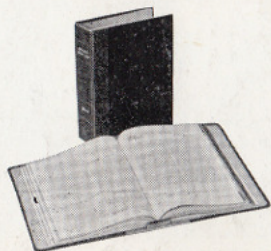


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**THE NEW BREED**  
The Chestnut Brown Foreign Shorthair is gaining many new admirers throughout the cat world and demand exceeds supply. Pioneering breeder Mrs. Joan Judd writes interestingly about this attractive cat in this month's issue. The picture presents her home-bred **CROSSWAYS HABIBI**.

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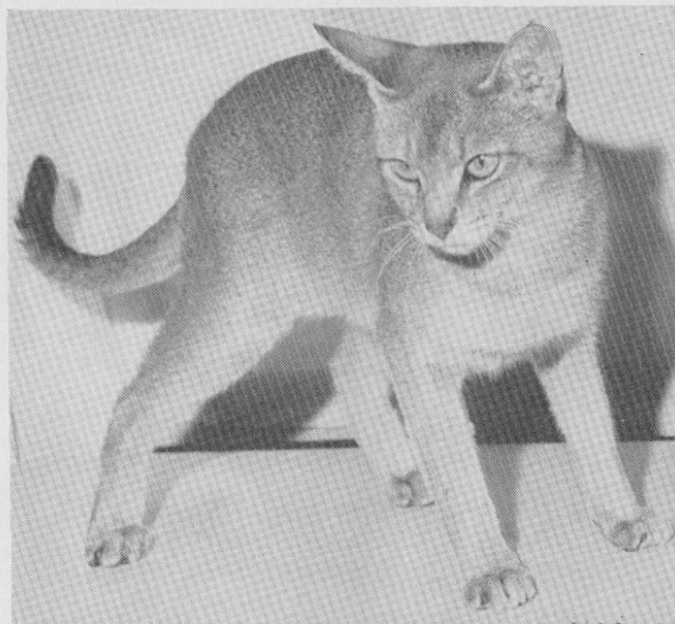
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## Let's go to a show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1961-62 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

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30 August ...	*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)
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6 January ...	*Notts and Derbys. Cat Club ...	Nottingham
20 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	Glasgow
25 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ...	London
11 February ...	*Surrey and Sussex Cat Assn. ...	Worthing, Sussex
17 " ...	*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

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

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## The Chestnut Browns

By JOAN JUDD

THE self chocolate cat, registered by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy as the Chestnut Brown Foreign Shorthair, and in America and the Continent as the Havana, appeared, it is reported, from time to time in the past. The earliest record goes back to 1894. Mrs. French (known to many of the older fanciers) owned two, Granny Grumps, who was imported, and her son, Master Timkey Brown.

A writer of that time described this variety as—"Siamese with coats of burnished chestnut with greeny-blue eyes". Fanciers in this country considered them unorthodox, but they were very popular on the Continent it appears, but nevertheless numbers here must have been quite substantial as there were show classes for them.

Frau Koch in Leipzig owned a stud of this variety. In 1921 onwards, others owning "Chocolate Siamese" were Miss Croucher, Mrs. Thomas and Major Woodiwiss; the latter owning Wander and her seal-point sister Wendie. These were bred by Miss Noble, the sire and dam being Chocolate Cream and Winkie. In 1923 Sister Stockey imported a self Chocolate Siamese called Adastras whom it is reputed is ancestor of many present day chocolate points, as is Mrs. Southland's Prince of Siam. In 1939, Mrs. Cox-Ife wrote: "In the early days of the breed many chocolate coloured Siamese appeared on the show bench—that is, the same colour all over."

Mrs. Lillian J. Vesey (Miss Gould) wrote of "very dark Siamese—near

black" and refers to one in a letter about Siamese in Devonshire. Others wrote of brown cats having points like the Siamese.

With the above accounts—and further data on the self chocolates in this article, the Chestnut Brown fanciers of to-day are of the opinion that it is probable that there existed both self chocolate and Burmese hybrids. This would certainly account for the varying reports and for the fact that the brown cats eventually died out, as the breeders of that time probably did not distinguish between the two, and knowing little or nothing of genetics would intermate and obtain **no brown** kittens—only Siamese and blacks! This would have presented them with an insolvable problem.

The genes for both species of brown are entirely different. The gene for the Chestnut Browns is the chocolate gene as in the C.P. Siamese. If these fanciers mated to S.P. carrying chocolate they would obtain a percentage of chocolate selfs, but when mating to "pure" Seal Points would only get Siamese or black. This again would puzzle them, so it is little wonder that the "Royal" Siamese being easy to breed and presenting no problems received concentration.

### First steps

The recent strains of the Chestnut Browns have no connection whatever with these early ones. The first steps to produce them were taken by Miss von Ullmann in 1951, who discussed her plans with Mrs. A. Hargreaves, and soon afterwards with Mrs. Monro-Smith and Mrs. E. Fisher. A group was formed

for discussion and record keeping. Thus from scientific study, the first self chocolate was produced in 1953. (Although Mrs. Monro-Smith had produced one by accident in mating S.P. to Black L.H. and black progeny to S.P.—presumably carrying the chocolate factor—in 1952.)

It was decided to call these cats "Havanas". They gained rapid popularity, especially in the United States where they were imported in 1956. Soon afterwards a pair were exported to France, and this year a pair—Revel Chestnut Flame and Crossways Heritor have been sent to Holland to start the breed there. These cats are to be shown in other countries on the Continent where interest is springing up.

### More breeders needed

At present Britain can nowhere meet the demand for kittens from overseas. Different strains are now wanted and more interested breeders are needed here to co-operate and produce them.

For those interested and wishing to commence new lines the breeding is as follows:—The chocolate gene of the Siamese is transferred to a self coloured cat. It is preferable to use a black cat of foreign type or a good type Russian Blue. Mate to a C.P. Siamese and the resulting litter will be all black (the P.I. or first-parental generation). These kittens will be carrying the required chocolate factor, and when mated together will produce progeny of black, S.P. Siamese, C.P. Siamese (and B.P. Siamese where R.B. is used). The ratio of self chocolates will be 3 : 16.

This is so simple that it is one of the reasons for the Chestnut Brown fanciers to hold the view that the first chocolate cats to be recorded were of this genetic breeding. This coupled with the fact that Mrs. Monro-Smith's first stud was produced "accidentally" only goes to strengthen this view; and since any Siamese carrying the chocolate factor and mismating, the black progeny coming together will produce self chocolate kittens.

These chocolate cats will be F1 or first filial generation. These may be mated to C.P. Siamese and will produce approximately a ratio of 5 : 16. Homologous chocolates mated to C.P. will produce all self chocolates. Thus with outcrossing—or it is better to say backcrossing—more strains can be produced. Of course if two breeders undertake to co-operate using unrelated stock their P1 kittens may be mated together and thus the breeding of brother to sister will not be necessary.

*Only stock of sound background should be chosen, as the introduction of unwanted recessives must be closely watched in the building up of any new strain.*

The chocolate studs—or Chestnut Browns as they must now be called—are of particular importance, as they will serve a number of queens and should be test mated for purity from unwanted recessives. If found to carry any they should be neutered. When arriving at the 3rd generation (F3) they should be tested for purity from Siamese coat pattern, as not all F3 will be homologous. Some will be heterozygous for the Siamese restriction factor. However, preoccupation with arriving at the 3rd generation in the least possible time is not advocated by our geneticists or scientific breeders, as this more often than not leads to disaster. *The careful building up of a strain or breed on sound lines free of unwanted recessives is of far greater importance.*

### Siamese recessives

Unfortunately governing bodies are very apt to be only generally concerned with the establishment of show and stud book procedure and are very apt to overlook the principles involved in the scientific establishment (or improvement) of sound and healthy stock.

In the Siamese strains to-day difficulties are increasing. There are many recessives of a most serious nature, lethals also; some resulting in disturbances of the nervous system which

produce "tumblers" and the "fading out" of litters, mostly occurring at four to six weeks. Diseases of the maturation of the reproductive system, and metabolic abnormalities which result in kidney disease (a disease which is said to be present in all Dalmatian dogs, and which probably originated through mutation at the time when the breed was developed).

There are many other genetic abnormalities resulting in deaths, deformities and weaknesses, so that the utmost care should be exercised in the selection of breeding stock. Unfortunately, breeders tend to hide their troubles and do not bring them out into the open, thus they add still further to the breeding difficulties of the day, which, according to the veterinary associations and geneticists, are mounting to an alarming degree.

*The Chestnut Brown Group, established by the first breeders to keep careful detailed*

*records of the cats and to guide future breeders, has at its disposal some of the world's leading geneticists to guide the breeding of sound stock. New members are always welcomed and those seeking advice outside the Group are always helped.*

### Their good points

The temperament of the Chestnut Browns is a fascinating one. They have a high intelligence, are much like the Siamese in as much as they do not thrive without human love and companionship. They are good mothers and fairly prolific breeders—litters ranging from five to seven. The studs are most affectionate and gentle. They are at this stage in the breeding bi-lingual, but it is considered the voice will quieten as they are bred like to like. They are most graceful cats and can only be compared with the pointer or greyhound.



The author, Mrs. Joan Judd, suffered a great loss when her CROSSWAYS HEIDI (above) was killed in 1959 by a car. She was a perfect brood queen and mother, producing two litters of six identical kittens. Heidi was the winner of 8 firsts and 15 lesser awards at the shows.

They are excellent hunters, and as a useful, besides decorative pet, they are hard to beat.

The first of the breed in this country to be made a full Champion is Ch. Crossways Honeysuckle Rose, owned by Miss K. Davies. A recent export to America—Revel Chestnut Dream has also been made a Champion.

#### Standard of Points

Chestnut Brown Shorthaired cats are of foreign type. They are fine in bone, lithe and sinuous and of graceful proportions. The coat is a rich brown, even and sound. Whiskers and nose to be of the same colour as the coat. The pads of the feet are a pinkish shade. The eyes are green.

*Coat:* Any shade of rich Chestnut brown short and glossy, even and sound throughout.

*Head and Ears:* Head long and well proportioned, narrowing to a fine muzzle, ears large and pricked, wide at the base with good width between.

*Body, Legs and Tail:* Body long, lithe and well muscled, graceful in outline. Legs slim and dainty, hind legs slightly higher than front legs; paws oval and neat. Long whip tail, no kink.

*Eyes:* Slanting and oriental in shape, decidedly green in colour.

#### SCALE OF POINTS

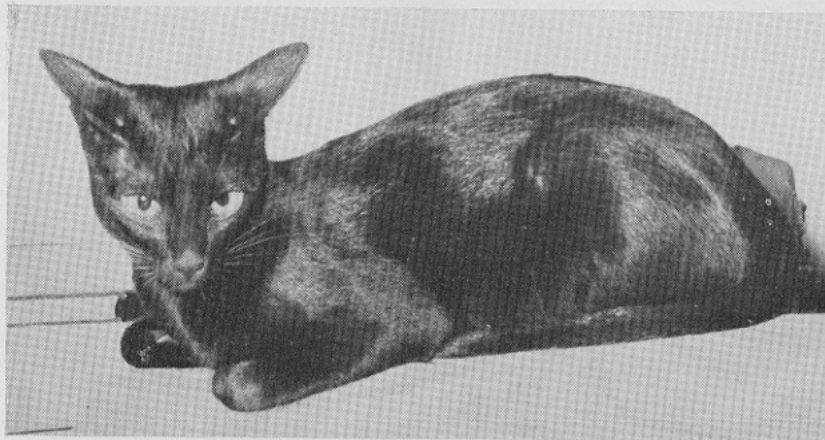
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*Faults:* Tabby or other markings, dark points, white spots or hairs, cobby shape, round head, short, thick or kinked tail.

*N.B.:* Kittens frequently show tabby ghost markings when changing coat. This should not be held against an otherwise good kitten exhibit.

Comparing this standard with that of the Siamese, it will be seen to be almost identical, and with little similarity to the Burmese, whose colour is totally different. Cats and kittens which do not conform to standard should not be used for breeding.

To end the history of the Chestnut Browns, I can do no better than to quote an American appraisal: "The Havanas are a truly fabulous breed, with the gracefulness, suppleness and unexpectedness by which the most exacting artistic fancy can be satisfied".



CH. CROSSWAYS HONEYSUCKLE ROSE, owned by Miss K. Davies, was the first of the Chestnut Brown Foreign Shorthairs to win the premier show award.

## Trek

By AUDREY ANDERSON

THIS is the story of a seven-day, one thousand five hundred mile train journey in South Africa with eighteen cats. It begins in Cape Town and ends in the furthestmost confines of Zululand.

At the time when my husband had to leave Cape Town to take up a new appointment in Pongola, we had two families of Siamese kittens all of them too young to be subjected to arduous travelling of any sort, much less to a safari throughout the length of the Union. Therefore, I remained behind with our feline family until six weeks later. My trials and tribulations began on Sunday, April 22nd.

That day was spent in as much personal and incidental packing as I could manage, and, far more important, in seeing that the cats' crates were cleaned and prepared, because they were to leave at 10 a.m. next day, and, in any case, had to be safe and sound in the crates by seven a.m., as that was the time the transport firm were to arrive to collect our other household goods and possessions.

In one big crate I had the two mothers and ten kittens. In another big one I had our Chocolate Point neuter Tiddles Wu, imported Chocolate Point Lucinda and Seal Point Ratana Kanya and South African bred Chi Chi Nin. The two studs, Dara and Fah Fee, each had his own crate.

I had arranged for my family to be sent to Bellville Station as it was nearer and would save me going right into Cape Town. But when I arrived at the station my cats were nowhere to be seen!

I was nearly frantic. Eventually, and after delaying the departure of the Orange Express, they were found already ensconced in the guard's van—snugly arranged so that I would have easy access to them. I had fed them at 6 a.m. and could do nothing more now. It was only at Touws River, where we arrived at 8.30 p.m., that I could get to them again and feed them. This was a very long wait for babies used to four meals a day and only two months old.

At the next stop, Kimberley, next morning, I was really worried. In the short time available I could not see the babies in the crates. I had horrid thoughts of them dying and the mothers eating the remains. But at the next stop, Bloemfontein, at 2 p.m., I got down on hands and knees and peered into the crate. To my great relief, I saw ten beautiful little faces.

#### Destination labels changed

I didn't feed the family on Wednesday morning as we were due in Durban at 9.45 a.m., and I knew that Mrs. Lombard, the Durban breeder, had made arrangements. When Mrs. Lombard and I tried to get the family delivered from the station to her house, however, we were told that there would be no delivery service available until 2 p.m. So we retired to Mrs. Lombard's home in the Durban suburb of Umbilo and waited—and waited. Finally, I returned to the station—a half-hour journey—to see what was happening. There I found that, in Cape Town, and without my knowledge, the destination labels had been changed from Durban to Umbilo, and it was to Umbilo Station that my cats had now been delivered. This might



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not seem too bad, excepting that Umbilo Station had long been out of use; no trains stop there and it is just a bare, derelict, deserted platform. And that was where my babies had been dumped and left all day. My feelings can be imagined. Ten kittens and eight cats having had no food since the evening before! After a lot of pleading, begging and tear-shedding I managed to get a promise that my family would be retrieved from the ghost station and delivered to Mrs. Lombard. They finally arrived at 4.45 p.m., absolutely starving.

Fortunately, Mrs. Lombard had laid on everything. Here I must say that without her help and her love of cats, I really don't know what I would have done, as she had everything for their comfort, and spared no effort to help my cats recover from their long journey and exposure. Mrs. Stevenson, also, was of the utmost assistance.

### Van is missing!

I left Durban on Friday night, but again there were difficulties. I had arranged, as I thought, for the railways delivery service to collect the crates and get them on the Zululand train. No van arrived! Here again, I was frantic, because my 'phone calls to the Railways produced only the most horribly negative results. In the end, at about 6.45 p.m., I 'phoned the S.P.C.A. From them I received most willing and most welcome help. A van came to the house, loaded cats, crates and me, and took us all to the station. There I met with another contretemps. I was told that the family should have been delivered by 3 p.m. Only with the greatest difficulty was I able to persuade the clerk on duty that the cats were travelling with me and *must* go on the same train. Actually, I felt a sense of terrific accomplishment when I finally saw the cats loaded on to the Zululand train.

This train, of course, is not another Orange Express. Quite the contrary.

Stations and stops were so frequent that I was able to give the cats much more attention, and they were regularly fed and watered with the assistance of the staff who emptied sani-pans and filled water bowls for me. What struck me forcibly was that we now seemed to be in an area where Siamese cats are a novelty, for my family excited the greatest interest at every stop. I have since had a similar experience in taking some of the cats to the Rand Cat Club Show. On that occasion *all* the passengers—all six of them—came into the guard's van to see the cats.

We all finally arrived at the end of the line—Gollel—at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday morning. With my husband there to meet me, my troubles were over, for it was only another twenty miles by road to my new home. By then, I and my family had travelled a total of 1,519 miles.

I feel it shows the wonderful stamina of Siamese cats that they were able to survive this ordeal and to so quickly recover from it. Two weeks later, four of them were on show in Johannesburg, and came back with a cup and six awards, and they have settled down well in their new and novel surroundings. They invite any catty friends, who may find their way to this narrow strip of the Transvaal in Natal, to visit us and see for themselves.

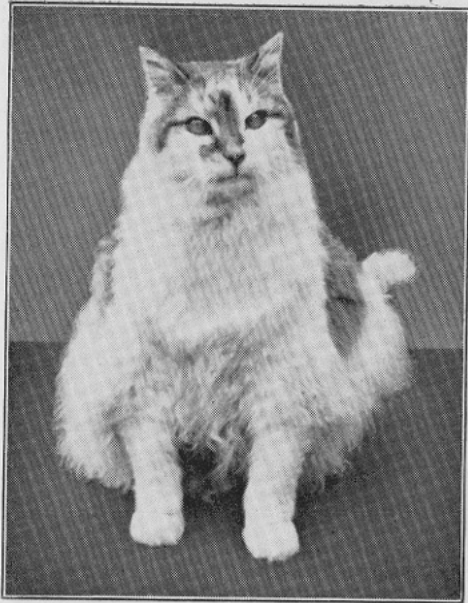
AUDREY ANDERSON.

### Next month!

#### Russian Blues

will be the variety selected by Hugh Smith for the resumption of his interesting and helpful series "Looking at the breeds".

"News from Down Under" will also be resumed in the September issue.



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## MOO-MOO

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Mrs. F. H. RIDGE of 79 Church Hill Road, Cheam, Surrey, writes:—

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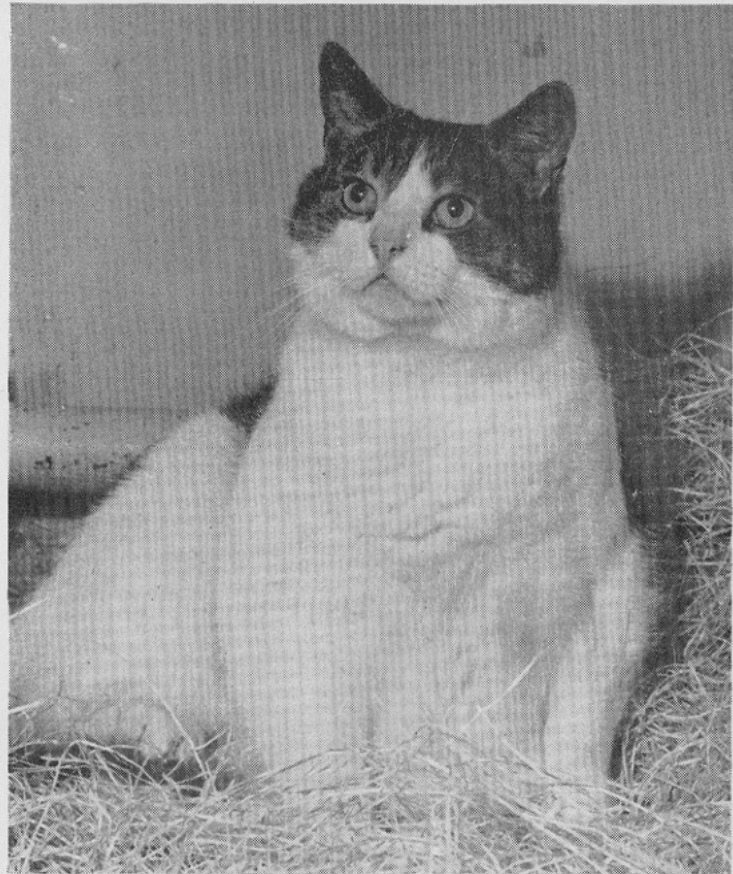
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# Tailpieces

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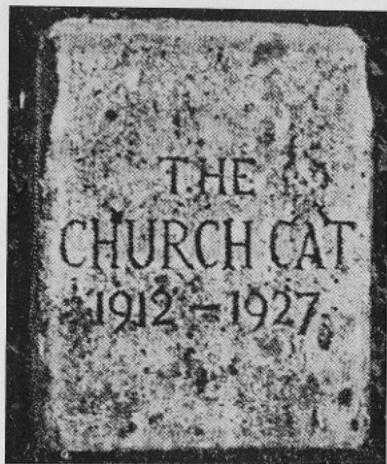
THE following item has reached me from Mr. V. Watson, Chairman of the Burmese Club: "An article recently appeared in a popular women's magazine which included some misleading information about Burmese cats. The cat described in the article as a Burmese is, in fact, the so-called Sacred Cat of Burma of which, to the best of my knowledge, there is no specimen in this country and only a very few on the Continent. This cat, which is longhaired, has blue eyes and there is an interesting legend as to how it got its blue eyes and white gloves. The cat which is recognized as Burmese (Breed No. 27) is, of course, a seal brown short-haired cat, almost but not quite, self coloured and with yellow eyes. The article also gave a wrong idea as to what would result from mating a Siamese mother with the ginger tom from next door. The kittens would all be either self black or tabby."

Mrs. Marjorie Haden-Guest's Bonavia Hannibal, son of Ch. Bonavia Contenta, has been blazing a trail for English stock to some considerable purpose at Continental shows. He is now a full Champion, having won at Berne under Mrs. Speirs, at Turin under Mme Ravel and not only was Best Longhaired Cat at Naples under Signorina Francine Asinari but also Best Import and Best Prepared Exhibit.

Exeter Cathedral has an ancient wooden clock with a cat-hole. According to the guide book, this was to enable cats

to catch mice that threatened the clock's machinery. It is further claimed that the clock is the one referred to in the nursery rhyme "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."

A Blackpool resident out for a stroll recently saw an odd sight in the street—a salmon tin walking unsteadily around on four furry legs. The legs belonged to a stray black cat who had found the discarded tin and who, on sticking his head inside in search of scraps, had become firmly wedged. Police took the cat to the local P.D.S.A. dispensary where, after the application of grease and a little gentle tugging, the cat was released from his "armour".



This is the tombstone of the Church Cat set in the lawn outside the south transept of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. It is reported that the cat was buried with music.

Cats and dogs are living much longer than they did ten or fifteen years ago, says an American veterinary authority. The diagnosis of heart condition, pancreatic disorders and kidney conditions and treatment for them has prolonged the lives of many older pets, as has surgery and new methods of fixing broken bones. New knowledge of nutrition and the development of canned therapeutic diets for certain metabolic diseases have also helped to raise the expectation of life for felines and canines.

Ginger, a male cat belonging to a Southampton public-house, weighs 28 lbs.

The annual Cat Week organized by the Cats' Protection League will take place this year between October 1st to 7th. Gifts of various kinds will be welcomed by the organizers at 29 Church Street, Slough, Bucks—such items as knitted garments, linen, produce for the larder, toys, jewellery, etc.

"We are very much concerned with the many problems which beset dog and cat breeders. Many of these problems are self-imposed, for unfortunately many breeders refuse to face up to the fact that, within their breed, undesirable characteristics are increasing to an alarming degree. Such traits could often be largely eliminated by more careful selection of breeding animals and more drastic culling of young stock."—Extract from opening address to the 1961 British Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress, by the President, Mr. W. B. Singleton, M.R.C.V.S.

A happy idea sprang from Simms Motor Units Ltd. of East Finchley at the termination of the recent Royal Agricultural Show at Cambridge. It is customary for their scroll to be featured on their stand in hundreds of red carnations. On the last day of the Show the firm invited the P.D.S.A. to sell off the blooms to the public in aid of their funds. The visitors were eager to purchase and close on 1,000 carnations were disposed of for a sum far exceeding expectations.

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The kindest act shown to a cat won a cup for 8-year-old Carol Maidment at a Bournemouth show.

"My neighbours think I'm mad. I was mad to start, but now I couldn't sleep if I let the cats go hungry." This was the answer given to a newspaper reporter in an interview with Miss Daphne Paterson, a middle-aged Auckland (New Zealand) lady when she was asked why she had used her life savings in feeding nearly 100 stray cats in the city. Her flower-growing business had been spoiled and she was forced to take night cleaning jobs in order to earn money for food for herself and the cats. Each day she spends about £2 and many hours in preparing 20 lbs of ox liver mixed with hotel scraps. She has about ten feeding places in the city and North Shore where the cats wait for her.

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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.**

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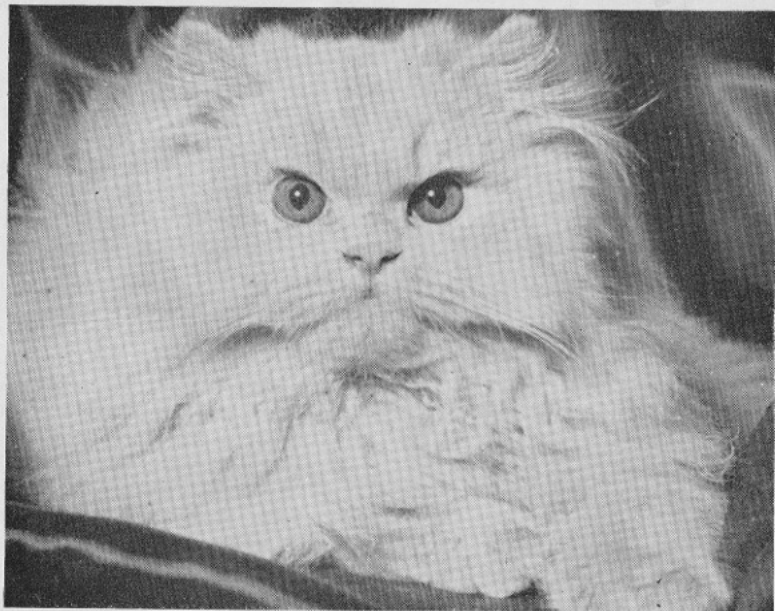
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about  
my  
Tibs?

Champion Startops Starduster didn't have to wait long but it's easy to see he was impatient. Impatient for what? For his Tibs, of course.

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entries concerning personal-  
ities, both human and feline.

#### Getting around

**M**ISS VERNER CLUM left Florida, U.S.A. in early April and visited many European countries before arriving in England on June 13th. She stayed here nearly three weeks and visited many of the well-known breeders of Longhair cats. Her particular interest are Blues, Creams and Blue-Creams and she has had some outstanding wins with these varieties.

Writing to me when she was *en route* home on the *Queen Elizabeth* she recorded some of her impressions:

"I was thrilled at meeting so many of the fine folks I had read about for years. First I visited Mr. Stirling-Webb in his charming Richmond home amid all those magnificent antiques and in such a lovely setting. When one sees so many cats it is difficult to remember them individually except perhaps the Colourpoints which he has so cleverly bred. I should have liked to buy Ch.

Briarry Euan but he was not for sale and I found later that English breeders are very reluctant to part with Champions. Perhaps that is why they breed such good cats?

"Before you explained it to me I thought English breeders exported them to Europe but not to U.S.A. I understand now that kittens are exported and become International Champions by obtaining their honours in European countries.

"Then I visited Mrs. Brunton and was so interested to see her home and garden and of course the cats. Her Blue females and their kittens were a picture and I was captivated with a Cream female kitten Doll of Dunesk by Ch. Paul of Pensford and delighted when she agreed to let me have her.

"It amazed me to see in England the cats having so much freedom in the garden. I realize how healthy they are for it. In Florida we should have the problem of sand fleas and fungus if we let them out. It is a great asset for cats that English gardens mostly have walls or fences round. And how fine it is for your breeders that England is a small country in comparison to the United States. It enables you to send your females to the most suitable studs which is so much better for them than the long journeys we often have to send ours if we want the top cats. Bonny Boy of Dunesk by Ch. Thiepval Paragon is a fine robust male that I am taking back to Mrs. Florence Kemmer of Florida. He will be a great asset to both of us.

"Mr. and Mrs. King made me very welcome on a short visit and again I marvelled at the cats loose in the garden looking so happy and living such a natural life. The queens had no kittens yet but I should have liked to bring back their Cream Champion female. (Miss Clum does not mention her name but I imagine it was Ch. Startops Baby Bunting by Ch. Hendras Benedict and Ch. Starmist of Pensford.—J.T.)

"Later Mr. and Mrs. Aitken showed me all their fine furry family and best of all her lovely daughter Alison. We had that English speciality high tea which was most enjoyable and in the early evening we visited Mrs. Nash and her two Blue queens and Ch. Bluecroft Butterscotch looking so well and so youthful although over eight years of age.

### Seven in Blue litter

"Then on Friday we came to you. I had looked forward for many years to meeting you, and you and your beautiful garden were just as I imagined. Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous is so lovely and has such an angelic disposition, Mr. Soderberg must be very proud to have bred him and Miss Langston to have bred his sire. With his record he would command a fabulous stud fee in U.S.A. The seven Blue kittens by him and your young queen Mooncoin Judy amazed me, as it is the first litter of seven Blues I have ever seen. Judy looked so contented in her nursery box whilst we had tea.

"Of course I wanted your Blue-Cream Champion Star of Pensford but again 'not for sale'. Ch. Regina preferred the garden on such a lovely day but my glimpse of her gave me the impression of a peke face which we so like in U.S.A. Again I envied the freedom so many of the cats in England enjoy.

"On Sunday I left London and drove out to Hertfordshire to meet Miss Sheppard. Her Cream males are very

lovely as well as her queens and I persuaded her to part with her Tortoiseshell Widdington Merrylass by Ch. Chadhurst Sambo and Ch. Widdington Honeystar which as you know has two Challenge Certificates. I also bought a Blue-Cream adult Widdington Rosebud by Champion Widdington Winterset and Wanda of Pensford and a Cream kitten Widdington Star by the same sire, all bred by her. I very much enjoyed seeing the Widdingtons at home and meeting Miss Sheppard

"I had corresponded for some time with Mrs. Madge Smith of Bingley, Yorkshire and the Cream male she sent me has been a great success and is an adorable cat. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had made reservations for us and we dined together and had an enjoyable cat chat. Whilst in Yorkshire we visited Mr. and Mrs. Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. Knight who both own some lovely Blues. Mrs. Knight's kittens were all males and one especially had beautiful type and if he had been a female I would have loved to have it.

### Up in Cheshire

"Then to see Miss Marjorie Bull and my first impression was the glorious flowers in her garden. Then I met some lovely cats, Blues, Creams, Whites and Blacks. The Yorkshire puppies were adorable and I nearly settled for one. I am hoping to have a Deebank girl kitten when Miss Bull has one she considers just right for me.

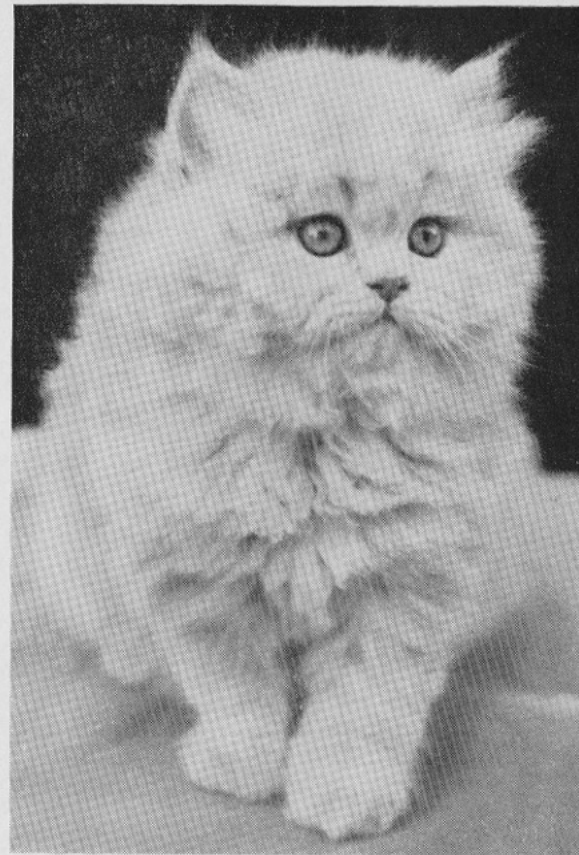
"Next morning off to Mrs. Benbow, we sat in the garden and Ch. Bayhorne Ajax came out. He hadn't shed his coat as much as some and was looking very well. He was just like I expected. Then Mrs. Benbow showed me a Blue kitten, a picture which she considered the choice of her three litters called Bayhorne Eva. She is by Ch. Ajax out of a queen bred by Mrs. Mason who is a daughter of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Well, after much persuasion Mrs. Benbow agreed to let me have her and I was delighted.

"I so regret I was unable to see Miss Langston but she had a concert in London and we were unable to fix a meeting.

"The highlight of my trip was my visits to breeders in England. Such fine experienced breeders and so willing to share their knowledge. From each I learned something and I would not have missed one of them. I never dreamed it would be possible for me to come to England but one day perhaps my visit will be repeated. Mr. and Mrs. Brunton came to see us off at Southampton bringing with them Bonny Boy and Doll of Dunesk, and we had photos taken

on the ship. After we sailed Doll was the highlight of a contest and won a prize. A wonderful trip with precious memories".

Miss Clum was very impressed with the freedom the majority of our cats enjoy and the spacious runs of many males. I feel quite sure that it is due to these conditions that urinary troubles in our males appears to be much less prevalent here than in the United States. It is natural for stud cats to spray especially in the breeding season from January to July and large runs provide scope for it without being too unpleasant for the



Cream female kitten DOLL OF DUNESK by Ch. Paul of Pensford, bred by Mrs. M. Brunton and now owned by Miss Verner Clum, of Florida, U.S.A.

owners, and of course all cats need plenty of space for exercise and sunshine when it is not too hot. Lack of exercise can also be a predisposing cause of skin eruptions.

We are very fortunate that veterinary inspection at all shows under Governing Council rules is excellent as it keeps exhibitors on the alert.

Mrs. Philpot, Hon. Secretary of the Kentish Cat Society kindly sent details of the Show at Maidstone, Kent, on July 8th. The new venue, The Corn Exchange, met with general approval and attracted an excellent attendance. Pedigree exhibits numbered 132 and there were six household pets. The classification was generous and there

were 78 special prizes. Siamese outnumbered any other variety.

The beginning of July is too early for Longhair adults and nowadays when so many L.H. queens have their first litters so late (May and sometimes June) their kittens are often too young to exhibit. So Longhairs had only 19 adults to represent them, two litters and six neuters.

Awards were: Best L.H. Cat—Mrs. Stephenson's Blue male Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch by Woburn Sunshine; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Thornhill's Chinchilla female Sunhaven Belle by Ch. Bonavia Contenta; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Roden's Treetops Zero by Ch. Bircotte Nono. Best Shorthair adult—



*Hugh Smith*

Look at what you've won! Mrs. A. E. Ashford's ANNELIDA SILVER SWAN is shown the trophy she won as Best Female Kitten by Miss Moyra Ashford at the Kentish Cat Society Show.

Mrs. Rumbold's B.P. Siamese female Sapphire Lolly Pop by Browndreys Kong; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Ashford's C.P. Siamese male Misselfore Chocolate Whey by Ch. Camley Fudge; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Cole's Burmese female Premier Sablesilk My-Anna by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo; Best Household Pet—Mrs. Colville's Nelson.

The winning S.P. Siamese male was Miss Tibby's Katrine Sun Hunter and the female Mr. Richard Warner's Samsara Siva. The Open Class S.P. Siamese winning kittens were: Mrs.

Mrs. Philpot in her letter remarks "The Corn Exchange is spacious and has excellent daylight. The balcony from which exhibitors could watch the judging was much appreciated also the buffet. The floral decorations given by members were beautiful. The tombola and bottle stalls did well. The Mayoress judged the Household Pet Classes. She was very interested in the exhibits and afterwards lunched with the Committee.

Mr. Buttery was making his debut as Joint Show Manager with Miss Grainger and they organized a happy and successful



Some of the guests at Bramall, Hailsham, Sussex, for the garden party given by Mrs. K. R. Williams, President of the Kentish Cat Society.

Ashford's Annelida Silver Swan, Mrs. D. F. Williams' Siagenie Timothy and Mr. Ballard's Homing Simon. In Blue-Points Mrs. Philpot won with Bitchet Blue Tit and Mrs. Bullock with Leyborne Marietta. In Lilac-Pointed adults Mrs. Sayers won with Doneraile Lilac Loretta. There were no kittens in this variety. Blue British bred by Mrs. Johnson, prefix Jezreel, won well. In an Open Class of eight S.H. kittens she was awarded 1st with Jezreel Japonette and Mr. Russell firsts with his adult Jezreel Jorullo.

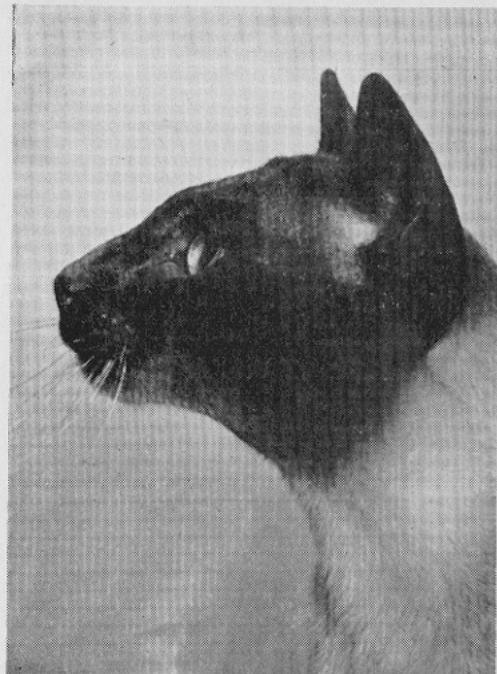
Miss A. Aitken won in Abyssinian adults with Icletwee.

Mrs. Brickwood's Burmese Tollvale Chula and Mrs. Cowen's Russian Michifer N-ginski also won firsts.

fixture. On July 22nd many of us met again at Mrs. K. R. Williams' delightful party".

Apropos of this social gathering which I was so sorry to miss owing to kitten family ties at home, the following are excerpts from a member's letter: "Mrs. K. R. Williams, the President of the Kentish Cat Society gave a very enjoyable party at her lovely home at Hailsham. The house is over 300 years old and has a delightful country setting with a wonderful view. It was fun taking part in the games and the afternoon passed all too quickly. The clock golf was organized by Mr. Varcoe.

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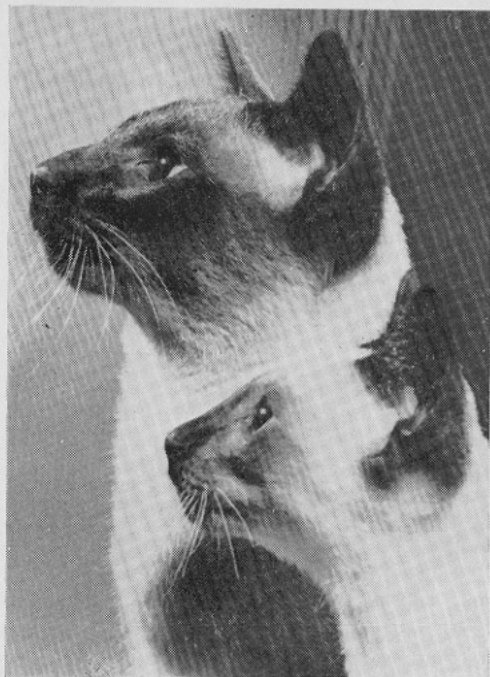
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to be auctioned for the Club. She brought with her Miranda her pug dog who has party manners. Miranda was not the only dog present as Miss Hoskin and Miss June Taylor brought their two Chihuahuas which were not so big as some cats.

"It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Williams' cats and to see them in such tip top houses amid lovely surroundings. I wish all males had similar accommodation.

"When thanking Mrs. Williams for having such a big party (over 60 were present) in her delightful garden, Mrs. Varcoe the K.C.S. Chairman mentioned how fortunate the Society was to have a Committee who worked so happily together".

This party is reminiscent of the way the Society originated about twenty-five years ago when the first Show was held in the meadow adjoining Miss Peake and Miss Ridley's house. Both were Blue, Cream, and Blue-Cream Longhair enthusiasts and they founded the Kentish Cat Society.

### Neuter guest of honour

The Siamese Cat Club's Tea Party at the Hotel Rubens in Buckingham Palace Road, London, on July 5th was attended by over seventy members and friends. The guest of honour was Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the G.C.C.F., who kindly presented the awards. The feline guest of honour was Mrs. Horwood's S.P. Siamese neuter Premier Samarkand Johnny Gurkha who behaved with considerable aplomb. He had the unique achievement of winning outright the Darland's Challenge Plate for the Best Neuter over one year of age presented by Mrs. Kemp in 1934 to be won three years in succession by the same cat. Johnny won it in 1958, 1959 and 1960. He was also awarded the S.C.C. Bronze Medal for Best Neuter 1960.

After the various awards were pre-

sented, Mrs. M. Calder, M.R.C.V.S. gave an interesting address on the care of cats and some of the situations which may arise with brood queens.

In the *Siamese Cat Club News Sheet*, it is announced that the President, Sir Compton Mackenzie will present the awards for the various "Bests" at the Club Ch. Show in London on October 4th, an event so looked forward to by all Siamese enthusiasts.

### Siamese judges

On May 3rd at the Caxton Hall, London, a meeting was convened by the S.C.C. to discuss the appointment of new Siamese judges and the following is an excerpt from the *News Sheet* of interest to all who exhibit irrespective of the variety:

"A further item that should come up for discussion at the next judges' meeting is the question of a change of judge from the one shown in the Club's show schedule. It would seem that show managers sometimes publish their schedules before they have actually received the acceptance to judge from their chosen judges. An exhibitor enters her cats in classes under a judge named in the schedule, only to find, on show day, that her cats are to be judged by quite a different judge. This seems to be misrepresentation, and some means should be found to protect the exhibitor. This does not refer to unavoidable changes, as in the case of illness. It is not generally known that the exhibitor may withdraw her cats if the judge advertised in the schedule does not officiate."

All exhibitors appreciate that in the case of illness changes may have to be made after the schedule has gone to press but what does cause dissatisfaction is when exhibitors arrive to find that judges, not through illness of the original, are officiating and whose names are not scheduled to judge any classes, or they find the judge present under whom they have entered judging other classes but

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not the ones they have chosen when entering their exhibits. We had examples of this at two London Ch. Shows last winter.

However rigid and explanatory the *Standard of Points* some judges have a preference for exhibits which have some quality they consider indispensable in a winning exhibit. By observation these preferences become known and exhibitors may prefer a judge whom they consider sees the cat or kitten in its entirety.

It is enterprising of the S.C.C. to air the subject as they are obviously aware of the disappointments swopping judges may give rise to.

The Chinchilla kitten Flash of Thame (page 1 June OUR CATS) by Ch. Laurel of Allington and Peri of Thame which her breeder Mrs. Helen McLeod sent to Colonel Vinci in March, was Best Kitten in Show at Turin, Italy on June 10th and 11th. Rebel of Thame, also bred by Mrs. McLeod has been Best Opposite Sex kitten twice in California, U.S.A. Congratulations to the owners overseas and the breeder here.

#### NEW STANDARDS

#### FOR AIRBORNE ANIMALS

**H**UMANE methods of transporting by air various animals, birds and reptiles are recommended in four new British Standards Institution publications. Prepared at the request of the R.S.P.C.A., these recommendations were drawn up by B.S.I. technical committees, on which animal welfare organizations, the Medical Research Council, leading airlines, and packers and shippers of livestock were represented.

Detailed guidance is given on care immediately before and during transit; suitable containers are recommended (and illustrated) and advice is given on

such matters as ventilation, temperature, feeding, and labelling of containers. These publications form Parts 3, 4, 5 and 6 of B.S.3149, "*Carriage of Live Animals by Air*". Each part is being issued separately.

Part 4 deals with cats and dogs and is based on recommendations originally issued by the R.S.P.C.A. A warning is given in this publication against the administering of drugs to cats and dogs by anyone but an expert. "It is known that many owners seek guidance on the use of a drug which will render the animal insensible for the length of the journey", says the foreword. "Unless the animal is accompanied by a veterinary surgeon or other trained expert while it is unconscious, the use of drugs in this manner is impracticable because no two animals react in the same way or for the same period of time to narcotic drugs. On a long journey involving many hours it might well be that one or more additional doses would have to be given and safe doses can only be assessed by those with great experience in the administration of anaesthetics and narcotics. Moreover, the awakening from a full dose of a narcotic, with inability for some time to control movement, and fright during the recovery period, may be worse for the animal than using no drug at all. This does not mean that a great deal cannot be done to prevent travel sickness and fright".

#### Minimum discomfort

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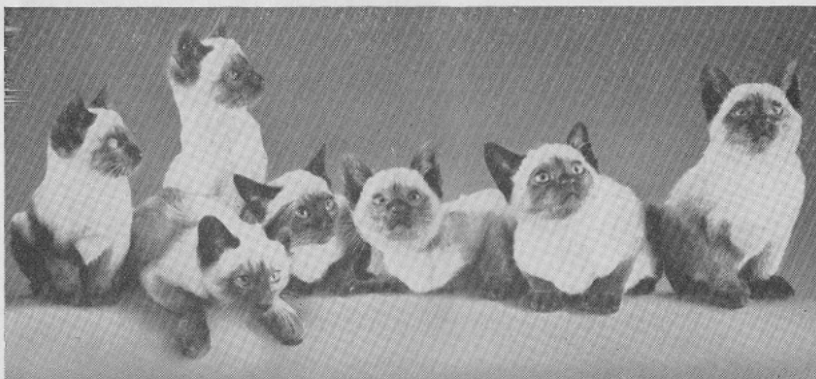
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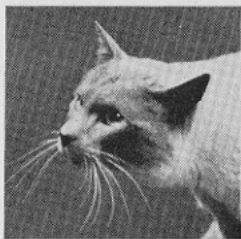
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## Keep the kittens growing

By P. M. SODERBERG

Author of "Cat Breeding and General Management" and other widely-read books.  
Former Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club.

*(Reprinted from our July 1954 issue)*

AS in my time I suppose I have written as much as most on the very important subject of rearing kittens, it may cause some surprise that I should take it into my head to deal with the same topic again. Were there such a thing as a royal road to rearing sturdy kittens to an age when they are completely weaned, a further article would clearly be superfluous. But that is just the point, there is no such royal road and success or failure can be achieved in a number of ways, and what is perhaps even more interesting is the fact that the same method adopted by several breeders will not of necessity be successful with all of them.

One fact can, I think, be taken as the general desire of all breeders. It is that their kittens shall continue to grow from the start with no setbacks during the first eight weeks, at the end of which time a breeder is expected to find ready customers.

Normally the first three weeks present no problem, for the queen supplies all the food that her kittens require. There are queens, of course, who are quite incapable of rearing a family, but, fortunately, they are few and far between. Sometimes such queens can be helped to provide a more satisfactory milk supply, but there is always the occasional queen for whom nothing can be done. The only hope is a foster mother who is by a malignity of fate rarely available when she is most needed.

The average queen has ample milk for the family she produces, but it does happen sometimes, and particularly

with Siamese, that the size of the litter is larger than any queen ought to be expected to feed. When faced with this problem the breeder may be in real trouble, for the absolute maximum should be six kittens, and even that number is a serious strain on the stamina of a queen. The ideal litter is probably four. The solution for the large litter problem has to be left to the individual breeder's own discretion.

A queen cannot be expected to feed even four kittens unless she herself is adequately fed, and it must be the aim of the breeder to ensure that she eats enough to maintain not only her own condition but also that extra to provide food for her kittens. In this respect the queen is usually a great help herself, for she shows by her desire for food not only how much she requires but also how frequently she needs to be fed.

### Essential liquids

As she has to provide for the family a considerable quantity of liquid during the course of twenty-four hours, she must have this liquid supplied to her, and rarely is water the answer to this need. Water should always be available, but much of the liquid ought to be provided in the form of milk food.

Most cats can drink goat's milk without any unfortunate consequences, but this is usually difficult to obtain, but not all cats, by any means, can drink cow's milk without being upset, although few of them are disturbed internally if only the top of the milk is used.

Farex and milk is palatable and rarely harmful, but the great standby is one

of the specially prepared milk powders produced either for animals or for human babies. Personally I have used a number of them and there seems little to choose between them apart from the fact that an individual cat may show a decided preference for one particular brand.

In addition to milky foods there must be ample protein especially in the form of flesh. I am a great believer in uncooked horse meat and rabbit as the main sources of protein. This diet can be bulked out with some carbohydrate, but on the whole cats do not need a lot of starchy food and the fats are not too easily digested.

"After care" for human infants includes the regular use of the scales, and the best test of satisfactory progress with kittens is the amount of weight they put on each week. A good average for Longhairs is four ounces in seven days, and if the figure is much below this you should come to the conclusion that the queen and yourself are somehow not doing the job well enough.

### "Self Service"

It is not universally accepted by the best breeders that kittens should be persuaded to feed on their own at the earliest possible moment, but that is my belief, and as soon after three weeks as possible I make a start. I am not always successful, for a kitten well fed by its mother is not immediately interested in learning to lap some proprietary article from a spoon. By the end of the fourth week, however, we are well away and the family are lapping this food and, what is more important, liking it.

During the fifth week I am much bolder, for the kittens are introduced to a small amount of Farex mixed with cow's milk. Half a teaspoonful added to two ounces of milk is a satisfactory proportion. It is during this fifth week that the kittens also have their first solid meal which consists of steamed fine-grained fish. At first they make a bit of a shambles of the

food by beating it down flat with their clumsy little noses, but, if one stands by, the trouble can be rectified and most kittens soon learn to like fish.

There is little chance of overfeeding at this stage, for at this time kittens are still with the mother and feeding from her regularly. It is a good idea to provide the fish meal when they have been away from the queen for an hour or two. By that time they have an appetite.

### Don't overfeed

During the sixth week, in addition to fish, rabbit is added to the menu, and one week later they have their first meal of raw meat. Care has to be taken to see that this is finely shredded, for lumps of meat at six weeks asks for trouble. Nature, however, usually helps the careless feeder, for she sees that the kitten immediately vomits what is beyond its capability of digestion. If you will take that automatic action as a sure sign that the method of eating has been wrong, you will stand by at the next meal to see that only small portions are taken at a time, and then only slowly. The greediness of some kittens has to be seen to be believed.

It is useless to try to give any real idea of quantities, for how much to feed is so much a matter of practical experience. Different litters require different quantities and some kittens, even in the same litter, need more than others. But the wisest plan is always to feed too little rather than too much. One always finds that smaller meals at frequent intervals is a method which pays off in the end.

By the end of the sixth week the queen should be separated from her family for long periods at a time, and by the end of the eighth week they ought to be completely weaned. Such a plan is better both for the queen and her family, although it may entail more labour for the breeder. That just cannot be helped if the job of rearing is to be done properly.

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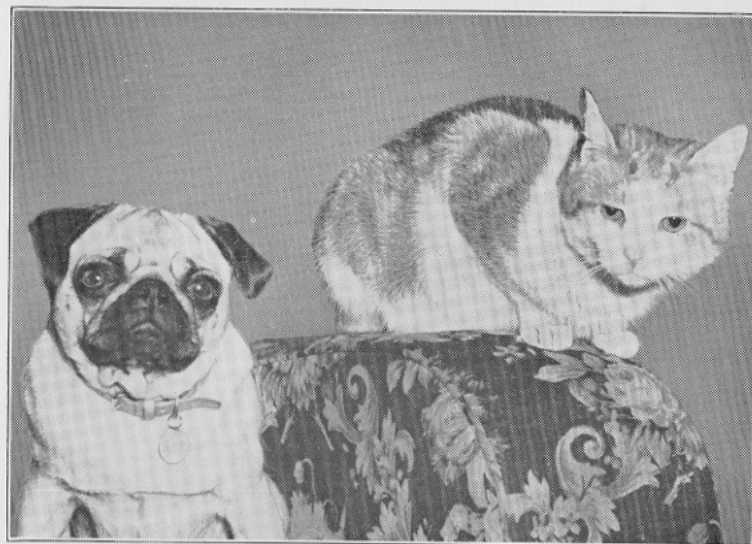
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