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Kitten study by Dorothy E. Tyler

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- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats ;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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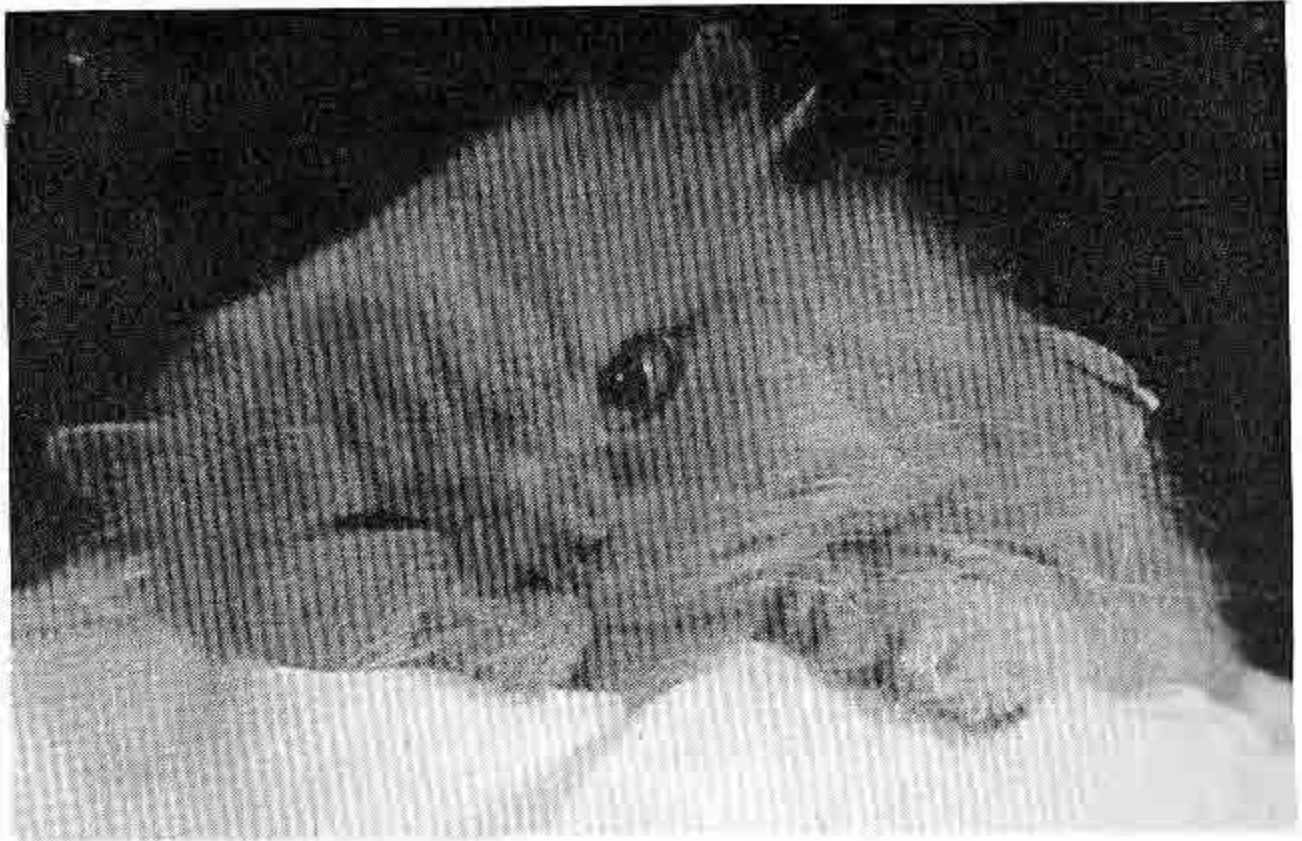
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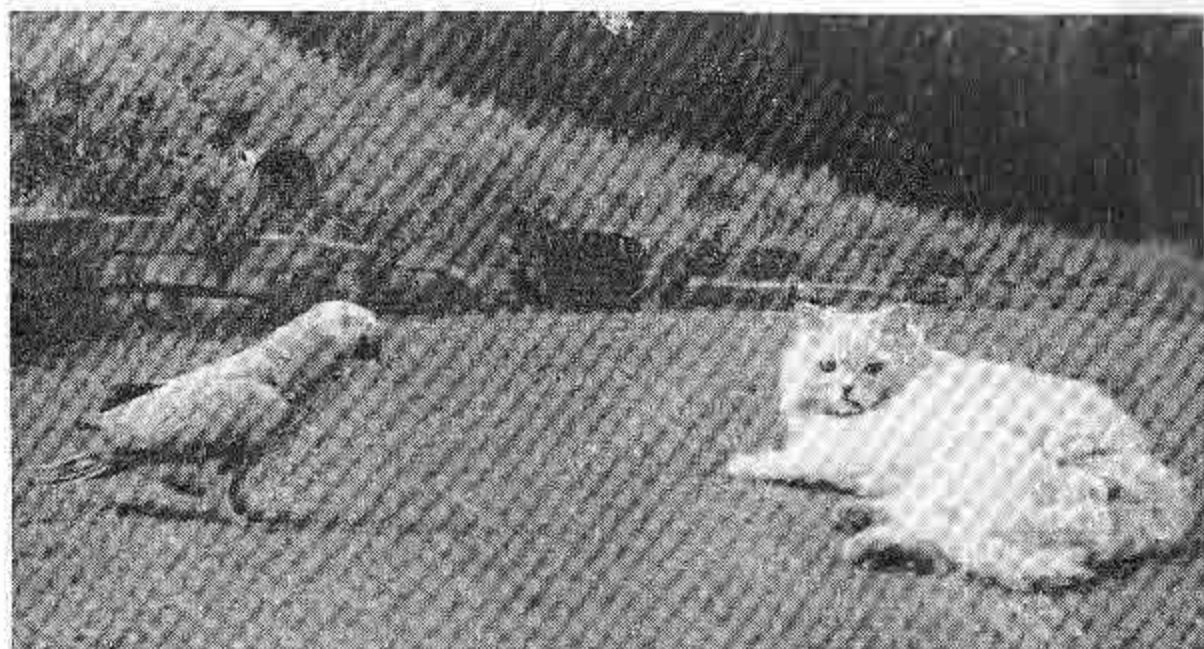
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HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU !

This delightful pose by MASCOT OF PENSFORD has given a lot of pleasure to readers of Continental journals. He belongs to Fru Karen Smith, Secretary of the Danish Racekatten.



POMPEY (registered Thragnar Moonlight), neutered Chinchilla son of Ch. Laurel of Allington, nearly three years old, with Aku, his African grey parrot friend. They are the pets of Miss Phyllis M. Steane, of S.E. London.

Let's go to a Show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1957-58 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1957	Promoted by	Venue
25 September...	West of England and S. Wales Cat Society...	Bristol
8 October ...	*Siamese Cat Club <i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	London
9 "	*The Blue Persian Cat Society <i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	London
12 "	*Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club	Edinburgh
16 "	*Southsea Cat Club	Southsea
26 "	*Midland Counties Cat Club	Birmingham
26 "	Scottish Cat Club	To be fixed
2 November ...	Preston and District Cat Club	Preston
13 "	*Croydon Cat Club	London
28 "	*National Cat Club	London
7 December ...	*Yorkshire County Cat Club	Leeds
14 "	The Northern Counties Cat Club	Newcastle
17 "	*South Western Counties Cat Club... ..	Bristol
1958		
11 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire Cat Club	Nottingham
28 "	*Southern Counties Cat Club... ..	London
1 February ...	*Scottish Cat Club	To be fixed
4 "	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties Cat Club ...	To be fixed

* Denotes show with Championship status. A detailed list of these shows may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey. We hope that many of the shows will be advertised in OUR CATS during the course of the 1957/8 Season.

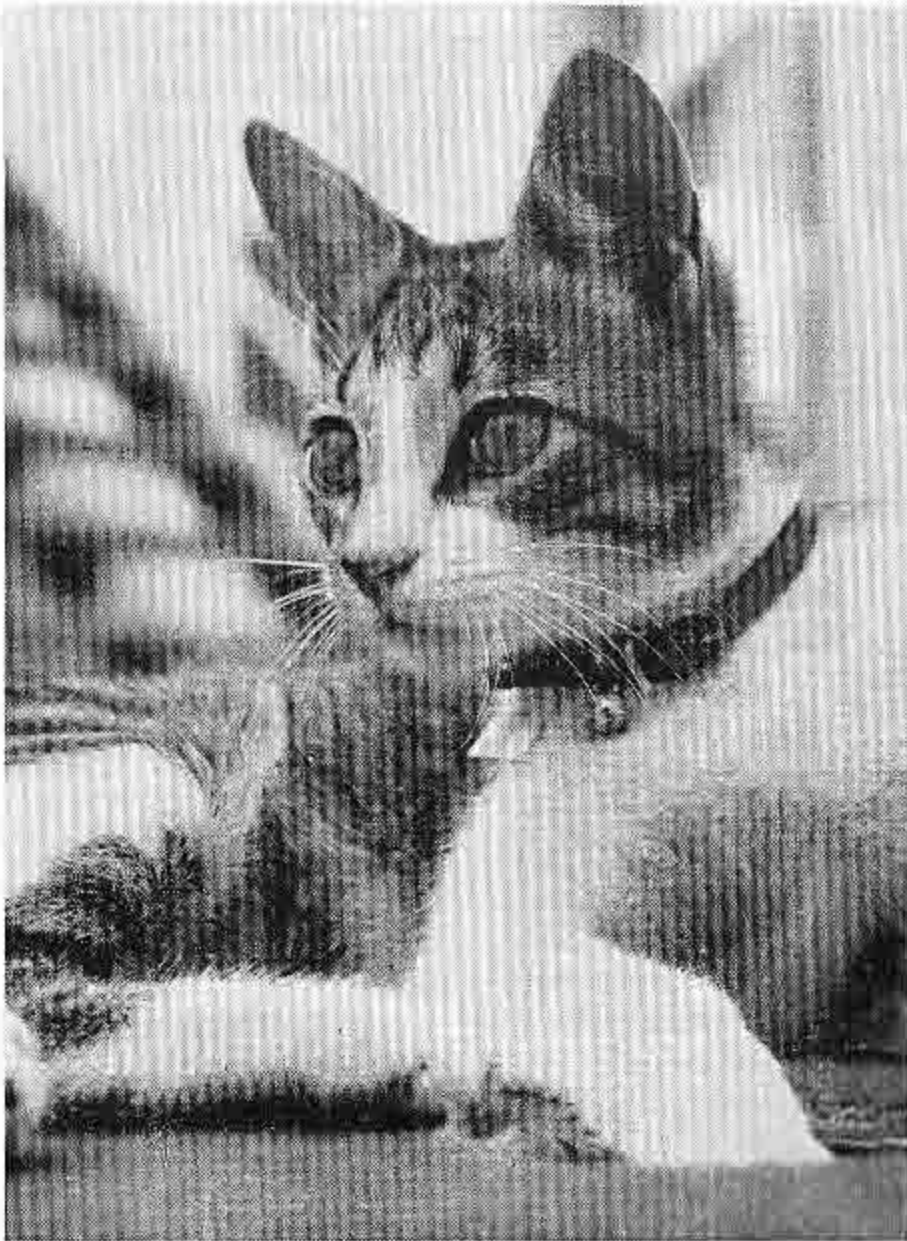
Scruffy

By ERNEST MALCOLM

IT was one of those Liberation Days in that part of the world. A day, however, that passed almost unnoticed by the dark skinned natives. I expect it was because, for once, there was no gun-popping, no flag-waving and no babble of gesticulating hombres gathered in the plaza beneath the statue of the last liberator who liberated them from the one before him.

Then again, perhaps it was because it affected only one tiny native of that large South American Republic.

I first caught sight of him from the comfort of my deck chair and marvelled that life could flicker in such an emaciated miserable-looking creature. On rickety legs he wandered along the quayside, pausing now and again with supreme optimism to sniff at any morsel that might have meant food. It was when he licked feebly and vainly at a smudge of moisture drying rapidly in the tropical sun, that I hastened down the gangway and in a few seconds, Scruffy, he was christened in that same



SCRUFFY—reclaimed !

instant, was installed in one of the largest luxury liners on that run.

He was deposited on the deck and surveyed by some half dozen of us. Remarks on his general appearance were quickly forthcoming and forthright. The merchant seamen are like that. Scruffy bore all this with equanimity and stared back at each of us in turn before continuing his foraging.

He need not have bothered.

By this time, one of the boys, loudest in his sarcasm, had reappeared with a plate of minced chicken and ham, another was diluting a dish of condensed milk and our wail, not pausing to say grace, was soon stoking up. To give him his due, he did pause long enough to dart a glance at the founder of the feast, but whether it was one of gratitude or fear, I know not. Myself was busy, stirring half a packet of Rinso in a pail of water.

Life becomes good

We waited, and then Scruffy, dreamily licking his paws beside empty plates was seized and submerged in this foaming bath with scant ceremony.

He was outraged and protested with true Latin-American vehemence, including the spitting, but we got over the language difficulty by blandly ignoring him and after a few minutes he emerged, the cleanest cat in catdom, leaving a pail of water, the colour of which baffled description.

Then laying in the sun he licked himself industriously, then suddenly he began to run up and down and cry plaintively. I felt that he was missing his mother, but no, another astute sailor produced a box of sand and all was well. Then, his toilet completed, he looked upon his surroundings and finding them good, lazily curled himself into a somewhat damp ball and slept, his low purring testifying to his content.

And so Scruffy arrived.

He has now become part of the ship's life, has gained his sea legs and is a

familiar figure from stern to stern. He has many friends among crew and passengers and few enemies. The latter he treats with wary disdain, stalking past portly authority with delicate paws and tail perpendicular, as only a feline aristocrat coming from a long line of bachelors, knows how.

The attractions of his friends he tolerates with that benevolence often shown by animals to "these humans" and he even condescends to join in their games at times.

He is pictured here, holding up a game of deck-golf. That the indulgent passengers have paid several hundred pounds for these amenities, means nothing to Scruffy. He couldn't care less.

Although he has, under firm pressure, more or less signed a non-aggression pact with the several canaries and one budgie on board, he is not trusted too much. I like to think that Scruffy believes that they too are living under a dictatorship and in his new land of plenty he feels a moral obligation to play a leading part in their liberation.

Nevertheless, knowing the ultimate fate of most pacts we keep a cautious eye on our Scruffy, the cat with a character.



A press release recently received from the Ministry of Agriculture renews the warning about the dangers of feeding to pets or to fur-bearing animals, particularly mink, of poultry offals or residues from chemically caponized birds. If such offals or residues are fed, sterility and abortion may result. The caponization of cockerels is effected by the insertion of a pellet of stilboestrol or hexoestrol under the skin at the back of the head or as near to the head as possible. In such cases the bird's head may be dangerous as pet food. In another method of treatment, an accumulation may occur in the livers.

Reproduction

By A. G. JUDE

Our popular contributor on genetics responds here to the many requests he has received—mostly from novice breeders—for more information about the various aspects of reproduction. This is the thirty-sixth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.

GENETICAL information on cat populations throughout the world is still meagre, but some details of the overall picture can already be made out. There are clearly considerable regional differences at present in the frequency of many of the known genes. Some of these genetical differences will undoubtedly remain, for they represent natural clines based on climatic and other factors.

For instance, when an examination was made of the cat population in the Singapore area, all the cats examined were short-haired, but a similar examination in the London area revealed that 9 per cent had medium or long hair. In all probability, the gene for long hair will remain very rare in equatorial regions, where it is presumably at a selective disadvantage.

Other differences however, are almost certainly due to the slow spread of a mutant gene which has arisen since domestication. The rarity of the blotched allele of tabby in Asia, compared with its high frequency in the London area, and probably much of Europe, may well be due to this.

In his description of the British Museum collection of skins of feral cats from various parts of the world, Pocock (1951) remarks: "It is of interest to note that although typical *catus*, with the

bold blotched pattern is as common a house-cat as any in England, it is very scarce as a feral form, at all events outside Europe...A great majority of the feral cats, at all events of Asia, Africa, and Australia, are either typical *torquata* (i.e. striped tabby) or red, black, part-coloured, or other mutants of that type."

Thus, this rarity of the blotched tabby pattern seems fairly general outside Europe, with the probable exception of North America, where most of the cat population has presumably originated from fairly recent imports from Europe. In parts of Europe, blotched tabbies have been common for at least 200 years, being the type which Linnaeus (1758) gave the name *Felis catus*, as Pocock (1907a) points out.

Linnaeus describes this species as "corpore fasciis nigricantibus, dorsalibus longitudinalibus tribus, lateralibus spiralibus."

Only blotched tabby cats have spiral markings on the flanks. No possible wild ancestor of domestic cats shows this pattern, so it is reasonable to suppose that it arose as a mutation of the striped tabby gene subsequent to domestication. It also seems probable that its scarcity elsewhere is because it has not yet had time to establish itself, rather than to adverse environmental factors.

There are a number of blotched tabbies among the feral cats of Queensland, North Australia, which suggests that

tropical conditions do not affect them adversely.

No possible ancestral form seems to show the rich colour of sex-linked yellow in the domestic cat, although some are rufescent, and the mummified cat of Ancient Egypt is described as being "ginger-coloured, with a long dark-ringed tail" (Morrison-Scott 1951). Present evidence suggests that the gene frequency for yellow is highest in Eastern Africa, decreasing as one passes westwards to Europe; but more data is needed before the existence of this cline can be confirmed.

Kinky-tails

The non-agouti gene seems universally common. Melanic variants are known in many wild mammals; thus the A-a mutation-rate is probably fairly high as a rule, and many non-agouti mutants may have arisen independently in the cat since domestication. The same is doubtless due of "white-spotting." The higher average of white in the coat of Malayan area cats, and the lower proportion of solid black cats when compared with some temperate countries, may be connected with the intensity of solar radiation in an equatorial climate. Calcutta cats also have a high average grade of "white-spotting."

In Malayan and English areas, the gene for pure white coat-colour (W), exclusive of fancy strains, seems to be at a selective disadvantage because of some associated deafness, and possibly other defects.

The reason for the high frequency of kinky-tailed cats in East and South East Asia, contrasting with their rarity in other parts of the world, is a fascinating problem. There is no evidence that kinky-tailed cats are in any way favoured by man; it would indeed be surprising if they were regarded as lucky over much of their wide range in which cats are associated with so many different peoples.

If human selection was being exercised

in favour of kinky-tail, one might expect to find a higher proportion of normal tails among discarded kittens than among adults; the reverse was true in the sample of Singapore cats (72% of kittens with kinky-tail, 62% of adults) as examined by Searle, but the difference is not significant. When one considers the high proportion of feral and semi-feral cats in this area it seems very likely that the gene or genes concerned really do increase fitness, but perhaps only in a tropical environment.

This aspect of the topic of "reproduction" will be continued next month, giving more details of world distribution of the wild species.

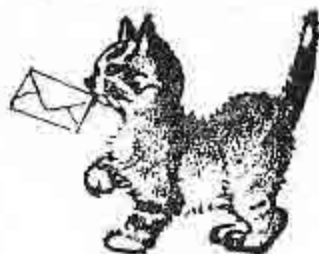


Gillian Diamond finds an interested playmate in Mrs. Dallison's 7 weeks' old DALMON TRENCHERMAN by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Dalmond Damaretta.



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.



MEETING ADJOURNED

I WORK in the division office of United Air Lines at the San Francisco International Terminal. If you are at all familiar with airport operations you will know that cats are "steady customers." They seem to make the flight kitchen their headquarters and I can assure you they live like kings since they dine on the "leavings" returned from the airplanes—roast beef, turkey, squab, etc.

Clara Belle, as she was named when she was born on the airport several years ago, has become the "Mother of the Year," and I couldn't begin to tell you how many kittens she has produced, all of whom have been adopted by pilots, mechanics, stewardesses, stenographers and clerks.

Last week it was my turn to take the minutes of the staff meeting. Unbeknown to the "brass," Clara Belle had gotten herself wedged into the air vent in the conference room, and at the precise moment when the auditor was giving his very interesting account of "profit and loss," Clara Belle decided to liven things up a bit by adding five to the last cat census.

Needless to say, the meeting broke up in utter confusion with all the experts trying to get Clara Belle and her family out of the vent. The medical director was present at the meeting, of course, but not being a particular lover of cats, he was at a loss to give instructions. (When it was all over, he announced that tranquilizing pills would be available upon request in the Medical Dept.!)

Poor Clara Belle was considerably "shook up" over the whole affair,

particularly since she couldn't get out of the air vent let alone take her family to safety. We have never been able to figure out how she got in there in the first place.

Someone finally started to function normally and called the maintenance department, explaining what had happened. A crew arrived, disassembled the air vent, and got mother and babies out safely. In the meantime, some of us located a box, rushed to the medical department for towels and a hot water bottle, and had a nice warm bed for Clara Belle and her offspring. Obviously, she didn't appreciate our anxiety or efforts, as when we returned to work the next day, she had vacated her temporary shelter, and moved bag and baggage to a domicile of her own choosing.

I doubt that those of us in the conference room on that momentous occasion will lay eyes on the five new members of the cat world until Clara Belle decides they are ready to be adopted by some of her old friends.

MISS EDITH M. SMALL,
Burlingame, California, U.S.A.

P.S.—I haven't transcribed the notes I took at the meeting. I can't even find them!

MORTIMER'S FUND

I HAVE read the tribute to the late Miss Adele Rudd in the May issue of OUR CATS, when the hope was expressed that ways and means will be found to carry on the work of this great-hearted lady. I am pleased to inform you that shortly before her death Miss Rudd arranged with the R.S.P.C.A. to

accept responsibility for and to administer the Mortimer Fund for Cat Welfare.

Miss Rudd prepared a statement which she handed to a close friend, which statement was to be circulated should she (Miss Rudd) not recover from her illness. It may be of interest to your readers to note this statement which I enclose herewith :

" Will Mortimer's friends please note that Mortimer's Fund for Cat Welfare is now to be taken over by the R.S.P.C.A., 105 Jermyn St., London, S.W.1. Miss Adele Rudd's death has prevented her continuing the work, and her dearest wish was that Mortimer's friends will continue to support Mortimer's Fund for Cat Welfare as they have in the past, knowing that the Fund will still be run under its own name as a separate unit. Miss Rudd begged all Mortimer's friends to subscribe to his Fund regularly to help the cats who so desperately need their continual help."

Chief Secretary, R.S.P.C.A.,
105 Jermyn St., London, S.W.1.

TWO CHARMING STORIES

THE first comes from Australia and concerns Cecil the Council Cat of Woollahra who for more than three years has kept the local beach free from big grey rats. For these good services he was on the payroll of the Council.

Cecil suddenly disappeared for eight days and it was feared he had been hit by a car. Just as suddenly he reappeared, a shadow of his real self and with a nasty bullet wound under his chin. It was touch and go whether he would recover from his injuries.

The council members were wonderful. They stepped up Cecil's wages so that he could have the best veterinary attention with penicillin injections and a

special glucose diet. This will be continued until Cecil is thoroughly fit and able to resume his duties.

The second story comes from America and concerns a sleek black cat who sits each day in the window of a vacant store. Day after day he sits contentedly with his face close to the glass surveying the bustling world outside. Quite frequently passers-by would stop and stare back. Some would pass on without a special thought but many who stopped were cat lovers who wondered whether the black fellow was locked in and in need of care and attention.

Telephone and personal calls were made on the police and the local humane society but each time investigators called, they couldn't find the cat. They *did* discover that there was a way in and out for him to use. So the problem of the watching cat remained until

Someone had the bright idea of displaying a printed card in the window. It announced to all concerned that :
" This black cat likes to watch the traffic. It can get out any time it wants to."

A REMINDER !

This Magazine is now available in the United Kingdom on a subscription basis only. Rates are 20s. for 12 issues or 10s. for 6 issues, post free. Orders and remittances should be sent to OUR CATS (Subscription Dept.), 14-16 Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.4.

Subscription orders may, if preferred, be placed with your local newsagent or bookseller.

"BOOK OF THE YEAR"

DURING the past few weeks two excellent new books have made their appearance and both I think are worthy of a place of honour in the cat lover's library.

The first book is P. M. Soderberg's *The Care of Your Cat* and this well merits the title of the cat book of the year. The author will require no introduction to our readers as until illness overtook him last year he was a most regular contributor to this Magazine. He served the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy with distinction and was Chairman of the Siamese Cat Society. At his Surrey home he has bred some very nice cats, both Longhair and Shorthair.

In this book—there is a companion book in course of preparation which deals with pedigree cats—Mr. Soderberg addresses himself more to the domestic cat owner than to the fancier. He rightly points out that although the majority of households will have an ordinary cat of no recognized breed, there is no reason why at some time the desire for a pedigree cat should not be satisfied and with this idea in mind he offers the book as a guide to those who might develop this desire. Useful propaganda for our Fancy!

The Care of Your Cat is well arranged and the pictures are excellent. The only criticism I would offer in this connection is that so few of the illustrations are from English sources. After all, we do have the finest domestic cats in the world and we are the ancestral home of pedigree cat breeding.

Mr. Soderberg's style will commend itself to readers; it is concise and easy to understand. He first gives advice on the purchase of a kitten and then goes on to deal with the everyday care and management of the growing animal. Correct feeding and grooming are covered in detail and there is a section

on parasites, another on accidents and first aid. The final section explains in simple terms the various illnesses and diseases which may befall a cat during its lifetime.

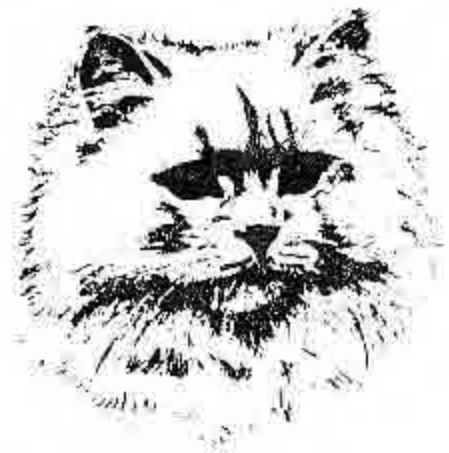
Cassell and Company are the publishers and the price is 30s. net. At the rate of 6s. a section pet owners are offered good value for their money in this truly comprehensive and reliable manual.

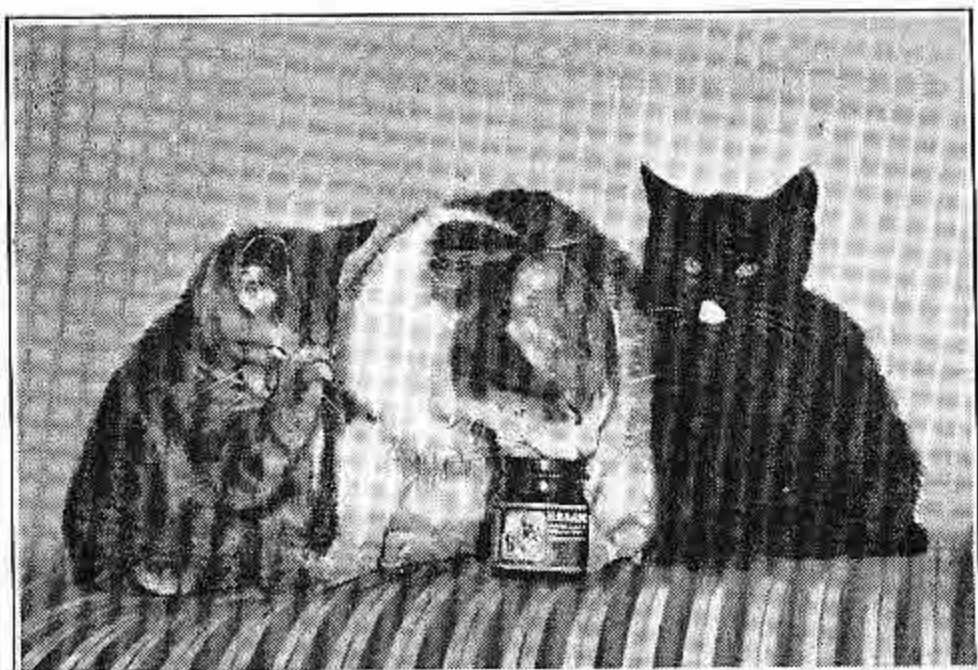
Worthy of their race

The title of our second book is *Famous Cats*, by Alan F. Simmons, published at 7s. 6d. net by Elliot Right Way Books. This is an illustrated collection of twenty stories of "famous, great, brave or faithful cats," prefaced by Miss Kit Wilson. Some of these cats have already been given honourable mention in our own pages.

Mr. Simmons has written with feeling and understanding of the beauty, courage and lovable understanding of these outstanding representatives of their race. Here you will find again Simon, the V.C. hero of the *Amethyst*; Hubert and Faith, two famous residents of London during the blitz; Old Bill who raised funds for his less fortunate brethren; Stonor Spiv, the Manx "pin-up" boy of the Post Office; and many more.

A.C.





MINNA
with her
two kittens
BUD and
LUCIFER

MRS. M. HEWITT of The Old Shop, Brockhampton, Nr. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,
writes :—

"I am sure you would like to know how much we appreciate your excellent product Kit-zyme.

I write on behalf of Minna, a very ugly, but greatly loved ginger and white queen. Influenza raged through this village, the catarrhal kind, and many cats died. Minna, who was within two weeks of kitting, contracted it. She really was very ill and had a touch of pneumonia. After treatment which included many injections and inhalations and glucose and water she still would not eat until I bought her some Kit-zyme and she took the tablets from my hand, clasping the jar in her paws. From then on she ate like a horse.

We were worried as to whether or not the kittens would have suffered but I am glad to say that she produced seven. We have kept two ginger toms and the only thing that will induce her to leave them is to show her the Kit-zyme bottle. She immediately hops out of her box and would eat the tablets until kingdom come. I do seriously believe that they helped very much in her recovery.

We had been told what a good start Kenadex gave young kittens, so Minna and her babies are also having this Vitamin A and D Extract. You will see from the photograph that mother cat will have a lot of cleaning up to do. She herself is not sure which she loves best—Kit-zyme or Kenadex!"

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Tailpieces

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



FROM America (*All Pets Magazine*, July issue) comes news of a new anaesthetic apparatus for aiding surgery on cats. Named the Trimar Inhaler and produced by the Ohio Chemical and Surgical Equipment Co., it is claimed to have many advantages over the "cone" mask method used to administer ether. The cat inhales the gas through one valve and exhales through another, thus giving the operator complete control over the air and gas mixture at all times. An experienced veterinarian reports that anaesthesia in the cat has always been troublesome. With the new equipment the cats do not have time to go into a state of shock and they are recovered within 15 minutes from the time of administration of the gas.

A retired builder, Mr. Jack Cadby and his wife Lilian have made a cat sanctuary in the garden of their home at Morden, Surrey. Homes are given to strays and those in need of special attention are placed in a sick bay. This little haven of love and affection for the unwanted is known as the Sanctuary of St. Francis.

Fluff, the well-known fishing cat of St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, has just recovered from a slight operation. After a short period of convalescence he celebrated his return home by catching a mouse. Fluff judges the time of the tides to go down to the foot of the rocks on the beach. With a lightning flick of his paw, he lands his fish on the rocks and then takes it home to be cooked. Small pollack, plaice and even herring come his way and by some reasoning known only to himself he sometimes makes two or three trips per tide.

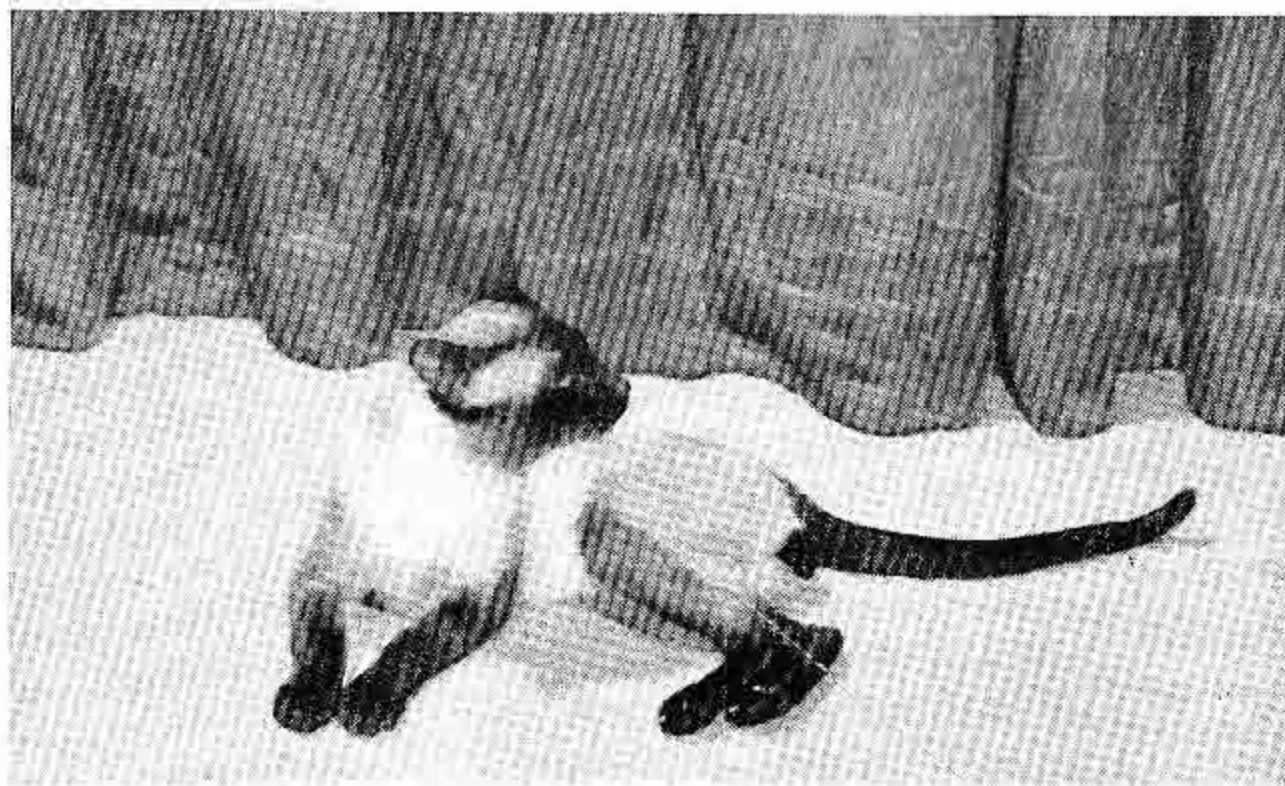
Mrs. C. F. Rotter, well-known American judge, has contributed an interesting account in *All Pets Magazine* of the cats in Hawaii, where she was one of the judges at the Third Championship Show of the Hawaii Cat Fanciers. Her Best Cat was a fine Black Longhair sired by an American Champion and the Best Opposite Sex was a Silver Tabby male Ch. Nani Noa My Treasure. She found the Siamese entry "better than anticipated." Mrs. Rotter refers to the splendid quarantine station where cats have to spend four months before they are released to the islanders. There were about 75 cats receiving the best of care and attention in perfect surroundings.

I am indebted to a Northants reader for a news item and photograph which record the birth of three kittens to a 19-years-old farm cat at Thorney. This aged mother has had a countless series of litters and her latest are delightful triplets—a tabby and two black-and-whites with quaint markings.

Edgar Lustgarten, barrister, crime expert and prominent TV personality who jumped to popularity with his radio description of famous trials, has a friend who always enjoys his company—a 12-year-old cat named Tush.

That newsy little item about cats you have read in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just put down . . . will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications are particularly welcome. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.

MICKEY



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First-aid—with herbs

By ANN L. STUBBS

ACCIDENTS will occur even in the best of homes. It isn't always possible to get veterinary advice immediately, and in the case of small accidents it isn't always necessary; if we know what to do ourselves.

If your pet is a quarrelsome old tom then you will soon be quite expert at dealing with cuts and scratches! The first thing to do in the case of such injuries is to disinfect (both inside and outside the cat) and one of the finest things for both is undoubtedly garlic.

Garlic has been known to man for over 5,000 years, not only for its wonderful tonic properties but also as a powerful antiseptic. It is also very rich in sulphur. Garlic is worshipped by many gypsy tribes owing to its almost magical properties in being able to cure most of the diseases man and his animals are subject to.

As soon as puss appears home with torn and bleeding injuries, bathe them in either liquid garlic, or two or three garlic tablets crushed in warm water. Dose internally with two garlic tablets, and give two or three tablets daily until the wound has cleared up. This is a great help to healing for the garlic given internally is a wonderful purifier of the whole bloodstream.

Burns and scalds are horrible things, and unfortunately they are all too frequent. A common cause of scalds on kittens is small polished tables with temptingly dangling table cloths. The kitten plays with the corner of such a cloth, gets his claws hooked and pulls the whole thing off, teapot and all. The first thing to do in cases of burning is to clip away the hair from the area immediately, if it cakes over the tender skin it will be extremely painful. The following two remedies are both simple and effective and should be available in most homes.

The first is simply to apply cold tea, as strong as possible, then smear very gently with vaseline and cover with a piece of clean lint. The second treatment is to spread finely pulped raw, old potato over the burn, then soak a piece of lint in a mixture of honey and salad oil, three parts oil to one of honey, and fix this in place over the burn.

Cats often get red and inflamed eyes through either being scratched by other cats, or getting dust in them. They should be bathed, by soaking a wad of cotton wool in the following solution: Two teaspoonfuls each of the following herbs, Greater Celandine, Balm and Marshmallow to one cup of water.

Put the herbs with the cold water in a covered pan, bring slowly to the boil, remove from heat and allow to stand, still covered, for at least three hours. Strain carefully through a muslin cloth. This brew will be found to be very soothing to all cases of sore eyes.

Broken bones

Cats are, unhappily, all too frequently run over. In the case of severe injuries move as little as possible, as with constant moving you may inadvertently cause further damage. Place the patient on a tray, or some other flat object, and once on it do not move it but carry it to the vet like that. Do not carry it in your arms.

However, in the case of a straight-forward broken leg an emergency splint can be made. If available the best thing is hollowed elder bough, lined with sphagnum moss and kept in place by bandaging.

A well-known gypsy remedy to stem excessive bleeding is a brew made from acorn cups, used externally of course. Witch Hazel is an excellent stand-by

in the case of injuries. It is soothing and astringent and is of very great value in the case of bruising.

The important things to have in the medicine chest for treatments of minor injuries are Garlic and Witch Hazel; these two things will sooth and greatly speed the healing of most everyday cuts, bruises and scratches.

WHEN YOU MOVE

A P.D.S.A. Veterinary Officer, experienced in giving advice to people about to move with their pets into new homes, has this to say about cats in the August issue of *The Animals' Magazine*, the monthly journal of the P.D.S.A. :

"Cats are more fastidious (than dogs) and, like the Lady of the House, pay particular attention to the home itself. On arrival, the cat basket should be placed in the kitchen and, whilst there is no noise, it may be opened and the cat allowed to look around in the presence of its owner. After a few moments it will venture out, but should

not be lifted out. At this stage, the animal may be petted and offered food and milk."

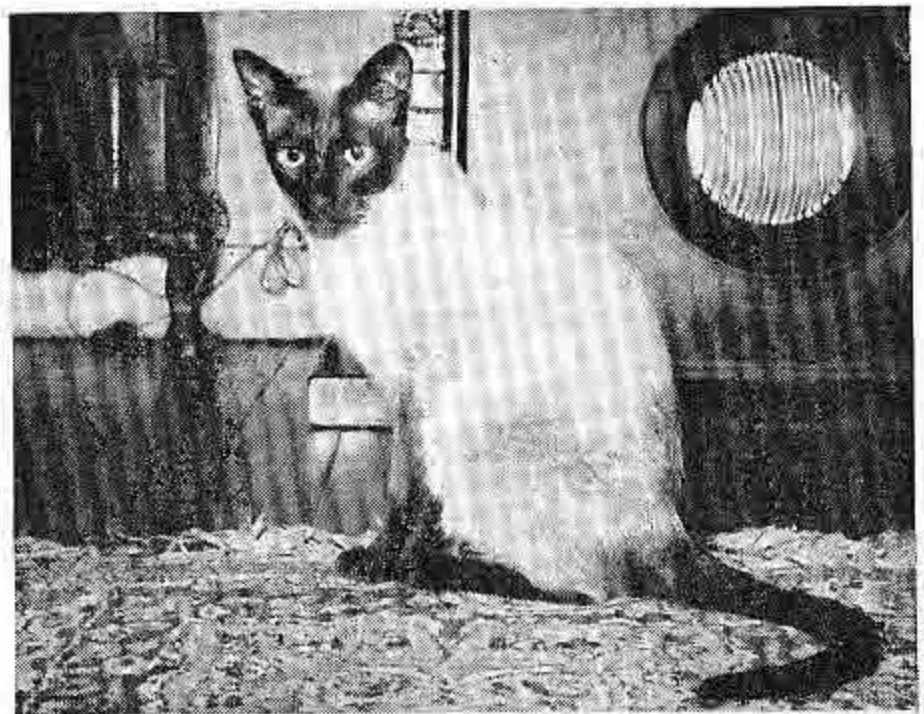
"Be sure to feed your pets in the same place, usually under the kitchen table, and at the same time each day."

"Once the pet has become used to the kitchen, he may be allowed over the rest of the house. A cat is an inquisitive creature and prefers to go about things in his own way."

"The cat should not be allowed out for the first three days, after which he may be taken into the back garden accompanied by his mistress, being careful to use the same door each time. The cat will soon associate the door with the part of the home where he is fed and housed. It is usually safe to let a cat out on his own during the second week, and if he does wear a collar, see that the new address is clearly marked."

"It is a wise precaution when leaving a district to show your animals to the neighbours before moving, in order that they can readily recognize a pet should it return. Leave your new telephone and address with as many neighbours in your old district as possible."

MILORI ANYA,
(bred by Miss J. Hoyland) winner of many show awards in England before being exported to South Africa, where she continues her successful public appearances for owner Mrs. M. E. Nash, Tamboerskloof, Cape Town.



SOUTH AFRICA MAKES HISTORY

NEW S has reached us that the 12th Western Province Cat Club Show in Cape Town, South Africa, in July, attracted a record number of 68 cats. It was unfortunate that a number had to be withdrawn at the last moment because of an outbreak of feline infectious enteritis.

History was made a few weeks before the show when Mrs. M. E. Nash and Mrs. C. M. Lovemore of Cape Town flew their Siamese Milori Anya, Bradgate Sherry and Timshel Beau'ful Blueeyes to the Natal Cat Club Show in Durban. Milori Anya won the Fairlawns Cup for the Best Adult Siamese and a C.C. Beau'ful won two third prizes in the South African Bred and Club Members' Classes.

History was again made when Mrs. P. I. Kusner of Durban flew her Siamese male kitten Eleuthera Cavalier (bred by Mrs. M. Haywood) to the W.P.C.C. Show. This kitten created a stir by winning the Brakkekloof Trophy for Best Kitten, the Kintyre Trophy for Best Siamese exhibit and the W.P.C.C. Trophy for Best Cat in Show. Other notable winners were Milori Anya again, Bradgate Sherry and Mrs. I. Hunter's Blue Longhair Westridge Beautiful who became the first Champion of his breed in the Union.

Two fine kittens born to an imported queen, Killdown Miranda, mated in England and shown by Mrs. P. F. Greyling, were worthy runners-up in their class. The same exhibitor won a well-deserved C.C. with a Tortie and White Longhair, the first exhibit of its kind in the district. The only other C.C. went to Mrs. Hunter's Chinchilla male Westbridge Pretty Boy.

Lady Stella Bailey presented the prizes and the panel of judges were headed by guest judge of honour Mrs. Margaret Haywood, of the Natal Cat Club. This highly-successful fixture was

organized by the Rev. Herbert N. Lovemore after only six months' experience as a Club member—an example of what real enthusiasm and hard work can accomplish.

A CLUB IS BORN

HOW does a cat club get started? And what makes it tick? Some folk in the Fancy opine there is much too much starting and ticking; others hold just the contrary view—that it is quite impossible for a healthy and progressive Fancy to have too many clubs. The latter viewpoint is ours.

Whatever may be your personal views on the subject, you will doubtless be interested to know how a geographical void was filled in the North of England by a small group of enthusiasts.

In March of this year there was a meeting at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne home of Mr. Jack Dunn and his wife Mrs. R. Mavis Dunn. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Forster. The main topic of discussion was the singular lack of initiative among Northern breeders and exhibitors in matters appertaining to the holding of cat shows in that area. It was reckoned to be almost 50 years since a show had been held in Newcastle and over this long period of time cat lovers in the North-East have been journeying to the nearest shows at Edinburgh and Leeds, which is quite a trip. All this time the fine venue of Newcastle-upon-Tyne has been neglected.

Since this meeting took place there has been a flurry of activity. The Northern Counties Cat Club has been formed and is now a recognized organization with a membership moving towards the first century. Response has been excellent and enthusiasm is running

at a high level. The President is Miss Stella Simpson, of Bradley Hall, Wylam, and the Vice-President Mr. Jack Dunn. Mrs. Dunn is Chairman and the offices of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are held by Mr. and Mrs. Forster respectively. The Committee includes enthusiastic breeders and exhibitors with local ties—Mrs. M. Eustace, Mrs. D. M. M. Sinclair, Miss G. H. P.

Macfarlane, a well-known breeder who has recently moved from Yorkshire, Mrs. J. Goodfellow, Mrs. P. Murray, Scottish breeder of Blue Pointed Siamese, and Mr. W. W. Barrow.

Now the stage is set for the running of the Club's first show in December and it will take place in one of the North's finest halls—the Northumberland Hall in Newcastle.

NEW EXEMPTION SHOW

THE Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire (affiliated to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy before 1930) has some very enterprising members. Its President is Mr. Michael Joseph, Chairman Miss V. Prentis and Hon. Secretary Miss Beckett, able officers backed by an excellent Committee.

Last month the Society put on an exemption show granted by the G.C.C.F. It was held in Palmers Green, at a hall well suited to the occasion and easy to reach from any part of London. The Show Manager Mrs. Willbourne did a fine job of organizing for the comfort of exhibits, exhibitors and visitors. She was I understand greatly assisted by Miss Benda.

Miss Prentis and Miss Kit Wilson said they were well satisfied with the quality of the exhibits. Many of the kittens were excellent and naturally more advanced than at the Kensington Show. Mrs. K. R. Williams, as referee judge, added greatly to the interest of the proceedings. As each exhibit was brought to her on the platform, she held it up for the visitors to see, at the same time explaining the good points and why a particular cat or kitten had won over another. I would like to see this procedure followed at other shows.

Mrs. Clarke won Best Cat in Show with Craigiehilloch Tana (sired by Ch.

Killdown Sultan, thus proving she can breed as lovely Seal Points as she can Chocolate Points. Reserve was Mrs. Hooking's Ch. Laurentide Cirrus, a Blue Pointed female sired by Ch. Pristine Bandoola and bred by Mrs. Hargreaves out of that very fine queen Ch. Laurentide Corona. Mrs. Clarke also won Best Kitten with her Chocolate Pointed Craigiehilloch Chorita.

Best Neuter was another joy to see—Miss Morsman's Brenmor Arthur who I believe was making his show début. Among some very nice household pets a deserving winner was a delightful Black Shorthair named Boko belonging to Dr. K. Matthews and he was closely followed by Vinkles, a very good Tabby owned by Miss V. Delacroix.

I feel that these smaller shows are of great benefit to the Fancy as a whole. They are more intimate and one can get around to see all the exhibits and perhaps

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chat with the owners. Judges have more time and space for the classes which have to be done in the afternoon. Visitors are given a chance to see and purchase if they want to—in comfort. The big London shows with their 500/600 exhibits are not so helpful. Here it is difficult for everyone to move about freely and stallholders are sometimes sufferers when the halls are crowded. Specialist breed shows are very helpful and provide food for thought for the future.

KATHLEEN YORKE.

Cat lover the Rev. Hugh Stuckey, vicar of St. Mark's, Regent's Park, has ensured that Sandy, his plump Tortie, shall go down to posterity. He has included a picture of her in the church's newly-restored stained glass window. She appears several inches high with her brown and black markings showing clearly, beneath the crucifix and the dove of peace. Explains the Vicar: "I know it is a little unusual but Sandy really deserves it as she is such a good girl. When the architects asked me if there was anything I particularly wanted to appear on the window, I thought of Sandy."

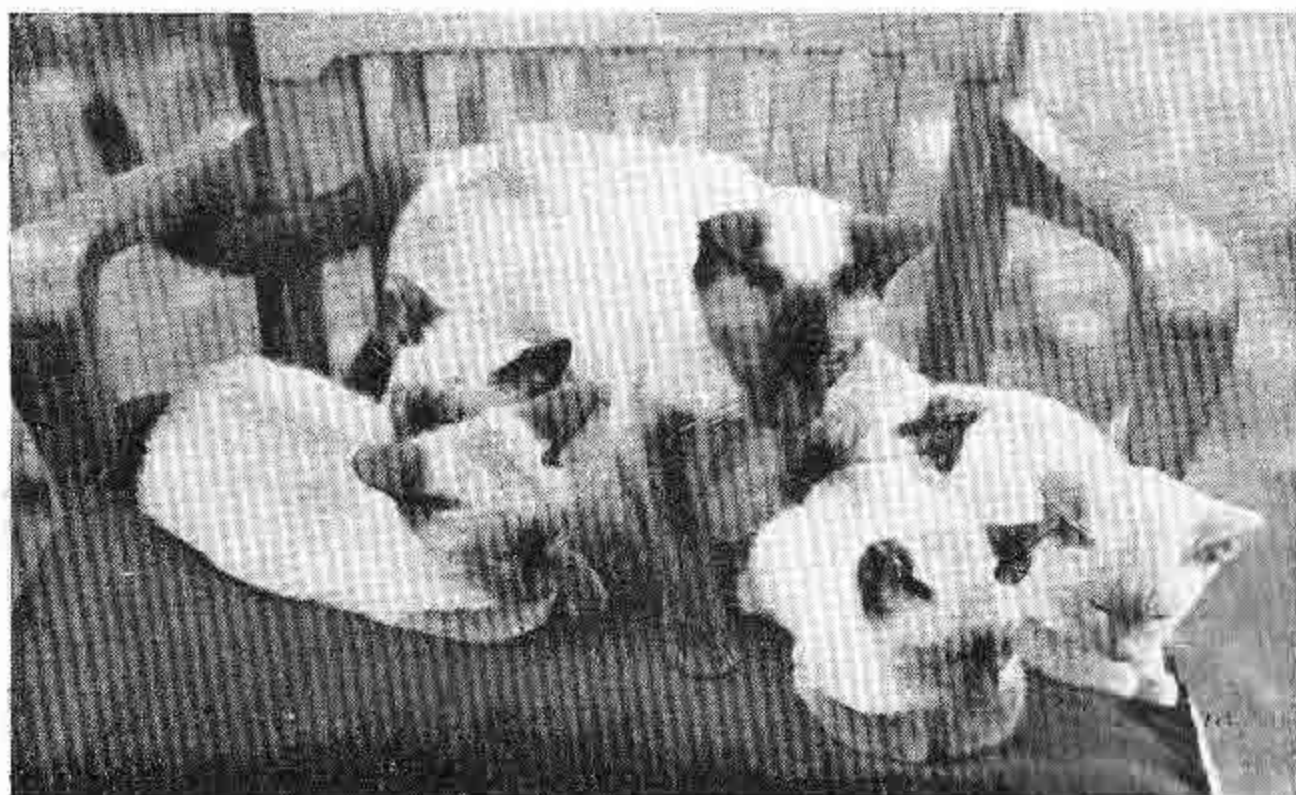
TO REPEAT

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From Rednal, Birmingham, comes this picture of Mrs. K. R. Nichol's Siamese queen Doneraile Nicolette with five of her six kittens, whose names are Jubilee Silver Lady, Jubilee Atam, At'em, Atom and Atum.

News from "Down Under"

HERE I am back home again and able to tell you more about the social side of our wonderful trip to that happy land, New Zealand. I gave you some of the business side of it (shows) last month.

Our trip by air didn't go quite according to plan but eventually we arrived in a small plane at Dunedin. It's a lovely sight entering from the sea but we only came down to drop and pick up passengers—then on to Invercargill, where they take their porridge straight. The flight along the Alps, deeply covered in snow which glistened like millions of sequins, was very beautiful. The flats and low lying areas were covered by water and in fact it was raining heavily when we touched down in Invercargill. The weather didn't deter those solid scouts, Mrs. Low (President) and Jim Buchanan (Secretary), from meeting us. We spent a cosy evening taking coffee with Jim, his friendly wife and son Robert.

After the show judging on the next day we had a talk to the local boys and girls over the air. I always look forward to this great privilege and also to meeting many of the youngsters at the show.

During a fine weather break on the Sunday, Jim and Robert picked us up with Mrs. Dunick and we drove out 25 miles to Riverton, the old Maori cemetery and beaches. We made an inspection of the latest housing scheme where we saw new homes ready to occupy which would delight any young couple. No two were alike. A great idea that for those bad boys who come home with "a full cargo" and get mixed up with the front gates! On Monday we visited Committee man Somerville and saw reels of film taken at the cat show. They were very good and he has since been kind enough to send me some.

Later, Mrs. Broad, another Committee member, took us out to Bluff, the port from which many lamb carcasses are loaded for England. She was a most interesting guide. Our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Broad for a fascinating tour. The name of her farm—Duck Inn—intrigues us. We think it should be "Do Duck Inn—they are so hospitable!" In the evening we all adjourned to the Central Hall for a reception. I was invited to address the members, which I did at length and much enjoyed. A quiz produced some very "curly" questions. Then came the presentation of the trophies. A very lovely wedding present was handed us and in return, it seemed, we presented the Club with a cup already inscribed for general competition. We shall remember our happy stay in Invercargill for a very long time.

On the Air

On to Dunedin, where we were met at the air centre by Mr. Colin Aberdeen, who has done so much for the cat world both at Invercargill and Dunedin. We were taken to the broadcasting station for a quiz by Prue Gregory. Then we went on to the National Station where we made a tape recording for Miss Marie, to be put on the air the day before the Dunedin Show. It was also in the nature of a quiz for kiddies hour and we much enjoyed it. The evening passed happily at a reception at the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Aberdeen were perfect host and hostess and I was glad to renew so many old friendships. Before we left, we were taken by Colin Aberdeen to see Mrs. Hesselwaite's two very typey Siamese females which I liked very much. One in particular

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Veterinary questions answered

By M.R.C.V.S.

Fattening diet

A Northamptonshire reader asks: *Would you kindly tell me of a tonic or anything that will fatten a very thin cat. I have wormed at intervals but never see a trace of a worm. She is fed well—meat, fish and eggs. She is well but nervy and has a very poor coat which is sometimes bare in parts, particularly on the hind legs.*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: You must first ascertain that your cat is not a subject of some wasting disease such for instance as chronic kidney disease. To help fatten the cat incorporate some yeast with its food, say fresh baker's yeast (size of a walnut) made into a cream and sprinkled over the fish daily. Teach the cat to like sardines and give two daily with a teaspoonful of cod liver oil added. Let the meat be fat meat and let the fish diet be boiled cod's head. Boil the head, pour off the top scum, allow to cool and then pick out every bone with your fingers. When cold this sets to a very nourishing and fattening jelly which can be cut into suitable portions and fed say a cupful daily.

A bad habit

A Somerset reader writes: *Our 4-year-old Siamese male who was neutered at the age of four months has developed the practice of spraying, both outdoors and inside the house and particularly on any new or strange object. This habit appeared to commence at about the time when we looked after temporarily a female cat who called almost continuously during her stay with us. It is an almost daily occurrence during the spring and summer and diminishes during the autumn and winter. He is an otherwise clean, happy and very affectionate cat, and in perfect health. He has been investigated and found to have no sign of urinary disease. We keep four other cats, three neutered males and a spayed female, none of whom is similarly affected.*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: There seems little doubt that this habit is connected with aphrodisia and that this in turn may arise from imperfect castration, or perhaps from excessive pituitary or adrenal hormones, the latter idea being merely theoretical. Was the cat a monorchid or cryptorchid or was the operation performed by an unqualified person? However, it is known that a course of stilboestrol will control sexual desire, small sustained doses of which will induce impotence and disappearance of libido in the male. In the human, Golla and Hodge reported (*Lancet*, June 11, 1949) that libido had practically vanished in about 14 days after the daily injection of 50,000 I.u. of oestradiol benzoate. They found that stilboestrol could not replace the natural hormone. I think in this case you might try 1mg. of stilboestrol daily for a fortnight and see what results, at the same time removing oestruating females.

Travel sickness

A Middlesex reader writes: *I should be glad of your advice with regard to my little neutered male cat who is nearly nine months old. We had him when he was two months old and he has always accompanied us when we go out in the car. But on the last two or three occasions he has been sick each time, after being out for only a very short while. Can you tell me what (if anything) I can obtain to stop this trouble? We do not wish to discontinue his car rides as he enjoys being out with us and we like having him.*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: The sickness is, of course, entirely due to the motion of the car, like sea sickness in humans. It would be prevented to some extent by allowing the cat to look out of the window so that its gaze could be centred upon fixed objects and so that it could anticipate turns of the vehicle, and stopping

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and starting. This is preferable to being on the floor of the car, pitched or turned about without being able to see anything. Also you should not feed the cat before starting a journey. Probably the best antemetic for a 10-lb. cat would be a nembutal capsule given about an hour before starting out. These capsules are sold in a size of $1\frac{1}{2}$ grains. Empty about one third out and give the remainder; but do not make a practice of giving this every day or else the cumulative effect would be dangerous.

Readers who would like "M.R.C.V.S." to deal with their veterinary problems should write to him c/o OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope when a direct reply is preferred.

A CAT OF TWO WORLDS

I NEVER cease to marvel at
The dumb defiance of a cat,
A beast who solemnly disputes
His master's godlike attributes.

Caesar, whose solemn Persian face
Conceals the cunning of his race,
Sees from the door the driving rain
And turns into the house again.
He doesn't settle down to wait
For chilling deluge to abate,
Although out front is sodden wet
He turns towards the kitchenette
And gazes at the door until
He breaks my fragile human will,
For Caesar, adamant, insists
Another world out back exists.

In fact, one showery April day
When from the front he turned away
And found the back all sunny bright,
Thus proving his contention right,
He turned to me—the stubborn beast,
(not knowing that the rain had ceased),
And said "At last I've proved to you
That humans haven't got a clue.

LEIGHTON BURTON.

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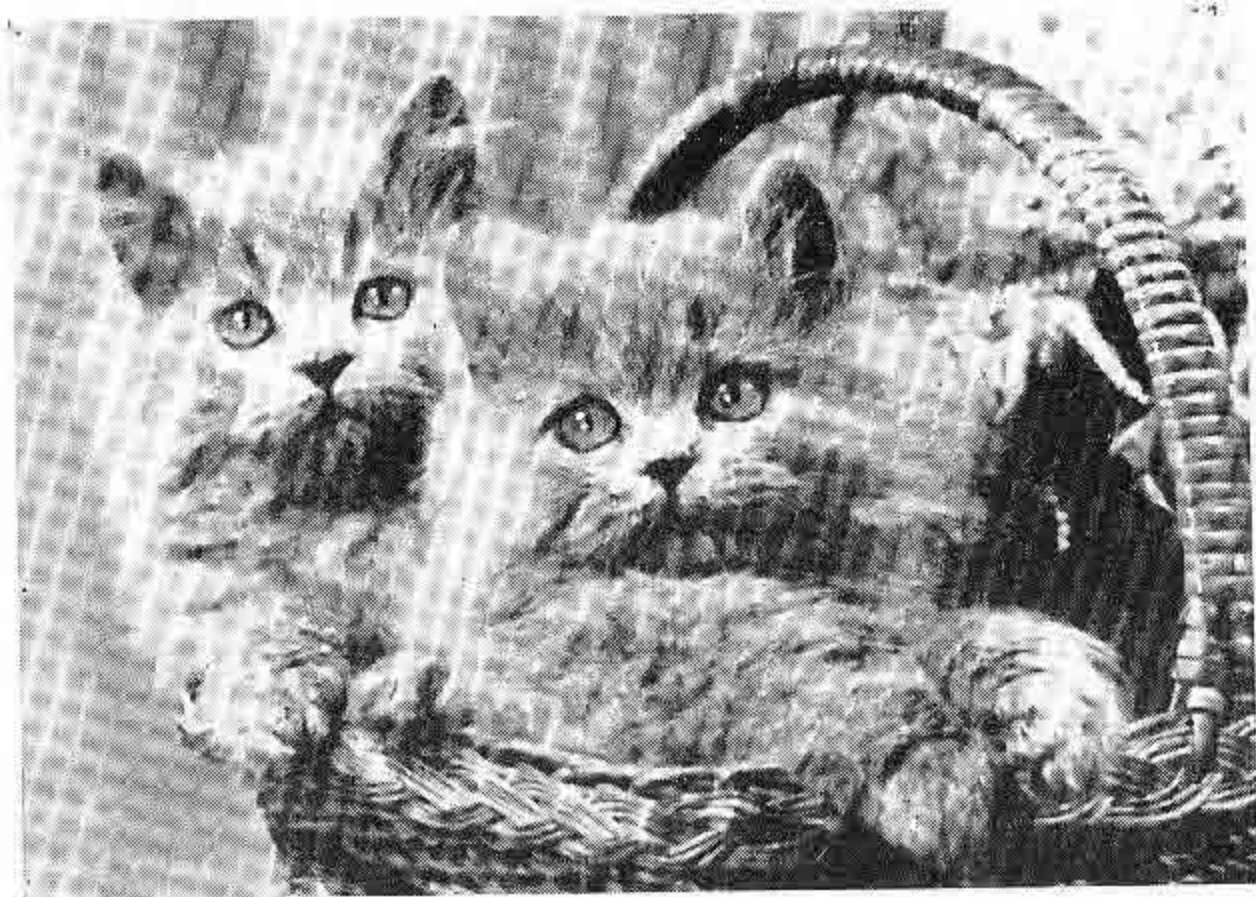
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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

Kentish "First-timer"

FOR the first time Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council staged a one-day cat, also dog section, at their combined Horticultural and Cage Bird Show at Sidcup Place over the Bank Holiday. It was an excellent arrangement as the huge marquee was used for the cats on Saturday and the dogs on the Monday.

As there was such ample space, chairs were placed all round the sides and various little groups were chatting in view of their own exhibits. It was one of the best under canvas shows I have attended as it had so many of the amenities we are accustomed to at our Championship shows. The judges had lunch and tea in the Council Chamber of Sidcup Place, a very lovely Victorian house, which although conveniently near

the main road stands in acres of parkland. The weather was ideal.

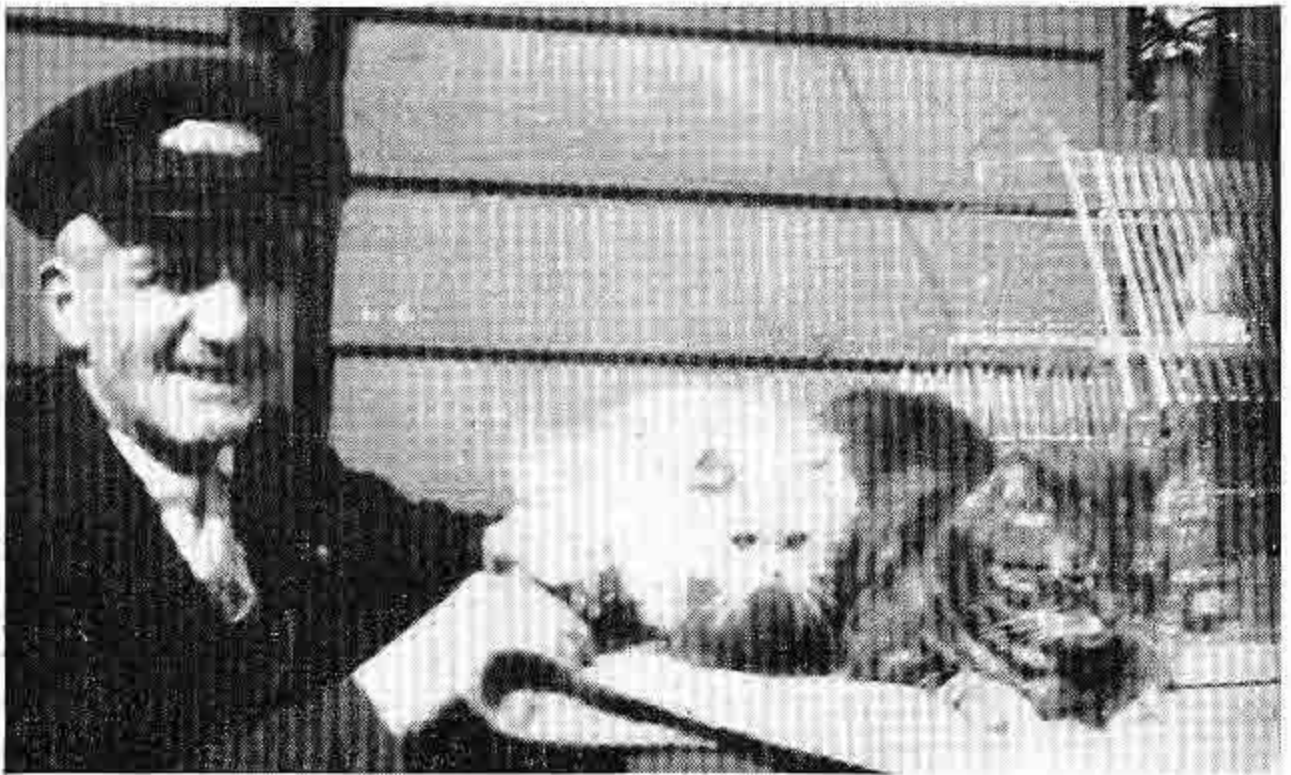
Mr. Kirby-Smith, making an auspicious début as Show Manager for the cat section, thought of everything for the comfort of exhibitors and judges. I was delighted to have Miss Anne Codrington, so well known for her winning Siamese, as my steward. It was the first time she had acted in this capacity for Longhairs.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Fred Streeter, so well known to the public for his broadcasts on gardening. Watching the awarding of ribbons for Best in Show were Miss Pat Hornsby-Smith, M.P. for Chislehurst, and Mrs. S. M. Gunn, Vice-Chairman of Chislehurst and Sidcup Council.

The principal awards were :—Best Exhibit—Miss Alison Aitken's White Manx Noend Snowman ; Best Loughair Exhibit—Mrs. Stephenson's Blue male kitten Ashdown Robin ; Best Loughair Adult—Mrs. Pearman's Kala Sooki, a Black female ; Best Shorthair Kitten—Master Francis Moss's S.P. Siamese Franco Cassandra ; Best Neuter—Mrs. Pearman's Black L.H. Tommy Tucker ; Best S.H. Neuter—Master Kirby-Smith's S.P. Siamese Klamath Trojan. The Best Household Pet was a very amiable handsome Brown Tabby with spotless white "trimmings" owned by Mrs. Redfern of Sidcup. It was a joy to see the pleasure this award gave to his owner also Mr. Redfern and their son, exhibiting for the first time.



**Colourpoint Kitten
BRIARRY CLODAGH,**
born April this year, was
a prize winner for Miss
Gretchen Maas at the
Sidcup and Chislehurst
Show. Clodagh was
bred by Mr. Brian
Stirling-Webb.



When our well known judge, Miss Lelgarde Fraser, of Godalming, Surrey, is away at a show her cats are tended by her "faithful little Jessie Crowle." Jessie has pets of her own and here you see them with her husband Clarence—Zero, a pedigree Cream Longhair Kitten, George, a Brown Tabby neuter, and Joey, a budgerigar.

Burmese in Australia

Miss S. M. Dunn writing from Dorset sends news of probably the first Burmese to arrive in Australia. She writes : " Mr. Allen, Mr. Whatley, Mrs. Helsham and Mrs. Willingdon, an Australian syndicate of four breeders, have imported my young Burmese male to start the breed there and a young female will be following. Before Tomahawk sailed I spent four hours a day walking him on collar and lead so he could get accustomed to exercise such as he would probably have on deck.

" My animals have arrived in first-class condition by Port Line anywhere. They specialize in cargo and a cadet who is a premium-paying potential officer, has charge of all stock and can be trusted to carry out all reasonable instructions through his chief officer.

" I received a letter from Mr. Allen, who wrote : ' Tommy arrived safely in Sydney and had quite a celebrity's welcome. A famous racehorse was returning to Australia so the press were there in full force. They took photographs of Tommy and a newsreel cameraman took some shots.'

" ' The T.V. representatives were also there and are making a short (5-6 min.) film on the Sydney quarantine station using Tommy's arrival as a link between arrival at the port and acceptance into quarantine. It is possible to buy copies of these T.V. films, as they can be shown on ordinary 16mm. projectors at about £2 per 100 feet. The whole film is about 200 feet but it is possible to get a section only. Would you like a copy ? It might interest the English breeders to see the facilities for quarantine here.'

" ' We all thought a Burmese would be lighter or darker than he is (how inadequate words are to describe an animal !) but all agree he is very attractive and so quiet. He didn't mind all the fuss and crowd. You will be pleased to hear he is in excellent health and condition (fit for a show). The cadets had cared for him well, and he

spent a good proportion of his journey in the radio officers' room. They said they had enjoyed his company '."

The introduction of Burmese into England was due to the enterprise of Mr. and Mrs. France who went to much trouble and expense in 1949 to import the first unrelated pair, Casa Gatos Da Foong and the female Chindwins Minou Twm, which came out of quarantine in excellent condition in October of that year. They were purchased from Mrs. Blanche Warren of California who had the female mated before she left U.S.A. Unfortunately her kittens born in quarantine did not survive, probably due to the pre-natal upset of the long journey. In the following spring, however, this queen had a litter of four, three strong males but the much wanted female did not survive. Happily Chindwins Minou Twm had several bonny litters after her first mishap.

" Fearless and friendly "

To provide an outcross a second female was imported, Ch. Lao's Cheli Wat who was destined to become the mother of the first Burmese Champion bred in England, Mrs. France's Ch. Chinki Yong Jetta who also bred her sire Chinki Yong Zahran from Casa Gatos da Foong. Mr. and Mrs. France were captivated by their appearance and sweet disposition and she commented at the time in a contemporary journal that they were " absolutely fearless and friendly." Casa Gatos da Foong made his debut at Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show in November, 1949, but not for competition as Burmese were not eligible for competition in Championship classes in this country at that time.

Mrs. France was invited to show him on television the previous evening with her other exhibit, the Abyssinian male Raby Ramphis. Both made a very favourable impression when they and their owners were interviewed by Miss Joan Gilbert and Mr. Leslie Mitchell.

Mr. France in an article entitled "Burmese" prophesied: "There is no doubt that this breed, probably the rarest of all pedigree domestic cats, is going to take on very much in this country. They have all the intelligence of their very near cousins the Siamese, the same clean habits, and are even more affectionate than Siamese." How right he proved to be.

In 1952 our Governing Council of the Cat Fancy granted them Championship status, by then there were three generations of Burmese bred in this country. At Croydon Cat Club Championship Show in November Dr. Atwell's female Chinki Yong Shwegalay bred by Mrs. France was the first Burmese to be awarded a Challenge Certificate in this country, and a few weeks later Mrs. France's Chinki Yong Jetta was First and Ch. at the National Cat Club Ch. Show. She completed her Championship at Sandy Ch. Show the following year, 1953.

In the last volume of the G.C. Stud Book covering from April, 1948, to March, 1954, nine Burmese males and nine females are listed. Seven of these bear Mrs. France's prefix "Chinki." Volume 12 of the Stud Book is now due so there will be several additions. In 1952 Casa Gatos Darkee was imported and in 1953 he was the first Burmese male to become a Champion in this country. Shortly after this Mrs. France was contemplating removing to a smaller place and as she wanted to keep them together and was doubtful if her new home would have sufficient space she parted with them to Mr. and Mrs. Watson of Matlock, Derbyshire. The two original males are advertised at stud in this journal and many winners have been bred from them by Mr. and Mrs. Watson bearing their prefix "Sealcoat" and by other breeders who have used their services. Mr. Watson is the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Burmese Cat Club.

When Mr. and Mrs. France eventually removed in 1955 they secured a place with plenty of ground and had ample

space for their Siamese and—had they kept them—the Burmese, but they appear to have few regrets for in a recent letter Mrs. France writes: "Apart from a few Siamese I have become very interested in my boarding kennels for cats. I find it most rewarding as the owners love them so much and are so appreciative of all one does for them."

Mrs. France's S.P. Siamese male Chinki Ranya by Ch. Clonlost Yo Yo has been awarded many prizes in his Open and side classes and is the sire of two Champions and innumerable winning adults and kittens. Her practical experience of owning Burmese will be a great asset when she judges them at the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club Ch. Show in February.

Fine Blue litters

It was very pleasant to spend an evening with Mrs. Denton recently and to see her cats. Although she has had Blues as pets for years her real interest in breeding commenced when she purchased Trenton Sugar Plum, a daughter of Ch. Oxleys Peter John in 1951, from Mrs. Harrington Harvard.

This queen won several firsts as a kitten, but above all she is a pet so has not been shown as an adult. She has been very successful as a brood queen and her progeny have been awarded dozens of firsts. Her daughter, Double Champion Camber Betsybob by Anson Eros, is the pride and joy of Mrs. Sami Hirsig, Colorado, U.S.A. Usually mated to Mrs. Denton's Anson Eros she also occasionally visits Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous; by both males she produces quality kittens. Her daughter Camber Gorgie—bred the same way as Betsybob—is a great favourite of mine. She is a good all round queen with lovely large copper eyes.

She has excelled herself this summer by producing a litter of seven Blues by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, a really lovely litter and the only litter of seven

Blues that I have seen for a long time. One hears of Longhair queens producing six and seven but how seldom do they all survive. Mrs. Pearman's Blue-Cream queen has a litter of seven by Ch. Bayhorne Adam and this is the only other litter that I have heard of this year in which all the kittens survived. Camber Googie has five males, two females, and out of the males Mrs. Kirby-Smith has chosen Camber Frivolity for a future stud, and in particular as a mate for her Blue-Cream Titania of Pensford.

Young males needed

I was very interested to see Mrs. Denton's new young male, bred by Mrs. Crickmore from Ch. Thiepvál Paragon and Ch. Thiepvál Enchantress. He is so like his parents that one could guess his breeding even if one had no knowledge of his ancestry. He has excellent physique for such a young cat (only eleven months) and when he really matures he should go far. He may occasionally be exhibited this winter but at the moment is at a disadvantage as like so many young Blues born in mid-summer or early autumn of the previous year, he has not had a complete moult.

So often these youngsters cling on to some of their old coat until they are about eighteen months. We need some more good young Blue males so he will be an asset although I understand he will not be at public stud in the usually accepted sense. In the last issue of the G.C. Stud List No. 14 only twenty Blue males were listed. In No. 1 List published in 1943 there were forty-five and that was during the War. It makes one wonder what has happened! There

are more than twenty Blue males of course, but some are not at public stud.

Anson Eros was having a siesta so we did not disturb him. Mrs. Denton's cats have an ideal life. The queens are house pets and have freedom in her lovely secluded garden with its great asset for keeping cats in their own domain—a very high brick wall. It was this garden which the Queen Mother visited in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton have a beautifully bound book containing several photographs of this occasion and a Certificate of Merit issued by the London Garden Society which reads: "For creating a garden worthy of a visit from Her Majesty the Queen." There are two ponds in the garden and some of the kittens are "christened" from time to time trying to catch the fish, but as the ponds have gentle slopes down to the water in several places they are able to scramble out.

Back to the Fancy

Mr. Brook makes a welcome return to England from his travels abroad. He was beginning to be well known for the quality of his Blues and Chinchillas with the "Winterhay" prefix when business commitments necessitated travelling. I was pleased to hear he is resuming his hobby and has purchased a Chinchilla queen, Whim of Thame, from Mrs. McLeod.

Whim is the daughter of Rab of Thame, a lovely male exported to the Marquise de Fraja, Naples, Italy, in the spring. She is nursing two nice kittens by Bluecroft Day, a son of Ch. Esmond of Allington so this sounds a very promising start in Chinchillas.

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As a present for his friend Mr. Wellard, with whom he shares their home, Mr. Brook has purchased Camber Octavia, (a Blue female kitten bred by Mrs. Denton from Ch. Octavian of Pensford and Trenton Sugar Plum) who recorded some nice wins at Kensington Kitten Show in July. Here's wishing Mr. Brook and Mr. Wellard every success.

On immunization

On the eve of the Ch. Show Season the question of immunizing our kittens is uppermost in the mind of many of us. So far I have only had two kittens immunized which I have exhibited and have never had infectious illness among kittens after a show. But I do not intend to tempt providence in future.

Many of us who have been breeding for years remember the epidemics we sometimes heard about after shows in pre-war days when vaccination against feline infectious enteritis was only just beginning to be considered seriously. At some of the first post-war shows before vaccines were available in this country there was still a certain amount of illness but happily one hears less and less of F.I.E. after shows and this is undoubtedly due to immunization.

My "conversion" began when Madame Pia Sandoz sent me a box of Dr. Graeub's vaccine from Switzerland at Christmas, 1955. I had only two kittens left from my queens' autumn litters—a Cream male Cavalier and a Blue-Cream Caroline of Pensford which I

intended to show at the S.C.C.C. Ch. Show on January 31st. I had these two immunized and it was the sequel which convinced me.

Cavalier was purchased by a Mr. Jackson who was in London attending Cruft's Dog Show. He saw the advertisement for the Southern and was curious to see a cat show. He was captivated by Cavalier and an unrelated Blue-Cream, Mrs. Siddorn's Madcap Muffin, a lovely daughter of Ch. Tollerton Talisman. Both flew with him to their new home in the Channel Isles a few days later.

A few months afterwards Mr. Jackson left them in boarding kennels there which were above suspicion as far as he knew. They were there for less than a week but he arrived back to find Madcap who had not been immunized seriously ill with F.I.E. and to his grief she died very shortly after his return. Cavalier was with her all the time and escaped absolutely unscathed. Madame Sandoz's kind gift which I had used with some trepidation undoubtedly saved his life.

There is no vaccine, however, for the much less deadly feline distemper so every precaution must still be taken when exhibiting. Never take a cat or kitten to a show which is the slightest bit off colour. A disinclination for food and slight diarrhoea can be the first symptoms of distemper. Scrupulous cleanliness is necessary with all cat hampers and blankets. If hampers have not already had a spring clean I advise burning every bit of paper, labels and string which may be left on them. Choose a

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sunny day to wash them when they can be tied on a line in the garden to dry.

My own method is to half fill the kitchen sink with warm water, use plenty of one of the detergents and a generous dash of Sanitas or Dettol. I revolve the basket for a few minutes and then rinse it under running water. If after a few "treatments" some of the varnish has vanished it is very easy to renew it.

Here's wishing my fellow competitors success and let us each determine to take every precaution so that it is not marred by illness arising from shows.

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Lines to a kitten found — and lost

THE love was all on my side — so since you have departed
It is too much to hope you, too, are broken hearted.
The day you came and graced my mat, the house became a home.
But who am I to say you nay, since you prefer to roam ?

Some other household (full of pride) now gives you bed and board.

If I could warn them I would say "However much adored—
This little cat's a wanderer. She does not mean to stay.
Your fixed abode to her is but a caravanscrai."

Could I but know with certainty that Fate to you was kind

I could resign myself to loss. Sad pleasure I would find
In contemplating future joys in which I have no share.

But as it is I grieve for you, in case you lack good care.

No more my heart and hearth I'll give as hostages to fortune.

No more a wanton feline's affections I'll importune.

I will not waste my tears or love, nor put my grief in rhyme.

My doors to cats are tightly shut — until next time !

FREDA A. CARVER.

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

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I'd say was the truest to type Siamese
I saw over there.

With stops at Christchurch and Wellington, we winged our way on the last leg of our journey to Auckland city. We arrived in the dark but not too late to be met by Secretary Mr. H. Pollock and to receive greetings over the telephone from President Mrs. Downey and her Show Manager husband Dick, also Mrs. Fitzmaurice, a N.Z. judge. Friday was the first show day, about which I told you last month. It has memories for me as I had a very interesting set to with a bag of Chinese gooseberries. The berries lost, which of course you guessed !

After signing the Challenge cards on the next day I was met by our dear old friend Robert Marshall. He took us to see Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Pearce had a great reunion with Blue Long-hair female Windsor Lady Iris whom she

had sent to a N.Z. fancier some years ago. Iris had three lovely kits. After a most pleasant Sunday spent at the Marshall's lovely home at Howick, 18 miles out from the city of Auckland, we called to see Mrs. Stone at Manurewa, an old friend, and on to up-to-date Hamilton and the home of Miss Menzies, O.B.E., Secretary of the N.Z. Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, but we couldn't tarry as it was raining and our destination was Rotorua. Easy to tell when nearing this town by the sulphur fumes from the thermal activity.

Consideration of space prevents me from telling you more in this issue of our fascinating experiences in this island of hospitable cat folk. Maybe the Editor will allow me to complete the picture in a later issue.

Editor's Note : It is regretted that as holidays have made it necessary to close down this issue earlier than usual, it has not been possible to find room for the Australian news items received from Mr. Pearce.

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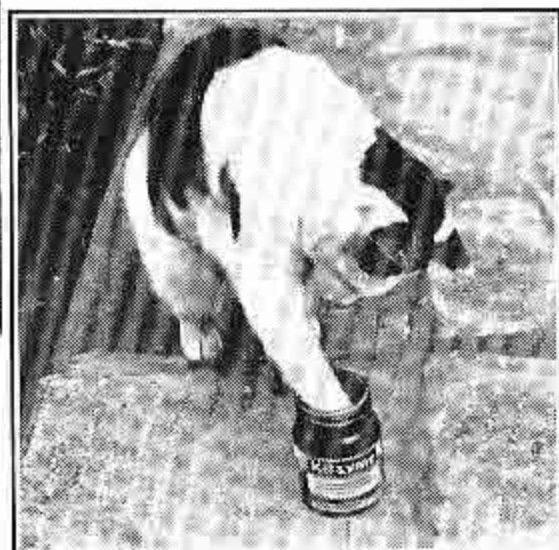
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