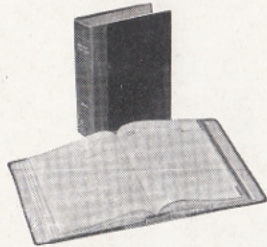


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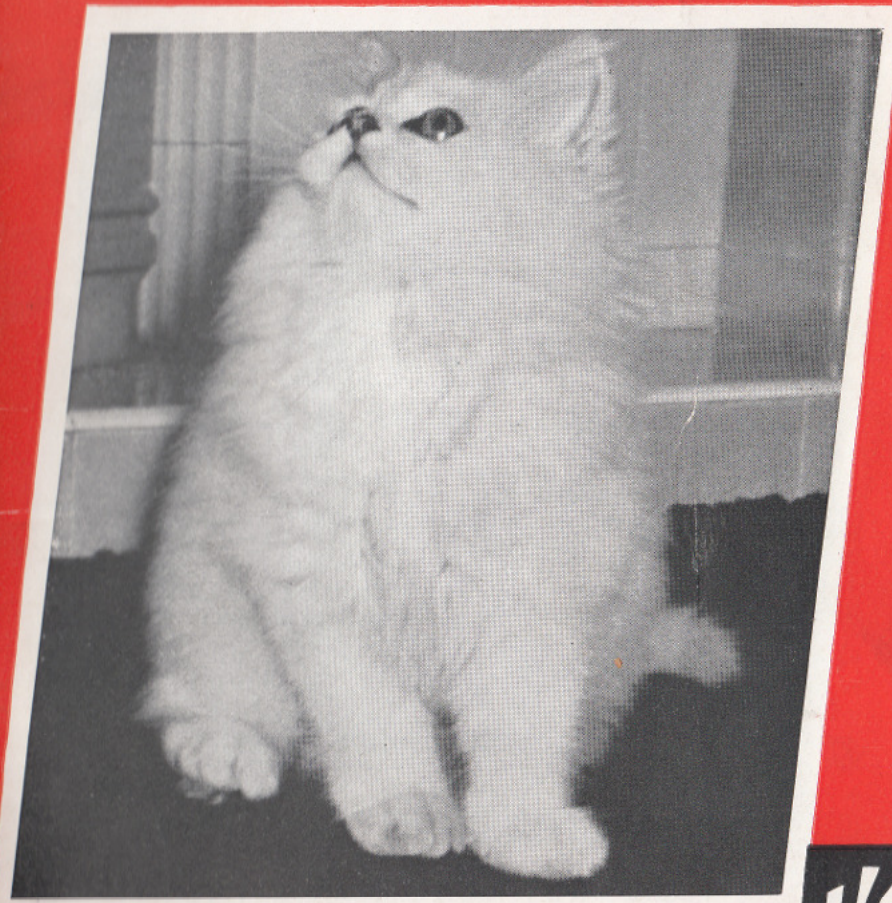
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### NEW YEAR — NEW RATES

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**D**URING the past few weeks I have been compelled to take a very close look into the position of the Magazine in relation to the increased production costs and postal charges which have recently come into operation. Had my analysis of the situation revealed the slightest gleam of hope that the existing rates could continue for a while longer I would have been spared the unpleasant task of having to write this editorial. But there is much more to it than the simple addition of a halfpenny stamp on two ounces of printed matter, which is roughly the weight of our 32-page issue.

Next January's issue will mark the beginning of our 14th year of publication and it will also be our 155th issue. I am naturally a little proud of the fact that OUR CATS has been able to survive through the most difficult times ever experienced in periodical publishing. So many publications with limited scope and appeal have fallen victims to the vicious spiral of rising costs. Unfortunately for the survivors the top of the spiral still remains hidden in the mists of the future and the problem of what best to plan becomes a difficult one to resolve. Worse still, with the decline in the value of money, the solution for the poor publisher must inevitably be one that is painful to those he wishes to hurt least of all—his readers. That is assuming of course that he wishes to keep out of the workhouse!

To look back over the years for a moment, we started off in January 1949 with a subscription rate of 17s. 6d. for the year. The hard times for small specialist magazines began about six years later and it was in

May 1956 that we were compelled to raise the rate to 20s. Over the thirteen years of our existence we have never raised our advertisement rates to breeders, and we do not propose to do so now. In 1949 a single page was devoted to the Directory of Breeders and it is deserving of mention that five of our original advertisers remain with us to this day, when the Directory runs to over six pages per issue. We are acutely aware of the fact that the Directory of Breeders is an efficient and effective medium for fanciers of established reputation; it promotes stud work and sales of stock all over the cat world. It has also been the springboard for many lasting friendships between fanciers in different countries. It is for this reason that we intend to make the feature available to as many breeders as possible by maintaining the economical rates we set in 1949.

To sum up, we have taken measures which are deemed to be vital not merely to the existence of the Magazine and the maintenance of its present standards, but also to its future development. To some, no doubt, the increased subscription rate will represent "the little more, how much it is!" We can only hope and trust that our difficulties will be generally recognized and that the increased rate will not result in the loss of too many of our friends in 1962. The New Year could very well be a year of progress for OUR CATS. Please help us to achieve this happy state.

EDITOR.

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In response to requests received, we have decided to make our issue for JANUARY next

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## Profile of

### MISS MARIE ROCHFORD

### *pioneer breeder of Russian Blues*

By JOANNA MACKAY

"YOU can do something about Russian Blue cats, but never mind about me." Thus Miss Marie Rochford who has never lacked strength of character. (Her tenants, mostly settled for years with her, know that and troublemakers or the unsatisfactory seldom "try anything on twice".) But how to separate Miss Rochford from Russian Blues, when for so many years, her cattery has been the headquarters of a small breed, now coming into fashion?

Perhaps it is proper to start with Miss Rochford. Of an old Roman Catholic family, she was born in Hampstead, where she was educated by nuns, before being sent to Belgium to another convent. Miss Rochford's knowledge of Hampstead and its history is as great as her affection for it. She is very difficult to fault on the subject and the compiler of the *Book of Hampstead* trembled when he heard who was going to read it. It must not be imagined that Miss Rochford is a tartar. Shrewd and kindly, with a keen sense of humour, she inspires affection in cats and lesser breeds (*homo sapiens*).

It was in Cheshire, however, that the first Russian Blue turned up. The thirties saw Miss Rochford living there with a job at Port Sunlight, breeding dogs. She had two longhaired cats "wished on me" as pets, but did not show them or not often. The grooming was a terrific job. Always fond of animals, Miss Rochford thought more about dogs for a



The first home of the Dunloes.

long time, keeping a cat or two as a pet.

Things changed when the feline founder of the cattery turned up and like so many other successful enterprises, the famous Dunloe strain started by accident. There was a removal at a house about half a mile away. Disliking the fuss, vans and so on, the cat walked out to settle with Miss Rochford, who had no idea at the time whose she was.

Some while later, puss produced kittens. Then a visitor said, "You've got a valuable cat there" and asked to buy one of the kittens. Interest was aroused and the next thing was to find a stud. A partner in the kennels had a friend who did a lot of motoring (this was when driving a car about the country was not pure hell!). She—the friend—discovered a cat of the right kind in Wales and was able to buy it for no more than half a crown.

It cannot be said that this first stud was ideal. Before very long, a visit to a show led to the purchase of another one. In the meantime, Miss Rochford had left the job in Cheshire and returned

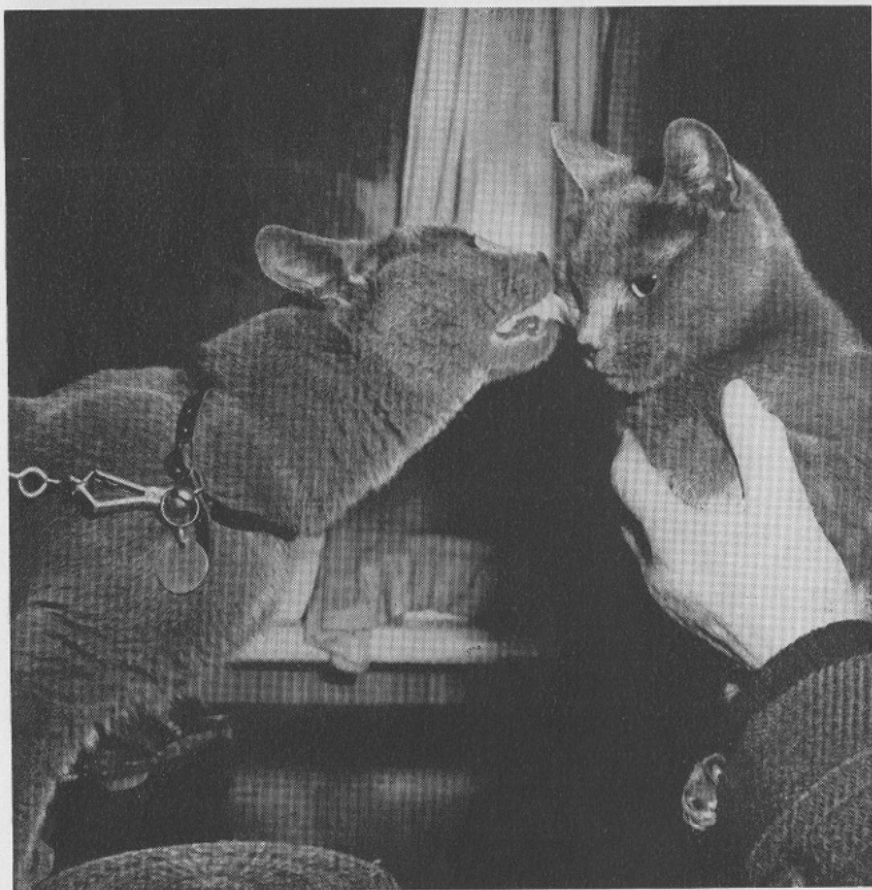


to London, where she felt she belonged in Hampstead, where she lives and has her cats. Keeping puppies, which make a lot of noise, would be impossible in a built-up district and there was the question of exercising. So a change to cats was made and shortly after the outbreak of war, a very important step was taken. Miss Rochford had been in touch with the very famous Theydon Bois Cattery (dispersed later because of hostilities).

Before it broke up, she sent one of her queens to stud with a cat on loan to

Essex from Southport in Lancashire. The stud returned and was terrified by the only bomb which hit Southport during the war. He vanished, never to be seen again, though his distracted owners actually offered their butter rations as a reward for his return. However, his best points had been introduced into the Dunloe strain and have never disappeared.

Asked about the war, when showing was stopped and breeding nearly impossible, Miss Rochford says, "I managed". There were Dunloes, when so



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**CH. DUNLOE DOMOKVITCH greets his friend Legionnaire la Vedette after an absence from home.**

many catteries broke up, including the famous Cornish cattery, whose undoc-tored feline staff were spread about the village to intermarry with the local cats. The result is well-known. A number of blue-and-white cats appeared to be known as Cornish cats. They had something in common with Cornish pottery, after all. More in order was the crossing with Blue Point Siamese, initiated by Miss Rochford and defended by her as essential to improve eye colour.

Afterwards, by 1950, the breed was well-established again. The Dunloes were in the lead. Dunloe Silvertoes, still living and working though now very deaf and toothless, was well-known. Dunloe Pavlovitch had become Premier in 1951. The Russian Blue Cat Club was formed in 1952.

What of the cats? Already, there have been too many (including Champions galore) for their careers and characteristics to be described fully. As a breed, Russian Blues are of the foreign type, judged in an imaginary oblong, with a silvery blue, plushy coat and green eyes. The head is less wedge-shaped

than that of the Siamese. Very hardy and easy to rear, these cats are usually affectionate, can be trained to a lead and are not "nervy".

Pavlovitch goes about everywhere and makes public appearances with the aplomb of a T.V. personality (without the same tendency to show off). Kittens are easy to rear, one only in a litter having a voice as a rule.

Why is this charming breed not better known? It is not, as was stated a short time ago, a "soft new love in cats", because some of them came over with the Vikings and they were noted in Frances Simpson's *Book of the Cat* as long ago as 1903, being known at one time as Archangel cats. (*They are quite definitely Russian*).

Questioned on this point, as the person who should know best, Miss Rochford says, perhaps the name is against them, things Russian not being very popular just now. (The cats have a most un-Russian temperament really). She admits that the fact that they have small litters has something to do with it. They are not generally such prolific



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breeders as Siamese. Then, the novel biscuit and brown of the Siamese has attracted popular attention to these cats.

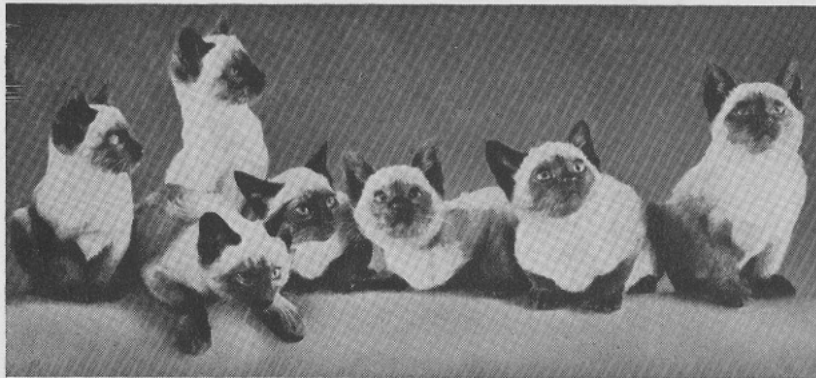
Miss Rochford says, "I think the Russian Blue is perhaps a more educated taste". She adds that people still think of a longhair as being a "prize cat", pointing to the numbers which turn up at shows, alongside the Siamese. When people think of a pedigree cat, their minds undoubtedly turn to a Persian or a Siamese.

Another factor is that most members of the Russian Blue Club are of moderate means and hard-working. They cannot run to large catteries, many of them cannot even keep a stud cat. The boys

up at Hampstead, Silvertoes, Domokvitch and recently Silvervitch, have always worked hard—and willingly, being stud cats. Because there are insufficient studs however, numbers are not going up fast enough, though demand is increasing.

The cats have always been popular in America, in Scandinavia because of their hardiness and in France. A Russian Blue, Saha, is the heroine of a novel by Colette with the same name. All publicity helps, in Miss Rochford's opinion. A mention in a leading fashion magazine a few years ago did a lot of good.

The Standard of Points for the breed was published fully in the September issue of this magazine.



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## ***A cruelty case is heard***

Report by JOHN CROFT

**We have over the years reported many cases of cruelty to cats, some so revolting and hideous that they have been heartbreaking to read. Purely out of consideration for space, it has been our custom to limit most of these reports to the bare outline. We thought therefore it might be interesting for a change, particularly to readers overseas who are unacquainted with English court procedure, to present more fully a recent cruelty case before the Falmouth magistrates as it was received from the chief reporter of the local newspaper.**

A GREY Persian cat which ran away when its owners moved to a new house led to four members of a family, father, mother, son and daughter in law, being fined £1 5s. 0d. each, with £2 4s. 6d. costs each, when they were found guilty at Falmouth magistrates' court of causing the animal unnecessary suffering by failing to provide for its proper care and protection while it was in a suffering state. The cat was found by an R.S.P.C.A. officer under a garden shed, in a diseased and weak condition. It had to be put to sleep immediately. Its owner said she didn't know where the cat was, and had searched for it in vain. She had been hoping it would come back to her.

The four accused all pleaded not guilty. They were David and Kathleen Tidball, of 56 Old Hill Flats, Falmouth, and their son and daughter-in-law, Emlyn and Christine Tidball, of 31 Tresawle Road, Falmouth.

Mr. J. O. Harris, prosecuting on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that the case arose out of an investigation by Chief Inspector W. P. Coomber (Truro) of the R.S.P.C.A. who discovered a grey Persian tom cat under the floor-boards of a garden shed opposite 31 Tresawle Road, on June 27th. Inspector

Coomber was accompanied by Police Constable R. A. Dawe.

The cat was in such poor condition that it had to be destroyed at once with special equipment which Chief Inspector Coomber had with him. The whole of the left side of the cat's face had deteriorated so badly, and the smell was so obnoxious, that he had no alternative but to put it out of its misery.

The cat belonged to David and Kathleen Tidball, who lived at 31 Tresawle Road. However, two years nine months ago they moved to a new address at 56 Old Hill Flats, and took the cat with them. However, it wouldn't stay, and kept returning to the vicinity of its old home in Tresawle Road. This house was occupied now by the Tidballs' son, Emlyn, and his wife, Christine.

Mr. Harris said that both families knew the cat was in a poor state. It was the R.S.P.C.A.'s contention that these families, knowing the cat was in a state of ill health and sickness, should "have done something reasonable and humane to put an end to its suffering".

### **Shifting responsibility**

Chief Inspector Coomber said he found the cat under the floor-boards of a garden shed opposite 31 Tresawle Road. It was very thin, its left ear was raw, its left cheek was so swollen that its left eye was nearly closed. There was no alternative but to put it to sleep.



When he interviewed Emlyn Tidball at 31 Tresawle Road, Tidball told the Inspector: "I'm not responsible. It's my mother's cat."

Inspector Coomber and P.C. Dawe went to 56 Old Hill Flats, where they interviewed the mother, Kathleen Tidball. She said she owned the cat. When the Inspector pointed out that the cat had been discovered in a very poor condition, she said: "I have been looking for him (the cat) since I heard it had a bad ear; but I could not find it. I've been over there calling the cat's name, and I did all I could to find it."

She said that she and her husband had vacated 31 Tresawle Road, some two years nine months previously, and the house had been occupied by her son and daughter-in-law. When she moved with her husband to Old Hill Flats they took the cat with them, but it would not stay in their new home, and persisted in returning to the neighbourhood of 31 Tresawle Road.

P.C. Dawe said in evidence that when he and Inspector Coomber found the cat under the shed, they had to remove some of the floor-boards to get it out.

In a statement which she made when interviewed on June 27th Kathleen Tidball said that about a week or ten days previously her son, Emlyn, told her that the cat was suffering from a bad ear. "I have done all I can to find him these last 10 days", she stated.

David Tidball of 56 Old Hill Flats, said that when he and his wife left 31 Tresawle Road, two years and nine months previously, they took the cat with them, but it kept going back to their old home. They used to leave scraps of food out for it. He added: "I realized the cat was in good hands".

In answer to questions by Mr. Tidball, Police Constable Dawe said that the cat was discovered as the result of a complaint. "We were told where it was, and we went there."

A veterinary surgeon, John Murray

Turnbull, M.R.C.V.S., said that he had examined the cat after it had been put to sleep. Its diseased ear and face, badly putrefied, gave off a most obnoxious smell which could have been detected a considerable distance away. "You could hardly get near it, it was so strong." The cat's general condition was very very poor indeed. The minimum period in which it could have got into such a state was six weeks, but it had probably been in that condition for much longer.

Because of its disease, the cat was deaf in its left ear, but the right ear appeared to be fairly normal.

David Tidball said in evidence: "My son came over one evening a week or ten days before we knew that the cat was somewhere in the lane. During this period coming home from work, instead of riding through the lane, I've walked through the lane, and called and looked in every garden to see if I can see the cat. If I had found him, I would have seen if anything could be done for him."

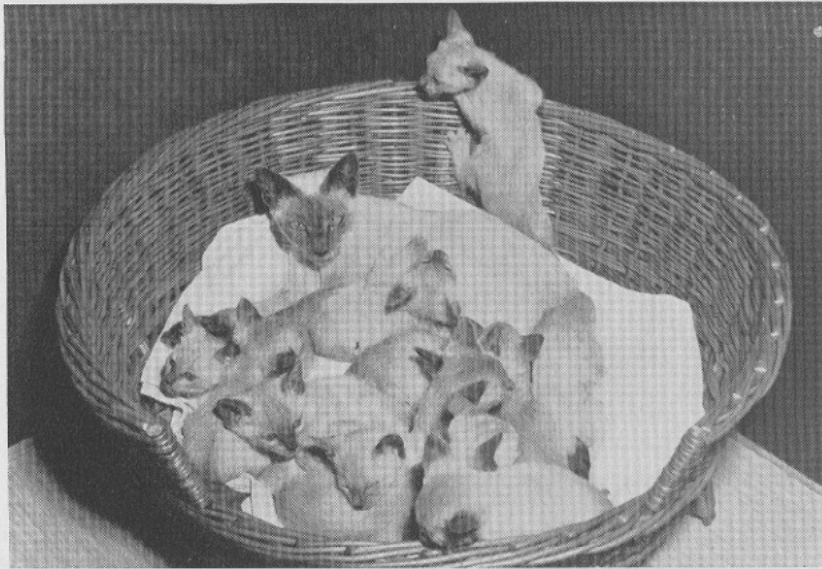
He added: "We've had six dogs and three cats, and they have all died a natural death. But with this cat, something (its illness) happened to it which we simply didn't know of".

Kathleen Tidball said in a statement to the court: "I was the owner of the cat. I never shifted the ownership. It was mine right up to the last time I saw it. I was going to and fro from the lane feeding the cat. It seemed to be a pity to take him to be put to sleep when I knew he was taking the food which I left for him.

"I am responsible for what has happened. Nobody else owns the cat. It was mine. I have tried to look after that cat. I would leave his food there for him, and he would come and gather it up".

Referring to the prosecution's contention that the cat should have been put out of its sufferings humanely by those responsible for it, she said: "We are not on this earth to destroy life, but to keep life, and I intended to keep my cat, and hoped he would come back to the flat. He used to follow me everywhere".

The presiding magistrate, Mr. John Rundle, said that the cat had been in a distressed condition, and had been suffering for at least six weeks. The members of the bench did not feel that the Tidballs had "taken reasonable steps" to alleviate its suffering.



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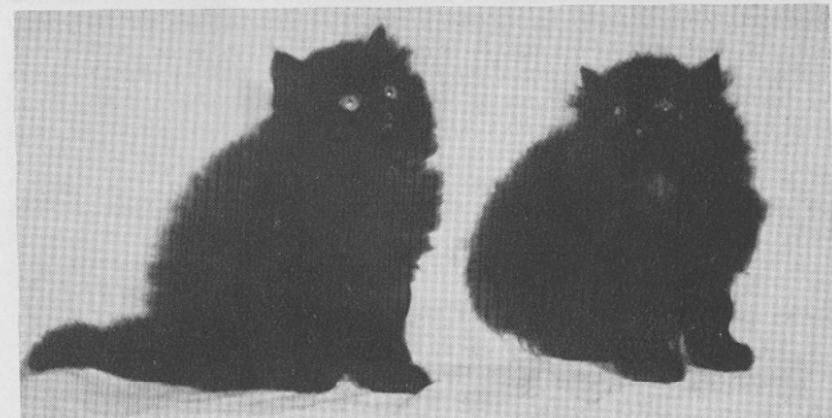
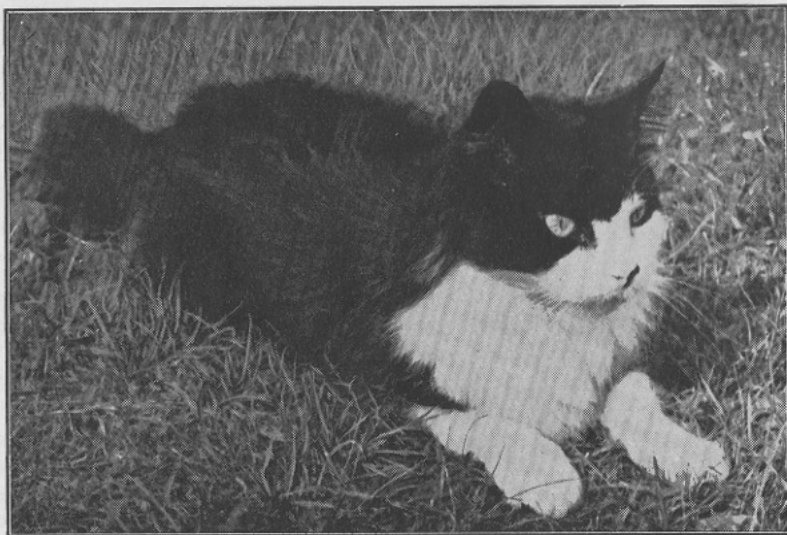


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Presenting the pair of Black Longhair kittens belonging to Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, of Solihull, Warwickshire, which did so well at the Kensington Kitten Show this year. PETRAVIAN PIERRE and MICHELLE are by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax ex Chadhurst Molly. Pierre, on the left, has gone to join his sister Petravian Suzette in Roanoke, U.S.A. He was best Longhaired Kitten in the Show with seven Firsts.





## Whisky - 17½ years old

MISS D. CHESTERMAN of 105 Halse Road, Brackley, Northamptonshire writes:—

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## Alimentary derangements

By M.R.C.V.S.

(Reprinted from our October 1954 issue)

A VERY little deviation from normal health is sufficient to throw a cat off its food; and in this respect, anyone who is treating or keeping a cat under observation (for diagnostic purposes) in a strange place should not permit himself to be misled by a cat which persistently refuses to eat—even for 2 or 3 days.

Cats in perfectly normal health will frequently sulk and refuse food for as long a period as this when confined in strange surroundings. This has been proved on many occasions, and immediately upon restoration to their own homes, they become ravenously hungry.

### Loss of appetite

Loss of appetite, as a symptom of disease, has very many sources of origin, the first and foremost, perhaps, being a state of fever, not necessarily connected with the alimentary tract. The temporary toxæmia following constipation is a fruitful cause as also are indigestion, chills, painful injuries and abscesses, and the several specific diseases.

Inappetance is not characteristic of any particular malady, though one should be sure that what is an apparent revulsion for food is not, in fact, an inability to eat on account of some mechanical obstruction such as tartared or loose teeth; or some painful condition of the pharynx, oesophagus, tongue, gums, or mouth, generally. Thus a careful examination of the teeth and mouth is essential in ascertaining the cause of loss of appetite, and it is astonishing how many people fail to carry this out.

Cats with obstructed urethra and a very distended bladder, usually fail to feed, and it is a condition which most laymen fail to diagnose. If the temperature (as taken at the rectum) has exceeded 102°F. and the cat is not feeding, no time should be lost in ascertaining the cause which of course may be serious; nor should several days be lost in the belief that "condition powders" or the like, are likely to rectify matters.

### Depraved appetite

Cats are not nearly so prone to eat filth or foreign bodies as are dogs, but exercise a meticulous care in the selection of their food as a rule. They are, however, like the dog, subject to a depraved appetite when affected with rabies or even (sometimes) with indigestion. But it arises mostly in consequence of some mineral deficiency, which will be overcome by adding to the food a powder containing trace elements such as iodine, copper, iron, magnesium, calcium, and many others.

That cats will voluntarily eat grass, cucumber peel, carrot, potato, lettuce and other green stuff, should not necessarily be regarded as depraved appetite. Such material is certainly abnormal as foodstuff, and the cat takes grass apparently for the same reason as does the dog—namely, to act as an aperient, emetic, or mechanical evacuant of worms.

Increased thirst, whilst almost invariably associated with gastritis (acute or sub-acute) or chronic intestinal catarrh, may nevertheless depend for its origin upon more or less fever arising from some abnormality of quite a different group of organs than those associated with digestion. It may be produced by



diabetes, diarrhoea, dropsy, chronic kidney disease, and some other conditions and is therefore not definitely diagnostic of alimentary derangement. Morbid thirst would be rendered more diagnostic of gastritis or enteritis if immediately after the water was swallowed, it was ejected.

### Diarrhoea

The phenomena associated with defaecation are more certain indications of alimentary derangement than any of the foregoing, and to arrive at a correct conclusion as to the nature of the ailment information concerning the action of the bowels is most important.

Diarrhoea generally indicates an irritability of the enteric mucous membrane, set up either by chills, parasitic infestation, the presence of irritant poison or undigested food, or specific bacteria, particularly those which are secondary to the putrid type of feline distemper or to infectious enteritis; and the tubercle bacillus. It can arise from kidney disease; and in senile cats with incipient heart disease.

In cases of localized inflammation or involution of the bowel, stone or other foreign body in the bowel, and some other conditions, there may be haemorrhages into the lumen of the intestine which would be manifested by the black (or even red) colour of the faeces. Such black colour, however, is again not wholly diagnostic of the presence of blood since some chemical substances, such as iron salts, calomel or bismuth, will produce a similar change. Speaking of colour, we are further aided in diagnosis where the stools are white, denoting a diminution of bile pigment; or where they are yellow, indicating an excess of it.

When the diarrhoea has existed some time and is more or less continuous, the evacuations are reduced to a frothy mass of thin mucus. The cat will be debilitated, miserable, and lose weight, and the owner will generally find it extremely difficult to cure an obstinate case. It

is nearly always a job for the veterinary surgeon.

Something may be learned from a minute (or even microscopic) examination of the composition of the faeces, as to the cause of the disease. Blood, bone splinters, parasites or their eggs, undigested fragments of food, etc., when detected will help considerably to elucidate the origin of the malady.

The stools are frequently most offensive, and for a variety of reasons, such as the presence of free bile or of undigested fat, or blood, in the intestines; and various micro-organisms which are secondary to the putrid type of feline distemper, etc., are gas-producing and cause foul odours.

### Constipation

Cats naturally evacuate twice or perhaps thrice daily, though, being very shy in this respect, they carefully conceal all traces when possible. Constipation is not uncommon, particularly in those which are very aged or which are deprived of a requisite amount of exercise or fed on unsuitable starchy foods. It often accompanies fever, and is sometimes an early symptom of a more serious condition to follow. It also may arise from weakened nervous impulses to the muscles of the colon and rectum, causing cessation of peristalsis (i.e. the intestinal contractions which drive the ingesta outwards). Other causes are deficiency of drinking water, or the loss of body fluids through other channels—such as in dropsy or pleurisy, etc.

Animals are sometimes dosed for constipation because nothing has been passed for several days, when in fact the animal may have partaken of no food for a like or longer period, and has, in reality, nothing to pass. The state of emptiness or otherwise of the cat's intestines can be quite easily ascertained by manipulation, and such a mistake should not occur.

Constipation is usually easily overcome by giving a grain of "grey powder",

followed for 2 or 3 days by a daily teaspoonful of liquid paraffin. The latter is easily administered by adding it to a broken-up sardine in a saucer.

Many people think that olive oil is as good as paraffin for combating constipation; but actually the former is a food

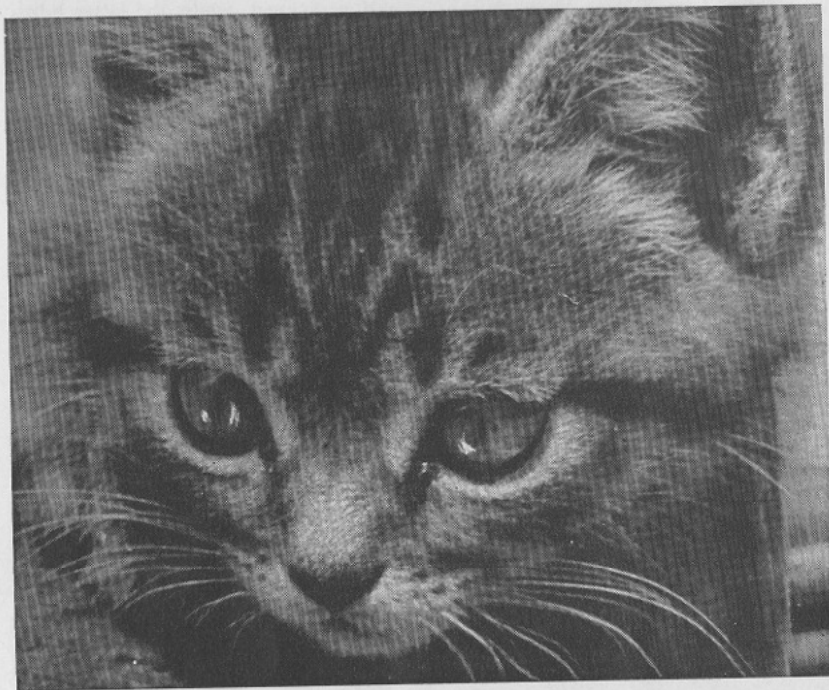
and is digested, whilst the latter lubricates the bowel lining and passes out as it went in. Large doses of paraffin or even small ones continued for a long period are deleterious to health for a number of reasons, and should be avoided.

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## Correspondence Corner

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



### Standards of ownership

RECENTLY, correspondents in differing parts of the country have told me of their finding well-bred cats, often Siamese, in homes unfit to possess any animal. The last account, involving a coloured household, was so flagrant that I feel I should draw your attention to these happenings because of your magazine's circulation amongst breeders.

That a person can afford to buy an expensive kitten does not automatically mean fitness to own one. To my personal knowledge, that facile face-saver "If anything has cost people money, they will care for it" is rubbish. Stray Siamese are not unknown in cats' shelters. A stray I befriended recently, blind in one eye and unable to breathe through its nose, was a Longhair whose initial cost, probably several pounds, had not prevented its owners from abandoning it because its presence was undesired in a new house. I can instance a couple in the £2,000 p.a. category turning out their well-bred cat for the sake of replacing it by a dog which was "fashionable" because the breed was in current favour with royalty.

Some breeders may be ingenuous, but where they are not the unfettered profit motive, when applied to sentient but helpless creatures is unpleasant. Cat clubs might, perhaps, consider laying down rules of conduct causing their members to obtain competent independent evidence that would-be purchasers of their kittens are fit to own them, accepting nobody either in this country

or abroad on their own recognisances and forbid sales to pet-shops or through dealers to unknown third parties. No conscientious individual would do otherwise but not everyone is conscientious. Those self-described "breeders" who may occasionally produce a litter, and well-meaning fuddy-duddies who "disapprove of neutering" can generate much trouble both for cats and humans. Sexed kittens should only be sold to bona fide "professional" breeders. Not only is a kitten sold into an unfit home wretched itself but it is likely to beget a chain of wretched creatures.

### Common habits

Because I could pass as a coloured girl or a Latin I have seen some of the world's more notorious slums, including coloured ones, in a way few English people are ever safely able to see them, together with the treatment meted out to cats not as deliberate acts of cruelty but as the common habit and practice because no-one had learned any better. The case I refer to in my first paragraph was no more than an average coloured standard, the point being that apparently such standards are now appearing in this country.

Caring lovingly for animals is irrespective of nationality or colour. I am not trying to make out it is not or even that our own standards are sometimes deplorable. What I am alluding is the *low average standard* in many of those countries whose nationals are now living in this one. Of course, blame rests on anyone who mistreats animals but in the instances which have prompted me to



write this blame primarily rests on those persons who sold kittens to such people, even if they only did so at second-hand through a dealer.

MRS. MARY COLLIER,  
A.R.C.M., A.Mus.T.C.L.

Cats' Valley,  
Motcombe, Shaftesbury,  
Dorset.

### Successful experiment

In a recent issue of OUR CATS I read about bladder distension caused by blockage of the urethral outlet by sandy material and how difficult it is to cure this illness.

Your readers may be interested in an experiment I conducted successfully on a male kitten with the assistance of two fine local vets, Dr. John Emerson and his wife, Dr. Sill. They removed the sand on three successive occasions, the trouble occurring each time we were away and our pets were being fed by friends, who naturally could not take the trouble we do, especially with this particular cat.

I gave the cat desiccated liver tablets, brewer's yeast tablets and a crushed all-in-one natural vitamin—one each of the tablets morning and evening and the vitamin with one meal. In addition, I fed him fresh beef kidney or beef liver on alternate days for about a week, cutting this down to once weekly after he was completely well. For his other meals, I used a dog meal mixed with hot water, with evaporated milk poured over this to make it more palatable or some left over cooked vegetables or other clean table scraps. The addition of a soft boiled egg once weekly is also good.

He is now thriving and a beautiful animal. It is important to follow the veterinary surgeon's suggestions when this occlusion occurs to squeeze the bladder to force out any accumulated liquid while the cat is being treated as during this period they have difficulty in urinating. This should be done for a few days until the cat can take care of himself.

MRS. RICHARD A. SCHMUECKLE.  
Rushland, Bucks County,  
Pa., U.S.A.

## 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.

1961	Promoted by	Venue
25 November ...	*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
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 Elm Court Gardens, Crowborough, Sussex.

## MANX FILM STAR

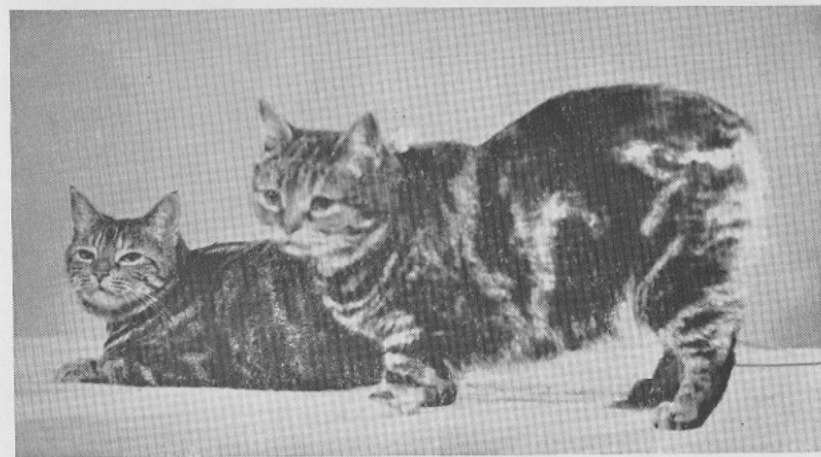
READERS will be interested to know that the little cat who played her part so well in the successful film "Faces in the Dark" was Miss G. K. Sladen's prize winning Manx Stonor Harriet. The script called for a feline of the tailless variety so Harriet was chosen for the role of "Sally" and during the rehearsals and shooting of the film she quickly established herself as a great favourite with the cast, staff and technicians. She was given a star dressing room on the set alongside such famous film folk as John Gregson, Mai Zetterling, John Ireland, Michael Denison and Tony Wright.

Harriet appeared in important scenes with John Gregson, who played the part of a ruthless business man suddenly blinded by an explosion in his factory. He is later deceived by his wife who has fallen in love with a business partner. His dawning suspicion of deliberate deception and that he is not in his own home is confirmed when he picks up what he believes to be his own cat. On stroking it he finds that it has no tail and in answer to his frantic enquiries a terrified maid tells him it is not his own black and white cat with a tail, but a tailless tabby.

The wife lies to him, saying that their own cat had been run over and she did not like to tell him. The servants had been given orders to chase the tailless one away. The little Manx, however, takes a great liking to the blind and helpless man and is with him in his bedroom during a particularly poignant scene of terror when he thinks he is going to be murdered. The cat's serene presence helps to preserve his sanity at a critical time.

After one particular scene which necessitated several re-takes, John Gregson said "It is not the cat which has ever failed, but we humans".

During the making of the film Harriet and her stand-in Stonor Beryl (pictured on this page) were motored each day to Shepperton Studios and they were of course accompanied by Miss Sladen, who is so well known and respected throughout the cat world for her devotion to the Manx variety.



The film star STONOR HARRIET is in the background for a change with STONOR BERYL, her stand-in, claiming most of the picture.

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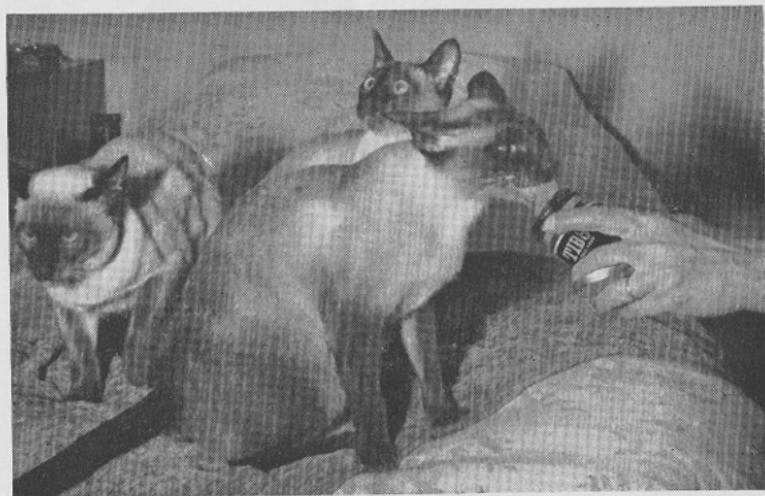
The three male studs of champion Siamese breeder Mr. B. F. Burlton are as clever as they're handsome—it's Tibs first thing in the morning for them.

As Mr. Burlton of Great Staughton, Hunts, puts down their food they nuzzle in his pockets for their Tibs. They insist on Tibs first and breakfast second.

It certainly makes grand cats of them as anyone can see from this picture of Whiteacres Nicholas with two queens, Sprinter Sal and Ona Perky. Mr. Burlton says "My old stud, Ona Vendredo, is nine years old now and still siring litters of 6 and 7 kittens. Tibs keep him fit, young and full of life."

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#### Herts & Middlesex

**M**RS. WELLBOURNE made her debut as Show Manager for the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Cat Club Championship fixture on August 30th at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London. An entry of just over 300 exhibits was a challenge and Mrs. Wellbourne is to be congratulated on managing it so well.

The entries would probably have been even more numerous if the classification had allowed breeders to exhibit kittens under three months of age, which is permissible between May 1st and October 1st. However, there were some very pleasing exhibits to delight cat lovers.

Main awards were as follow: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. McVady's Blue Gaydene Amanda by Ch. Thiepval Paragon. This exhibitor also bred her dam Gaydene Wild Rose; Best L.H. Kitten—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Blue female Amberley Candytuft by Pyleigh Horatius; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. L.

Speirs' Chinchilla Premier Loreley of Allington (in remarkable coat for August and an object lesson in show preparation); Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Martin and Miss Eley's S.P. Siamese male Whiteacres Mooey by Ch. Spotlight Melchoir; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Ashford's S.P. Siamese female Annelida Silver Swan by Whiteoaks Malahide; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Grant-Allen's Silver Tabby Elvaston Silver Mist by Bellever Calchas d'Acheux.

I haven't a record of all the Open Class winners but among those who were awarded first were Mrs. Fisher's Blue male Halcyon Boniface; Mrs. Durbin's White male Snowcloud Goliath (very well presented) and in White females Mrs. Holdaway's Sketrick Sharon; Mrs. Brough's Cream male Ch. Dominic Advent; and Miss Rodda's Black male Chadhurst Black Panther who was awarded his second Challenge Certificate. She also bred his sire and dam and the parents of her winning Tortoiseshell Chadhurst Ballerina.

Miss Sellar won in Blue-Creams with Pilgrim Mayflower who excels in type and eye colour. The best Blue male kitten was Mrs. Smart's Georgian Periwinkle, litter brother to Mr. Rodenstein's Georgian Natasha. Miss Rodda's winning Creams were a fine pair—Chadhurst Sunhunter and Chadhurst Honeymoon, litter brother and sister.

Evidently many kittens had changed owners since the last London show as only four Chinchillas were entered, the winners being Mrs. Calder's Broctons John Silver and Mrs. Lloyd's Sunhaven



Belle. In Blue-Creams Mrs. Stephenson repeated her K.K. and N.C.C. success by being first with Ashdown Heather.

In a class of thirteen S.P. Siamese adult males Mrs. Martin and Miss Eley won with Whiteacres Mooney and in Siamese kittens the same owners led the S.P. Open 5-9 months Class with Whiteacres Piers by Ch. Barvale Thai-Lu. Piers also won well in side classes notably Any Colours Breeders Male Kitten (20 in class).

In S.P. adult females Mrs. Owen's Sealtint Atalanta by Chinki Ritzi won. B.P.s were well represented and in a class of eleven males and six females Mrs. Goodwin's Shakaree Mahgoboy by Ch. Misselfore Ryken and Mrs. Peck's Roseway Cinderella by Tornado were the winners. Mr. Richard Warner continued on his winning way with Spotlight Scoiatollo by Ch. Spotlight Adonis. Mrs. Dadd won in S.P. female kittens with Sabukia Saini by Samaikand Gallant Lad and Mrs. Ashford's Annelida Silver Swan (pictured in August OUR CATS) won again.

Nearly 200 special prizes were offered by clubs and members. Miss Kathleen Yorke generously offered six specials for members of the Longhair, Cream and Blue-Cream Association.

The very hot weather probably kept some would-be spectators at home but the enthusiasts attended and were rewarded by a lovely show.

### Chosen for Rhodesia

Mr. Mowatt from South Africa chose Mrs. Fisher's winning Blue male kitten Halcyon Duncan to send to Mrs. Raeside and he arrived in Rhodesia to a V.I.P. welcome. I have seen the letter sent to Mrs. Fisher and it is very pleasing to read that Duncan has the qualities needed for their Longhair Blues and Creams, especially the short back and tail, deep eye colour and neat ears.

Refinements such as cobby bodies low on the legs and short tails are the perfect

"finish" to Blues and when they are in full coat the ideal is to see little daylight underneath their "tums".

The centre four pages of the German cat magazine *Die Edelkatze* on art paper illustrate Mr. Carl Stein's (Wiesbaden) very well built cattery. It looks so substantial and so inviting for the owner to linger whilst he attends to his Blue, Cream and White cats. The outside runs are surrounded by link wire fencing and all appear so well planned to provide healthy conditions with the maximum of light for the inmates; on the fourth page there is a plan to scale.

Plenty of windows which cats never fail to take advantage of when they have the opportunity are a very pleasing feature. It is surprising how often cats will nudge the curtains until they get behind them to look out even after a day spent in and out of the garden.

### A Danish quarterly

Cat lovers have never been so well provided with periodicals as they are nowadays. The Danish paper *Racekatten* edited by the President Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, is published quarterly; although one may not understand Danish there are items one can follow and of course the appeal of cat photographs is universal. Next month there will be news of the Championship Show at Copenhagen in early October, a big event in Scandinavia.

### Siamese on show

A cool autumn day greeted the 31st Championship Show of the Siamese Cat Club at the Seymour Hall, London, on October 4th. Nearly two hundred cats and kittens and in addition several litters delighted Siamese enthusiasts. The light in this hall is tiptop for exhibits and one can really estimate the true colour of coat and eye colour which is so essential for judging.

Mrs. E. Kent (Chairman) and Mrs. Dunnill (Hon. Secretary) were joint Show Managers and they presented a most enjoyable fixture. The President Sir Compton Mackenzie journeyed from Edinburgh to present the rosettes and he made a remark which pleased all cat lovers when he said: "Although Siamese were my first love, I also love all cats and this year I have acquired a marmalade kitten so the Siamese would not be jealous at a new addition". He advised breeders to "stick to the Standard of Points". This, of course, applies to all varieties and breeding would be hazardous unless one kept the official standard in mind.

Awards were: Best Exhibit in Show—Mrs. Peck's Blue Pointed female Roseway Cinderella by Tornado and Trubun Penny; Tornado by the way is a son of Ch. Spotlight Troubadour and a daughter of Ch. Bluchayes Foxy; Best Male—Mrs. Dadd's S.P. Samaikand Gallant Lad by Ch. Sabukia Sir Galahad. (Congratulations to this young breeder on achieving Gallant Lad's Final Challenge Certificate); Best Kitten—Mrs. Appleby's S.P. male Appledale Aldween

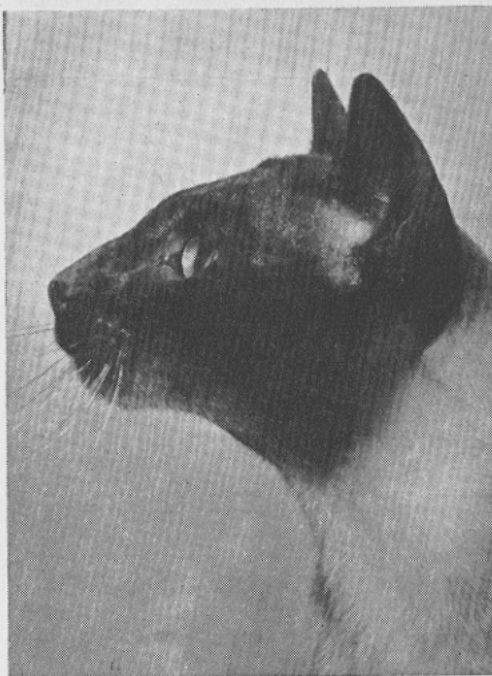
by Ch. Milori Oberon; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Marshall's C.P. Seax Sheba by Ch. Killdown Kerry; Best Neuter—Mrs. Lambert's S.P. Premier Firesprite Pedro by Ch. Causeway Pita.

In an Open Class of twenty-two S.P. females, Mr. MacMahon's Sanguine Lady Day was the winner. It was nice to see Mrs. Priston, who has bred many winners bearing her prefix "Pristine", appearing after an interval with the winning B.P. male adult Petruccio by Boncath Blue Haze. He also won the Any Colour Junior Male or Female (24 in class). Best C.P. Adult was Mrs. Demus's male Jaddyx Quaffy Deaner by Ch. Camley Fudge. Best L.P. Adult went to Mrs. Wood's female Laurentide Angelet by Dadbrook Dandy.

Mrs. Martin and Miss Eley won well with their S.P. male kittens Whiteacres Piers by Ch. Barvale Thai-Lu and a younger male kitten class with Whiteacres Sammi by the new Champion Samaikand Gallant Lad. Mrs. Hewlett won in the older female kitten class with Gaywood Zelia; and a young novice Mrs. Rathbourne led a younger S.P. kitten class with Honeydown Suzannah,



Hugh Smith  
Sir Compton Mackenzie, President of the Siamese Cat Club, meets the Best Exhibit in Show, ROSEWAY CINDERELLA, and her owner Mrs. M. A. Peck, of Helston, Cornwall. This fine Blue Point female was bred by Mrs. J. Croft



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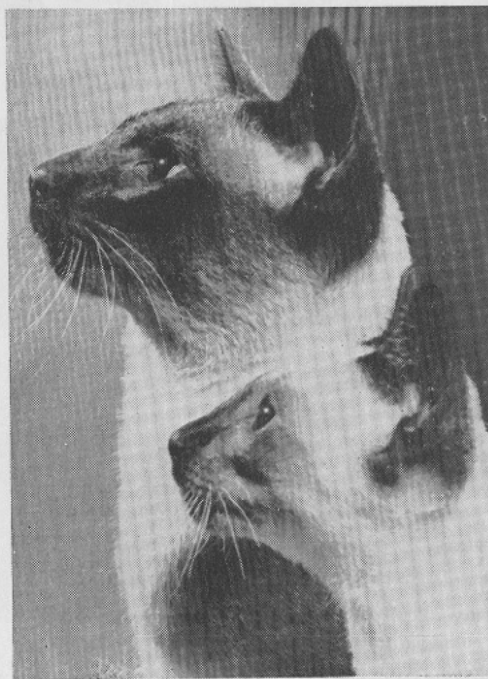
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much to her delight. Suzannah is by Mrs. Duncan Hindley's well bred winning male Silken Sultan. The other first prize winner in the very well filled S.P. kitten classes was Mrs. Morrison's Brackledown Chinki Lou.

The litters were delightful and Mrs. Hunt's large litter of eight by Beaumanor Tammie won in Seal Points and in Any Other Colour Mrs. Macalister's Blue Points by Ch. Pristine Bandoola.

In addition to the generous classification 168 special prizes were offered.

### On "boosters"

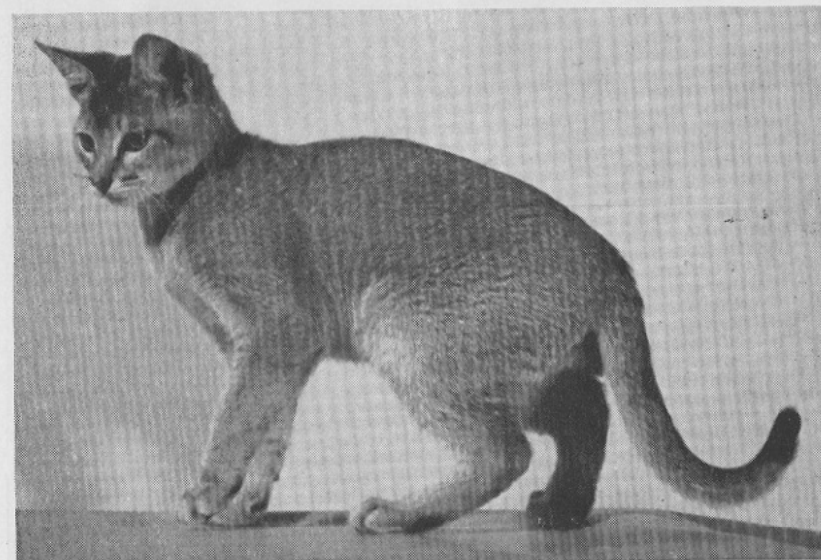
One hesitates to differ from an authority such as Sir Compton Mackenzie but I am dubious about his advice that adult cats should have "boosters" after their initial immunization as kittens. One gathered he came to this conclusion after losing an adult from f.i.e. Perhaps one injection might be permissible if a young adult was facing his first show

season, but I doubt if experienced breeders would be in favour of a series. The adult cats I have exhibited for over 30 years have never had "boosters" and Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous who has been much handled in about 14 Ch. shows has never had an injection of any kind.

Although I have had kittens intended for exhibition immunized I still consider that tip top condition and healthy living conditions are absolutely necessary to complement immunization.

Although the entry was not a record, there were many lovely exhibits and one senses that the Siamese Cat Club's own Championship Show is *THE* one which delights all Siamese enthusiasts.

A welcome visitor from overseas was Mr. H. Harley from Vancouver, a Director of the British Columbia Cat Association. He intends to visit many of our shows whilst he is staying in England and to see some of the cats at home owned by well known breeders. He is especially interested in Burmese and B.P. Siamese.



All that a young Abyssinian should be? Mrs. Elsie Outram, of Chatswood, New South Wales, Australia, who made many friends during her trip to England in 1960, is naturally very proud of her home-bred KONGSI ABU HERMES, who was Best Shorthair Kitten at the August Show of the Blue Mountains Cat Club. Hermes was bred from Ch. Mystic Arabi Faud ex Ch. Harmony Tara (imported from England) and is likely to go on winning, along with his sister, at the Australian shows.



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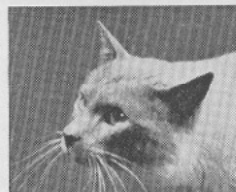
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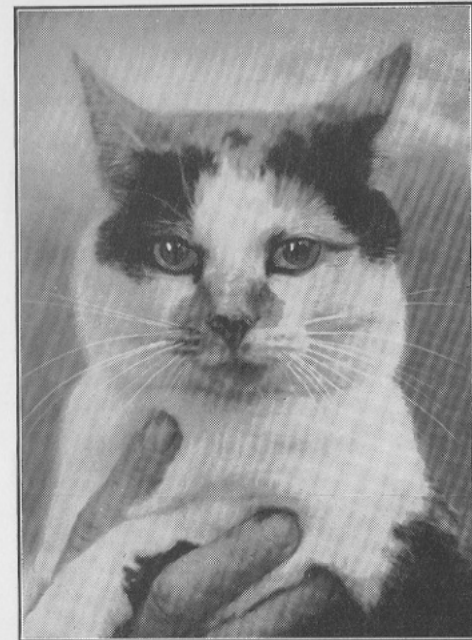
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