

Our Cats

AUTHORITATIVE
INSTRUCTIVE



ENTERTAINING
COMPREHENSIVE



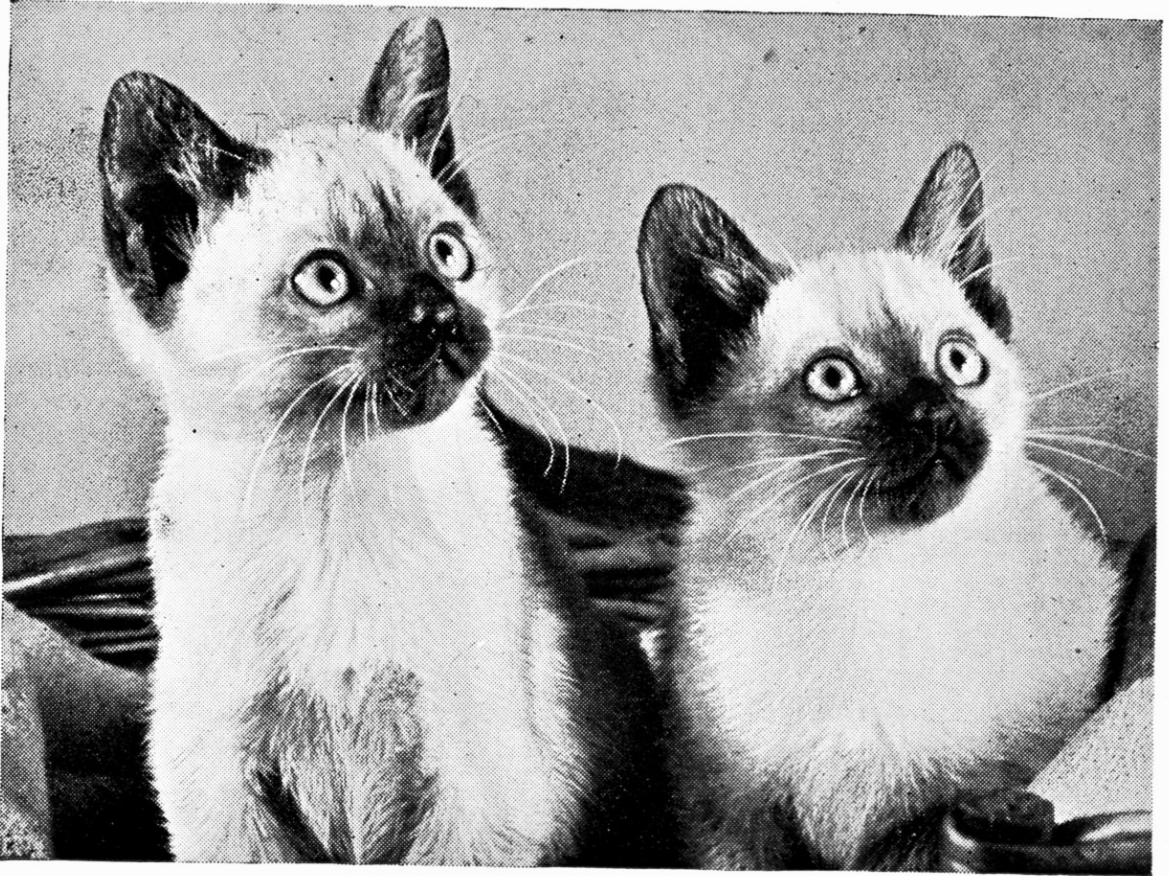
A BURMESE CHAMPION

A welcome newcomer to the ranks of Burmese Champions is this pensive young lady, OWEENE, owned by Mrs. Madge Shrouder, of West Moors, Dorset. Her final Certificate was gained at the November Show of the Croydon Cat Club.

FEBRUARY 1960

1/6

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.

'Fiovax'

BRAND

FELINE INFECTIOUS ENTERITIS VACCINE



A BURLINGHOUGH'S WELLCOME VETERINARY PRODUCT

Our Cats

AUTHORITATIVE • INSTRUCTIVE • ENTERTAINING

Published every month with the best possible features and illustrations and circulated to Cat Lovers of every kind throughout the world. Our editorial purpose is :

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

VOL. 12 No. 2
FEBRUARY 1960

Managing Editor :

ARTHUR E. COWLISHAW
4 CARLTON MANSIONS
CLAPHAM ROAD, LONDON, S.W.9

*Australian and New Zealand
Correspondent :*

MR. F. W. PEARCE, 33 OLD BEROWRA
ROAD, HORNSBY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS

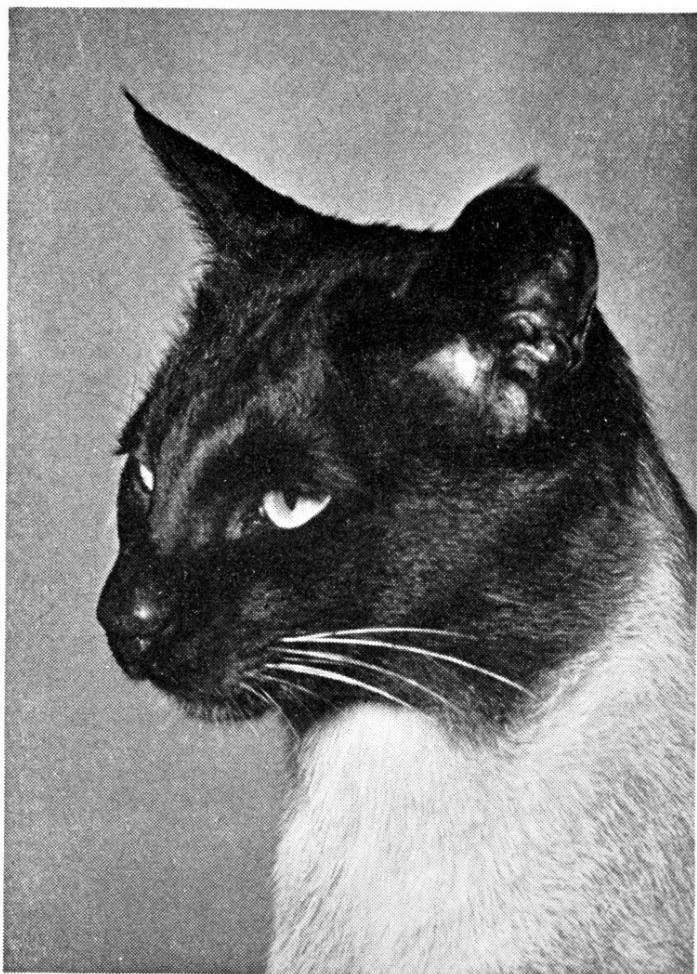


Birmingham Post and Mail

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES !

When preparations for the festive season were being made at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds of Solihull, Warwickshire, a "watch committee" of four were in regular attendance, just to make sure that nothing had been forgotten. The result was a perfect and most enjoyable Christmas for LISBLANC BONAMI (White Longhair), PETRAVIAN ANTOINETTE (Black Longhair), PETRAVIAN PEE WIT and PETRAVIAN SANDER (Blue Longhairs sired by Ch. Bayhorne Air)

BEAU BOSUN



1st and Ch.
BEST MALE
Siamese Ch. Show
1959. 1st and Ch.
BEST MALE
Scottish Cat Club
Ch. Show 1960

At Stud to Approved
Queens.

Fee : 3 Guineas.

Sired :

**Ch. DU-BU FAITH OF
DOMINEAU (U.S.A.)**
(Born 4.11.58)

DU-BU POLKA

(Born 28.4.59)

**1st Open Class Siamese
Ch. Show October, 1959**

*Recently Exported to Mrs. M.
Buckner, Toronto.*

ALSO

**Ch. DU-BU
JOLYON**
(Chinchilla)

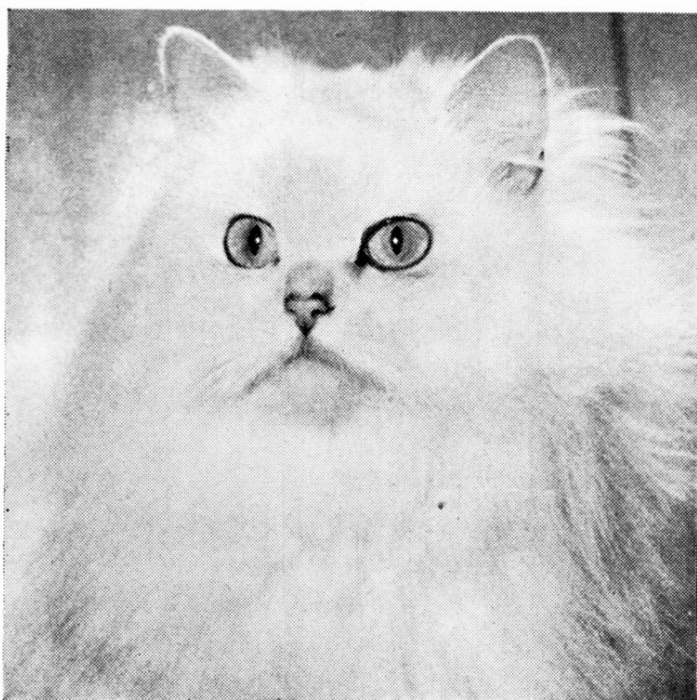
PROVED SIRE

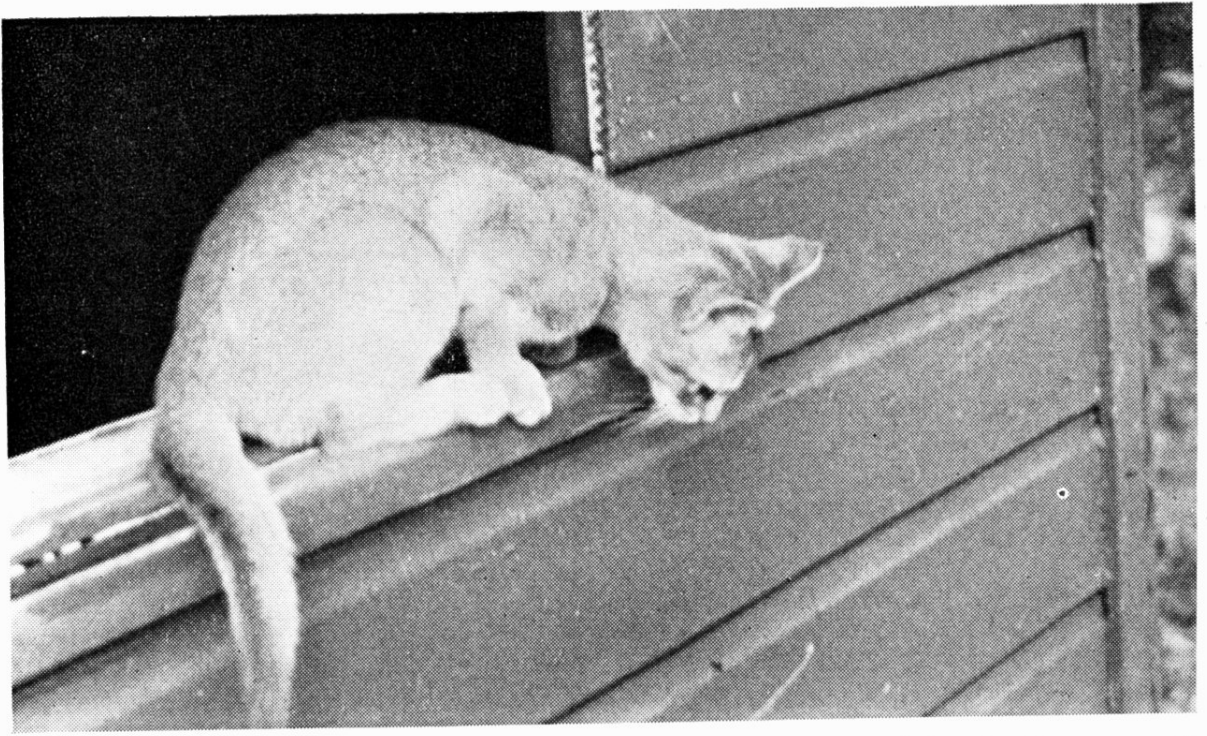
Fee : 4 Guineas

Limited number of
queens this season.

MRS. A. H. WATTS
Darby House
Sunbury on Thames

'Phone 3252





SHEBA (Yilma), the author's red Abyssinian kitten was bred by the Countess of Liverpool, an enthusiast for the breed.

More about red Abyssinians

By DOROTHY WINSOR

AS I write this, with snow falling steadily outside, all the feminine members of my cat family are packed solidly on the hearth, as close to the fire as they can get. Three queens and one kitten are of normal Abyssinian colouring; the fourth queen and her eight-month old daughter are red, and so rare as to be almost unique.

I got my first red Abyssinian six years or so ago, when I bought a new kitten for breeding, and was surprised to find on arrival that she was like nothing I had seen before. Instead of the usual fawn or brown, a small golden creature jumped out of the basket and fled nervously under the nearest chair. She was the first red Abyssinian I had met, and at first I was not quite sure whether her pale golden coat, so different from the others and looking almost like another breed, was to my liking.

But gradually she changed to a deep ticked red which glowed like a flame—a colour so solid and lovely that I wanted not merely to breed from her, but to breed kittens of the same vivid colouring. I knew that from my own stud she would have kittens only of the normal fawn or ruddy-brown; only red mated to red will produce a red litter. There was a red stud in Edinburgh, but Prim proved so nervous a cat that it would have been cruel to send her away, and I doubt if it would have been successful. And then, when she had lived with me for four years, she had a sudden heart attack, and was gone before I could get the vet. This was a great loss.

When the first shock was over, I felt that I would like another red Abyssinian; and then I discovered how rare they really are. I put an S.O.S. in the *Abyssinian News Letter*. I wrote to various people whom I thought likely to have

one. But these reds appear only by accident and this was a blank period. I had almost given up hope when I learned from the *News Letter* of last June that Lady Liverpool had sent her red queen, Raby Honey, to Coleswood Christopher in Edinburgh—the first red to red mating—and that Honey had produced two red kittens. I wrote to Lady Liverpool. Luckily, one of the kittens was a female, and so I got my second red Abyssinian—Yilma, whom I call Sheba in memory of Prim, whose mother was Ch. Kreeoro Sheba. Lady Liverpool wished also to part with Honey, so I took her over two months later.

Utterly lovely

Honey is lighter in colour than Prim was—more of an apricot-orange. Sheba gives promise of being rather deeper than her mother, and already has a richer red along her spine and at the base of her ears, with a more decided brown tail-tip. Both are utterly lovely; sleek, lithe and graceful, with a satiny sheen to their orange velvet coats which have no trace of yellow but are almost a light tangerine. They have the distinctive ticking in a darker red, which, with the foreign type and complete absence of markings, makes them outstanding and unusual.

They have brown tail-tips and heels, and pink pads, also a pink lining to the eyelids instead of the usual grey. (There is no lack of eye colour however; Honey's are greenish-gold, Sheba's deep bronze.) In fact, all the black colouring is missing, leaving only the red.

Why should this happen? At first I believed it was due to a cat called Mr. Brooke's Self Red—he seems to have had no other name—who was used for breeding Abyssinians many years ago—probably before the war—and who appears on both sides of Prim's pedigree several generations back. But Mr. Denham remarked in a recent

News Letter that red Abyssinians were not heard of before 1950; and if this red cat were responsible, one would expect red kittens to have appeared in his more immediate descendants. It is not even certain that he was red; he was described as "more like a chocolate"; and chocolate I believe does not carry red.

A black is possible

It is also possible to go to the other extreme and get a black Abyssinian. The older of my two studs, Merkland Negus, has sired two. The first was to one of Mrs. Menezes' queens, in 1950, just before he came to me; a single black kitten in an otherwise normal litter. Mrs. Menezes told me that this black kitten, Janet, later produced perfectly normal litters when mated to a stud of the usual colour.

The other was to Merkland Sallie, who came here to be mated a few years ago. Her owner sent me a photograph of the litter, showing an obviously jet black kitten sitting between two very light ones. It is not in the least likely that anyone ever used a black cat for breeding Abyssinians, or that an "accident" was seriously bred from. But Negus is rather cold in colouring, with a good deal of black on his spine and tail, so it is probable that this was due to some doubling-up of the black gene. (On the other hand, he has sired kittens of a light golden-fawn and a beautiful ruddy-brown.)

In the same way, red Abyssinians may have appeared of recent years simply because Abyssinians generally are more ruddy than they used to be, and so, occasionally, one gets a kitten that is pure red with no black at all. And this redness does seem to run in families.

Breeding from these two red Abyssinians is going to be enormously interesting. Honey will only have red kittens if I send her to Christopher in Edinburgh again. And this, when she has com-

pletely settled down, I hope to do—perhaps later in the year. She is a young cat, born in April, 1958, and these two red kittens were her first litter. Sheba, her daughter, on the other hand, should have one or two red kittens in each litter from my younger stud, Nigella Kym, since she has red on both sides—so Mr. Jude tells me. And a mixed litter will be something to look forward to.

What future there is for these red Abyssinians, I do not know. I would like to keep on with the red breeding, because they are so lovely, and also they seem to make an immediate appeal to everyone who sees them. The invariable comment is “Don’t they make the others look drab?” They do indeed.

Queens are scarce

The colouring of an ordinary Abyssinian is much more subtle, and even the lightest and ruddiest seem to lose their colour against the orange velvet of the reds. But, so far as I can trace, these are the only two red queens in the country, just as Christopher and his son are the only red studs. There is no red mate for Sheba, unless I send her to her father, or to his son who is her half-brother. It is possible of course that a red male may appear from different breeding, some time in the future.

Unfortunately all the red Abyssinians in past years appear to have been sired

by two studs—Bruerne Achilles and Nigella Contenti—to certain queens. (Obviously the red gene must be on both sides.) And Achilles is dead, and Contenti I think must be either dead or retired; at any rate, one never hears of him.

Future hopes

My younger stud, Nigella Kym, is a son of Contenti, but he does not seem to have inherited this trick of siring red kittens. If he had, I feel sure that Wanda or her daughter Cluny would have produced one, since Wanda is a wonderful colour, and there is red on her side of the family. Raby Honey is Wanda’s granddaughter, but her grandfather was old Negus, not Kym.

So here I am, with two red queens and still a long way from my ambition to breed the three generations of pure breeding—a variation of Breed No. 23 perhaps. What I want, of course, is an unrelated red male—Abyssinians are too inbred in the past, I feel, for any more inbreeding so far as Sheba is concerned. There are some red kittens in the States, but importing a cat is a costly business. I can only hope that some-time, somewhere in this country, other red Abyssinians may turn up. And in the meantime, I have my two beautiful golden pumas, and the hope of red kittens to come.



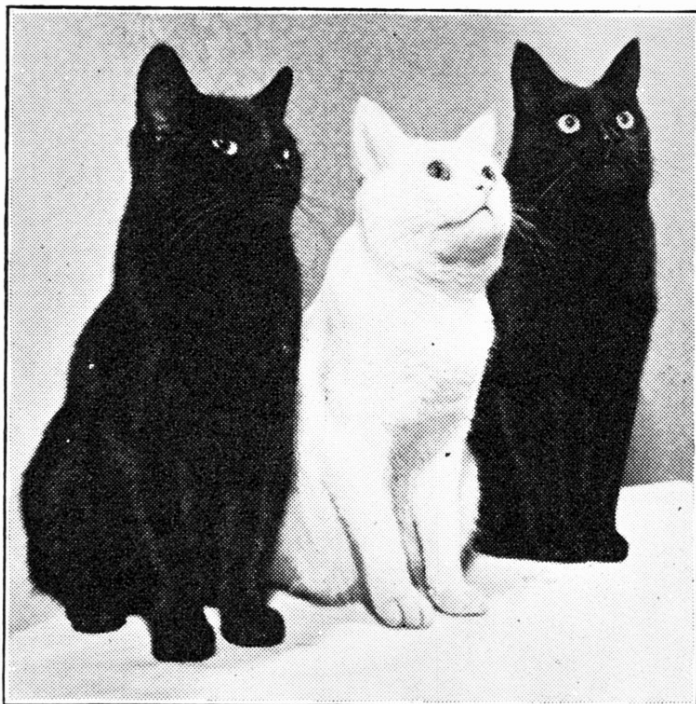
GENERAL INFORMATION : The address for all communications relating to editorial and advertisements in **OUR CATS** is 4 CARLTON MANSIONS, 378 CLAPHAM ROAD, LONDON, S.W.9. (Macaulay 1462).

OUR CATS is published monthly and closing date is the 20th day of the month preceding the month of publication. MSS. and photographs submitted will only be returned if accompanied by fully stamped and addressed envelopes. Photographs should preferably be of the glossy type with sharp details. A stamped addressed envelope should also be enclosed where a reply is required to some general inquiry.

No responsibility is taken for MSS. and photographs during transmission or in our keeping. In the absence of agreement, copyright of all articles belongs to **OUR CATS Magazine**, which holds the right to reproduce in any form.

Views and opinions expressed in individual articles are not necessarily those held by the Editor.

Yearly Subscription Rate is 20s. for 12 issues post free (U.S.A. and Canada three dollars 75 cents). Single copies 1s. 8d. post free.



Mischa, Brumas and Nelson

MRS. C. H. COLVILLE
of "The King's Head," 555
Cable Street, London, E.1,
writes :—

" You may remember my writing to you a year or so ago about my black cat Nelson who helps himself to Kit-zyme from the jar and who improved so much in condition when taking these Tablets that he had just been awarded First Prize and Rosette for Best Household Pet.

" I thought you would like to know that Nelson still loves his Kit-zyme and is still winning well at Shows. He gained a First at the National Cat Club and amongst his other successes were Best Household Pet at Kentish Cat Show, Best Household Pet at Herts and Middlesex Show and Best Black cat at Southsea.

" You may also be interested to see a photograph of our enlarged family showing three pairs of hopeful eyes waiting for their Kit-zyme 'sweets.' Nelson is on the right and the little girl on the left is Mischa—usually described as a shiny black Manx. In the centre is No End White Brumas who improved on Nelson's successes by winning his full Championship in his first Show season. The work to keep them looking lovely has trebled; the fun has trebled too and the demand for Kit-zyme !

" All this surely proves the quality of your product and so I say THANKS in capital letters—to Kit-zyme!"

KIT - ZYME WILL BENEFIT YOUR CAT TOO . . .

It is a natural Tonic and Conditioner—NOT a purgative

Kit-zyme

VITAMIN - RICH YEAST TABLETS

Promotes resistance to : **LISTLESSNESS, FALLING COAT, LOSS OF APPETITE, SKIN TROUBLES**

50 (7½ gr.) Tablets 1/6, 250 for 4/-, 750 for 8/-

From Chemists, Corn Chandlers and Pet Shops

Literature Free on Request



If any difficulty in obtaining write to :
PHILLIPS YEAST PRODUCTS LTD., Park Royal, London, N.W.10

Ref. No. 210

Cat owners should keep Zemol handy. Zemol, in Ointment or Powder form, is an effective remedy for many skin troubles and minor wounds. Booklets FREE on application to the makers of Kit-zyme.

Here, there and everywhere

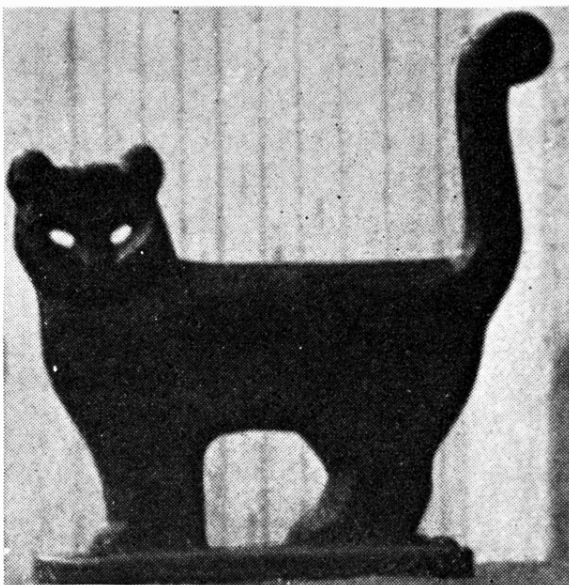
By MARGARET CARDWELL

THE variety of places in which cats, or rather representations of them, are found is indeed surprising.

For instance, in Bergen, Norway, a most realistic representation of a whiskerless black cat stands outside the front door of a house in Herman Foss Gate. It is an iron boot-scraper and was made by a blacksmith who lives opposite. He hoped it would bring luck.

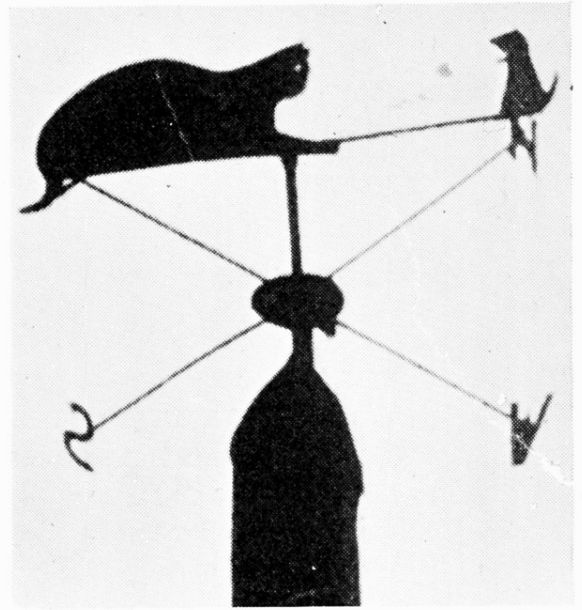
Then in Britain, a cat which is thought to have *brought* good luck, figures on a triumphal arch in the grounds of Shughborough Hall, Staffordshire, once the home of Lord Anson, the famous 18th century Admiral. The cat portrayed on the arch—said to have been erected in memory of Lord Anson by his elder brother—is the one which accompanied the Admiral on his celebrated voyage round the world and to which he attributed his good fortune.

Another pet cat appears on a weathervane above a barn at



An iron boot-scraper outside a house in Bergen, Norway—just for luck!

Croftlands, Caton, Lancashire. Wally, a Siamese, is pictured on the vane with his constant Cairn terrier companion Snookie. The vane was copied from a snapshot of them taken together and was a surprise present to their owners Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Musgrave Hoyle.



This cat-and-mouse weathervane appears over a shed in a Staffordshire home.

Yet another cat vane was given as a Christmas present to the owner of Weirend Farm, near Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. It shows a portly cat sitting, with one paw raised, staring intently at an extra large mouse, and appropriately it decorates a barn in the farmyard.

A further cat-and-mouse vane may be seen above a shed in the garden of 135 Brereton Road, Rugeley, Staffordshire. The cat is portrayed crouching in readiness to pounce on the lively-looking mouse. Both figures were cut out by a seven-year-old boy! And above a barn at Hagley Hill Farm, Warwickshire, is yet another cat-and-mouse vane on

which the animals appear in much the same positions as those on the Rugeley one. The odd thing about *this* vane is that it was cut out of tin by a hair-dresser !

In Hornby, Lancashire, the head of a cat with a rat in its mouth appears in relief on the stonework above a drinking trough dated 1858. It is thought the trough was presented to the village by the then owner of Hornby Castle, Mr. Pudsey Dawson, who had incorporated this representation of a cat in his coat-of-arms. There is a similar representation of a cat on one of the stone gate-posts at the entrance to the Castle grounds.

The Cheshire Cat

Perhaps the most celebrated of all cats to be represented in any way is the Cheshire Cat immortalized by the Reverend Charles Lutwidge Dodgson in *Alice in Wonderland* which, of course, he wrote under the nom-de-plume of Lewis Carroll.

The Cheshire Cat's head is depicted in the Lewis Carroll memorial window in All Saints' Church, Daresbury, Cheshire. The window was dedicated in 1934 after being subscribed to by Britons living in all parts of the world and also by Americans. The Cheshire Cat appears between the Knave and Queen of Hearts in one of the five Alice panels at the base of the window. And just above the Cat's head is an inscription telling us that Lewis Carroll was born at Daresbury parsonage on January 27th, 1832, and that he died at Guildford on January 14th, 1898.

This illustrious cat is also believed to figure above a doorway on a modern housing estate

in Colwyn Bay, where an enterprising architect, wishing to introduce gaiety and individuality to the Council's houses, decorated several of them with small, concrete representations of characters from the works of Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear, including a cat. But there is some doubt among the residents of the estate as to whether the cat effigy is the Cheshire Cat or the cat from Lear's well-known verses about the Owl and the Pussy-Cat. It has even been suggested that it might be the fiddle-playing one from the nursery rhyme "Hey diddle-diddle."

There is however, no doubt that representations of cats are to be found in all sorts of unexpected places, in fact, here, there, and everywhere !

3rd GENERATION PURE CHESTNUT BROWN FOREIGN

(Formerly Havana)



*Mrs. D. L. Clavier is now
accepting a few queens for
her new Stud*

REVEL CHESTNUT CASCADE

Sire : ELMTOWER GUINEA GOLD (29)

Dam : ROOFSPRINGER MARHUANA (29)

FEE 3 Gns.

Queens met at Haverfordwest Station



MRS. D. L. CLAVIER, F.Z.S.,
MILLIN MANSE, THE RHOS,
Nr. HAVERFORDWEST

Cat out of the bag

By GLADYS KEIGHLEY

WHENEVER I see my sister I think of cats, and, unfortunately whenever I see the ginger tom cat next door, I think of my sister.

Do not misunderstand me. She is a most charming woman, but when I was small she kept an autograph album, and in it painted a glorious ginger cat. This cat, red as her own lovely hair, was sitting upon a red tiled roof, and it was quite the plumpest most self-satisfied cat that could be imagined. I have never forgotten that work of art, and somehow it made me just one more ardent lover of all shapes and sizes of cats.

The first letter I ever wrote is still a legend in my family for it said quite simply, yet with all the love and pride of a young child: "Dear Uncle Sam, Kitty the cat is very fat." And what statement could be more comforting than that? It gives an instant picture of contentment and happy childhood.

Cats, cats, cats, how they licked their way through my childhood, and purred away the days! The Flossies, the Kittys, the Gingers and Tabbykins, and how we loved them all and coddled them with fish!

But I have a tragic memory. My scholarship day dawned sadly, for my favourite kitten was found drowned on that day.

I cried and refused to be comforted. Consternation reigned at home. My father rushed out and brought me two new kittens.

I still refused to be comforted. My headmistress announced later—when the results of the examination were known, and I had failed—about the sad misfortune that had befallen me. Everyone sympathized with me, but it was a long time before I could forget the loss of that small loved cat.

My next catty memories are of an eccentric old lady who had so many cats "she didn't know what to do." She spent all her money on food for the strays. And like Saint Francis, she could draw cats to her from all parts of the town.

Authority outwitted

It was a time of rehousing, when many families were being moved out to council house districts and there were many cats who suffered from this upheaval. And so there was always some poor stray that needed food and care. The authorities objected to all the cats linking up at the old lady's house as though it was a hostel for their comforts, and officialdom stepped in. She was only allowed to keep three.

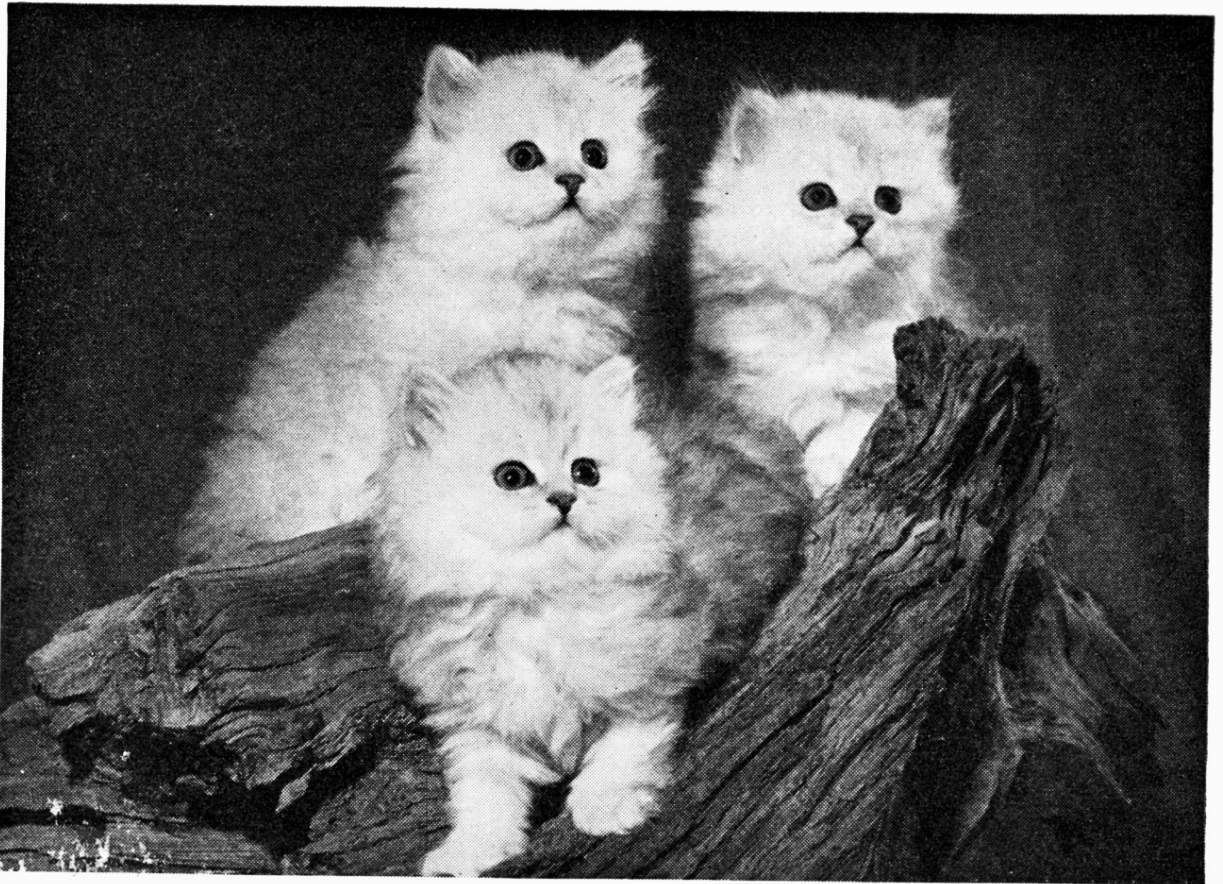
They say that black cats are lucky. The black cats in her district proved the legend, for she outwitted authority by choosing to keep three black cats that nobody could tell apart. These three did underground rescue work for all other black cats in distress, so that nobody could ever be certain how many cats she protected.

To-day, as I do friendly work for old people I know just how much comfort a cat can give to those who are lonely and shut out of life's activities. And I know that one of the tragic things in old age is when an old person has to go into a home or to hospital and leave her cat behind.

Now that I have small daughters, it follows inevitably that we now have two cats. It seems to me that small daughters and small cats are inextricably mixed. I dread that particular banging on the door when one small daughter rushes in and says "Mama, Mrs. Smith's got

some kittens. Can I have one?" And I know just how Mrs. Smith feels, and how she has worked it all, being frantic herself to find a good home for some small tabby mite. Somehow those kittens will arrive. Cats stray from comfortable homes to lead a cuddlesome existence with my daughters.

It is my bigger small daughter's ambition that her cat shall have kittens some day, an ambition that has never been so far realised. But I know, with a sick kind of feeling at my own infatuation, that we shall keep them, when they come. Yes, every helpless, rat-like little one.



A delightful Gordon Laughner study of Chinchilla kittens belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Over, of California, U.S.A. It was a worthy winner in a photographic competition.



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.



A Grand Idea for Burmese

We recently set up a Fund to help any Burmese cats which might be in trouble. Our reason for starting the Fund, and the details of the procedure, are given in the attached note, but for it to work effectively it is essential that the existence of the Fund should be well known and we wondered whether you could help to achieve this by giving some publicity to it in OUR CATS.

“At the Annual General Meeting of the Burmese Cat Club I had unhappily to report that Ch. (U.S.A.) Laos Cheli Wat, the last survivor of the three Burmese cats which Mrs. France originally brought over from America, had died during the year. The meeting unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed a suggestion from the Committee that since all Burmese cats so far bred in Britain owed something to one or more of these three original cats, their names, should be perpetuated and commemorated by the setting up of a Fund to be used for Burmese cats in need of help. Examples of what the Committee had in mind are the inability of an owner to pay for proper veterinary attention and the rescue of Burmese cats from unsuitable homes, which has up to the present been undertaken by individuals at their own expense.”

The Fund was started by a donation from the Club and subscriptions by the Committee; further contributions will be welcomed. The name of the Fund has not been finally decided but it will embody the names Minou, Cheli and Daffy, by which these three foundation

cats were affectionately known. It will be quite separate from the funds of the Club, and the Club's Honorary Treasurer—Mr. D. Latham of 12 Park Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire (Hulme Hall 2108) and Mrs. M. E. Smith of 19 Wimborne Road, Leicester (Leicester 77447) have been appointed as its trustees. The aim is speedy action with the very minimum of formality and we hope that anyone, whether a member of the Club or not, who hears of a Burmese cat in trouble, will quickly tell either Mr. Latham or Mrs. Smith. Financial support for the Fund should be sent to Mr. Latham.

This is a sincere attempt by a breed club to acknowledge its special debt to a few cats, and so far as we know nothing of the kind has been done before. A cup—which would have been the more usual method of commemoration—gives pleasure to cat owners but does not really help cats; we wanted to do something for the cats themselves of the breed we look after and if our experiment is successful we hope that the idea may commend itself to others.

V. WATSON.

Hon. Secretary,
The Burmese Cat Club.

More Unusual Tastes

In the October, 1959, issue of OUR CATS, there was an article about the exotic tastes of cats and this reminded me of some cats I have known and their seemingly unusual tastes.

Whiskers, one of my cats, was very fond of beets and stewed dried figs.

When he was eating beets, if anyone came too close or disturbed him, he would growl, just as he would if he were eating meat. He was so fond of the stewed dried figs that one time when I was cooking some and stepped out of the kitchen for a moment, he decided not to wait, jumped up on the stove and burned his feet—fortunately not badly.

One spring my sister-in-law was daily watching the growth of her pea pods in her garden, her mouth watering, looking forward to the first mess. Soon she began noticing the young pods were being bruised and chewed up. Very indignant, she kept watch and soon caught my brother's cat enjoying the green pods. She never was a cat lover and although she was angry about the peas, she did laugh over the incident and appreciated the taste of the cat, Mary.

All cats seem to love cantaloupe and many of them will eat lettuce and tomatoes. Incidentally, a friend whose cat had mange, credited its cure to tomatoes.

LOMA K. UNDERWOOD.

Anchorage,
Alaska, U.S.A.

Correspondence Invited

I was the happy recipient of a gift subscription to your magazine and want you to know how well it is received in our home. We are the happy owners of three S.P. Siamese. We have the mother, Ling Su and her two babies, both so gracious and pretty, who are now 18 months old. Last year we had such a time as they were so terribly ill with a respiratory ailment. We worked so hard along with the veterinary surgeon and to-day they are fit and well. But we have laid aside our desire to have more babies from this litter as we are afraid that the disease is in their blood stream. We hate to do this, but feel that if we cannot better the breed it is best to leave well alone.

We have acquired another cat. It is an ocelot (six months old) and he and the Siamese get along fine and play and romp all over the house.

We live in a small town of 1,000 people in the southern part of the state of Indiana, the central part of the United States. We are of middle age and real suckers for animals. My husband cannot pass a stray but we have been fortunate and have found homes or provided homes for them so far.

We have a nice house outside so the cats can be in the sunshine and play, but not get hurt. We live on a very busy national highway so we have to be careful of the animals.

I would like to get acquainted with anyone who is as interested in cats as I am.

MRS. C. IRVING HUNTER.

Perry Street,
Versailles, Indiana, U.S.A.

FOR SALE

**12 cu. ft. SERVICE
CABINETS with new
Sealed Unit**

Guaranteed 5 years

Price £40 c.f.

**Also 7 cu. ft. DEEP
FREEZE
CONSERVATORS**

Price £35 c.f.

Dept. O.C.

**WHEELHOUSE
13 BELL ROAD
HOUNSLOW**

HOU. 3501

Veterinary questions answered

By M.R.C.V.S.

Kit's bald patch

A Berkshire reader writes: *My Siamese queen has recently had her first litter and after a lot of trouble during the first week, she and her four kittens are very lively. For a time I had to feed the kittens on "Martinmilk" as the mother was seriously ill and had to have a penicillin injection. One kitten has a dark patch of skin on the top of its head and the fur there has nearly all come off. Apart from this defect, the kitten seems quite healthy, although it is slightly smaller than the others. I have been putting a little olive oil on the patch but it doesn't seem to have improved at all. What do you think could have caused it and how should I treat it?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: You will appreciate that in the absence of the cat and a visual examination, it is almost impossible for me to make a correct diagnosis. The bare patch may be due to mange, eczema or ringworm, or the hair may have been rubbed off in consequence of local irritation. Try the effect of applying ordinary sulphur ointment night and morning for two or three days.

Bladder trouble

An Essex subscriber writes: *My castrated male cat seems very uneasy and at times in pain. He tries to urinate but passes nothing. The abdomen is full and tense. What should I do?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: The complaint is only too prevalent and can be rapidly fatal unless operative measures are *at once* taken. (I have written you to this effect.) You must take the cat to a

veterinary surgeon because there is a urinary blockage, and the bladder has already filled to overflowing. An immediate operation is essential to save the cat's life.

Battle Scar?

A Welsh reader writes: *My cat is very lame on the front leg and there is a tender swelling. Do you think it is a sprain or a break, and what can be done?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: Without examination I cannot be sure of the trouble, but I hazard a guess that it is an abscess due to a puncture by claw or tooth inflicted during a fight. You may have it examined locally for fracture, but if that is inconvenient, soak the paw in a jug of rather warm water for as long and as often as you can spare the time. This will hasten the ripening of an abscess and cause it to rupture, and then heal.

Look for fleas

A Devonshire reader writes: *My Persian queen is constantly rubbing, licking and scratching its body and tail. Could this be just a blood impurity or something worse?*

M.R.C.V.S. replies: The more likely possibility is that the cat is infested with fleas and lice, for which you should make a careful search amongst the fur. You may not see a flea, but if you find its excreta you know one is about. If the cat has fleas, you must not only treat the animal but must "Flit" your arm-

(continued on page 16)

Palatable
nourishment
that even the sick cat
can rapidly digest

WHETHER in real illness, or when a cat is just "off colour," Brand's Essence is the ideal strengthener. Cats will often take a teaspoonful when they refuse everything else. It provides the cat with the valuable meat protein it needs. And being "pre-digested" Brand's Essence is rapidly absorbed without any strain on the system. It contains no added salt or preservative — cannot possibly irritate.

Brand's ESSENCE

Beef 3/3 Chicken 4/3 At all Chemists

Whenever extra nourishment is indicated there's nothing better than Brand's Essence As a nourishing stimulant at show-time or whenever the cat is subjected to strain; to build up the mother-cat; and as additional feeding for the kittens themselves from the age of three weeks, there's nothing better — or more acceptable — than Brand's Essence. And it's rapid general conditioner.

BRAND'S BOOKLET
"Safeguarding your Pet"
will be sent free on application to Brand & Co. Ltd., Mayfair Works, Vauxhall, S.W.8.



AN IDEAL GIFT SUGGESTION

Brooches for Siamese Lovers

SIAMESE DESIGN BROOCHES (actual size 1 1/8" high x 1 3/4" wide)

Artist enamelled in natural S.P. colours on solid silver ... **33/- each**
(U.S.A. \$ 5)

These brooches are made by a world renowned firm of specialists in costume jewellery. They are of fine quality with plain back, fitted with joint pin and catch. Prices include purchase tax and postage.

Remittances should be made payable to OUR CATS Magazine and sent with order to :

BOX No. 16, OUR CATS MAGAZINE

4 CARLTON MANSIONS, CLAPHAM ROAD, LONDON, S.W.9

Genetics for the novice breeder

By A. C. JUDE

TO be successful with livestock it is essential that the fancier should have some knowledge of how to conduct his breeding operations so as to get the best possible results.

One cannot but think the vast majority of fanciers who keep purely fancy stock practise inbreeding more or less. Many writers on the subject advocate the coupling of near relations as the best and quickest way to produce stock of outstanding merit. Experimental workers too are on the side of inbreeding, and they have recorded some astonishing results where, for example, brother and sister matings have been continued generation after generation. They have claimed that the resulting progeny have been as good, or better than the originals.

In spite of all this, it must be clearly understood that inbreeding passes on factors or tendencies without any preference, so that the good points and the bad ones are passed on similarly, so that if the system is to be successful, the fancier must select and mate accordingly. The result therefore depends almost entirely on the fancier himself rather than on the system.

More often than not, any breakdown in the results is blamed by the fancier to the system, whereas it is he himself who has been at fault. The system can be right, but the application may well be wrong.

It is claimed too, that by employing continuous inbreeding, *and at the same*

time exercising a rigid selection of the healthiest and best, that one will gradually eliminate latent or hidden defects from a strain and be left with sound material only. Close inbreeding, such as mating mother to son, father to daughter, and brother to sister certainly enables one to fix characteristics, and often has to be resorted to during early days in the formation of new breeds, but that the same close continuous inbreeding should be employed once the strain is established is a matter open to grave doubt.

Inbreeding may still be employed in the building up of a strain, but with the increase of generations, more distant relations become available from which the selection can be made and it is this wider latitude which allows the greater possibility for the elimination of the unwanted characteristics and the fixing of the wanted ones. Many people come under the wrong impression that inbreeding can only mean the use of *close* relationships. That is *close* inbreeding, and need and should only be used on special occasions.

Defects revealed

Inbreeding as a system means the breeding in of factors always employing the most suitable, and often the most distant relationships. Probably the greatest use of close inbreeding is that it brings to light all sorts of physical defects if these are present in the pairs used, defects which include varying degrees of infertility. This is of great importance to the fancier. It can be claimed that a point should finally be

reached where stability is attained, with fertility unimpaired.

It should be known that different varieties of animals do not tolerate inbreeding equally. Cavies for instance, seem to stand in-breeding well, and so do rabbits. On the other hand cats do not, and neither do fancy mice. This does not mean that inbreeding has to be avoided, only that close in-breeding with cats should be watched carefully.

In-breeding, apparently, does not affect the number of ova shed by the ovaries, but the number fertilized, and when highly inbred females are mated to young *unrelated* males, all the eggs are fertilized and develop, but this results in a condition that the unfortunate female of impaired vitality cannot cope with. One might have blamed the fancier for this, but after conducting experiments on close in-breeding employing as foundation material a female of enormous size with a high degree of fertility, and a son and three daughters equally big and equally fertile, when mated to unrelated stock, one found that the system and not the fancier was to blame.

As the experiment proceeded, one observed rapid loss of size, whilst the litters became smaller and smaller, and they contained many puny, and in some instances, deformed individuals. The experiment was discontinued when the females of the fifth generation only just survived the ordeal of pregnancy and labour.

Line-breeding

Line-breeding is a less intense form of in-breeding where one chooses as mates members of the same strain, as against the near relations of a family group. In actual practice the term is rather more comprehensive than this, and implies the use of an occasional carefully selected outcross, and the mating back into the strain of selected progeny from such a coupling. Breeding operations conducted along these lines give the best possible results in the breeding and on the show bench.

Each crossbred individual should be carefully examined and judged on individual merit. Occasionally, an outcross is introduced to improve the family in one direction or another. This system enables one to get the maximum results out of the minimum of stock. Mother and son, father and daughter, or full brother and sister are never mated together, otherwise the matings are kept within the strain. Weedy youngsters are rarely or never seen, whilst the youngsters thrive and grow well.

Cross-breeding in its strict sense means the coupling together of unrelated animals. In actual practice it indicates only an incident, and is *not* a system.

Nothing should gladden the eye of a breeder more than to see his stock giving every indication of the joy of living. To see his pets healthy, fit, and vigorous, in addition to their possessing exhibitiv merit, is a real joy to the fancier. This can only be attained by his pursuing a common sense course in his breeding operations and not slavishly adhering to any one system, irrespective of results obtained.

(to be continued)

VETERINARY QUESTIONS

(from page 13)

chairs, carpets and any place where the cat sleeps, as the flea leaves its host and lays its eggs off the cat. Lice do not leave the host, and can be killed by proprietary powders obtainable from pet stores, etc.

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



Tailpieces

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



THE January *Newsletter* of the merged American Burmese Clubs refers hopefully to the year ahead when a number of interesting projects are expected to get under way. President is Mrs. Doris Springer, of California, a Burmese breeder of great experience who should be an excellent choice for guiding the new group through its first two years. Thanks, Editor Miss Elinor Dennis for keeping me up-to-date on your activities on behalf of the popular Burmese in the States, where they first gained recognition.

An illustrated cutting from a Kentish newspaper tells of a strong maternal instinct which was evidenced by Spot, a five-year-old collie bitch who used to accompany her master on his daily round as a stockman on a farm. Spot suddenly became restless and reluctant to stay on the job. When eventually she was missing for a time, she was found on some hay suckling a four-months-old kitten. It became almost impossible to separate the pair so the kitten was moved to Spot's home. Now the days when Mr. Kaupert and his dog went happily together to work are over as Spot cannot stand the strain of being separated from the kitten for more than an hour.

There has just come to hand an attenuated December issue of *Cats Digest*, the monthly journal of the Federal Cat Club of Australasia. A change of editorship is apparently the reason for this unusually "thin" issue. Mrs. H. Scognamillo is no longer able to occupy the editorial chair and future

issues will be handled by Mrs. Del Armit, 13 Brown Street, Smithfield, N.S.W. The single item of general news in the issue is not a happy one as it records the untimely death of Ch. Anchusa Piere, the Blue Longhair which Mrs. Rae Herbert took back to Australia after her stay in England in 1956-7.

By way of contrast, the November issue of *Cats Calling*, the magazine of the Western Province Cat Club, South Africa, is bright and full of interesting and useful material. I am pleased to learn that the Rev. H. N. Lovemore's removal to another district in Cape Province will not prevent him from carrying on as editor. *Cats Calling* is quite one of the best of club journals and it has played a prominent part in the W.P.C.C.'s phenomenal growth in membership over the past two years—from 38 to the present total of 145. Mr. E. J. H. Anderson, who has succeeded the Rev. Lovemore as Secretary, refers to his long stay in London last year, when he visited 33 homes, met nearly 100 breeders and judges and took back with him to South Africa some valuable English stock, new members for his Club and nine trophies. He stresses the warmth and kindness with which he and his wife were received wherever they went in England. It's plainly a case for congratulations all round!

Many of you will be familiar with the moving animal stories of Henry Williamson, who won recognition with *Tarka the Otter* in 1928. In that year the book won for him the Hawthornden Prize for

Literature. Now we are offered *The Henry Williamson Animal Saga* (Macdonald, 21s.) containing drama-studded sketches of Salar the Salmon, Brock the Badger and Chakchek the Peregrine. Williamson's writings will always be popular among animal lovers because one can discern a prayer that one day man will be endowed with the reason to stop killing his fellows and unnecessarily all dumb creatures.

Six witnesses travelled long distances to give evidence in a case heard at the Kirkcudbright (Scotland) Sheriff Court in which a local gamekeeper was alleged to have wilfully and maliciously shot at and killed a domestic cat. The accused said he set four traps for foxes. When he went to look at them he saw a white cat crouching in one of them. It was snarling and he went back a bit before shooting it. He thought the cat had been caught by the paws and he was

positive they were broken. A veterinary surgeon who examined the cat testified that there was no evidence whatever that the cat had been caught in a gin trap. A policeman expressed the same opinion. The gamekeeper was found guilty and fined £3. Incidentally, gin traps, declared illegal in England and Wales, are still in use to-day in Scotland.

Interesting stories of air travel are commonplace these days but one I read the other day in a Miami newspaper is well worth repeating. It concerns a tabby cat named Butch who logged nearly 5,000 miles travelling around the Caribbean trying to get settled in his new home. Butch's master moved from Venezuela to Costa Rica, armed with a permit signed by the Costa Rican consul in Venezuela. It wasn't accepted however, and Butch was deported to Venezuela. But he couldn't be admitted to his old country because Venezuela



Fred Straub

This Blue Longhair male kitten in the experienced hands of American judge Nikki Horner is PRESTWOOD SCRABBLE, who was Best Kitten at the 1959 Carthage Fair Cat Show. Bred by Mrs. E. G. Parker of Prestwood, Stourbridge, Scrabble was exported by Mrs. Ella Martin to his present owner Mrs. Anderson, of Cincinnati, U.S.A.

doesn't admit cats from Costa Rica! So Butch was sent to Puerto Rico where finally a proper permit was issued and on he went to join his master.

A news release is to hand concerning a new animal vitamin and mineral feed additive called "Vionate," which is scheduled for national distribution next month by E. R. Squibb & Sons Ltd. After exhaustive tests both in this country and America it is claimed to be a health-giver for cats, dogs, cage birds and horses. "Vionate" contains 11 essential vitamins and 9 vital minerals and it will retail at 5s. 6d. for $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. and 28s. for 2 lb.

My paragraph in last month's issue concerning the Abandonment of Animals Bill, which is now awaiting the Committee Stage in the House of Commons, has evoked considerable interest. Further details having been requested I am able

to add that Mr. J. Langford-Holt, M.P., who presented the Bill, seeks to prevent three main classes of abandonment. The first concerns people who go away on holidays without making proper provision for their pets. The second concerns those thoughtless people who move from home to home and leave their animals behind them when they are likely to be "in the way." The third concerns those callous people who, by some form of road transport, take an unwanted animal to a spot where it can be dumped to look after itself.

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

PORTRAIT OF A CAT

SHE was a little Persian, fragile, airy, exquisite as a golden feather. She appeared not to walk, but to float, propelled by the undulations of her great blond tail. When she stood still it curved about her like a crescent moon, in a halo. In her eyes, the gold of her deepened to amber.

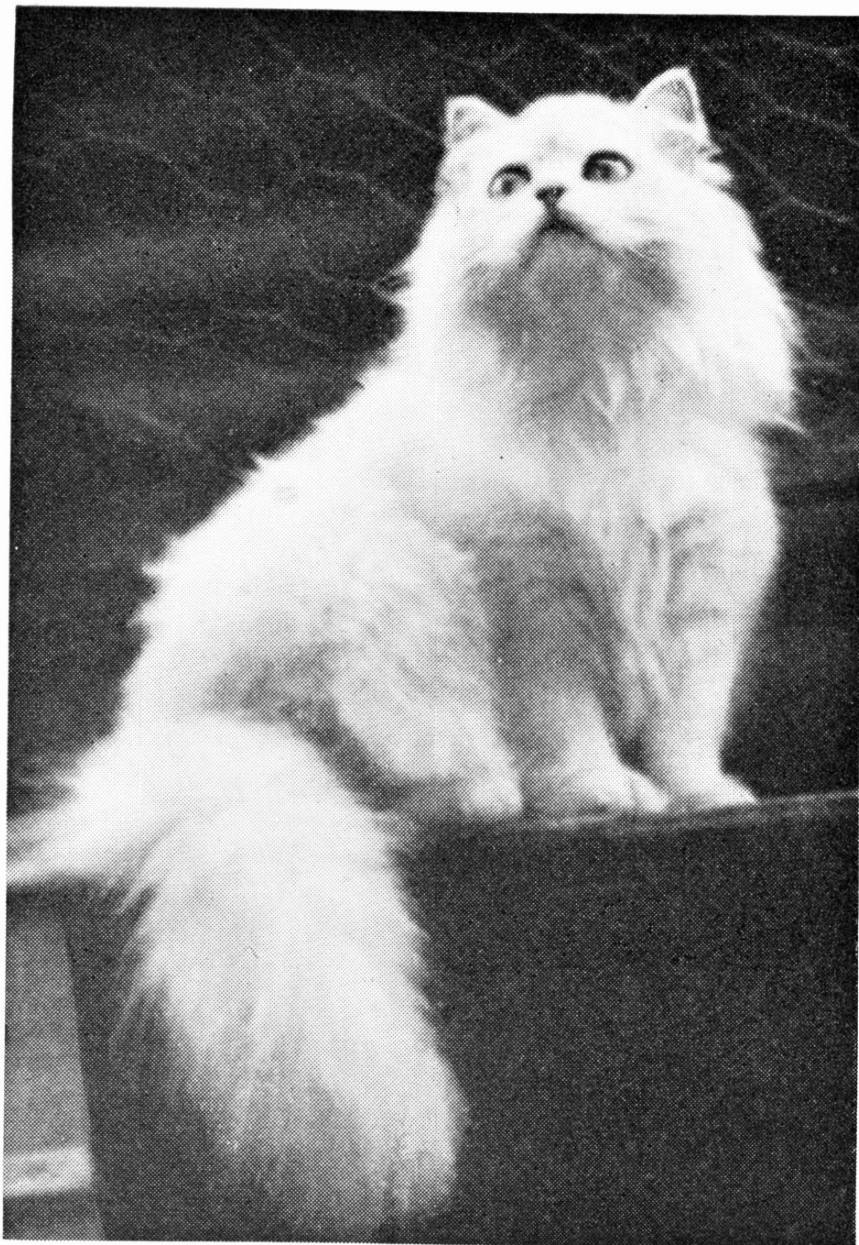
She was delicate, fickle, perverse, in all her ways. She cared only for a few, and even they could not be sure of how their caresses would be received. But your fascination for her never failed. She watched all your movements with a kind of growing surprise, arching her back, faint quivers running across her fine fur, as though an unseen breeze stirred it.

Though you disliked most cats, you were fond of *her*, you would appear to ignore her advances, then would suddenly turn and caress her. Invariably she receded as though in offence, but she always returned to you, with the stealth of a returning wave, and drew you close

again. She drifted down the stairs. She stood on her hind legs and stretched till her paw touched the handle. Eagerly she shook it like an impatient caller. One must hasten to open the door for her. Just so wide and no wider must it be opened. If thrown wide she retreats and drifts backward up the stair beneath her undulating tail. If not wide enough a tawny paw advances, but no body follows for she lies crouching growling to herself over an uncivil welcome.

The door must be opened exactly to the right distance for a seemly entrance. On neither side must a hair of her be touched. It must not creak on its hinges, but be held steady while she floats in, never in a straight line, but in a certain prescribed zig zag across the pattern of the rugs, and so she reaches the chest on which you sit. She flattens her cheek against the window pane. She rolls her eyes at you, and purrs in deep content.

FRANK CREW



A Champion New Year

POLDENHILLS CATTERY and the cats send greetings from Berkshire . . . and as far away as Australia. This special greeting comes from Poldenhills Rosa Regina, who went to Australia as a kitten. Her sire, Poldenhills Terrigal, and her dam, Poldenhills Mikelmas Daisy, were both bred by Mrs. Polden, who has been breeding cats and specialising in Chinchillas, for over twenty years. Mrs. Polden says she gives all her cats a daily TIBS tablet, to develop bones and teeth, to keep coats gleaming and eyes bright . . . to ensure her cats having the essential vitamins and minerals they need, to supplement even the best balanced domestic diet.

FAMOUS
BREEDERS SAY

A

TIBS

A DAY
KEEPS CATS
YOUNG
AND GAY



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 personal-
ities, both human and feline.

Notts and Derby Show

THE 15th Ch. Show of the Notts. and Derby Cat Club last month attracted over 200 exhibits. Mrs. Brice-Webb tells me it was a very pleasant occasion and as usual most capably managed by the Hon. Secretary and Show Manager Mrs. Margaret Bastow.

The major awards were : Best L.H. Adult—Mrs. Brice-Webb's Blue-Cream Twinkling Star of Pensford by Champion Foxburrow Frivolous ; Best L.H. Kitten—Miss Susan Watts' B.P. Colourpoint Amaska Prince Charming by Briarry Valparago ; Best L.H. Neuter—Miss Edwards' Cream Kasper Sunbeam by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax ; Best S.H. Adult—Mrs. Earnshaw's Manx Gay Song by Indomitable ; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Preston's S.P. Siamese male Cathypandy Gentian by Chinki Ritzi ; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Vickers' British Blue, Cathiss Gypsella by Aldra's Blue Peter.

In addition to the 38 cups and trophies owned and offered by the Club for competition, 151 other special prizes were offered and as the classification was an excellent one competitors were very generously catered for.

Last of the season

The Championship Show season in London ended on January 30th with the very enjoyable fixture of the Southern Counties' Cat Club at the Central Hall, Westminster.

We hear that Mr. Towe, the Show Manager, does not intend to organize many more for us. If he adheres to this decision it will be a sad loss. It is difficult to assess how much of the flourishing state of our Fancy is due to the capable and enthusiastic management of post-war shows. Mr. Towe, as usual, put a tremendous amount of work into this one and was rewarded by an excellent entry of over 360 exhibits and a very pleasing measure of support from the general public.

When Mr. Towe organized on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald the first show at Olympia in 1950 it was the greatest step forward the Fancy has ever known. Even the most experienced breeders and members of committees waited anxiously to see if it was to be a gigantic "flop," which it would have been, if a far greater number of spectators than we had ever known before had not attended. When we saw the queues outside Olympia on both days we knew

we had "arrived!" After that came the wonderful shows under the aegis of our Governing Council at the Royal Horticultural Halls, also the Kensington Kitten Club's splendid summer shows for kittens and neuters. In addition, there have been the last Championship fixtures of the National Cat Club at Olympia. All these events have attracted the public in numbers far beyond our pre-1950 dreams.

If Mr. Towe retires from show management, and I presume Mrs. Towe also, we shall miss them very much in this capacity as few positions are so difficult to fill. Mrs. Towe will of course continue her many other activities on behalf of cat clubs and also her judging engagements.

Top awards

The S.C.C.C. Show attracted some lovely exhibits and the following had the honour of being Best in Show in their respective sections: Best L.H. Cat—Miss Langston's Chinchilla male Ch. Fidelio of Allington by Ch. Flambeau of Allington. (He looked superb and like many truly great cats, his years, just over six, had not diminished his beauty). Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Boulton's Blue female Denyston Dentessa by Denyston Denys. (This kitten was pictured as a baby on the front cover of January OUR CATS but at over five months of age "on the day" is far lovelier than she was when photographed). Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Wilson's Cream Premier Priory Golden Glory by Ch. Oscar of Pensford. (What a pity this grand male excelling in type and eyes and with his excellent breeding was made neuter!).

Best S.H. Adult—Mrs. Lamb's B.P. Siamese female Browndreys Ryki by Ch. Miselfore Ryken, another outstanding exhibit and by the same sire we had the Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Philpot's B.P. Siamese male Bitchet Bamboo from her lovely B.P. queen Ch. Saltmarsh Sabine. Best S.H. Neuter was Mrs.

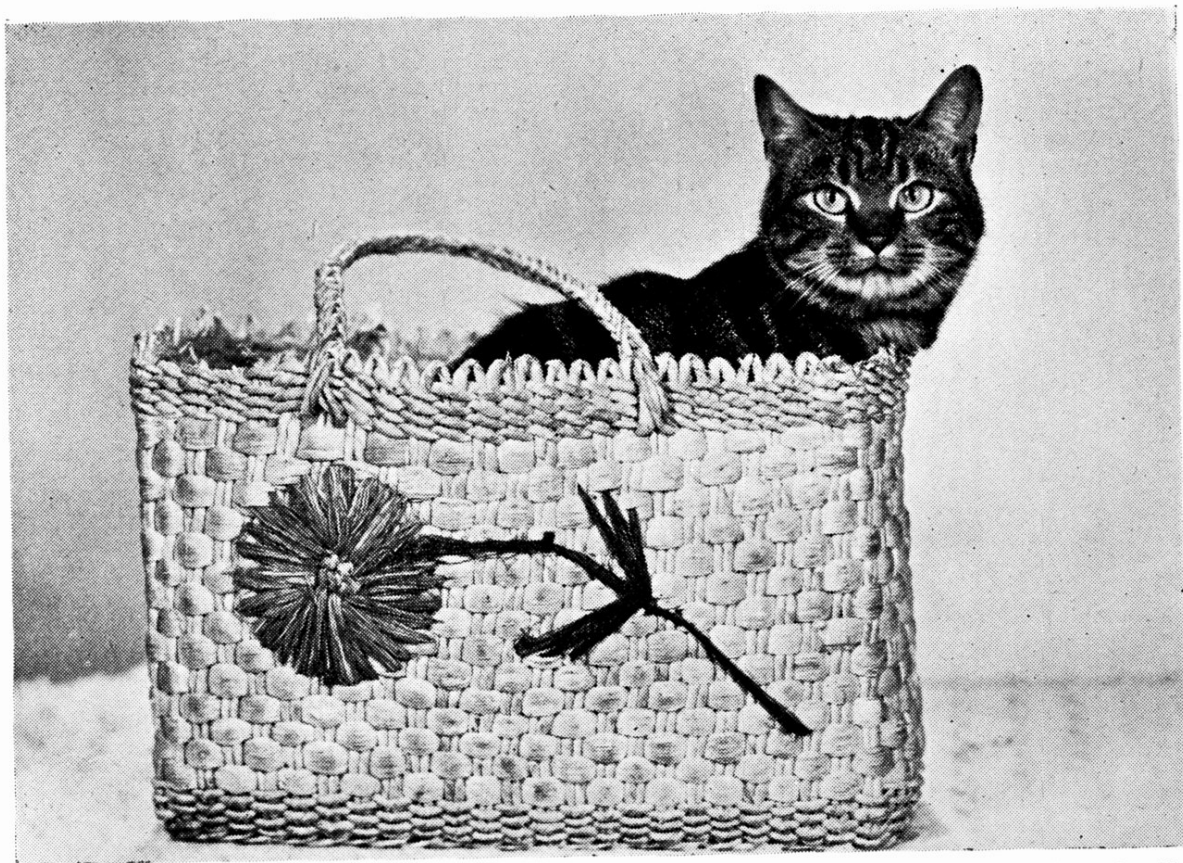
Lambert's S.P. Siamese Premier Fire-sprite Pedro by Ch. Causeway Pita. Three lovely exhibits.

Best Blue adult award went to Mrs. Crickmore's Thiepval Desiree who became a Champion the previous week-end at the Scottish Cat Club Show in Glasgow. Another Blue to become a Champion in Scotland was Mrs. Taylor's Blue Boy of Kenton. Congratulations! Mrs. McVady won in Blue males in London with Southway Troubadour.

Progress of a Tabby

Time passed so swiftly that I saw few exhibits apart from those I judged and as these notes go to press immediately after the show there is no time to ascertain the names of many winners but among them were Miss Main's charming Blue-Cream Ashdown Pixie by Woburn Sunshine; Miss Rice's Cream male Seemore Fair Knight by Vigilant Taurus; Mrs. Wilson's Cream female Dalan Serena by Ch. Paul of Pensford; Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway's Blue-eyed White Charmina Zinnia by Myrwal Andy; Miss Sherlock's Orange-eyed White Bircotte Nanette by Bircotte Giftocrissa; Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla female Nella of Allington by Ch. Fidelio of Allington; Mrs. Beedell's Ch. Sarisbury Sacharissa by the late Ch. Harpur Blue Boy, and the same owner's Brown Tabby Magyar Chandra by Jungle Dragonfly and Miss Lelgarde Fraser's Red Tabby Hendon Easter Bonnet by Ch. Hendon Lysander. All the above were awarded Challenge Certificates.

Miss Dukes completed the Championship of her Brown Tabby Shorthair Hergas Elf whose pedigree is interesting. Elf was bred by Mrs. Allen-Smith. Her mother Gadeford Pixie is a daughter of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and a Chestnut Brown. Pixie is intended for some carefully selected matings but on this occasion she made a "love match" unknown until later by Mrs. Allen-Smith, with a Brown Tabby Shorthair, son of a



T. H. Greville

Miss E. Dukes' Brown Tabby Shorthair Champion HERGAS ELF, whose interesting career is outlined on these pages.

tabby mother, which was only a temporary guest and being looked after for a friend. As he was only seven months he was not supposed to know the "facts of life" and their friendliness was assumed to be platonic! However, the issue is a sweetly pretty Brown Tabby and Elf has been awarded her Championship at three consecutive London shows in less than three months. She is much loved by Miss Dukes.

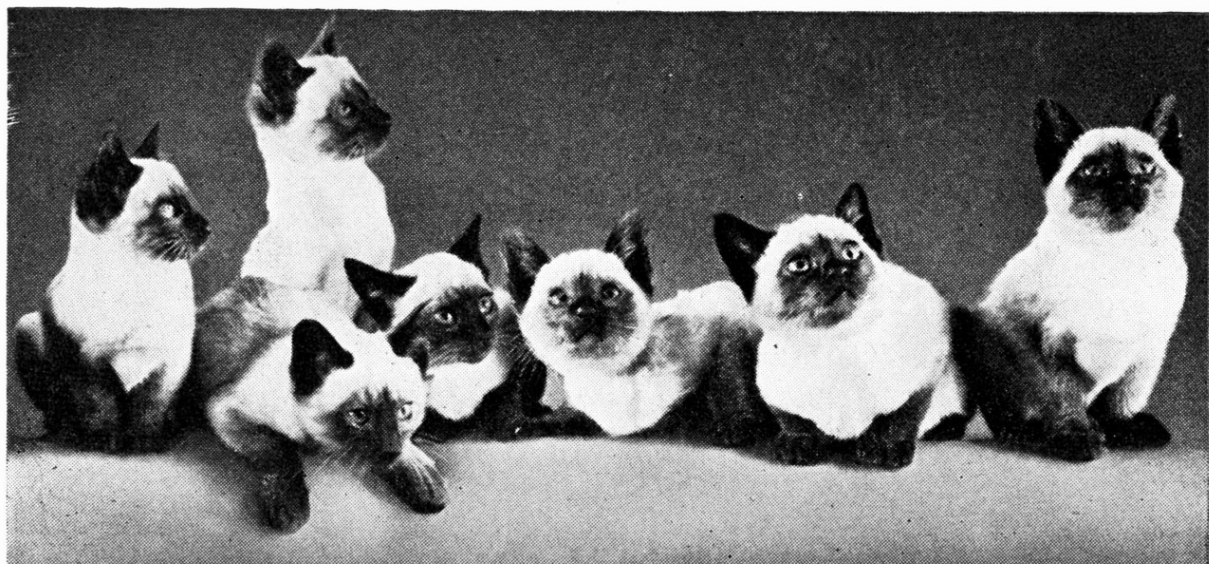
Standards need revision

Many breeders have found their Longhair cats have shed their coats very early this mild Winter and that may have accounted for the small class of five Blue males and the absence of all the Blue Champions who competed at Olympia. Mrs. Kings exhibited a lovely youngster eighteen months of age, Startops Stormhead. It was a pleasure to see a really pale Blue with the fine textured coat

which one often notices with the paler shades. Although the Blue Persian Cat Society Standard states "Any shade of Blue allowable" it needs a stretch of imagination to call some of the dark grey cats we see nowadays Blue.

A number of breeders would like to see the B.P.C.S. Standard for colour more clearly defined. It is certainly being interpreted nowadays so that cats which before the War would have been penalized for their dark coats are now among the winners. I have usually found that whether kittens are purchased for breeding or pets that the paler shades are preferred. It would be pleasing to see some of the other Longhair standards revised. In the majority of varieties they have been unaltered for about thirty years.

The Siamese Cat Club have moved with the times and revised their Standard at least twice since post-War Championship Shows were resumed, submitting



How many of them will you rear?

Normally — all of them. But suppose just *one* of your cats contracted Feline Infectious Enteritis? You might lose the lot in a few days.

Be safe — have your kittens injected *before they are three months old* with Vaccine manufactured by Dr. Graeub of Berne. Consult your veterinary adviser who will be able to give you full advice.

GRAEUB FELINE INFECTIOUS ENTERITIS VACCINE

Sole distributors in Great Britain and Ireland:
INTERNATIONAL SERUM CO. LTD., MILL HILL, LONDON, N.W.7

IRRITATION OF CATS' EARS

caused by the ear-mange mite can be definitely cured by three or four applications of the wonder-drug



ÖTÖDEX

which combines an anti-parasitic, antiseptic and local anæsthetic

SOOTHING, SAFE AND CERTAIN

Bottles 2/- and 7/6 (post 6d. and 9d.)

SKIN DISEASE

of a non-parasitic nature, so rife and often seasonal in cats, can be rapidly cured by



STRENOL ECZEMA CREAM

an outstanding and well-tested remedy. Quite safe if licked.

Pots 2/- (post 7½d.)

Both products are obtainable at Boots' branches

Strenol Products Ltd. 54 St. Gabriel's Road, London, N.W.2

their proposals at their A.G.M. for discussion by members and subsequently for approval to the Governing Council.

Success for Racekatten

Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, President of the Racekatten Club, Denmark, writes to tell me how much pleasure two of our English judges Mrs. Mollie Lamb and Miss Rodda gave to Danish exhibitors at their International Championship Show

at Tivoli, Copenhagen, in October. Nine thousand, six hundred spectators visited it in three days. Here are quotations from a letter written by Mrs. Lamb: "It was a lovely show. The organization was superb and the beauty of the hall had to be seen to be believed. The light was wonderful for judging and the floral decorations a delight and joy. I was particularly happy to see the cats looking so well cared for and resting on such



Photo by Gunilla

Nearly 10,000 visitors attended Racekatten's 3-day International Show in Copenhagen. One of the attractions was the pair of magnificent snow leopards pictured above in the arms of the Club's Secretaries, Miss Elly Duch and Mrs. Karen Smith (right). Mr. Svend Andersen, Manager of the Copenhagen Zoo, is holding Mrs. Karen Smith's Cream male Ch. Mascot of Pensford.

pretty and comfortable cushions in very tastefully decorated pens."

"Among the cats I had the pleasure of judging I thought the Blue Point Siamese excelled. I was interested to see Browndreys Scamp looking superb, and I was proud to find that I had awarded him C.A.C.I.B. I had seen him as a very young kitten bred by Miss Ellias in England, and I thought then he would be a winner. He now belongs to Mrs. Ulla Magnusson, Sweden. His young son Rangoon Blue Gay won my heart. He was looking lovely, and difficult to fault. It was also most interesting to find the Best S.H. Kitten Rangoon Blue Kolon, and Rangoon Blue Lunas, another winner, were sired by this promising young male."

"The Seal Points were rather brindled in colour. The winning male, Leopard v. Avalun (bred by Mrs. Magnusson and owned by Mrs. Eytzinger, Germany) was looking very good. I liked his shape and particularly the shape of the eye which was more oriental than most of the Seal Points. He was rather dark in colour, but texture of coat was very good. There were some very nice S.P. kittens—Peer of Gylling, bred by Mrs. Brandbyge, Denmark; Rangoon Irmennoot, owned by Mrs. Dunvald, Denmark; and Nicoline v. Corsach, bred by Dr. O. Volkersen, Germany. The winning litter bred by Mrs. Dunvald, Denmark, were three beautiful typey kittens, well grown and full of promise."

Best Longhairs

"Winners among the Blue Persians were the Blue male Artus v. Honburg, who got a C.A.C.I.B., owner Mrs. F. M. Christen, Switzerland. Excellent I. and C.A.C.I.B. was likewise granted to Ch. Mascot of Pensford, owned by Mrs. Karen Smith, Denmark. Another excellent I. and C.A.C.I.B. was awarded the Blue female Despotie Bis, owned by Miss R. Larsdotter, Sweden. The same award was given to the Smoke female

Skarpängens Susette, owned by Mrs. Svea Flisberg, Sweden."

"Best Longhair in Show was Ch. Franchesca af Smedsbo, a lovely White Persian with blue eyes belonging to Mrs. Maina Hjelde, Sweden. The Best Cat in Show was the Blue Point male Siamese Rangoon Blue Gay, owned by Mrs. Edith Dunvald, Denmark. Best Shorthair in Show among the kittens of 3-6 months was the Blue Pointed Siamese male Rangoon Blue Kolon, likewise owned by Mrs. Edith Dunvald."

Miss Rodda also considered the hall "the most beautiful she had ever seen for a cat show" and comments on the enjoyment of her first visit to judge in Denmark.

The November-December number of *Racekatten* has a lovely photo of Mrs. Maina Hjelde's White Ch. Franchesca of Smedsbo and a remarkable photo of the Director of the Zoo, Mr. Andersen, holding the Cream male Ch. Mascot of Pensford, and Racekatten Club Secretary Mrs. Elly Duch, and Mrs. Karen Smith, each holding leopard cubs about five times the size of the cat.

British cats at Dusseldorf

The International Championship Show at Düsseldorf, Germany, on December 4th, 5th and 6th attracted an entry of over 300 exhibits. British bred cats and their descendants had some outstanding wins.

Out of only nine C.A.C.I.B. awarded six went to the sons or daughters of cats bred in England. Only Champions are eligible for this honour and these were the winners: Ch. Spindrift Simple Peter, a Chinchilla by Ch. Mark of Allington and Tiptoes of Thame owned by Miss H. L. Posthuma, Holland, and bred in England by Miss Bridges; Ch. Aida v. Turicum, another Chinchilla by Ch. Bonavia Bonny Boy; Ch. Hansi v. Askanien, a Red male by Int. Ch. Paragon of Pensford; Ch. Gine Pinky, a

Red female by Ch. Mascot of Pensford ; Ch. Yati v. Lobelia, a S.P. Siamese male bred from an English dam Doneraile Danette, and Ch. Snorrehus James, from two English bred Abyssinians, Ch. Nigella Constantine and Int. Ch. Nigella Fern.

The Longhair International Male Champion was Mr. Werner Bierhoffs Blue Int. Ch. Paragon of Pensford, who also won the special prize for his progeny, many of which were among the first prize winners. Mrs. Kroon (Holland) was first in Int. Ch. females with her Blue, Laska van Frisia State sired by Miss Posthuma's Int. Ch. Southway Wizard, and by the same sire Miss Posthuma was awarded a national Championship for her Blue male Ch. Bentveld Pagliacco.

In Blue female adults Burrows Lea Gretchen by Ch. Bayhorne Adam, owned by Mrs. Gunckel-Debbing, was awarded C.A.C. In Chinchilla males Mrs. Hildegard Schulte (who attended the N.C.C. Ch. Show here in 1958) won with Bonavia Keepsake by Ch. Bonavia Contenta and Ch. Bonavia Flora. Several of the first prize kittens had a British sire or dam, and Mr. Rodenstein's Blue male kitten Blue Diamond of Pensford, had both, being by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Berrett Honey-suckle. He repeated his Cat Club de Paris success and won his Open Class.

Siamese awards

The Siamese entry was excellent. In a class of twenty S.P. females the C.A.C. winner, Fee v. Eschenhain, was by Belhaven Lotus, a male bred in England, but otherwise many of the winners were evidently from German-bred Siamese as the names are unfamiliar. A pleasing award to a British bred B.P. Siamese was C.A.C. to Fenham Blue Liz by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy and Ch. Coohay Pinup.

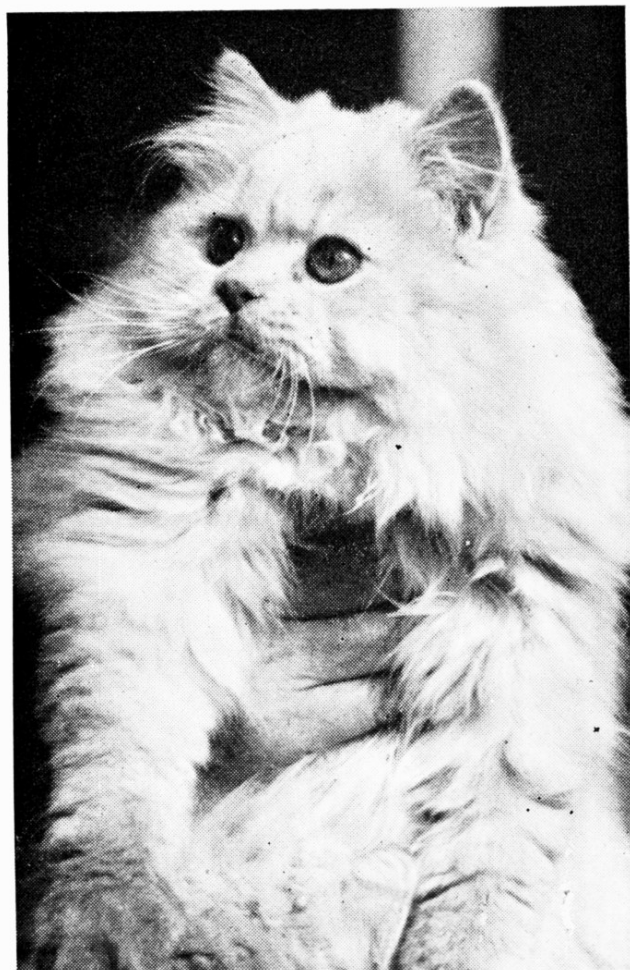
Four pages of cat photographs on art paper occupy the centre of the catalogue but none are named. Mdme Ravel from Paris, Dr. Doeksen, Holland, and Frau Kirsten, Germany, judged the Longhairs,

and Frau Lorscheid and Frau Thea Volkersen from Germany the Shorthairs.

Our exports doing well

I have more news about the Longhair kittens which have gone abroad than the Shorthairs Achilles of Allington, litter brother to Amos of Allington and sons of Ch. Bayhorne Ajax, went by Polar Route to San Francisco at the end of November taking only eight hours. His new owner Miss Luellen is delighted with him.

Bayhorne Athena, the winning Blue female by the same sire, has come safely out of her sixty days quarantine after her arrival in Sydney, Australia, and her new owners, Mrs. Cains and Mrs. Vize are



LANGBANK BUTTERSCOTCH, a lovely Cream kitten bred by Mrs. Mayhill, of Auckland, New Zealand, from Ch. Dalan Joy, who was bred and exported three years ago by Mrs. Blanche Barron, of Hillingdon, Middlesex. The sire was also bred in England—Mr. Wood's Ch. Woodland Mischief. Butterscotch was purchased by Col. C. R. Woodrow, of Brisbane, Australia, and the first time she was benched she was **Best Exhibit in Show**.

very pleased with her. Mrs. Benbow, her breeder came to the conclusion that kittens should be older to undertake this arduous sea journey as Athena had evidently had digestive upsets en route but all's well now.

Ashdown Robin, bred by Mrs. Stephenson of Tunbridge Wells, completed his Championship at Kansas City in January and was awarded Best Longhair Cat. He is owned by Mrs. Kingsland, of Chesterfield, Missouri. Ashdown Robin is by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch and another successful Blue in the United States bred by Mrs. Stephenson is the Blue female Ashdown Meadowsweet who is now a Triple Champion. She is by Woburn Sunshine and is owned by Mrs. Eckenburg of Washington D.C. Meadowsweet was Best Opposite Sex Cat at two Championship Shows 1959. Congratulations to both owners and breeder Mrs. Stephenson.

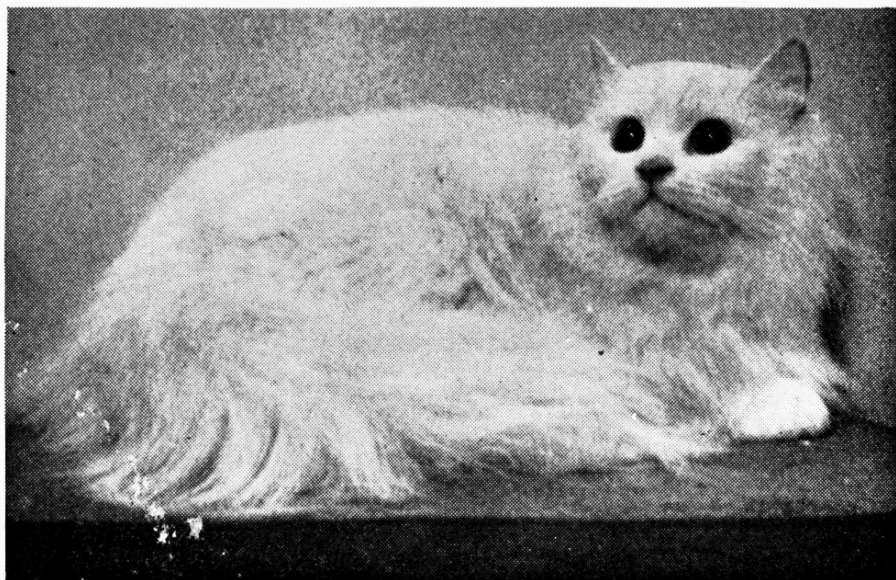
Ormuz of Dunesk by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Gaydene Wildrose was Best Blue in Show at an All Breed Ch. Show in California recently and the Cream female kitten Mimosa of Dunesk by Ch. Oscar of Pensford and Damask of Dunesk Best Female Kitten at two Championship Shows. Both are owned by Mrs. W. Moore of California.

Mrs. Barron sends pleasing news of the progeny of Champion Dalan Joy, a Cream daughter of Ch. Paul of Pensford

and Ch. Hendras Pepita. Joy's owner Mrs. Mayhill writes from New Zealand : " I mated her to Miss Lovejoy's imported Cream Ch. Woodland Mischief and she had four bonny kittens, one male and three females. One went to Mrs. Downey of Auckland and won wonderfully well at Hamilton, getting many top prizes. Another of the quartette, a female, went to Mr. Woodrow of Brisbane, Australia, and this is an extract from his letter— " Langbank Butterscotch went to her first show and made a great name for herself. She was Best Exhibit. In Queensland we have a class for Champions who are competing for Grand Championships and usually it is one of these who get Best in Show. We were very proud of Butterscotch's win at the last Ch. Show of the season. She is the loveliest natured cat I have ever seen. She is our pride and joy and mated to our Blue male we should get something really good. Next season I intend to show her in all States."

Congratulations to Mr. Woodrow and here's wishing him future success. And last but by no means least these good wishes are also for Mrs. Denton of Denmark Hill, London, who has purchased one of this season's most successful winning kittens, the Blue male Woburn Bonamy, sired by Woburn Chippy and bred by Miss Constance Page of Watford. Bonamy is a lovely kitten and a potential Champion.

**CH. MISTY
SUNSHINE**
Orange eyed
White Longhair
bred by Mrs.
C. M. Black and
owned by Mrs.
U. M. Pelzer.



DIRECTORY OF LONGHAIR BREEDERS

FOR RELIABLE STUDS AND STOCK (Arranged alphabetically)

BOURNESIDE CATTERY

Black, Cream and Blue-Cream Persians

At Stud : BOURNESIDE BLACK ONYX (Fee 3 gns.)

MYOWNE CAESAR (Blue) } Fee 2½ gns.
BROUGHTON MARVO (Cream) } and expenses
NOEND SNOWMAN (Manx) Fee 30/-

Pedigree kittens usually for sale

MRS. E. G. AITKEN, 2 COMMONFIELD ROAD,
BANSTEAD, SURREY. Tel. : Burgheath 2754

HARPUR BLUE PERSIANS

At Stud :

CHAMPION HARPUR ROMEO
Sire of Ch. Lisblanc Azalea, Ch. Lisblanc
Adonis and many other lovely cats.

Pedigree Kittens usually for sale

G. C. DUGDALE, 48 NEVERN SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.5. Frobisher 3366

BAYHORNE PERSIANS

Blues and Creams

At Stud :

CHAMPION BAYHORNE AJAX
(Blue)

MRS. DULCIE BENBOW,
TYDERSTONE, ANGEL BANK, LUDLOW,
SALOP. Phone : Cleehillstone 382

BARWELL CREAM, BLUE-CREAM and BLUE

Kittens excelling in stamina, type and sweet temper-
ament. Bred from finest Champion stock. All
inoculated F.I.E. Winners of 7 First Prizes
Kensington Kitten and Neuter Show 1958.

MRS. DENYS FAWELL
SUMMERLEY, BURTONS WAY
CHALFONT St. GILES, BUCKS
Telephone Little Chalfont, 2295

DEEBANK BLUE, CREAM & WHITE PERSIANS

At Stud :

CH. SHERRY OF PENSFORD (Cream)
VIGILANT MARK (Blue)

Lovely kittens by above studs usually for sale

MISS BULL, ELM COTTAGE, THORNTON
HOUGH, CHESHIRE. Thornton Hough 214

CHARMINA CATTERY

Blue-eyed White Persians, Orange-
eyed White Persians

At Stud : **MYRWAL ANDY**

Queens met at London termini

Delightful kittens usually for sale

MRS. C. H. HOLDAWAY, 4 WARMINGTON
ROAD, HERNE HILL, LONDON, S.E.24
Tel. BRI. 4825

BROCTON'S CATS

CHINCHILLAS & BLACK
PERSIANS

Strong, well bred kittens with excellent tempera-
ments sometimes for sale

MRS. M. M. CALDER, 81 EPSOM ROAD,
GUILDFORD, SURREY. Guildford 62046

THE ALLINGTON BLUE PERSIANS & CHINCHILLAS

Renowned throughout the world for type,
colour, coat and wide-awake eyes

Enquiries for CATS AT STUD or
YOUNG STOCK FOR SALE to

MISS EVELYN LANGSTON
8 CRAUFURD RISE, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS
Tel. : Maidenhead 813

PERIVALE-KALA PERSIANS

Blues, Smokes, Silver Tabbies and
Colourpoints

Smoke, Blue and Colourpoints Studs

Lovely Blue, Smoke and Silver Tabby kittens
by Champion sires for sale.

MISS D. M. COLLINS, PIXIEWOOD,
WEST MOORS, DORSET.
Tel. Ferndown 4132

SNOWCLOUD WHITE PERSIANS

Strong, healthy orange-eyed
kittens sometimes available

Enquiries : MRS. K. M. MEARNES
SIMONS HOLT, WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET

Tel. Wiveliscombe 221

PRIORY BLUE & CREAM PERSIANS

At Stud : Ch. OSCAR OF PENSFORD
Lovely son of Ch. Foxburrow
Frivolous. Dam : Ch. Dawn of Pensford.

Queens met at Gerrards Cross Station

Lovely kittens usually for sale

MRS. L. DAVIES, "THE JOLLY FARMER,"
GOLD HILL, CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.
Gerrards Cross 2464

CARNE PERSIANS

Red, Tortoiseshell, Cream and
Blue-Cream kittens, reared in
ideal surroundings. Are loving,
healthy and house-trained.

MRS. J. M. NEWTON, THE GRANGE
MOULSFORD, BERKS. Cholsey 255

(continued overleaf)

POLDENHILLS CHINCHILLAS

Carefully reared kittens usually available in the Spring to very good homes. A limited number of Cat Boarders accommodated from Easter. Ideal conditions in spacious quarters. Cuisine a speciality.

Queens : **POLDENHILLS MIKELMAS DAISY**
FRONIGE OF ALLINGTON

MRS. EMILIE F. M. POLDEN,
THE POLDEN HILLS, FRENHAM ROAD,
CROWTHORNE, BERKS. (Crowthorne 2939)

ASHDOWN PERSIANS

Blue, Cream & Blue-Cream kittens
sometimes for sale.

At Stud :

WOBURN SUNSHINE
(BLUE PERSIAN)

MRS. F. H. STEPHENSON, 9 EARL'S ROAD,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS. Tel.: T. WELLS 21360

BRIARIC

Blue & Cream Persians

At Stud :

CHAMPION BRIARIC BEAUTY (Blue)

Strong and healthy pedigree kittens
sometimes for sale.

B. E. REID, 15 EARDLEY ROAD, BELVEDERE,
KENT. Tel. Erith 33331.

BRIARRY CATTERY

The home of the lovely Colourpoints

COLOURPOINTS AT STUD
and Kittens usually for sale. Also
Siamese and Curious Cats unlimited

BRIAN STIRLING-WEBB, ASGILL HOUSE
RICHMOND, SURREY. Richmond 1561

DEEP COPPER-RED TABBIES **BRILLIANT TORTIES, BLACKS**

Robust stock, house-reared and trained.

Brood queens : **CH. BRUTON PERDITA,**
CH. BRUTON ORANGE FLOWER,
CH. BARWELL GARNET PRINCESS.

Kittens available from May onwards.

MRS. N. ROSELL, 13 CELTIC AVENUE,
SHORTLANDS, KENT.

BONAVIA CHINCHILLAS

Prize winners every time shown

Latest out : **CH. BONAVIA CONTENTA,** Best L.H.
Exhibit S.C.C. 1958, sire of Bonavia
Memento, Best Chin. Kitten S.C.C.
1958. **CH. BONAVIA CAMPANELLO,** Best
L.H. Exhibit, Best L.H. import from
England, Auckland, New Zealand, 1958.

MRS. MOLLIE TURNEY, OLD BEAMS,
HOLYPORT, BERKS. Tel. : Maidenhead 1812

THE PENSFORDS

World famous for their quality, eye-colour and physique

MRS. JOAN THOMPSON has bred post-war 9 Blue Champions, 8 Cream Champions,
8 Blue-Cream Champions, many of them by her internationally famous male **CH.**
FOXBURROW FRIVOLOUS, winner of 9 Challenge Certificates, 75 Firsts and the sire
of 20 Champions.

130 WICKHAM WAY, BECKENHAM, KENT (BEC. 6904)

To fanciers overseas . . .

Panel advertisements in our **DIRECTORY OF BREEDERS** (Longhair and Shorthair sections) are not confined to members of the English Fancy. Indeed, we shall be only too pleased to see the Directory develop along truly international lines. The largest bookable space is a double panel (either down or across the page) and all announcements must conform to our usual typeset style. Full details of rates, etc., will be gladly supplied on request to any of our friends overseas. For over ten years our **DIRECTORY OF BREEDERS** has been an economical and efficient medium for fanciers of international repute who have stock to sell and services to offer.

DIRECTORY OF SHORTHAIR BREEDERS

FOR RELIABLE STUDS AND STOCK (Arranged alphabetically)

GRINGO SIAMESE and BURMESE

Kittens from prize-winning stock available shortly. All reared in healthy, country surroundings.

KINGSPLAY HEP CAT (S.P.)

SILVERSEAL REMISE (Burmese)

daughter of Ch. Autumn Haze, the only British-bred outcross ever to be used as a stud in this country.

Particulars from: MRS. A. M. CHARLES, BEECH BANK, BRATTON, Nr. WESTBURY, WILTS (late Rose Cottage, Rode, nr. Bath). Tel. Bratton 382

SABUKIA SIAMESE

At Stud: **CH. SABUKIA SIR GALAHAD**
Best Exhibit Siamese Cat Club Show 1955.
1st Stud Cat Kensington Show 1956 and 1957.
Sire of Best M. Kit. Siamese Cat Club Show 1957.

also **CH. KILLDOWN KERRY (S.P.)**

Winner of 3 Challenge Certs. and
56 First Prizes, Siring Chocolate Points

Mrs. H. Dadd, Yard Cottage, Copped Hall, Epping, Essex. Tel.: Epping 2939

HEATHERPINE ABYSSINIANS

At Stud: **ALBYN JASON**
who sires prizewinners

HEATHERPINE HORODOTUS
(Winner of two C.C.'s.)

MRS. I. A. EARNSHAW, HEATHERPINE,
CURRIDGE, Nr. NEWBURY, BERKS.

Tel.: Hermitage 240

Breeder of **Ch. Heatherpine Juanita** and
Ch. Heatherpine Isis

HEARTSEASE CATS

BRITISH WHITE SHORTHAIRES

Blue-eyed or golden-eyed kittens usually available from prize-winning pure white parents. House trained, delightful temperaments.

SEAL POINT SIAMESE KITTENS

for sale from Whiteoaks Wendy (prize-winner) and Whiteoaks Freda (dam, first prize-winning litter H. & M. 1959).

LADY GLUBB, WEST WOOD
MAYFIELD, SUSSEX Mayfield 3136

WENVOE SIAMESE CATTERY

At Stud: **SCARSDALE WILD RICE**

Sire: **Sans Souci Felix**. Dam: **Scarsdale Minnehaha**

Queens: **WENVOE CHANTHRA**

Sire: **Inwood Willow**. Dam: **Ch. Fa Ying**

WENVOE KULARB

Sire: **Morris Maestro**. Dam: **Wenvoe Chanthra**

Mrs. D. J. DAVIES, THE DEANERY, 18a HILL ST., WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND Phone 40'395

LAURENTIDE CATS

Blue Point, Lilac Point and Seal Point Siamese and Self Lavenders
Excel as pets

Bred for stamina from prize-winning stock

Enquiries for kittens and cats at stud to:

MRS. A. HARGREAVES, F.Z.S., CHURCH STYLE, BOVEY TRACEY, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.

Phone: Bovey Tracey 2291

BROWNDREYS SIAMESE

Blue Point and Seal Point

Kittens usually for sale from:

CH. BROWNDREYS MARINNE (B.P.) (Sire: Ch. Fernreig Zyn), Dam of Ch. Browndreys Scamp (Sweden)

BROWNDREYS SHANRA (S.P.)

(Sire: Ch. Causeway Pita)

MISS ELLIAS, BROWNDREYS, STRETE, DARTMOUTH, DEVON.

BROUGHTON BRITISH BLUES

British Blues, Short-hair Blue-Creams, Blue Persians, Cream Persians for sale.

Healthy, house-trained for breeding purposes, showing or pets.

MRS. PHYLLIS HUGHES, CAEN WOOD LODGE, ASHTEAD WOODS ROAD, ASHTEAD, SURREY.
Tel: Ashtead 4645.

PRESTWICK SIAMESE

Noted for type and brilliant eye colour

At Stud: **CH. PRESTWICK PENGLIMA PERTAMA (S.P.)**

CH. SILKEN FAUN (S.P.) SILKEN SULTAN (S.P.)

CH. PRESTWICK BLUE CRACKERS (B.P.)

Breeder of Ch. Prestwick Mata-Biru, Ch. Prestwick Pertana, Ch. Prestwick Perling, Ch. P'twick Perak

MRS. DUNCAN HINDLEY

HIGH PRESTWICK, CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY
Chiddingfold 60 Station - Haslemere

BRADGATE SIAMESE

At Stud:

TIANE TAIANFU (S.P.)

SIRE OF CH. BRADGATE BLUE VISION (S.P.)

PETERSOGAI (S.P.)

CH. CAMLEY FUDGE (C.P.)

Seal and Chocolat Point Kittens usually for sale

Owner: MRS. IRENE LAPPER

8 ALBERT PLACE, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS

Telephone: 2775

SUMFUN CATS

Seal Point and Blue Point Siamese

Quality kittens for sale from well bred queens carrying the Prestwick blood line. Excellent temperaments.

also **SUMFUN EMMELINA FLYCATCHER**
Blue-eyed White Longhair.

MRS. MARY DUNNILL, THE GARTH, HIGH LANE, HASLEMERE, SURREY.

Tel. Haslemere 3101

WHITEOAKS SIAMESE

Stud :

LANCY PALLADIN (Sire : Hillcross Cymbal. Dam : Lancy Akela)

Winner of Stud Cat Classes 1958 K.K. & N. and 1959. Siring prize-winning kittens of excellent type, noted for eye colour and pale coats.

Progeny includes : Best S.H. Ex. Kentish 1958. Best Siamese Male Kitten Kentish 1958. Best S.H. Exhibit K.K. & N. 1958. Best Siamese Wessex 1958. Best S.P. Siamese Kit. Copenhagen 1958. Best S.P. Female N. & D. 1959. Best S.H. Kit. Kentish 1959. Best Siamese Kit. K.K. & N. 1959. Best Siamese Litter K.K. & N. 1959. Best Siamese Litter H. & M. 1959. FEE £2 : 12 : 6 plus carriage
Queens met by arrangement

Queens :

WHITEOAKS PHEASANT (Best S.P. Female Kit. S.C.C. 1956. Best Adult S.C.C. Classes Kentish 1959. Best Brood Queen K.K. & N. 1959)

Dam of: Best S.H. Ex. K.K. & N. 1958. Best S.H. Kit. Kentish 1959. Best Siamese Kit. K.K. & N. 1959

NONPAREILLE MIRABELLE (Best S.H. Ex. S. & S. 1956. Best Siamese Female H. & M. 1956).
Dam of Best S.P. Female Kit. S.C.C. 1956. Best Siamese Male Kit. Kentish 1958. Best S.P. Kit. Copenhagen 1958.

GAINSBOROUGH BELLE

Dam of Best S.H. Ex. Kentish 1958. Best Siamese S.P. Female N. & D. 1959.

WHITEOAKS ADELINE (Best S.H. Exhibit Kentish 1958. Best Siamese S.P. Female N. & D. 1959)

Enquiries for Stud and Kittens to :

HELEN MARTIN AND GRACE ELEY
WHITEOAKS, COOMBE HILL ROAD, EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX
Tel : EAST GRINSTEAD 302

KINGSPLAY BURMESE

are bred with care and lovingly prepared for appreciative homes.

At Stud : **KINGSPLAY FEI-FO**

Sire : **Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee**

Dam : **Kyneton Chweta**

MRS. JOAN MERRY, HARLEY FARM,
HEDDINGTON, CALNE, WILTS

THE MISSEFORE BLUE POINTED SIAMESE

All enquiries to :

Major & Mrs. J. C. S. RENDALL,
SEGE COPSE,
BURLEY,
RINGWOOD, HANTS.

(Tel. Burley 2160)

Breeders of :

Champion Missefore Pan Print
Grand Champion Missefore Tyran Print
(Australia)
Champion Missefore Echo (U.S.A.)
Champion Missefore Ryken

THE BITCHET BLUE-POINTED SIAMESE

Pale coated and affectionate kittens become available from time to time from **CHAMPION SALTMARSHE SABINE** and also her daughter **BITCHET CAMELLIA** (one of the leading show kittens of the 1958/59 season) All kittens are registered and inoculated against feline enteritis

MRS. H. G. PHILPOT, FOUR SEASONS,
BITCHET GREEN, Nr. SEVENOAKS, KENT
Breeder of Best S.H. Kitten Herts. & Middx. 1959
Telephone : Sevenoaks 61310

DEVORAN SIAMESE CATS

EXCEL IN TYPE

At Stud :

DEVORAN ARISTOCRAT

Fee £3 - 3 - 0

Kittens usually for sale

Particulars from - MRS. PRICE, THE GABLES
HEATHFIELD ROAD, BUSHEY, HERTS.
Phone - Watford 25624

"AMBERLEY" SEALPOINT SIAMESE

Breeders : MR. & MRS. D. WILSON,
"AMBERLEY" VERWOOD, DORSET

Telephone : Verwood 221

At Stud : **PINCOP JO-HO** (Sire—Ch. Causeway Pita, Dam—Avonside Tudor Princess).
1st & Ch. Southern Counties Show 1959. Sire of Best S.H. Litter Croydon 1958.

DONERAILE DONZEL (Sire—Bluehayes Foxy. Dam—Doneraile Deb Too). 1st S.P. Kitten Siamese Show and Herts and Middx. Show 1956. Kittens usually available.

MORRIS SIAMESE

At Stud : **MORRIS PADISHAH**

Fee 2 guineas

One of many winners, including four Champions, bred from Morris Una by

MRS. M. W. RICHARDSON,
GRINSTEAD OTTWAYS AVENUE, ASHTEAD,
SURREY
Ashstead 3521

PEDIGREE FORMS

Pedigree Forms of excellent quality with space for four generations are obtainable at 2s. 6d. per dozen, post free from

OUR CATS MAGAZINE
4 CARLTON MANSIONS
CLAPHAM ROAD,
LONDON, S.W.9

(continued on next page)

MILORI SIAMESE SEALCOAT BURMESE

S.P. SIAMESE STUDS: MILORI LINKO and CH. MILORI OBERON. Both sires of kittens with gentle disposition and good type, eye colour and coat texture, some of which have achieved Championships and Best in Show awards.

BURMESE STUDS: CH. CASA GATOS DARKEE and CH. DARSHAN KHUDIRAN. Both are American imports siring kittens of good type; prizewinners and Champions.

SIAMESE and BURMESE kittens for sale.

Queens, who are carefully looked after, met at any N. Midland station. Direct trains from London, Bournemouth, Bristol, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle and Exeter.

MRS. C. F. WATSON, THE OLD NURSERY HOUSE, TANSLEY, MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE
Tel.: Matlock 777

DONERAILE SIAMESE

Have a world-wide reputation for Gentle Temperament, Eye Colour and Type

At Stud: **CHAMPION BLUEHAYES FOXY**

Fine boned male, lovely eye colour, pale coat. Best S.H. at Coronation and Herts and Middx. Shows 1953. Winner of 17 First Prizes and over 20 Specials.

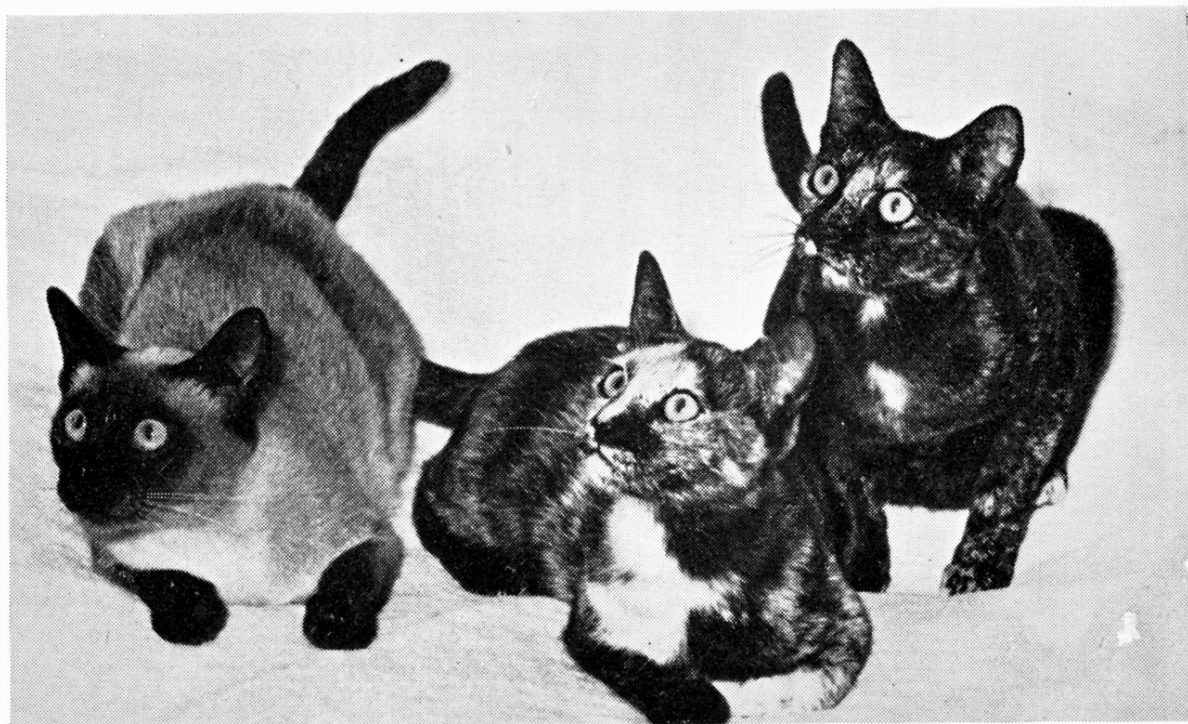
Queens met at
London Termini
by arrangement

Also **SALEWHEEL SIMKIN**

Sire of Best Male S.C.C.C. 1953, Best Litter 1950, Best S.H. Kitten Scottish C.C. 1952 and Best Exhibit Edinburgh and E. of Scotland C.C. 1954.

Inquiries for Studs and Kittens to:

MRS. KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS, BRAMALL, VICARAGE RD., HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. (477)



Rhodesia Herald

THIS PICTURE MAKES NEWS

From Mrs. Phyllis C. Robinson, Secretary of the Rhodesia Cat Club, we have received this interesting pictorial record of the first attempt at experimental breeding for Red Point Siamese in that country. Two $\frac{3}{4}$ Siamese Tortie youngsters appear in the photograph with their half-sister. Originally there were three Torties in the litter but one escaped whilst she was away on a visit to a stud and all attempts to trace her were unavailing. So Mrs. Robinson is relying on the remaining pair to start a good Red Point line. The darker of the Torties has had her first litter and two of the three kittens are obvious R.P.'s. The third kitten promises to be either black or seal pointed.

News from "Down Under"

WELL, here we are in the year 1960, and I hope that after a very happy Christmas you have all made a strong resolution to breed better stock and be hard working club members through the months ahead. Our States certainly had a great variation of weather conditions and temperatures with cyclones, snow and, in a few places, heat of up to 120 degrees, as a result of which 14 lives were lost in the centre. I notice the wild birds round the house moulting heavily and my old sulphur crested cocky (with whom you can hold a fair conversation) has only his undercoat left.

I would like to send a big "Thank you" to all those good pals who sent Christmas cards, but was disappointed to receive none from Blighty. I had a wonderful mail from New Zealand. I would also like to thank the Editor for my airmail copy of the Special Greetings Number—another nice issue. It reached me a week before the October issue, which, by the way, had no Australian or N.Z. notes. They were despatched as usual but maybe got mixed up in the race against time, due to an accident. (*You are right F.W., omission regretted.—Editor.*)

Queensland. I received a letter from Mrs. E. Henry, of Brisbane, and was surprised to learn that she had been "hung up" with a very bad leg. She was hoping to have the plaster removed before Christmas and it is our wish that her hopes were fulfilled and that she will

soon be restored to normal health. The Queensland Cat Club held a very happy Christmas party and the annual election of officers resulted in President Mr. Batten being re-elected, Mrs. Presling and Mr. Col. Woodrow as Vice Presidents, Mrs. Archer as Treasurer, and Mrs. Henry remains Secretary. So the old team have a further term in which to give effect to policy.

It is very unfortunate for Queensland breeders that Mrs. Herbert has been so unlucky as to lose her lovely imported Blue Longhair male Ch. Anchusa Piere. I understand an injury turned to gangrene and in spite of mighty efforts by her veterinarian, the cat could not be saved. She will have the sympathy of all breeders, I am sure.

Mrs. Tasker is to give a series of talks on cats to the newly-formed Brisbane Cat Club during the coming year. Quite a few shows are coming up in the Northern State and I will let you have details as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Victoria. I have the Siamese Cat Club's *Newsletter* from Mrs. Houlihan and note the friendly seasonal greetings sent out by President Colonel Cole. Melbourne Cat Club Show in November was unfortunate in striking a very hot weather spell which did not help the gate and consequently the Society for Crippled Children. Five judges made the awards, a selection of which follows: *Siamese Section.* Best Exhibit and S.P. Female—Mrs. Howard's Adelphi Anna; S.P. Male—Col. and Mrs. Scott's Slindon Trafalgar; B.P. Male—Mrs. Wilson's Ch. Valbert Blue Raschid; B.P. Female—Mrs. Kenny's Venue Chan-Li; C.P. Male—Sister Springall's Eastwood Ming Chu; Best Kit—Mrs. Robertson's Inana

Ming Shan; Opp. Sex Kitten—Sister Goulden's Yonalin Kimlarn. *Longhairs*. Best Exhibit and Kit and Blue Kit—Mrs. Shepperd's Greenhill Blue Denis; Best Cat and Blue—Mrs. D. Blackwell's Merryvale Blue King; Best Female—Miss E. Beattie's Miowera Kute Kit Ripple; Best Litter—Mrs. Pryty's Scotswood kits; Opp. Sex Kit—Miss Selby's Strathwood kit 2.

New South Wales. The old Cat Fanciers' Club held a Christmas get-together in Sydney and the big gathering had a very happy evening, which included a talk by Mrs. M. Helsham on her recent trip to England. It was enjoyed by all and afterwards Mrs. Helsham had many questions to answer. Mr. Lonsdale presented a parcel to the senior Vice President and to Secretary Harry Wynne and when they were opened they were found to contain a lovely gift for the respective wives.

The Northern Feline Fanciers Club is first in the field with the schedule for their first show in Mosman Town Hall in March. Mrs. Ann Vize (President) and Mrs. S. Dowty (Secretary) are working

very hard to make it a success and have been holding functions to raise money for the purchase of show cages. Southern Cross Club have a kitten show listed for March 12th at Arncliffe and Cumberland Club on April 13th at Lidcombe. A show fortnightly, practically, then with the two-day judging at the Easter Royal Show. Mrs. Favelle, Secretary of Federal Club, has a poisoned hand and has to pay in cash. Cannot write cheques! Trust she is soon O.K. again. Federal Club is to start a training class for Longhair judges in February.

Adelaide. No news from my staunch pals Tom and Jerry so far. I do hope they survived the Christmas festivities. I may be able to give you news of latest Adelaide doings next month.

New Zealand. So far no *Newsletter* has arrived from my very good correspondent, Miss Menzies. Apparently all is well with fanciers over there, but I don't like leaving them out. We should have a big budget from them for February and I shall look forward to receiving it.



This Seal Point Siamese, pictured at 8 months, was one of a promising litter bred by the New Zealand fancier, Mr. A. F. Amory, of Wellington. The parents were Petyshah Bellerophon ex Rehka Devi Rilla.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

The rate for prepaid advertisements under this heading is 3d. per word per insertion (minimum 12 words) and instructions must be received by *not later than the 1st day* of the month of issue. Please write "copy" clearly and post with appropriate remittance to OUR CATS MAGAZINE, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9. Use of Box No. costs 1s. extra.

For Sale

CREAM PERSIAN Kittens (Males) by Champion Ousedale Maximillian (36 Firsts), top quality, dense, long pale coats, glorious orange eyes, house-trained. Reasonable price. Export welcomed.—Nelson-Green, 289 Scraftoft Lane, Leicester.

Animal Portraiture

MAUD TURNER paints exquisite portraits in oils (from photographs). Sizes from 8" x 6" at £1 5s. 0d. Brochure sent (s.a.e.). Satisfaction guaranteed or fee returned.—"The Oaks," 9 Warwick Rd., Rayleigh, Essex.

Insurance

INSURE YOUR CAT! Full cover includes death from any cause. Veterinary expenses, loss by theft, etc. Reasonable premiums. Write for Free Brochure.—**CANINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LTD.**, 90 Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3; 58 Rankin Drive, Edinburgh 9. (Established over a quarter of a century).

SLEEK SILKY CATS are
WHALEBEEF
FED

The **RICH RAW MEAT** with the protein of both meat and fish.

Special club member terms

(2lb. sample 4s. 9d. post paid)

Full particulars from

DOG FOODS (ED) LTD.
5 BLENHEIM PLACE, EDINBURGH, 7
Importers and meat mail order specialists

Miscellaneous

CAT HARNESES, Collars, Clawboards, exhibited C.P.L.'s "Cat Week," Carrying Baskets, Siamese Coats. Write designer: Mary Collier, "Cats Valley," Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

FOR GIFTS, SOUVENIRS use Handpaintings (Brooch to Hoarding) or hand-made Models (miniature to life size) of your own pet. Beautiful, realistic, inexpensive. Details—Clun Valley Features (O.C.), Clun, Shropshire.

PERSONAL SPECIALS FOR SHOWS. NAMED CAT BOWLS posted to winners 6s. 6d. each (postage and packing 1s. 6d. extra), in hand thrown pottery. Price list for other articles free on application.—The Dove Pottery, 17 Upper Mall, Hammersmith, W.6.

PEDIGREE FORMS, good quality, provision for five generations. 2s. 6d. per dozen, post free from OUR CATS, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

WHO WANTS A CATNIP MOUSE? The herb inside this cloth mouse creates sheer ecstasy and promotes healthy exercise. Send 1s. 6d. (P.O. or stamps) to OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

Books

CATS BETWEEN COVERS, by Sidney Denham, the only complete guide to books about cats, with an introduction by Sir Compton Mackenzie, 7s. (U.S.A. \$1) post free from H. Denham, 37 Canonbury Square, London, N.1.

CAT BOOKS FOR CAT LOVERS. Lists free. Little Bookshop, Farnham Common, Bucks.



MRS. COWLISHAW with Duffington Pandarus and (inset) Nilgiris Blue Salarino.

MRS. IVY B. D. COWLISHAW of 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9. (wife of the Managing Editor of OUR CATS Magazine) writes :—

"No one surely will deny that over the past ten years or so there has been a steady advance in the status of the cat. More and more people are getting to know and appreciate cats and there is a much wider understanding of their general care and management. Several factors are responsible for this happier state of affairs and one—to which I gladly pay tribute here—is the splendid contribution made by Phillips Yeast Products Limited in producing aids to our cats' health and happiness in handy and economical form.

"My own pets have always been neutered Siamese because I believe that, when kept in pairs, they adapt themselves so readily and happily to the restrictions of life in a flat. To-day, I have Duffington Pandarus (Mickey), a seal point approaching his 11th birthday and Nilgiris Blue Salarino (Sammy), a four year old blue point. Neither would reckon his day complete without his ration of Kit-zyme and Kenadex, your vitamin A and D extract. Their wonderful health and condition prove to the hilt that they "know what's good for them!" My last Siamese, Patch, lived to the ripe old age of 17."

KIT-ZYME WILL BENEFIT YOUR CAT TOO . . .
It is a natural Tonic and Conditioner—NOT a purgative

Kit-zyme

VITAMIN-RICH YEAST TABLETS

Promotes resistance to: **LISTLESSNESS, FALLING COAT, LOSS OF APPETITE, SKIN TROUBLE**
 50 (7½ gr.) Tablets 1/6, 250 for 4/-, 750 for 10/-

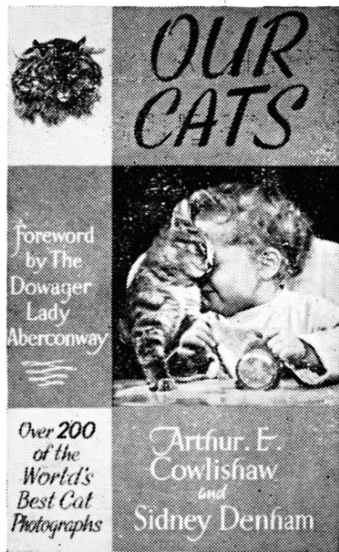
From Chemists, Corn Chandlers and Pet Shops

Literature Free on Request



If any difficulty in obtaining write to:
PHILLIPS YEAST PRODUCTS LTD., 100, Pall Mall, London, N.W.10

A WONDERFUL GIFT—ANY TIME!



A beautifully produced
pictorial symposium

OUR CATS

By *Arthur E. Cowlshaw and Sidney Denham*, with foreword by the *Dowager Lady Aberconway*. Royal 8vo, 128 pp. Over 200 photographs. Published by *Nicholas Kaye Ltd.*

Here is a book designed to bring lasting pleasure to cat lovers everywhere. It is the perfect gift book—amusing, entertaining, informative and instructive—and quite unique in its presentation. The photographs have been carefully selected by the Editor from ten years' issues of **OUR CATS** magazine. Here are beautiful pictures and funny pictures ; pictures of cats with famous people and other animals ; pictures of the playful kitten and aristocratic champion ; a wonderful wealth of pictures for everyone chosen for their human interest and liveliness.

The sections—some linked with informative and entertaining text by Sidney Denham—include : Cats through the Ages, Cats and People, Playing with a Cat, the Hogarth of Cats (Louis Wain), Cats and Smiles, Cats and Strange Friends, Cats and the Artist, Cats as Mothers, Cats in the Fancy.

Price 18s. 0d., plus 1s. 6d. for packing and postage.
(U.S.A. and Canada \$3.25 inclusive)

Orders and remittances (made payable to "Our Cats") should be sent to **OUR CATS, 4 CARLTON MANSIONS, 378 CLAPHAM ROAD, LONDON, S.W.9.**