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THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

From Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy :

It is at this special time of the year when we are all looking forward so hopefully to the months which lie ahead that my thoughts go out to all of you at home and overseas who belong to the great and widely-scattered family of cat lovers. May the New Year bring to you good fortune, good health and many happy times in pursuit of the interest which is common to us all.

It is inevitable that when the ledger is closed at the end of a year there are entries on the debit side. The year which has just closed was no exception and indeed in 1961 the Fancy suffered a number of heavy losses by the deaths of old friends who will long be remembered for the valuable contributions they made either as club officers or fanciers.

It augurs well for the future that on the credit side there are many new members in the Fancy with youth and enthusiasm on their side and unmistakable signs of an expanding interest in club and show activities.

From the Editor :

I am particularly grateful to Miss Kathleen Yorke for the greetings message which she so willingly contributed to this issue and also for the interest she displayed in my rather belated efforts to produce "something a little different" to mark the opening of another year. (And how these years whizz round !)

I know that I shall be voicing the wishes of you all when I express the hope that our leading lady of the Fancy will be blessed with better health during

1962 to enable her to continue with renewed vigour and enthusiasm in the role to which she is so completely dedicated.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for the splendid support you have given my humble efforts over the past year and also for the patience and tolerance with which you have accepted the erratic appearance of the magazine over the last few months. We are all working to establish regular publication in the near future. The postal go slow (let's hope it won't last for ever !) has been a hindrance and something of a bar to good intentions.

The Happiest of New Years to you all !



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 remaining show fixtures for the 1961-62 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1962	Promoted by	Venue
11 February ...	Surrey and Sussex Cat Assn.	Worthing, Sussex
17 ,, ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties C.C. ...	Southport
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 show 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.

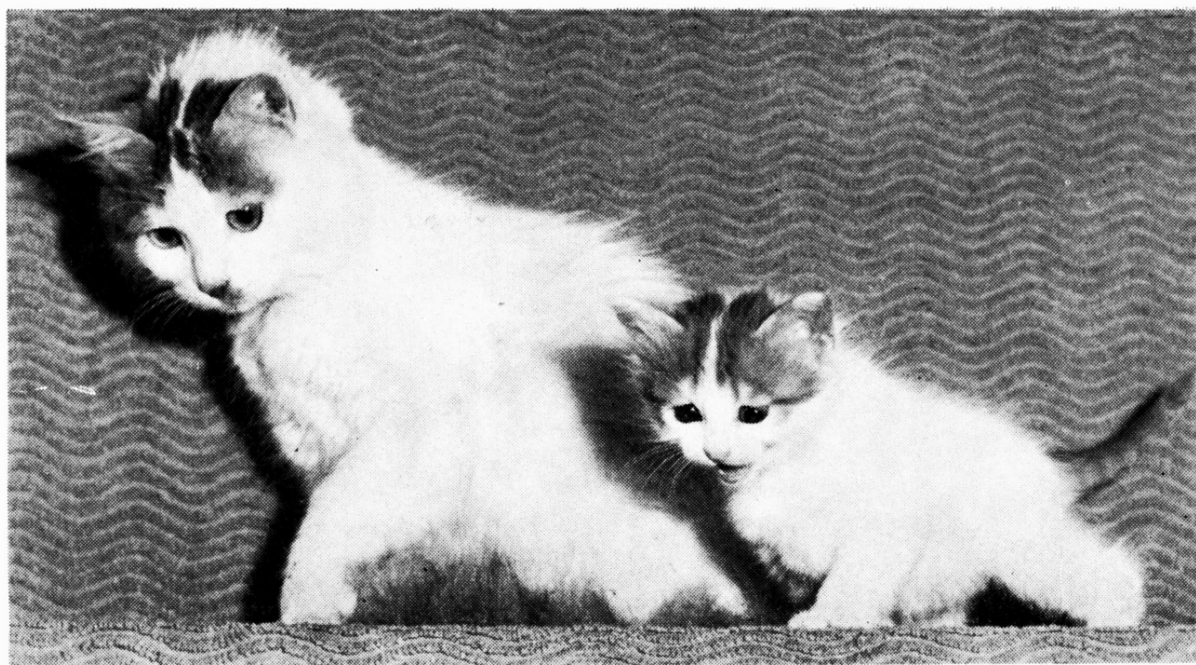


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Sonia Halliday

Much of the irresistible charm of the Van cat has been captured in this delightful picture of a queen with her kitten. Their respective names are VAN GUZELLI ISKENDERÜN and VAN KEHRIBAR ISKENDERÜN. The queen was the first of the Turkish cats to be brought to England.

The Van cats from Turkey

By LAURA LUSHINGTON

WHEN we brought our first pair of Turkish kittens to England six years ago, we had no idea that they were anything special, or that they were one of Turkey's two recognized breeds. However, when Guzelli gave birth to three little white kittens, and each of them had a minute auburn-ringed tail and auburn head markings, the veterinary surgeon remarked: "These are obviously thoroughbred cats". This was particularly interesting, as the female was given to us in South Eastern Turkey, and the male was given to us by our hotel manager in Istanbul.

For four years this pair continued to breed true, with identically marked litters. We therefore decided, on the advice of Miss Kathleen Yorke and Mrs. Grace Pond, to perfect the breed in England. For this purpose we went

back to Turkey in 1959 to bring back another pair. On our arrival in Istanbul, when the Turks saw our colour photographs of our cats, they immediately told us that we would have great difficulty in finding them, as they were the famous Van cats. They kindly gave us private addresses of people who owned them in Central and Southern Turkey. Unfortunately we had arrived too late in the year to go to Lake Van, which is only a hundred miles short of the Russian border in far Eastern Turkey, and where winter would have begun to "set in". Eventually we brought back two of the six Van cats that we had seen during our searches in the other areas.

An interesting point on the hardiness of the Van cats is surely the extremes of climate that they encounter, from snow for at least

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy

consists of Delegates elected annually by the various Clubs

THE OBJECTS OF THE COUNCIL are to provide for the registration, transfer and pedigrees of Cats : to classify Cat Breeds ; to approve Cat Shows ; to improve Cat Breeding ; to protect the welfare of Cats and the interests of Cat Breeders and Owners generally ; and to act as arbiter in all matters affecting the Feline World.

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List of Cat Shows for the current year.

List of affiliated Cat Clubs.

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six months of the year to the exceptional heat of the summers. These climatic differences would also account for the luxuriant winter fur, which is almost non-existent in summer, giving the cats the appearance of being much more short-haired.

Weighty neuters

The average weight of the fully grown male is 12 lbs; their build is short, cobby, and muscular; neuter males tend to grow very large, and can be as much as 16-19 lbs in weight. The females are daintier and average 8 lbs. All Van cats have shell-pink pads, ears and noses, and beautiful "feathering" in the ears. The eyes are large and lustrous, and always amber in colour.

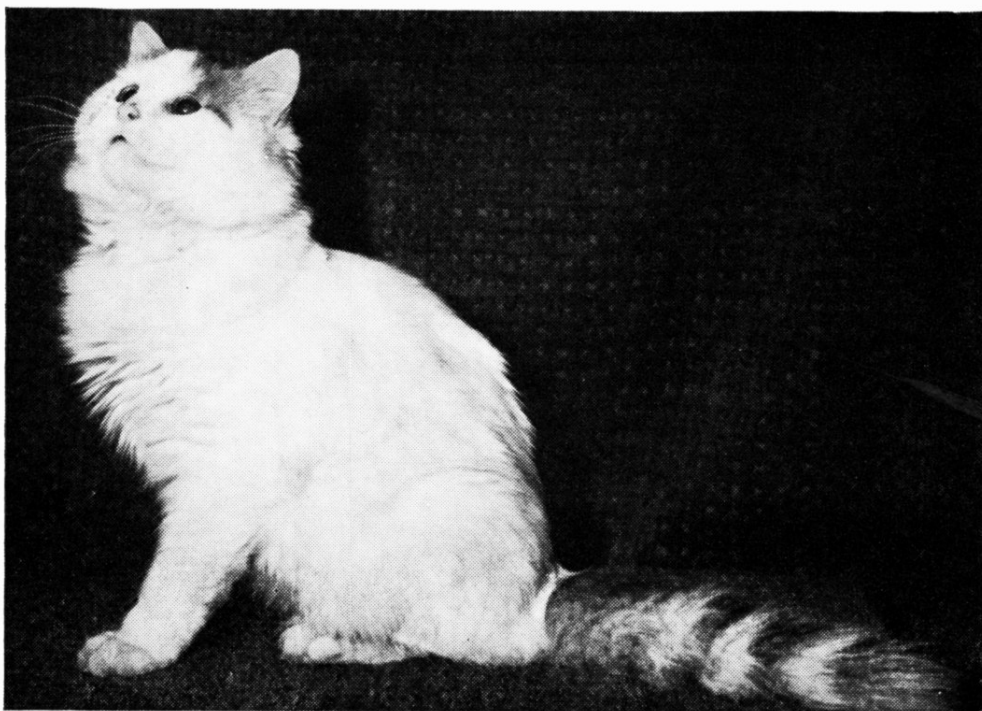
The number of auburn rings on the tail varies from five to eight, and the tail is short. Auburn back markings vary in quantity, but the fewer the better; they always have the auburn marked head and forehead. The nose is distinctive,

being long in comparison with the foreshortened nose of some of the Longhaired breeds.

Characteristically, the Van cats are extremely affectionate, and attach themselves to people rather than places. They are alert and intelligent and very adaptable, preferring to travel with their owner, rather than to lie curled up by the fireside ! On both our trips back from Turkey, the cats travelled loose in the car, without baskets, and never strayed from our camping sites.

Fond of water

The Van cats do not have the usual cats aversion to water; they sit out in the rain, and enjoy dabbling or playing with water, even swimming with us in rivers to cool off in the tremendous heat on the journey back to England. Naturally the climate of this country is not conducive to swimming, but their propensity to like water does enable one to bath them if necessary, providing they are



Sonia Halliday

VAN SEFTALI ISKENDERÜN displays the ringed luxuriant tail of the Van cat.

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thoroughly dried afterwards, and that the weather is warm.

Another interesting point (though not a very helpful one!) is that they tend to have more males than females in each litter, sometimes having consecutive all-male litters. This has made the establishing of the breed a very slow project. However, by perseverance, we hope to achieve the number of generations required by the G.C.C.F. for gaining the breed number.

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Founded 1961 by Miss Kathleen Yorke

President : Miss Edith Sheppard

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A page for the proletarian puss—No. 97



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"BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE"

It's a Russian winter and Bim, the tabby pet, is ailing. This is the scene when he arrived with his warmly clad mistress at the Animal Clinic near the Stadium of the famous Dynamo football club in Moscow.

If you know any cat lovers who are likely to be genuinely interested in a sample copy of OUR CATS, we should be glad to have their names and addresses. Just jot the details on a postcard, address to 4 Carlton Mansions, 378 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, and we will do the rest.

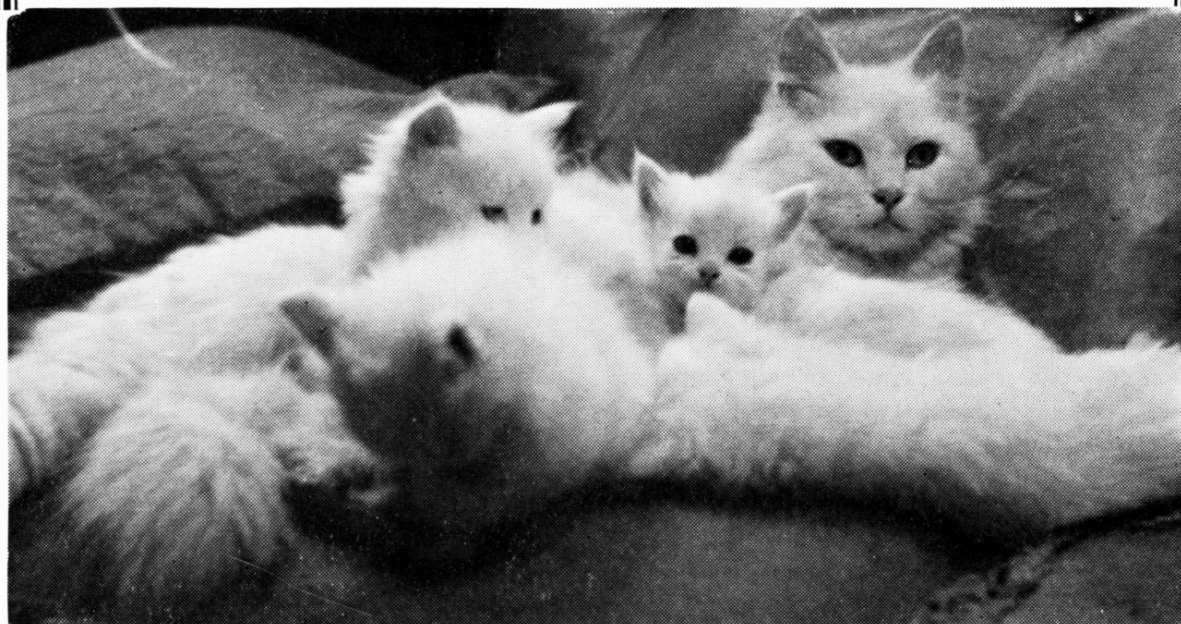
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*New Year Greetings to all our members
and friends abroad*



The K.K. & N.C.C. is the Club which looks after the interests of all Neuters and Kittens. It supports all leading shows with members' classes and offers silver cups and specials at every Championship Show. It is ready at all times to entertain and examine new ideas and suggestions for creating a more general interest in cats and their well-being.

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Mrs. E. G. Aitken, 2 Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey.



Last year saw the centenary of the Japanese artist Kuniyoshi who ranks high in the world of cat lovers and cat portrayers. The occasion was not forgotten by the Victoria and Albert Museum which staged an exhibition of this great man's work, examples of which appear above and on the following page. Kuniyoshi's designs were mostly intended to be engraved on wood blocks and printed in colours.



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To
SIAMESE CAT LOVERS EVERYWHERE

The Officers and Committee
of the

SIAMESE CAT CLUB

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and wish you Good Health, Happiness, and
Success with your Siamese in 1962.



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Siamese News

from **MARY DUNNILL** (*Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club*)

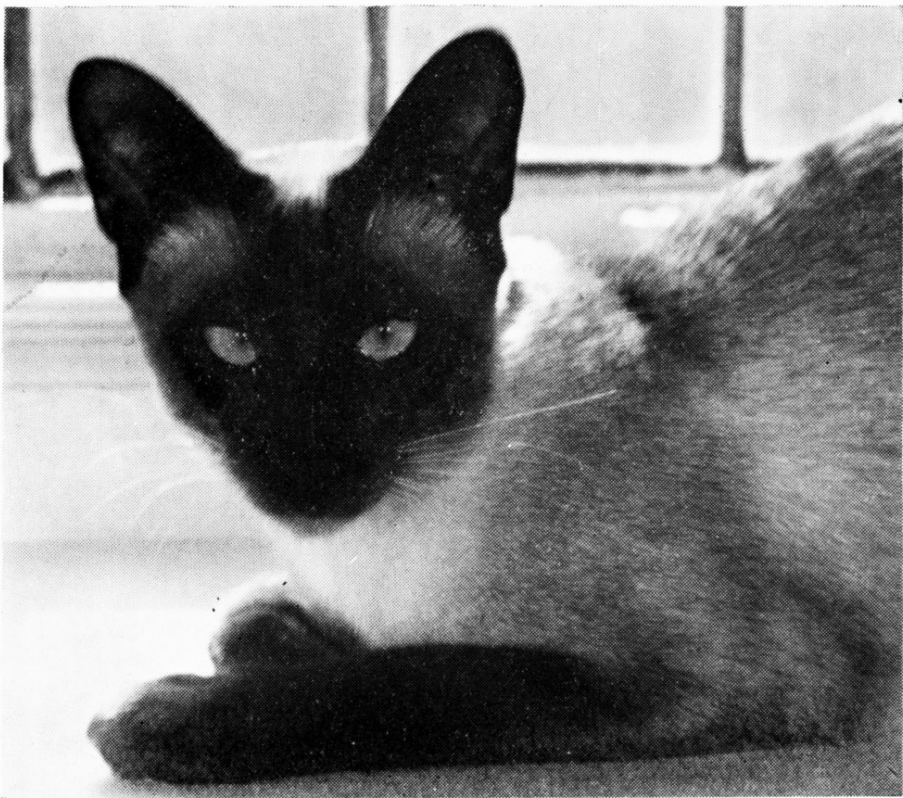
ENTRIES at our 31st Annual Championship Show last year topped the thousand mark, and there were 17 litters of kittens. As one well-known judge said, it was pleasing to see so many "well-set-up kittens" looking the picture of health, and not little undernourished rats masquerading as "typey".

Sir Compton Mackenzie, our President, came in person to present the rosettes, and Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, was with us as referee judge. Mrs. Angela Sayer's two small daughters very prettily presented Sir Compton with a gift from "All the Siamese Cats". Afterwards, Sir Compton gave a short interview to B.B.C. Television cameramen, speaking about cats, which, with close-ups of the best felines, was shown to viewers in "Town and Around". During the

morning of the show, I.T.V. cameramen and press photographers were busy at work, and many exhibitors and their cats were photographed.

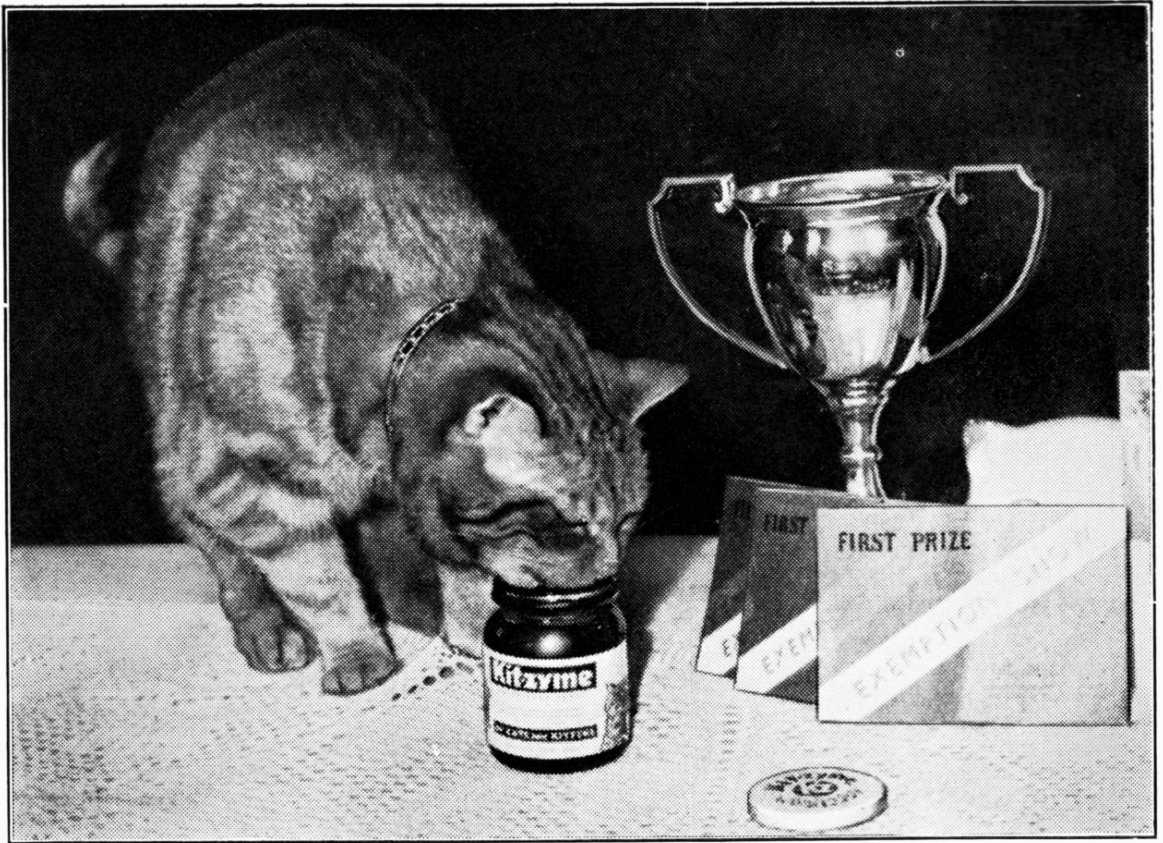
We were very pleased to welcome so many visitors from overseas, especially Mrs. Sarah Johnston, from Ontario, Canada, who with her friend, Mrs. M. E. Steward, presented two lovely special prizes for the Best Adult and Best Kitten in Show. Mr. Waller, from British Columbia, also was with us and we were happy also to greet Dr. and Mrs. Alban, newly arrived on leave from Kuwait.

It is pleasing to see so many of our new members exhibiting for the first time and to hear of their excitement at their wins. I was glad to see Mrs. Orton exhibiting again with Zendaine Cameo which did so well.



Sally Anne Thompson

—**SUMFUN HAHAKA**, a young Seal Point Siamese bred by Mrs. Mary Dunnill from Sumfun Shikari ex Silken Sultan. She did well at the 1960 Shows.



11 year old Benji with his Trophy

MISS S. HARDCASTLE of 3 Egton Street, Cleveland Street, Hull, Yorkshire, writes:—

“ I thought perhaps you would be interested to see this photograph of my marmalade Tabby, Benji, with the Grand Challenge Trophy he won at Hull Agricultural Show (Cat Section). Since this success Benji has won three Firsts and was Best Household Cat at Harrogate Show.

“ I think this is a great achievement for an 11 year old cat and he owes his healthy condition and good coat largely to your Kit-zyme Tablets. Benji has taken Kit-zyme since he was a kitten and he eats them as a child eats sweets, even sitting up and catching them in his paws. The photograph is a true picture of him helping himself to Kit-zyme Tablets ”.

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We are hoping to hold a further joint meeting with all our "sister" Siamese cat clubs soon to discuss matters of mutual concern. It is felt that close co-operation between all the various clubs should be sought to establish a forward policy for the good of our particular breed.

There seem to have been very many casualties during 1961 among our cats, some very unusual. Well-known names are no more. Mrs. Hindley lost Champion Prestwick Penglima-Pertama at a ripe old age and Silken Sultan. Mrs. Boal lost her Blue Point stud Freefolk Blue Ziken and I was saddened to hear that Mrs. Pocock's beautiful queen Pussinboots Stardust had also died.

The varieties

Some lovely kittens are making their debut at this season's shows and it is interesting to see that, in spite of the

"newer" colours, the Seal Pointed are still the most popular, judging by the heavily-filled classes at all shows. Blue Points seem to have made the most progress toward "excellent type", that much sought after judge's remark, and there are some truly lovely specimens on the show bench to-day. Chocolate Points still struggle after the required uniform colour of mask, points and tail, and the Lilac Points are beginning to emerge from their chrysalis stage of round heads and big feet into better foreign type. It is interesting to watch a new variety develop.

What a lot of hard work and careful choosing of breeding stock goes into the improving of our Siamese cats. Only by extensive study of pedigrees backed up by first hand knowledge of the cats themselves is progress made, but health and temperament should be considered as equally important as good type on the show bench.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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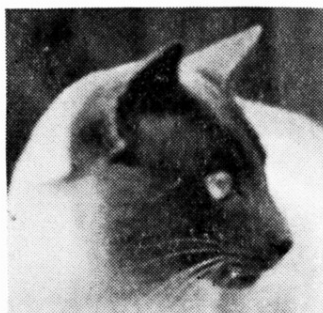
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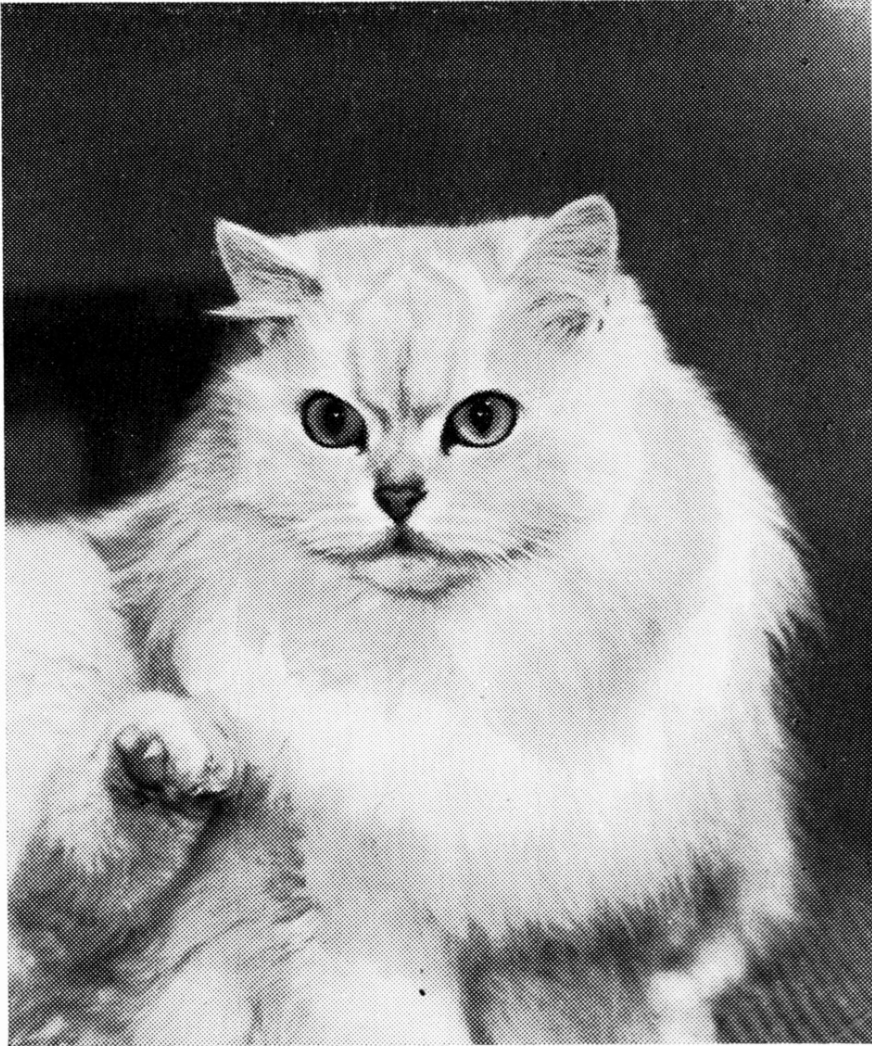


Apart from Cheetah we own just enough cats to allow them to live with us as members of the family. The queens only are confined to their heated (thermostatic) houses and large grass runs in the paddock when in season. All cats are fed on as natural a diet as possible and equal consideration is given to **HEALTH, TEMPERAMENT and TYPE** in the selective breeding programme.

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*sends Season's Greetings to all
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We welcome new members and are willing to share with others our knowledge and understanding of cats. Join now and be in our Honours List for 1962.

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Looking at the breeds

No. 8 - BURMESE

By HUGH SMITH

BURMESE ! The word itself conjures up visions of those wonderful and intricate dances whose origin lies in the dim distant past, performed by girls with exotic jewelled head-dresses. Surely there ought to be something quite special about a breed of cat given the name Burmese.

Well, there is ! For one thing, having learned upon good authority that probably no Abyssinian ever had a sniff of Ethiopia; that Russian Blues never did set sail from Archangel or any other Russian port; that Siamese were not the inmates of the princesses of Siam, it is refreshing to learn from P. M. Soderberg that the first Burmese cat really did come from Burma. There they were not bred intentionally, but were the result of natural mating.

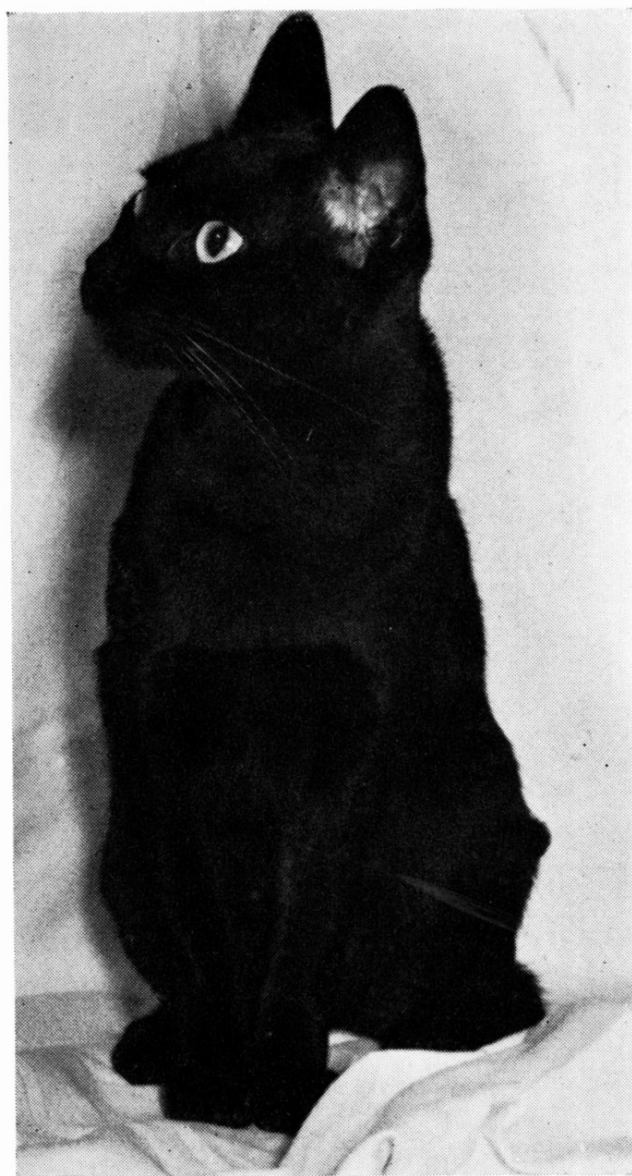
The founder of the breed as we know it, was taken to the U.S.A. and as there were no other Burmese available, it was mated to a Siamese. Selective breeding has produced the present day strain which conforms to the Standard laid down by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

Body Colour — In full maturity the body should be a solid colour of rich dark seal brown shading to slightly lighter on chest and belly. No white or tabby markings. Ears, mask and points only slightly darker than back coat colour. Awards should be withheld from mature cats showing decided contrast between coat colour and points (25 points).

In kittens and young cats all colours may be slightly lighter in colour with greater contrast allowed between coat colour, mask and points. Kittens still lighter generally.

Body, Shape and Tail — The body should be medium in size, dainty, long and svelte. Neck, long and slender, legs proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than front, feet small and oval in shape. Tail long and tapering to a point. A slight kink at the extreme tip only is permissible. (25 points).

Head and Ears — Head short wedge with slight rounding on top. Ears pricked,



Hugh Smith

**Mrs. H. Brickwood's TOLLVALE CHULA,
a very nice Burmese female.**

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB

*Founded 1904. Affiliated to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.
Vice-President Mrs. M. Brunton. Chairman : Miss K. Yorke*

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The Secretary will gladly answer any questions about the Club and its activities, especially from overseas visitors or enquirers.

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relatively large and wide at base. (15 points).

Eyes — Yellow. Almond in shape and slanting towards the nose in true Oriental fashion. Blue eyes and squints inadmissible. (15 points).

Coat — Glossy, short, fine in texture and lying close to the body. (10 points).

Condition — Excellent physical condition, not fat, inclined to muscle. (10 points).

Note: it is recommended that only cats of true Burmese parentage be eligible for Championship status.

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Burmese are of the Siamese type. The kinked tail is found in this breed too, but it is being bred out. The head, though wedge-shaped ought to be shorter than that of the modern Siamese. The tail still tends to be a little too thick at the base, and too short.

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I believe the love of animals and cats in particular provides a basis of tolerance between humans. Through my own cats and books I have correspondents in nearly every part of the world.

At Christmas and the New Year, many kittens go to their new homes. Remem-

ber this is quite an ordeal for the kitten; he has just left mother, brothers and sisters and the house where he knew his way about. So *do* let him have the run of at least the downstairs rooms, so that he knows the geography of the house. Once he has become familiar with the furniture and its placement he will feel at home. Kittens generally decide on one place as a base and if startled they will run for this base. Lloyd Alexander in his book *My Five Tigers* gives excellent examples of this trait.

Do not rush to pick him up and nurse him; he will soon make his own approaches to the human family. Do not hurry him; let him show his affection and trust his own way—your patience will be well rewarded.

I cannot emphasize too strongly that the toilet tray must always be in the same place. More than one tray, or changing



Maurice W. Mead

Mr. and Mrs. Fellows have an antique business in a lovely house at Leamington Spa and when the photographer called to take some pictures for a class magazine their pet Siamese DONER-AILE DOMINIC put in a surprise appearance. By a unanimous vote it was decided that he "made" the picture and so it was accepted for publication.

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Home makers

A chance remark that only breeding stock is exported brought to my mind the photographs I have received from cat lovers abroad to whom I have exported Siamese for pets. It is nice to think that there are people far away who think that

home is not home without a Siamese.

Quite recently I have heard of kittens being scalded with boiling water. How, did I hear you say? It was so very simple—a kettle filled too full and the spout left pointing outwards from the stove. Kittens are playing around on the floor! Kettle boils! Howls of pain! How simple are the causes of many accidents that could have been avoided. So please do see that handles and spouts of utensils do not overhang the stove top.

And finally, don't forget to give your kitten toys. He will play with toys all his life—a piece of paper screwed into a ball, a cloth mouse, etc. Not only do these toys exercise your pet but you will find they are an endless source of interest and amusement to you.

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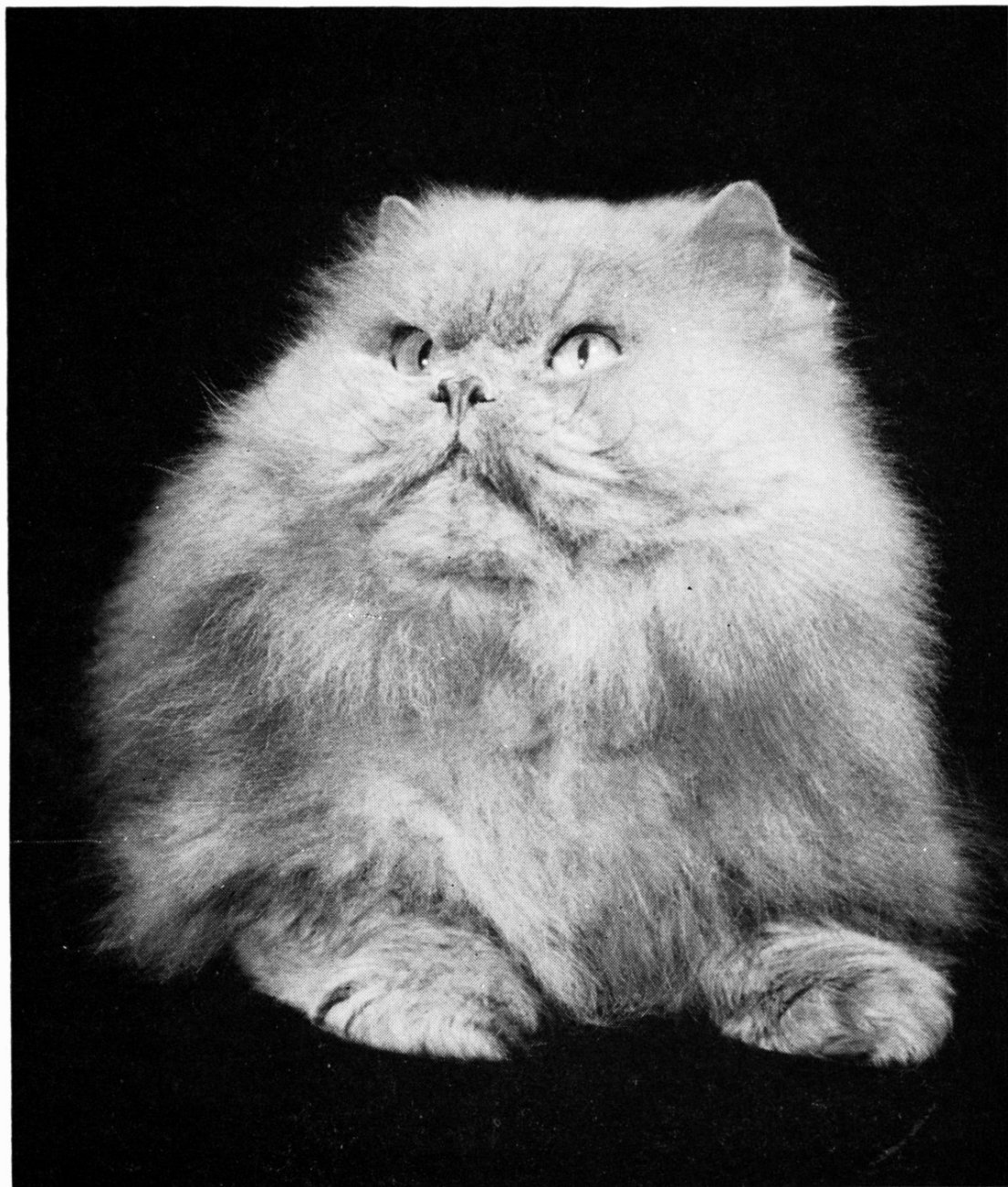
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AN extract from the 1961 Report of the Secretary of the National Mouse Club runs: "I increased our advertising bill from £2 6s. 0d. to £7 12s. 0d. and it has paid great dividends". There might be a moral here for some of the officers of our own Fancy!

Although the February 1962 show of the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club had to be cancelled, it is good news that difficulties have been overcome to enable the Club to look forward to next season's fixture. Hon. Secretary is Mrs. M. E. Macalister, Dunsmore Gardens, Clifton, Rugby.

A ceremonial bayonet was produced in the Stroud magistrates' court and exhibited as a weapon used by a youth to stab a cat in the neck. The youth stated that he found the cat sitting on the trap door of his pigeon loft. He cornered it and thrust the bayonet towards its neck but did not think he had injured it very much. The R.S.P.C.A. prosecuted and the youth was fined £5 and ordered to pay expenses and fees to the tune of another £4 3s. 0d.

We regret to record the death last month of the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Rand Cat Club, Mr. R. F. Taylor. He was a founder member of the Club and had held office for many years. His interest in the less exotic breeds was well known in South Africa and until quite recently he exhibited at the Johannesburg shows with some success. The Club is indeed unfortunate to have lost two such valuable and respected members during 1961—Mrs. S. Pratt and now Mr. Taylor.

The fate of the animals left behind on Tristan da Cunha when the inhabitants were evacuated on account of the volcanic eruption on the island has been a matter of public concern. Following a visit to the Colonial Office, the Chief Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. (Mr. John Hall) was able to establish that the majority of the animals, including the cats, are not domesticated and are quite used to living completely unattended as their predecessors have done for over 100 years. The flow of rock and lava has not at present affected the animals which are able to graze on quite another part



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of the island. It is expected that landings will be arranged in due course to ascertain the true state of affairs and the conditions under which the four-legged survivors are living.

Some changes in the constitution of the Rhodesia Cat Club have recently taken place. Mrs. P. C. Robinson has vacated the secretarial chair to become Chairman in place of her husband Mr. Harold Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have rendered yeoman service over the difficult formative years of the Club. Mrs. Dawn Tyler and Mrs. I. S. Taylor have been elected Joint Secretaries. At the Club's last annual general meeting Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of Johannesburg were invited to become patrons in recognition of the services they have given so readily as advisers and judges of experience.

A hedgehog is a regular visitor to see Mickey, the family cat of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mather, of Sprowston, Norfolk. Mr. Mather first saw the hedgehog when he was garaging his car one night. The animal was grateful for a saucer of milk and afterwards began coming into the garden regularly. Mickey then made his acquaintance and the pair became good friends. Perhaps I should add that the picture in our December issue has no association with this little story.

A correspondent of the *Financial Times* in a review of the petfood market points out that canned petfood sales have grown

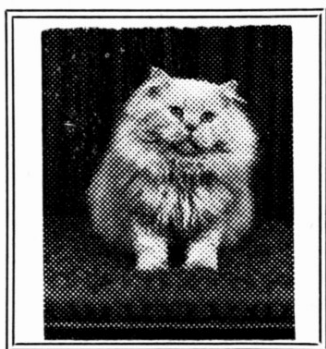
by something like 400 per cent. since 1953 and the best hopes for the industry to keep going at this pace is to export. "In fact," he says, "the U.K. is in advance of anyone on the Continent, largely because they are less sentimental about their domestic animals (witness the cats in Rome) and the Common Market could presage great things. Petfoods has already had a factory in production for over a year in Germany and the other leading companies are showing a more than academic interest in this field".

The terrible bush fires which have been raging in Victoria, Australia, have taken a heavy toll of animal life. One news flash mentioned losses sustained by a breeder of pedigree cats and I can only hope at this point, when details are not available, that none of our many good friends in the State is involved.

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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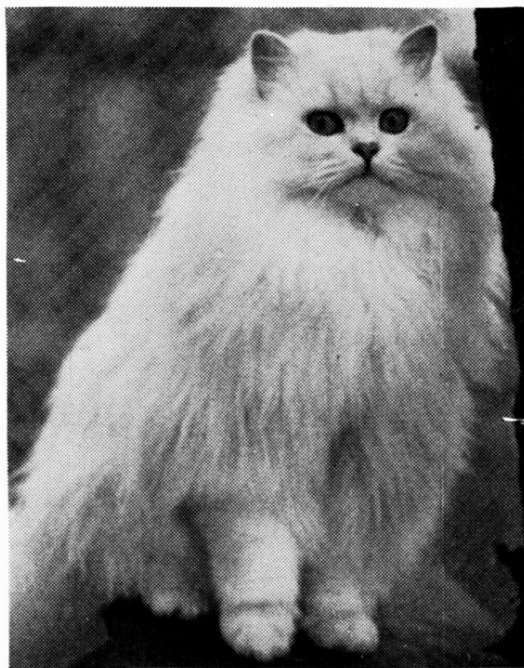
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M.R.C.V.S. replies: *Nasal catarrh in cats usually runs a fairly short course and all one needs to do is to keep the cat indoors, give half an aspirin three times daily and wipe the nostrils with cotton wool to clear the discharge. A laxative is also useful.*

Readers who would like "M.R.C.V.S." to deal with their veterinary problems should write to him c/o OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope when a direct reply is preferred.

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National record breaker

THE 65th Championship Show of the National Cat Club at Olympia, London, on December 16th must have created a world record for the quality and quantity of pedigree cats and kittens exhibited. They numbered 700 and competition was so exacting in many classes that some Champions and adults who had been awarded Challenge Certificates at previous shows were not placed in their Open Classes.

December is the month when the majority of Longhairs are in full pomp and the Shorthairs' coats sleek and glossy, so it was a veritable feast for cat lovers and admirers. British cat breeders had much to be proud of at this wonderful fixture which attracted a gate of thousands of spectators. Overseas readers will be interested to hear that 26 judges officiated; many of them with International status. Seven qualified veterinary surgeons attended so the vetting was

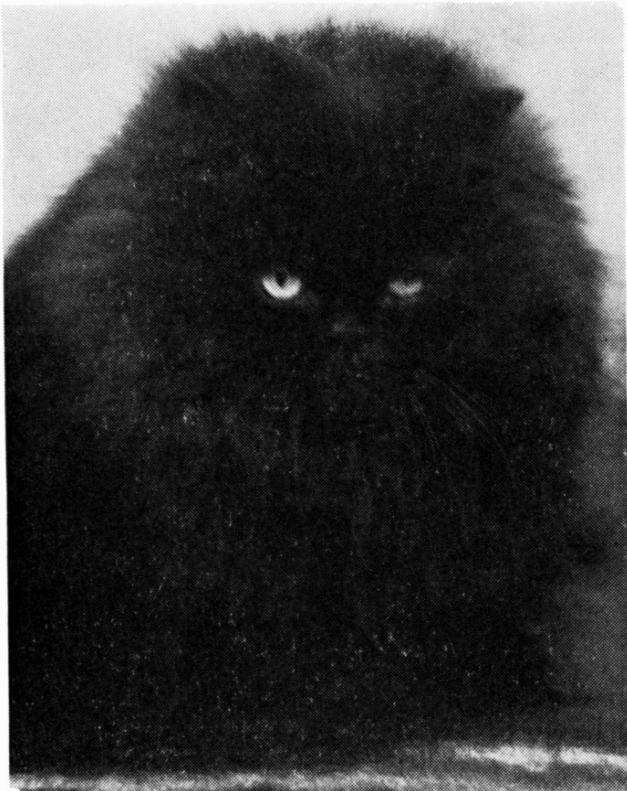
expeditious and it was pleasing to pass so quickly to attend to the penning of our exhibits.

Mrs. Grace Pond, the Show Manager, richly deserves the highest praise for her exceptional ability, and the unremitting attention to detail over the many weeks which an Olympia show on this scale demands. The 244-page catalogue gives an idea of one aspect of the work involved especially when one realizes it had to be originally written by hand or typed.

In addition the National Cat Club Perpetual Trophy for the Best Pet Cat of the Year attracted 140 pets and thirty classes were provided for them. There was even one for old age pensioners' cats and it had eighteen exhibits. Mrs. Dugdale, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Menezes and Mr. Vezey-Fitzgerald kindly officiated for this section. Mrs. Dugdale told me she was impressed with the lovely condition of many of these pets.

An award I should like to see in this country especially at London Championship shows, which always attract the biggest entries is "Best Opposite Sex" to the "Best in Show". This particularly applies to Longhair adults as it is very rare for a L.H. female to be awarded this honour. At only one Championship fixture this season (and this was the tenth) has a female been Best L.H. Adult and she was Mrs. McVady's Blue Gaydene Amanda in August. Best Opposite sex is usual at all the main cat shows in America.

Although the intrinsic quality of our best Longhair females is equal to the males, it is the latter who usually look

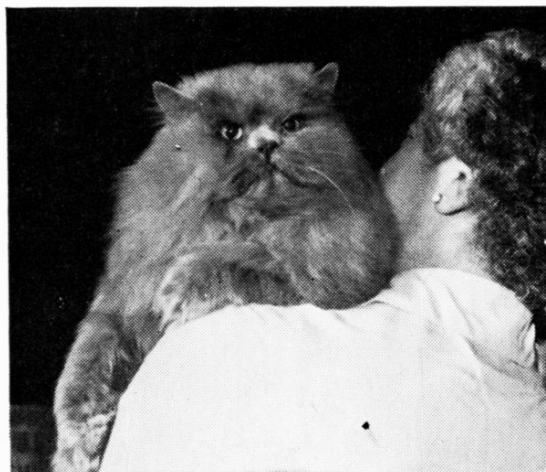


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more imposing, and of course the females have probably nursed kittens, which must never be discouraged to enable them to grow long, thick coats.

Now for the Best in Shows awards : Best Longhair Cat—Miss M. Bull's Black male Deebank Mascot, a lovely example of this variety (by Miss Bull's Blue male Vigilant Mark and her Black queen Chadhurst Black Beauty); Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Brunton's Blue female Rosie of Dunesk by Champion Thiepval Paragon and Ch. Ravishing Rose of Dunesk ; Best L.H. Neuter — Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla Brocton's Snowberry by Ch. Bonavia Contenta; Best Shorthair Cat and Best Exhibit—Mrs. J. M. Boal's Blue Pointed Siamese, Champion Freefolk Blue Ladye by Freefolk Blue Ziken and Freefolk Fanyen (all bred by exhibitor); Best Shorthair Kitten—Mrs. Forrest's Blue Pointed Siamese Kuala Azure Chakri by Ch. Pristine Bandoola and Ch. Kuala Azure Cynara; Best British Shorthair Cat—Miss Bone's Ch. Godfrey Anemone; Best British S.H. Kitten—Misses Chatterton's Blue Jezreel Jolina by Ch. Littlewickers Blue Serge and Jezreel Justina; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. MacMichael's Sanguine Johnny.

Mrs. Beedell's Black L.H. female Ch. Sarisbury Sacharissa by Ch. Harpur Blue Boy added one more to her many Challenge Certificates. Best Black L.H. Kitten was Miss Bull's Deebank Lindy, bred exactly the same way as Deebank Mascot. Miss Sherlock won in Blue-eyed Whites with Lotus Lolette and in Orange-eyed Whites Mr. Durbin added another certificate to Ch. Snowcloud Goliath's awards. His brother Ch. Snowcloud Crispin sired the winning White L.H. kitten, Mrs. Reynolds' Petravian Colette. Eleven entries in this class was excellent although a few were absent as some had been sold. The largest Open Class of L.H. adults was the Blue female class with seventeen awaiting the judge, Major Dugdale. Mrs. Joan Thompson's Mooncoin Judy by Ch. Thiepval Paragon was the winner and she completed

her Championship. She was also Best Blue Adult. The winning Blue male was Mrs. Rippingall's Champion Camber Winston by Ch. Thiepval Enchanter. Apart from the winners the quality of the Blue adults was exceptionally good, a comment which also applied to many of the 35 Blue kittens.

In the four Open kitten classes the winners were Miss Page's male Woburn Dido by Vigilant Taurus; Mrs. Stephenson's Ashdown Azalea by Woburn Sunshine; Mrs. Richardson's Lomond Lucky by Ch. Bluemine Morrison Basty and the Best in Show Rosie of Dunesk.

Cream winners

Miss E. Sheppard's Cream male Ch. Widdington Orion by Ch. Widdington Winterstar, looking lovely, won another Ch., as did the winning Cream female Mrs. Wright's Ch. Shanty's Girl by Townfield Shantung, a pale queen with a lovely coat and good type. Best Cream kitten was Mrs. Brunton's male Brandysnap of Dunesk by Ch. Paul of Pensford, who was awarded firsts under several judges. Miss Sheppard won again in females with Widdington Louise by Aviary Cream Puff. Mrs. Joan Thompson won in Blue-Cream adults with Ch. Star of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous.

The winning Blue-Cream kittens in two Open Classes were Mrs. Brunton's Posy of Dunesk by Ch. Paul of Pensford and Mrs. Wright's Windfell Erica Bleu by Ch. Widdington Winterstar. Miss Sherlock's winning young Smoke male Bircotte Terry by Ch. Bircotte Nono is a pleasing addition to this variety. Silver Tabby L.H. adults and Red Self had only one each to represent them. Mrs. Greenwood's Ch. Wilmar Pixie and Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Golden Dawn.

Mrs. Beedell won in Brown Tabbies with Ch. Magyar Chandra and in Red Tabbies Mrs. Moore with Asplin Psyche. Miss Langston's Chinchilla male was making his bow as an adult. He has

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grown into a lovely cat and fulfilled his kitten promise of a year ago when he was Best L.H. Kitten at Olympia. Felicitas of Allington is by Ch. Fidelio of Allington. Mrs. McLeod's Ch. Linnet of Thame, the winning female by Silver Lustre of Thame, was also bred by exhibitor and in each case sire and dam were also home bred. Miss Langston was awarded firsts with her Chinchilla male and female kittens Fortunello of Allington and Martita of Allington bred exactly like Felicitas. The winner in the older Chinchilla classes were Mrs. Ashby's Bonavia Skippie (see October issue OUR CATS) by Silver Mesa Apache who also

sired Mrs. Calder's Brocton's Anna. Silver Mesa Apache is Mrs. M. Turney's Chinchilla male imported from U.S.A.

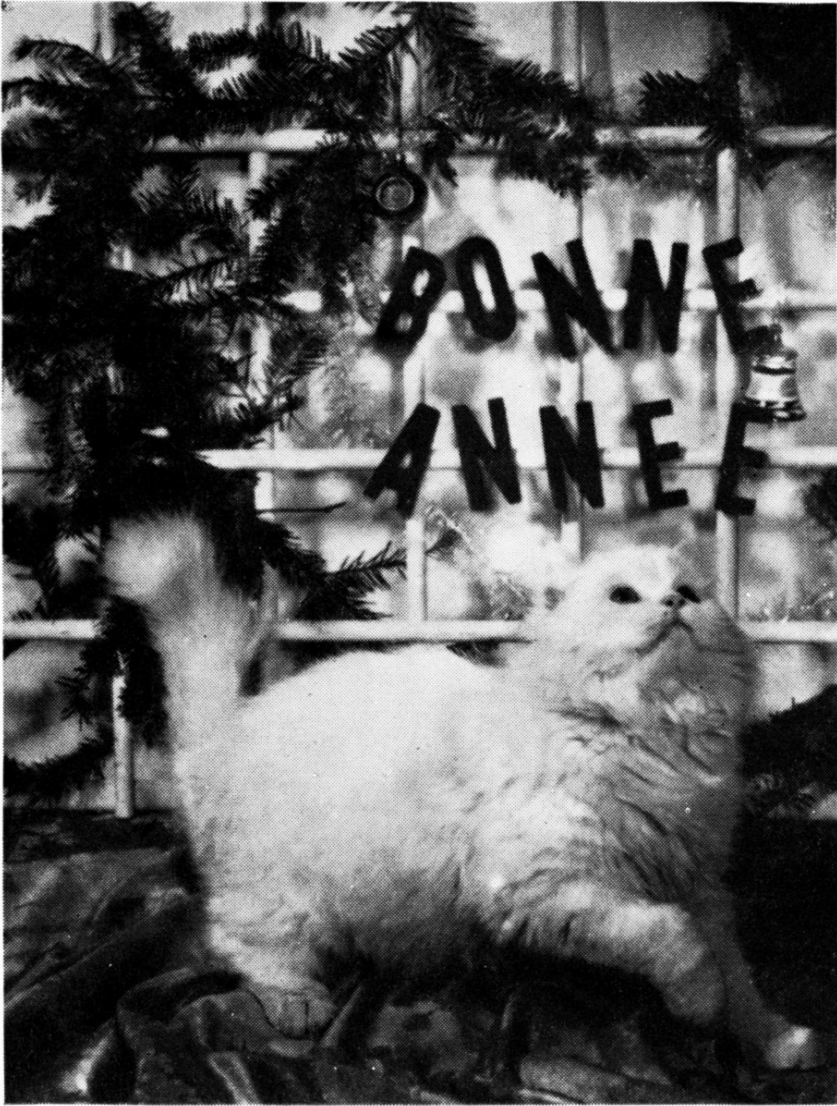
Five Tortoiseshells were headed by Mrs. Woodthorpe's Gracefield Autumn Leaf by the late Ch. Bournside Black Diamond and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter won in kittens with Abyad Super Star. Mrs. Moore's Tortie and White Asplin Lucetta by a Blue male, the late Derry of Dunesk, won, and in this variety Miss Woodfield's kitten Pathfinders Rosebud was first.

Last season's exceptionally good Blue Colourpoint kitten which had such success, made his winning bow as an



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adult, namely Miss Watts' Amaska Orlando by Briarry Eustace, and in females Miss Denning's Zeba Chai-Lai. Mr. Stirling-Webb's Colourpoints were notable absentees also in the kitten classes in which Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas' Sea Sprite was the winner.

The Longhair neuters were magnificent. In Any Colour Self Neuter (9 in class) Mrs. Trevor's Cream, Premier Hendras Periander by Ch. Widdington Winterset was first and in Any Other Variety L.H. Neuter (10 in class) Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla Broctons Snowberry.

Many of the winners met in side classes, so again the competition was exacting. Mrs. Fisher won the Champion of Champions class with Ch. Halcyon Boniface who was second in the Blue Adult Male class and she also won Any Colour L.H. Brace with him and Halcyon Candida. In Any Colour L.H. Kitten Pairs (16 pairs) Miss Main won with Denbury Wanda and Denbury Lavender and Mrs. Brunton took an extra first with her Blue-Creams Bouquet and Posy of Dunesk. Congratulations are due to Mrs. Garfield exhibiting for the first time and winning first as a novice exhibitor with Bayhorne Chiffon, a Blue winner last winter.

Altogether a lovely show of 234 Longhairs.

Strong Siamese classes

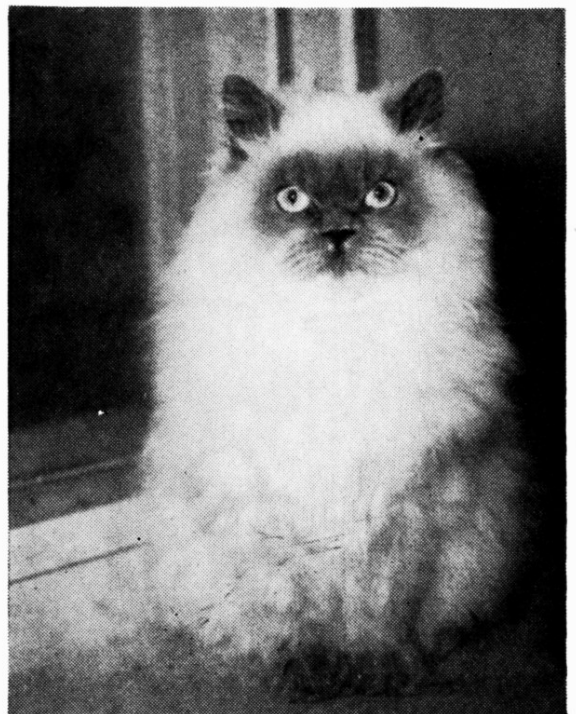
Siamese numbered 254 and the judges had a busy day deciding on the winners. Mrs. Kent awarded the Challenge Certificate in S.P. males to Mrs. Dadd's Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad, bred by Mrs. Howard, but Mrs. Dadd bred his sire Ch. Sabukia Sir Galahad (16 in class). Mrs. Towe awarded the Ch. in a remarkable class of 34 S.P. females to Mrs. Lowcock's Nefretiti by Whiteoaks Malahide, who also sired the winning female in the 3 to 5 months kitten class. Mr. Richard Warner's Annelida Zambra.

First in male kittens in this age group was Miss Hooper's Sox Thai-Billee by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour. In the

5-9 months classes the winners were Mrs. Appleby's male Appledale Aloween by Ch. Milori Oberon and Mrs. Conoley's female Wayfarer Prudence by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad. There were 62 S.P. Siamese kittens in these four classes.

Blue Pointed Siamese also made a brave show with thirteen adult males and fourteen females, the winners being Mrs. Fenton's Daltress Blue Adito by Missfore Tempest and the female Best in Show winner Mrs. Boal's Ch. Freefolk Blue Ladye. The B.P. male kitten class produced another Best in Show winner Mrs. Forrest's Kuala Azure Chakri. The winning female was Mrs. Smith's Dimvar Wee Jean by Ch. Milori Oberon.

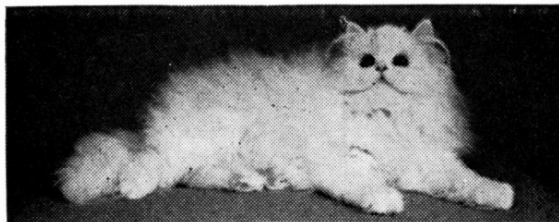
Mrs. Ashford's Chocolate Pointed Siamese male Missfore Chocolate Whey by Ch. Camley Fudge won the Challenge Certificate in this variety and the winning kittens were Mrs. Turner's Thaimese Chianco and Mrs. Hudson's Tanchai. Seven Lilac Pointed adults and fifteen kittens reveal how this variety has increased. Miss Bygrave won with her



Enthusiastic Dutch fancier Mrs. Prosé, of Doorn, is very pleased with her English import AMASKA BLUE SOLILOQUY, a young blue point Colourpoint Longhair she purchased from Miss Susan Watts. Exhibited at the December international annual show in Scheveningen, Soliloquy was Best Exhibit and winner of the medal donated by the Queen of Holland and Prince Bernhard.

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male Misselfore Lilac Cloud by Ch. Camley Fudge and Mrs. Sayers with Ch. Doneraile Lilac Laretta. Mr. Buttery won the kitten class with Praha Andante Maestosa by Browndreys Cluan.

Thirteen Siamese litters were entered but five were absent, probably because some of them were sold in the pre-Christmas demand for kittens. Mrs. Arnold won with six males by Pincop Jo-Ho. A lovely class of seventeen Siamese neuters had Mrs. Macmichael's Sanguine Johnny as the winner.

The side classes in which many first prize winners in the four Siamese colours met provided keen competition but space does not permit details. Mrs. Dadds win in Any Variety Siamese Brace with Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad and Sabukia Sukhmaya, and with these two plus Sabukia Saina in A.V. Siamese Team must have pleased this successful breeder. Another nice win was Mrs. Cowen's Siamese pair of kittens Michifer Sonklin and Michifer Saraphi. Siamese novice exhibitors attracted sixteen entries and Miss Hughes won with her B.P. kitten Supra Socrates. A wonderful array of exhibits to delight Siamese enthusiasts.

Among the Shorthairs

Brown Burmese were well represented with seventeen adults. Mrs. Pocock's Ch. Soondar Mooni by Ch. Darshan Khudiram and Lady Glubb's Heartsease Manuela by Kathoodu Kimi were the winners. Lady Glubb also bred the winning kitten in a class of ten, Mrs. Lee-Reading's Heartsease Nina Rosa. Mrs. Wallington won in Blue Burmese Adults with Arboreal Blue Pandora by Lamont Patrick. There was only one kitten, Mrs. Knowles' Ballard Clara by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo. With the exception of Mrs. Warren's Chestnut Brown Foreign female Crossways Hydena to whom a Challenge Certificate was awarded, my catalogue is not marked for this variety which had three adults and two kittens to represent them.

The only Abyssinian male entered was absent but the females were represented by Miss Bones' Ch. Godfrey Anemone by Ch. Nigella Sacha, and the same owner's kitten Nigella Gem in a class of ten. Two Challenge Certificates were awarded to Russian Blues—Mrs. Kirby's Harvees Antimony by Meadliam Cheiron and Mrs. Read's Sylphides Mavilova by Garoslavl. Mr. and Mrs. Earsden won in kittens with Michifer Petal. The Silver Tabby adult class was amalgamated. Mr. and Mrs. Boorman had the pleasure of seeing their winner Ch. Culverden Maurice sire the first three in the Silver Tabby Kitten Class, Mrs. Grant-Allen's Elvaston Silver Trinket, Miss Robson's Culverden Clioquot and Mrs. Greenwood's Wilmar Silver Monkey. Culverden is the prefix of Miss Robson.

Truly wonderful display

In Blue British Misses Chatterton's Ch. Littlewickers Blue Serge gained another Ch. and sired his owner's winning kitten Jezreel Jolina. The winning adult female was Mrs. Savage's Bonaventura Prudence. These were the most competitive classes in British Shorthairs.

Mrs. Attwood's Black, Aldra's Dark Talisman who had previously become a Champion was the winning adult and Mr. Westlake owned the first of the three kittens. Mrs. Beever won in Blue-eyed White Adults with Ch. White Hawthorne and Mrs. Wethered in Orange-eyed with Heartsease Juliet bred by Lady Glubb who also bred Miss Codrington's White Heatsease Seraphina. Mrs. Attwood won in Creams with Ch. Aldra's Cream Bunne. There were no kittens in this variety and only one to represent Blue-Creams, Mrs. Richards' Pensylva Fantasia sired by the above. Mrs. Earnshaw won again in Manx with Ch. Gay Song; Mrs. Norman in Red Tabby Adults with Andersby Allflame; Mrs. Curzon in Tortie and Whites with Selina Patch and in kittens Mrs. Lucas with Polkinghorne Furmine. One Tortoiseshell kitten was

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present to represent this variety—Miss Hardman's winner Killinghall Mosaic.

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Although the Show closed later than usual at 7 p.m. the day passed speedily. There was so much to interest one, and so many acquaintances that one only meets at Olympia. Exhibitors were present from all over the British Isles and it was a truly wonderful display of cats and kittens.

Danish progress

Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, President of Racekatten and Show Manager of Copenhagen's lovely Autumn Championship fixture which has an individuality of its own and grows in number of exhibits each year tells me the last one was a great success and attracted an enormous gate.

The judges, Madame Ravel, Madame Pia Sandoz and Mr. Hirschmann had a very busy time placing the exhibits in order of merit. Best Cat in Show was a Black Longhair male Ch. Mirajama Mustafa which was awarded C.A.C.I.B. reserved for Champions of exceptional beauty. Mustafa is owned by Mrs. Outi Orokanto of Finland and it was the first time an exhibit had come from this country. Best Shorthair was a Russian Blue male Ch. Blue Moon of Moelleby owned by Mrs. Essie Magnusson (Sweden). He was also awarded C.A.C.I.B. Best Kitten was Mr. Kurt Norén's (Sweden) Blue-Pointed Siamese male Blue Ditte of Kashmir. Mrs. Koning van Oosten, all the way from Holland, was rewarded with Best Blue Longhair with her male Burrows Lea Benjamin and C.A.C.I.B. was awarded to her White L.H. female Schneemann v. Sonneck.

The Blue male bred in England and the White female of British descent.

Another exhibit bred here was Mrs. Dagny Ekers (Norway) Chinchilla female Ivelholme Cygnet bred by Mrs. Bacon and awarded Best Chinchilla. Mrs. Edith Dunvald was awarded C.A.C. (the equivalent of our Challenge Certificate) to her S.P. Siamese male Whiteoaks Archer, bred here by Mrs. Helen Martin. Mrs. Karen Smith's Cream L.H. male Ch. Mascot of Pensford was first in Longhair Stud Class judged on progeny.

The Danish breeder Mrs. Dunvald, famous for the quality of her Siamese, had a very successful day with Siamese of her own breeding in addition to Whiteoaks Archer.

Her International Champion Blue-Pointed male Rangoon Blue Gay was awarded C.A.C.I.B. and first in the Shorthair Stud Class. Her S.P. female Rangoon Hebe C.A.C., and her B.P. male kitten were Best Danish Shorthair kittens. Mr. Knud Dunvald, her son, had Best Danish Longhair kitten with a Brown Tabby female, Michaella av Birka.

Mrs. Margareta Holmström (Sweden) had the Best Lilac Pointed Siamese, a female named Ch. Rönnvikens Frosted Candy to which C.A.C.I.B. was awarded.

Star visitors

The Show was opened by one of the leading personalities of the Copenhagen Zoo, Doctor Holger Poulsen, who gave an interesting address on domestic cats and the bigger ones in his Zoo. Afterwards three of the stars from one of the theatres, Mrs. Bodil Steen, Birgitte Reimer and Mr. Henrik Wiehe performed an elegant little sketch. They were all in theatre costumes and their appearance was a pleasing success.

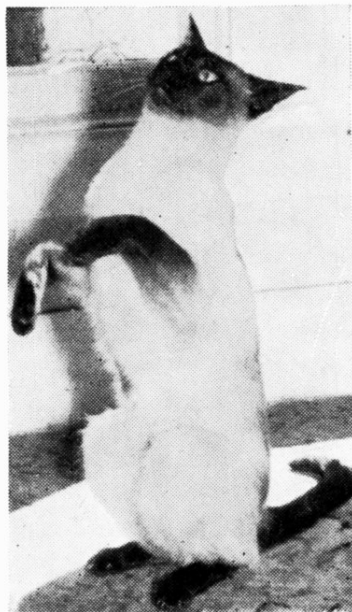
The General Assembly of the Feline International Federation of Europe met after the Show at a party. They were joined by the judges, the foreign exhibitors and some members as guests of the Club. I can imagine a very jolly time was enjoyed by all.

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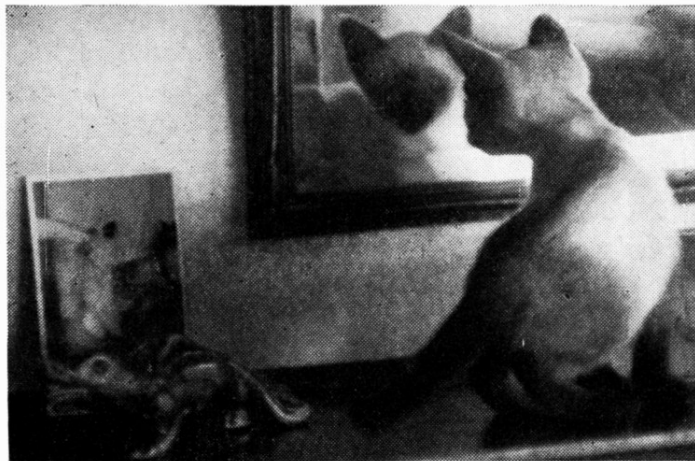


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Judging in Australia

A feature of the Australian show season which is just ending was the visit paid by Mrs. D. J. Davies, President of the Siamese Cat Club of New Zealand, who is also a popular and successful breeder of Siamese. Mrs. Davies travelled many hundreds of miles to fulfil a number of judging engagements. We are reproducing below, with due acknowledgment as to source, an edited version of the interesting account of her experiences which she contributed to the New South Wales journal "Cats Digest" on her return home.

I have just returned from a trip to Australia where I judged in six shows in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Among the Siamese I found a large number of round-headed type with very dark coats and also a few of the over-type class. Our scale of marks for judging is laid down for us by the Governing Council of New Zealand which takes these from the English Standard.

I think N.Z. breeders are better able to cope with the question of improvement in breeding because most of them neuter kittens to be sold more cheaply as pets. Breeders with breeding improvement lines at heart, will only sell kittens for breeding which show good type and carry good breeding factors.

In Australia, I found that all kittens were sold unaltered for twelve or mostly fifteen guineas. Buyers would promise to get them neutered, but some would decide to have one or two litters before neutering. They would mate up with any stud and sell to anyone, again increasing the numbers of queens not typey enough to use for breeding. Because they paid so much for their kittens they aimed to get some financial return from their hobby.

I would like to tell you about some things that struck me about the shows in Australia. The shows were very well run. The vets were very particular and turned away cats that might be passed here. But they were not lamped, which I pointed out to them was done at all N.Z. shows.

They had no type classes. Their argument was that in cats, colour is as necessary as type in judging any exhibit. They thought our idea of having

junior, intermediate, senior and veteran classes excellent and most encouraging for owners of older cats.

They have no money prizes. The R.A.S. which registers and administers affairs in N.S.W. won't allow it. In the other states the Governments say that if they have money prizes they are not amateurs, but professionals. Every 1st class winner has a ribbon and there are special trophies. The winners are very proud of the ribbons and cards. The prizes and ribbons were given out at 3.30 p.m. at every show I was at. Generally a television star gave out the prizes and in three instances themselves exhibited domestic cats. This was a great draw as inevitably these shows were advertised with exhibition cats on television beforehand.

Not one protest

There was not one protest at any show I attended. On asking what would happen if there was, I was told that trophies are not engraved until they are brought back before the next show. As they did not pay out prize money, they did not charge so much for entry fees. The fee for the open class was the same as any other entry. On the whole their shows were very well run. The stewards were excellent, some of them being judges. Their judges' books were the same as ours. The cages were very good. I didn't approve of their not allowing dirt trays. Kittens especially need these. Show promoters suffer as we do from lack of large, well-lit halls in which to hold their shows. Siamese cats

especially must have good normal daylight to show their eye colour to advantage.

In one place I was horrified to find that kittens had been given tranquilizers. Kittens are the last to need these things. If a grown cat is temperamental he should not be shown. It is a rule that

the judge must be able to handle every cat. I found two kittens with closed eyes lying on their sides, who fell over if they tried to stand on their feet. One kitten nearly died. The vets are against this. They tell me the feline species are not good subjects for sedatives and should only be given them under their advice.



Phototron

Mrs. K. W. Meany, of Lindfield, New South Wales, with her litter of Chestnut Brown Foreign Shorthairs, the first to be born in Australia.

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KOSTYA didn't like homework. His report always swarmed with bad marks. One day he was sitting at home trying to do a problem, but it just wouldn't come out.

His cat, Vaska, took pity on him "Don't worry, Kostya," he said. "I'll help you".

Kostya jumped up in surprise. "How did you learn to talk?" he asked.

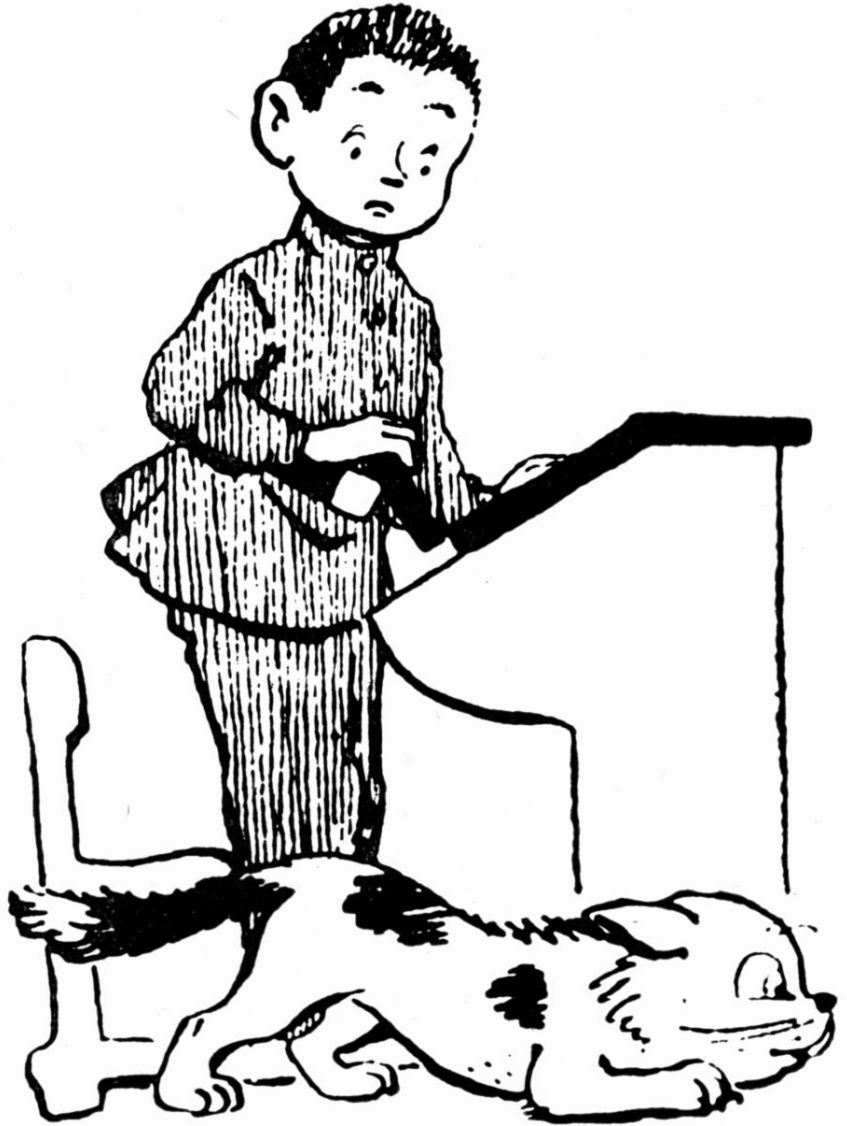
"Who, me?" said Vaska, obviously hurt. "Well, I haven't slept on your text books for the whole year for nothing! Go to bed. I'll do all

your homework for you. Just show me what you have for tomorrow".

Kostya was delighted: "That's a cat for you! What a friend!"

In the morning Kostya looked into his copy books. All his homework was done. All the problems were solved.

"Well!" said Kostya. "To-day I am sure to get good marks—except for one thing. I was supposed to learn a poem".



"Don't worry!" said Vaska. "I'll hop into your satchel and prompt you!"

At school Kostya hid Vaska in his desk. And the lesson began.

When the teacher called on Kostya to recite the poem, Vaska stuck his head out and began prompting.

Kostya, feeling happy as can be, repeated word for word what Vaska said.

The teacher listened to him and thought: "Why does that

boy keep looking under his desk, and why is there a fluffy tail sticking out of it?"

So she took a piece of blotting paper, tied it to a thread, quietly put it on the floor and pulled the thread.

Vaska saw the paper, sneaked out of the desk and crept after it. Kostya stood

there his mouth open without uttering a word.

Then the teacher knew who had prompted Kostya. She thought a little and then said:

"Very well, I'll promote Vaska the Cat to the third form! But as far as Kostya is concerned I shall have to think again!"



With this delightful photograph we received the following airmail letter from Miss C. April, of Wynberg, Cape Town, South Africa: "I am a full member of the Western Province Cat Club shows of South Africa and one of our committee members have asked me to write a letter to you about my cat Fluffy and also to send the photo of myself and cat to be put in your book, Editor, please. I started the show in September 1958 and April 1959 old drill hall, Cape Town, he was Best Household pet, 1 first, 2 speciale prizes, 1960 old drill hall, 2 first prizes. He was then 10 years old. On account of ill health he had a groath in his shoulder I had to put Fluffy to sleep by a vet with deep sorrow which it was very hard for me the owner to part with Fluffy."



News from "Down Under"

WELL, folks, here we are in 1962 after a very wet Christmas and Boxing Day. Everything is going blue mouldy. We had a very happy holiday with excellent fare and the only fly in the otherwise soothing ointment was due to cat indiscretion. A Ch. female, nine years old, and deemed to have passed the romantic age, decided to become a mother during the Christmas dinner and disrupted things quite a bit.

New South Wales. Both the C.F.A. and Federal Clubs held a Christmas party and so did the Cumberland Club. The Shorthair Club, of which Mrs. Meaney is Secretary, is to commence a judges' training class early in the year and it has been decided by the Consultative Committee that members of the examination panel shall not lecture students during the course as previously, except in the initial talk preceding the course by F. W. Pearce. The 1962 season promises to be very full and exciting. At the C.F.A. December meeting it was decided to set aside a sum of not less than twenty-five guineas to provide a trophy in memory of the Club's late esteemed President Ted Lonsdale. Ted was always interested in the up and coming "champs". Male cats at the Royal Show are catered for by the F. W. Pearce Trophy, females by the Mrs. Mason trophy, and now we shall have the E. J. Lonsdale trophy for juniors.

South Australia. A very bright Newsletter is to hand from those wide-awake boys Tom and Jerry, who have

become very sentimental all at once comparing Siamese cats with beautiful women. They have devoted a page to the subject but it's too deep for me—I'm more for music! It is a grand effort on the Club's part to have handed £130 to the Mentally Retarded Children's Association; still be able to buy more new cages and have a healthy bank balance. Mrs. A. Crowe, is the proud owner of the first cat to attain male Ch. honours in South Australia—Wenvoe Fa Lal, chosen by Mrs. Crowe from Mrs. Davies' cattery in New Zealand.

Queensland. I have not yet received any official list of show dates but I know Toowoomba Show in early April has again included a cat section and a Southern judge has been invited. This is always a very fine fixture and within easy reach of Brisbane.

New Zealand. My copy of the ever-growing Newsletter from Mr. Moran is full of interesting items, including a list of the 1962 show fixtures. N.Z. is lucky to have three newly imported Colourpoints at the cattery of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamblyn, Lower Hutt, with another to arrive shortly. English breeder is Miss D. M. Collins and this foursome should be great attractions at the shows. What an asset such people are to the N.Z. cat world.

A final line of thanks to all those good friends who sent cards to me at Christmas. They came from all over the world. May 1962 be a wonderful year of good health and good fortune for you all.

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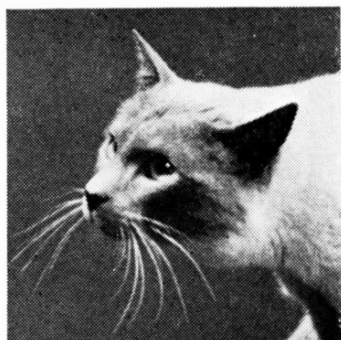
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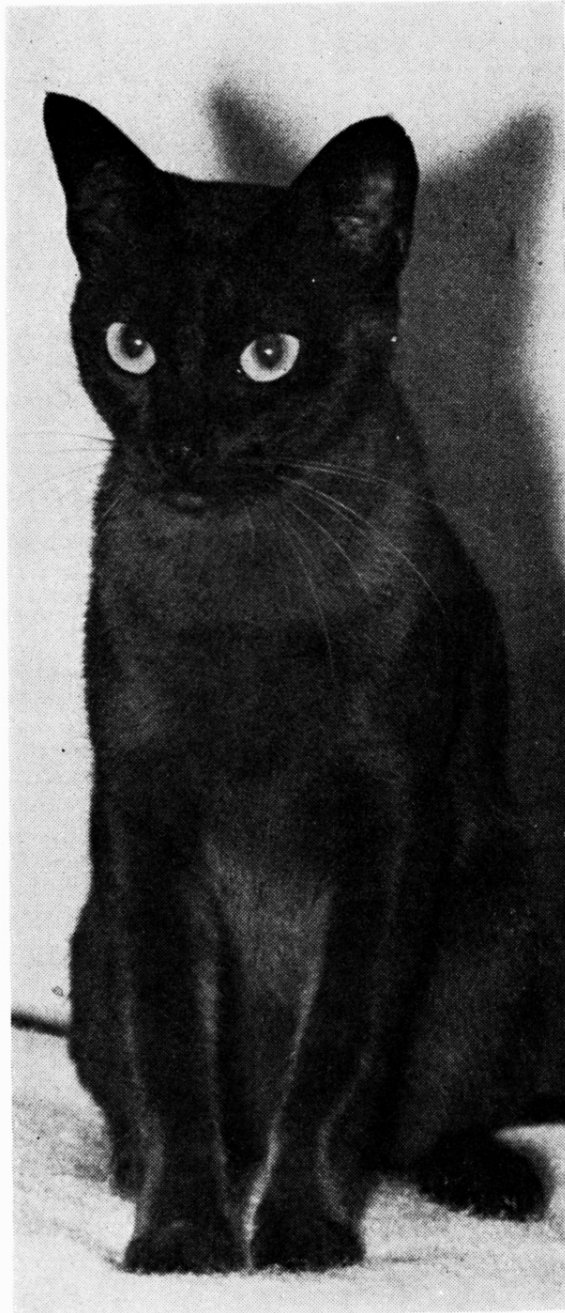
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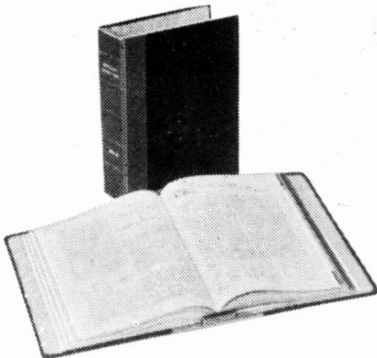
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