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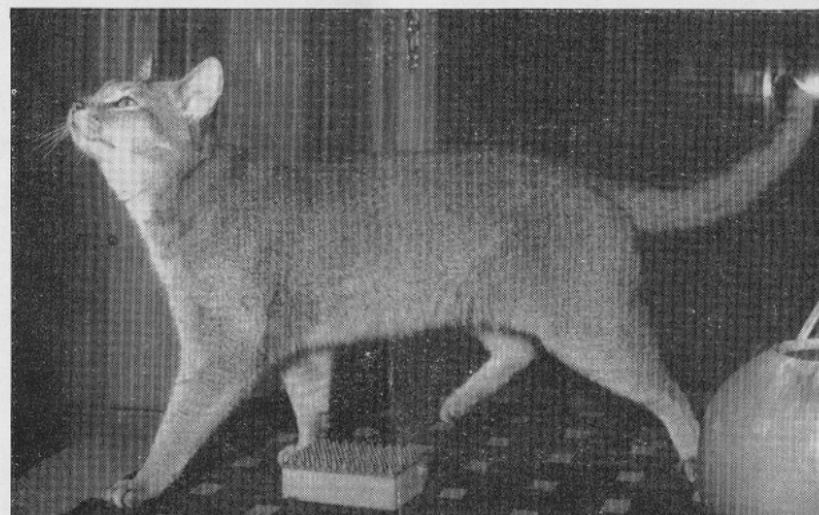
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- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
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This season has produced a good crop of Champions (59) compared with previous years—65 in 1960-1, 41 in 1959-60, 50 in 1958-9, 45 in 1957-8, 48 in 1956-7, 37 in 1955-6, 31 in 1954-5, 35 in 1953-4 and 26 in 1952-3. The females have regained their superiority in numbers with 32 Champions against 27 for the males.

My cats need psycho-analysing

By P. M. COOKE

SOME people go in for problem children, but they're the lucky ones; the world is full of psychiatrists and the libraries are full of books on psychology to help them. I believe there are even schools for rehabilitating problem dogs, but can anyone please tell me where I can find a good book on feline psychiatry because I seem to go in for problem cats?

One of these psychopathic cases is on my knee right now, and anyone who has ever tried to type over the top of a large ginger tom who has a weakness for chewing carbon paper, will know just how difficult this can be. Of course I *could* put him on the floor. The only drawback would be that he would either return immediately and bite me or jump onto the back of my neck and proceed to chew my hair; just to show me that if I *must* write an article on cats, then I must expect to have it supervised by one who knows more about the subject than I do.

My biggest problem puss at the moment however is Lucky, a long haired black and white, with the expression of an angel and the most satanic character imaginable. He is an inveterate fighter, an unrepentant thief, completely anti-social and altogether the perfect example of a juvenile delinquent of the feline world.

On the second morning of our acquaintanceship I walked into the kitchen just in time to see a pound of best steak disappearing through the window, ably assisted by a long haired black and white form. Half an hour later, the same black and white form was

sitting at my feet with a pathetic half-starved expression on its face, informing me in a loud voice that it was lunch time. I ignored the appeal.

I was quite surprised when he didn't even bother to make an appearance at tea time when I fed the other cats. It wasn't until I went into the pantry to fetch the fish we were going to have for dinner, that I understood Lucky's lack of interest in tea. We had beans on toast that night.

A big coward

Of course, a book on cat psychology would no doubt be able to explain to me that Lucky had (a) been brought up by an over indulgent mother, (b) been turned out into the world to starve at an early age, or (c) been born with a split personality, and that all he needed was lots of affection, a sense of security and three good meals a day.

He has at least five good meals a day, plenty of security and quite a lot of affection in spite of his behaviour, but I still daren't take my eyes off the fish even when it's in the frying pan.

Lucky has a brother with a completely different set of equally insoluble problems. Whiskers is a long haired tabby and the biggest cat in the whole neighbourhood. He's also the biggest coward. Added to which, he suffers from frustrations, a persecution complex and a morbid passion for potato crisps. To combat all these inhibitions he has developed a "comfort habit",

a term used by psychiatrists to excuse small children who like to chew an old piece of rag or blanket before going to sleep. The trouble with Whiskers is that he's not content with a piece of old rag he insists on woollen jumpers, preferably new ones.

China in peril!

No doubt a cat psychiatrist would tell me that all this was the result of Whiskers (a) having lost his mother when he was a kitten, (b) feeling "different" from his friends because of his enormous size, (c) having been thwarted in his attempts to express his personality. There must be an excuse for him somewhere.

To return to my ginger tom, who is still on my knee defying my efforts to type round, over and under him. He not only needs psycho-analysing he needs glasses too. All other cats I've met were sharp sighted and sure footed. They could jump to or from incredible heights without putting a foot wrong. They could walk the length of a narrow shelf full of fragile china without even disturbing the dust. But not Katsi!

He can jump on to a large table on which there is one solitary glass and guarantee to knock it over every time. That is, of course, if he manages to reach the top of the table at all. Usually this feat takes about three attempts. The first time he will take a running jump and miss the whole thing by about three inches. He will fall to the floor with an expression of profound surprise and glare at me as if he thought I'd deliberately moved the table after he'd set off.

His second attempt will usually bring his claws right to the edge but not near enough to get a proper grip, and he will scrabble wildly at the table leg in an effort to regain his lost balance. His third try, after a really good run up, will inevitably take him sliding right across the table top to land on the floor at the other side, surrounded by the remains of whatever happened to be on the table at the time. These abortive efforts must be very damaging to his ego. They don't do the china much good either.

I'm glad that in spite of their many peculiarities my cats can't read. I'm sure that if they realised their names might appear in print one day they would all develop such unbearably swollen heads that they would go around telling me I needed to be psycho-analysed.

Editor's Note:

The book prize for the best contribution to our feature "Correspondence Corner" received by the end of July last has been awarded to Mrs. Lucille Wagner, of Que Que, S. Rhodesia.

We will award another cat book prize to the best letter received by not later than the last day of November.

Whilst on the subject of correspondence, may I apologise in advance for any delay which may arise in dealing with general post received here at the end of September and early October. My fairly brief absence abroad on holiday will be responsible.

A.E.C.



More about alimentary diseases

By M.R.C.V.S.

(Reprinted from our December 1954 issue)

Obstipation

Obstruction to the passage of faeces occurs in various ways, but usually by the presence of some foreign body such as a hair ball, a calculus, tumour, or large masses of worms, etc. The opaque bodies, like calculi and bone, are demonstrable by X-rays; but translucent ones such as some tumours, hair ball, gristle, etc., are not. When some abnormal substance can actually be felt through the abdominal wall, it might be wise to discover its nature by X-raying. If such a body cannot be felt but is suspected, then it is imperative to employ radiography. To know the nature of the foreign substance helps one to decide how it shall be evacuated.

Hair ball

A hair ball would not be visible by X-rays unless a dose of barium emulsion were first given. To X-ray at once would show the whole of the radiopaque meal in the stomach; but another radiograph taken 2 or 3 hours later would find much of the salt still enmeshed among the hairs instead of having passed along as would normally be the case. In consequence of the cat's instinctive and incessant desire to clean its coat by licking, and on account of the extreme roughness of the tongue, a fair quantity of hair is constantly being ingested, and yet one cannot say that "hair ball" is a common complaint.

The long-haired varieties, especially when moulting or when debilitated, are liable to swallow considerable quantities, which may or may not be ejected by

vomiting. When not returned or passed out, the hair gradually accumulates, becomes felted into a solid mass, distends the stomach, robs the animal of appetite and causes great dullness, emaciation, and perhaps eventual death from starvation and exhaustion.

Whether the condition is suspected or not, if one follows the usual routine of manipulating the abdominal viscera, no doubt the distended stomach, with its peculiar spongy contents will be at once discerned.

No time should be lost in applying a remedy. If the amount of accumulated hair is small, then an emetic might meet the case; but once the hair has become felted and in some quantity, an emetic would only cause further distress. Lubrication by means of liquid paraffin should then be tried, at the same time kneading the mass with one's fingers in an endeavour to help it pass along. Purgatives would not be of much value.

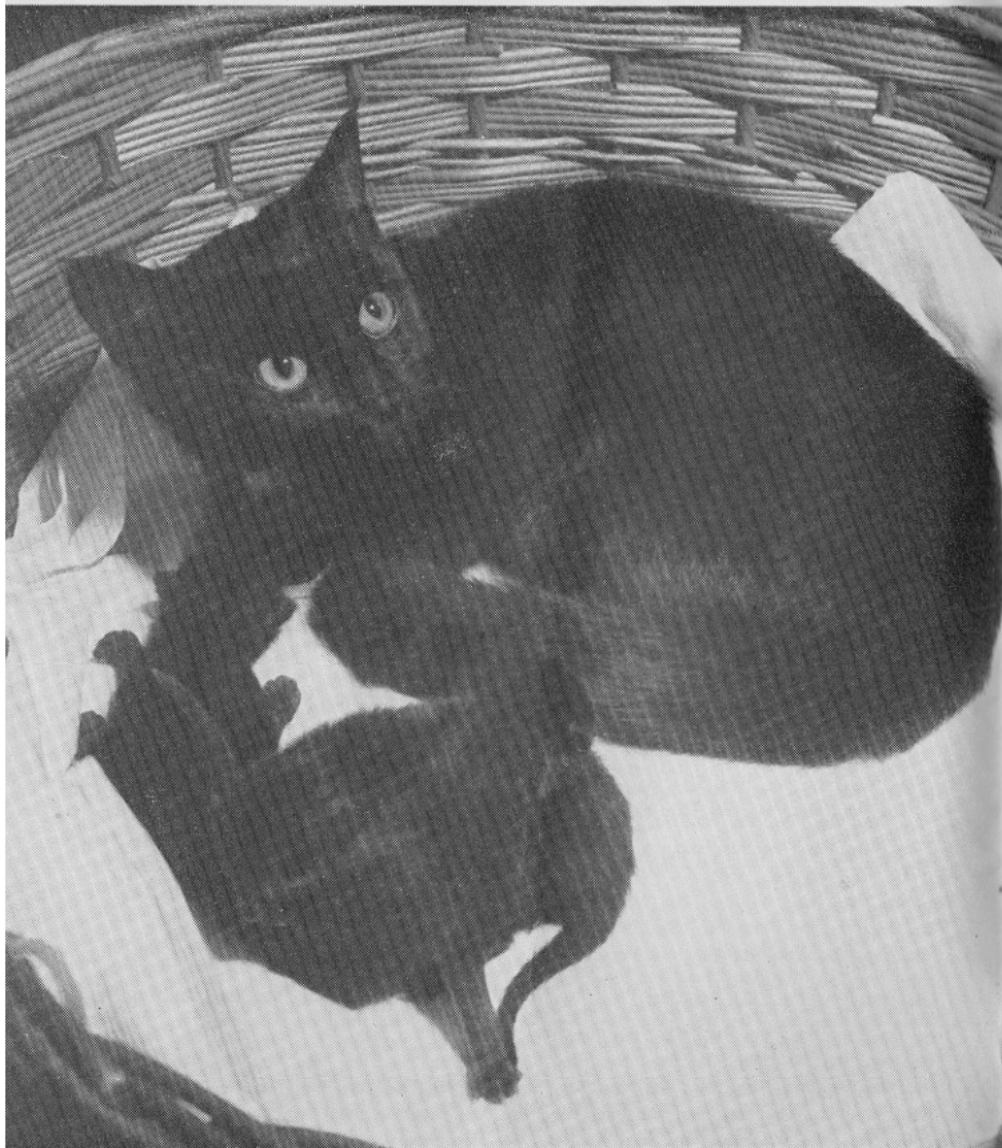
When such home remedies fail, qualified advice must be sought, and one must not be surprised if an operation were recommended. Some months ago the writer had to open a cat's stomach, and removed 1 lb. 5 ozs. of felted, slimy, stinking hair ball. The cat had been ailing over 2 months, and one could only wonder that it lived so long.

Dysphagia (difficulty to swallow)

Certain diseases of, or injuries to, the alimentary canal will cause difficulty or inability to swallow solids. Among the most important of these are inflammation of the mouth, throat or larynx, tumours, ingested foreign bodies such as bones, needles, nails, or bits of wood, gristle, etc. Loose or diseased teeth would not prevent

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A page for the proletarian puss—No 101



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“ROOM FOR THREE INSIDE!”

BLACKIE, her impending happy event very near, was padding around East London, looking for a nice, quiet, well-upholstered maternity ward. Her choice? A Number 15 bus. The bus was temporarily out of service, parked in Upton Park garage, and when a member of the London Transport staff looked inside the vehicle and noticed something moving on one of the seats, he found that London's feline population had increased by three—two black and one black and brown. The P.D.S.A. were called, and an ambulance took Blackie and the kittens to their sanatorium, from where the latest report is “Mother and children all doing nicely”.

a cat from swallowing, but might well deter it from attempting to feed at all.

It is no uncommon occurrence to find such foreign bodies as are mentioned above, and they very often become completely buried and hidden from view.

If not located and removed, they set up abscess formation and are later discovered making their way through the tissues of the neck or shoulder to the exterior surface. X-rays should be employed in diagnosis.

In all such cases where the animal is rendered unable to swallow, it at least makes attempts to feed by taking food into its mouth, and then dropping it again. Or it may evince great interest in its food dish by sitting near and watching it.

A cat's mouth is often very difficult to open, and especially to keep open sufficiently long to make an examination; but a good home method is to pass two lengths of tape between the teeth of both jaws. The ends of one piece are taken round the upper jaw and of the other round the lower jaw, each piece being then tied or twisted so as not to be easily removable from its respective jaw. By retaining a grasp of one with the left hand and of the other with the right hand, the jaws may be held open as long as is necessary. Having opened the mouth, a small cork can then be placed between the jaws. Whilst the cat cannot bite, one may pass one's little finger over the back of the tongue. In not a few cases this has led to the discovery of a needle or spicule of bone.

Of course, precautions will have been previously taken to hobble the legs together or cover them up in a blanket, to avoid injuries so quickly inflicted by a cat's talons.

Foetid breath

This offensive condition is not so frequently encountered in cats as it is in dogs, but when present it nearly always indicates some alimentary derangement. The commonest of the latter is disease of

the teeth and gums, such as tartared or loosened teeth, pyorrhoea, etc., ulcerated mouth and throat, deficient secretion of gastric juices, constipation or malignant tumours. Offensive breath may, however, arise from respiratory disorders such as gangrenous pneumonia, some cases of bronchitis, or diphtheritic laryngitis.

To remedy bad breath, the cause must, obviously, be discovered and removed. Generally to clean up all the teeth is all that is needed; and this may be accompanied by the administration of a purgative.

Ulcers of the mouth and tongue are frequently seen in cats, and they are a ready source of odour. They may be suspected if the cat is continually slobbering, perhaps with its mouth partially open, and refusing to eat. Professional advice had better then be obtained as to the most appropriate local and general treatment to be adopted.

Mucous membranes

From the colour and condition of the mucous membranes of the mouth and tongue, much may be ascertained, as these frequently assume definite appearances when associated with certain diseases or abnormalities. For instance, a state of fever is more than likely to give a deep red hue to the gums, tongue and cheek lining, though the same may be observed in generalized inflammation of the mouth (i.e., stomatitis).

Cyanosis (blue discolouration) is occasionally noticed as a result of defective heart action, lung disease, or as a toxic sequel to the action of those drugs which kill by asphyxiation.

A thickly coated or furred tongue is the usual accompaniment of fever, gastritis, stomatitis, or liver derangements. A streaky reddish-blue tinge along the gums and free edges of the tongue is sometimes encountered in feline distemper, feline typhus, pyorrhoea and ulcerated stomatitis; whilst mercurial and some other poisons may set up an intense inflammation of these parts.



PERFECT BLISS!

This lovely study of mother and baby was taken by P. N. Connelly. The block has been kindly loaned by the R.S.P.C.A. journal *Animal World*.



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.



Argentina news

MAY I tell you how much I am enjoying your Magazine. Living as I am in a country where animals are not appreciated nearly as much as I would wish them to be (there being only a kennel club and a roller canary club) it is with great pleasure that I read the articles relating to all that goes on as regards cats, both in England and the Continent.

I do hope one day to be able to return to England where I was born, but not to return permanently for I love the Argentine, especially the part I live in, which is Patagonia in the south. It is still a very wild and beautiful place solely given over to sheep raising. I would love to be able to visit cat shows and see how people go about breeding and generally caring for animals. Cats are my favourites, especially my beloved Seal Points.

Unfortunately, I had an all-too-short acquaintance with Siamese. I acquired from one of the only three catteries in this country (if there are as many as that!) Kyrill-Yoyo von Tajamar and Jacka Jlitichou von Tajamar, a stud and queen, both magnificent specimens with various International Champions in their family tree. They were inscribed with the 1. Deutcher Edelkatzen-Zuchterverband e.V., Sitz Nurnberg and I am sure they would have had quite a bright future had there been any cat associations and shows here. Alas, they contracted that dread disease feline enteritis for which there is no cure in this country. I only had them for the brief period of six months.

One point of interest to Siamese owners. I was told that Siamese cannot

stand cold weather. Down here the winters are freezing and although I kept them indoors for most of the time they always insisted on going out for at least one or two hours a day. When they came in out of the snow they were always full of beans and although their feet were cold, the rest of their bodies were beautifully warm. In fact, they thrived very well down here. I lost them only when I took them to Buenos Aires when we went on our annual holiday. There the weather is much warmer. Undoubtedly the cold weather keeps the microbes at bay.

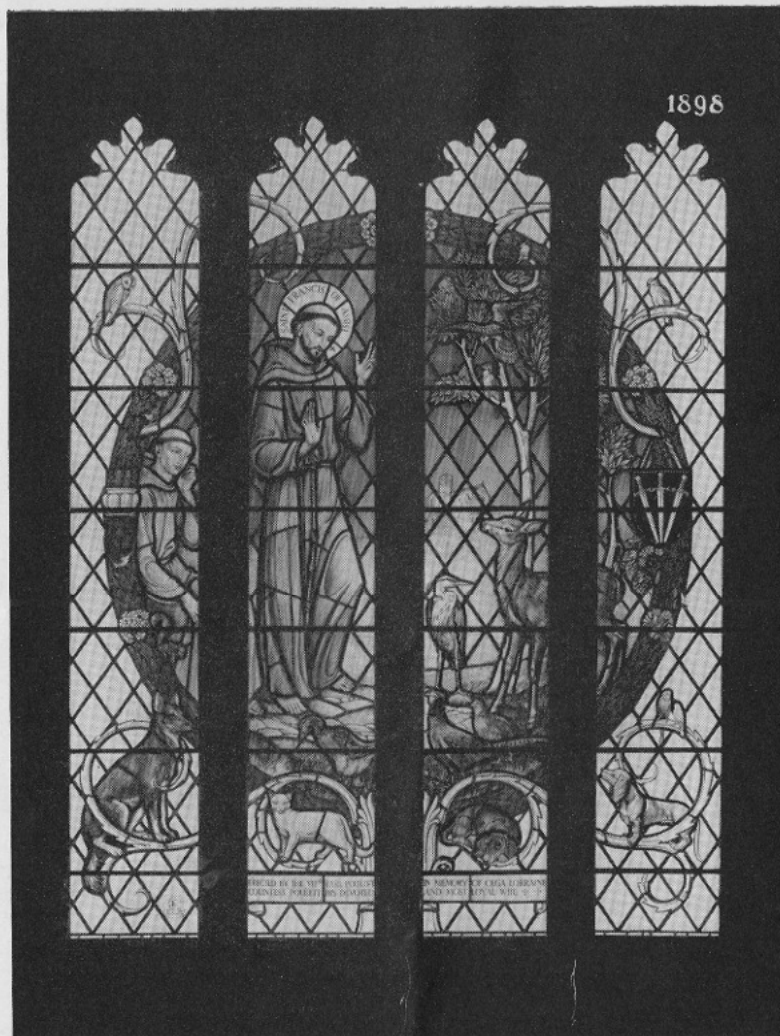
MRS. CHERIE ANN BROYAD DE AP IWAN,
Leleque,
Chubut,
Argentina.

Found! An understudy

The following may interest you. Alvinho do Correio, my original harness model-cat now close on his fifteenth birthday, has an assistant, a young lady named Solvig, exactly like himself, a pure white half-Siamese shorthair.

For a long time Alvinho has told me he should have an understudy, pointing out that he was rather a senior cat to be rudely awakened, for instance, from after-lunch slumbers to demonstrate the latest shades in feline outdoor wear. I, in my turn, pointed out to him that his assistant must be exactly like him and finding that was going to be no easy task. (But make no mistake, Alvinho carries his years in a remarkable manner; his coat is brilliant and his eyes are clear; it is hard to think he is in his middle 'teens.)

I had almost despaired of ever finding a replica of Alvinho. Then, literally



A CAT IN STAINED GLASS

The window recently erected to the memory of Olga Lorraine, Countess Poulett, in the church of St. George, Hinton St. George, Somerset, by her husband, the eighth Earl, is of interest to all animal lovers. Although the main theme is that of St. Francis, surrounded by his usual retinue of animal and bird friends, there are other creatures at the foot of the window which are not particularly concerned with the Saint. But they were closely linked with the life of the Countess for they were her devoted pets. Reading from left to right, the pets are a fine Alsatian, a white cat, two dachshunds and perched directly above one of the last-named, a white canary and a blue budgerigar. The artist who is to be congratulated upon such a beautiful work is Mr. A. E. Buss, of the London Studios of Messrs. Goddard and Gibbs.

overnight, that replica was mine. One June evening on his way home from work a friend working for our local water-board asked me if I would take a young homeless female cat who had been dumped from a holiday-maker's car and was living in the hedge-bottom. Her hideout was due to disturbance by pipe-laying. "She's a nice kitten" he assured me, "really pretty and with a pretty face—a white kitten." This didn't really register as I conceded, rather sourly, "You may bring her if you can't work her off on someone else, but do please try because I don't really want her." I knew perfectly well, as I loaned him the cat-basket, that tomorrow evening that basket would not be returned empty and fully expected it to contain something rather more white—or off-white—than smudge.

Just how wrong can one be? Out of that basket walked a pure white half-Siamese and she's wonderful! Even Alvinho approves of her. Like him, she is quiet, dignified and lovely, yet gentle and loving. Her age—ten to twelve months. Vital statistics for harnesses, neck $9\frac{1}{2}$, waist 14. Only in one aspect does she differ from Alvinho, who has been stone-deaf from the day I had him. Solviég has perfect hearing.

Two white cats sitting side by side on a sunny window-sill is a glorious sight.

MRS. MARY COLLIER.

Motcombe,
Shaftesbury,
Dorset.

An enthralled reader

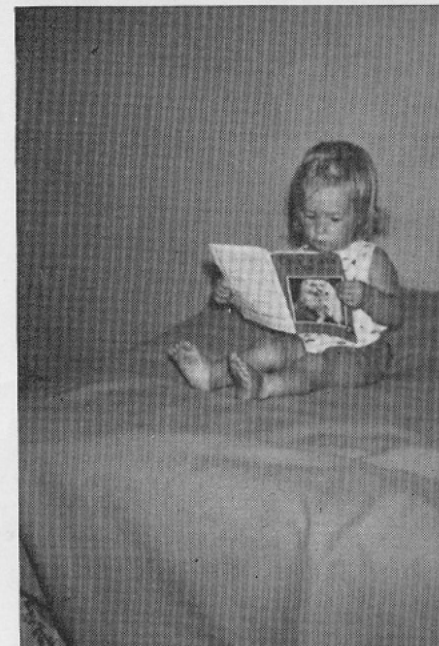
I have been in the U.S.A. for the last four months staying with my American son-in-law and daughter and I thought the enclosed snap of my granddaughter Ann Evelyn Osborn (aged 2) reading your May issue which has been forwarded on to me here would interest you. As you see, Ann is enthralled with OUR CATS!

I am also enclosing a snap of my rex-coated kitten Senty-Twix Crispuis and her sister Phoebe, who were born in

April and are staying in Devon until my return home.

MRS. NANCY E. HARDING.

Home address:
Guildford,
Surrey.



See letter opposite "An enthralled reader". These snapshots were received in most attractive colour.

A case of eczema

Reported by JOYCE RUSHEN

GOAT'S milk, and eczema in my Siamese cat gave me cause for speculation regarding this complaint, of which remarkably little is really known. The prevalent opinion is that an unbalanced diet may result in a blood disturbance bringing it about. Luckily it is neither infectious nor contagious but it does cause acute irritation to the victim.

My poor unfortunate Barley suffered from this distressing complaint twice. He also experienced the indignity of wearing a large cardboard Elizabethan ruff collar to prevent him licking and scratching the raw wounds which appeared on the under parts of his body.

His case was a mystery, as his diet had always been varied, including plenty of water and a yeast pill each day. In spite of veterinary treatment it persisted for a considerable time and then rapidly vanished to reappear the following winter.

I was at loss over this new outbreak, but had fortunately kept his collar. This was homemade; punched with eyelets and fitted with a long bootlace for easy removal. As a Siamese has rather long hind legs and is somewhat of a contortionist, the measurements were wider than specified to prevent his rough tongue from reaching the affected places.

However, early in the new year, our pet nanny goat kidded and a plentiful supply of milk was available and almost immediately

the eczema cleared up. This left me puzzled until I realized that each outbreak had coincided with the drying off of the goat, and we reverted to the use of cows milk, including the cats.

A young goat was added to our country menage shortly before Barley and his playmate Josephine, a pretty black half-bred Siamese kitten joined the family. Reared together with goats milk on the menu, they grew into healthy cats until Barley developed eczema in December when cows milk was substituted for it. This occurred two years running and as I have discovered cleared up when the nanny's milk was restored. I have heard of infantile eczema in children perhaps caused by an allergy to cows milk, and I once read of a dog similarly affected.

Left wondering

I am left wondering if Barley too has developed something in his make up which causes an allergy to cows milk as apparently the change over had no effect on Josephine. I am also left wondering where I can beg or borrow a temporary supply of goats milk the next time drying up occurs or whether to go rash and add another pet goat to my ever increasing household to continue the supply. Perhaps the most simple answer is to try a brand of tinned milk?

Whatever the solution, I must avoid a re-occurrence of the
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Tailpieces

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



BAD news for the Natal Cat Club of South Africa. There is no possibility of a show for the Club this year owing to the restrictions on movement because of rabies.

An item from America warns that house plants such as philodendron, rhododendron, bouquets with mountain laurel, African violets and any plants with woody stems are proving poisonous to cats who nibble them. Philodendron has now been placed in the poison ivy class and a number of cases of poisoning have been reported over the past six months with a high percentage of fatality. "Don't take chances," concludes the warning. "The plant that caused the trouble was always 'inaccessible!'"

Mrs. Louie Harris, of Hornchurch, Essex, is an animal lover with a large heart. She and her husband share their home with twenty-one rescued pets. There's a fox cub which was orphaned, a mongrel dog, Nelson, a one-eyed budgerigar, five puppies, six adult cats (three of them being the progeny of a kitten which Mrs. Harris rescued after it had been thrown in a parcel from a passing lorry), and seven kittens. "We just love animals," says a shy Mrs. Harris, "and all my brothers and sisters—and my husband's too—are that way. Funny, isn't it?"

The well known sweet manufacturers Batger & Co. Ltd. have adopted a cartoon cat to give impact and pulling power to their TV advertising. The results are reported excellent. Dudley is

not a fluffy or scruffy cat but a bit-of-a-character cat. His voice is that of another Dudley—Dudley Moore, one of those bright young men from the successful West End revue "Beyond the Fringe." After the viewers have been advised to run along to their sweet shop to get some creamy toffees, Dudley pops up from the middle of an open tin of toffees to say "And say Dudley sent you."

An advertising card displayed in a N.W. London newsagents reads: "Large, solid, ugly cat (free), any colour, sex, age, etc. (under ten years). Would prefer a cat seeking change of air, content to live in a depressing and squalid area on wrong side of Thames. Preferably one answering to Caractacus or Boadicea, but any good, patriotic British cat acceptable."

The prize of £2,000 offered in a competition by Petfood Ltd. was won by 61-year-old Miss Rose Harrington, of Enfield, Middlesex. The top prize was the cash value of the winner's cat weighed against gold. Miss Harrington won the competition by writing the best caption to a picture showing a kitten looking enviously through a window at other kittens eating. She suggested the caption "Minnie Minus," an admirable effort. At the weigh-in Miss Harrington's pet Michael, a marmalade longhair, weighed 8lb. 4ozs. and each ounce of him was worth £15 3s.

Ann Stubbs, whose book *Guide to Cats* has just been published and whose articles on her favourite subject of

British Shorthairs have appeared at intervals in this Magazine, recently contributed a feature to *The Farmers' Weekly* under the title "Do Your Cats Earn Their Keep?" In this she suggested there must be many farmers wives who could with advantage launch out into the fascinating hobby of cat breeding. They would discover a pride of ownership in keeping pedigree cats on the farm instead of "mongrels." There are several breeds of cat, she added, that are ideal for farm life. The glamour girl of the cat world, the pure-bred Persian must however be ruled out as its flowing coat is a positive menace, collecting burrs and undesirable parasites and needing constant attention. This discrimination produced an amusing reply in the ensuing issue of the journal from "Unting Cat," of Wimborne, Dorset, who wrote: "I am a very long-haired pedigree Persian 'unting cat, who takes a very poor view of your article on farm cats, 'Do your cats earn their keep?' Unless I receive an apology regarding your slanderous remarks about my breed, I shall reluctantly have to place the matter in my solicitor's hands."

Professor John Cohen, Head of the Department of Psychology at Manchester University, when interviewed by Lionel Clay for the *Daily Mail*, explained that the senses often operate not separately but together. On the other hand, the senses can block one another. A cat responds actively to a flashing light in front of it. But offer it the smell of fish at the same time and its response to the flashing light almost disappears. As Mr. Clay rightly observes: If this proves nothing else, it does at least prove that cats like fish!

The new address of the Secretary of the Federation Internationale Felix D'Europe is Mrs. Brita Remborg, Ostgotagatan 36, n.b., Linköping, Sweden. Forthcoming shows under the aegis of FIFE include Copenhagen 5-7 October; Lucerne 6-7 October; Paris

19-21 October; Gand, Belgium 3-4 November; Gothenburg, Sweden 20-21 November; Stockholm 23-25 November; Cologne 30 November-2 December; Bordeaux 23-25 November; Rotterdam 9 December; Oslo 14-16 December. Further fixtures are planned for 1963.

"In a vast yellow sunflower of a hat and crimson gown, Dame Edith Sitwell sits enthroned in her wheelchair in medieval splendour in her modern Hampstead flat. She has a doughnut-sized aquamarine brooch at her throat and four aquamarine rings like glittering matchboxes on her fingers. A jester of a Siamese cat cavorts with ping-pong balls and a green plastic mouse around her feet. She sips a large dry Martini."—Extract from Kenneth Allsop's interview with Dame Edith in the *Daily Mail*.

"There are times when I look at our cat, Lady Dottie, with utter envy. She will soon be four years old and, so far as I know, never in her entire life has done anything except exactly what she chose to." Hal Boyle in *The Tampa Times*, U.S.A.

The jaguar, described by the Admiralty as "the largest ship's cat in history," is to be presented to the London Zoo.

It was revealed at an inquest held at Hornchurch, Essex, that Tigger, the family cat of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beresford, had suffocated their five-week-old baby as he slept in his pram by sleeping on his face. The bereaved father said he was sure the cat didn't mean to harm the baby. He loved children and just wanted to be near the baby. Tiggy had been part of the family for eight years. The coroner said that a cat net might have averted the tragedy. It was always worthwhile on housing estates where there are animals about.

Publications received this month include an excellent issue of *The Canadian Aby Purr-View*. I am always impressed

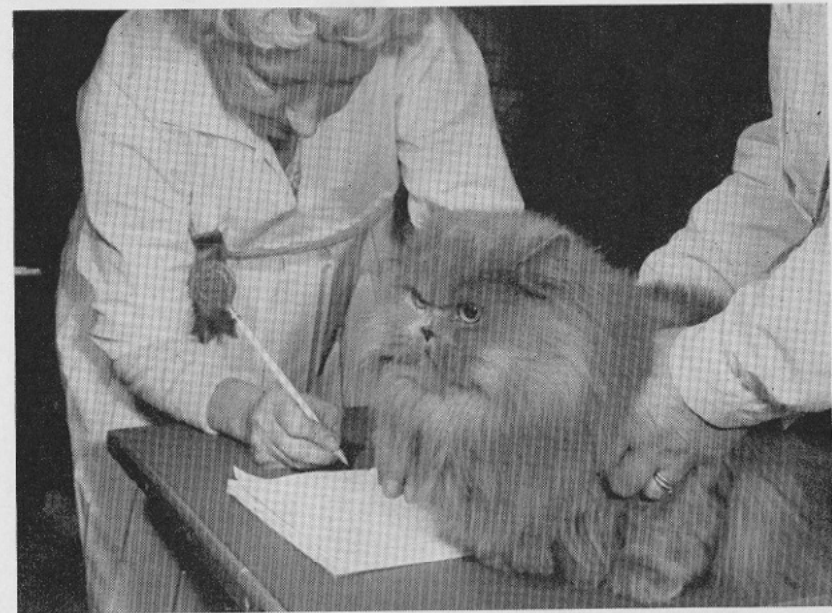
by the quality of this journal and its readability, which is by no means limited to the circle of Aby. lovers. It costs 12s. a year and may be obtained from Mrs. E. L. R. Williamson, P.O. Box 272, Picton, Ontario, Canada. The Abyssinian Cat Fanciers of Canada are now actively preparing for their second Covention-Exhibition in London, Ontario, in November.

The R.S.P.C.A. are reported to be enquiring into the destruction of about 50 cats at the power station at Barking, Essex. It was admitted by an official of the Central Electricity Generating Board that two crack riflemen were called in to perform this massacre and apparently it is not the first time the Board has seen fit to use these deplorable methods of destruction. The firm which

did the job was said to employ only expert marksmen whose jobs would be at stake if they injured the cats and let them die in agony. The Board's spokesman insisted that there were no complaints of cruelty at the time and denied suggestions that some of the cats were not killed instantly.

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.

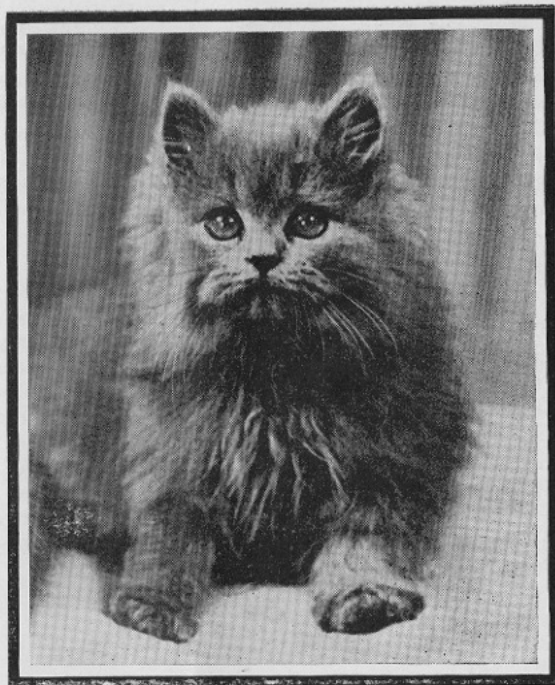
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ON THE JUDGING TABLE

This nice Blue Longhair female DAMASK ROSE OF DUNESK by Ch. Thiepvall Paragon, belongs to Mrs. D. M. Rees, of Tavistock, Devon. She was a 1st prizewinner at the 1961 Olympia Show.

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me,
but it is
Tibs
time*



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for many years, breeder and
International judge — turns
the pages of her diary to
reveal the most interesting
entries concerning personal-
ities, both human and feline.

Enterprise rewarded

THE enterprise of the Surrey and Sussex Cat Association in engaging an expensive and attractive venue for their All Breed Show last month was handsomely rewarded by an exceptionally good gate. Over £80 is as much, and in some cases more than the amount taken at a provincial Championship fixture.

The Assembly Hall, Worthing, in the middle of the busiest holiday month was a new venture. The weather although fine was blowing half a gale; just the sort of day one imagines holiday makers saying "Let's go to the cat show." Mrs. Taylor of Streatham was the Show Manager.

There were 119 pedigree cats and kittens, a few household pets and for exhibition only Lady Rosemary Glubb's two entries and Mrs. K. R. Williams' Seal Point Siamese male Sans Souci Theseus.

Best L.H. Cat—Mrs. Hart's Blue-Cream Shapur Nandi by Ch. Hathaway Antony Roly; Best L.H. Kitten (exhibited by a novice breeder Mrs. Clark from Newport, Isle of Wight) a Blue female kitten, Baytree Zuponia by Seahaze Mr. Misty; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Roden's Treetops Zero by Ch. Bircotte Nona; Best S.H. Cat—Mrs. E. Fisher's Lilac Point Siamese Praha Poco Allergando by Browndreys Chuan; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Buttery's Seal Point female Samsara Victoria by Samsara Saracen; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Brown's Siamese Remus Bemus by Whiteoaks Malahide.

The various clubs supported the Show well by guaranteeing classes and offering specials.

Bank Holiday fixtures

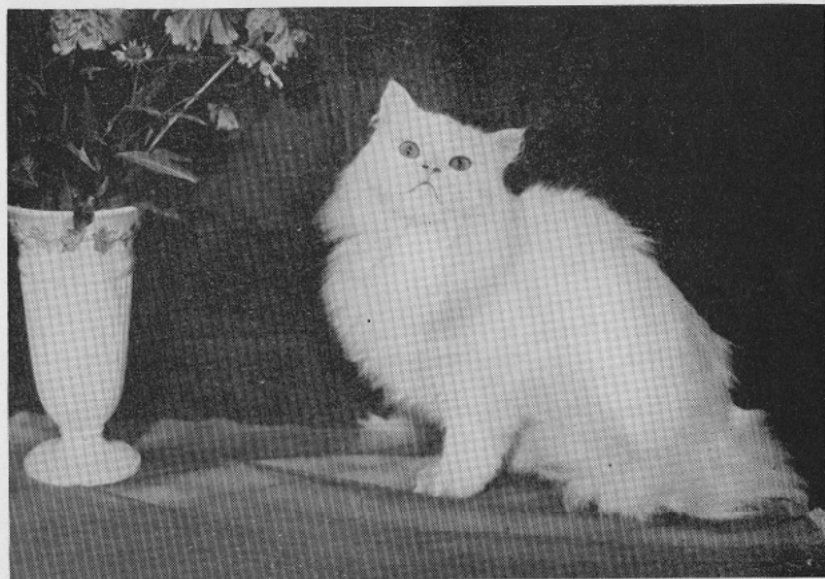
The cat section at the Kingsway Hospital Flower Show and Gymkhana at Derby was organized by Mr. Crosswell of Nottingham. It coincided with the first show of the Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club on August 4th so both probably had fewer exhibits than they would have done if they had had an exclusive date.

I have had no particulars of the latter fixture but at the Kingsway Show the Best Longhair Cat was Mrs. Brice-Webb's Blue-Cream Champion Twinkling Star of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, awarded nine firsts. Best L.H. Kitten was Miss Matthews' female Black Loki by Caesar Augustus. Best S.H. Cat went to Mr. and Mrs. Tunnicliffe's S.P. Siamese male Watermill Simple Simon by Silken Sultan.



Robert Martin

ARDWYN VEDETTE, a promising young male Blue Longhair bred by Miss E. Davis from Ch. Bayhorne Ajax ex Ch. Uplands Anna Capri. After winning Best in Show and all his 12 classes at the recent Kensington K.C. Show where he was exhibited by Mrs. Dulcie Benbow, Vedette was purchased by Mrs. E. A. Duguay, New Brunswick, Canada, as a future stud for her Donalds Cattery.



PETRAVIAN COLETTE, by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin ex Petravian Fleur, Best White Kitten at last season's Midland Counties & National shows. Owner Mrs. G. Reynolds, of Olton, Solihull, Warwickshire, looks forward to more wins in the months ahead . . . and so does glamour puss Colette!

These owners were also awarded Best S.H. Kitten with their Siamese Lilac Point male Annelida Lilac Hiawatha. Best L.H. Neuter was Miss Matthews' Blue Hazeldene Paul by Ch. Thiepvall Paragon, and Best S.H. Neuter Miss Alcock's Burmese Sealcoat Taubee by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee.

Again the various clubs were generous and offered 94 special prizes. After this Show Mrs. Brice-Webb who is so much in demand as a Longhair judge, had a three column write-up in the *Nottingham Guardian* journal with the photograph of her which appeared in OUR CATS in May.

Siamese assembly

The Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire Sanction Show at Maidenhead in August was most enjoyable. It attracted an entry of 97 pedigree exhibits and five household pets, and a few celebrities "for exhibition only," notably Mrs. Grant-Allen's Silver Tabby Premier Elvaston Silvermist; Mrs. Earnshaw's Ch. Gay Song; Mrs. Wyatt's Russian Ch. Beulah Anastasia Josephine and some rex-coated cats and kittens by members of the Colour-point and Any Other Variety Club.

Mr. K. J. Stanley made his debut as Honorary Show Manager. He organized it with youthful enthusiasm and I can imagine he will have opportunities of running other shows after the agreeable impression he made on officials and exhibitors.

The Committee were very pleased to welcome the President Mr. Val Gielgud and his wife. So nice of them to spare time and take such a genuine interest in the exhibits when they have so many engagements.

Best Exhibit was a lovely Seal Pointed female, Mrs. Mason's Winceby Athene (by Ch. Kanburi Mayo) who was the unanimous choice of the four well-known judges under whom she appeared. Her litter brother Mrs. Mason's Winceby Achilles was Best Neuter, a handsome

fellow and a worthy winner. Best Kitten was a Seal Point male, Mrs. Soltau's Camley Yong Yut by Ch. Killdown Sultan. The winning S.P. male adult was Mr. Burlton's Bru-Bur Leon by Whiteacres Nicholas.

In an amalgamated class of Blue Pointed adults Mrs. Biggie's Linton Ajax by Ch. Misselfore Ryken was the winner. There were no entires in Chocolate Pointed males but in females Mrs. Hughes' Cokeley Rancee, and in Lilac Points Miss Bygrave's Misselfore Lilac Cloud by Ch. Camley Fudge won.

Space does not permit names of all the winning kittens but one which must be mentioned is Mr. Colin Campbell's Best S.P. female Colgrove Silver Cloud by his male Selborne Prairie Wolf and the dam bred by Mrs. Lentaigne. This exhibit also had the honour of first in Any Colour Siamese Breeders Female Kitten Class with nineteen entries. Mrs. Mason was a novice exhibitor so it was an exciting day for her and her successful exhibits.

The judges were Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Dadd, Mrs. Keene, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Vascoe and Miss Prentis; so exhibitors had the benefit of expert opinions.

Famous Yorkshire show

There was plenty of activity in August with three sanction and four exemption shows taking place all over England and as some of them were the cat section of agricultural shows hundreds of spectators saw pedigree cats for the first time. So let us hope some of them were so attracted they will eventually decide to join the ranks of our Fancy.

The 84th Show of the Airedale Agricultural Society had an impressive list of officials to organize the various sections of its mammoth fixture at Myrtle Park, Bingley, Yorkshire, on August 15th. It has a natural amphitheatre for its equestrian events and parades.

It is pleasing to know that the largest increase in entries was in the cat section with 356 entries in various classes compared to 247 in 1961. About 100 cats and kittens were exhibited.

Mr. A. Burrows organized this section for the third successive year and I hear "It was the best Bingley Show to date."

The Best Longhair Cat was Mrs. Richardson's Blue male Lomond Lucky by Ch. Bluemine Morrison Busty. This youngster won well last winter season as a kitten. At Bingley he was awarded 10 firsts.

The catalogue does not quote the other Best in Show winners but exhibitors who won well were Mrs. Wright with her Creams and Blue-Creams, particularly Wildfell Galaxy and Wildfell Pippa; Mrs. Lumb with her Siamese Purrdale Confucius; Miss Hoyland also with a Siamese Lizkendal Pippa; Mrs. Eustace with Silver Tabby Hillcross Silver Lace and Mrs. Beever with Ch. Briarry Demon.

In the George Bolton Memorial Class with every variety eligible to compete the winners were Lomond Lucky, Hillcross Silver Lace, Lizkendal Pippa, and Wildfell Galaxy. There were 28 exhibits in this class.



Hugh Smith
A line-up of stewards with the Longhair Kittens selected for Best in Show judging at the recent Kensington Kitten & Neuter C.C. Show held in London. Blue was the winning colour on this occasion.

In the Open Challenge Class confined to Siamese with 15 exhibits, the Siamese judge, Mrs. K. R. Williams placed them thus: Lizkendal Pippa, Mrs. Bower's Scipoo Azure Emperor, Mrs. Parry's Annelida Lilac Odette, Purrdale Confucius. The other judges were Mrs. Brice-Webb and Mrs. P. Hughes.

New Siamese Club

The enterprising Hon. Secretary of the Northern Counties Cat Club Mrs. M. Eustace has become the Hon. Secretary of the new Northern Siamese Cat Society and this is a brief account of its origin: Six club secretaries from the northern clubs were instrumental in the forming of a new Siamese Society to cater for breeders and owners of Siamese in their respective areas. 38 new members were enrolled at the inaugural meeting held at York, on Saturday, August 18th. The officers are: Mrs. E. Towe (President), Mrs. K. Brough (Chairman) and Mrs. M. Eustace (Hon. Secretary). Other Committee members elected were Mrs. S. Beever, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. R. M. Dunn, Mrs. Lumb, and Mrs. Macalister. The entry fee is 10s. and the foundation

members list will remain open until September 30th. All such members are eligible to receive the Society's brooch. Particulars from Mrs. M. Eustace, 2 North Avenue, South Shields.

Selected for Aussie

Australian breeders have taken advantage of Mrs. Anne Vize's visit to England for her to select some kittens. Apart from her judging engagements, she has visited many well-known personalities so has had ample opportunities to choose the varieties, the breeding, and the quality needed in Australia. Six kittens were seen off from the London Docks on August 30th. They travelled in pairs in three separate cat houses on one of the Port Line ships. Mrs. Vize and Mrs. Towe went on board to interview the cadet who will look after them and they were satisfied with the arrangements made and impressed with

the well built houses. An improvement in feeding is that tinned food is no longer so much relied on and 100 lbs. of meat went on board for the kittens and dogs.

There were two Cream kittens, brother and sister Kenda Cream Puff and Kenda Royal Honey by Mrs. Aitken's Bournside Cream Bunne, a son of Myowne Caesar who was bred by Mrs. Vize before she emigrated to Australia. The kittens were bred by Mrs. Rich.

Two Russian Blues were also in the shipment. Sylphides Sharikov by Jennymar Einar bred by Mrs. Read of Raynes Park, a male kitten who was Best Russian Blue at Kensington Kitten Show in July. The female (bred by Miss Shyvers) was Archon Cinderella by Archon Nicolo. This pair have been purchased by Mrs. Vize who is keen to promote the interests of this variety in Australia.



Melbourne "Age"
Mrs. Anne Vize is now travelling homewards to Australia after a pleasant reunion with relatives and friends in the English cat world. Here she is with the late Ch. Jasper of Pensford who won Best Exhibit for owner Mrs. R. Price at a Melbourne show some few years back.

The third pair were a Blue Burmese Ballard Chitta bred by Mrs. Knowles and a Brown Burmese female Hillcross Bronze Orchid bred by Mrs. Towe. These are destined for a breeder in Melbourne where they will be disembarked.

“Carrying the flag”

On a previous ship the S.S. Port Brisbane Miss Ann Codrington sent her first prize Kensington Kitten Show winner, a Seal Point male Watermill Solomon Seal by Ch. Dunchattan Sabu Hassan and Celestial Melite, the latter a daughter of Ch. Spotlight Melchoir. The litter sisters of Watermill Solomon Seal, Watermill Snapdragon, Sunrose and Skylark have been purchased by three breeders in England Mr. Barker, Mrs. Hewlett and Mrs. Hooper.

Miss Codrington has become interested in lynx pointed, so Celestial Melite is expecting kittens by Mrs. Hudson's aptly-named lynx pointed Faux Pas. By the way, it is not certain that the male progenitor of the lynx was a Silver Tabby. The queen had a love affair with an unknown male so he might have been a Brown Tabby. The result is most intriguing and we may be sure that British breeders with their flair and patience will gradually establish three generation lynx pointed progeny.

Accompanying Watermill Soloman Seal to Australia, Mrs. Ashford sent a Chocolate Point female kitten Annelida Sahwa by Misselore Chocolate Whey and Phoca Violet, destined for Colonel Scott of Melbourne. Mrs. Hudson, of Ashford, Kent, sent a Lilac Point male kitten Supra Lollipop by Praha Andante Maestoso and Annelida Lilac Coppelia to Mrs. Moloney of Melbourne.

Best wishes to all these little travellers “carrying the flag” for British breeders. It will be interesting to hear news of their future.

I read to-day in the national press that over 750,000 Britons have emigrated to Australia post war and we may be sure that many have taken their love of pedigree stock with them. So the future looks bright for the enterprising breeders who have decided to import our stock, so carefully bred by the owners here who consistently breed winners. Mr. and Mrs. Vize left England on the “Cape Town Castle” on September 6th. They arrive in Cape Town about the 18th, stay for three weeks with a relative and visit some cat breeders that Mrs. Vize met on a previous visit some years ago. Then it is home to Sydney, Australia, arriving early November.

News of Eros

I am indebted to Mrs. Watts, of Sunbury, for the following item of news. Many breeders have asked me: What became of Camber Eros, the beautiful Blue male kitten bred by Mrs. Denton from Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Thiepvall Penelope? Unbeaten in his Open Class in the autumn 1960 and Best Longhair Kitten in Show at Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show 1960, he was sold to Eddie Fisher as a present for Miss Elizabeth Taylor. Eros was with them at the Dorchester Hotel, London, and Miss Susan Watts used to visit once a week to groom him and the other kittens. The central heating kept at a higher temperature than average was not conducive to them keeping their long coats, so they needed this attention.

When Elizabeth Taylor left England it was decided not to take these kittens with them so Mrs. Watts had the Chinchilla queen bred by Mrs. Turney, and Camber Eros went to one of her friends, Miss Shirley Walne, the well-known judge of poodles who is in partnership with the Hon. Mrs. Ionides who has the Buxted Park Kennels near

Uckfield. Camber Eros is now a great pet who has complete liberty on many acres of parkland and lives with Miss Walne who has her own house apart from the mansion in which the Hon. Mrs. Ionides lives.

Mrs. Watts tells me she has fourteen rex-coated kittens which I hope to make time to see.

Visitor from U.S.A.

Mr. Richard Gehardt, the well-known young judge of U.S.A. Cat Fanciers' Association, will be judging at Copenhagen in October. He will also visit the Cat Club de Paris Ch. Show in France on the 19th-21st. He does not say in his letter if he is judging there. Then if he can arrange it he will come to

England but has to be back in America on November 1st. If he does come he hopes to meet some of our breeders and see some of our cat celebrities. I look forward to renewing an acquaintance which began when I met him in New York in 1950. He has come a long way since then and is in great demand in many states in U.S.A. as a judge.

One of his own particular loves as a breeder are Whites, both Longhair and Shorthair. He conducts the famous Silva-Wyte Cattery and owns the top winning White Copper-eyed Manx Grand Champion Wila-Blite Pola of Silva-Wyte. But he also owns what is considered the finest Black Longhair in America Grand Champion Vel-Vene Voo Doo. It will be interesting to hear later his opinions of cats and shows in Europe.

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A CASE OF ECZEMA

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eczema. Cats are proud, dignified creatures and it distresses them immensely to be unable to

attend to their ritual of washing and to bear the humiliation of being encompassed in a cardboard ring, apart from being deprived of their hunting activities.

News from "Down Under"

WE have been having lovely spring weather till a week ago—I am writing this in the middle of August—and now a very wet week. There are signs of an early spring, I think. Flowering peaches, plums, etc., look lovely and the birds are busy carrying sticks and feathers everywhere you look.

I have the July issue of the New Zealand Newsletter. An addition to Rule 20(a) is very good. When there is a case of cattery sickness the Secretary of the Governing Council must be notified at once and he in turn must notify any club about to hold a show within the suspension period. Also, a reciprocal agreement has been reached with the *Siamese News* quarterly of America which should be welcomed by readers on each side. Breed No. 13b has been granted to Colourpoints as N.Z. now has quite a few. Mr. Hambly of Lower Hutt has recently acquired a pair of blue and a pair of seal points from the U.K.

Mrs. Bassett is the new Secretary to the Governing Council. Tauranga have held a very successful first show and we hope it is the forerunner of many more. Mrs. Dalby, who judged Chinchillas complained of the near absence of ticking and remarked it was a pity. I agree most heartily, but have noticed that the ticking is improving again just lately. At the Hamilton show judge Mrs. Denny remarked on the decline in entries of the lovely Blues, which used to be one of the strongest classes. We in Australia are having the same experience. It is a great pity as Blues were generally well boned and coated. Miss Menzies could not be nearer the mark when she stated that good grooming will carry the day more often than exhibitors seem to realize.

I have just received a marked catalogue from the Melbourne Cat Club from some kind and unknown friend. A very nice entry of nearly 150. I have no other word from there lately nor even a schedule for the Royal Show cat section to be judged on 29.9.62. Four N.S.W. judges are invited, I understand.

No word from friend Frank or Mrs. Jenkyns in Hobart, so all must be well down there.

The Newsletter of the Cat Breeders Association of South Australia is to hand from Mrs. Crowe and makes very interesting reading—also a circular letter from Mr. Myers. But I thought it a pity not to mention the names of some interesting cat arrivals he mentioned. I have had no word or Newsletter from Tom and Jerry of Cat Fanciers Club lately and wonder how the Royal Show cat section went along and how old friends are. The Brisbane Royal Show is on at the moment (saw it on the Newsreel) but unfortunately no cat section again. What a shame!

Show helps fire fighters

I have had quite a few letters lately and progress in Queensland cat affairs seems rapid. Northern Feline Fanciers Show, New South Wales, was a splendidly run fixture in July with Mrs. Dowty (Vice President) acting as Secretary for Mrs. Cummins, who was out of action. A very healthy sum was handed over to the Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home. Mrs. Cross staged a very happy show up on the Blue Mountains on 11 August with a splendid entry. A lot of visitors turned up and the local fire fighting brigade will be able to buy more equipment as a result. I was unable to see

our old friend Miss Burt (still on crutches) but she sent greetings to us at the hall. Opportunity was taken to give some practical tests to two young student judges, Mrs. Meany and Mrs. Little, after judging concluded, under ordinary show conditions. Miss Mullens again gained Best L.H. Exhibit and will easily win the coveted honour of Cat of the Year in the L.H. Section. Shorthair section is still open, I think, with one Championship show (at Gosford) to go.

Mrs. Savage has again improved the standard of the *Cats Digest*, our local cat paper and the September issue is to feature Queensland cat affairs, she tells me. Mr. and Mrs. Mullins ("Minaloo") are to leave the garden suburb of Wahroonga and will have a new address at Dural, Hills District, where they have taken over a farm ten miles beyond Camden and 50 from Sydney. So I guess matings and shows will be only occasional outings.

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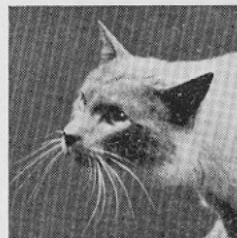
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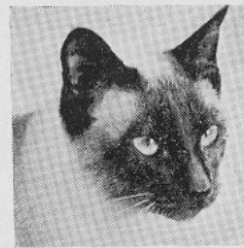
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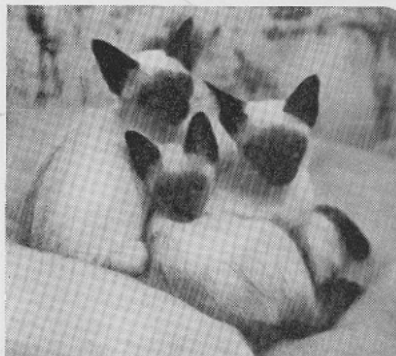
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