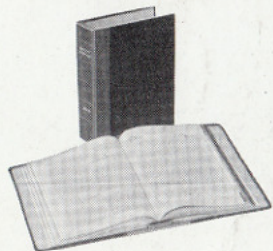


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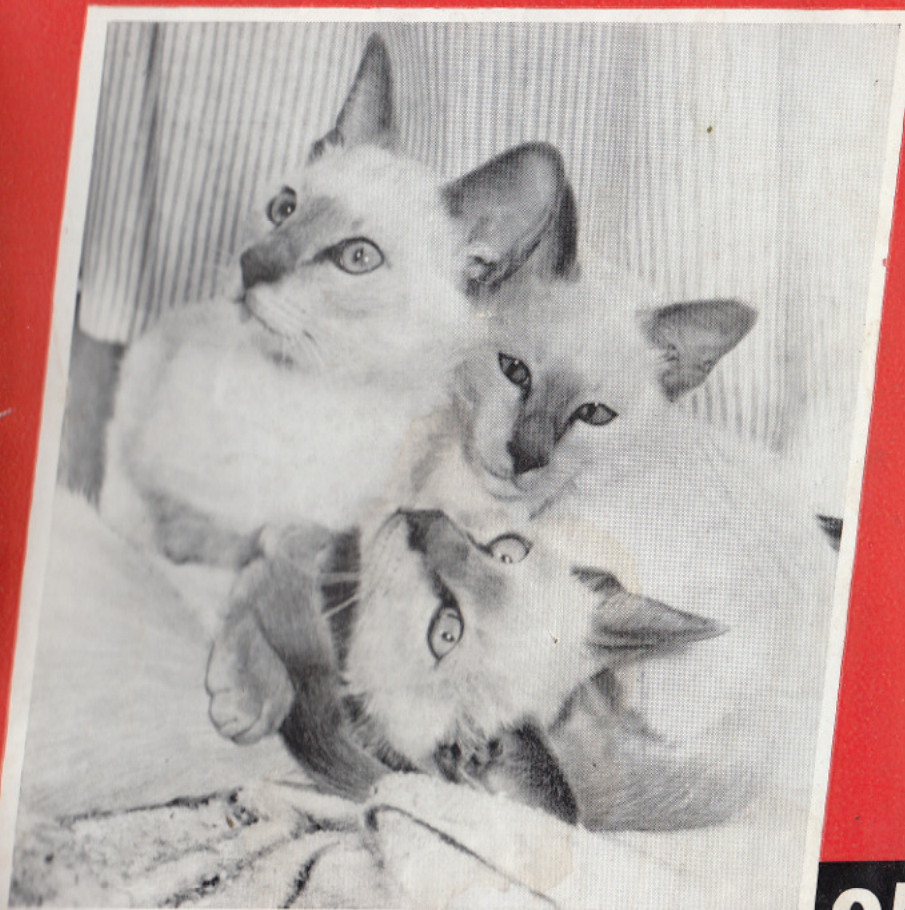
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ANNOUNCEMENT

AN important change will be made in our publishing arrangements over the next three months.

Following the appearance of this October issue, the November and December issues will be merged into one issue for publication early in December. Our January issue will then follow as early as possible in that month and it will be an enlarged Special New Year Greetings Number.

This is the only course open to me in view of our present position and the fact that I am heavily committed to other duties over the remainder of the year. Merging issues is not an operation I care about and I certainly would not be embarking on it now if some satisfactory alternative arrangement was possible. The pressing need is to establish earlier and regular publication at round about the 10th of each month. We have been running very late this year and this is not a good thing for the Magazine. Subscribers and advertisers have been most patient and understanding in this connection and I have been most grateful to you all for this tolerance.

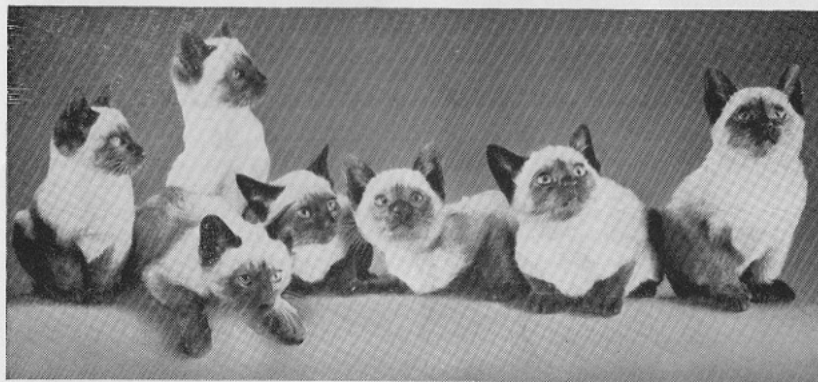
By carrying out the merger (a popular operation these days in higher circles!) I shall be able to start 1963—our 15th year—in a happier frame of mind. Subscribers will not be losers as their subscriptions will be adjusted automatically and there will be no need for them to apply for the extension of their orders. Reservations by advertisers—both general and in the Directory of Breeders—will be dealt with in like fashion.

An announcement concerning the Special New Year Greetings Number appears on another page of this issue. Leaflets are also available and I am hoping that interest and support from clubs and fanciers throughout the cat world will be such that the opening of the New Year will be marked by our best-ever issue.

Editor

MELITE'S POEM

WHEN to and fro from honeymoons I'm travelling by train
The notices I read en route keep rattling round my brain.
It may be foolish but I own to getting in a jitter
When I see the many baskets which are clearly labelled "LITTER".
If I should be in kitten must I wait in smokey gloom
To have my poor wee babies in the so-called "WAITING ROOM"?
And if they should survive, poor things, I wonder if I oughter
Entrust them on the trolley of the man called "STATION PORTER"?
I'm rather small to get their milk in the "SELF SERVICE BAR"
So do you think he'd take us to a nice "REFRESHMENT CAR"?
And would he help me move them to the place called "BOOKING HALL"?
(They must be booked while young or I'll have no control at all!)
There is a kiosk over there called "CHOCOLATES AND SWEETS"
But what to do with SEAL points is a problem which defeats.
Of course, if they were BLUE points I would say farewell (with pain).
And send them to the Continent aboard that swift "BLUE TRAIN".
And if they all were LILAC points, and promised not to squall
They could sleep among the blossoms on the station "FLOWER STALL".
Oh! I'm sure I'll go demented if the notices I heed,
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Looking at the breeds

No. 12 - COLOURPOINTS

By HUGH SMITH

MANY people are tempted to think of the Colourpoint as a Longhaired Siamese. It isn't. If it were it would have the Siamese shape and that lithe and lissom creature Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb quite ridiculous clad in a long fur coat.

The earliest attempts produced just such a monstrosity, but through the tireless efforts of Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb quite another breed has been produced — a Colourpoint of true Persian type. So the Colourpoint has the round head and cobby shape of your well bred Persian cat.

Whether or not you agree with those who find aesthetic satisfaction in the Colourpoint—to be frank, I for one, do not—this is a remarkable achievement, the history of which is worth briefly relating.

The first Colourpoint appeared out of the blue. Stirling-Webb relates that nothing was known about the breeding of his first Colourpoint queen, except that she had been a stray living in a country churchyard. Having acquired this cat, his problem was then to secure unrelated breeding stock. This was done by mating pure Siamese with pure longhair and cross-mating the resultant offspring.

Eventually a third generation of Colourpoint Longhairs was produced and the Governing Council agreed to recognise it as Breed No. 13B in 1955. Since that time the original breeding stock has been outbred to produce better cats.

The Governing Council's Standard of Points is as follows:—

Coat—Fur long, thick and soft in texture, frill full. Colour to be seal,

blue or chocolate-pointed with appropriate body colour as for Siamese (i.e. cream, glacial white or ivory respectively). Points to be dense and body shading if any, to be the same as the points.

Head—Broad and round with width between the ears. Face and nose short. Ears small and tufted and cheeks well developed.

Eyes—Shape: Large, round and full. Colour: Clear, bright and decidedly blue, the deeper the better.

Body—Cobby and low on leg.

Tail—Short and full, not tapering (a kink shall be considered a defect).

Condition. N.B.—Any similarity in type to Siamese to be considered most undesirable and incorrect.

SCALE OF POINTS

Coat	15
Point and body colour ...	10
Head	25
Shape and eye	10
Colour of eye	10
Body	10
Tail	10
Condition	10

Total ... 100

There is no doubt that this is a breed of increasing popularity and that as time goes on improvements will be made in type and colour. In particular it is to be hoped that eye colour will improve. This would appear to be the main defect; pale washy eye colour is all too common on the show bench and makes an unfavourable impression at least on those who associate a very different standard with the points of the Siamese.

The breeding of Colourpoints is not something to be embarked upon lightly. Anyone who intends to do so will be well advised to acquire some knowledge

of basic genetics—a knowledge which can be enhanced by a study of the many interesting articles by the late A. C. Jude which appeared in earlier numbers of OUR CATS.

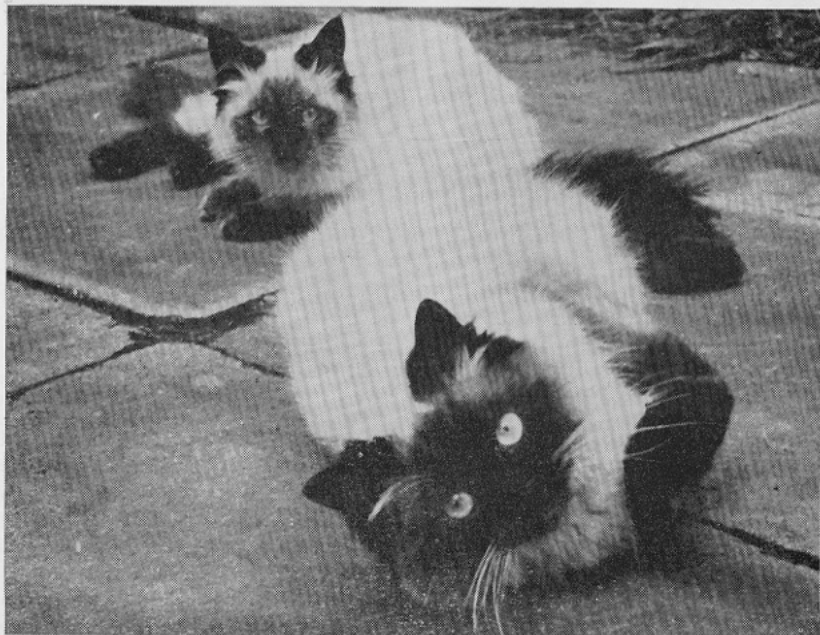
This is not the place to embark upon genetical considerations, but it may be worth pointing out that the all important objectives are securing and preserving the Persian type and Siamese colouring. When making the original cross only Siamese with outstanding eye-colour should be used. A Siamese with a roundish head and good eye-colour may

be preferred to the typical wedge-headed Siamese of the show bench.

Longhairs used should be of outstanding type. It is considered wisest to use either Blacks or Blues. Blacks produce the deepest seal colouring, while Blues provide the best type. Use of Blues will yield a small proportion of blue-pointed descendants.

The Colourpoint and Any Other Variety Club has been formed to serve the interests of the breed. The Hon. Secretary is Mrs. G. I. Hancox, Flat 4, 22 Villa Road, Nottingham.

Previous articles in this popular series have appeared as follow: 1961: March—Abyssinians; April—Black Longhairs; May—Black Shorthairs; June—Blue Longhairs; July—Blue Shorthairs; September—Russian Blues; December—Blue-Cream Longhairs. 1962: January—Burmese; February—Blue Burmese; May—Chinchillas; June—Cream Longhairs.



Maurice Gaynor

AMASKA LITTLE CHARMER and KALA SPRITE, a pair of Colourpoints belonging to Mrs. Jessica Waller, of Wimbledon, S.W. London. Mrs. Waller in the past has kept a great number of varieties, including Abyssinians, in first class conditions. She is now devoting her interest to the breeding of Colourpoints which she finds "extremely lovable pets and the aristocrat among cats".

Variety is the spice

WHERE do we draw the line between loving our cats and being fanatical about them? Until recently, writes Dana Learn, Associate Editor of the popular *American Siamese News Quarterly*, there had never been any doubt in my mind about loving cats.

I thought that one loved his cats as he did his children—with a firm, but loving hand. We should not allow them to become so spoiled that they cannot exist except under certain conditions. If they are fed a nutritious, but varied diet all their lives, they accept this without question and are better for it.

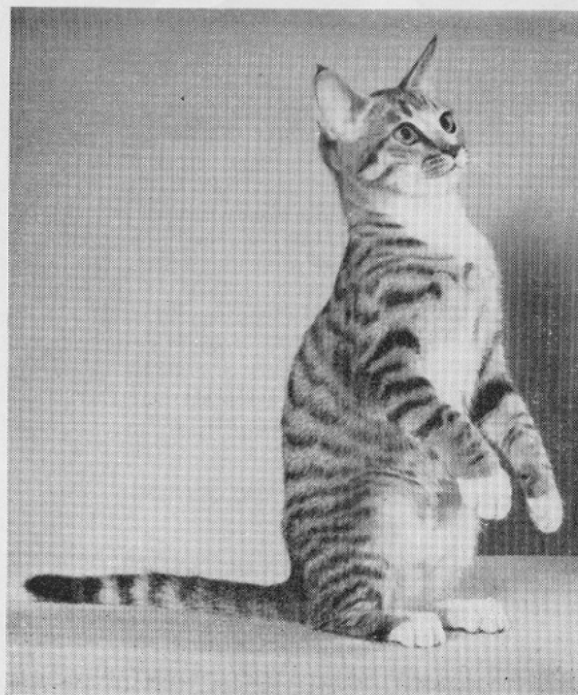
A cat who will accept only a couple of things to eat, is the product of, basically, a selfish, sadistic owner. Instead of really loving the cat, what the owner is actually trying to do is make *himself* indispensable to the cat.

If you will notice, this usually occurs where the owner needs to feel that he alone can satisfy the needs of something; someone who is alone or unwanted or unhappy with his life.

After he has made the cat so that it will eat only one or two things, sleep on one type of bed, drink out of only one type of receptacle, he fools himself into thinking that the animal is pining away for him when he leaves it, when actually what the animal is pining for is *familiar things*.

To do this to anything, animal or person, but particularly the animal, who is helpless and unable to cope with the situation, is a grave injustice, and just as cruel as the animal who never gets enough to eat.

In the ten years I have been boarding cats, I suppose I've had more than a thousand guests. I realize that



This delightful picture of JENNY comes from Mrs. A. Hine, of Durban, South Africa. She has six cats, each with a distinct personality—Noéle, a Siamese, Kelly, a Tortie Manx, Andy, a Red Tabby, Peter, a Russian Blue, Timothy, a huge half-Chinchilla, and of course, Jenny, "the only one who can do tricks."

for a day or two, the cat in strange surroundings is prone to be suspicious and refuse his usual amount of food. However, a well-adjusted cat, like a well-adjusted child at school for the first time, realizes that only kindness is offered and he will be just fine.

But what about the poor, mistreated cat, who has had his food put into his dish with a certain fork in a certain manner and no other? The owner who will do this to a cat should be prepared to always be with this cat, and never, under any circumstances, leave this cat! What happens when, of necessity—death, illness, etc., parts one from this type of cat?

The same thing which happens when a helpless person, who has only known one way of life—and this, an unusual way of life—is left alone. Utter misery! The only difference is that perhaps someone may be able to explain the situation to a *person*.

Please! Let us not do this to an animal. Love your animal. Give it the necessities of life and all the love you can. But don't take away its will or ability to survive with anyone except yourself.

RUPERT'S ORDEAL

AS a thank-offering for the almost miraculous escape from death of a cat, the P.D.S.A. has recently received a donation.

The cat, Rupert, is a nine-months - old Abyssinian - tabby cross. He belongs to Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. W. A. C. Carter, of Beaconsfield, Bucks. One Friday morning, Rupert went out as usual—and did not come back. The Carters spent the week-end searching for him.

Eleven days later, when Rupert's owners had completely given up hope, a small girl reported that she had heard a cat crying apparently from the bowels of the earth, on the edge

of a field about a quarter of a mile away. Col. Carter went immediately and found a 12-inch pipe sloping down from an open ditch towards a manhole cover about 20 feet away. On opening the manhole he found a brick-lined soakage pit 33 feet deep.

There was obviously a cat in the pit, but even with a torch it was impossible to see to the bottom. Then a small form was seen trying to clamber up the vertical side of the pit. It was Rupert. He climbed about 15 feet before falling back exhausted.

A gentle haul

Col. Carter went for a ladder but the largest one he had was only 20 feet long. This was lowered into the hole on a rope. Rupert slowly climbed the ladder and when he reached the top rung he was gently hauled, with the ladder, to safety desperately thin and cold, and with claws worn down to the quick.

"With careful attention", Col. Carter said later, "Rupert is now almost restored. He is still a little gaunt and his voice is a little cracked. His hind-legs are obviously stiff and painful. But he kept alive 11 days in bitter cold weather with no food and in pitch darkness he struggled to climb out and still, mercifully had sufficient voice to attract attention. His delight at being home is second only to our joy at having him back".

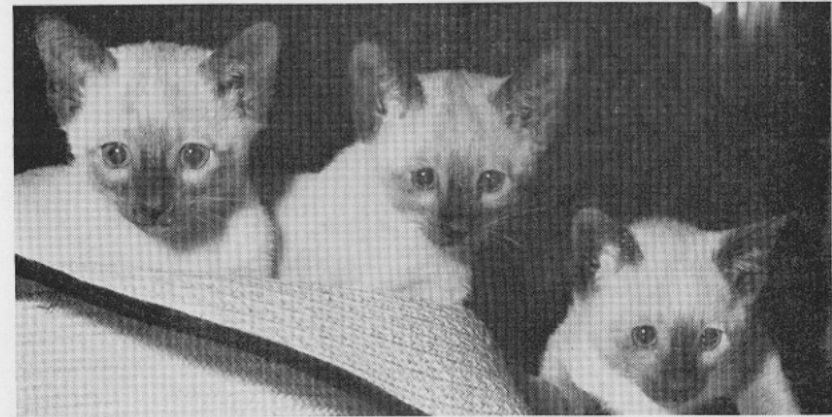


WRITING ABOUT CATS

By MAY EUSTACE

"AS a writer, the first thing is to give yourself a time-sheet, and realize that it is futile to wait for an idea. If you wait for the startling brilliance of inspiration to stab in on your life, you may have to wait for ever." (Ursula Bloom). Yes, I followed her advice. I gave myself the time-sheet and got on with the job.

Writing about cats is a most absorbing exercise in penmanship. I started my first cat book as soon as I found out that I had more to say about cats than I could squeeze into a magazine article. With my little friends so charmingly photographed by my son, I knew I had only to look into their little faces and I could write until the cows came home. From the photographic captions I developed my story, with each cat having something different to say.



Hawthorn kittens in the panama

MING FOR CONSTANCY

Ming, my first-love and my oldest Siamese cat, won the title role. Unfortunately her early pictures would not reproduce, and to-day's picture shows a blue eye blurred by cataract, and a nose shining like silver from the constant rubbing away of old-age leakings from her worn-out membranes. No glamour girl now, but a cat with wearying footsteps and a great big heart. Poor old Ming! how she does try to grow old gracefully.

When Miss Yorke read my first notes she likened Ming to Michael Joseph's Charles, and wished they could have been partners in life.

SIGISMOND FOR SEX APPEAL

My He-Man and most virile and attractive male cat next got the prominence he deserved. Since the whole workings of a cattery are centred on the stud house there was no limit to the catty chatter that his name conjured up.

PANDY FOR GLAMOUR

For glamour, there came into the picture my first show cat, Pandy, who had no qualms about showing a leg, and who showed it with such grace that

she won for me my first First Prize, thereby inveigling me into a still more fascinating "twist" in cat affairs, Cat Shows.

RORY FOR ROMANCE

For romance I picked on my Red Abyssinian, Rory, but she was man-shy and modest and romance was not for her. A rare and beautiful variation in the oldest known breed of cat, her progeny would have been outstanding.

ALTHEA FOR FICKLENESS

For inconstancy in felines I had to name my Burmese, Althea. A delightful little fairy, full of the joys of life, we found that her charm outshone her fickleness.

And so it went on and on with each little friend performing his one party piece.

Writing about cats has been one of my happiest ventures, but writing about Writing About Cats, for a truly dedicated cat lover, is to find oneself in an ecstatic situation right out of this world.

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A review of Mrs. Eustace's first book "*Cats in Clover*" appears opposite.—Editor.

Let's go to a show

1962	Promoted by	Venue
15 November ...	*Croydon Cat Club	London
8 December ...	*Northern Counties Cat Club	Newcastle-on-Tyne
15 " ...	*National Cat Club	Olympia, London
1963		
12 January ...	*Notts and Derbys. Cat Club	Nottingham
19 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club	Glasgow
24 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club	London
9 February ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties Cat Club	Southport
23 " ...	Coventry and Leicester Cat Club	Leicester
28 " ...	West of England & S. Wales Cat Society	Cardiff
26 March ...	Hull and Lincolnshire	Lincoln

* Denotes show with Championship status. A detailed list of these fixtures may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., "Mosgiel," 4 Elim Court Gardens, Crowborough, Sussex.

HOW TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

- Don't come to meetings.
- If you do, come late.
- Find fault with the officers and members.
- Never accept an office; it is easier to criticise than to do things.
- Nevertheless, get annoyed if you aren't appointed to the committee.
- If appointed to a committee, don't attend it's meetings.
- If asked by the chairman to give your opinion, say nothing. Afterwards, tell everyone how you think things should have been done.
- Do no more than necessary. When others roll up their sleeves to help things along, say the club is run by a clique.
- Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
- Don't bother about getting members, but if you do, be sure they are moaners like yourself.

With acknowledgments to the American journal "Popular Gardening".

BOOK REVIEWS

"Cats in Clover"

MRS. May Eustace's introduction to Siamese cats was made on a Spring day just before the War when she saw a crowd outside a well-known hat shop in Blackpool and joined the queue. It was not the latest Easter bonnets from Paris that were drawing the crowd, but a Siamese cat. When Mrs. Eustace left the shop it was not only with a hat but also with the cat. Later on she became interested in breeding and then inevitably in showing. Her interest spread to other breeds and she is now the well-known Hon. Secretary of the Northern Counties Cat Club.

In *Cats in Clover* just published (Michael Joseph, 12s. 6d.) Mrs. Eustace combines an account of her own cats with advice to the novice based on her experiences. She covers the purchase of a pedigree cat and its care, showing, keeping a stud, travelling, managing a boarding kennel and running a show. Mrs. Eustace ends with sixteen "do's" and eight "don'ts" for novices, which she describes as "a few famous last words". All these are eminently sensible, but I feel no list of famous last words in the Cat Fancy would be complete without "Of course, he'll improve as he gets older" or, more specifically in relation to the Siamese: "The eye colour is sure to deepen as they get older" or to the Abyssinian: "The bars always fade as they mature".

The book leaves no doubt that any cat owned by Mrs. Eustace will literally be in clover. It would be interesting to know how this figure of speech came to apply to cats. Its origin was to cattle to whom clover is a luxury, but no cat I have known has shown a taste for clover.

Perhaps the specific reference to cats—we never speak of dogs being in clover—is through the human "I'm in clover", meaning "I'm sitting pretty".

In such a warmly sympathetic and helpful book, it may seem hypercritical to find fault. But judges will certainly be surprised at Mrs. Eustace's suggestion they are influenced by the "set out" of a pen and that "a shabby, badly laundered blanket, a chipped sanitary tray, a handleless cup or a cracked dinner plate can hasten the judge's steps further down the hall and, perhaps, lose the verdict for your pretty Cinderella". This shabbiness is, of course, to be avoided and I can hear a judge mentally passing judgment on the owner who thinks it good enough for her pet. But the judge is strictly concerned with judging the cat and not its owner and I do not think for a moment any judge would let a chipped sanitary tray make the difference between giving a Championship Certificate and a V.H.C.

Foundation dates

An appendix gives the "Constitution To-day of G.C.C.F." but the novice, perhaps with ambitions to be selected as a delegate, should be warned against supposing the Governing Council's constitution really only fills one page of print! It would have been helpful if the list of clubs gave not only the names of the Hon. Secretaries, but their addresses.

Mrs. Eustace is in error in her account of the history of the Cat Fancy. The Cat Club was founded in 1898, not 1878. The Northern Counties Cat Club, or at least a club by this name, was formed long before 1957. Frances

Simpson, writing in 1903, says the Northern Counties Cat Club has a large number of members and holds two shows a year in Manchester, capitially managed "by the energetic hon. sec."

The Golden Jubilee Show of the G.C.C.F. in 1960 did not draw exhibits from all over the cat world. Our quarantine laws, unfortunately, make impossible the kind of international shows held on the Continent and whether arranged by the G.C.C.F. or an individual club must be restricted to cats bred in this country or quarantined for six months.

Finally, in case it should encourage any unmarried owners of Abyssinian cats to think of emigrating to Africa, I must point out the caption to the very beautiful photograph of an Abyssinian cat is not quite correct. It states: "Even in the African continent, the

"THE FABULOUS FELINE"—FROM AMERICA

Mr. Milan Greer's *The Fabulous Feline* (Dial Press N.Y. \$4.50) is one of the most comprehensive books on the practical aspects of choosing, owning, breeding and showing cats published for a long time. It is also one of the most stimulating. Mr. Greer has a vigorous and entertaining style that carries you along and makes his book as easy to read as an adventure story. He does, in fact, make living with a cat feel as if it were an adventure and the value of his book lies in the information he imparts to ensure that the adventure is not embarked upon without proper knowledge and equipment.

There are comprehensive and lucid chapters on buying a cat, feeding, grooming, discipline, travelling and training to a harness, breeding and show-

land of its origin, the Abyssinian is so rare that a marriageable girl who owns one is thought to have a valuable dowry".

Of course, any girl who owns an Abyssinian wherever she lives has a wonderful dowry. The idea that an Abyssinian cat was considered a valuable dowry in Abyssinia—not Africa—was first put forward to the best of my knowledge by C. H. Ross in his *Book of Cats* in 1868. It has since been quoted by many writers, but I have never been able to find any confirmation of his statement which he may well have heard from a soldier of Napier's expedition in that year, perhaps trying to sell a cat. The bride price in Africa to-day is commonly in cattle, not cats.

Mrs. Eustace has selected sixteen exceptionally good cat photographs to illustrate her charming book.

ing. All of them contain sound information mixed with what many experienced cat owners will consider unorthodox advice which Mr. Greer puts persuasively, as if there was no argument about it. But many of his statements will, I am sure, cause vigorous controversy. This is a good thing. Unless long accepted ideas are periodically challenged and re-examined, there is stagnation and the great value of a challenging writer like Mr. Greer, however much one may disagree with him at times, is that he stimulates.

Probably the chapter most likely to cause controversy is that on cat control. Mr. Greer is a disciplinarian and says he is astounded to find how many people "never raise their hand against the cat, even when its behaviour is most uncivilized". To suggest disciplining a cat spoils its personality, says Mr. Greer, is unmitigated nonsense and

"produces pretty beastly cats". Cats not only need to be disciplined, but want to be disciplined. Discipline is a result of conditioning by rewards and punishments and the only form of punishment a cat understands is physical pain.

Mr. Greer says "a lot of so-called cat-lovers will be up in arms about this", one of his few understatements, especially when he recommends "a good swift kick with the side of the foot aimed right at the face of the animal" as the cure for the cat that tries to escape out of the front door, a four feet "shovel" with your foot for the cat that winds round your legs or sits in your way and the use of a pea-shooter or water pistol for discouraging furniture clawing. Along with slaps and the hurled paper back book (ammunition dumps of these should be placed at strategic points round the house, says Mr. Greer) this conditioning can cure cats of undesirable habits.

Deserves a medal

Many cat-owners will not find this very agreeable. But to be fair to Mr. Greer, his chapter on disciplining contains food for thought, even if his techniques sometimes appear drastic. The same applies to his chapter on feeding which is based on the assumption, or perhaps one should say assertion, that the life-span of a properly looked after cat should be 20 years or more.

Mr. Greer recommends a vitamin-mineral supplement containing no less than 29 ingredients. But one must wonder whether any diet that requires

this prodigal addition of chemicals is a good one or, more probably, whether it is right to keep a cat under conditions which make these additives necessary. It is the more remarkable as he recommends a very varied diet, including chicken necks, backs, wings and certain internal organs. He maintains there is no justification for the popular ban on chicken bones. It is stated Mr. Greer has fed cats some 500,000 meals in 12 years. I make this an average of 114 meals a day. Anyone who has dealt with 114 meals a day for 12 years deserves a long service medal.

Mr. Greer paints a grim picture of show conditions in the United States and the "long, uphill fight against the Persian oriented old guard of the cat show world" of anyone who wants to improve the system. He predicts there will be no more cat shows in 20 years unless something is done. Here again, although I have no firsthand knowledge of the American Fancy, I am sure many will disagree strongly with Mr. Greer. But the mere fact that he writes so frankly will do good in stimulating reforms—and without changes any institution perishes in due course.

Mr. Greer's robust writing will make a lot of people who feel they know cats angry. But there is no question this is a good, original book that should be read, perhaps even more by the person with some experience of cats than by the novice pedigree cat owner. British readers must, of course, bear in mind that it is written primarily for American readers. But they will find it always interesting and often provoking.

PREMIER AWARD WINNERS

According to the list circulated by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy there were seven winners of Premier Certificates for neuters during the 1961/2 show season. Details are as follows: Hendras Periander, owned by Mrs. V. Trevor and bred by Mrs. Nash; Sealcoat Golden Melody, owned by Mrs. Hopkins and bred by Mrs. Watson; Brocton's Snowberry, owned and bred by Mrs. Calder; Sandy Pandy, owned by Mrs. McNish, pedigree unknown; Chindwin Chee-Ta, owned by Mr. Collingham and bred by Mr. Fletcher; Gallbraes Julie, owned by Mrs. Mackay and bred by Mrs. Dinwiddie; Yewhatch Jessie, owned and bred by Misses M. and E. Marshall.

IT NEED NEVER HAVE HAPPENED . . .

THE cat carried up the steps of the P.D.S.A. mobile dispensary at its Pontypool stopping-place was obviously in severe pain—foaming at the mouth and frantically clawing at everything within reach, almost as if it were having a fit.

The officer in charge of the dispensary, realising that he would be unable to examine the patient in its present state, gave an anaesthetic. When the cat, a seven-year-old male, was asleep he found a further difficulty. The patient's tongue was so swollen that it completely filled the mouth.

Finally, the P.D.S.A. officer managed to discover that something seemed to be tied tightly round the base of the tongue, constricting it severely. With great care this ligature was cut away. The next step was to reduce the swelling of the tongue by massage. Both tongue and cheeks had been severely lacerated by the cat's struggles, so they were bathed

and an antibiotic was administered by injection to counteract infection.

The cat's condition was still very grave, and there were doubts as to whether the damaged tongue would ever heal. However, on the mobile dispensary's next visit to Pontypool three days later, the cat was brought for examination and the P.D.S.A. officer was delighted to find that the wounds were healing well and the cat was almost free from discomfort. Eventually it made a complete recovery.

And the ligature that caused all the trouble? It was a section of a tube of cartilage, of the kind found in offal. These rings of cartilage remain strong and pliable even after cooking, and there is always a danger that one may become lodged round a cat's tongue. If the owner had opened up all the cartilage tubes with scissors before cooking her pet's "lights", this case which so nearly ended in tragedy would never have occurred at all.

A FOOD WARNING

Mr. A. C. Good, Senior Inspector of the Port and City of London, had some interesting things to say at the recent conference of health inspectors held in Southport, Lancashire.

He referred to the estimated twenty millions a year spent on food for cats and dogs. "Living in our homes and sharing our lives," he went on, "these animals no longer live off the scraps from the table and an occasional bone from the butcher or an odd piece of fish. They are, in company with their masters and mistresses, moving into the affluent society and catering for their diet has become big business.

The pet food trade has grown to such an extent in this country that Great

Britain is becoming a dumping ground for the world's unwanted meat. We use 240 tons a week.

"It is not generally known that boneless South American horsemeat, especially, is widely contaminated and when distributed raw can form a reservoir of food poisoning.

"Whether or not meat brought into the home is going to be eaten by you or your dog, its handling in the kitchen is the same—the knife, cutting-board, storage or pan is often the same."

He said present controls are ineffective and the meat should be completely sterilized at the ports by radioactive rays if possible.



Tailpieces

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



FIFTY-SIX reports of dog bites were among the 148 cases of home injuries during July and August reported to the Cheltenham Home Safety Committee.

You know of course that black cats are considered unlucky in many countries abroad. Such a superstition might well cost an American airline quite a lot of dollars. One of their pilots refused to take off during a snowstorm when he knew that a black Longhair was on the passenger list. Because of this refusal, owner Mrs. Kathleen Young and her pet were left shivering in Saint Louis, Missouri, for five hours. Worse was to follow. The cat developed pneumonia and Mrs. Young lost five days of her holiday nursing him. Now report has it she is suing the airline for more than £1,000 damages. The cat is a pedigree Persian named Gypsy Baron Diablo Mistique—the 13th.

To return to canines for a few more lines, I noticed that dog breeders have been given a warning by Mr. S. F. J. Hodgman, of the Animal Health Trust Canine Centre. Speaking at the congress of the British Veterinary Association at Scarborough, he said that intensive dog breeding in Britain since the war has brought about the degeneration of many of the breeds. Small dogs were particularly unfortunate. There were too many breeders who, through ignorance or perhaps sheer greed, denied imperfections in their kennels and continued to breed from affected animals.

Brigadier Sir John Smyth, V.C., M.P. for Norwood, plans to write a book about his beloved Siamese cats Pooni and Tomkin. There is a likelihood that the line illustrations will be by a gifted 15-year-old girl, Zara, the daughter of Anthony Nutting, the former M.P.

A tiny black and white kitten in a plastic bag was found abandoned on a patch of grass at Hollington, Sussex. It was eventually taken to the local R.S.P.C.A. home and a number of kind people came forward with offers of a good home following publicity in the local press. A young boy was traced as the culprit responsible for this cruel and thoughtless act of abandonment which of course is now a punishable offence by law.

A guinea prize was awarded by the *Australian Women's Weekly* to the writer of the following letter: "Our Chinchilla cat picks her food up with her right paw and puts it in her mouth. Her left paw she dips in her milk—then sucks it. She has perfect table manners, because she eats and drinks in this way all the time."

According to figures supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Animal Health Division) the number of cats imported into Great Britain and quarantined has risen from 136 in 1952 to 494 in 1962. Some were in transit and not therefore in quarantine for the full period of six months. The need for more and better stations is underlined by this official statement.

The July 6th Championship Show of The Rhodesia Cat Club, reported to me as "a well organized and picturesque show", was noteworthy for the appearance of an attractive Japanese lady as one of the judges. Mrs. J. Kanaya belongs to Tokyo and her husband is at present working in Salisbury. She is a member of the Siamese Cat Association in Japan which boasts a membership of 500 registered Siamese cats. Apparently the present-day popularity of the Siamese in Japan started from the day a famous American movie director introduced one just after the war. Mrs. Kanaya wears a kimono, has judged cats in her native land where, in case you don't know, puss will respond to the call of "Neko, neko, neko."

"Now we come to the besetting sin of the Fancy to-day—APATHY. Apathy can turn democracy into autocracy. How many members bother about their postal ballot? How many bother to send in names for election? I don't think I would be far wrong if, in taking clubs as

a whole, I say that three quarters of the members never bother even to read their papers." Miss Kit Wilson in *Fur and Feather*.

"God bless my kitty and keep her from harm.

I love her so much—she is soft and warm. Watch over her specially as she crosses the road,

Because she can't learn the Highway Code".

Prayer written by C. Salter (aged 7), of Godshill School, Isle of Wight.

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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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.



More about goat's milk

I WAS very interested to read the article in the last issue of OUR CATS regarding the cat who suffered with eczema once the supply of goat's milk ceased.

I keep a small herd of dairy goats and am constantly being requested to supply milk for children suffering with this complaint and am pleased to say that in the many instances where I have supplied this milk, permanent cures have been effected. It is only in recent years that most medical practitioners have come to appreciate the value of goat's milk as an aid in the curing of this dreadful complaint and it is not yet widely realized or appreciated how invaluable this product is.

I enclose two leaflets published by the British Goat Society which you may find of interest.

If Mrs. Rushen is still hesitant about buying another goat, I am positive that if she makes enquiries of the B.G.S., the Secretary will be only too pleased to forward a list of goat keepers in her locality who would be willing to supply goat's milk during the period when her own goat is dry.

I would like to add that I also started by keeping one goat as a pet, but I found the milk so good for my family, as well as being invaluable for rearing orphaned calves, pigs, etc., as well as the usual puppies and kittens, that I quickly added to my numbers. I also began to take some notice of my goats as an animal rather than a gallon of milk on four legs, and now get the greatest enjoyment from my local goat club and the various shows which I attend and

have been successful at.

MRS. SYLVIA I. MAY

Rougham,
Bury St Edmunds.

What's in a name?

I have a letter from Mrs. Duncan Hindley which points out that there is a mistake in an article of mine headed "Siamese—in variety", which appeared in the August OUR CATS. Miss Alexander's queen Patti is a striped cat, the result of a S.P. x Tabby mating, and not, as I stated, a S.P. Siamese. This makes it much easier to understand how she produced kittens with striped points, though it is still wonderful that there is a whole litter of these.

I hope you will be kind enough to print this letter, for I want to apologise to you, to your readers, and to Mrs. Hindley and Miss Alexander.

Mrs. Hindley also asks me to say that these kittens ought not to be called "Tabby-pointed Siamese". I think this refers to your caption under the picture of Mister Buttons. He does look extremely Siamese, but it is true that he could not expect to be registered as such!

PHYLLIS LAUDER (MRS.)

Woodcote, Reading.

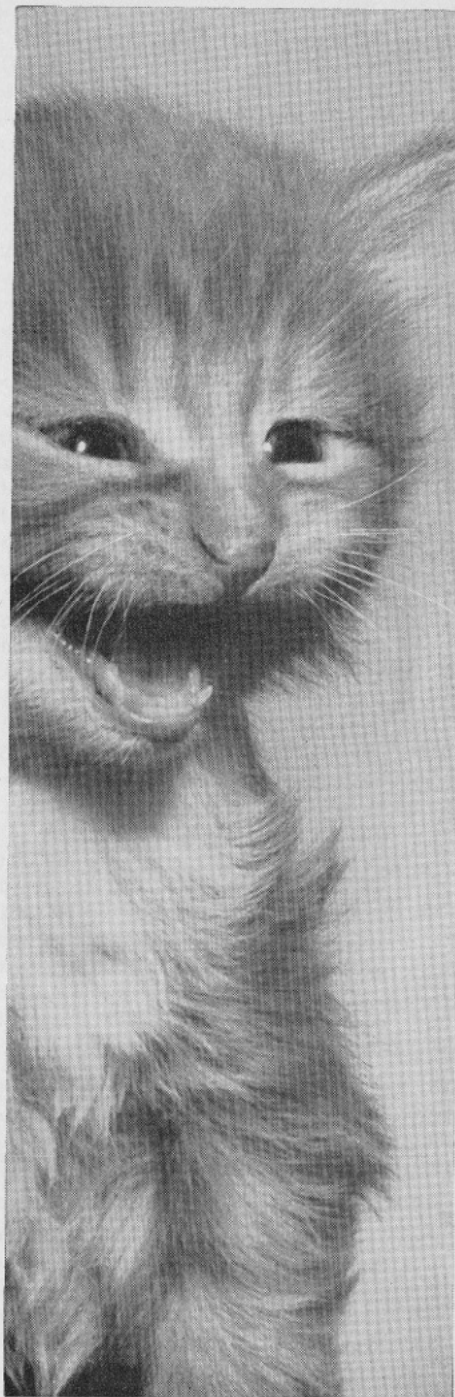
Double Meaning

After reading your item re "Beware of Cats" in Scotland, I was reminded of our experience in Wales.

A large notice read "Ripe Toms For Sale." Only after a few miles did it dawn on us that the notice referred to fruit and not felines. Also, my son Tom was driving!

MARJORIE GARLICK (MRS.)

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reveal the most interesting
entries concerning personal-
ities, both human and feline.

First Championship show

IT was a lovely calm sunny day for the first Championship fixture of the season on September 13th; the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Cat Club Show at Alexandra Palace in North London. This hall has a vast expanse of glass roof and side windows. So, aided by the weather conditions, it had excellent lighting for judging and viewing the exhibits in their true colours. These conditions probably also contributed to what appeared to be a good attendance.

Unfortunately Alexandra Palace is off the beaten track and an inconvenient venue to get to for those living in the South, especially those depending on public transport. Some exhibitors arriving in London in the rush hour experienced delay when they had to contend with another journey to a hall which

appears to have no service without changes from central London.

Pedigree exhibits numbered 347, an excellent total for an early show when several cat celebrities would be recuperating at home from nursing kittens and the male cats getting into show condition from their season's activities. In addition there were twenty two domestic pets. Generous special prizes numbering 260 were donated by clubs and breeders.

Best Longhair Cat was Miss D. M. Collins' handsome Blue male Gippeswyk Jake by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch and Gippeswyk Jose. Congratulations to his owner on attaining his final Challenge Certificate. Best L.H. Kitten went to Mrs. Smart's Blue male Georgian Dandy by Camber Gavin and Camber Penelope. Best L.H. Neuter was Miss Conway's Blue Anson Noddy by Camber Dearheart and Anson Pansy. Best Shorthair Cat award went to Mrs. Biggie's Blue Pointed Siamese male Linton Ajax by Ch. Misselfore Ryken and Purland Mayflower. Best S.H. Kitten was Mrs. Croft's B.P. Siamese male Roseway Super Star by Tornada and Trubun Penny. Best S.H. Neuter was Mrs. Grant-Allen's Silver Tabby Premier Silver Mist by Bellever Calchas D'Acheux and Culverden Dear Charmer.

Challenge Certificates in Longhair adults were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway's Blue-eyed White male Charmina Zircon by Lotus Rollo (a welcome addition to the comparatively rare Blue-eyed Whites in England); Mrs.

Morris's Orange-eyed White female by Myrwal Andy; and Mrs. D. M. Fisher's Blue female Halcyon Devina by Woburn Chippy. Mrs. Macdonald, all the way from Co. Down, Eire, was rewarded with first and Ch. to her Cream male Hendras Chamois by Ch. Widdington Winterset and other winners were: Mrs. Lindsay's Silver Tabby female Dorstan Dalvina by Ch. Dorstan Darrall; Miss Woodfield's Red Tabby female Pathfinders Sunbeam by Ch. Pathfinders Golden Dawn. Miss Woodfield also won with her Tortoiseshell Pathfinders Lucky Stone by Ch. Cherry of Carne, and her Tortie and White Pathfinders Rosebud by the same sire.

Congratulations to Mrs. Brough on her Blue-Cream Dominic Benedikte attaining her final. She also bred her sire Dominic Benedict and her dam. Mrs. Harding won in Colourpoints with her female Briarry Suzannah by Ch. Briarry Euan and last but not least Mrs. L. Speirs won with her Chinchilla female Morgiana of Allington by Ch. Fidelio of Allington who was one of the cats brought out for Best in Show.

Double successes

Mrs. Claxton repeated her Kensington Kitten Show success with her Blue female kitten Gentian Heidi and the following kittens were awarded firsts in their Open Classes: Mrs. Aitken's Bournside Black Jet by Bournside Black Onyx; Mrs. Grimes' White Caple Fairy Queen by Ch. Ashdown Nut-hatch; and Mrs. Trevitt's Cream female Brizlee Juliet (by Ch. Deebank Victor) a well-grown kitten of good type. The same owner won in L.H. litters with three bonny Blues by Christie Blue Prince. The winning Cream in the younger kitten class was Mrs. Parson's Romany Roxana by Golden Monack, and in Silver Tabbies Chloe Rees' Courtmoor Nepeta by Silverseal Herrick. In Red Tabbies Mrs. Evans won with Jonquil by Digger.

Mrs. Lloyd was another exhibitor

following up a Kensington Kitten Show success with her Chinchilla Clondegad Ragged Robin by Spindrift Jasper. Mrs. Aston won in Blue-Creams with Widdington Penelope by Ch. Camber Winston.

Strong Siamese classes

Fifty-five Siamese adults in the four colours were a pleasing array and it was interesting to see the Maidenhead winner Mrs. Mason's Winceby Athene by Ch. Kanburi Mayo winning her first Ch. in a class of twelve females. The same owner won again with her S.P. Siamese neuter Winceby Achilles. Mrs. Martin's and Miss Eley's White-acres Moocy by Ch. Spotlight Melchoir was the winning S.P. male. Mrs. Macaulay's Heatheral Saralee by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad won in Blue Pointed females. One Challenge Certificate was awarded to Chocolate Pointed adults and that went to Mrs. Croft's Sabukia Choci-Creme by Ch. Killdown Kerry.

No Lilac Pointed males were entered but in Females Mrs. Fisher won with Praha POCO-Allergando by Browndreys Chaun.

Seventy-two Siamese kittens in ten Open Classes were duly sorted out and this was the result: S.P. Males—Miss Burness' Windale Derri by Ch. Dun-chattan Sabu Hassan and in females Mr. Richard Warner's Spotlight Finesse by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour (how consistently this breeder produces winners). In the older female kitten class Mrs. Cox's Crillion Cosette by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad won. Blue Pointed winners were: Mrs. Anderson's Susuki Blue Cupid by Ch. Spotlight Adonis and Mrs. Griffith's Middlefield Shiva by Ch. Helsby Chectah. Mrs. Ashford's Chocolate Pointed male Misselore Chocolate Whey acquitted himself well again by producing Mrs. Hudson's C.P. male kitten Supra Comus and Mrs. Ashford's L.P. male Annelida Mishe-Mokwa. The other

winning C.P. in the 6 to 9 months Open Class was Mrs. Cotsford Parkes' Thaipuss Wai Yoo by Ch. Jaddyx Quoff Deanan.

Thus Siamese produced their fairly consistent average of one third of the total exhibits.

Numerically, Burmese were the next best with four males headed by Mr. Wilde's Mairat Kaitu by Ch. Darshan Khudiram. Mrs. Pocock had two pleasing wins with Challenge Certificates to her Burmese female Kingsplay Pollyanna and her Blue Burmese female Blue Horizon both by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo who also sired Mrs. Grove-White's female kitten Ngo Amina. In Blue Burmese males Miss Bone won with her Blue Burmese adult Ballard Taro by Lindale Dear Dumbo and she also won with her Abyssinian kitten Nigella Miriam by Nigella Sita. Mrs. Knowles was another exhibitor who won with a Burmese kitten Ballard Tayu and in an amalgamated 3 to 6 months class with an Abyssinian Bernina Cordelia by Nigella Enrico.

Tough on some

One Challenge Certificate was awarded to the four Russian Blues entered and the winner was Miss Lee-Meade's female Harvees Demi-Tod by Meadliam Cheeson. In British Blues Mrs. Savage's Bonaventura Prudence by Ch. Jezreel Jake was prominent. Mrs. Beever's well known Black Shorthair Ch. Andersby Allacreiche added another Ch. to his many previous wins; and Mr. and Mrs. Fuller's Cream Shorthair male Patterpaws Purr Puss making his debut as an adult won and added further honour for his sire Ch. Littlewickers Blue Serge.

Mrs. Colville, one of our most enthusiastic Manx breeders won with Brumasino and her kitten Rosental Sasha by Robert the Bruce. Chloe Rees won in Silver Tabby kittens with her male Flixton Silver Twist by Ch. Culverden Norris. In Any Variety Self Kitten class Miss Corbould was the winner with Avril Kintor by Blue Briory.

Mrs. Moss won the Siamese litter class with her entry sired by Whiteoaks Malahide. Mrs. Hooper with a Burmese litter by Kathoodu Kimi won the Any Variety Except Siamese class.

Several of the side classes were very well filled and it was tough on the exhibits that some were not divided into males and females. For example, Any Colour Maiden Kitten (Longhair) with 21 exhibits and A.C. Novice Kitten except Blue with 19; and some of the Siamese kitten side classes many of which had over 15 entries. Mrs. Crickmore managing her first all breed Championship show gave an excellent impression of sang-froid and capability and breeders appreciated her acceptance of this onerous task. Many of us would like to see her managing a similar fixture in London when our varieties are in full pomp, viz. from mid-October to mid-January.

Blue Persian hopes

On November 7th we have the Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show and that will reveal if a later date than usual attracts a better entry than it has in the last few years. If not, it is this show which should be made an all-breed Longhair Ch. show, and incidentally that is what the members voted for by a majority at the last Annual General Meeting as they were prepared to face the fact that Blue Persians are not so strong in numbers as they were.

Out West

Mrs. Giles, Chairman of the South Western Counties Cat Club and manager of the Ch. Show at Exeter on September 27th kindly sent me a catalogue and I was delighted to hear that the 252 exhibits created a record for this Club, and that also applied to the gate on a day that was warm and sunny. It is not surprising that Mrs. Giles considers Exeter an ideal venue for a S.W.C.C.C. Ch. Show. It has excellent facilities for those exhibitors prepared to travel.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. McVady's Blue female Barbara of Dunesk by Gwynn of Allington and Gaydene Wildrose; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Paddon's Brown Tabby male Trelystan Felspar by Arcamor Scamp and Trelystan Asteria; Best L.H. Neuter—Miss Davis's Smoke Slapton Damon by Ch. Chadhurst Sambo and Slapton Dinah; Best Shorthair Cat—Miss Simcock's Red Tabby male Andersby Alder by Ch. Andersby Allfire and Ch. Pathfinders Nutmeg; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Denny's L.P. Siamese male Khubsurat Sweet Sultan by Waverley Blue Herald and Khubsurat Chandi Mori; Best S.H. Neuter—Mr. Watt's British Wotnonayme by Seahaze Mr. Misty and Eidleweiss.

Longhair breeders made an excellent entry with 101 exhibits, 88 cats and kittens, 8 neuters and 5 in the Any Colour Longhair Cat class.

Space will not permit details of all the winners but exhibitors who had some excellent wins included Mrs. Mearns with a Challenge Certificate for her White Snowcloud Ice Maiden and a first with her White male kitten Snowcloud Angelo both by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi. Miss Collins added a fourth to Champion Gippeswyk Jake's Certifi-

cates. A similar honour was awarded to Miss Sellars' Cream male Pilgrim Eudo by Prestwood Polka, and she also won with her Chinchilla kitten Poldenhills Meresca, which was so much admired at the Kensington Kitten Show in July. I believe Meresca was Best L.H. Kitten at the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Ch. Show on September 22nd.

Seven L.H. Tortoiseshells was an excellent number for this variety and Miss Woodthorpe recorded a nice win with a Ch. Certificate to Baytor Falling Leaves by Arcamor Scamp and Ch. to her Blue-Cream Ashdown Clematis by Woburn Sunshine and Black Arcamor Scamp by Valleyend Ecrie.

In Shorthairs Miss Woodthorpe also won with her adult Black female Teign Thunderbird and her Blue male Teign Thundercloud. Miss Langston's Chinchilla male Ch. Fidelio of Allington sired Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's winning male Ivelholme Democrat and their female Amberley Thistledown.

Surprisingly only seven Blue kittens were entered in three Open Classes and the winners were Miss Lench's Jasper Camelia and two males by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax, Mrs. Rees' Uplands San Pedro and Mrs. Benbow's Ardwyn Vedette. Eight

Blue-Cream kittens were entered (although three were absent), which is another indication of the rise in popularity of this breed. Mrs. Benbow's Petravian Shadows was first and won well in several side classes. Mr. Stirling-Webb won first and Ch. with his Colourpoint male Briarry Shamus by Briarry Jasper and his male kitten Briarry Juan. Mrs. Houlden was awarded another Ch. with her Red Tabby male Ch. Sherry of Carne by Chadhurst Black Monack. Mrs. Worsley had a successful day winning first and Ch. with her S.P. Siamese male Silken Katador by Doneraile Druid, her L.P. Siamese male Trubun Timothy by Kyrine Lilac Khan and by the same sire first with a litter of five Siamese. For good measure she recorded another C.C. for her Tortie-and-White Longhair Ch. Trubun Jennyfur.

One C.C. was awarded to Abyssinians and this went to Mr. Paddon's female Courtmoor Fashion. He also won first and second in Silver Tabby Shorthairs with Courtmoor Nanina and Courtmoor Novello and the Ch. in adults of this variety was awarded to Mrs. Rand's

male Courtmoor Silver Star, all three bred by him from Ch. Silverseal Herrick. The winning S.P. Siamese adult female was Mrs. M. Williams' (Glamorgane Sandi Shani by Sumfun Mata Terang.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ashford on her Chocolate Point male Misselfore Chocolate Whey and to his breeders Major and Mrs. Rendall on completing his Champion status. Two C.C.'s were awarded to B.P. Siamese and they went to Mrs. Biggie's Linton Ajax and to Mrs. Peck's Ch. Roseway Cinderella. The winning L.P. female was Mrs. Lovey's Huan Debutante.

Again there was generous support from clubs and members and special prizes numbered 257.

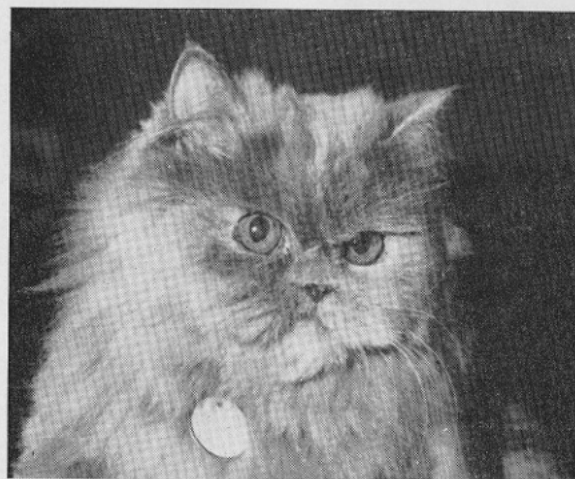
Safe arrival

It was pleasing to hear from Miss Anne Codrington that all the kittens referred to in last month's OUR CATS have arrived safely in Australia and by the time these notes appear should be in their new homes after their sixty days quarantine on arrival. Miss Codrington was delighted to receive the cable and expresses the hope that all



Southon, Salisbury

Mrs. M. Crampton, of Frome, Somerset, with her 11-year-old TIMMY, Best Household Pet at the recent show of the Three Counties' Cat Society. The pair had a place of honour at the special animal service held in Salisbury Cathedral after the show.



CH. PILGRIM MAYFLOWER, a young Blue Cream Longhair of great promise, who won her three C.C.'s at successive shows last season as well as 14 first prizes. Owner is Miss E. E. Sellar, of Bramley, Surrey.

new owners overseas are as thoughtful as Mrs. Corfield of Melbourne, who sent it and has written twice since. Miss Codrington's S.P. Siamese queen Celestial Melite has five lynx pointed kittens by Mrs. Hudson's lynx male Faux Pas. The Lilac Pointed Siamese male kitten Supra Lilac Leprechaun that this owner sent to Mrs. Gail Murray of New York was awarded two firsts and Best of Colour at his first show in U.S.A. and at his second show first again and Best of Colour.

Mrs. Hudson has what she believes to be the first litter by a lynx sire and a lynx dam. She is interested to see how they will turn out. One imagines such progeny will develop more accentuated stripes.

Reds and Torties

One tea party that I omitted to mention and which has taken place this summer was that given by Mrs. J. M. Newton, Hon. Secretary of the Red, Cream, Tortie, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society at her house, Moulsoford Grange, Berkshire. Twenty-four members attended, some accompanied by their husbands and there was a special welcome for Mr. and Mrs. Vize and Mrs. Shrouder who travelled all the way from Dorset to show her slides of cats and kittens in colour. This has been a real labour of love with the Shrouders and in future will be a valuable record of how some of our present day cats appeared. Breeders of the future will have far more comprehensive records than we had in our young days. One has only to peruse back numbers of *OUR CATS* to realize the lovely photos which have been published in this magazine alone and in addition there are the many illustrated cat books.

Mrs. Newton has bred two Longhair Red Tabby Champions in the last three years; Champion Cherry of Carne by Chadhurst Black Monack

owned by Mrs. Houlden who has several Challenge Certificates to his credit and Ch. Sherry of Carne. These two males have six Tortoiseshells in a direct line behind them and on the sire's side are Miss Rodda's famous Blacks, the late Miss Lelgarde Fraser's Reds, as well as Tortoiseshells Mrs. Newton has bred.

Miss Woodfield of Burton, Hants., purchased Cherry especially to breed Tortoiseshells and Tortie-and-Whites and her queens in his first three litters have produced two, one, and two again. For some years Mrs. Newton has kindly given a summer garden party which, in addition to her unremitting work for the Society, its classes and special prizes for every show of note, keeps the support and interest of its members.

Loss to Siamese

All those who have admired Mrs. Dadd's S.P. Siamese Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad (from a male of her own breeding Ch. Sabukia Sir Galahad) will sympathize in his death at under three years. Four times Best in Show and awarded five Challenge Certificates, he was Best Male at the Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show 1961.

Mrs. Dadd felt his loss so much that she decided not to keep another male. Let us hope this feeling will pass as she has been a very successful young breeder. In the meantime her other lovely Siamese male Ch. Killdown Kerry has been acquired by Mrs. Keene, famous for her Killdown Siamese. She bred his sire Ch. Killdown Sultan and also owns his dam Killdown Fenella. She tells me Fenella is over 10 years and nursing a bonny litter by Ch. Kanburi Mayo and is never happier than when she has kittens to look after.



THE COPENHAGEN SHOW

Report from Mrs. E. Lentaigne

IN spite of warm and sunny weather, which usually takes people away from towns at week-ends, there was an excellent attendance at the Racekatten Club Show held in Copenhagen on October 5th, 6th and 7th. The Tivoli Concert Hall is a lovely venue, the pens were larger than the English ones and as exhibitors had furnished them with curtains, rugs, carpets, cushions, little painted cats, etc., all in colours to enhance the beauty of their cats, it was a brilliant and charming spectacle, especially for someone accustomed to the traditional English show.

Harder on the feet!

Mrs. P. Holroyd, the well-known English judge, was appointed to judge the Siamese and I was delighted to have the opportunity of stewarding for her at a foreign show. English stewards, please note that stewarding abroad is much harder on the feet than in England as each cat has to be extricated from its pen through curtains, etc. which can be quite a difficult operation as the pens are so much larger and the cat can retire to a corner out of reach. The pen doors are not at the front of the pen but at the back in narrow passages between the cages where the public are not allowed to go. So no unauthorized person can open a cage. Each cat is then carried across the hall to the judge's table right away from the public so the walking involved is considerable.

Mr. Richard Gebhardt, who is President of the Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey and a Board Director of the C.F.A., judged all the Longhair and Shorthair cats and was very impressed with the high quality of many of the

exhibits. He will be judging at the Paris Show and will then go to England to visit the Birmingham Show and to meet English breeders.

The following were the main awards and English imports and their progeny were well to the fore in many of the classes: Best in Show and Best Groomed Cat—A lovely Blue-eyed White female Franchesca av Smedbo sired by Int. Ch. Candidas av Smedbo × Int. Ch. Baralana av Birka; Best Opposite Sex, Best Danish Bred and Best Shorthair—An elegant Blue Point Siamese male Int. Ch. Rangoon Blue Gay, sired by Int. Ch. Browndreys Scamp × Salween Blue Mutte; Best Siamese Kitten and Best Kitten—A sweet tempered 6 month old Seal Point female Rangoon Alizetta sired by Whiteoaks Archer (who won his 3rd Certificate) × Ch. Rangoon Hebe; Best Shorthair Kitten—A nice little 4 month old Burmese female Curi von Berg sired by Sammy von Berg × Lövedalens Foremost Martine; Best Longhair Kitten—A well presented 9 month old Blue Persian male Bluemine Mascot sired by Bluemine Mountjoy × Bluemine Marmalotta.

Perfect organization

We were all very impressed with the way everything ran so smoothly and the complete absence of flapping and panic but everyone who has met Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth will appreciate that this just could not happen as anything organized by her is perfection. Everybody connected with the show is allotted a job and does it most efficiently, and we were all very grateful for the patience, hospitality and kindness shown to us by Mrs. Eisenhuth, her officers and committee members.

News from "Down Under"

HELLOA, everybody! We are having lovely mild sunny days again with gorgeous snow on the Alps and the roads that way are very congested with ski parties. Have never tried it, but it looks interesting.

New South Wales: The last show of the season, Central Coast Cat Club (4 C's I call it for short) was a very fine fixture, reflecting the greatest credit on Mrs. and Mr. Tchan, the Secretary and organizers. In such a huge district as Gosford the visitors turned up in style to aid the Crippled Children's Association. A profit of roughly £70 was a grand result. Mr. and Mrs. Williams came all the way from Armidale to exhibit. A feature of the show was the beautiful paintings by Mrs. Richardson of Siamese cats and some very fine landscapes. Another very welcome novelty was the presentation of a dressed chicken and a case of vegetables to complete a hot dinner for four to each judge. At the last Consultative Committee meeting the Cat of the Year awards were determined. Mrs. Mullins was successful in the Longhair section with her New Zealand import Lindisfarne Bye Bye Blackbird, a handsome Black male by Mrs. Downey's Ch. Slapton Black Magic. Never saw a cat so much like his old man as Blackbird, lovely to handle and always well paraded. Mrs. Mullins also owned the L.H. runner-up, Ch. Highland Golden Star, a lovely Cream from Miss Lovejoy of New Zealand. Mrs. Outram was successful in Shorthairs with her male Abyssinian Kongsu Abu Hermes, who just loves shows and meeting people. Mrs. Outram was so thrilled she came back from Papua to celebrate the win. I think Mrs. Meany was S.H. runner-up with Lindfield Rajah, a S.P. Siamese with lots of quality.

Early in September a very happy

evening was spent in the city by 70-odd people who attended an "Evening in Siam", promoted by the very energetic editress of our *Cats' Digest*, Mrs. Savage. The proceeds will benefit the combined cat clubs annual Christmas picnic and help provide toys for the children. A dozen Thai students came along from the N.S.W. University and Thai music, handicrafts, native dress, etc., was on display. The students were led by Painote Geshmankit and the ladies looked very attractive in national costume. Professor W. R. Geddes, from the University, gave a very interesting lecture on Thailand and its people.

Voting for the three vacancies on the R.A.S. Consultative Committee last month resulted—F. W. Pearce, Mrs. Murfin and Mrs. A. Vize in that order.

I am still trying hard to establish an agreement between all states here, Tasmania and New Zealand to exchange quarterly a list of prefixes applied for. Would like a H.Q. (say in N.S.W.) where all lists could be sent, approved or otherwise, and returned. A second or even third choice could be included in case the first one has been taken. There are so many well known names in the cat world which have been built up over the years and they have great value, both intrinsic and sentimental. The existing risk of exploitation could be eliminated by my scheme for the centralization of registration. Some protection should be afforded those breeders of long standing who have done such sterling work in supplying good stock to those requiring same.

Queensland: Lectures, afternoon tea parties and all sorts of get-togethers seem to be the order just now and some very happy outings are reported, the latest, I understand, being held at Mrs. Shead's. Previously they were "on" at Mrs.

Cawley's and Mrs. Batten's. By the way, a very interesting story is told concerning the last-named lady and a dear old kookaburra with more curiosity than the circus monk which decided to explore the inside of her brick chimney. When finally released the bird proceeded to change the colour of everything in the lounge room as it went into orbit. Even

the kookaburra was too sooted up to laugh much!

New Zealand: I have received the August *Newsletter* from the G.C. Secretary, Mrs. G. B. Bassett. Judges reports are printed on Foxton Show and also Northland's first Championship Show. Both were very successful.

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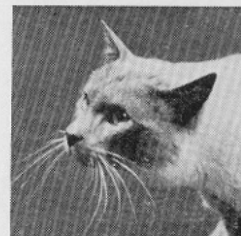
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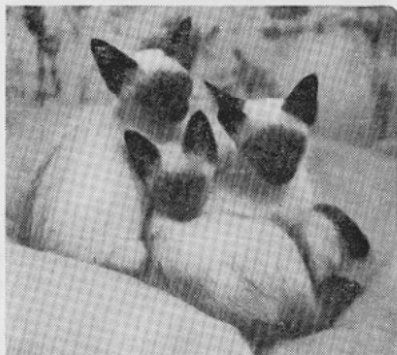
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