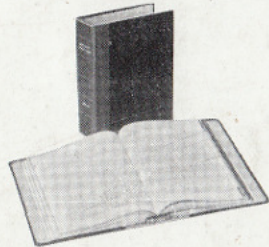


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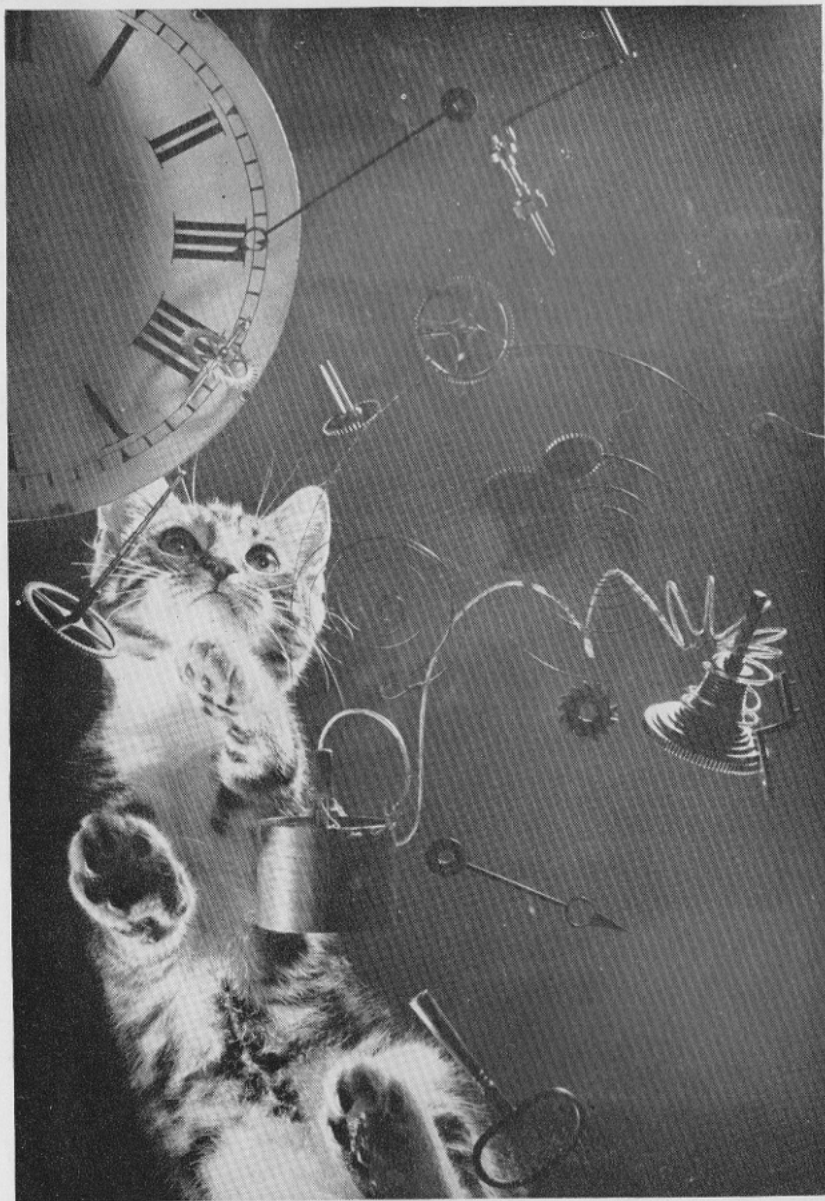
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One thing is certain—this young fellow will never again be asked to put the clock back—or forward!

Pace

## **The "New Look" in Persians**

**DR. RACHEL SALISBURY** reports from America on the progress of the lovely Cameos, a breed she has pioneered.

**T**HE "New Look" in Persians is Cameo. Ever since the publication in *OUR CATS* (September 1959) of my account of the development of the cameo-coloured coat, more and more breeders have been following the formula and adding these striking beauties to their collections of Persian cats both for show and for personal pleasure.

During this past show season, several hundred Cameos have appeared in shows in the U.S.A., in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In 1960 the colour was first officially recognized for Championship competition by the American Cat Fanciers' Association, and in 1961 the United Cat Fanciers, the Cat Fanciers' Association, and the Canadian Cat Association added their approval. During this past season, some shows have included as many as 10-12 Cameos.

The Cameo is a shaded cat, just as the Silver is, exception is that the tipping is red instead of black. In both colours, the undercoat appears to be white. The three patterns in Silvers are duplicated in Cameos; very pale tipping corresponding to Chinchilla is called shell cameo; darker tipping, called shaded for Silvers, is also called shaded for Cameos; the black Smoke is matched with the red Smoke, and the blue Smoke with a cream Smoke. Standards for Cameos are identical with standards for Silvers—except that for Cameos the tipping is red, the eye colour gold instead of green, the nose leather a dusty rose instead of brick red, and the

eyelids of dusty rose to match the nose. The beauty of the Cameo lies in the startling contrast between the white ground and the red or cream tipping, to create either a brilliant tinsel or a soft pink effect.

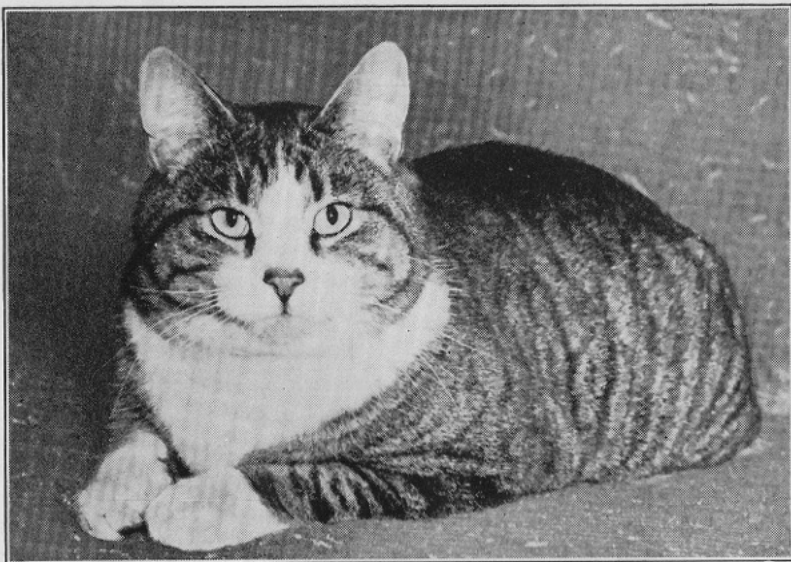
It is easy to raise a Cameo. You simply cast aside your prejudices and take three steps.

*First*, cross a shaded-haired cat (Silver or Smoke) with a solid-haired cat that has red or cream in its coat (red, cream, blue-cream or tortoiseshell) or in its immediate ancestry. In the first litter, expect only one Cameo, of the same sex as its shaded parent.

*Second*, mate that Cameo to its parent, in order to get a Cameo (F<sub>1</sub>) of the opposite sex (F<sub>2</sub>). Or, mate it to an unrelated Silver or Tortie (blue-cream, red or cream). Thus, if F<sub>1</sub> is a Cameo male, mate it to a red-gened female; if it is a Cameo female, mate it to a Silver male. The stronger the genes for shaded hair and colour, the more Cameos you will get. These F<sub>2</sub> litters tend to divide about evenly between Cameos and other colours.

*Third*, mate two Cameos, as unrelated as possible. This F<sub>3</sub> generation may show an occasional silver or red; it may be entirely Cameo. When two third-generation Cameos are mated, the entire litter will be Cameo.

That first litter is extremely interesting. Usually it contains a Mendelian quartet of one Cameo, one Silver, and two odd-looking females with a Smoke or Silver ground spotted here and there with cream in a tortoiseshell pattern. These misty-looking ladies are very beautiful, even if you don't know what colour to call them. Genetically, they are of great



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importance, for they carry the cameo gene recessive and are sure to have a couple of Cameo kittens in their F<sub>2</sub> litters.

These genotypes should be registered in the stud book, for they are just as pedigreed as the stock they came from. If the Association makes no provision for unrecognized colours, use the basic colour. Register them as Smokes or Silvers, but, of course, don't show them; for they would be faulted for those cream spots. These females can't earn championships, but they are a wonderful shortcut to Cameos.

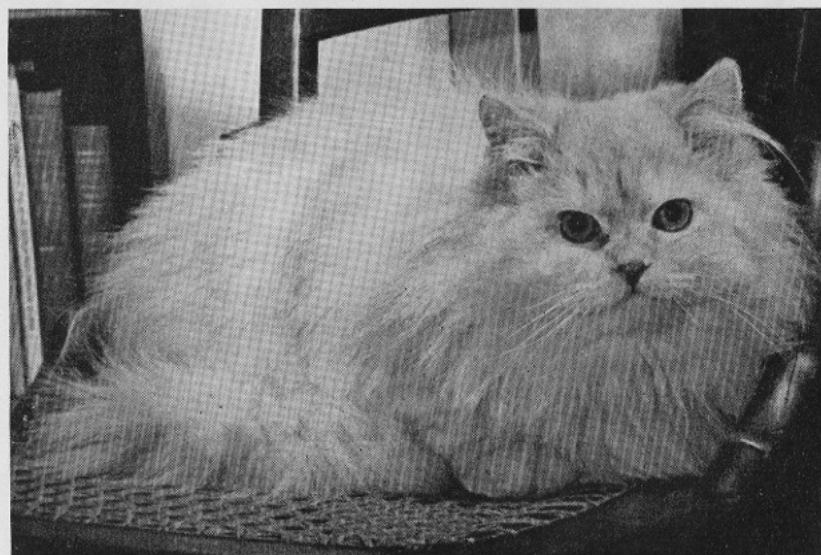
### Identification

The newborn kitten looks like a cream or red tabby with lovely bull's eyes or mackerel stripes. As the kitten develops, these markings fade away into the smoothly tipped coat of the adult Cameo. Usually you can tell a Cameo kitten from a red or cream one by its very white face.

Among the first of Her Majesty's subjects to exhibit cameos is Miss Suzanne Tasker (194 Onepu Road, Lyall Bay,

Wellington, E.3). On June 26th, 1961, her picture, with that of her Cameo male Walmerdene Crystal Cameo, appeared in the New Zealand *Women's Magazine*, with a two-column story about the development of this "New Colour in Cats". Another New Zealander, Mrs. Lorraine Slator (Claremont Terrace, Otumoetai, Tauranga) breeds superb Silvers. When she recently saw Miss Tasker's Cameo, she decided to raise one for herself. Mrs. Slator is president of the newly organized Tauranga Cat Society, Inc., with a membership of 130. So we can be sure that there will be more and more Cameos "Down Under".

In Australia, Mrs. Ella Manson (M.S. 1652 Anzac Ave., Redcliffe, Queensland) crossed a Chinchilla male and a Silver female which had red tabby in its immediate background and in February, 1961, had a first litter of four Cameos—two males and four females. In America, we would say that she had "hit the jackpot". Several of her friends are trying experimental crosses with good success. As more and more of these breeders enter their Cameos in cat shows, more and



Hal Marsh

Royal Merit Quad. Champion WANAKI PINK POLAR BEAR, a Shell Cameo male, age 1½ years.

more people will admire them and press to have them recognized for Championship competition.

A final "must" of this progress report is a tribute to OUR CATS, which certainly gets around and produces results. The Camcos raised in New Zealand and Australia are purely the result of the original article in OUR CATS. For that matter, many Americans who are sub-

scribers to OUR CATS got their first interest from the same source, and wrote to me as the author of the 1959 report on my experiments, for information, mentioning the Magazine. Surely in this case OUR CATS has amply fulfilled its function of exchanging information for the good of cats, cat breeders and cat lovers all around the world.

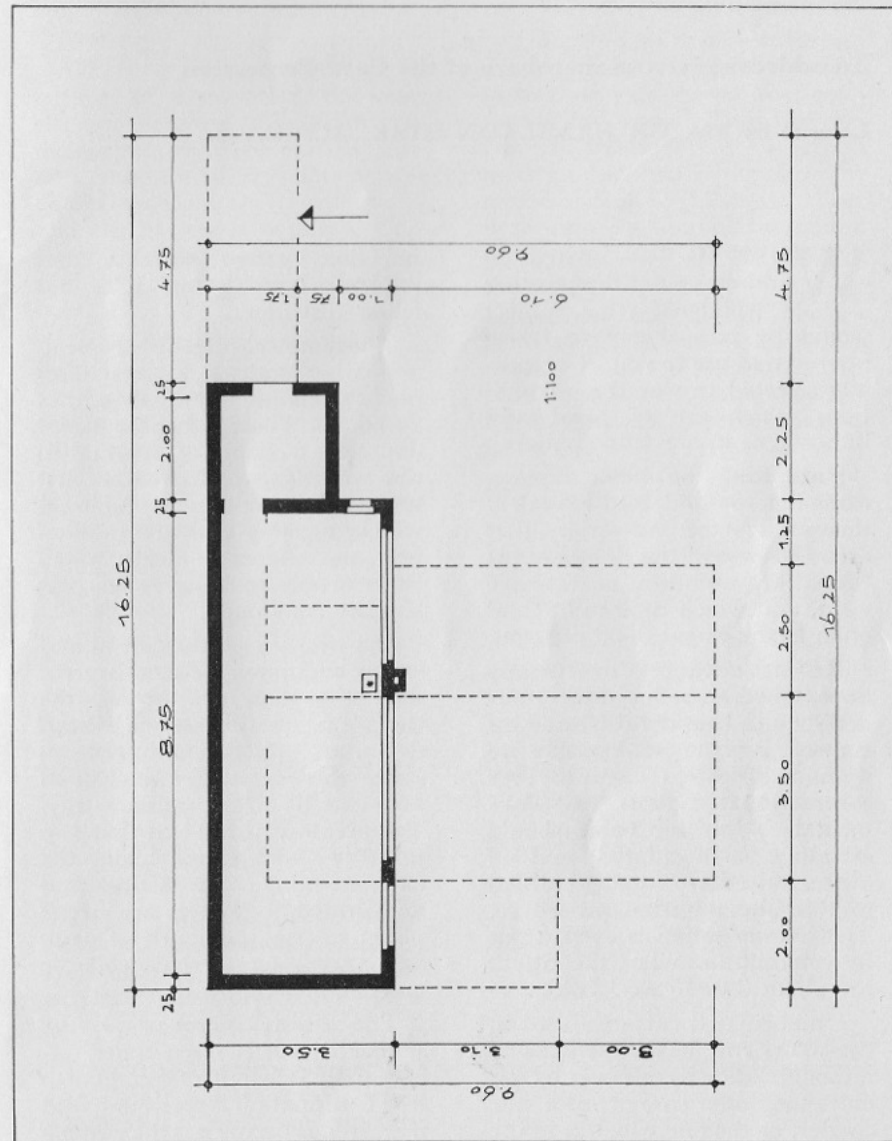


### A Cattery in Germany



Photo by A. Nicolai

A 1961 issue of the German cat journal *Die Edelkatze* contained a well-produced photographic section devoted to the cattery at Wiesbaden which has been designed and erected in his garden by Mr. Carl Stein, a prominent member of the local Fancy. Thanks to the courtesy of the owner, we are able to let you see how efficiently and attractively the Blue, Cream and White Longhair residents have been housed. The picture above is the general view the visitor receives and on the opposite page we reproduce a scale drawing of the floor plan. "Abteil" means compartment, "ofen" indicates the heating arrangement, "auslauf" shows the outdoor runs and "vorraum" is the entrance or anteroom.



The floor plan of Mr. Carl Stein's cattery at Wiesbaden, Germany. See previous page for further details

## ***Diseases of the cat***

**An address given to members of the Cats' Protection**

**League by MAJOR HAMILTON KIRK, M.R.C.V.S.**

**W**HEN I was invited to address you at this meeting I wondered what subject would be most likely to be of interest and use to you. I eventually selected two or three conditions which are of paramount importance in our feline patients.

**Enteritis**, the killer disease, came first to mind; and I speak of the specific infectious variety, that dread disease of the domestic cat caused by an ultra microscopic virus, and which used to be fatal often to the extent of 90 per cent.

Recent advances in therapy have, however, reduced this mortality quite considerably, and, of course, it is now possible to immunize kittens against ever contracting it. Cats of great sentimental or intrinsic value should certainly be inoculated; and all others indeed are equally entitled to this humanitarian procedure. The immunization is carried out by veterinarians when the kittens are about 9 to 10 weeks old.

Uninoculated cats exhibited at cat shows run a fair risk because although all cats are vetted on entrance, one cannot spot the carrier, or the one which is in the incubation period.

One natural attack of the disease confers immunity if the victim is lucky enough to survive. Enteritis has been given several other names such as cat plague,

infectious gastro enteritis, and panleuco penia; but it is not feline distemper.

The symptoms are fairly typical, appearing suddenly, and not infrequently ending in death within 24 hours. Those living for 3 or 4 days have a chance of survival. In the writer's experience the first noticeable symptom is vomiting, which, together with the suddenness and the early death, often leads people to believe their cat has been poisoned.

Appetite is lost early and emesis continues. There is great depression and prostration, the cat sitting motionless with head down, and quite usually seems to prefer to sit anywhere than in its bed—mostly in the sanitary tray. Temperature is high at first (up to 105°F) then rapidly falls, the cat becoming cold, listless and dehydrated. There are weak plaintive cries, obviously of pain, and very soon there is collapse and death.

The emesis is reflex as the stomach itself is often quite unaffected. It is not uncommon to find constipation throughout, and if diarrhoea occurs it is the writer's belief this is due to a secondary infection, possibly by coliform organisms. Of course, in the non-infectious type of enteritis, diarrhoea is the common symptom.

In contrast with distemper we

find there are no catarrhal, pharyngeal or pulmonary symptoms and no oculo-nasal discharge, which are so characteristic in that disease.

When enteritis occurs in a cattery, or is suspected, the very strictest measures of isolation and disinfection must be carried out; and isolation of the patient includes isolation of its attendant and the exclusion of flies. The latter can very easily carry infection from a sick cat to the healthy ones.

The incubation period seems to lie between 2 and 6 days. As for treatment, the most effective at the present day is the antibiotic chloromycetin. This is given by mouth and quite often brings about great improvement after 3 or 4 doses (125 mg. b.i.d.). Before the introduction of this drug I was seldom able to save an infected cat.

Whensickness can be allayed, or if it abates, one may commence the administration of Bengers Food suitably prepared. Egg albumin is also very useful. Both are sustaining and cause no vomiting. Liquid proteins can be injected into the rectum, whence they are absorbed, if given very slowly and at blood heat.

The cat must be kept very warm by hot water bottles and blankets, in a warm dry room; or can have an electric fire directed upon it from some distance away.

**Urethral Obstruction.** This is another frequently lethal disease of male cats. The urinary bladder is normally situated in the pelvic cavity, but when greatly distended it protrudes well forwards into the abdominal cavity causing a distension which whilst not always obvious to the eye, can at once be detected by the hand.

Bladder distension is all too common in the cat (nearly always a male) owing to blockage of the urethral outlet by sandy material.

This sabulous deposit is thrown down in the bladder in consequence of a decreased acid reaction of the urine. Thus the preventive treatment is largely a matter of acidifying the urine by means of drugs. The two used are hexamine (3 grs.) and acid sodium phosphate (5 to 10 grs.) in pill form 2 or 3 times a week.

The cat with a full bladder exhibits uneasiness, dullness and sometimes loss of appetite; tries unsuccessfully to urinate at frequent intervals, perhaps passing just a few drops; cries plaintively and has an anxious expression. If one grasps the posterior portion of the abdomen in one's hand, a hard circular body (like an orange) will be felt, pressure upon which will provoke pain.

With every hour the bladder is becoming more and more distended, until finally it becomes paralysed and unable to contract to force out the urine. Soon it will become very inflamed, and its mucous lining change from a pale pink, through dark red to black. The condition is one of great urgency, the mere suspicion of which should send the owner speedily on his way to a veterinary surgeon. If not relieved within about 36 hours, the cat will likely die.

Surgical intervention is the only hope and this is often extremely difficult, as the urethra has a lumen roughly about half the thickness of a match stick. As an immediate measure for relief, the surgeon may draw off much of the urine by means of a large hypodermic syringe, passing the needle through the abdominal wall directly into the bladder.

Then at greater leisure he will endeavour to unblock the urethra by the operation known as urethrotomy. Only an absolute expert at this operation is likely to succeed. Even he may not do so.

One might think that the more obvious procedure would be to pass a catheter. But this is frequently impossible because the pressure of the instrument often only serves to pack the deposits into a more compact mass.

**Irritation of the Ear.** This is a very common cause of great trouble and disfigurement in domestic cats. There are several causes but principally the attack of the ear-mange mite, the technical term for which is otacariasis. This microscopic parasite inhabits the canal of the ear setting up a good deal of irritation and causing an increased secretion of wax and a continuous itchiness. The repeated scratching which results is the cause of further trouble for, in many cases, the pinna or ear flap, is so injured that a blood and serum-filled swelling called a haematoma, occurs upon it.

Keep a cat's ears free from irritation and there will never be a

haematoma. Whatever agent is used to achieve this end must itself be non-irritant, non-poisonous and definitely lethal to the invading mite.

A preparation known as Otodex answers all these requirements. No poking inside the ear, or preliminary cleaning out are necessary, as Otodex softens and gets behind the wax and stops all irritation. I particularly condemn the use of methylated spirits and hydrogen peroxide.

**Fleas.** Finally, let me touch the question of fleas. I would far rather treat a subject of lice than of fleas, because the former do stay on the cat, whilst the flea hops on and off. Killing the flea is easy enough, but the important thing is to kill the eggs and grubs hatched out. The flea lays its eggs down the pockets of armchairs, cracks of floor boards, on carpets and rugs, in places where the cat usually sleeps. Freeing the cat of fleas is useless unless the house is freed also. Clients have sometimes been very annoyed with me for saying their homes must be cleaned as well as the cats. Large articles like carpets and chairs can be sprayed with Flit, or dusted with gammexane.

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## Try small scale boarding

By "CAT HOTEL KEEPER"

FOR many of us, booking up time for our summer holidays gets earlier and earlier each year. The same goes for the cat family. Earlier and earlier I am receiving bookings for boarding. Last year I was completely booked up for the whole of the school summer holidays by the middle of May, although subsequently I did have one or two cancellations which were very quickly filled. Now, as I write this towards the end of March, all ten houses are booked for one of the weeks in August.

Any minute now I will be saying "Sorry, I'm afraid I can't have him this year—but try ..... " and I list as many reputable boarding catteries as I know within a reasonable distance, and there are *very* few. But soon they are all booked up, and then what happens? Generally, I suppose a neighbour is found to look after the cats, but very often they are not "cat minded" people, and the owners spend many anxious moments during their holiday wondering whether the job is being done properly. Or the cats are sent to the not-so-reliable boarding places and possibly they escape or they are thrown in to the same room with other strange cats. Both these things *do* happen.

I personally can fully rely on my neighbour to look after my cats. The studs have their own houses and runs and the queens have the run of the kitchen, sun-room and a large outdoor run attached to the house. Two other friends are available to help out if necessity arises, in fact one regularly drops in to have a friendly chat to them through the wire so they don't feel neglected. Even the

village "copper" exchanges a few words for meows during the night when he takes a look around the premises. I always tell my vet. when I am going away and his phone number is left in case of necessity. This arrangement I regard as the ideal answer for me, although I run a boarding cattery myself, for I feel the risk of picking up disease is reduced to a minimum.

It seems, and rightly so, that as the popularity of the pedigree cat increases, so more and more people are feeling a responsibility towards their pets when they go away, and therefore more and more cats—pedigree and otherwise—are having to be turned away from boarding establishments.

### Making safe

There must be many readers, not necessarily breeders—but just pet owners, who might have a shed in the garden. For very little expenditure this could be made comfortable with a cosy bed on a shelf out of draughts. It must have a window and if possible a wired-in run, made completely cat proof of course, with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh wire netting and the entrance arranged with two doors and/or gates to go through, forming a "trap" so that the outer one can be secured before opening the inner one where the cat is loose.

Or you may have a room in the house which is little used. It must be shut off so that the household cats cannot do any "scrapping" under the door, and of course the windows must be very securely screened, but still allowing them to open. If there are young children around, keep the cat under lock and key, and any cats boarded beyond the confines of the house should be securely padlocked anyway.

Perhaps you could then help your friends out by looking after their cats and in turn one of them might do the same

for you, and if enough people would take on this responsibility, all our cats could have a happy holiday and their owners more peace of mind when they are away.

A word of warning. If you are leaving your cats with a friend, it is up to you to satisfy yourself that the animals will be properly looked after and that there are no loopholes for escape. It is always advisable to inspect any boarding establishment for yourself unless it has been thoroughly recommended by someone who knows their own cats have been happy and well cared for.

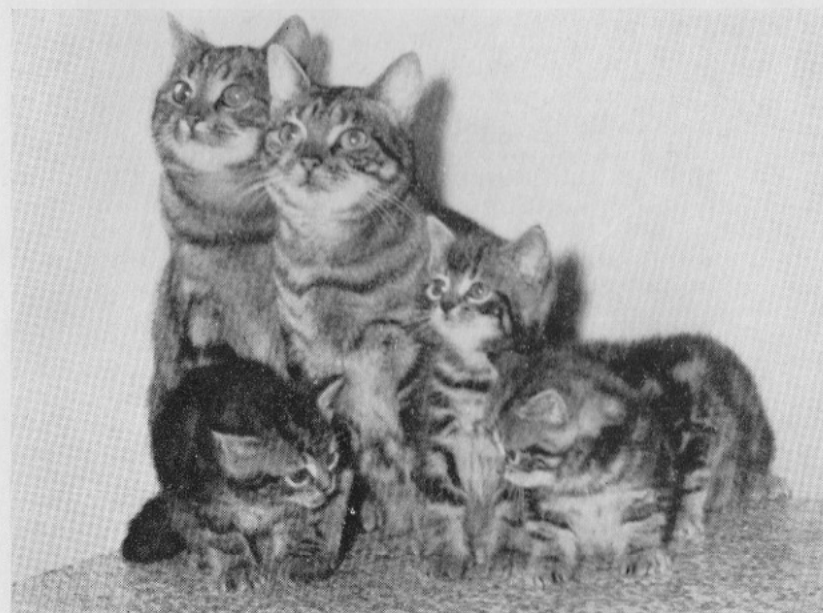
### Running risk

Always remember that however well a boarding cattery is run, and however clean and well disinfected it is kept—inevitably the more cats there are on the

same premises—the higher the risk of disease. I therefore feel that if there were more reliable cat lovers who could cater for just a few cats I for one would feel happier to send my own feline family to such a holiday home if the need arose than to a big boarding cattery, and fewer of us owners of boarding catteries would be forced to say “Sorry, not this year, I’ve been booked up for weeks”. I always feel so worried about the cats that have to be turned down, when I know that it is no use recommending anywhere else because they are booked up too.

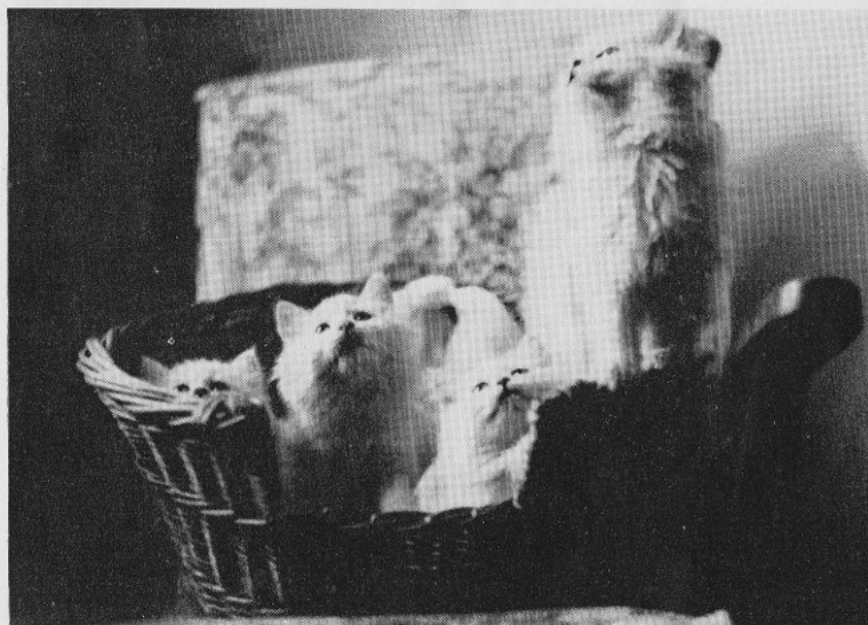
As I have more or less all the feline holiday makers I can cope with, and not wishing to have to turn away old friends through a flood of enquiries for cat boarding, I would prefer to sign myself—

“CAT HOTEL KEEPER”



The author's happy family.

Monty



Three Chinchilla kittens and one White Longhair whose names, reading from left to right, are CROFTON GEORGINA, MERINO (White), JASMINE and JACQUELINE. All were sired by Westcroft Silver King and their great-grandsire was the well-known American Kute Kit Silver Flyer. Owner-breeder is Mrs. W. Kingdom, of Plymouth, Devon.

## Brownies at the bottom of my garden

By ANN L. STUBBS

**I**NDEED there are; and almost everywhere else as well, but the feline, not the fairy variety. My “Brownies”, for that is the name this breed is affectionately called by its admirers, are pedigree Shorthair Brown Tabbies.

What exactly is the Brown Tabby? He is not the tabby seen in scores about the countryside; these cats are very seldom brown but are a brownish-greyish shade. These are in fact the ordinary grey tabby.

The Brown Tabby has a ground colour of a definite rufous brown with jet black markings. This lovely brown colour shows at its best on the face, particularly above the nose, and on the ears.

The tummy is a lighter tawny shade, again with no hint of grey. He must have no white spots, spats or bib spoiling the beautiful symmetry of his markings.

There are certain standard markings which every Tabby must have, notably the necklaces, or Lord Mayor's chains, one, preferably two or even three, clear unbroken black rings round his neck and chest. He must have two swirls crossing his cheeks, one usually starting from the top, the other from the bottom corner of the eye. His head is covered with a beautiful and intricate pattern which may vary considerably from one cat to another but should yet give the impression of a definite M just above the eyes.

The legs are evenly ringed, likewise the tail, a clear black line runs the whole



length of the spine with a line of brown on either side. His lips and the soles of his feet are black while his actual nose is a bright brick red edged with a delicate black line. His eyes can be orange, hazel or green but they must be round, large and set wide apart, and full of expression. His coat is very short, his body neat, but sturdy and strong, his head round and his ears neat. So much for his handsome appearance, what about his character?

### A puckish fellow

The name "Brownie" suits him admirably for at times there is certainly something almost puckish and elfin about him. It has been said that the Brownie never grows up; he is always something of a kitten at heart. But this does not mean that he is lacking in character and intelligence. Far from it, he has very great intelligence, combined with an essentially kind and friendly disposition.

My young male, Whiston Tiberius, known to his friends as "Timmy", had an enormous sense of humour and could always outsmart me when it came to a battle of wits. The game he enjoyed most was "Catch-me-if-you-can". This was a game which his little wife, Tabitha, or to give her her full title, Champion Whiston Tabitha Twitchet, also enjoyed. One of her great delights was to rummage among the pigeon holes in my bureau for something to play with, her favourite being a little red plastic box full of paper clips. She would pull this out of any cubby hole or drawer if she could find it and knock it on the floor to play with. She was inordinately inquisitive and could never resist rummaging in an open drawer. If she found anything which she thought would be a good toy, out it came. She was very clever with her paws and when she had raw meat for dinner she sat down and picked each chunk out of the dish in her paw in a most lady-like fashion.

Though they have such a gay and happy disposition the Brownies are wonderful and devoted mothers, and though not quarrelsome can show great courage when defending their own domain against an intruder. Tabitha and Timmy were both trained to a lead. They loved going to shows and have stayed with me in hotels and private houses where they can be relied on to behave excellently.

The Brown Tabby was once one of the most popular breeds but the advent of the Siamese and two World Wars led to such a depletion in numbers and quality that a few years ago it was almost extinct as a pedigree cat. Happily, it is now enjoying a modest revival and a few nice specimens are lending their own particular charm to the shows. Had he disappeared altogether as some breeds have, he would have been a great loss. He combines all the qualities most desirable in a pet; a handsome appearance, great intelligence and affection for his family, added to which he is hardy and in these busy days he does not require much grooming.

### Book Review

**The Cat-Lover's Week-end Book by Kathleen Williams and Sidney Denham (Seeley, Service 18s. net)** has arrived to earn a place of distinction in your bookcase, however bulging the shelves may be. You should put it where you can easily locate it because it is the kind of book you can dip into and enjoy at any odd moment. The collaborators have done well in their selection of material and the arrangement and illustration combine to produce a work that educates and entertains throughout its 250-odd pages. Historical notes, anecdotes, poetry and prose, art and photography, hints on breeding and management, feline sickness and accidents—all these and many more subjects are capably handled. The book is a worthy and worthwhile addition to the popular Week-end Series.



## Correspondence Corner

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



### On Vivisection

I SHOULD like to say how horrified I have been to learn recently that not only is there an astronomical increase in cats being used in laboratories for experimental purposes, but that now that most beautiful of all felines—the Siamese—is also in great demand for these torture chambers. Their very sensitivity, apparently, makes them good subjects for the experimenter.

All those of us who love these beautiful creatures must feel horrified at this, and I cannot urge too strongly that owners should take more than ordinary care of their treasured pets. I happen to work for animal welfare and have had direct contact with those unfortunate owners whose cats have been stolen, and the thought of what will befall them once entering a laboratory is heartbreaking.

MISS B. MOYSE

London, S.W.

### New Zealand Pets

Your magazine is always impatiently awaited down at this bottom part of the globe, and I love to read all the contents, my main favourite being "Correspondence Corner".

Maybe two episodes from my own experience evidencing feline intelligence and loyalty may be of interest to your many readers.

Losing Noddy, my blue Persian, some time ago with an incurable malady, I only have Honey, Nigel and Bimbo, three adorable male neuters, as my constant companions. Working in my

garden recently, I made a series of holes alongside my garden line preparatory to planting out cabbage plants. Nigel was my closest attendant, watching every move with interest, and when I laid down my dibble to start planting, he became a busy boy, and went right down the row filling in every hole. Of course, telling him his work was premature didn't worry him!

When I started planting, this was more interesting. Then he went into the next row, started to dig a hole, dirt flew everywhere like a rabbit starting a burrow. Then he sat down alongside with such an expression as if telling me there was a further place to plant out.

The other episode occurred this week. Bimbo, the youngest of the three, recently had a major operation for a bladder stoppage, and has had to be carefully nursed. I heard snarls from the garage beneath the house, and a high pitched yelp. I guessed Bimbo was in trouble, and on investigation, a stray from one of the neighbours had been attempting to enter. He took off on seeing me, helped by a swipe from Bimbo as he left but coming up the garden at top speed were Honey and Nigel, who had heard Bimbo call. They spotted the intruder, and gave immediate chase and after seeing him off the premises, back they came to nose around Bimbo, presumably to see he was alright!

At night when they bed down, either Honey or Nigel share Bimbo's bed, usually with a protective paw over him. It looks so lovely.

GEO. H. MILLOW  
Riverton, New Zealand.

## Blue Burmese Judging

Through the medium of your magazine which I know spans the cat world, I would like to point out to folk in Australia that my export Whiteacres Blue Maiden is a Blue Burmese of true Burmese parentage. Her sire is the well-known Champion Kingsplay Fei-Fo and her dam is from the equally well-known Pussinboots and Kathoodu blood lines.

Before leaving this country she was chosen Best of Breed by our eminent judge Kit Wilson. At her first show in Australia she was brought out for Best S.H. Female and I strongly resent the fact that one judge on the Best in Show table referred to her as an *experimentally bred cat*. I would suggest that the judge in question studies the Standard of Points for all the newer breeds.

MRS. HELEN MARTIN.

East Grinstead, Sussex.

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT US . . .

**From a well-known fancier in the West of England:** "You would be rather surprised I think if you knew the vast amount of correspondence I receive from abroad as well as here whenever I or my cats are mentioned in the Magazine. Mention of a win of mine has brought a deluge".

**From a Hertfordshire subscriber:** "Although I am a busy person with many interests, I really look forward each month to the arrival of OUR CATS".

**A subscriber in Devonshire writes:** "Having had OUR CATS now for twelve months, we find all the articles, etc., more than interesting and very instructive. We wonder how we managed without it!"

**An American subscriber writes:** "I am very sorry I cannot renew my subscription for I have enjoyed the magazine during the past several years that I have been a subscriber. My reason for not continuing to take the

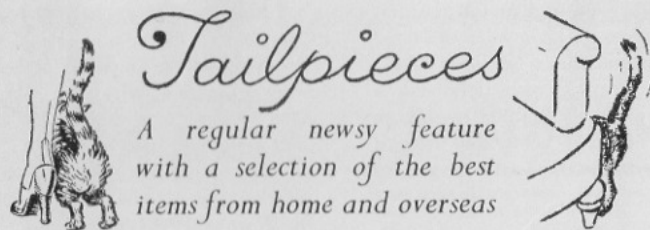
**And one we have just received from Los Angeles, U.S.A., says just this:** "Never stop sending OUR CATS. It's the tops".

Correspondence Corner has always been a popular feature of OUR CATS. It is unfortunate therefore that we are not getting sufficient letters each month to sustain its usefulness and interest. We invite readers to send their contributions. They should not exceed 500 words and preferable should deal with items of general interest. For the best letter received by the last day of July we will award a suitable book prize.

Magazine is that having retired from active work I find my finances do not permit me to indulge in some of the pleasures I have enjoyed in the past. I shall miss receiving the little Magazine but you have my earnest best wishes for continued success in your work".

**A Californian, U.S.A. subscriber says:** ". . . I neglected to renew my subscription when it expired and I have missed the magazine greatly. I feel that it is a must for any cat fancier. Am now looking forward to my first issue—shall not let it lapse again".

**Another subscriber in Hertfordshire writes:** "I must take the opportunity of saying how much I like the Magazine. I enjoy the news from all over the world and the articles are always helpful and stimulating. The photographs are excellent and the advertisements of breeders most helpful. In fact, it is a mine of information produced in a very attractive way."



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

I AM sorry to learn that Miss Kit Wilson, that evergreen member of the Fancy, has resigned her post as Public Relations Officer of the Cats' Protection League. Her knowledge and vast experience were a great asset to the League.

At the recent Congress of the Small Animals Veterinary Association, the Treasurer, Mr. H. F. C. Hebler, suggested that animal hospitals complete with out-patient departments should be set up all over the country. Each hospital should be financed by an animal welfare society and a group of veterinarians. He criticized those people who begrudged paying for treatment for their pets.

Captain Thomas Boynton, who died in Bath last year at the age of 73, had a great reputation as a player of practical jokes. He left most of the £37,000 in his will for the foundation of a cats' home.

On the 22nd of last month, Annelida Lilac Nokomis, a 3½ month old Lilac Pointed Siamese kitten bred by Mrs. A. E. Ashford, of Bearsted, Kent, sailed on *S.S. Bardic* for Melbourne, Australia. I understand that he will be the first British bred Lilac Point in Australia and he is destined for a show career.

When Lina Lalandi, the Greek harpsichord and clavichord player, rehearses in her Kensington flat, she has an appreciative but critical audience—Ge Fay Isabelle and Lin Shan Lingumin, her pair of Burmese cats.

Police cars hurried off to a road in Ilford, Essex, after a woman had reported hearing strange noises from the house next door. The police found nothing more serious than two cats fighting in the front garden.

Miss Joan De Rayne and her 85-year-old mother have about 20 cats and 100 budgerigars at their detached home in St. Albans, Herts. The local public health officials are seeking a court order to reduce the number of cats to two as they are reported to be kept "in such a state as to be a nuisance and prejudicial to health". Miss De Rayne intends to fight the order. "I am determined," she says, "not to get rid of a single cat. To lose them would mean the end of my mother and I. They are not strays—they are all valuable, either Persians or Siamese. They all come indoors for meals and at night."

Anne Scott-James, popular feature writer in the *Daily Mail*, recently disagreed with the T.V. apologists who say that children take violence in their stride. But she did agree that most children have a streak of morbidity which they thoroughly enjoy. Her own daughter and her school friends spent the best part of their holidays holding funerals in the garden. Over two weeks they had collected a mole, a rook, a sparrow, two pigeons and a mouse which were interred with full funeral rites. Consequently, the garden had become a ragged cemetery dotted with small mounds and crosses. Its appearance, adds Anne, is not improved "by the disinterring operations of our neighbour's cat."

Quote of the month: "In this country, the dog is regarded as a kind of sacred cow." It came from a member of the Amersham Rural Council following a decision to allow six families to stay on a caravan site after being told to quit because they defied an order to get rid of their pets.

City pet owners, beware! Scores of cats have been reported missing in recent weeks in North London. Many have doubtless been stolen and their fate is dreadful to contemplate.

Good news comes from the Isle of Man concerning the Island's famous ambassadors, the tail-less Manx cats. To ensure the preservation of the breed a cattery consisting of about a dozen adults and some kittens has been established at the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries' farm at Knockaloe, Peel. The Government veterinary officer says that the Manx cats are outnumbered on the island by cats with tails and there was a distinct possibility that the breed would disappear. Orders for kittens have already been received from a number of countries. It is said that the earliest known reference to the breed is to be found in a Manx dictionary of 1835, which lists "Stubbin—a cat without a tail."

I hear that the venue and date of the Shorthaired Cat Show (the first to be promoted by the Siamese Cat Association in conjunction with the Shorthaired Cat Society) have had to be changed. The show will now be held on June 1st at the Assembly Rooms, Surbiton, Surrey. Joint show managers are Mrs. E. Towe and Mrs. H. Martin.

A Luton mother relates to a newspaper column how she discovered her 2½-year-old daughter sitting at the dressing table smothering her face with lipstick and black eye shadow. As she was cleaning it off the child remarked "Aren't you going to do it to Pussy, too?" Pussy was discovered in the lounge with his face smothered in lipstick, which took an awful lot of removing!

*That newsy little item about cats you have read in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just put down . . . will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications are particularly welcome but it should be remembered that we cannot reproduce direct from newspaper illustrations. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.*

MICKEY



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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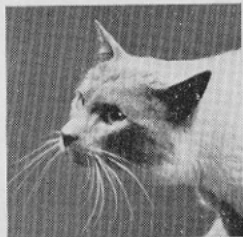
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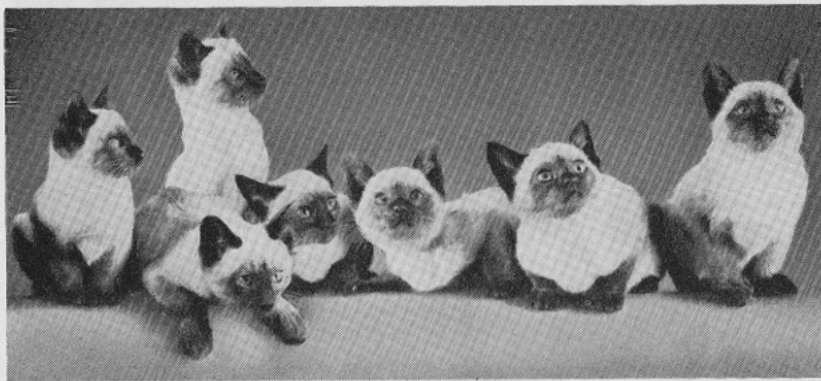
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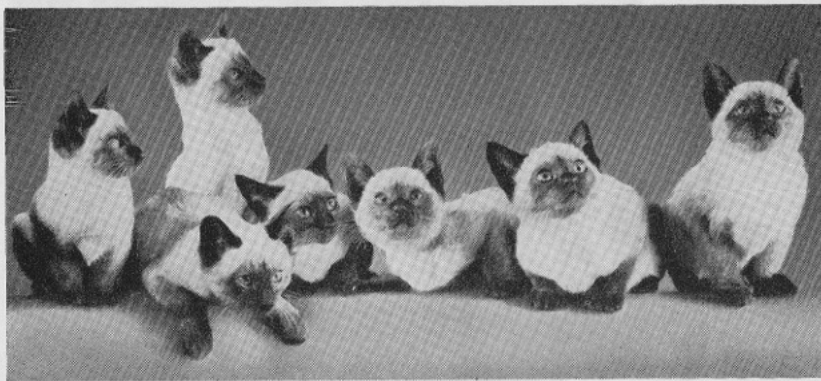
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stood in silence as a mark of respect to Miss Fraser.

Major Dugdale was elected President and Mrs. Brunton Vice-President and the previous delegates Mrs. Shrouder (Hon. Secretary) and Mrs. Allen-Smith, were re-elected on a postal ballot.

The Ch. Show will take place at the end of January, at, it is hoped, one of the most popular halls from the exhibitors' point of view and one at which Ch. shows are seldom organized at a loss, viz, the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster. After three in succession which have shown quite substantial losses at other venues it will be interesting to see the result if the R.H.S. Hall can be obtained. These shows have been organized on the usual lines and attracted some lovely exhibits but spectators have been sadly lacking.

### Gifts for Miss Yorke

The National Cat Club A.G.M. at the Rubens Hotel in March was well attended. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Brunton and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Kathleen Yorke, had very satisfactory reports to present to the members. This Club must be one of the most affluent in Europe and a profit of over £200 on the 1961 Ch. Show at Olympia and over £100 in 1962 augmented their already substantial reserves, which are needed nowadays before any club undertakes the responsibility of a show at Olympia.

The N.C.C. has been fortunate to have such an efficient Secretary as Mrs. Brunton who has given so much time to its affairs. She and Miss Yorke have worked happily together for over 10 years and regret was expressed that the latter wished to retire. Miss Yorke was unanimously elected President and in that capacity will take her usual vivid interest in the Club's well being. A morning tea maker and a lovely floral tribute was graciously accepted in appreciation for her services. Miss

Polden was elected Hon. Treasurer and Miss Yorke will give her every assistance until she is conversant with her new duties.

Mrs. Grace Pond richly deserved the appreciation she received for her exceptionally well organized shows, the first of which was in 1953 at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, and from 1956 at Olympia. And in passing, tribute must be paid to Mrs. Lily Speirs who organized the 1952 N.C.C. Ch. Show which was one of the first post-war N.C.C. shows to yield an excellent profit and to help pave the way to Olympia.

### Back to Croydon ?

Croydon Cat Club Annual General Meeting in London on March 28th was well attended and the discussion for 1962 and future Championship shows elicited some helpful suggestions.

The Committee are well aware that Central Hall, Westminster, is not popular with exhibitors. It is underground and the strip lighting and subdued daylight at either end is inadequate for judging some varieties, especially Blues, Creams and Reds. In November when this Show is held daylight may be almost non-existent as we have so many overcast days. However, we have convincing proof that when Ch. shows are held out of London the number of exhibits is considerably fewer. This is logical when we consider that so many breeders live within 50 miles and owing to domestic ties and incidentally cat families, several of them can only exhibit when they can leave home in the morning and return the same evening. Faced with the problem of another venue within its means the Committee's suggestion that Croydon Cat Club should return to its original locality, Croydon, was received on the whole, with approval. Mrs. Axon was well informed about the magnificent new Civic Centre which the Council will

complete in 1963, when one of the halls will be available and it is good to know the officials will welcome the return of a Ch. show and offer all facilities to make it a success.

Mrs. Axon and the late Mr. Axon have taken a very active part in civic affairs in Croydon for many years and this is an advantage when a Club needs concessions. It is a short journey from Victoria, Waterloo, Charing Cross or London Bridge, and trains are very frequent. The Civic Centre can be seen from East Croydon Station about two or three minutes away, so the problem seems to be solved for 1963 and perhaps for subsequent shows, although no doubt London will always be the most convenient centre for the majority.

In the meantime it will be Central Hall this year buoyed up with hopes for the future.

Members present at the A.G.M. responded well to one of the Club's rare appeals for funds and a collection

yielded a very acceptable amount.

Mrs. Anne Vize, a life member, was given a well deserved welcome. She has taken an active interest in the Fancy for over 30 years and was always willing when she was a junior to do the "donkey" work young breeders were expected to do in those days, such as cleaning and disinfecting pens the night before a show, attending to exhibits which were permitted to come by rail unaccompanied (but happily not now) and feeding the exhibits. In pre-war days a choice of meat, fish and milk was provided for all exhibits served on papier maché dishes.

Mrs. Vize has been a judge for many years now and since she and Mr. Vize emigrated to Australia she has judged several times in Sydney as well as flying to fulfil engagements in Queensland and Melbourne. In addition she has taken an active interest in administrative work in New South Wales and her home town Sydney.

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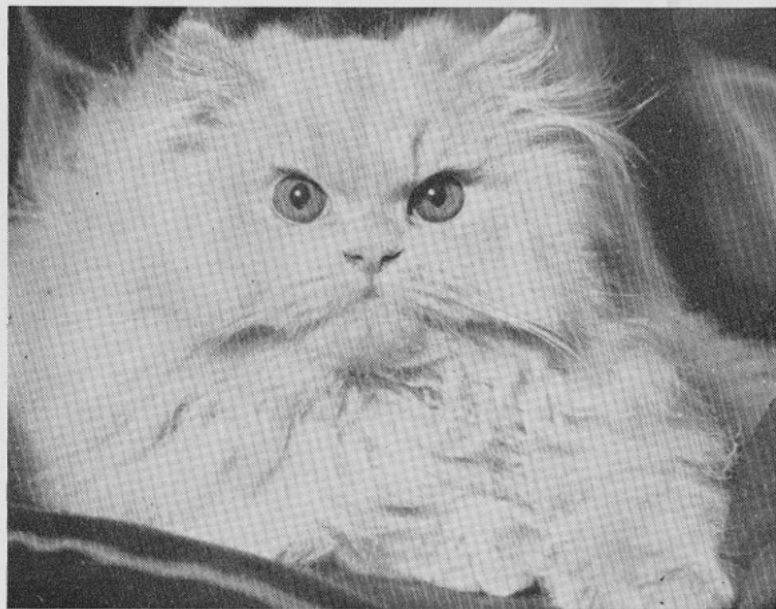
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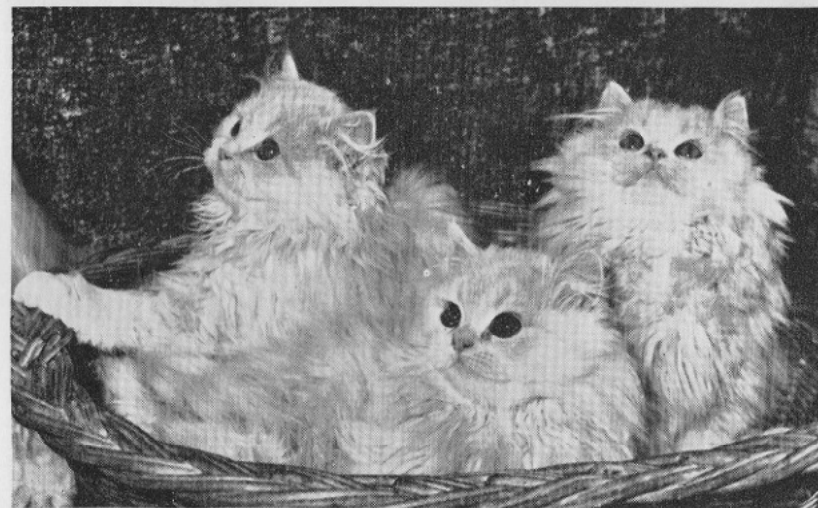
"No interior or exterior decorations or distinguishing objects will be allowed in or on the pens during the judging under any circumstances whatever, and will be an instruction to the judges to pass any pens so distinguished. Small white blankets **without markings** and suitable sanitary tins **must** be provided."

As our judging usually lasts until almost closing time, draperies are "out".

Mrs. Vize presented rosettes and spoons to the winners and a pleasant meeting closed with tea and cat chats.

Apropos draperies the first time I saw these in perfection was at my first cat show overseas in 1938 when I went with Miss Langston to steward for her at the Cat Club de Paris Show held in a lovely ballroom near the Arc de Triomphe. They were an enchanting vision of satin, silk and in some cases ninon sewn with sequins draped over a silk lining. Some were quilted satin with the same material covering the pen floor. To complete the picture many of the pens were outlined in gardenias, fressias, roses and other equally lovely flowers and they were real; no "plastics" in those days!

But one must take into consideration European shows are nearly always two or three day fixtures, that they are open to the public later each evening than any of our one day shows, and judging is under different conditions. Exhibits are brought to a rostrum by stewards so judges have no more than an overall glance at the decorations until judging is finished. Even if our G.C.C.F. altered its rule would exhibitors be prepared to undertake the expense and time involved



A. Jolands

MARCUS, HONEY and SUSIE, all bearing the prefix "Aviary," are a trio of Cream kittens bred by Mrs Hilda M. Todd, of Alton, Hants. Already they have caught the judge's eye with Open Class wins at the Croydon and National Shows.

in arranging draperies for a few hours?

Miss Edith Sheppard tells me that the Blue-Cream which Miss Verner Clum took back with her to Florida, U.S.A., last summer named Widdington Rosebud by Ch. Widdington Winterset (Cream) and Wanda of Pensford (Blue) is now a Double Champion. Rosebud excelled in type and eyes. She was not sufficiently intermingled to comply with our Standard but was excellent for the U.S.A. standard. I remember her well as a kitten at the Kensington Kitten Show 1958. She was the type I would always prefer to breed from rather than one which excelled in an intermingled coat and was not so good in type.

### Blue-Cream problems

Mrs. Brough of Lincolnshire, a very experienced breeder of Creams and Blue-Creams in an article extolling the latter in the first number of the Newsletter which she edits on behalf of the new Longhair Cream and Blue-Cream Association writes:—

“It is true that the Standard of Points for the Blue-Cream is, or at present seems to be impossible to breed to with regard to the intermingling required. Type can be bred for as can the pastel colouring but intermingling does not appear to be hereditary.”

Regarding the latter, how can it be when Blue-Cream males do not exist? In any other breed we mate a male and a female which excel in a quality which we wish to accentuate but Blue-Creams have to be mated to a self coloured male, viz., a Blue male or a Cream male and the result is therefore unpredictable as regards distribution of colouring in the Blue-Creams.

I agree with all Mrs. Brough writes in this article, plus one precious asset which she does not mention and that is, the intelligence of this variety.

When the question of granting

Championship status to Blue-Creams arose before the war there was considerable divergence of opinion about whether their coat should be intermingled or patched like a Tortoiseshell. Such experienced breeders as the late Captain Powell, Mr. House and Mr. Western differed and when an intermingled coat was decided on, one of these stated “It is an impossible standard!”

Time has proved this opinion right as a Blue-Cream intermingled on body, face, tail and all four legs is a *rara avis*, especially when they are out of coat which accentuates any tendency to patches. U.S.A. standard is realistic and there the patched coat is correct.

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The *Newsletter* is excellent and various items and reports of Visits and Births interesting. Mrs. Brough the Hon. Secretary deserves members appreciation for her enterprise.

### Winners overseas

Another winner bred by Miss Sheppard to achieve International status is Mrs. de Konings (Holland) Cream male now Int. Ch. Widdington Valerio. Mrs. Madge Smith of Bingley, Yorkshire, bred another Cream male who has had some outstanding successes in U.S.A. He is now named Sunshine of Gaylands if quotation in a newspaper is correct but “Beamsley” is Mrs. Smith’s prefix and “Gaylands” the affix of his present owner Miss Verner Clum. Sunshine is a Grand Champion.

I regret no details of the sire or dam of these cats were supplied.

Yet another U.S.A. winning Cream male bred in England is Mrs. Clara Young’s Orlando of Pensford by Ch. Octavian of Pensford (Blue) and Anchor Felicity (Cream) the latter the mother

and grandmother of several Cream and Blue-Cream Champions. Orlando is a Quintuple Champion and his first female kitten to be exhibited at Jewell City Show in Glendale, California was Best Kitten in three out of four shows and Best Opposite Sex in one.

One of Miss Langston’s Chinchillas Mariana of Allington by Ch. Fidelio of Allington was Best Opposite Sex at a show in Honolulu. She is owned by Mrs. McGuire and is litter sister to Felicitas of Allington. He has also gone to U.S.A. and is owned by Mrs. Amos.

Miss Sheppard sent just before

Christmas her Kensington Kitten Show winner Widdington Serena by Mrs. Todd’s Aviary Cream Puff and Ch. Widdington Stardust to Mr. Hammel of California and he also purchased from Mrs. Todd a Cream by Ch. Widdington Winterstar.

News of exported cats and kittens is of general interest and if photographs are available the Editor will publish if they are technically good. The soft focus appearance of many snapshots often makes them unsuitable for reproduction. The majority of photographs appearing in this journal are taken by the Press or professional photographers.



One of the proudest Siamese owners in Australia is 14 year old Judith A. Russack, of Prospect, who is seen here with her CARA MIA PLEENA (“Muffy” for short), who was bred by Mrs. Crowe. “Muffy” became a Champion after only three show appearances and when she was sent to Melbourne for the Blue Point Siamese C.C. Show she was named Best in Show, Best Siamese Exhibit and generally “scooped the pool.” Beginner’s luck? Not on your life, says “Muffy.”

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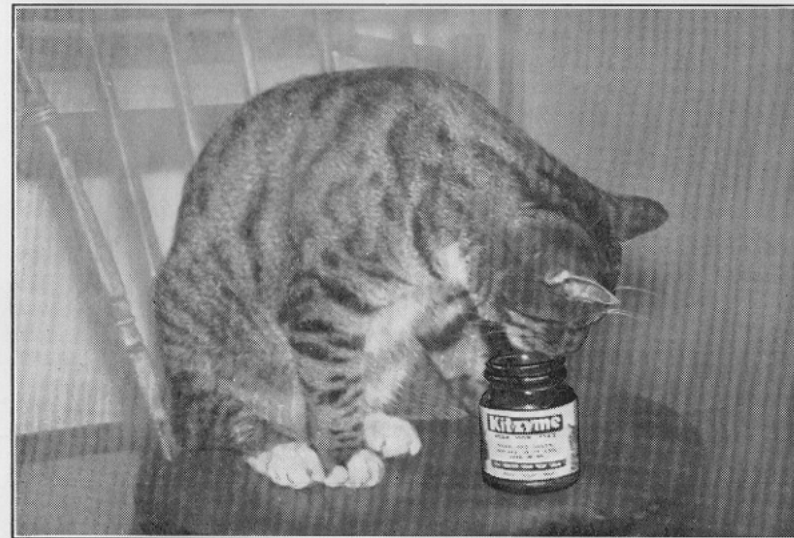
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