats in Australia, not show cats. One thing considerably expedites judging and that is no written report is published or expected by exhibitors. In any case a good memory for cats is necessary for judging and one relies on that and brief notes on outstanding winners when one eventually selects the Trophy and Best in Show exhibits.

Some disappointments are inevitable when one exhibits and I must congratulate the Australian exhibitors on their sporting acceptance of the awards. This spirit made my two-day engagement a very happy one.

On the Saturday, Mr. Pearce took me to pay a short visit to the sheep dog trials, and to see the sheep. Quite a glamour boy called Coronation Charles was sold at a world record price for a Merino ram of 49 hundred guineas. Not perhaps such a startling price if one knows that a ram can beget about 150 lambs in one

night ! I was interested to hear some of the points by which Merino sheep are judged, the wool by length, density, texture, quality of staple and the animal itself by general conformation and a good body to carry the wool. Some had a saucy little marcel wave. One of the farmers remarked : " Why don't you sell your cats and buy some sheep."

The pavilion devoted to the wool fleeces was another centre of interest. We were unable to wait for the mannequin parade of gowns made from all woollen materials but managed to see some samples.

Babies at the Zoo

On 31st May, a sunny warm day, I met Mr. and Mrs. Wynne and their daughter Carol to visit Taronga Park Zoo, quite the most spacious and imaginatively housed zoo I have seen. Advantage has been taken of the natural tiers of earth and rock which rise from Sydney Harbour and it was a pleasure to see all the animals so full of life and activity. A good sign of health among caged animals is to see them with their young ones. There was a puma with two lovely and lively spotted cubs playing like kittens with their mother. I saw a baby kangaroo pop into its mother's pouch and little monkeys clinging underneath their mothers as they moved about. A baby giraffe looked very contented with its mother and an adorable baby koala was delicately picking out the tenderest gum leaves from two huge armsful placed in tins tied near the base of a gum tree. Each enclosure had a gum tree and notices advise visitors to look in the trees for the koalas. But their protective colouring is perfect and they are difficult to see until they move.

These attractive little bears live on the leaves of a certain type of native Australian gum tree and their export is practically prohibited. They are comparatively scarce now. They are, of course, the origin of the Teddy bear.

Space unfortunately does not permit me to give details of all the delightful people and cats I have met during my stay in New South Wales. English breeders will be interested to have news of Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, who came to live at Cronulla to be near their married son. I visited them on the day after the Show. They have the litter brother of Mais-Mor Marquis, who was the outstanding Siamese male kitten in England during the 1950/1 season. His handsome brother, now the Australian Champion Mais-Mor Marmaduke, like so many cats, looked far better at home and was very happy parading about the garden on his long lead and occasionally making overtures to a visiting queen in a pen on the lawn.

Suey Mak Valea, the lovely Blue Point, came into the house with us. Priston Phee Pia was another nice queen, also Ch. Parir Poo, a daughter of Ch. Marmaduke. These cats complete the Corbett's family of adults. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler had stayed overnight at Cronulla and brought me back to the hotel. Mr. Chandler is very interested in colour photography and he projected some films on to the walls of my room. The flower studies were exquisite and the photographs of the Siamese cats were good although, of course, it is like trying to capture quicksilver in comparison.

English Forbears

A warm sunny day added enchantment to the drive Mr. Burnage took Mrs. Burnage and myself on the day of my visit to them at Willoughby. They own some famous Chinchillas. It was interesting to study their pedigrees and find that after the second generation they were teeming with English Langhernes, Allingtons, Correndens and the beautiful Ch. Matthew of Greengables.

Mrs. Burnage's Ch. Royal of St. George, bred by Miss Mason, is a famous cat here. He sired Ch. Rex of Chatsworth who has had the unique honour of winning the handsome medallion for

Best Male in Show at the R.A. Easter Show for four years in succession. The youngest male is Radiance of Chatsworth. Royal was sitting happily on a platform specially built for him half-way up a tree. Rex was tethered on a long lead, some queens were disporting themselves in the garden and altogether they were a handsome family in tip-top condition, all beautifully groomed.

Home of Best Longhair

Another enjoyable visit on a perfect afternoon was to Mrs. Mitchell at Roseville and later she motored Mr. Lonsdale and myself to her ultra-modern country home. The garden was lovely with trim and velvety lawns just like their well-kept counterparts in England. Many shrubs and trees were strange to me but I noticed the rhododendrons were in flower which would be normal in England but abnormal here where it is nearly midwinter. I have noticed this with other flowers and wonder if they do not become completely acclimatised.

Mrs. Mitchell owns only two cats, the lovely Best Longhair in Show Ch. Glenroyal of Wendover and his sister Wendover Lass. Both were in grand condition. Their dam was tragically killed on the road. Mrs. Mitchell, I found, has excellent ideas about enhancing cat shows from a decorative point of view, which has proved in other countries to add greatly to the public interest. The proper presentation of any animal adds so much to its glamour and I recall that our own cats have never looked better than they did at Olympia, the Royal Horticultural and the Seymour Halls. In the evening we drove back through orange and lemon groves to the outskirts of Sydney.

Mrs. Mason of Kogarah Bay was the first breeder to import into Australia an English-bred Chinchilla, one of the late Mrs. Aubrey's famous Langhernes. On the day we visited her several of her cats were in the garden which leads to the water edge. As my friends know, I

always advocate liberty for cats when circumstances permit and it was a pleasure to see the freedom enjoyed here. Mrs. Mason has over 30 cats and kittens so it is impossible for me to remember their names. But I admired her lovely collection of Blue-eyed and Orange-eyed Whites, a variety we see so rarely in England nowadays. She also owns a number of Chinchillas and Shaded Silvers and it was surprising to see some of the males living amicably together.

After tea, Mrs. Mason showed us her hundreds of winner ribbons, a collection of which she is entitled to feel proud. Her St. George's Cattery is one of the oldest and best known in Australia.

Chinchillas more Ticked

Miss Haswell, owner of Miowera Trinket, Best Adult Female at the Sydney Show, is another breeder who specialises in Chinchillas and Shaded Silvers. I saw several of her lovely cats and some adorable kittens at Turramurra. It is remarkable how popular these two varieties are here and because the competition is keener than in any other Longhair variety, how they excel in quality. Although the summer is very hot—this late autumn is exceptionally warm and sunny—the coats of the majority are dense, beautifully soft and silky and the undercoat pure and silvery white.

Cats with creamy tinges are a rarity apparently as I have not seen more than three or four with this defect. When they are in full coat in July and August they must be beautiful indeed. I have not seen any published photograph of an adult which does him justice but the kitten picture in this issue is a good representative. The Chinchillas are more ticked than the English cats but this is how they like them here.

Mrs. Wood, a grand worker for the Fancy in New South Wales, owns Blues, Blue-Creams and Whites. Her pretty Blue-Cream Ch. Cerberus Blue Mist has

been Best Blue Female at the R.A.S. Show three years in succession. She is by an English import Stourbank Michele. Blue Mist and Mrs. Wood's other representative Blue-Cream Ch. Suncloud of Roma won first in their Open under me at the Show on 22nd May.

Arts and Crafts

I found that Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, the Bexley fanciers, indulge in some interesting hobbies besides their small family of cats. Their garden is almost entirely devoted to cacti. Tall stately specimens stand like sentinels guarding their smaller brethren which in many instances are no larger than rosettes. It is a remarkable collection and they nearly all flower in the spring and summer, many with blossoms of brilliant hues. In a nearby shed the Watkins have a unique collection of maidenhair ferns, some so delicate they must have been made by fairies. Mr. Watkins hails from New Zealand and their mutual interest is a room devoted to Maori and Polynesian arts and crafts. The walls are "papered" with finely woven mats made from palm leaves. The settee has a similar loose covering and is the type used by the Maoris as we would use an eider-down or blankets.

Grass skirts made originally for Mrs. Watkins some years ago decorate the walls and a variety of native charms and beautifully woven baskets and a tea tray were displayed about the room. I spent such an interesting evening among these treasures that I omitted to take notes of the cats. A sweet Silver Tabby Kina of Akaroa was on view and Ch. Nancey of Whitecliffe and Ch. Taipo of Graycotte, the Black male Ch. winner at the Show, was in his shed.

Mrs. Wallace and her sister Mrs. Cashmore gave me a warm welcome when I arrived for tea and a talk. Probably their most lovely cat is their Chinchilla Ch. Romany Royalton, 1st and Champion on 22nd May, and well in the running for Best Male in Show. I saw

several nice queens and males and an adorable litter of Creams and Blue-Creams were running about with us. These fanciers have been breeding and showing for many years and have won literally hundreds of ribbons with their stock.

I have frequently been asked : " How does our Fancy compare with England ? " Well, I feel that one cannot make a comparison because our Fancy is so much larger, competition is so much keener and therefore awards are much more difficult to get in England. Here in Australia there is only serious competition as we know it in Siamese and Chinchillas. I have said that the Shaded Silvers are lovely cats. But they would not be eligible for competition at home. Owing to their tendency to slight bars on the forelegs and heavier tickings, they would be penalised in the only Open class they could be entered in, viz., Chinchillas.

Fancy with a Future

The Creams in Australia have the drawback of being mostly bred from Reds or Tortoiseshells. Some of the Blues were very nice and on the whole sounder in colour than some of our winners nowadays but for type, eye colour and all-round quality and quantity our English Blues are some of the finest I have judged anywhere. Although I have seen a number of Blues in other countries which were on a par with our best, I have never seen them competing as ours have to do in an Open class with the young ones meeting two or more Champions, a very severe test especially for young males making their debut.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler of Melbourne expressed their opinion that Mrs. George Dyke's Cream Male Ch. Solo (imported from England) and Best Longhair Cat in Show on 23rd May at Melbourne and Mrs. Price's Blue male Jasper of Pensford, who became full Champion on the same day, are two of the best representatives of their variety in Australia at present. Jasper is a son of Ch. Astra of Pensford.

A cat has to win 60 points to become an Australian Champion and 20 is the maximum to be won on any one day.

The Australian Cat Fancy, in my opinion, has a great future. It is a vast country surging with life. Mr. Lonsdale said it was remarkable how much more attention was being given to the arts and crafts and how young people showing a special aptitude for music, etc., were being encouraged. Well, the wish to keep pedigree cats and dogs is a natural sequel when a young country is vigorously aspiring to a higher standard of culture. I realise Australians are great sports lovers and so are we, but surfing, cricket and football are usually for the young ; and the normal tendency is for the older people to stay at home and develop their hobbies and interests.

More is also evident here. In mid-summer the evenings are dark soon after 7 o'clock and twilight is almost non-existent. The sunny warm days I have enjoyed here are truly lovely—it has not been easy to remember that it is the Australian *winter*. After 5 o'clock one can be admiring a superb sunset one moment and in the next the day has passed in a blaze of glory.

Cream Imports

To sum up, I consider a few cats imported from Britain are all that is needed to strengthen the varieties where quality is lacking. These judiciously bred with unrelated imports and well-bred stock already here should do great things to make the shows really representative. Miss Bull, of Deebank fame, is sending out two unrelated very well-bred Creams which should be a great asset in Sydney (over 450 miles from the Melbourne Cream Champion Solo). Miss Hummeling has purchased these.

It has been a wonderful visit and my memories of Australia will be very happy ones. Without exception everyone has been kind, hospitable and appreciative of any advice it has been in my power to impart. Mr. Lonsdale amused me by

saying : " Some visitors expect to see kangaroos hopping down our main streets." Well, I didn't expect that ! Sydney reminds me of New York more than any city I have visited in my travels and on one occasion when we lunched at Romano's it was exactly like a fashionable restaurant in London. The womenfolk are very goodlooking and immaculately groomed and dressed. On the outskirts of Sydney the beaches are similar to those in Devon and Cornwall with wooded slopes almost down to the water edge. It is truly lovely looking down on the superb beaches from the heights above. The woods or forest scenery (called bush here) is a monotone of dark green gums and eucalyptus and in the gardens there were the last flowers of the season—scarlet poinsettias, flame flower trees and hibiscus.

On 11th June a farewell party attended by many fanciers was given by the C.F.A. and it was moving to have their musical greeting as I arrived and to join with

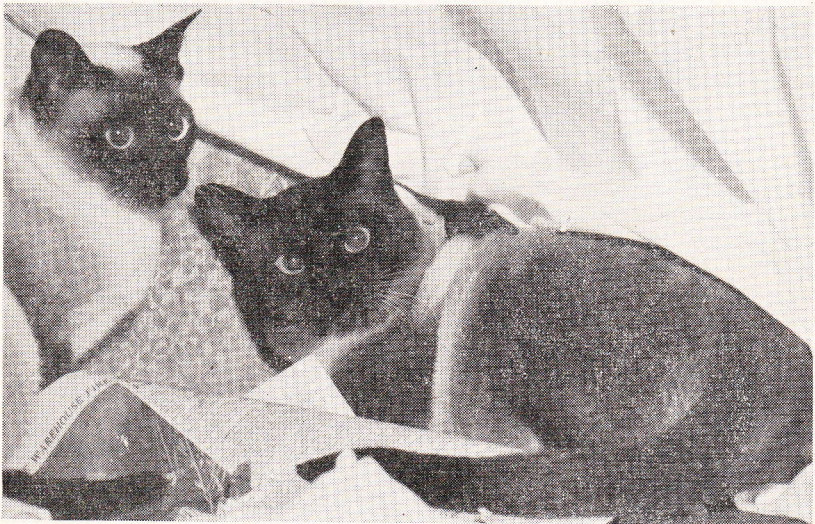
them in the " Auld Land Syne " at the end.

To Mrs. Abbott, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Wynne, Mr. F. Pearce and their Committee who made this visit possible, I can only offer my sincere appreciation and add : Thank you ! And thank you Australia and may your Cat Fancy go from strength to strength.

(Another picture taken at the Sydney Show appears on the inside back cover of this issue.)

Clubs, Societies and Fanciers at home and overseas are particularly requested to take special note of the announcement of page 6 regarding our October Issue, which will be a GRAND INTERNATIONAL NUMBER.

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This photograph of two well known Australian Siamese—English-bred Champion MAIZ-MOR MARMADUKE and his daughter Champion PARIR POO—was taken at the 1952 Southern Cross Siamese Cat Show at Sydney. Marmaduke was 1st and Champion Male at the recent C.F.A. Sydney Show and references to Mrs. M. A. L. Corbett's handsome pair appear on pages 16 and 19.

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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.

OUR COVER PICTURE

I have been meaning for some time to send you a few lines of congratulation on the quality of your Magazine's illustrations. Particularly do I enjoy your choice of a front cover picture. The cute little Chinchilla kitten in the tree who adorned your May issue might very well have been the inspiration for Cowper's charming verses to a retired cat who

Sometimes ascending *debonnair*
An apple-tree or lofty pear,
Lodged with convenience in the fork,
She watched the gardener at work.

Mrs. J. B. S., Northampton.

ROYAL CATS

I was very interested in the article in the May issue of OUR CATS on Royal Cats. My mother who is still very interested in cats was a breeder in the days when Princess Victoria was a well-known fancier and we had a lovely Blue stud cat bred by her. The Princess exchanged it with my mother for a Silver Tabby bred from our Kittiwake ex Fitz-Eustace belonging to Mrs. Mackenzie Stewart, of Troon. The Blue stud was called Dusseldorf and my mother says she thinks Lord Bobs was his father. He was a very petted boy and had a lovely house in the garden. My mother also sent queens to the Princess's Chinchilla studs.

Miss May S. Paton,
Greenock, Scotland.

BUYING A SIAMESE

Regarding your paragraph under this heading on page 10 of your May issue, my heart bleeds for so exceptional a cat as a Siamese who is to be acquired under such

conditions. So I am moved to write these lines, which I hope will be useful.

(1) Just ordinary cats and Siamese—the same fundamentals apply in looking for both. Never choose any cat and never accept the gift of one. Choose your breed, say Seal Pointed genuine original Siamese, and arrange to go and see the full litter at 10 to 12 weeks old and their parents. Get yourself chosen by one of them—that is *your* cat. Don't attract their attention. Treat them all with great respect and do not pick one up unless you know the correct way. Don't shout at any cat, it is most painful and the cat will put you down as an ignorant human. The best age to take one home is 12 weeks, at least two weeks older than all other cats.

(2) Your kitten of 12 weeks should have had the two injections of the Wellcome Feline Infectious Enteritis Vaccine; get a certificate to that effect.

(3) Obtain precise feeding instructions from the breeder and remember to give a meal 8 a.m., 8 p.m. and saucer of milk at 2 p.m. Remove uneaten food after 20 minutes. Cats must have flesh so give 1-lb. of best horsemeat and 1-lb. of fish (rock salmon or monk) per week. Give the horsemeat raw (2½ ozs. each feed), cut up small when fresh the night it comes. Next morning you should cook the rest and give 2-ozs. at a time with chopped vegetables, wholemeal bread, breadcrumbs, Whiskas as a basis. Always add a Kitzyme tablet to *every* meal of cooked food. I would lend a small feeding chart for a week. Comb daily with a Spratts nit comb.

Dr. Charles A. H. Franklyn,
M.A., M.D., M.R.C.S.,
Hassocks, Sussex.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

I was interested to read Mr. Edward Munro's experiences in your March issue.

Now that the holiday season is here again, many cat lovers will no doubt be faced with the old problem of finding good accommodation for their pets. If it is of help to Siamese owners, I would thoroughly recommend the very admirable "hotel" for Siamese cats run by Dr. and Mrs. Francis at Low Knap, Halstock, nr. Yeovil, Somerset. My own cat, Silbe Caesar, has now spent several holidays at Low Knap, and on each occasion he returns in most excellent condition. On his most recent visit he jumped out of his travelling basket and greeted Mrs. Francis like an old friend. I feel that this in itself is a recommendation, since Caesar does not take easily to people other than my husband and I.

Rose Tenent,
Worcester Park, Surrey.

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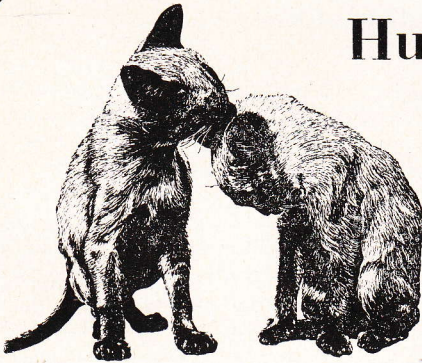
Your readers may be interested to know of a Longhair queen who had her

first litter on her fifth birthday. It may encourage them not to give up with a similar difficulty too soon.

My Blue-Cream Owleycombe Violet, although put with a Cream stud this spring "failed" and a desperate effort was made to get her into kitten. She mated and one kitten was born dead. So to save her disappointment as she dearly loves my other cats' kittens, she was given two 10 days' old kittens from another litter. She nursed them as her own and what is more has taken on the rest of the litter—four in all. The real mother has given in gracefully!

Mrs. Dulcie Brown,
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Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

A REPORT has just arrived from The Crusaders—election of officers, etc. What astonishes me completely is the fact that they have tripled their membership in the last year. What a grand organization the Crusaders are! Their time and money are given without stint to protect and help the felines—from alley cat to the blue blooded.

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There is quite a bit of excitement regarding Grand Champions in this section of the world. American Cat Association came out with a flat statement that Grand Champions can be entered in the A.C.A. as exhibits only. What a lot of joy to those breeders who have good cats and are afraid of those who have attained their Grand Championship! I have known, not one, but several instances where a breeder has kept from entering his cats, even though they are good, for the simple reason that they would be up against a cat that has the prestige of a Grand Champion. Grand Championships in C.F.A. cannot be completed in the future unless ten of the fifteen points required have been won at All-Breed Shows. The Cat Fanciers' Federation has as yet, so far as I know, issued no statement regarding Grand Champions. They, too, need a ruling on Grand Champions—very badly I'd say.

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Judge Lillian Pedulla, Norristown, Pennsylvania, a breeder of excellent Siamese, had the misfortune of having her cattery burned. She was fortunate

enough to save a few of her Siamese among them Grand Champion Cymri Cri-ket. I have seen Cri-ket and can truly say he is the only Seal Point I'd like to own. Standing before his cage one day with a newspaper man watching this handsome fellow strut and talk, my friend remarked, "That boy is a gentleman and scholar." How he came to that conclusion I'd never know, Cri-ket could have been swearing at us for all he knew! From all reports Mrs. Pedulla is only breeding to better the breed and much honor has come her way for these efforts. After the fire, she was badly in need of stock. Breeders she hardly knew came to her aid. The Chatterbox Cattery in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a breeder from Miami made generous offers of help. She was overwhelmed by their kindnesses.

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There is another moot question that is causing a lot of general discussion! Should owners be allowed to carry their cats to the judges' bench? Personally, I favor it very much. If the stewards were *trained*, and I do mean trained, probably I'd feel different. Stewards should be as well trained as judges if the various Associations want to put this over. The president of one of the clubs down Tennessee way is very eloquent regarding this issue.

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The question of setting up a school for judges is also being talked about a great deal and I find it is a very popular issue among the breeders. I have not talked with a reputable judge yet who has not agreed that this would be an excellent thing. We pay our judges well

and most of the Associations are increasing their salaries all the time. And as the shows are becoming larger each year there may come a time—and speed the day—when we will have a rigid examination for the certificate of judging. I have heard some of the oldest and best-known judges say this and this alone will eliminate people who are not worthy to judge as well as go a long way to disintegrate “power of politics” and favoritism.

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Every judge seems to have a personal opinion regarding Silvers or Chinchillas. There are more grouches on this particular breed than any other. Not being a Silver fancier myself I have not personally experienced this but the Silver fanciers' tell me there are judges who make quite a problem as to whether a Silver is a Shaded Silver, a Chin. or just a Silver. There are many breeders claiming that the Silver standard should be changed and either run all Silvers as such or allow a darker color in the shaded, to permit a broader line of demarcation.

It is no rarity for a cat to be entered in one class, come up for judging, only to have the judges and other officials stand there deliberating and debating among themselves as to where the cat properly belongs. Personally, I feel the C.F.A. has a very good standard to measure up to in Silvers. It is easy to grouch—easiest thing in the world. All of us need new ideas as well as new ideals.

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We have some of the best judges in the world here in America and those who are now coming up as novices should measure to their standard. It takes years on top of years to become a good judge. The fundamentals are learned—the experience comes later. I know judges who never enter the judging arena without their book on rules and conformation. Why do some of these novice judges think they can get away with anything less than this? We will back our judges to the limit. Also, we shall insist that they be fully qualified to do their work.

American Personality — MRS. MARIE WILSON

MEET Marie Wilson, the breeder extraordinary as well as one of the hardest persons to interview I ever met. After at least three interviews where I tried valiantly to pin her down to facts about herself, this is what I have decided about her.

She is without question a small package of dynamic personality. While not exactly an old breeder in the Fancy (meaning old in experience) she has really made a name for herself with her Creams, Whites and Blue Persians, which she has been breeding for nine years.

Marie Wilson has all the qualities of a leader—an exceptionally strong character, confident, with a passion for determination and very authoritative in her decisions. She is one of the originators of the Wolverine Cat Fanciers, of the Cat Fanciers' Federation, and is part of

the high brass of that club. I find she has a salty flavor to her conversation, but at all times she is quite the mistress of poise and assurance.

She is not gifted (or cursed) with small talk, chit-chat, etc. I watched one of her Persians being judged in New York City. He was given first place in the Solid Color but when he was up before the All-Breed, not so good. Marie held her poker-faced expression, not a muscle moved in her expressive face, but as she turned away from the All-Breed judges' bench, a small smile ghosted across her lips. She had schooled herself to be a good loser. Personally, I do not think there is such a thing as a good loser—we all go in to win. Some are able to control their emotions better—Marie Wilson is one of these. There is a soulful solemnity about her and in a sense I'd say she was

a breeder on dead-center. She regards cat shows as highly colored epics.

A happening at one of her home-town shows last year is worthy of mention. She was handling a friend's White Persian as an agent. Someone released this lovely fellow overnight from his cage and he wandered all over the show rooms. Can you imagine what a *White Persian* would look like after an experience like that? When Marie Wilson arrived the next morning she was horrified. Scooping him up, she dashed to her hotel and began work on him—and worked under difficulties too—until he was again beautiful. Finally the refurbished cat was returned to the bench of the Solid Color—and was given first. He was groomed so well that he went over Marie Wilson's own cat! How's that for a friend?

Probably the star of her Blue Gables Cattery in Detroit is Grand and Triple

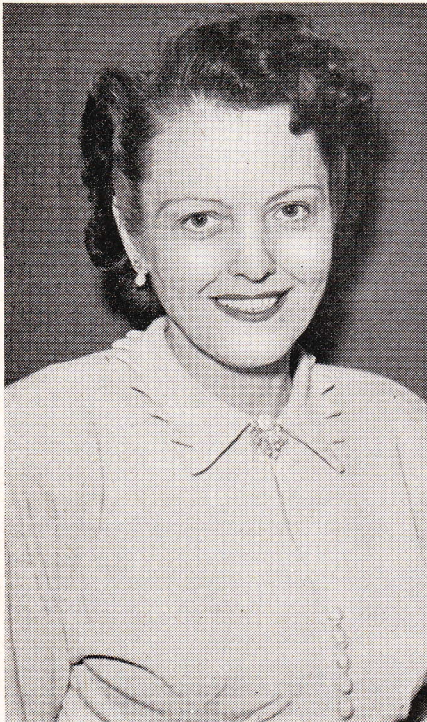
Champion Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, whose picture adorns the front cover of this issue. Starting out as a novice three years ago he made his first championship and in the second season he completed his double and triple championships in three Associations, A.C.A., C.F.A. and C.F.F. In other words, no matter where he is shown or in what Association, he is really some cat. He is loved for his beauty and gentleness, and as for attending shows, well, he adores the spot-light. Hi-Hat has sons and daughters just about everywhere—Tennessee, California, Ohio, Texas, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Canada. Another pride and joy of Blue Gables is Blond Blessing, Hi-Hat's lovely daughter, who has all the ear-marks of following in her sire's foot-steps for show brilliancy and good looks.

Marie Wilson is a career woman and much of the work at Blue Gables is left to her mother, Mrs. Hattie Grant, whose untiring efforts and hard work make the large family of Blue Gables cats happy and healthy. Mrs. Grant gives you the feeling that you are a very desirable person and daughter Marie hits it square when she says "My mother is the backbone of Blue Gables."

You always know just where you stand with Marie Wilson, I met her first at a feline soiree in New York City. She walked up to me, with shoulders back, chin up. "Are you Billie Bancroft?" she asked. I had to admit I was. "Do you know me?" she inquired. I had to admit I did not. From there on the conversation was normal.

I found her quite pretty in a staccato, high voltage manner. I also discovered that that particular show had an edge to it. We were both very interested in the decisions and I was impressed by her poise and understanding of facts. She dramatically underscores all that she does and wonder of wonders—so far as I have been able to discover—has no ambition to become a Judge! I'd bet my last dollar she would be a good one.

BILLIE BANCROFT.



Mrs. Marie Wilson

A Picnic — then Disaster !

**The adventures of BO'SUN continued by
DEE BLACKBURN**

IN addition to Bo'sun's best friend Perrita, he has two other canine chums—Whiskey, belonging to the Secretary of the Club Nautico, and another of "57 Varieties," whose owner we haven't met.

Our ship is now identified as the "doggy yacht" because the day long at least three pups are paying court to Bo'sun—frolicing around the deck or having their seistas in our cockpit with Bo'sun in supreme command. Bo'sun loves dogs and is never happier but when two or three are rivaling for his attention. Cats he detests !

The only dog that Bo'sun doesn't count among his friends is kindly, sweet tempered Skipper, Lord and Lady Avebury's boxer. They are back in Palma and Skipper trotted along the quay one day to renew Bo'sun's friendship. He saw the canine group aboard "Mary Hillier" and decided to join the crowd to lend tone to the party. He ambled in slow and stately fashion across our then 7" gangplank (we've a new one since). Bo'sun had other ideas and took station at the inboard end where he said a few words which might have been a pompous request for his invitation or a curt ultimatum for his withdrawal. Whatever the conversation, it completely abashed Skipper who sat down ponderously in the middle of the gangplank no doubt with a view to resolving this difficulty in a gentlemanly fashion.

But whatever words of reason he advanced fell on hostile ears and Bo'sun in his orthodox battle poise advanced a couple of feet. Skipper decided that under the circumstances a strategic and diplomatic retreat was the order of the day, but how to accomplish it on a 7" gangplank was a bit of a poser. To rotate his bulk through 180 degrees proved impossible ; to tarry in making clear his decision to retire appeared highly

dangerous, so with slow and cautious steps and much swinging of his massive head he was compelled to adopt the other alternative and back slowly down the gangplank until he reached the more manoeuvrable *terra firma* from which safe distance he assumed that completely bereft and forlorn expression peculiar to his breed.

Bo'sun has never forgotten Skipper's huge, but friendly paw grovelling his head in the dust on their first meeting.

For several weeks past Captain George and I have sailed in "Mary Hillier" across Palma Bay to San Austin to spend week-ends in the lovely villa of our friends Gabby and Jim Mackinnon. This particular week-end we decided to have a sail, picnic lunch and a swim in a small cove about twelve miles from the home of our friends. So early on Sunday morning we set sail—a beautiful day—warm, sunny and bright.

On the trip Jim (our very good fisherman) caught a lovely bonita. We anchored "Mary Hillier" and the four of us and Bo'sun went ashore in the dinghy. We walked about a mile along the beach and found a lovely spot for making a fire and proceeded to cook our lunch. Fried fish, roasted potatoes in their jackets, grilled lamb chops, salad and jelly were only a part of the feast. Bo'sun had his usual lunch from the round cigarette tin.

We were just on the point of relaxing when out of the blue a freak Mediterranean storm descended. No rain—but fierce winds and the seas piled up in a matter of minutes. Having had a bit of experience with these local weather quirks, we protected ourselves behind the rocks and waited for it to abate. It became worse than ever. George had a look-see at "Mary Hillier" and thought that it would be a good idea to get back to her and put out another anchor, so

he and Jim hopped into the dinghy against terrific winds and angry seas.

It took them three quarters of an hour to row the short distance—but too late. "Mary Hillier" had started to drag and before they could reach her she was beached and tossing against the jagged rocks on a lee shore. The men worked for two or more hours but decided that until the wind and seas quieted there was nothing they could do. They were fighting against the elements! As the skies darkened and the storm worsened George suggested that Gabby, Bo'sun and I start walking toward Jim and Gabby's home as there was no possibility of getting back aboard to sleep that night. So off we went with poor little Bo'sun—only a rope around his neck as a lead.

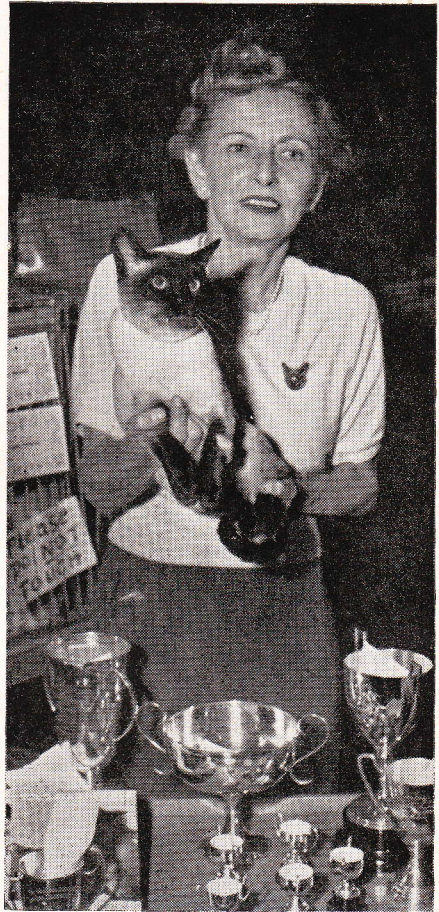
The cove by sea was only a matter of 10 to 12 miles from our friends' home, but by land it was over 20 miles, which we discovered to our dismay. We were in the woods for hours unable to find any trace of a road—up one hill and down another with Bo'sun trotting behind us as good as gold. He made no attempt to stop even for one little sniff which he usually does when out for a stroll. We're sure that he sensed tragedy in the air. After five miles or more I carried him for a spell and his odd fifteen pounds felt more like fifty. Twelve miles in all we walked before we found a small path which eventually led into the main road. A passing motorist gave us a lift the rest of the way. And were we grateful!

Then came the problem of how the Mackinnon's two French poodles and Siamese cat Wellington were going to receive the ship-wrecked Bo'sun. We needn't have worried. The dogs greeted him most hospitably and Wellington after a few hisses invited Bo'sun to play with his little rubber lizard and from then on they became bosom pals.

It took five days to get our ship off the rocks and we have the Spanish Navy to thank for the fact that we have a ship to-day. The trouble and expense they went to on our behalf is something that we shall never forget. "Mary Hillier"

is now safely in the shipyard undergoing extensive repairs, but it will be three months before it is possible to live aboard her again.

(To be continued)



Miss Fania Pocock, prominent figure in South African feline circles, is seen here with her Siamese KINTYRE VALIANT OF BRAKKEKLOOF and the trophies he and his two sons by So Phya of Kintyre won at the Championship Show of the Western Province Cat Club held in April. Valiant went Best Cat in Show and won his 3rd C.C. The judges at this fixture were Mrs. E. M. Cooper, a visitor from England (cats and neuters) and Miss F. Bradford (Kittens). Organisers were Mrs. Kaufman, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Kaufman, Show Manager.



Tailpieces

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



A CORRESPONDENT to a Bournemouth newspaper writes : Owners of domestic animals living in this immediate vicinity may like to know that a few days ago my pedigree Siamese cat was shot at and killed. The excuse tendered was that it had been mistaken for a fox—this in broad daylight.

The calling Siamese queen is often a problem to those living in places where the noise is likely to disturb near neighbours. The Woking fancier Air Commodore Vincent has invented a sound-proof cabin which offers an interesting solution to this problem. It is constructed on the principle of double walls and windows with packing in the cavities. The cabin is mounted on wheels and a small run can be attached. Just the thing for flat dwellers !

More than 2,000 people attended the Natal Cat Club's third Championship Show at the Durban City Hall on 13th June. This Club under the guidance of Mrs. D. G. Maunsell (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) and Major F. H. R. Maunsell (Show Manager) is forging ahead. Many fine exhibits including Red Pointed Siamese were penned by Mrs. I. Miles, the Durban fancier with a large cattery. Mrs. Lombard's imported Manx gained its Championship at this Show and a visiting Siamese from Johannesburg, Mrs. E. J. Gluckman's Misty Orchid of Copelands, went Best Siamese in Show. A household pet, a Longhair shown by Mrs. D. B. Nicholls, won the popularity poll. Mrs. Maunsell's Seal Point Siamese Seacoast Sapphire Shahid clinched his Championship with a class

win the following day at a show at Pietermaritzburg. This cat is by Salewheel Simkin ex Sunnybank Sukiangu Sunlight.

Nice couple, Bertie Partridge and his wife Emma of Rainham, Kent ! They said they hadn't seen their black cat for a month. But at Chatham recently they were each fined £10 for causing it unnecessary suffering. A R.S.P.C.A. official said he found the cat in a garden near the Partridge home so emaciated it had to be destroyed.

" I cannot keep silent any longer while thousands of people unashamedly harbour and sustain senseless, useless, ungratefully revolting razor-clawed maulers called 'cats.' Innocent birds who frighten our dull lives with their sweet songs live in fear of them." So runs the outburst from a Mr. Michael Connor to the London *Star*. Michael, the dull liver with a jaundiced outlook, obviously wants the world reshaped to his own quaint ideas.

Racekatten, the progressive Danish club, has just celebrated its tenth anniversary with a tea party held in a small restaurant garden in the middle of Copenhagen. About 100 members and friends enjoyed the programme arranged by their energetic Secretary and Show Manager Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth. One member prepared some humorous songs for the occasion. There were many messages and gifts including a large silken flag. The Club's Jubilee Show cannot take place until the spring of next year owing to difficulties in getting a suitable hall.



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It is sad news for Siamese folk that Mrs. L. K. Sayers, Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club since the resignation of Mrs. Elsie Kent, has had in turn to tender her resignation as she will be leaving with her husband in November to live in Tanganyika. Mrs. Sayers will be remembered for a long time for many things—her valuable contributions to the advancement of the breed, her own Southwood Siamese and, of course, her stylish and readable handwriting.

The newly-appointed Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club is Mrs. Kathleen Williams, who is so well-known for her cats, her book and her work for the Fancy in general and the Southern Counties Cat Club in particular. Mrs. Williams recently gave a garden party at her Sutton (Surrey) home for Southern Club members and their friends. It was attended by sixty guests and a good time was had by all under favourable weather conditions.

There is an interesting article in the current issue of *The Tailwagger Magazine* describing a visit paid by H. R. Griggs to the famous cemetery for cats and dogs near Asnieres, which is situated on an island in the Seine. Here lie buried hundreds of pets and each grave is

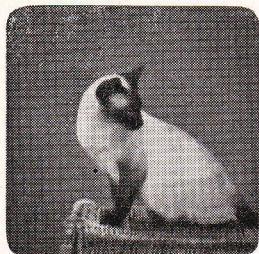
marked by its own special cross or headstone and, in many cases, by floral tributes. Some of the epitaphs are carved in English and there are several small framed portraits of departed cats. The famous Alsatian film star Rin-Tin-Tin is buried in this cemetery.

Moira, an Alsatian belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lowe, of Crawcrook, is mourning the death of two kittens who were her special charge. She had cared for them tenderly after their mother died. When the Lowes left the house one night for a walk with Moira they left Floss, a terrier, at home. When the trio returned they found to their horror that Floss in a fit of jealousy had killed the kittens.

Driving back from Little Missenden to Chesham recently I saw quite a remarkable piece of "canine consideration." A very small kitten was standing in the middle of the road trembling as I drove up. I pulled up, and it still stood there looking thoroughly scared, when a small brown mongrel dog came trotting up to it, gently bundled it to the other side of the road, and then scampered off to leave the kitten safe and sound at the edge of the road, while I was able to drive on.—"S.E." in the *Bucks Examiner*.

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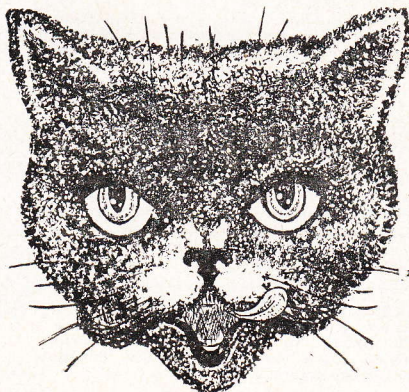
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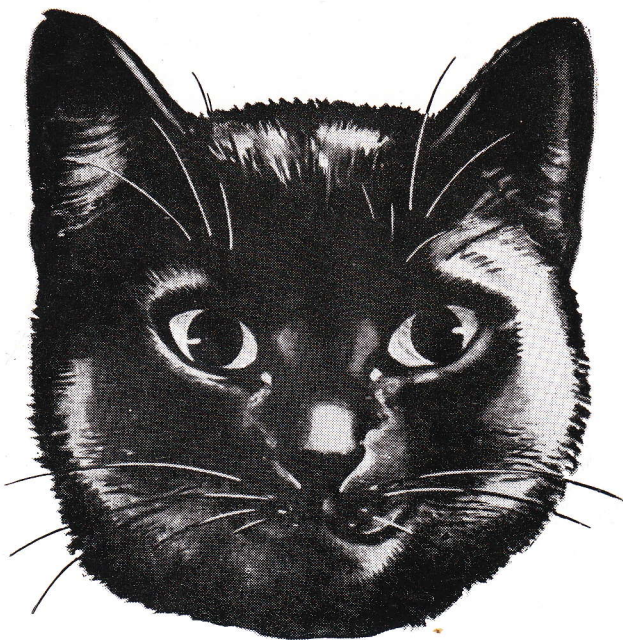
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