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- (1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management
- (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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"With gaze intent and whiskers spread." These nine weeks old Siamese were bred by Mrs. Margaret Worsley, of Warnham, Sussex. Sire is her Jonny Puss, who was Best Adult at the Siamese Show last October.

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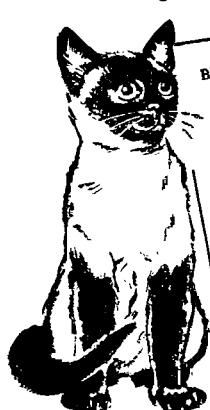
Let's go to a show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1958/9 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1958	Promoted by	Venue
30 August ...	Cheshire Area C.C. ...	Chester
20 September	*Herts and Middlesex C.C. ...	London
27 " ...	*South Western Counties C.C. ...	Paignton, Devon
7 October ...	*Siamese Cat Club ...	London
9 " ...	*Blue Persian C.C. ...	London
18 " ...	*Edinburgh and East of Scotland C.C. ...	Edinburgh
25 " ...	*Midland Counties C.C. ...	Birmingham
15 November ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	London
29 " ...	*Yorkshire County C.C. ...	Leeds
16 December ...	*National Cat Club ...	London
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10 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire C.C. ...	Venue to be fixed
17 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	Venue to be fixed
27 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C. ...	London
7 February ...	*Lancs. and N.W. Counties C.C. ...	Venue 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 1958/9 Season.

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On giving medicine

By A. I. SHIRWIN

THE sturdy, much-loved household pet, or the more-or-less tough stray who adopted a well-meaning owner, need a dose of medicine at some time or other.

The owners of many of these cats are rarely experts in the matter of administering a pill or downing a necessary dose. I wasn't myself, but a close association with felines has developed in me a natural cunning. So when the vet said to me "I will make you up half-a-dozen powders give him one a day and ring me again in a week if they don't do the trick," I said quickly: "Please make it a dozen."

No need to overdo it—six of the powders are sufficient," and the vet prepared to hurry away. "They're tasteless, you know," he added.

"Smell, perhaps?" I asked tentatively. "I want to allow for waste."

He gave me an understanding grin, agreed I might have a point, and promised to send a dozen.

I looked at the invalid or rather semi-invalid who still had a certain smug look on his sooty, black face. The first thought most people would have would be to sprinkle the powder over his food, or fold it in some freshly-cooked fish—favourite fish!

But I knew better than that. A cat, only slightly below par, is still choosy about his food, and it would never do to put him off a light, nourishing meal. One suspicious sniff and that obstinate mouth is closed for a long time.

Dissolved in milk—the cream from the top of the bottle, of course!—Cats, even those who are partial to milk, don't like it always. It's rather like a man and his

beer—he does not always want to down a pint. You cannot afford to risk a precious powder in something which might be refused, even if suspicions had not been aroused.

No! my advice, proved by a trial and error method over a number of years, is to choose some medium which your cat fancies any day and any time, but does not have often. In my case the answer was a Heinz soup—Cream of mushroom for preference, with cream of asparagus a good second choice. He was even partial to cream of tomato. But with your pet it could be quite as well be any of the well-known proprietary foods.

Use, of course, the bowl or saucer he always has. Dissolve the powder in a very little hot water, and make sure it is dissolved before you add the soup. And take care to have it just the right heat.

Don't let your pet see the important preparations being made. In the circumstances you can risk taking the saucer to him instead of putting it down in his usual dining-room. He will be surprised, of course. But, like humans, cats are very susceptible to discreet flattery and petting.



This is Oliver, who got the better of his owner over a pill.

Talk to him in a quiet, soothing voice, calling him by his special pet name. You can even dip your finger in and let him lick that as a preliminary taste. Slowly and deliberately the saucer will be emptied.

Hurrah ! He has had a powder. If your care and cunning fails the first time it is very, very wise to wait before trying again.

When tablets are ordered, and when the job has to be tackled alone without a companion to hold the animal then you are up against it. One important mistake to avoid making is not to call in a neighbour, or someone the invalid does not really much like. And don't whatever you do, get the mistaken notion that force and quickness will do the job. It won't, and you will distress your pet.

Put him very gently on to your bed, or a table, so that you can reach him easily. Have everything ready: blanket or shawl which you will wrap gently but firmly round all four legs. You could even fasten it securely with a large, easily-managed, safety-pin. And have two tablets at hand in case one rolls away. You might even drop one in your nervousness.

Now, talking to him in your usual voice, open the mouth with your thumb

and first finger, which should be placed gently but firmly on each side of the upper jaw. With the other hand pop the tablet quickly right at the back of the tongue. Hold the mouth closed until the pill is swallowed. Don't be over-optimistic that you have succeeded.

I shall never forget the day I first gave my Oliver a pill some years ago. He was on my mother's bed and I followed all the rules, saw him swallow and sat on the bed afterwards, watching him and talking to my mother.

Twenty minutes later I said, with utmost satisfaction, "That's all right he's had it - not such a difficult matter after all - giving a pill if you take care."

"Isn't it?" replied my mother quietly. "I have just seen him spit it out."

Sure enough, there it was on the end-table. How that big, brown tabby got the better of me I don't know to this day.

Try to persuade the vet to give you powders rather than pills, or even liquid medicine is easier. The cat cannot spit it all out. Of course, if your cat is seriously ill you must ask the help of a professional. But if it is just a case of a little off colour then your cunning will probably equal his - with luck !



What is it that fascinates Russian Blue queen SYLPHIDES AMARYLLA ? Is it the wheels going round or has she an "ear for music ?" Breeder-owner is Mrs. M. A. Read, of Longfield, Kent.

Reproduction (No. 47)

By A. C. JUDE

This popular series of monographs has brought added interest to breeding operations throughout the cat world and has helped fanciers by supplying information concerning both inherited and all other factors. Each article has a direct bearing on the genetic basis for the likenesses and differences between cats.

HAVING taken leave in the last two articles to set out the very fringe of the newer ideas in connection with reproduction, we can now return to our subject in a more general sort of way.

The course of evolution is marked by changes in structures and functions as these appear in individual organisms. This is what the fancier deals with in producing the ideals he has set. The evolutionary forces act, of necessity, on individuals, but their effects are not achieved within single individuals. Especially those who breed strains will know these effects work out within associated groups of individuals, and over the course of successive generations.

A key to the process then is that evolutionary changes must arise in, or must at least be transmitted by whatever it is that passes from one generation to the next, by the heredity of the group. The association of individuals into populations that is important in this process must therefore be reproductive association. The group that actually evolves is a group linked together by exchange and transmission of hereditary factors, a population of individuals that interbreed over the course of generations.

Heredity is carried by genes, self-reproducing chemical units within the cells of organisms, which are aggregated into groups, chromosomes, that also usually reproduce or reduplicate themselves faithfully whenever one cell divides

into two. These chromosomes, with their included genes, are passed on from one generation to the next, usually within specialized germ cells from which individuals of the new generation develop. Their development is controlled or determined by the genes and chromosomes received from parents, and under this control it follows a pattern which produces characteristic body forms and physiological systems similar to those of the parents.

A common pattern

Heredity is, on the whole, a conservative factor tending to keep succeeding generations within a common pattern. The acorn produces an oak similar to the tree that produced the acorn, except in unessential details; the egg produces a chicken essentially like the hen that laid it. We know, nevertheless, that offspring are never *precisely* like their parents, and since evolution is a process of change, these differences are of special concern to us here. Such differences may arise in three ways, and in these ways only.

In the first place, the development of the individual is affected not only by the inherited growth-determinants but also by the conditions under which growth occurs. Like most of the processes important in evolution, individual development turns out on closer examination to be neither autogenous nor purely ectogenous, but a combination of the two. No two trees, even if grown from twin seed,

A page for the proletarian puss No. 81



Associated Newspapers

Look carefully and you'll find Peanuts, the office pet of the *Daily Sketch*, who has been enjoying himself tip-toeing through the tulips. He is an adopted stray and his vital statistics are reported to be : Male, age unknown, probably three, meat eater, water drinker, dislikes lady reporters who use perfume, prefers the lap of the sports editor. hates the sight of mice.

have exactly the same size, shape, placing of limbs, number of leaves, etc. Greater or less differences in the environment affect them as they grow, no matter how near each other they may be. Such effects occur to markedly different degrees in different sorts of organisms.

But probably the most important feature of the mammals is that in them this sort of variation is reduced to a minimum. Development within the nearly uniform environment of the womb, followed by maternal care and milk feeding ensures reproduction about as true to type as may be, although, of course, even here absolute uniformity of the conditions surrounding growth is not obtainable. Grosser changes are still caused by disease and accident, and different activities of the organisms themselves cause change in them, as, for instance, exercise may increase the size of a muscle or lack of use decrease it.

Heritable characteristics

Differences between parents and offspring arising in this way are not hereditary. It was long supposed that they were, and a whole theory of evolution was based on this belief; but this has now been disproved beyond reasonable doubt. It is, nevertheless, going too far to suppose that such changes have nothing to do with evolution. They are not themselves changes in heredity but they may have a decided influence on these hereditary changes.

Adaptation to local environment during growth may have definite survival value to the individual and affect its passing on of heredity to future generations. Any individual change not itself hereditary may nevertheless strongly influence the individual's ability or opportunity to reproduce, and in this indirect way will affect the course of evolution of the group as a whole. Individual flexibility or adaptability is also itself an essential characteristic that is heritable and that evolves.

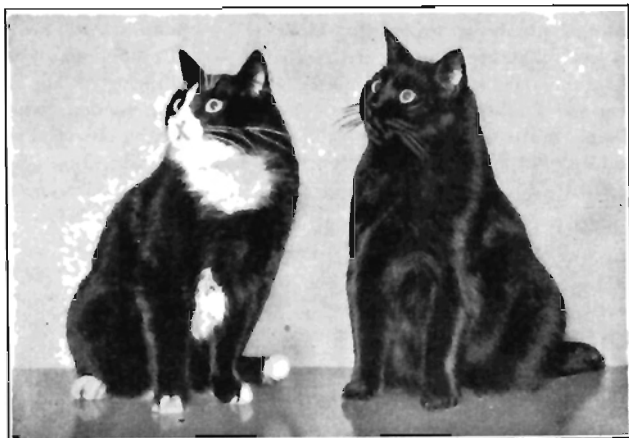
A second and, from an evolutionary point of view, far more important source of differences between parents and offspring is the mechanism of sexual reproduction, which is not quite, but nearly, universal among both plants and animals. The offspring receive chromosomes, and hence genes that are bundled into chromosomes, from two different sources, usually an equal number from each in corresponding pairs. It is extremely unusual for two individuals to have identical sets of genes, so that the chromosomes received from the two parents in sexual reproduction are practically always different in some respects. The combination of the two sets in the offspring thus differs from that in either parent.

There is also involved in this process occasional transfer of genes between the two chromosomes in a pair. When the offspring, in turn, come to reproduce, each passes on to its progeny not simply the set of chromosomes it received from one parent or the other, but a random selection from both sets.

Thus, in continual sexual reproduction through the generations, the genes and chromosomes are constantly being reshuffled. Even in organisms with relatively simple gene sets and few chromosomes, the number of possible combinations of different genes and dissimilar chromosomes is astronomically large, far larger than the number of individual organisms in the line of successive interbreeding populations. It is rare for any two individuals to have exactly the same sets of these heredity determinants; practically speaking, this can happen only when they are identical twins, developed from a single fertilized egg—and such twins, although exactly like each other in heredity, will almost never be exactly like either of their parents. Heredity is essentially conservative in its broad outlines, but this mechanism of shuffling in sexual reproduction makes it almost endlessly varied in detail.

(to be continued)

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MRS. M. AMBROSE of 61 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton, Norfolk, writes :—

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When you move

By HOPE HEWETT

WHEN moving house, cat owners usually worry lest their pet will not settle in its new home. Since the last war, I have lived in seven different houses, in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, taking one or more cats to each. During the process of acclimatizing them to fresh surroundings I have learned a number of things which may be of help to fellow cat-lovers.

It must not be forgotten that a cat is extremely intelligent, so that given a little aid, it soon learns the geography of its changed environment. However, as they are highly-strung, nervous creatures they easily become quite frenzied with fear, too bewildered to heed their owner's voice, and liable to dash wildly away if they see an opportunity. At all costs, therefore, keep windows, doors and other avenues of escape closed until the cat has got its bearings.

Open fireplaces can be dangerous. A tightly fitting wire guard will prevent puss from darting up the chimney. On several occasions I have had to stuff a sack well padded with crumpled newspapers, into the aperture, when no fire was alight.

On arrival at the new abode, with the cat in his basket, my plan of procedure is now routine. I select a quiet, small room not urgently required for occupation; spread newspapers in one corner and place there a "scratch-pan."

This can be a disused baking tin or a shallow wooden box which can be bought from nurserymen, who use them for pricking out seedlings. It contains earth, sand, sawdust or cinders for the cat to use as its lavatory.

It is, however, not generally known, or too easily forgotten, that a cat will

use its box once only. It must be freshly filled after each visit otherwise some forbidden spot will be used and an angry owner may wonder at the lapse from normal cleanliness.

Having seen that door and windows, etc., are closed, I release the cat from his container, talking encouragingly the while, offering food, drink and a comfy cushion. Then I leave him to investigate the new quarters.

When he has lost his first alarm, I let the cat (at intervals during succeeding days) enter various other rooms of the house, but not more than one or two at a time. I have found that too many new impressions bewilder the animal. Once he has consolidated his position, i.e. found a hidey-hole, or can re-trace his way to a known vantage-point, he soon regains confidence and will start investigating for himself.

First time out

The crucial test, however, is when the time comes to allow the cat out of doors. At least a week should elapse before this is attempted: a longer time if the animal is particularly nervous or the district is a noisy one.

Personally, I never attempt to let cats out until they have thoroughly orientated themselves. They sit at the windows studying the garden outside, watching birds or passing traffic and obviously taking stock of what there is to be explored later. During the day, I carry them (held tightly) round the outside of the house so that they can recognize where they are, should they need to bolt for cover when finally at liberty.

Ultimately, choosing a quiet occasion, I open the door or window most likely to become the cat's future means of regular entry or exit, and allow him

to take his time to venture forth. Provided he can make back to safety, a cat seldom goes further at a time than he considers prudent, and if unflustered, always makes good his retreat should this be necessary. So do not close the door or window while he is out.

A timid one

Personally, I find early morning is the best time for the first constitutional, as if the cat does go off, there is more chance of seeing him in daylight. I do not feed him beforehand, as he is more likely to come back soon if hoping for a meal.

So far touch wood to all the cats which have owned me settled down well through this careful treatment, even To-To, a most timid neuter, who was so hysterical with nerves on his first move that he even tried to squeeze behind pictures on the wall in attempts to escape from his unfamiliar surroundings!

Now, of course, tranquilizing pills can be bought. Doubtless they help,

specially on journeys, but I find that there is still much to be said for the old-time theory—a good dab of butter on the paws!

Soothed by voice and touch, in a quiet room, with well-greased pads, most cats will be so busy licking and cleaning to restore their usual immaculate appearance that they speedily grow to feel at home in their new residence.

AMERICAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

We much regret the circumstances which compel us to raise our Yearly Subscription Rate for the Americas from \$3.25 to \$3.75 as from 1st April, 1958. This increase becomes necessary to enable us to meet (a) the higher postal charges now operating and (b) the heavier commission required by the banks for the collection of dollar cheques.



Our delightful picture of Paul Gallico was taken at his Salcombe (Devonshire) home. This famous author has always lived with cats for company and his love for them is revealed in his writings. His latest book *Thomasina* is becoming a best-seller and a rival to his very successful *Trame*, which appeared some years ago.



Tailpieces

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



THE British Federation of Animal Welfare Societies has asked the Liturgical Commission to include in the revision of the Book of Common Prayer a special prayer for the animal kingdom.

Writing in the current issue of *The Cat*, Oswald Blakeston, whose new book "The Sun at Midnight" has recently been published, has some interesting things to say about the cats of Finland. Apparently the Finns still have superstitions about cats and there are not many to be seen in the towns. In the country the farmers treat them as good workers rather than as pets. Helsinki now has a Felix Club with a hundred members so better times may be ahead for puss in the land where puss is known as "kissa."

Lt.-Col. J. C. Lockwood, former Honorary Treasurer, has been elected Chairman of the R.S.P.C.A. At the recent 129th annual general meeting of the Society it was revealed in the report for 1957 that cases of cruelty to cats resulted in 104 convictions, one offender being sent to prison. Nearly 12,000 unwanted cats were placed in good homes. Over 580,000 animal and bird air passengers received care and attention at the R.S.P.C.A. animal hostel at London Airport. The Society now employs over 200 inspectors and has nearly 100 clinics for veterinary treatment.

Many of you will remember affectionately the popular weekly journal *Answers*, which, alas, was compelled to discontinue

publication recently. One of its last issues reprinted the following paragraph from an issue of December, 1888: "It is well known that the Queen (Queen Victoria) takes her bed with her whenever she leaves home, but it is not so generally understood that she also has her seven cats transported from palace to palace. The cats are moved in pretty wicker baskets, and are all beautiful specimens. The favourite is a silver grey. There are three Persians and two Angoras."

Henrietta Tiarks, top débutante of 1957, was seen at London Airport recently awaiting the arrival of a tall, handsome young American from a Continental plane. With her was her Blue Persian kitten Gigi, who was on a lead.

Another recent arrival at the Airport was a plane from Baghdad carrying 35 British wives and 45 children. There was also a cat named Thomas in the party and he was, of course, detained to serve his time in quarantine.

According to a report in the *Melbourne Sun*, a local ginger and white cat named Blue is causing constant embarrassment to his owner. On his nightly prowls he keeps a look out for open windows—not for food or lady friends, but for swag! Once inside the house he looks around for any oddments of clothing, anything light enough to be dragged away to his own home. Socks are a speciality, but dainty undies, pyjamas, cardigans and swimsuits never come amiss. Blue's

WHICH CAT IS THE GRANDMOTHER?

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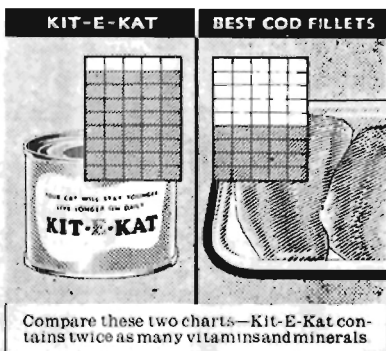
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distracted owner spends a lot of her spare time in laundering and returning the spoils in spotless condition. She has tried every way she can think of to stop the activities of this feline Raffles.

A recent issue of *Sunday Pictorial* devoted half a page under the heading "Exit the Alley Cat - Enter the Telly-Cat." Audrey Whiting had noticed that her Siamese Charles had changed his habits. Instead of making himself a nuisance to other cats in the neighbourhood around ten o'clock each night, he now sits at home and watches T.V. So she decided to investigate. Veterinary opinion was that cats clearly "get something out of T.V." They do not merely see flickering objects; when a bird is on the screen they see a bird. Diana Doss reported

that her Siamese hadn't caught a mouse ever since she had television installed.

For last month's cover picture of *Bonavia Memento*, Mrs. Turney's Chinchilla export, read "him" in the caption instead of "her!"

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, but senders should bear in mind that we cannot reproduce direct from pictures in newspapers and journals. Original photographs are necessary. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.

MICKY



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News from "Down Under"

"HELLO, folks!"—although I'm nearly too cold to say it.

As briefly stated in last month's notes, Melbourne Siamese Club Show was a very successful fixture. I have now received a Newsletter and report from Mrs. Patterson, who mentions that the "no show manager experiment" worked very smoothly. The opening ceremony was performed by Miss Corinne Kerley, whose humorous speech was very well received, after which a tour of the exhibits was made with President Scarffe.

Miss Saker's big day will surely be something to remember and talk of when the lights grow dim. Miss Beattie's success was pleasing to everyone. Mrs. Thurmer, Mrs. Heysen and Mr. and Mrs. Myers, of Adelaide, attended and there was a lovely little exhibit from Tasmania, the Apple Isle. Following is a selection from the specials list: Best Siamese Cat

—Miss Saker's Yonalin Sovreen Song; Best Siamese Male—Mrs. Lush's Gr. Ch. Valbert Beau Brummell; Best Siamese Male Kitten—Mrs. Davis's Lynworner Shane; Best Siamese Female Kitten—Mrs. Marks's Talbingo Scena; Best B.P. Cat—Mrs. Nasher's Gr. Ch. Suey Mak Melissa; Best Siamese Neuter—Miss Morris's Rart Chai Lai Jasper; Best Persian Male—Miss Beattie's Monivae Troy; Best Persian Female—Mrs. Murch's Lorne Brae Louella; Best Persian Male Kitten—Mrs. MacDonald's Kalmia Hayden; Best Persian Female Kitten—Mrs. Pickin's Myowne Morning Glory; Best Persian Neuter—Mrs. Smith's Platinum Mist of Carlton; Burmese Male Kitten—Mrs. Thurmer's Ransin Nyraj.

The Siamese and Short Hair Club (Specialist) held their second Championship Show in Parramatta Town Hall in

June, proceeds to benefit the Northcott School for Crippled Children. They chose a lovely day and as there was a steady flow of visitors the kiddies should benefit considerably. President Capt. Thom was a very busy host and the Joint Hon. Secs., the Misses Williams, are to be congratulated for a very attractively decorated show which ran most smoothly. Mr. Spike Milligan opened the Show and I thoroughly enjoyed some repartee with him over a cup of tea. He appeared to enjoy his day out. Main awards by the four judges were: Best Exhibit and Best Cat—Mr. Allen's Female Burmese Calypso Pallas Athene; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. Paris's B.P. Male Siamese Coochi Blue Caprice; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Donmall's S.P. Siamese Mystic La Femme Fleur; Best Male Kitten—Maida Cattery's Nijinsky of Chatsworth; Best Neuter B.P.—Mrs. Alcock's Cresthaven Cavalier; Best S.P. Litter—Mrs. Martin's; Best S.P. Junior—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Pandora.

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Also last month (June) the Cat Fanciers' Society of South Australia held their second Annual Championship Show in the lovely Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide. Good weather and gate helped the hard working committee to garner a respectable sum again for the sick children. What an enthusiastic band of workers from the President down, who is a good host! One judge and two unobtrusive but efficient stewardesses had the job done in time for the opening ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Chandler. Main awards were: *Persians*—Best Male and Female—Mrs. St. George's King Waroo of Windsor and Dream of Windsor; Best Male Kitten—Sister Cotton's Snowcotte; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. St. George's Sunny View Rose Marie; Best

Litter—Mrs. St. George's Shaded Silvers. *Siamese* : Best Male—Mrs. Thurmer's S.P. Su Lan Chui Chai ; Best Female—Mrs. Thurmer's B.P. Westwood Blue Physce ; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Jackson's S.P. Cara Mia Don Juan ; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Host's S.P. Su Lan Katrina ; Best Stud—Mrs. Thurmer's Bluemead Magic Flute ; Best Neuter—Mrs. Shinn's S.P. Su Lan Somness. Best Burmese Male Cat—Mrs. Thurmer's Ransin Hyraji.

During my visit to Adelaide I enjoyed some wonderful hospitality. After being met by Mrs. Thurmer and Mrs. Gebhardt I was driven out to see some of the sights, including lunch at a nice coast resort. On the Sunday I was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Gebhardt to Victor Harbour, 50 miles out, to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Heysen. Their lovely old home, built in 1855, has a wonderful view out over the sea and the mouth of our largest river (Murray). There was so much to see and enjoy, including the Heysen's livestock—cows, pedigree goats, Labrador dogs and Siamese cats. Mrs. Heysen has promised a little story later which I look forward to sending you.

Finally, a *début*. On 28th June the Siamese Cat Society of New South Wales

(Specialist) held their first Championship Show in the Police Boys' Club Hall, Burwood, Mr. Allen, President, Mr. Green, Secretary, and Mrs. Paris, Show Manager. Although the weather was very unkind a splendid attendance repaid all the hard work by the Committee and the Boys' Club should benefit considerably. A very attractive display by the Biological Institute of Australia created a lot of interest, as did a wonderful electric train system display. Some lovely trophies were won and Mrs. Helsham donated the Challenge ribbons. Altogether, a very fine show for a first effort.

Major awards were : Best S.P. Male—Mrs. Thom's Gaye Sultan ; Best S.P. Female—Mrs. Scarffe's Maramou Firebird ; Best S.P. Male Kitten—Mrs. Read's Faraway Grandu ; Best S.P. Female Kitten—Mrs. Donmall's Mystic La Femme Fleur ; Best B.P. Male—Mrs. Paris's Coochi Blue Caprice ; Best B.P. Female—Mr. Allen's Westwood Blue Lady ; Best B.P. Kitten—Mrs. Leach's Pic Point Blue Frost ; Best B.P. Neuter—Mrs. Alcock's Cresthaven Cavalier ; Best C.P. Female Kitten—Miss Williams's Temple Su-Wan Ling ; Best S.P. Neuter—Mrs. Young's Tarantel Sue Trong.

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Chinky - Sea Cat

By A. AUSTIN

STRICTLY speaking, Chinky did not belong to me because, as is the way with cats, I belonged to him.

He adopted me about September, 1947, as my ship, a 12,000 ton tanker, was leaving the Persian Gulf. I had seen him two or three weeks earlier when I joined the ship in Penang, Malaya (having been transferred from a small coastal tanker operating out of Singapore) but he lived aft then with the sailors who first brought him on board. They had found him as a tiny kitten wandering lost in the streets of Shanghai and so naturally they brought him back to the ship.

Although Chinky had travelled many thousands of miles before he met me, he was still only a kitten when he first came amidships to the bridge from his home in the stern of the ship. After making a tour of the bridge he took an instant liking to my radio office and as I was the radio operator it followed that I was at his beck and call. My seat became his bed and he had all his meals delivered to the radio room. I obtained a low wooden box from the carpenter and this filled with sand, placed outside on the bridge, served Chinky for toilet facilities.

The kitten quickly became a great favourite, not only with me, but with the captain, the three mates and the cadets, as he helped to pass away the tedium of the long watches as we sailed around Arabia, northwards through the Red Sea and then through the Mediterranean to Rotterdam. As I would be sitting on watch he would be running around my desk, jumping on to the equipment, leaping from the top of the

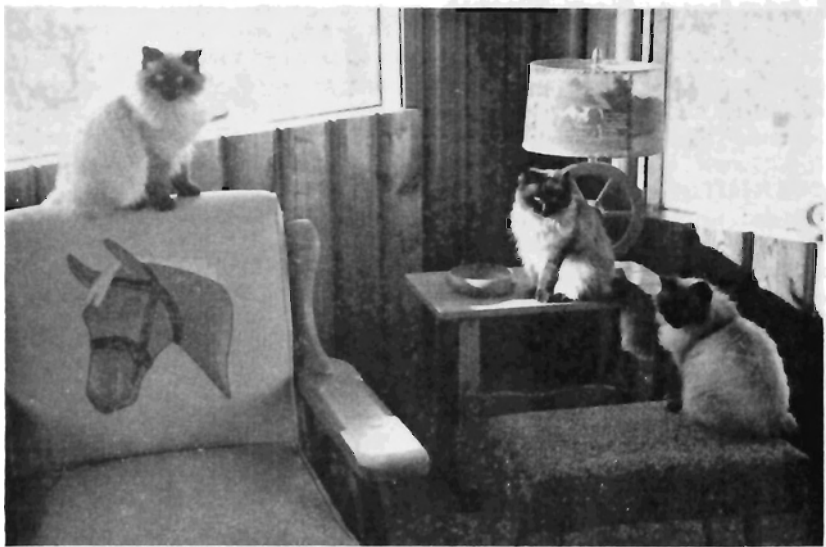
transmitter to the next set or tumbling around the deck after a ball of paper.

If I wasn't on watch, he would be playing with the mates in the adjoining chartroom and there wasn't a more comical sight to see than the captain and his officers solemnly plotting the position of the ship on the chart with Chinky sitting on the chart, solemnly studying the movement of the pencil. His undersides, chest, throat and lower part of his legs were pure white while his back, tail and head were tabby colouring and markings—so spotless was he that he made the white chart look decidedly grubby.

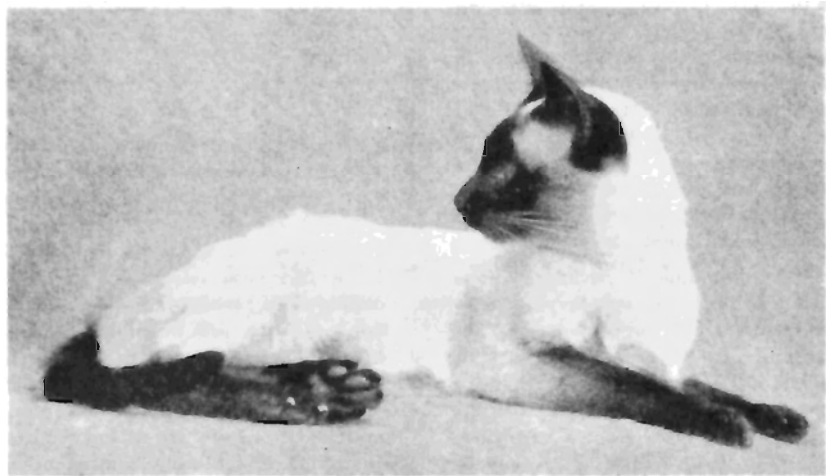
Although he was a hearty eater he never grew very much and his health gave me anxiety right from the start. I dusted him with what was then a new insecticide, which very effectively removed his fleas. But for several days afterwards he was off colour and I blamed the insecticide that he must have swallowed.

A bad fright

The next occasion when he gave me a bad fright was when the ship was on its way from Rotterdam to the West Indies to load motorspirit at Curaçao. The ship was near its destination and the weather was once again tropical. While walking about the main deck I found a flying fish which had landed during the hours of darkness and as it was perfectly fresh I thought I would take it up to the cat. Chinky was playing out in the strong sunlight when I climbed the ladders to the bridge and on being given the fish he nearly went crazy with excitement, growling and bristling as his tiny needle-teeth sank into the fish.



From Calgary, Alberta, Canada, comes this "homey" picture of Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Borrett's Colourpoint Longhairs, the new breed which is styled "Himalayan" across the Atlantic. The fellow on the Western style armchair is Chatelaine Al Hakim of Chestermere and with him are his two lady friends Briarry Sar Neerah and Briarry Zarcala of Chestermere, bred by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb, who scored a notable success at this month's Kensington Kitten Show by winning the premier award for Longhair exhibits with one of his Colourpoint kittens



Miss Pokins
SWANSDOWN HONEY, a nice typey 3-years-old Siamese belonging to Mrs. P. Simmons, of Hailsham, Sussex.

My watch was due to start, so I left him and went inside, only to be interrupted a few minutes later by the second mate dashing in to say my cat was dead. Greatly alarmed, I ran out to find Chinky lying stiff in a pool of sea-water on the deck where the sailors had been washing-down. As I watched he shuddered and slowly came round from what obviously had been a severe fit. Back in the radio room, I cleaned him and made a bed for him, then deciding that he had been having too much meat in his diet, I gave him bread and milk for a couple of days—which wasn't appreciated.

Leaving Curacao the ship headed back across the Atlantic, through the Channel and the North Sea, around the North of Denmark, into the Baltic then northwards to Finland. All this way, Chinky lived in the radio room keeping me company on my watches and sleeping there at night—rarely coming downstairs to my cabin. He seemed to be thriving again until one day, on this journey, I noticed Chinky in some distress, craning his neck forward and giving husky coughs. To my horror he coughed up a worm several inches long, that looped and twisted on the deck before dying within a few seconds. It was about the same colour and thickness as bicycle tyre valve-tubing.

Home at last

Chinky got over his coughing but a few days later I found him lying unconscious in another fit which worried me greatly because by this time he occupied a little corner of my heart.

From Finland, the ship went, via the Kiel Canal, to Hebburn-on-Tyne, to dry-dock and pay off, much to everyone's delight as it was only a couple of weeks to Christmas. This was a worrying time for me as I wasn't certain what the regulations were about landing cats in Britain although I knew dogs must be quarantined. But I knew I couldn't leave him on the ship during its months

in dry-dock with possibly no one on board to look after him.

During the last week or two of his life on the ship, Chinky was again coughing up these worms—much to my distress.

When eventually I was able to get Chinky home to my mother she was delighted with him and it was she who christened him Chinky because he came from China. However, his health failed again and once more he began to cough up worms and take fits one of which left him paralysed in his hind-quarters for several days. I tried worming powders without much effect but he slowly pulled round until he became fairly active again until the accident occurred.

Then—tragedy!

Chinky must have jumped up on to the settee and burrowed under a newspaper when my youngest brother entered the room and threw himself heavily on to the settee. Chinky gave an agonized scream and I rushed to pick him up but he was already arching into a fit. As I held him, his quivering stilled and he lay limp in my hands, his lips drawn back from his teeth. For a couple of minutes I tried to kid myself but I knew that this wasn't the stiffness of a fit but the stillness of death.

My father took the little furry bundle out of my hands and I rose, brushed aside my brother's apologies, and went out into the night. There was a stinging in my eyes and a lump in my throat that I didn't want anyone to share. For hours I tramped the darkness of the windswept streets trying to convince myself that it was perhaps for the best that his life had ended so abruptly instead of suffering on, as he had done.

We buried the little wanderer in England's cold earth—half a world away from where he was born—and my mother put a flowering bush over his grave. But it was a long time before the touch of his friendly little heart left mine.

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After-show precautions

THE first major show of the season—the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show—will be over by the time these notes appear. It is one of the loveliest with its splendid array of kittens making their debut, and the handsome neuters making a brave show although not yet in winter coat. It is also a reunion for many breeders who have not seen each other since the last Championship shows in January and early February.

I know many of us will approach the coming show season without any feeling of trepidation that illness is just lurking round the corner. Sensible precautions should of course be taken to avoid infection.

The correspondence during the last few months in a contemporary journal is calculated to give novices an exaggerated idea about the risk of exhibiting.

If cats, and especially kittens, are in tip-top condition and come from catteries where there has not been any illness for many months—and preferably none at all—the risk is negligible.

I have been rather a die-hard about immunization but am converted now and do not intend to show kittens in future unless they have been immunized. There is no doubt that because so many breeders take this precaution with their kittens, shows have become safer for all exhibits.

In the meantime, safety measures we can take ourselves are to whisk baskets and blankets used at the show out of contact with any feline directly we return home, and to at least change one's outer clothing, shoes and stockings.

When shows are near enough to leave home at a reasonable hour in the morning and to return the same evening, exhibits, in my opinion, are better without food whilst they are away. Like ourselves, felines frequently have little inclination for food at shows and it is surprising that some exhibitors leave it in pens all day for them to take odd mouthfuls when they feel so inclined. When they return home they really do enjoy a meal and as I never isolate my exhibits they are allowed to have their usual romp with the others. My theory is that isolation is inadequate in most modern houses when one's queens are house pets. So why deprive them of their usual companions?

First task the next morning is to wash everything washable which has been

to the show. Looking back over the years I have seldom exhibited kittens if it necessitated them being away overnight. Very long journeys and prolonged excitement must have a tendency to lower their vitality and make kittens temporarily more susceptible to infection.

Although normally my male Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous does not have heat in his house until early February when his first visiting queens arrive or in January if the weather is very cold. I would put a heater in his house the evening he returned from a show at any time in the winter if it was foggy, raining or very cold.

Kentish Show

The Kentish Cat Society made a step in the right direction when they introduced Hi-Dri paper towelling for the use of judges, stewards and veterinary surgeons at their show on July 12th at Tunbridge Wells. A whole page in the catalogue is devoted to its advantages and I endorse the paragraph which reads "Immaculate cleanliness is the

best antidote to germs. Soap and water is not sufficient if hands are then dried on a dirty towel"

Every movement to raise the standards of hygiene at cat shows is vitally important to exhibitors."

The President, Mrs. K. R. Williams, will probably be commenting on the awards at this show which I was unable to attend. Over 130 cats were entered but the strength of the Longhairs was disappointing, only ten adults and eleven kittens and two litters.

Best Longhair exhibit among the adults was Mrs. Stephenson's Ashdown Nuthatch and the same breeder also presented the Best Kitten, Ashdown Shamrock. Other winners were the Misses Chatterton's British Blue Mallow Katinka (Best Shorthair Cat) and Mrs. Martin's S.P. Siamese Whiteoaks Adeline (Best Shorthair Kitten).

Kent is a stronghold of Siamese breeders so they were well represented and the main support of the Show.

I would like to see this Show held in a locality more convenient to the majority of breeders. Tunbridge Wells is not an



Hugh Smith

Judging of the Shorthair kittens in progress at the Kentish Cat Society Show. Officials are Mrs. Phyllis Hughes, Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb and Mrs. K. R. Williams (judges) with Mrs. M. Brunton and Mrs. Blackden (Show Manager in attendance).

easy place to get to except by car—even if one lives in Kent—and for many breeders living on the other side of London it means about a two hours' journey. Experience teaches us that they will not usually travel so far to an exemption show especially when the éclat of exhibiting and possibly winning at a major London Show, is in the offing. The solution for a better entry would be a show in Kent but at a venue much nearer London and with a more frequent train service.

Mrs. D. R. Blackden made her début as Joint Show Manager with Miss K. Stephenson and I hear from those who attended that it was enjoyable and attracted quite a good gate.

New Zealand Champion

News comes from Mrs. Turney about Bonavia Campanello, the male Chinchilla kitten by Ch. Mark of Allington, who was Best Kitten at Kensington Kitten Show last year. He was exported to New Zealand and at Auckland Ch. Show he was awarded his second Challenge Certificate, Best L.H. Cat in Show and Best Imported L.H. from England. He travelled out with Dilly of Thame, a female by Bluecroft Day bred by Mrs. McLeod. Dilly was awarded her first C.C. at Auckland so this pair should do well for their owner Miss Lovejoy.

Campanello must have been seen by everyone in this country as he is the kitten in front of the pair depicted in the Kosset Carpet advertisement which has appeared so prominently in the national press. This photograph was recently selected "Photograph of the Month" by the advertising trade press.

Record Longhair litters

Mrs. Daphne Fisher, of County Durham, inquires if a litter of seven kittens for a Blue Longhair is very rare. The answer to this is that each year one hears of a few cases of Longhairs having

these big litters but what is rare is for them all to survive. Usually nature eliminates some either because they are stillborn or a few expire shortly after birth.

Some of the largest litters I know of with a high percentage of survivors were from Mrs. Denton's Blue, Camber Googie, who had a litter of eight last year by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, five males and two females survived. They were strong hefty kittens. One of the males is Mrs. Eckenburg's (Seattle, U.S.A.) Camber Charles and another Mr. Kirby-Smith's Camber Frivolity, the latter already a proved sire. Mrs. Brunton's queen Gaydene Wildrose had a litter of seven by the same sire in 1954 and all lived.

Mrs. King's Blue-Cream Ch. Starmist had a litter of eight by her Cream male Ch. Hendras Benedict in 1956 and six were fine strong kittens. Last year she reared a fine family. This year nature evidently demanded a rest as she had one in the early Spring and she has just distinguished herself again by producing another eight. She is nursing two Cream boys, one Cream girl and two Blue males, all doing well. The three Blue-Creams in this litter did not survive.

Four kittens — the ideal

Mrs. King is delighted with the five and there should be some winners among them as this union has produced Startops Baby Bunting, Startops Sandmanetta, Startops Cover Girl and Startops Spangles, all first prize winners. Baby Bunting has already been awarded two Challenge Certificates but as she is nursing her first litter of six it is unlikely that she will be able to compete for her third until the later shows.

Mrs. Fisher's Blue Mine Melissa had seven kittens by Mrs. Taylor's very nice male Blue Boy of Kenton. Two males and two females are very flourishing, the other three lived for a short time but gave up the unequal struggle against heftier kittens. Mrs. Fisher is

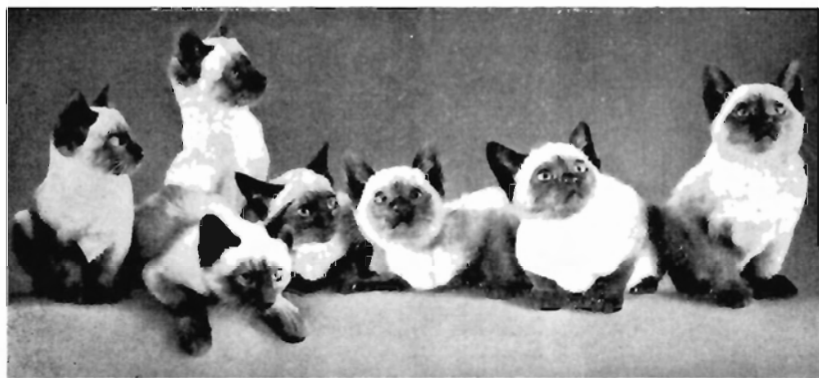
delighted with this family as it is her queen's first, and her own first experience of pedigree kittens. Melissa won well at the few shows at which she appeared last season. Four kittens is an ideal litter, enough to keep the mother very contented and to provide an ample supply of milk.

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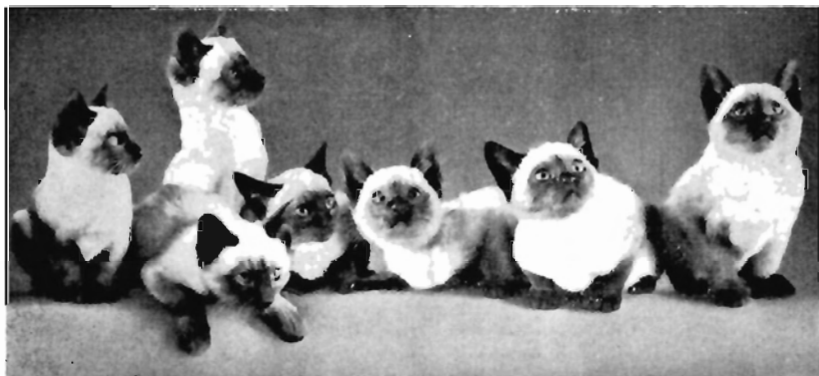
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THREE COUNTIES SHOW (continued from next page)

surgeon made up the panel under the
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Progress in the Western Counties

THE Three Counties Cat Club have held their first exemption show at Verwood, Dorset, in conjunction with the local Prize Band Fête. It was a great success (writes guest judge Mrs. K. R. Williams) despite several deluges of rain in the afternoon.

It is splendid to see how all sections work together for the good of the whole and I understand that funds are now nearly enough to have a hall ready by next year.

Best Siamese was Mrs. E. Miller's Browdrey's Poupee by Avonside Tudor Prince ex Slades Cross Poona and Major and Mrs. Rendall's Misselfore Serena by Ch. Misselfore Ryken ex Sah Mutaira, was adjudged best Blue Point. The neuter class was larger than usual and the winner was Miss P. Hickson's Siamese Ayalee Noel. There were some lovely kittens and among Siamese the best was a Blue Point. Mr. H. Potter's Suhne Blue Mist by Ch. Bluchaves Foxy ex Chatwyn

Jenny). Several children exhibited their pets and were keenly interested in the proceedings.

The Club in its first year has made great strides. It has a very active Committee and capable officers, notably Mrs. Cade, Chairman, Mr. Cade, Treasurer, and Mrs. M. Wilson, Hon. Secretary. Meetings have been held within the three counties and very enjoyable they were. At Shaftesbury, a most interesting competition was held a "Personality Competition" in which the cats are numbered and penned. Then the first two are brought out and the public are invited to make their vote, the winning cat going into the next round, and so on until only one cat is left. The proceedings were televised.

An "Any Questions?" session was held in Bournemouth at the Town Hall. Miss Kit Wilson and I represented the non-pedigree and pedigree cats respectively and Mr. Harry W. Ashley of the *Bournemouth Echo* and a veterinary

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Shaftesbury Journal

Prize giving at the Three Counties Cat Club Show was carried out by Miss Shearing, Verwood's Carnival Queen. Here she is handing a trophy to Mrs. H. Porter (right) with Mrs. M. Wilson (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. C. F. Cade (Chairman) and Mrs. P. Hughes (judge) in attendance.

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to a
party”**



When our good friends in the American cat world get an idea they certainly don't believe in half measures. This gay little party took place in the spring to honour the 12th birthday of CHAMPAIGN, a Cream Persian and one of the fine Longhairs belonging to Mrs. Marie Wilson, of the Blue Gables Cattery, Detroit, Michigan. There were guests from four states, many gifts and over 100 greetings, cards and the party really went on for a couple of days. The humans in our group (splendidly taken as usual by "Muzzie" Nelson) are : *Left to right, seated* Bert Slauter, Ohio, with Ko-Ko-Mo, Virginia Daly, Michigan, with Dalai Jakki, Marie Wilson with Champaign and his birthday cake, Marvin Lowener, Illinois, with LaPatcha. *Standing, back row* Ellen Slauter with Kon-Ke-Ke, Marguerite Wilson, Indiana, with Kalmar, Ann Bieneman, Pennsylvania, with Inky, Dotty Seeley, Michigan, with Dot-sie Lil, Mary Butler, Illinois, with Rosebud, Irene Dossche, Illinois, with Blonde Blessing, Jack Wilson, Illinois, with LaTanja and Hattie Grant, Michigan, with Glamour Girl. Strange to add, none of the three Wilsons is related to the others.