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EDITOR

My Christmas Greetings

By MISS KATHLEEN YORKE,

(Chairman of The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy)

WHETHER the dying year has been kind to you or not, there is much to be thankful for. Those who have enjoyed good health have carried out many of the good resolutions they made twelve months ago, others have done much of what they set out to do. For some, it has been a long road with many worries; for others, a journey filled with the sense of satisfaction and pleasure that comes through achievement.

The breeding season for many started late, with loss of kittens born early. But the registrations of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy in England record the births of an increasing number of kittens of all varieties. Many of them have already shown promise by winning at

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shows at home and abroad. It is a special thrill when a cable arrives to announce some top award for an adult or kitten who has not long left our shores for a new and strange home overseas.

It is becoming increasingly necessary for all to learn to judge their kittens very early, to appraise the good and not so good in what they breed. They must seek the breeding that fits in with the pedigrees of their queens, not just the most fashionable of studs. This applies to Longhairs and Shorthairs alike.

Our newer breeds—Burmese and Colourpoints—are making a great name for themselves around the world and to the pioneers of these varieties we send greetings and good wishes for the coming year. Many of these cats are being sought after, but the breeders are wise and will not deplete the country of all our best stock during these early stages of development. Mr. V. Watson guards the Burmese and Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb the Colourpoints. The last-named has achieved wonderful results with the variety and history was made when one of his young Colourpoints was Best Kitten in Show on two occasions. He narrowly missed a third title, but this will undoubtedly come as adults and kittens show a great improvement over the past year.

A Chestnut that is new

The latest arrival in the cat world is the Chestnut Brown Foreign, which was called "Havana" by some breeders, a name which was never accepted by the Fancy. History has also been made with this breed as a representative recently won a first Challenge Certificate.

Many British-bred cats won Challenge Certificates and International Challenge Certificates at the recent Cat Club de Paris Show. Three English judges went over to join two others and there they found amongst others Shan of Allington, Rosita of Dunesk, Ch. Merlin of Brentside, Daydream of Thame and Int. Ch. Doneraile Leo, a well-known winner on the Continent, all worthy of special recognition. Our cats and kittens have also been winning at the recent Brussels Show, at many of the Australian, New Zealand and American shows, also in Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Greetings go to them all as their welfare is dear to the hearts of their breeders.

My good wishes and blessings go out to you all for this Christmas and the coming New Year. Especially I am remembering Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, of Sydney, Australia, a dear friend of many in this country; Miss Elsie

FORTHCOMING SHOWS

16 December ...	*National Cat Club	London
	<i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	
1959		
10 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire C.C.	Nottingham
17 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club	Glasgow
	<i>(see displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	
27 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C.	London
7 February ...	*Lancs. and N.W. Counties C.C.	Venue to be fixed

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I would dearly like to name so many more but our Editor has not the space to spare. To him who allows me to send these greetings round the cat world, I am more than grateful. He is a wonderful man who puts so much time into the production of this very valuable magazine which binds us together over many thousands of miles. Thank you, Mr. Cowlshaw.

Finally, I would like to close my contribution for this Special Greetings Number with the following splendid lines, which are an adaptation of a little poem by the Australian, Joan Kinmont :

Dear God, look down on them
Wherever they may be,
And flood their hearts
With Thy great love and peace.
Touch Thou their eyes
And cast out tiredness.

Dear God, watch over them
Wherever they may be,
And never turn away
Thy vision from their eyes—
Those eyes which are to me
The light by which I steer my course
Through this dark sea of life.
For should their brightness dim
Then my frail craft must lose its way . . .
Oh, God, watch over them.

KATHLEEN YORKE.

(And thank you, Miss Yorke, for all the help and encouragement you have given me over the past ten years, without which I shouldn't have been able to forge this chain of friendship and goodwill.—Editor.)

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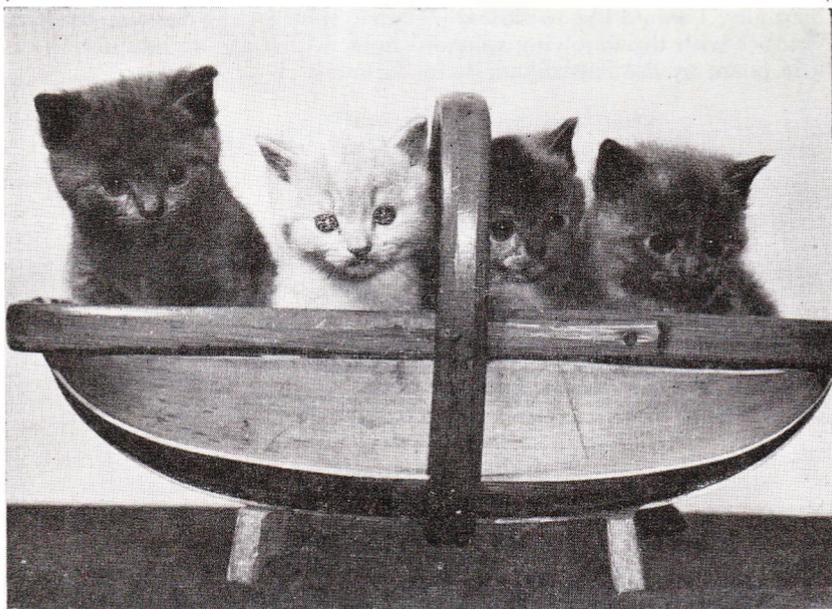
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Christening cats

By A. L. SHERWIN

WHAT'S in a name? "A rose by any other name will smell as sweet" says the poet. It certainly doesn't when it is a case of choosing a name for either the new pedigree kitten or for the stray who has decided to adopt you.

More than any other animal the cat is an individual, and as such he, or she, must have just the right name. One friend of mine has had six Siamese, and they have all been called Susie. Her explanation for this lack of originality is that she does not get into a muddle by addressing her cat by the wrong name—a point of view I cannot understand.

I called my beautiful red tabby Cromwell because he came into my life after I had lost Oliver. Cromwell must always come after Oliver. I could, of course, have called him Roland—"a Roland for an Oliver." But when I counted up his feeding dishes, pan for cooking fish, casserole for his rabbit, blankets, basket, brushes, playthings, I wondered why I had not christened him Soames, for he was certainly a "*Man of Property*" (John Galsworthy).

Fluffy, Sooty, Nigger, Tinker—not very original for that bundle of black mischief. He is bound to become a proud Lucifer or a Pluto, or a sleek-coated, inscrutable Sybilla.

And why are so many lively Reds, both short-haired and long-haired, answering to just Ginger or Sandy? Why not Hector Macnab, Robert, Rufus, Macgregor, Macwhirter, Lady Macbeth? Or, simply Boy and Girl—boy friend and the girl friend. I nearly called one pussy Agag. Why? Well, although these cats step firmly into your heart they always step so lightly and gently over

your threshold. "Then, said Samuel, 'Bring ye hither to me Agag, the king of the Amalekites' . . . and Agag came unto him *gently*." (*I Samuel XV*).

The Bible is a great source of inspiration for names—David and Jonathan, Naomi and Ruth, Samson and Delilah, Peter and Paul, are good for pairs. Then what about Jephthah—"A mighty man of valour" (*Judges, XI*)?

For noisy ones

If you are one of those owners who spoil your pet and go to the larder more often than you should for some tasty fish or a saucer of the top off the milk, then anticipate that inevitable early middle-aged spread and call him Peckham after the fat boy of Charles Dickens.

For the stray, who looks at you so beseechingly, I suggest Dorothea, which means "gift of God." And if you are going to have your female kitten spayed, then how about Virginia? Both these names will shorten easily for calling them in at night—Dorrie and Ginnie.

Most cats have loud voices. The Siamese certainly intend that everyone shall hear them, so let the world of music help in this christening task. Banjo - Piccolo - Trombone or Zildjian, the Turkish word for cymbal-maker. Or, for fun, why not be really original and call your Seal-point Dumb Crambo?

Dances and dancers can inspire some brainwaves. What better name than Valeta for that sprightly kitten springing after a ball, or leaf blown by the wind? Schottische - Polka - Tango, etc. Some Persians have been called Scheherazade, a role danced by the famous Karavina; but I have never heard of a Dinazarde, who was Scheherazade's sister.

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But here are some suggestions :—

King Mongkut—a great and wise ruler referred to in the film “Anna and the King of Siam.”

Wat Arun—the Temple of Dawn at Bangkok.

Asoka—a Buddhist King.

Prince Chula Chakrabongse—he represented His Majesty, the King of Thailand at Queen Elizabeth’s Coronation in 1953.

Sukhothai—happy people.

Wat Phra Keo—Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

Chesda or Nangklao—the king who sits over our heads, a title still applied by members of the Royal Family.

King Bhumiphol Adundij—which is pronounced Poomipon.

Korat—the traditional home of the Siamese cat. Travellers report that the natives say : “No cats—all gone England.”

Ankana—a Siamese Christian name.

Kao Luang—highest mountain of Southern Siam.

Phaya Taktt Sin—a great Siamese General.

Swami—a Chinese word meaning master or lord.

Namaskar—an Indian word, which means “I greet the Divine in you.”

And why not Lord of Chao-Phraya (a river) and Prince of Bankok ? Mis-

chievous imps that the Siamese cats always are, they can still hold themselves as true lords and princes.

One eleven-year-old Siamese I have the honour to know rejoices in the name of U-Pu-Kythyn (pronounced Pookin). The U-Pu is Burmese for Mr. He is indeed, a “mister,” adores white wine, and will catch anything from a mouse to a moose.

Other suggestions are :—Zenobia, Fatima, Musetta, Typhoo, Louella, Zuki, Pearl, Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire, Sheba, Jo-Jo, Nefrititi. The last three are the names of Siamese, who own Michael Butterworth, the Editor of “Valentine.” He also has one called simply Percy. Mr. Butterworth told me he was the size of a little white sausage when he was born. But he was the first of the litter to purr—Purr-see !

I am sure some owners will want to call their Siamese or Burmese after the ten daughters of Mr. Ngo Dinh Luyen, Vietnam’s Ambassador in London. The names are :—Mai-Loo (Cherry Flowerbuds), Dieu-Cam (Harmonious Music), Dien-Van (Graceful Cloud), Ngoc-Anh (Pure Diamond), Chou-Lan (Black Orchid), Anh-Mai (Cherry Blossom), Mai-Chi (Branch of the Cherry), Van-Yen (Swallow of the Clouds), Kim-Lan (Limid Aurora), Minh-Chieu (Golden Orchid).

Yes—it is a fascinating problem trying to find just the right answer to “what shall we call him—or her ?” I have quite made up my mind that my next friend shall be called Bluebell. Why ? Because as I write this article I hear a song coming sweetly over the radio about “Bluebell—flower of my heart.” Any cat of mine will always be just that.

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Cats in Paint & Print

By SIDNEY DENHAM

Sidney Denham is the author of "Cats Between Covers" and with Helen Denham collected the exhibits for the "Cats Through The Ages" Exhibition of pictures, ceramics, books, etc., in London in 1953. Under the title "Cats in Paint and Print" he will write periodically about cats in books and the arts and will welcome interesting items from readers or answer their questions.

THE French cartoonist Siné has produced a highly original book of cat drawings based on the discovery that catachresis provides a basis for a whole new field of humour. Siné drove me to the dictionary in search of words containing the syllable cat and the discovery that catachresis means the perverted use of words. His book *Scatty* (Max Reinhardt 6s.) is a series of drawings of cats illustrating words containing the combination cat or chat. Skill as a cartoonist and scattiness combine to produce page after page which will raise a smile even during post-influenzal depression.

It is only right to tell aileurophiles (after a dose of Siné, I avoid cat-lovers guessing how he would illustrate them) that the fun is verbal and not feline, a sort of visual punning and not based on the characteristics or even characteristics (Siné is catching) of cats. Yet at the same time many of Siné's cats are real cats we all recognize.

The publishers offer prizes to readers for the most original ideas for new "scatty" pictures. The *Daily Mail* has already run a competition of the same kind and they were overwhelmed with entries, the best of which was "Chatter-box," illustrated by a public telephone booth occupied in a way with which we are only too familiar.

Scattiness is obviously going to become the vogue in some circles. Intellectual cat-lovers will this Christmas be playing a variation of the old game "I love my love with an A . . . , etc." substituting cat for love. You could start with loving your cat with an A because he's in Alcatraz, B because he's a baccate cat, C because he's catastrophic and work through to Xencaton, Yucatan and Zecatric. Two of the words are not in the dictionary but are permissible because there are no cat words beginning with X and Z and this is a scatty game anyway.

Curious corruptions

An hour spent with reference books as a result of Siné prompts some interesting reflections. "Cat words" and expressions fall roughly into three classes. Some are genuinely based on our name for our four-footed furry friends. Others are due to corruptions and mistranslations. And the great majority, of course, have nothing to do with cats at all. The many beginning with cata-, cat- and cath- which provide the basis of numerous Siné puns are from the Greek and have no reference to the cat, although admittedly cats are sometimes down, away, entire, alongside and throughly, which are the prefixes meanings.

Many of the corruptions and mistranslations are curious. Catgut is probably corrupted from gut-cord and cat's cradle from cratch cradle (creche),

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a manger. The cat call of the theatre is not that of the roof tops but from catastrophe, the denouement of the ancient drama, whistled for by impatient patrons in the pit.

An amusing example of mistranslation is Cat-Water at Plymouth. Originally it was a chateau. Some helpful or xenophobic person preferred it in English and translated it literally—chat, cat; eau, water. This is worthy of Siné.

The English word cat has been used for other things. The Dick Whittington story is said to be based on the fact that a certain type of ship used for coal carrying was known as a cat. It is thought possibly by a not uncommon inversion a tac (or tackle) on a ship became a cat, and hence the various ropes known as cats which gave rise to the cat-o'-nine-tails and in turn lack of room to swing a cat. A cat was also a special type of six-legged tripod and a pent house used in assaults on castles.

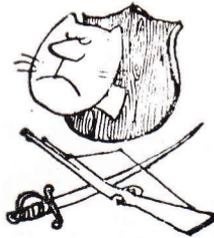
The soldier's kit has more to do with the old cooking utensils (kitchen) than the young of cats. Pewter pots were known as cats and kittens and hence the inn sign "The Cat and Kittens." The "Cat and Fiddle" has been variously ascribed to corruptions of Catherine la fidele, wife of Peter the Great and Caton le fidele, a governor of Calais.

Like Siné, one could go on like this for ever—but my cat-kins are calling me for their supper.

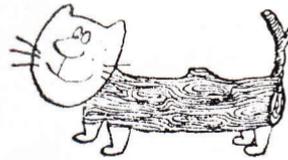
CAT - LAP

ALL along the shore this Summer day
 The waves like little lapping
 kittens play,
 A-lick among the milk of foam and spray;
 And while they suck the fringe of tang
 and weed,
 The shingle joins in purring; so they feed
 Tip-tongue athirst, with baby-kitten
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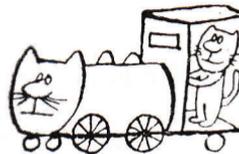
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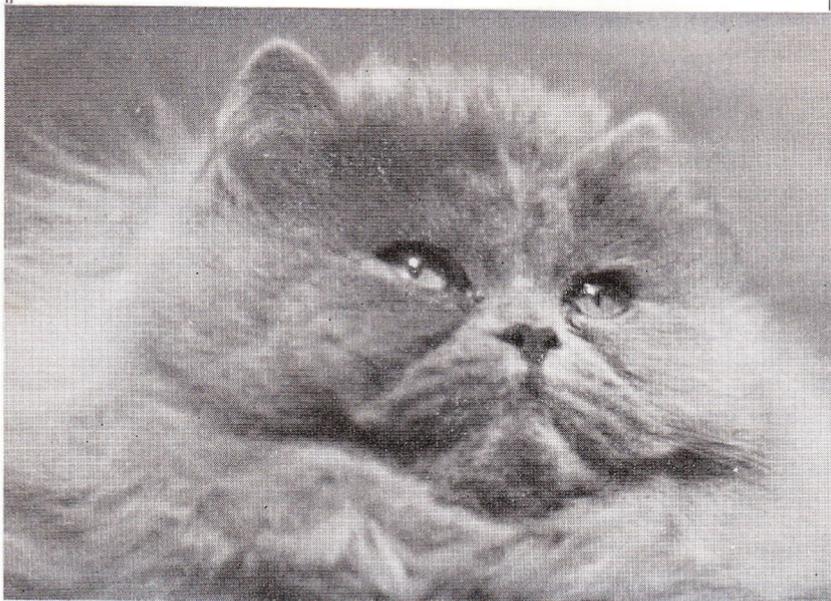
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"**Our Cats Picture Book**," edited by Arthur E. Cowlshaw, text by Sidney Denham, foreword by Christabel Lady Aberconway. (Nicholas Kaye, 18s.). Please see elsewhere in this issue for fuller details. It's the perfect gift for Christmas and the New Year.

"**The Cat in my Mind**," by John Inglis Hall (Putnam & Company, 15s.). The author's acquaintance with cats began when he was a boy living in the Lake District where his mother was carrying out breeding experiments with colour breeding of orange and cream Persians. There were sometimes up to

twenty cats in the family's various homes during his early years. Now he sees cats as aloof, self-contained and elegant. This offering is a book of poems illustrated by Lilian MacKendrick, the distinguished American artist who has painted many of America's best known cats.

"**Three Men and a Girl**," by Warren Chetham - Strode (Heinemann, 15s.). Well-known as a playwright on serious themes, the author digresses somewhat violently to present a charming fantasy based on the idea that animals who utter sounds are really speaking in their own language. If only human beings will take a little trouble, they can learn to understand it. The principal characters are Charles and Mary Warren and the story, which will be enjoyed by all ages, describes their relationship with four Siamese cats. Sheila Hawkins illustrates a number of situations and she has given us Siamese that really look like G.C. registrations. And that's a nice change!

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PETER, the elegant black cat at the Home Office, is in the news again as the Home Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler has chosen his picture to adorn the official Christmas card. The card shows Peter in a very dignified pose complete with collar and identification disc and the caption below explains that the Home Office has always had a cat called Peter. In 1929 the Office Keeper was given permission by the Treasury to spend from his petty cash a penny a day "towards the maintenance of an efficient office cat." The present holder of the office, now ten years old, enjoys a considerable rise in pay. He gets a Treasury grant of £6 10s. 0d. a year. Congratulations, Peter, on becoming a personage rather than "a useful institution."

A letter received from Mrs. E. T. Mehliiss, Founder and President of the Bulawayo Cat Club, conveys her greetings to cat lovers everywhere. Now over 80 years of age, this great worker for the ill-treated and unwanted cats in Southern Rhodesia is fighting an illness which curbs her activities. May your days be happier through 1959, Mrs. Mehliiss.

A notice on the garden gate at the home of Mrs. K. Carter, of Broadstone, Dorset, reads: "If anyone has lost wool or woollen garments, please call here." Her cat Marco Polo is responsible for this. Mrs. Carter explains that Marco has been seen popping in and out of open windows in the village. Anything woollen—gloves, knitted toys,

balls of wool, part-knitted garments, etc.—he pounces on and carries off home.

A kitten trapped in a drainpipe for 36 hours at a S.W. London hotel was rescued by firemen, who had to work 50 feet above the ground. At the Blue Cross Hospital it was given oxygen before being handed over to the hall porter, who offered to provide a home.

From Brittany in France comes a modern version of the nursery rhyme "Ding, Dong Bell." It begins when a party of sportsmen went out with their guns. Instead of chasing hares, their dog decided to chase a cat which dived for refuge into a well. The dog was unable to stop in time and fell in after it. There was worse to follow as one of the sportsmen missed his footing at the top of the well and fell in, too. Only the cat lost its life and now the rescued sportsman is being sued by the cat's owners for damages.

Mrs. Hal Hastings, the owner of a Siamese named Ming living in Miami, Florida, U.S.A., reveals that her pet has been taking a daily swim since she was four weeks old. Ming is now six months and pictures in the local newspaper show her enjoying her morning dip. Heading reads "Cat in a Cool, Cool Pool."

Eve Perrick (writing recently in her column in the *Daily Mail*) observed that cats are smart in the mental sense of the word and in the fashionable

sense. Certainly all the smartest people have cats and she proceeded to name a few to prove it. Would not the Cat of the Week, she asked, be the beautiful Blue Pointed Siamese belonging to Lady Beatty and stroked by Cats-Whiskers Sinatra when he came to call on her mistress. Then there are Vivien Leigh's pair of Siamese, Boy the elder and Armando the kitten. Not far away, in the penthouse of Mr. Terence Rattigan, resides a treasured cat of unknown parentage. At the Boltons address of the Douglas Fairbankses, Smoky, a gorgeous Persian, is ensconced, and in Pelham Place the household of Cecil Beaton boasts a moggy named Mickey. Then there are the literary cats made immortal by the writings of T. S. Eliot,

Paul Gallico, and Sandy Wilson. "Naturally," concludes Eve Perrick, "I've got a cat of my own—probably the only one in the world named Duncan."

It is reported that nearly 100 cats and kittens "running wild" at the big Army Ordnance Depot at Didcot, Berkshire, have been put down by the order of the Commandant. He denied that this action was taken solely to preserve the pheasant shooting which is carried on in the area. As all pet cats also are banned I shouldn't be at all surprised if the officer responsible isn't regretting his decision when the rats and mice discover this new and unguarded "land of opportunity."



What a Christmas it was for little Stephen Lowings, of Loughborough, Leics.!

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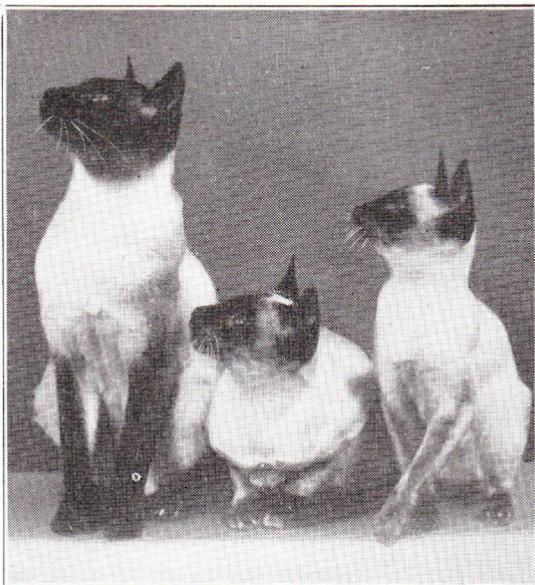
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TO readers everywhere, my wishes are that your Christmas may be a truly happy one, and that throughout the New Year your efforts will be rewarded with great success.

At the same time, I wish to thank you for the kindly and helpful letters which so many have sent me during the past twelve months. Additional friendships have resulted, and this in itself has made my writings in OUR CATS well worth while.

Once again, I ask for your continued help by bringing to my notice any breeding results which may seem unusual, and if I can help with advice on breeding problems, believe me, I shall be only too happy.

During the last year or so, one or two mutations in cats have been brought to notice, and some fresh variations, particularly in "colour", have been established by the crossing of the already established ones. It was written, not so very long ago, that no attempts have been made by geneticists to establish new varieties. But surely this is a matter mainly for the fancier.

The geneticist's part is to show the way by making known the mechanisms and the known whys and wherefores of the various factors involved. That is exactly what we try to do in these articles. And with this kind of knowledge, the

fancier should be able to work out the direct methods which will produce any possible new variety or combination which he or she has in mind.

With a knowledge of the subject (usually, only text-book facts are necessary), any fancier, so inclined, is placed in a position from which to get added attraction and fascination from his breeding. But why any fancier should blame the scientist for not doing what is obviously the breeder's part, one fails to see. In any case, one can only say that, when asked for, help is always freely and readily given.

About miniatures

In my book *Cat Genetics*, references are made to "dwarfism." The references mainly concern causes which may prevent individual animals from attaining full normal size. Quite frequently, these individual animals are sterile or near sterile, and it might therefore be very difficult to establish a strain, and if one were established it might prove to be a rather useless proposition in a fancy. However, as we all know, strains of miniature animals, notably in dogs, have been evolved.

In a letter from a reader in Pennsylvania it is pointed out that there is a domesticated strain of cats in Paraguay, the individuals of which are miniatures. The adults weigh only about three pounds, which, of course, is considerably

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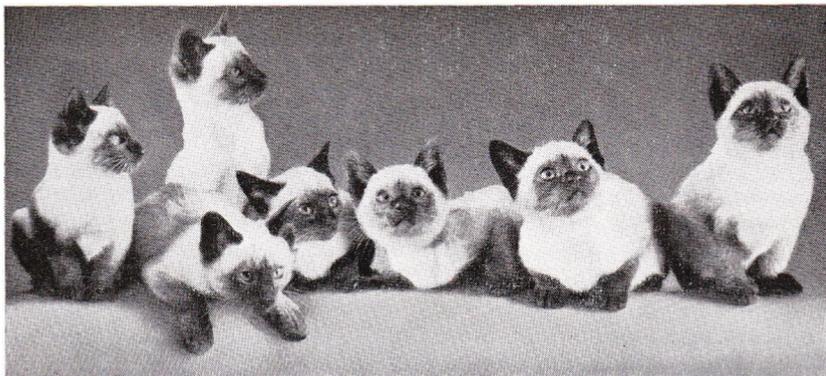


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below normal cat weight. The body is noticeably elongated, and the hair, more especially on the tail, is short, close and shiny. There are suggestions that this type may have been derived from the jaguarondi, although there is no proof of this. However, it is pointed out that *Felis jaguarondi* can itself be domesticated; one of the keepers at a Chicago zoo is said to have had one as a house pet.

Perhaps the above may catch the eye of someone who is in a position to give more details of these miniature cats and their origin. Someone may even be in a position to do experimental breeding by crossing with normal breeds and so produce something else new in the Fancy world.

Cats that "scuttle"

Quite a number of interesting questions were put by my Pennsylvania correspondent. For instance, he asks if there is any connection between "ticked fur" and "voice" in cats. In the absence of sufficient data, no definite answer could be given. Maybe readers would like to help here, especially those who have had experience with several breeds. Until the fact is established no cause for connection could be suggested or even imagined.

Voice seems to rely, certainly in the main, on the physiological differences between breeds. We know for instance why even the smallest of birds are capable of producing such great volume to their voices, and also why some of the largest of our birds have little voice at all. However, any information concerning "ticking" of coat and "voice" in cats would be both useful and interesting.

Our friend ends his letter with a description of an abnormality in the local cat population. He mentions that he has frequently observed a local variation in his region (Lancaster County) which must be dominant; entire litters occur with cats whose legs are markedly shorter than normal:

the cats walk with a crouch, and scuttle rather than run. It does not seem to be a dietary deficiency: the bone structure is sound, and the cats seem perfectly healthy.

Importance of water

There are those who have the idea that water is something which animals only need either for quenching their thirst, or to make up for loss of moisture content. But, of course, there is more to it than just that. Water is not merely a "clear" liquid, but is a valuable container of trace elements which are vitally necessary for an animal's well-being. These trace elements, as the title implies, are only present in quite small quantities, but as mostly only small amounts are needed in the intake, the withholding of water may cause noticeable effects.

As mentioned in an earlier article, calcium is one of the essentials, and the ratio of calcium to phosphorous is important for reproduction and the normal functioning of the ovaries. Another essential is iodine. Without it, there cannot be proper functioning of the thyroid gland which controls growth. The iodine levels in water vary from place to place, and the ill-effects which only a small variation will produce may be quite significant.

But there are certain trace elements which are known to upset the assimilation and absorption of iodine, one of which is fluorine. This requires to be present in only very small amounts to produce its effect—at somewhere between 0.3 to 0.5 parts of fluorine per million parts of water, this element exercises a necessary and beneficial action. When water contains less than this amount, the incidence of dental decay is high.

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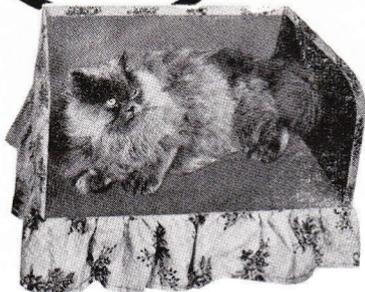
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Could be mischief

A Berkshire reader writes : *One of the forelegs of my cat has swelled up considerably in the last two days. The swelling goes from the foot to nearly the elbow. In the middle of it there is an encircling wrinkle rather like those seen on the arms and legs of small fat babies. The cat is in pain. Can you please suggest a cure ?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies : Obviously this is not an abscess which, if present, would be much more localized. The wrinkle you mention prompts me to suggest that you probe down to the bottom of it in a good light. You will probably find that some mischievous child has put on an elastic band which of course has stopped the return of venous blood, and caused the pain and swelling. If you cannot find this band, seek veterinary advice.

The third eyelid

A Paris subscriber writes : *For several days my cat's eyes have been half covered by a sort of skin. Is this some disease of the eyes and what should be done about it ?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies : This so-called skin is in fact the third eyelid or "membrana nictitans," or haw. It is not a disease of the eye. The haw serves a useful function in removing foreign bodies from the cornea or glass of the eye; it also protects the eye when the cat is moving through bushes or undergrowth. But the protrusion is also seen when a cat is out of sorts. There is a pad of fat at the back of the eyeball, and if the cat retracts the eyeball into the orbit, this fat is

pushed forward and causes protrusion of the haw. Often a good purgative will clear the matter up.

Senile decay

A London reader writes : *What can I do to help my tabby tom cat, now nearly twelve years old ? He is losing flesh and becoming listless ; rarely wants to go out, and has developed a slight cough.*

M.R.C.V.S. replies : All these symptoms fit a diagnosis of senile decay. The majority of cats have a life of only ten years. Of course, there are many exceptions to that rule. The loss of condition and the listlessness are common to senility, and the cough is a frequent complication of a failing heart. One cannot successfully fight against old age, and I advise letting the cat live his life out, without dosing him with all sorts of quack medicines and vitamins.

They cannot do any good in such a case. It is presumed, however, that you have had a veterinary examination, to eliminate the possibility of some pathological condition being present.

Ear scratching

A young Surrey reader writes : *Our pussy has a tremendous swelling on one of its ears. He holds his head on one side and scratches the ear, making terrible wounds. What is the cause and the cure ?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies : The cause of this condition is infection of the ear canal with a mange mite, very common to cats. It sets up severe irritation,



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

THE show season seems to gather speed as the days shorten. Again this year we have too many shows in one month.

It is good to see the Scottish fixtures attracting more entries each year. The Edinburgh and East of Scotland Show held at the Music Hall, Edinburgh, was well organized and a great success. Congratulations to Miss S. Watters and her Committee! Scottish-bred cats did extremely well. Best L.H. Cat in Show was Mrs. S. Knight's Anastasia of Dunesk and Best L.H. Kitten Mrs. B. Wright's Just Lucky, a Blue-Cream female. Among neuters Mrs. E. Walker's Galbraes Sandy was the winner. Best S.H. Adult was Mrs. D. Hood's Siamese S.P. female Kutying Limapuluh; Best S.H. Kitten Mrs. R. Dunn's Fenham Tarkas, a B.P. Siamese male; Best S.H. Neuter Mrs. D. Hood's Kutying Ampatpulusembilan.

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I was not able to get to the Midland Show but hear they had a most enjoyable day. Our Siamese Club Show was covered in the November issue of *OUR CATS* by Mrs. Joan Thompson.

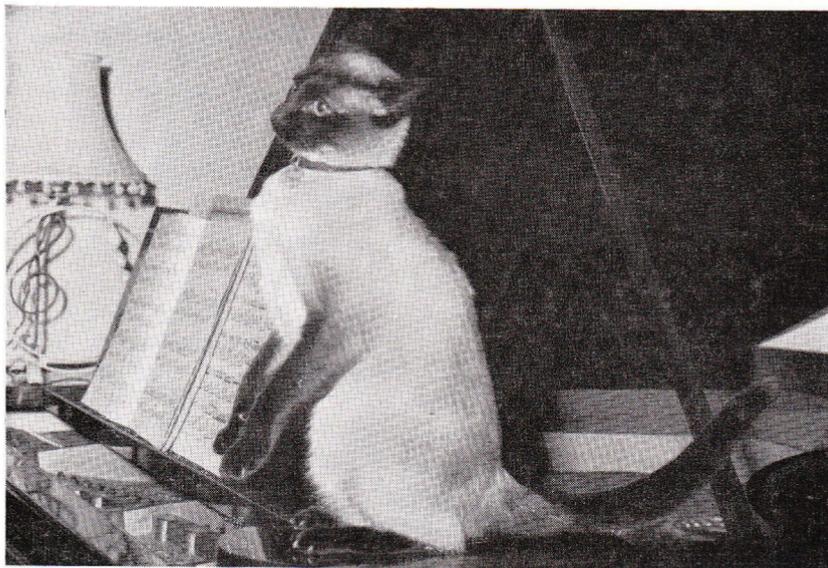
I would like to add my thanks to all who helped before and on the day, also to say how delighted we were that Mrs. L. G. Batten, of Brisbane, Australia, was able to be with us for a short while. She has unfortunately to go into hospital and we all wish her a speedy return to health. It was very warming to see Mrs. Meyrick Hughes, of Birmingham. We missed seeing Miss Mackenzie, who generally manages to come along for this one show from her home in the West Country.

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Now for some news from overseas. I was most interested to receive their Show results from the Western Province Cat Club of South Africa, a most progressive organization. Quite a new idea was used for the catalogue; it was compiled from the entry forms. The Show was reported in last month's issue. The Club's recent acquisitions are an Anniversary Trophy (donated by Mrs. F. M. Gould to commemorate the Club's 10th Anniversary) for the most popular female cat chosen by public ballot and a similar trophy donated by Rev. H. Lovemore for the best male exhibit.



This fine head belongs to CH. MORRIS SABLE, English bred Siamese belonging to Mrs. Anna Poulsen, of Copenhagen. Sable has been Best Cat in Show on nine occasions and more than one good judge rates him one of the finest Siamese alive to-day. Mrs. M. W. Richardson, of Ashtead, Surrey, bred him from Hillcross Song and Morris Una



“What about some carol singing?” MING seems to be asking as he sits up and begs from the top of the piano. Bred by Miss D. M. Grainger, of Blackheath, S.E. London, Ming is owned by Miss Rider, a departmental head at Woolwich Polytechnic.

We go much further afield now—to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The Calgary Cat Club held their second All Breed Show, combined L.H. and S.H. Specialties. This actually means two shows in one. Siamese, for instance, enter in the All Breed and Specialty under different judges. The list of trophies offered is formidable. Children under 12 were encouraged to exhibit for cat with longest whiskers, largest eyes, etc. With the catalogue comes a most entertaining letter from Mrs. D. E. Borrett, the Club's Secretary.

She writes: "Our Show was one of the most successful anyone had ever heard of. We hit front page in the newspapers, had T.V. and radio coverage, nearly a page in America's leading sports magazine, and coast to coast network of C.B.C. (Canadian Broadcast Co.) for 5,000 miles. It all started with us feeling that we needed an attendance stimulator. The one the Club considered best was a Mousing

Contest. The local lumber company made us a maze with glass front and top separated into six compartments, with a cat size hole in each."

"We then challenged the 1957 World Champion Mouser in Memphis, Tennessee, over 3,000 miles away, and he consented to defend his title. He arrived in Calgary to a full fanfare and some wonderful publicity, including a 'milk-tail party' in the cocktail lounge at the airport. There were a number of local contenders for the title and the new Champion turned out to be Mrs. Chris Hall's Ferdinand Leo."

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Other awards at the Calgary Show were: Best Cat All Breed—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Arps' Abyssinian R.M. Gr. Ch. Abigail of Shermax; Best Opposite Sex—Mr. Magnan's S.P. Siamese male Ch. Elo-Ysea-Choo-Sen; Best Cat L.H. Specialty—Mrs. C. N. Powell's Cream Dbl. Ch. Chatami Chamois; Best Cat Opp. Sex.—Mrs. C. Klinkhammer's Orange-eyed White Gr. Ch. Klinkhammer's Angelette; Best Cat S.H. Specialty—Mr. L. P. Jones' B.P. Siamese male Ch. King's Blue Echo of Junells; Best Cat Opp. Sex.—Mr. and Mrs. Arps' Abigail of Shermax; Best British Bred (All Breed)—Mrs. J. V. Sorsoleil's S.P. Siamese Klamath Foreda bred by Mr. Kirby-Smith; Best British Bred (Longhair Specialty)—Mr. and Mrs. Borrett's Himalayan Chatelaine Al Hakim of Chestermere bred by Mr. Kirby-Smith; Best British Bred (S.H. Specialty)—Mrs. C. Hall's Siamese Sabrina Fair bred by Mrs. Jackson.

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The Racekatten International Championship Show, with Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth as Show Manager was held in the Concert Hall of the famous Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark. This venue is a beautifully designed modern building with wide broad steps leading from the entrance through glass doors to the show hall. Thus one has



Ron Meigh

Ferdinand Leo, Champion Mouser at the Calgary Cat Club Show. The competition was so arranged that no actual killing of mice in public was involved.

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a fine overall view when entering the hall. It is some time since my last visit to Copenhagen. It was therefore an added pleasure to renew a number of friendships. Copenhagen is a beautiful city with many copper roofs which glint in the sun, giving a fairylike effect. The weather was fortunately kind during the whole of our visit. It was a great pleasure to meet Dr. Doechnsen, my fellow-judge.

Main awards were : Siamese Best Champion—Herr Muller's S.P. female Favorita von Lobelia ; C.A.C.I.B.—Fru. Anna Poulsen's S.P. male Paws of Jorna ; 1st and Ch. S.P. Male—Fru. U. Magnusson's Exotic Hiram, also 1st and Ch. B.P. Male Broundrey's Scamp (bred by Mrs. Ellias) ; 1st and Ch. B.P. Female—Fru. E. Dunvald's Salween Blue Mutte. *Siamese Kittens*: Mrs. E. Dunvald's Rangoon Blue Gay, a beautiful B.P. kitten was Best Kitten in Show. Mrs. Dunvald's S.P. Whiteoaks Archer, bred by Mrs. H. Martin, was Best S.P. These kittens are well balanced, fine boned, with good heads

and are promising kits. Best Adult in Show was the Black Longhair Sapinette Comtesse, exhibited by Fru. S. Playikowski and bred by Fru. B. Axelsson. Comtesse was also Best in Show at Stockholm earlier in the year.

To my stewards, Fru. Volkersen and Fru. Anderson, my grateful thanks, also to Mr. G. Hansen, my interpreter. Everybody I met helped to make my visit a happy one.

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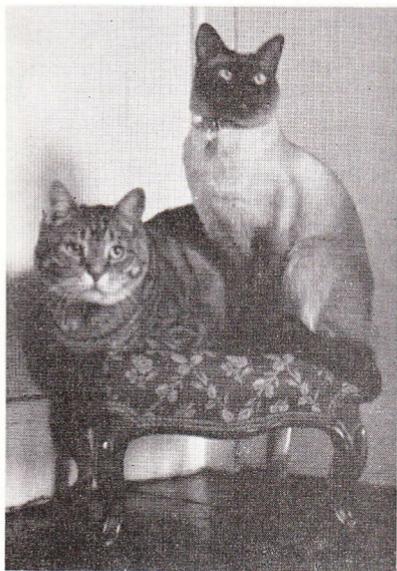
I am asked by Councillor and Mrs. Trickett, of Epsom, to mention the dangers of using copper sulphate for the cleansing of garden pools. Their much-loved Siamese has died as a result of drinking water containing this chemical. The owner of the pool agreed to have it filled in and it is now a rockery. Taken in small quantities, the effect is slow but none the less deadly. Mr. Trickett has done all within his power to ensure that these facts are brought to the notice of all cat lovers, whether cat owners or not.

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I am often asked why Siamese are so superior and why they do not mix with other cats. Do, please, whenever you can, enlighten people on this point. Siamese are most companionable with other animals and cats. You will see elsewhere in this issue Mrs. Denton's Tupenny and Spic-Spic. Not in the picture is Span, another Siamese who was introduced to Tupenny and they make a delightful trio. Mrs. Christy of U.S.A., sent me a photograph of a bird and a Siamese. These are not isolated cases.

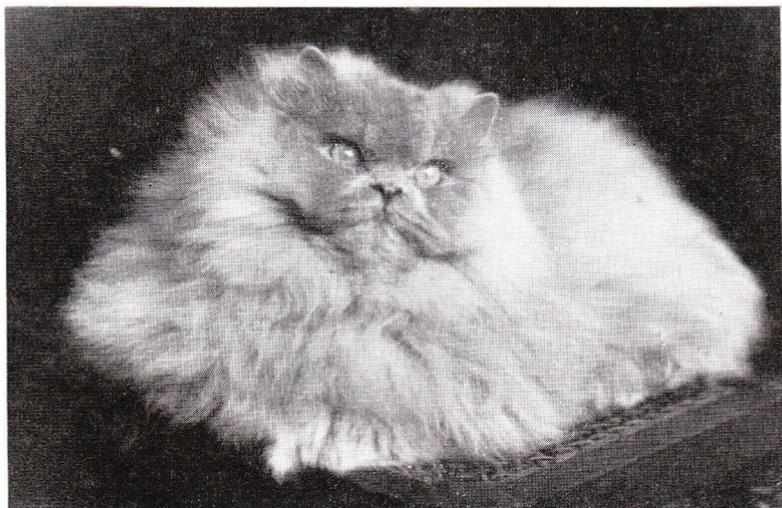
I have already had a Christmas present—an Addis "Boffin" brush. I can recommend it to my readers as excellent for collecting cats' hairs from clothes and furniture. It is made of fine metal wires in a well set frame.

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Croydon Show

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Towe on having attained a wonderful record—that of having organized 21 cat shows, all of them major fixtures in London and the great majority having Championship status. One cannot help wondering if this is an all-time record for our Fancy in any part of the world ; certainly it is a post-war record for this country. None has worked harder than Mr. and Mrs. Towe and we owe much to them for the progress we have made over the last decade. The prestige of our stock both at home and overseas is dependent on performance at the Championship shows and therefore we should always be grateful for the contribution made by the hard-working show managers.

The Towe's "coming of age" show was last month's Croydon Cat Club's fixture at Central Hall, Westminster,

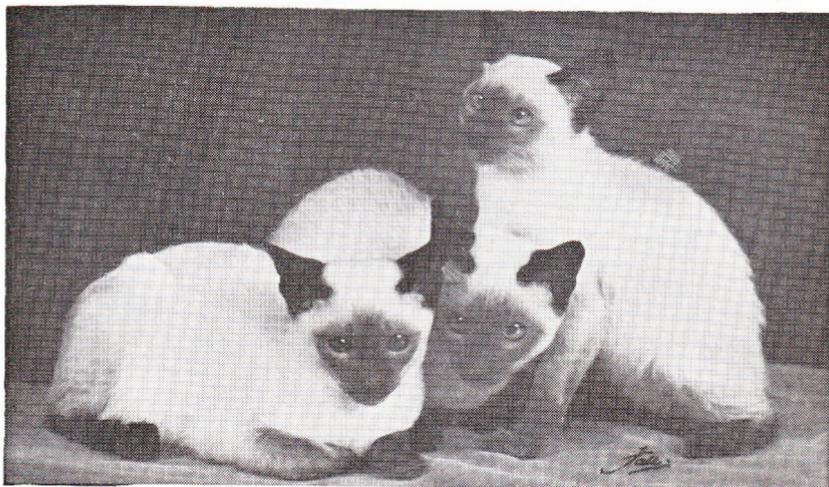
on a Saturday that was pleasant and mild. Some of our most popular and competent judges attracted an entry of over 400 exhibits, a really lovely array of many of our famous cats approaching or already in full winter pomp.

Seven Blue males and fourteen Blue females awaited Miss Kathleen Yorke, and her very well filled Club and side classes kept her so busy that it was almost closing time before she had a leisure moment. Miss Evelyn Langston also had a busy day with the Chinchillas and a large quota of other classes. Mrs. L. McVady made her bow as a judge of Blue kittens and it was pleasing to see an improvement in the average quality of these compared to exhibits at earlier shows.

This frequently happens in the autumn as very young kittens have a certain amount of infantile charm to help them. Older kittens need more intrinsic quality to win.

The gate was a record for this Club and there is no doubt it is the All-Breed Ch. Shows which attract the public. Saturday appears to be a very popular day, partly I surmise, because so many nowadays enjoy a five-day working week. The publicity was excellent. Mrs. Denton's Blue male kitten Camber Winston was on T.V. in "To-night" on the eve of the Show. Two of my Blue kittens Felix and Felicity of Pensford were pictured in the *Evening Standard* and the *Star* and were also in local

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Kentish papers with the date and venue of the Show. Contrary to the caption, they were not entered as they were a few days under three months, but one can hardly expect photographers to worry over such details when rush publication is their main objective.

A welcome guest was General Sir John Glubb (former head of the Arab Legion) who made an amusing speech and presented the Best in Show rosettes. He was accompanied by Lady Glubb and it was interesting to hear that at their home at Mayfield, Sussex, they have two Siamese females bred by Mrs. Helen Martin of East Grinstead, some Shorthaired Whites and Abyssinians.

Champions of Champions

The principal awards were: Best Longhair Cat in Show—Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue female Regina of Pensford by Ch. Octavian of Pensford; Best Shorthair Cat—Mr. Richard Warner's S.P. Siamese male Ch. Spotlight Melchior by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour.

Both these cats were bred by the exhibitor, also their sires. Congratulations are due to Mr. Warner on achieving a similar win at the M.C.C.C. Ch. Show at Birmingham in October when Melchoir became a Champion). Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. M. Turney's Chinchilla female Bonavia Tinkabell by Ch. Bonavia Contenta; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Brearley's S.P. Siamese Framo Diana by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy; Best L.H. Neuter—the Misses Marshall's spayed Blue female Trenton Verity; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Moore's Black British Asplin Othello by Ch. Barwell Pedro.

In the Champion of Champions L.H. class Miss Sheppard's Cream male Ch. Widdington Winterstar looking very lovely was the winner and in Shorthairs, Mrs. Axon's veteran Tortie and White Ch. Noxa Teena.

Mrs. Aitken's Black L.H. Bourneside Black Poppy (by Ch. Bourneside Black Diamond) was 1st and is now a Champion. Another L.H. to achieve her final Challenge Certificate was Mrs. Ross's Blue-Cream Shapur Sasha (by Camber Algernon), and in Colourpoints, Mr. Stirling-Webb's S.P. Briary Zahrat became a Champion, being the second Colourpoint to do so.

Miss Page's Blue male Woburn Chippy by her well-bred stud Vigilant Taurus was the winner in his Open Class. The winning Cream male was Mrs. Ross's Hathaway Antony Roly and the female Miss Sheppard's Widdington Stardust. There were no entries in the Chinchilla male class but in females Mrs. McLeod won with Linnet of Thame. She also bred her sire Silver Lustre of Thame and her dam Day of Thame. Miss Woodfield's Tortoiseshell Pathfinders Miss Muffet won first and Ch. I think this must be her final Certificate. Miss Grace was first in Tortie and White with Gracefield Posy. Both the Longhair and Shorthair Club and side classes were very well filled. Miss Yorke had 21 kittens in the Croydon Cat Club L.H. Kitten male or female, and in Shorthairs Mrs. Lamb 20 Kittens. There were several classes with over fifteen entries.

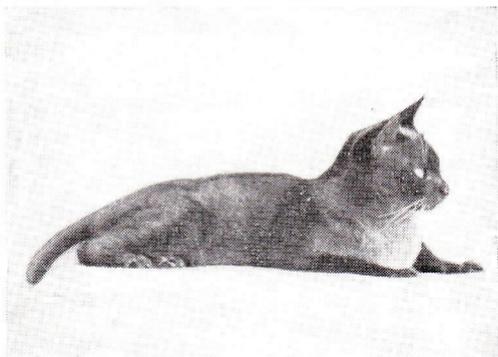
Siamese winners

In a class of seventeen S.P. Siamese females Mrs. Clarke's Craigiehilloch Minta won the Challenge Certificate and in B.P.'s Mrs. Hookin's Overstrand Dancing Boy and Miss Ellias' female Browndreys Marianne were the winners. Eight Chocolate Points made an attractive entry and two Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Green's Kathoodu Koffi Boy and Mrs. Clarke's Craigiehilloch Chorita. Forty-nine S.P. Siamese kittens made a brave show and three repeated former successes—Miss Codrington's Watermill Magic Breeze; Mrs. Macmichael's Sanguine Soniboi and Mrs. Paul's Whitecoaks Gemel. Four



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Cream Shorthair adults were excellent. Mrs. Johnson's male Jezreel Cream Solitaire was the winner in an amalgamated class of four Cream Shorthairs.

Although there were fewer than seven adult Abyssinian males and females, the judge, Mrs. Williams, evidently considered each of sufficient merit as Miss Bone was awarded 1st and Ch. with her male Nigella Rashid and her female Godfreys Anemone. Thirteen adult Burmese indicates how popular this variety has become. Mrs. Smith won in males with Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo and Mrs. Shrouder in females with Oweenee. In the new variety similar to them, with the unwieldy nomenclature of "Chestnut Brown Foreign" Mrs. Monro-Smith won with Elmtower Small Change.

Mr. Stirling-Webb's lovely Colour-point Briarry Morena was 1st in her Open Kitten Class but it will not be surprising if the second Briary Euphemia, a Seal Point, is placed over her before the end of the season. The latter is a shapely cobby kitten, excellent in type. The photograph of Morena which appeared in October has caught her head at an "awkward" angle and does not show her at her best.

Altogether a lovely show on which Mr. and Mrs. Towe and their Committee can congratulate themselves.

Midland Counties Show

I did not attend the Midland Counties Cat Club Ch. Show at Birmingham in October so am indebted to Mrs. Benbow for the major results. Best L.H. Cat in Show—Mrs. Benbow's Blue male Ch. Bayhorne Ajax by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Nilsson's Cream Kaspar Sunbeam by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax; Best S.H. Adult—Mr. Richard Warner's S.P. Siamese Spotlight Melchior; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Thake's Silver Tabby Silverseal Herrick by Ch. Dorstan Darrall; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Wilson's Cream

Priory Golden Glory by Ch. Oscar of Pensford; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Digney's Premier Quantocks Petroc by Ch. Morris Tudor. Congratulations to Miss Bull on winning her second Challenge with her Cream male Sherry of Pensford and to Mrs. Brice-Webb on her Cream female's success.

Blues in new home

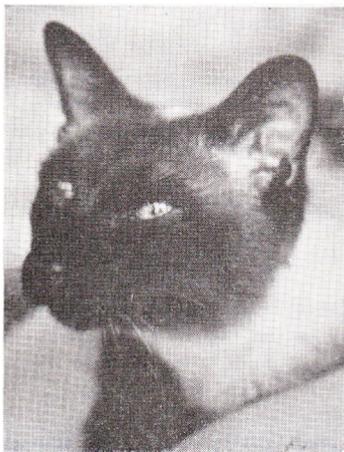
Mrs. Benbow is leaving Westbrook at the end of December and taking another house at Ludlow, Salop. She has purchased two Blue queens, Ash-down Marguerite by Woburn Sunshine and Annabella of Dunesk bred by Mrs. Stephenson. Marguerite had a litter of six in the spring by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax. She was then owned by Mr. Wood, who unfortunately has had to give up his cats for the time being owing to illness. Mrs. Benbow's other Blue is a five-months kitten Petravian Juno by Ch. Dylan of Allington and Prestwood Sally.

Many breeders here will remember seeing Prestwood Sapphire, a Blue female kitten by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax who won her Open Class and other classes at the Kensington Kitten Show last year. She was sent by her breeder Mrs. Parker, of Stourbridge, to Mrs. Beula Biederman of Iowa, U.S.A. Sapphire has been nine times Best Kitten and in an excerpt from the *American Cats Magazine* one now reads that she is also All-American Kitten.

Large N.Z. litters

From far away Hamilton, New Zealand, Mrs. McGregor writes: "The lovely English magazine *OUR CATS* has arrived and I see you report a litter of eight. My Siamese queen had a litter of nine last year and reared them all herself. The sire was Mrs. Downey's (Auckland) imported S.P. Morris Maestro and in November she had a litter of eleven by another British

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import, Ch. Spotlight Pride. The queen overlaid one but ten are thriving. This time I have given three to a Longhair Blue who had twins three days old. The Siamese queen has also had two litters of eight.

"Like the majority of winning Siamese here my stock are direct descendants of British bred cats. My queens are Ch. Lindisfarne Klui Mai by Ch. Spotlight Pride (bred by Mr. Richard Warner) and Sealsleeve C'est Bon (bred by Mrs. Kent). Pit Na Cree Mani, also by Ch. Spotlight Pride, has glorious head and type and a long whip tail.

"My young male Glengyle Gentilhomme is by another of Mrs. Downey's imports Sans Souci Felix and I bred him from Ch. Lindisfarne Klui. He is a lovely male, almost perfect. I am having him photographed and will send a copy. Best wishes to the magazine which we enjoy so much."

Report from Sweden

From Mrs. Judith Saether of Oslo, Norway, comes news of her first judging engagement at Gottenburg, Sweden, where she judged all Longhairs. She writes: "I had hoped to see you judging in Brussels. My intention was to call on Miss Posthuma in Holland to see her and some Chinchilla kittens and then

come to England and return home via Brussels. But I hadn't time for such a long trip.

"Gottenburg was a very enjoyable Show. My fellow judge for Siamese and all Shorthairs was Baroness Lilly von Bach. She is always great fun to be with after the serious business of the day is finished. You will remember her at Copenhagen and in Germany. Mrs. Haldis Rohlf, Mrs. Ellen Lorentzen and myself all stayed at the same hotel, which was very pleasant.

"My Best Longhair and later Best in Show was a Blue-Cream, perfect type and beautifully presented — Swedish-bred from English cats, sire Int. Ch. Vigilant Jonathan, son of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, dam Ch. Aviary Blossom. My Best Blue Male and in strong competition was also sired by Jonathan. This lovely cat not only had excellent type but a really pale blue coat. He was Despotie Fif, bred by Miss Larsdotter and owned by Mrs. Bergmark, the wife of the President of the Council of all the Swedish Cat Clubs.

"Best Shorthair cat was Browndreys Scamp, B.P. Siamese male, bred in England by Miss Ellias and owned by Mrs. Ulla Magnusson. Other English bred adult winners of Challenge Certificates were Miss Cube, a Manx female bred by Mrs. Rollo and owned by Mrs.

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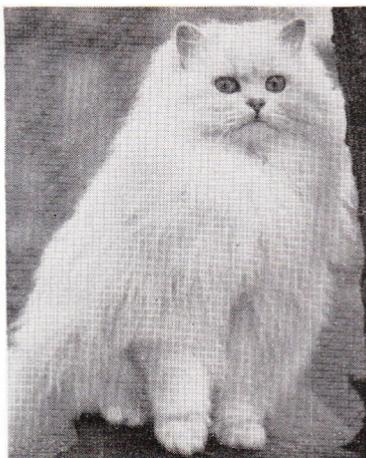
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to their many friends the world over

Gaderlund ; Omaheeni Bella, a Burmese female bred by Mrs. Bastow and owned by Mrs. Svenningsen ; Chilton Candida a B.P. Siamese bred by Mrs. North, owned by Mrs. Helge-Jensen. Best Kitten in Show was Chocolate Chap, a C.P. Siamese male bred from Brown-dreys Scamp, owned by Mrs. Holmstrom. Two cats to be awarded C.A.C.I.B. were the Chinchilla Champion Int. Ch. Hazeldine Silver Rex bred by Mrs. Brittlebank and the Blue-Cream Coptorn Liebchen bred by Miss Aitken.

"The Show, as usual for Sweden, was well organized and had an excellent attendance. All honour is due to the Club President Herr Knud Ohlson, the Club Secretary Herr Bengt Nilsson and Herr Arne Eklund and their Committee for a very enjoyable event."

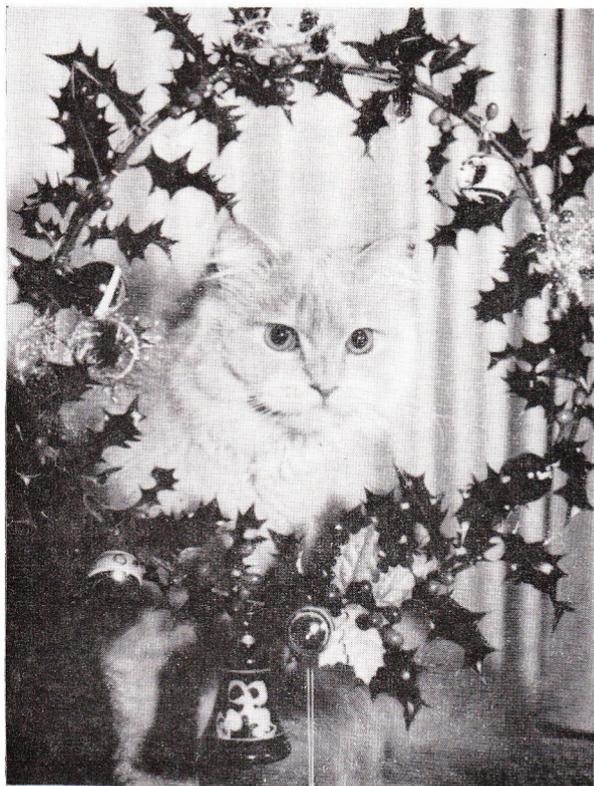
In parenthesis, I did not meet Mrs. Saether in Brussels. I had regretfully to decline this invitation to judge abroad, as I have many others during the last two years. It is difficult to get a really responsible person to look after one's cats nowadays and friends who would do so live too far away.

Mrs. Ellen Lorentzen from Copenhagen was a welcome guest steward for Mrs. J. M. Newton at the Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show. We did not have an opportunity of exchanging greetings but she telephoned me the next day to say how much she had enjoyed the Show.

Sincere Good Wishes to Cat Lovers everywhere and may their Christmas be a joyous one.

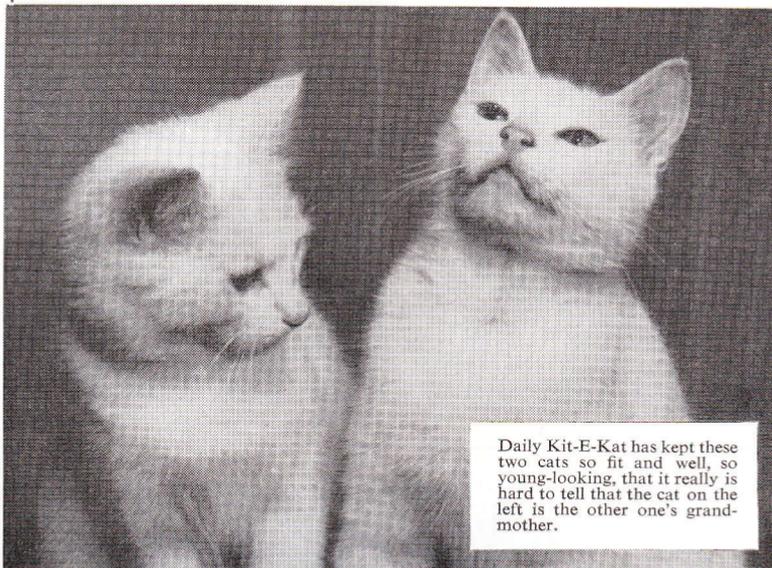
JUST SIMON

appears in a seasonal setting arranged by his owner, Miss C. G. Nicholl, of Falmouth, Cornwall. Simon is a young Cream son of Dusty of Dunesk.



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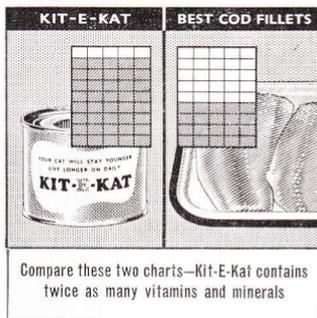


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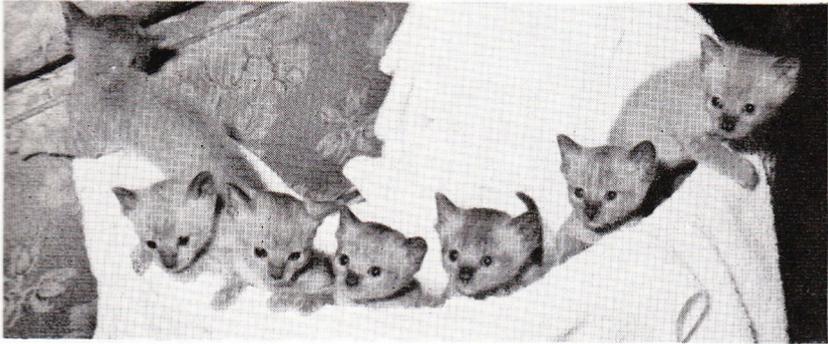
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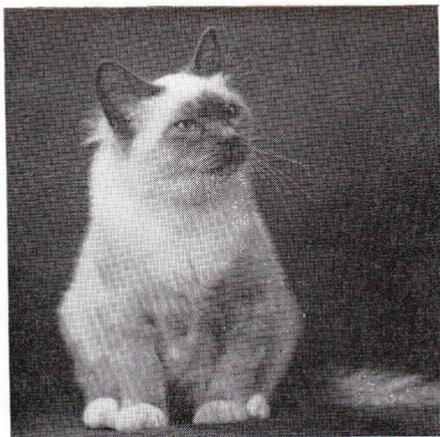
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CH. AUTUMN HAZE



These pictures are of special interest to breeders of Burmese. The accompanying notes supplied by Mrs. A. M. Charles, of Rode, near Bath, ran as follows: "There has been considerable speculation as to whether my Ch. Autumn Haze is pure Burmese on account of his having Siamese ancestors. His mother is a hybrid sired by a Champion Burmese ex a Siamese Seal Point and mated to Casa Gatos Darkee produced both Burmese and hybrid kittens. Autumn Haze is one of the Burmese. As far as I am aware he is the only British bred outcross being used as a stud. All queens mated to him have produced normal Burmese kittens but a certain amount of misunderstanding has continued to exist about him. So in an effort to clarify the point, I mated him to my own Siamese queen, who is S.P., but carries the C.P. factor. The mating resulted in seven hybrid kittens being born in September last. The photograph (shown above) was taken when they were $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks old and should I think quite adequately prove that Autumn Haze is pure Burmese."



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de Birmanie (Blue Point) au
Dr. Betourne, Paris.*

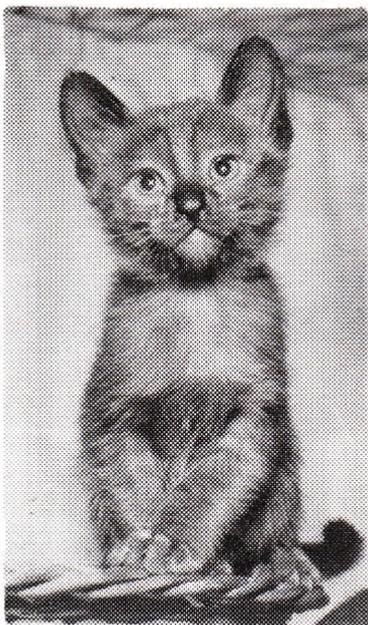
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CH. FA YING loves all the bustle and excitement of a show. Here she is at the Wellington (New Zealand) Show held in June last where she was snapped with her owner Mrs. D. J. Davies.

CH. FAYEDOLLY DE BOIS-CLARY, Blue Longhair queen bred and owned by Mme Esteve, was Best in Show at Les Amis du Chat's recent promotion in Antwerp.



The camera has caught an off-duty occasion at Racekatten's successful October show in Copenhagen when officials gathered together for a little celebration

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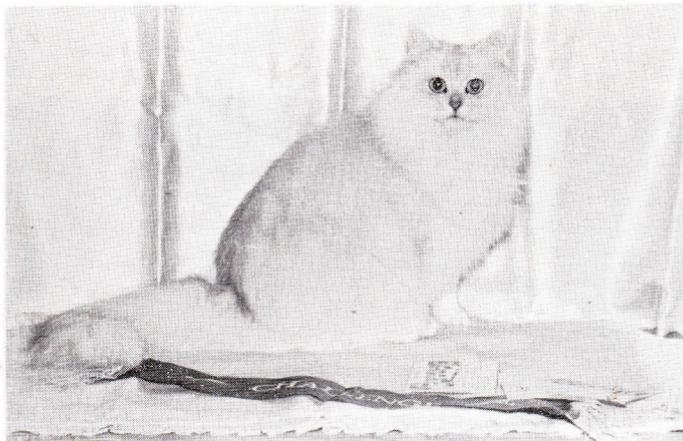
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News from "Down Under"

AS I write these notes in the middle of November, we are coming round to the hot weather again and we had a few uncomfortable days last week.

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I have received another *Newsletter* from Miss Menzies, O.B.E., of Hamilton, New Zealand. It is for September and includes a revised list of Club secretaries and their addresses. If required by anyone, I shall be pleased to mail details. The following dates have been approved for New Zealand shows (some of them) during 1959: Wellington Cat Club 28th February, Otago Ch. Show 20th June and 11th July (those dates seem close together for the same Club), and Hutt Valley Club 18th July. Apparently all clubs have not yet applied for dates.

I shall be glad to hear from any club secretary and especially to have reports of shows. To those who may be interested, I can supply details of subscription rates and the order form for OUR CATS.

Mr. H. Pollock has written me from Auckland to say that he has relinquished the Secretaryship of the Auckland Club. This was a surprise. He intends visiting Australia (all States) in February next. He has very nice Burmese stock.

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Mrs. Patterson writes from Melbourne, a very interesting letter, and states that again the lovely 100-mile bus journey to the Shepparton Club Show, with its picnic atmosphere, was enjoyed by all. There were 58 entries and all

arrangements and detailed work were carried out by members of the Melbourne Siamese Cat Club. Best Siamese Cat was Mrs. Chandler's B.P. female Ch. Westwood Blue Jade; Best Opposite Sex and Best S.P. Siamese—Mrs. Patterson's import from New Zealand Lindisfarne Cameo, also 1st and Champion winner in Open Class; Best Neuter—Mrs. Smith's Nelson; Open Female—Miss Saker's Talbingo Juena and Ch. Champions Class Female—same breeder's Ch. Sovran Song; Best Litter exhibited by Mrs. Chick; Best Blue Point Male—Mrs. Kenny's Venue Blue Mist; L.H. Open Male—Mrs. McDonald's Kalmia Mischief and Ch. Open Female Mrs. Farrell's Kalmia White Jade.

I hope to have news next month of Melbourne Siamese Club's Exhibition Show which is being held on the same day as our St. George District Club Show at Arncliffe, 29th November. St. George stage a Derby and Oaks for male and female kittens at this fixture each year and have put on a comprehensive schedule with three senior and two training judges.

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Another interesting letter and *Newsletter* is to hand from Mrs. Thurmer, Secretary of Adelaide Club. I note that pressure of business has made her hand over the *Newsletter* editing to Tom and Jerry, who are two characters in our daily paper cartoon strip. We trust Jerry will fight to Marquis of Queensbury rules and give Tom "a fair go." Mrs. Thurmer merits everyone's thanks for the job she has done on it and let's hope that the new editors

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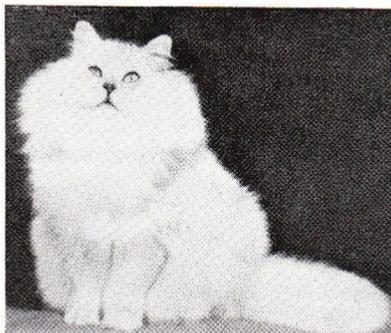
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CH. REX OF CHATSWORTH sends
greetings for Christmas and the
New Year to Chinchillas and their
cousins all the world over.

follow on. We send them good wishes in their new role. Adelaide Show was on 8th November but I shall not have details of it till my December notes. They are holding a Christmas Party at a city hall later in the month and it will be a "wow."

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Mrs. Henry kindly supplies details of the Brisbane Show. It's a wonder that any cats or exhibitors made the show as the mercury soared to 106 degrees the day before and was 99 on the day. All exhibits should have been supplied with iced drinks and bath towels! I guess it needs a lot of courage to set out for a show in that kind of weather. The entry was good and The Creche should benefit considerably. Major awards were: *L.H. Group*—Best Exhibit—Mrs. Shead's Spada Alice Blue Gown; Best Opposite Sex—Mr. A. Gleed's Delhi Kismet; Best Kitten—Mr. Gleed's Archdale Robbie; Best Opposite Sex Kitten—Miss Price's Archdale Katrinka; Best Litter—Mrs. Presling's Roxberry Rhelma and litter. *Siamese Group*—Best Male Exhibit—Miss Hartley's Cameo Mr.

Universe; Best Female Exhibit—Mrs. Litchfield's Rathglass Mitzi; Best Kitten—Mr. and Mrs. Done's Coochi Blue Scilla; Best Litter Mrs. Gillingham's Rathglass Tike and litter. Best Burmese exhibit—Mrs. Henry's Ranssein La Rue. As this was their first judging assignment, I offer congratulations to Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Tasker and Mr. Col. Woodrow for a job which gave general satisfaction to the exhibitors.

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On 8th November, Federal Cat Club staged a show in conjunction with the Red Cross in the Lower Sydney Town Hall. Although the number of exhibits or visitors was not up to previous shows, this may be attributed to the hot spell. The Secretary Miss Vale, plus a hard working Show Manager (Mr. Mullins) had things nicely organized and running smoothly. Three senior and one probationer judge (Mrs. Helsham) completed their tasks by mid-day. Major awards follow: Best Persian Exhibit—Mrs. Freeman's Tehran Scheherazade; Best Opposite Sex (Male)—Mrs. Jones's White Shalimar Bobby Dazzler; Best Persian Male Kitten—Mrs. Rountree's Champ of Ellington; Best Female

PORTRAIT

SOME day, perhaps, when we open our treasured album of photographs, to recall in picture some happy memory of our lives, we shall come, if we are so fortunate as to have preserved its record, upon the image of a little animal, whose birth was attended with no great ceremony, but whose passing, when the years had gone by, could not have left us with a greater void, or have been mourned by us more deeply.

"Look there," we may say, not without a certain unsteadiness as we see again that proud head whose fearless eyes could turn upon us as tenderly as they could flash with anger upon an adversary, and whose purr was a song as loud as the voice of resentment he could raise against any other animal who contested his right to happiness. "That," we may say in a tone which holds the same pride as that which we felt when we rubbed our fingers around its ears, and let them sink into the deep richness of the fur beneath that brave head, "was our cat."

From "A Book of Essays in Miniature" by Frank Crew.

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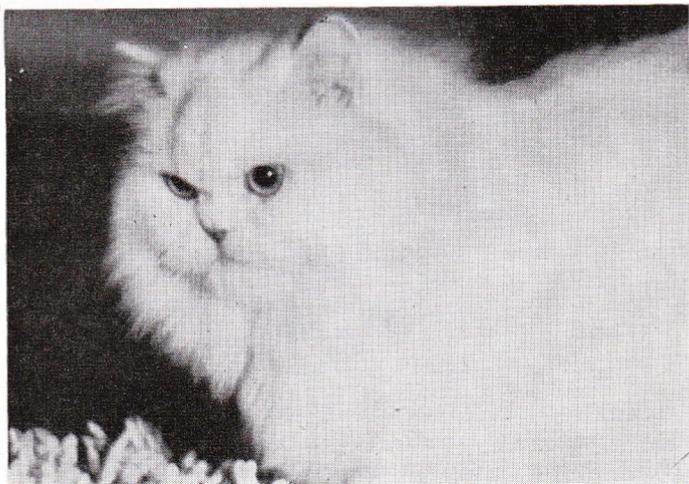
Kitten—Mrs. Kelly's Maida Charming Jewel ; Best Neuter—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Barry ; Best Spay—Mrs. Baxter's St. Chad's Miss Jewel ; Best Litter—Mrs. Dolbell's Shaded Silvers. *Siamese Group* ; Best Male—Mrs. Thom's S.P. Gaye Sultan ; Best Female—Mrs. Elston's Talbingo Yasmin ; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Lowrey's Gladacres Balin ; Best Female Kitten — Mrs. Ousley's Marian Fantasy ; Best Litter—Mr. Long's Seal Points ; Best Brood Queen—Mrs. Ousley's Paye Serenata ; Best Spay—Mrs. Alcock's Chloe (imp.).

Our cat clubs are combining in the running of a Christmas tree and party at Legion House on 12th December, due in a great measure to the mighty effort of Mrs. Favelle. I trust it is a cool night. Yours truly has promised to provide a green pine tree and coloured lights for the occasion.

A meeting of Club delegates was recently held to try and establish a

fund for research into that awful scourge, feline enteritis. Whilst awaiting the second meeting, I understand they stumbled on something apparently very good which saved the life of a valuable Burmese male, a new import, who was a very sick cat. If the remedy is reliable, this is wonderful news. I understand that some of the kittens were lost, which Australia can ill afford ; we have too few. We offer sympathy to the breeder and trust there is better luck ahead. Miss Haswell's imported American Chinchilla male Kute Kit Flyer has passed along to the happy hunting grounds, another loss to our breeders. I feel he cannot be happier than when he was at Miowera.

A Merry Christmas and a Smoother New Year, Mr. Editor, and we send Cheerful Greetings to "Puddy Tats" everywhere (even at sea) and their owners, friends and all associated with our great Fancy.

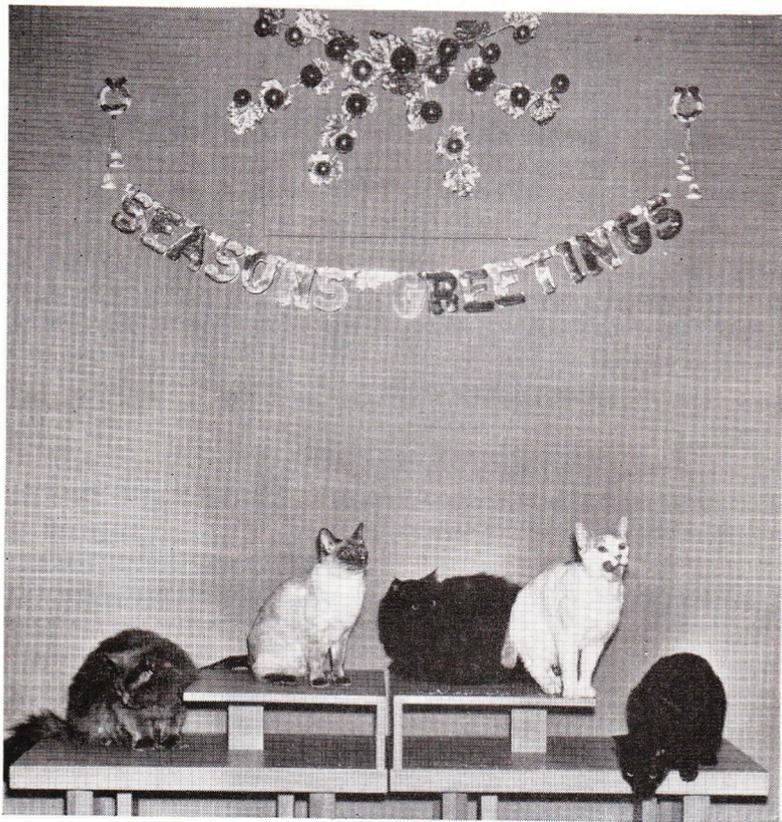


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SOME OF CANADA'S BEST

These pictures are particularly interesting because they present the good folk whose combined efforts contributed in large measure to the success of the August show of the Canadian National Cat Club. It was a two-day fixture held in Toronto, a centre of growing interest in matters feline. The top picture shows (left to right) Mrs. Marie Wilson with Blue Gables Sweet Regardless, a winning Blue-eyed White Persian; Mr. Harold Millbeck with Barstis' Easter Parade Bunny, Best Tortie; Phyllis Sayer with Skyway's Lisa de Phil-Bet, a Shaded Silver female and winner of the Best Longhair Kitten award in the All-Breed Show; Mrs. Fred Remick with Blue Gables Snow Angel, Golden-eyed White Persian female who won the coveted title of Best Cat in Show on the day which happened to be her first birthday; and Mrs. Hazel Hill with Hazel's Cuddles, Best Blue Longhair and Best Champion. We have no details concerning the lady with the Black Longhair.

The lower picture presents the officials of the Club: (Seated) Mrs. E. G. Fessenden, President; (standing left to right) Mrs. Rose Brown, Catalogue Sales and Advertising; Miss Thelma Fortescue, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. S. Cryderman, First Vice-President; Mrs. M. E. Steward, Treasurer, and Mr. L. S. Cryderman, Show Secretary.

(Photographer is our good friend "Muzzie" Nelson, of Detroit, U.S.A.)

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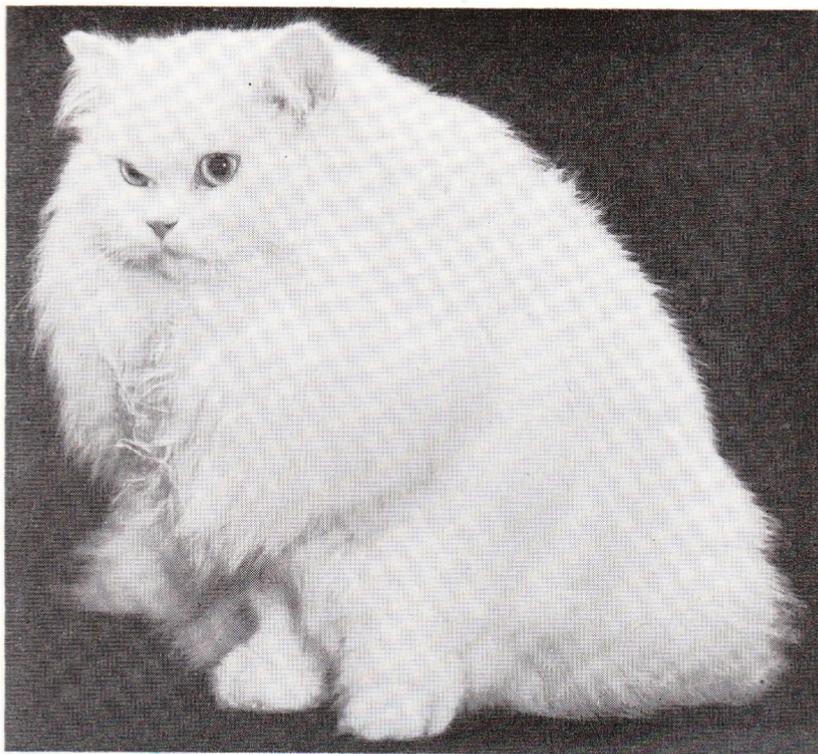


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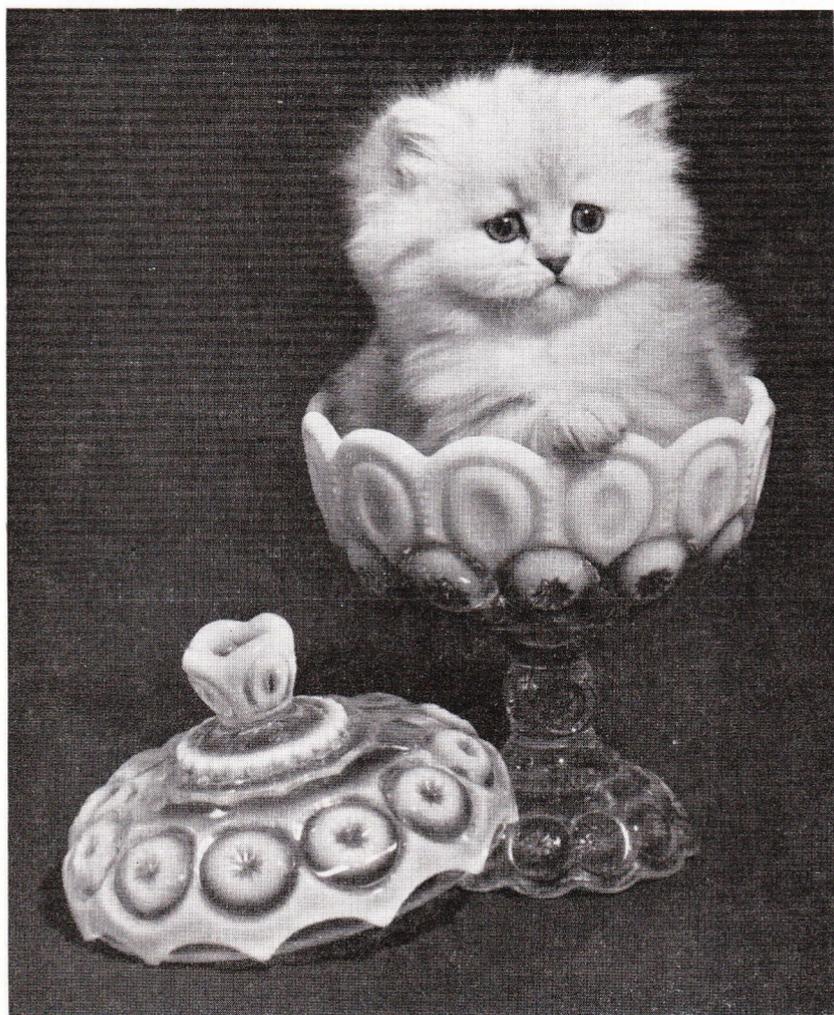
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Gordon Laughner

A captivating study by the young artist in animal photography whose profile opens on the opposite page.

MR. GORDON LAUGHNER (*Los Angeles, California*)

A YOUNG man, a cat and a camera! Many years ago when Mrs. Laughner brought these prime requisites together she little realized the interesting results that would emerge and the happy consequences they would have in our Fancy. For they represented the beginning for Gordon Laughner, of Los Angeles, the son whose photographic skill is becoming increasingly recognized throughout America, particularly among our fanciers.

Although his mother is no longer with him to encourage and advise, G.L. likes to think back to those early days when his interest in feline photography took shape. He recalls that his mother was always fond of cats and it was through her that he learned to understand and appreciate the value of a cat's friendship.

How well he remembers Playboy, a superb mahogany Red Persian kitten who was the pride of them both. For one of his first assignments at the Art Center School of Photography in Los Angeles, he submitted a photo of Playboy. Playboy became one of his favourite models and his instructor tactfully informed him that he should select another subject to work with.

When Playboy passed away another cat was purchased from Vivian and Wally Peterson of California. This precious little Silver Persian kitten was named Vevay Silver Shah. Not long after a playmate was obtained from the Petersons and named Holly. Gordon has much to thank the Petersons and the two kittens for as not long afterwards

he was invited to become official photographer for the Westshore Cat Club's show in 1952. This was his first show as the photographer and a spectator as well. He does not mind mentioning that it was a nerve wracking experience for him because while all the activity of the show was going on, he was trying his very best to make each photo a fine one. However, it was great fun, a tremendous challenge and a wonderful education.

To-day, he acts as official photographer for about eight shows each season in the Southern California area but wishes that he could devote more time to this type of photography so that he could travel farther afield.



Glen Baukhurst

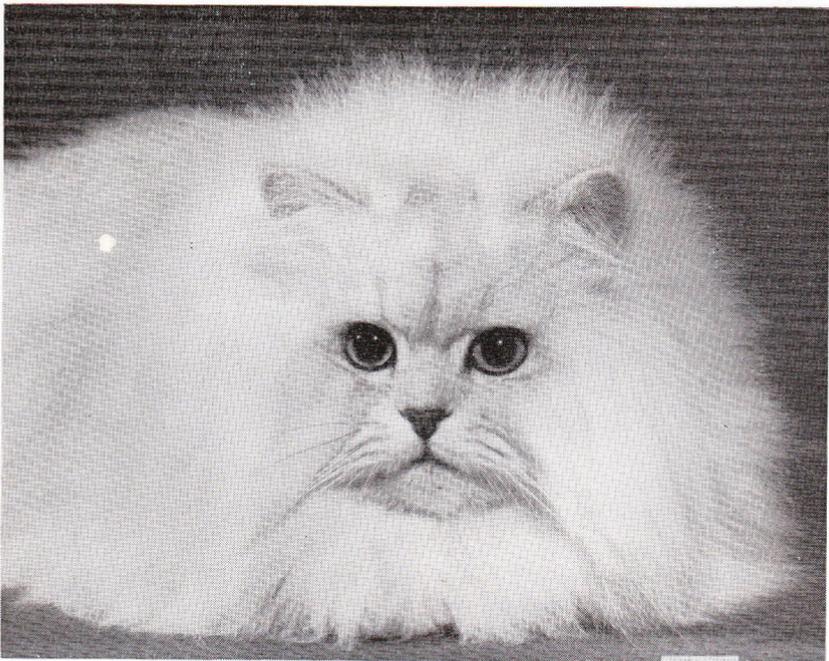
Gordon Laughner gets ready for work.

In working with cats at the shows he has found it imperative to have a small soundproof room away from the main area. Sometimes his patrons think he is being rude by permitting only the owner to be present with the door closed and a sign reading "Model now being posed, please do not disturb." He feels it is very important to have the least noise possible and above all to exercise complete gentleness, kindness and patience with the cats. With the owner's permission, he likes to hold the cat for a while in an effort to make friends and gain its confidence. He will even resort to a little "cat-talk," meanwhile strolling around the room giving the camera and the lights a good investigation and allowing plenty of time for the cat to sniff them over. The cat is then groomed with a final touch for the actual photo.

Gordon works with a 45 Crown Graphic Camera using an Ektar 5½"

lens, two stop lighting units and a display type corrugated paper which acts as a suitable background. The colours are changed to suit the subject. He believes that by having everything set up before the actual portrait is taken eliminates a lot of unnecessary confusion which can so easily upset a cat.

To date, his biggest surprise and thrill was to have three of his cat portraits accepted for hanging at the Los Angeles County Fair's Second Annual International Exhibition of Photography in September of this year. As wins, he received a bronze medal for "Pretty Mickey," a first place award for "The Quintuplets," and a third place award for "The Explorers." These prints were all entered in the Portrait Division sponsored by the Professional Photographers' Association of California. A very fine achievement, indeed.



Another Gordon Laughner study—this time of the lovely Chinchilla GRAND CH. BEVERLY-SERRANO KEO belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peterson, prominent Californian fanciers.

Gordon spent three years in the United States Army during World War II with a photographic unit. These duties helped him in his studies in photography.

Besides Vevay and Holly, the Silvers, he is also the proud owner of Stardust Prince (Dusty for short), a Blue Persian male whom he purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Konkel. He does not have much time to photograph his own cats for he is so busy posing and photographing cats for other people.

Like most people in all walks of life, Gordon has an ideal. He is Walter Chandoha, recognized as the foremost animal photographer of our present day. It is Gordon's wish that you may have learned something from this little story of a dedicated young man and that you too, will be able to make many fine portraits of your own cats. All you need is the right time, the right subject and the right place. He makes it all sound so simple! Now look at some of his work in this issue and compare it with your own!

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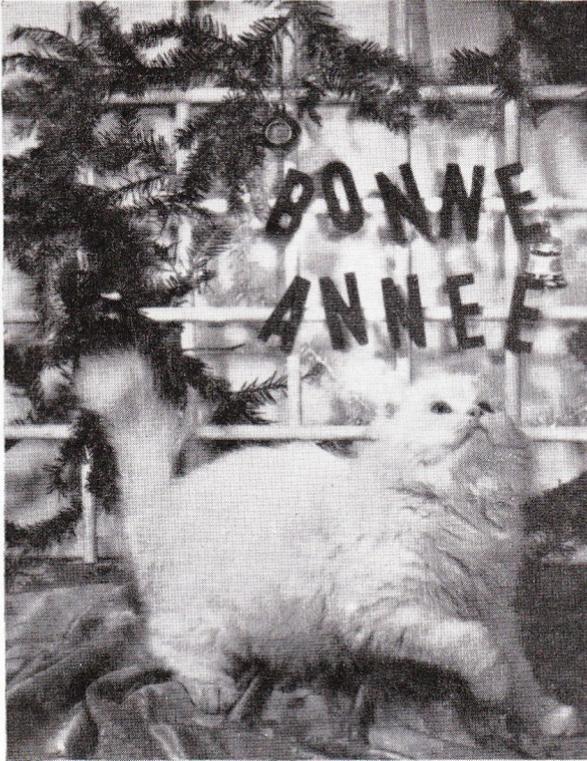
The Blues, Creams and Whites were numerous and of excellent type and quality. The Blue males were represented by Int. Ch. Dradon Bleu de Bois Clary, owner Mme. Villechaise. Two young males Gavroche du Bois d'Aprémont and Golric de Padirac, both excellent cats, gave the judge a hard task. The award eventually went to Gavroche du Bois d'Aprémont, owner Mme. Bellec. Int. Ch. Emir du Clair de Lune, Cream male, took his honours again, a most glorious animal and a delight to look upon. Cream females were rare and disappointing.

Judges were Mme. D'Haesclaer, of Brussels, for the Longhaired adults, M. Couanay for Longhaired kittens and l'Abbé Chamonin for the Shorthaired. Best in Show male was Emir de Clair de Lune, owner Mme. Briault; Best in Show female Mme. Esteve's Fayedolly de Bois Clary. Houpette du vieux Donjon (daughter of Mme. Cuny's beautiful Golden-eyed White) was Best Kitten in Show. According to the judge owner Mme. Dekesel, this kitten has a very promising future.

Best in Show Shorthaired male was Pristine Poupey, a Siamese Blue Point owned by Mme. D'Aléizette. Best female Brown Tabby de M. J. Verheye. The English-bred Havanas and Burmese owned by Mme. d'Aléizette attracted great attention from visitors and connoisseurs.



CH. GAYDENE GENEVIEVE, Mrs. L. McVady's lovely Blue Longhair, is a cat with a great record. In 1955, at the age of two, she was Best Exhibit at the Blue Persian Show. Two years later she was voted Best Female and at the same Show this year Genevieve completed the hat-trick with another Best Exhibit award. Three major titles won over four years against the strongest competition is surely a record that will want some beating.



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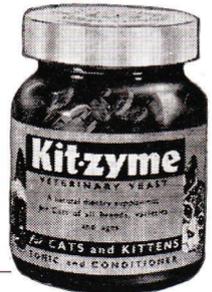
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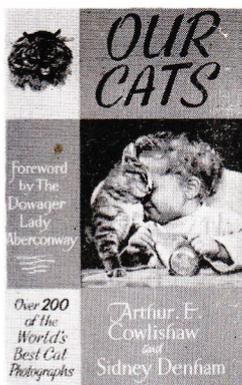


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