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Yorkshire Post

THE YOUNGEST GUEST

SCRAPS, a tiny black and white kitten was found in a Bradford (Yorkshire) garden, dirty, dejected and starving. More fortunate than many in similar straits, he was taken to the Stray Cats Shelter conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bryant where he was nursed back to bouncing health on a diet of powdered milk and beef essence. Let's hope the Bryants were able to find a happy home for this wee fellow in the pint pot.

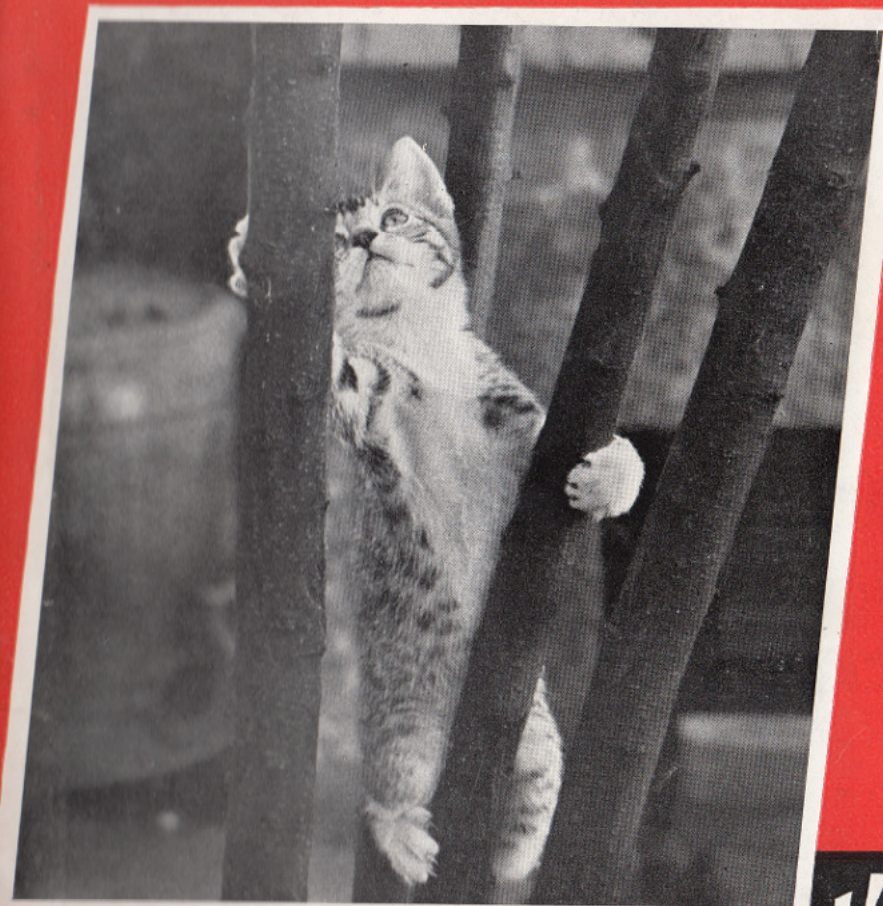
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Tomorrow may be too late ...

In the crowded conditions of a Show every cat runs the risk of exposure to infections. Feline Enteritis is a particularly infectious virus disease which can spread rapidly from cat to cat, and especially through a cattery, causing untold losses. The onset is sudden and the outcome usually fatal. All breeds of cats are susceptible but the incidence is higher among the Siamese. Get your veterinary surgeon to protect your cat with 'Fiovax' now; it may be too late after the Show.

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- (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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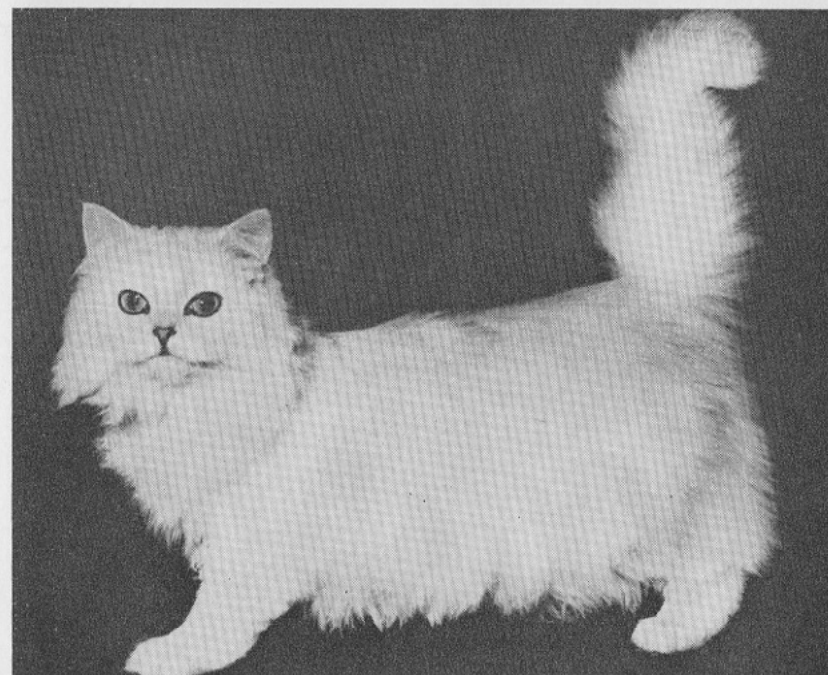
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THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS



Mrs. Helen McLeod, of Steyning, Sussex, has been well known for many years as a breeder of top grade Chinchillas. Her FLASH OF THAME (above) an enchanting kitten, went in February to Colonel Vinci, Naples, Italy.

MEAL FIT FOR A PRINCE

Somewhere in Birmingham last night prowled a tom with a full tum—if you'll pardon the expression.

You've heard of cat burglars? Well, this one was the cat's whiskers.

He had the cheek to eat a king-size meal under the nose of a prince. Prince Philip, in fact.

This was the way of it. Students of the Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Art had laid out a mouth-watering exhibit for their royal visitor at the city's Bingley Hall.

Crisp hors d'oeuvres, a decorated saddle of veal, dainty strawberry-filled meringues. All in a chilled display cabinet.

On Wednesday night the hall was securely locked up and the staff on the college stand went home.

But in the early hours the power failed, and the cabinet which had been too cool

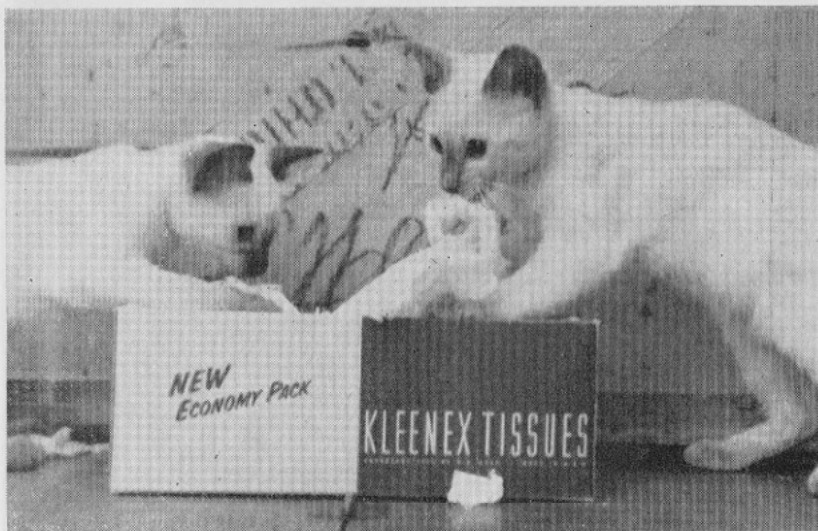
for cats drew the terrible tom like a magnet.

Yesterday the stand staff returned to find the cupboard a trifle bare. The only clue—our feline friend's paw prints.

But the Prince, who presented awards to leading apprentices as part of Commonwealth Technical Training Week, later sat down to a civic banquet any cat would envy at the Council House.

Happily unaware of the tom-foolery, he enjoyed melon cocktail, mixed with white port, salmon trout garnished with prawns, stuffed eggs and anchovies, sirloin of beef with artichokes, asparagus and small chipped potatoes; calves sweetbreads with chicken in cream; fresh strawberries with kirsch and fresh cream, and coffee.

(With acknowledgements to the London Daily Mail's humorous reporter).



Miss Marguerite Cobb, of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., sends this picture of her Chocolate Point Siamese female ROSEMAR NANSOO and Frost Point Siamese female CH. ROSEMAR SURYALEE, taken when they were mischievous and inquisitive kittens. Evidently they were interested in personal hygiene at a very early age.

Skin abnormalities

By M.R.C.V.S.

THE changes which may be observed in the skin or its appendages are not by any means associated necessarily with diseases of those tissues, but may be the direct result of systemic disturbances or injuries. For instance, a cat's fur may be found harsh and staring when the animal is affected with intestinal parasites; the skin may have completely lost its elasticity (hide-bound), as is observed in severe cases of gastritis and other debilitating diseases. Loss of hair can arise from general weakness, nervous exhaustion, in-breeding, etc.

Such abnormalities are not true diseases of the skin; and when we have excluded those lesions which owe their origin to attacks of animal and vegetable parasites, we find there are really very few diseases of the skin in cats which can truthfully be so named.

Nearly all skin diseases of the cat are accompanied by an eruption of one kind or another. The earliest stage of eruption is the minute, whitish or pink, solid elevation known as a *papule* or *pimple*.

A *vesicle* is a collection of serous fluid beneath the cuticle, and at first this fluid is clear, i.e., free from cells. It later becomes turbid by the addition of white cells (leucocytes) and, finally, may turn yellowish-white and be literally filled with cells. It is then a *pustule*. These pustules eventually rupture automatically, or are ruptured by scratching, then permitting a thick discharge to ooze over the skin.

A *wheel* is a spot of congestion accompanied by slight exudation beneath the skin; but a generalised eruption of

wheals constitutes urticaria. Skin eruptions will be present in eczema, sarcoptic mange, acne or folliculitis (boils), urticaria, impetigo, and sometimes in flea, louse, or harvest bug infestations.

Skin affections may generally be classified into parasitic and non-parasitic. Of the parasitic varieties by far the most common is flea infestation.

Fleas are not ubiquitous on domestic animals; in fact, dogs, cats, rabbits, fowls and pigeons are their only hosts. The species of insect parasitic to cats is the *Pulex Serraticeps* though it also claims the dog as a host, and may live equally comfortably on either animal.

The *Pulex Irritans* of man is usually somewhat smaller than the *Pulex Serraticeps*. The female of the former varying from 1 to 4 m.m. in length, whilst the female of the latter is generally about 3 to 4 m.m. long. The male insects are in all cases the smaller. The flea of man is communicable to dogs and cats, and vice versa; and owing to its remarkable agility, transmission from one animal to another is very readily and frequently effected.

Cycle of the flea

The flea relies upon mammalian (or bird) blood for its sustenance, although it can exist for very long periods apart from its host. The females often quit the host for the purpose of laying eggs, which latter are then deposited in the dust or grime occupying cracks of floor boards, behind wooden partitions or in chinks of brickwork, etc., where they remain for about a week.

By the sixth or seventh day in summer, a white legless grub emerges. About the tenth or eleventh day the larva constructs for itself a cocoon, moults its

original skin and becomes a hexapod nymph. From then onwards its colour gradually darkens and in from two to three weeks it attains its "perfect insect" or adult stage, with all its tormenting and jumping propensities fully developed.

Not infrequently, the flea deposits its whitish elliptical-shaped eggs (0.8 m.m. long) in the cat's fur which permits of the various stages of metamorphosis occurring upon the host. Such a plan, perpetually adopted, would from the human point of view, be much more satisfactory, as treatment of an affected animal would thus enable one to exterminate egg larva and adult insect in one operation.

Neglect brings trouble

It is, indeed, the wandering habits of fleas, and their propensity for hiding their eggs away, which render the pest so difficult to eradicate. The writer knew of a house cat which habitually slept on a pile of old newspapers in a kitchen cupboard. Examination of the topmost paper would generally reveal hundreds of these minute white eggs which had fallen from the cat's fur.

In the search for fleas, one turns the fur the wrong way so as to expose the skin, and although no actual flea may be seen after a prolonged search, one can be sure he is there if a flea excrement is found. This flea-dirt has the appearance and size of small particles of dark tobacco ash. To see it is not even essential, as if one runs one's fingers through the fur, the gritty feel experienced will assure the examiner of the presence of fleas.

Should there be only one flea, it is still necessary to treat the case with as much punctilious care as though it was infested. Otherwise it soon *will* be infested, and the house or cattery teeming with flea-eggs.

Beyond creating a persistent skin irritation, fleas appear to do little harm. They do, however, undoubtedly rob an animal of much rest and sleep when

present in large numbers, and may even cause a certain amount of anaemia. What is more likely to occur is a dermatitis occasioned by the constant scratching and biting to which the skin is subjected. Some loss of hair may result from the same cause, and crusts composed of dried blood, epithelium and hair may sometimes be found adherent to localised parts of the body where the irritation has been most intense.

The most effective treatment extant will be quite useless unless energetic preventive measures are simultaneously adopted. In hundreds of cases people have laboriously freed their cats from all trace of infestation, only to find them in three or four week's time, as badly affected as ever. This is because the owner has not realised the necessity for cleaning out cupboards (used by the cat); burning old sacks, newspapers or boxes where the cat has made its bed; baking, boiling or disinfecting articles of bedding which are too valuable to destroy; cleaning out cracks and crannies in the cattery; beating and Hoovering carpets and rugs; etc., etc.

All these aforementioned articles should then be treated (preferably in the open air) with an efficient insecticide such as "Flit," which is not poisonous to the cat.

How to disinfect

And while all this is being done, the animal itself should be disinfected. One good way to do this is to apply an insecticide to *every part* of the cat's skin, not omitting the whole tail, under the belly and chin, and down the legs. The powder should be put into a pepper pot and sprinkled into the fur as the hairs are turned back.

The cat is then put into a paper-lined basket and stood out in the garden for half an hour. Those insects which hop off will generally be found dead on

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The case that shocked a city

By EX-INSPECTOR HORWILL of the R.S.P.C.A.

ONE morning while having breakfast in my lodgings in Lincoln City, a young lady called to see me. It was not unusual for people to come and see me in the middle of a meal, for I was the R.S.P.C.A. Inspector for Lincoln City and mid-Lincolnshire, and on call 24 hours a day.

The lady was very distressed, and tearfully related a horrible story of cruelty that had been inflicted on her four months old kitten.

It started with her husband coming home from work late the previous night. In the badly-lit light of the road he nearly trod on a dark object in his path, just outside his house. He approached closer to the object and was horrified to see his pet cat lying in a pool of blood, apparently dead, its face badly swollen. He took it into his house, and noticed that it was still breathing. He immediately called a veterinary surgeon to its aid.

Next day, the kitten, still unconscious, was the subject of an inquiry by its owners. Since the road was too narrow for any traffic to pass through, the possibility of the animal having been run over was ruled out. The veterinary surgeon established that the wounds were not caused by any other animal in a fight. It seemed therefore that the cat's condition was due to violence. But who was the perpetrator?

Neighbours claimed to have heard several youths passing down the terrace late that night, and heard one of them say clearly, "You have killed the b-----, you rotten b-----". This statement was enough for the owners to

think that their kitten had been cruelly ill-treated; hence the lady's early visit to me.

I informed the lady sympathetically that there were no witnesses, and that there were hundreds of youths in Lincoln City and anyone might be the offender. However, I said that I would make routine enquiries.

First of all I went to see the cat at its home. Its swollen face and lifeless body, hardened as I was to seeing such sights, caused me to utter a silent vow that I would catch the culprit somehow. The kitten, in spite of expert attention never completely recovered and was finally put to sleep.

My inquiries with neighbours revealed very little helpful information other than the fact that there was more than one youth involved, and it was about 10 p.m. when the obscene statement by one of the gang about the cat was heard. Nobody could recognize the faces of the boys concerned.

"I had a hunch"

The next move was to go into the City Arboretum adjoining the terrace where the boys had most probably spent that evening before leaving the park through the exit backing onto the terrace. I approached groups of boys in the falling light of that spring day and questioned them closely. This was done every night for a week without gleaning any useful facts.

But I had a hunch that by using a little psychology the boy who had yelled the lewd remarks about the cat's death might come forward if I appealed to his better nature; after all he had not sounded very pleased with his friend's deed.

Subsequently the following advert was inserted in the local newspaper: "R.S.P.C.A. offers a reward for any information leading to the identity of the youth who kicked a cat to death in Monks Ley Terrace".

The next day the City police telephoned me to say that a 16-year old boy had called and was waiting to see me. I drove down to meet him and took down a statement about the incident from him. The statement, however, left many gaps in the chain of evidence needed for a successful prosecution. This boy claimed that there were three of them walking down the terrace; one of them stopped to do up his bootlaces, while the others walked on into another street. The other boy caught them up and with pride said to them, "I have just kicked a cat to death". His friends did not believe him, and they asked to see the animal. The offender took the boys back to the prostrate animal, and told them that he had kicked the cat onto the lamp-post and as it rebounded off, he kicked it again. It was at this point that the boy who came to see me uttered the exclamation which was heard by neighbours.

Scores of letters

Meanwhile, the local press had been ringing me up twice a day to see if the boy had been caught. Scores of letters from all over the county poured in to my office wishing me every success with my search. Although the second boy made a similar statement neither boy had actually seen the accused kick the cat, and therefore no magistrate would convict on the evidence.

Everything now depended on the interview with the defendant. I called on him, and told this wild-eyed youth of the complaint against him, and of his highly suspicious statement to his companions. He replied that he was going to "get" them so that even their mothers wouldn't recognize them. In his reply to the allegation he said that he was running

down the terrace when a cat crossed his path and he accidentally kicked it. His remarks to his pals, he alleged, were done out of bravado.

I saw this boy getting off scot-free, but I turned to him and in the presence of his mother, said, "Magistrates don't like liars. If they think you have lied and find you guilty, they invariably deal severely with you". I left the onus of what to plead at court on his conscience.

When I reported the case to the R.S.P.C.A. in London, they told me it was too weak to go to court and advised me to deal with the matter by caution. But I wrote and told them that such a thing was out of the question, and even if we lost the case the boy would have sweated it out. They gave me permission to proceed.

When the youth was prosecuted by the Society before the Lincoln City Juvenile Court he pleaded guilty to the charge of cruelly ill-treating a cat. The Chairman of the Bench was amazed at his frankness and fined him £2. Costs of £1 were awarded to the R.S.P.C.A. The case had cost the Society £25 to bring but had been well worth it.

Six months later this boy was sentenced to three years Borstal training for robbery with violence on an old lady.

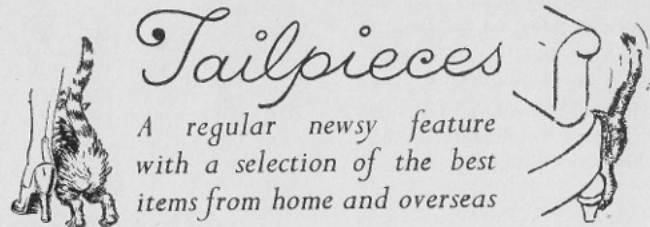
Those who dismiss juvenile cruelty to animals as just a passing phase of adolescence should start to think again.

SKIN ABNORMALITIES

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the paper; but some may get away and would eventually perish in the garden. Another way is to place the cat in a small pillow slip, the mouth of which is tied loosely around the neck.

Derris powder is very good as an insecticide, but doubtless the most efficient is gammexane, not stronger than about 0.1% in French chalk. The pillow slip idea is really good as it prevents the cat from licking the powder and taking harm. *DDT should not be used on cats as it is too dangerous.*



Tailpieces

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

WHEN asked in the House of Commons what percentage of cats and dogs detained in quarantine have subsequently developed rabies after a period, respectively, of one, two, three, four or five months, during the past five years; and whether this percentage has been different for animals imported from Europe, the United States of America, Australasia, Asia and Africa respectively, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food replied that no cats or dogs have developed rabies while detained in quarantine during the last five years.

Workmen unloading a truck of wheat in North Devon heard the faint mewing of a cat and there, wedged between two sacks, was a famished tabby, so weak that it could hardly stand. It had been in the truck 14 days without food or water while travelling from Glasgow. A kind woman who described the cat as "nothing but skin and bones" nursed and fed it back to health.

Not so fortunate was the poor creature who was left alone in a locked house for 42 days and died a terrible, lingering death from starvation because its owner forgot all about it. Nelson magistrates recently investigated the facts and the owner, a labourer, was fined £10 and ordered to pay the costs. He said he had owned the cat for five years. He left it in the kitchen with a small tin of cat food, intending to return to it. Then he forgot!

"Robert Burns once turned up a field mouse's nest while ploughing. He wanted to restore it and wrote some exquisite verses on the subject. Users of chemical sprays know no such squeamishness and are little given to versifying. Irrationally, I feel myself on Burns' side. Respect for life is a condition of its continuance. Those who too readily destroy life may themselves be destroyed". Malcolm Muggeridge in the *Sunday Pictorial*.

An unusual eightsome of pets completes the household of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Simpson at their spick and span home at Heywood, Lancashire. They have a cat and four kittens, a budgerigar, a dog named Micky and a five weeks old piglet called Perky which was the weakling of a litter.

A 15th century herbal and bestiary alphabet, with 49 drawings of birds and animals, was recently bought by an American for £33,000 at Sotheby's. The seller was Lord Tollemache, of Helmingham Hall, Suffolk.

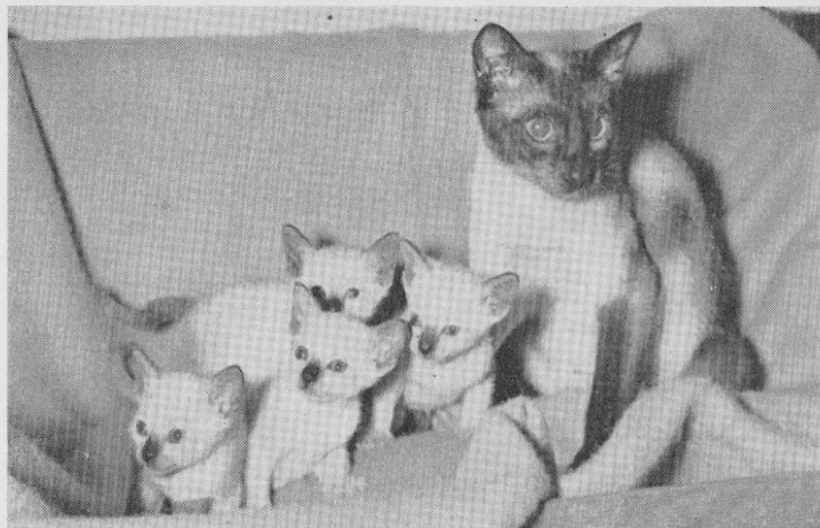
The Rand Cat Club of Johannesburg held its annual Championship Show in that town on April 15th last. There were 127 cats on show, an excellent entry for a South African fixture. As always, Siamese predominated and some excellent Seal, Blue and Chocolate Points were benched. Seven Abyssinians constituted a record entry for any show in the Union and two of these were competing in the

Grand Challenge Class. Burmese entries were also good and the Longhair varieties proved a great attraction for the public. I learn also that the Siamese Cat Society of South Africa will be holding its annual Championship Show in Johannesburg on September 30th, for which a record entry is expected.

Simon, a 7-year-old Seal Point Siamese, enjoyed seven happy years of seaside life at Bognor Regis with Mr. and Mrs. John Rideal. When the Rideals moved to London Simon didn't like city life at all, so a good home was found for him with Dr. and Mrs. Hiscock, of Emsworth, Hants. He shows signs of settling down well until one day a bullock threatened to charge at him while he was out for a walk on his lead with Mrs. Hiscock. Simon fled for his life after slipping his harness and disappeared for over two weeks. A frantic search went on in the district, a reward of £10 was offered and the help of local police and schoolchildren was enlisted. The Hiscocks left a window open for him, hoping against hope that

one day Simon would return. Then one day Mrs. Hiscock returned home tired out with her searching and there was Simon waiting for her in a cupboard. It is an interesting point that food and drink left out for him had disappeared four nights in succession before his return.

Every day hundreds of Sydney's great army of stray cats gather at various points in the large Australian city—and wait. In the Botanical Gardens, at the National Art Gallery, at Paddy's Market, on the wharves, in the fish markets—they wait. The figure they all hope to see belongs to 65-year-old pensioner Helena Winter who for 15 years has made it her self-imposed task to save as many stray cats from starvation as she can. Every day and in all weathers she carries her canisters of food, grooming equipment and even eye ointment. Her day starts at 4.30 a.m. when in her rented room she cooks the meat and rice over a small spirit stove. Sometimes she gets help from other cat lovers and recently when she was expecting to go into hospital for the



QUESI PIACERE with her litter of four by Doneraile Drudara, bred by the Rev. Herbert and Mrs. Lovemore before they left South Africa for Lourenco Marques, Mozambique. Mr. Lovemore will long be remembered for his splendid work for the Western Province Cat Club.

removal of bunions caused by too much walking, Cecilia Sands, a young singer-dancer from the cast of "My Fair Lady", offered to take over Mrs. Winter's duties until her discharge from hospital. According to the President of the local Cat Protection Society, there are two million stray cats in Sydney, roughly one to every human. Which seems to me to be "a blot on the escutcheon" of this great city.

A retired civil engineer, Mr. Norman Roe, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, who died in February at the age of 86, left £100 in his £14,578 will to provide food for his cat. This kindly man also left £1,000 to a friend "to recompense her for losses sustained in speculations made by her some years ago on my recommendations".

The May issue of *Animal Health*, the Journal of the Animal Health Trust, carries a summary of the Trust's report for the period 1957-60. It refers to the work done on the treatment of virus diseases with a natural product which has been developed at the Health Centre at

Kennett, nr. Newmarket but is as yet unidentified. At present it is known as "X". An epidemic of feline enteritis was so treated and the mortality rate was reduced from 98 to 17 per cent. An epidemic of antibiotic-resistant cat flu among Siamese cats was also treated with very encouraging results while a similar epidemic was taken advantage of to test "X" against Terramycin, and proved "the former to be the drug of choice". Case reports received from practising veterinary surgeons supplied with "X" are reported to have shown encouraging results.

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



The young idea with the right idea! Photograph submitted by Mrs. E. Flint, of S.W. London.

TABBLECAT

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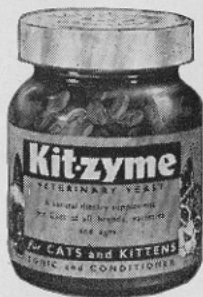
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Respiration, pulse & temperature

By P. M. SODERBERG

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THE breathing, pulse and body heat of a cat are so fundamental that the ordinary cat owner never gives them a thought until they start to function abnormally when the cat is unwell. To know something about them, however, should be of some interest, for it is surprising how few cat owners have any idea of the figures involved except with regard to a cat's temperature.

The rate of breathing varies considerably according to a variety of circumstances, but even so there is a normal range within narrow limits for an adult cat. Kittens breathe slightly faster than adults which throughout a period of years under normal circumstances display an individual tempo which is fairly constant, and then, when the cat grows old, the breathing becomes deeper and also slightly slower.

The best time to observe a cat's respiration is when it has been at rest for some time but is not actually asleep. A kitten of three months will probably breathe at a regular rate of roughly twenty-eight times a minute. As it grows older the rate drops, and most adult cats in their prime have an individual rate between the limits of twenty-two to twenty-six respirations. Old cats usually slow down to twenty, but rarely go below this.

Exercise has a very marked effect on the rate of breathing, but this is such a normal change paralleled in human beings that it need only be mentioned in passing. It is also common knowledge that the rate of respiration drops when the cat is asleep, for the breathing becomes much deeper, and it is remarkable also to notice how in so many cats

the seventh breath is deeper than the others, and then the normal pattern of respiration is restored for the next six breaths. Some cats have been noticed in which it is the fifth breath that is the deepest.

Disease of the respiratory organs often has a marked effect on respiration, both in rate and type, and the expert, which means in this case the veterinary surgeon, can usually use this symptom in his diagnosis.

There is the shallow breathing of pleurisy with a marked increase in rate occasioned very largely from the fact that moving the chest wall is painful, and thus as far as possible the cat uses only the diaphragm.

In bronchitis the breathing is laboured and usually noisy because the air passages are partly blocked. A cat can breathe noisily when it is asleep, but the laboured breathing of pneumonia and bronchitis is entirely different.

Taking the pulse

Few cat owners will know how to take the pulse of a cat, but it is something which is easily learned with a little practice. The rate of the heart beat can best be felt in the femoral artery. This artery runs diagonally across the inside of the upper thigh which only exists in the rear legs. It may not at first be easy to put one's fingers on the exact spot, but the knack is easily acquired.

For a human being the pulse rate is usually given as being 72, but it is probable that only few individuals have this figure as their normal rate. The range is much more likely to be between 70 and 80. In the same way the pulse rate will vary with individual cats, but

a normal range will be between 90 and 100. Here again the rate is higher for young kittens than for old cats, but in a state of rest a young kitten's heart is not likely to beat faster than 110 times a minute, and even in extreme old age the pulse rate rarely drops below 80.

This pulse rate can be altered very considerably by a variety of diseases which put an extra strain upon the heart even if that organ is not diseased itself either functionally or organically. Anaemia, for instance, will slow down the pulse, and also make it very soft to the feeling fingers.

Ordinarily there is a connection between pulse rate and respiration which applies both in health and also illness. Many a cat owner must have noticed the difficulty of breathing which is experienced by the cat which is known to have heart disease.

There is no reason constantly to feel a cat's pulse, but it is often useful to know the normal rate for the individual, and to be able to feel when there is some abnormality. When a cat is ill the pulse rate will often rise considerably, and even a comparatively high figure need not cause alarm, but when the rate approaches 140 expert help is essential, for a very high pulse rate is often followed by a rapid fall and there may be collapse. Even old cats rarely reach the collapse level which is round about the 70 mark.

When the body fights

Most cat owners will know that a cat's temperature is 101.5°F., but if they take the temperature for themselves they may be more than a little surprised if it is actually halfway between the 101 and 102 mark. Anywhere between these two figures can be considered as normal.

There is only one satisfactory way of taking the temperature and that is by inserting a half-minute clinical thermometer in the rectum. The cat will not object if the end of the thermometer is well smeared with vaseline before it is inserted. It is always better to allow for

the grease and to leave the thermometer in position for a full minute.

When there is illness, the body fights against the infection, and the body temperature is raised as a consequence of this struggle. Thus, when the thermometer reads 103°, the owner should look carefully for symptoms of trouble, and the chances are that he will find them, but the possibilities are far too numerous to enumerate here. If the temperature is 104°, it is far safer to send for the vet. straight away.

Kittens up and down

Usually a cat shows that it has a temperature by trying to find a cool spot on which to lie, and a draught is often welcome, so the owner has to remove either the cat or the draught.

With kittens a sudden rise in temperature may mean nothing of any significance, and unless the kitten shows other signs of illness there is no need for immediate anxiety. They are just like children, with a temperature up to-night and down to-morrow morning. A rapid drop in temperature, if it falls well below normal, is a serious sign and the cat owner must seek advice. Certainly a temperature of 99° is more significant than one of 103°.

Well, there it is. You may know something more about some of the natural functions of a cat's organs than you did before; at least you will know enough to realize that you yourself cannot deal with real abnormalities, and that your veterinary surgeon alone can assess them scientifically when they do occur from time to time.

(Reprinted from our September, 1955, issue.)

An American news item reports that an oral contraceptive pill for pets will shortly be available through veterinarians. It is claimed that the pill will become popular as an alternative to the neutering of cats as the operation tends to change "an animal's entire personality".

Looking at the breeds

No. 4 - BLUE LONGHAIRS

By HUGH SMITH

THE Blue Persian always seems to look at me with a baleful stare. But then, perhaps I have been bewitched by so many clear blue Siamese eyes and I am really mistaken when on introducing myself to a member of this breed I have a slight feeling of alarm. Of course, I must be wrong; for, isn't this one of the most popular breeds with a specialist club all on its own? Besides, I have only to see the adults being handled by their judges at the shows to realise how gentle and good-tempered they really are. The kittens of course are especially appealing.

Recognised for 70 years

This is by no means one of the oldest breeds. It was not until 1889 that it achieved sufficient recognition for a class of wholly Blue Longhairs to be put on at the Crystal Palace. Since then immense strides have been made towards perfecting the breed, by raising cats that conform more and more closely to the Standard of Points. This Standard, published by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, is as follows:

Coat: Any shade of blue allowable, sound and even in colour; free from markings, shadings or any white hairs. Fur long, thick and soft in texture. Frill full.

Head: Broad and round, with width between the ears. Face and nose short. Ears small and tufted. Cheeks well developed.

Eyes: Deep orange or copper; large,

round and full, without a trace of green.

Body: Cobby, and low on the legs.

Tail: Short and full, not tapering (a kink shall be considered a defect).

Members should not be deterred from showing their cats if they do not come up to the high standard set forth in the above definition.

SCALE OF POINTS

Coat	...	...	20
Condition	...	...	10
Head	...	...	25
Eyes...	...	...	20
Body	...	...	15
Tail	...	...	10
Total	...	...	100

So successful have the efforts of breeders been that nowadays at every championship show truly magnificent specimens of the Blue Longhair are to be found. The defects that were prone to appear in the early days of the breed have largely been eliminated. The skull is now broad and the long ears have gone. The face has been shortened.

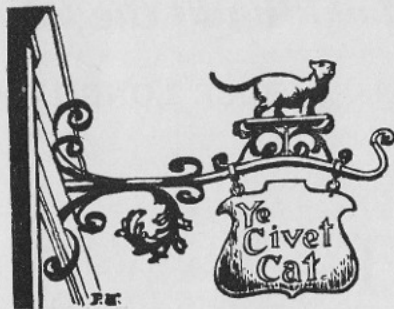
Defects

Over-shortening of the face may, however, cause running eyes owing to malformation of the tear-ducts. Eyes that are pale yellow or green are to-day ruled out; they must be round and deep orange, and should not be too deep-set. A bad fault to be avoided is a dark spine and tail. This is particularly detrimental in a pale-coated cat. Since the dark hair tends to be coarser, it can still be detected even in a darker blue specimen.

Kittens when first born, as with other pale self-colour breeds, may have tabby markings, but these will gradually disappear as the kitten grows older. The coat of the adult cat, whatever the shade of blue, must be uniform throughout and each hair must be of the same shade right from the tip to the skin.

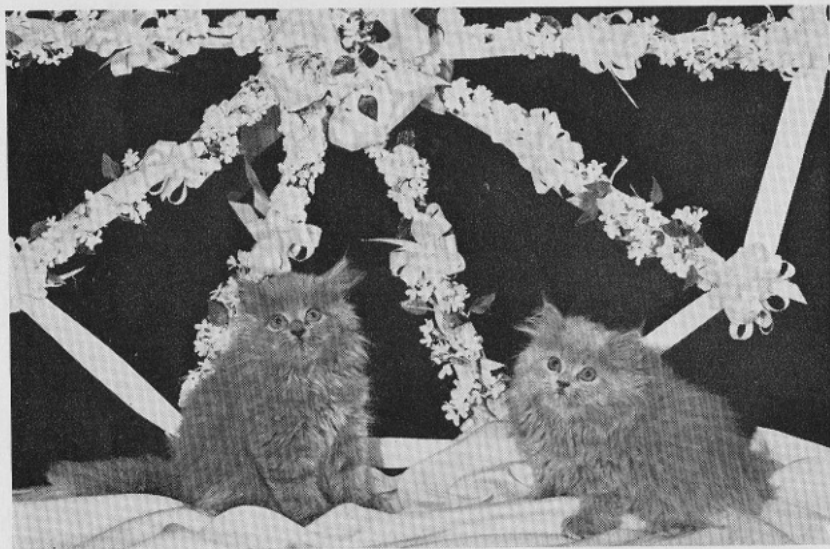
As with all long-haired breeds, it is not only the quality of the cat that counts on the show-bench, but also the amount of careful preparation that has been made. There are a lot of lessons to be learnt from the few breeders who know how to "put up" a longhair cat to perfection.

The Hon. Secretary of the Blue Persian Cat Society is Mr. G. C. Dugdale, Hole Farm, Guestling, Sussex. The Club holds its own Championship Show every year in London.



Quaint old London

In a series of features dealing with the Sights of London, the *Evening News* included this very old pub sign which now decorates a bank. It may be found in Kensington where Church Street and High Street meet.



"Muzzie" Nelson

Blue Longhair kittens with chocolate box appeal. This pair was bred by Mrs. Carl Beck, of Southfield, Michigan, U.S.A. Whilst we do not have the pedigrees of these particular kittens it would not be surprising if English stock figured somewhere "way back" as our Blue Persians have for many years been in great demand in America and other parts of the cat world.



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.

C.P.L. Meeting

THE Annual General Meeting of the Cat's Protection League at Caxton Hall, London, on May 27th was well attended.

Delegates came from as far afield as Belfast, Southampton, Dover, Coventry, Leicester, Liverpool and other places. Mrs. Osyth Sherratt was elected Chairman in place of Mr. J. Harman who resigned in 1960. Mr. Hickley Grimwood was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Sherratt paid a tribute to officials, particularly the voluntary work of Miss Hallam, who officiates from headquarters at Slough, Bucks. She arrives each morning to collect the C.P.L. ambulance six days a week and rarely returns before 6 p.m. She has done this important and humane work for years and it is deeply appreciated.

Everyone who takes an interest in the C.P.L. knows how much its success

depends on the devoted work of Mr. A.A. Steward and his wife. In Miss Kit Wilson it has the ideal person for its Public Relations Officer.

Mr. Steward gave us many interesting details about the League and invited questions on any aspect of its services. It was news to many of us to hear that the original work of the C.P.L. over thirty years ago was conducted from one room in Kingsway, London, which it could only afford to share with seven other small charitable societies. A great tribute to the soundness of its policies and its officials is the fact that its ramifications have spread all over the British Isles and Northern Ireland. It now has a status which is taken seriously and is helpful in its negotiations. Over 140 members attended the A.G.M. in 1960.

Although they are reluctant to do so, many of the cats and kittens received have to be put to sleep as it is impossible to find suitable homes for them all. No cat is ever passed on for experimental purposes and a special form is issued for details of cats which have been in its possession. During 1960, 6,000 cats and kittens were received at Headquarters, provincial branches, and by the London Committee as strays or unwanted. The majority of them had to be put to sleep but over 1,600 were found kind homes.

The C.P.L. wisely concentrates also on the neutering of males and spaying of females. These figures give one an idea of the extent of this work to keep the cat population down and to avoid suffering. At Headquarters 883 males were neu-

tered and 780 females were spayed. The London Committee figures were 10 males neutered and 690 females spayed. At the Branches 162 males were neutered and 627 females spayed. Cats and kittens given treatment on premises at Slough or by voucher scheme with local veterinary surgeons totalled 6,721; and 470 accident cases were dealt with either directly or indirectly. The League also has a voucher scheme to enable those who cannot afford or are unwilling, to have their pets neutered by a qualified veterinarian and there are even vouchers for food (either fresh or tinned) by arrangement with the Mac Fisheries branches.

Advertising to make the C.P.L. and its work better known was discussed and the Committee are "on their toes" about it. One small idea was interesting. A poster with a cat picture and the name and address of the League which a restaurant accepted, elicited a number of inquiries. But the enormous coverage of the national press is the target although the expense must always be a consideration. Delegates' experiences of advertising in local papers were mixed. Some had an excellent response from cat lovers and others found it brought them more unwanted cats when they already had as many, or more, than they could cope with.

Down at the docks

The delegate from Belfast reported that their income for 1960 exceeded four figures. This was partly due to a legacy which was so much needed as their objective is to acquire premises from which to conduct their rescue work. There are many stray cats in Belfast Docks which are privately fed at nights in addition to those in the city.

Both Mrs. Bailey the delegate and her husband attended to inform us about conditions at Southampton. A young couple full of ideas and with successes to report, they found homes for 395 cats and kittens, received a cheque for £100, and

a dog breeder gave his kennels which they re-arranged to make them suitable for cats. Coventry has special problems as the vast demolition schemes following war-time bombing has turned areas into a "no man's land" from which cats have to be removed, especially when re-building commences. To add to the suffering there are the callous individuals who leave their animals behind to fend for themselves when they go to new homes. However, this branch has a slightly increased active membership and among the gifts received were cat baskets from Mrs. Thake (who was present at the meeting), Mrs. Henn (I presume the Blue breeder and owner of the late Ch. Baralan Boy Blue, who we seldom see at shows nowadays) and Miss Cooper.

Other business

Members present at the A.G.M. voted that life membership of the C.P.L. should be raised from £5 to £10. Mr. Steward pointed out that those members paying an annual subscription of 10s. receive the monthly journal which costs approximately 7s. 6d. per annum.

The various leaflets will in future be published in booklet form which will, of course, increase the cost but it is hoped benefits will accrue as it can be passed on and may introduce the League to many who do not even know of its existence.

How to help

Last but not least is the perpetual need of funds to carry on this splendid work. An Income and Expenditure Account was presented to all who attended the meeting and the expenses are obviously very heavy for such widespread and humane activities. The way in which we can give practical evidence of our sympathy and love for cats is by gifts for C.P.L. bazaars, sending unwanted birth-

day and Christmas presents; foreign and colonial stamps and of course donations to The Secretary, The Cat's Protection League, Slough, Bucks.

Gathered on holiday

Mrs. Eustace, Hon. Secretary of the Northern Counties Cat Club sends some welcome news of Scottish owned cats and those in the North gathered on her holiday travels.

Here are excerpts from her letter headed: "The Road to the Isles": "At Mrs. Tate's ultra modern farm house in the rich Northumberland plains, I heard the interesting news that the B.P. Siamese Ch. Milori Mirabel is in kitten to Ch. Milori Galliard. Last year when we passed this way Mirabel was the coquette of the village, flying her kite like any of the lasses in Coquet Moor. It was my estimation of her as a beauty that decided Mrs. Tate to exhibit her. She was awarded her three Challenge Certificates at Sunderland, Nottingham and Glasgow. When you see her now revelling in the new role of expectant motherhood, it does not seem fair to hold any dark blots in her ancestry against her". Mrs. Eustace is alluding to Mirabel's Burmese/Siamese hybrid mother which some Siamese breeders have taken exception to although she has had very favourable notices from her judges and quickly completed Champion status.

To continue with Mrs. Eustace's news: "Mrs. Tate's Natasha had a beautiful litter of seven S.P. Siamese kittens which were particularly interesting to me as they were by my B.P. Siamese Spotlight Sigismund. Her farm cat, a massive British/Russian Blue hybrid was the finest looking household pet I have ever seen.

"Passing Balquhiddier, Scotland, we called on Mrs. Smith and her Dimvar Siamese. This was a delightful interlude and another tête-à-tête with the stars. Her S.P. Siamese Beag Gael Froach made her successful debut at Glasgow in 1959 by winning Best S.H. Kitten. Last

season she was awarded three Ch. Certificates. Now she is in kitten to Ch. Milori Oberon.

"From Balquhiddier to Lockbearnhead we had beauty all round us but it did not distract me from my eagerness to see Siamese. Then the Chiltern Hills which inspired Mrs. North's prefix Chilton. Looking from Chilton House to the West is a lovely vision of mountains, lakes and sky and here at home I saw the first B.P. litter of Llygra Simon who was Best S.H. Cat at our Ch. Show in November.

"Then on to Oban to the home of Mrs. Murray where again I saw many Blue Points. Llygra Pasqualina has four stunning kittens by Mrs. Boal's Freefolk Blue Ziken. These are really a glamorous 'fourball'. (Forgive the golfing term. I am surrounded by golfers!). The glacial white coat of the Freefolk family was in evidence at this early age.

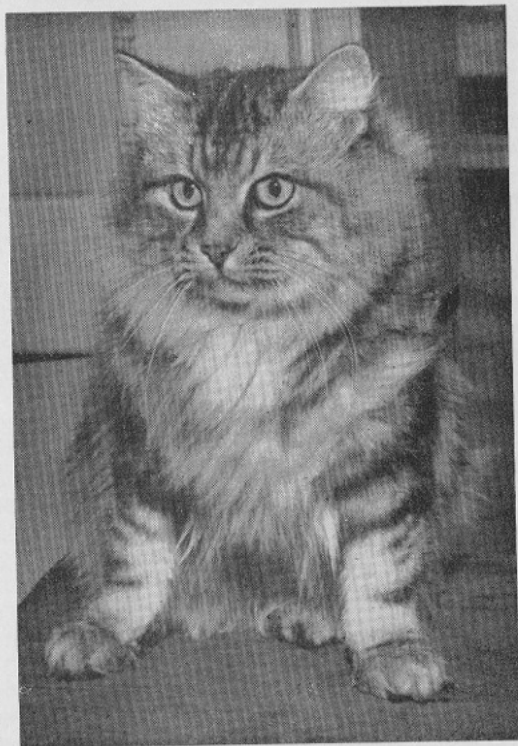
"At Skirinish there is a Hatters Castle on top of the hill, taken over and colonized by cats. One thing is certain there will be some handsome lads and lasses moving South for the next show season.

"Alas! with the joy of new life there comes, unhappily, the sorrow of others passing on. The first B.P. Siamese Scottish Champion and 'Laird' of



Mrs. Eustace whose interesting "Road to the Isles" letter is part reproduced on this page, is seen here (right) as she appeared with Mrs. Hartley in the "Young Outlook" programme on Newcastle's I.T.V. station. A Blue Longhair and a Siamese were shown to viewers and questions answered on diet and management. A homeless white cat had 42 offers from people willing to give it a home after they had seen it on television.

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'Darrall is one of those rare males with perfect house manners,' said his owner, Mrs. Dorothy Gurney of Whitemoor Haye, Fradley, near Lichfield in Staffordshire. 'So he en-

joys the freedom of the house—and to me, this is more important than his show successes. Do you know, he has never had a day's illness in all his five years. This is due to Tibs, I'm sure. All the vitamins and minerals in Tibs keep him healthy and in splendid condition.'

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Blue Persian meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Blue Persian Cat Society in London on May 17th had an excellent attendance and the items on the agenda attracted friendly discussion. We heard with regret of the resignation from the Committee of Miss Kathleen Yorke and Miss Lelgarde Fraser, both of whom have been on the Committee and taken so much interest in its affairs for many years. We can be sure the latter will continue and members were unanimous in electing them vice-presidents. A ballot was held to fill three vacancies on Committee and Mrs. McVady, Mrs. Pond and Miss C. Webster were elected, all three Blue Persian enthusiasts and very capable of promoting their interests in every way.

The Hon. Secretary and Delegate to the G.C.C.F., Mr. G. C. Dugdale, presented his report and informed us he will have more time to devote to the B.P.C.S. now he has retired to Guestling, near Hastings. He has always taken a vivid interest in Blues, and the Society and members are well satisfied.

Miss Langston's proposal that the yearly subscription should be raised to 10s. was passed unanimously. It is quite obvious that clubs cannot continue with pre-war subscriptions and even these rises do not bring them into line with 1939 purchasing value; to do this one estimates that 7s. 6d. subs. should be a pound sterling.

An animated discussion took place whether other Longhair varieties, which owe so much of their quality to Blues, should be included in the next Ch. Show and the voting was in favour. These varieties include outstanding examples such as Creams, Blue-Creams, Blacks, Orange-eyed Whites and to a lesser degree Colourpoint Longhairs. The inclusion

of the latter was not decided on but all these varieties would make the Show much more attractive to Longhair breeders and the public. It is the amount of the gate money at every show which determines its financial success. These other varieties will be for exhibition only and it is hoped owners will be sufficiently altruistic to show them under these conditions. Although Blues are as lovely in quality, they have deteriorated in numbers and at the last B.P.C.S. Ch. shows we have had about half the number than at pre-war specialist shows when the Blues usually numbered over 100 exhibits.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary Mr. Dugdale; the Hon. Treasurer Mrs. Lily Speirs (so gratifying to have the latter back with us from her travels abroad) and the Committee, after which we had the usual tea and cat chats.

Plans in Denmark

The venue of the Championship Show of Racekatten will be Tivoli, Copenhagen, Denmark, and the organizer will be the doyen of Scandinavian show managers Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth. On October 6, 7 and 8th, the judges will be International—Madame Ravel (France), Madame Pia Sandoz (Switzerland), and Herr Konrad Hirschmann (Germany). During this time the Annual General Meeting of the European organization F.I.F.E. will take place.

All who have experienced Danish hospitality in this lovely city will imagine how enjoyable the show will be and the kind thought that will be extended for the comfort of guest judges. The journal of Racekatten is always interesting even if one's knowledge of Danish is decidedly "sketchy". It must entail a tremendous amount of work.

Mrs. Edith Dunvald, who owns the S.P. Siamese male Whiteoaks Archer which she imported after he had won well for his breeder Mrs. H. Martin, is

advertising him at stud, also Int. Ch. Rangoon Blue Gay who sired Madame d'Alleizette's B.P. Siamese Rangoon Blue Saphir, Best Exhibit at the Cat Club de Paris Ch. Show last November. Saphir appeared on French and Danish television with the sobriquet "The World's Most Beautiful Cat".

Mrs. Eisenhuth tells me it had a wonderful blue pointed coat and very elegant slender body. Mrs. Edith Dunvald has exported to U.S.A., Canada, Germany, France, Norway and Sweden and has become well known for the quality of her Siamese.

The photograph of the White French Champion Cyres de Foncmorond is lovely and he is taken against the dense black background which pale coloured cats and Blues need to make outstanding photographs. Mrs. Karen Smith's Pinky is another little gem. Such large eyes well apart and delightful breadth of head.

The Calendar published by Racekatten appears to be a well established annual now. The 1960 edition depicted several English cats among them the superb one of Ch. Extase of Allington, the Chinchilla owned by Mrs. Amos, of California (cover photo OUR CATS,

April, 1959) bred here by Miss E. Langston. For the month of July Ch. Regina of Pensford appears, and another OUR CATS cover photograph reproduced was of a child with a Chocolate Pointed Siamese bred by Mrs. K. R. Williams.

Correction

At the last Ch. Show of the season here at Coventry Mrs. Bacon's Chinchilla male Ivelholme Bruce by Ch. Mark of Allington attained his final to become a Champion; not his second Challenge Certificate as stated.

Herts & Middlesex Show

The Hertfordshire and Middlesex Cat Club have engaged the popular Royal Horticultural Hall, London, for the first Ch. Show of the season on August 30th. We must all do our utmost to support this fixture as it is an expensive venue and only by this show covering expenses can we hope to have it again at the R.H.H.

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1961	Promoted by	Venue
1 July ...	Three Counties Cat Society ...	Salisbury
1 " ...	Hazel Grove Agricultural Society ...	Torkington Pk., nr. Stockport
8 " ...	Kentish Cat Society ...	Maidstone
29 " ...	Kensington Kitten and Neuter C.C. ...	London
5 August ...	Kingsway Hospital Flower Show ...	Kingsway, Derby
5 " ...	The Hull Show ...	East Park, Hull
12 " ...	Halifax Agricultural Society ...	Halifax
16 " ...	Airedale Agricultural Society ...	Bingley, Yorkshire
17 " ...	Wessex Cat Club ...	Salisbury
19 " ...	Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire ...	Reading, Berks.
19 " ...	Suffolk and Norfolk Cat Club ...	Ipswich
30 " ...	*Hertfordshire and Middlesex C.C. ...	London
23 September ...	*Edinburgh and East of Scotland C.C. ...	Edinburgh
4 October ...	*The Siamese Cat Club ...	London
7 " ...	*Yorkshire County Cat Club ...	Harrogate
11 " ...	*Southsea Cat Club ...	Southsea
19 " ...	*Blue Persian Cat Society ...	London
28 " ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club ...	Birmingham
7 November ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	London
25 " ...	*Northern Counties Cat Club ...	Newcastle-on-Tyne
16 December ...	*National Cat Club ...	London (Olympia)
1962		
6 January ...	*Notts and Derbys. Cat Club ...	Nottingham
20 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	Glasgow
25 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ...	London
10 February ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties C.C. ...	Southport
24 " ...	*Coventry and Leicester Cat Club ...	Coventry
28 " ...	West of England and S. Wales C.C. ...	Bristol
3 March ...	Preston Cat Club ...	Preston

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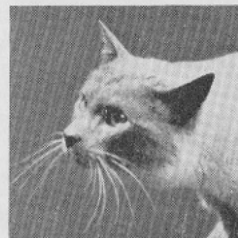
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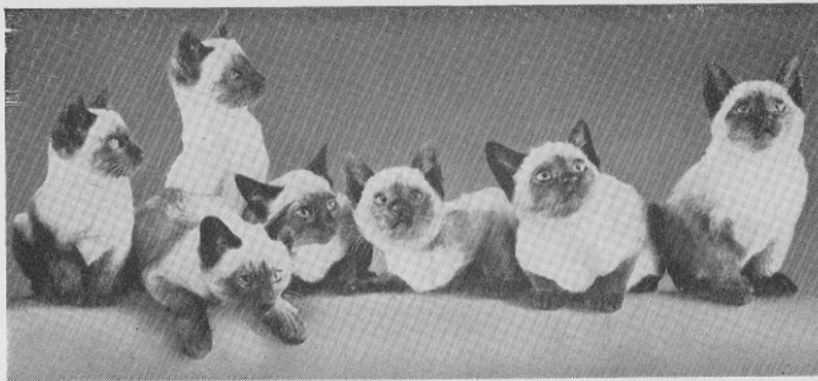
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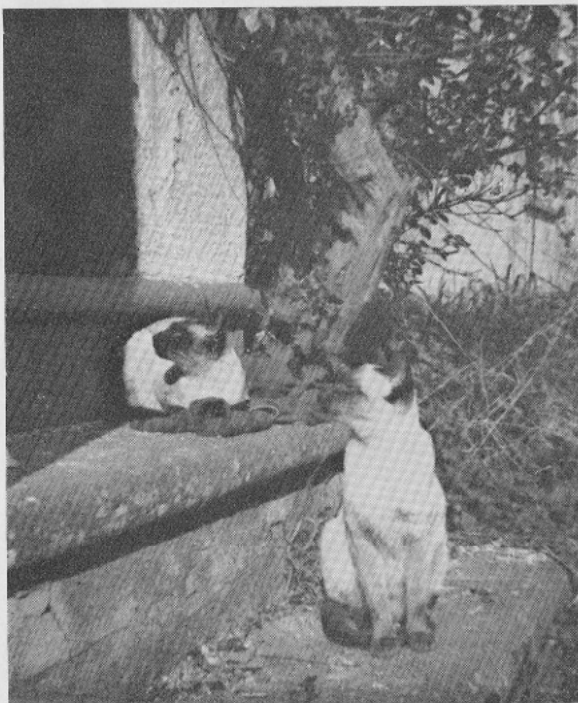
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The season has been outstanding for the number of Champions it has produced—a grand total of 65, against 41 in 1959-60, 50 in 1958-9, 45 in 1957-8, 48 in 1956-7, 37 in 1955-6, 31 in 1954-5, 35 in 1953-4 and 26 in 1952-3. For a change the females have lost their superiority as the list of 65 Champions shows 35 males and 30 females. In the 1959-60 season there were only 17 new male Champions.

PREMIER AWARDS FOR NEUTERS. The rising interest in the exhibition of neuters is illustrated by the fact that the winners of Premier Certificate awards have increased from 4 in 1959-60 to 13 in the 1960-61 season. They were Almond Hill Crispin, shown by Mrs. E. Taylor and bred by Mrs. Emslie; Almond Hill Lancelot, shown by

Miss McMahan and bred by Mrs. Emslie; Caboodle, shown by breeder Miss P. Walker; Cathiss Gypsella, shown by breeder Mrs. K. Vickers; Culverden Gerard, shown by Mrs. J. M. Stuart and bred by Miss Robson; Kevitor Nanya, shown by breeder Mrs. M. Somers; Lorely of Allington, shown by Mrs. L. Speirs and bred by Miss Langston; Nigella Caliphe, shown by breeder Miss F. A. Bone; Ronada Prudence, shown by Mrs. L. Burgess and bred by Mrs. D. Brice-Webb; Sablesilk Tigga, shown by Mrs. Bates and bred by Mrs. E. Smith; Sablesilk My-Anna, shown by Mrs. J. M. Cole and bred by Mrs. E. Smith; Sabukia Steeplechaser, shown by Mrs. P. R. Lewis and bred by Mrs. H. Dadd; Trelystan Fire Opal, shown by Miss Milburn and bred by Miss Cathcart.

FRED W. PEARCE—Australia's leading judge—sends

News from "Down Under"

HELLO FOLKS! Here is some more news from Aussie and New Zealand.

Victoria. The *Newsletter* from Mrs. Scott shows quite a few changes. The A.G.M. report of the Siamese Cat Club is also included and it looks very healthy even after £40 donations to the Spastic Centre and White Ensign Club. The new officers are President Colonel Scott, Laurie Wilson re-elected Secretary and Hon. Assistant Secretary is Mr. J. Mitchell. Colonel Cole who was President is now Treasurer (vice Mrs. Murch) and it is good to know that he is well enough to take on the job after a long illness. The Committee consists of Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Murch, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Thomas, Rev. Stevenson and Mr. Walsh. A little bird has whispered that the *Newsletter* is now edited by Mrs. Patterson, who must be a very busy person with all her other duties as well. This issue is full of useful items and interesting little pars and I note that it also carries a report of the Cat Section at the Moomba Show. Top awards went to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Siamese Blue Point Stillmeadow Blue

Belle and Mrs. Price's imported Blue Longhair Gd. Ch. Jasper of Pensford.

I have just received a report from Secretary Joe Mitchell, Melbourne, re the parade held by the very recently formed Blue Point Specialist Club there. It was held at Albert Park and there was a good entry for a first fixture. May it be the first of many. If you want to become a member—get a Blue Point. Main awards: Best Cat—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Stillmeadow Blue Belle; Opposite Sex—Rev. Stephenson's Maranoa Chieng Mai; Best Kitten—Mr. J. Mitchell's Purachtr Blue Tamara; Best Opposite Sex Kitten—Mr. and Mrs. Glade's Torokina Blue; Ch. Siamese Female—Mr. and Mrs. V. Bumak's Ch. Valbert Blue Wren.

New South Wales. The A.G.M. of the old Cat Fanciers' Club was held in April and matters connected with their Championship Show in conjunction with the Royal Sheep Show were discussed. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend being hundreds of miles away at the time with two visiting New Zealand engineers. The Siamese and Shorthaired Club have held their 5th Championship Show in

Sydney's lovely Y.M.C.A. Hall. The weather was kind but the first breath of winter was in the air. Secretary Mrs. Meany and Chief Steward Capt. A. Thom had things working nicely and it was a happy fixture with a good entry. Top winners were Mrs. Lowery's nice S.P. Siamese female Gladacres Yum Yum and also her male Gladacres Nanky Poo; Mrs. Tchan's kitten entry Aly Kongsi Abu Hazra; Mrs. Meany's S.P. male kitten Lindfield Rajah; Mrs. Outram's litter and Mrs. Kaufman's veteran Ch. Bluemead Troubador.

During the same month the Cumberland Cat Club held their annual Ch. Show at Lidcombe and were favoured with a lovely day and a huge entry—their best ever, I believe. As usual, Secretary Mrs. Paris had things organized splendidly and Mr. K. Armit was an efficient Show Manager. Among the Longhairs Best Cat and Female was Mrs. Joy's Honky Tonk Jai Toi; Best Male Mrs. Scognamillo's Spada Donilo Dolci; Best Male Kitten Mrs. Wood's Delhi Arctic Royalty; Best Female Kitten Mrs. Baxter's Honky Tonk Hi Treasure; Best Litter Miss Rapley's exhibit. In the Shorthair Group Best Siamese Cat was Mrs. Herhily's Kanishah Sirikit; Best Adult Mrs. Donmall's Abyssinian Mystic Arabi Farena; Best S.P. Male Cat Mrs. Lowery's Willow Solomon; Best Kitten Mrs. Mearn's Lindfield Rajah.

South Australia. The officers elected for 1961 for the Club are as follow: President, Mrs. McAdie; Vice-President, Mrs. Roberts; Secretary, Mr. E. Tremethick; Treasurer, Mrs. K. Gebhardt. I guess the exhibitors over there were very happy when the names of Mrs. McAdie and Mr. Don Gebhardt were added to the judges panel in Melbourne. May I offer congrats. and best wishes to both. We may see them in action over in Sydney some time.

Queensland. Apparently things are very quiet in the Northern State and since Miss Harrison resigned as corres-

pondent up there news is as scarce as hens teeth. I am still looking forward to having a letter from the newly-appointed scribe. Since the visit by Mr. and Mrs. Batten and daughter we have met Mr. and Mrs. Shead of Brisbane, who spent a very happy Sunday with us immediately after the Royal Show. I completely omitted to mention this in my notes last month. Always glad to see or hear from anyone from other States. I am indebted to Mrs. D. Murfin, of Sydney, who judged at the April Show in Brisbane Town Hall under the aegis of the Queensland Cat Fanciers' Association. She was pleased with the quality and appearance of the stock presented. Her main awards went: Mrs. Russell's Spada Cream Sensation (Best L.H. and winner of Romany/Sandhurst Memorial Trophy); Mrs. Manson's Regent Sandra (Opposite Sex L.H.); Mrs. N. Shead's Regent Nicholas (L.H. Champion); Mrs. Deering's Kashan Beau Ben (Blue Male); Mrs. Manson's Ashgrove Silver Litter; Mr. Hoskin's S.P. Siamese Thapai Anna (Best Shorthair); Mrs. Manson's Petrouchka of Chatsworth (Champion Male); Mrs. Read's C.P. Siamese Faraways Nonsuch (Best Kitten); Mrs. Read's Temple Su Wan Suda (Open Female).

New Zealand. My copy of the *Newsletter* from Miss Menzies has much useful information. The Official Siamese Cat Club of Wellington held their national show under the guidance of Mrs. Davies and Mrs. McEnroe. Miss Pat Powell who judged was very pleased with the arrangements by these ladies and the Committee and also with the presentation of the exhibits. Evidently a new type cage was used and proved very popular. I hope special attention has been paid to the door fastening which is important and a great time saver for stewards and judges alike. Winner of the Grand Sweepstakes and Best Cat in Show was Mrs. Davies' Scarsdale Wild Rice, a S.P. Siamese male. Best Opposite Sex was Mr. and Mrs. Tatton's Blue Seal Blue Princess.

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