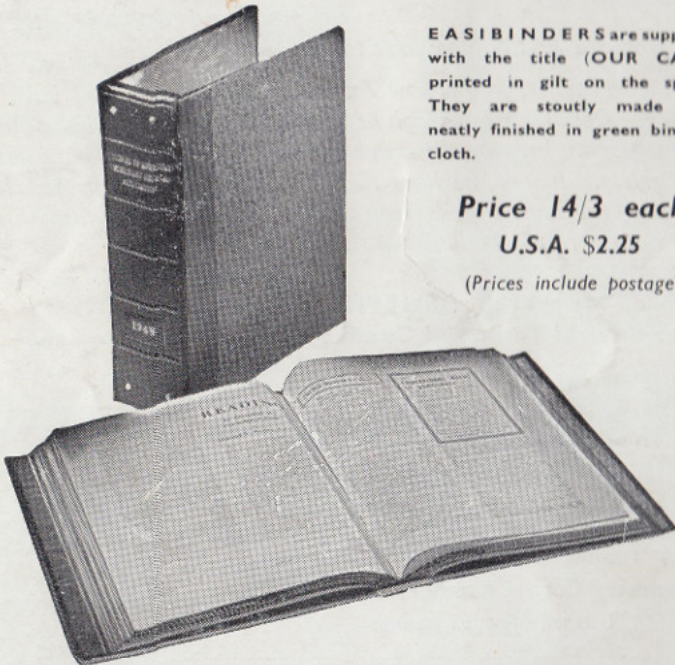


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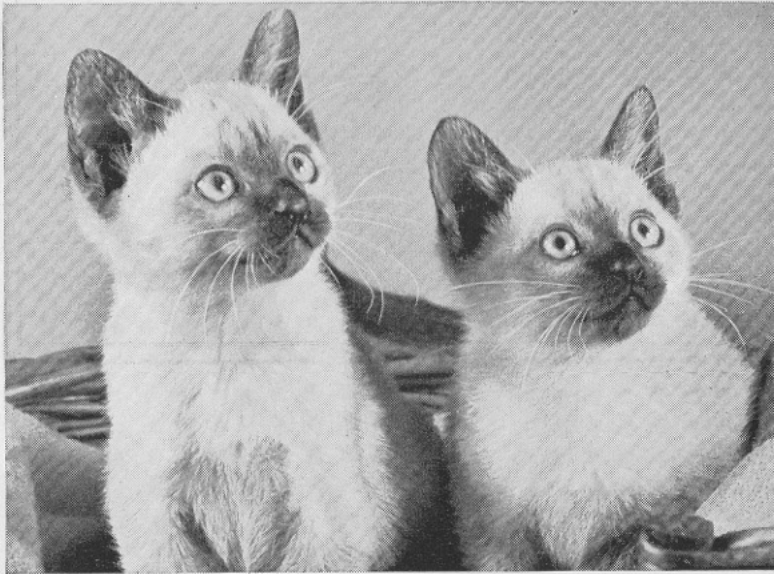
"WELL, WHAT'S THE VERDICT, JUDGE?"

Here's a youngster who can surely look forward to a Happy New Year! Making a show debut and not a bit ruffled by the unusual proceedings, this little Silver Tabby is really in very good hands—those of experienced Shorthair judge, the Rev. Basil Rees, Vice-Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. Amused onlooker is Mrs. Grace Pond, Show Manager for the National Cat Club, of which Mr. Rees is Chairman. Photograph taken by Hugh Smith.

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Are we protected against Infectious Enteritis?



In the close conditions of the Show every cat is exposed to infections. One of the most dangerous is Feline Enteritis—a particularly infectious virus disease which can spread quickly through a cattery or from cat to cat in a locality. Its onset is sudden and usually fatal. The mortality rate is highest among Siamese, although all breeds are susceptible. It may be too late after the Show . . . consult your veterinary surgeon now about 'Fiovax', and have your kittens vaccinated without delay.

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- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
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EDITORIAL

FROM where I am writing, the wall opposite is festooned with greeting cards from readers all over the world. They make a colourful and heart-warming display and to all of you who contributed to this gay and seasonal picture I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind thoughts and encouraging messages.

I cannot hope to acknowledge each one individually at this unusually busy time of the year. Many of the cards were quite remarkable for their novelty and ingenuity and it is deserving of mention that cats and particularly kittens predominated as the theme. I shall be sorry when Twelfth Night comes round!

As this issue of the Magazine marks its entry into a second decade, the occasion is appropriate I feel for a little reflection and perhaps also a peep into the future. This issue is our 119th and we have surely survived long enough now to confound the dismal ones who predicted years ago that our existence would be a short and not too happy one! Admittedly, our progress has been slow at times, but it has been steady and perhaps the most gratifying feature has been the solid character of the support given by so many of you who enlisted as subscribers away back in 1948/9.

This support has been our strong backbone and it won't require much imagination to understand the special pleasure an editor derives


from a subscription order that is being renewed for the tenth time. Which all goes to prove that most of you feel that the menu we have been offering is about right for the digestion and that there isn't a great deal wrong with our policy. Another satisfactory feature is that we have survived the most critical period ever known by publishers of small specialist journals ; a period of unprecedented rises in production and distribution costs.

On the subject of policy and the future, I would like to say here and now—despite the rumours that circulate from time to time—that OUR CATS remains as free and independent as it began in 1949. The policy set out then holds good to-day and as far as the future is concerned it is my intention to continue to develop along international lines. It is by ignoring geographical limits that the Magazine can best serve the interests of the cat and the growing army of breeders and owners. We now have readers in nearly forty different countries.

A target I have in mind (not too far ahead, I hope !) is a larger magazine without any increase in the subscription rate. By "larger" I mean more editorial pages. This can be achieved mainly by a build-up of subscribers during 1959. If only a percentage of our present subscribers would help us to find just ONE new reader, then I think the goal might be attained in a reasonably short space of time.

On several occasions in the past I have invited readers to send me in confidence the names and addresses of friends and contacts likely to be interested in a cat journal. There are thousands of cat lovers dotted all over the world who still do not know of our existence and we would welcome the opportunity to send them a specimen copy of OUR CATS together with an invitation to subscribe.

I am fully alive to the fact that a number of you are already giving this service and very helpful it has proved. Some of you, whenever a kitten is sold, jot down the name and address of the purchaser on a

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postcard and send it along. A specimen copy goes out and the card is destroyed. It's as simple as that !

Finally, before handing over the remainder of this page to Mrs. Blanche Wolfram, my great friend and helper in America, I would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation of the help and encouragement given me over the past ten years by all those associated in any way with the editorial, production and distribution of the Magazine at home and overseas. It is my hope that these happy associations will continue for a long time to come.

And now here is Mrs. Wolfram with a few seasonal thoughts that arrived too late to catch our December issue. You will find they contain a deal of commonsense and clear thinking.

EDITOR.

Let's work together for a common cause

Suggests our American Associate Editor BLANCHE WOLFRAM

CHRISTMAS and the New Year are truly pleasant festivals, when a certain reverence seems to spread over the world bringing peace and happiness to all. It is a shame that the goodwill and friendly spirit which spreads abroad cannot become a reality for all time. How better can we start out to achieve this ideal than from our own backyard—the Cat Fancy ?

Considering the total population of the world, we may be only a small part, but at least we could be a beginning. There are many ways in which we could, if we really tried, help this world of ours to become a better place in which to live. When one considers the many petty jealousies, endless bickering and manoeuvrings for power through politics, surely we could do our best to eliminate all this bad spirit from the Fancy and work in peace amongst each other. Our Fancy

is world-wide and perhaps through our efforts, we could bring a friendliness that could be looked upon as a goal to be followed by others.

First of all, we should make every effort to eliminate the word "competition" from our ranks. Winning in a show should never be a matter of life and death but a sportsmanlike venture. We must help others to win with their cats and should we lose, well, there should never be a word of complaint to anyone. We should endeavour to get more and more beautiful cats to the shows even if it means some personal sacrifice by helping others. Increased entries in a show along with more shows should be reward enough for our own contribution to the common cause.

All novices should be encouraged and helped in every possible way. We should have more and more young breeders join the Fancy so that more and more cats will take their places in the limelight. Never should we saddle inferior stock upon them just for the sake of making a

sale but should try to give them some of our best so that they too will have a fair chance of producing the best stock. With increased numbers of novices we widen the potential of sales from our own catteries.

All of us should work for the betterment of the health of cats; too many diseases are being left to chance. If we make a sincere effort to get to the truth of the matter we may achieve really worthwhile results. Many cats are needlessly dying because of our lack of information on how to properly combat their many diseases. We should not leave everything to our veterinary profession but should lend assistance to them in furthering the work of research. Help is desperately needed and with all of us working together I am sure that it could be forthcoming.

Those of us who are chosen for high office in the Fancy should not abuse their positions to run roughshod over others.

No, we should all become diplomats working for the improvement of the Fancy and to helping to bring about a peaceful existence for all within our ranks. Playing power politics is dangerous and should not be condoned.

Last but not least, we should increase our efforts to educate the public to the fact that a cat does have its rightful and useful place in the scheme of things. We should point out its many desirable qualities. We should also strive to improve the lot of the cat everywhere and to prevent some of the needless cruelty that exists to-day in many forms.

The most important thing of all is to put the word "Cat" back in the Cat Fancy. In other words, we should give the Cat Fancy back to the cats. In this way, with all of us working for a common cause we may be able to accomplish many things beyond our wildest dreams. So, indeed, we may preserve the wonderful spirit of Christmas.



Photocalls

A PROUD SCOT

PREMIER GALLBRAES SANDY, exhibited by Mrs. E. M. Walker, of Dumfries, with his shield after being judged Best Neuter at the October Show of the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club in Edinburgh.

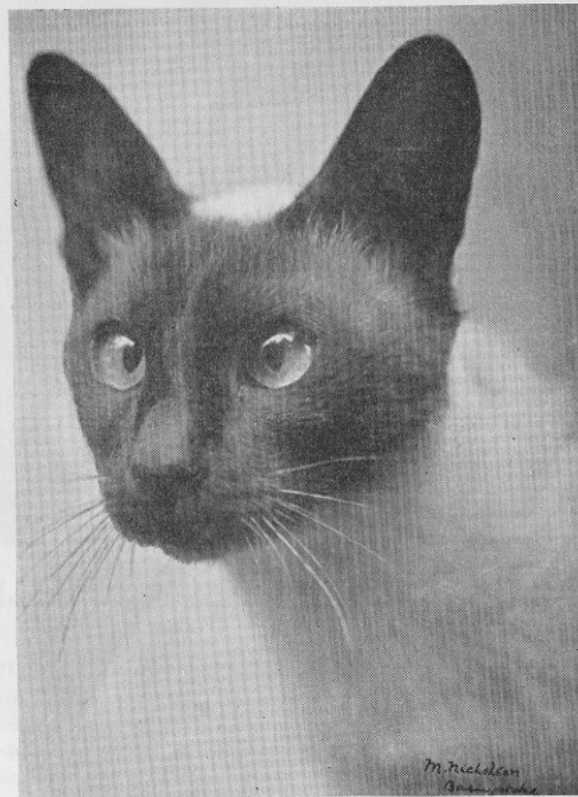
Siamese of yesteryear

A SUBSCRIBER in California, U.S.A., has asked for some information about the background of our Siamese and the Club which can proudly lay claim to the title of "the largest specialist cat club in the world." We have decided to print the details supplied to this enquirer as doubtless there are many other devotees of the breed who will be interested.

The first recorded Siamese were brought to England in 1884 by Mr. Gould, who was Consul General in

Bangkok about this time. Two years later a pair and some kittens are reported to have been procured as a great favour and after much delay from the King's Palace by a Mrs. Vyvyan and these were followed to England by a male and three females obtained by Miss Walker, the daughter of General Walker.

The late Phyl Wade, prominent judge and Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club a quarter of a century ago, explains in her book *The Siamese Cat*, that the few cats brought out of Siam were obviously



PRESTWICK PUJI was born about 1936. That most experienced of Siamese breeders Mrs. Greta Hindley considers that Puji had the best head of any queen she has bred . . . and the number of Prestwick-bred queens must now run into several hundreds.

very difficult to procure as they were only kept in the Royal Palaces and Temples of Bangkok. They were bestowed as presents of great worth to a few people in high position. It is probable she adds, that the kinked tail is due to the fact that Siamese sometimes mated with the Malayan cat.

The English Siamese Cat Club was founded in 1901 and the first officials were Miss Derby-Hyde (Secretary) and Mrs. Backhouse (Treasurer). The first committee consisted of Mrs. Parker Brough, Miss Forestier Walker, Mrs.

Cat Club Show. This was a great success and incidentally it was the first Championship show ever held by a specialist club in the Fancy. The first Siamese Cat Register made its appearance at this time and this and subsequent registers have proved invaluable to breeders in tracing pedigrees. We should not forget to mention that valuable service to the breed has been given over the past 25 years by the Club President Sir Compton Mackenzie; his enthusiasm has never wavered.

Sir Compton, in 1934, contributed a



CH. PRESTWICK PERAK was born just about a quarter of a century ago. Her sire was Litabois, bred by Miss Busted, and her dam Puteh, imported from Malaya.

Spencer, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Carew-Cox. A year later the membership was 31 but in 1915 (the second year of the First World War) the figure fell to 19. Lady Marcus Beresford was a prominent member.

In 1923 Major Woodiwiss was elected Hon. Secretary and it was in the following year that he organized the first Siamese

delightful Introduction to Phyl Wade's book. A passage is well worth repeating. It runs: "Siamese cats are jealous, greedy, and I suppose I must add destructive, for any piece of fine embroidery only exists in their fancy as a suitable toy for their claws. But, as I have already written, what are their faults compared with their virtues—

with their sense of humour, their fidelity, their dauntless courage (except of the unknown), their playfulness, their conversational powers, their awareness of themselves, their honesty (by which I mean they will take a lobster off a table in front of you), their continuous passionate interest in all that is going on around them, and their depth of affection, which they are so able to show in so many exquisite ways?"

It is interesting to compare the Standard of Points of to-day with that given by Harrison Weir in our predecessor *Our Cats* in 1892:

Royal Cat of Siam. Head (10 points)

—Small, broad across and between the eyes, tapering upwards and somewhat narrow between the ears; forehead flat and receding, nose long and somewhat broad, cheeks narrowing towards the mouth, lips full and rounded, ears rather large and wide at base, with very little hair inside. **Fur (10 points)**—Very short and somewhat woolly, yet soft and silky to the touch and glossy with much lustre on the face, legs and tail. **Colour (20 points)**—The ground or body colour to be of an even tint, slightly darker on the back, but not in any way clouded or patched with any darker colour; light rich dun is the preferable colour, but a light fawn, light silver grey,

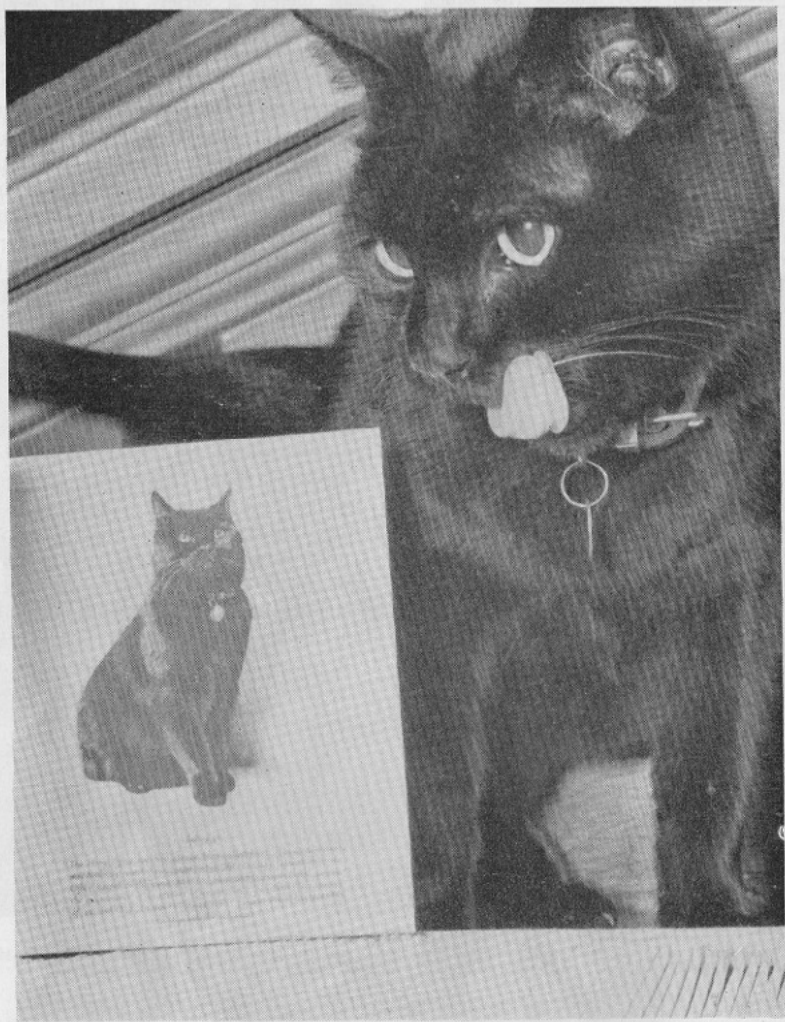
or light orange is allowable; deeper and richer browns, almost chocolate, are admissible if even and not clouded, but the first is the true type, and the last merely a variety of much beauty and excellence; but the dun and light tints take precedence.

Markings (20 points)—Ears black, the colour not extending beyond them, but ending in a clear and well-defined outline; around the eyes and all the lower part of the head, black; legs and tail black, the colour not extending into or staining the body, but having a clear line demarcation. **Eyes (15 points)**—Rather almond shape, slanting towards the nose, full and of very beautiful blue opalesque colour, luminous and of a reddish tint in the dusk of evening or artificial light. **Tail (5 points)**—Short by comparison with the English cat, thin throughout, a little darker towards the base, without any break or kink. **Size and Form (10 points)**—Rather small, lithe, elegant in outline, and graceful, narrow and somewhat long; legs thin and a little short than otherwise; feet long, not so round as the ordinary cat; neck long and small. **Condition (10 points)**—In full health, not too fat, hair smooth, clear, bright, full of lustre, lying close to the body which should be hard and firm in the muscles.



Finally, to complete the pictorial side of our "Siamese of Yesteryear," here is a well-known male of the 1930's, CH. PRESTWICK PERTANA, born in 1935. Well, what do you think? Has the standard and true character of our Siamese been maintained?

A page for the proletarian puss—No. 83



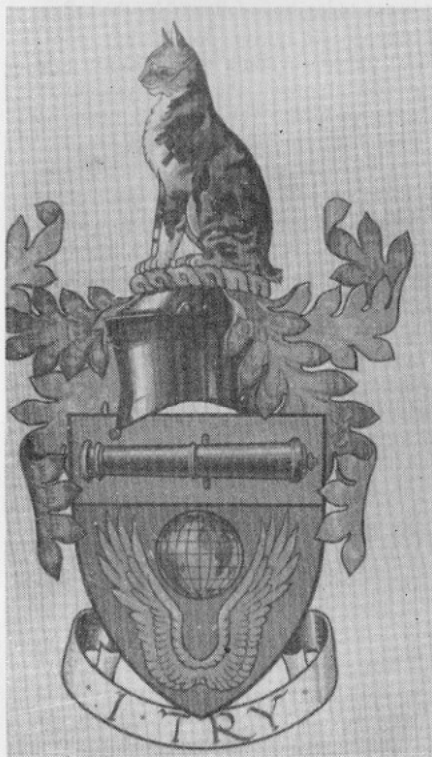
"Daily Sketch" photograph

PETER THE PROUD

In last month's issue "Mickey" in his Tailpieces feature told you about Peter, the black cat at the Home Office whose photograph was chosen to appear on the official Christmas card. We thought you might like to see this fine picture of Peter "in the flesh" and as he appeared in formal pose on the card. The inscription runs: "Peter. The Home Office cat has always been called Peter. The appointment was honorary until June, 1929, when the Treasury agreed that the Office Keeper might spend from his petty cash a penny a day towards the maintenance of an efficient office cat. Since then, Peter, like the rest of us, has had his pay increased. The present Peter has held his appointment for ten years."

A C(o)at of Arms

Cornish Cat is the only living Crest



THIS interesting little story about the cat who became the only living crest in heraldy serves to underline the valuable co-operation which is so frequently and so readily forthcoming from our readers all over the world. Without this help it is obvious that we should be minus a considerable amount of fascinating material in which cats figure prominently and which by our reckoning is deserving of a wider readership.

A few weeks ago a cutting from the *Western Morning News* arrived under a Devonshire postmark. It was an illustrated item which the sender obviously

thought would interest cat lovers, particularly those who like to read about the science of "recording genealogies and blazoning coats of arms." That's heraldry! Whilst the item we present is hardly up-to-the-minute news, it is none the less interesting because of that. Actually, the Coat of Arms depicted above was granted some years ago.

Following the trail opened up by the newspaper cutting, we contacted Major W. T. Blake, of St. Columb, Cornwall, to whom the patent was granted by the College of Arms. He very kindly responded by loaning us the print from which our reproduction has been made and also by supplying some explanatory detail.

The Cornish cat, he explains, was selected as his new crest as his old family crest was a mountain cat passant and with his new Coat of Arms the crest had to be "differenced." Thus, his cat became "the only living crest." Samples of her fur, photos, etc., had to be sent to the College of Arms.

A good hunter

The Cornish cat is said to be descended from crosses between the wild and domestic cats. It is usually tabby with a good deal of chestnut in the fur, with short front legs and long hind legs. The skull is flat and the ears smallish and set back. The tail is usually about three inches long and always worn tightly clamped down. Major Blake adds that the Cornish cat is well known in the county, though not common. It is quiet by nature but when it does speak the voice is loud and harsh. It is an excellent hunter.

It is interesting to record that when it was suggested that the first attempt to fly round the world (which was led by

Major Blake in 1922) should be commemorated heraldically and that he should therefore take out a fresh grant of arms, the original idea that an aircraft should be incorporated in the new arms was condemned as unheraldic by the College of Arms. So the Crest of the Cornish Cat was designed.

The flight round the world is commemorated by the globe surrounded by wings. The gun indicates connections with the Army and is a punning reference to the Clan Gunn to which Mrs. Blake belongs.

But, of course, for cat lovers the centre of interest must always be "A Cornish Cat sejant proper charged on the shoulder with a Fret Gules."



THE HEDGEHOG AND THE CAT

VALERI STRIZHAK, aged 10, a schoolboy from Kazakhstan, writes :

"I have an idea that other children might find it interesting to read about my two friends, Yasha the hedgehog and Vaska the cat.

"I brought the hedgehog home when he was still very tiny. He was very timid, and crawled under a cupboard straight away.

"I've also got a kitten, Vaska.

"When my 'lodgers' met, they were afraid of one another at first, but then the kitten crawled under the cupboard and started playing with the hedgehog.

"Hedgy became cross and began to hiss, but the kitten kept putting out her paw.

"The hedgehog started to run round the room, followed by the kitten. Then they both felt tired, and the hedgehog lay down by the stove, the kitten next to him.

"I put down a saucer of milk, and puss began to lap, soon followed by the hedgehog.

"When the milk in the saucer was nearly all gone, the hedgehog started crawling under the cat, and began to prick her tummy with its spines.

"Pussy ran away and after that, if the hedgehog ever wanted to get something away from puss, he would always crawl under her tummy! Generally, however, they are great friends, always together."

(Reprinted from the Children's Corner of a December issue of the "Soviet Weekly")



Mr. M. A. Soitys, Lecturer in Veterinary Bacteriology, Cambridge University, says that cats and dogs are "a great risk" in spreading tuberculosis. He suggests that a veterinarian should be attached to the Ministry of Health to advise on the diseases transmitted from animals to man. At present there is no legislation under which a tubercular dog or cat can be removed from a family. We are trying to get further details via the *British Medical Journal*.

Little One, the family cat of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parker and their daughter Gail, of Whittonstall, near Stocksfield, has suffered a strange bereavement. He chummed up with a tiny leveret which was found abandoned in a cornfield. Mrs. Parker fed the leveret with an eyedropper and a pair of forceps and when it began to eat, Little One, who normally had cat food, changed over to sharing bread and milk meals. The pair became great friends but alas one day the leveret wandered away from the protective paws of Little One and was killed by a prowling cat.

Scratch-poles triumphant

By S. M. HARDING

THERE comes a time, even in the best regulated establishments, when something just has to be done about the furniture covers. Twenty years of children, cats of various dynasties and their kits, leave their marks, not to mention shreds and tatters.

Alley and pedigree cats all do it, in spite of the presence of scratch-poles in plenty all over the house. The kitchen table leg, clothed in frequently-renewed strips of carpet, does not please big black Pollywog, although Sophie, his Siamese mother, found it quite to her liking. When Pogs stands up to his full height, tearing at the carpeted leg with all his strength, his hind feet slip on the lino. A better stance is provided by rooms with a floor carpet on which the hind feet grip.

But what to do about the furniture covers, beyond endlessly putting off the evil hour of doing anything about them? Could one bear to see Mr. Wong sliding across the room on his back, as he rapidly clawed his way along the edge of a newly covered settee? How could Chi be stopped from educating her family into the joys of nail sharpening on the back corners of newly covered chairs, or the Bad Boys from playing hide and seek and scrabble and bash round every upholstered corner? No use banishing them all day to the cattery in the garden: one needs to live with one's pets to a greater extent than that. The years roll over the unsolved problem while the dilapidations increase.

An idle moment spent upon a back page of *Discovery* informed me that I.C.I.

had invented "Vynair," a perfect material for covering furniture. Encouraged by all the lovely things they said about their semi-plastic, indestructible, easily cleaned material, I took the plunge, although they made no mention of cats.

In trooped the Seal and Chocolate Points, the tabby and black kittens of whom their mother is not at all ashamed. In came big Pollywog, and the little stray Tortoiseshell whose real home can't be found. They inspected the transformed furniture minutely. Gluttonous five-months old Chocolate Points, twice first in their classes, and subsequently marked down for being so disgustingly well grown, tried shinning up an arm, but claws found no hold and down they fell. And that was that. Back-sliding and other games just did not work.

The problem is solved

Roxana, the Colourpoint, squarely sits on her behind at the scratch-pole, and with upright back demurely plucks the pile as if she was playing a harp. Kittens all climb the pole at once and play scrabble and bash there. Not one of them even tries to put a claw into a cover. In compensation for lost joys cats may come and go as they please, and the housewife's problem is solved.

Siamese cats have a reputation not only for their powers of material devastation. They have made a great and spreading conquest of English homes since the year of their importation, and their army of enslaved humans steadily increases. But dear Seal, Blue and

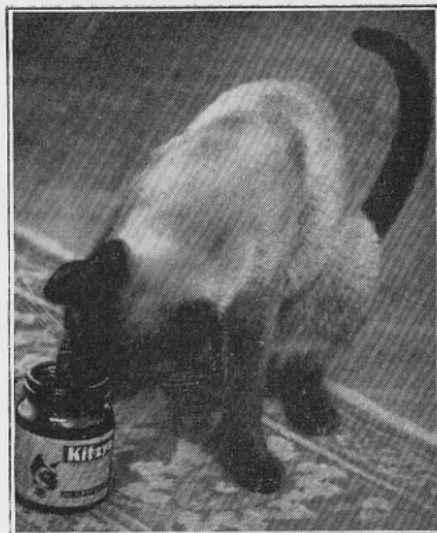
(concluded on page 14)

MRS. P. LAMBERT of 3 The Hill, Batheaston, Bath, Somerset, writes:—

"I wish to thank you for the Kit-zyme Tablets awarded to Firesprite Pedro, my Siamese Neuter, at the South Western Counties Cat Show in September.

"You will be interested to learn that Pedro is no stranger to Kit-zyme and I am sending you a photograph which shows how he helps himself to his daily ration of the Tablets. He is always amusing to watch. He first tries with one paw and if not successful he then tries with the other. If this fails, he gets really impatient and knocks the jar over and eats as many as he can!

"During the summer months Pedro's coat was in poor condition due to 'harvesters' under the skin. However, I allowed him 6 Tablets of Kit-zyme a day and he improved so rapidly that he not only won his first Challenger Certificate at the South Western Show, but was also Best Neuter in the Show. This was Pedro's third Championship Show since his skin trouble disappeared and his awards total eleven First prizes, four Seconds and six specials."



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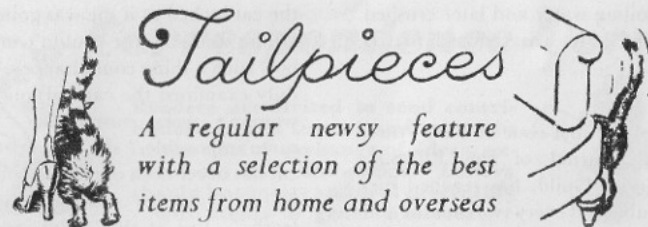
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A regular newsy feature
with a selection of the best
items from home and overseas

SOMETHING like this was bound to crop up at Christmastime! Guests were assembled for a carol service in the ballroom of a Droitwich (Worcestershire) hotel. Then it happened! Just as the organist struck the opening chords of the first carol a black cat leapt from the organ and scuttled across the floor. "I don't know who had the biggest shock," said the organist, "the guests, me or the cat."

From comedy to tragedy. Evidence given at an inquest held in Hendon, Middlesex, revealed that a mother found the family cat lying across the face of her dead baby in a cot. The coroner said he was in no doubt that the cat had suffocated the six-months-old child and a verdict of "Accident" was returned.

And now a spot of comfort for those who may be anxiously awaiting the return of their wayward pet. Stripey, the pet cat of a family living at Westerham, Surrey, disappeared mysteriously one stormy night last September. After much searching and numerous enquiries, he was given up for lost until—three months later—15-year-old Susan discovered him in the front garden, looking very much the worse for wear. Some food and drink, a good clean up and a lot of fussing—and Stripey was soon re-established in his old home. Where had he been and why did he go? No-one will ever know.

I commented in last month's issue on the report that nearly 100 cats and kittens "running wild" at the Army Ordnance Depot at Didsbury had been

destroyed by an order from the Commandant. Repercussions were heard in the House of Commons when Mr. Wigg alleged that a great number of cats had been destroyed to protect the pheasant shooting. Mr. Soames, War Minister, denied that any pet cats had been shot by the Army. Ordnance depots, he added, had to clear away at intervals cats which live and multiply among the old buildings. They are destroyed by the R.S.P.C.A. and this had been done at Didcot for many years.

Ashe Laboratories Ltd., of Leatherhead, Surrey, have acquired the "Sherley" range of pet foods and medicines from Aspro-Nicholas Ltd., of Slough, Bucks.

A film has been made by the U.S. Army to show the effects of experimental nerve gases on morale. The idea is that enemy troops sprayed with these would temporarily lose their will to fight and resist. They would leave no permanent adverse effects. The film is divided into two scenes, each depicting a cat sitting in a glass cage with a corner hole through which a mouse emerges. Scene 1 ends with the cat holding the captured mouse in its mouth. In Scene 2 the cat is given a whiff of gas. The mouse enters and darts quickly round the cage, sometimes passing just in front of the cat. The cat shows alarm, jumps back and finally cowers against the side of the cage. I guess it had to come one day!

A sergeant of the Army Catering Corps was found guilty by a court martial in Hong Kong of cruelty to a kitten at which

he threw boiling water and later crushed with his feet. He was reduced to the rinks.

A copy of the first issue of *Guild News*, the official journal of the P.D.S.A. Animal Service Guild, has reached me. It will be published every two months and will contain items of general interest and photographs dealing with the Society's work. Its purpose is the excellent one of promoting service for animals through membership of the Guild.

Her many friends in England will be sorry to learn of the protracted illness of Miss Doris Hobbs, who has been a patient in Queen Mary's Hospital, Hong Kong, since the middle of October. Here's wishing her a speedy return to full health in order that she may be able to resume her splendid work for the cause of animal welfare.

Although the Zoological Society of London has been in existence for well over 100 years, it has never had a junior section through which the great amount of scientific knowledge at its disposal could be made available to school-children. The need for such a section has now been catered for by the formation of a Young Zoologists Club for children between the ages of 11 and 18 who are interested in zoology, in natural history and in animals. The Club will be based on the London Zoo and for 10s. a year (reduced rates for schools, clubs, etc.) membership will include the Club badge, free admission tickets, competitions, discussions and a copy of the "Zoo Magazine" three times a year. Fuller details of this excellent scheme may be had from the XYZ Club, The London Zoo, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

Just in case you missed this excellent story which has been "going the rounds" of late: A veterinary surgeon received an urgent request to visit a woman's cat. The woman said she was worried because

the cat looked as if she was going to have kittens and she just couldn't understand how such a thing could happen. The vet. duly examined the cat and confirmed the woman's worst suspicions. "But it's quite impossible," she explained. "The cat has never been out of the house except when I take her out for a walk on a leash." Just at that point, another cat emerged from underneath the table. "How about that fellow?" asked the vet. "Don't be silly," retorted the woman. "That's her brother!"

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

MICKEY.

SCRATCH-POLES TRIUMPHANT

(continued from page 11)

Chocolate Points, Lilacs and Reds, you had better make hay while the sun shines, for Roman empires and the like wax and wane.

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It may be some years before there are enough Colourpoints in the world for their worth to be generally appreciated, but this new variety of cat, with its long coat and majestic winter ruff, its short nose, ears and tail, and expressive eyes, is just as intelligent and entertaining as you Siamese, and many people find them more beautiful.

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Correspondence Corner

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



News from South Africa

Your delightful Picture Book has just reached me, making my 57th book on cats! This one is my favourite—the text and pictures are wonderful. I was so glad to see the chapter on Louis Wain.

It may interest you to know that I have just done something I have always wanted to do—put cats on the air. All my life I have grieved over the lot of the cat. In South Africa it is not highly regarded. Some of the natives eat cats and all are anxious to obtain caps made from their fur. The vast majority of white people are quite indifferent to them. I have always kept strays, though longing for a pedigreed cat.

A few months ago I applied to go on a nation-wide quiz programme called "60,000 to Go." The subjects chosen by competitors are all very grand, historical, literary, etc. Mine was "The Domestic Cat—Fact, Fable and Fiction." On three half-hour programmes I won through to the end in spite of "stinkers" like "How would you allot 100 points to a Manx?" and "What was the name of the first Abyssinian in England? Who brought it there and when was the breed registered?"

What was so wonderful was that afterwards from all over South Africa came letters from cat lovers telling me of their work for strays. After the final question—"Place the cat in Ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, Early Britain, the Middle Ages and the Bible," I asked if I might give a message over the air. Permission was granted and I then asked all the listeners to give a saucer of milk, a little food and perhaps a home to the

next stray that came to their door. Many of my letters said the writer had been in tears during the last broadcast.

I want to thank you again for a lovely book that will give me many hours of happiness. Kind regards from myself and seven ex-strays.

MRS. KAY WHEELER,
Cape, South Africa.

Aspirin Treatment for Gravel

It is possible that my experience may be of some help to your Staffordshire reader whose cat Peter is troubled with gravel stones.

In March, 1955, when I was living in Los Angeles, my 5-year-old Russian Blue neuter Boris was seriously ill with a bladder complaint. He was in hospital for ten days and the vet. prescribed tablets—one a day for life. In June there was another attack, another in September and again in December. Each time he received a shot, which seemed to last for just three months.

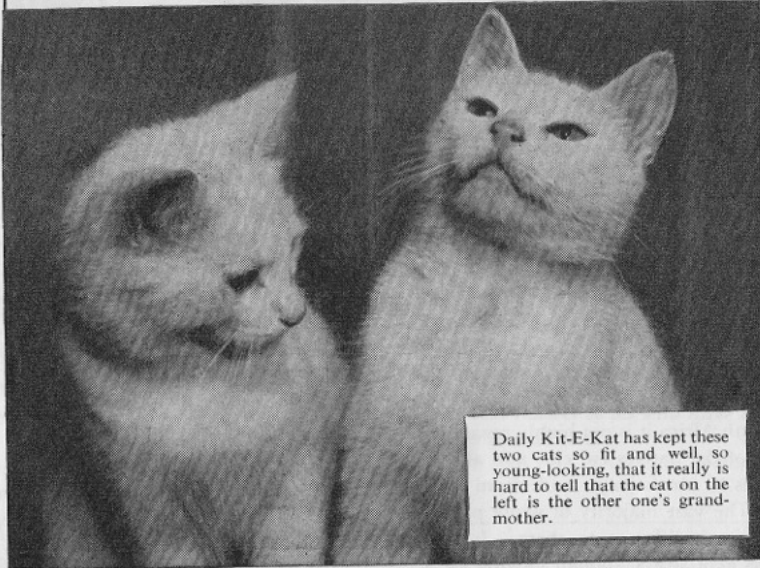
The vet. then suggested I treated Boris with aspirin, experiments having shown that aspirin was helpful in preventing the formation of kidney stones in humans as it causes acidity in the urine.

The dosage was 2½gr. twice a day (5gr. a day) for three weeks; 1½gr. twice a day (2½gr. a day) for one week; 1¼gr. a day for life.

Boris improved immediately and the trouble has never recurred. He seems to enjoy the aspirin. He reaches for the bottle and rubs the tablet with his whiskers before I put it in his mouth. I

WHICH CAT IS THE GRANDMOTHER?

It's hard to tell—they BOTH look so young!

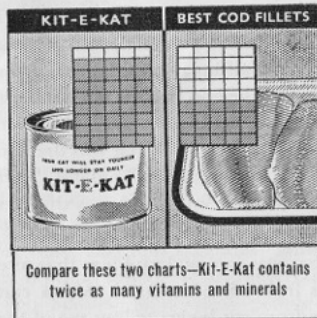


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This is Boris who benefited so much from his aspirin treatment

do not find this daily treatment a burden. It seems a small price to pay for his health.

The doctor who prescribed this treatment is Dr. Norman Haidy, Bel-Wood Hospital for Cats, 2100 South Sepulveda, Los Angeles 25, California, U.S.A. Since his hospital is devoted to cats, I am sure he would be glad to answer any inquiries. I sincerely hope that Peter recovers—if not through this treatment, then some other.

MRS. HAZEL B. MENKE.
Woodinville, Washington, U.S.A.

Chinchilla Breeding

Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb's radio talk on Longhairs reproduced in the December issue of *OUR CATS* will certainly raise some comments, mainly, I imagine, from your American readers who will be horrified at his suggestion that their Shaded Silvers are crosses from Blues and Chins. This is *not* so; all their Chins are pure-bred, the Shaded merely being darker coated cats than their Silvers.

A litter over there can consist of half Silvers and half Shaded Silvers, but all are pure-bred. Frankly, my own opinion is that such an outcross is detrimental and

certainly to would-be purchasers from U.S. An example of this was at the Olympia Show when I was asked to take an American round who had been commissioned to buy over £300's worth of cats for export. She did not know me at all and asked me what breed of cat I was interested in. When I told her Chinchillas she said that was the one breed she had been told not to purchase as we had only "cross bred Chins" and no reputable U.S. breeder would consider such a cross.

This is only one opinion, I know, but I still maintain the loss of eye-colour is disastrous. The Shaded Silvers of America breed true; here the Blue-Chins do not, so obviously they must be graded A.O.C. I'm afraid I deplore turning Chinchillas into a cross-bred animal.

MRS. MOLLIE TURNEY.
Holyport, Berks.

Treatment for Dehydration

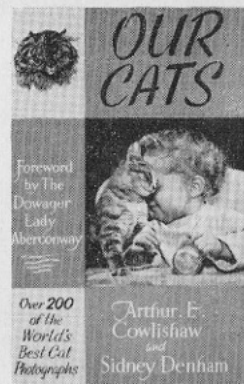
Your readers may be interested to read of the use of bovine serum injected intravenously in the treatment of sick cats who have become dehydrated by reason of illnesses such as enteritis, nepatitis, etc.

Two veterinary surgeons here have tried this injection on desperately ill cats with complete success. They will, I know, be writing a paper for a scientific journal on its use, shortly.

So far, I believe five cats have been treated; I can speak personally of two, and the effect of the injection of 20cc. was truly remarkable and I am convinced saved the life of one of them, a queen who after five days of virtual starvation and sickness had a litter of five kittens and was completely exhausted. A further 10cc. two days later seems to have put her on the road to recovery.

The disadvantage of this treatment, which has been used, I understand, with cats suffering from feline infectious

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enteritis, is that if the injection is repeated at a later date—say a month or more after the original—the cat or other animal (if not of the bovine family) may suffer from acute anaphalaxis and collapse or die. Such a case appears to have occurred a second time on a sheep.

If this treatment can be developed satisfactorily it may be of the greatest help in combating the most distressing symptom of enteritis—the dehydration which is so quick to develop.

MRS. A. N. DRUCE.
Nicosia, Cyprus.

Devoted to Animals

Certainly the interest and hours of pleasure I have already had from perusing your six back issues of OUR CATS makes me most grateful and appreciative of your excellent Magazine. Since England is the original home of Cat Fancy interest and breeding, it is especially fascinating to hear about your present-day breeders and their lovely cats.

When I was growing up I shared my love of all animals with my doctor father, who so often eased the way with my mother for what to her seemed a never-ending stream of animals, but especially cats. Pappa somehow found time to train every animal (except the horned toads!) to do at least one trick



Mrs. Charles Howard's Blue Cream youngster

which I suspect often helped to break down my mother's resistance and to teach me the care and needs of each.

My husband finally learned after several years that to love me was to also love my cats. Now he is almost as interested as I am and quite proud (for one so reserved) when the cats snuggle unbidden against him. And our sons? Well, it was fortunate for them that their father was pre-conditioned to a collection of pets and especially cats . . .

Surely, my proudest and most loved possession will be a lovely Blue Persian from your country. I am enclosing a little snapshot of my Blue-Cream female at five months of age.

MRS. CHAS. HOWARD,
Seattle, U.S.A.

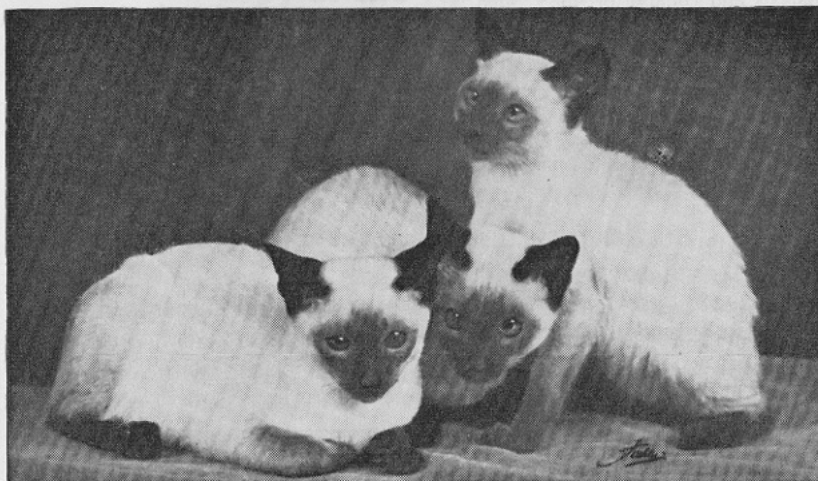
Readers' contributions to this feature are always welcomed. . . . We could do with many more! Editor.

MY PERFECT CAT

She's lived with me for many a day—
My little cat with the jade-green eyes.
Demure in coat of Quaker grey,
With spotless white accessories.
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She never sharpens hooks of steel
On table-leg or window-seat,
Or shreds the rugs with scornful heel.
She never makes the night resound
With piercing and impassioned cries
To every tom for miles around—
My little cat with jade-green eyes.
The other cats sleep here and there
According to their own desire;
Upstairs or down—on bed or chair—
She keeps me company by the fire.
Serene, sufficient to herself,
And chaste as any Vestal maid,
She sits upon the mantelshelf—
My china cat, with eyes of jade.

DOROTHY WINSOR.

TIBSICAL TRIO



Tibby the TIBS reporter discovered these three beauties in Mrs. Price's Devoran Cattery at Bushey, Herts. They're the magnificent descendants of that famous

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Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

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

so well known now for her successful promotions, was in charge of this section and both managers worked in agreeable unison. Mr. Pond was present and very active on the day and doubtless did a big share of the preliminary work. Mr. Towe was also with us attending to many important items in his usual unobtrusive way.

The "gate" appeared to be excellent although fog in some districts must have kept many intending visitors away.

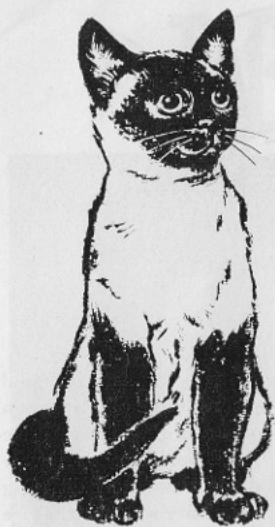
Many beautiful exhibits were presented and the Longhairs (over 200 of them) were the most representative we have seen this season. Most of them looked lovely in full winter pomp and they presented a heart warming sight for L.H. enthusiasts. Many kittens were sold and some of the loveliest winners left England the next day; others followed after Christmas.

Mme M. Ravel, President of the Fédération Internationale Feline d'Europe and so well known for her activities on its behalf and the Cat Club de Paris, was with us judging and appeared to enjoy her day. Several visitors flew over from Europe to see the show and to buy if the kittens they liked were obtainable. M. and Mme Esteve (Paris), M. and Mme Dekesel (Antwerp), and Mme D'Haeselaer (Brussels), were interested visitors from the Continent and there were also many others whose names are not familiar to me.

Report on Olympia

THE 62nd National Cat Club Ch. Show on 16th December at Olympia, London, attracted an entry of over 500 pedigree cats and kittens. This section, very capably managed by Mrs. Grace Pond, was a great improvement on the previous year's fixture. The absence of all the apparatus necessary for live TV and the disturbance it must inevitably cause gave this fixture the sedate atmosphere we have come to associate with our major Championship shows.

The Domestic Pets Section attracted 133 entries who competed for the *News of the World* Trophy. This was many fewer than in 1957 and in the vastness of Olympia they "fitted in" and did not give the impression that many visitors must have had last year, viz., that they were the motif of the Show. Mrs. Aitken,



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Best Exhibit in Show was Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue female Regina of Pensford by Ch. Octavian of Pensford and Ch. Dawn of Pensford, all three bred by exhibitor. Other premier awards were: Best L.H. Kitten in Show—Mrs. Brunton's Blue female Rosamund of Dunesk by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Wildrosebud of Dunesk; Best L.H. Neuter—the Misses Marshall's Premier Trenton Verity by Ch. Oxleys Peter John; Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Earnshaw's Manx female Gay Song by Indomitable and Starry Way; Best S.H. Kitten—Mr. Richard Warner's B.P. Siamese Spotlight Sigismond by Ch. Spotlight Melchoir and Spotlight Blue Mermaid (all three bred by exhibitor); Best S.H. Neuter—Miss Bones' Abyssinian Nigella Caliphe by Ch. Contented Amigo.

New Champions

Mr. Reid's Blue male Briaric Beauty, and Miss Sheppard's Cream female Widdington Stardust each received their second Challenge Certificate and the following were among those who became Champions: Mrs. Joan Thompson's Regina of Pensford, who emulated her sire and dam and her grandsire Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous by becoming a Champion within four months in her first season as an adult. Another young cat to receive her final was Miss Bull's lovely Orange-eyed White female Decbank Orange Blossom. She excels in type, eye colour and purity of coat. The youngest L.H. male to receive a Ch. was Mrs. Fawell's Red Tabby Barwell Perky at just over nine months of age. Among the more senior cats to become Champions were Mrs. Ross's pale Cream male Hathaway Anthony Roly by Mokoia Tafete. This owner also won with her Blue-Cream adult Shapur Saccharissa by Camber Algonon.

The winning Chinchilla adults were Miss Langston's Ch. Fidelio of Allington—looking his usual lovely self—and Mrs. McLeod's female Linnet of Thame.

Mr. Stirling-Webb's Champion Briarry Zahrat was the winning Colourpoint and he also won the two Colourpoint kitten classes with Briarry Femme Fatale and Briarry Morena. The winning Chinchilla kittens in the two Open Classes were Miss Langston's Millemant of Allington and Marinka of Allington (both by Ch. Fidelio of Allington). The last-named was purchased by Mme Ravel.

Best Cream kitten was Mrs. Brunton's male Cream Cracker of Dunesk by Ch. Oscar of Pensford and Damask of Dunesk, his Blue-Cream litter sister. Bonbon of Dunesk was first in the 3 to 5 months class, and in the older kitten classes Mrs. King's Cream Startops Dazzle and Blue-Cream Startops April Love by Ch. Hendras Benedict and Ch. Starmist of Pensford were first. There were 30 kittens in these four Open Classes; an indication of the rapid rise in popularity of these two varieties.

Fourteen neuters competed in the Any Variety Premier Class Except Self Colours. Miss Milburn's Brown Tabby Ch. Trelystan Fire Opal, all the way from Barry, Glamorgan, was the winner.

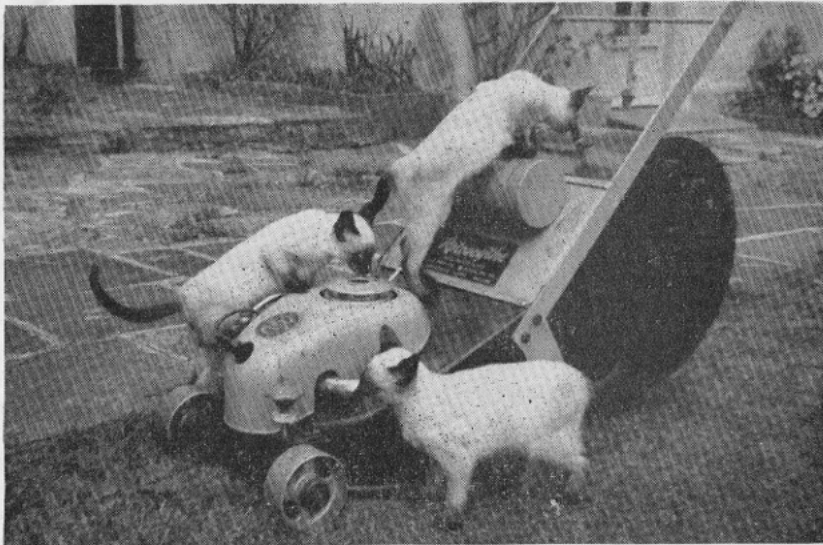
Best of the kittens

The Stud Class judged on progeny was won by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and he was also placed first in a class of thirteen Brace with Regina of Pensford.

Mrs. Brunton's Ch. April Violet of Dunesk was first in Champion of Champions and again in Brood Queens with Wildrosebud of Dunesk.

Miss Langston won in a class of 10 Teams with her Chinchillas Ch. Fidelio of Allington, Ch. Mark of Allington and Marinka of Allington.

The Blue Kitten Competition was unevenly divided as eight male kittens in the 3 to 6 months Open Class were headed by Mrs. Brunton's Bumblebee of Dunesk by Ch. Dylan of Allington and only three in the 6-9 months class by Mrs. Critchlow's Suncroft Gay Cavalier.



"How does this thing work?" The inquisitive Siamese kittens are holding up gardening operations at the Clevedon (Somerset) home of Mrs. M. A. Hopkins. They are Seal Points by her stud Clonross Kym.

POEMS

By ROSEMARY BAZLEY

SIAMESE

WHAT shall I write about my
Siamese
That has not many hundred times
been said,
Her sable tail? Her body satin-smooth?
Her silky head?
The poets have already clichéd these,
And if my pen may only write the truth
How shall it please?

Well then, I'll keep to simple sordid fact
That cannot be disputed by the wise—
Her blandishments conceived by studied
art,
Her mocking eyes,
Her muted voice when putting on an act;
Her callous treatment of my dotting heart,
Herself its prize.

OLD COCK-EYE

DREAMING mice in the moonlight
My cat sits;
One ear houseward turned,
perhaps

Lest he should miss
The scraps,
And tasty supper bits,
His undisputed right.
Neat and nice in the moonlight
My old cat;
Victor in a dozen wars
With dog and rat;
And cause
In local habitat
Of gratifying fright.

Cockatrice in the moonlight?
Basilisk?
I surmise, but fare not know,
The curious twist
And flow
Of all his fancies, brisk
And apparition-bright.

Ten female kittens in the 3-6 months Open Class were headed by the Best in Show L.H. Kitten Rosamund of Dunesk. There were only two females in the 6-9 months class. The winner Mr. Wellard's Prestwood Freesia (by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax) is a lovely youngster and is fulfilling her baby kitten promise. The majority of Blue queens have their kittens so late in the Spring nowadays that 3 to 5 months and 5 to 9 months Open Kitten Classes would level up the competition at all our shows up to Christmas. These age groups were adopted for Creams, Blue-Creams and Chinchillas.

Mrs. Jewell's litter of three by Ch. Widdington Winterstar and Ch. Jewel of Pensford were first. Mme Esteve purchased the Cream female, and Mme D'Haeselaer the Blue-Cream from this trio. Mrs. Jewell is keeping the Cream male for a future stud. All being well, he will be a valuable acquisition to Cream breeders.

Mrs. King's Cream female Startops Baby Bunting looked very attractive. She was second to Miss Sheppard's Widdington Stardust (9 in class) and should have little difficulty in getting her third C.C. to become a Champion.

Strength of Side Classes

Overseas readers may be interested in the competition our cats have to contend with in so-called side classes. Here are the entries: Blue Breeders (3 to 9 months) 16; Blue Novice 12; Blue Special Limit 12; Any Colour Breeders except Blue 23; Any Colour Novice except Blue 19; A.C. Limit 21; A.C. Maiden 31. In Any Variety Debutant Kitten 40 were entered but this class was divided on the day as were, I believe, some of the other classes.

Siamese were strongly represented as usual. Ten adult S.P. males had Mrs. Lapper's Bradgates Blue Vision (by Tiane Taianfu) repeating former successes.

In a class of 25 S.P. females the winner was Miss Hooper's Pussinboots Sealsox

by Bynes Romeo. The winners in B.P.'s were Mrs. Parson's male Browndreys Kong by Laurentide Mercury and Mrs. Porter's female Champion Chatwyn Jenny. In Chocolate Points, Miss Beckett's male Sunland Sirius and Mrs. Clark's female Craigiehiloch Chorita.

The first prize S.P. kittens in four Open Classes containing 51 kittens were: Miss Tilby's Katrine Sun Hunter by Killdown Kerry; Mrs. Highton's Random Rose Petal by the same sire; Mrs. Forrest's Janto The Rake by Chinki Jandy; and Mrs. Brearley's Framo Diana by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy. Blue Pointed male kittens attracted 13 and were headed by the S.H. Best in Show kitten Spotlight Sigismond. Among five females the winner was Mrs. Philpott's Bitchet Camellia by Ch. Misselfore Ryken.

Among the Shorthairs

The Shorthair kittens also had large entries in side classes—A.C. Breeders 33; A.C. Novice 35 for example—but some of these classes were also divided on the day. Mrs. Dadd's S.P. Siamese Killdown Kerry, who became a Champion at the Yorkshire County Cat Club Ch. Show a fortnight previously, was the winner in A.V. Shorthair Stud judged on progeny. Congratulations on both awards. Flight-Lt. Wilson's Careless Chloe was the winning Brood Queen. Champion of Champion S.H. award went to Mrs. Porter's B.P. Ch. Chatwyn Jenny. Ten Any Variety Shorthair Litters were led by Mrs. Macmichael's three males by Ch. Silverhayes Foxy, but this must be a printing error in catalogue for "Bluehayes."

Burmese advancing in favour attracted an entry of fourteen adults, the winners being Mrs. Merry's Kingsplay Fei-Fo by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and in females Mrs. Priestly-Williams' Kingsplay Coquette by Fernreig Charkki. In an amalgamated class of British Blues Miss Coles' female Littlewickers Lotus by

Ch. Broughton Nimrod was first and Ch. and in Russian Blues Mrs. MacInnes' female Czarlyne Royal Dolton.

Miss Robson bred the winner in Silver Tabbies—Mr. and Mrs. Boorman's Culverden Pavane.

The winning adults in Abyssinians were Mrs. Harmer's Ch. Chatwyn Terah by Heatherpine Nimrod and Mr. Paddon's Selborne Felicia by Arkwright Selim.

The best entry in Shorthair kittens (except Siamese) was 17 Burmese in two Open Classes, the winners being Mrs. Eustace Merrick's Elegant by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and Miss Grace's Gracefield Lashio by Ch. Autumn Haze.

A truly lovely show with many outstanding exhibits.

Tribute from Germany

Mrs. Hildegard Schulte from Westphalia, Germany, who came to see the Show and to steward for Mrs. Turney, who judged Chinchillas, was very impressed with the quantity and quality of the exhibits. Her special love is the Chinchilla but she is really interested in all varieties and was a very welcome visitor to me the day after the Show.

She was generous in her appreciation of the cats which British breeders have sent to Germany. Their own stock was more seriously depleted than ours after the War so almost everything depended on their first post-war imports and it was not until 1949 that they were able to start to consider importing.

Mr. Conrad Hirschmann, who has worked so well to revive the interest in cats and to organize shows, writing in the late summer stated: "We have made very satisfactory progress since 1949. We have had several successful shows and among the later ones since you judged at Dortmund we have had an International Ch. Show at Stuttgart, 1956, with 280 exhibits and 8,000 paying visitors; at Frankfurt/Main, 1957, 300 exhibits and 6,000 visitors."

Mr. Hirschmann anticipated a very successful show at Munich, the capital

town of Bavaria on November 21st-23rd, and it was about this Show that Mrs. Schulte gave me news and later sent a catalogue and a letter: "The eighth International Race (pedigree) Cat Ch. Show at Munich was organized by the "Deutscher Edelkatzenzüchter-Verband." It took place in the famous rooms of "Löwenbraükeller." In these rooms during carnival hundreds of people in colourful costumes dance and sing but this time our cats looked out from their own new pens, the first time the Club has used them. More than 300 exhibits from English, German, Danish, Norwegian, Italian and Swiss breeders were judged by Mrs. Guggenbühl from Switzerland, Mrs. Rohlf from Norway, Mrs. Lorscheid from Germany, Mrs. Kirsten from Eastern Germany and Mrs. Hansen from Denmark.

A wonderful White

"One of our members, Mrs. Oeffinger, has bred some wonderful Shorthairs, prefix 'Rosso antico.' She started with Red Tabbies and now after many trials she was awarded Certificates Excellent 1 and Excellent 2. The Best Longhair was a wonderful White male with very lovely eyes, Nicolino V Sonneck by Mr. Werner Bierhoff's Int. Ch. Paragon of Pensford, the latter first in the Int. Ch. male class. Mrs. de Koning V Oosten from the Hague, Holland, was first in the Blue male Open Class with Patrick of Pensford, his litter brother, sons of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. First in the Int. Ch. female class Int. Ch. Miss Muffet of Dunesk by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue and Ch. Southway Josephine. Mrs. Kroener's Dido of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Dawn of Pensford was first in the Open Blue female class. Mrs. Schulte's Chinchilla male Bonavia Keepsake by Ch. Bonavia Contenta (bred by Mrs. Turney), and Miss Eytzinger's S.P. Siamese male Int. Ch. Doneraile Leo by Doneraile Dara (bred by Mrs. Williams), were both first in their classes.

"Some of the most beautiful cats came from English breeders and from them

German breeders won many honours with their progeny. Mr. Werner Bierhoff had several firsts with the progeny of Int. Ch. Paragon. Unfortunately we cannot use this male in Western Germany as his owner lives in the Eastern Zone, also Mrs. Kirsten, owner of the Best in Show White male. Madame Sarrazin from Paris exhibited and was awarded C.A.C. I.B. with Flossy, her lovely Orange-eyed White daughter of the late Int. Ch. Cady de Paderac, and C.A.C. (equivalent to our Challenge Certificate) with her Cream female Hendras Tamarisk by Ch. Widdington Winterset, bred by Mrs. Nash. Miss Eytzinger's Int. Ch. Doneraile Leo was Best Siamese stud. Mr. Merz was awarded several Excellent Firsts, Mr. Müller, Mr. Postler and Mr. Schwigat all got C.A.C. with Seal or Blue Pointed Siamese and Mr. Schwigat's B.P. female Suela V Löwental by Belhaven Lotus was Best Shorthair.

"It was a most interesting and successful show and a test for German breeders. I will try to get some photos of our exhibits for OUR CATS."

Tops in Denmark

From Munich to Copenhagen. A correspondent sends news of the very successful show in October at the beautiful Music Hall of Tivoli. Mrs. K. R. Williams judged all Shorthairs and Mr. Doekson from Holland all Longhairs. Best Cat in Show Sapinette Comtesse, a Black L.H. owned by Mrs. Plazikowski, Sweden. Best Kitten in Show, Rangoon Blue Gay, a B.P. Siamese owned by Mrs. Dunvald. Best S.H. Cat was Mrs. Ulla Magnusson's B.P. Siamese male Brown-dreys Scamp. Best L.H. Male, Mrs. Karen Smith's Cream Ch. Mascot of Pensford. Best S.P. Siamese male, Mrs. Olga Petersen's Paw of Jarna. Best Burmese Mr. Hammer's Nilgirir Bura Turea. Best Manx, Mrs. Jaderlunds' female, Miss Cube, and the Best in Show, Sapinette Comtesse, were the four cats which were awarded C.A.C. I.B. All

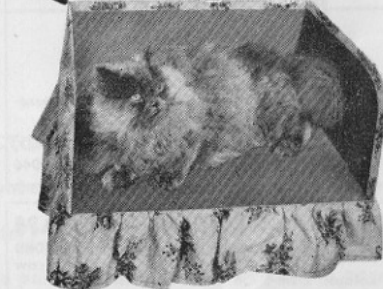
must have been Champions otherwise they would not have been eligible for this honour.

Later, Mrs. Eisenhuth sent news of Whiteoaks Archer, the winning S.P. Siamese male kitten bred by Mrs. Martin of East Grinstead who arrived in time for the Show and was awarded Excellent 1. He has gone to Mrs. Dunvald who lives near Copenhagen, and has settled down well and agrees with all the other cats. His new owner has been awarded many prizes in Scandinavia and is looking forward to seeing Archer's progeny.

Several news items have arrived from Australia and New Zealand but space will not permit more in this issue.

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St. George District Cat Club wound up the kitten show season with a lovely smooth fixture at Arncliffe, when the Derby and Oaks were run again. The new Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Martin, did a fine job for her first attempt and is to be congratulated. Our oldest exhibitor, Mr. Watkins, always attends this Show and at 87 years looks very well and happy.

A good entry awaited three senior and three probationer judges, the latter making their debut. It is hoped Mrs. Helsham (Siamese) may fit in three non-Championship shows and attain full status before going to England early next year. Some very lovely litters were benched and two of them should go a very long way at future shows. *Persian Awards*: Male cat—Mr. Hicks's St. Chads Mischief; Female—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Leone; Male Kitten—Mrs. Wood's Delhi Fleurescent; Female Kitten—Mrs. Lewis's Hellenic Snowdrop; Best Litter—Mrs. Wood, also Self and Marked Litters; Derby—Mrs. Wood's Delhi Fleurescent; Oaks—Mrs. Lewis's Hellenic Snowdrop. *Siamese Awards*: Best S.P. Male—Mrs. Carlisle's Rhama Liberace; Female—Mrs. Howard's Jacris Princess Anna; Male Kitten—

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Mrs. Donmall, President, and Mrs. Paris, Secretary of the Cumberland Club, held a fête and barbeque at Mrs. Donmall's home at Liverpool early in December in aid of Club funds. So far no report is to hand. The weather was unsettled but I trust it was a successful day.

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No word from my South Australian Club scribe Mrs. Thurmer. I am wondering if they have already started that bumper Christmas party. Their show in November was a very nice fixture although the variable weather was responsible for a great variety of coats. Mrs. Walsh of Victoria exhibited a nice imported queen, Kelvin Amanda. Chief awards as follows: Best Siamese—Mrs. Heysen's Coochi Rosemary; Best Opposite Sex—Andrew Ross's Magic Velvet (also Best Male S.P. Kitten); Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Fisher's Popia; Best Persian Male—Sister Cotton's Sandy of Netherlea; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. St. George's Sunnyview Cindy Sue; Best Kitten—Mrs. St. George's Sunnyview Misty Lady. This is the list to hand. I am told of the lovely Blue and Chinchilla kittens benched by Mrs. St. George, who has gained three Championships, all won in Adelaide. No word so

far from Tom and Jerry, the newspaper proprietors.

A flash from a Brisbane fancier says that Ipswich staged their first fixture, an exhibition, on 29th November. No further particulars are to hand. Let us hope that this is the beginning of a long series and will blossom into a centre of strong interest. I know it has been very hot this season and may have worked havoc among the coats of the Longhairs.

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They say that no news is good news, so I guess Melbourne cat matters are going along smoothly over there, or the Christmas spirit prevails! Mrs. Patterson generally sends along "the doings." I am very sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pearson have decided to "call it a day." I was associated with them at times on the panel and liked them immensely. I trust they are enjoying good health in that very beautiful spot, of which George Chandler has told me.

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I have not yet received the N.Z. G.C. Newsletter for November from Miss Menzies. I am sorry about this as it always gives me quite a lot of items from both islands. Maybe it will turn up as soon as I post off these notes! A short note is to hand from Jim Buchanan, that solid pal on the edge of the arctic regions, Invercargill, who reports everything "fine and dandy." A first kitten show is to be staged on 10th December in conjunction with the A. & P. Society at the showground. Have sent off 24 Christmas cards to New Zealand and have already received five in return.

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On 5th December a very enthusiastic band of cat folk met at Chatwood School of Arts and formed Sydney's eighth cat club, to be known as Northside

Feline Fanciers of N.S.W. Twenty-one members smartly paid up their subscriptions and elected their officials for the coming year. A constitution was drafted "in the rough" and will become club law at the next meeting. It is then presented to the R.A.S. Council, together with a list of 20 financial members and an application for affiliation, after which show dates will be up for consideration. Any enquiries could be directed to Mrs. S. Dowty, 9 Allison Avenue, Lane Cove, Sydney, N.S.W., who is the Secretary.

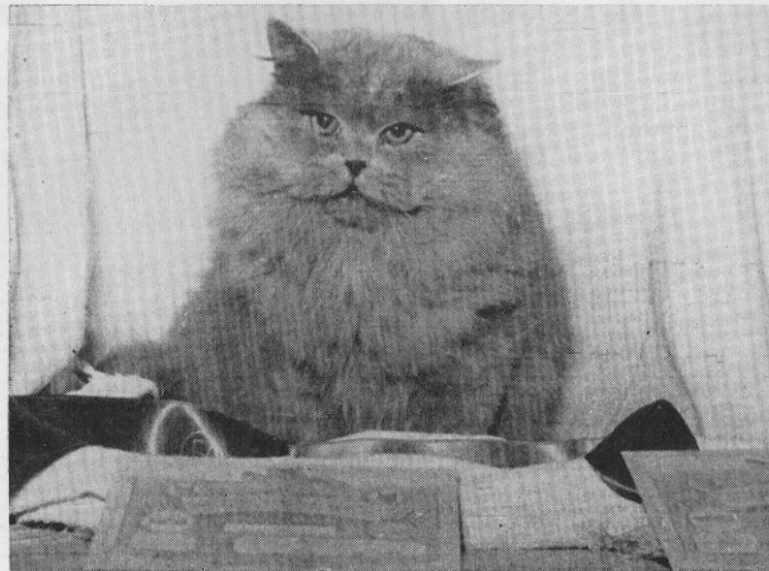
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After many years' service on the R.A.S. Consultative Committee, Mr. Bill Miles has resigned. We are sorry to lose his services and thank him for his hard work in the early days. His stud farm (trotting horses) makes him a very busy man. A cheerio, Bill!

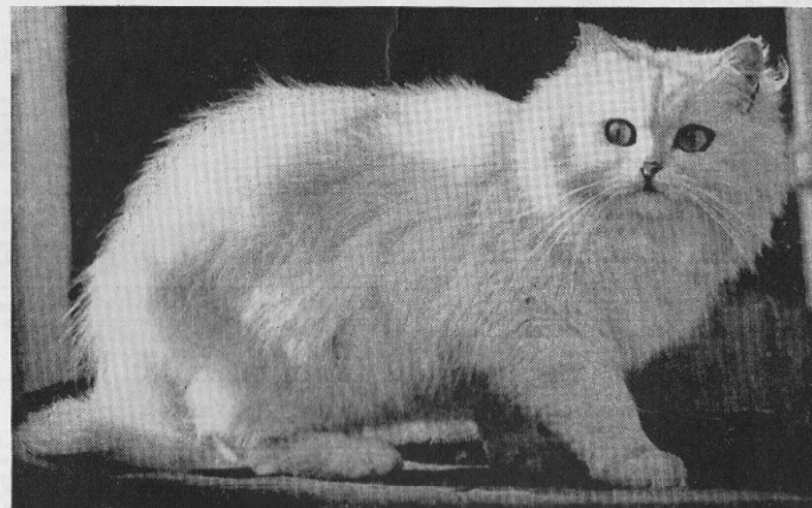
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The Combined Clubs Christmas Party was a wow, thanks to a nice piece of organizing, and credit goes to Mr. and Mrs. Favelle, who made it a grand night for the kiddies. Also noticed Mrs. Paris, Miss Williams and other ladies doing a good job. The hall was ideal and tastefully decorated. I rated it "tops" myself. The old C.F.A. is holding a party later.

Next month's issue will contain several interesting features for Shorthair fans, also news and pictures of shows in Paris and Oslo. We hope, too, that Mr. Jude will be resuming his articles on genetics in this issue.



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Hendon Times

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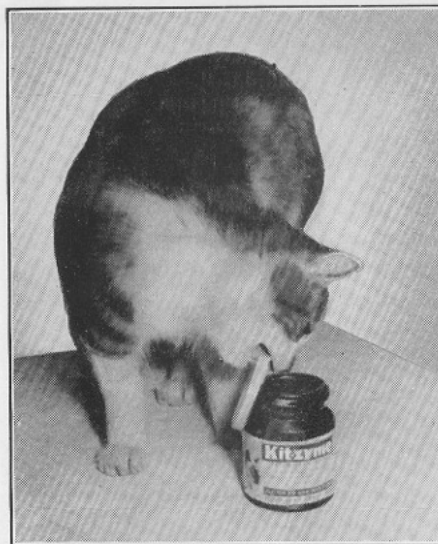
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