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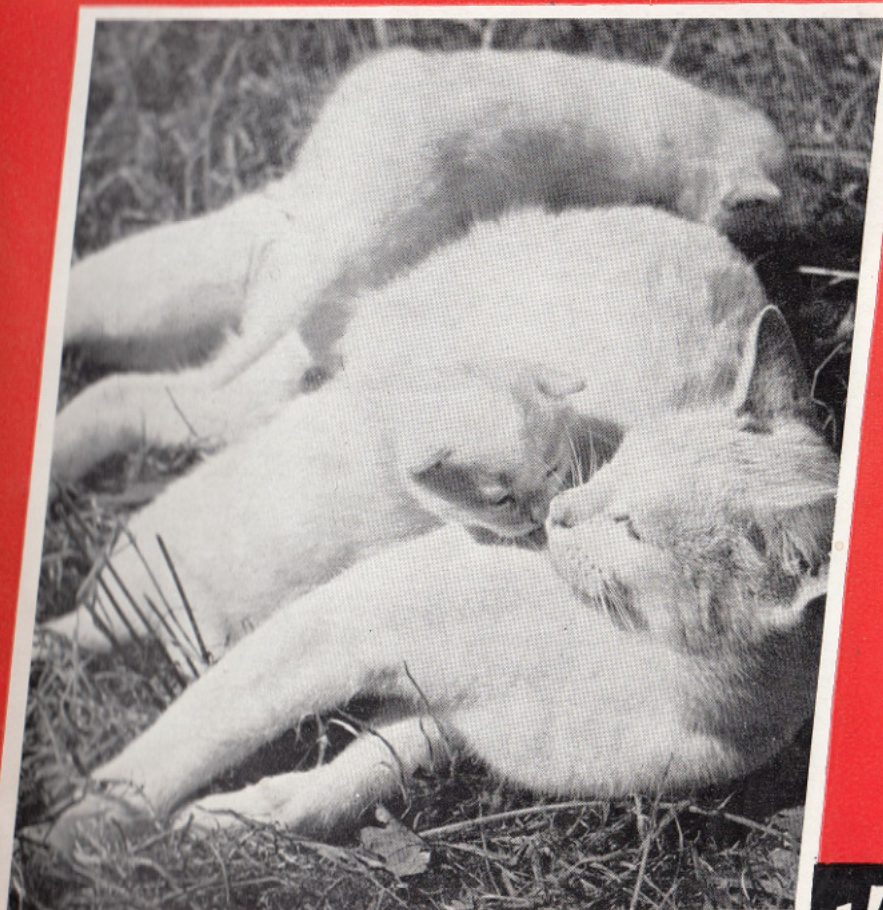
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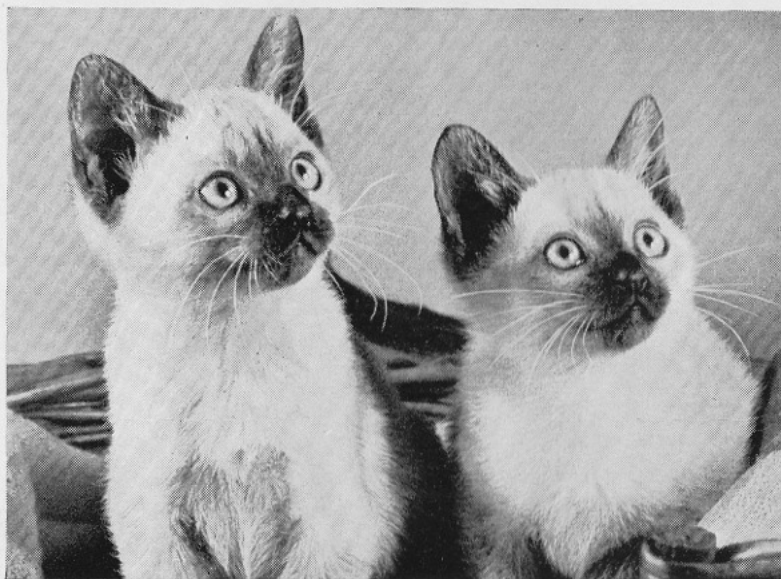
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Planet News

John Freeman, ace television interviewer for the BBC, relaxes at his Hampstead home with Pushkin and Dulcimer Damsel, his pair of Abyssinian neuters bred by Mrs. J. E. Turner, of N.W. London from Arkwright Selim and Brabies Azalea. A refugee from politics—he was an M.P. from 1945 to 1955 and became a Junior Minister—Mr. Freeman's appearances on the screen in *Face to Face* and *Panorama* are high spots and his quiet but penetrating style has won him many admirers. Recent "victims" include Dame Edith Sitwell, King Hussein, Henry Moore, Tony Hancock and Dr. Hastings Banda. He is a widower occupying a top flat which provides a panoramic view of London and any fine morning he may be seen striding out the six miles to the office in Holborn where he tackles his job as deputy editor of the *New Statesman*.

OUR GREAT LOSS

JUST as this issue was closing for press, I received the shock news that our very good friend and regular contributor, Mr. A. C. Jude, had died following an operation for hernia. The news was all the more tragic because it was thought he had made a good recovery and very soon would be able to return to his home and beloved garden. The complete collapse which occurred on 2nd May was quite unexpected.



The late A. C. Jude

The death of A. C. Jude is an immeasurable loss to the Fancy and to this Magazine. He filled a unique niche so competently and over the many years of our association I was always acutely aware of his kindness and willingness to help others with their problems. He had what I can best describe as an almost boyish enthusiasm for his pet subject of genetics and in his gentle way he worked diligently to establish a better world for better animals.

I shall always remember A.C. as one who never failed to keep a promise. Maybe he had some presentiment of what lay ahead as although he never complained about any physical trouble and did not mention his visit to hospital, he suggested a short while back that he would like to complete three articles so that I would have something in hand. The first of these appears in this month's issue.

I am sure that readers everywhere will wish to join with me in sending sincere condolences to Mrs. Jude and her son John in their bereavement.

EDITOR.

The following tribute has been received from Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy:

The passing of Mr. A. C. Jude is a very sorrowful occasion for his family and many friends. So many will always be grateful for the help and kindness he showed to them. For me it was a long friendship and for this I am most grateful. Never once did he fail when I appealed to him for advice on behalf of people all over the cat world. His great knowledge of scientific and genetical subjects he willingly passed on for the inestimable benefit of our Fancy and many are the people who have solved their breeding problems and received encouragement from his writings. Never was any worried enquirer for help left without a full and reasoned reply.

I wrote to him some years ago suggesting a series of articles in which he wrote "down" to us instead of "up," as genetics was not always an easy subject for newcomers and novices to grapple with. This he very kindly did and I am sure the series has been of outstanding value all round—for the novice as well as the experienced. The knowledge he passed on has educated many and helped substantially to spread the desire for higher standards.

Mr. Jude will indeed be greatly missed.

KATHLEEN YORKE.

Anna

By LADY ROSEMARY GLUBB

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WHEN we lived in Jordan we were surrounded by cats. Apart from the pets which lived in the house, there was a motley collection of strays and hangers-on which came daily at noon sharp to be fed at the kitchen door—a multi-coloured procession stretching down the garden path. Added to which the neighbours, observing this state of affairs, soon took to dropping unwanted kittens over our garden wall. In spite of all this feline company, something was lacking—for years I had longed for a Siamese. This seemed like being an unsatisfied longing, as I had never heard of any for sale in Jordan, and to import one from

England would have been costly and difficult.

Then one day a friend telephoned me: "Please could you help me—it's very urgent. I want a home for a Siamese cat, a neutered female. Can you possibly have her?"

I could scarcely believe my ears. Could one of these delectable creatures really be mine? Of course I accepted with alacrity. It later transpired that Anna had been brought from England by a family in the R.A.F. Circumstances compelled them to leave in a hurry, and Anna was left to run wild on the camp. My friend had taken pity on her and brought her home, but was not able to keep her permanently.

Anna arrived that afternoon. She seemed rather wild but starved for



Anna, seen here with the author's children, soon became devoted to the family

affection, and would rush at my shoulder and burrow her head in my neck. She settled down very quickly, however, and proved to be a cat of great character. She soon found her way about the house, kept all the other cats in order and selected the drawing room as her favourite sleeping-place. It was winter then, and at night she would curl up on a small pouffe beside the embers of the wood fire.

She also established her right to one particular armchair, rather in the manner of an elderly inmate of a boarding-house. This became embarrassing when we had guests, as she had no scruples about ousting intruders from her favourite seat.

One evening when we had a dinner-party I took the precaution of shutting Anna in the bedroom. Somehow she managed to open the door, and while we were having coffee, one of our lady guests was startled by the onslaught of an indignant Anna, who landed on her bare shoulder, uttering a typically Siamese war-cry. Our guest had dared to appropriate "her" chair!

Fun and games

Anna was fastidious over her food, and would not eat unless her dish was placed beside my chair at meals. Her favourite food was liver, cooked till it was dry and solid, and she preferred each piece to be handed to her separately so that she could treat it like a mouse, tossing it about and catching it before she finally ate it.

Christmas came, and she entered into the fun of it, much to the children's delight. She spent a lot of time rushing up and down the Christmas tree, and on the great morning she was beside herself with excitement over the parcels. As each one was opened she rushed to it, pounced on the crackly paper, and rolled over and over, looking round for approval with sparkling eyes. Of course she had her own present—a clockwork mouse, which she pursued across the floor in a most satisfactory manner.

I can still visualize her as she was that day, so full of the joy of living. In appearance perhaps she would not have conformed to the present-day standard, being rather more plump and comfortable than slim and svelte, but she had a gorgeous coat and deep seal mask and points. Anyhow, to us she was entirely perfect.

In a short time she had become devoted to the family, and was in great demand in cases of illness. She always knew the minute anyone was unwell, would go immediately to his or her room and spend all day on the bed, from which nothing could dislodge her.

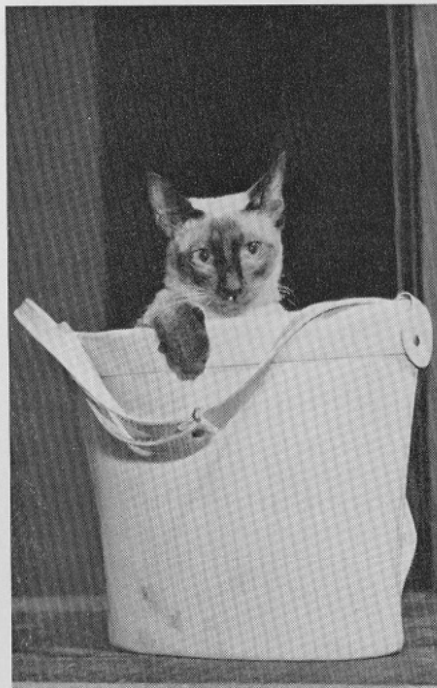
A wonderful nurse

"Will Anna catch my mumps?" my daughter asked the doctor anxiously. However, "Nanny Anna" nursed us through mumps, chicken-pox, 'flu and bronchitis without suffering any ill effects. Once when I had to stay in bed myself for three days she refused all food, and spent most of the time sitting on my chest and gazing anxiously into my face. As soon as I got up she went to her dish and ate.

I cannot write the last few paragraphs without a deep feeling of sadness. First, our life in Jordan came to an abrupt ending. One day in 1956, we heard that we must leave suddenly—so suddenly that we had only a few hours to pack. To leave Anna behind was unthinkable, so that one of my first cares was to settle her in a basket. We spent a night in Cyprus before taking the plane to England.

Anna slept on my bed in the hotel, and every now and then would thrust her cold nose into my face or rub her head against me comfortingly. In the morning we had to part with her, as, to our distress, she was not allowed to travel by passenger plane. We left her in the care of friends who saw us off. It was two months before a freight plane brought her to England to start her six months' quarantine. Then we were able to visit her, but each time it was heart-rending.

At last the long awaited day of her release came, and we fetched her home by car. She sat on my lap, purring with ecstasy and ploughing my skirt with her claws till it was covered with loops. Every now and then she gave a short dry cough. She had had 'flu while in quarantine and it had left her with a chronic catarrh. She settled down in her new home and we were happy together, but she was no longer the same gay active cat. She seemed to have suddenly become an old lady.



WHITEOAKS WENDY, one of Lady Glubb's present-day Siamese, has show wins to her credit.

In the spring of 1958, however, we were more hopeful. She began to take more interest in life, enjoyed little walks in the garden or watching the birds from the window. Then a change in the weather brought on a chill and she suddenly became a very sick cat. We called the vet. who said her lungs were

almost completely congested. He gave injections and did all he could, but was not hopeful.

I sat up with her for two nights, keeping a steam kettle going, feeding her with little sips of glucose. She seemed glad to have me there, purred feebly and tried to rub her head on my hand. On the third night I stayed with her till 4 a.m., and went upstairs to sleep for an hour. When I came down again she was dead.

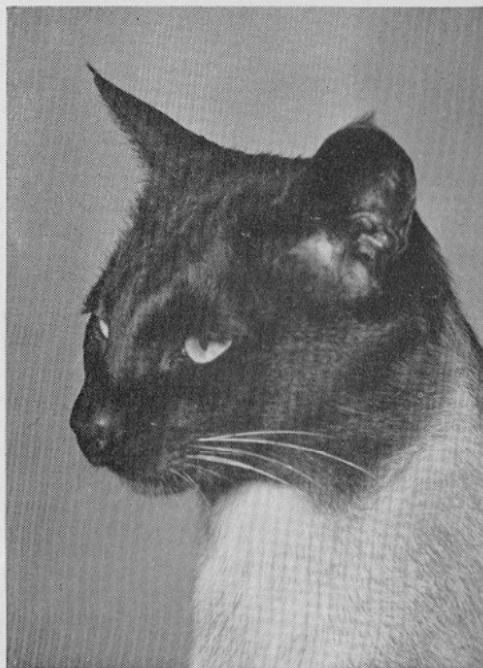
We buried her in the garden and have seldom felt so desolate. We told ourselves we must try and get another Siamese, not to replace Anna—that would have been impossible—but to alleviate the ache a little. We now, in fact, possess four Siamese, but each one is an individual—beloved for her own sake—and the place Anna holds in our hearts will always remain for her alone.

A London mother sent this letter to a newspaper: "My son of seven does not take kindly to washing and one day I told him it looked as if he had only had a 'cat lick.' 'It wasn't a Roman cat lick,' he replied. 'I have never heard of a Roman cat, only a Cheshire cat,' I said. 'Haven't you heard of the Roman Catlick Church?' he asked."

A news flash from Kuala Lumpur reveals that two hundred cats have been parachuted by the R.A.F. into the Kelabit Highlands in Sarawak where they have wiped out thousands of rats which menaced the peasants' rubber, pepper and rice crops.

A short while back the House of Lords were discussing dogs and dog owners and for a moment cats came into the debate when Lord Colwyn told the peers that he had two dogs and four cats. He added that when he went round St. John's Wood they all go for a walk with him. Two of his snow-white cats are named Eton and Harrow.

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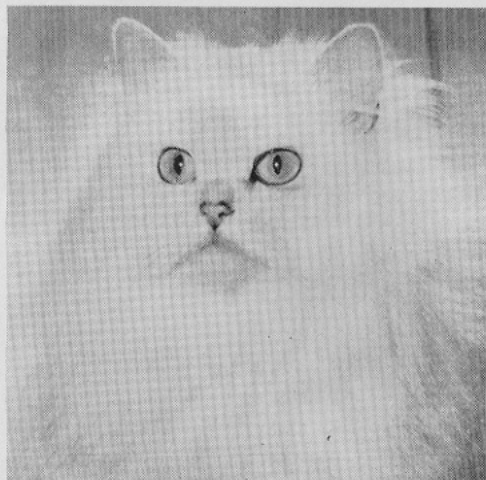
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The British Broadcasting Corporation rendered signal service to our Fancy a short while back when they presented over Network Three a series of talks by experts on "The Cat." The B.B.C. having kindly supplied a complete set of "as broadcast" scripts, it is our intention over the next few issues to reproduce a substantial amount of this interesting material.

The series was introduced Dr. W. R. Wooldridge, M.Sc., F.R.C.V.S., F.R.I.C., Chairman and Scientific Director of the Animal Health Trust, and Dr. E. C. Appleby, B.Sc., Ph.D., M.R.C.V.S., of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, Royal Veterinary College, London, and former veterinary surgeon to the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. Their opening discussion appears below with the kind permission of the broadcasters.

Dr. Wooldridge: In this series of talks, we hope to discuss perhaps the most popular of all our domesticated animals, namely the cat. You'll find a cat in nearly every household to-day, although sometimes it will be in addition to a dog. Of recent years, the cat has become perhaps even more popular than the dog and I think this may be due to the fact that a cat is more able to look after itself in the absence of an owner, provided, of course, its food and water is available. Yet the habits of the two groups of animals differ considerably in some ways although they are both, of course, carnivores, that is to say they are flesh eating animals. It is said, of course, by the zoologist that they are probably derived from a common ancestor. I expect you agree, Appleby?

Dr. Appleby: Yes, it's believed that all the carnivores derive from a small, unspecialized, rather weasel-like animal—long back and short legs called "Miacid" in the Oligocene period, probably about forty million years ago. The cat evolved from this origin very rapidly and has remained the same for many millions of years whereas the dog is a much more recent development.

Dr. Wooldridge: Before we discuss the place of the cat in the animal kingdom, I think it might be rather

interesting for us to go over the history of the domesticated cat. I expect you agree that the earliest records of the domesticated cat are Egyptian?

Dr. Appleby: Yes, the earliest definite record is about 1,300 B.C. in Egypt. It is believed that the Egyptians developed the domestic cat—or domesticated it from the North African wild cat, one of the races of the North African wild cat, and that this animal which was a sandy or greyish cat about the size of the domestic cat with dark striping on the legs and tail and faint striping on the body, was probably the ancestor of most of the domestic cats in the world. There are records of domestic cats in India about 1,000 B.C., although they may have origin from a different species. But the first records in Europe, I think, are in Italy, some time before Christ, and it's probable that they reached Italy in the hands of the Phoenician traders, spreading from there across Europe. The first records in Britain are in A.D. 936, but it's likely that they arrived here considerably before that, probably with the Romans; and Mivart in his famous book on the cat says that when Julius Caesar landed in Britain, he probably found the woods and forests full of cats and the towns empty of them.

The cat in the woods and forests, of course, would be the European wild cat which is *Felis Sylvestris* and this is a very savage animal. This rather rules it out as being the ancestor of the domestic cat.

The first definite records are the laws passed by Harold The Good, The Prince

of Wales, which are quite interesting. He established prices for cats; they were obviously very valuable as rodent killers and a kitten was worth a penny; a cat which had caught one mouse was worth tuppence; and an established mouser was worth four pence; and you could get your money back if the cat didn't live up to its description when you bought it.

Dr. Wooldridge: Of course, to-day you still have a peculiar position for the cat in law; it's still regarded as a wild animal.

Dr. Appleby: Yes, I suppose in some sense it has gone back because there were penalties in those days—if you killed another man's cat or took it away. The penalty was that you should make it up to him by giving him a sufficient quantity of wheat to cover the cat if it was held suspended by the tail with its head touching the ground or I think give him a ewe in milk or some other compensation of this nature.

Dr. Wooldridge: You have referred to the wild cat and indicated that that is rather different from the domestic cat. Of course there are a large number of different types of animal within the cat tribe and so I wonder whether you can briefly explain the position of the cat family in the animal kingdom.

Dr. Appleby: Well, the cats are members of the family *Felidae*, one of the families of the order *Carnivora*. There are about 50 species within the family and they are all remarkably similar anatomically, possibly with one exception. They have the common features of the *Felidae* on shortness of the muzzle, the short face, specialized teeth reduced in number and specialized for cutting or tearing rather than for crushing; the possession of claws which can be sheathed and certain other features, mobility in the forefeet and so on. The cheetah or hunting leopard is a member of the family *Felidae* but it differs from all the others in that its claws can only be

partially sheathed and it has slightly different teeth from the others. There is a wide distribution in nature—they extend all over the world except for the extreme north and the extreme south and they're absent from New Zealand and Australia and Madagascar.

Dr. Wooldridge: I take it that we can, in fact, conclude that the cats are anatomically, emotionally and even intellectually almost perfectly adapted to their principal aim of catching food. They have their perfect method of stalking, pursuing their prey silently, able to jump and catch them with their claws. They can move silently no doubt, partly because of their soft pads but I think the position of the claws is rather interesting as this is almost peculiar to the cat family.

Dr. Appleby: Yes, they are adapted somewhat differently from the dogs as you say, but the dogs and the cats are digitigrade—they walk on their toes but the dogs have a longer face, a longer muzzle and when they attack they normally attack with their mouth whereas when the cat tribe attack they usually strike with the foot in the way that a domestic cat strikes a bird or a mouse, and use their mouths afterwards with the shorter muzzle.

Dr. Wooldridge: This is all very interesting from the point of view of the history of the cat but what is perhaps surprising is that even to-day you've got certain superstitions that seem to persist with regard to a cat. There are still people who believe that cats are associated with witchcraft. This is not substantiated, of course, scientifically, but I think you'll agree that there is some truth in the belief or at least that human populations of bygone ages used to associate the cat with witches.

Dr. Appleby: Yes, well of course, this presumably traces back to the important religious significance which the cat had in ancient Egypt where they worshipped the Goddess Pashta or Bashta who was

symbolized by the cat; she was equivalent goddess, I understand, to Isis or Diana.

Dr. Wooldridge: That is the Goddess of Heaven, isn't it.

Dr. Appleby: Yes, or the association also with the moon and the cat, I believe, had this association partly because of the ability of its eyes to reflect light. The tapetum lucidum, the layer of reflective cells at the back of the cat's eye which reflects light from the eye apparently gave the Egyptians the feeling that the cat was a guardian of the light. When the sun had gone from the sky, the night could still be seen shining from the eyes of the cat; and she was depicted sitting with luminous eyes crushing the serpent of darkness between her forefeet.

Dr. Wooldridge: This religious attitude towards the cat in Egypt is rather interesting. I believe it's true that they mummified their cats when they died.

Dr. Appleby: They did indeed. They made vast numbers of mummies. They used costly essences and expensive cloths and metal to make these mummies and they buried them in great numbers in special burial places near the temples and in recent years, at the beginning of this century, they were discovered—these great deposits. They were dug up and there were so many of them that they actually used them as bone meal fertilizer for the fields and did export them to other countries. Marshal Scott makes a reference to the delivery in this country of 19 tons of mummified cats for fertilizer purposes.

Dr. Wooldridge: Of course, that is rather different from being associated with witchcraft but I believe that in early England the cat was, in fact, much more closely associated with this idea of witchcraft.

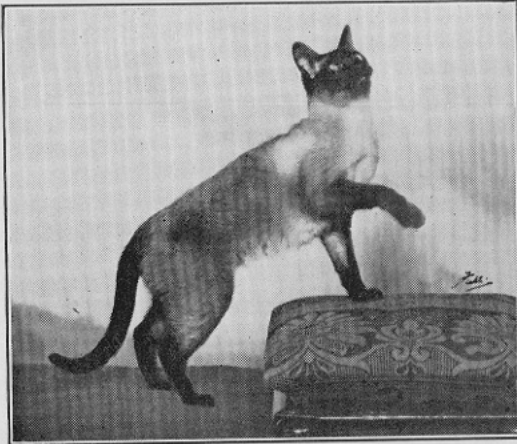
Dr. Appleby: Yes, it suffered the same penalties as the witches. It was frequently burnt and these burnings, this ghastly practice, actually took place

at public celebrations. I believe it was done at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth I of England. However, fortunately, better times prevail.

Dr. Wooldridge: Yes, I think there would be an outcry if cats to-day were burnt. But it is really strange the way in which the human idea of the cat has varied and I suppose we can say, that even to-day, there are remnants of these superstitions. There are people who believe that if a black cat crosses your path, then you're in for a stroke of good fortune, but Heaven help you if you happen to spot a white cat. However, I think we might now think a little about the modern breed of cat because after all, it has developed enormously in the last 50 years and I suppose there are some 30 breeds of cats in this country to-day.

Dr. Appleby: Oh, I understand there is an even larger number now. I believe there are 35 recognized breeds at the present time and it's probable that the North African wild cat *Oereata*, also known as the Caffre cat—had a dominant part in the development of most of these. Not all of them perhaps, but if you take the ordinary tabby cat, for instance, the striped type of tabby has certain very definite similarities to the wild cat; the blotched type which is much more common now than the striped type is admittedly not similar in coat pattern to the wild cat, but on the other hand, it isn't similar to any of the wild species and it's probable that Pocock's theory of mutation from the striped tabby is a more correct derivation.

The various breeds have various theories of origin. There was a theory at one time that the Persian (also known as the Angora breed) was derived from the longhaired Asiatic Pallas cat. This, I think, was just a theory—and it isn't very popular nowadays. There was also a theory that the blotched tabby may have derived from the Bengal leopard cat—*Bengalensis*—but again, this isn't popular nowadays. In India, the



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domestic cats are largely spotted and they probably did have another origin; they may have come from the Indian desert cat—that's *Felis Ornata*.

Dr. Wooldridge: Isn't it true that some of the Chinese cats have twisted tails ?

Dr. Appleby: Yes, I think this is supposed to be fairly common in the Far East and even nearer Europe—in Russia, in the Crimea, and so on. It may be, in fact, that our own breed of tailless cat—the Manx—had a derivation from some other part of Europe. There's certainly very little basis, I think, for the idea that it originated in the Isle of Man. Vesey Fitzgerald in his excellent book mentions that they may have come from the Crimea via the Mediterranean, possibly to Cornwall in the course of the tin trade perhaps. From Cornwall they reached the Isle of Man.

Dr. Wooldridge: Of course a rough classification of cats would be shorthaired and longhaired varieties ?

Dr. Appleby: Yes, there is that division between the longhaired and the shorthaired and the shorthaired are divided again into the British shorthairs and the Foreign shorthairs. The longhairs include all of the colours of what used to be called Persians. They are also known as Angoras although there is no real basis for the belief that they came either from Persia or from Turkey. There are Blues, Smokes, Chinchillas, a variety of colours and one very recent handsome looking cat—the

Colourpoint Longhair with brown or blue points and long cream coat.

All the British Shorthairs have a common standard; that is to say their points, apart from their colouring, are the same. Four colours of tabby, three of them blotched and the fourth, the striped, which is now getting rare, which is believed to have resulted perhaps from some interbreeding with a European wildcat which is known as a Mackerel. The other shorthairs are the Black, the White, the Blue and the Cream and the Tortoiseshells. The Tortoiseshells, of course, have this interesting feature of possible sex linkage with colouring related to the sandy cat, as you know.

The Foreign Shorthairs may have a different origin, particularly the Siamese and the Burmese. The Abyssinian is unlikely to really be of foreign origin. It's a “ticked” cat and these do arise from time to time among the ordinary British shorthairs. There's one new breed which has recently been discussed but has not been recognized—the Havana—which is a self coloured brown cat derived from the Siamese mated with a black.

Dr. Wooldridge: Well, I think that it's clear from what you've said that whilst the number of breeds in this country is increasing, nevertheless, we haven't anything like the same variety of breeds that we have in the domesticated dog. I think that this is due in part probably to the fact that the cat retains a great deal of its independence even under the conditions of domestication and I think we shall hear more about this in our next talk.

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Cats and gulls

SOME interesting correspondence concerning cats and sea birds appeared recently in the London *Daily Telegraph*. It was sparked off by a letter written from S.W. London by Mary Regan, who described the events of a hectic afternoon when she went down the garden by the river wall to feed the gulls. She was accompanied by her large Black Persian, about ten years old, who sat close to the wall, watching the gulls flying overhead.

"Suddenly," continues the narrative, "a black streak shot into the air near my right shoulder. I turned round quickly and to my amazement saw the cat running up the garden carrying a seagull. The bird's wings were spread on either side of the cat's head, which was held high. He looked like some fantastic bat!"

"He raced all the way up the garden and up some steep steps into the house. I ran after him and saw him rush into the bedroom and under the bed. I secured the bird, which was quite motionless; but very soon it was pecking at me and did not seem to be injured."

"I carried it down to the river and, with some trepidation, threw it into the air. To my joy and relief it flew away strongly. So far as I am aware, it is unusual, to say the least of it, for a cat to catch a seagull in the air."

Birds turn tables

A few days later Miss Regan's letter prompted some interesting responses and the first was the gruesome account (previously reported in this Magazine) of an incident in North Wales where feeding seagulls attacked and killed a cat which was stealthily stalking them. In a short time the cat was reduced to little more than a skeleton.

Another reply from Mrs. L. R. Robinson, an Essex veterinary surgeon,

was on a different note. She wrote as an animal lover and a lover of fair play and questioned Miss Regan's action "in unkindly depriving her cat of the well merited reward of his skill and intelligence by robbing him of his prey."

Col. T. I. Tau, wrote from Trondheim, Norway, to recall an incident from his boyhood days in his native village in South Norway. "When I was at the fish quay one day a black Persian cat sitting at the edge of the quay was watching the terns (sea swallows) circling round. Suddenly I saw the cat make a tremendous leap, swoop on a tern in mid-air, catch it and drop into the water, afterwards swimming ashore with the bird in her mouth to the Customs House slipway."

Kitten does a Jonah

From Farnham, Surrey, Elizabeth Bankes, recalled an amazing occurrence which her mother always claimed to have witnessed. Her parents owned a very prolific female cat, and their neighbours a great black-backed gull which they had pinioned and kept as a pet. The gull spent much of its time on the lawn.

On one occasion the cat had brought her latest batch of kittens into the garden for their first outing, and they were following their mother in line astern. The gull waddled up and, giving a gulp, swallowed the smallest kitten. The mother cat rushed at the gull and boxed its ears ferociously, whereupon the gull gave another gulp. The kitten reappeared and the cat proceeded on its way with all the kittens once more in line astern!

An apt postscript to the cat versus seagull correspondence was supplied by G. W. Cooper, who wrote from Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, as follows:

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No. 9 in a fine new series

Genetics for the novice breeder

By A. C. JUDE

A LETHAL gene is one which causes the death of an individual in which it occurs in a homozygous state, though in a heterozygous state it may have no serious harmful effect. The cause of death is probably inability of the organism to perform some of its vital functions in the absence of the normal allele of the mutant gene. Two categories of lethals can be distinguished—dominant and recessive. A dominant lethal alters the phenotype when heterozygous. A very good and well known example of this is found in cattle which, when heterozygous produces the short-legged Dexter type, but when homozygous produces "bulldog" calves which die before, or at, birth. A recessive lethal has no observable effect when heterozygous, but kills when homozygous, just as a dominant lethal does.

The first discovered case of a lethal gene among animals was of the dominant type, its expression in the heterozygous animal (yellow mouse) being due to a dominant allele of the agouti gene. Yellow mice are invariably heterozygous, that is to say, they do not breed true, but regularly produce mice of a different colour in addition to those which are yellow. When yellow is mated to yellow, a ratio of two yellows to one black or grey is obtained. This is a modification of the usual 3 : 1 Mendelian ratio in which the expected homozygous dominant (yellow) individual perishes at an early age state of development, and only the two yellow heterozygous survive.

Another dominant lethal in mice is known as Black-eyed White. Heterozygotes have extensive white areas of a characteristic pattern in their coat, homozygotes are completely white, but with coloured eyes. They survive for only a few days after birth, and then die of apparent malnutrition.

An interesting case of a dominant lethal is found in the dwarf mutation of rabbits. Heterozygotes are of reduced body size as compared with their normal litter mates, being about one-third smaller at birth, and retaining this disparity in size throughout life. They usually attain full sexual maturity, but if mated one with another, produce one in four young which are homozygous for the dwarf gene and perish a few days after birth. These homozygotes are less than half as large as normals, and are unable to suck effectively, apparently because of a too short upper jaw.

Retarded growth

Most lethals are recessive. A recently discovered lethal of rats, anaemia, will serve as an illustration. The gene when heterozygous has no observable harmful effects, as carriers are vigorous and produce large litters. But in a homozygous state, it causes death of the rat at about two weeks after birth, through increasing deficiency of haemoglobin in the blood.

Soon after birth anaemic individuals can be distinguished by their paler colour. Though they may get an ample supply of milk from the mother, as shown by their distended stomachs seen through the body wall, yet their growth is retarded, so that at 10 days of age they

are only about one half or one third the size of their normal litter mates. Also, the paleness of the body has increased, and they have taken on a jaundiced appearance, and a few days later they die.

Several recessive lethals have been discovered among improved breeds of dairy cattle, and are of concern to cattle breeders. "Hairless" (see March issue of OUR CATS), "amputated", and "short-spine" are some. In heterozygotes these lethals being completely recessive, are not harmful and remain undetectable unless inbreeding is practised with a view to intensifying the desirable characters of outstanding ancestors. Then homozygous lethals are produced and perish.

Balanced lethals

An interesting situation arises when two different lethal mutations occur in the same chromosome pair at closely adjacent loci. These will constitute only 50% of the expected population, and in mice, where among mammals this situation has been most extensively studied, a reduction of average litter size from eight to four has actually been observed, and the stage in development at which lethal embryos perish has been determined.

Balanced lethals have been studied which involve mutant genes which produce a shortening of the tail, or in extreme cases, complete taillessness. Three different mutant alleles of a gene for normal tail development are apparently involved. Any one of the three is lethal if homozygous.

Mutant T^1 is a dominant lethal which in a heterozygote with normal tail (T) produces a short-tailed phenotype called "brachyuric" ($T.T^1$). The other two mutant alleles (t^0 and t^1) are recessive lethals and so have no visible effect in heterozygotes with normal tail (Tt^0 and Tt^1). But in heterozygotes with the dominant lethal they enhance the effect of the latter to complete taillessness

(Tt^0 or Tt^1). Embryological studies have shown that the two recessive lethals have unlike degrees of deadliness. The homozygotes t^0t^0 perish at about the 11th day of gestation (mice), but t^1t^1 perish before implantation and so must be regarded as the more deadly of the two.

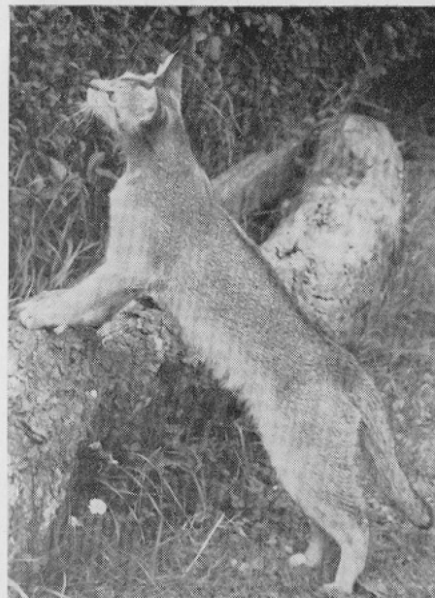
Besides genes which are lethal, there are others which have effects harmful to the organism but not necessarily fatal. These effects taken the form of what are known as hereditary diseases, and so may be termed pathological effects. Such effects in mammals may be manifested in a variety of organs and ways, affecting either the nervous system and the sense organs, the muscular system, the blood system including the heart, the excretory system (kidneys), or the reproductive system.

Spastic symptoms

Genetically determined disorders of the nervous system have been given much study and include spastic paralysis. This manifests itself in young individuals, before they leave the nest, and frequently can be detected at birth, as a stiff paralyzed condition of the hind legs. This condition becomes permanent in affected individuals without affecting other parts of the body or interfering seriously with growth. Mature individuals, however, are unable to reproduce for mechanical reasons. The mutation is inherited as a simple recessive.

Syngomyely is an asymmetrical spastic paralysis usually affecting merely a hind leg, occasionally a front leg also. Affected animals are normal until at least some weeks old. The character is a simple recessive but irregular in manifestation. Two affected individuals may have part of their young apparently normal.

(to be continued)



TRANBY TIMAEUS, 2 years old Abyssinian, bred and photographed by Mrs. Dorothy Winsor, is the first cat ever owned by Mrs. Hilary Wood, of Ward End, Birmingham. Mrs. Wood writes to say he is such a perpetual source of surprise and joy to her that she can best express her feelings by breaking into verse about . . .

TIM

Who wants a charming little
pet,
Cuddlesome and sweet,
No walks to take,
No mess to make,
To make your home complete?
We do, said we.

Who wakes me up at dawn each
day,
Fierce face close to mine?
Who starts to shout
"The birds are out,
We'll never be in time?"
I do, says Tim.

Who tramples on my new sown
seeds,
And gets stuck on the eaves?
Who eats the bees,
And climbs the trees,
And chews off all the leaves?
I do, says Tim.

Who tries to climb the chimney,
That dark exciting hole,
Who washed, but wet,
Finds mischief yet,
By rolling in the coal?
I do, says Tim.

Who claws at my defenceless
back,
Who scratches all the chairs?
Who fights the mats,
And other cats,
And trips me on the stairs?
I do, says Tim.

Who wants to play when day is
done,
And weary folk are through?
Who shows his dish,
And yells for fish,
Two hours before it's due?
I do, says Tim.

Who's prized above the rarest
gems,
Whatever may befall?
Our pride and joy,
Our golden boy,
Who's loved the best of all?
I am, says Tim.

CATS AND GULLS (concluded from page 12)

"The seagull and cat story is not so remarkable as the fact that some of the correspondents apparently expect the animal kingdom to play cricket; and that not the sort which aroused the ire of his Grace of Wales. This is quite as silly as those people who persist in spelling dog the wrong way round."

EGGS FOR PEP

The British Egg Marketing Board are anxious to increase the sale of eggs through the medium of pet owners. And when you come to think about it—and if you can afford it!—it's not a bad idea as there is indisputable proof that eggs are good for cats as a general conditioner and most cats like them. In a recent handout to the press, the Board suggests rather light-heartedly that if your cat's coat is dull and the wild light has gone out of his eyes after a night out, you should "put an egg in his stalking and pep hist ail up."

The Board also produces a testimonial from a Liverpool pet owner concerning his three-years-old cat named Snowy, who was a thin and hungry stray when he was adopted. For some time he was afflicted with a cough which was attributed to fur ball.

One day Snowy found a dropped egg—little lion and all—on the floor. He

dabbed a tentative tongue into the scattered contents and promptly finished up everything but the shell. Then he cried for more.

Snowy now has a raw egg every other day. His cough has disappeared and his general health is greatly improved. His owner adds: "Some of our cat loving friends remarked that it was extravagant to feed a cat on eggs, but we find it as cheap, if not cheaper, than giving him too much meat or fish."

Says the Board: "Our job is to boost the sales of eggs, and if we can persuade people to buy a few thousand each week for their pets it will help." Experts predict a shortage of home-produced eggs this summer. Output is down several millions a week on last year and imports are four or five times up.

The third instalment of Hugh Smith's series "Cat Breeding from Scratch" will appear in next month's issue.

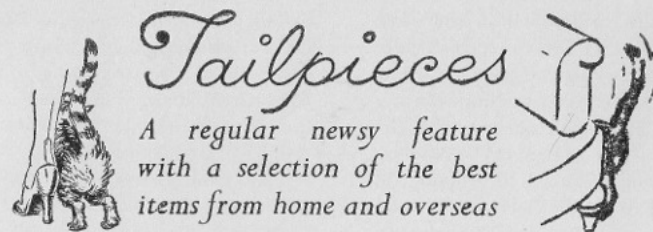
FELIX IS HAPPY!

Once upon a time Felix Wisniewski was a prosperous Warsaw tea importer with a mansion and chauffeur-driven car. During the war he became an underground fighter and was imprisoned by both the Germans and the Russians. Eventually he settled at Doddington Polish Camp, near Nantwich, where, being friendless and unable to join his wife and two daughters in Poland, he found solace in the company of animals. Very soon he had gathered round him a collection of eighteen Cheshire-born cats.

When he moved to a house in Nantwich, he solved the problem of housing his pets by building a luxury home in another part of the town. It was heated throughout and had scratch proof floors and a large exercise yard. Altogether, it cost him £500.

The local Urban Council granted him only temporary permission to retain the building on its site in case any nuisance gave rise to complaints. Mr. Wisniewski, now working as a labourer, spends most of his spare time looking after the cats and their diet of tinned steak, pilchards, bread and milk and blue cheese costs him £5 a week. He was a very happy man the other day when the Council agreed to let the cattery stay in its present position for another year with the proviso that there must not be any increase in the number of inmates.

A Council official said: "Mr. Wisniewski's cats are certainly living in luxury. We will inspect the building periodically to ensure there is no nuisance." Mr. W. said: "These are not just my pets—they are my friends and I love themll a."



HERE is an important change of address. After May 3rd all correspondence for Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, should be sent to "Mosgiel," 4 Elim Court Gardens, Crowborough, Sussex.

Pets recently made history by having their own television programme in full colour. It was presented to demonstrate recent advances in surgery and medicine when over three hundred veterinary surgeons recently met in London for the Third Annual Congress of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association. It was, of course, a private television programme and being a live one every move of the surgeon's hands was clearly seen by the viewers. Much of the time of the Congress was devoted to canine subjects and there was also considerable discussion concerning veterinary fees. Surveys have shown that the cost of veterinary services has greatly increased over the last few years and these have not been covered by corresponding increases in professional charges. It was pointed out that the standard of veterinary care in this country is as high as anywhere else in the world and pet owners are becoming more and more aware of the value and wisdom of regular consultation with their veterinary surgeon. The emphasis now is on maintaining the pet in health rather than seeing it only when it is sick. Regular health checks are therefore necessary.

Mr. W. Wadman Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., and Mrs. W. Wadman Taylor,

M.R.C.V.S., have been appointed by the British Small Animal Veterinary Association jointly to represent that Association on the Council of the Feline Advisory Bureau. The B.S.A.V.A. have expressed their wish to assist in furthering the aims of the Bureau.

That deservedly popular TV programme "To-night" recently included a delightful story from Holland—the birthday party of 20-year-old Winnie, a pet cat named after Sir Winston Churchill. Neighbours turned up with their pets and it was most amusing to see the welcome hiss some of them received from Winnie. Nor were the old lady's table manners beyond reproach and she was hardly an example to the younger guests when she grabbed the whole fish from her plate.

Judge John Neal was recently asked by Mrs. Mavis Maplesden-Young at the Canterbury County Court to grant an injunction preventing Ming, a Siamese cat owned by her neighbour Mrs. Elizabeth Pullen, from attacking her 14-year-old tabby Tootie and herself. She complained that the attacks had been going on since 1955 and a system of staggered outings for both cats had not worked out satisfactorily. After the judge adjourned for a short while, the two parties returned to the courtroom and said they were working on a new staggered hours plan to keep the cats away from each other. Judge Neal: I shall adjourn the case generally and hope I don't hear about it again.

Rockets are very much in the news these days. In fact, I have received quite a few myself during the past few weeks and well-deserved ones at that. In my paragraph last month dealing with the activities of the new Siamese Cat Association I wrongly linked the name of Mrs. Elsie Kent as the elected Chairman whereas in point of fact she will be serving in this capacity for the older Siamese Cat Club. My apologies are tendered to all concerned for this unfortunate reporting error.

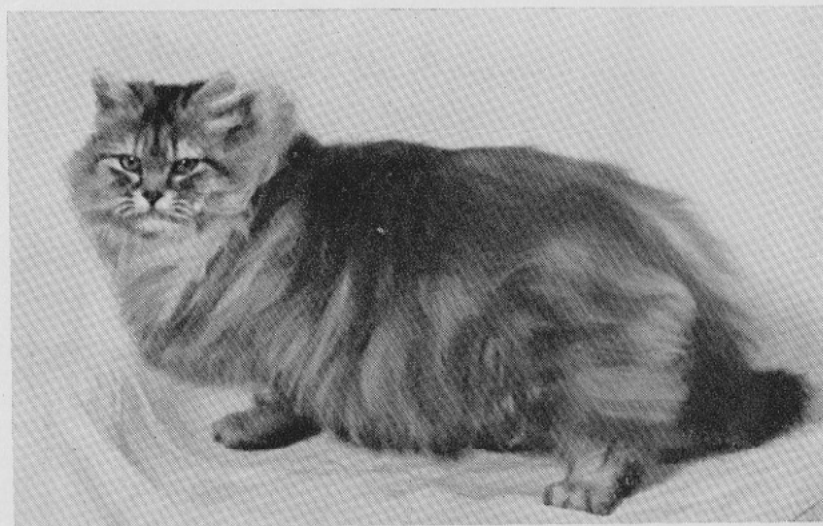
Our esteemed contemporary *Cats* magazine of America has been taking a look at its economics. With effect from June 1st next the yearly subscription rate will be raised 50 cents to 4 dollars a year. The increase is due to higher production costs, postage and other expenses. Current subscribers are offered favourable renewal terms.

The new Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club is Mrs. M. Dunnill, The Garth, High Lane, Haslemere, Surrey. Former Hon. Secretary and Show Manager of the Club, Mrs. K. R. Williams, has resigned

as Delegate to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and Mrs. Swift has been appointed in her place. Other officers are Mrs. G. Hindley, Vice-President, Mrs. Elsie Kent, Chairman, Mr. Brian Stirling Webb, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. A. Philpot, Hon. Treasurer.

The resignation of Mrs. Dunks as Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Varcoc as Hon. Treasurer necessitated some changes in the constitution of the Southern Counties' Cat Club, which now has over 160 members. Miss Lelgarde Fraser remains as President and the secretarial vacancy has been filled by Mrs. Madge Shrouder, Cats Cottage, The Avenue, West Moors, Dorset, who has been invited to manage the 1961 show arrangements. Hon. Treasurer is now Mrs. Allen-Smith, 89 Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford, Herts.

The Northern Counties' Cat Club has suffered a great loss by the resignation of its founder committee members Mr. and Mrs. H. Forster. At the Club's recent A.G.M. there was a lively discussion



KALA COBWEB, Silver Tabby Longhair Kitten by Ch. Kala Nepeta ex Kala Doretta, was a 1st prizewinner for Dorset breeder Miss D. M. Collins at the December National Show at Olympia.

about the difficulties of running a show to-day without incurring financial loss. The shortage of judges in the north was another subject for debate and it was recommended that the Governing Council should be asked to help in this matter. Club membership is on the increase. Mrs. May Eustace, Harton Lea, North Avenue, South Shields is the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. Macfarlane has been granted life membership of the Lancs and North Western Counties' Cat Club. Now the only remaining founder member, he joined the Club in 1924 and has served on the executive for 32 years, 21 of them as Chairman. A wonderful record of consistent service!

A remarkable news item comes from Madrid concerning the fate of 400 stray cats which have been making their home in an empty mansion which is the former

palace of the Marquesa of Villar. It stands in the centre of Madrid. Over a period of nine months the cats have taken possession and when the place was put up for sale at £126,000 there was no bidding. The price at which it could be sold in its now dilapidated state would not justify the cost of cleaning up and making it fit for habitation. After protracted negotiations between the owner and the Spanish Society for the Protection of Animals, it has been decided the cats can stay. So now a team of specialists will convert the old palace into a home fit for cats in what they call Operation Catawaul.

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.

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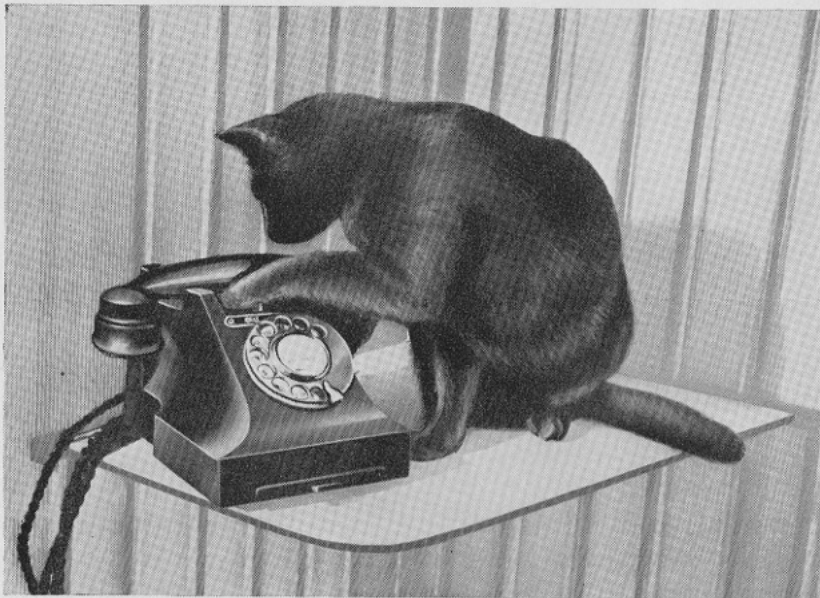
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TERRYTINKA
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TIBBY, the Tibs reporter,
meets Terushka Russian Blues

"That's a family joke," said Mrs. Jean Terry, of 60 The Willoughbys, Upper Richmond Road, S.W.14. "When Terrytinka plays with the 'phone in the evening, we say he's telephoning for his Tibs."

"And, of course, he gets it. His sister, Terrydwina, gets two when she's in kitten—in fact, she mostly gets two. These cats love them."

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Mrs. Terry's daughter, Pamela, who was Britain's youngest breeder when she first showed (and took a first) at the National Cat Show in 1957.

"We hear about other people having trouble with kittens," Mrs. Terry said. "We hardly ever do. We put it down to treating them all like family pets—and to their daily Tibs!"

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International judge—turns
the pages of her diary to
reveal the most interesting
entries concerning personal-
ities, both human and feline.

Welcome to new club

THE breeders who were able to accept Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb's kind invitation to his home at Richmond, Surrey, on April 12th, had an interesting afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to form a specialist club to promote and protect the interests of Colourpoints and all varieties not already catered for by existing Clubs.

Mr. Trevor had previously been invited to draw up rules which he submitted for discussion. They were passed with very few alterations. One of the latter was that in future an alteration to a rule can come into operation by a simple majority and not by a two-thirds majority, which in practice makes it so difficult to alter rules.

Undoubtedly it is beneficial for a variety, especially a comparatively new one, to have a club devoted to its interests, and one presumes entitled to elect its

own judges. It would be an anomaly for any other specialist club to do so when the committee elected by ballot on the day have two pioneers who have done so much for Colourpoints (Mr. Stirling-Webb and Miss Collins), and other breeders who are very keen on Colourpoints and prepared to adopt other varieties. Self brown Longhairs are the objective of some breeders. I imagine these would be a charming variety, especially with either copper or blue eyes!

An expected sequel to the formation of this Colourpoint Club will be Club classes confined to Colourpoints and guaranteed by it. At present they have to compete in these classes with our Blues, Chinchillas, Creams and other varieties which have an advantage as they have been in existence so much longer. Kittens, however, usually hold their own and in 1958 we remember Mr. Stirling-Webb's Blue Colourpoint Briarry Morena being awarded Best Kitten in Show at the Kensington Show, thus making history as she was the first of her breed to achieve such an honour.

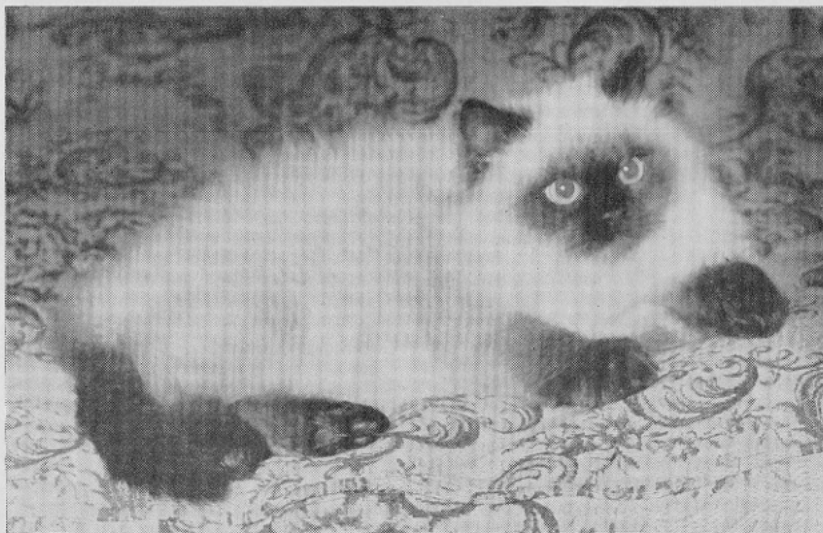
More recently, in January, Miss Thompson's kitten Briarry Zoltan and in February, Miss Susan Watts' Blue Colourpoint Amaska Prince Charming, were awarded the same honour at the Scottish Cat Club and Notts and Derby Ch. Shows respectively. Miss Thompson repeated her success with another Colourpoint kitten Briarry Chiquita at the Lancashire and North Western Counties Ch. Show in February, and incidentally it was a "feather in the

cap" of Mr. Stirling-Webb who bred both "Briarrys" and their sire and dam, also the parents of Amaska Prince Charming. So Colourpoints are certainly "coming on."

Mrs. A. H. Watts was elected Hon. Secretary of the new club and those wishing for further information can obtain it from her at Darby House, Sunbury-on-Thames, or from Mr. Stirling-Webb (Hon. Treasurer) at Asgill House, Richmond, Surrey.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Trevor for compiling the rules. He was unanimously chosen for Chairman and the Committee elected were Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Hancox, Mrs. Harding, Miss Collins, Miss Dukes and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Stirling-Webb proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the annual subscription should be 10s. With overheads continually rising as they do to-day it is difficult for a Club to conduct its affairs on a smaller subscription.

Mrs. Allen-Smith, who is so interested in Colourpoints, Chestnut Brown Foreign



Miss Susan Watts' lovely Colourpoint Kitten AMASKA PRINCE CHARMING by Briarry Valparago and Ch. Briarry Fair Maid.

Shorthairs, Blue Longhairs, and is the owner of the lovely queen Ashdown Ladybird and her daughter Godeford Astrid, was proposed but unfortunately could not accept nomination as she is tied by the Southern Counties Cat Club rule—"Members elected to the Committee shall agree to serve on not more than two other cat club committees."

In addition to being Hon. Treasurer of the S.C.C.C., Mrs. Allen-Smith is a Committee member of the Herts. and Middlesex and Kensington Clubs.

Sired a Champion

Mrs. Watts owns the successful S.P. Siamese male Beau Bosun by Lindale Simon Pie, who had the honour of being Best Male at the Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show last October. Among other winners he has sired, his daughter Du-Bu Faith of Domineau has become a Quadruple Champion and All-Western Seal Point in U.S.A. and only needs four points for her Grand Championship.

Mrs. Watts bred Ch. Du-Bu Jolyon, her lovely young Chinchilla male, in her first litter of Chinchillas and he is already proving a successful and very fertile sire. For a 1957 Christmas present she gave her daughter Briarry Fair Maid, a Seal Colourpoint bred by Mr. Stirling-Webb. Fair Maid attained her Championship in her first season as an adult and in 1959 she produced a litter of three Colourpoints by Briarry Valparago. One kitten, Amaska Prince Charming, was the Best in Show and another, Amaska Blue Masque, was purchased by Madame Ravel for Madame Pourier at the N.C.C. Ch. Show and flew back with her to Paris.

Colourpoints have been adopted as the mascot of Felix Cat Food and are seen on television and their other advertising. Here's wishing the new Club every success. It's full title is "The Colourpoint and Any Other Variety Club."

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Stirling-Webb for his kind hospitality and the meeting closed with a delicious tea for which his housekeeper had made an iced birthday cake with the message on top "Success to the Colourpoint Club." A very enjoyable afternoon all about cats—and minus cat politics! It was nice of Mrs. Iris Hancox to come all the way from Nottingham to attend.



Siamese lovers meet for a social occasion in leafy Bucks. See report on this page.

Let's have a party!

I regretted being unable to attend Mrs. Lentaigne's party at the Misbourne Rooms, Gerrards Cross, the next day. It was on behalf of the Siamese Cat Association, of which she is Area Secretary for Bucks and the Home Counties. Area Secretaries are a fairly recent innovation in this country and the whole idea is pleasing and helpful, especially to the owners who have one or two Siamese as pets and wish to meet others who share their interest and have a friendly cat chat with those living reasonably near to them. Mrs. E. Martin and Miss Dukes who are on the Committee and twenty-eight other cat lovers were present and I hear Mrs. Lentaigne was in her element as organizer. She showed colour transparencies of cats including a series depicting a S.P. Siamese in "A Cat's Life" from two hours after birth until "marriage."

As we know from Mrs. Shrouder's colour film shows these transmissions are always popular. Mrs. Waldo-Lamb and her daughter organized a tombola and helpers on raffles were Miss Dukes and Mrs. Dain. Mrs. Lucille Davies gave a bottle of Dubonnet and two other gifts of wine attracted visitors to buy tickets. Cat lovers at shows and meetings are a very sober crowd but they are realistic

enough to welcome gifts of intoxicants for raffles, etc.

Mrs. Binns, a new member who has not owned a Siamese before, is having one of Mrs. Lentaigne's Hiltonian Halidon Uggsie's kittens sired by Mrs. Towe's Hillcross Cymbol.

One sympathises with Mrs. Bradford who lost her queen after an operation for the removal of six kittens and then adopted a Siamese neuter who was run over and killed shortly after. She is gallantly having another kitten and we hope it will be a source of joy to her for a long time. It will be the same breeding as Mrs. Binn's kitten.

Mrs. Lentaigne, who is organizing a third party in the late summer, kindly sent me a copy of the *Journal of The Siamese Cat Association*, Editor Mr. Ivor Raleigh. Consisting of twenty-one pages, it is informative and interesting. The article by Mrs. Lauder "Lilac Logic" should be helpful to those wishing to breed Lilac Pointed Siamese and needing guidance. The list of 27 trophies with the names of donors is an imposing one for a new Club and in addition seven cups, spoons, and two other presentations to be won outright at the Governing Council Jubilee Show in September indicates a generous and enthusiastic membership. Further information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary Mrs. E. Towe, 6 Palmerston Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

Blues need a boost

There is no doubt Siamese inspire their breeders to make every effort to publicise them and to emphasize their attractions to the general public whilst Longhair breeders are inclined as one Siamese breeder aptly phrased it "to rest on their laurels." It is a debatable point if one can afford to indulge in this attitude nowadays and we have irrefutable evidence from the shows and the *List of Cats at Stud* how Blues have declined numerically from even the first post-war figures. This lovely and lovable

variety needs an infusion of Siamese enthusiasm and I should like to see a "get together" of Blue enthusiasts similar to Miss Yorke's special Cream and Blue-Cream meeting in March.

Although we have the Blue Persian Cat Society A.G.M. this month there is seldom time to discuss anything except the necessary items on the agenda.

Next Kitten Show

Mrs. Aitken decided to adhere to her decision not to organize the Kensington Kitten and Neuter C.C. show this year. We appreciate very much all she has done in the past and she has by no means retired as she is already prepared to give every assistance to the elected Show Manager Mrs. Barron. The Committee are delighted that she has consented and I am sure she will run the show with the usual éclat that we associate with our fixtures. She has become well known as the very capable Hon. Secretary of the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club (apart from her successes with Creams, Blue-Creams and Blues), so here's wishing her every success for the Show on Thursday, July 28th, at the popular Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster.

New officers

Sincere good wishes are extended also to Mrs. Madge Shrouder, who was elected Hon. Secretary of the Southern Counties Cat Club in the New Year and to Mrs. Allen-Smith elected Hon. Treasurer. May they enjoy a happy term of office. Mrs. Shrouder has taken infinite trouble to obtain the colour slides which so many of us have enjoyed from time to time and she owns the adorable Burmese Ch. Oweence depicted on the cover of February OUR CATS.

Oweence has been brought to some of the A.G.M.'s by her mistress in a smart lined wicker carrier, and how often she has been an example to we humans. Sweetness personified! At one meeting

I carried her round resting on a blanket over my arm and her aplomb had to be seen to be believed. She wears a scintillating collar of rhinestones with a locket and this plus her lovely condition makes her "a picture."

Southern Show move

At the Southern Counties Cat Club A.G.M. a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Dunks, former Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Varcoe, former Hon. Treasurer, who had both previously expressed the wish not to offer themselves for re-election. Both have served the Club well and deserve every appreciation for their services. Mr. and Mrs. Dunks organized the Championship Shows from 1955 to 1959 and each one was a success. Mrs. Varcoe meticulously guarded the exchequer. They have generously given a trophy to commemorate their term of office, the Cheynanga Vase to be awarded to the Best Siamese kitten and to become the property of someone fortunate enough to win it three times. Mrs. Allen-Smith and Miss Statman were elected by postal ballot as Delegates to the G.C.

Members demurred, quite rightly in my opinion, when the venue for the 1961 show was announced—the Central Hall, Westminster. This hall lacks the first essential for a cat show, viz., good top lighting. Although it has tall windows at either end they are mostly overshadowed by high buildings and as the centre of the hall has strip lighting exhibits have to be judged in a "mixture" which plays tricks with coat colour in Blues, Creams, Blue-Creams, and Reds and with eye colour, especially in these varieties. It also lacks the loftiness and airiness of the R.H.S. and Seymour Halls and for the first time that I remember there were occasional pungent odours of male cats at the January show.

One more or less expects a "whiff" at late shows when the males are "lightly turning to thoughts of love" but in cool, airy halls it is not unduly unpleasant. One also has to think of the impression on the public possibly attending their first cat show. Since the A.G.M. the Committee have secured the Seymour Hall, London, for early February. This is the latest the S.C.C.C. have held their fixture but it was the earliest date available next year.



A timely reminder to litter louts! This amusing snapshot was submitted by Miss Nancy E. Moreton, of Tarvin, nr. Chester.

Correspondence Corner

The Young Idea

IF you know an hon. delegate or an official or member of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, could you ask them if more cat shows could be held in school holidays, because they would get a better attendance, and children like cats as well as women and men. And as well, why don't the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy have their own clubs and branches and cat shows and meetings in different counties of the British Isles?

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Wanted—Scratch Proof Carpet

My husband and I are contemplating re-carpeting our drawing room and as we have never less than five Siamese *en famille* the problem is finding a really cat proof floor covering. We were wondering whether other readers of OUR CATS have found a solution to the difficulty or whether you have any information on either a make or type of carpet or

perhaps a dressing which can be applied. If there is any suitable form of floor covering besides concrete I would like to know.

We have failed rather dismally where carpet salesmen and samples are concerned. One pattern we brought home of a curled pile Wilton "sent" one cat and resulted in "a pile of pile!"
Chippenham, Wilts. H.R.

Wanted—Cat Proof Garden

Can you give me any suggestion as to how to keep cats out of a small backyard garden? I understand that it is possible to spray or use other repellants, and if you can give me some advice all round, I should much appreciate it. The area to be covered is not large but of course I should like to do it in the most economical way possible.

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[Any advice from readers regarding the problems raised in the last two letters will be appreciated. Please don't suggest concrete and wire netting respectively!—EDITOR.]

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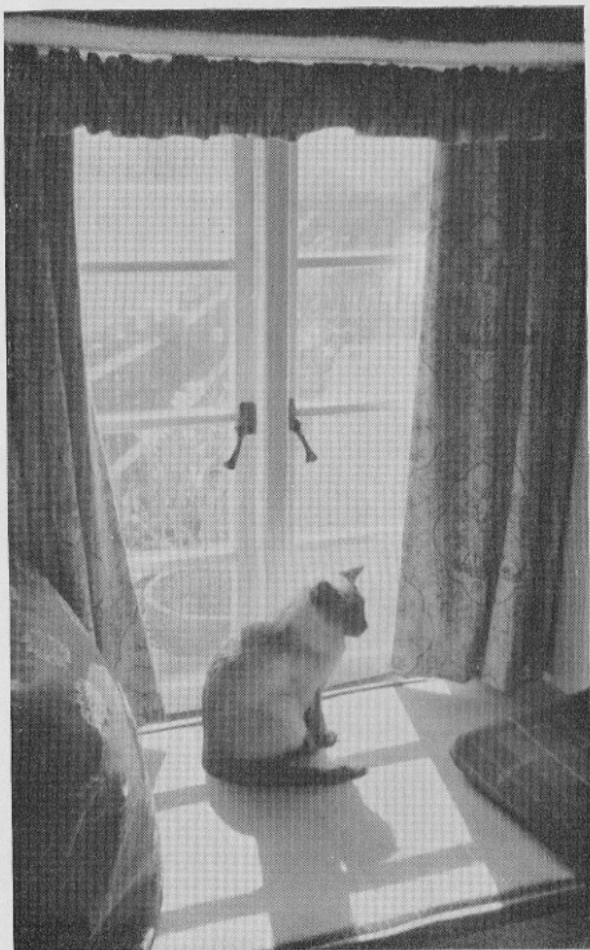
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PRESTWICK RIVAZ, seen here enjoying the warm sunshine, was born in July, 1942. Alas, we have heard from his owner, Mrs. Dorothy Locke, of Christow, nr. Exeter, that Rivaz died early in January last. She adds "After 17 years of devoted companionship it is a hard blow."

News from "Down Under"

New South Wales. All cat lovers here and abroad will, I am sure, join in expressing deep sympathy to Mrs. E. J. Lonsdale and Mrs. Z. Whyte in the loss of their wife and mother Mr. F. S. Lonsdale on March 27th after a long illness. Mrs. Lonsdale, an inaugural member of the old Cat Fanciers' Association and our greatest breeder and exhibitor, was I think our first club importer of stock and a wonderful supporter. The old Undoonia Cattery at Strathfield was the home of many outstanding cats and also the venue of our first show, on the lawn, with 24 cats. I have many evergreen memories of these early days and shall always share with many more a high appreciation of Mrs. Lonsdale's pioneering spirit and the valuable contribution which she made to our Fancy. Now, E.J., or Ted, as he is affectionately known, remains as our wonderful benefactor and "Grand Old Man." Our ambassador all over the globe, he is liable to turn up at a show anywhere.

On March 26th, at Mosman Town Hall, our newest club, the Northern Feline Fanciers Club, held their first show. Mrs. Ann Vize, President, and Mrs. S. Dowty, Secretary, were also show managers and five judges made the awards. Mr. Bell Taylor was R.A.S. rep. on the day. For a first show, the smooth working was a tribute to the ladies concerned. For myself, I was last there in 1925, causing one sprightly tom to remark: "A lot of kittens have passed this way since I last saw you here!" Major awards were: *Longhairs*: Best Male and Best Persian—Mrs. Baxter's Dazzling Dreamer (imp. N.Z.); Best Female—Mrs. Cains' Bayhorne Athena (imp.); Female Kit—Mrs. Vize's Myowne Petitastra; Male Kit—Mrs. Wood's

Delhi Arctic Zircon. *Shorthairs*: Best S.H. and Best Female—Mrs. Meaney's Lindfield Tawny Maid; Best Male and Best Junior—Mrs. Carlisle's Tchanton Tuan; Best Female and Best Kitten—Miss Greenfield's Lennion Wipwillow. As my marked catalogue is not to hand from Mrs. Dowty, I cannot give further winners at this writing. I would like to mention that entries totalled 204 and 156 cats, which is very good. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Bailie, who used to keep Siamese cats in Malaya, at the show. She intends becoming a Club member when she settles down on North Shore.

The report on the first day's judging at the Royal Easter Show will have to stand over till next month's report, which will include both days judging on the 9th and 18th.

Queensland. Sorry to hear that Mrs. Henry has lost Suey Mak Simon and trust she has another one coming along to fill the gap. I have received no news from her or my elected rep. Col. Woodrow *re* their Show. But Mrs. Vize who judged has just sent the following notes: "Mr. Glead's Blue male Ch. Spada Ambassador Duke, by Ch. Astra of Pensford, was Best Exhibit and is now a Grand Champion. First and Ch. Male was Myowne Lilac Lad and First and Ch. Female Myowne Nigella. This is all I can tell you of Toowoomba Show."

Mrs. Vize also judged at the Queensland Cat Club on March 18-19th and kindly provided me with the following notes. The venue was the City Hall which looked resplendent in its new coat of paint for the visit of Princess Alexandria. The winning Siamese male was Mrs. Tow's Coochi Subla and the best female Mrs. Henry's Coochi

Sybella. In Blue Points the winners were Mrs. Peter's male Valbert B. Nile and Mrs. Litchfield's female Eastern Blue Mask. Mrs. Henry also won with her Burmese Ransin La Rue. Eighteen domestic pets were shown in excellent condition and Mrs. Archer's winner, Nookie, would have put many registered cats to shame.

I also have a report from Mrs. Manson *re* their Show in City Hall on April 1st and 2nd for the benefit of the Spastic Children's Welfare League. It is good news that everything went off successfully especially when the cause is such a worthy one. Major awards went as follow: Ch. Male and Challenge—Mrs. Manson's Ch. Regent Radiant; Reserve—Riza Cattery's Ch. Riza David; Ch. Female and Ch.—Mrs. Shead's Ch. Spada Alice Blue Gown; Reserve—Mrs. Shead's Ch. St. Chads Muffin. Among the Siamese, the best were Mrs. Manson's Petrouchka of Chatsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin's female Noola Precious Mist.

South Australia. Word is to hand again from Tom and Jerry via the *Newsletter*. Mr. Myers, ex-President and a Siamese fancier, has decided to also breed Longhairs. He sent his very air-minded feline female Rakanmai Bluebell to Melbourne. She did not visit the current show "My Fair Lady," but had a honeymoon date with Ch. Kasha Solomon. Too bad Solomon had moved to a new home! Interesting news in the *Newsletter* from Mrs. Crowe on "Matches, Patches and Despatches." At the A.G.M. Mrs. McAdie became the new President and Mrs. Myers Vice-President. Mr. Don Gebhardt is back again as Secretary. Congrats. to these folk. There is nothing like having a term on the executive of a club to make one realize how much there is to do and how few there are to do it, as a rule. It seems to make better members of them. Seems as if Adelaide visitors will be at the Melbourne shows of May and July, which is a splendid idea. Congrats. again to Sec. Gebhardt on his two lovely Siamese from Brisbane

ex Coochi cattery. They should be a welcome addition to Kerry Glen stud. The Adelaide Club Show in June will have two Sydney judges making the awards.

Victoria. We were sorry to hear of Miss E. Beattie's misfortune and trust it won't be long before she is getting around again as we love to see her lovely Longhair exhibits, which have been consistent winners over many years. During the recent "Moomba" Festival, Mrs. C. Purnell, who is organizer for the Feline Diseases Fund, staged a very successful show for the Fund. All halls seemed to be booked, so a marquee was used in Alexandra Gardens. The Longhair and Shorthair sections were benched on the first Saturday and Siamese had the following Saturday to themselves. For good measure all prizewinners benched their cats at the trophy giving on the Monday holiday. Some of the winners were: Winner of the Moomba Trophy and Best in Show—Mrs. Griffin's Seal Point Siamese kitten Pepe Le Moko; Best Siamese—Mrs. Leighton's Tanglewood Fair Lady; Best Siamese Opposite Sex—Mrs. Moran's Iraana Samson; Best Opposite Sex to Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Lush's Valbert Blue Wren; Best Siamese Litter—Miss Saker's exhibit; Best Blue Point Siamese—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Gd. Ch. Valbert Blue Raschid; Best Kitten—Miss Monk's Stilmeadow Blue Angus. Longhairs which did well were Mrs. Blackwell's Merryvale Blue King; Miss Emmett's kitten, Binnalong Charming, and Mrs. Clarke's litter. Mrs. Marks won the prize for the best decorated cage. No report is to hand of the Croydon Show on March 26th.

New Zealand. Miss Menzies has sent along Newsletter No. 83 for March. It is a great idea including the list of clubs with the name and address of each Secretary, also the list of prefixes for both Long and Shorthairs, which makes it easier to trace a pedigree. Eight shows are listed with their selected

judges covering the period May 28th to July 30th. Mrs. Downey, President of Auckland Club, has been invited to judge at five fixtures. This very cheerful lady certainly gets about. All the other judges are well known to me, except two, and I send them all greetings and best wishes.

Palmerston North and Auckland Kitten Shows have been held but only P.N. is reported on by Mr. S. Moran, the S.H. judge, and then only the awards. Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Hedley's Abyssinian male Chatwyn Georgie and her female Chatwyn Tamar; Mrs. Carian's S.P

Siamese male Lindisfarne Pride Again; Mrs. Clarke's female Pit-na-Cree Sweet Clover; Misses Menzies and Henderson's Blue Point Siamese female Chatwyn Fleurette; Mrs. Irving's Lindisfarne Telaka (Best S.H. Kitten in Show); Mrs. Thornley's Westwind Fuany Fa; Mrs. Rummins' L.H. kitten Kia Ora Glendale; also her Kia Ora Glendene; Miss Lovejoy's Best Litter by Ch. Highland Scotch Mist. Miss Lovejoy also won the special prize donated for most points at the 1959 Ch. Show and 1960 Kitten Show. Congrats. to a great trier. Mrs. Hedley won all sections in Abyssinians.



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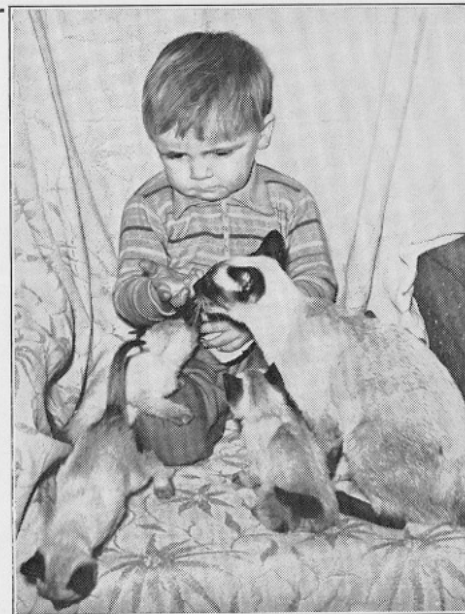
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