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Mrs. Helen Martin's four-month-old Sealpoint Siamese WHITEOAKS JALNA appears to be having trouble with the telephone. Is it some shattering item of news she has just heard or merely another wrong number? After winning at the Southern Counties Show, Jalna was booked for a trip to a new home in Australia.

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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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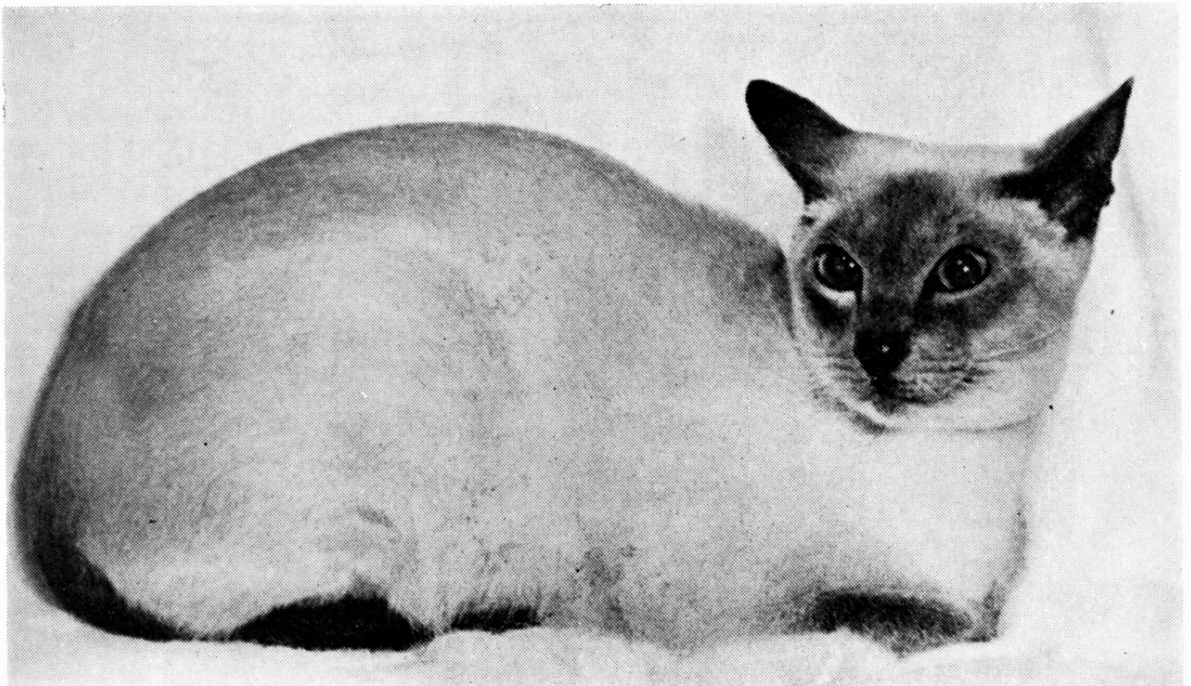
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*Hugh Smith*

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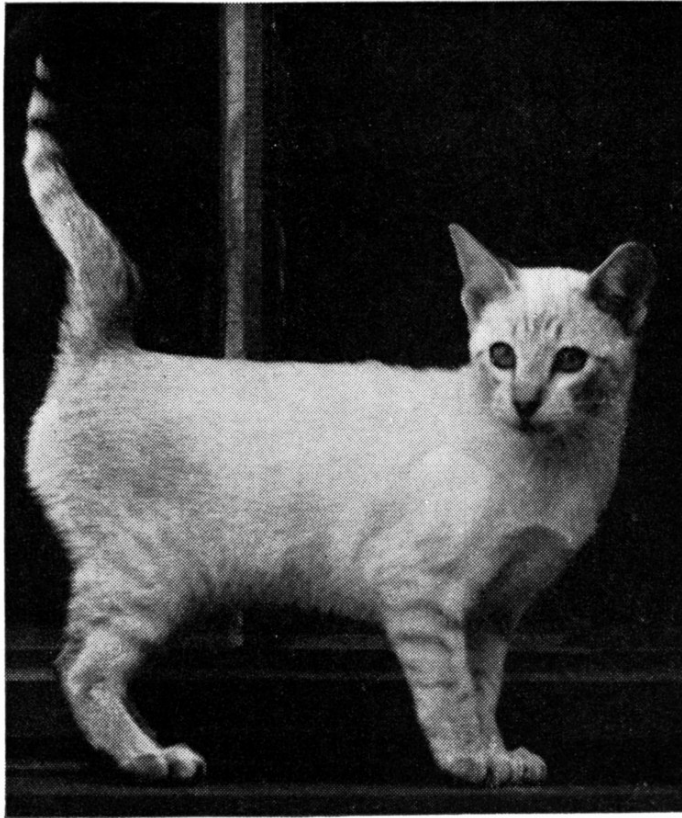


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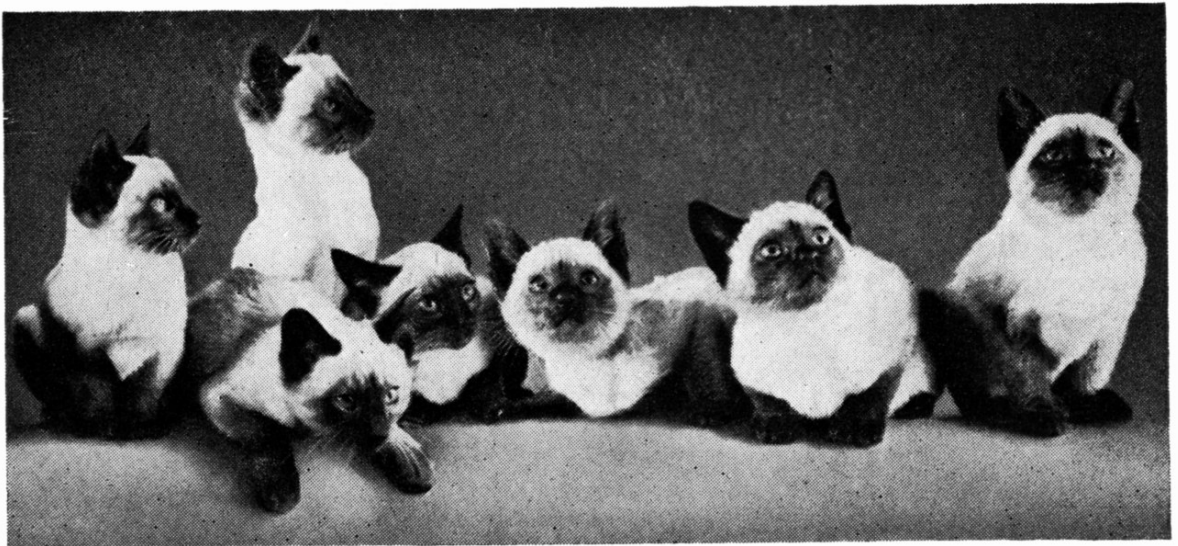
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# ***Experiments on animals***

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AS correspondence exchanged between the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Home Secretary was brought to an unsatisfactory conclusion by the Home Secretary's statement that he "must adhere to his decision that discussion of these issues with a deputation would not be useful at present", the Council of the Society decided that the only way to bring about the administrative changes that were needed in the application of the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876, was to give the widest publicity to its demand for such reforms. For this reason a press conference was recently called at Headquarters. Lieut-Col. J. C. Lockwood, Chairman of the Council, presided, and the following statement was made by Dr. R. F. Rattray, Vice-Chairman of the Council:

In the latter part of the nineteenth century the leaders of public opinion had a much greater interest in the suffering of animals in experiments than the leaders of public opinion have to-day. This was expressed strongly by Queen Victoria, Darwin (the thought of painful experiments made him feel sick and kept him awake at night), Huxley, Carlyle, Tennyson, Browning, John Morley, John Bright, Leslie Stephen, Lecky, Jowett, Bishop Westcott, Dean Stanley, Cardinals Newman and Manning. Ruskin resigned his chair at Oxford when the University undertook experiments on animals. There was a

Royal Commission on Vivisection whose report was published in 1867. Under the influence of Darwin, the British Association appointed a committee to study the subject: it reported in 1871, adumbrating some of the points that were in fact to become law. In the same year the British Medical Association adopted a similar report and a petition signed by leading biologists and calling for legislation was presented to the Government. Lord Shaftesbury headed a deputation to the Home Office urging the Government to introduce a Bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Royal Commission. The deputation was received very favourably and was asked to submit suggestions. In 1875 the then Earl of Carnarvon and his brothers and sisters, specially Auberon Herbert, M.P., canvassed the matter greatly. A Bill was drawn up entitled "Cruelty to Animals Bill". It was sponsored by Lord Carnarvon. *The whole purpose of it, as its title indicated, was to prevent cruelty to animals.*

The Act prohibited (and prohibits) experiments on animals calculated to give pain, with the following, among other, exceptions: (1) *The experiment must be with a view only to the discovery of knowledge which will be useful for saving or prolonging life or alleviating suffering;* (2) the experimenter must have a licence from one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State; (3) the animal must, if the pain is likely to continue after the effect of the anaesthetic has ceased, or if serious injury has been done to the animal, be killed before it recovers from the influence of the anaesthetic.

## Further exceptions

These were the main provisions of the Act but the Act allowed *as further exceptions* that if, *in order to get knowledge which will be useful for saving or prolonging life or alleviating suffering, it was absolutely necessary* to have experiments without anaesthetics, not to kill an animal before it recovered from an anaesthetic or to test a discovery alleged to have been made for the advancement of knowledge useful for saving or prolonging life, then *certificates* will be issued. Certificates must be signed by one or more of the following: the Secretaries of State, the Presidents of the Royal Society, the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians in London, Edinburgh or Dublin or a professor of physiology, medicine, anatomy or surgery. A certificate may be given for such time or such series of experiments as the person or persons signing the certificate may think expedient. Certificate A exempts from the requirement to use an anaesthetic; with Certificate B the experimenter can keep the animals alive after their recovery from the anaesthetic, and so on.

It is obvious that the holders of the exalted offices entitled to issue certificates cannot possibly discharge the duties involved. *The issue of these certificates on the recommendation of a professor can render the original purpose of the Act completely nugatory. There has been only one prosecution under the Act—*undertaken by the R.S.P.C.A. soon after its enactment. Why have there been no more? Because experiments take place behind closed doors; there is no right of entry; the experiments can be covered by certificate; and the Act provides that no prosecution can take place without the written consent of the Home Secretary.

## 300 experiments become 3½ million

The number of experiments under the Act has grown from about 300 (when there were two inspectors) to nearly

3½ million (with five inspectors, one of whom operates in Scotland). It is true that quite a large proportion of them consist in inoculation and feeding experiments: but inoculation includes inoculating in the eyes and producing lingering diseases or violent pathological symptoms; feeding experiments include starving and inducing paralysis and convulsions. Deprivation of sleep is another type of experiment within the non-anaesthetic class, as is also exposure to poison gases. Injection of toxins, etc. is usually followed by a degree of pain varying according to the agent used.

There was another Royal Commission on experiments on animals which reported in 1910. Since then, the Home Secretary attaches to certificates the condition that the experimenter is required to destroy the animal if found in *severe suffering which is likely to endure*, but this is left entirely to the experimenter. Anaesthesia is left to the knowledge and judgment of the experimenter.

In round figures there are annually 3,500,000 experiments on animals. Of these, 90 per cent, 3,150,000 are without anaesthetics. Of the 350,000 experiments performed under anaesthetics 300,000 are allowed to recover; only 50,000 are killed before being allowed to recover from the anaesthetic.

## Inspectors

Under the Act provision is made for the appointment of Inspectors. Of these there are only five, all medical men. The care of animals does not take up a large part of an Inspector's work, which is concerned mainly with administrative duties, such as issuing certificates.

There is an Advisory Committee appointed on a recommendation of the Royal Commission 1905-12. Of a dozen members one is a veterinary surgeon.

The British Veterinary Association on more occasions than one and as recently as 1957 asked for the appointment as Inspectors of veterinary surgeons. This

had the complete support of the R.S.P.C.A. It was refused.

In 1957 the R.S.P.C.A. appointed a committee to look into the Act and its administration. It was decided to seek improvements in the administration of the Act and in 1959 a letter was sent to the Home Secretary giving authoritative evidence of abuses, making certain representations (given below) and asking him to receive a deputation. This was refused. In 1960 the R.S.P.C.A. again asked him to receive a deputation and took the opportunity to draw attention to the great advances in animal anaesthesia and other techniques that had been made in veterinary medicine and which could not be commanded by medical men, much less by various other experimenters. The request was again refused, the Home Secretary committing himself to the view that inspectors must have medical qualifications.

The R.S.P.C.A. asks:

(a) That there should be more Inspectors. If two were necessary for 300

experiments in 1876 how can five be sufficient for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million ?

(b) That the Inspectors should have adequate veterinary qualifications with knowledge of modern veterinary techniques.

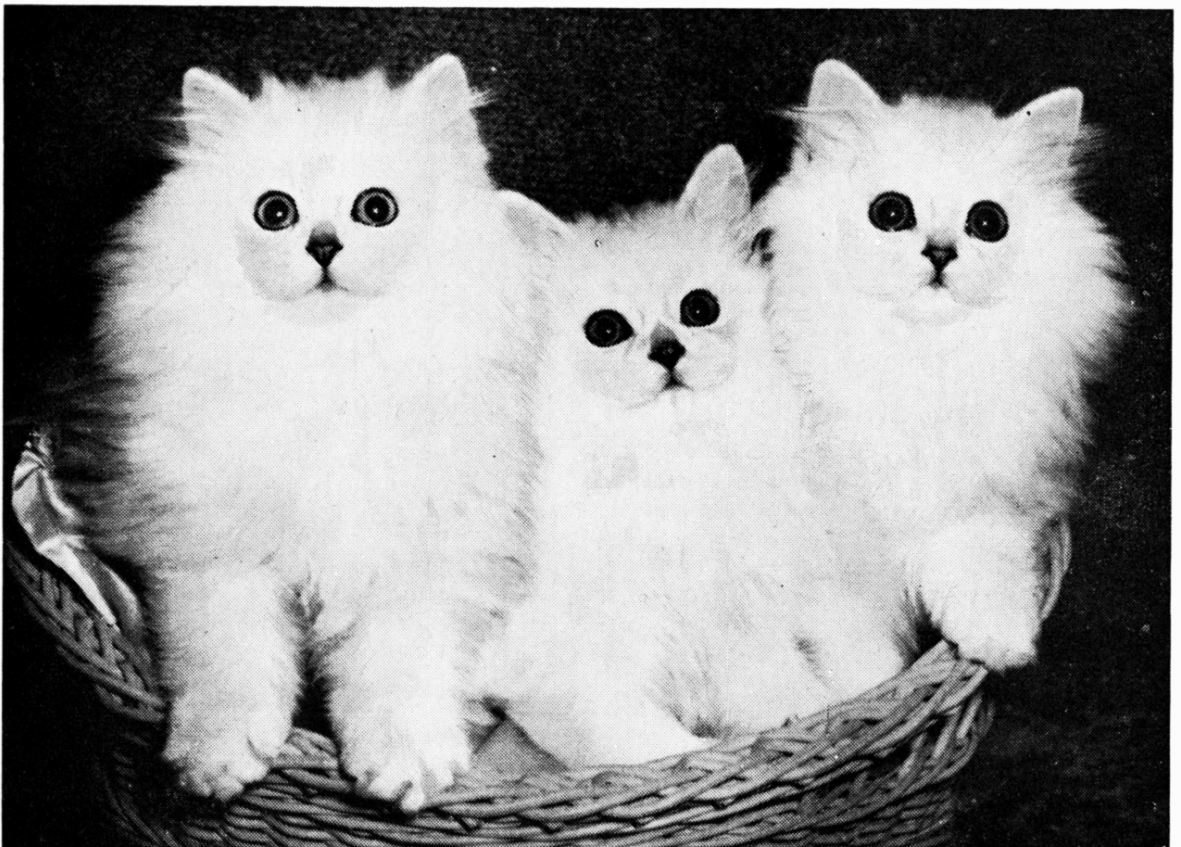
(c) That the Advisory Council should include at least three members of the veterinary profession and at least two representatives of animal welfare societies.

The general public surely has a right to know for certain:

(i) That no experiments shall be carried out for teaching purposes where films or other media could be used.

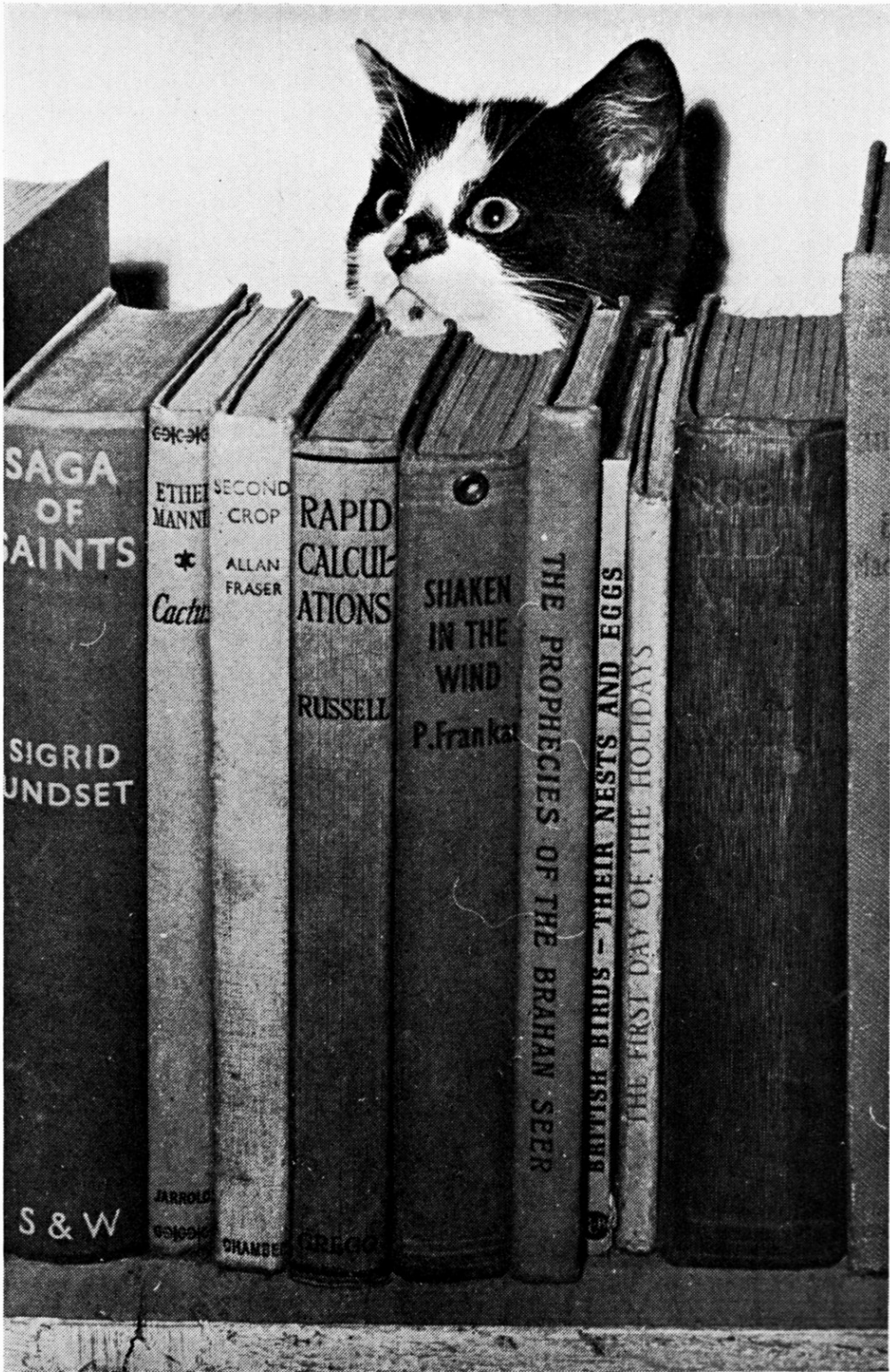
(ii) That the 13,600 experiments carried out last year on cats and dogs with or without anaesthetics were really necessary for the improvement of our knowledge of medicine.

(iii) That experiments which cause acute pain are carried out as far as possible under anaesthetics and that the animals concerned are put to sleep before coming round from the anaesthetic.



**A nice trio of Aussie Chins. MAYFIELD ROYAL GEM, NANCY LEA and JAMIE were bred by the well-known New South Wales, Australia, breeder Miss A. E. Rapley. Their sire was Ch. Miowera Royal Pinion.**

# A page for the proletarian puss—No. 94



*Photo by P. Callender*

**“ There’s so much to learn when you’re young ! ”**



# *Looking at the breeds*

## **No. 2 — BLACK LONGHAIRS**

By HUGH SMITH

**F**OR me there would be one decided attraction about breeding black cats. The number of times in the course of the day they would cross my path would surely bring me a colossal amount of good luck! Somehow, I think I should need it, because to reach the summit of perfection with the Black Longhair might prove to be a long and arduous climb.

The Black Longhair is supposed to be one of the oldest breeds in Britain. At one time it was reputed to be extremely popular. Between the wars it was, with its long soft coat contrasting with those deep orange or copper coloured eyes, considered one of the more attractive breeds. Certainly the kittens, looking like little balls of black fur and with their round eyes would win the heart of any cat lover. Nowadays, although the type is good, Longhair Black adults are few and far between on the show bench.

What a Black Longhair should look like is described in the Standard of Points issued by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy:

*Colour*—Lustrous raven black to the roots, and free from rustiness, shading, white hairs, or markings of any kind.

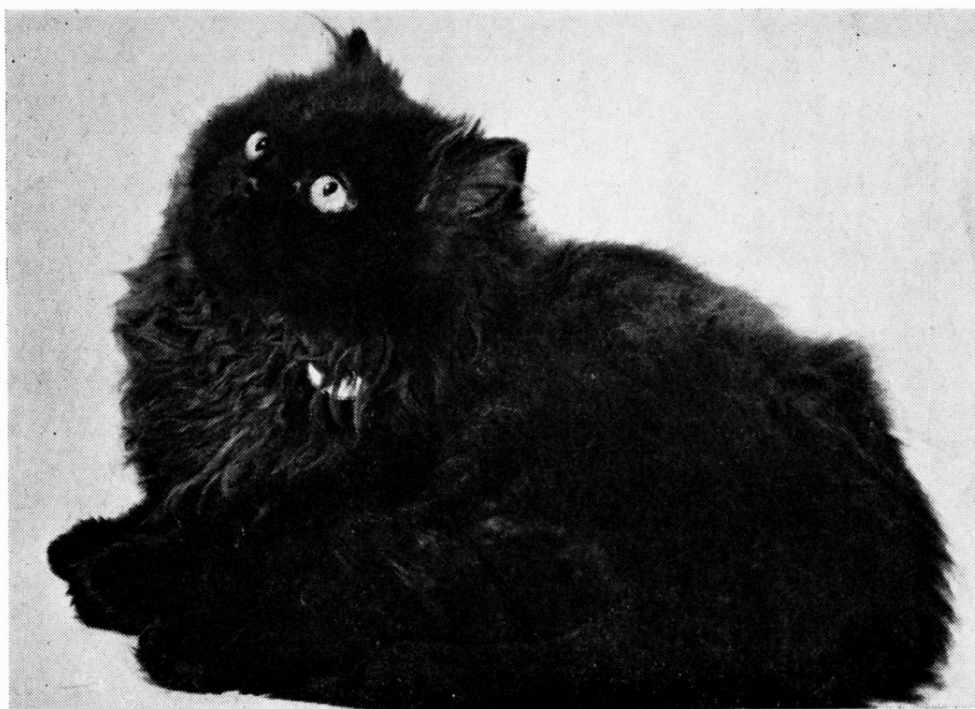
*Coat*—Long and flowing on body, full frill and brush, which should be short and broad.

*Body*—Cobby and massive, without being coarse, with plenty of bone and substance, and low on the leg.

*Head*—Round and broad, with plenty of space between the ears, which should be small, neat, and well covered. Short nose, full cheeks and broad muzzle.

*Eyes*—Large, round and wide open, copper or deep orange in colour, with no green rim.

*N.B.*—Black L.H. kittens are often a very bad colour up to five or six



*Hugh Smith*

**Miss M. L. Rodda's CHADHURST BLACK BOY, first in his class at the Southern Counties C.C. show this year. This very promising kitten possesses the kind of coat which will eventually turn into the densest black.**

months, their coats being grey or rusty in parts, and sometimes freely speckled with white hairs. Fanciers should not condemn them on this account if good in other respects, as these kittens frequently turn into the densest Blacks.

#### Scale of Points

Colour ... ..	25
Coat ... ..	20
Body ... ..	20
Head ... ..	20
Eyes ... ..	15
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Total ... ..	100
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To obtain cats of the required degree of perfection it is generally recognized that resort must be had to mating with the best type of Longhair Blue. The mating of Black to Black if continued too long results in loss of type. It is wise to use a Blue stud from time to time. In the past, too, breeders have used good quality Blue queens and mated them to Black studs. There is a danger that if Blues are used too often the coat may become lighter and a bluish undercoat may develop. Males from a Blue-Black mating are not suitable for breeding but the females can be mated to good Blacks. The males should be sold as pets.

#### Problem kittens

One of the difficulties of breeding this variety is that it is impossible to assess the potentiality of the future adult from the kitten, in so far as quality of coat is concerned. Breeders may have to keep a kitten until over six months old to decide whether it is really worth retaining. By then it will have become difficult to sell it as a pet. The full beauty of coat may only be realized after twelve to eighteen months. It is said, in fact, that the most unpromising rusty-coated kittens often turn out the best in the long run.

Bad faults in this breed are the green rim to the eye which is difficult to eradicate and the appearance of faint bars or stripes, often visible only in

certain lights. Once having attained good coat, grooming and polishing is essential if good condition is to be maintained. A chamois leather cloth is excellent for this purpose. No white hairs should be present in the coat and it will be found that grooming helps to remove them.

Another point to watch is that exposure to strong sunlight promotes the brownish tinge which is so objectionable in the adult. Getting the paws wet too, is said to cause them to take on a rusty hue. This does not of course mean that the show cat has to live in perpetual semi-darkness nor ever paddle in the dew!

I am sure had I been born with the power of judgment of a Solomon and the patience of Job—qualities I have not—I should now be busy breeding Black Longhairs—and enjoying myself!

The Black and White Cat Club of which Mrs. Peggy Cattermole, 96 Dalberg Road, London, S.W.2, is Hon. Secretary, caters for the owners of this variety.

#### (Next month—Black Shorthairs)

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The Veterinary Medical Association of New York has instituted a service whereby pet owners in the metropolitan area will be able to get in touch with a private veterinarian any time of the day and night—including week-ends and holidays in cases of emergency.

The National Association of the Pet Industry in America has been campaigning in a big way to stimulate pet ownership throughout the nation. There have been talks on various aspects of pet life, promotion, development, responsibility and the ways in which our pets help to shape our lives. NAPI believes there would be a marked reduction in juvenile delinquency if they could secure the lifting of the ban on dogs and cats in public housing projects. "Pets Through Vets" is an excellent adoption programme sponsored by veterinarians and a big consumer advertising programme has also helped to arouse national interest in the subject of pets.



*Paul Popper*

**GITAN DES IRIS BLEUS, a magnificent Black Longhair  
at the recent show of The Cat Club de Paris.**



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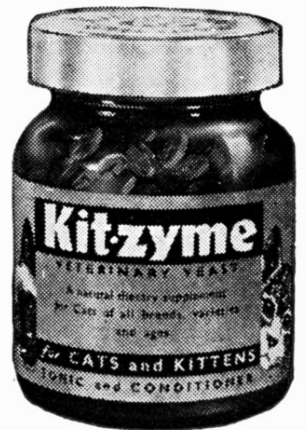
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# ***Reminiscences***

By MAY EUSTACE

**C**AN you think of a nicer way to spend a sunny afternoon than to bring out a deck-chair into the garden, place it in view of your happy cattery, and open your Easibinder of **OUR CATS** and reminisce from its pages? This is a rare treat for me, whose life is so busy with the present. To live again with those cats of other years, and to hear again the tales of those breeders of other years, is a spiritual exercise without parallel. And, thinking so, I come out to my cats so that we can reverie together.

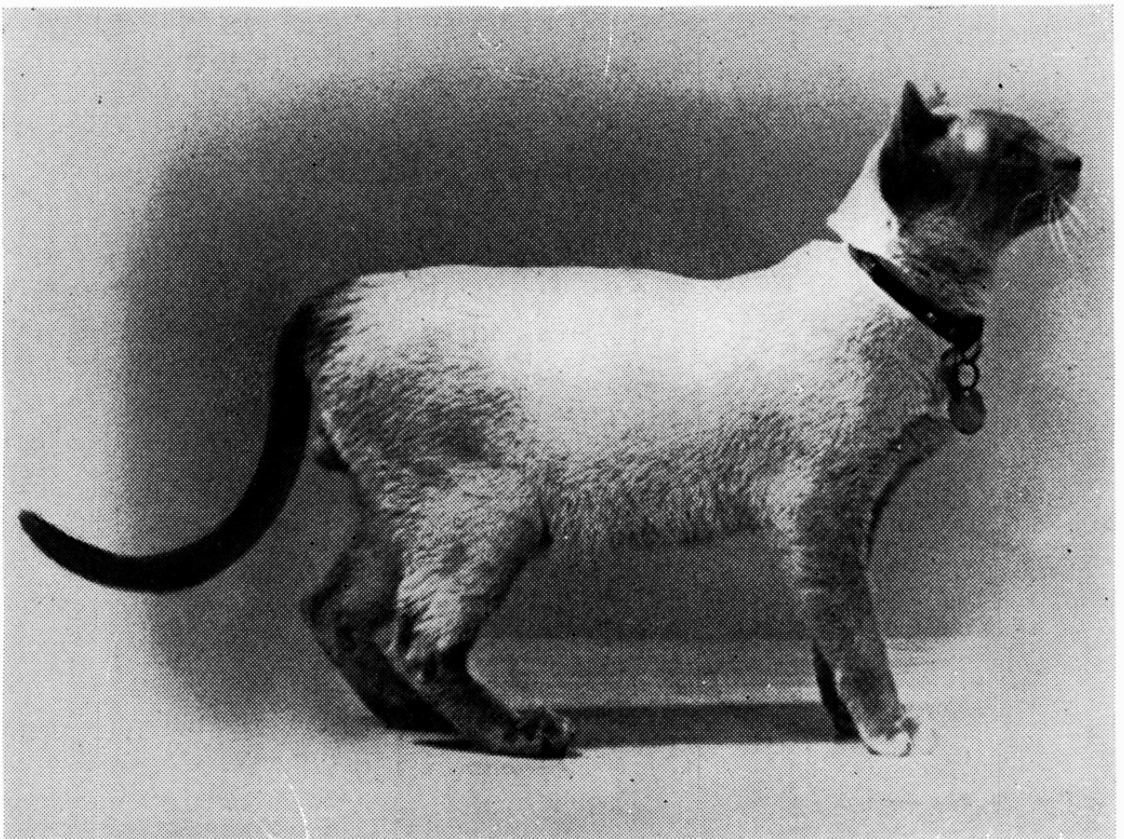
Gentle mewings greet my arrival. All come out to have a look. To see me and to talk to me behind their rose-covered

barrier is a halcyon day to these, my little friends. They all chatter together. They have so much to say that they cannot wait.

From their little chalets they watch all that is happening in the big house, because they know the house is theirs, too. They give approval to all garden planning. They look sympathetically at the pruning of the trees and the new crazy pavement paths. We are all one big happy family, sharing our joys and our sorrows.

## **1955 and all that**

I open **OUR CATS**, 1955 (May edition). Drama—in Three Acts, by P. M. Soderberg. This was a story about the kitting and after of a little Siamese



**The author's Blue Point Siamese stud SPOTLIGHT SIGISMUND, who was Best Siamese Adult at the 1961 Glasgow Show of the Scottish Cat Club.**

queen. The long interval between the first birth and the last perplexed the writer and he wondered if this were a case of dual mating. What drama! What sequelae! Yes, that was real drama to me in 1955, when my breeding efforts were confined to one little Seal Point queen, who was all that a mother could be, both ante-natal and post-natal.

But about that time I got my first Blue Point and at that moment I became a breeder? Ordinary and extraordinary . . . qualitative and quantitative . . . full . . . to bursting point . . . of kittens . . . and exciting situations.

### **Blue Points v Seal Points**

That Blue Points and Seal Points are very different in character and behaviour I have no doubt in the world. Also Blue Points invariably produce bigger litters. They are calmer and more matter-of-fact than Seals, and are not quite so hysterical when in season. They are most affectionate, and adapt themselves more readily to new situations.

As for sheer beauty, my Pandy is a gorgeous creature with colouring like a Titian painting. She is dignified and calm, and as brave as a lion. My husband says she is the finest cat he has ever seen.

### **Big breeder**

This same Pandy is a breeder as no other of my cats has been. Her record so far is: 2 litters of 8, 2 litters of 9, and now, on this last occasion she has had ten. Until this last litter I have reared them all.

Ante-natal percussions certainly pointed to a big litter, and I had hoped that my old Ming would help as with previous litters, but on the night of Pandy's confinement Ming went down with a dose of her usual winter's bronchitis. which, by reason of our climate, is a hazard to all Northern cats.

On the Sunday night, almost to the hour of reckoning, Pandy gave birth to nine beautiful kittens, all safely arrived

within two hours. Soon her little white strangers snuggled in close, feeling the first breath of joyous life.

But what of the morrow? Pandy could not possibly cope with such a big family. I went down to have another look at my old "stand-by". Clearly as an extra hand to help in rearing a young family, Ming was definitely "out" this time, and I would have to try elsewhere for a foster mother.

### **Foster mother wanted.**

On the Monday I advertised in the local paper, and while I waited I noticed an uneasiness about Pandy, and I thought that the kittens were not feeding well. I was very relieved to board out three kittens to the first kind person who offered me her lactating cat. I would have preferred to take the cat into our house, but the owner said she would not settle. On a previous occasion I had marvellous results with the loan of a foster mother.

During the day Pandy's restlessness continued, and I had to try supplementary feeding for the remaining kittens. By Tuesday evening things were not improving and I decided to call in the veterinary surgeon. However, before his arrival the cause of the trouble was discovered. I found another dead kitten in the basket. This was her tenth, born exactly three days after her normal delivery. As I do not believe in dual matings, I just called this late birth, misadventure, and returned to the serious business of making Pandy comfortable and keeping her kittens alive.

The latest development seemed to have an upsetting effect on Pandy and I could not induce her to feed the babes. She was very swollen and quite weighted down with her abundance of edible riches. Through the kindness of another cat lover friend of mine I got two tough three weeks' old kittens and smeared them with rabbit juice ("mother's" favourite dish) and introduced them to Pandy. These well developed boys soon

took charge of the situation and were certainly not going to starve in the midst of plenty. Here was a wealth of nourishment yet "untapped", and these were the boys to tap it.

After about ten days the drama had subsided, and some of Pandy's kittens came back. The peace, that comes with the fulfillment of happy motherhood, returned to our little "Blue Heaven".

*Now I have told my tale. If I do make the grade and get into your Easibinder, how pleased our big, happy family will be!*

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## MINNIE WINS THE DAY

When the character of Minnie, a ten-year-old Tabby cat, came up for trial at the Clerkenwell County Court recently the scales of justice tilted heavily in her favour and she scored a victory that should warm the heart of every cat lover. Although Minnie was unable to speak up for herself there were plenty of people eager to give her a good name and Judge R. Graham Dow appeared to be satisfied by the weight of evidence in her favour.

He refused an application by a property company for an order restraining Miss Tobie Lillian Vare from keeping Minnie in her flat at Makepeace Mansions, Highgate. For the company it was claimed that Minnie was a nuisance and that two neighbouring flats could not be let because of the smell she made. Also, under the terms of the tenancy agreement the company was entitled to say arbitrarily: "Remove that cat".

The Judge disagreed and added that he just couldn't conclude that this was what the relevant clause really meant. Minnie could be removed only if she was a nuisance or annoyance and he found that she had been given a splendid character.

Miss Vare protested that Minnie was fastidiously clean and was able to get in and out by means of a piece of plastic hinged in the window. She had a great number of friends on the estate, generally retired ladies.

Judgment was given for Miss Vare with costs.

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We could—and so can you, though the picture does scant justice to the silver-shaded sheen of this lovely Russian Blue. The vitamins and minerals in TIBS were obviously just what she needed to put her back in top form. Mrs. Kirby went on to tell us of Glasfryn’s later successes—best exhibit at the Cheshire and Area Cat Club Show 1959, twelve first, innumerable other prizes . . . and now her second certificate!

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

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### **Last show of the season**

**T**HE first Championship Show of the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club at Coventry on February 25th concluded the Ch. Shows for this season. Mrs. Gurney made her debut as Show Manager and she and the Committee must have been pleased with the result.

Unfortunately it drizzled with rain most of the day which must have affected the "gate". The venue Westfield House, has excellent top lighting from a glass roof and there was just sufficient space for over 200 exhibits.

Several cat celebrities travelled far with owners hoping to achieve their final Challenge Certificates and among those who did so were Miss Langston's Blue male Amos of Allington by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax; Mrs. Hogan's White female Sketrick Shabrina by Dalmond Roamer; Mrs. Rosell's Red Tabby male Bruton Peregrine by Ch. Barwell

Pedro; Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla female Nella of Allington by Ch. Fidelio of Allington; Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue-Cream Star of Pensford by Ch. Foxburr Frivolous; Miss Watts' Seal Colourpoint male Amaska Prince Charming by Briarry Valparago and Mrs. D. F. Williams' Seal Point Siamese male Barvale Thai Lu by Ch. Spotlight Melchoir.

Main awards among the Longhairs went as follow: Best Exhibit—Miss Langston's Amos of Allington; Best Longhair kitten—Mrs. Prince's Blue male Sunnyvale De-De by Vigilant Taurus; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Burgess' Blue-Cream Ronada Prudence by Pennhome Pierre. It was pleasing to see a Blue-Cream winning this honour and her owner was also delighted that Prudence achieved her final and became a Premier.

Among Shorthairs the winners were: Best Cat—Lady Glubb's Blue-eyed female White Pensee by an unknown male; Best Kitten—Mrs. Thake's Silver Tabby female Silverseal Mauriana by Ch. Culverden Maurice; Best Neuter—Master Paul McFarland's Burmese Sepia Velvet Alexandra by Ch. Darshan Khudiram; Best Siamese Cat—Mrs. Owen's Sealtint Atalanta by Chinki Ritzi; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. MacMichael's S.P. Sanguine Johnny by Ch. Killdown Kerry; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Kropodra's Skipaway Kiddleywink by Ch. Milori Oberon.

Mrs. Reynolds' Petravian Antionette was Best Black adult. Mrs. Fisher won in Blue females with consistent Halcyon

Candida achieving her first Challenge Certificate at the exceptionally youthful age of just over nine months. She is a fine robust queen by Woburn Chippy. Mrs. Denton was awarded Best Blue Female Kitten with Camber Felicia by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Miss Sheppard won in Cream adults with Champion Widdington Orion by Ch. Widdington Winterstar. Mrs. Bacon's Chinchilla male Ivelholme Bruce looked attractive and well deserved his second Certificate.

### Shorthair winners

British Shorthairs were not so numerous as they have been at some of the Championship shows this season and the largest Open Adult Class was four Silver Tabbies headed by Mrs. Thake's Silver-seal Dianeme. Other 1st and Ch. winners were Mrs. Nicholas' White Polar Bear, Lady Glubb's Black Prince; Mr. Russell's Blue, Jezreel Jorullo; Mrs. McPherson's Russian, Windywhistle Yvonne; Mrs. Beever's Aldra's Twinkle-toes; Mrs. Anderson's Red Tabby Ch. Andersley Allfire; Mrs. Gill's Tortoiseshell Apricot and Mrs. Colville's Manx Ch. Eastern Princess.

One Ch. Certificate was awarded to Abyssinians and that went to Lady Glubb's Ch. Deckham Nefisa. The winning Burmese adults were Mrs. Dodson's Kingsplay Puma and Mrs. Shrouder's Hassan Keran. Five Blue Burmese adults were presented and the judge, Mrs. Budd, considered two worthy of top honours—Mrs. Pocock's Lamont Blue Burmaboy and Mrs. Knowle's Ballard Katie by the winning male.

Mrs. Sidney Denham judged the B.P. Siamese and awarded Ch. to Mrs. O'Neill's Kuala Azure Ahlim and Mrs. Fenton's Daltrees Blue Vonne. In C.P. Siamese, Mrs. Demus' Jaddyx Quoffy and in L.P. Siamese Mrs. Thompson's (Warrington) Devonmoor Salamega were the winners.

The Coventry and Leicester C.C. appears to have an excellent membership for a new club as their Club classes were very well filled. The Longhairs had the most competition to contend with and in a class of 21 of all varieties and both sexes Miss Langston was placed first with Amos of Allington, Mrs. Fisher second with Halcyon Candida, Mrs. Bacon third with Ivelholme Bruce.

### Holidaying with cats

After judging commenced Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Boulton and myself visited Coventry Cathedral both the new and the old so devastated by bombs in 1941. A most interesting morning and it was intriguing to hear over coffee afterwards how the up and coming young breeders plan for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher chose an estate car when they decided to have a new one as it was so convenient for travelling with their cats to shows and they have already taken a holiday in a caravan with them as far as Scotland. They found that the cats travel well and soon accept the new conditions. Bluemine Melissa really likes walks on her lead and woe-betide any dog who comes too near for an inquisitive sniff! Melissa's handsome Blue son Halycon Boniface was second in a class of nine males to Amos of Allington on the day so their two exhibits won well.

### The S.C.C. Journal

The Journal of The Siamese Cat Association consisting of twenty-two pages and compiled by Mrs. Towe and Mrs. H. Martin, has obviously entailed a considerable amount of work.

It opens with the names and addresses of the Officers and the seven Area Secretaries; also the names of the nine Committee Members. The following excerpt is of special interest to breeders of Siamese: "The Association completed a successful year with a well

attended A.G.M. on March 30th. There, we were delighted to welcome Mrs. E. Kent, Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club, who presented trophies won in Club Classes throughout the season.

“We are now well into our second year and our policy remains the same; to offer members the highest possible standard of service and help in all matters relating to the breeding, keeping and exhibiting of Siamese cats, to assist in the abolition of cruelty to all cats and to strive towards the betterment of housing of stud cats.

“It is our intention to support all Championship shows with classes and trophies. Spoons and medals won on trophies will be presented each year, at the Annual General meeting.

“Our membership, which includes America, Australia, Canada and South Africa, has surpassed the 250 mark, whilst of our trophies numbering 33, 5 have generously been donated from abroad.”

## Housing of studs

In parenthesis I was very pleased to see the paragraph about stud cats. In some cases their housing leaves a lot to be desired and their runs are inadequate. A run must be big enough to provide a gallop when males are feeling skittish. They must have a choice of sunshine and shade and the run not entirely covered with grass which can cause chills when it is allowed to grow long and remain saturated as it does for days on end during rainy periods.

A run partly concrete on which up-turned wooden boxes can be placed is much favoured by my male. These boxes are taken in at night and when it is raining, he also has a wide wooden shelf raised two feet from the ground under a glass awning fixed beside the door of his house. Cats are most discriminating when they have a choice of resting places.

To return to the Journal, there is news of members' exports and hints on

show preparation. Also a very interesting article on Lilac Point Siamese is contributed by Mrs. Lauder and to those who are mystified by the colour variation in some of the exhibits this quotation will be interesting:

“It is thus the first duty of a new variety to conform to that variety, and we should, in the case of the ‘Lilacs’, get the colour right at all costs, though of course breeding for type as well. Of the ‘Lilacs’ I have handled during the 1960-61 season, most have had too much blue in their points. The late A. C. Jude told me years ago: ‘You can have a blue-chocolate, or a chocolate-blue’. Lilac is a delicate fugitive colour, and the importance of seeing the rosy tinge of the chocolate-combined-with-blue cannot be over-stressed”.

## Record litters

Mrs. Lentaigne, Area Secretary for Buckinghamshire, records what must have been a labour of love. Mrs. Ross has helped by partly hand rearing a family of nine Siamese, all bonny kittens.

Another interesting item—Mrs. Price's S.P. male Devoran Donald aged 13½ years has sired a litter of three males and three females.

Mrs. Turk who lives in Cornwall records that she had a S.P. Siamese who kitted at eighteen. Mrs. Lentaigne says “Surely this is a record”? There is a list of all the trophies and cups of the Association and details of Siamese kittens registered which reveal the remarkable fertility of the queens and the high percentage of kittens reared.



# ***Fun at the shows***

By NOËL BOULTON

**A**T every cat show one constantly hears how happy people are to meet again and renew old friendships in a general "get together". All sorts of problems are discussed, extending far outside the realm of the feline species. Unfortunately, members live for the most part out of reasonable visiting distance and the shows provide such a valuable and pleasant meeting place.

Since my retirement I have helped "on the gate" at a large number of shows and the joy of seeing old friends again and constantly meeting new ones is a very great pleasure. However, there is an amusing side as well and every hall seems to provide diversions of a different nature.

## **On its own**

Olympia stands on its own. There is usually something going on in one of the other halls there, and many people pay to come to our show, only to rush out immediately afterwards, demanding their money back. "We came to see the Dairy Show", said one man, "not a lot of old cats".

At the Old Horticultural Hall it is, naturally, flowers. One show manager had arranged a very beautiful array of flowers just inside the glass doors, and these could be seen from the entrance. Numerous people seeing the floral display, thought the Royal Horticultural Society was holding another of its fortnightly flower shows and, accordingly, paid and went in. They were somewhat amazed to see pens of cats immediately behind the flowers. "Flowers are what *we* came to see", we were being constantly told.

Another thing that struck us at the Old Horticultural Hall was the number of exhibitors who, in addition to their attraction to cats, like to have a flutter of "a bob each way". One show there was held on the day of a big race, and members of both sexes were constantly running out for a paper giving the result. "Did *we* know?" I wondered whether we could not run a book ourselves at the gate, and thus provide valuable funds for the promoting club. I am sure business would be brisk!

Opposite this Hall are the beautiful playing fields of Westminster School and many take "a breather" by coming out and watching the cricket or whatever is going on there.

## **Musical diversion**

The Central Hall at Westminster, of course, is one on its own. With its religious atmosphere and an entrance hall which is more in keeping with a church or chapel than a show hall, one naturally feels restrained. Last year, a Saturday show coincided with a winter re-union of a summer prayer establishment at Cliftonville. Throughout the afternoon we were entertained with hymns and I can assure you that the voices of several hundred people, accompanied by the huge organ in the main hall upstairs, can create quite a diversion. All day long people were coming to us to ask the way to the meeting or to purchase tickets for the tea which followed. When we told them that our show was for cats they seemed to look on us with a degree of contempt!

Generally we are treated to every form of complaint, as well as suggestions as to how our Fancy should really be run. Any club—or for that matter the G.C.C.F. itself—that was prepared to

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# ***Canadian Abys. assemble***

## **REPORTING A NOVEL OCCASION IN MONTREAL**

**T**HE Windsor Hotel in Montreal, Quebec, was the scene of an historic gathering on February 11th and 12th last. The occasion was the First Exhibition-Convention sponsored by the Abyssinian Cat Fanciers of Canada, which assemblage was the first All-Abyssinian Specialty Show ever held in North America. Indeed, it was the largest collection (24) of Abyssinians ever seen in one place at one time on this continent.

The Exhibition also had several other noteworthy "firsts". The newly formed Canadian Cat Association gave its inaugural sanction to the Exhibition, and it was also given a sanction by the American Cat Fanciers' Association, so that it was a "Double Specialty".

The judges were Dr. Grant M. Carman of Ottawa, Ontario, and Mr. David Deans-Henderson of Toronto, Ontario, for the Canadian Cat Association and the American Cat Fanciers' Association respectively. At the conclusion of the Exhibition, Mr. Deans-Henderson, who has been judging cats for many years, remarked that he had never in all his years of judging seen so many Abyssinians of such consistently high calibre in one place at one time. While the judging was in progress the exhibitors attended a clinical address on Nutrition in Cats in the Blue Room, which was given by Dr. J. A. Hutchison of the Alta Vista Animal Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario. This was followed by a question and answer period which proved most enlightening to all in attendance.

The Blue Room was also the scene of the Photographic Contest, which had entries from as far away as California, New Zealand and Great Britain. The Abyssinian Cat Fanciers have a truly

world-wide membership, and the overseas members were particularly enthusiastic over the Convention and supported it with trophies and many entries for the Photo-Snapshot Competition. The photos were judged by a professional photographer, and it was especially gratifying to note that prizes from New Zealand went to entrants from California and Great Britain, thus exemplifying the truly intercontinental nature of the A.C.F.C. Also in the Blue Room was a Felinophilia Table, to which many members had contributed specimens of handiwork, books, letter-notes and items of general "cat" interest for sale to the public. Overseas members contributed heavily to this project.

### **Distance no bar**

Exhibitors came from an area extending over 4,000 miles from the East Coast of Canada to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and four cats came by Vanguard Turbo-Prop some 3,000 miles to attend. Mr. E. L. R. Williamson, M.B.E. (President of A.C.F.C.) paid tribute at the evening banquet to all who had worked so hard to make the Exhibition the success that it was. This, he noted, was an achievement, when it was considered that Aby. owners and breeders are spread rather thinly over the Dominion and the greater portion of the arrangements were made on a co-ordinated mail basis.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Grant Carman, who had judged the Canadian Cat Association Show. Dr. Carman is a geneticist with the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and is also the President of the Canadian Cat Association. Last September, while



**Personalities and prizes at the Montreal Exhibition-Convention promoted by the Abyssinian Cat Fanciers of Canada. The top picture shows Mr. and Mrs. K. G. McGill receiving the Premier Award of the Liverpool Trophy from Mr. Kebebew Ashagrie, an Ethiopian member of A.C.F.C. Below (left) Miss Beverley Couper with the Welby Trophy which she won for her neuter exhibit Aly Neri and (right) Mrs. I. A. V. Maling, Western Vice-President of A.C.F.C. with the Shermax Trophy awarded for the Canadian-owned Abyssinian winning the greatest number of show points during the year.**

on a trip to the United Kingdom, Dr. Carman acted as the representative of the Abyssinian Cat Fanciers of Canada at the G.C.C.F. Golden Jubilee Show at Olympia, and presented a trophy on behalf of the A.C.F.C. for the Best Abyssinian. His address described meetings he had had with prominent cat folk in Great Britain, and it was most interesting to hear of Mr. Sidney Denham, the Honorary President of the Abyssinian Cat Fanciers of Canada, and also of Miss Kathleen Yorke, the Chairman of the G.C.C.F., who is also an honorary member of the A.C.F.C.

### Principal awards

The Premier Award for the Best Abyssinian is the Liverpool Trophy which was donated by the patrons of A.C.F.C., the Earl and Countess of Liverpool. This was won by Mr. and Mrs. K. G. McGill of Stratford, Ontario, for their Ch. Harmony Tygar of Dunedin (imp), a lovely male. Other principal awards were as follow: The Denham Trophy, for the Best Canadian Owned Abyssinian (other than a Ch.) was won by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose of London, Ontario, with their Dunedin Tami of Rose' Ami's—a female. The Welby Trophy for the Best Altered Abyssinian was won by Miss Beverley Couper of

Montreal, Quebec, with her Aly Neri. The President's Trophy for the Best Canadian Owned Abyssinian opposite (other than a Champion) was won by Mrs. Edna Field of Burlington, Ontario for her male Chota-Li Ulysses. The Best Canadian Bred Kitten Rosette, as presented by the Abyssinian Cat Club of Great Britain, was won by Mrs. I. A. V. Maling of Calgary, Alberta, for her female kitten May-Ling Toni. The Dunedin Trophy for the breeder of the Best Canadian Bred Cat was won by Mr. and Mrs. K. G. McGill's Dunedin Tami of Rose' Ami's. The Shermax Trophy for the Canadian-owned Abyssinian winning the greatest number of show points in the year was won by Mrs. Maling's Dbl. Ch. Shermax Alexandra of May-Ling. The Chota-Li Trophy for the Best Abyssinian bred and owned by a Canadian present at the Convention was won by Mrs. Field's Chota-Li Ulysses. On the Sunday, the attendance of the general public was of such magnitude that several discussions which had been programmed for the Blue Room had to be postponed. All those who attended the Exhibition felt very strongly that this indeed was a time of happy fellowship and friendly rivalry and one which will remain a warm memory for years to come.

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### FUN AT THE SHOWS

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consider even one-tenth of the various grumbles would face an agenda which would last for weeks. Usually, in fact nearly always, the suggestions are for the sole benefit of the proposer, and "to hell" with anyone else.

There are quite a number, too, who suggest that they could run a cat show far better than the particular show manager of the day, but one cannot help noticing their extreme silence at the annual meetings when volunteers for the job are wanted.

As everybody knows, the Seymour Hall in London's West End is the centre of much sport. Also in the vicinity are many council buildings housing public services, one of which is a wash-house.

A middle-aged woman once approached us holding in one hand a bundle of dirty clothes and in the other a large cake of washing soap. Opening her bundle and displaying her soiled underclothing she requested us to direct her to the wash-house.

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### **An important gathering**

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items from home and overseas*



A PARTY of friends went for a fishing holiday in Glen Massan, which stretches up for several miles from the beautiful Holy Loch in Argyllshire, Scotland. After camping for the night the cook set about preparing breakfast for the hungry fishermen. He searched in vain for the bacon, but it was nowhere to be found. Next day a packet of margarine disappeared, followed by some corned beef. The mystery deepened until early one morning a collie dog was seen to dart off amongst the rocks with part of a loaf in its mouth. When the dog was followed to a hole in some rocks it gave a warning "keep out" growl. Eventually, out it bolted, followed by a cat. The cat was found to be blind and inside the hole were four kittens snuggled together amongst margarine and bacon wrappings. A farmer subsequently told the fishermen that Rob the collie had become guardian to the helpless cat, protecting and feeding her. Now he had turned robber to make sure that the kittens didn't go hungry.

Children in a district of Hampshire are being organized to assist in the halting of wholesale destruction of pets which was revealed when a stretch of the Basingstoke Canal between Aldershot and Mytchett was being cleaned and dredged. When the reeds were cut over one small section thirty cats and nearly as many dead dogs were discovered. They had been thrown into the canal in sacks weighed down by stones. Some had been badly mutilated and there was evidence that many of the poor creatures had tried to claw their way through

the sacking. A most distressing feature was that some of the bitches were in whelp. So, in a very good cause and helped by the local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector, children living nearby have formed a corps of vigilantes.

The March *Newsletter* of the Rhodesia Cat Club records the opening of a Cat Register and in future no cat or kitten will be accepted for entrance in a show, in registered classes, unless it has a registered number. It also reports the arrival in Salisbury of Languard Tajh, a Colourpoint Longhair male imported by Mrs. Pretorius and bred by Mrs. J. Jansen from Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb's stock.

Tom Dutton a retired naval officer and his wife Duerdin, an L.C.C. domestic science teacher, reckon they have travelled 2,000 miles by country bus at a cost of nearly £25 in search of a kitten named Fourpence. Some five months previous two black and white kittens—Threepence and Fourpence—were born in the walled garden of a condemned house near Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Mrs. Dutton, a great cat lover, thought they would never survive, so she set about rescuing them. Threepence was quickly caught but Fourpence proved elusive. So she and her husband have been making the 12-mile journey daily to Hemel Hempstead and back home until their efforts proved successful. Incidentally, they have also filled six bins with empty tins of cat food which they provided daily for Fourpence and

three other strays they managed to round up. £25 for Fourpence isn't a bad return, according to the admirable Duttons !

What's going on ? An April issue of *Fur & Feather*, the official journal of the G.C.C.F., carried the following announcement under the signature of Mrs. Dorothy E. Axon, Chairman of the Shorthaired Cat Society: "The Officers, Committee and Members of the Shorthaired Cat Society view with concern the anonymous letters which are circulating. Should this practice continue, the recipients have been advised, and have agreed, to hand these communications over to the Police".

Here's an interesting letter from Mrs. E. E. Abbiss, of Derbyshire, to a national newspaper: "Cats and dogs were a constant annoyance to me living in suburbia. Imagine my dismay on moving to a woodland caravan site to find one neighbour with five cats and a dog, another with three cats and two dogs and another with eight fierce geese. But I love them all. The cats and dogs keep pests away, the geese keep the grass short and they're all astonishingly clean in natural surroundings".

Porky and Tim, two cats belonging to Mr. Robin Mist, of Southend, were issued with voting cards and poll cards for the local government election. Mr. Mist claims that as he intends to bequeath everything to his cats and so would become householders, they should have a vote and a say in local affairs. I am afraid that Porky and Tim will be unlucky as the forms apply only to humans.

Mrs. May Eustace, who is prominently associated with the Northern Cat Club, was guest speaker to the Ladies of the Inner Wheel at South Shields recently. She was accused of political bias when she described the Russian Blue cat as being the "darling" of the cat world

because it was "gentle, loving and peaceful, in direct antithesis to its human counterpart, as we know them both to-day".

A Scottish subscriber has sent me a delightful little letter culled from a local newspaper. It appears under the heading "A Bundle of Bedraggled Fur" and continues: "It was just a pathetic wee scrap of starved, bedraggled matted fur when Rosemary brought it home. She pleaded with us to be good to it and give it a chance. It's unbelievable, but as I write it is on my knee purring and twiddling the pen, full of the joy of living as only a wee kitten can be. Should anyone get the chance to help a stray animal, please do so and give it a happy home.—J. A. MacDonald, Ramscaig, The Doll, Brora".

The exceptionally warm and dry weather of last March is blamed for a plague of snakes which is troubling the good folk at Toys Hill, near Sevenoaks, Kent. One householder entered his kitchen to find the cat enjoying the unusual meal of adder for supper.

A shortage of meat in East Germany and love of his cat led to the arrest of Gerhard Sigloch, a West German lawyer, on charges of embezzlement. Sigloch has lived in East Berlin since 1955, when a West German Court ordered his arrest. He ventured a trip to West Berlin to buy meat for his cat and was arrested.

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***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 but it should be remembered that we cannot reproduce direct from newspaper illustrations. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.***

MICKEY

## News from "Down Under"

HERE we are again, folks, with a few remarks for March.

**Queensland.** I have received advice that Mr. Woodrow has relinquished the post of Publicity Officer with the Q.C.C. and has handed over to Mrs. Peterson. I must write to this lady and hope to meet her later on. We are hoping to have some visitors and perhaps some exhibitors from Queensland during our Ch. show season; it's always very nice to see them. The show dates are slow coming in but so far I understand two Sydney judges will be making the trip. Mr. and Mrs. L. Batten, who visited us recently, are President and Secretary respectively of the new Siamese Club, which so far is only functioning socially. But shows are to follow later. I trust Mrs. Henry is soon back in the field and am wondering if we shall again see the lovely Coochie kittens on the benches.

**South Australia.** Tom and Jerry have not forgotten me this month and the *Newsletter* for February shows that the motor of the old Club is firing strongly on all cylinders. The first little groan is about the uncertainty of the weather, with very often three seasons in one day. Consequently, queens are calling at all times and kittens are anticipated at all sorts of unusual times. Can't see my pal Mrs. St. George getting any rest at all, with her great array of attractive females. I notice that arrangements are all set for a grand Club Anniversary dinner, which sounds good to me. Hope they have it Friday night, leaving Saturday clear for sorting out and Sunday for recovery. The pals tell me that when their New Zealand judge Mrs. Davies arrives they intend putting on "the best show ever". That's the stuff to give 'em!

**Victoria.** My *Newsletter* has not arrived nor any word, I am sorry to say,

but I received a schedule of the Moomba Festival Cat Section from the manager Mr. Laurie Wilson. I notice that Shorthairs, Longhairs and Domestic Pets were judged on three different days in the lovely Alexandra Gardens. I hope to have more Melbourne news for you next month.

**New Zealand.** Miss Menzie's *Newsletter* for February is a splendid guide to all cat activities in the two islands. A full explanation of the N.Z.G.C.'s dissociation with the English Governing Council is presented for the information of members. I hope all our friends in New Zealand will have a wonderful show year.

**New South Wales.** The show season got off to a splendid start in February when a happy day was the order for everyone at the Southern Cross All Breeds fixture at Chatwood Dispensary Hall. Unfortunately, Club Secretary Mr. Mullins and family were absent owing to the tragic loss of his son in a boating accident some time ago. It was pleasing to have ex-Secretary Mr. Holden and his efficient wife back as Show Manager and Assistant after Mr. H.'s long illness. The five judges—Mrs. Helsham, Mrs. Burnage, Mrs. Finch, Miss Vale and F. W. Pearce—made the following main awards: *Longhairs*: Male—Master Savage's Spada Black Velvet Mask; Female—Miss Rapley's Ch. Mayfield Leone; Junior Male—Miss Nesbitt's Lournay Prince; Junior Female—Mrs. Vize's Myowne Petitastra; Litter—Mrs. Holloway's exhibit; Male Kit—Mrs. Vize's Myowne Adonis; Female Kit—Mrs. Holloway's Franjean Sylvia. *Shorthairs*: Male and Junior Male—Miss Stockley's Linley Pinnocchio; Female and Best Cat—Miss Burt's Trubac Sapphire Glow, also Junior Female; Male Kit and Best Kit—Mrs. Carlisle's Rama Apollo; Female



Kit—Mrs. Thomson's Eastern Brownie.

The very attractive Canadian *Aby Purr-View* is again to hand, with a very nice letter from Mrs. Marceau who I understand spent some time in England and is well known to many English cat folk before she went to Canada and was married. I liked very much the idea of the elite Convention Exhibition. Perhaps some time later consideration could be given to the idea of reading a paper sent in by invitation to someone interested in each country.

There is no word recently from our Tasmanian friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkyns, of Hobart, but we are looking forward to seeing them at our shows.

I have had a whisper that Mr. and Mrs. Silver, of Adelaide, may be exhibiting at our Royal Show which takes place very soon after these notes are written. That would be very nice as we were privileged to visit their lovely farm home when we were over there and found them great cat lovers. Wonder if they will give Mrs. Watkins a thrill by bringing Westwood Blue Haze (attention, Beryl Chandler, Vic.) with whom I once had an argument. When I last saw him he was living with a very typey harem. Carry on, Abou Ben Adam !

I understand our exhibitor from the Blue Mountains Miss Burt has left hospital for home. We shall look forward to seeing her at some of the shows.

## Show at Killara

On 11th March Northern Feline Fanciers' Club staged their successful third annual Ch. Show in the Killara Soldiers Memorial Hall on the lovely tree-lined North Shore line. As far as I can remember this was the first cat show in this eminently suitable venue. The Fiorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home will benefit by approximately £350, I understand, a grand result. The ladies from the Home and the Show Committee ensured that the organization was excellent. An unfortunate accident occurred to Miss A. Rapley, Vice-President and

Chief Steward. She fell and broke her right arm and on her birthday, too. But after a visit to the hospital she returned and carried on her duties for the rest of the day. We reached home 4 p.m. in time to pop into the very beautiful flower show in the new Youth Centre Hall opposite. It would be a splendid hall for a feline show with good light and all the amenities. I enquired and we may have it any time for very reasonable cost. Good news that !

Main awards at Killara went as follow:  
*Shorthairs*: Best S.H. and Female—Mrs. Carlisle's Rama Suwan; S.H. Male & Aby.—Mrs. Outram's Mystic Arabi Fuad; S.P. Male—Mrs. McDonald's Ilaroo Whimsey; S.P. Brood Queen—Mrs. Little's Dabernon Giselle; Stud—Mrs. Thom's C.P. Gaye Dandy Brown; Kitten and Male—Mrs. Donmall's Kongsu Abu Haji; Female Kit—Mrs. Thomson's B.P. Eastern Blue Hyacinth.  
*Longhairs*: Best Cat and Female—Miss Rapley's Ch. Mayfield Leone; Male—Mrs. Baxter's Honky Tonk Exotic Son; Best Kit and Male—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Kruckie. Miss Rapley also won with her Brood Queen and Litter exhibits.

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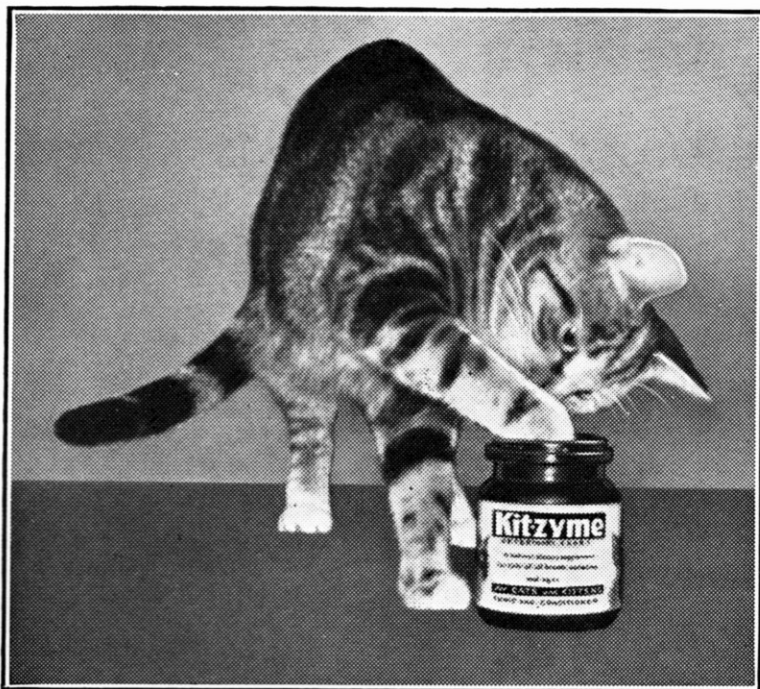
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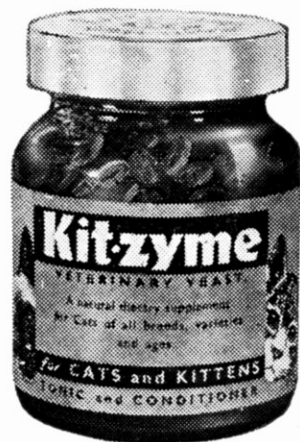
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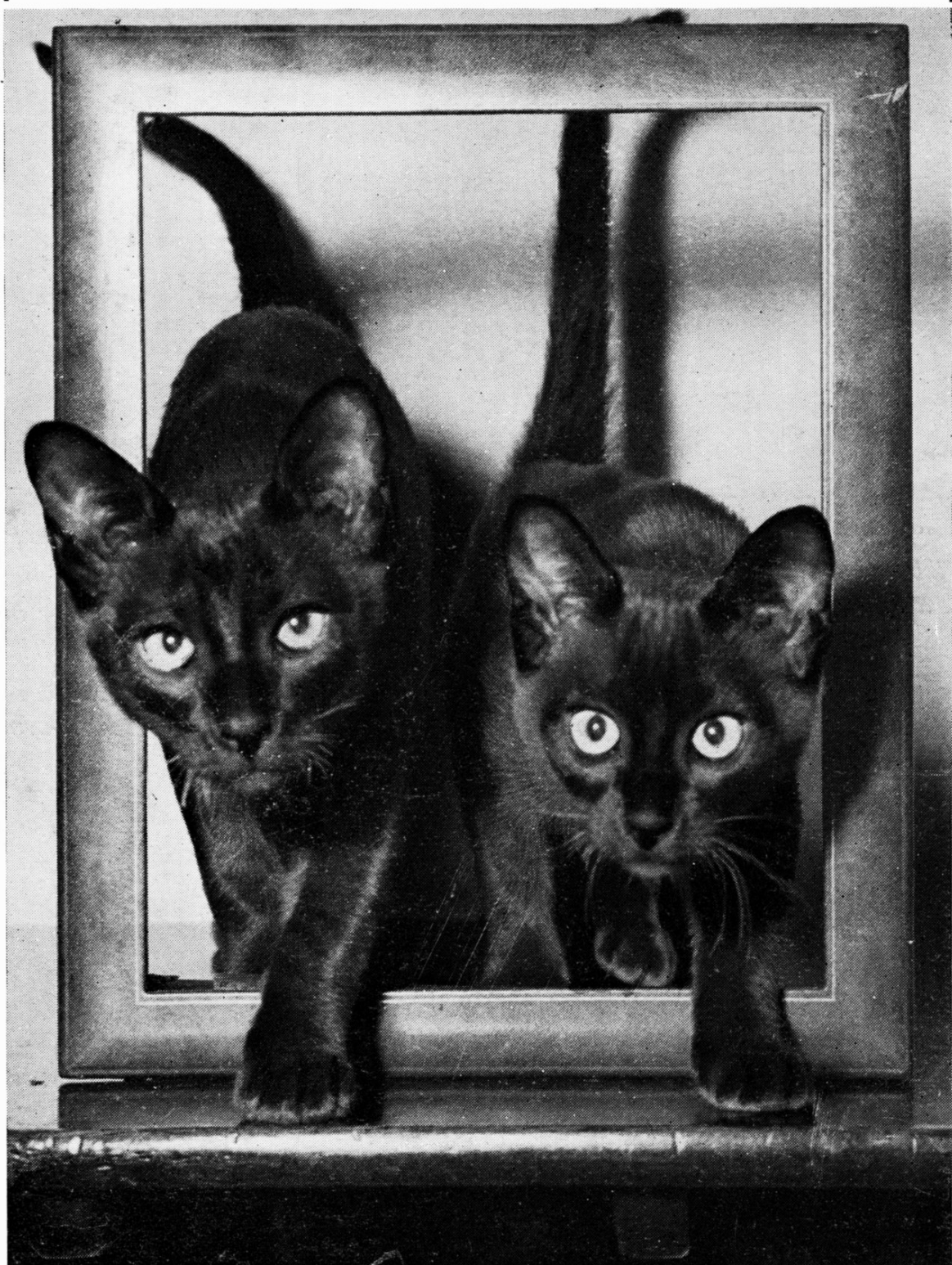
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*Photo by D. G. Davis*

**These little Burmese kittens are PUSSINBOOTS GAZELLE and PUSSINBOOTS CATHI, bred by Mrs. R. M. Pocock, of Kemsing, Sevenoaks. In November last year they arrived safely at their new home in Nakuru, Kenya.**

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