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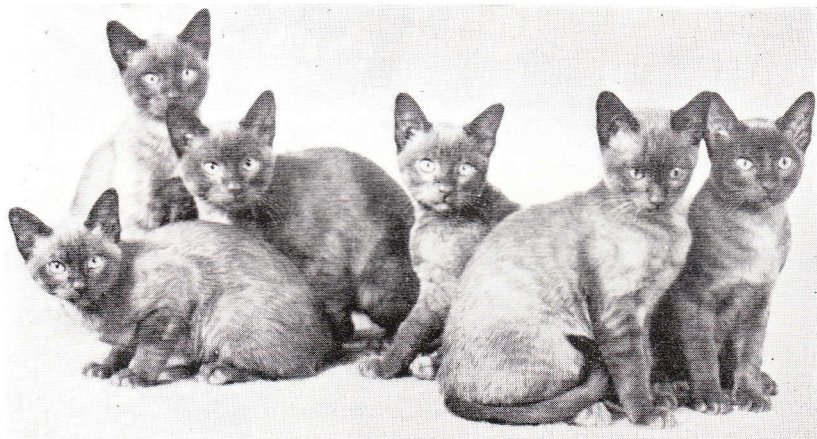
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We are indebted for this delightful picture of a Burmese litter (consisting of five boys and one girl) to Mrs. W. M. Massey, of Warwick. "With their sable brown coats and amber eyes," writes Mrs. Massey, "they are very beautiful. No tree is too tall, nor roof too high, in fact, I think they all must be Sherpas. They answer promptly to the 'drum service'—the tapping of a knife on the dinner plate. Just three months old, they are a pleasure to have and to behold."

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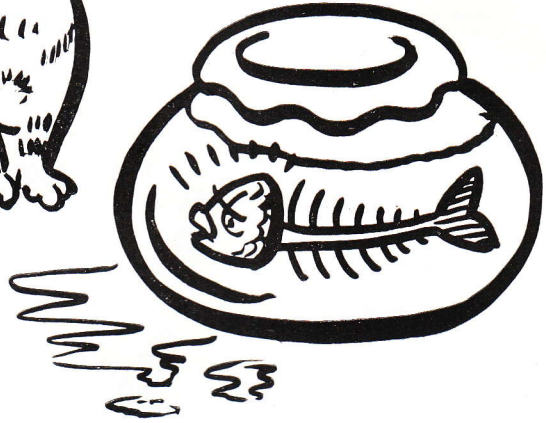
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"That fellow's been coming here every day since they abolished corporal punishment."



Bestick Williams

Mrs. Kathleen R. Williams and her steward Mrs. W. L. Macdougald who with Mrs. F. Coyne founded the Siamese Cat Club of Ireland. The cat is Mrs. M. MacNamara's Siamese Yama, Best Male and Best Exhibit at the Club's first show, which is reported on below by Mrs. Williams, who flew over to officiate as judge.

In the Siamese World

An exclusive contribution by KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS, breeder, judge and show organizer of many years' experience and now Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club, which is probably the largest specialist cat club in the world.

OPENING parcels has always given me keen enjoyment—a thrill which I have not outgrown. Events developing “out of the blue” are like parcels. Interesting!! Exciting!! Such an event was the invitation to judge the first cat show to be held by the Siamese Cat Club of Ireland. But I go too fast! I must start at the beginning.

This new Club was founded by Mrs. F. Coyne and Mrs. W. L. MacDougald, whose love of Siamese inspired them not only to form a Siamese Cat Club but to organize the first Siamese cat show to be held in Ireland. This was a most ambitious venture. The wonderful response from exhibitors and public alike must have given the founders a sense of deep satisfaction and reward for the work that had brought their idea to fulfilment.

It indicated quite clearly the wide interest in Siamese.

The Show formed part of the Mid-summer Fair held at the Mansion House in Dublin in aid of the Adelaide Hospital Campaign. The space allotted to the Show proved hardly sufficient for there were nearly 60 exhibits and 13 litters. Mr. W. L. Macdougald, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. N. H. Lambert, M.R.C.V.S., were honorary veterinary surgeons; they also were most helpful during the show.

The event created tremendous interest and from the time it was open to the public until it closed there was a constant queue four deep. In all my experience I have seen nothing like it at a non-Championship show. It reminded me of the queue at our Festival Show in 1951.

Mrs. MacNamara's Yama was Best Male and Best of the Breed, followed by Mrs. Conway's Chancery Zuss as Best Female. Both these cats were of good type with dense points and coats of excellent texture. Mrs. Maxwell showed some very nice kittens, fine boned and of good type. Her winning kitten Cintra was purchased by a fellow exhibitor, Mrs. Costello, who is keen to improve breeding stock.

On exhibition was Dr. F. Coyne's Blue Point Chatwyn Tarrier (Rupert to his friends), a delightful neuter, who accepted the public's admiration with delight and dignity. Most breeders have been asked, at one time or another: "Do Siamese live in harmony with dogs?" Rupert's constant companion is Thor, a huge Great Dane. The natural dignity of these two animals, in repose or play, is a lesson to mere humans.

I shall always remember the friendship and keen interest of the founders, exhibitors and public at this splendid Dublin Show. This was my first visit to Ireland since 1931 and it was a memorable and enjoyable occasion. Travelling by air is now commonplace, and travelling in the Aer Lingus new

Vickers Viscount aircraft from London to Dublin, leaves one with the impression of transportation without effort. There is no sensation of movement, one might be sitting at home in one's favourite chair. These aircraft are the first propeller-turbine air liners. They travel at 310 miles per hour at 1800 feet. After a journey in this fine aircraft it is not difficult to understand why Britain leads in civil air transport.

South African News

Let us now go further afield. The Siamese Cat Society of South Africa held their Show on June 12th. It was quite the best they have yet had, I am told. Mrs. Gluckman's Blue Point Female, Misty Orchid, gained her Championship. Misty was bred by Mrs. Brummett. Mr. and Mrs. Brummett are orchid and iris experts. Mrs. Gluckman, who, you will remember, visited England two years ago, is also an expert—hence the affix Orchid. Misty went out to Mrs. Gluckman in kitten to Champion Misselfore Panprint. The Club are proud that an entirely South African bred cat gained the B.P. Male



Independent Newspapers

Introducing the founders of the Siamese Cat Club of Ireland, Mrs. F. Coyne and Mrs. W. L. MacDougald.

Championship—Mrs. Johnston's Li-Yu.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart with their friends who founded this Club are to be congratulated on its growth and achievement in so short a time. I have the honour to have been the Club's Vice-President since its inception, and I am justly proud of its achievements.

Mrs. Margaret Val Davies, a member of the Club, came to England in 1953, doing splendid work at the Southern Show in 1953, the Cats Through the Ages Exhibition, and the Siamese Show last year. Unfortunately her intention to settle in England did not materialize and she has now returned to South Africa. We shall miss her very much, but our loss will be the South African Cat Society's gain.

Old Friends

Now to some exports. From Mrs. Alloy comes the catalogue of the Empire Show held at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York. The Best Siamese Kitten in the Championship Class was Mrs. W. Buchanan's Maya Matador. Matador is by Silken Pedro of Bridle Trail (bred by Mrs. Highton). The Champion Male was Sayam Simba of Blue Grass who was also Best Opposite Sex (bred by Mrs. A. Fergusson) exported to Mrs. Lucas B. Combs. In the Novice Class, I see, Mrs. Comb's Blue Grass Verbena gained a first award. Mrs. Alex Pinney's Sesau of Ebon Mask, bred by Mrs. V. Nelson, was second, and Best Novice O.P. Sex. Both these exhibits carry English blood lines. Best B.P. Champion was Mrs. L. King's Champion Fernreig Zaru of Wu (bred by Mrs. E. Matthewson). Zaru did well at the English shows before being exported.

Again my mind wings back to my last visit to the States, when I met exhibitors at this show, Mrs. Lydia Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. A. Pinney, Mr. and Mrs. Stackhouse, to name a few of the Siamese exhibitors. In one's "mind's

eye" one sees again the occasion on which we first met.

Mrs. Alloy who is to be in England for two days only in the near future, writes that she hopes to renew our acquaintance with a flying visit.

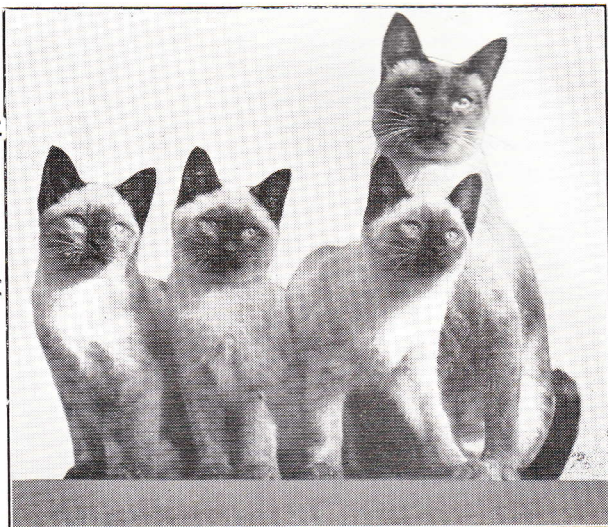
You will note that the English prefixes, which cannot be altered, have the cattery name of their new owners as an affix.

My search for a male to export to Mrs. Welsh, of Australia, led me to Mrs. Tutt and her daughter in Kent. The Shawnee Siamese live in a beautiful setting in the heart of the country and their runs overlook rolling fields. The cats are fortunate, for apart from the airiness of their houses, they also have the advantage of produce from Mrs. Tutt's farm, which is close by. Having decided that Shawnee Silky Boy (Bobbie) should go to Mrs. Welsh, I arranged for his inoculations and in due course collected him. Mrs. Tutt and her daughter are delightful hosts and devoted to their Siamese.

Miss Kelsley's Kelylyn Amanda was selected as the female to accompany Bobbie. The suggestion was that the two cats should travel together, but as the journey takes six weeks, I decided against this in view of the possibility of Amanda "calling" during the voyage. Separate houses with sleeping apartments and runs were made, that they might have every comfort during the journey. By the way, the cats are looked after on the voyage by the cadets. I have always found the ship's officers most helpful; they give one complete confidence that all will be well. Any special food that your export likes can accompany them, with details of each cat's fads, as to food, playthings and manners. These two will found a new strain in Australia for Mrs. Welsh to whom they are exported.

Another daughter of Misselore Pan-priest is Champion Misselore Echo, bred by Mrs. J. C. S. Rendall. She was exported to Mrs. Florence Kanoffe. Unshown as a kitten, she completed her

STELLAR WITH
HER FAMILY



Miss Margaret F. Cook of 6 Weir Lane, Marshfield, Nr. Chippenham, Wiltshire, writes :—

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Championship in two shows, taking a first and winners in both Speciality and All-Breed Shows, and Best Blue Point Cat at both Philadelphia and Springfield Shows. Missellfore Tyran Print has gone out to Mrs. Chandler, of Melbourne. His dam was Ridge Tsuban as was Echo's. We wish Mrs. Chandler the same success with Tyran in Australia.

Winners in Norway

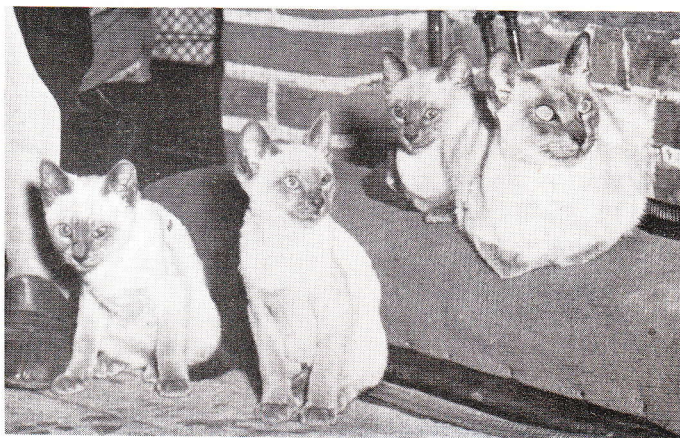
From Mrs. M. Svenningsen comes news of the Gottenborg Show. The Best Siamese Male was Exotic Gigolo, owner Mr. Knut Ohlson (Chairman of the Vastsven Ska Katt Klubbens), bred by Mrs. Ulla Magnusson, sire Sabrika Sinbad, dam Quantocks Gossamer. Best Siamese Female was Exotic Geisha, owner Mrs. Friberg, Stockholm, the same breeding as the winning male. The Siamese Female Class had 17 exhibits! The Club are considering having two classes, one for young queens who have not borne litters and one for brood queens and queens having had a litter. Inwood Sky (breeder Mrs. McGregor) exhibited by Fru Tordin Bergquist, was second in the Open Male. A litter of his was awarded Best Litter in

Show. Twelve of the cats exhibited were English exports, and five had English parents. Mrs. Svenningsen, together with Mrs. Magnusson, visited me when they were in England last year. We hope to see them again this year during the show season.

A Sad Loss

News from nearer home—the Channel Islands—comes from Miss Cherry Calvert Jones. Whilst on a flying visit to England she told me of Champion Tailand Oberon's passing a while ago. Oberon was a great pet and has left a sad gap in the household. Miss Calvert Jones tells me that in May they had an epidemic of cat flu, fortunately without losing any of her cats. She is a keen breeder of Blue Point Siamese and hopes to send Tailand exhibits to the shows in England again soon. An exhibition of Mrs. Calvert Jones' delightful cat studies would be a wonderful idea, they are so natural in their expression.

Mrs. E. Fisher who has been staying with her daughter in Rome, writes that the condition of the cats there is horrifying, they are so neglected, roaming the



The death of CH. TAILAND OBERON who is pictured here with three of his offspring was a great loss to Channel Island fancier Miss Cherry Calvert Jones.

streets in their hundreds. Mrs. Fisher did what she could in feeding those within her ken. At home again now Mrs. Fisher tells me that she has reluctantly to part with some of her cats and will be pleased to hear from any cat lovers interested.

In June the Siamese Cat Club held a meeting of their judges to consider in detail the Standard of Points, with a view to more uniformity of judging. The Committee are to consider the points raised and in due course will give their findings. There is no simple solution to uniform judging, but this seems to be a step in the right direction.

Delightful New Book

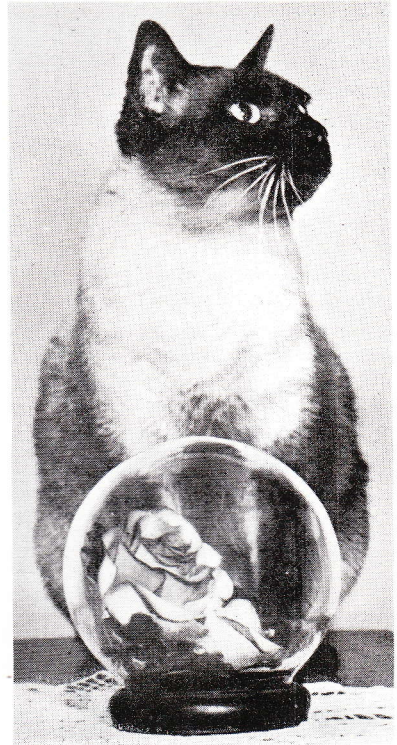
Those of you who have met Billie Thatcher's Siamese Princess Tai-Lu, either in person, through television, or her book, will be interested to hear that she has now allowed Publicity Products Limited to publish a Twirly Book of her Birthday Party. This is a delightful little fantasy, printed in colour. H.M. The Queen has graciously accepted a copy, sending her good wishes and expressing her pleasure on receiving the second book in the Tai-Lu series. The book is excellent value at 2s., especially when one takes into account that the front cover has an ingenious device whereby the characters can be made to flicker into movement as on the cinema screen.

The Siamese Cat Club Championship Show will be held on October 8th, 1954, at The Royal Horticultural (Old) Hall. I hope you have all entered the date in your diaries. The success of the show depends on exhibitors and public alike, so everybody can help by making this and *all* other shows known to their friends.

On the 30th June members of the Siamese Cat Club, gathered at the Reubens Hotel for the Annual Tea Party. A lecture by Major Hamilton Kirk, M.R.C.V.S., created lively discussion and an interesting exchange of

views. The deep buzzing produced by 70-odd cat lovers in conversation has to be heard to be believed—a veritable human dynamo buzz.

I include this last item rather hurriedly as this issue goes to press.



COBINAWRIGHT, JR. 12 years' old Siamese female. At the age of 10 years, Cobina was awarded First Prize in a class of thirteen Seal Point novices under CFA judge Henry C. Becker. She is the first cat of Mission City Cattery owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marshall, San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A.

Washing and Grooming

By M.R.C.V.S.

CATS are not usually washed, for the reasons that they are generally most assiduous in performing this duty for themselves and have a natural antipathy to water. There are, however, occasions when a bath is desirable, such as for the purpose of removing dressings which have been applied to the skin, or as part of the treatment in some skin diseases or parasitic infestations.

There is really no substantial reason why a cat should not be bathed, provided due precautions are taken as to the heat of the water, the soap used, and to ensure a thorough drying—preferably before a fire.

Cats are undoubtedly more susceptible to colds after baths than are dogs, for which reason greater care must be taken to guard against draughts, insufficient drying and cold atmospheres.

The temperature of the water is of some moment. Since what may seem tolerable to one's hardened hand may feel uncomfortably hot to a cat's body. The heat of the water should therefore be judged by the person's wrist if no bath thermometer is available. Generally, however, the water should be described as at blood heat.

The choice of soap should receive some consideration for there are mainly two kinds, viz., those made with sodium salts and those with potassium. Everyone knows the effect on the skin of washing with a soap containing an excess of soda. Soft soap is a potash soap but cannot be recommended as a good medium for washing cats, as it clings to the hair and is difficult to rinse out. If not all removed, the skin would become excoriated, and local patches of hair might fall out.

The soap of greatest utility for feline purposes is fluid eucalyptus soap of reputable manufacture, which is not only more easily and quickly applied and a safe parasiticide, but is more economical.

The various carbolic and tar preparations on the market must not be used, as in some cases they have been known to exert a deleterious and even toxic effect. Thus, in all cases, the importance of careful rinsing after bathing should be realized, as carelessness in this direction will most probably produce skin excoriation, no matter what kind of detergent is employed. Similarly, carbolic acid, lysol, paraffin, and other agents, should not be employed, otherwise the eyes or skin may suffer badly, or the cat show toxic symptoms from ingestion or absorption of the harmful bath water.

Aversion Overcome

The washing of cats is generally tabooed among fanciers of the species, but if the real truth were known, this attitude would most probably be found to arise from the fact that a cat is generally so very difficult to handle in water. The cat sustains a perpetual fight against the operation, and appears to possess more claws and teeth than it ever did before.

This is only the result of fear, and if the person allows the head to remain dry until the end, ensures that the water is neither too hot nor too cold, and employs gentle coaxing methods throughout, he will succeed tolerably well.

After two or three washings, a cat usually gains confidence, and familiarity with the process breeds the proverbial contempt. With very nervous cats it

may be found more expedient to have the head and forelegs held by an assistant whilst the operator washes the back and hind quarters, later reversing the operation.

Some cats strenuously oppose being stood in the water, in which case they may be stood on a draining board or in the sink, and warm water poured over them from a jug. Besides, if the animal is standing in the water it is difficult properly to wash the abdomen or legs.

Several dry shampoos and cleaning powders are available but they are far inferior to a bath and some of the powders are even objectionable. Where the washing of a cat involves great inconvenience or presents great difficulties it can perhaps be largely dispensed with if a system of grooming be substituted. In any case the grooming of a cat's fur is highly desirable, for not only is it refreshing and invigorating owing to its power of stimulating the functions of the skin, but it makes for a fine glossy coat, so commendable in members of the feline tribe.

Lethal Hairball

It may truly be said to be analogous to the morning wash in which most human beings delight, and where a cat has been given the opportunity to appreciate the comfort of a vigorous daily brushing, he will be found habitually to look for it and enjoy it to the full.

Brushing and combing are obviously conducive to health and cleanliness by helping to eliminate undesirable parasites of the skin, and the scurf, dust, and dirt in which these so freely breed. Further, unless the shedding of an old coat is aided, the cat will probably swallow large quantities of it in its attempt to expedite the process, with the unfortunate formation in some cases of "hairballs." These can be very serious and sometimes lethal.

When all old coat has been removed and the cat is in good coat, brushing may be reduced to a minimum, or even—for

a time—suspended. The fur of the very long coated breeds is, however, likely to become inextricably matted, harsh and coarse if neglected, and especially if the animal is of a somewhat indolent nature.

Hairball can be a very dangerous condition because of its insidious onset, and the risk of its remaining undiagnosed until it has grown greatly in volume, then necessitating surgical intervention. In a recent case, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of putrid-smelling, putty-like felted hair was removed from a cat's stomach, having been gradually piling up for weeks, and the owner having taken little notice of the animal's poor appetite and general debility. It was amazing that the cat ate anything at all as the hairball, when removed, filled a 2 lb. jam jar.

Hairball is not visible in an X-ray film unless an opaque agent like a barium mixture is previously administered. But X-rays should certainly be utilized in all suspected cases.

Last year dogs caused 1,413 street accidents in the county of Kent, nearly 400 more than were caused by pedestrians. In the last four years dogs have been responsible for over 6,000 street accidents. In Medway towns it is now a punishable offence to allow a dog out after sunset unless it is on a lead.

A man who threw a kitten into a stove was sent to prison for three months at Bow Street, London. Counsel for the R.S.P.C.A. said that the man was employed as a stoker. He was seen by another employee to pick up a ginger and white kitten, open the door of the stove and throw the kitten into it. The witness managed to get out its charred body.

When the police and R.S.P.C.A. officers went to the home of a St. Pancras (London) woman, 15 cats were found dead and another 15 injured. The woman was examined by a doctor and then taken to hospital.

Keep the Kittens Growing

By P. M. SODERBERG

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

AS in my time I suppose I have written as much as most on the very important subject of rearing kittens, it may cause some surprise that I should take it into my head to deal with the same topic again. Were there such a thing as a royal road to rearing sturdy kittens to an age when they are completely weaned, a further article would clearly be superfluous. But that is just the point, there is no such royal road and success or failure can be achieved in a number of ways, and what is perhaps even more interesting is the fact that the same method adopted by several breeders will not of necessity be successful with all of them.

One fact can, I think, be taken as the general desire of all breeders. It is that their kittens shall continue to grow from the start with no setbacks during the first eight weeks, at the end of which time a breeder is expected to find ready customers.

Normally the first three weeks present no problem, for the queen supplies all the food that her kittens require. There are queens, of course, who are quite incapable of rearing a family, but, fortunately, they are few and far between. Sometimes such queens can be helped to provide a more satisfactory milk supply, but there is always the occasional queen for whom nothing can be done. The only hope is a foster mother who is by a malignity of fate rarely available when she is most needed.

The average queen has ample milk for the family she produces, but it does happen sometimes, and particularly

with Siamese, that the size of the litter is larger than any queen ought to be expected to feed. When faced with this problem the breeder may be in real trouble, for the absolute maximum should be six kittens, and even that number is a serious strain on the stamina of a queen. The ideal litter is probably four. The solution for the large litter problem has to be left to the individual breeder's own discretion.

A queen cannot be expected to feed even four kittens unless she herself is adequately fed, and it must be the aim of the breeder to ensure that she eats enough to maintain not only her own condition but also that extra to provide food for her kittens. In this respect the queen is usually a great help herself, for she shows by her desire for food not only how much she requires but also how frequently she needs to be fed.

Essential Liquids

As she has to provide for the family a considerable quantity of liquid during the course of twenty-four hours, she must have this liquid supplied to her, and rarely is water the answer to this need. Water should always be available, but much of the liquid ought to be provided in the form of milk food.

Most cats can drink goat's milk without any unfortunate consequences, but this is usually difficult to obtain, but not all cats, by any means, can drink cow's milk without being upset, although few of them are disturbed internally if only the top of the milk is used.

Farex and milk is palatable and rarely harmful, but the great standby is one

of the specially prepared milk powders produced either for animals or for human babies. Personally I have used a number of them and there seems little to choose between them apart from the fact that an individual cat may show a decided preference for one particular brand.

In addition to milky foods there must be ample protein especially in the form of flesh. I am a great believer in uncooked horse meat and rabbit as the main sources of protein. This diet can be bulked out with some carbohydrate, but on the whole cats do not need a lot of starchy food and the fats are not too easily digested.

"After care" for human infants includes the regular use of the scales, and the best test of satisfactory progress with kittens is the amount of weight they put on each week. A good average for Longhairs is four ounces in seven days, and if the figure is much below this you should come to the conclusion that the queen and yourself are somehow not doing the job well enough.

"Self Service"

It is not universally accepted by the best breeders that kittens should be persuaded to feed on their own at the earliest possible moment, but that is my belief, and as soon after three weeks as possible I make a start. I am not always successful, for a kitten well fed by its mother is not immediately interested in learning to lap some proprietary article from a spoon. By the end of the fourth week, however, we are well away and the family are lapping this food and, what is more important, liking it.

During the fifth week I am much bolder, for the kittens are introduced to a small amount of Farex mixed with cow's milk. Half a teaspoonful added to two ounces of milk is a satisfactory proportion. It is during this fifth week that the kittens also have their first solid meal which consists of steamed fine-grained fish. At first they make a bit of a shambles of the

food by beating it down flat with their clumsy little noses, but, if one stands by, the trouble can be rectified and most kittens soon learn to like fish.

There is little chance of overfeeding at this stage, for at this time kittens are still with the mother and feeding from her regularly. It is a good idea to provide the fish meal when they have been away from the queen for an hour or two. By that time they have an appetite.

Don't Overfeed

During the sixth week, in addition to fish, rabbit is added to the menu, and one week later they have their first meal of raw meat. Care has to be taken to see that this is finely shredded, for lumps of meat at six weeks ask for trouble. Nature, however, usually helps the careless feeder, for she sees that the kitten immediately vomits what is beyond its capability of digestion. If you will take that automatic action as a sure sign that the method of eating has been wrong, you will stand by at the next meal to see that only small portions are taken at a time, and then only slowly. The greediness of some kittens has to be seen to be believed.

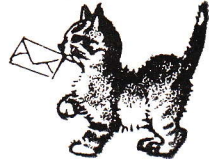
It is useless to try to give any real idea of quantities, for how much to feed is so much a matter of practical experience. Different litters require different quantities and some kittens, even in the same litter, need more than others. But the wisest plan is always to feed too little rather than too much. One always finds that smaller meals at frequent intervals is a method which pays off in the end.

By the end of the sixth week the queen should be separated from her family for long periods at a time, and by the end of the eighth week they ought to be completely weaned. Such a plan is better both for the queen and her family, although it may entail more labour for the breeder. That just cannot be helped if the job of rearing is to be done properly.



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.



SIAMESE VOICES

Mr. Sidney Denham says that cats use their voices merely to attract attention and really speak with their ears and tails. I agree that they do convey a wealth of information with ear and tail.

But I have a neutered female Siamese who carries on long conversations face to face with me, using an incredible range of expressions from short barking "wows" to very long drawn out moans. This is not merely to attract attention though I don't pretend to be able to interpret what is obviously a language of love.

Intermittent nattering while crockery is being washed up is an almost automatic expression of disgust at the clatter. Though Jenny is an incessant talker, her mother scarcely ever utters a sound. Which goes to show that it takes all kinds of cats to make a cat world.

Mr. Hugh Smith,
Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

RESEARCH ON KINKS

I would welcome the co-operation of your readers with investigations which Dr. Searle and myself are making in the matter of kinky tails in cats. Dr. Searle is at present in Malaya and it is giving him a chance to delve into the subject "on the spot." He tells me that about half the cat population in those parts seem to have queer kinky tails of a kind he did not see in England. So we are getting X-rays of the English type and then comparing them with the type in Malaya. All breeds seem to have the kink over there and mostly the tails are short and curled at the ends.

We would be grateful if fanciers would communicate with me (*in confidence*) on their experiences with kinky tails. It is suspected that the condition is a recessive one, but that is not yet conclusive. For example, have fanciers found that kinky tails turn up sporadically or is one or the other parent of a kinky-tailed cat always kinky, too? Any cases of kinky tails being produced from matings of pairs of normal tailed cats would be helpful if particulars are given. In short, any breeding results or other data would be gratefully received. I hope in due course, we may be able to give some interesting reading in return.

Mr. A. C. Jude,
3 Hill View Road,
Mapperley, Notts.

MORE WHISKER BITING

Whilst enjoying a browse through some back numbers of your very interesting Magazine I noticed a letter on whisker-biting by the owner of a Siamese.

This interested me particularly as my own Beulah Russian Blues have recently suffered from this odd habit. Three kittens at present romping around have had their whiskers on the right side bitten entirely off and look most comical little specimens. Whether they bite each other's or not I do not know. Personally, I suspect "Grandma," a Russian Blue who was ever a real "rubber and scrubber," eternally holding some poor kitten in a firm paw and giving it yet another wash and brush up! Add to this the fact that my Sabrina ("Grandma") has herself lately had a few eczema spots to which she has given special biting attention when washing and, I think,

MRS. M. E. Beedell,
of 8 Angell Road,
Brixton, London,
S.W. 9., writes :—

“ Although Magyar Yanos as a kitten, was awarded a First by a Judge, he was reported as poor in bone and structure. I remembered that he was growing so I doubled his daily dose of Kit-zyme. I soon saw a change and next time he was shown he was praised for his wonderful structure and muscle.



**Magyar Yanos and his son Magyar Eugene
with Miss Linda Charles**

When Yanos matured he was dubbed “Tarzan.” Everyone remarked on his huge feet and frame and whenever I was asked the reason I proudly said “Kit-zyme”!

The first litter Yanos sired were tough little customers as you can see from the photo of Magyar Eugene, one of his sons.

Another son, Magyar Salamon Sash, has been sold to Canada and I have been asked by his new owner how Yanos the sire got his lovely physique because he wants to rear the kitten in the same way. I have written and told him, plenty of raw meat and, most important of all, a daily dose of Kit-zyme.

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with your Siamese owner, that the answer is indeed that the washer thinks that the bristly little whisker spots of the kitten should be bitten out. But why only the right side whiskers ?

I might add that my Beulah strain of Russian Blues have no Siamese in them (nor, incidentally, are they related to any other Russian Blues in the country) so it cannot be thought that whisker biting is a peculiarly Siamese trait.

Mrs. D. R. Ellson,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

FIVE MARKS WORTH

I have just returned from Germany where my husband and I have been motoring for two weeks. Just outside Heidelberg, on the autobahn, we stopped at a roadhouse for lunch and there on the porch, sunning himself on a seat, was this poppet of a lion cub (see picture below).



Well, I fell for him like a ton of bricks and after he had chewed my fingers and licked my face, a man came up and said the cub was his business, one pose, two pictures, 5 marks, three poses, six pictures, 10 marks. So my spring idyll was

shattered ! However, I took 5 marks worth, telling the man I was interested in the cub, so would he take a picture with the whole cub showing and not bother so much about me. Well, you see the result—hardly any cub !

The cub was three months' old and the man told me he would be used as a decoy until he was about 5-6 months, after which he would be sent to a zoo. It's rather awful to think of the hundreds of people who will handle and maul that poor thing in the next couple of months. When I saw him, he was a lovable and contented cat.

Mrs. Judith E. Saether,
Oslo, Norway.

ANIMAL WELFARE ABROAD

I was surprised and interested to read in your May issue, of Isabel Quigly's fortunate experience with regard to animal welfare in Italy, as I also had been given to understand that Italians are not animal lovers, and I must say that my own experience whilst spending a few weeks in Northern Italy in 1951 did nothing to dispel this impression.

At the hotel where I stayed the proprietor's son was a well-behaved child of about ten, with a French governess and an English thoroughbred fox-terrier. I watched him one evening in the lounge trying to teach the dog some trick and hitting it sharply on the nose over and over again. At last I could stand it no longer, so I went over and as tactfully and gently as possible tried to explain to the child that this was not the way to train a dog. He and his governess spoke no English and I no Italian, but luckily my French was fairly adequate.

The boy seemed surprised at my interference—the governess more curious than impressed. "The English are very fond of animals, are they not ?" she remarked.

Beside the lake I noticed a boatman who scowled and growled at a tiny puppy which frolicked up to him, and roughly pushed it away with his boot. I felt that had there been no witness present, he would have kicked it.

At a small station buffet where I dropped in for refreshment I was met by a filthy, mangy dog with only three legs. The poor creature was so friendly that I had to stroke him, unsavoury though he was. There was another equally dirty dog and two lean cats with matted, staring coats, which yowled incessantly for food in the background.

In Spain, notoriously cruel to her animals, I fear that the tolerance shown to cats is in many cases nothing more than a superstitious respect for the psychic and supernatural qualities which they believe cats to possess. Their callousness to other beasts is beyond description.

In Egypt I am afraid the attitude towards cats is not that of the Ancient Egyptians. A friend of mine who lived in Cairo for two years between the wars, told me that stray cats were sometimes flung from the rooftops and that there was a pit in the neighbourhood into which unwanted cats and kittens were thrown and left to die. I should be much interested to know whether this awful brutality is sanctioned in Egypt to-day.

I have never met with ill-conditioned animals in Switzerland, nor seen them badly treated, and one of my pleasantest memories is of a Swiss mountain lad setting off for the village in the valley followed by a herd of gambolling calves and young heifers whom he had much difficulty in persuading not to accompany him.

Katharine L. Nash,
Furners Green, Sussex.

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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.

A Fine Blue Male

MRS. BEEDELL's handsome Blue male, Magyar Yanos, who appears on the front cover this month, has had a distinguished show career. It is the opinion of many of his admirers that he has been rather an unlucky cat because he has been second in his Open Class on several occasions.

I think Mrs. Beedell will understand when I mention that exhibitors of Blue adults need knowledge of that long-term show preparation which only experience seems to give ; it appears to be a question of feeding, grooming at the right time (not too much and not too little). Environment and exercise are also contributory factors in obtaining bloom which can just tip the scales in favour of the winner when the Challenge Certificate rests between two good cats.

Yanos has always been shown in excellent physical condition and is obviously much loved, so here's wishing Mrs. Beedell those two other Challenge certificates this coming season. At Croydon Championship Show last November he had the honour of being Best

Longhair Cat in Show. Yanos is an imposing masculine looking male with a lovely head and glorious deep copper eyes. The cover photograph does not do justice to the size and roundness of his eyes which are invariably wide open and very beautiful.

Mrs. Beedell writes : " I have sold Yanos's son Magyar Salamon Sash to Mr. Frank Staib of Ontario, Canada. He has been awarded 21 firsts and some seconds and thirds as a kitten, and his new owner hopes to show him at the Canadian National Exhibition in September. Unknown to me he mated my queens Avernoll Columbine and Magyar Melody so I am delighted, if all goes well, that he has left some progeny which I am longing to see. Mrs. Mackenzie has been very kind in giving me good advice about grooming and coat care, so I hope he will reap the benefit this coming season."

Magyar Yanos has had many excellent show reports and the following by Mrs. Brice-Webb who placed him first in a radius class at the Southern is typical : " Mrs. Beedell's Magyar Yanos, excellent Blue male, massive cat, beautifully balanced head, neat well-placed ears, strong muzzle, glorious eyes for shape and colour."

The Housing Problem

Mrs. Brittlebank of Cheshire, who organized the enjoyable L. and N.W. C.C.C. Ch. Show at Manchester last January, and myself have been exchanging views about accommodation for stud cats. We agreed they need plenty of

space for exercise ; a run providing only fresh air is not sufficient to promote contentment and super condition.

Mrs. Brittlebank writes : " I agree with all you say regarding accommodation for stud cats, as they can seldom come into the home because of their propensity to spray. They need far more space than females and so often the latter are house pets who can also have freedom in the garden."

" My cattery and run have taken up all the available space in my small garden, and I am afraid I shall have to wait until I move before I can give them all the room I would like them to have. I have a house 16 ft. by 8 ft., height 8 ft. 6 ins., with a grassed run approximately 15 ft. by 9 ft. by 7 ft. 6 ins. high. The local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector whom I invite occasionally to gather all my jumble for their sales, thinks my accommodation marvellous, but if I had the space I would certainly extend the run. The house and run, which I had erected last year, cost altogether £150. So you see it is quite an expensive hobby keeping cats, despite hints from outsiders as to money spinning ! "

Diverse Characters

" Four weeks ago Amber produced one Blue male kitten—the very last colour I wanted from a Tortie. However, he is going as a much loved pet to a partially blind girl of 14, who has longed for a Blue persian kitten for many months, and as he has a lovely disposition, all should be well."

" Emerald had three kittens to Rockwood Huntsman—one was stillborn and the second died later the same day, but she is a devoted mother and has stolen Amber's Blue to keep him company. The Blue is sturdy, cheeky, self reliant, with all his strong little teeth through, snatching food from his mothers' (note plural !) plates. The Chinchilla is gentle, always glued to his mother's side, peeping under her fur, with such large eyes. It

is too young yet to know how he will develop, but if he is good, he is promised to America."

" I do not know what has happened to all of my Chinchillas which went abroad, but I have periodical and absolutely delightful accounts of the progress of Hazeldene Imperial Jade (Peri to his fond owners), one of the litter of six by Ch. Scamp, which went to Rome to be husband to a very elegant Chinchilla lady from America. He enjoys the freedom of two acres of delightful gardens surrounding the villa situate on the heights outside Rome, where lizard hunting was his chief sport last year. He is crazy about chives, and will eat them on all possible occasions."

Kittens as Pets

" In April he became the father of four kittens, his first litter—to quote his owner " apart from any uncharted progeny that may have resulted from his nightly prowls." Although it is planned to show the litter at the next Rome show, again to continue the quotes " I would not, however, abduct mother or Peri from their bucolic paradise to such a tale and satin indignity." Is it not wonderful to know how loved one's kittens can be? Another brother was neutered and suns himself in an Eastbourne garden. I do not know how the male I showed at the Coronation Show and which had previously been reserved for a Swedish buyer, has developed. He was bred back to Emerald's sire, the late lamented Ch. Flambeau. Doubtless I shall have to mate Emerald again this year, much against my inclination, but I do not think one kitten will keep her quiet until 1955."

" I have had Amethyst, my plain but lovable Blue, mated to Champion Thiepval Wanderer. I plan to sell all her kittens as pets only. They bring a great deal of happiness to folk who buy them and in one or two instances have won new recruits to our Club. I am

hoping to get to some of the London shows, if only as a spectator, and if any judges are requiring a steward, shall be only too happy to assist."

Winners in New Zealand

It was good to receive news of the Auckland (New Zealand) Cat Club Ch. Show in June from Mrs. Downey. But first I must express my sympathy in her bad accident in her home through which she suffered compound fractures of her right hand and wrist and dislocated her shoulder. This happened in early April and with her lovely cats to prepare for the Auckland Show it was especially worrying but fortunately Mr. Downey not only likes cats but is capable of managing them even to grooming the Longhairs.

So with Mrs. Downey to supervise, and her arm much better after several weeks of physio-therapy treatment, she was able to attend the show where she had the thrill of being awarded Best Cat in Show with her magnificent Black male Longhair Ch. Slapton Black Magic (pictured in October, 1953, *OUR CATS*). This fine cat was my choice for this honour when I was in Auckland last year.

Another award which interested me very much was Best Female Cat in Show: Mrs. Davies's Seal Point Siamese Fa Ying, who came from Wellington last year to Palmerston North Ch. Show and was my choice for first and Championship. Mrs. Davies was not then aware she had such a good cat. I remember her well, a dainty beautifully shaped female with a fine, close-lying coat, excellent in body colour and points.

Best Kitten was Mrs. S. A. Moore's Queensferry Louise; Best Coated Cat or Kitten Mrs. Marsack's Blue female Ronada Ting-a-Ling (the latter by Mrs. Brice-Webb's Oxleys Smasher and exported by her); Best Brood Queen Mrs. Downey's Ebonette of St. George. Other awards of special interest to British breeders were Best Blue Ch.

Merryman of Dunesk owned by Mrs Downey and the following Ch. certificates awarded to her other imports, i.e. the Blue Rose Marie of Dunesk; the Black sister of Magic, now Ch. Slapton Sheba; the Red female Ch. Hendon Beautiful Doll, and Doll's son, Lindisfarne Maroon, bred by her; both first under me in 1953 the latter Best Red Kitten in a class of exceptional Reds on that occasion. Last but not least comes Mrs. Downey's Seal Point Siamese male Ch. Spotlight Pride. It was a proud day for her and British breeders who have wisely sent such good stock.

Room for Humbler Cats

The well-known Australian judge, Mr. F. W. Pearce, flew the 1400 miles over the Tasman Sea from Sydney to judge. The letter telling me the news had nostalgic memories as it mentioned so many of the delightful people I met last year. Mrs. Mayhill won in Chinchilla males with Ch. Cavalier of St. George and in females with Langbank Lotus. I was amused at the Press cuttings, especially the following:—

"Auckland, we are told, sets a high standard in cats, achieved to some extent by importations. The annual show of the Auckland Cat Club on Saturday attracted 160 distinguished competitors. But the happiest touch was the observance of true democratic principles."

"Persians, Chinchillas and Siamese cats, of course, displayed their aristocratic graces. It has been said of this last-mentioned breed that they are the most frightful snobs in the whole animal world. Indeed, naval officers who served during the last war on the staff of a distinguished British admiral swear that the admiral's magnificent Siamese would not deign to notice anyone of lower rank than a commodore, first class."

"Here in Auckland we have taken a stand against this snobbery. The show on Saturday found room for the humbler cats—industrious animals even if their

ancestry may not be unimpeachable. Their ratting prowess and other vigorous qualities merit their exhibition in a special 'shop and factory' class. The working cat proclaims the spirit of the age."

Blue S.H. Champion

Mrs. M. G. Higson (Sandbanks, Bournemouth), breeder of British Blue Shorthairs writes:—"I was very interested in your article about British Blues and although I rarely seek publicity I am taking the Editor's advice to 'sit down and write it now' in the hope it may help a breed I love."

"I bought my first British Blue Queen in 1938; her sire and dam were British Blue winners at Tunbridge Wells and other shows in 1937-8. My stud, Ch. Scamperdale Blue Boy, winner in a Champion of Champions class, is her son and he has won 7 Challenge certificates, 26 firsts and 30 other awards including Best Shorthair at Croydon C.C.



CHAMPION SCAMPERDALE BLUE BOY, Mrs. Higson's British Blue stud who gets an editorial mention above his picture.

Ch. Show 1951. In addition he has the darkest orange eyes of any British Blue I have yet seen exhibited and is entirely unrelated to other British Blue males at stud. He is available to approved queens."

Mrs. Higson's orange-eyed Champion should be an asset to this fine breed, especially as he is unrelated and has such an excellent show record.

Russian Blue News

And now for news of some Russian Blues—Miss Rochford's famous Dunloes. Both breeders write on notepaper depicting the photographs of their Champions and it is interesting to note (quite correctly) the difference in head and body conformation and coat texture. The coat of Ch. Dunloe Kera is noticeably close lying and has the silky sheen so essential in Russian Blues. Miss Rochford writes:—"Ch. Dunloe Kera has two boys and two girls in her litter. Her previous litters have always been lovely so I hope these will be equally so. One named Dunloe Drummajor is going to Mr. Hamilton of Renfrew, Scotland, and he will be exhibited there and in England if all goes well and will eventually be at stud. They are already building a new house for him and Mrs. Hamilton, who breeds Siamese, is also looking forward to owning a good Russian Blue. So many people buy them and never intend to show. They love them for their beautiful colour and lustrous coat which they do not shed."

"Legionnaire La Vedette has also been nursing a lovely litter and one boy, Dunloe Petrov, has gone to a Miss Newton of Kingsbury, near Harrow. Her friend bought a female, Dunloe Fosnia, and she intends to breed and exhibit. Legionnaire is dam of Dunloe Blue Cap who has done a lot of winning and got her first Ch. certificate when just over a year. We call the dam L.V. for short. Unfortunately she doesn't approve of shows, she puts her ears down, hunches her shoulders, knows she is being

naughty and enjoys it. No cat could be more loving at home, she is full of character and personality and so clever. She can open anything and hide anything, sometimes by sitting on it and looking innocent."

"The Russian Blue Cat Club is having a tea party on August 28th at the Interval Club, Dean Street, Soho. All Russian Blue cats and their owners will be invited. They will be penned and of course vetted and there will be special prizes but no money awards. Champions will not compete but will be on view. There will be judges and a talk on the breed; it will be a party for this variety and their owners and something new in the cat world, I think. We hope some owners of family pets will come along and perhaps be encouraged to attend a real show."

A kind invitation follows which I have accepted so I shall be writing news of the party later. It is a delightful idea. I am all in favour of social or semi-social gatherings, especially between one show season and another, and this year August will be an uneventful month in the South without Sandy Show.

Kentish Cat Society

On June 23rd the Kentish Cat Society members and interested friends held a meeting at Sevenoaks to discuss its future activities.

Mrs. Widall, the Hon. Secretary, having previously resigned, Mr. Hugh Smith, of Ightham, near Sevenoaks, and breeder of Onina Blue and Seal Pointed Siamese, has kindly consented to take her place.

Everyone present was very keen that the summer show in August at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, should be resumed in 1955 and it is hoped that this venue will be available on August 11th next year as it is being applied for so early. This date is half way between Kensington Kitten Show and Sandy Show.

Mr. F. R. Williams was invited to organize the show and with his proved ability and flair we hope it will be a great success, especially as there are far more breeders living in Kent now than when Miss Peake and Miss Ridley ran such delightful shows before the war. Several suggestions were made to attract a good gate and the Committee will do their best to carry out those which are practicable. Mrs. Varcoe kindly proposed to hold a tea party and organize a quiz team at her home at Otford, Kent, on August 10th. She will be assisted by Mrs. Burgess, well known to Siamese enthusiasts as the breeder of Ch. Clonlost Yo Yo. The meeting closed with good wishes to the Society, tea and cat chats.

Feline Art Displayed

An invitation to "Cats and Cocktails" on June 26th at the Ware Galleries, Fulham Road, London, revealed an exhibition of paintings which are to be shown in the Olympian Gallery of the Greek liner T.S.S. Olympia. Quite an innovation. I wonder what the passengers will think of it all!

Siamese predominated; they are obviously easier to portray. With their slender lines and unique distribution of colouring they lend themselves to simpler treatment than Longhairs. I did not see one portrait of the latter which did them justice and I wondered if the artists were familiar with our lovely Blues, Chinchillas and Creams, not to mention the many other beautiful varieties. Some were rather fearsome looking creatures and I must admit that to me Longhairs are so beautiful that I prefer them portrayed exactly as they are. However, everyone to their taste and I suppose to the initiates of the modern school they were "gilding the lily." Adge Baker's line-drawing "Sleeping Cat" was a lovely study of a domestic Shorthair, relaxed and eloquent in repose.



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AMERICAN FANCY LOSES A GREAT CAT

Miss Verner E. Clum with her English-bred Blue Longhair Grand and Triple Champion MOONBEAM OF GAYLANDS whose tragic death is reported on the opposite page. The appealing little 8 weeks' old kitten is his son Moonraker of Gaylands.

Passing of Champions

Now for some very sad news. Miss Verner Clum, of Dunedin, Florida, who owned the Blue male Triple Grand Champion Moonbeam of Gaylands tells me he passed away in early June with bladder trouble. He had one of the most distinguished careers of any cat which has ever been exported from England to U.S.A.

Miss Clum tells me she believes he is the only export to become a Triple Grand Champion and that there are comparatively few cats with this title in U.S.A. At the majority of shows at which he was exhibited Moonbeam was best Cat in Show, Best Opposite sex Cat in Show and frequently Best Champion. He achieved his wins in St. Petersburg, Florida ; Miami ; Philadelphia ; Atlanta, Georgia ; and many other states. In 1953 he was Best Opposite sex Cat of the Year to Mrs. Merald Hoag's Chinchilla female, Grand Champion Arlingtons Sensation II.

His death was particularly sad. Miss Clum had parted with him seven weeks previously owing to her own ill-health. Born in April, 1950, Moonbeam was bred by Mrs. Machin from Ch. Astra of Pensford and her very nice queen, Souvenir Annette. I sent him out when he was nearly one year old. He was a strong, robust cat who had enjoyed excellent health until his short and fatal illness.

It is tragic that bladder trouble should cause the death of so many males and even the very young ones are not immune. If I could choose one malady for veterinary surgeons to thoroughly investigate again it would be this one. My own theory is that if one could allow valuable male cats liberty to take plenty of exercise and spray on everything which attracted them, we should hear of many fewer deaths from urinary retention due to gravel.

Sympathy is extended also to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb on the death of Ch. Morris Tudor at seven years of age, one of England's most famous post-war Seal

Point males. Morris Tudor was the only Siamese male since shows were resumed in 1945 to have been awarded seven Challenge certificates. He was Best Shorthair in Show three times, and he also had the unique honour of winning over 100 first prizes, a distinction achieved by very few cats, if any, over the last twenty years. Needless to say, he excelled in quality and was a delightful cat to handle. I had the pleasure of awarding him some of his firsts and he was always sweetness itself. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were devoted to him and my most vivid memory of him was not at a show but of Mr. Lamb hand-grooming him at his own home and Morris Tudor arching his back, purring and thoroughly enjoying it.

Death by Misadventure

Sympathy also to Miss Rodda, who has bred so many beautiful Blacks including Chadhurst Grey Lady (dam of Mrs. Downeys Ch. Slapton Black Magic) on the death of Chadhurst Dusky through an accident. She somehow managed to catch her paw in wire netting and the vet. said she had torn a muscle and would be able to walk in a few days. But she must have injured herself internally as the next days she had haemorrhage and died soon after.

Miss Rodda writes : " We miss her so much as she was such a pet and one of my best breeders, having bred three Champions and some lovely kittens. Her two Black kittens were just two weeks old. Fortunately, my Cream was nursing a kitten five days old and has taken the little Blacks."

Chadhurst Dusky was the dam of Champion Chadhurst Gwenda (Holland), Champion Chadhurst Samson (U.S.A.) who was Best in Show first time shown, and Champion Chadhurst Suzette (France). These three were by Chadhurst Rhapsody, a beautiful male, who excelled in type and quality. Fortunately Miss Rodda has Dusky's two

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daughters, Chadhurst Sally Ann and Anona. The latter was Best Black Kitten at the Coronation Show last October.

New Work on Cat Care

One of the best books I have read about cats is Dr. Leon Whitney's new work: "Complete Book of Cat Care." The author is an American veterinary surgeon and his 250-page work is full of the kind of information many breeders must be seeking. By the way, "Doctor" is a title enjoyed by all qualified veterinary surgeons in U.S.A.

Although experience and cat books teach one so much, only a veterinarian could write on diseases, drugs and remedies with such authority. Chapters headed "The cat's body and how it functions," "What you should know about food and feeding," "Diseases and how your cat catches them," "Drugs and their uses," "Problems of reproduction," "Sanitation and hygiene," "The reproductive and urinary systems," "The digestive tract," "Heredity in cats," are a few titles of the 21 chapters and in addition there is a diagnostic table which the author prefaces with the remark: "The following table is designed to help you use this book easily and well. It will make it possible for you to identify many of the common diseases of cats and it will tell you where to look for information about them. . . . It will not make you a veterinary surgeon but show you where to get the information you need in order to decide whether you can treat the condition yourself or whether your pet needs expert veterinary attention."

For the symptom "Abdominal enlargement" it gives twelve possible causes, nine for "Abdominal tenderness," and so on through all the signs of illness and indisposition, ending with the causes of vomiting, etc. The paragraphs on modern remedies, sulfa drugs, antibiotics and insecticides, such as D.D.T. and Benzene hexachloride, written with the latest knowledge of their

effect, is very interesting and the familiar drugs are also explained.

Dr. Whitney reveals some interesting facts about sterility. How often owners of fertile brood queens are puzzled when they are sent to stud and fail to have kittens! The following extract throws some light on the subject:—"Everyone who has mated an animal unsuccessfully wants to know why the female failed to conceive. There are several possible explanations. The male may have been infertile at the time of the mating even though he was known to be fertile at other times. Overbreeding, infection in the genital tract, improper diet, sickness of a general nature—one or more of these and other less obvious conditions may cause his temporary sterility. If males are too young they will produce sperm which are not virile enough to fertilize the ova."

Causes of Sterility

"To amplify some of the above points, overbreeding can easily render a male infertile. It has been found that a good "sperm swarm" is necessary to insure proper fertilization. At one service several million sperm are discharged to fertilize only half a dozen eggs. If only half a dozen sperm were present, there would be no offspring. Thousands surround an egg, yet only one enters to combine its germ plasma with that of the egg and start the new individual."

"How often may a vigorous stud animal be mated? Cat fanciers allow three or four matings within two days. One copulation at the right time is enough, and cats, whose ovulation depends on copulation, should be allowed to copulate several times. . . . Improper diet can cause sterility. Lack of vitamins, such as A and the B complex, lack of proper amino acids, minerals, and possibly certain fatty acids may produce sterility. . . . undescended testicles are another cause of sterility. It is not advisable to breed to a male unless

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And as a last quotation, which will upset a generally accepted theory:—"Great quantities of vitamin E have been fed in the form of wheat germ oil to produce fertility. Its value is questionable."

This section of the book which contains so much to interest breeders concludes with Birth, Spaying and Castration. Regarding the last-named subject, the author appears to consider the home castration of males is possible. Few breeders, in my opinion, would attempt such an operation and the most minor home surgery is strongly to be deprecated. It needs extensive knowledge of anatomy, correct instruments, the necessary remedies to allay possible haemorrhage and every precaution against sepsis. I consider the ideal is to acquire as much knowledge as possible about cats and breeding but always to seek qualified veterinary advice before dosing or treating them.

Sir Compton Mackenzie writes the foreword to "Cat Care" and commends the book as a standard work which "will remain as long as people keep cats." Mr. Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald comments that it is "far the most complete, and by far the most interesting book on cats and the care of cats that I have ever read." It is published in London by Victor Gollancz Ltd., price 18s.

Siamese Tea Party

On June 30th the Siamese Cat Club held a tea party at the Rubens Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road, London. It was well attended by the usual enthusias-

tic crowd that one always meets at Siamese affairs. My word, aren't Siamese breeders on their toes! No wonder the cult of this variety is spreading in ever widening circles.

Major Hamilton-Kirk, M.R.C.V.S., was guest of honour and gave an interesting address, during which guests had an opportunity of asking him many questions. His attendance was much appreciated and a number of breeders would like to see a repetition of this "get together."

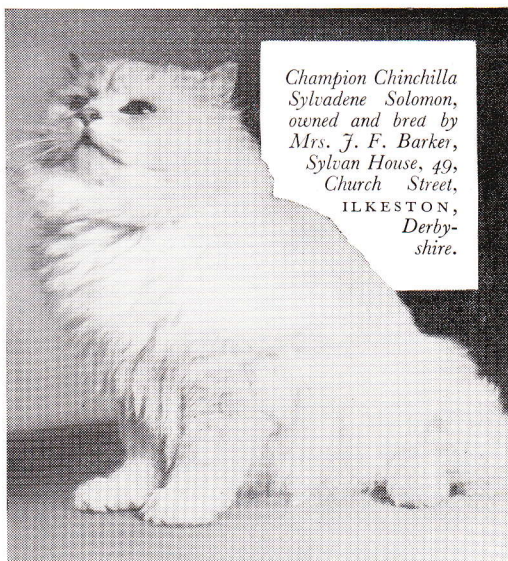
Tia's Smart Move

An excerpt from the current issue of the Abyssinian Cat News Letter edited by Helen and Sidney Denham makes an irresistible conclusion:

"Readers may be interested and amused to know how we found our new and charming flat in a comparatively short time. Realizing that an advertisement in the "Flats, etc., Wanted" column would have to compete with many others and might not then produce just the kind of flat we wanted and could afford, we left the matter to Tia who inserted the following advertisement: "Abyssinian cat seeks garden with 3-4 room flat attached for owners." The *Evening Standard* thought this sufficiently unusual to deserve comment in the news columns. We received a considerable number of replies—one from a gentleman who insisted on speaking only to the Abyssinian cat but was duly baffled by being asked if he knew Abyssinian and when he replied in the negative being told that we should have to act as interpreters."

N.B.—Many of our readers will doubtless wish to possess a copy of Dr. Whitney's "Complete Book of Cat Care" which Mrs. Joan Thompson has reviewed on this and the preceding page. Orders may be sent to OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W. 9, accompanied by a remittance of 19/-. The additional shilling covers packing and postage. Remittances should be crossed and made payable to "Our Cats Magazine."

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AN interesting little document has reached me from the Anglo-Italian Society for the Protection of Animals Ltd., 179 Gloucester Place, N.W.1. It is their report for 1953 and it reveals that many Italians, even those living in Rome, are ignorant of the existence of E.N.P.A. (the Italian State Society for the Protection of Animals). E.N.P.A. has to make do with about £1,500 a year to cover animal welfare work over the whole of Italy and fortunately the Anglo-Italian Society is able to contribute nearly as much. The Rome branch of E.N.P.A. has opened a cats' home to which many of the stray cats in the Pantheon are sent and during the year homes were found for 249 cats.

A reader-correspondent in the South of England has furnished some details regarding an idea she was trying to develop for the establishment of a quarantine and boarding establishment exclusively for cats. After expending considerable time and enthusiasm over the preliminaries of what might well have been a really worthwhile project, she finally applied to the Ministry of Agriculture for official approval. The reply was brief but final and disappointing: "The Ministry is prepared to approve for quarantine purposes only premises which are in the occupation of a veterinary surgeon and therefore the application cannot be considered."

Mrs. Ella B. Martin, who has made so many valuable contacts with fanciers overseas in connection with the selection and export of pedigreed cats, has moved from her Great Baddow address. She is

remaining in Essex, however, and her new home is Herons, Waltham Road, Boreham.

News has reached me that the Committee of the Crystal Cat Club has decided that as the Club is no longer serving any useful purpose it should be wound up. Subscriptions have therefore



Miss M. Walker's (Mitcham, Surrey) promising Blue Longhair BAYHORNE KAREN is a litter sister to the well-known show winner Bayhorne Decima, both bred by Mrs. D. Benbow. Karen has won two first prizes and has been twice second in her Open Class.

been returned to members and the balance of funds will be divided equally between the Cats' Protection League, the Animal Health Trust, and Our Dumb Friends' League.

Annette Mills, creator of the popular puppet figures on television, was fined £3 for bringing a mongrel puppy into the country from France without a licence. Willie, part terrier and part dachshund, was to have been introduced to Prudence Kitten in a new T.V. series. Now he is serving six months in quarantine !

The correspondence columns of "The Scotsman" recently carried some letters from readers on the controversial subject of M.P.s salaries. The briefest of the letters ran : "Sir,—What would one think of those officers of a ship who, having failed to keep her seaworthy, allowed the crew to leave her and themselves took to the boats before the older passengers ? I am, etc., The Ship's Cat." The inference here, of course, is that our legislators are thinking of themselves before considering the plight of pensioners.

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After unsuccessful attempts to rear her kittens, a cat at Potter Heigham, Norfolk, adopted two goslings.

A Kensington couple, Mr. Charles Lapworth and his wife, were fined £10 each at East Ham because their cat was not put in quarantine when they arrived by liner from New Zealand. The prosecution alleged that no trace of the cat could be found when the couple left the ship. Mrs. Lapworth had taken it to a veterinary surgeon and, it was stated, had told a kennel maid that she had "smuggled it through the customs under her coat." For the defence it was said that Mr. and Mrs. Lapworth were afraid to leave the cat in the liner and their daughter had carried it out in a box.

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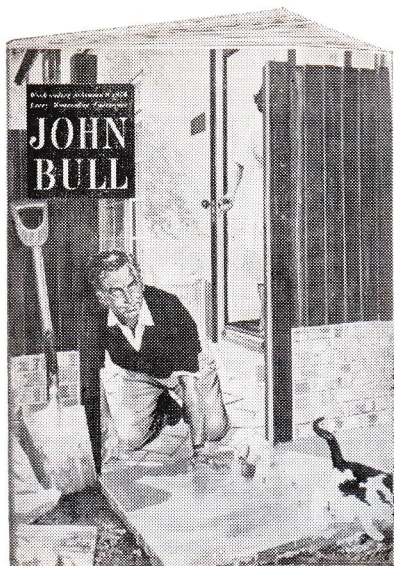
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“SO LONG, PAL. HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY.”

This amusing picture is one of about sixty of like quality you will find in “The Laughing Kitten,” which has recently been published at 6s. by the Harvill Press Ltd. It is a delightful book calculated to entertain cat lovers of all ages. Enid Blyton has written the story linking Paul Kaye’s superb photographic record of the adventures of two little Tabby kittens Tinker and Tibs. Those who understand the peculiar difficulties of feline photography will accept this book as an object lesson in patience, ingenuity and artistic expression. We are indebted to the Editor of “The Animals’ Friend,” the journal of the P.D.S.A., for the loan of this block.

Sir Harold Scott, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.B.E., Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, 1945-1953, is contributing an interesting series of articles dealing with Scotland Yard in the *London Star*. He recalls Sunday, September 7th, 1940, the day after the big air raids began when he conducted the Prime Minister on a tour of the East End so that he might see for himself what was happening. "A little black cat caught our eye," he recalls, "as we were crossing a line down in Silvertown, and the Prime Minister interrupted his inspection to spend some minutes talking to it."



"John Bull," the popular national weekly, has for long been distinctive by reason of its colourful front cover with a domestic theme. Its issue of 11th July carried a cover painting by Gerald Fawcett which portrayed an occasion when the artist thought that Britain's seven million cat population was one too many. "I'm fond of cats," says Fawcett, "but my new path isn't the star footprint pavement of Hollywood's Chinese Theatre."



Fall

GRAYLINGWELL CHIN FU is a young male Chocolate Pointed Siamese belonging to Mrs. Jeanne Charlton, Banstead, Surrey. Now at stud, this picture of Chin Fu was taken when he was nine months' old.



Another unusual case connected with a cat on board a ship has been heard at South Shields where Captain Griffiths Rees, of the cargo ship *St. Arvans*, was summoned under the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order for failing to keep in an enclosed part of the ship a cat brought from Brazil to England. It was stated that the cat had been seen on the ship at Hull but when the Customs man went on board at Newcastle no trace of it could be found. The case was dismissed.

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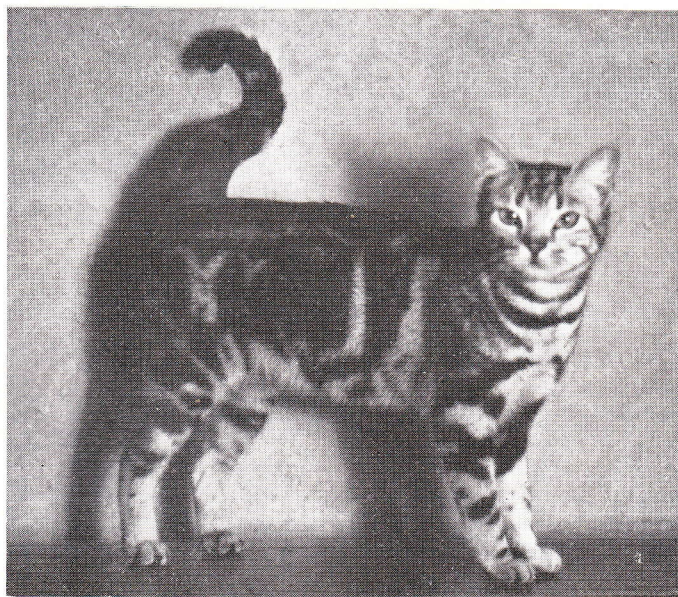
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