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TRÈS JOLI!

This handsome young male from France is YULÉ DU BOISCLARY, a White Persian son of Madame Estève's Harmony of Pensford. When shown at Rennes and Paris by owner Madame Hayer, he was Best Kitten. Photograph is by Serafino, of Paris.

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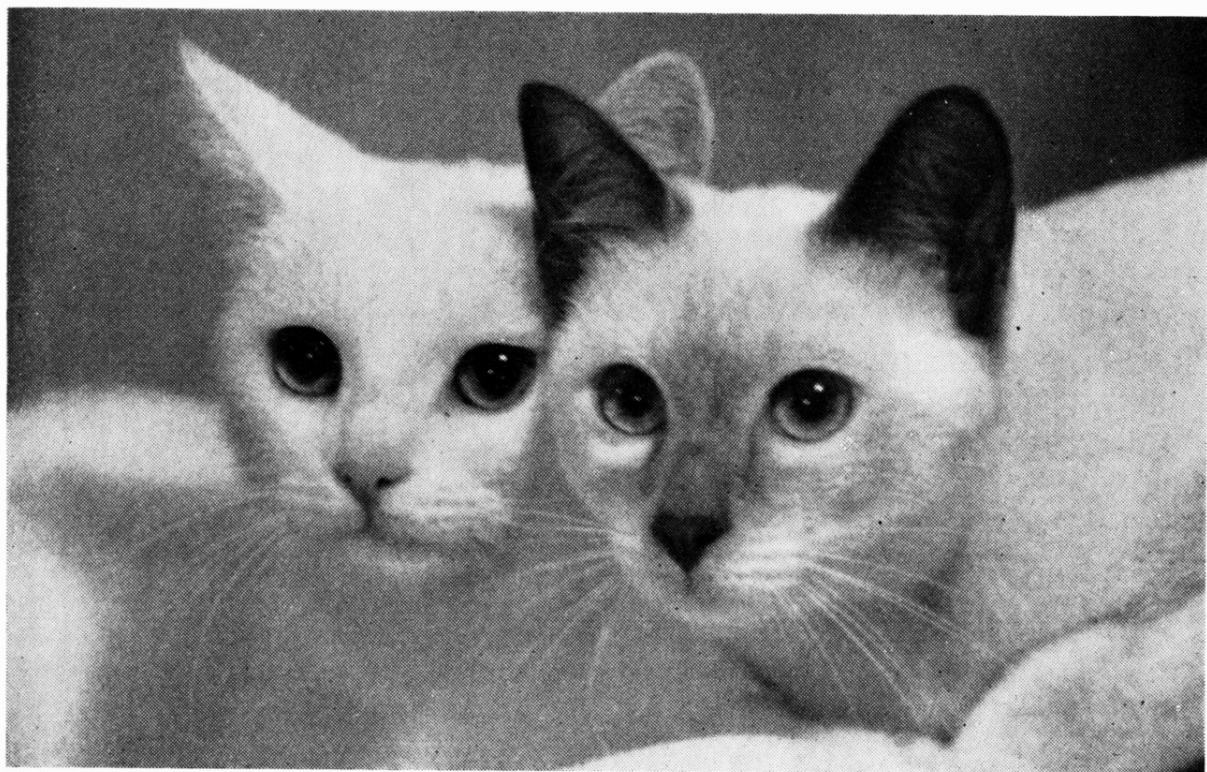
- (1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management
- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats ;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common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

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These two young representatives of the rarer breeds belong to Mrs. Joan Gregory, Yelverton, Devon. WHISTON CANDY is a White Shorthair bred by Miss Ann Stubbs and this year she has had her first litter by Mrs. Parker's Pinewood Powder Monkey. LAURENTIDE ADULARIA, a Chocolate Pointed Siamese bred by Mrs. Hargreaves, has also had a first litter by Dodbrook Dandy.

CHAMPIONS OF 1959-60

<i>Name of Cat</i>	<i>Breed and Sex</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Breeder</i>
ASHDOWN NUTHATCH	Blue L.H. (M)	Mrs. F. H. Stephenson	Owner
ALDRA'S EASTER BUNNIE	Cream S.H. (M)	Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Attwood
ALMOND HILL CLARISSA	Chinchilla (F)	Mrs. Emslie	Owner
BAMBOO VARIETY KAY	Tortie L.H. (F)	Miss Henton	Owner
BEAUVALE CONQUEST	Smoke L.H. (M)	Mr. S. V. Leving	Owner
BLUE BOY OF KENTON	Blue L.H. (M)	Mrs. F. E. Taylor	Owner
BRIARRY DEMON	Red Tabby L.H. (M)	Mrs. Anderson	Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb
DALAN SUSAN	Cream L.H. (F)	Mrs. B. Barron	Owner
DECKHAM NEFISA	Abyssinian (F)	Lady Glubb	Mrs. Stuart
DONNYMEAUX DINA	Siamese S.P. (F)	Mrs. Genty	Owner
DU-BU JOLYON	Chinchilla (M)	Mrs. Watts	Owner
FENHAM TARKAS	Siamese B.P. (M)	Mrs. Dunn	Owner
FISHERMORE HELEN	Chinchilla (F)	Mr. & Mrs. Gurney	Mrs. Lodge
FLIXTON FANNY	British Blue (F)	Mrs. Anderson	Mrs. Johnson
GAYDENE RORY	Blue L.H. (M)	Mrs. McVady	Owner
HATCH SADIE	Tortie & White S.H. (F)	Miss G. Spooner	Mrs. Billing
HAWTHORN	White S.H. (M)	Lady Glubb	Owner
HELENIC CLEOPATRA	White S.H. (F)	Miss W. A. Baines	Unknown
HERGAS ELF	Brown Tabby S.H. (F)	Miss E. N. Dukes	Mrs. Allen-Smith
KILLINGHALL RED MONKEY	Red Tabby S.H. (F)	Miss G. L. Hardman	Owner
KINGSPLAY FEI-FO	Burmese (M)	Mrs. J. Merry	Owner
LINNET OF THAME	Chinchilla (F)	Mrs. McLeod	Owner
LISBLANC BAMBI	White S.H. (M)	Mrs. K. M. Mearns	Mrs. Ball
MILORI GALLIARD	Siamese S.P. (M)	Mrs. C. F. Watson	Owner
NIDDERDALE BLUE BOBBIN	British Blue (F)	Mrs. G. M. Budd	Owner
NIDDERDALE PASSION FLOWER	Blue-Cream (F)	Mrs. G. M. Budd	Owner
NIGELLA RASHID	Abyssinian (M)	Miss F. A. Bone	Owner
NOEND WHITE BRUMAS	Manx (M)	Miss A. Aitken	Mrs. C. S. Colville
OWEENIE	Burmese (F)	Mrs. M. Shrouder	Mrs. M. Dunn
PANSY FACE OF KENTON	Tortie & White L.H. (F)	Mrs. F. E. Taylor	Owner
PAUL OF PENSFORD	Cream L.H. (M)	Mrs. B. Barron	Mrs. J. Thompson
PEKEHOLM PHEASANT	Tortie L.H. (F)	Miss L. Fraser	Late Mrs. E. H. Tomlinson
PUSS IN BOOTS SEALSOX	Siamese S.P. (F)	Miss D. E. Hooper	Mrs. Pocock
SHAPUR SACHARISSA	Blue-Cream (F)	Mrs. R. Ross	Owner
SILVERSEAL HERRICK	Silver Tabby L.H. (M)	Mrs. Thake	Owner
SOUTHWAY TROUBADOUR	Blue L.H. (M)	Mrs. L. McVady	Mrs. Martin
THIEPVAL DESIREE	Blue L.H. (F)	Mrs. M. E. Crickmore	Owner
TIMMY'S SWEETHEART	Silver Tabby S.H. (F)	Mrs. A. Pearson	Owner
TWINKLING STAR OF PENSFORD	Blue-Cream (F)	Mrs. Brice-Webb	Mrs. Thompson
UPLANDS ANNA CAPRI	Blue L.H. (F)	Miss E. Davies	Mrs. D. M. Rees
WIDDINGTON HONEY STAR	Cream L.H. (F)	Miss E. Sheppard	Owner

The grand total of 41 Show Champions compares with 50 in 1958-9, 45 in 1957-8, 48 in 1956-7, 37 in 1955-6, 31 in 1954-5, 35 in 1953-4 and 26 in 1952-3. Females have again scored over the "mere males" with 24 Championship wins against 17.

PREMIER CERTIFICATE AWARDS. These awards were fewer in number than last year as only four exhibitors of neuters were successful. They were : Mrs. Wilson's Priory Golden Glory (bred by Mrs. L. Davies), Miss G. L. Hardman's Killinghall Oriel (owner bred), Mrs. P. M. Lambert's Firesprite Pedro (owner bred) and Miss E. M. Whitcombe's Hak Ma Lau (also owner bred).

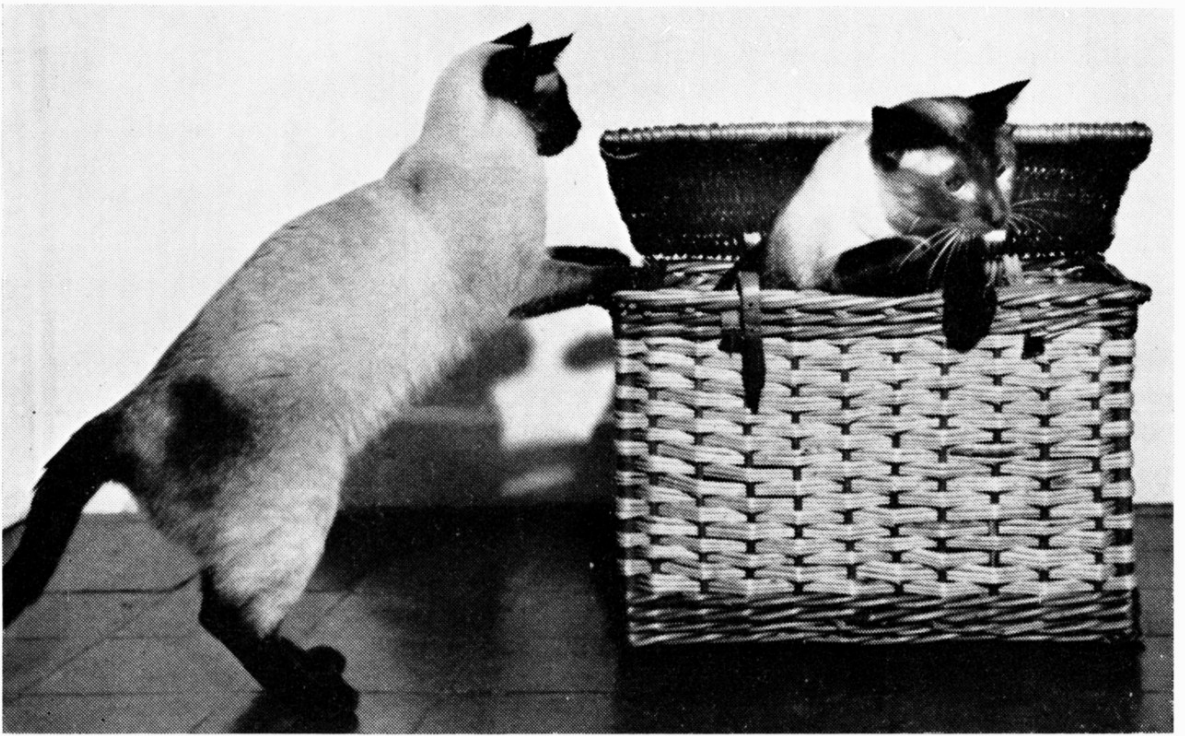


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“ The first thing the novice exhibitor needs is a good cat basket.”

Cat breeding from scratch – No. 5

By HUGH SMITH, who also supplied the illustrations

AMONG young animals in the wild there is a very high mortality rate. The unfit and a lot of others as well go to the wall. If they did not their world would become vastly overcrowded.

Like many another breeder I have often gone to great lengths to try and save a weakling in a litter. Is it wise to do so? I wonder. There is no doubt that some weaklings *can* later on grow strong. They may be constitutionally sound and simply have had a poor start, through the misfortune of having been born small. Sometimes it is the little one that finishes up on the show-bench! Nevertheless these survivors are few. I would prefer to put my trust in the kind of kittens that are

vigorous from birth, wrestling with their litter mates for the lion's share of the dam's milk.

The kittens of the ordinary non-pedigree domestic cat are usually well able to fend for themselves at the age of six weeks. I suspect they are imbued with a kind of hybrid vigour for which promiscuous mating is responsible. The kittens of pedigree cats develop more slowly and should not be launched into the outer world too early. Ten weeks old is quite young enough for a kitten to go out to a new home.

Were I starting all over again, I should of course be confronted with the problem of how to sell my kittens. I have yet to meet the breeder who could afford to give kittens away. Like all people with something to sell I should find the law of supply and demand playing its inexorable part in my affairs. I believe

breeders of the less prolific, though popular varieties, have no great problem in finding buyers for their kittens. Where over-production is rife—as with the Siamese—sleepless nights may be in store for the breeder who lacks “know-how”!

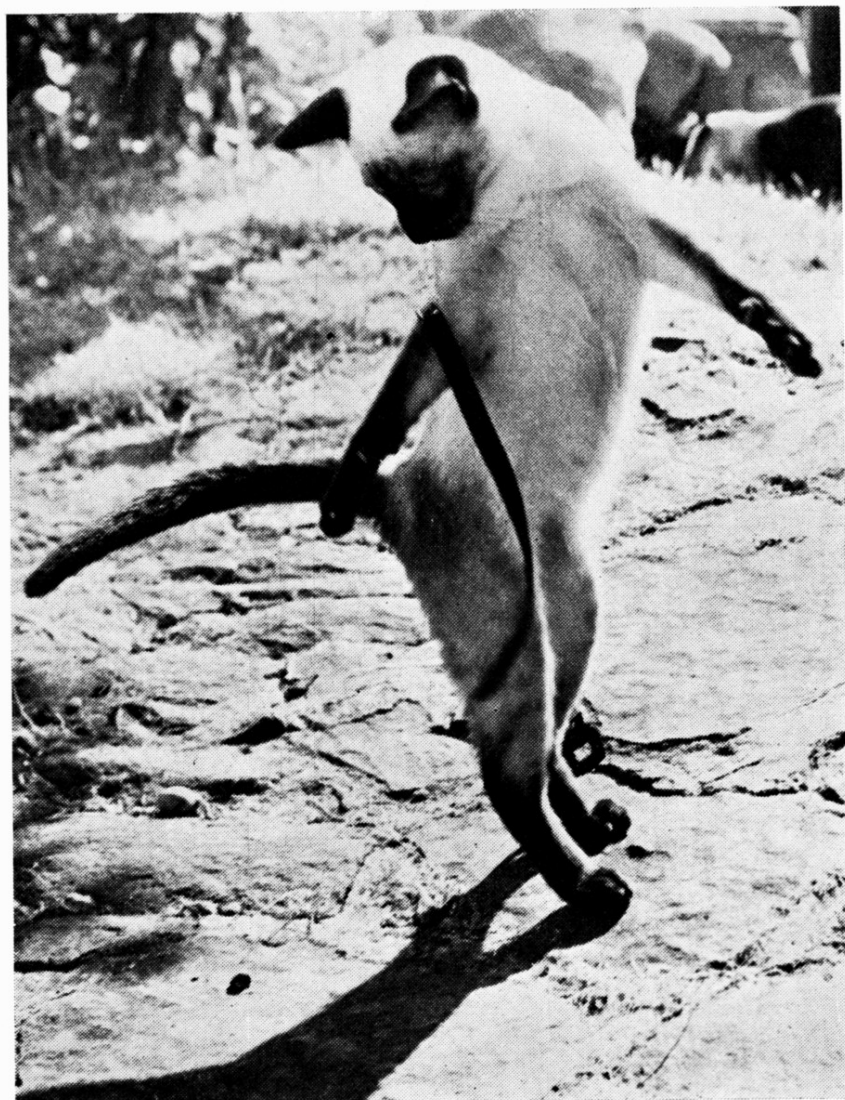
One thing I would not do and that is fill my house with neutered cats. It is a great temptation to keep that little kitten that hasn't been sold and is such a “poppet.” I did this three times and had three voracious mouths to fill besides those of my breeding stock. Yet, I dare say were I faced with a decision about those particular kittens I'd do the same again!

Breeding is both a business and a hobby. Although, for the sake of the cats, it should never become wholly a business—it is, nevertheless, only sensible to try and make one's hobby self-supporting. There are many different

kinds of customer for ones kittens. In the front row I would place friends and acquaintances and next to them, *their* friends and acquaintances. It costs nothing to make contact with these customers; but *their* demand for kittens is limited. To reach beyond this limit, one must advertise.

The simplest and cheapest advertisement is the notice in the local tobacconist's or pet shop. Next there is the local or county newspaper small classified advertisement which extends the field a lot. One can save expense by being very brief; all that is necessary is to state breed, whether cat or kitten and give telephone number and/or address. The rates are modest.

I personally would always be reluctant to state a set price. Response to advertising in a local paper will almost inevitably lead to inspection before sale.



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Inspection is two-sided. Personally I like to have a look at the would-be purchaser. If I don't like the customer—no sale ! Probably the easiest way to be rid of an undesirable customer is to state a price rather out of his reach—that is, if other measures fail.

Advertising in the national press, of course, greatly extends the coverage—but the rates are high. In and around London, the evening newspapers offer good coverage. "Top people" may, of course, be reached by advertising in the paper we are told they all take ; it has a special cat section on Fridays. Members of our Fancy can of course be informed in the specialist press ; one should not forget too that a great many cat lovers read OUR CATS.

There are breeders who have a working arrangement with pet shops. I personally have never sold a kitten to a petshop, nor would I willingly do so. The prices they offer are low although their selling price is usually pretty high. I dislike the idea of selling through a dealer. I like to know something about the home to which my kitten is going.

In all selling, number one problem is to make contact with your customer. One

of the objectives in showing cats and kittens is to meet prospective buyers. The breeder should not, of course, forget to advertise in the show catalogue as well as enter his cats.

It is at shows that the up-and-coming breeder's reputation can be established. For if he wins prizes and can become known as the producer of first rate healthy kittens, his stock will be sought after. It is on him too that the rewards of the export market are likely to be bestowed. Higher prices than can be obtained at home are usual in the export market. The cost of exporting should of course be shouldered by the purchaser, and all arrangements can be made through an agent. A well-known member of the Fancy regularly undertakes this work.

Were I starting afresh I should be able to approach the problems of exhibiting with equanimity instead of the apprehension I felt when I started years ago. In my next article I shall try and deal with the kind of problem that beset me as a novice, penning three vigorous Siamese kittens in separate parts of the show floor, single-handed with the clock rapidly coming up to zero hour.

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The Yorkshire Post

A proud Boo-Boo with the results of her show début.

BOO BOO'S BIG DAY

A WORTHY occasion when the ordinary feline really came into his own was the June show staged by the Stray Cats' Shelter and Sanctuary in St. George's Hall, Bradford. As Ronald Boyle so ably reported it in *The Yorkshire Post*, it was "news." There were, he said, "the working cats from factories and offices, mousers down to their whisker-tips; there were the household pets, good-humouredly surrendering a day of hearthrug snoozing or hunt-the-sparrow. All colours, shapes and sizes were there, and not a scent of a pedigree. They took it in their stride. There was not one display of temperament throughout an eight-hour day of posing and muscle-flexing for the judges."

Entries totalled a record 120 and everything was organized on the most efficient lines by Mr. Stanley Bryant, the man who began the Shelter and Sanctuary for strays six years ago. This was his fourth show and quite the most successful from every angle. Mr. Raymonde Cazaux, former Olympic wrestler and a great cat lover, performed the opening ceremony. Life members of Mr. Bryant's most worthy enterprise include Miss Naomi Jacob, the authoress, and Mr. James Mason, the film star. The Dowager Lady Mowbray and Stourton is one of his keenest supporters.

Champion of the show and winner of the *Yorkshire Post* trophy was Smut, a massive tortoiseshell owned by Mr.

Raymond Chapman, a young Leeds commercial traveller. Another worthy winner was Sandy, nearly 20 years old, who was brought along by a neighbour for his work-tied owner Mrs. Hilda Greenwood. He won the veterans' class and also the section for disabled cats. About a year ago Sandy had a stroke which left him with his head cocked on one side. Commented the judges: "He is perfectly healthy and has a beautiful nature."

Perhaps the most surprised visitor to the show was Mr. Ronald Boyle, who entered his tabby Boo-Boo, whom he describes as "an old girl of the Sanctuary." Let Mr. Boyle tell you what happened in his own words:

"Now Boo-Boo has so many strains in her that she is a one-cat cat show. I was persuaded into entering her for the show. Boo-Boo can play marbles and balance on a window ledge and is the blight of our neighbour who is something of a bird fancier. She relishes sardines and mushrooms. But a champion . . . ?"

"Boo-Boo has claimed my special chair. I shall get lynched if I try to move her. She is smirking all over her silly face. Guess why? Boo-Boo came home with a couple of cups, three rosettes, three certificates, half-a-dozen coffee spoons and a pair of fancy pillow slips. Best kitten in the show, they said. And does she know it? I shall have to buy myself another chair."

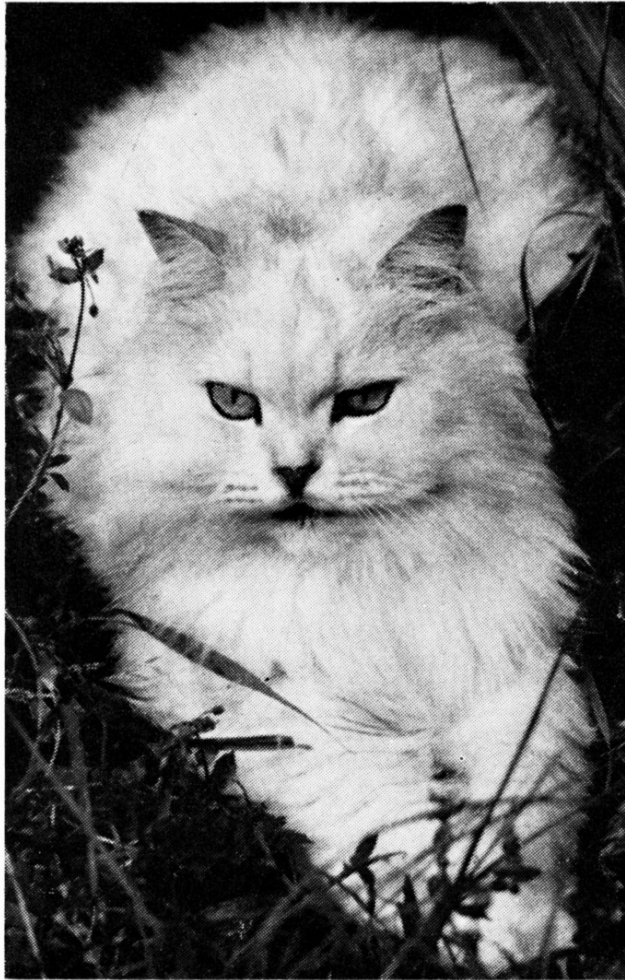


Photo by Mrs. V. E. Major

JINGLES OF THAME was a much-photographed Chinchilla and the very special pet of Dr. and Mrs. Loughborough, of Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey. At 12 years old, he was put peacefully to sleep in his favourite armchair because his liver complaint would not respond to treatment. Bred by Mrs. H. McLeod, Jungles was a favourite model with Mrs. Major. Her pictures of him—the one above is her last—won prizes in competitions and were widely used for calendar and book illustration.

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ALL·CATS SHOW

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FIRST NEWS FROM JAPAN

The first news and pictures ever to reach us from Japan record the activities of J.C.A. (Japan Cats' Association) which held its 5th All Breeds Show in Mitsukoshi, Tokyo's biggest departmental store, in May.

It was a one-day fixture and 70 Siamese and several Persians were exhibited. Chiyako, a young female Siamese belonging to Miss Tanaka, was awarded the Championship Cup for 1960.

President of J.C.A. is Mr. Katsuhiko Fujiyama, brother of the Japanese Foreign Minister, and Mr. Kajiro Yamamoto, the noted film director, is a Vice-President. Foreign correspondent for the Association is Dr. Akio Matsui, 436-4 Matsubara-Cho, Setagaya-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, seen in the top picture.



Tailpieces

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



MISS FLORRIE JOHNSON began life as one of a mixed litter found in some hilly country near one of Australia's TV stations. She was petted and pampered by members of the staff and eventually was given a spot on the Saturday afternoon sporting programme in Channel 9 sessions. Florrie's name and fame grew apace and when the Queensland Cat Club staged their 2-day show in the City Hall, she was invited to be the guest of honour. Her quarters were a gilded cage with quilted cushion and the Club's gift of appreciation to her was a silver feeding dish. The press pictures I have seen of Miss Florrie show her to be a young and intelligent looking tortie with a lot of white on her face and body.

According to Dr. Warren H. Cole, a surgeon at the University of Illinois, U.S.A., the bite of a cat can be more serious than that from a dog. The bacteria in the cat's mouth are more likely to be disease producing in humans. Another reason given is that the cat bite is usually penetrating, with little tearing, thereby not allowing adequate drainage.

The cries of Sooty the cat woke Mr. Mehemet Halil from his slumbers to find the kitchen of his flat in Islington, N. London, on fire. He smashed the living room window and helped his wife and two-year old daughter to safety before calling for help. Said Mr. Halil later : "We are changing the cat's name to Lucky. If it wasn't for him we wouldn't be alive."

C.F.A. of America have revised their rules to follow the English show procedure of giving Premier awards to neuters

and spays. A petition for this recognition was sponsored by Mr. Sam L. Scheer, of Florida, and it took a lot of campaigning before the change was made. Show managers are already handling increased entries and it is hoped that interest in shows will grow amongst pet owners.

Little Mary had just finished her prayers and as a reward was allowed to take her kitten to bed with her. As her mother was leaving the room, she heard Mary say : "You're a good little kitten, too—saying your purrs."

A fine rescue story reaches me from South Australia. A young couple Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pritchard went for a Sunday car ride to see the rough seas at Patawalonga boat haven, taking with them one of their wedding presents, a little tabby kitten named Pusska. When the car door was opened Pusska dashed out and tumbled head first off the 12ft. embankment into 8 ft. of water. Then she started to swim out to sea. Mr. Pritchard immediately threw off most of his clothing and dived head-first into the sea. Watched by a number of people on the shore, he caught up with Pusska and finally brought her safely to land. After being taken home in a warm overcoat, the kitten was soon running up and down the Pritchard's piano—her favourite caper. Three cheers for a brave man !

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner, anxious to ease the strain on London's overworked policemen, has issued orders that "Prisoners must make their own arrangements for their pets with relatives or friends. If they fail to find homes for the animals, then officers

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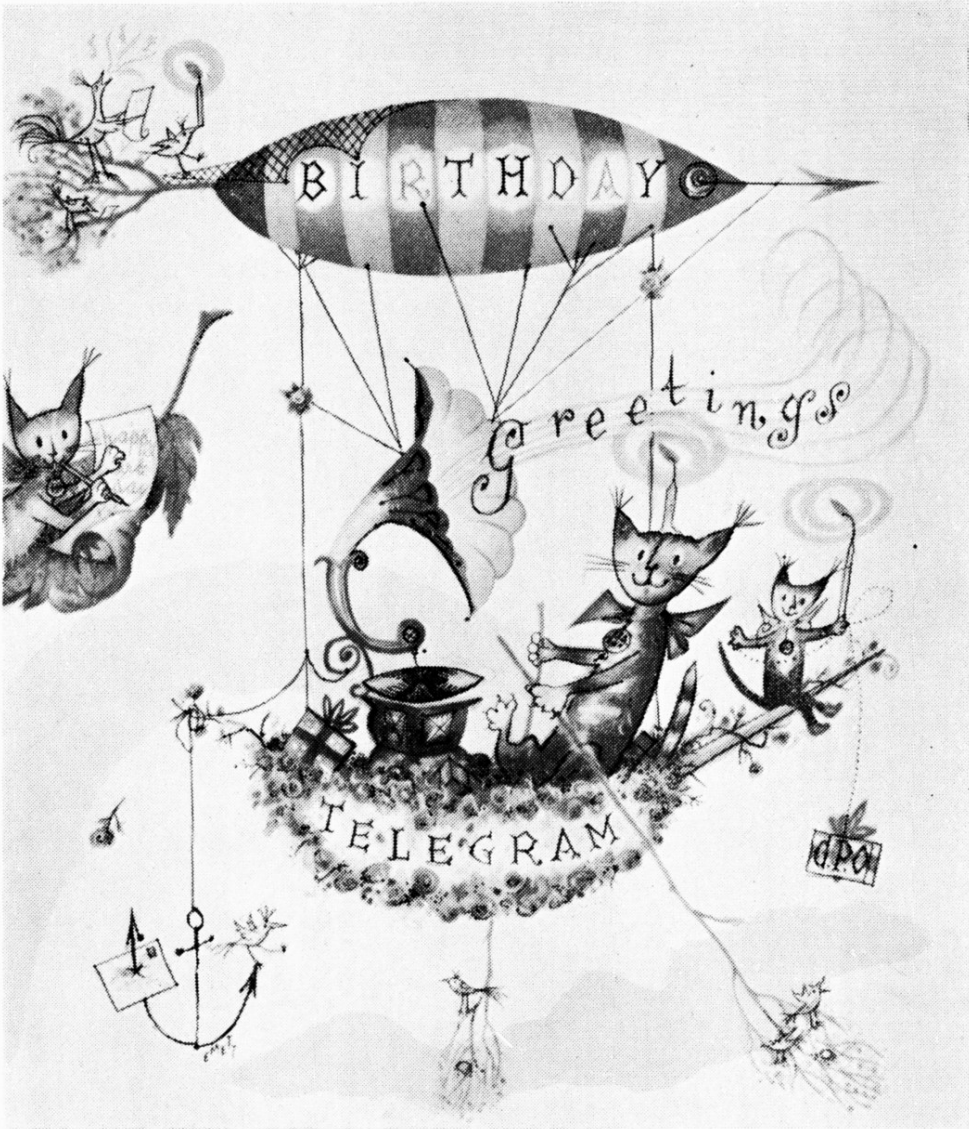
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must make application for the pets to be destroyed." Policemen have always regarded the welfare of prisoners' pets as part of their normal duty and as many of them are animal lovers the new ruling will not meet with general approval.

I was interested to read in the July issue of *The Animals' Magazine* (the P.D.S.A. journal) that the Editor had been down to Woking, Surrey, to interview Adelina de Lara, the internationally known exponent of Schumann's music who in her youth knew Brahms, Dvorak and Grieg. It is some years since a profile of this fine old lady and her cats appeared

in *OUR CATS*. Madame de Lara is now 88, very small and frail, but she still retains an amazing memory for music and lives happily with her three cats; two black ones and a young grey called Misty. In the past she has arranged many concerts in aid of animals and her compositions include a song about a cat called "The Kitzie Dance." Madame de Lara confesses that she worries about animals tremendously.

Writing in *The Miami Herald*, U.S.A., Dr. Bernard Harvey refers to the 28 million (estimated) cats in the United States. Roughly seven to eight million



In last month's "Tailpieces," we referred to the fine new greetings telegram recently introduced by the Post Office. We are only able to present in sombre black and white the first page of Rowland Emmett's delightful feline fantasy. The whole telegram is tasteful, amusing and colourful and it reaches the recipient in an envelope designed to match the contents. The Post Office remains to be congratulated on producing such a novelty—a Government form calculated to please everyone who receives it, especially if they happen to be cat lovers!

live in cities ; the remainder in rural and suburban areas. He refers to the ban on pets in a great number of apartment buildings and adds that he would like to have a dollar for every cat that is surreptitiously smuggled into these buildings by tenants and kept for many years. He also adds that city cats are often fed things they'd be better off without and this fact accounts for their gastrointestinal troubles from vomiting to constipation and diarrhoea.

“ I used to polish the floor with one of my cats by placing my foot on its tummy and moving the leg to and fro, the cat clinging to my slipper with all claws and teeth. It would pretend to be furious, but greatly enjoyed the fun. We called this game ‘ Squashemflat ’.”—A. W. Hunter (Theydon Bois, Essex) in a letter to the *Daily Mail*.

A patient at the P.D.S.A. Wolverhampton Dispensary, where over 14,000 pets received treatment last year, was Ginger, a handsome marmalade who had not eaten or drunk for ten days. Ulcers had developed on his tongue and throat as a result of licking creosote off his tail.

According to the Gaines Dog Research Center of New York, America's feline pets probably eat more dog food than the food made especially for cats—perhaps as much as 25% of all the dog food sold in the country. The explanation is that so many homes keep both a cat and a dog and the food bought for the dog is so often enjoyed by the cat.

The American *Burmese Newsletter* for July records an interesting occasion which might with advantage be emulated in other feline centres. It is described as a Burmese-Abyssinian Seminar, which started with eighteen breeders at 2 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon. Cats were exhibited and two experienced breeders explained the standards of the breeds, their good and bad points, etc. The party then enjoyed a dinner together and had cat chats afterwards. On the following

Sunday morning there was another talk about show rules and show promotion. After luncheon the meeting was opened to the public and about 70 visitors were present from the state of Oklahoma. There were more talks about the two breeds and Mrs. Wolfgang gave a judging demonstration. A happy week-end ended with a lantern show of colour slides and a buffet supper.

The Duchess of Kent, patron of the P.D.S.A., opened the society's new Midland Area Hospital in Nottingham last month. It is reported to be the first building designed and built specifically as an animals' hospital. Details have appeared in earlier issues of this Magazine.

Many national newspapers printed the story of Buster, a six-year-old Persian living near Ipswich, Suffolk. He had a lovely black coat when he had the misfortune to be shut up in a lock-up garage. He was a prisoner for 15 days, until the garage owner discovered him on his return home from holiday. Buster's owner, a 78-year-old widow, was shocked to find that his coat was turned to grey. An animal clinic official commented : “ This is an authentic case of anxiety turning a cat's fur grey.”

From Mrs. Wanda Scott, well-known American fancier of Independence, Missouri, comes a note and a newspaper cutting. She refers to the caption under Prestwood Scrabble's photograph on our June issue front cover which stated that he was Best Kitten every time he was exhibited. Mrs. Scott is naturally concerned that her own Blue Longhair male kitten Blue Acre Macbeth was Best Kitten at the November show held in Chicago, Scrabble taking third place at this fixture. The correction is gladly made and I would like once again to stress the need for accuracy when you are submitting photographs for editorial consideration. Please get your details right as to names, sex, breed, parentage, show records, etc.

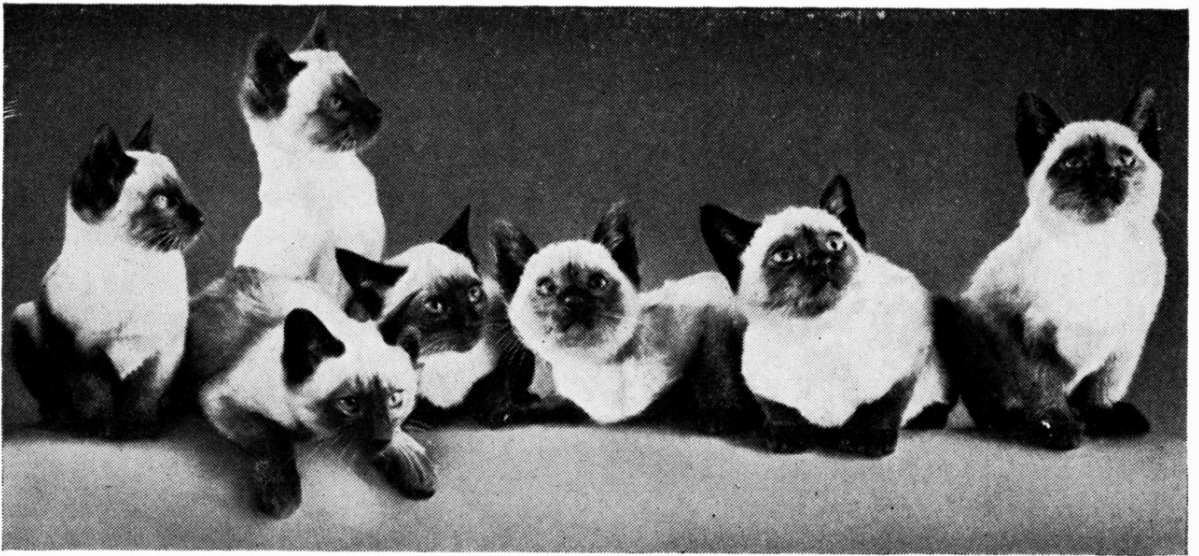
Resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the R.S.P.C.A. included the following: "That this annual meeting, whilst warmly approving the Society's recent approach to the Home Secretary aimed at reducing the suffering of laboratory animals, requests the Council to continue its pressure with this end in view and, in particular, to urge that more consideration be given to the development of research techniques which do not involve animal experiments. In making this request the meeting has in mind the ever increasing number of experiments which, according to the last Home Office figures, now exceed 3 million per annum, of which 89 per cent were performed without anaesthetics."

It has been decided to delegate the secretarial duties in connection with Burmese exhibits at the shows to the assistant hon. secretary of the Burmese Cat Club. Correspondence under this heading should be addressed to Miss

Jennifer Watson, 176 Longlands Road, Sidcup, Kent.

Two important amendments to the Show Calendar should be noted. The Championship Show of the Siamese Cat Club is now to be held in Guildford, Surrey, on Friday, October 7th. And the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Cat Club have run into unforeseen difficulties necessitating the cancellation of their Show announced for October 15th.

Many of you doubtless read the item in the daily press to the effect that the Siamese Cat Club and the Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire intended to present a Siamese kitten to the Queen of Siam to mark the occasion of the royal lady's recent visit to this country. All my efforts to obtain fuller details have so far been unsuccessful. The whole business seems to be "wrapt in mystery," although I have been told there is "a certain amount of truth" in the story.



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In a letter to the press, Mrs. W. Hackett, a Somerset reader who owns a cat with one green and one brown eye (said to be unlucky !), dismisses the idea that it is unlucky to take the family cat to a new home. Her own pet has moved no fewer than six times between homes hundreds of miles apart. Not once has she strayed and Mrs. Hackett wondered whether the buttered paws helped to make her cat stay put !

A reader asks as to the illnesses that will prevent a cat or kitten from passing the pre-show inspection by the veterinary surgeons. They are five in number : (a) Feline infectious enteritis, (b) Ulcerative homatitis in kittens, (c) all types of influenza including nasal catarrh, (d) Conjunctivitis, either acute or chronic and (e) Ringworm.

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

IT'S UP TO OUR FANCY

IT is a notorious fact that, of all species of domesticated animals, the cat is the most neglected so far as concerns the investigation of its health problems. As a result very little specialized knowledge exists to-day about the nutrition and general management of cats, while the causes, prevention and treatment of many feline diseases still remain shrouded in mystery.

This being so, it is good to learn that, thanks to energetic efforts on the part of the Feline Advisory Bureau, an all-out attempt is at last to be made to rectify the situation.

Subject to the necessary funds being available, the Animal Health Trust has

agreed to a request from the Bureau to establish a special unit devoted exclusively to the scientific study of feline ailments. It is understood that the new unit will have its own scientific personnel ; but that it will in other respects have the advantage of being able to share the use of the Trust's existing housing and equipment, and the services of its technical staff.

The financial stipulation attaching to this offer is quite understandable since the funds at present at the Trust's disposal are earmarked for other species of animals. Moreover, it is only fair that the responsibility for providing the money to establish the unit and cover its running costs should rest with those who stand to gain most from its work ; in other words, with the cat-lovers of this country.

Recognizing this liability, the Feline Advisory Bureau has established a special fund for collecting the necessary money, and is appealing for support on the widest possible basis. Full particulars of the scheme, together with subscription forms, can be obtained from the Bureau's Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Joan Judd, at Little Close, Old Down, Tockington, near Bristol.

We commend this cause to the generous attention of all cat-lovers, most of whom are only too well aware of the urgent necessity for a project of this kind. As to the cost of the work, this is bound to be fairly substantial whichever way it is tackled. At the same time, there is little doubt that the sum required to finance a special cat unit as part of the general service already provided by the Animal Health Trust would be far smaller than what would be needed to found and run an entirely new Feline Research Station.

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Correspondence Corner

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



We are easy prey

ELIZABETH VERNON is not the only willing catomaniac. (See OUR CATS, June, 1960). We too are "easy prey" for all small, defenceless creatures. Our latest arrival, Nicholas Alexander, had obviously understudied in rep. for several weeks before launching out as a star in his own right.

Our name must have been heavily underlined on the "secret list" and after a thorough briefing by his sergt.-major or whomever was in charge of disposal, he rocketed into the Forward Delivery Section (a most appropriate choice!) of the local R.A.F. Station. Mother, working in an adjoining office, was informed without delay and rushed to the rescue. After a short telephone conversation with yours truly, the stage was set. Nicholas Alexander was coming home "just for the week-end." It had all been perfectly timed. After all, nobody could leave a hungry, frightened, defenceless little kitten for a whole week-end, could they? Well, could they?

Everything was going according to plan. Nicholas arrived in a cardboard box at 5.15 p.m. on Friday. We cuddled, cuddled, petted and pampered him, poor wee mite. It was cream off the milk, Farex, fish—carefully filleted—Kitzyme tablets, buttered paws, toys and three big brothers to make him feel at home. He did nothing but crawl around the lounge on his tummy with eyes like saucers and trembling from whisker tip to end of spikey tail.

When Saturday arrived and he still hadn't got up off his tummy or stopped shivering we were almost in despair. Convinced that he had been ill-treated

somewhere in his short life we literally dropped everything and concentrated on making Nicholas feel at home. We smugly patted ourselves on the back when, finally (it was less than 24 hours later, but we had both aged considerably!) our little foundling overcame his fear and ventured out from under the studio couch.

Deciding that his mission was completed and that we were quite besotted by his little pansy face he gave up his role of "dumb, defenceless creature" and showed his real colours. We have never looked back.

Nicholas is the feline equivalent to the atom bomb. Nothing, absolutely nothing, is sacred. His three big brothers, the novelty having worn off, are fed up to the back teeth with this miniature sputnik and spend most of their time creeping around the house avoiding him. Their most popular retreat is my bed. Fortunately for them, Nicholas has not yet perfected the art of leaping from the wall outside, in through my bedroom window. Every time I enter my room, three reproachful pairs of eyes greet mine from under the eiderdown.

Monday and the termination of Nicholas's temporary reprieve, came and went. Somehow we couldn't just dump him back in that cold, cheerless office after he had known the comfort, warmth and security of a home. And who is laughing up his sleeve now? Who is patting himself on the back? Who's name has been crossed off the unwanted list? Who indeed!

Does anyone want a fluffy, black and white kitten with the face of an angel and a heart as black as the ace of spades—

capable of winning at least an Academy Award for character acting? Sorry, you'll just have to wait until "they" think fit to put *your* name on the Secret List. Nicholas Alexander belongs to us. He is delighted, and how do we feel about it? Mighty good because *he* chose *us*.

WENDY BLACKMUT.

Market Overton, Rutland.

Correct dosing

As many breeders are giving Adexolin to their pregnant and nursing queens and stud cats, I thought it would be advisable to ascertain the correct dosage from the makers Glaxo Laboratories Ltd. I also took the opportunity to enquire about their product Caldeferrum.

It is generally agreed that a queen who produces big litters—and often these fertile queens have two families a year—need calcium. Caldeferrum tablets contain calcium phosphate, ferr. Sulph. Exsu, 500 int. units of vitamin D. When giving these supplementaries to our cats it is advisable to take into consideration that many of the baby foods are also reinforced with minerals and vitamins.

For example, the food I wean my kittens on and give to my queens once a

day all the year round, if they will take it, is Scott's Midlothian Oat Food. This contains minute quantities of calcium, iron, phosphorus, vitamins B and D. Pregnant and nursing queens have it for breakfast and at bedtime but only once a day when they are "resting". Some of them will not take it at all during this period.

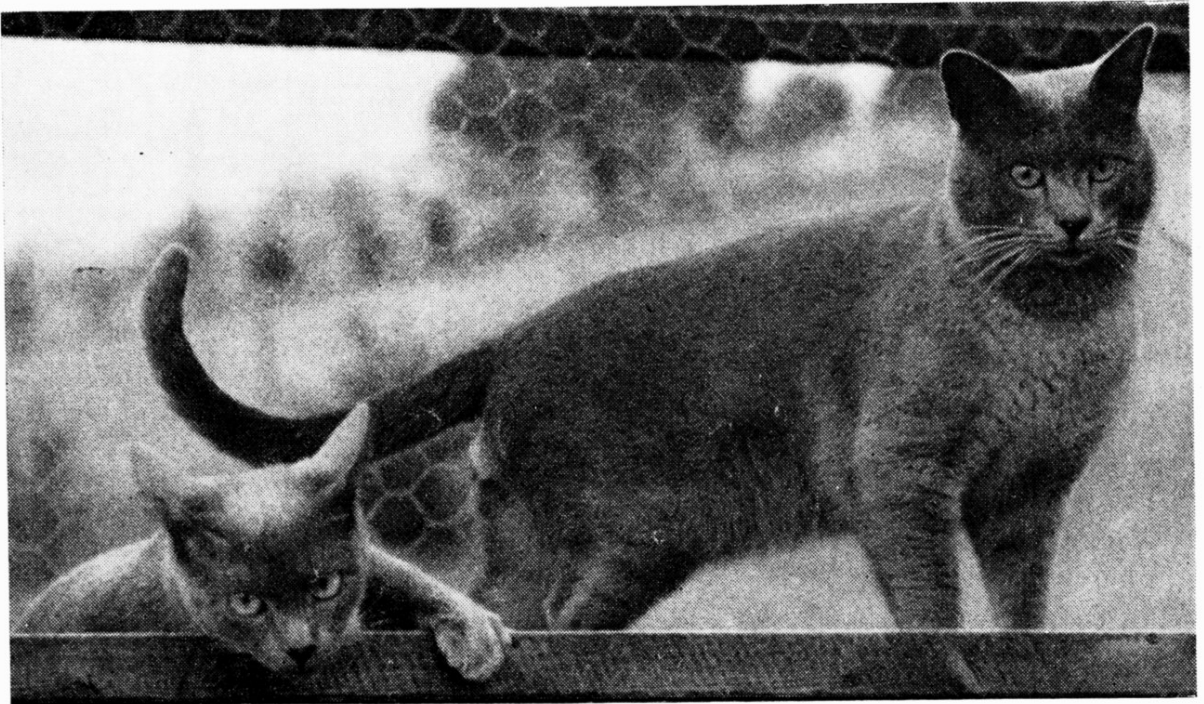
The following is an extract from the letter kindly sent to me by Mr. P. G. Box, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Advisory Section of Glaxo Laboratories Ltd. :

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"With regard to Caldeferrum tablets, one tablet a day is quite sufficient, and for a small animal I would suggest one every other day. The only advantage that I can see in giving these tablets to a male animal would be in the beneficial effect they might exert upon the texture of the animal's coat, but I doubt whether, in fact, the administration of these tablets would be needed from the therapeutic standpoint."

MRS. JOAN THOMPSON.

Beckenham, Kent.



Blue Burmese are news to-day having recently been granted a breed number by the Governing Council. As a result of this honeymoon, ARBOREAL NOELA (on the left) had the first litter of Blue Burmese with all Blue Burmese grandparents. She was bred by Mrs. J. M. Dyte and is now owned by Lady Glubb. BALLARD BILIN, the sire, was bred by his owner Mrs. R. M. Knowles.

TERRYTINKA

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TIBBY, the Tibs reporter, meets Terushka Russian Blues

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Let's go to a show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1960-61 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1960	Promoted by	Venue
27 August ...	Suffolk and Norfolk Cat Club	Ipswich
6 September ...	*South Western Counties C.C.	Exeter
7 " ...	Macclesfield and District Agricultural Soc.	Macclesfield
24 " ...	*G.C.C.F. (Golden Jubilee Show) <i>(See displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	Olympia, London
1 October ...	Yorkshire County Cat Club	Harrogate
7 " ...	*Siamese Cat Club <i>(See displayed advertisement in this issue)</i>	Guildford, Surrey
29 " ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club	Birmingham
5 November ...	*Blue Persian Cat Society	London
5 " ...	Isle of Wight Cat Club	Ventnor, I.O.W.
12 " ...	*Croydon Cat Club	London
26 " ...	*Northern Counties Cat Club	Sunderland
3 December ...	*National Cat Club	Olympia, London
17 " ...	*Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club	London
1961		
7 January ...	*Notts. and Derbys. Cat Club	Nottingham
21 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club	Glasgow
4 February ...	*Lancashire and N. Western Counties C.C.	Venue to be fixed
9 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C.	London
11 " ...	Surrey and Sussex Cat Association	Epsom, Surrey
25 " ...	*Coventry and Leicester C.C.	Coventry

* Denotes shows with Championship status. A detailed list of these fixtures may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., "Mosgiel," 4 Elim Court Gardens, Crowborough, Sussex.

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Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

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

Kentish occasion

A COOL sunny day, excellent entry and good organization made the Kentish Cat Society Show at Maidstone most enjoyable. Siamese breeders gave generous support and many of their entries excelled in quality. It was pleasing to see the Society's Hon. Secretary Mrs. H. Philpot and a member of her Committee Miss Grainger making their debut as show managers. All the officers and committee were "on duty" and were, I imagine, gratified by results.

The hall at the Royal Star Hotel was comfortably filled with spectators, and the judges, with their usual sang-froid contended with quite a crowd in the early afternoon.

July 2nd is early for Longhairs and it was a pity they were represented by only eighteen exhibits and Mrs. Deeke's pretty litter by Martin's Nephew. However, Mrs. Stephenson's Blue male, Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch (by Woburn

Sunshine) was in fine form and a worthy winner of Best Longhair Exhibit. Best L.H. Kitten went to Mrs. Hartstein's Red Tabby Jerningham Cheetah by Jerningham Robin Redhead. Best L.H. Neuter was Mrs. Ford's Beauty, parentage unknown.

Among the Shorthairs Best Cat was Mrs. Colville's Manx Ch. Noend White Brumas by Ch. Noend Snowman. Best S.H. Kitten was Mr. Richard Warner's S.P. Siamese Spotlight Trajinsky (by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour) and S.H. Neuter award was won by Mrs. Cole's Burmese Sablesilk My-Anna by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo.

A handsome Tortie and White L.H. female in lovely condition, Mr. Manning's Whiskers, was awarded Best Household Pet and the winning Shorthair was a White female rejoicing in the name of Smokey and owned by Mrs. Wardle.

It was interesting to note that seven out of the twelve Household Pets were females and some of them spayed. I consider the latter operation one of the greatest blessings for cats that the post-war years have given us. It was known, of course, before but comparatively rarely performed. Quite apart from eliminating unwanted kittens what a joy it is to be able to have our pedigree cats spayed when for some physical reason they are unable to breed.

Pedigree exhibits numbered 133. Mr. Warner's svelte and dainty female Samsara Siva by Doneraile Druid was Best Siamese Adult, breeder Mrs. Buttery. One anticipates she will be heard of again. The winning litter in a

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Hugh Smith

Judging in progress for Best Exhibit in Show at the Kentish Cat Society's Annual All Breed Show at Maidstone last month. Judges are Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Sidney Denham with Show Manager Mrs. Philpot on the left.

class of 10 was Mr. Tew's family by Ch. Spotlight Adonis. The winning S.P. Siamese male adult was Mrs. D. Williams' Borvale Thai-I.u by Ch. Spotlight Melchior. Quite a day for Richard Warner's famous Spotlights !

Last but not least there were the lovely B.P. Siamese Mrs. Philpot's Ch. Saltmarshe Sabine and her daughter Bitchet Camellia exhibited "Not for competition", thus complying with the new G.C.C.F. rule regarding show managers' exhibits being ineligible for competition. Coyly displaying themselves in their decorated pen, they excited much admiration. Other exhibits were Mrs. K. R. Williams' Ch. Bluehayes Foxy, sire of so many winners, and Miss Grainger's trio of S.P. Siamese, Penenden Sandra, Penenden Suzie Wong, female kittens, and Penenden Duke, a neutered male.

The Chairman Lt.-Col. J. F. Blackden made an appreciative little speech to all who had given support to the Show and Mrs. K. R. Williams presented the trophies which the winners will hold for the ensuing year.

Days of long ago

Mrs. Philpot's Ch. Saltmarshe Sabine is the proud mother of two "Best in Show" kittens. One of them Bitchet Genista at the Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show was purchased by Mrs. Barlow and exported to South Africa. He was recently awarded his first Challenge Certificate at the Rand Cat Club Ch. Show and a cup for the Best B.P. Siamese Adult Male. Bitchet Rosemary travelled with him and she was the winning female adult. The latter is Bitchet Camellia's daughter by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy. Mrs. Dunks' B.P. male Ch. Misselfore Ryken is the sire of Genista.

It was at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, that the first properly convened post-war meeting of the Kentish Cat Society was held in July, 1951. Miss Kathleen Yorke was present and read a brief résumé of the Society's pre-war activities. Officers and a committee

were elected and it was decided to organize a show the following year. This materialized at the famous Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, and was well supported.

This Society was the inspiration of Miss Peake and her friend Miss Ridley who worked untiringly to establish it on a firm footing and the first show was held in a marquee erected in the meadows adjoining their house at Smarden, Kent, in 1932. They quickly outgrew this environment so the shows were subsequently transferred to Tunbridge Wells. Although not then under G.C.C.F. rules they were always well organized. The most important rules were observed, and approved judges were always chosen.

Miss Peake bred many lovely Blues. Her affix Speedwell was justly famous and her cats excelled in paleness and blueness of coat, shades that we see all too rarely in Blue adults nowadays. She also had many successes with Creams and Blue-Creams which she commenced breeding about 1933. Although she did not resume exhibiting after the war and went to live in Australia in 1949, it was always her ambition to see the Society again in a flourishing state and she was delighted to find this so when she returned to live here sometime later. Under the enthusiastic direction of the present Committee and the support of members there is every reason to expect the show will continue to be an annual event.

After the Show

As we have no London fixture between the Kensington Kitten Show in July and the Herts and Middlesex Championship Show which normally takes place mid-September many of us would like the Kentish Show to resume its pre-war August date. Only thus in our opinion can we really expect to see an improvement in the Longhair entry.

On July 16th a very enjoyable garden party for K.C.S. members and their friends was held at the home of Mrs.

Joan Varcoe, a member of the Committee. Nestling in a fold of the Kentish downland, her house has lovely surroundings. It was fun to meet friends and acquaintances earnestly engaged in competitions and afterwards enjoying a delicious buffet tea whilst they basked in sunshine. The Committee provided everything and I understood from Mrs. Varcoe that although her house was the venue, the Chairman Lt.-Col. Blackden had a major share in the arrangements for the party.

A favoured grass

After tea we had a cat quiz, with the President, Mrs. K. R. Williams, the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. F. Stephenson, and myself on the panel. The questions were interesting, although when one is dealing with animals there are so many facets to consider that it is sometimes more helpful to digress. For example, one about a Siamese neuter shedding coat for many weeks longer than one would consider normal. Mrs. Williams gave details on grooming but in addition one had to consider if diet and physical condition were contributory causes and that led to a discussion on vitamins and minerals.

I recommended some time ago Adexolin (Vitamin A and D) and I still consider this has a good effect on coat and general well being and is especially necessary for pregnant and nursing queens and for stud cats in the winter months when so many weeks have a deficiency of sun. But if we give what we estimate to be an adequate quantity of vitamins and minerals the primary needs would still be thoroughly healthy living conditions and a well balanced diet.

All my small family of queens have liberty and the bottom of my garden is allowed to grow wild for their amusement and for a choice of grasses, but the one they nearly always select has to be cultivated and thrives best in a sunny open situation kept free from weeds and coarser grasses. It dies down in late autumn and the cats "make do" with those less to their taste until the spring. The name

of this variegated ribbon grass is *Phalaris Arundinaceae Variegata* and seeds can be obtained from Sutton & Sons Ltd., Reading. As these notes are appearing in late summer it would be advisable to try to obtain roots. Although Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous has grass growing in part of his run, I pick some of this favoured variety every morning and offer it to him. If he needs it he chews off the tips.

Catmint was also mentioned and Mrs. Stephenson said some of her cats roll in it and appear to enjoy it but when I grew this variety, *Nepeta Mussini*, a hardy perennial with a mauve flower, my cats took little notice of it. I had some seeds of another variety of catmint sent me from Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and this really "sent" them, to use modern parlance. It looked rather like nettles with a similar nondescript creamy flower. The cats would roll in it and come in covered with soil, especially in wet weather. So eventually I had it dug up.

Many of the questions were most interesting but eventually the party came to a conclusion after a happy afternoon.

Siamese lovers meet

Another enjoyable social occasion was the annual tea party of the Siamese Cat Club at the Rubens Hotel, London. This event, so looked forward to by Siamese enthusiasts is a real medium for exchanging news and views, away from a certain amount of stress which one sometimes gets at shows, especially when one is competing for Challenge Certificates.

Mrs. Elsie Kent, so familiar with Siamese Cat Club affairs and elected by the Committee as Chairman, presided over the meeting and introduced the guest of honour Mr. R. Townson, M.R.C.V.S., who gave a very interesting talk on cats and answered many questions which ranged from a cure for ringworm, *Griseofulvin*, to mortality among animals in quarantine, the wool chewing habit of Siamese and the need or otherwise for vitamins and minerals.

Apropos wool chewing, I have never heard of a Longhair cat with this habit. It does seem feasible to suppose there is something in the wool which Siamese need. Such discussions are so interesting and useful that many of us would like to see another Conference under the aegis of the Governing Council such as we had in May, 1958. It is a pity that professional etiquette precludes veterinary surgeons from giving remedies at such meetings. I am sure in the majority of cases breeders are not seeking advice gratis but are baffled by a divergence of opinion on many treatments which so vitally affect the health of our cats.

The largest club ?

Mrs. Mary Dunnill, appointed Secretary after the resignation of Mrs. K. R. Williams in March, has the most arduous of all the club secretaryships owing to its huge membership. On the 1959 balance sheet over 500 annual subscriptions are

listed and in addition I understand there are over 200 life members. Surely the largest membership of any cat club in the world ?

Here's wishing Mrs. Dunnill, Mr. A. Philpot, Hon. Treasurer, and the Committee an agreeable term of office.

The Herts and Middlesex Cat Club had a perfect summer day for their garden party in June and I hear that also was very enjoyable. This Club has a much later date (17th December) for their Ch. Show this year and it should attract a really good entry of Longhair cats and kittens as they are usually at their peak in November and December. Mrs. Parker who so capably organized the first shows for this Club is Show Manager assisted by Miss I. Statman.

Mrs. Aitken's queens have been very prolific this year and she has bred some very nice Blue, Cream, Blue-Cream and White kittens. All in some of the colours have been sold and kittens in late summer litters reserved.

(continued overleaf)

THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

FRIDAY, 7th OCTOBER, 1960

at the

**Drill Hall, Leapale Lane,
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Schedules and particulars from :

**Show Manager, Mrs. Kent,
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Entries close 2nd September (postmark)

Mr. and Mrs. Price of Ceylon are over here on leave with their daughter and they have purchased a Blue-eyed White Longhair male kitten from Mrs. Aitken named Bourneside White Lilac by Ch. Lotus Atlas and Sapis Lucia and as a future mate for him a Golden-eyed White female from Mrs. Mearns of Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Price are taking this pair back with them. They already have a Blue L.H. neuter in Ceylon but it is usually short coated owing to the heat and humidity. They are interested to see if these conditions will have the same affect on the Whites. Mrs. Aitkens young Cream male Bourneside Cream Bunne is maturing well. He is well bred and is a very welcome addition to our Cream males, of which there is a decided shortage at present. He is by Myowne Caesar out of Mimosa, a Blue-Cream daughter of Ch. Paul of Pensford.

A useful booklet

The booklet issued annually by the Blue Persian Cat Society is a very interesting publication for breed enthusiasts. It is the only club or society, as far as I know, which informs its members of every win recorded during each show season on all its 31 cups and trophies. The three Cups which were won outright last winter and re-donated by the winners were :—

The Ashdown Twinkeltoes Cup for Best Blue Neuter on which the Misses Marshall recorded five wins.

The Cedric of Hadley Cup for Best Blue male, five wins by two different cats won by myself with Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Octavian of Pensford. The Blue Cap of Thorpe Trophy for best pair of Blue Kittens won by Mrs. Brunton.

In addition two other Cups were won by Mrs. Crickmore.

The Ch. Mair of Allington for Best Blue Female, five wins by two different cats in this case Ch. Thiepval Precocious and Ch. Thiepval Desiree.

The Wild Rose of Dunesk Trophy for soundest coloured kitten.

These booklets are a valuable record of the B.P.C.S.'s activities and each one gives a résumé of the last Ch. Show and the Annual General Meeting.

Rules for long journeys

Regarding sending kittens to New Zealand or Australia one of the most important necessities is not to send them under at least four and a half months of age and preferably over five or six months. When I judged in Australia and New Zealand in 1953 I travelled from Tilbury to Sydney, Australia, and came home from Wellington, New Zealand, to Southampton, so I have experienced the weather conditions our exports are subjected to and my sea voyages were at the most temperate time of the year. Leaving England on a cool April day it becomes tropical by the time one reaches Colombo and then in a few days reverts to a more moderate temperature with decidedly chilly phases. How can one expect young kittens to adjust themselves to these conditions without risk ?

But even more important is their diet. All breeders know how easy it is to upset young kittens. At home we have so many suitable foods to adjust digestive upsets if they do occur, but on a ship kittens would probably still be given tinned foods which would aggravate the condition and if they also feel chilly when they have had any sickness or diarrhoea it is not surprising if they arrive out of condition.

If a kitten is really bouncy and robust at over five months of age and has had a certain amount of tinned meat incorporated in some of its meals, it should arrive in good fettle. Needless to say, explicit instructions in triplicate regarding food should accompany all exports and the desirability of fresh meat and fish when available should be stressed.



News from "Down Under"

IT is very bleak and windy as I write this month. There is much snow on the highlands again. We have had some very cold weather, which has been reflected in the lovely feline coats we have noticed at the last few shows. The Longhairs all have their greatcoats on.

New South Wales. On June 18th Federal Cat Club staged their 30th Anniversary Ch. Show in Lower Town Hall, Sydney, under the guidance of President Mrs. D. Burnage and Secretary Mrs. M. Favelle, with a splendid entry of 316. This Hall provides plenty of room to stage a big show with all the sidestalls and displays. I missed patron of the Show, Mr. A. Turner, with whom I always enjoy a yarn and was sorry to learn he had not been too well. Patroness Miss Rapley was "on deck" and very busy all day, as were the Committee members and helpers. Mrs. Favelle introduced the major winners from the stage and each owner was snapped holding his exhibit and receiving a large rosette with the Club colours. This idea, which I first saw in Auckland, New Zealand, was very popular.

The seven judges on duty were Mesdames Whyte, Marfin, Pearce, Burnage, Finch, junior judge Mrs. Dowty and F. Pearce. Mrs. Bee Freimann, from Seattle, U.S.A., was an interested visitor. Mr. F. has now purchased a home on the North Shore line and they are to settle in New South Wales. Mrs. Freimann having been a Siamese breeder has purchased a kit from Mrs. Hines which she intends to enter at the next show. Major awards included the following: Best Chinchilla Male—Mrs. Baxter's Honky Tonk Jai Son; Best Female—Miss Rapley's Zee Anne of Ellington; Shaded Silver Male—Mrs. Freeman's Mayfield Aristocrat; Best Female—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Leone; Blue-eyed White Male—Mrs. Taylor's Illawarra Candy Chief

(imp.); Best Female—Mrs. Hancock's Alite White Orchid; Orange-eyed Female—Mrs. Mullins' Ch. Minaloo Loga; Blue-Cream—Mrs. McEwan's Belinda; Siamese Male—Mrs. Kaufman's Blue-mead Pas De Chat; Best Female—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Pandora; S.P. Brood Queen and Litter—Mrs. Meaney's exhibit; Abyssinian—Mrs. Tchan's male Chatwyn Nimrod; Kitten—Mrs. Donmall's Finisterre Thalia.

On 2nd July (Saturday) the Southern Cross All Breeds Club treated us to another of their friendly and exciting exhibitions. The day was cold and windy but there was a good entry of 186, plus a row of cages containing retired Champions and veterans. Many of these former stars love coming to shows and just mop up the admiration showered on them. President Mrs. M. Helsham, who did a spot of judging, and Secretary Mr. Mullins always run a very smooth and efficient fixture. Judges were each handed a lottery ticket, which I thought was a cute idea and could also be profitable! The old trustees Mrs. Paris and Mrs. Armit were again on the tickets. Space permits mention of only a few of the top awards, which were: *Longhairs*: Best Male—Mrs. Baxter's fine Chinchilla (mentioned above); Best Female—Mrs. Mullins' Ch. Minaloo Loga; Junior Male—Mesdames Cains and Vize's Ashdown Larkspur (imp.); Junior Female—Mrs. Biggalls' Helenic Caprice; Male Kit—Mrs. Baxter's Honky Tonk Toi Julian; Female Kit—Mrs. Vize's Myowne Petitastra. *Siamese*: Best Male—Mrs. Tchan's Tchanton Blue Chiffon; Best Female—Mrs. Ousley's Marmion Fantasy; Junior Male—Mrs. Abbott's Eastern Hazie Boy; Junior Female—Mrs. Hinde's Dandalun Princess Arla; Best Litter—Mrs. Meaney's Seal Points. Mrs. Donmall again did well with her Abyssinian entries.

Victoria. I have received the *Newsletter* of the Siamese Cat Club from Mrs. Scott and am very pleased to know that President Colonel Cole is home from hospital and on the way to recovery. I had a little grin when I read of Mrs. Scott's research into Club membership and show entry records. Reading Sec. Laurie Wilson's proffered apologies for any shortcomings on show day, I thought how modest can a guy be. For a first, it was a mighty effort and I would say this young gent. will be a great asset to feline affairs in Melbourne. When the Colonel is fit again and with the experience of Mrs. Scott, the Club has a trio of workers to be proud about. A stop press item in the *Newsletter* caught my eye. At last Melbourne fanciers are to have a cat section at their Royal Show, to be staged in the sheep pavilion on October 1st. Mrs. Purnell, a real live wire, is credited with the arrangements.

Returning from Adelaide in June, Mrs. Pearce and myself were very nicely entertained by Siamese Cat Club members. We went around with Clyde and Beryl Chandler and also Mrs. Matheson and met several old friends at their homes.

Queensland. I have an interesting letter from Col. Woodrow who says that Mrs. Henry has retired as Secretary, but will still be a Committee member. I guess that will be some consolation to Club members as her very varied experience in club matters will still be available. A very nice token of appreciation was tendered to Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Presling, who are the only two inaugural meeting members left. I well remember my first visit to judge at the Royal National cat section when I was met by these two ladies and Mrs. Tasker. They have been very active ever since. Colin and Mrs. Woodrow and Arch Gleed must surely be some of the oldest members of the Club. Very modestly and very briefly Col. mentions that President Mr. L. Batten resigned at the last meeting and he (Col.) was elected to fill the vacancy. I hope Mrs. Batten will continue to serve on the Committee. Queensland has

rendered valuable service to the cat world and the Club progressed appreciably under her husband's chairmanship. I hope also that being host on show days will not restrict Col. Woodrow's judging activities.

A big bulging letter has just arrived from Miss D. Harrison containing a report of the Ipswich Club Show on 2nd July. There were over 100 entries, some of the exhibits going up from Brisbane. A newspaper cutting is included with a picture of Secretary Mrs. Russell holding Teekeeta Cameo, claimed to be the only cat of its kind registered in Australia as a Cameo. Chief winners were: *Long-hairs*: Best Cat in Show—Mrs. Shead's Regent Nicholas; Open Female and Challenge—Miss N. Cawley's Kalmal Salavanda; Open Chinchilla Female—Mrs. G. Norman's Maida Vanity Charm; A.O.C. Open Female—Mrs. Russell's Teekeeta Cameo; Orange-eyed White Open Female—Mrs. & Miss Francis' Bertrand Snowball. *Siamese*: S.P. Open Male—Mrs. Manson's Petrouchka of Chatsworth; Open Female and Ch.—Mrs. Christensen's Faraway Favourite; Brood Queen—Miss Weaver's Badana Tiki Too; Blue Point Open Male—Mrs. Peter's Valbert Blue Nile; Open Female and Ch.—Mrs. Tow's Eastern Bluette Jacaranda; C.P. Open Female—Mrs. Read's Temple Su Wan Sudá; Best Russian Blue—Mrs. Jamieson's Blue Bells. Mrs. Norman did well with her Persian litter and in the Champions class Mrs. Shead came 1st and 2nd with Ch. St. Chads Muffin and Ch. Langbank Melody. Mrs. Russell's Ch. Regent Nicholas was Best Male.

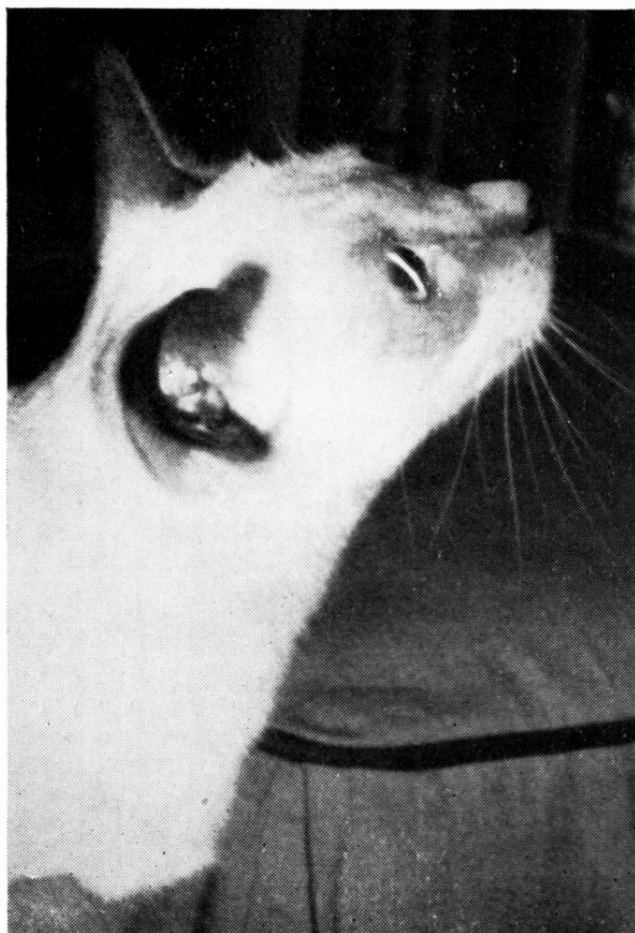
South Australia. On 25th June the South Australian Cat Fanciers' Society staged their annual Championship Show in the lovely Freemason Hall in North Terrace with an entry of 130. The mentally retarded children will benefit from this fixture and President Mrs. McAdie and Secretary Don Gebhardt are to be congratulated in a fine effort. Mrs. Pearce and yours truly made the awards assisted by four stewards and Show

Manager Mrs. Myers. We were taken round to see quite a bit of this lovely state and visited some of the catteries, notably those owned by Mrs. St. George, Mrs. Host and Mrs. Silver whose delightful farm and its stock delighted us all. I also had a chat over the telephone with ex-President and Secretary Jim and Lylie Thurmer. Top winners were Mrs. Kiver's Siamese female Kingsmead Albertine (Best Exhibit) ; Opposite Sex Mrs. Moran's S.P. Inaana Samson ; S.P. Kitten—Mrs. Gebhardt's Coochie Melissa ; B.P. Male—Mrs. Silver's Westwood Blue Haze ; B.P. Female—Mrs. Catt's Birchlea Blue Mist ; C.P. Female—Mrs. Host's Impompia Delilah. In Longhairs Mrs. St. George had a field day, winning Best L.H., Best Chinchilla Male, Best Eye Colour won by King Warroo of Windsor, Opp. Sex Chinchilla Sunnyview Sabrina, Best Cream Spada Beadesert, A.O.C. Sunnyview Blossom. Mrs. Crabb's Sunnyview Royal was Best Blue Male.

New Zealand. Just to hand is a letter from Miss Susie Tasker and a copy of the

official journal *The Persian World* for June/July. A big show, to be called a National Championship Pedigree Persians, is to be held (the first) in 1961. I guess it should be a crackerjack with the very energetic team of workers they have and a few new ideas and innovations are bound to emerge. We send all the encouragement possible. I liked the "get together" evenings. Why not invite some local guest speaker along? If your G.C. approves the show date, I'll be thinking of you as it is my birthday ! Mention in your book reviews as to how well cats were treated in religion brings back old memories, as I was privileged to go through the old tombs of the kings and queens and that of "Tut" at Kermak and Luxor in Egypt. The cat is always prominent in hieroglyphics.

My copy of OUR CATS is to hand and I was shocked to hear of the death of A. C. Jude. This is a great loss to our Fancy and I am sure there are many in Australia and New Zealand who will wish to endorse the fine tributes paid to his*memory.



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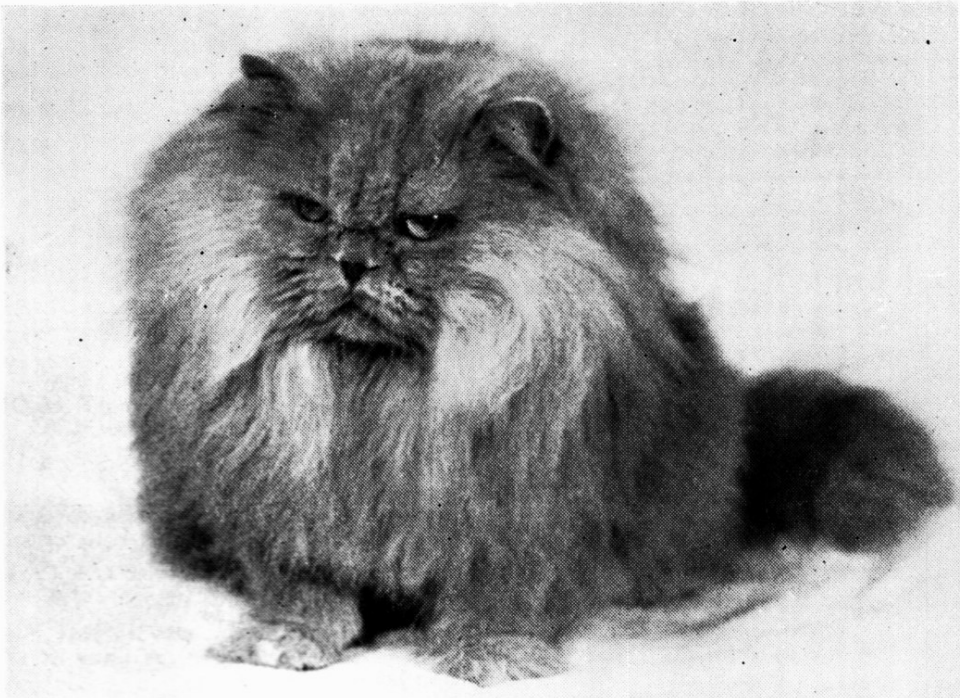
TWO well known judges, Mrs. M. Brunton and Mrs. E. Kent made long journeys to officiate at the successful June show of the Three Counties Cat Society which was held at Verwood, Dorset, in conjunction with the local Prize Band Fete. This fixture was originally a pet show where the exhibits were anything from a donkey to a tortoise. Thanks to steadily growing support since 1956 there is now a flourishing dog show in addition to the cat show. Each section of this annual event has its own committee working in co-operation with the general committee.

Best Longhair Cat was Miss D. M. Collins' Gippeswyk Jake and the Best Shorthair Mrs. H. Lowe's Tah Fu. Other awards were : Best L.L. Kitten—Mrs. J. Brooks' Sorrenta Aureole ; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. M. H. Rippington's Bruma Azul ; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. B. Belcher's Ch. Lisblanc Adonis ; Best S.H. Neuter—Mr. B. Peckham's Norden Johnny Puss ; Best Household Pets—Mrs. M. A. Davies' Tibby and Mrs. J. Lawford's kitten Wuffie.

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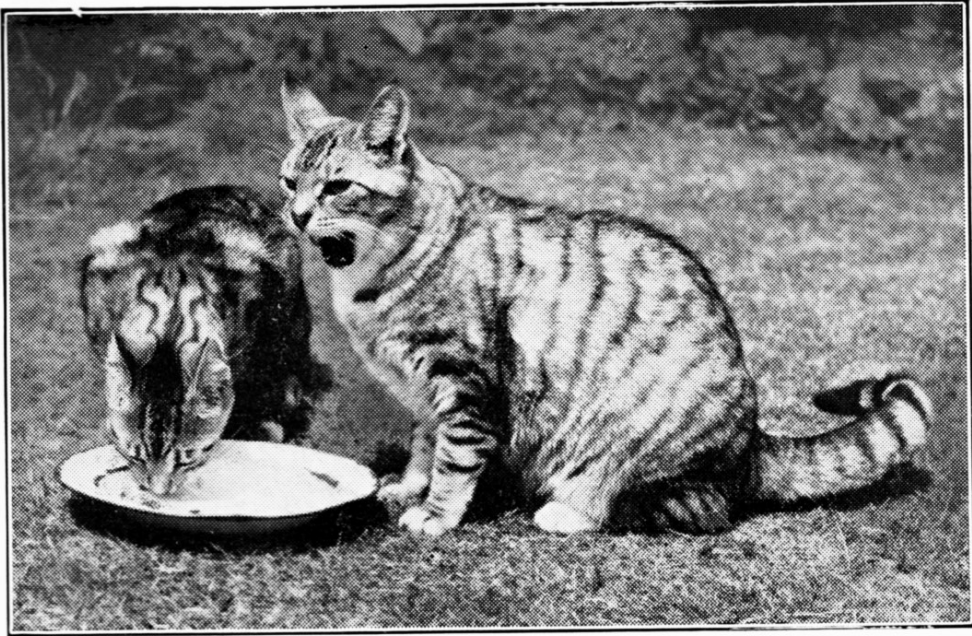
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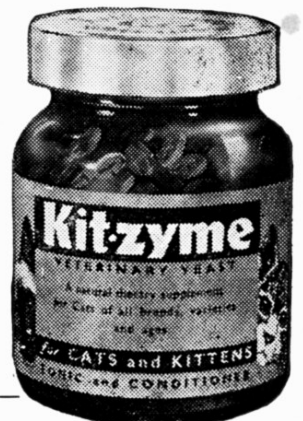
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