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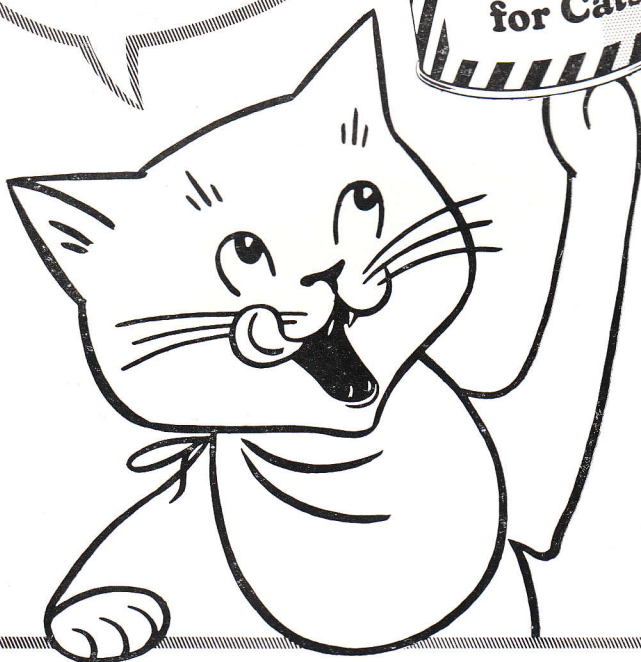
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- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS

EDITORIAL

GREETINGS to our friends in the cat world wherever they may be. And just in case any of you may be wondering what has happened to the Magazine this month, perhaps a few words of explanation will not be out of place.

The motive for this enlarged issue with its unusual format can be simply stated. I am sure we are all acutely aware of the widening outlook in international affairs; the rising and indeed vital need for nations to come closer together in ties of understanding and friendship.

With this political and economic trend in mind—and not forgetting our own slogan!—I thought it would be a good idea to publish an issue that would help cat folk in the various countries to get to know each other a little better. And what better time to test out the idea than this eventful and historic year of Coronation, a year that has done so much to raise the prestige of this old country of ours? England is, remember, the ancestral home of pedigree cat breeding and much of the rest of the feline world still looks to us for precept and example.

So, I have tried within the pages of this International Number to lift the curtain a little to give you a peep at the events and personalities in centres of feline activity all over the globe. I am not pretending that the picture you will get is perfect and complete, for such a presentation would hardly be technically possible within the limits of a single issue of this Magazine. There are gaps, of course, but with the success of this initial venture already assured, perhaps I may have the opportunity another time to make good the errors of omission and commission.

A record number of copies of this issue have been printed and they will be circulated all over the world—to as far north as Finland, to the most southerly parts of South Africa and New Zealand, as far east as Japan

and to points along the western sea-board of America. And here I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have contributed towards the success of this issue with suggestions, recommendations, contributions and practical advertising support.

Reward for all the effort expended comes in the knowledge that this International Number will have a big impact on the cat world; it will help materially to stimulate global interest in pedigree stock; it cannot fail to bring us all a little closer together.

This journal believes that the Cat Fancy has a bright future all over the world. But progress can only be earned; it will not come if we become completely insular in our outlook. There must be bigger and better shows, greater efforts made to attract and encourage newcomers, more money made available for publicity and facilities provided whereby children can show their pets in friendly competition. Only thus can the status of the cat be raised.

One day it may be possible to have an International Federation of Feline Friends with each nation operating a public relations department. You never know!

Finally, I would welcome readers' reactions—complimentary or otherwise!—to this issue as well as their help in getting it brought to the notice of fellow fanciers and cat loving friends. Obviously, an issue of this kind can only do the greatest amount of good as a promotion piece for our Fancy if it reaches the greatest possible number of people.

To those who for one reason or another were unable to secure representation in this issue, I can only say "Sorry—perhaps next time."

EDITOR

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AS in all other respects our Queen sets us an example in her love for animals. Our front cover and the picture above are memories of the happy visit that the Queen-to-be and Princess Margaret made to South Africa in 1947. Minnie, pet of H.M.S. "Vanguard," purred with loyal pride when she was presented with her two babies to the Royal Princesses.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother pauses (*right*) to make friends with a black cat during one of her Royal tours.



HISTORY HAS A HABIT!

The following letter from Louis Wain was published in the issue of "Our Cats" (our now-defunct predecessor which was published weekly at 1d.) for 18th November, 1911:

To the Editor of "Our Cats"

DEAR MADAM,

THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW

This is Coronation Year and, although the Coronation itself is a thing of the past, people are still striving to make this a memorable year in every way in all branches of private and public work; to make it, in fact, a banner year in the history of our times.

It is not too late to make the coming show of the N.C.C. at the Crystal Palace a Coronation Show. May I also ask exhibitors to support Lady Decies' Ring Classes on the second day of the show. Lady Decies has been so consistent a supporter of the N.C.C. that I feel sure she will have a good entry. The Ring Classes being judged mainly for good deportment in the ring, and after all the judging of the other classes for show points is over, Lady Decies is not precluded from exhibiting in other classes than her own, of course.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) LOUIS WAIN.



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which presents a miscellany of reviews, features, photographs and announcements concerning pedigreed cats and people on each side of the Atlantic

** JUNIOR is 13 years old. He belongs to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paine, of Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., and his picture has been chosen to appear on publicity material to be used throughout America during National Cat Week next month.*

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy

consists of delegates elected annually by the various affiliated Clubs

THE OBJECTS OF THE COUNCIL are to provide for the registration of Cats and Cat Pedigrees; to classify Cat Breeds; to approve Cat Shows; to improve Cat Breeding; to protect the Welfare of Cats and the interests of Cat Owners generally; and to act as arbiter in all matters affecting the feline world.

The Affiliated Clubs are as follow:

National Cat Club
Southern Counties Cat Club
Midland Counties Cat Club
Black and White Cat Club
Blue Persian Cat Society
Chinchilla, Silver and Smoke Society
Croydon Cat Club
Red, Cream, Tortie, Tortie-and-White,
Blue-Cream and Red Tabby Society
Siamese Cat Club
Shorthair Cat Society
Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire
Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club

Abyssinian Cat Club
South-Western Counties Cat Club
Blue-Pointed Siamese Cat Club
Southsea Cat Club
Notts. and Derbys. Cat Club
Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club
Lancashire and North-Western Counties
Cat Club
Scottish Cat Club
Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club
Yorkshire County Cat Club
Russian Blue Cat Club

THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL are:

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Particulars for the Registration and Transfer of all Breeds should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey, with the exception of Siamese (S.P., B.P. & C.P.) and these should be sent to the Assist. Secretary, Mr. K. J. Aitken, 2 Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey.



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The Stud Book to be published in 1954.

Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, Secretary, G.C.C.F.

The Story of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy



First lady of the British Cat Fancy, Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council since 1950.

THE Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has its roots deep down—to a date beyond the ken of few cat lovers who are alive and active today.

Cat shows were started in England in 1871 by that famous ailurophile Harrison Weir, writer, artist, organiser and legislator. The venue was the Crystal Palace. Sixteen years later, at a four-day show at the Alexandra Palace (now the North London home of TV), a group of exhibitors got together and decided to form the National Cat Club. This was in 1887, the memorable year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and it is from this date that the British Cat Fancy as we know it today really started.

Harrison Weir was the Club's first President and for twenty-three years the N.C.C. carried out the functions now performed by the Governing Council. Rules for fanciers and exhibitors were formulated, a register of pedigree cats was kept, championships were instituted and, in 1893, the first list of stud cats was published.

Scotland, not to be outshone, formed a club in 1894 and many fine shows were staged in Glasgow where cats from each side of the border met in friendly rivalry. And with the foundations well and truly laid, succeeding years saw the formation of new clubs and societies in London and the provinces, all anxious to run their shows under N.C.C. rules.

The Northern Counties Club was formed in 1900, then came the Black and White Club, the Silver and Smoke Persian Society (which subsequently became the Chinchilla and Silver Smoke Society), the Siamese Cat Club, the Orange, Cream and Tortoiseshell Society (now styled the Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell-and-White, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society), the Midland Counties Club, the Neuter Cat Society, the Blue Persian Society, the Shorthaired Cat Society, the British Cat Club (with the late Sir Claude Alexander as Hon. Secretary), the Manx Club, Richmond Club and Wilson's Ltd. Cat Club (both long defunct), the Southern Counties Club and Newbury Club.

CATS CLUBS OF GREAT BRITAIN

A useful alphabetical list showing the various affiliations to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and giving the name and address of the Hon. Secretary of each Club or Society.

Abyssinian Cat Club

Mr. H. W. Basnett, 17 Borough Road, Gillingham, Kent.

Black and White Cat Club

Mrs. Peggy Cattermole, 92 Dalberg Road, London, S.W.2.

Blue Persian Cat Society

Miss J. M. Fisher, "Eveley," Standford, Bordon, Hampshire.

Blue-Pointed Siamese Cat Club

Mr. W. Lamb, "Twylands," Grange Hill, Halesowen, Nr. Birmingham.

Chinchilla, Silver and Smoke Society

Miss E. Langston, 8 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Croydon Cat Club

Mrs. E. Towe, 6 Palmerston Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.19.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club

Mr. W. Anderson, 160 St. John's Road, Edinburgh.

Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club

Mr. P. Dunks, 38 Lexden Road, Acton, London, W.3.

Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club

Mrs. E. G. Aitken, 2 Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey.

Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club

Mrs. S. S. Culley, 65 Westbourne Park, Urmston, Nr. Manchester.

Midland Counties Cat Club

Mrs. O. M. Lamb, "Twylands," Grange Hill, Halesowen, Nr. Birmingham.

National Cat Club

Mrs. M. Brunton, Marlpost Farm, Southwater, Horsham, Sussex.

Notts. and Derbys. Cat Club

Mrs. M. E. Bastow, 114 Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell-and-White,

Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society

Mrs. J. M. Newton, Moultsford Grange, Nr. Wallingford, Berkshire.

Russian Blue Cat Club

Mrs. N. de Clifford, 25 Rudall Crescent, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

Scottish Cat Club

Mrs. F. M. Richardson, 21 Herriet Street, Glasgow, S.1.

Shorthair Cat Society

Mrs. E. Towe (see Croydon Cat Club)

Siamese Cat Club

Mrs. K. R. Williams, 92 Chiltern Road, Sutton, Surrey.

Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire

Miss Beckett, "Esher," Uffington Road, London, N.W.10.

South Western Counties Cat Club

Miss J. Cathcart, "Trelystan," Dunstone Park, Paignton, Devon.

Southern Counties Cat Club

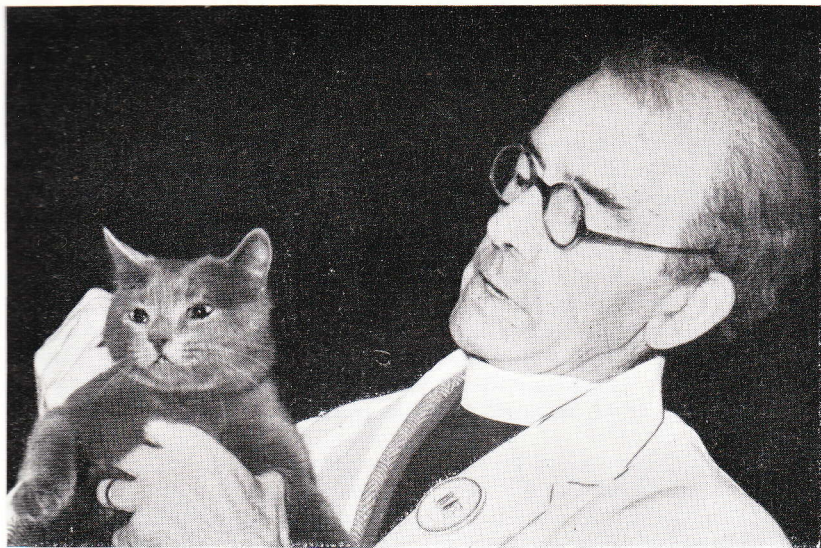
Mrs. I. G. Hancox, 22 Villa Road, Nottingham.

Southsea Cat Club

Mrs. G. Butler, 154/8 Highland Road, East Southsea, Hampshire.

Yorkshire County Cat Club

Miss G. M. Bolton, "West View," Oakworth, Keighley, Yorkshire.



The Rev. Basil Rees, Vice-Chairman of the G.C.C.F., has a special regard for Shorthairs, particularly British Shorthairs. But here he is assessing the points of a Russian Blue.

Round about the “naughty nineties” the path of the pioneers was anything but smooth. In 1898 a rival club to the N.C.C. was started under the presidency of the late Lady Marcus Beresford. It was styled the Cat Club and as it had rules and shows of its own the Fancy found itself split into two camps. The Cat Club lasted until 1904 and for the next six years there was considerable unrest among the English fanciers, many of whom were members of well-connected families. Eventually it was decided to hold a conference of all interested parties in an effort to heal the breach. The meeting was held in Westminster on 8th March, 1910, and from it emerged the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy—and peace! The National Cat Club agreed to hand over its powers to the new Council and for this concession it was given larger representation on the new Council than the other Clubs, which is why it has four permanent delegates today instead of the customary one or two. The Siamese Cat Club now also has four delegates.

For over forty years the Council has remained a thoroughly democratic body and today the affiliated clubs and societies—twenty-three of them—elect annually the delegates whom they wish to represent them and their interests. Its constitution was revised in 1932 and again in 1953.

The Governing Council held its first general meeting in Holborn on 11th October, 1910, and doubtless many of our readers will be interested to know the names of those delegates who were present on this historic occasion. They were Mr. Russell Biggs (N.C.C.) Chairman, Mr. de Vere Brooke (N.C.C.), Mr. R. Little (N.C.C.), Miss Burton (Northern Counties Club), Mrs. T. B. Mason (Southern Counties Club), Miss Frances Simpson (Blue Persian Society), Mrs. Spofforth (Midland Counties Club), Miss H. Lea (Orange, Cream and Tortie Society), Mrs. Fosbery (Newbury

Club), Miss Wood (Chinchilla and Silver Smoke Society), Mrs. Robinson (Siamese Club), Miss Cope (Midland Counties), Miss Jay (Blue Persian Society), Miss Kerswill (Black and White Club), Mrs. Slingsby (Scottish Club), Mr. T. Watson (Southern Counties Club), Mr. E. T. Cox (Richmond Club), Mr. W. J. Wilson (Wilson's Ltd. Club), and Mr. S. Desborough, the Secretary.

It is a remarkable coincidence that in this eventful year of 1910 there entered the Fancy via a cat show at Hounslow a figure who was destined to dominate it for twenty-three years—1926 to 1949. That figure was the late Cyril Yeates, popularly styled the "King of the Cats" and the "Grand Old Man of the Cat Fancy" when he died in 1950 at the age of 75. Cyril Yeates entered the Governing Council in 1921 as delegate of the Black and White Club, and two years later, as Secretary of the National Cat Club, he managed most of the shows at the Crystal Palace until the place was destroyed by fire. At his 1935 show the entries totalled 1,141, a figure that has never been surpassed at any cat show.

It was in 1926 that Cyril Yeates was elected Chairman of the Governing Council in succession to Sir Claude Alexander, and when he resigned in 1949 to take a well-earned rest, he was made the Council's first and only President in recognition of his unique and untiring services. Although small in physique, Cyril Yeates was a giant in achievement in the rôle of legislator, breeder, judge, show manager or "keeper of the peace." When he died he left behind him a unique library of cat books, journals, papers and records and it is from these that we have been able to compile this potted history of the Governing Council.

In 1949, that great worker for the Fancy, Miss Kit Wilson, succeeded to the chair and she was followed, in 1950, by Miss Kathleen Yorke, a popular and unanimous choice for the office. Miss Yorke has had vast experience in all aspects of the Fancy. She is one of three judges who



A flashback to the 1948 National Cat Club Show showing the late Cyril Yeates, "Grand Old Man of the Cat Fancy." On his left Madame Ravel, Secretary-General of the Federation Internationale Feline d'Europe, admires the famous Blue Champion Southway Crusader as he is displayed by Miss Kathleen Yorke.

are to-day qualified to judge all varieties. We know we shall be voicing the wishes of all our readers when we express the hope that she will soon be completely restored to health after her long spell of indisposition.

Between the wars and after the last war a number of new clubs have been formed to strengthen the representation of the Council. They include the Croydon Club, the Siamese Cat Club of the British Empire, the Kensington Kitten Club (recently amalgamated with the Neuter Cat Society), the Abyssinian Club, the Southsea Club, the South-Western Counties Club, the Blue Pointed Siamese Club, the Notts. and Derbys. Club, the Herts. and Middlesex Club, the Lancs. and North-Western Counties Club, the Scottish Club, the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Club, the Yorkshire County Club and the Russian Blue Club.

The Newbury Club has since closed owing to the death of Mrs. Fosbery, and it is interesting to record that one of the patrons of this year's Coronation Show is Lt.-Col. H. Slingsby, a stepson of Mrs. Slingsby who, up to her death last year, was a great worker for the Scottish Cat Club for several decades.

The Siamese Cat Club

ALTHOUGH by no means the oldest of English cat clubs, the Siamese Cat Club can now look back over a period of nearly fifty-three years since its foundation. No records seem to exist which would fix the actual date of its first meeting, but it appears to be more than likely that a few Siamese enthusiasts got together to start the Club in October 1900.

The first record so far found which relates to the existence of the Club is a show catalogue of Billetts Great Open Cat Show held at Reading on 27th and 28th February, 1901. At this show three special prizes were "Open to members of the Siamese Club only."

According to Harrison Weir, only 19 Siamese cats were shown at the Palace between 1871 and 1887, and of these 15 were females. Unfortunately he does not say in which year they were first shown, but Mrs. Lilian Veley is known to have received two Siamese in 1884. These two cats, Pho and Mia, were first shown at the 17th Annual Cat Show at the Crystal Palace in October 1885.

Siamese cats did not achieve immediate popularity, for they were found to be delicate until acclimatised ; rarely did a litter exceed two in number.

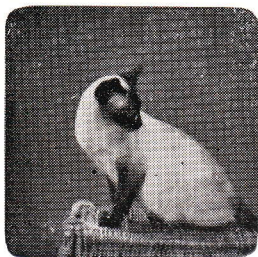
Strangely enough, immediately after the formation of the Club, entries at shows were pitifully small until the Palace Show of 1903 when there was a total of 25 adults and kittens. From that time progress was steady if not spectacular until on 24th September, 1924, the Club held its first Championship Show at the Philbeach Gardens Hall, Kensington. At this show there were 90 cats with a total entry of 225. As in this year the Club had only seventy-five members, the show entries were remarkable.

From then onwards the S.C.C. has made continuous progress, and by the end of its fiftieth year membership had reached and passed the seven hundred mark, a fact which probably made it the largest specialist cat club in the world.

To single out for mention a representative list of the names of those who have helped the Club on its way would be impossible, but in any roll of honour there would have to be Major Woodiwiss, Miss Busted and Mrs. Phyl Wade, while in more recent years Mrs. Duncan Hindley and Mrs. Kent (who was perhaps better known as Mrs. Hart) kept the Siamese Cat Club alive during the difficult war years.

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B.B.C. Photograph

Sir Compton Mackenzie, distinguished President of the Siamese Cat Club, in contemplative mood during a T.V. session. The Abyssinian kitten he is nursing is Frensham Osiris.



J. Hubert Walker

Mr. P. M. Soderberg, Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club, author of a number of cat books, broadcaster and, of course, regular contributor to this Magazine.

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American Impressions

By **BRIAN STIRLING-WEBB**

(Well-known English Siamese Judge and Breeder)

WITHIN the last five years I have twice visited the United States. On the first occasion I was invited to judge the Siamese exhibits at the Empire Cat Club's show held in New York in December 1949, which was a remarkable as well as a most enjoyable experience.

During the summer of 1952 I paid my second visit to America when I was taken by kind friends for a 10,000 mile motor tour. During the course of this we saw 31 out of the 48 States, which I am told is far more than many Americans have themselves seen of their own vast country.

Whilst on our travels we visited a number of catteries (my hostess herself being a fancier) and I had the opportunity of seeing some very beautiful cats.

There, as here, Siamese would seem to be the most popular breed and I was amazed to see the wonderful improvement in them which had taken place between my two visits.

I am inclined to believe, and I say this in all modesty, that my judging engagement in 1949 was responsible more than anything else for starting American fanciers on the right road to better Siamese. Not because it was myself, but because I put the English viewpoint before them. They had long before decided that the best cats were bred in England and my being there to judge for them gave them a direct contact with the British cat world.

It so happened that my visit coincided with an article in *OUR CATS* written by Mrs. Duncan Hindley and widely read in America and apparently we preached the same gospel. Everyone had heard of Mrs. Hindley and her famous Prestwick cats and here was yours truly saying

exactly the same things that she had set forth in her article.

The winning Siamese at the show were either imported (from England) or were the progeny of imported cats and this seems to have set the ball rolling. American fanciers began to send in ever increasing numbers for English cats and to-day some of our very best stock is carrying on the good work in the U.S.A. Other English judges followed me in quick succession and it soon became the fashion for Siamese at any rate to have as much "English" blood in them as possible.

A Rising Standard

With so many good cats constantly arriving from England the standard of Siamese in America was soon on the "up and up." Consequently on my second visit last year I noticed an enormous improvement in the breed. Heads were longer and more typey and the pale round eye was far less common.

Americans are very whole-hearted in whatever they take up, be it culture, canasta or cats. I was astonished at the enthusiasm of breeders many of whom could tell me without hesitation the pedigrees of some of our best known English cats. This was the rule rather than the exception. Their love of their hobby had led them to read everything appertaining to it that they could lay their hands on and one man really astounded me by being able accurately to tell me at exactly which shows and in what years my own cats had been exhibited, what awards they had gained and with what cats they had competed.

We English are apathetic by comparison. We are satisfied to believe we have the best stock in the world, but there is no doubt we shall have to look to our laurels. America will soon be ahead of us. They buy our best stock and then



A charming study of Altmhur chocolate-pointed Siamese.

(Sire : Praha Sforzando. Dam : Frensham Zephurel.)

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One of the most pleasing features about Siamese in America is the much paler body colour that most of them possess. This, I believe, is accounted for by environment and climatic conditions. In the warmest parts of the country some of the cats carry this attractive feature to excess as their points are often too pale as well, but over the rest of the continent they have hotter summers than we do and in the winter there is the very definite benefit of central heating.

I am convinced, from experiments I

have myself carried out, that an even heat (especially if it be moist) has the best possible influence on the coat colour of Siamese.

Of course, I received a great many other impressions of the Cat Fancy in America, but space will not permit of my enumerating them all. There is one thing, however, which I will mention and that is that I liked their way of making it possible for exhibitors at shows to really watch the judging. Our shows are run rather differently, but I am sure that this method, with a few modifications, could be introduced over here with advantage.

Summing up, I would say that the greatest factor for success in the American Fancy is the wonderful enthusiasm of the fanciers themselves. They really *deserve* to succeed. Good luck to them, each and every one.

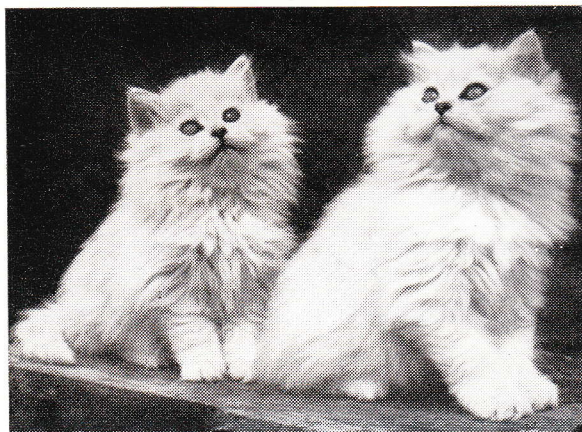
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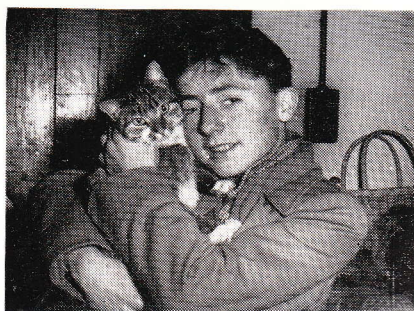
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The initial idea of a cat show at this nationally recognised exhibition site had come from Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Macdonald, of Ewell, Surrey, and the 1950 show had been run by them with the assistance of a number of well-known fanciers. The considerable financial responsibility had been shouldered by the Macdonalds alone.

In 1951, Chappie Ltd., of Melton Mowbray, a firm widely known as manufacturers of cat and dog foods, sponsored the show financially and this added substantially to the generous help they had already given to cat shows up and down the country. Although still prepared to give full financial assistance, the Company felt that the show at Olympia could best be organised by a cat club.

Again in 1952 Chappie Ltd., footed the bill but the show was run by the newly-formed Crystal Cat Club. In many ways this show was a great success, but the entry of pedigree cats was disappointing.

The show of pets by the children of the cinema clubs held on the Saturday afternoon was an event which will long be remembered. It

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was good for the children and also for the many fanciers who appreciated the obvious care and affection which children devoted to their cat friends.

Unfortunately the generosity of Chappie Ltd. was felt by some fanciers to be a dangerous precedent and it was suggested to the Company by the Club Committee that they should not provide further financial assistance. This suggestion was accepted by the Company with characteristic understanding.

Thus there will be no Crystal Cat Show in 1953, but the Club still exists and hopes to perform a useful service for all owners of cats, whether their pets be pedigreed or just honest-to-goodness pets. The number of cat owners who would welcome advice when their pets present a problem must total many thousands; those who are interested in the welfare of all cats must also be legion.

It is the first group that the Club wishes to help, while the second comprises those whom the Club hopes will join its ranks for the better understanding of the needs of all cats.

The International Association of Abyssinian Cat Owners

THE objects of the International Association laid down at the inaugural meeting are "to promote interest in and understanding of the Abyssinian cat by organising exhibitions, publishing periodicals and books and in such other ways as the Association may decide from time to time are suitable."

The Abyssinian has grown rapidly in popularity during the last few years and this has almost certainly not been only on account of its appearance, beautiful as a good Abyssinian seems to those who admire the "foreign" type. It has been my good fortune to correspond with a great many Abyssinian owners in half-a-dozen countries and I have always noticed that however they may praise the beauty of their cats and whether or not they enjoy success at shows, they never fail to remark on their unique charm as companions. Because of this interest taken by Abyssinian owners in their cats not merely for their show points, but for their ancient lineage, their intelligence and their friendliness, it has been

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President of the I.A.A.C.O. is Lady Welby (well-known as a singer under her maiden name of Barbara Lind) who owns "Amber." Most of the owners of Abyssinian cats in Britain are members

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When their cat was blinded by shrapnel during the blitz, writes Mrs. Hooper, of Woolwich, their dog Sandy used to push him round the house and lead him to his food and milk.

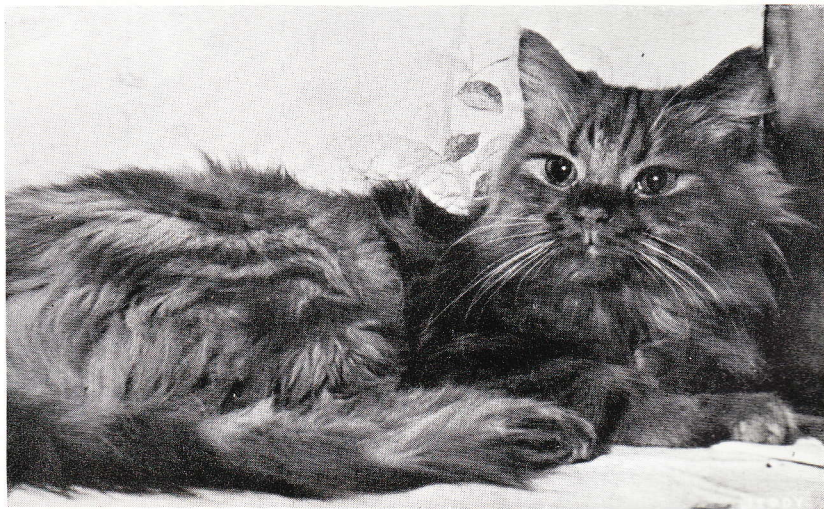


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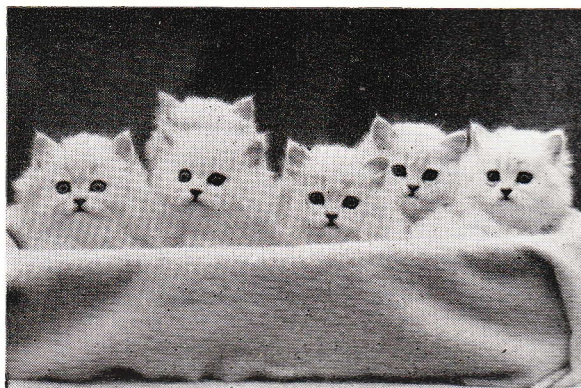
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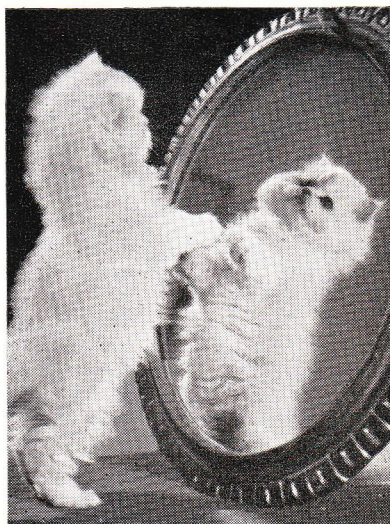
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Genetics and the Fancy

By ALBERT C. JUDE, whose contributions on heredity and colour inheritance have aided and inspired many of our readers over the past four years

A HOBBY is an essential part in our life. It provides a necessary relaxation from ordinary routine by allowing a change in thought or action, thereby stimulating our mental outlook or physical preparedness for renewal of the routine. To pick one particular form of hobby and to say "this is the best," would be absurd. Such a decision can only be dictated by individual circumstances. But a livestock hobby, especially one which may be pursued around one's home, will always rank high in the list of suitable possibilities.

Whatever the choice may be, more often than not the hobbyist only appears to enjoy a fringe of his subject. He is, for instance, content to plant the seeds, watch the growth of the plants, and then finally, to pick the blooms. But what a field of interest there is behind all this if only the "whys and wherefores" are explored, particularly, if I may so say, where a hobby of small livestock is concerned.

The scientific side of a hobby holds endless forms of interest which when added to the main issue, give pleasure unbounded.

The fascination of a hobby is that the more one learns of his subject, the more interesting it becomes, and particularly is this so in the breeding of exhibition animals. The urge to acquire the greater knowledge which will help in the art of breeding and the accomplishment of near ideals, is really remarkable. And a study of genetics and colour inheritance can and does supply all the added interest and helpfulness mentioned.

The average fancier is so apt to react adversely when even mention is made of scientific aspects. He conjures up all

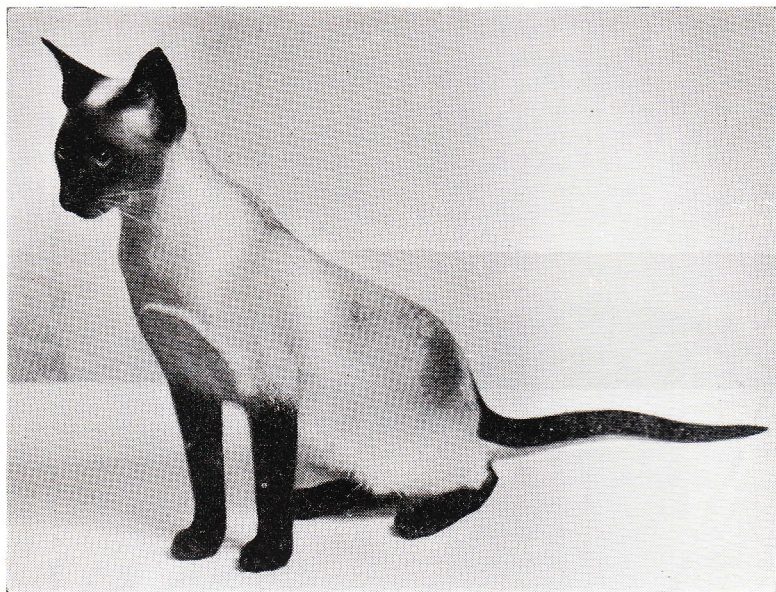
sorts of intricate problems which he presumes for certain as being far beyond him; and when much of the nomenclature he only vaguely notices is encountered, he seems instinctively to prevent his natural enquiring mind from following its rightful course. But these fears are quite groundless.

Certainly we must agree that some words used by science sound rather fearsome, but it should be understood that the science is not something to be made just charming, but rather is it a subject which is international, and consequently a number of terms have to be used which are understandable everywhere. But the literature intended for novices is usually written in an easy style so that the average fancier will have no difficulty at all in understanding.

By Easy Stages

Genetics as a science is not a complicated affair. It concerns a subject which by its very nature is built on a foundation of law and order and if studied gradually and step by step, it will be found to be only an accumulation of facts all in their proper sequence. And whatever may be said, it is only the basic fundamental facts about which the fancier need be concerned.

Knowledge about heredity is relatively new, for it is only about 50 years ago that any general and definite advancement in the subject was made, largely due to the efforts of an Austrian, Gregor Johann Mendel. His discovery still holds good, although it is now more usual to refer to the science as "genetics" rather than "Mendelism." His discovery was to the effect that inheritance is conveyed by way of single units. Mendel called these units "factors," but nowadays they are better known as "genes," and it is known that these "genes" do in fact lie



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Where Genetics Help

The general idea of genetics and colour inheritance operates for all small livestock, although variations must obviously occur in different species. Unfortunately, the particular genetics and colour inheritance of cats has not been written completely in book form, but short articles do appear from time to time in this and other cat magazines, and these are calculated to be of assistance to the average fancier, and an incentive for him to pursue the subject further.

Although it is undoubtedly true that the subject can be of great assistance to the fancier, it would be wrong to pretend that it is essential. First class show cats were bred or exhibited long before the subject had become as widely studied or practised as it is to-day. But on the other hand, it would indeed be wrong to feel that because some success can come in the absence of a knowledge of the subject, that therefore Mendelism will be of no help to you in your breeding operations.

A knowledge of the general principles which underlie all inheritance, and the way in which these principles have been found to apply in cat-breeding (or elsewhere), can be of very great value. But remember however, that *science* is not a

rule of thumb system which alone can reach a desired end. The ultimate success only comes through the *art* of selection as indicated by the science, a matter of real knowledge, properly applied.

As an example, it is rather a common idea with breeders of some black animals, that a "dash of blue" would improve the black colour. But when you have studied genetics only a little, you will soon learn that it is impossible to put little "dashes of blue" into a black cat. A black cat can carry either one gene for blue (in which case it will still be black-coated) or two genes for blue (in which case it would be blue-coated). By using blue to black you cannot introduce a half, or a quarter, or one eighth of a gene for blue, for the gene cannot be split that way.

To give just one more example: Suppose you have a small queen and wish to increase size in her progeny. You would, of course, mate her to a stud larger than herself. But if you expected to get *all* the progeny as big as the stud, you would be disappointed, for size in cats is not inherited in the same way as it was in the peas with which Mendel experimented. In that case the result was clear-cut. There were no intermediates. Yet although "size" in cats is, in fact, inherited on Mendelian lines, it is not inherited on what is called *simple* Mendelian lines. The explanation of this is not difficult, and when you have studied your Mendelism only a little way, many interesting points such as this will be clearly understood.

To sum up. If you will make a study of even the elementary stages of genetics and colour inheritance, you will probably be surprised at the added interest you are able to take in your cat breeding. And from the practical point of view, you will most certainly never regret the little time you have given to the study.

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Soon I was attending shows and talking with experienced fanciers. I was persuaded to exhibit and my first entry, I think, was at the Siamese Show at Chenies Street. I also remember showing Palaeologina (Zoe)—bred by Mrs. Helen Laws—at the Kentish Cat Society's Show. Mrs. Basnett and Capt. N. H. Powell wrote of her rich colour and deep points. At this show I had a long chat with the late Grace Cox-Ife, who did so much for Blue Points. An artist of great merit, Mrs. Cox-Ife later designed the sketch for my Doneraile prefix.

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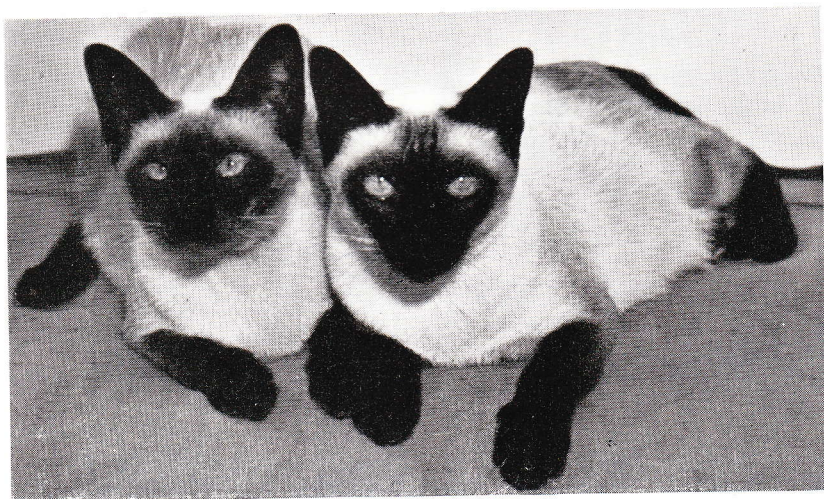
about finding a stud that would, if possible, live in the house with us and the other cats. My search ended at Miss Val Prentis's London home. Bebe Morgan (Pudge) and Zoe took to one another at once and very soon there were kittens. But Zoe was not a good mother, in fact she smothered her first litter. I exhibited this pair under Madame d'Ollone at the Siamese Club Show and they provided me with material for several stories in my book "The Breeding and Management of Siamese Cats."

It might be worth recording that when I first had Zoe, she was to be "put down" because of catarrhal tendency. Injections having failed, my vet. had a vaccine made of the mucus from her nose, which effected a cure.

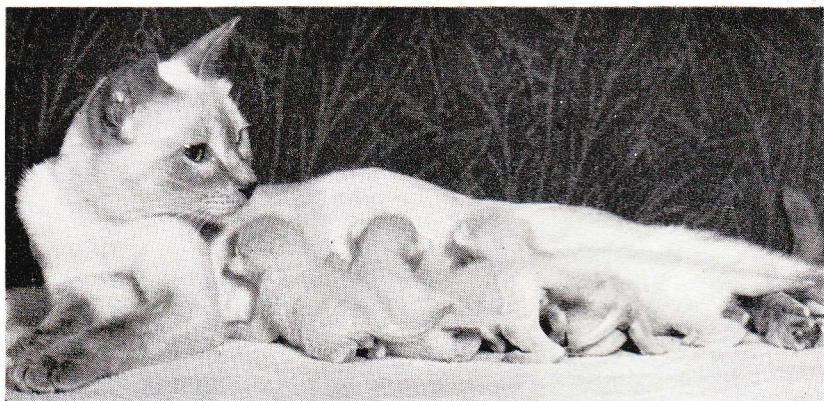
I owe everything to the help, encouragement and sound advice given me by Phyl Wade, Mrs. Basnett, Miss Dixon and Miss Morton, all prominent Siamese breeders to whom nothing was too much trouble. Herbert Thompson, a born diplomat, suggested I should have a prefix, a step forward I had rather hesitated to take. In some inexplicable way this action seemed to draw me further and further into the Fancy.

In 1939 we moved to Leeds, taking our Siamese family with us. I sent two kittens down to the Kitten Show that year and I remember they were 2nd and 3rd in the same class. In those days cats could be sent by "Blue Arrow," a special service for travelling animals. The railways delivered the cats right to the show halls, stewards groomed, fed and cared for them during the day, settled them comfortably in their boxes and despatched them home after the show.

Came the War! I evacuated my stock, except Pudge, to Scotland and like most people I found myself plunged into war work. I became a gas lecturer and had charge of a women's ambulance station. After a move to Hull, we returned to London to find Club activities gaining momentum all around us. Soon I was on the Siamese Cat Club Committee and in 1947 I became Hon. Secretary of the Southern Counties Cat Club. My first taste of show management came in January 1948, when the Club held its first post-war show at Lime Grove Baths, Shepherds Bush. Since that year I have managed the Club's annual show, six shows in all. In addition, I have co-managed with my husband the



DONERAILE DIANE (left) and DONERAILE DEBUTANTE



Wayne Zimmerman, Tacoma News Tribune

Over the years forward-looking fanciers in different parts of the world have set out to explore the interesting possibilities of the ubiquitous Siamese. So far their efforts have produced very definite results and from the monopolistic world of the Seal Points there have emerged Blue Points and Chocolate Points to take their place as recognised varieties and now the Red Points are "knocking at the door." In America the Lilac or Frost Points have appeared and our delightful domestic picture shows what is probably the first litter from like-to-like breeding. The mother of these four Lilac babies is Prajadhi's Mrs. Lon Chee Lee (bred by Mrs. Tom Boothby) and the sire Bograe's Dhyabilo (bred by Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest). The proud owners are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ader, Tacoma, Washington. The kittens, whose grandparents are all Blue Points, are very coral-nosed, with flaming red paws and flesh tones running brightly up the under side of their legs and across their abdomens. What is your choice of name—

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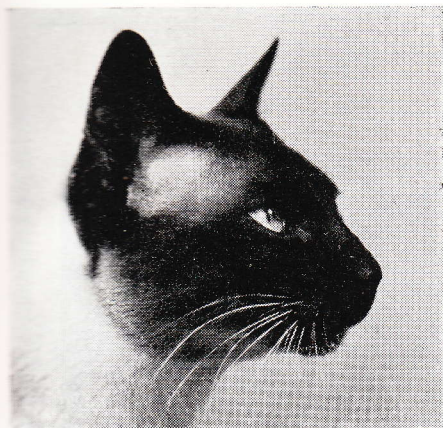
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Festival of Britain Show 1951 and its 1952 successor. All these fixtures were successful for their Clubs, total profits for the Southern reaching £374 and for the Festival Show £450. These results speak volumes for my helpers, who have been *real* workers. No amount of organisation is any good with unreliable helpers.

Of my cats, probably the best known are Doneraile Debutante and Doneraile Dekho. These two produced progeny who have obtained many awards both in this country and overseas—Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and the States. Deb. was awarded 1st and Champion and Best Siamese at the National Cat Club Show. Unfortunately, a little later on she had an accident to her hind leg which prevented her being shown again. She did not miss the shows for she loved having her children and grandchildren round her. She had a great affection for her daughter Diane, whose son and daughter Ch. Doneraile Dandie (U.S.A.) and Doneraile Dantress have done so well. Deb's own daughter Ch. Doneraile Drusilla carried all before her in the States. Doneraile Deb, too, is following in her mother's footsteps. She is sired by my Salewheel Simkin, bred by Mrs. W. Wridgeway. Young Deb's daughter, Doneraile Dorli, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Japper, has already won

Best Siamese at Berne and Wiesbaden in a field of 60 entries and that sound judge Madame Pia Sandoz has greatly admired her at the European shows.

In 1950 I was invited to judge the Siamese Specialty Show at Norfolk, Virginia, and whilst a visitor at the Newark Show I had the great pleasure of hearing Ch. Doneraile Dandie announced Best S.P. Champion. On my return to England OUR CATS published an account of my interesting and instructive experiences in the States.

Chocolate Pointed Siamese are now coming to the fore. I was fortunate in breeding the first C.P. litter to be shown.

In July this year I succeeded Mrs. Sayers, who is going overseas, as Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club. After six years a club becomes part of one's life and I found it a great wrench to give up the Secretaryship of the Southern Counties. My friends convinced me that in taking over the S.C.C. office it will be possible to concentrate my activities for the furtherance of the breed in which I am most interested.

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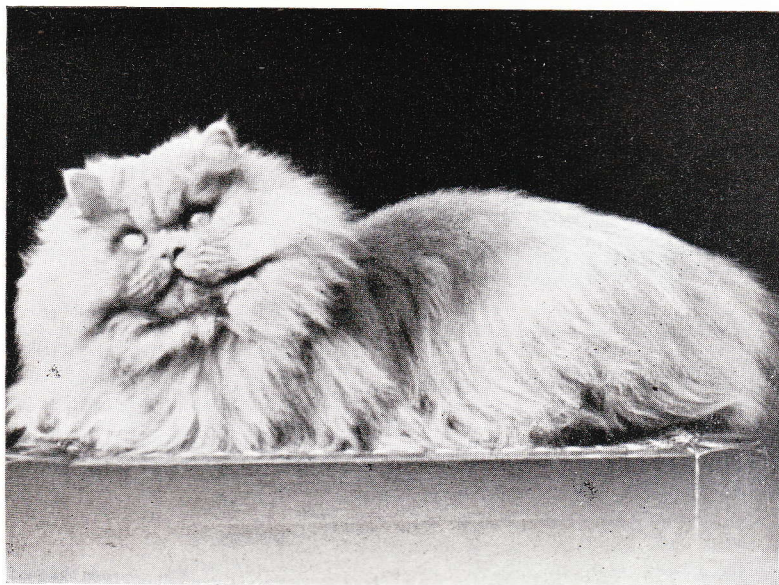
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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

Mrs. Thompson has this year made history for the Fancy by travelling from England to Australia and New Zealand to fulfil judging engagements.

A LOVELY day greeted my return home from Australia and New Zealand on 10th August. Everything looked a bit strange as it usually does after a long absence, but my dear Ch. Dawn soon made me return to normal. Of course, she remembered everything and when she was allowed out early next morning she settled down in her favourite spot on top of the kitten house underneath a buddleia to watch the birds. I went to Bromley later to fetch her quartette of kittens from Mrs. Boulton, who had so kindly looked after them whilst I was away. Mrs. Boulton has acquired a very nice Blue queen from Mrs. Brine—Avernoll Eastern Challenge who won well as a kitten—who was nursing an attractive baby by Avernoll Knight Anthony which we may see at the shows later. Mrs. Boulton's trio of Blues were parading about the garden looking very pleased with themselves and her young male Denyston Denys was keeping possessive eyes on his two wives.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron later motored over with Anchor Felicity and her quartette by Ch. Astra of Pensford, monster kittens with lovely coats. Mrs. Barron chose one of the three Cream males, Apollo of Pensford, for a future stud. Lucky little fellow, he is going to a very loving home where he will have lots of fun.

My next journey was to Mr. Soderberg at Caterham to collect my young Blue male Foxburrow Frivolous. It was exciting seeing him after nearly five months. From 9 to 14 months is such an important stage in the life of a young Blue male and it was a thrill to see he had fulfilled his kitten promise and developed marvellous eye colour. He was, of course, bred by Mr. Soderberg from Miss Langston's lovely Ch. Dylan of Allington.

Friends through Cats

We have our ups and downs in the Fancy in England as elsewhere but what good friends one makes through the years and how much I appreciate the kindness of those who so lovingly looked after my pets. Among these kind friends I must not forget to include Miss Burgess, matron of Mottrams, who actually attended to Frivolous and nicknamed him "Jumbo" because of his size and placid temperament.

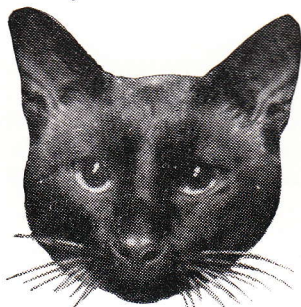
There is no doubt all three cats remembered everything about their own home. My Cream queen Anchor Felicity was soon sitting in her favourite place on the roller at the bottom of the garden "quartering" the ground with her

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eyes looking for field mice, and loving the jungle height of the weeds and grasses. Little Harpur Juliet has been spayed and will remain with the friends who took care of her whilst I was away. She is a lovable little soul and will make a delightful pet. So many acquaintances imagine I have several adult cats but this has never been so. Four is the largest number I have ever had at one time and usually only three. The companionship of queens is delightful and it is a joy to see them in the garden, so happy and contented.

Mr. Soderberg's Siamese queen by Ch. Inwood Shadow has a delightful quintette by Mrs. Richardson's Morris Padishah. They were running about on the terrace like five little sprites "making backs" at each other and puffing the fur out on their slender tails trying to give Auntie Joan a wrong impression. But I had no hesitation in selecting the best of the males for Mr. Holmes, Hon. Secretary of the Canterbury Cat Club, Christchurch, New Zealand. This kitten has lovely type and deep blue eyes and if he emulates his mother he will have a pale coat which is so admired abroad. Siamese which may develop into almost self seals are not the type which are wanted and what does the standard of the Siamese Cat Club state: "Body Colour:—Cream, shading gradually into pale warm fawn on the back. Kittens paler in colour."

Siamese below Standard

Whilst nearly all the cats and kittens we have exported have a truly wonderful record in the show pen, I was sorry to hear in Australia and New Zealand that a few of the Siamese have not come up to expectations. Naturally every new import is compared with the best we have sent and owners are disappointed when they receive stock which has little hope of winning firsts in competition. When breeders order a pair they do not require a half brother and sister unless informed of the relationship and they consent. All cats are imported at great expense and

are intended for foundation stock. They realise that many of their own Siamese are too round-headed and too short in body and tail so it is a cat or kitten which conforms to the Standard of the Siamese Cat Club they require and, of course, one with an immaculate pedigree.

It is a feather in the cap of Longhair breeders that I did not receive any criticism of their stock. Mrs. Downey's beautiful Blue, Black and Red Tabby Longhairs and her Siamese in New Zealand made one glow with pleasure when one knew they had been raised in this country. At the age when it is advisable to send kittens, (i.e. from five to seven months, preferably the latter, as they would have almost finished teething) it is possible to know what kittens will be like as adults. If one has doubts they are obviously not the type to export.

Best Time for Export

After nearly thirty years' experience as a breeder, I do not believe in the ugly ducklings turning into swans theory. Another reason why it is advisable not to send young kittens is because the effect of the humid heat of the tropics may lead to loss of appetite and anything which upsets the routine of kittens has more effect when they are very young. One of the best periods for export to Australia and New Zealand would be about mid-September to early November as it would be comparatively cool in the tropics and the cats would arrive in early summer. Instructions about food should be sent in duplicate or even triplicate in case one set is lost; also simple instructions in case diarrhoea should result from wrong feeding. The ship's doctor will have bismuth and similar specifics in his surgery and breeders should ascertain the quantity required and it should be quoted on the feeding chart. Siamese should not be sent with collars. One kitten grew so much that his collar was too tight. Details like this which breeders would notice immediately are not so obvious to sailors who have so many other things to do.

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As this diary closes I was delighted to hear from Miss Verner Clum, of Florida, U.S.A., that her Blue male Grand Champion Moonbeam of Gaylands (by Mrs. Vize's Ch. Astra of Pensford) is Best Opposite Sex Cat of the Year in U.S.A. This is the first time this honour has been achieved by a British export. I am especially interested in him because I purchased him at 4 months of age from his breeder, Mrs. Machin, on the occasion of her marriage. I kept him until he was nearly a year old when he went to Miss Verner Clum, and, of course, I bred his sire.

Out of Quarantine

On August 30th Mr. and Mrs. Barron took me to see Mrs. Mollie Turney at Holyport, Berks. What a delightful typically English garden and how beautifully she keeps her cats.

Sarisbury Aphra, a lovely Chinchilla queen bred by Mrs. Warren, was enjoying the last two left of her lovely kittens by Ch. Flambeau of Allington. Bonavia Fantasy, Best Chinchilla kitten at Kensington Kitten Show, has been purchased by Mrs. Barron, and Bonavia Fiona had arrived safely in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., to become a brood queen for Mrs. Earl Nack, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in U.S.A. in 1950.

Kute Kit Silver Flyer, the young male she sent to Mrs. Turney last December, came safely out of quarantine in June and a few hours before we arrived had become the proud sire of six sturdy kittens, his first litter. These will be a fine outcross for our lovely English Chinchillas. Bonavia Fifi, who was awarded fourteen firsts and twelve seconds last year and was twice Best Chinchilla Kitten, left for Australia recently after being mated to Kute Kit

Silver Flyer. She has been purchased by Miss Haswell, of Turramurra, whom I had the pleasure of visiting in June.

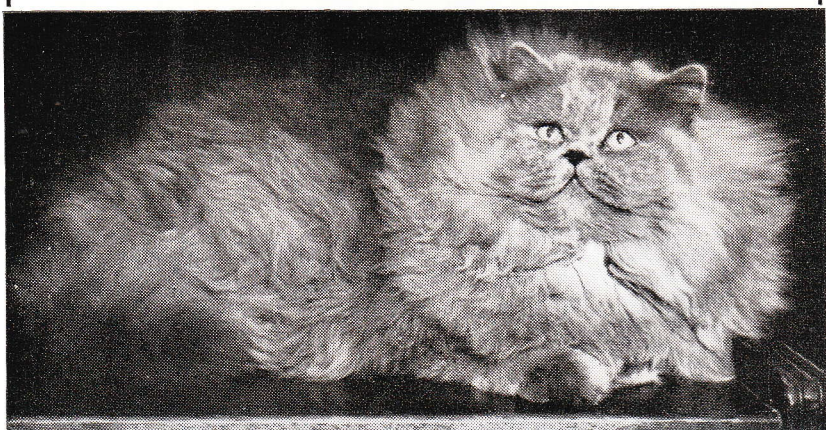
It was a pleasure to see the really well-built cat houses, each with its trim little lawn, gravel path and earth surround and the whole enclosed with wire netting on substantial framework. The boarding kennels for dogs were equally well built and it is not surprising that owners send their pets from far away to be boarded. The cats and kittens were not a bit perturbed by the barking of the dogs.

New Zealand Enthusiasm

After witnessing the enthusiasm among the exhibitors and the general public at Invercargill, New Zealand, it was interesting to hear from Mr. Aberdeen that eight years ago owners were almost apologetic when they sent for him to prescribe for their cats. Veterinary surgeons were associated in public opinion with animals of material value such as sheep (of which it is estimated there are 34,000,000 in New Zealand) and millions of cattle. However, he thought there might be sufficient cat lovers to form a club so he called a meeting which was mainly attended by the owners of his cat patients and the result was the formation of the Southland Cat Fanciers' Club. Donations of over £15 were taken and on these slender means they ventured on their first show. The local press was generous with publicity but it was the humanitarian aspect which so pleased Mr. Aberdeen because from that time many cat owners began to cherish their cats more and not regard them as utility animals to be kept in a barn and to live on anything they could catch with perhaps a drink when the cows were milked.

Mr. Aberdeen was beaming with delight as the crowds surged up the stairs on July 4th, especially when we heard such remarks as "I wish we had brought Toots, etc. I am sure he is as good as that one with a first prize!"

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Thermal Wonders

One very interesting experience I had in New Zealand was the trip Mr. Marshall took Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Downey and myself to Rotorua. I imagined it as a few pools of simmering water and mud but as one approaches Rotorua by road jets of steam are breaking out at intervals all over the hills and the smell of sulphur as one alights is overpowering to some people. It was too late to visit the most publicised show place Whakarewarewa that evening but we went to the Ward baths where, to quote a New Zealand classic called "From N to Z": "If you are brazen you go to the Ward Baths where no costumes are worn and you see all the weaknesses of human nature." Well, we didn't bathe but we had a cheery little giggle! The Government Gardens at Rotorua cover an area of 180 acres and here one finds the various baths and buildings of the spa. The town itself is by a lake and is set in the midst of an area of thermal wonders that are not equalled anywhere in the world.

Next day we went to Whakarewarewa and saw the weird and wicked looking pools of boiling water and mud. I should think some of them must have been the inspiration of the pressure cooker as the Maoris have wooden platforms just below the surface of the very small ones and deposit saucepans which they cover with sacks. Our guide told us 45 lbs. of meat cook in one hour. The russet complexioned Maori children select the pools of the right temperature and there they bathe in their birthday suits. It is a miracle they never fall into some of the

boiling pools as none have fences, even the edges of some of them are dangerous as they are only a thin deposit of something which looks like limestone.

Unfortunately, no geysers shot into the air. Most of the pools are less active in this way than they used to be as it was discovered many years ago that throwing soap into some of the pools made the geysers more spectacular and the long term effect of the alkaline content has been to subdue them. The pale yellows and greens of the sulphur deposits on the rocks they flowed over made some of the pools really lovely.

Our Queen's Visit

Great preparations are being made for the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth this year. We visited the Rotowhio Model Pa (village) which is a reconstruction of a fortified Maori village in the days before the Pakeha (foreigner) came to New Zealand. The storehouses formerly reserved for tribal treasures and dried food were lavishly carved and stand on posts to protect them from dogs and rats. We passed beneath the carved gateway which depicts the famous Maori story of two lovers, Hinemoa and Tutanekai, and it is beneath this arch Queen Elizabeth will enter the model village.

Mr. Marshall motored some miles to take us to other well-known hot springs and thermal wonders; it was all interesting but one wonders what it is like to live in a dwelling raised on piles with a jet of stream constantly rising beneath it and puffing into ones windows. Not to mention the thinness of the crust which divides one from the heat and activity below!

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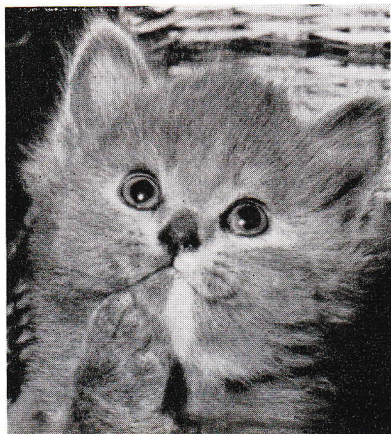
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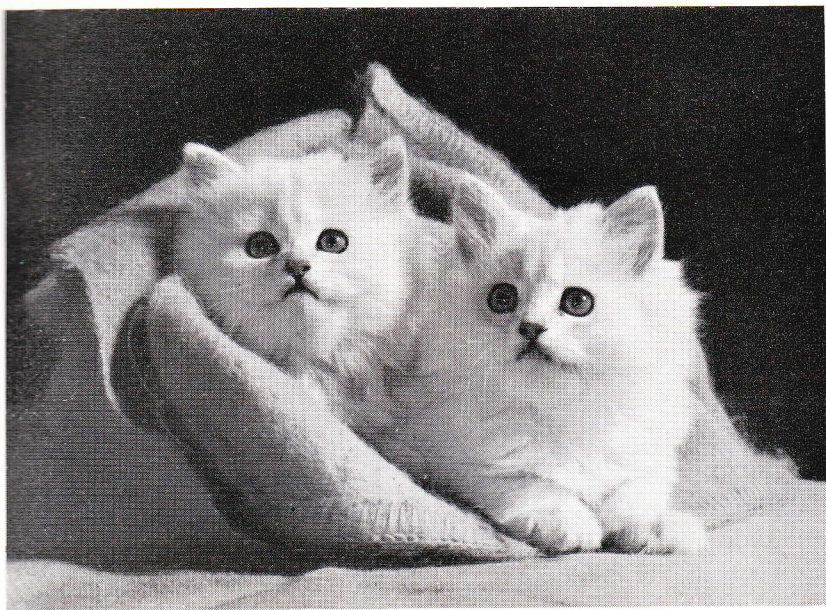
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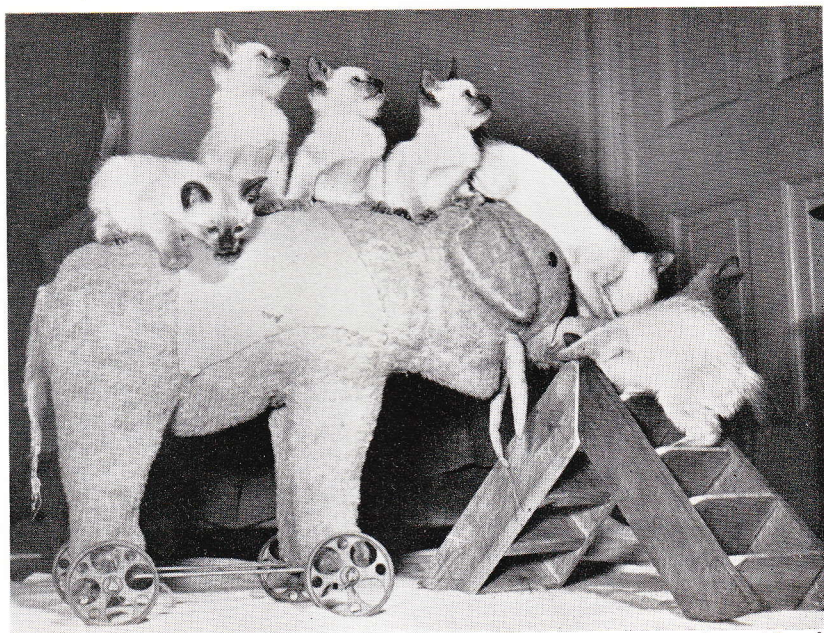
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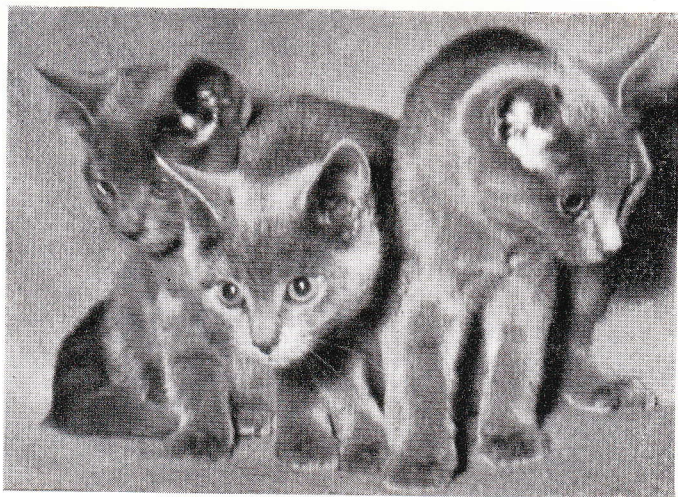
When do we start ? A litter of lively Siamese kittens sired by Mrs. Broadwood's Tschudi Buddha will be ready for a ride when the argument is settled in front. The kittens have been given Elizabethan names to mark this Coronation year.



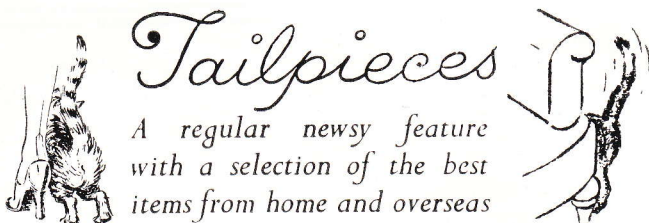
Reynolds News
Dignity and impudence! Bonavia Feather, Chinchilla kitten bred by Mrs. Mollie Turney, tries to make friends with the massive St. Bernard she met at a cat show. The big fellow was collecting funds for an animal charity.



Mrs. E. Towe's Siamese Champion Hillcross Melody and one of her kittens with their young friend Elaine.



A nice trio of Russian Blue kittens belonging to Mr. Paul Hoeller, of Los Angeles, bred from imported parents Ch. Dunloe Kabushin ex Ch. Philimore Prudence.



Tailpieces

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

A bearded 70-year-old dock porter of Nicosia, Cyprus, was reported to have a passion for eating cats, rats and snakes. He was led away to a mental hospital for proper care and attention.

Mrs. Gwendoline Duke, wife of S/Ldr. Neville Duke, who last month won back for England the world's fastest flying record, finds relaxation in breeding Blue and Blue-Cream Longhairs. She likes to exhibit whenever as she puts it "I have anything worth showing." A picture of Mrs. Duke with a trio of her kittens appeared in our December 1952 issue.

When the P. & O. liner Mooltan put in at Tilbury last month she had nine extra passengers. During the voyage five kittens were born to Lucy and four to Nigger, the ship's cats.

Loud mewling by their cat early in the morning awakened Mrs. Humble of South Harrow. When she investigated the cause a fire was discovered sweeping through the ground floor of the house.

When the Trades Union Council met last month for its annual conference at Douglas, Isle of Man, the President, Mr. Tom O'Brien, was presented with

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a Manx kitten, which was straight away cared for by his 17-year-old daughter Bernadette. Mr. Arthur Deakin, vice-president of the Council, is reported to be flattered by the fact that the O'Brien kitten has been christened "Deakin."

Actress Fay Compton is well-known for her love of animals and very often she takes part at functions promoted by the humane societies. Her own pets are a Boxer and a long-haired Dachshund and two black cats called Pip and Emma. Pip, she says, is "a kind of tiger of uncertain mood but Emma is fat, amiable, home-loving and smiles at me all the time."

In 1950 (reports the P.D.S.A. journal *The Animals' Friend*) a lady in Oxford found an injured cat in her garden, nursed it back to health, and then traced its owner who lived but ten minutes' walk away. The owner fetched the cat as soon as he was notified but next morning the cat was back on his benefactor's doorstep. The owner fetched the cat

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Rimba, the tiger cub sent from Malaya as a Coronation Year gift to the Zoo following an appeal by Sir Gerald Templer, the High Commissioner, has had injections against feline flu.

When the Phoenix Theatre in London advertised for a black cat to take part in a stage play (wages £3 per week and unlimited fish and milk), about 50 owners turned up with their pets for the audition. The selected cat was Pixie belonging to 16-year-old Brenda Smith, of Wood Green. But Pixie wasn't so lucky after all as the play was taken off after a week because of the rough handling it received from the critics. MICKY.

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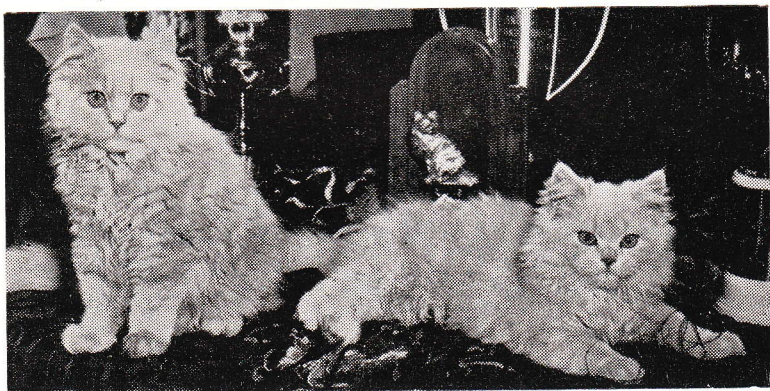
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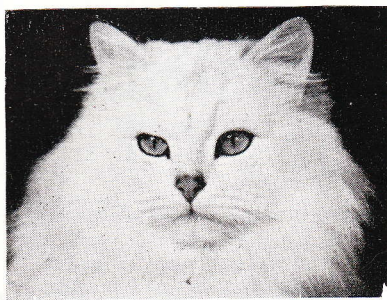
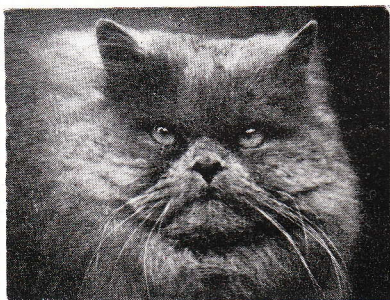
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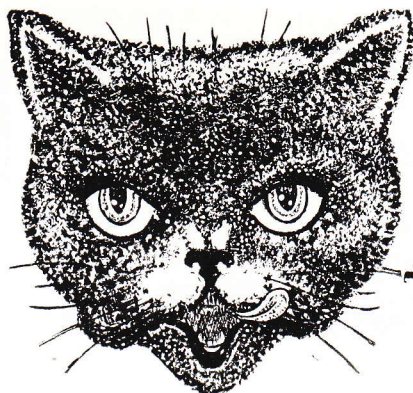
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OF the thousands of American visitors to Britain this summer none was more welcome than Governor Adlai E. Stevenson of the State of Illinois and runner-up in the last Presidential Election. Certainly none left behind a better impression. But don't let us get involved in politics!

There are many in the States to-day who say that if voting had been left to cat lovers Governor Stevenson would to-day be installed in the White House. It was he who came down with a heavy official hand on the activities of a strange handful of cranks styling themselves "Friends of Birds." We in England are indeed fortunate not to be troubled by such strange people.

The "Friends of Birds" are led by a certain Miss Gertrude Charney who appears to have devoted her life to the extermination of cats. In the past ten years American cat lovers have had to fight her "Marauding Cat" Bills four times before the Illinois Legislature and three times in California. There is no telling where the "Friends" may strike next and although they have scored no victories to date they appear to have lost none of their zest for a legal battle.

To combat the activities of the "Friends" a little group of American cat lovers has been organised under the

presidency of Dr. Guy Bogart, of Beaumont, California, with Mrs. Alice M. Clark of San Francisco as Secretary-Treasurer. An advisory committee includes Mrs. Billie Bancroft, Dr. Ida Melon and Walter Chandoha of New York, Howard and Blanche Warren of the Casa Gatos Cattery, Hal Nichols of Radio KFOX, Lynn Hamilton, Gertrude Whitney, Bob Hoover, Ester Baldwin York and Vivien Robinette. Its title is Federated Group Inc. and the amount of voluntary work it has undertaken on behalf of the threatened felines is something to marvel at.

When Governor Stevenson vetoed the Bill submitted by the "Friends" to the Senate of Illinois, he did so in the following classic terms:

"I cannot agree that it should be the declared public policy of Illinois that a cat visiting a neighbor's yard or crossing the highway is a public nuisance. It is in the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming. Many live with their owners in apartments or other restricted premises, and I doubt if we want to make their brief foray an opportunity for a small game hunt by zealous citizens—with traps or otherwise. I am afraid this bill could only create discord, recrimination and enmity. Also consider the owner's dilemma: To escort

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"In reply to Miss N. M. Marshall (May issue, OUR CATS) who asked for recent news of my Red Point breeding here in America, I had two litters last April. One was second generation kittens born prematurely by Caesarian section. The mother survived and one male kit Caesar, who is exceptionally beautiful Siamese type. In the other litter the Red Point queen was mated to a Blue Point Champion and seven babies (two female Tortie Points and five male Red Points) were born. Because of the great interest shown in letters received asking about my breeding (I have letters from England and South Africa), I am enclosing a photo of myself, a first generation Red Point queen, two Red Point kittens and my favourite Seal Point female. You will see by the picture there is much improvement in type over the first Red Point picture published in the summer of 1952. The need for greatest improvement is in points colour. This will take much longer to accomplish owing to the fact that red is a very reduced pigment."

a cat abroad on a leash is against the nature of the cat, and to permit it to venture forth for exercise unattended into a night of new dangers is against the nature of the owner. Moreover cats perform useful service, particularly in rural areas, in combatting rodents—work they necessarily perform alone and without regard for property lines.

“We are all interested in protecting certain varieties of birds. That cats destroy some birds, I well know, but I believe this legislation would further but little the worthy cause to which its proponents give such unselfish effort. The problem of cat versus bird is as old as time. If we attempt to resolve it by legislation who knows but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age old problems of dog versus cat, bird versus bird, or even bird versus worm. In my opinion, the State of Illinois and its local governing bodies already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinquency.”

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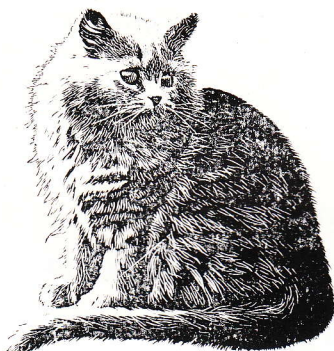
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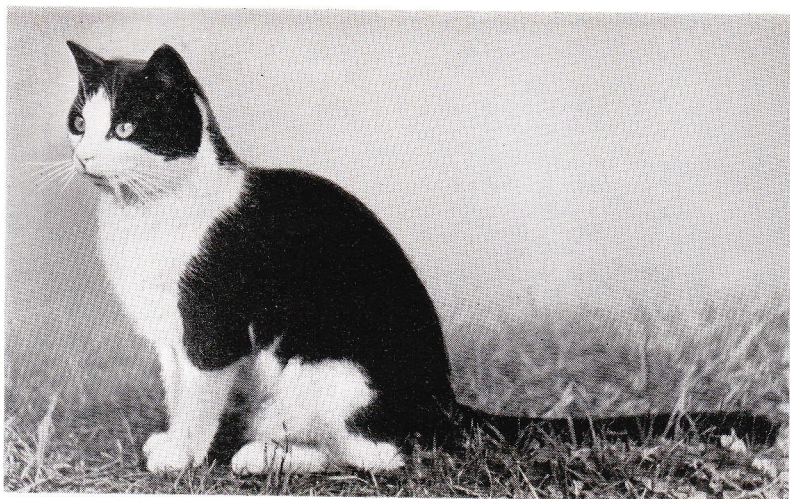
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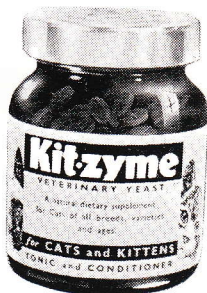
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Feline Infectious Enteritis is a viral infection which causes a failure of the normal production of white blood corpuscles. Because of this, the infection is sometimes called Feline Panleucopænia. A post-mortem examination of victims usually reveals some inflammation of the small intestine, and this condition has led to the disease being generally known as Infectious Enteritis.

The symptoms of the disease are great prostration, loss of appetite, vomiting, staring coat, sunken eyes, abdominal pain and a tendency for the cat either to lie on its abdomen with its legs spread out or to sit huddled up and unwilling to move. Because of the lack of white cells in the blood, affected cats are liable to contract bacterial infections which reduce the chances of recovery.

Secondary Invaders

A great deal of research was carried out before Feline Infectious Enteritis was differentiated from other diseases of the cat, and the responsible virus isolated. It was found that many bacteria such as salmonellae, streptococci, and pasteurellae, accompanied the disease as secondary invaders, causing complications once the virus infection was established. The disease was shown to be entirely distinct from "Feline Distemper" which is a respiratory infection accompanied by sneezing and discharge from the eyes.

In 1935 The Wellcome Research Laboratories at Beckenham prepared a

vaccine which was made available to veterinary surgeons by Burroughs Wellcome & Co., and was used successfully for several years. Unfortunately, production of the vaccine had to be discontinued in 1940 when the manufacture of vaccines and sera for the protection of the fighting services took priority.

The Danger Period

In the years during and after the war, the incidence of the disease rose alarmingly, but in 1952, after the subject had been largely re-investigated and a suitable strain of virus found, Burroughs Wellcome & Co. once again issued a Feline Infectious Enteritis protective vaccine and thousands of cats have been injected with it during the last 18 months.

All breeds of cats are susceptible to the disease although the mortality is greater in Siamese and, to a lesser extent, in Persians. Animals are most susceptible in their first year, generally between 3-9 months. After that they develop a natural or acquired resistance to the disease but this unfortunately cannot be depended upon.

It is important that cats should be protected before shows, when large numbers of animals are gathered together and the risk of infection is very great. Vaccination should be completed at least 7 days before an animal is exposed to infection. It is advisable to start immunisation when kittens are 6 to 8 weeks old, one or two weeks after weaning. There are two injections with a 10-14 days interval between them. If, however, a kitten seems to go off-colour during the interval, the second injection can be postponed for a week or more, and the animal may in fact receive a higher level of immunity as a result of the delay.

In an epidemic it is well worth vaccinating uninfected animals, although it takes a little time for full immunity to

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It was in 1911 that she purchased her first Blue queen named Avril who was registered in C.F.A., A.C.A. and C.F.F., as well as your English G.C.C.F. Thus started the Lavender Cattery.

This 1911 date I have taken from the records but Miss Hydon herself tells me she has always loved cats as far back as 1898. She owned a pedigreed Blue Persian which she obtained in exchange for a Collie. This little queen—the daughter of Darius IV—was not perfect but when mated to good sires never nicked any of her kits with her own faults. There was another sire near the Hydon home named Woolloomooloo II. Miss Hydon would ride down to Woolloomooloo on her bicycle with the little queen in a basket in front of her. It is hard to imagine the President of the Cat Fanciers' Association zipping along on a bike taking her cat to be mated. But she says it's true and I wish I'd known her then !

40 Years' Judging

In my interview with Miss Hydon I asked how many Grand Champions she had had. She thought a minute and then said she could not remember exactly, but she *thought* it was five. I find she is gifted in making understatement regarding herself and her work. She started judging in 1910 and has been in demand from clubs all over America. She seldom accepts a judging assignment these days as she is so very busy at her cattery and kennels looking after her animal families.

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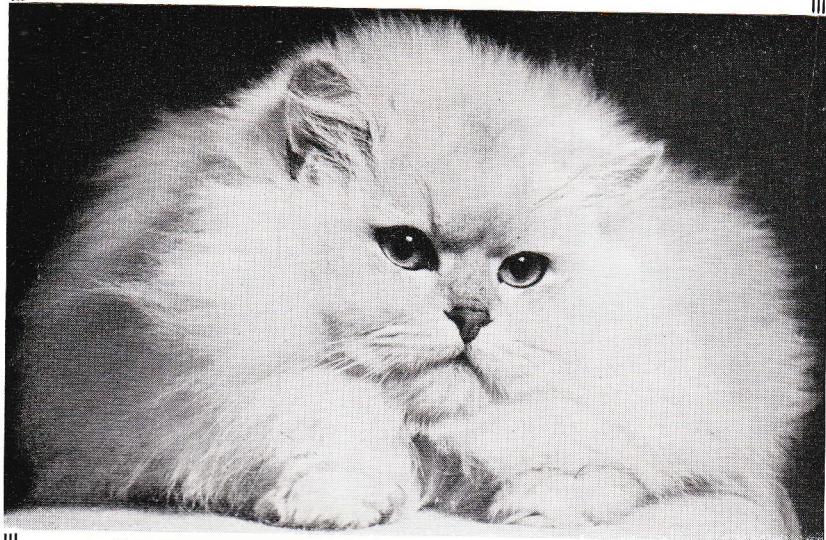
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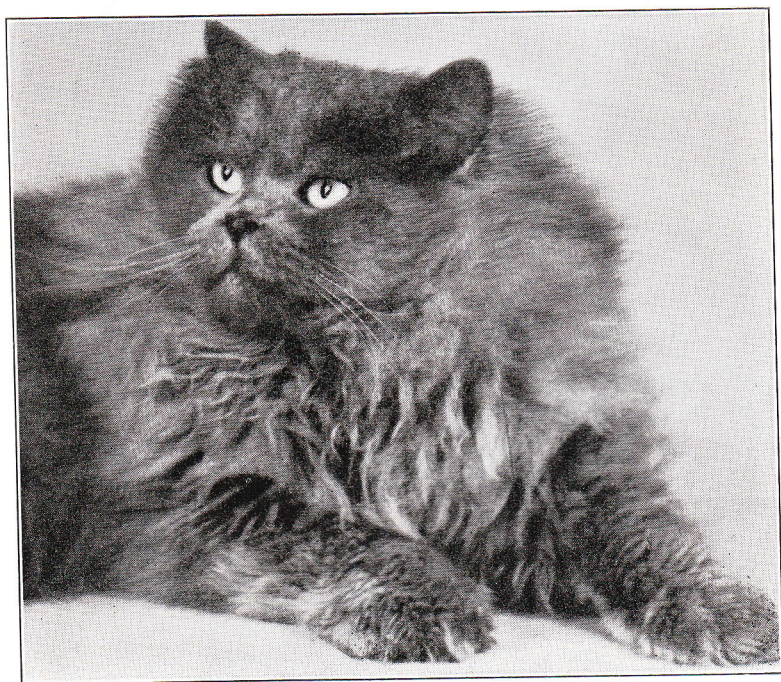
Shorthairs. I asked her what she considered the best cat she ever owned and the answer floored me. I thought it would be Grand Champion Lavender Liberty or Grand Champion Lavender Beau. But no, she said her best cat ever was Champion Lavender Chu-Chu.

When I questioned her regarding show managers and what she considered a requisite she replied: "One with an even disposition who abides by the Association rules. She must try to make the show the sport it should be, win or lose."

is an asset. She avers that she has seen many novices who were genuine and others who had no patience to continue in striving to better their breed.

Breeding show dogs is another phase of Miss Hydon's busy life. She has six different breeds of dogs and one or more champions in every breed.

Some of the Persians that she remembers best are Hiawatha of Hounslow, Lavender Secony Lad, Lavender Reg-side Gem, Thalia of Culloden, Laugh-ton's Lupine, Lavender Chu-Chu, Garth of Allington, Greyeldo of Allington (all

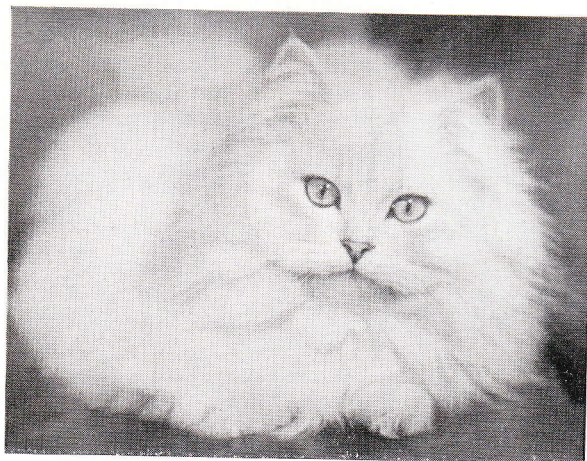


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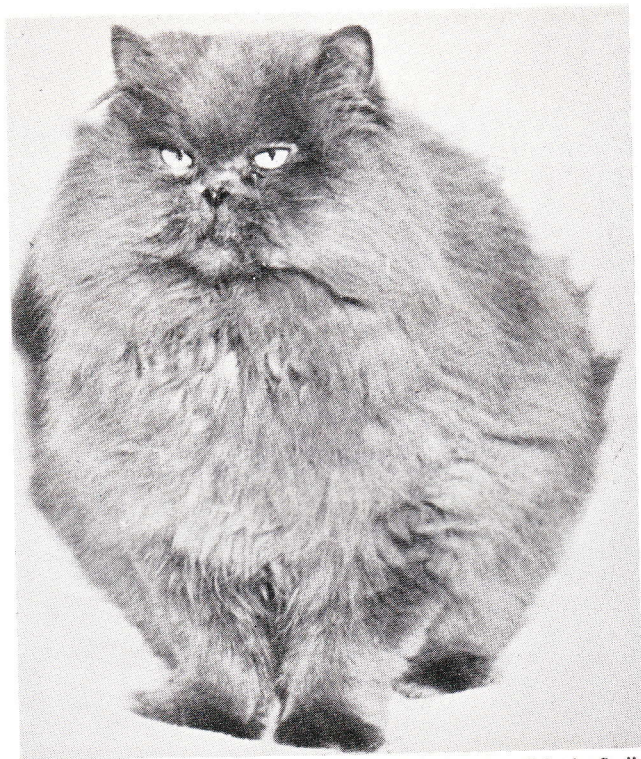
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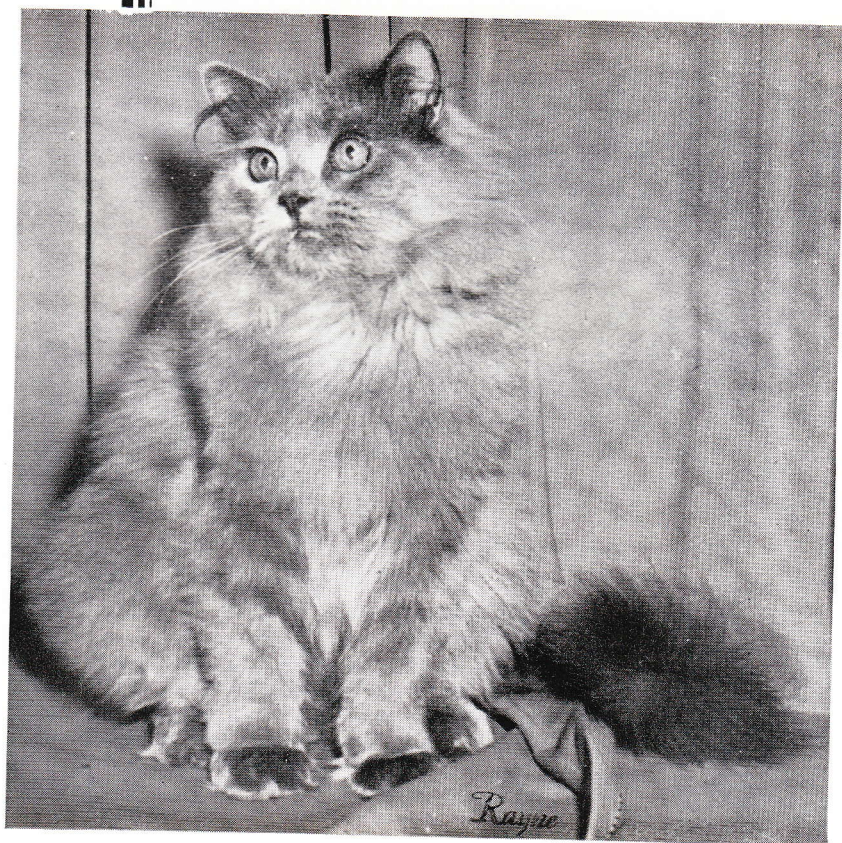
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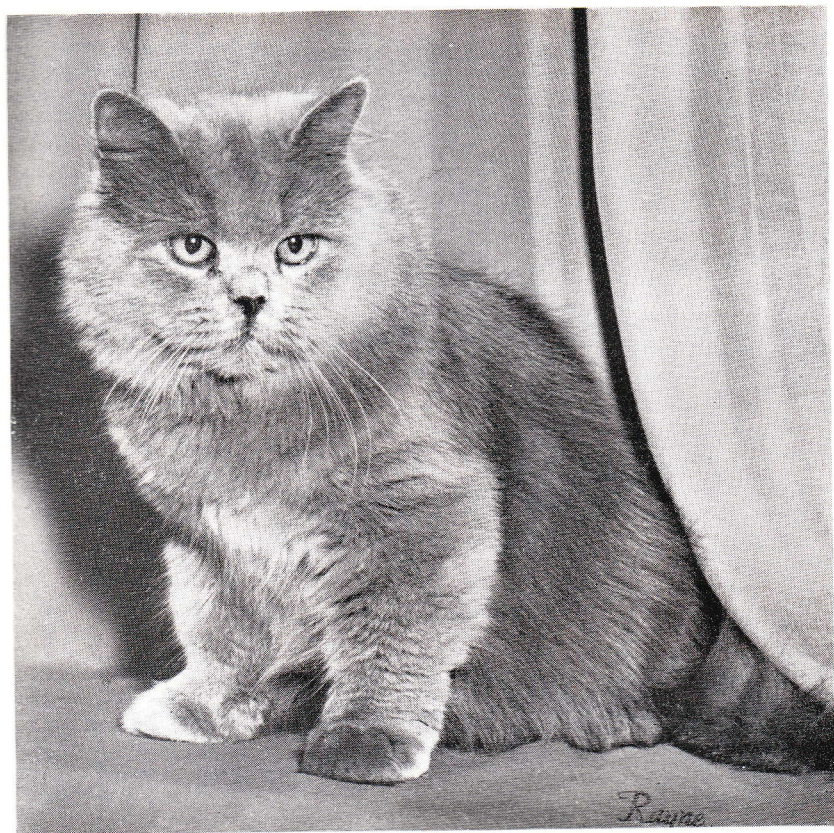
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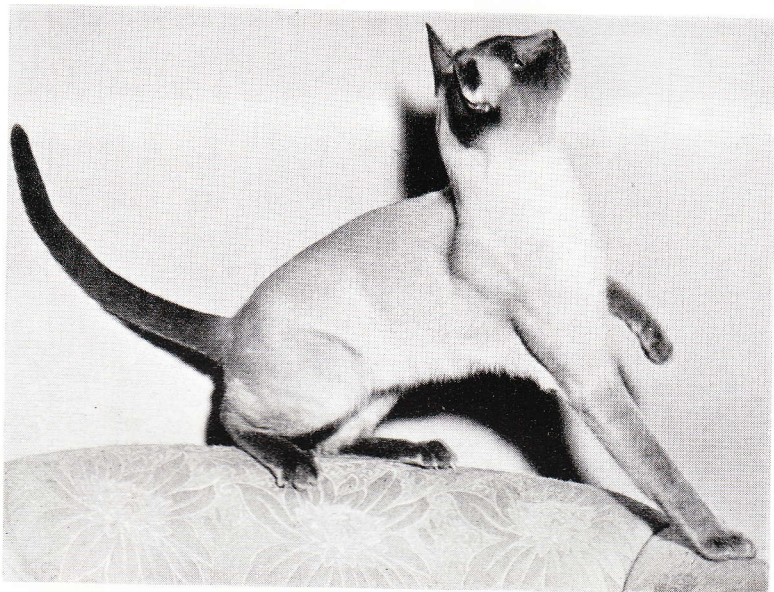


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Facts about Feeding

By L. H. FAIRCHILD, M.D.

Dr. Fairchild, a Doctor of Medicine and a graduate of the University of Kansas, and his wife Helen are ardent cat lovers and for a number of years their cattery, situated on a busy road in California, has been visited by hundreds of cat owners in search of guidance and advice. Dr. and Mrs. Fairchild collaborated in the production of "Cats and All About Them," a book which has won great popularity in America and which has recently been made available in England. Dr. Fairchild, a frequent contributor on cat care and management to American journals, kindly prepared these notes on feeding exclusively for our "International Number."

INTEREST in proper food for cats is universal. One of the first things that people ask at our cattery is, "What should I feed my cat?" Since a cat is a carnivorous animal, the basic food should be protein and he should have some each day.

When my wife and I first started raising cats about 15 years ago we fed good lean beef and varied this with heart, kidney and liver. With the rising price of beef we gradually changed to lean ground horse meat and have used this ever since. I know that even horse meat must be scarce in some countries so I should like to suggest alternate foods on which cats can thrive and live very comfortably.

We like to use sardines or mackerel canned in water, or cooked fresh fish (bones removed). Lamb kidney or other lean cuts of lamb are good and we feed farmer style cottage cheese (no cream added) for two meals each week. One of the most important things to remember in feeding is to avoid excessive amounts of food and DO NOT leave uneaten portions of food in the dish for the cat to nibble on during the day after a regular feeding time. Besides spoiling the cat's appetite the food becomes contaminated with germs and can cause serious bowel disturbances. Regular time

of feedings is very important. We give grown cats two meals a day—morning and evening.

Many people tell us that their cat eats sweet corn, asparagus, green beans and even tomatoes. Of course, small amounts of these foods will do no harm but they are not natural foods for the cat. It would be just as sensible to feed beef steaks to a horse!

Milk is acceptable for most cats, but contrary to so many people's idea this is one of the most indigestible of foods. Siamese, particularly, do not do well on milk. We sometimes give diluted evaporated milk to Siamese kittens, particularly when mixed with a pre-cooked baby cereal such as Pablum. We never feed our grown cats any milk or cereal and needless to re-state no vegetables. Cats are practically unable to digest fat in any form, so if you have just one house pet that lives on table scraps, be sure to remove all fat before feeding.

I believe all cats do better when given extra vitamins with their meals. Particularly important is brewer's yeast in either powder or tablet form. Cats love this and will chew the tablets greedily with their meal. If they find out where the bottle is hidden they are very apt to steal and if able to get the lid off may eat too many



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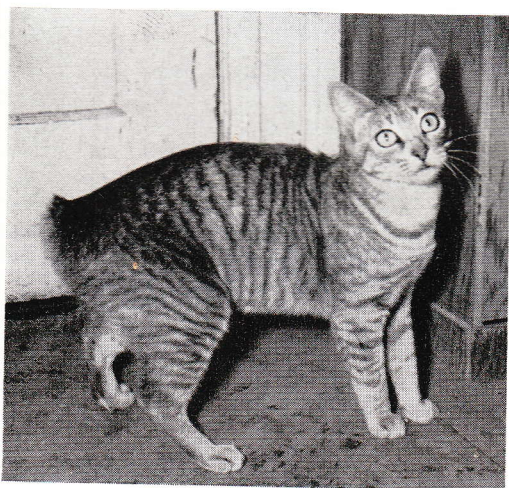
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Double Champion KIDDLEE

Brown Mackerel Tabby Manx Female
C.F.F. A.C.A.



BLUE POU-CHIN

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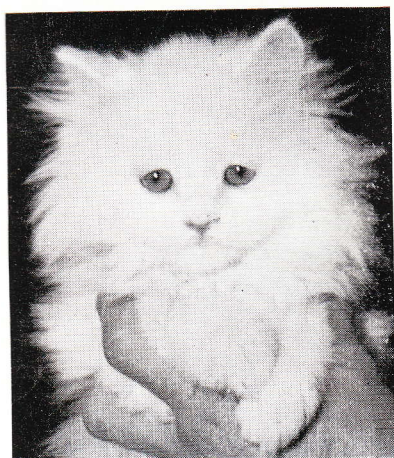
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tablets for their small stomachs to hold. So be sure to keep the top on the bottle tightly screwed, both to keep cats out and to prevent deterioration from damp air. One or two tablets with each meal is about the right dosage.

Vitamins A and D and C are helpful as general accessory food factors and all drug stores (in England, I believe they are called chemist shops) have mixtures of these substances that are prepared for human baby formulas.

There is undoubtedly some food factor in wild animals such as mice, moles and gophers which are needed for the cat's health. We have seen cases where cats in poor health have been greatly benefited when given a mouse to eat. Of course, many well-fed, aristocratic felines disdain such mundane fare so for them especially, added vitamins and minerals in their diet are a "must."



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Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

OUR most exciting news to-day is the 1953 All-American Cats, selected by *Cats Magazine*. Tops over all is Mrs. Merald E. Hoag's Grand Champion Arlington's Sensation II. Sensation is THE CAT OF THE YEAR. She is a Chinchilla who really lives up to her name, six years of age and bred by Mrs. Orville Stewart, who was a breeder of great discrimination. Mrs. Stewart's stock heads many a cattery in America. Mrs. Hoag was indeed fortunate to secure this grand little queen and all credit is due to her for the grooming—her cats always go before the judge "in silk array." The Best Opposite Sex award of the year goes to Grand and Double Champion Moonbeam of Gaylands, an imported male from Miss L. Cottell (now Mrs. Machin) and owned by Miss Verner Clum, Florida. This boy was sired by your famous English cat, Champion Astra of Pensford. I have had so many inquiries regarding him that perhaps Mrs. Joan Thompson would some day give us a brief resumé of him?

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All in all, there are seventy-nine cats on the honor roll of All-Americans, covering the different sections of America. All are good—all are beautiful—all are the élite of feline aristocracy. East, West, North and South as well as a few points in between have their winners, but when all is said and done it is the All-American of the Year that is tops and Sensation and Moonbeam are the elected pair.

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Miss Ellen Laflin again entertained the Atlantic Cat Club at the annual meeting-luncheon given in her home by

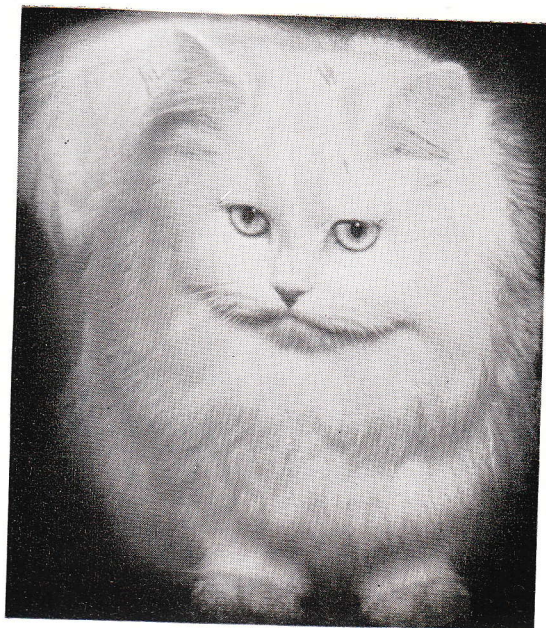
the sea. The crowded rooms pointed to her popularity as a member of the Fancy and ardent supporter of the Club.

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Quite a question these days is the subject of the hybrid. With all due credit to the various judges that come up against this obstacle, it is not fair to them. They have enough to contend with in the regular routine and these cats are taking away wins from the regular *pedigreed* winners. I interviewed one judge regarding hybrids and she assured me she could always tell the difference. I pressed her for details and could not pin her down to a definite statement other than there are "marks to look for in a hybrid." Maybe so, but why not let the public in on the secret? On the western coast of America (California, to be exact) these hybrids are beginning to be a menace of major proportions.

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The Cat Fanciers' Federation, Inc., have a class for their Grand Champions in which the various "Grands" compete against each other and there are premiums galore. A.C.A. retire their Grand Champions after they have reached their high honor and allow them to be on exhibit only. This ruling was due, in a great measure, to that popular judge in Detroit, Mr. H. B. Zieses, who worked long and indefatigably to put it across. Many are the novices and even experienced older breeders who are grateful for the chances he has given the other cats. It is a pioneer movement and stands out in prominent good sportsmanship to all breeders. Truly, Judge Zieses is to be thanked and A.C.A. and C.F.F. are fortunate in having a



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judge like this. Incidentally the Zieseses have some lovely typed cats. I have two pix on my desk as I write. Anytime they want to take out citizenship papers for Cloud Top it will be all right with me !

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Quite an event at Cloud Top a few months ago. We had a Blue-Cream male arrive but he lived only about three weeks. This is the second time this has happened in my cattery. Surely the third time will be lucky !

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A few weeks ago Mrs. Mabel Erdman, the well-loved C.F.F. judge, crossed over to the other side. You will probably remember Judge Erdman from an "American Profile" which appeared in OUR CATS a few months ago. She was well-known as a breeder of Red Tabbies. Her Triple Champion Thunder Bolt was a collector of silver and many, many ribbons. Judge Erdman brings to mind a quotation from Parnell that impressed me a long time ago : "Death's but a path that must be trod, if man would ever pass to God." "Erdie" was the first judge to do the C.F.F.'s Solid Color. At their last meeting a period of prayer was offered as a tribute and later it was suggested that a silver trophy be given in her honor, said trophy to be won by three to five wins—two of the shows to

be in New York. We will think of "Erdie" as Edward Rawland Sill writes in his historical poem "Sleeping" :

" Her death will only be a sleep :
When with songs and dewy light,
Morning blossoms out of night,
She will open her dear eyes
'Neath the palms of Paradise,
While we foolish ones shall weep."

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There is quite a crop of new judges coming up this season—which is, of course, always interesting. Many are the breeders who put the poor judges "in the dock" for decisions they feel quite sure should be different. Well, my friends, judging from the judges' bench and from the sidelines is quite a bit different. One year I watched one judge debate 42 minutes between two cats (one of them was mine). I lost—gracefully, I hope. Whilst the other cat was best, mine had better coat color, better eyes too. The other cat was very beautiful. I think the judge was right in her decision.

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The Friends for Felines report a nice amount in their treasury—thirty-five hundred dollars to be exact, all made this last summer from the various activities of the members. What co-operation ! I've been trying to get them to affiliate with some association or federation. They assure me they are "doing very nicely as they are."



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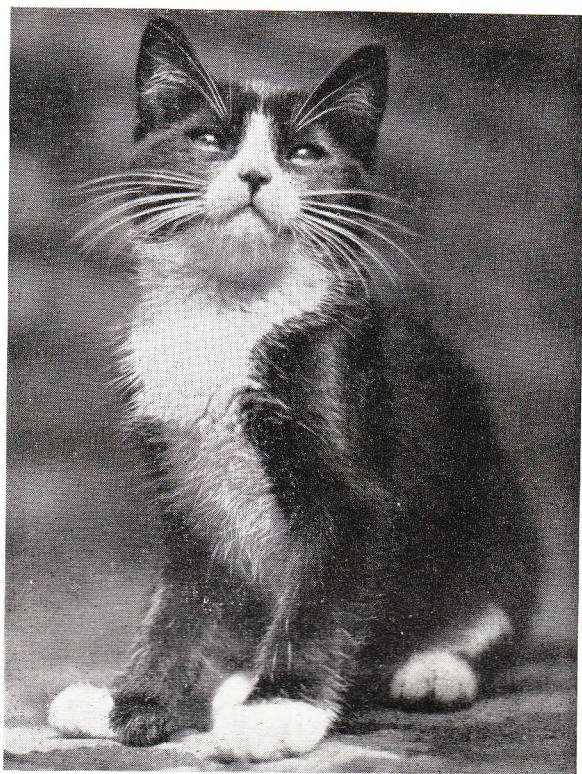
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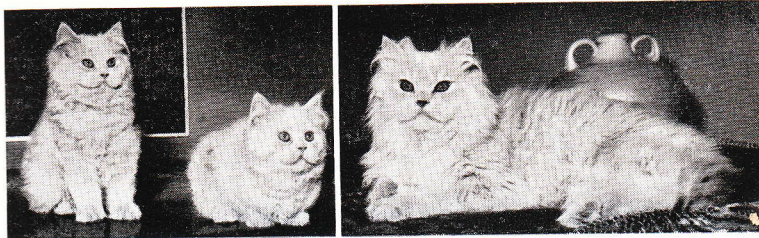
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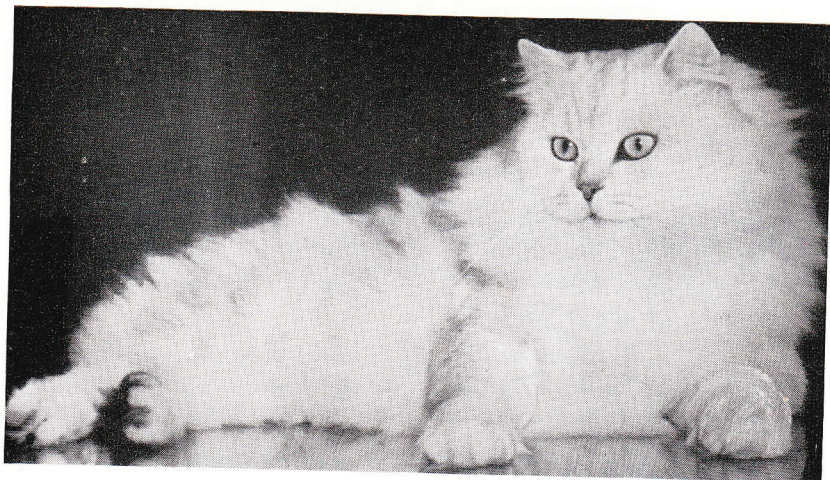
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Another foundation member, Mr. Fred Pearce, is still the doyen of Australian judges. He has 28 years of uninterrupted service to his credit, save for the war years when he “answered the call” for the second time. He is a life member and senior Vice-President and his many judging assignments have taken him throughout the length of Australia and New Zealand. At one time Mr. Pearce had as many as 56 cats in his cattery.

Honoured for Service

In 28 years there have been seven people to whom the honour of Life Membership has been granted—Mr. Lonsdale (1940), Mr. Pearce (1942), Mr. Harry Wynne (1947), Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (1952), Miss A. Cashmore and Mrs. Wallace (1953).

Through the years the Association has had a variety of settings for its shows. From the front lawn of Mr. Lonsdale's home, the venue has switched from town halls to sections of agricultural shows, to sharing



Henri Mallard

CH. GLEN ROYAL OF WENDOVER, Mrs. J. F. Mitchell's Shaded Silver by Ch. Rex of Chatsworth, was Best Cat in Show at the C.F.A. Championship Show held in Sydney in May.

a hall with sheep, and finally to a delightful setting as a permanent fixture in conjunction with the N.S.W. Sheepbreeders' Association's annual show outside Sydney.

Australian fanciers are acknowledging that the recent visit of Mrs. Joan Thompson as guest judge has given their Fancy a needed injection of oxygen. Truly a happy omen for the future.



Another Australian Champion, MILORD OF WINDSOR, Miss Thelma Young's Blue Longhair male sired by Adrian of Dunesk, an English export. Milord is a young cat with a future who has done exceptionally well at the 1953 shows in New South Wales.

The Siamese C.C. of Australia

IT was on 24th June, 1950, that the Club, then only six months old, held its first show in Melbourne Town Hall. Well over 3,000 people paid to see that show and now, six shows later, we find that over 21,000 people have passed through the turnstiles—and this figure does not include exhibitors and complimentary ticket holders.

Charities benefit from all the Club's fixtures and though promotion expenses are high and a great deal of equipment has been bought, £750 has been distributed to worthy causes. A wonderful achievement, you must agree?

The Club sends out a monthly News-Letter to its members and a panel of experts is always available for members seeking advice on feline care and management. The Committee has done a tremendous amount of research on cat ailments with the help of veterinary surgeons and scientists and the Club's two official vets are, it is believed, the only ones in Victoria handling the enteritis vaccine.

Members are working hard to breed the best Siamese cats in the world. There is very little haphazard breeding and the standard seen at the

shows is proof enough that this young country has excellent stock. The Seal Point is the most popular colour variation but Blue Points are gaining in favour every day. Chocolate Points number not more than 12 but one member is importing a good English C.P. and this is expected to be a great help.

The Club's Spring Kitten Shows begin in November and this year a record number of entries is expected. Many of these will have as sires or dams the imported cats English breeders have selected and sent out. The progeny will be watched with special interest !

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NEW ZEALAND

The N.Z. Governing Council

The New Zealand Council, founded in 1930, is closely associated with the parent body in England, having a similar constitution and rules.

After a period of recess during the second war and for some years thereafter, the Cat Fancy as such became almost extinct. In 1949 a few enthusiasts started a cat club in Auckland, where most of the descendants of former registered cats were still to be found. In less than five years astonishing progress has been made. Some 1,500 cats have been registered and many cats have been imported from England with a few from Australia as well.

On this question of exports from England, it is essential that only the best cats are shipped. Transport is a very real item to this most distant outpost of Empire. Mrs. Joan Thompson, during her recent visit to New Zealand, was greatly impressed by the need for the greatest care in selecting cats or kittens for export. As further clubs become operative in the various towns of the Dominion, there will be a sustained demand for the best strains available in England—and perhaps other countries as well.

The official message we have received from New Zealand concludes: "Meantime, cat lovers in New Zealand send Greetings to the Fancy in England in this great Coronation Year and Best Wishes for a very successful Coronation Show in London, not forgetting the worthy Editor of OUR CATS on his enterprise in producing this International Issue."



There are few countries in the world which have not been invaded by the popular Siamese. Here are two at play in Mrs. B. M. W. Wilton's garden at Rio-de-Janeiro, Brazil, where they are still very rare.

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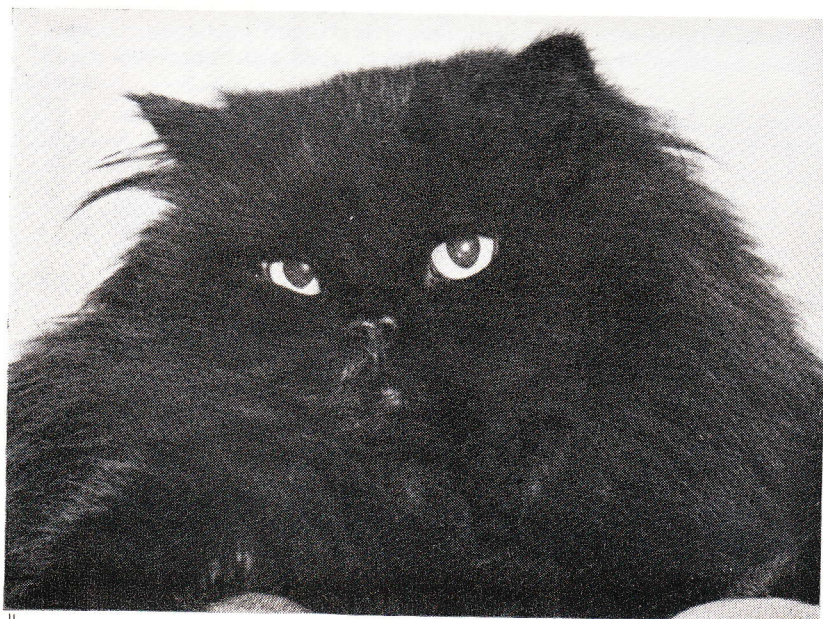
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NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Cat Union

THE South African Cat Union was founded by Miss P. Deeble (now Mrs. A. Somerville) of Durban in 1946. Dr. Smith was elected as the first President.

The Union was founded primarily to register cats, to encourage their breeding and cat shows. It was early associated with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Great Britain, but it was unlike the G.C.C.F. in that at that time there were no clubs to govern. But shortly afterwards Miss F. Pocock founded the Western Province Cat Club with headquarters at Capetown, and the W.P.C.C. at once got in touch with the Union and affiliated to it.

Owing to personal reasons, Mrs. Somerville was finding it difficult to carry on, and the W.P.C.C. took over the running of the Union. The headquarters were then moved to Capetown, where the first meeting was held on 22nd December, 1949. A constitution was formed which would cover the present single club and allow for representation of other clubs as they were formed and affiliated. The whole registration system was overhauled to render it as efficient and easy to run and as fraud proof as possible. There were just over 200 registered cats at that time. There are now well over 1,000 Seal Point Siamese alone. The Union also founded a library and issued an occasional bulletin.

Staggering Growth

The growth of the Union has been in fact somewhat staggering and not altogether in its best interests. All its workers were not only voluntary and busy with their own jobs, but also entirely inexperienced in such work and organisation. This fact left the Union rather overwhelmed with its own growth and rendered a certain amount of hitches and delays inevitable. But the Union has proved that its regulations are orderly and firmly based by its continued growth and the decrease of "technical hitches."

The worst of these has been the unworkability of details of the constitution, and some clubs have felt that these could not be overcome

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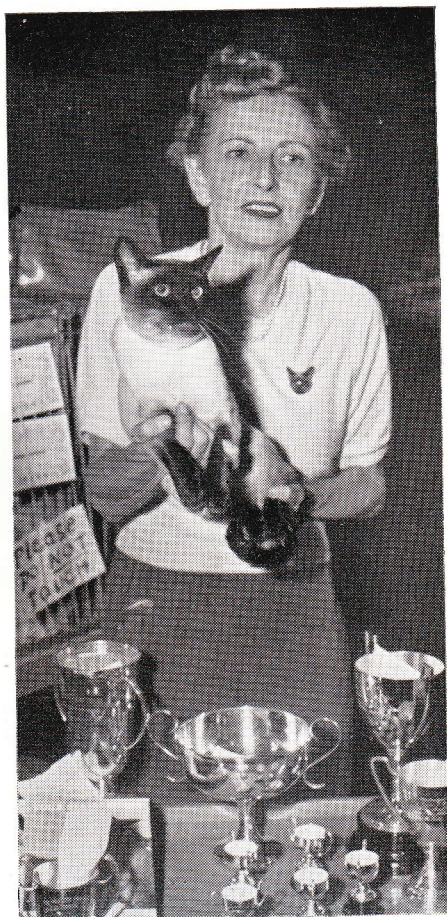
owing to our long distances, and have therefore seceded. However, the constitution has been entirely recast in the light of experience and there is every hope that the Union will go from strength to strength in furthering the interest of cats and cat breeding.

Cat lovers owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Somerville for her enterprise and interest in stepping off "into the blue" and carrying the Union almost single handed for over two years. And also to Miss Pocock as founder of the first South African cat club and Chairwoman of the S.A.C.U. till her recent and regretted resignation.

The officials of the South African Cat Union are always glad to hear of cat lovers visiting or settling here or in Rhodesia, and very pleased to give all possible help and information regarding cats they have available.



(Above) **MYNDEEP IMPOSSIBILITY** (known in South Africa as "The Jewel of the Veldt") is reputed to be the first Cream Longhair to appear in the Union. Owners are Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Haywood, Durban fanciers.



(Right) **Miss Fania Pocock**, founder of the first South African cat club.

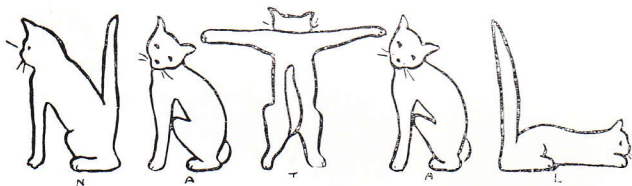
The Natal Cat Club

THE Natal Cat Club, which has its headquarters in Durban, is now in its fifth year. It has sponsored four championship shows as well as a number of local shows. Its official badge is a perky kitten in silver and the Club's colours are black and white.

There were 137 fully paid up members on the books at the end of the last financial year (30th June, 1953) and the majority of these are residents of Durban. But there are a number of members living in Pietermaritzburg and various parts of Natal, as well as in Zululand, the Transvaal, the Cape and Southern Rhodesia—1,150 miles away from Durban.

Mrs. I. Miles, of Westridge, who has probably the largest and most varied cattery in South Africa, composed of Siamese (including two Red Points), Chinchillas, Blues and Creams, was largely responsible for the formation of the Club. It was she who persuaded Mrs. Maunsell, Hon. Secretary since the Club's inauguration, to get it started. Dr. J. H. Meiring was its first Chairman and it was he who steered it through the difficult early days. Mr. W. E. S. Philip, who succeeded to the chair

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DENMARK

Progress of RACEKATTEN*

DENMARK is indeed fortunate to have such a lively and flourishing organization as the RACEKATTEN Cat Club, which is one of the most important on the Continent. Its steady rise to prominence since 1943 is due largely to the drive and enthusiasm of Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, its gracious and generous President, who has many friends in the Fancy beyond the shores of Denmark. RACEKATTEN is a national federation for breeders of pedigree cats. It is affiliated to our own Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and to the Federation Internationale Feline d'Europe, of which Mrs. Eisenhuth is also President.

The club is working energetically to promote "lé sport felin" by organizing talks and illustrated lectures, also social gatherings where members and their friends can meet for cosy chats about cats and domestic inconsequentialities. It is also co-operating amicably with all the other clubs of Scandinavia among whom there prevails a happy spirit of reciprocity.

RACEKATTEN sets a standard for the rest of the cat world when it comes to show promotion. Its 3-day fixture in Copenhagen last November was attended by over 12,000 spectators and an aeroplane towing a streamer was engaged for publicity purposes. Foreign judges are usually invited to officiate at the RACEKATTEN International Show and guest judges from England within the last few years have included Miss Kathleen Yorke, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb and Mr. Felix Tomlinson.

"The English Woof"

It is also largely due to the efforts and influence of RACEKATTEN that English breeders are so strongly represented in Denmark. They have, for example, Int. Ch. Morris Sable (bred by Mrs. M. W. Richardson) and Silken Rosy Rascal (bred by Mrs. Denys Highton), two fine Siamese who live together in the wonderful home of Mrs. Anna Poulsen, of Copenhagen. This pair have just had a female kitten and the trio compete for favours with Mrs. Poulson's home-bred Siamese Champion Fut of Joerna.

Another well-known Danish import is the Cream male Mascot of Pensford, bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson, and now belonging to the Danish breeder Mrs. Karen Smith, who also owns the Blue Longhair male Cæsar of Pensford. Mascot was adjudged Best Longhair Kitten at the November RACEKATTEN International Show. Mrs. Smith has also done well with her elegant Red Self Ch. Gay Pinky, whose exceptional colour is so much admired at the shows.

Mrs. Else Ruusunen is another Danish fancier who can be congratulated on her English purchases—Int. Ch. Twinkle of Pensford, a magnificent Blue-Cream bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson, and Chadhurst Linda, a Black female bred by Miss Rodda. The Chinchilla Feste of

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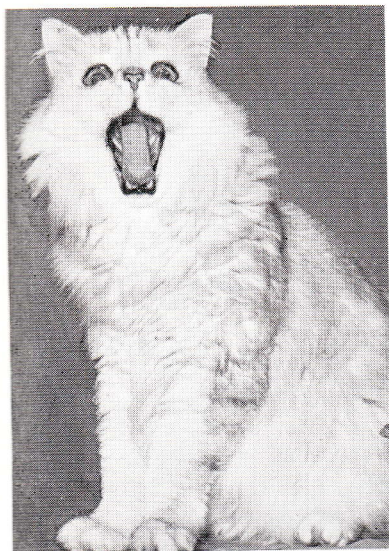


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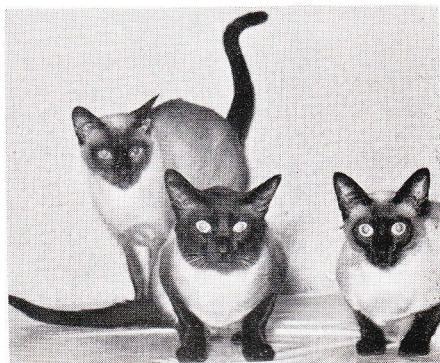
President of RACEKATTEN, Copenhagen,
and also President of The Fédération Internationale Féline d' Europe

Allington, bred by Miss Evelyn Langston, lives "in clover" with Mrs. Lisbeth Lind, at Charlottenlund, near "wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen."

The English woof has been a great factor in the improvement of Danish stock and there is no doubt that Denmark will wish to continue this happy collaboration with their fellow breeders over the water. Besides calling on English judges, RACEKATTEN has invited others from Scandinavia, France and Switzerland. From which readers will gather that here is a club with a real desire to co-operate on truly international lines. This spirit has been manifest in its dealings with Italy, Austria, Belgium and recently towards Germany, which has always had a big place in the hearts of Danish fanciers because Mr. Konrad Hirschmann played an active part in the foundation of the first Danish cat clubs and helped materially with advice and the supply of pedigree stock.

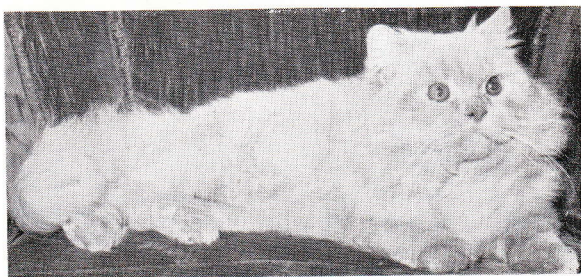


BONNIE ANKARA, talkative Chinchilla neuter bred and owned by Mrs. Eisenhuth.



The Siamese on the left is **International Champion MORRIS SABLE**. **Champion FUT OF JOERNA** is in the background, and **SILKEN ROSY RASCAL** on the right. This fine trio belong to Mrs. Anna Poulsen, Copenhagen.

The Cream male **MASCOT OF PENSFORD**, bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson and purchased by Mrs. Karen Smith, Copenhagen.



NORWAY

Norsk Rasekatt Klubb

TWENTY years ago there were no pedigree cats in Norway and indeed very few Norwegians had ever seen one. In 1933 an enterprising showman put on an exhibition in Oslo of silver foxes, racoons, tortoises, household cats and other pets. The judge was a merchant furrier and so it was fitting that the first prize went to the cat with the loveliest coat.

A few of these cat owners eventually founded the Club of Friends of the Cat and it was through their endeavours that the first show of cats was held in Norway in 1933. A little later, some of these owners, who had seen pedigreed cats in other countries, decided to import some foundation stock—Chinchillas, Whites, Blues and Siamese and these aristocrats, mostly from England, were a sensation wherever they were shown.

Another step forward was taken in 1938 when the Norsk Rasekatt Klubb (NORAK) was formed and the Friends of the Cat wound up their club. The war came along to interrupt activities, but in 1945 NORAK was revived and development plans included affiliation with the English Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and the Federation Internationale Feline d'Europe.

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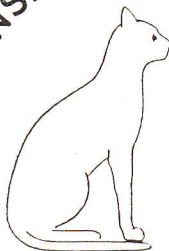
Each year NORAK sponsors shows, a grand International Exhibition with CAC and CACIB in Oslo, and other shows in small towns. All these shows are very popular and frequently members of the public queue for hours in the cold weather to see the lovely pedigree cats. NORAK has many breeders now and its own magazine *Vare Katter*, which is edited by Mrs. M. Svenningsen, who has laboured so enthusiastically to widen the feline movement in Norway. Last year some fine cats, Siamese, Chinchillas and Blue Longhairs, were imported from England.

NORAK is "on the march" and will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary with a Jubilee Show in Oslo on 11th-13th December next.



Mrs. Haldis Rohlf, one of the pioneers of the Norwegian Fancy, all-round judge and well-known breeder, judging the Chinchilla Nusse av Nordkapp at a Stockholm show.

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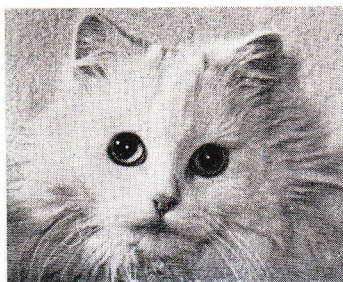
Svenska Kattklubben

THE Fancy in Sweden is young with the promise of youth. Svenska Kattklubben was founded at a meeting in early January, 1946, through the initiative of Fru Iris Königson and Fru Irma Tingwall. The first show was held in Stockholm in May of that year under the Presidency of Frih. Gallie Akerhjelm. Judges were Fru Lilly von Bach and Fru Juul-Hansen from Denmark.

The Club has sponsored four other shows, three in Stockholm and one in Göteborg and the average gate for these three-day fixtures has been in the region of 8,000 spectators. In 1950 Miss Kathleen Yorke was the guest judge and she was followed in 1952 by Mrs. Joan Thompson and this year by Mrs. Elsie Kent.

Swedish judges are Fru Maina Hjelde-Anderson and Froken Regnhild Larsdotter. There is, of course, a close understanding with affairs feline in the neighbouring countries of Norway and Denmark.

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Next Month : Features will include "Cats of the Great," by P. M. Soderberg ; "Siamese are Problem Cats" by Mrs. Elsie Kent ; American Profile (Mrs. Norah Andrews, C.F.F.) by Billie Bancroft, etc., etc. We shall also tell you how to make "Lucekatter," the little St. Lucia cat cakes of Sweden.



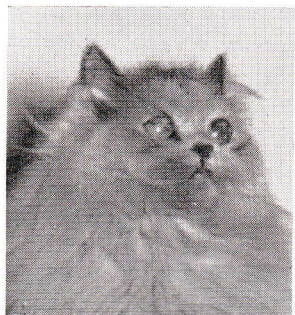
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An appalling case was heard by the Blackburn juvenile court magistrates when two 10-year-old boys were charged with placing a kitten in an empty pan on a burning gas jet. They took turns at holding down the lid and a few days' afterwards the poor creature had to be put to sleep. The father of one boy said

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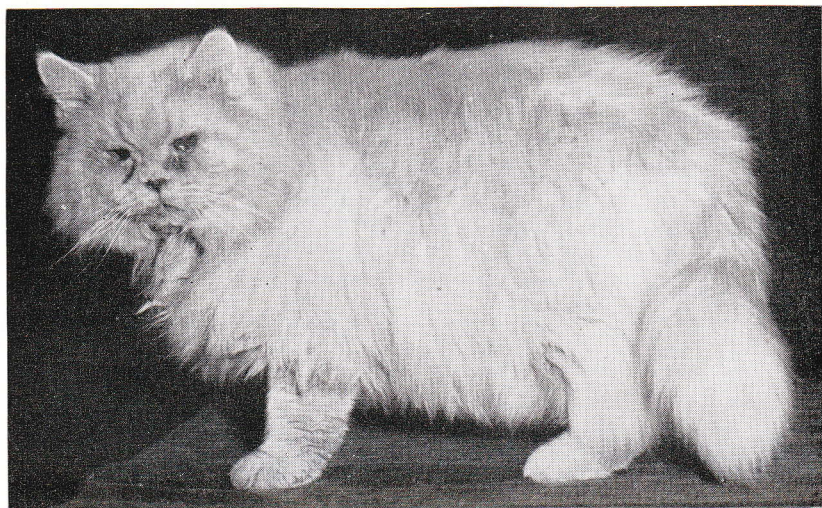
“A Focal Point of Interest”

THIS lovely country which we of other lands so frequently associate with Chronometers, Chocolate, Cheese, the Cresta Run and Chamois, is also famous for its Cats. Indeed, for so small a country it is remarkable how many of the feline aristocrats it houses and how well and thoroughly it caters for the requirements of those who wish to take up or develop pedigree cat breeding as an interest.

A focal point of this interest is to be found at La Prairie, the Lausanne home of the American-born sisters Madame G. Bridgett and Madame L. Gibbon. As a young girl Mme. Bridgett became interested in pets during a stay in Tokio where her father bought her a pair of Japanese spaniels which she exhibited with success in Europe and America. Her first cat was a beautiful White bred by Miss Martin.

Then in New York she was captivated by the lovely Creams shown by Miss Elsie Hydon. Returning to England she bought Laughton Zephyrine, who became an International Champion and later, mated to Champion of Champions The Autocrat of the Court, produced the “idol of La Prairie,” Rene of Valescure. Perhaps the best known of Mme. Bridgett’s Creams was Idmiston Champagne, Int. Champion in five different countries.

Two years ago the sisters founded the Societé Suisse of Persians and Siamese, which has lately affiliated with the G.C.C.F. Mme. Bridgett was President of the Cat Club de Paris for ten years and when she



RENE DE VALESCURE, Mme Bridgett's favourite Cream at 10 years.

relinquished this office she was elected Presidente d'Honneur of the Club in recognition of her unique services. Mme. Gibbon was Vice-President. Mme. Bridgett is also Presidente d'Honneur Cat Club Vaudois, Presidente Société Suisse des Persans et Siamois and Presidente Cat Club Crèmes et Bleu-Crèmes. She also holds, we believe, the unique honour of being the first American to judge at an English cat show.

Mme. Gibbon's Farquhar Cattery is internationally known for its Chinchillas and the latest addition Farquhar Aiglon was adjudged Best in Show at his first appearance in Paris. This grand cat is a worthy descendant of some of England's most illustrious Chinchillas—Ch. Matthew of Greengables, Ch. Egrette of Mockridge, Ch. Duffy of Allington, Ch. Rodney of Allington, Ch. Foxburrow Tilli-Willi, Ricky of Thame—and the well-known International Champions Thistledown Carus, Fernleigh Paul, Fernleigh Lysbeth, Fernleigh Beauty, who became part of the Farquhar Cattery and bred the French Champions Farquhar Rapture, Magali and Tatiana, the last-named remaining unbeaten with 12 Championship Certificates to her credit.

Mme. Gibbon is President of the English Blue Persian Society and a greater glory, she says, is the similar office she holds for our Chinchilla, Silver Tabby and Smoke Society.

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.

1953	Promoted by	Venue
17 October ...	Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club ... (See displayed advertisement on this page)	Edinburgh
21 October ...	*Southsea Cat Club	Southsea
24 October ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club	Birmingham
11 November ...	*Croydon Cat Club	London
28 November ...	Scottish Cat Club	Paisley
28 November ...	Yorkshire County Cat Club	Leeds
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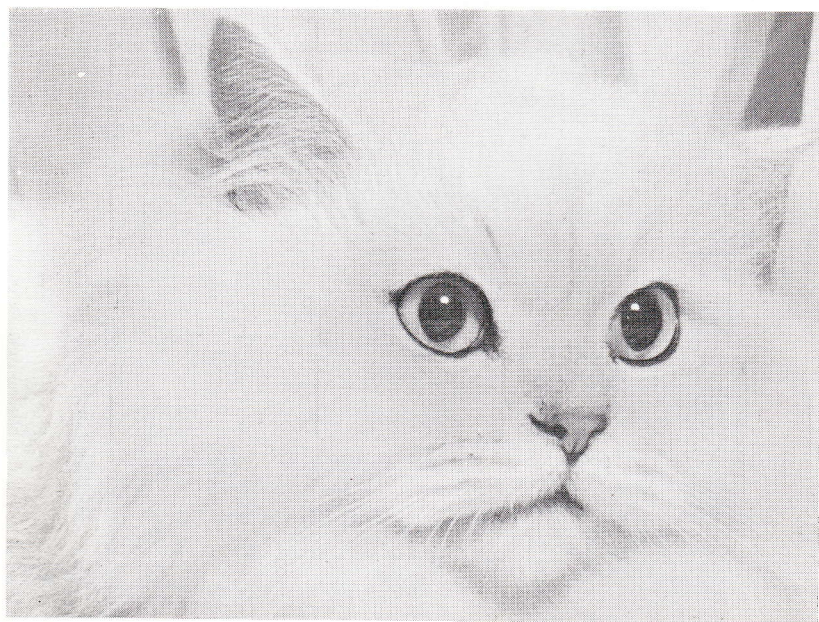
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Groupe D'Elevateurs de Berne

THIS specialized club formed by Swiss "friends of cats" has the following aims :

The breeding, care and management of pure bred cats.

The promotion of cat shows of national and International character.

The publication of an official journal under the title "Revue Feline D'Elevage."

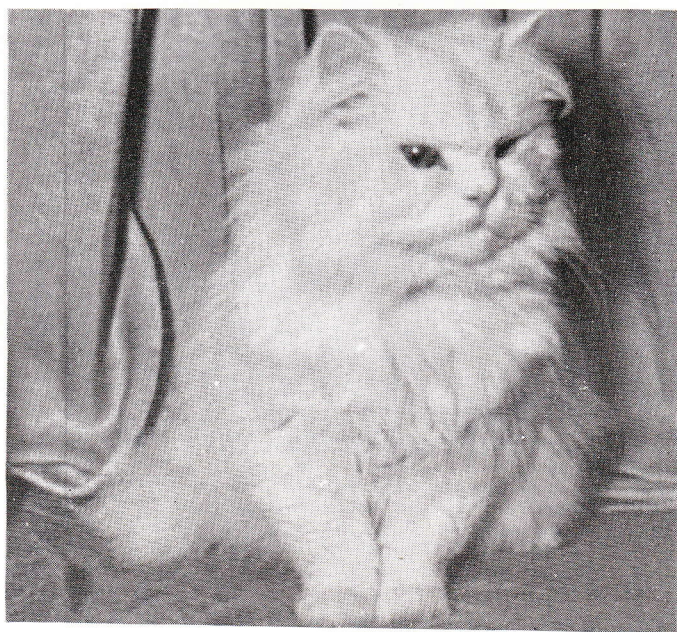
The development of friendly associations with clubs and fanciers overseas.

The Chairman of the Groupe is Mme. M. A. Gay, an active member since 1937 in the Berne Fancy, manager of many shows and editor of its journal. Her Bosquet Cattery was registered in 1938 and over the years it has produced many prominent winners in different varieties. It is specially known for its Blacks, which have their origin in a daughter of Llantarnam Boy Bubbles, an English Black male exported to France.

The excellent Blue Longhairs of Bosquet started with a son of Int. Ch. Autocrat of the Court. To-day, one of the best known Blues on the Continent is Int. Ch. Azoulouk Du Mont Joly who has been pictured in OUR CATS (July, 1952). Last but no means least Bosquet houses the famous Cream Male Upacha, who has won seven Championship titles in Zurich, Copenhagen, Paris, Nurnberg and Basle under six different judges and four CACIB, and was Best Male at the 1951 Paris Show under Mr. Hirschmann. Cattery du Bosquet has exported to South America, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany and Italy.



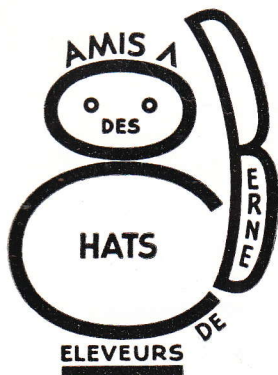
International Champion UPACHA



ELEVAGE DU BOSQUET

DIANAWEG 5 LIEBEFELD SWITZERLAND

Breeder and Owner: MME. M. A. GAY presents her newest BLACK PERSIAN dynasty with (left) CH. YONIX DU BOSQUET and (right) CH. YATUTA DU BOSQUET. (Below) CH. WILETTE DU BOSQUET, White Female with copper eyes, mother of BLANCHE-NEIGE DU BOSQUET, Best Female Kitten at Lucerne Show, April, 1953



A GROUP consisting of Breeders and Owners of Pure Bred Cats and organizing Cat Shows of both National and International character

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 "Revue Feline D'Elevage"



Our picture was taken at the Lucerne (Switzerland) Show and presents (left to right) Mr. Becker, Mr. Sigrist, Chairman of the Lucerne Cat Club, Mme. Gay with Azozo du Bosquet, Mr. Fanti, Mme. Caron, International judge from Milan, Italy, and Abranquita, the Best Female Siamese.

Cat owners in the district of Haberfield, New South Wales, are troubled by crazy greyhounds. One cat returned home with nearly all its claws missing and with half its teeth drawn and its owner alleged that school children had been offered 1s. for each cat delivered to greyhound trainers.

She said she would gladly give 20s. to any child who would tell her what was going on. Trouble from these trained dogs is not unknown in England and one of the difficulties is to get them back to a normal life when their racing days are over.

Cat Club of Geneva

THE story of the foundation of this Club resembles rather à un conte des fées.



Once upon a time in Geneva—in 1932 to be exact—there were two people with a common interest in cats but who had never met. Came the day when they visited a cat show in Paris and were duly impressed, so much so, in fact, that each thought what a splendid idea it would be to have such a show in Geneva. One cat lover was Mr. Paul Trachsel, director of a tourist bureau, and the other was l'abbé A. Marcel Chamonin, who was breeding cats at his residence.

In due course the double dream materialised for in 1933 with the help of the Cat Club de Paris and the Cat Club de Champagne (under the control of Mrs. Gretta Yeates, Mlle Tzaut and Dr. G. Hasse), the Geneva show was staged. It was a triumph. One hundred and thirty cats were exhibited and they included Ch. Dreamland Rashid, Int. Ch. Colneside Cream Bunne, Cara of Hanley, Int. Ch. Djinn of Bangkok Siam, Int. Ch. Lon Saito de Madalpour, Zaquelle de Mandalay, sacred cats of Burma, and many other well-known aristocrats. The event attracted 12,000 visitors.

It was a natural sequel to the success of this initial venture that a Club should be formed. This was done on 17th November, 1933, and

CAT CLUB OF GENEVA

FOUNDED IN 1933

THE PREMIER CLUB OF SWITZERLAND



Rev. A.-MARCEL CHAMONIN

*Chairman of the Cat Club of Geneva 1933-1953
Founder of the Cat Fancy in Switzerland
Author of the book: "Nos Amis Les Chats"*

*Chairman: Reverend A.-Marcel Chamonin
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The next Show with CAC and CACIB (Championship and International Championship) under the rules of the Federation Féline Suisse des Eleveurs and of the Federation Internationale Féline will be held in La Chaux-de-Fonds canton of Neuchâtel, 17-18 October, 1953. *Show Manager: Rev. A.-Marcel Chamonin, Chene-Bourg, Geneva*

30 members were enrolled, rules were formulated and a register of cats was started.

The Cat Club of Geneva has since organised six shows in Geneva and given help to smaller feline organisations in other Swiss towns. It has sought in a variety of ways to interest the public in cat care and management. It has contributed substantially to the formation of clubs in Lausanne, Zurich, Berne and Lucerne. Since its formation in 1933 it has registered 1,260 cats, including a number of Champions and International Champions.

It was due to the Club that the idea of a *Fédération Féline Suisse des Eleveurs* (breeders) was crystallised. Affiliation is to the *Fédération Internationale Féline*.

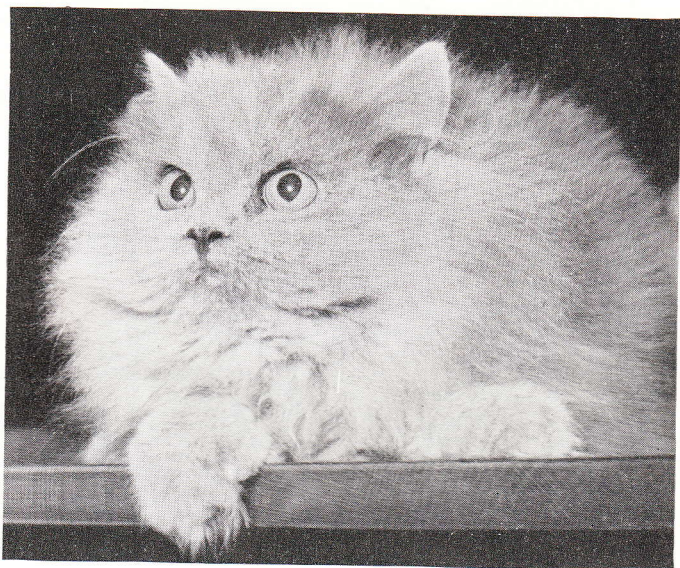


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**Mlle B. Chamonin's BARUK DE LA CHESNAIE, Blue Longhair
son of Int. Ch. Talisman de la Chesnaie ex Robhurst Belle, Best
in Show at Lucerne in April.**

NATAL CAT CLUB (*from page 88*)

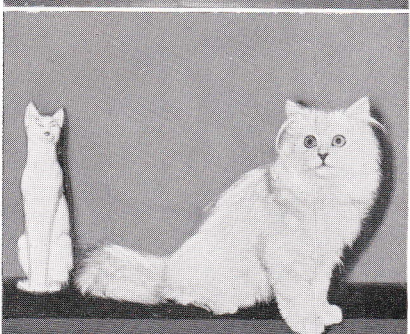
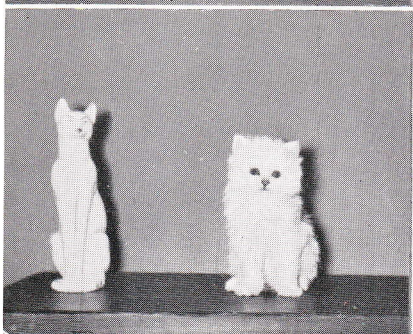
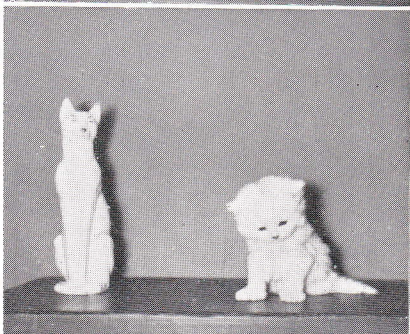
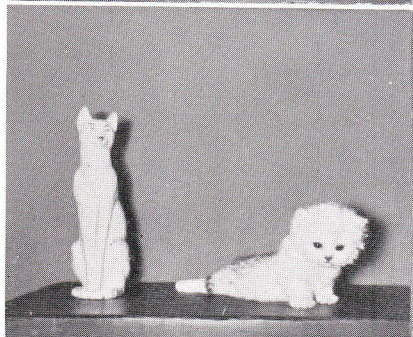
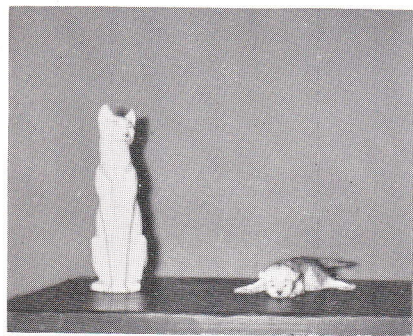
six months ago, is proving enthusiastic, energetic and efficient. Mr. H. W. Davey, M.P.C., the President, has proved a very good friend of the Club.

The Club has done exceptionally well with its Championship shows, each being attended by about 1,500 visitors. Getting really competent judges—there being hundreds of miles between towns—has been a difficulty, but in this connection enormous help has been given by Dr. and Mrs. Stewart and other friends in Johannesburg.

Well attended quarterly meetings are held, with talks on various aspects of cat life, as well as entertainments and competitions. A Quarterly Newsletter is sent out and this helps to keep the more distant members in touch with the Club's progress.

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At 1 week: Eyes not even open

At 3 weeks: Up on front legs, back ones not much good yet

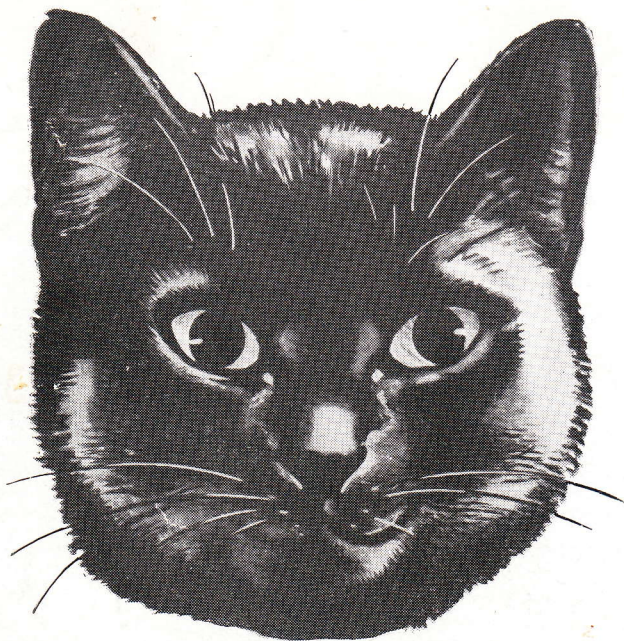
At 4 weeks: I'm pretty big now

At 2 weeks: Eyes open, interest in life beginning

At 3½ weeks: Oops! I'm up

At 6 months: Dreaming of Romance!

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