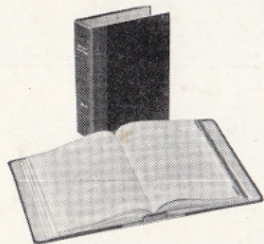


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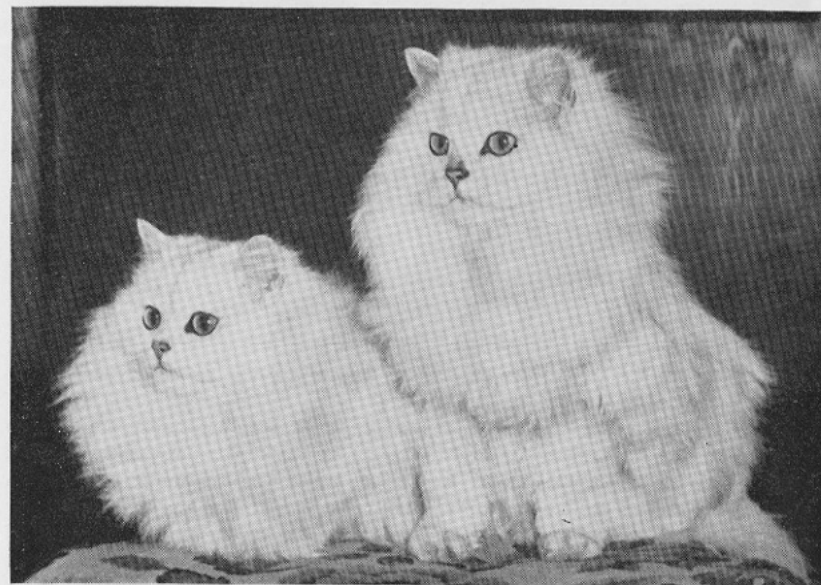
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CHAMPION CHINS.

CH. SARISBURY APHRA (right) and her daughter CH. BONAVIA FLORA, who is the cover girl on P.M. Soderberg's standard book on Pedigree Cats. Aphra's death in 1960 was a great loss to the Chinchilla world. Her last kitten was Ch. Bonavia Anne whose first litter shown at the Kensington Show this year had Best Male Chinchilla Kitten and 1st and 2nd Best Female Kitten. More notches to the score of prominent breeder of Chinchillas, Mrs Mollie Turney, Holyport, Berks!

LULLABY FOR CHRISTMAS KITTENS

DEEP in the hollow tree
She made her bed, warm-lined with drifted leaves.
And now, as all the midnight bells are stilled,
The little cat, with joy and triumph filled,
Sings to her kittens.

"Sleep, my darlings.

Here we are safe, here on the wood's dark edge,
Lost in the thicket where the shadows lie.
The prowling fox, who creeps along the hedge,
Watchful, alert, will pass unknowing by.
Safe from the storm—the old tree shields us well,
Circling us round with walls of living bark.
Only the owl who roosts above can tell
Where we are hidden, in the deep warm dark.

"Sleep, my darlings,

Blind and unheeding, safe against my breast.
Deaf to the wind that clears the storm-wracked sky,
And turning from the north to gentler west,
Is muted to a murmuring lullaby.

"The windswept sky is clear and tranquil now.

I see a Star is shining glory rise
From the spent storm-clouds lying dark and low,
Whilst the last whisper of the storm-wind dies.
So pure the risen Star, so still the night,
The whole world lies beneath a tranced spell
Of gentleness and peace, and limpid light.
I hold my babies close, and know all's well.
My darlings, sleep,
Warm, closely curled—
All's well in this our lovely, lovely world."

DOROTHY WINSOR

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.

1962	Promoted by	Venue
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.

Minnie triumphant

Appeal Court vindicates cat in flat

IN our issue for April last we reported with unusual pleasure a County Court case heard in London in which the central figure was Minnie, the pet cat who lived with Miss Tobie Lilian Vere in a mansion flat at Highgate. The landlords sought to restrain Miss Vere from keeping Minnie as it was claimed that Minnie was a nuisance to the other tenants and two neighbouring flats could not be let because of the smell she made. Judgment was given for Miss Vere with costs and the judge expressed the opinion that the landlords were not entitled to have the cat arbitrarily removed. Minnie was not a nuisance or annoyance and she had in fact been given an excellent character by other tenants.

All this happened in March last and clearly the landlords were not satisfied with the ruling given by Judge Dow at the Clerkenwell County Court. So it was decided to take the case to the Appeal Court where one day last month Lord Justice Holroyd Pearce, Lord Justice Willmer and Lord Justice Davies sat to hear the evidence.

In giving judgment, Lord Justice Holroyd Pearce said that when Miss Vere became a tenant in 1953 she had a cat called Minnie, a neutered female. She entered into a tenancy agreement which was thereafter terminated by notice, so that she remained a tenant, protected by the Rent Acts, on the terms of her original agreement. By that agreement she had covenanted to observe and strictly conform to general regulations, which included regulation 9, which read as

follows: "No tenant shall do or permit to be done in her suite anything which may reasonably be considered to tend to the annoyance of the company or of the tenants or tenant of any other suites or suite or keep any animal or animals in her suite after any objection made by and communicated to her by the company". (The italics are mine.—EDITOR).

In 1960, the landlord's manager was made aware of a smell near the entrance of Miss Vere's flat, which he thought emanated from the cat Minnie. He accordingly caused letters to be written in August and October, 1960, objecting to Minnie. It was quite clear from those letters that the objection to Minnie was founded on the smell for which it was thought she was responsible, and on nothing else. The defendant kept her cat; and the landlords issued the summons in the county court.

Glowing testimony

The particulars of claim alleged that the cat created a smell; and a separate paragraph alleged that by letters dated August 11th and October 18th the landlords had complained to the defendant about the smell and nuisance caused by the cat and made objection to her about keeping the cat in her flat.

At the trial, evidence of respectable and responsible people gave a glowing testimony to Minnie in respect of cleanliness, and it became apparent that the indictment of her habits utterly failed. Mr. Platts-Mills (who appeared for the landlords) himself giving the *amende honorable* after the evidence by saying that he withdrew all allegations about Minnie's character. But he had gone on to contend

that even if Minnie were completely clean and inoffensive, the landlords were nevertheless entitled under the regulations to object to her, without showing any ground for such objection; and on that ground he had pressed for an injunction.

The county court Judge had obviously felt that the complaint about Minnie had not been very satisfactory and had concluded that regulation 9 did not entitle the landlords to object to Minnie without any reasonable ground. His Lordship agreed. He could not accept the argument that an objection to the cat could be sustained even if it was not reasonable nor *bona fide*. The regulation was directed to the behaviour of a tenant and the objection was intended to relate to the main object of the clause, namely, the annoyance of the company or tenants.

Indirect motives

In his Lordship's view the regulation should be construed as intending that only a reasonable or *bona fide* objection could be made. When an objection was found to have been based entirely on a misapprehension, it was impossible to say that that objection was reasonable or even *bona fide*. There were at least six cats in this block of buildings. The landlords apparently had no objection to cats as cats. These regulations had to be construed in their ordinary meaning. They were intended to be read and understood by tenants, and they had this serious aspect, that if the tenant broke them, then, in spite of the protection of the Rent Acts, the tenant would be evicted.

The Judge here was entitled to take the view that this objection had no reasonable ground to support it. When the case on which the whole complaint was founded disappeared, the only ground on which the action could still be pressed was a desire by the landlords to save face or save some costs. Either of those were indirect motives which could not properly support an objection.

The Judge had also decided that, even if he were wrong in that view, he would

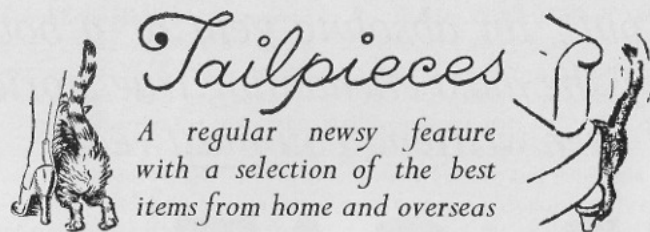
have refused an injunction in the exercise of his discretion to grant that remedy. An injunction was not lightly to be granted in respect of trivial matters; but if a tenant flouted a landlord, the Court would as a general rule grant an injunction against the tenant, even though a breach had been trivial. Here, however, there was no question of flouting the landlords. Up to the end the tenant had precisely and accurately defended an untruthful allegation against her cat. Even if there were here a technical breach of regulation 9, his Lordship thought that the Judge was entitled to exercise his discretion to refuse an injunction. The appeal should be dismissed.

Smell evaporated

Lord Justice Willmer, concurring, said that if the "objection" did not have to be reasonable and *bona fide*, a landlord who had made an admittedly malicious or wholly unreasonable objection would be entitled to judgment for nominal damages. Any argument which led to that result must be fallacious.

Lord Justice Davies, also concurring, said that in this case, the smell having evaporated, so did the objection, and there was no other separate ground of objection at any time.

How strong is a cat's instinct for the preservation of life? A Rotorua (New Zealand) cat-owner, Mr. D. J. Cleary, told how his cat, after being struck by a car, shifted her kitten from a hiding place in some bushes to a wood-box attached to Mr. Cleary's house. The cat then crawled away from the box and died. "We had never seen the kitten before, but we knew it was in the bushes. The cat must have known it was going to die and shifted the kitten so we would see it," Mr. Cleary said.



MRS. C. M. POND, Silver Birches, Buchan Hill, Crawley, Sussex, will take up duties on January 1st next as Registrar for Longhairs to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

Some important additions to the List of Champions for the 1960-61 Season, which we published in our June issue have been received from Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. They comprise five more Champions as follow: Freefolk Blue Ladye, bred and owned by Mrs. Boal; Kala Beaucaire, bred and owned by Miss Collins; Bolney Kien, bred and owned by Mrs. J. R. Stewart; Sina Gita, bred by Mrs. Carpenter and owned by Mrs. McInnes; Boy Blue of Kent, bred and owned by Mrs. F. E. Taylor.

In faraway Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a little Russian Blue female kitten has gone to live with Abyssinian breeder Mrs. I. A. V. Maling. Her name is Folly Blue Belle of May-Ling and she is probably the first of her kind with a Western Canadian home. Mrs. Edna Field, of Burlington, Ontario, owns a pair of Russian Blues and she is something of a pioneer for the breed in the Dominion.

I am sorry to have the news that the Isle of Wight Cat Club has been disbanded.

Recent appointments include five new judges for the Burmese Cat Club—Mrs. J. Merry, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. H.

Waldo-Lamb, Mrs. C. F. Watson and Mr. V. Watson.

A subscriber who is a well known breeder of Silver Tabby Shorthairs tells me that a prospective buyer rang her up the other day to ask if she could let her have "a father kitten!" The caller had, of course, a male kitten in mind. "I nearly had kittens myself", adds the breeder!

Those readers who followed with interest the profile of Miss M. Rochford in last month's issue will be sorry to learn that her treasured Russian Blue stud Ch. Dunloe Silver Toes died on November 9th at the age of 14½ years. Silver Toes excelled as an example of the breed and there are few present-day Russian Blues in this country who do not have him in their pedigree.

G. Avery, of Park Grove, West Ham, writes to the London *Evening News*: "I claim to have the smallest cat in London—Jasper, who is nearly 15 and has never weighed more than 3½ lbs. He has a soft, fluffy black and white coat, a baby face and looks like a kitten".

Buggey, the seafaring cat, is in the news again. I have previously told you about this three-year old tabby, who has travelled more than 200,000 miles on ships plying between Southampton and South Africa. His first home was the liner "Winchester Castle" and when this vessel was broken up he was taken in a basket, with a Customs officer as escort,

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to start a new life on board the "Carnarvon Castle", where he rejoined his owner Chief Engineer Mr. W. A. Purse. By this manner of transfer from one home to another Bugey observed the quarantine regulations as his paws had not touched land. For a time Bugey sailed on. Then he was taken ill and had to be taken ashore for treatment. This time regulations applied and he had to go into a Sussex quarantine station. Now he is restored once again to Mr. Purse who has joined another liner, the 27,000-ton "Capetown Castle". As these lines are being written, Bugey is convalescing on a 12,000 mile trip to Cape Town and back.

Consideration for cats has for long been a strong point with the villagers of Amwell, near Ware, Hertfordshire. It began when the Rev. Richard Parrott arrived there in 1864. All the strays in the neighbourhood seemed to sense that he was a great cat lover and none was ever turned away from the vicarage. When Mr. Parrott was succeeded by his son-in-law, the Rev. William Harvey, the tradition was carried on and there were seldom fewer than five former strays living under his roof. Now the good work is carried on by Mr. Parrott's granddaughter Miss Violet Harvey, who is helping to launch a new adoption scheme. In the last twelve months she has placed 100 strays in new homes. She believes that people who do not have the facilities for keeping cats themselves should be offered the chance to save a cat's life by paying for someone else to look after it for them.

Mr. Bill McCleary, head cellarman of Ring and Brymer, the Lord Mayor of London's caterers, is very proud of his heavyweight Punch, a 12 year old male tabby with a white front who lives in some wine cellars under Broad Street Station. Punch weighs 17 lbs. and "goes through" case after case of tinned food. He also eats six tins of pilchards a week. "I wouldn't take £50 for him", says Bill.

Public concern about the damaging effects of toxic chemicals used in agriculture on wild life in the countryside underlines the need for a safe insecticide for veterinary purposes. The disinfection of stock, poultry and domestic pets can be most quickly and efficiently carried out where no safeguards have to be operated to protect the health either of the individual doing the work and the animals themselves. Efforts are being made by the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya to provide an answer to this problem. The Board, a statutory body which represents the pyrethrum growers of Kenya and is responsible for controlling the cultivation, extraction and marketing of this natural product, is offering inducements in the form of special discounts to manufacturers of insecticides who use a certain minimum quantity of pyrethrum or synergized pyrethrum in their formulations and conform to the standards of safety and efficiency laid down by the Board. Pyrethrum, which is extracted from the dried flower of that name (a cousin of the garden pyrethrum) is completely non-toxic and harmless to man, animals and birds, and at the same time is lethal to the insects which infest animals.

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MICKEY

**I wish the cats would let me share in
The cupboard that is meant to air in.
They loll about in cosy ease
While I, unaired, must sniff and
sneeze.**

**I shall be glad when Winter's done
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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON—popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge—turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

By the seaside

SOUTHSEA Cat Club Ch. Show on October 11th on the South Parade Pier is now past history. As details of winners have appeared elsewhere, it only remains to record appreciation of the lovely sunny day, to congratulate Mrs. Cook-Radmore the Show Manager on a record entry for this fixture of over 260 pedigree exhibits and to give the names of the Bests in Show.

Best Longhair Adult—Mr. Fisher's Blue male Halcyon Boniface by Ch. Boy Blue of Kenton; Best L.H. Kitten—Miss Woodfield's Tortoiseshell and White Pathfinders Rosebud by Ch. Cherry of Calne; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla Brocton's Snowberry by Ch. Bonavia Contenta; Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Anderson's Red Tabby female Charity of Rockvilla by Ch. Vectensian Anaconda (a remarkable achievement for a cat born in 1952);

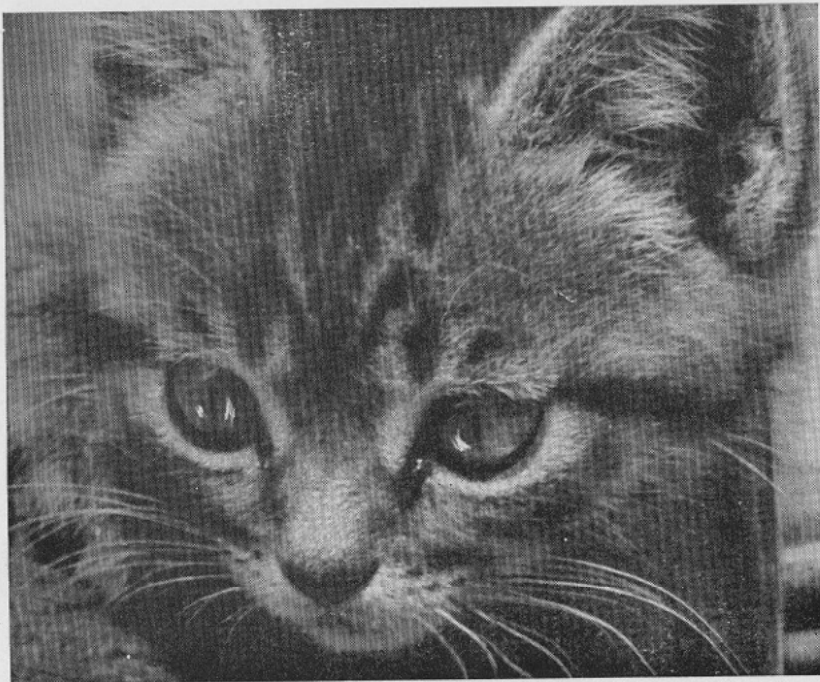
Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Knowles' Ballard Clara, a Blue Burmese by Ch. Kingsplay Feo-Fo; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Grant Allen's Silver Tabby Elvaston Silver Mist by Bellever Calchas D'Acheux.

Welcome visitors to this Show were Mrs. Vize, so well known in this country as an exhibitor and judge before she went to Australia. She will be here until September. Mrs. Vize was accompanied by Mrs. Cains who will be here until July. They have taken a house at Hayes, Kent, and intend to see as many shows as possible and after Christmas to visit the various breeders from whom they have had invitations. Here's wishing them a very pleasant visit.

Blue Persian Show

The Diamond Jubilee Ch. Show of the Blue Persian Cat Society on October 19th in London attracted twenty-one adults of exceptional quality and some of those not placed in the first three in the Open Classes should eventually become Champions.

Mrs. Crickmore's Ch. Thiepvall Paragon sired the Best Exhibit, Mr. Felix Tomlinson's male Congo of Knott Hall and Mrs. Joan Thompson's Mooncoin Judy. The five judges were unanimous about this pair and they were unbeaten by any exhibit except each other. Congo of Knott Hall was followed in his Open Class by Mrs. Stephenson's Champion Ashdown Nuthatch carrying his seven years lightly and looking extremely well.



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Third was Mrs. L. Williams' lovely pale Blue Bluemine Mountjoy, already awarded two Challenge Certificates this autumn and every inch a future Champion.

Following Mooncoin Judy, winner of the Open Female Class was Mrs. McVady's Gaydene Amanda and Barbara of Dunesk, a fine pair beautifully presented. Best Neuter was Mrs. Taylor's Brightstar Aldebaran by Woburn Chippy, a lovely exhibit.

With some exceptions the kittens were not up to the usual standard of the B.P.C.S. Ch. fixture in quality or quantity. Best Kitten in Show was Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Amberley Candytuft by Pyleigh Horatius, a consistent winner at previous fixtures.

The winner in the other Open Class age groups were Mrs. Terry's male Sundays Child by Robhurst Rudolph; Mrs. Noble's Halcyon Delilah by Halcyon Boniface; and Miss Statman's Anson Noddy by Camber Dearheart, a very well-grown kitten with a wealth of coat and evidently very dear to Miss Statman's young companion "Peggy". Rosettes for the most Beautiful Cat in Show by public vote were awarded to Mrs. Fisher's Halcyon Boniface and most Beautiful Kitten, Mrs. Noble's Halcyon Delilah.

Owners did not respond to the invitation to exhibit their Champion Longhairs of other colours "Not For Competition", so it is evident they need the inducement of competing before they will prepare them for exhibition. Miss Crickmore was the excellent Show Manager and it was an enjoyable day for Blue enthusiasts.

Northern Counties Show

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter had every reason to be pleased with the success of the first show they have organized—the Northern Counties' Cat Club Championship fixture at Newcastle-on-Tyne on November 25th. The venue, Northumberland Baths Hall is light, spacious and

pleasantly warm and the refreshments served all day at the end of the hall with ample seating accommodation was a decided asset. Pedigree exhibits totalled 199, excluding five litters and a few household pets.

Mrs. Trevitt won first with her litter of five bonny Blue males by her male Christie Blue Prince, a credit to the dam and her owner. Best Longhair Cat was Mr. Felix Tomlinson's Blue male Congo of Knott Hall. He had the comparatively rare distinction of attaining his Championship status at three consecutive shows, on each occasion being Best L.H. Adult. Congratulations! Best Blue female was Mrs. Joan Thompson's Mooncoin Judy and Best L.H. Kitten Mrs. Burrows' Blue female Borrowdale Susette by Ch. Bluemine Morrison Busty, who was a consistent winner in several classes. Best L. H. Neuter was Mrs. Shorten's Bluemine Marella.

Best Shorthair Adult

Among the Shorthairs, Best Adult was Mr. Fletcher's Burmese male Chindwin Chee-Kee by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee; Best Kitten—Mrs. James' Manx Rosenthal Rhapsody by Robert the Bruce; Best Siamese adult—Mrs. Bower's B.P. Siamese male Siepoo Azure Emperor by Siepoo Sing. This exhibitor also bred the winning B.P. Siamese female Mrs. Sands' Siepoo Geisha Girl by the same sire, and Siepoo Seng himself won the S.P. Siamese Adult Class. Only one Certificate was awarded in Seal Point Adults. Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Smith's female B.P. Siamese Dimvar Wee Jean was by Ch. Milori Oberson and he also sired the winner in the 6-9 months B.P. Class, Miss Smith's Helsby Titania. The other winning B.P. Siamese kitten was Mrs. North's Whitehaugh Blue Nylon. Best Neuter award went to Mrs. Vickers' Blue British Premier Cathiss Gypsella. Mrs. Leving won in Black L.H.'s with Allenvale Bosambo.

Only one White L.H. was entered—Mrs. Hogan's kitten Snowwhite Giselle, which was absent. Mrs. Brough's Cream

male Ch. Dominic Advent was awarded his sixth Challenge Certificate and she also bred his sire and dam. The winning Cream female Mrs. Wright's Ch. Shanty's Girl was in fine form and both are an asset to Creams which are growing in popularity more than any other Longhair variety. Mrs. Emslie won the Chinchilla adult classes with Redwalls Choir Boy and Westcroft Cherie. There were no kittens in this variety.

The winner in Silver Tabbies was Miss Duff's Sweet Sultan and in Red Sels Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Golden Dawn, and she also won with her consistent Tortie and White Pathfinders Mayflower. Mrs. Proctor's winning Blue-Cream Dominic Galadriel is a charming cat and her breeder Mrs. Brough also bred her dam Domini Delilah. Mrs. Lucille Williams bred the other winning Blue kitten Bluemine Marmaletas Magic, a lovely pale Blue by her pale typey winning male Bluemine Mountjoy. Ch. Widdington Winterstar sired the best Cream and the best Blue-Cream kitten, Mrs. Wright's Wildfell Orbit Cream male and Wildfell Erica-Bleu. Miss Woodfield won in Tortoiseshell kittens with Pathfinders Rosebud.

Lilac Siamese Champion

Some of the Shorthair adult classes were cancelled as there were no entries and only one Abyssinian adult. The winning British adults were Blacks—Miss Hardman's Ch. Killinghall Black Panther; Whites—Mrs. Anderson's Whitehaugh Morning Dew; Red Tabbies—Miss Hardman's Killinghall Red Robert, last season's outstanding winning kitten, and in females Mrs. Anderson's Charity of Rockvillia; Silver Tabbies—Mr. Beckett's Gables Silver Merk; Tortoiseshells—Mrs. Woollen's Ch. Nidderdale Sprite; Tortie and White—Mrs. Anderson's Ch. Polkinghorne Puffaleen.

In addition to the award Best S.H. Adult in Show Mr. Fletcher was awarded a Challenge Certificate in Burmese females with Sable Perdita by Ch.

Sablesilk Bimbo. Two Challenge Certificates were awarded to Chestnut Brown Foreign, Mrs. Keith's male Roofspringer Piaster and the same owner's Purring Mahogany Jane. Entered in an Any Other Variety class was Mrs. Eustace's winning Calcot Rory Lass, an Abyssinian and she was also awarded first in Any Variety S.H. Cat (including Siamese). As usual there was an excellent entry of Siamese, and in addition to the winners already mentioned Mrs. Angela Sayers' Lilac Siamese female Doneraile Lilac Laretta by Kyrine Lilac Khan bred by Mrs. K. R. Williams became a Champion. Congratulations! The winning Seal Point kittens were Mrs. Lumb's male Purrdale Confucius and in females her Purrdale Lotus Blossom. In the other two age group Open Classes Mrs. Hewlett's Gaywood Zelia won and Mrs. Eustace repeated Edinburgh Ch. Show successes with her male kitten Hawthorn Birsen by Spotlight Sigismond.



E. Lentaigne

WHITEOAKS ARCHER, Siamese import from England, with Miss Dunvald, daughter of the owner, Mrs. Dunvald, of Copenhagen, Denmark. See letter on page 15.

Only one entry in C.P. Siamese kittens and Mrs. Towe awarded first to Mrs. Weller's Gillibrand Whin-Bo and in Lilacs first to Mrs. Fisher's Praha POCO-Allergando.

The Northern Counties' Cat Club classes confined to members indicate the rapid growth of this Club which was holding its third Ch. Show. Any variety L.H. Cat 16 in class; A.V. L.H. Kitten 9; A.V. S.H. Cat or Kitten except Siamese 12; Any Colour Siamese Adult 21; A.C. Siamese Kitten 22; A.V. L.H. Neuter 2; A.V. S.H. Neuter 10. The N.C.C.C. offered its 38 cups and trophies and in addition other clubs cups and some personal specials amounted to 185. And last but not least the long distance exhibitors were allowed to leave just before 5 p.m. to catch trains which enabled them to reach home before midnight. A very happy show admirably organized. Some details of Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show on November 7th will appear in a later issue.

A new Club

The Newsletter of the Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club edited by the Hon. Secretary Mrs. K. Brough should help to attract members. It records their activities and major wins.

The Committee are very keen and really working hard to obtain support. The President Mrs. Snowden has the prefix Anlaby which appears in the first G.C.C.F. Stud Book (Vol. 9) issued after the war in 1948. Her specialties were then, as they are now, Blues, Creams and Blue-Creams. Mr. S. Leving, the Chairman, owns the lovely Smoke Ch. Beauvale Conquest and his Black son Allenvale Bosambo, who became a Champion at the Northern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show. In addition, he has Blues which are such an asset to use with Blacks. Mrs. Brough's prefix Dominic appears in the next volume of the Stud Book containing the names of all the winning adults in Open Classes at Cham-

pionship Shows from 1948 to 1951. She has recorded some outstanding wins with her Creams, Blue-Creams and Blues.

Mrs. Trevitt, wife of the Hon. Treasurer is not quite such a veteran cat breeder but her prefix Brizlee appears in the Stud Book, Volume 12 1954 to 1956.

The Committee consists of Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leving, Mrs. Proctor, Miss Hardcastle, Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Trevitt, many of whom are Longhair breeders. All are actively engaged in breeding cats, which is a great incentive to promote the interests of a Club.

Mrs. Brough is holding a Christmas party at the Old Vicarage, Winterton, Scunthorpe. Typical of the Midlands is due attention to the "inner man" as we read there is to be a running buffet from 12 noon. Here's wishing the new Club every success. Mrs. Brough will be pleased to supply further details of membership.

On sociability

Judging from news which comes my way there is more social "togetherness" in the Midlands than we have in the South, which is our loss. I have very happy memories of some of our pre-war social activities. When we only meet at shows or A.G.M.'s we are often absorbed with judging or stewarding, wins or losses, or items on an agenda, and we do not realize how jolly some of our colleagues can be if we meet them socially.

A useful booklet

At this time of year we have many requests to help those less fortunate than ourselves but one organization which should be dear to all cat lovers is The Cats' Protection League, 29 Church St., Slough, Bucks. They have incorporated all their leaflets in a delightful booklet of 32 pages teeming with common sense and guidance.

Sections are devoted to: Feeding your Cat or Kitten, Care of Mother Cats,

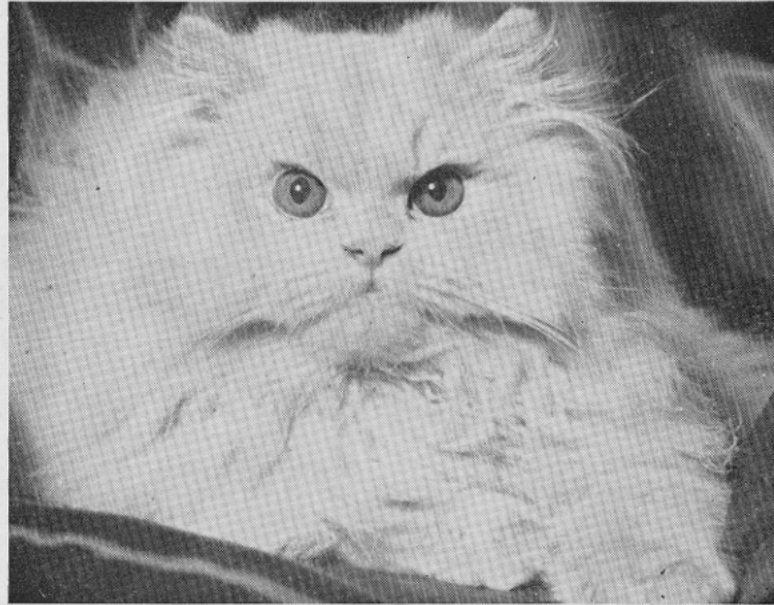
What
about
my
Tibs?

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.

This handsome young cream male now has a fine collection of prizes. Apart from becoming a Belgian Champion, Starduster has won many awards on the Continent, including being the best Longhair in show at Thiers in 1961; he is also now well on the way to becoming an International Champion.

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"The tabby cat got its name from Attabiah, a part of old Bagdad. Here, they made a black and white silk with a 'watered' effect. When this was imported it was generally called 'tabbi'—silk in England. Someone saw a likeness between the stripes and water marks of the silk and the bars and horseshoes of the English cat's coat, and so it became known as a 'Tabbi' cat."

Hospitality in Denmark

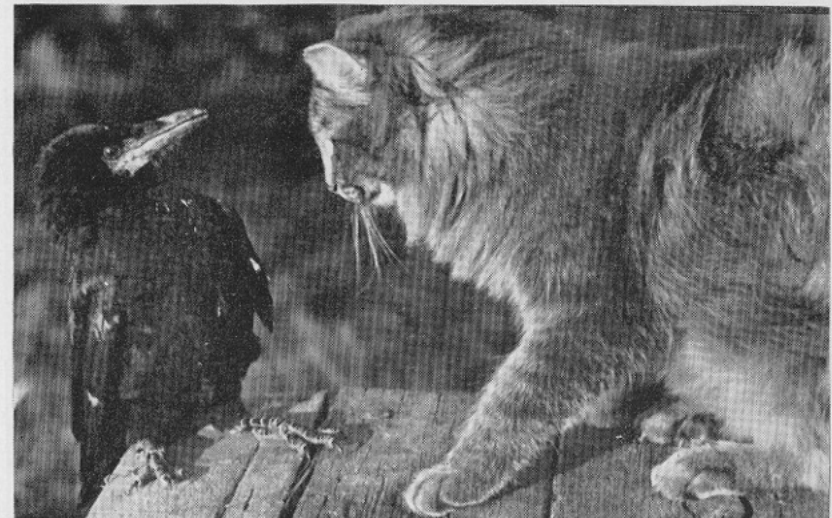
During a recent holiday in Copenhagen I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, President of the Danish Club Racekatten and also her charming cat Pelle, who is 10 years old and one of Mr. Stirling-Webb's early Colourpoints.

I had heard of the hospitality and kindness of the Danes and this was fully confirmed when I met Mrs. Eisenhuth who did so much to make my holiday a memorable one, and Denmark a country to be visited again as soon as funds and my cats permit.

Mrs. Eisenhuth took me to see Mrs. Dunvald, a Siamese breeder, who has had numerous successes at European shows. This lady is the owner of White-oaks Archer, a Seal Point Siamese male, bred by Mrs. Helen Martin and sired by Lancy Palladin. As a kitten he did very well in this country and in Denmark and won his first Challenge Certificate at the recent Copenhagen show in the Tivoli Gardens. Archer was in fine form and I was also shown several of his kittens, who show great promise.

I also met Mrs. Duch and Mrs. Smith, Secretaries of Racekatten. Mrs. Smith is the very proud owner of Cream Ch. Mascot of Pensford, who is a wonderful cat.

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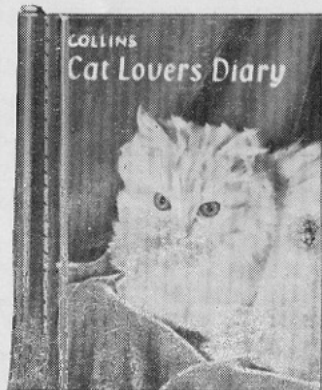
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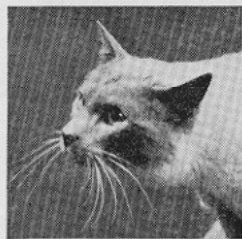
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Within three days they had all recovered, without any medicine or vet's bills, and with no trouble to us.

Since then, I have used the same technique for a Siamese cat with enteritis and a sheepdog with rheumatism. Naturally, the vet. was called in for these two, but the nursing was the same.

Provided the boxes are large enough, it is possible to keep animals beautifully warm with no draughts. Siting is unimportant. Any room or outhouse will do as long as it has electric light. It is worth remembering, however, that a sick pet craves company and sympathy as much as, or even more than, its human counterpart.

JO CROFT

On moving house — with a cat

By E. JOHNSON

WE have an Abyssinian cat—Mitzy—and have been taking her with us to get used to the new house for the past few weekends. She crept about on her stomach the first time, being by nature cautious, but now races about and seems to like it. We have still to decide where to cut cat-holes so that she can get in and out of the garden—a weighty matter.

Unless you can keep a liveried porter to open different doors at different hours of the day according to the direction of sun and wind, this question of positioning cat-holes requires only a little less thought, understanding and knowledge than getting a man into orbit. A cat requires more than one point of arrival and departure, for tactical reasons largely, but also because cats do not care to feel they are coerced. The hole should be near to floor level inside the house but not on it, and a comfortable leap above ground from the outside, because that allows her to surprise a pursuer in case of a hasty retreat.

The exit must provide a ledge from which to survey the scene before venturing out completely, as only foolish cats leap out without knowing what they might run into, and from this ledge it must be possible to drop immediately under the cover of shrubs, which must be evergreen to provide cover in winter and summer.

From this cover it should be possible to reach at least one other cat-hole without being seen, and to reach taller trees for scratching, claw sharpening and climbing

either to get out of danger, or just for fun. For an Abyssinian some of the branches of these trees must be horizontal so that she can lie stretched along them like a leopard, with her nose pointed to the ground, and the sun must shine through the leaves of the tree so that it is neither hot nor cold. If running water can be seen, sparkling in the sun, from this tree, that is perfect, and it must be possible to reach the places where small holes have to be dug without getting wet in the heaviest rain.

On cat-holes

These are the bald outlines of the art and science of designing cat-holes, but in a really civilized society textbooks would be written about it, the local bye-laws would contain recommendations, and the better architects would retain specialist cat-hole consultants to advise them. The cat's requirements come first of course but we also have ourselves to consider.

My wife has the problem of dealing with wet paw marks and unwanted gifts of half-dead fieldmice, and as I provide the chicken and smoked salmon I think I am entitled not to have to sit with a draughty cat-hole blowing on my feet at the end of a busy day. Even this has its solution but I think I have said enough to give you an insight into the complications of moving house with a cat in the family.

Comments or directions from more experienced cat-hole constructors will be welcomed.

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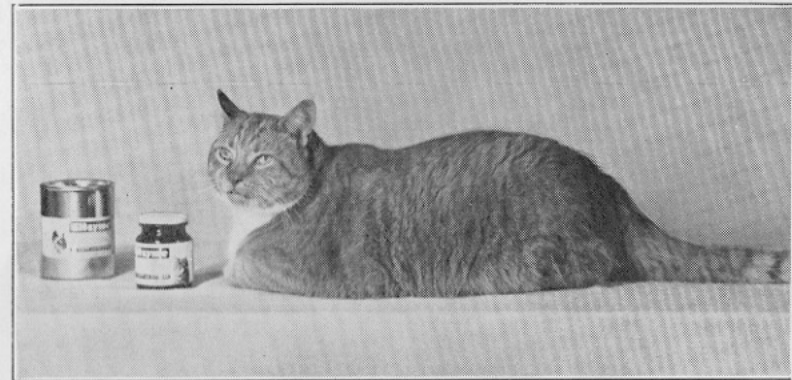
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