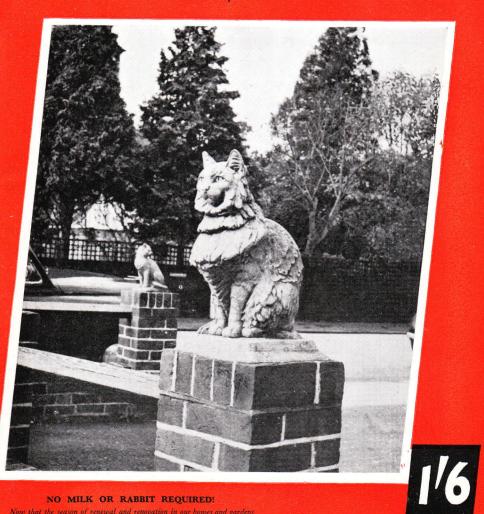


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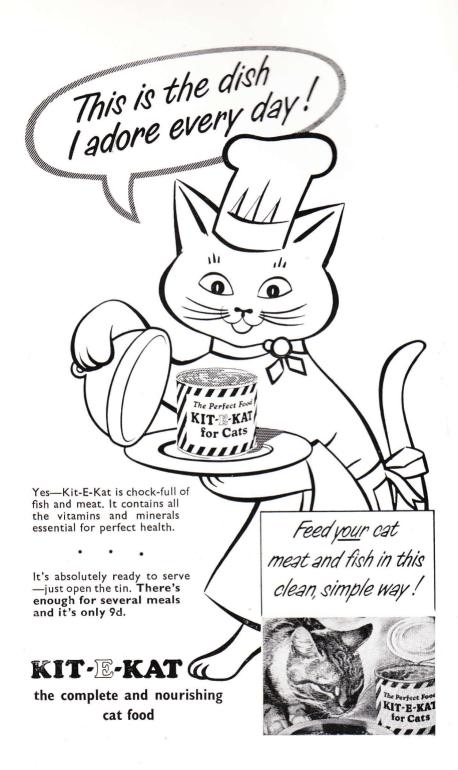
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Now that the season of renewal and renovation in our homes and gardens. Note that the season of retrieval data relation in the nomes and guerches is here again, we offer this snapply suggestion for the front entrance. Our roving photographer M. Littledale, of Southbourne, Bournemouth, came across these Jone figures in Canford Cliffs, Dorset, and was impressed by the excellent craftsmanship. A nice acquisition for any cattery, don't you think? No feeding or grooming required!

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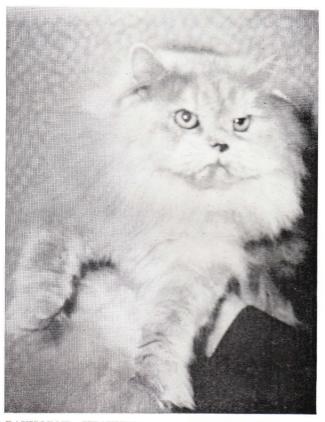
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Photo by Tom L. Blau

All over the world more and more people are turning to the delights of breeding and exhibiting pedigree cats. So it is reasonable to assume that with another breeding season in full swing scenes like the one portrayed above will be thrilling fanciers, experienced and novice alike, in a record number of catteries. We wish them all good luck in their quest for the elusive Champion. These perky Siamese quads were bred by Mrs. K. Dunks, the Acton (West London) fancier.



BAYHORNE HEATHER, a striking Blue - Cream by Champion Baralan Boy Blue ex Bayhorne Sheena, bred by Mrs. Dulcie Benbow, of Little Hereford, Salop. Heather was 1st and Champion at the National Show last year and the Manchester Show this year.

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Foods and Feeding

By M.R.C.V.S.

THERE is no more obstinate animal known than a cat and if it makes up its mind it will, or will not, do a thing, it generally gets its own way.

This observation leads one to remember how difficult it often is to make a cat feed if it does not want to. After many years of experience, one has to declare the impossibility of the task. It may be possible in some cases, with a little cajolery and a lot of patience, to administer up to half an egg-cupful of concentrated liquid nourishment (such as Benger's Food), but as soon as the cat gets tired of it, or suddenly resolves it will have no more, it refuses to swallow, and any liquid in the mouth is ejected by means of a copious production of froth.

I have known one or two cats to commence frothing at the mere sight of my approach with a spoon. Such cats were of course, entirely without appetite, and temporarily nauseated by the sight of food.

With some cats it is possible to drop a small rolled-up pellet of meat at the back of the tongue, and push it down by means of some blunt instrument, or even a finger. Given slowly, and only a few pieces at one time, one sometimes succeeds in getting an ounce or two swallowed in the course of 24 hours ; and, not infrequently, the very presence of that small quantity of food in the stomach is sufficient to excite the secretion of gastric juices and bring about a return of appetite. Cats can go many days without food before beginning to show an appreciable loss of weight, in fact it is notorious that many a cat sent to be boarded during its owner's absence, will steadfastly refuse to touch a bite for the first three days. It thereafter commences to feed only during the hours of darkness, or when quiet and unobserved. Nothing need or can be done about such cats ; they suffer in no way, and will feed eventually in their own good time.

Forcible Feeding

The sick cat which has genuinely lost all appetite over a considerable period, must in some way be fed. Solids, given forcibly by mouth, are usually impracticable ; concentrated liquids may be introduced into the buccal pouch by means of an egg-spoon, or, if the aliment is liquid enough (such as meat juices or melted meat jellies) a fountain pen filler is the most useful instrument. The contents of such a pipette are directed between the teeth, no attempt being made to open the mouth, nor indeed to restrain the cat in any way. The less a cat is restrained, the happier he is and the more likely to be amenable to treatment; but hold one tightly when he does not want to be held, and he will put up a stiff resistance to everything.

There are occasions when vomiting is so frequent that it would not only be useless to attempt to feed by mouth, but would be definitely contra-indicated. Until such times as the emesis can have been subdued by drugs, then feeding must be carried out per rectum.

Nutrient enemas may consist of meat broth, egg and milk, broth and egg, or Benger's or Allenbury's Food, and to give them sufficient consistence, thick starch water, or gelatin may be added. In cases of great emaciation and prostration, such nourishment should be given every two or three hours. It is surprising how long an animal may be kept alive by this means; frequently it has proved the deciding factor between death and recovery.

Extreme Measures

Liquid nourishment should be introduced very gradually into the rectum, at blood heat and through a warm syringe, so as to avoid its immediate expulsion. The cat should be lying on its side with the hind quarters raised slightly above the level of the head. The liquid will then tend to run forward and become absorbed high up in the intestine. It should take a quarter of an hour to give a cupful in this way.

Another feeding method, though not so good, is to introduce nutrient suppositories per rectum. These often contain nourishment equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. of almost entirely peptonized beef.

Before applying either method of feeding, rectal lavage may be indicated, especially if the bowels are in an unhealthy dirty state. Care must be taken never to introduce any air into the rectum, or great discomfort will be occasioned. Intramuscular injections of highly concentrated liver extracts are very useful indeed. An equivalent of 5000 grams of fresh liver is contained in 1 cc. of some of the fortified brands.

The healthy cat is a voracious feeder, and can consume far more than the average "cat-ignorant" person would ever believe. The ration for a dog or cat is usually computed at $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. per 1 lb. of body weight. So the average 10 lb. cat would receive 5 ozs. Few cats, however, are satisfied on less than 8 ozs. of meat daily. To give them less makes them pantry thieves or bird killers.

Finicky over Food

Cats are creatures of habit, especially where food is concerned. For instance, if habitually fed on cod, they would disdain a whiting or a herring. A meatfed cat will usually refuse fish, and vice versa, at least until forced to eat it in the continued absence of what they prefer.

If brought up on the proprietary packet and tinned foods, they will frequently refuse anything else. But the majority will generally plump for meat, fish, rabbit or other food of animal origin.

It is wise to accustom a cat to drinking milk (many prefer water) because if they lose their appetites through illness, they will at least be getting *some* nourishment if they drink milk.



Cats of Andalusia

By SIDNEY DENHAM

S OME people remember cities by their smells. I find myself remembering them by their cats. Thus when someone mentions Seville, Jerez, Granada, Cadiz or one of the other cities of southern Spain pictures of cats as well as of palm trees, Moorish palaces and luxurious gardens spring to my mind, with memories of Nina, Tigre, Bobadil and many other Andalusian cats whose names I never learned.

The easiest way into Andalusia is through Gibraltar where a walk down the narrow, crowded Main Street suggests that you have come to a part of the world where cats are popular. Not that you will see a cat, for Main Street is too busy to be favoured by cats. But every souvenir shop and Indian bazaar displays scores of gaudy rugs on which cats and kittens are displayed. There seems to be an infinite variety of designs, all of them reminding you of the coloured supplement of some Victorian magazine, with smiling kittens assuring you that they are never, never naughty, even if they like a little mischief.

"Why do you have so many rugs with cats on them ?" I asked in a shop, "Is everyone in Gibraltar very fond of cats ?"

I got a pitying smile. "It is not because we like cats but because visitors like mats with cats on them."

I never solved the mystery of these rugs of such appalling hideousness that they hypnotise you into buying them or why Gibraltar where cats seem few perhaps because it has no fresh milk, specializes in their sale. Are they based on a forgotten tradition of the commander's cat during the Great Seige who always accompanied him, tail erect, when he walked on the battlements, ignoring shot and shell, to put heart into the



"Tigre, a fine spotted tabby, got his exercise chasing the table napkin of the waiter up a palm tree"

garrison? Or are they a relic of the days when the Moors ruled the Rock and all southern Spain and, following Mahomet's example, showed great regard for cats ?

This probably explains why when we crossed into Andalusia, instead of the neglected cats to which we had become accustomed in Mediterranean cities, we found the cats numerous and well cared for. At a café, just across the bay from Cadiz, we met Nina and her son Tigre, as sleek a pair of café cats as you would find anywhere in England.

Tigre, a fine spotted tabby, got his exercise chasing the table napkin of the waiter up a palm tree that conveniently grew beside the tables, clinging to the huge trunk like a squirrel. Or when he tired of this a cock-roach would be produced—not difficult in a climate where the sea is like a warm bath in October and Tigre would dispatch it with a wellaimed swipe, covering his disappointment at its instantaneous death by eating it.

"Lost" is "Out"

For three days we suffered much unnecessary worry about Tigre. The proprietor soon guessed that we liked Tigre to be brought with the sherry. One evening he said, in Spanish : "Tigre is lost." We were concerned and made bright suggestions about how he might be found. Next day we were told that Tigre had been found but now he was lost again. And so it continued until it dawned on us that it was not Tigre who was at fault, but our Spanish.

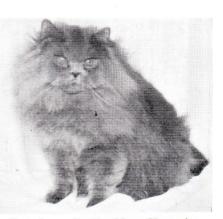
A cat in Spain we guessed was "lost" when we should say it was "out" and "found" when we should say it had come home. When we left Tigre was "found," but he was rapidly growing into a virile cat and we were not surprised to hear when we sent him his photograph that it would be shown to him as soon as he was "found" again.

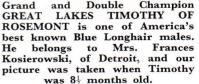
Tigre was typical, although rather more spoiled, of the many cats living in the vast buildings where nets were made and mended. The cats were obviously there to keep down the rats, but equally obviously were pets. One thing troubled us. Perhaps because everyone drinks fino (sherry), no one seemed to appreciate that cats need water.

The cats would come to drink from puddles in the roadside or the gardens after they had been watered. Once in the garden we saw a cat soon to have kittens try to find a puddle and agitated because in the hot sun all had turned to mud. Her distress was such that we asked at a nearby café for an empty sardine tin of water and got it on the basis that the English are notoriously mad. By the time we returned, the cat had disappeared. Diligent searching discovered her—contentedly drinking from another pool.

It taught us that you can worry too much about Andalusian cats who are brought up to look after themselves.

In nearby Jerez-de-la-Frontera, home of sherry, we were taken over a vast bodega by a friend and found the huge buildings with their countless avenues of barrels kept clear of mice by cats, one of which, a delightful Manx, on the order of an employee turned a somer-





sault for us. All the buildings except one, I should have said. This one was controlled by an eccentric foreman who preferred mice to cats. In each avenue was a horizontal rope with strings hanging down, each holding a piece of cheese, bread or bacon. The mice were numerous and tame—and the cats, we were told, had learned to keep out.

The cats I remember in Seville were a marmalade—a very common colour in southern Spain—and her kitten, playing cops and robbers up and down a banana tree in the Alhambra gardens.

At the foot of the word-famed Alhambra in Granada winds the course of a river which even in October after rain has only a little water in its deep channel above which houses rise vertically. On the banks were whole colonies of cats. They had water from the river, food from the windows of the houses above. What more could cats want in that climate ? For shelter they had little caves that ran back into the banks.

Each "colony" seemed to be under a large tom and it was fascinating to see the working out of the coat patterns with his harem and their offspring. Above towered the wonderful buildings of the Alhambra and the gardens of the Generaliffe built by the Moorish kings for their harems. It all seemed very appropriate.

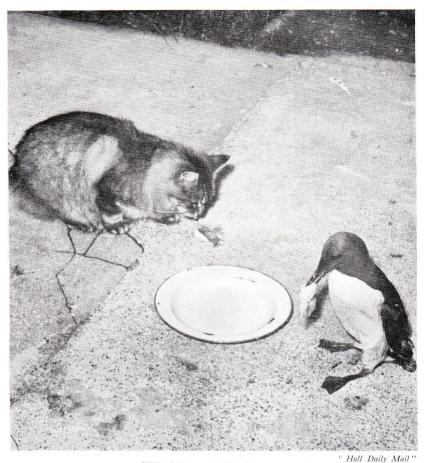
In the Paradore inside the Alhambra where we stayed, a large black cat was permitted to visit the tables in turn to see what was going. His stump of a tale obviously meant he was called Bobadil, the name of the last Moorish king in Spain.

There are other cats I remember although our acquaintance was brief the cat that insisted on taking us for a walk in the gardens of the Generaliffe ; the powerful tom who used to bring a female kitten to play with us at a swimming pool, driving off all rivals and so obviously determined that when she grew up she would have eyes for no one but himself. I mention them only to show that the cats of Andalusia are not like the half-wild cats of so many southern lands, but like the people, friendly and proud.



Here are two Champion Blue Longhairs—father and daughter—in a charmingly posed photograph. They are the well-known Champion HARPUR BLUE BOY and Champion FOXBURROW FAERY belonging to Mr. G. C. Dugdale, of Kensington, S.W. Faery (on the left), bred by Mr. P. M. Soderberg, registered a fine series of major wins during the 1953/4 show season.





STRANGE PLATE-MATES

Judging by what's left on the plate, here's one fish supper that is going down very well, thank you! The lucky bird is a guillemot rescued—as so many are—from the sea in an oil-covered condition. He was taken home for a clean up by an officer of one of our humane societies and after a short period of convalescence he will be returned to the sea.

This is worth thinking about .

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Correspondence Corner

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



WHERE'S A WEAVER ?

I should be pleased if any of your readers can help me in the following matter.

Since we have had our Cream Persian cat, for nearly three years, we have kept all the combings from his coat with the object of having them spun, etc. I believe there are one or two people about the country who would undertake the work of weaving. Can you supply their names and addresses ? First of all, I would want to find out if we have collected enough fur to warrant the work.

P.R.,

New Eltham, London, S.E.9.

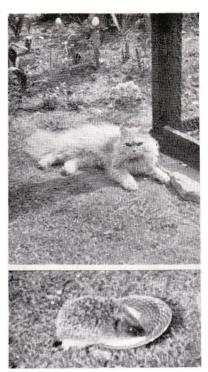
Replies to this enquiry will be gratefully received. They should be sent c/o OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.—EDITOR.

A PRICKLY INTRUDER

I thought you might like to see these pictures of one of my Cream Persians, Riccalton Elizabeth, who now lives with Miss Bull in Cheshire.

I was trying to get a good snap of her about a week before she had her first litter and so put some milk at various strategic points in the garden where the light was good. After playing "hard to get" in long grass, she took up a favourable position beside a cage.

In the meantime, a hedgehog appeared from nowhere and soon finished up the milk. He must have been under a nearby bush and quite changed the idea I had always had that these little creatures were shy.



"Liz" enjoys the freedom of the garden while the prickly little fellow seizes his opportunity to finish up the milk.

"Liz" is a granddaughter of the late Widdington Weaver and the most affectionate cat I have ever had.

> Mrs. Jean Dove, Wallington, Surrey.

A REFORMED CHARACTER

Some months ago I wrote asking forhelp as to how to remedy the dirty habits of my Siamese cat. She suddenly refused to use her toilet pan and all the scolding I gave her made no difference although she knew she was doing wrong.

I had several nice letters from readers and tried some of their tips, where practical, but to no avail. I even tried putting down two pans, one for her and one for her neutered son. He always used the baby's enamel bath, so I used as a second pan an enamel wash bowl, still without any success.

In desperation my brother suggested using earth instead of peat moss litter that I had used since two months after having her. I now put in just a little peat in the bottom of the pan to absorb the moisture and to act as a deodorant, and fill up with sifted earth. This seems to have done the trick.

Why the sudden dislike to peat after three years, I have no idea and probably never shall, as she cannot speak ! I hope this account of my experiences will be a help to anyone who may have similar troubles.

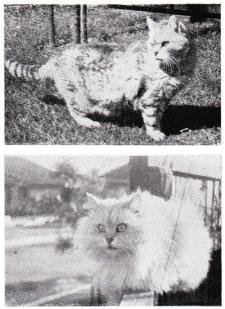
> Miss Winifred Watt, Twickenham, Middlesex.

AUSTRALIAN "OLDTIMER"

I am enclosing two photos of my old common cat or Shorthair as it appears to be known in England. I notice that when a cat reaches the ripe old age of 20, it appears to cause quite a sensation over there, judging by the photograph of one which appeared in OUR CATS recently.

I mentioned to some of your English readers that I have a cat aged 22½ years named Mr. Tiddles by the local children and Uncle Tiddles by myself. They seemed to think I should send you a photograph, so here it is although it is not so sharp in detail as I would like.

The second photograph is of my Craigholme Marama taken 10 months after being operated on for cancer. She was opened up from the chest down and everything removable was taken away. This major operation was performed by Veterinary Surgeon Billy Monk of Chatswood.



Uncle Tiddles, the veteran Australian Shorthair, and, below him, Mrs. Hazel Taylor's Craigholme Marama who survived a serious and unusual operation.

Marama appears to be very well and to have made a complete recovery. Her operation aroused a lot of interest in the district.

> Mrs. Hazel Taylor, Lane Cove, Sydney, Australia.

KINKED TAILS

While I am personally in favour of a small Siamese kink at the extremity of the tail—as it is that difference which is common to so many Eastern cats—I do not like to see specimens where kinks and curls are in evidence in the main part of the tail.

These can, however, be straightened if immediately after birth a small splint is prepared by winding Elastoplast round about half a match stick, which is in turn stuck to a further straight piece of adhesive. The splint is then placed against the deformed part of the vertebrae, then firmly secured round the tail, but not so tight as to impede circulation. Leave for 48 hours, when remove with a plaster remover. This is usually successful, but if not completely so at the first attempt it can be repeated after a day's interval.

In most cases after such treatment few people can discern that any "deformity" has ever existed.

> Mrs. F. Tschudi Broadwood, Send, Surrey.

BOTHER ON THE BUS

Referring to Mr. Owen Jones's letter about taking a cat basket on a bus, I would like to relate an annoying experience I had when taking Orlando plus basket to the Kensington Show in 1952.

I boarded a Green Line coach at 7 a.m. at Bushey for Victoria. After I had paid my fare the conductor asked me what I had in the basket. On telling him he was most rude and said I had no business to bring an animal in *his* coach. I apologized and said I had no idea it was not allowed. Not content with telling me what he thought of cats in general, he kept remarking to various passengers about "the something, something " cats. I was very upset, and being elderly and alone, thought it best to remain quiet, leaving the coach at Marble Arch and taking a bus the rest of the way.

I complained to London Transport, who informed me I must always ask the conductor's permission before boarding a bus with an animal. But the man would be reprimanded as he had no right to be offensive.

On my return journey, I asked a girl conductor if I could bring the cat on. She was amazed at the question and helped us both on and off. All the time I was very upset and thought the day quite spoiled but Premier Hendon Orlando cheered me up by being Best Longhair Neuter in Show.

> Mrs. Edith Minter, Bushey, Herts.

From time to time the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has discussed the regulations governing the transport of cats on public vehicles. No action has been possible because of the varying nature of the regulations of the various transport authorities. Usually, the last word rests with the conductor in charge of the vehicle.—EDITOR.

About that letter you were going to send us. Why not sit down and write it NOW? Correspondence Corner is YOUR feature. Please help to keep it interesting and of value to other cat lovers.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

This is our busy period of the year for subscription renewals. Will readers therefore please help us to economise in office work and record - keeping by responding promptly to the first application for renewal? Any change of address should also be notified promptly.

The following letter was recently received from an old subscriber and we reproduce it because it reflects a kindly and considerate spirit of co-operation that is all too rare nowadays :

Dear Editor : I am not able to renew my subscription to OUR CATS. This is due only to lack of funds and I shall renew again when and if funds increase. I shall miss it very much as it is completely delightful.

Rather such a response than none at all !



(Photo : Capitol, U.S.A.) Mrs. Winkelried and Toy Boy

MRS. WINKELRIED AND TOY BOY

MRS. R. WINKELRIED of 21 Winans Avenue, Newark 3, N.J., U.S.A.

writes :---

"This is the story of a miracle—a miracle performed by veterinary treatment and a good diet well fortified with Kit-zyme.

Toy Boy was an abandoned kitten who had undoubtedly inherited a toxic intestinal infection. In order to ease the pain, the vet administered sedatives. When my husband and I went to the hospital to visit our Fur Baby, he was unconscious and cold as ice and in a final, desperate attempt to revive him, the vet, my husband and I massaged his little fur body. However, it was some time before he regained consciousness.

Toy Boy was only home a short time when he suffered a relapse and had to be taken back to the hospital. His condition was serious. He was running a temperature of 105°. My husband and I held him while the vet gave him three injections with extra long needles. Toy cried out with pain and fear and although we could have left him at the hospital, we chose to take him home, having little hope left for his life.

However, Toy Boy did not join the Fur Angels. His main diet consisted of shredded beef, fortified with crushed Kit-zyme—and the miracle was that he soon became a normal, chubby, playful kitten. His grey silk coat began to shine like a halo, his amber eyes became brilliant and alert and ever his purr became louder and heartier."

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From the Sixpenny Box

By CHERRY CALVERT JONES

FOUND it originally on a second-hand bookstall. Its condition was poor, the corners were rubbed and the cover was nearly parting company with the binding. So, under the circumstances, sixpence seemed a reasonable price for The Cat Picture Book, by Mrs. H. Paull (published by Routledge & Sons. Indeed, it was for the 1880).pictures that I bought it. On each page was at least one illustration of a cat, rather after the Landseer style, but in the main, both accurate and attractive, and showing cats of every shape and size, enjoying every sort of experience.

It was not for several months that I read the accompanying text. This so obviously consisted of simple moral anecdotes for very small children that it required a very idle moment in which to sample it. When I did so, I was agreeably surprised. On page 21 was the picture of a very small cat basket, from which several semi-Persian Tabby and Tortoiseshell - and - White kittens were bursting. (From the size of it, one could hardly blame them !)

Here is their story, shorn of its infantine observers and kind mamma : A farmer's wife, having an attractive litter of kittens, had promised to send the best one up to the Crystal Palace Cat Show, then organized by a lady with the cryptic name of Madame E, which almost makes one wonder if her second hobby was espionage !

Unable to decide between the two prettiest kits, the farmer's wife told a farm hand to pack the pair and send them to her brother in London. Very stupidly, he crammed all five babies into a basket intended for two, and tied them down so firmly that it was not until they reached the brother's house that they finally broke the cord and forced their way out.

Their little legs were terribly cramped and the runt which had been sat on by everyone else was in rather a squashed condition. But food and exercise soon revived them. Madame E was summoned. She selected the two best and took them to the Show where they made themselves so charming that they were both sold to good homes.

Wild Cat on Show

From then on, it is obvious that the author is a genuine cat fanatic. The Crystal Show crops up all through the book ; in fact, she simply can't get away from it. There is not one mention of a pedigree cat and it must have been much more of a household pet show, where any pretty healthy specimen could win.

Towards the end comes the description of the foreign cats, conspicuous by the absence of the Siamese, for the Siamese invasion did not occur till 1885.

A wild cat (we are told) was shown at the first Crystal Palace show. He was entered by the Duchess of Sutherland and had been caught in the grounds of Dunrobin Castle in Scotland and though only a young cat, it was necessary to label his pen : "Do not touch." Knowing the habits of the public at cat shows, one wonders what effect, if any, this had!

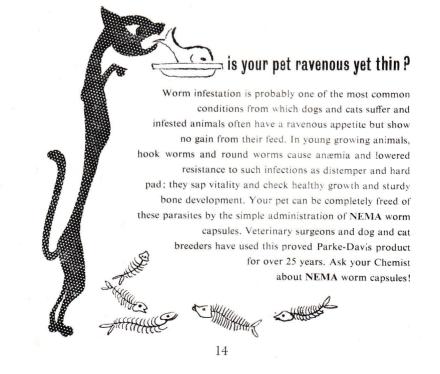
Manx cats come next, together with the picture of a handsome Manx which might well have been shown to-day. Then comes a surprising distinction. Separated by several pages are the Angola cat and the Persian cat, and contrary to expectation, they are not at all the same thing.

The Angola cat comes first. His portrait is just below that of the Manx which as I have said seems so accurate that there is no reason to doubt the correctness of this. He is a magnificent creature with a heavy long coat and a fine tail. Around his face spreads a huge mane which looks all the more luxuriant for the fact that the brow and muzzle are shorthaired like a lion. His body is long, while his legs are fairly short.

I had always understood that the old name for a Longhaired cat was "Angora," a corruption of Ankara in Turkey, but the author here states distinctly that these cats originate in Angola on the East Coast of Africa. She goes on to say that their coats are so fine and silky that they are spun into wool and used for stockings and other warm articles. Also that it is not a fierce cat but many are so spoilt because of their beauty that they are liable to become proud and selfish. The next pictures portray "Persian Tommy" and "Tommy's Mamma." They conform more nearly to modern type, except that their eyes are smaller and their faces not so short. The kitten has a grey coat with markings, and a darkly ringed tail, but when he grows up his fur is expected to be "like chinchilla of which muffs and victorines (fur tippets) are made."

Mamma, on the other hand, is white and wears her blue bow with a selfconscious expression. The text says that the coat of a Persian is beautifully soft, but it is obviously not nearly so long as that of an Angola.

In a word, the Persian possesses the approximate shape and the Angola the coat of the modern Longhaired cat. How interesting it would be to know when the two merged and whether Mrs. Paull ever produced a more adult work than my sixpennyworth of *The Cat Picture Book* !



Protect against Feline Infectious Enteritis

Feline Infectious Enteritis is a very infectious virus disease of cats, sudden in onset and usually fatal. It may be introduced into a cattery following exposure to infection at shows and spreads from cat to cat in a locality. All breeds are susceptible and in some, such as the Siamese, the mortality rate is very high.

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I have a stud nearly two years old who shows no desire to mate a calling queen. Is this unusual and does it mean that he will never become a useful stud?

For an entire male nearly two years old not to be interested in the opposite sex is certainly somewhat unusual but not by any means exceptional. There have been many males who have not mated their first queen until they had almost reached their second birthday. Late development may mean that this male may not want a large number of queens each season, but there is little harm in that. Your male may become a very satisfactory sire and, provided he will mate up to a dozen queens a year, vou need not worry unduly. The real proof of his fecundity may appear in his progeny.

On Coat Lengths

I have a pure-bred Longhaired cat which sometimes grows a coat which is really long and yet in other winters the coat is much shorter. Why is this ?

Here there are a number of factors which may be involved and the answer in the case of your cat would mean that all these factors would have to be known. On the whole temperature does not necessarily affect the length of hair, but it does often alter the density of coat. On the other hand, cats which are wintered in outside houses without artificial heat frequently grow a very profuse coat. The condition of the skin itself also has its effect on the coat that is grown. If dead hair is left in, new hair finds growth difficult. Brushing and combing stimulates the skin and increases the flow of blood there. That also tends to produce a better coat.

A Noisy Siamese

My Siamese cat is very noisy and it has become a trial to me and, I suspect, to the inhabitants of the next flat also. What can I do about this ?

Although Siamese as a breed are inclined to be noisy, few of them are a nuisance except the breeding queen who can sometimes be heard fifty yards away when she calls. Your cat may be one of the very rare incurables, but, generally speaking, a Siamese cat that is noisy is discontented. They certainly know how to complain all right. Is she cold ? Is she hungry ? Does she want more affection than you are giving ? If you can find an answer here, the cure will be obvious.

Only Prefixes Now

I notice that many cats have affixes to their names, yet one always sees that it is a list of lapsed prefixes which are recorded by the G.C.C.F. in the Fancy press. Are there no affixes now?

Yes, affixes such as "of Allington," "of Knott Hall" and "of Pensford" still exist, but no new ones are granted. Some names got too long when affixes were added and the Governing Council decided that only prefixes should be granted from February 17th, 1932. Another regulation is that the name including the prefix shall not exceed three words.

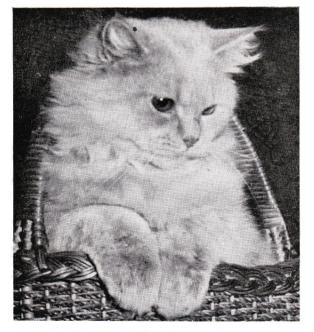
Law and the Cat

Is an owner responsible for any damage which his cat does to other people's property ?

There seems to be a distinction here between moral and legal responsibility,

and a full discussion of both aspects would take up too much space. Presume that your cat went in someone else's house and killed a valuable bird. If your cat was not accustomed to doing that sort of thing there, surely there is a moral responsibility to compensate the owner if he had paid due regard to the safety of his birds. On the other hand, if the cat goes into a neighbour's garden and kills a pet mouse which is unattended and running loose, then there can be no obligation of any sort. The law always concerns itself with a cat's natural instincts. These the owners of other pets have to accept and guard against.





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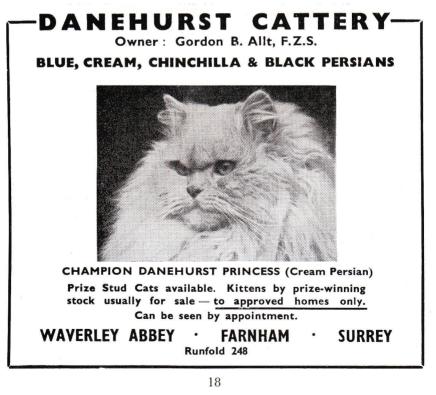
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The Unpredictable

By P. M. SODERBERG

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

THIS is an article on cat breeding and will appear in print, I imagine, just when the first early litters are due to be born. It is because two of my queens have just gone in early February to visit studs within twenty-four hours of each other that my thoughts have been running along the breeding groove and have thus produced this effort.

Let me say straight away that what I am about to put on paper is much more philosophical than scientific. One needs to be philosophical when breeding cats because, except within very narrow limits, science is apt to let us all down and that includes the scientists themselves. We work on the knowledge that we have and assume that certain results will follow from the application of that knowledge, but do they ? The answer is almost as useful as tossing a coin, for the chances of a successful call are fifty-fifty.

Progress May Be Slow

Now I am not suggesting that there is no value in careful mating after full consideration of pedigrees first and then turning to the much more important consideration of the cats themselves. In fact, it is only by adopting such methods, which are at least partly scientific, that any real progress in the improvement of a breed is made. This progress may be painfully slow and there will be many set-backs, but over a long period one can see results of the kind one desires. To become more specific, let us consider the matter of sex. Science can tell us that certain conditions have to be fulfilled for a fertilized ovum to turn into a male kitten, while another set of circumstances has to obtain for the kitten to be a female. That is all very interesting, but is there a scientist who can tell us how to proceed to ensure that the kittens are of the sex we want ?

Unfortunately no scientist, not even those in that particular and very knowledgeable group called the geneticists, can tell us how to produce the conditions which means that all the kittens born will be males or the reverse. Whether the time will ever come when the predetermination of sex will be possible is an entirely different matter and no one with any wisdom would presume to say what science may be able to do at some future time.

Those of us who breed cats know from experience that there are different types of breeding queens when it is a matter of considering the sex of the kittens they produce. Some queens always have more males than females, others more females than males, while the vast majority, by and large, produce roughly equal numbers of each sex over their breeding life. Perhaps there is some bias on the side of a slight excess of males, but to offset this there is also evidence, though not very much, to support the contention that more male kittens die when young than is the case with females.

As a very modest breeder of cats, and in this context the word "modest" means that my cats produce for me at most a dozen or so kittens a year, I suppose I set about the problem of producing good stock by working along orthodox lines. What are they ? Well, just this. I am impressed by a pedigree, I am also interested by the show success of cats that are advertised at stud, but my interest does not finish there. If it is at all possible, I want to know personally the stud to which I am going to send my queen. I presume that most breeders work along similar lines, for there are few novices to-day who believe that Champion mated to Champion must produce champions. It may happen, but there cannot be the slightest guarantee.

Pick of the Litter

The safest plan by far is to weigh up the qualities, both good and bad, of your own cat, and then, having decided where your queen fails, to try to find a stud who excels in these particular points. To expect to find a stud who is strong in all such physical qualities is to expect too much, and one has to be satisfied with trying to eradicate the main faults.

The mating takes place and in due time the kittens are born. In a few weeks, if not before, you can assess the quality of the kittens that have been produced. More often than not you will be disappointed, for the whole litter, which you might have expected to show a combination of the good qualities of both parents, may show the good qualities of neither. This is, of course, exceptional, for it is more normal to find at least one kitten which shows some outstandingly good characteristics of both parents. This kitten is valuable, and, if you can, you should keep it for the further grading up of your stock in the next generation.

Unfortunately, so few breeders can afford to retain these "improvements" as the vast majority of those who breed cats have to limit their stock rigorously, and naturally enough feel too sentimentally attached to the queen to discard her and keep her daughter who may be a better specimen of the breed. Just because cat breeding is a hobby and not a business it is both inevitable and right that sentiment should play such an important part in one's decisions. Cattle and horse breeders feel somewhat differently and as a result often make much more rapid progress in the development of a particular breed.

But to return to our litter. Why is it that the rest are no better if not actually worse than their parents when compared with the standard? That, too, is a question simple enough to answer even if the answer, when given, affords little help to the breeder who wants to turn out stock of high quality.

Animals pass on to their progency not only good qualities but, alas, their bad ones as well, and thus it is not unusual to find a kitten which shows only too clearly the faults of both sides of the family tree which naturally goes back much further than its immediate parents. It is really remarkable how a particular characteristic can be traced back from generation to generation, often from father to daughter and from this daughter to her son.

How valuable it would be if we could pick out these rare individuals who were prepotent for the qualities we want to see in our kittens. More often than not they are not recognized until it is too late.

And so we still go on trying, realizing all the time that the results of our efforts are nearly always unpredictable, but happy that we can still see some improvement over the years.

At the moment I have my own problem, but it is a pleasant one. I have a modest little queen who has never been shown, and, even had she been, I doubt if she would have swept the decks, yet she has had twenty-nine kittens from four different sires and there never has been a bad kitten. From the point of view of her progeny she is never unpredictable, but I wish I knew why. The answer to that problem would not only help me but also the many others who are intelligently groping to find some fundamental facts in this exciting hobby of breeding cats.

Cats in Paint & Print

By SIDNEY DENHAM

Sidney Denham is the author of "Cats Between Covers" and with Helen Denham collected the exhibits for the "Cats Through The Ages" Exhibition of pictures, ceramics, books, etc., in London last year. Under the title "Cats in Paint and Print" he will write regularly about cats in books and the arts and will welcome interesting items from readers or answer their questions. His first article appeared in last month's issue.

LUCETTE DE LA FOUGERE, the young artist whose special interest is cats, exhibited a dozen of her ceramic cats at the Ohana Gallery last month. When we showed three of her cats at the "Cats Through the Ages" exhibition last July, the critic of "Pottery and Glass"

July, the critic of "Pottery and Glass" wrote: "The Egyptian worshipped the cat and to 18th century England it was merely a vermin killer or a pet ; so, we have to wait for the 20th century cat worship to show us, instead of the aloof dignity of the Egyptian sample of diety, the rippling muscles and controlled ferocity of Lucette de la Fougere's crouching life-size cat in overglaze copper...,"

The cat is generally painted or sculptured in repose which, considering the impossibility of getting it to "sit," is not surprising. Lucette de la Fougere captures cats in their most characteristic movements, working in the only way possible, from memory. It is the accuracy of her observation that makes her art of special interest to the cat lover.

A recent number of *Paris Match* published an article, illustrated by beautiful coloured photographs on Paul Leautaud, the 79-year-old misanthropist whose radio programme has made him "the rage "in Paris. His misanthropy is limited to human beings, his sentiments are for his animals which in his long life have included three hundred cats. He now has between thirty and forty cats at Fontenay-aux-Roses—and many more buried in the large wild garden. He had to move to the country, although he dislikes it, because his landlords kept objecting to his cats.

No gravestones mark the burial places of his cats, but he knows them all and has a map to refresh his memory if it should fade. The visitor is likely to be continually warned off this or that piece of grass or undergrowth to prevent him walking on the graves of the only living creatures for which the famous misanthropist has felt affection. A large picture of him in his simple study shows a marmalade cat on the back of the armchair, a charmingly marked grey - and - white (Jaunette) sleeping on his desk by his hand and another with exactly the same markings looking at the photographer with flattened ears while a large black cat on the floor washes unconcerned.

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A lady who claims to be able to talk to animals and gave a demonstration with a horse on television has attracted a good deal of attention recently. The novelty of her system seems to be breathing hard down the nose. I am bound to report that when I did this with my Abyssinian she looked disapproving as if I had said a rude word. Some people undoubtedly have the gift of speaking with animals and in the past learned men with misconceived ingenuity have tried to reduce the sounds made by cats to a phonetic system of "words" although anyone who lives with cats know they use their voices merely to attract attention and really speak with their ears and tails.

Fred Walker, a Victorian artist of some distinction, had the gift of speaking to cats developed to a high degree. At a party he once took a bet that he could induce a notedly unsocial tom to sit on his knee for half-an-hour without touching him with his hands. Making sounds which only he—and the tom understood he lured the cat to his knee and won his bet. But when the half-hour was up, the applause was so loud that the cat leapt up and out of the window as if touched by an electric wire.

Landseer also had this gift. He was once asked if he would do anything with a dog so savage that it had to be kept chained in a yard and could not be approached. Landseer approached and whispered something in the dog's ear at which it leapt up with such force that it broke its chain and disappeared over a wall, never to be seen again.

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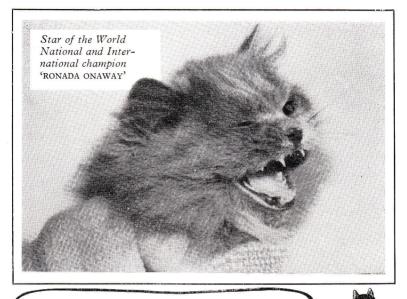
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Tibby learned that 'Ronada Onaway' is now in Sweden - she went there over two years ago. He also learned that this international champion is a Tibs cat. When an authority of Mrs. Brice-Webb's standing recommends Tibs it is a good lead to follow. Her 'Mayblossom of Pensford' (Best Blue Cream Kitten, Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Show, Oct. '53) and her sire of champions, 'Oxley's Smasher' both show the benefit of a Tibs upbringing. Tibs provide vitamins A and B which are so essential for the bright eyes, silky coat and all-round good-health that win shows. Cats love the liver flavour and one Tibs

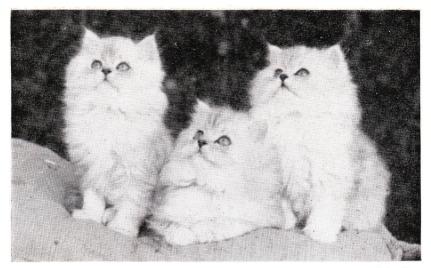
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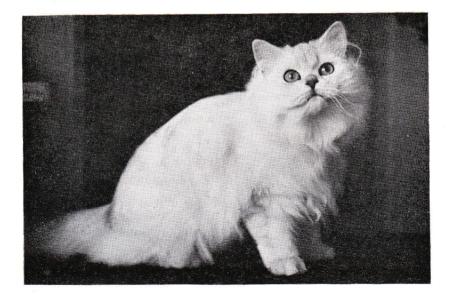
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Audrey Steer

A nice trio of Blue Chinchillas bred by Mrs. Warren, of Marlow, Bucks. They are Mimi, Michel and Monty with the well known prefix Sarisbury, born October last year and sired by Champion Scamp of Allington ex Fayland Sultana.



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Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

M RS. 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.

Siamese Cat Club

WING to the new Governing Council rule that all delegates must be elected by postal ballot or at an annual general meeting before March 15th, breeders who belong to several clubs have had a spate of A.G.M.'s crowded into a few weeks. The Siamese Cat Club meeting held in London on March 10th palpitated with interest and the keenness of the members as it usually does. It was well attended and about 100 members were present to vote on issues directly affecting breeders, especially Siamese.

Mr. P. M. Soderberg was re-elected as Chairman for a period of three years. Mrs. Duncan Hindley will be Vice-Chairman for a further term and elected delegates to the Governing Council were Mrs. K. R. Williams (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Mrs. Joan Varcoe and Mr. Sidney France. No fewer than 15 nominations were made for the Committee. Two members retired and stood for re-election and there was one vacancy. Mrs. P. Holroyd was reelected and Mrs. Joan Varcoe and Dr. Ivor Raleigh were the new members of Committee. This voting was by paper ballot.

The Siamese Cat Club is in a satisfactory position and Mrs. K. R. Williams announced that the profit on the Ch. Show held for the first time last October at the Royal Horticultural Hall was over $\pounds 40$. This enables the next show to be held on October 8th at the same venue without anxieties.

The Committee's recommendation "that in future any person added to the Siamese Cat Club list of judges must be, or have been, a breeder or owner of Siamese for a period of at least seven years "was passed with only a very few dissentients. A positive forest of hands shot up when it was put to the vote.

Mr. F. B. Williams's proposal : "Members elected to the Committee shall agree to serve on only one other cat club committee " also romped home after the amendment : " Serve on only two other cat club committees" was put to the vote. This issue has arisen at two other club meetings and has been favourably received. Personally I think it is an excellent idea as it gives the newer and younger breeders an opportunity of expressing their opinions in committee and helps to influence the policy of a club and incidentally, if it is a specialist club or an all-breed club which organizes a show, of proposing judges they would like to see officiating.

Possibly the new rule about breeding or owning a Siamese before judging them will cause some disappointment among non-owners with ambitions to judge. But in my opinion it is an excellent rule. There is nothing to match the experience gained from the breeding of any variety if one wants to know it from A to Z. We hear of "born judges" but during my thirty years' experience in the Fancy they have been few and far between. About ten years' stewarding plus producing winners and presenting them well was almost a sine qua non if one had ambitions to judge The fact that our in pre-war days. senior judges travel the world and are invited to so many countries again and again speaks volumes for the pre-war system when nearly all these judges received their training.

Longhairs Lead

Although the number of Siamese are more than half the total number of cats and kittens of all varieties registered. it is an interesting fact that at Ch. Shows they are far outnumbered by the Longhairs. It appeared to be worthwhile to get some idea of the proportion so these are the total figures taken from the catalogues of the four big London Ch. Shows, i.e., The Coronation Ch. Show in October ; Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show in November ; The National Cat Club Ch. Show in December ; and The Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show in February. Provincial Ch. Shows average similar proportions. Only cats and kittens entered in their Open classes are counted.

Here are the figures : Black Longhair adults 23, kittens 18 ; Whites (Blue and Orange-eyed) adults 16, kittens 12 ; Blues adults 70, kittens 130 ; Cream adults 42, kittens 47 ; Smoke adults 11, kittens 3 ; Silver Tabby adults 7, kittens 6 ; Brown Tabby adults 7, kittens 2 ; Red Tabby adults 7, kittens 5 ; Chinchilla adults 44, kittens 47 ; Tortoiseshells 16, kittens 14 ; Tortie-and-White 14 ; Blue-Cream adults 22, kittens 26.

Blues with 200 exhibits easily top the list and proclaim their title to the most popular of all the Longhair varieties. Chinchillas with 91, Creams with 89 and Blue-Creams with 48 fill the next places. Actually there were a few more Tabby kittens but as some classes for these have been amalgamated, i.e., Red, Brown, Silver Tabby, etc., and even Any Other Colour, it is difficult to sort them out.

An approximate figure, however, of 283 Longhair adults and 280 kittens at four Championship Shows is an impressive entry and indicates the flourishing state of these varieties.

Siamese exceed all the other Shorthairs put together with Seal Point adults 124, kittens 159; Blue Point Siamese adults 36, kittens 25; Chocolate Point adults 15, kittens 19. A wonderful total of 203 Siamese adults and 175 kittens of the three varieties.

British Shorthair kittens are not easy to assess, again because a number of classes had to be amalgamated, but the adult classes were Black adults 3, Whites 6, Blue British 13, Russian Blues 24, Creams 2, Silver Tabbies 18, Red Tabbies 9, Brown Tabbies 7, Tortie-and-Whites 4, Abyssinian adults 27, kittens 23; Burmese adults 19, kittens 16; Manx adults 12.

The classes where the Premier certificate was offered are the only ones quoted for neuters but the classification varied : Longhairs 35, British Shorthairs 8, Foreign Shorthairs 17, these were mostly Siamese. Any variety Shorthair Neuter 6. Any variety Siamese 18 and any variety not Siamese 4. The introduction of the Premier certificate a few years ago has done wonders to encourage owners to exhibit neuters and it is undoubtedly due to it that we see so many lovely pets exhibited in fine condition.

New Zealand Import

Mrs. Mayhill, of Tokapuna, New Zealand, is importing the winning male bred by Miss Langston, Seth of Allington by Ch. Scamp of Allington and Ch. Felicity of Allington. Although Mrs. Mayhill has the famous Langhernes and Allingtons in her strain of Chinchillas, it is some generations back so Seth will provide an excellent outcross.

One of my most vivid recollections of Longhair cats in Australia and New Zealand is the wonderful coats of this variety which excelled in length, density and texture. One might attribute it to climatic conditions but the winter temperatures in North Island, New Zealand, and Australia, is higher than ours and one imagines not conducive to lengthy coats.

"Boarders" on a Barge

Miss von Ullman writes from her London barge at the Paddington moorings : "It seems that I am fast becoming a depository for other people's cats. It started with Mrs. Ray's Russian Blue whom she left with me when she went to India, with strict instructions to show her if she turned out good enough. I am glad to say the six months kitten handed to me is now Ch. Combermere Carousel, winning her Challenge certificates at the N.C.C. Ch. Show, London, and at Nottingham and Manchester."

" Mrs. Ray wanted her to be mated to Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo and flown out to her in kitten. Unfortunately she did not take although Mr. Warner took her back more than twice and I am full of admiration for his patience. Eventually she was allowed to make her own choice and produced five sturdy blue tabby kittens. Besides Carousel I have a Seal Point Siamese belonging to Miss Marshall, Martial Michele, who will be with me whilst her owner is ill. She came to me with a male kitten, Martial Milton, which I was supposed to sell but he became ill and I took him to my office as he required nursing. We became so fond of each other that I could not part with him. I showed him twice and he won quite well in kitten classes. He has an adorable nature and now I have had him over six months he appears to be here for good."

"I still have Maximilia Unterkatze,

my Black Shorthair ; her daughter Roofspringer Mazurka ; a Black Shorthair by Ch. Shushard, the Chocolate Point Siamese, and another Black Shorthair Laurentide Artu Petra by another C.P. Siamese Briarry Sacharrin. The last two females have been carefully selected for my breeding experiments and should in due course produce not only Havanas but also Lilac and possibly another new colour."

"My cats have complete freedom and although I have a cats cabin on my barge, they are seldom in it except when in season. During the frost the canal was frozen solid and my cats had an opportunity of exploring the other side and hunting rats over there. There is a sausage skin factory where the rats seem exceptionally large."

"There being no close season for rats my side has been stripped of game for some time and I was surprised to find a few bodies on my barge every night till it dawned upon me that my cats had crossed over the ice and hunted in new territory."

"The other inhabitants of the Paddington Moorings are all great cat lovers and one of them a prospective Fancier. She owns a beautiful Blue-eyed White Shorthair named Candy Jackson. The kitten's success gave her great pleasure and she intends to breed from it and show it again next season as an adult. Mrs. Jackson is one of those novices who read schedules and other literature and when I offered to help her with her show entry and registration she had it all finished and—correctly too."

Miss Ullman ends her letter with an invitation so it will be interesting to see this family living on a barge.

A Blue Purchase

Mrs. Brice-Webb, the well-known Blue breeder has purchased Pennhome Pierre from Mrs. Guess. She tells me he is a massive fellow with a well balanced head, neat, well-placed ears and glorious eye colour. She considers him one of the best Blue males she has seen sired by her lovely pale Blue Oxleys Smasher. He has mated his first queen Westbridge Emilie and should be an asset to the Blues in the Midlands.

Winners at Copenhagen

Miss Ragnhild Larsdotter, writing from Stockholm, sends news of Int. Ch. Ronada Onaway bred by Mrs. Brice-Webb. Her first kitten Despotic Ann (born in April, 1953) was exhibited at Copenhagen Ch. Show, March 19th-21st, and was awarded her first Challenge certificate. Onaway has been mated to the same male again, Int. Ch. Gippeswyk Darby, and Miss Larsdotter is eagerly awaiting the happy event in early April.

The Challenge certificate in Blue males at Copenhagen was awarded to Caesar of Pensford, son of Ch. Southway Crusader and Bluebell of Pensford; the latter queen (litter sister of Ch. Astra of Pensford) was tragically killed by a car in August, 1952, the only accident (touch wood !) which has ever befallen a cat of mine although my queens have always enjoyed complete liberty. She was a sweet cat and devoted mother and an irreparable loss to me.

Visitors from 7 Countries

Mrs. Svenningsen, President of the Norwegian Cat Club and Editoress of "Vare Katten," writes from Oslo a comment on the many fine cats bred in England or bred from British parents winning so many major awards at the Show.

Bircotte Modest Maidie (by Ch. Dylan of Allington) was again Best Longhair Kitten. Mrs. Svenningsen concludes : "Cat breeders met at Copenhagen from seven countries to enjoy this wonderful show where Mrs. Eisenhuth and her Committee had done everything for our comfort and enjoyment. The day after the Show we had a busy and interesting day with snacks and chats." Mrs. J. M. Newton, whose judging of the Longhair cats gave pleasure to so many, will, I hear, be reporting the Show in next month's issue, which will also carry some pictures.

A delightful gesture from abroad is to send some of the judges who have previously officiated a picture card signed by several well wishers. One recently sent to me depicted "The Little Mermaid," Edv. Eriksen's world famous statue of the heroine of one of Hans Anderson's fairy stories. She sits on a rock with the Baltic wavelets lapping its base, a really exquisite figure in an appropriate setting.

Red Tabby Moves

Owing to indifferent health Mrs. Fawell has parted with the Red Tabby Shorthair male Ch. Vectensian Anaconda to Miss Smith of Prees, Shropshire. She has also purchased the Red, Ch. Barwell Bena and owns the Chocolate Point Siamese Doneraile Brun Bowman by Ch. Holmesdale Chocolate Soldier and in addition breeds Seal Points. Here's wishing her every success. Mrs. Hoare, (née Miss Pat Tucker) bred Ch. Vectensian Anaconda and many other brilliant Red Shorthair Tabbies excelling in type. She and her husband run a farm and I hear have invented a new type of chicken house. Let us hope her cat breeding activities will prevail again. Her cats and kittens were always shown in lovely condition.

Show in Paris

Mr. Marcel Guinard writes from Paris: "On March 14th and 15th French breeders held a show of Longhair cats which were presented for exhibition only. It was held in the offices of the T.W.A. in the Champs Elysées and was a great success. With their entry paper spectators had a voting paper on which they were requested to write which cats they thought the best. The result was Madam Letertre's exquisite Orangeeyed White male Ch. Alex des Princes by Ch. Southway Rascal was Best in Show. See Our CATS, May, 1952 (inside back cover) for a picture of this lovely cat. We had two grand days and some good kittens were sold."

"My Black female Cybelle de Chiraz was mated to Ch. Black Knave on March 7th and I am anxious to see the result. I hope to be able to procure a really good unrelated Black female for Knave but good Black kittens are scarce. I am not in a hurry as I intend to move this summer or next spring to a suburb near to Paris where I can get a garden which is so good for cats and kittens."

Joy to Abby. Owners

The March issue of the Abyssinian Cat News Letter consists of nearly eight foolscap pages closely typed and must have necessitated a tremendous amount of work and correspondence for its editors Helen and Sidney Denham. They point out that the total number of 12 issues works out at the average length of a novel. This one excels in interest to all cat lovers and must be a joy to Abyssinian breeders.

I was pleased to read that Mr. Basnett, Hon. Secretary of the Club, anticipates having more leisure to attend shows and has promised to report on the Abyssinians.

Silver Tabby Import

Mrs. Towe, Hon. Secretary of the Shorthair Cat Society, has purchased a Silver Tabby from a well-known French breeder who has specialized in striped, also spotted, Silver Tabbies for many years and been awarded many prizes for them at the Cat Club de Paris and other shows. This young male will go into the new quarantine kennels at Folkestone, owned by Captain Gilland, M.R.C.V.S. The charges are slightly higher than usual but I hear conditions are excellent. Mrs. Regan is also interested in him and has kindly agreed to take care of the quarantine costs. When he leaves Folkestone he will probably live at her home at Kingston, Surrey. Mrs. Towe has helped considerably to revive this lovely breed which was almost nonexistent at the first post-war shows.

Family of Fine Blues

Welcome news comes from Mrs. Denton of Denmark Hill about Anson Eros, whose photograph appeared in the October issue of OUR CATS. Readers will remember his excellent winning record as a kitten. Like a number of young Blue adults he did not completely moult out his old coat last summer so Mrs. Denton decided not to exhibit him until he acquires a level adult coat. All being well she may show him this coming winter. I hear he has fulfilled his kitten promise. Eros has sired some lovely kittens by two of her young queens. Trenton Sugar Plum, a daughter of Mrs. Harrington-Harvard's Ch. Oxleys Peter John, has five promising kittens by him and her daughter by Mrs. Stephenson's Woburn Sunshine had six lovely kittens by Eros before Christmas, one of which, a pale blue female, Mrs. Denton wants to dispose of to a home where she will be a pet as well as a brood queen. She has refused offers from those who would like her to be speyed.

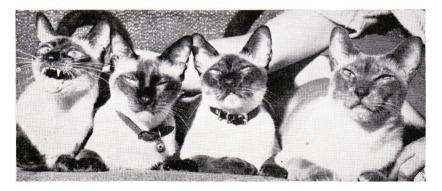
The third queen is Thiepval Penelope, litter sister to the famous Thiepval Precocious and Thiepval Paragon. She was born last May and will shortly be mated to Anson Eros. This very well bred quartette of Blues live under ideal conditions.

We much regret that owing to the continued indisposition of Mrs. Billie Bancroft we have not been able to present her usual monthly contribution. We have hopes that a resumption will be possible with the May issue.



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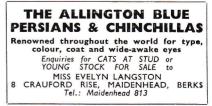
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