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# Poetry and cats

By ARMITAGE HARGREAVES

ONE of the qualities which go to make a poet is the ability to say something in a new way and in such a manner that it claims as much attention as a hungry Siamese cat. Poets have written about birds, horses, dogs, cats and other animals, and in a very few words are able to conjure up vivid pictures of their subjects.

Blake has done this with one of the biggest cats,

*“ Tiger! Tiger! burning bright  
In the forests of the night.”*

At once we are compelled to notice both the ferocity of the animal and his coat colour against the dark mysterious background. Then later in the poem comes the line, “*Did He Who made the lamb make thee?*”, the very simplicity of which makes the tiger appear even more terrifying and powerful.

Though I am dealing specifically with poetry it is worth reminding you of the ordinary nursery rhyme “*Pussy-cat, Pussy-cat, where have you been?*”. This is the question every one asks a beloved pet after its prolonged absence and one which cats like the one in the rhyme do their best to evade.

If your cat lives in London and has slipped past the guard at Buckingham Palace he would never sell his story to the evening paper. He would be likely to give the reporter a good scratch for interfering and say to his cat friends “*Oh well! I only frightened a mouse*”. For felines this is just an everyday occurrence, even if the Queen had been pleased with the action of the visiting mouser. So it will be seen that this nursery rhyme holds a lot of cat nature in a nutshell.

One of the best known cat poems was written by Thomas Gray in the 18th century “*On a Favorite Cat Drowned in a Tub of Gold Fishes*”. Selima was a tabby, and though demure and pensive, she amused herself watching the goldfish glide to and fro; “*She saw; and purr'd applause*”. And then presently overpowered by her natural feline curiosity “*She stretch'd in vain to reach the prize*”. Then followed the dreadful tragedy, “*The slipp'y verge her feet beguiled, She tumbled headlong in*”. Because she was obviously a pampered cat no one, even if they did hear her scream, came to the rescue. In five words Gray states a very sad fact, “*A fav'rite has no friend!*” Poor Selima, I wonder if she was fussy, overweight, and fed between meals!

John Keats' cat is a very different one and worthy of a sonnet. He wonders how many “*fish and mice, and rats, and tender chick*” this cat had consumed during his halcyon days, and points out his beautiful coat condition despite the fact that his “*—tail is nick'd off*” and the mauls given by “*—the fists of many a maid*”. Keats is obviously fond of this old, slightly asthmatic cat. Nevertheless, he begs him, as we have so often done;

*“ —but pr'ythee do not stick  
Thy latent talons in me— ”.*

Harold Monro is another poet who understood feline nature. "Milk for the Cat" is an account of an everyday happening, a cat coming for its saucer of milk at tea time. But how well the poet describes the scene.

*"The little black cat with bright green eyes  
Is suddenly purring there" . . .  
"And presently her agate eyes  
Take a soft large milky haze"*

until her whole little body "*—becomes one breathing, trembling purr*".

That line is almost a purr itself. But all that purring does not bring immediate attention so she changes tactics by growing

*"—small and thin with desire,  
Transformed to a creeping lust for milk"*.

What an apt description of a cat pretending to be hungry. Then when at last the milk is set before her

*"She sighs and dreams and thrills and glows,  
Transfigured with love" and when  
"—her tongue has curled the last holy drop,  
She sinks back into the night,"  
"—to heap her sleepy nerves in the great arm-chair,  
Lies defeated and buried deep  
Three or four hours unconscious there"*.

This poem gives us a very familiar picture but so much enhanced by the poet through his choice of the right words and sounds: heap, sleep, defeat, deep, three; don't you find all those "e" sounds are making you drop off to sl—ee—p?

The Canadian poet E. J. Pratt wrote a poem called "The Prize Cat" which is a stringent reminder that the cat's inherited instinct still reflects the caves where its ancestors lived, the forests where they hunted thousands of years ago, and where its cousins the wild cat linger to-day. The cat Pratt tells us about was a "*Pure blood domestic, guaranteed*", and he assures us that "*gentility was in the fur*". Then the thought comes to him

*"What distance since those velvet pads  
Departed from the leopard's track!"*

and he muses

*"—how Time had thinned  
The jungle strain within the cells,  
How human hands had disciplined  
Those prowling optic parallels;"*

But all at once the illusion is shattered as the cat leaps at a bird and the poet sees

*"—the generations pass  
Along the reflex of a spring,"*

thus reminding us in one short sentence of the cat's natural predatory instinct, and how in a flash it responds.

*"I thought an Abyssinian child  
Had cried out in the whitethroat's scream"*.

This is the dreadful picture left with us at the end of the poem. Not all the care and love and domestication, not all the pure blood and prizes have counteracted the innate desire to hunt. This poem is an example of something we know only too well, brought before our attention by the poet's dramatic expression. He makes a new, sudden and disturbing impact on the reader; yet it was only a poem about a cat catching a bird.

For centuries cats have been a subject of poetry and are found in the works of Shelley, Wordsworth, Swinburn, Arnold, and others. But what I have been trying to show you through the poems selected here is that a poet is able to portray our cats spotlighted in the beam of well chosen and expressive words. That is what a poet should be able to do with whatever he writes about, and in whatever style he chooses. Of course, some do it better than others!

### Remembering "Old Possum"

I could write endlessly on this subject, but no article about cats and poetry should omit T. S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats".

The first poem makes a specific appeal to all breeders and owners, for according to Eliot every cat must have three names. One for family use; a dignified one without which

*"—how can he keep up his tail perpendicular,  
Or spread out his whiskers, or cherish his pride?"*

and lastly the name the cat calls himself and which he will never divulge. The final lines of this poem are really delightful;

*"When you notice a cat in profound meditation,  
The reason, I tell you, is always the same:  
His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation  
Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his name:  
His ineffable effable  
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Deep and inscrutable singular Name".*

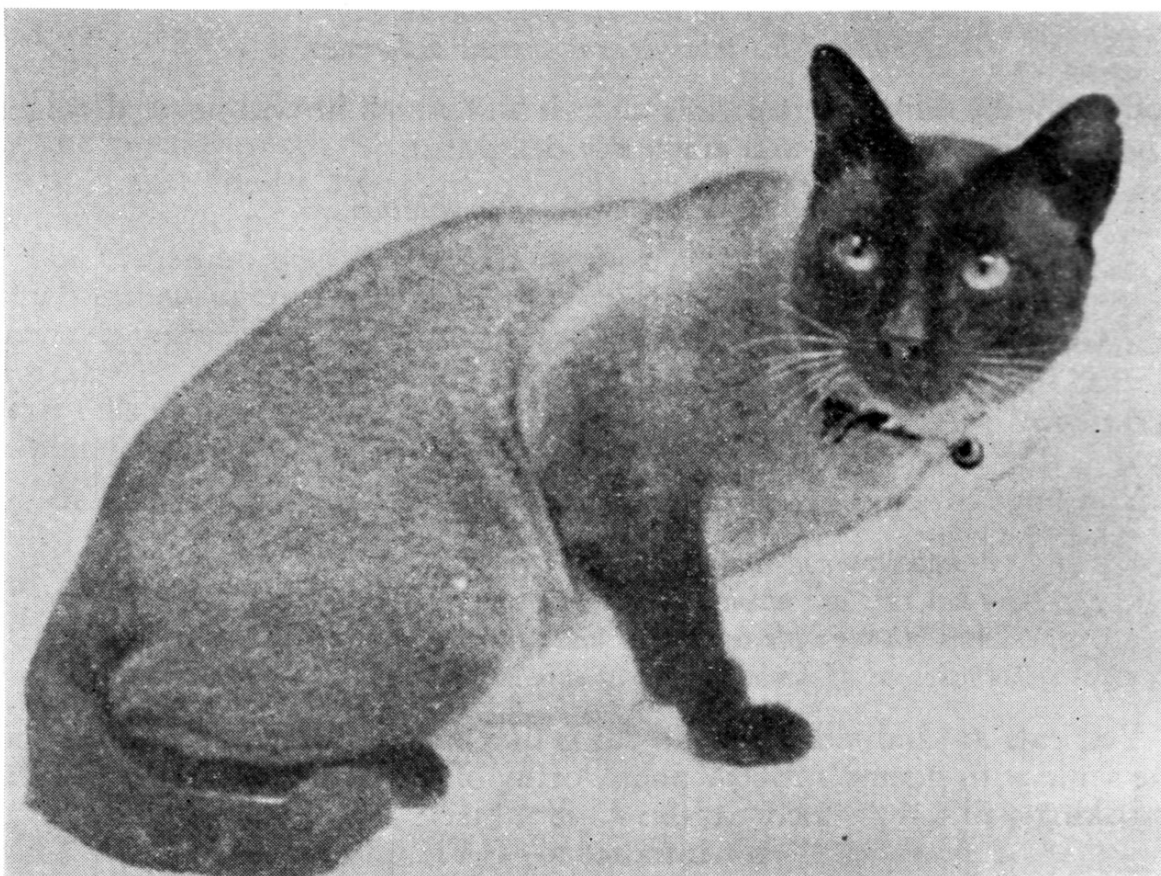
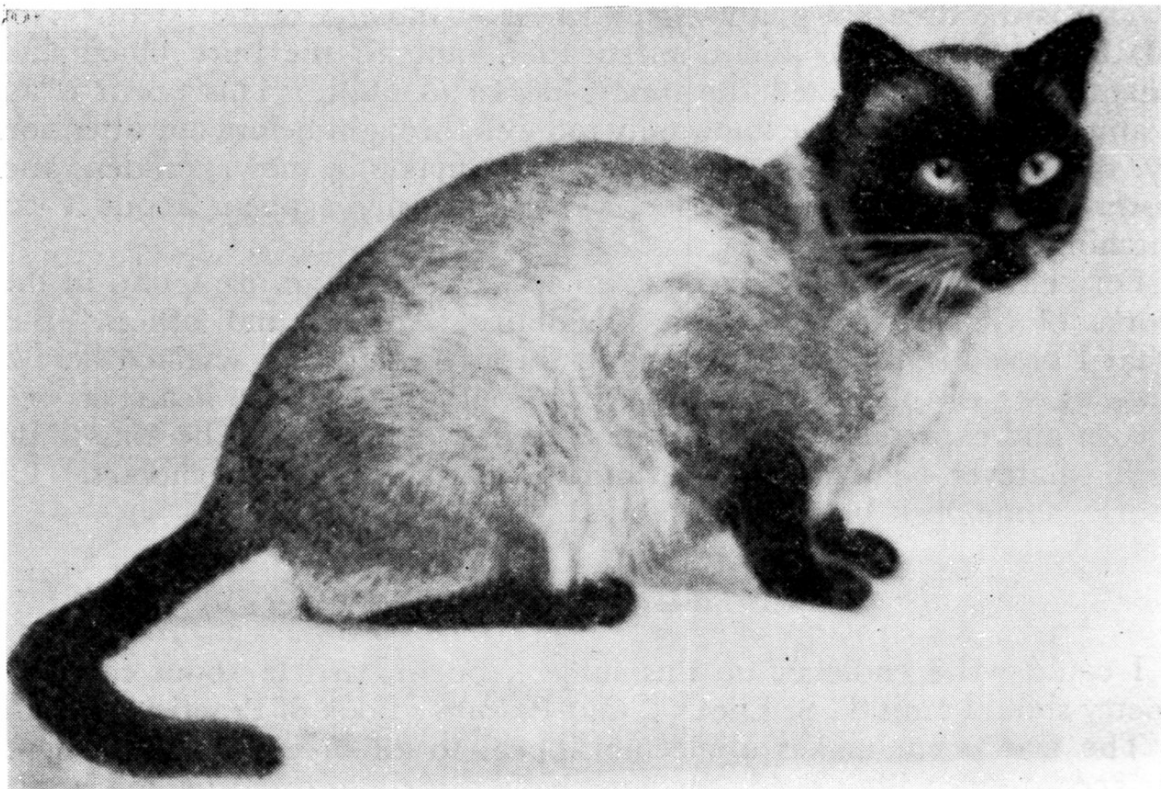
You have probably read the book and to quote the last poem in it

*"—have learned enough to see  
That cats are much like you and me  
And other people whom we find  
Possessed of various types of mind".*

Yes, cats are individuals. No cat is like another; and that should be the same with poems. Every poet worthy of the name is able to produce a strikingly different poem on the same subject,  
for instance a—CAT.

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**The pair of Siamese above—Champion Wankee and Tiam-o'-Shian IV—were well known members of the breed in the early part of the century, when the best of them had “round heads, squints, thick kinked tails—the lot!” These pictures should be compared with that on page 8 of a Siamese male which conforms to the modern Standard.**



# ***Looking at the breeds***

## **No. 14 - SIAMESE**

By HUGH SMITH

**O**F all the breeds of pedigree cats, to-day it is the Siamese that tops the poll. Although fashion plays some part in determining popularity, there is little doubt that the qualities of these cats make a very strong claim to human favour.

They possess the very essence of feline grace. They have a thoroughly independent nature but also an almost incredible capacity for human companionship. So strong is the craving for the warmth of affection that where it is absent the Siamese cat or kitten becomes a sad creature indeed. One could wish that only those who realised this and were prepared to return affection in full measure would ever own these cats.

### **Learn their language**

There are of course people who don't like them. Some think they look fierce and wild. True, they have tremendous spirit, but they are invariably gentle unless frightened or attacked. Their voices are of course terrific and to the uninitiated, quite startling. No one who finds that loud and demanding "Wiaouw!" offensive to the ear should ever own a Siamese. It is part of a language one must learn to understand. Siamese are said to have first been introduced into the United Kingdom in 1884. They had been recognised as a distinct breed as early as 1830. Two cats were obtained from the Royal Palace by Mr. Owen Gould, British Resident in Bangkok. They were exhibited at the Crystal Palace in 1885.

The early Siamese were very unlike those we see on the show benches to-day. The prize cats were of a quality that no present day judge would countenance for a moment. Round heads, squints, thick kinked tails—the lot! Yet no doubt they had that exquisite Siamese charm we are so familiar with to-day. But they were as different from the slinky small-boned creatures that pass across the Best in Show judging tables to-day as chalk is from cheese.

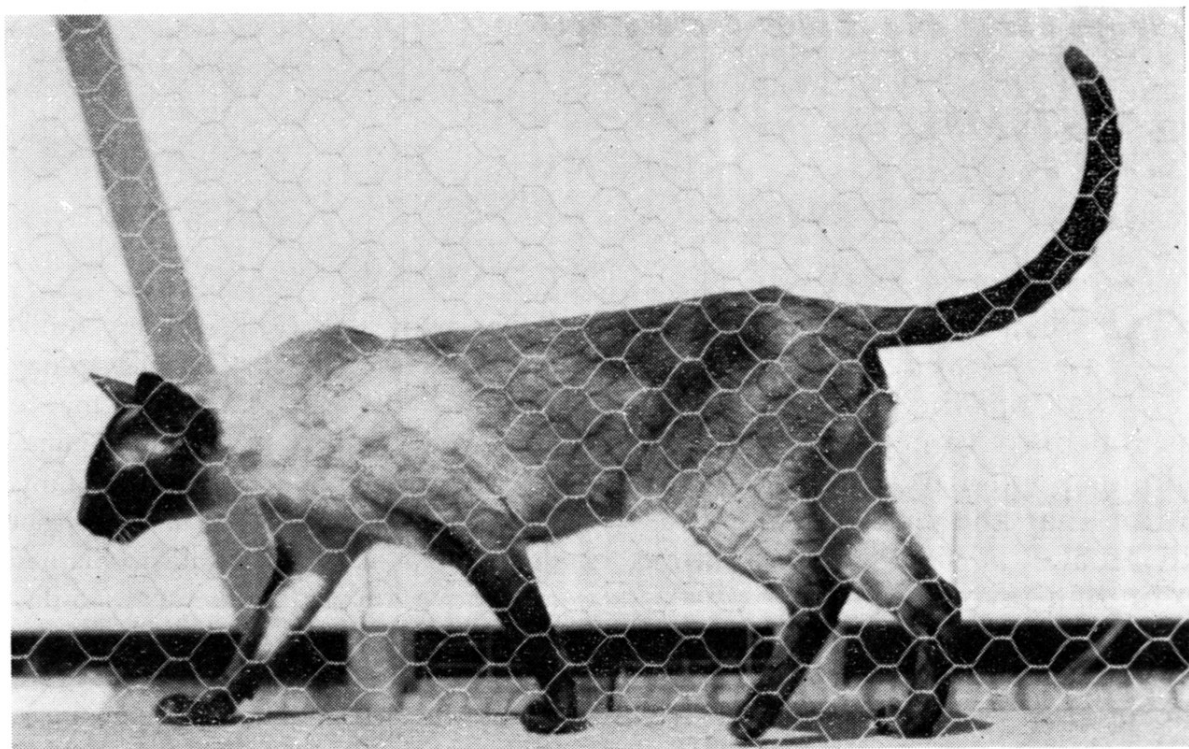
There have during the past couple of decades been influences at work within the Fancy that strive to create the image of the ideal Siamese as a rather diminutive creature. Everything tends to be diminished.

The sturdy character of the earlier Siamese has tended to be bred out with kinky tails and squints. The marten face is becoming the rat face. The show pens are becoming full of chinless wonders. This "new look" to the Siamese seems to many people to have gone too far and they wonder whether breeding qualities may not suffer from "miniaturisation".

### **The G. C. Standard**

The Standard set by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy reads as follows for the Seal Pointed Siamese:

*Shape (Body and Tail):* Medium size, body long and svelte, legs proportionately slim, hind legs slightly higher than the front ones, feet small and oval, tail long and tapering (straight or slightly kinked at extremity). The body, legs, feet, head and tail all in proportion, giving the whole a well balanced appearance.



*Hugh Smith*

**The show Siamese of to-day as typified by Mrs. Kathleen R. Williams' CH. BLUEHAYES FOXY, who has sired many Champions and winners in different parts of the world.**



**There's quite a story behind this bonny litter of 3 female and 6 male Siamese kits. They were born in New Zealand to BONSHAW ALICE, a queen belonging to Mrs. Don Capon. Just before the kittens were due to arrive the queen was "packed off" to Mrs. Capon's mother in Wellington as Mrs. Don was also expecting her first baby. Mother soon found that she had taken on quite a job and when the count reached seven there was much frantic telephoning and requests for "what to do?" When the ninth kit arrived emergency plans were laid on with the help of Mrs. Margaret Davies, who is prominently associated with the local Siamese Club. A Siamese queen who had lost her kittens was found to act as foster mother. Mrs. Capon's mother gradually regained her composure as the two queens combined happily to bring up the healthy family you are looking at now.**

*Head and Ears*: Head long and well proportioned with width between the eyes, narrowing in perfectly straight lines to a fine muzzle. Ears rather large and pricked, wide at the base.

*Eyes (Colour and Shape)*: Clear, brilliant deep blue. Shape Oriental and slanting towards the nose. No squint.

*Body Colour*: Cream, shading gradually into pale warm fawn on the back. Kittens paler in colour.

*Points*: Mask, ears, legs, feet and tail dense and clearly-defined seal brown. Mask complete and (except in kittens) connected by tracing with the ears.

*Coat*: Very short and fine in texture, glossy and close-lying.

SCALE OF POINTS

Type and Shape				
Head	...	...	...	15
Ears	...	...	...	5
Eyes	...	...	...	5
				—
				25
Body	...	...	...	15
Legs and paws	...	...	...	5
Tail	...	...	...	5
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Colour:				
Eyes	...	...	...	15
Points	...	...	...	10
Body colour	...	...	...	10
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Texture of coat...	...	...	...	10
Condition	...	...	...	5
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Squints and kinked tails are to-day almost non-existent; so too alas, are pale coats except in kittens and young cats! There are perhaps too many on the

show bench with the pinching between muzzle and cheek, which is a bad fault. Fortunately judges nowadays are pretty severe on this point.

He would be bold indeed who would attempt to sift history from legend in the quest for truth about the origin of the Siamese. It is a charming thought that the kink we have now got rid of was acquired by the faithful pet of the princess who threaded her rings on his tail for safe keeping while she bathed. But many deny that the Siamese cat ever had the prerogative of Royal favour. Nor would they acquiesce to the belief that it was a temple cat.

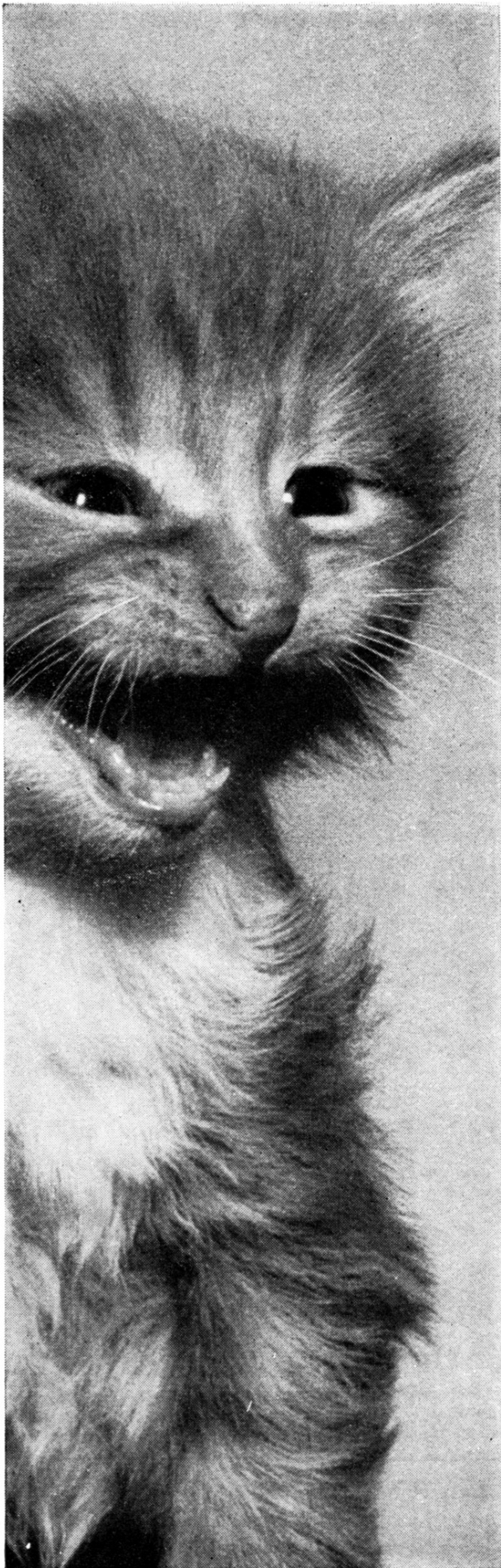
It really does not matter where this heaven-sent animal companion came from. For me it is sufficient that where I am, my cat wants to be too. He is the great sharer of my hearth, my chair, my bed (if I'll let him!) and as much of my time as I can give.

Besides the Seal Pointed Siamese there are the Blue Pointed, the Chocolate Pointed, the Lilac Pointed, all recognized now as registered breeds by the Governing Council. There are as well the Red Pointed and so-called Lynx Pointed, varieties that have not yet secured recognition. It is proposed to deal with these breeds in a continuation of the series.

The club which serves the owners and breeders of all kinds of Siamese is the Siamese Cat Club founded in 1901 and the biggest specialist cat club in the United Kingdom. Its Secretary is Mrs. Mary Dunnill, The Garth, High Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

There are two other clubs, the Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire, (Secretary: Mr. K. J. Stanley, "Welbeck", Oakside Way, Shinfield Road, Reading, Berks.) and the recently formed Siamese Cat Association (Secretary: Mrs. E. Towe, 6 Palmerston Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.19).

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A rare legal tangle is being sorted out in the French courts in which the Countess de Gastines is the central figure. Count Jean died in 1958 and shortly before his death the Countess started divorce proceedings. Amongst other things, she objected to his filling the Paris flat with cats and white mice. The Count apparently made three wills. In the first he left his fortune to a monastery on condition the monks cared properly for his 14 cats and 8 mice. Subsequent on-the-spot investigation convinced the Count that monastic conditions were not suitable for his pets. In the second will the money went to his cousin but this was cancelled because he was heard to pass some unpleasant remarks about the cats over dinner one evening. In the third will the Count left his fortune to another relative. This will survived his death and it is the one which the Countess is contesting on the grounds of insanity. Only four of the cats are now living.

The *Newsletter* for January of the Rhodesia Cat Club reports the arrival

“on the Comet to-day” of three imports for members. They were the Smoke Champion Treetops Zoe and Briary Zodia, a Black Longhair (both for Mr. Mowatt) and a C.P. Siamese kitten Annelida Trickster for Mrs. Tonkin. When on a visit to London Mrs. Tonkin visited the National Show at Olympia and selected Trickster for herself after he had won his Open and several side classes. All three cats have been entered for the March show of the Club.

A happy reunion was celebrated recently by the Farwell family of Southampton. Five months earlier Jennie, their treasured pet cat, had jumped from the car at Newton Abbot which is 120 miles away in Devon. Imagine their surprise when Jennie was discovered sniffing at the car from which she had jumped as it stood outside her Southampton home . . . she had returned at the rate of less than a mile per day!

“If it be true that nations have the cats they deserve, then the English people deserve well of cats, for there are none so prosperous or so friendly in the world”.—*Hilaire Belloc*.

From the personal column of *The Times*: “Adorable stripey tabby cat (four months) would like quiet country home immediately”.

The unusual alarm “Cat overboard!” went out on board the P. & O. liner *Stratheden* when she was at Melbourne, Australia, last month. Coffee, the

ship's young Burmese cat, had fallen into a discharge pipe and was in danger of drowning. A lifeboat was lowered to rescue him. Had Coffee decided to swim to the shore from the docked liner it could have cost Captain P. G. Lawrence £40 for a breach of the quarantine regulations. In a radio-telephone message sent later by the radio officer David Sims when the liner was at sea again it was emphasized that the captain wasn't bothered about the risk of a fine. He was much more concerned about the safety of a pet he was fond of.

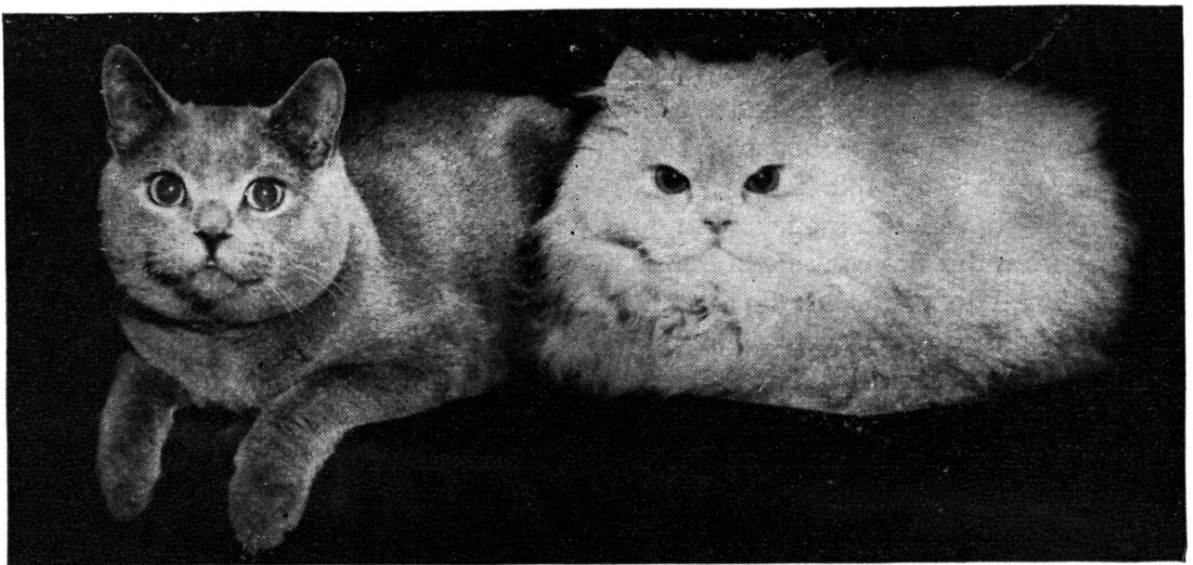
Publications received this month include a set of the 1962 quarterly issues of *Felix*, which caters for the Fancy in Sweden. This little magazine is brightly produced and well illustrated and it would appear to reflect increasing activity and progress among the five clubs of that country. One of the issues carries a profile of Mrs. Doris Brice-Webb who judged at the 3-day show of Linkopings Kattklubb in March last year.

The Siamese Cat Association and the Shorthaired Cat Society are staging an All Breed Shorthair Show at the Ralli Memorial Hall, Hove, Sussex, on Saturday, 25th May next. A fund which provides for cats in distress will benefit

should the show turn out to be a financial success. The Show Manager is Mrs. H. Martin, Chetnole House, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

The Rand Cat Club of South Africa is planning to have a "Cats Through the Ages" Exhibition in October. It will be on the lines of the exhibition which Sidney and Helen Denham staged to such good purpose some few years back in the West End of London. Should any of you wish to help this worthy project towards success, suggestions, ideas and of course suitable articles for exhibition will be gratefully received by the Club's Secretary Mrs. Linda Emery, P.O. Box 44, Edenvale, Transvaal, South Africa. Articles sent on loan will be insured and every possible care taken of them.

Up, up, up! Here is an adjective working overtime these days. We have had some shocks and surprises over the past few months and now comes news of another increase which should stir "humane" Britain to a sense of realization and responsibility. The R.S.P.C.A. headquarters report for 1962 shows that 1,025 convictions were recorded in magistrates' courts against people found guilty of cruelty to animals. This



*Derek Davis*

**This truly lovely and unusual pair grace the home of Mr. R. J. Shrimpton, of Purley, Surrey. On the left, Premier BONAVENTURA JACKSON, a British Blue bred by Mrs. K. B. Savage. Jackson completed his Premiership at 10½ months. The Longhair Cream BARTHOLOMEW OF PENSFORD, bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson, was born on 6th July last.**

figure is an increase for the fourth year in succession, the previous totals being 1959, 707; 1960 767; 1961 962. Worse is to come! The figures for convictions against juveniles have also spiralled—185 convictions in 1962, 170 in 1961, 135 in 1960 and 114 in 1959. At this rate convictions against juveniles will have doubled in less than a decade. The Council of the Society recently decided to increase its corps of schools lecturers. Last year eight schools lecturers gave no less than 2,561 talks to groups of children.

What next? The members of an organization calling themselves "The Society for Indecency to Naked Animals" have been protesting in America that it is indecent for animals, including the horse ridden by the President's wife, to appear in public "in the raw" state. Horses and cows should be covered, they say. And cats and dogs, any animal, in fact, taller than four inches and longer than six. It is reported that the Society has designed trunks for stallions, petticoats for cows, knickers and shorts for cats and dogs. The leader of the campaign, Mr. G. Clifford Prout, Jun., claims that naked animals are a cause of juvenile delinquency, prurience and adult crime. He further claims 50,000 faithful members who are prepared to work and demonstrate "for the cause". I hope our Siamese Sam doesn't read this item!

The R.S.P.C.A. Animal Shelter in Margate, Kent, maintains a 15-year-old Guernsey cow Wallflower who does her best to provide more than two gallons of milk a day for the stray animals at the Shelter. Her broad back also provides a playground for some of the kittens.

A national campaign by the well-known firm of Chivers and Sons has been launched for their CM 49 marmalade.



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waiting for under the Pet Animals Act from the local council. The licences had been held back pending an investigation of the stalls and the animals. The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the R.S.P.C.A. have now advised that the stalls are in excellent condition and the pets for sale are not exposed to undue hardship.

When it comes to feline veterans, Twinkle, a handsome tabby who lives in Scotland with Captain and Mrs. W. Junner, of Ardlui, Elgin, is entitled to go on record. Twinkle, born in London, was taken over the border by Mrs. Junner's sister for a respite from the bombing. Conditions were so good that she decided to stay on when the time came round for her return to city life. When Twinkle celebrated her twenty-first birthday it was quite an occasion and friends came in to enjoy a special shrimp tea. Other parties have followed and this year Twinkle will celebrate her twenty-fourth birthday. Captain Junner provides three and sometimes four good meals a day for Twinkle, who likes shrimps, cream, a meaty beverage for eevenses and cods roe (that's the stuff for a glossy coat, he says!).

Police, firemen and R.S.P.C.A. officers

were called five times within a week to rescue a cat from a 40ft. fir tree at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Finally, the plea went out: "No more calls, please. The cat likes being up there and can crawl down quite easily".

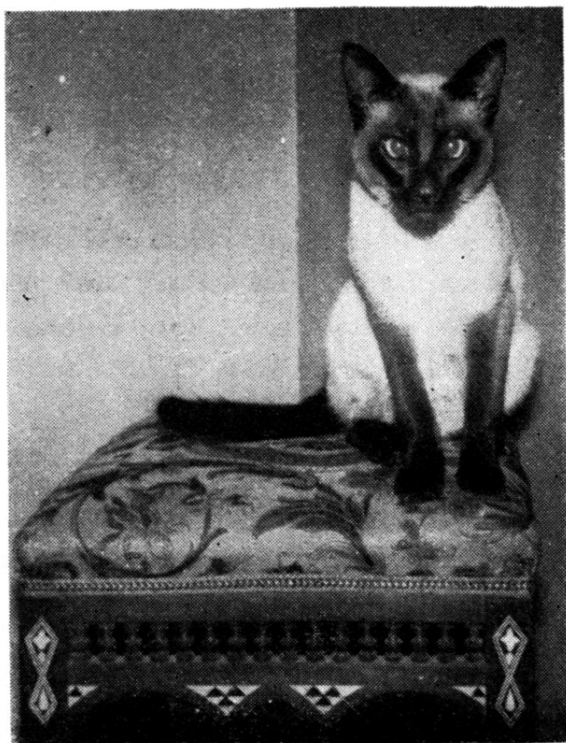
Workmen belonging to the Inverness (Scotland) County Council were just in time to rescue a kitten from under several feet of ashes and rubbish at a tipping ground. When they heard cries of distress they dug down and found the kitten imprisoned in a cardboard box. Christened Cinders, the kitten was kept for a time at the workmen's yard but his life was again feared for as he played around the wheels of the lorries. Mary Ellen Stewart solved the problem when she took lucky Cinders home to the safety of her mother's croft.

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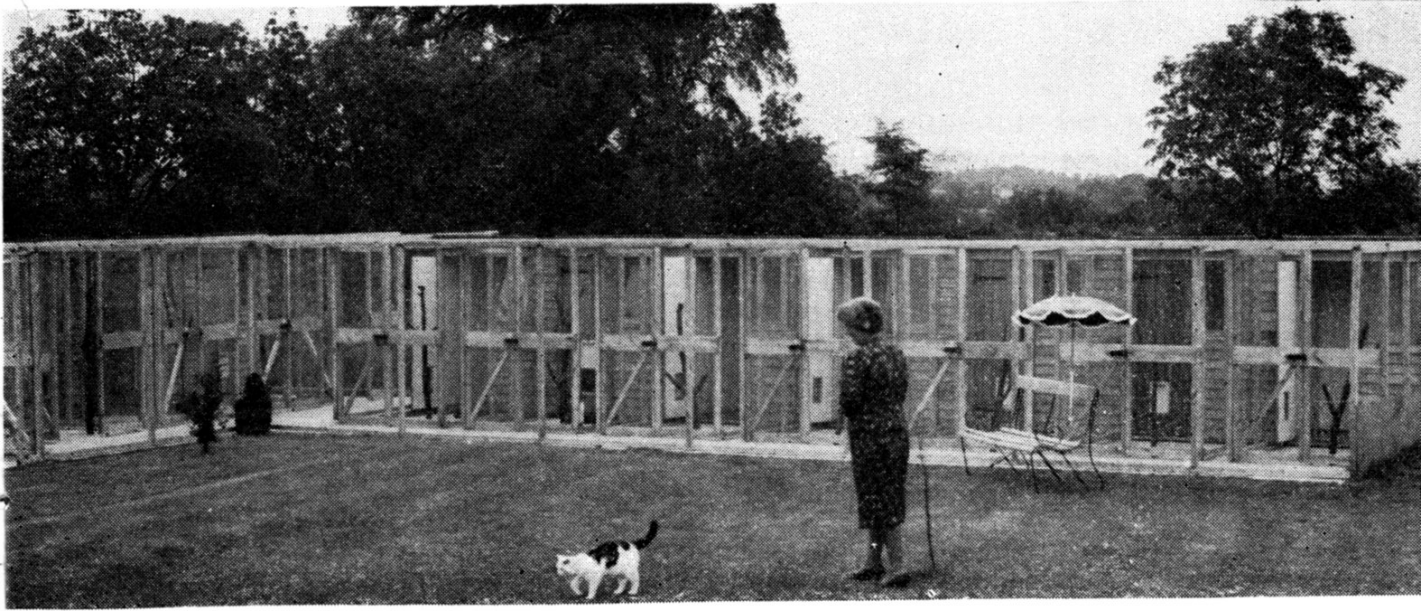
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**Champion WINDALE DERRI, a young Seal Point Siamese owned by Mrs. L. Forrest, of Staunton, near Gloucester. Derri's quick progress to Championship status at 10½ months reflects great credit on novice breeder Miss Lylie Burness, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk. His sire was Mrs. B. Hewlett's Ch. Dunchattan Sabu Hassan and his dam Crimplesham Narong bred by Mrs. T. Wilson Taylor. Narong was Miss Burness's first Siamese and Derri was one of a litter of nine, all of whom thrived.**







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**A view of the chalets at Wythams, High Ongar, Essex, photographed soon after their completion last year.**

## ***Cat boarding . . . and consciences***

By ARTHUR E. COWLISHAW

**“No one must shut his eyes and regard as non-existent the sufferings of which he spares himself the sight. Let no one regard as light the burden of his responsibility.”** *Albert Schweitzer in “Relations between Men and the Animal World.”*

VERY soon now holiday time will be round again for most people. Happy days lie ahead for father, mother and the youngsters. But alas! not so happy for thousands of cats and kittens who have shared the family hearth during the duller days of autumn and winter. It will be their fate to be cast out like some broken ornament when the time draws near for father to lock up the house and wave goodbye to the neighbours. If pets interfere with pleasure, get rid of the pets; that is the creed of this omnipotent man. And if the children cry over their lost pets, there's always mother to console them with “Don't fret, duckie, father will get you another one when we get back from our holidays”.

I personally incline to the view that the appalling increase in the number of pets destroyed and abandoned to enable their owners to go on holiday is a by-product of an affluent society. The figures grow each year, particularly in the industrial centres, as family earnings become larger and working hours shorter. If it were possible to blazon the full facts and figures on the front page of every national newspaper, “humane” Britain would be shocked and shamed, I would hope, into action.

This year the humane societies will be intensifying their appeal to animal owners not to shelve their responsibilities by abandoning their pets when they go on holiday. One large and active

society reports that the appeal is needed more than ever as the past twelve months have been black ones in the history of their homes for lost and unwanted pets. Available accommodation has been strained to the limit. Moreover, it is becoming a year-round problem as more people are now taking holidays in the winter months.

It is indeed a grim situation and one for which it is impossible to suggest any quick solution. The law can now operate in proved cases of abandonment and these provide some useful opportunities for publicity in the local press. Obviously, it is amongst the school children that most good can be done on a long term policy. The press, radio and television should be prevailed upon to devote more space and time to this ugly social sore. "Your pet is *your* responsibility" might very well be the slogan for a national campaign?

Let us consider for a moment what are the alternatives when a pet owner has decided to go away for a holiday. Some manage successfully to take their cat away with them and I understand a guide book has been published this year which lists hotels and boarding establishments throughout the country where four-legged guests are made welcome.

If a cat cannot be taken away with the family, then two alternatives are left: (a) it can remain at home in the care of a trustworthy "cat watcher" who might be a friend or a neighbour (a cat lover, of course!) and (b) it can be taken to a boarding establishment.

I know my good friend and our old contributor P. M. Soderberg will not mind if I quote him on boarding establishments from his excellent book *The Care of Your Cat*. He writes: ". . . many of these temporary homes are ex-

tremely good. The owner can go away happily and feel that if he has taken his cat to one of these establishments, it will be well looked after, and veterinary attention will be available as soon as it is needed. On the other hand, there are a few establishments which are not as satisfactory, and it is thus essential for the peace of mind of the owner and the happiness of the cat that any boarding establishment shall be chosen after inspection. It may also be safer to accept the recommendation of a friend whose own animal has been kept in any particular establishment."

### **Rough on dogs**

Since these views were expressed in 1957 the need for care in the selection of a boarding establishment has intensified. Demand for reliable boarding facilities in some areas now exceeds the supply with the result that many undesirables are attempting to "cash in" on the problem of pet owners who want to go on holiday.

In the dog world of recent months the situation became truly alarming; so bad in fact that the National Canine Defence League conducted a campaign against what were described as "Belsen kennels". These consisted of converted chicken huts and broken-down sheds hastily knocked together and given the title "Holiday Home for Dogs". It was found that the poor animals were locked up alone in dark huts for hours on end, food consisted mainly of bread and water, hygiene was non-existent and in many cases there was terrible overcrowding. The League decided that Britain's dog kennels should be inspected and given star ratings, just like hotels.

I would not go so far as to say that conditions are as bad in the cat world. There are a number of excellent boarding catteries in the southern part of the country—those run by Dr. and Mrs. Francis near Yeovil (exclusively for Siamese), by Mrs. Mollie Turney and by Mrs. E. Polden, both in Berkshire, and by Miss Mary Stuart Hodgkinson in Surrey are examples. But the general level is not as high as it should be and we may yet see the day when all pet boarding establishments are brought under official registration and inspection, as the pet shops now are. An attempt was made in the House of Commons last year to introduce a bill that would provide this kind of control but it did not meet with the support necessary to ensure its success.

The demand for first-class boarding facilities is sure to increase over the years as our standards of living continue on an upward curve. Before I conclude this article I intend to tell you about an interesting development in boarding in America. But first let me tell you about a happy discovery nearer home.

### **Excellence in Essex**

During my wanderings last year I was privileged to inspect what is probably the latest and best of feline boarding establishments in the country. It is under the care and supervision of Mrs. Mary White at Wythams, High Ongar, Essex. For some months previous I had been aware of what was going on in the spacious garden behind this lovely old country home. No jerry building here!

Much thought and careful planning lies behind the construction of the cattery at Wythams. The whole is architect designed

and it also incorporates suggestions put forward by Mrs. Joan Judd, of the Feline Advisory Bureau. It is ideally sited so that every cat has an unimpeded view of the surrounding country-side whilst being in easy sight and reach when a little individual care and attention is considered desirable.

The chalets (see picture, p.15) are built on a solid concrete base with a fall to the rear in all cases, so that any debris which might lodge underneath can be easily washed away into the drains by surface water or hosepipe. American cedar wood has been chosen for their construction and their dimensions are 4' x 4' x 6' high. Each chalet is fitted with an adjustable window for ventilation and just below there is a large shelf on which the occupant can sit and watch the comings and goings of the country-side.

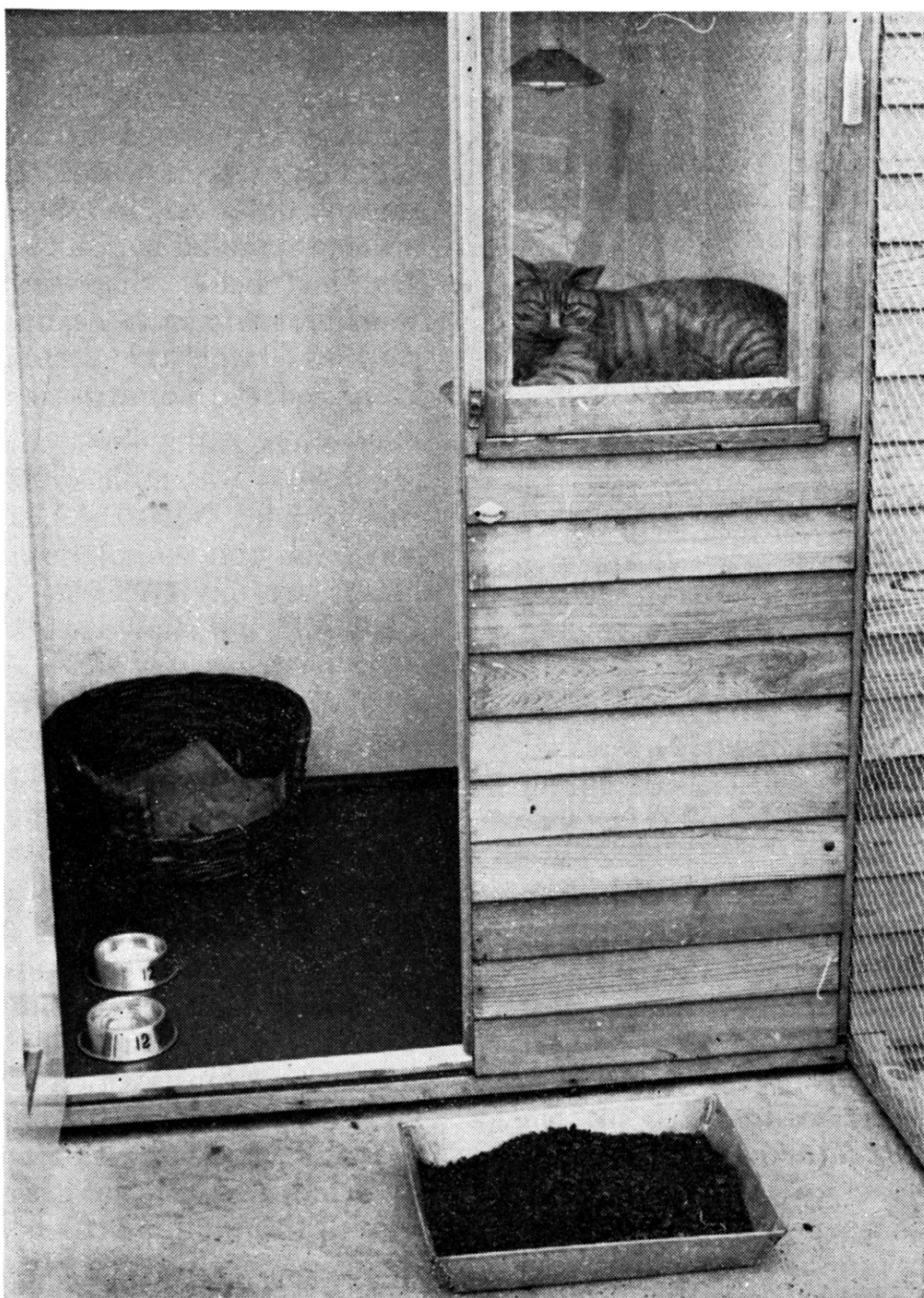
Ceilings, walls, floors and doors are lined with double-sided Sisalation which reflects the heat of the sun back and when the infra-red lamps are on, it reflects the heat back into the chalet so that there is no heat loss. By this method of insulation coolness is ensured during the heat of summer and warmth in the winter. The Sisalation is covered with a super tough hardboard, all corners of which are sealed with a special adhesive tape.

The whole interior (excluding the floor) was then spray-cellulosed with several coats to give the hard glossy finish which facilitates cleaning operations. The floors are also covered with hardboard and painted with a grass green liquid lino paint which is very tough and durable. Finally, the corners of the floor are sealed with a wood fillet which gives a coving effect.

All doors have an opening 7" x 12" deep for entry and exit and the bottom of the trap opening is covered with polished aluminium to prevent contamination from the cat's feet, especially after leaving the sanitary tray. The roofs of the chalets have five layers for insulation and fire prevention, namely (from the inside) hard-board, Sisalation, cedar wood, asbestos felt and finally roofing felt.

Each chalet has an individual

run which is 6' long and 4' wide, completely open to the fresh air. A tree is provided for climbing, scratching and observing and it is so arranged as to be interchangeable. The runs are further enclosed by a 4' wide safety passage with a spring loaded entry door, so that should a cat slip out of his run when the door is opened it will not be able to get far away. A gap of about a foot is left between the chalets so that it is not possible for any two cats to make contact.



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**Every comfort and all "mod. cons" at Wythams.**

What I specially like about the cattery at Wythams is the great care taken to ensure that everything possible is "individual". Each chalet has its own sanitary tray, feeding and drinking bowl and grooming brush and all are numbered so that cross contamination does not occur. The trays are of tough galvanized metal and they are disinfected when a guest leaves and repainted with black bitumen paint. Irish peat moss is used for the contents because it is considered extremely absorbent, clean and odourless—and popular with the cats. All the feeding and drinking bowls are of polished aluminium.

It is hardly necessary to add that the individual care and attention which is bestowed on the cats who sojourn at Wythams is equalled by the idealistic planning and preparation which went into the creation of this "highly desirable residence".

### **An American development**

And now—from High Ongar to Chicago, which is quite a step!

America is a vast land of startling and breathtaking contrasts. Many of the top fanciers there spend generously to give their cats superlative living conditions and so it is with many of their pet owners. But at the same time there are far too many cats—pedigreed at that—who are doomed to spend their lives in cages or small rooms where they are denied precious little human contact and their right to enjoy a natural existence.

It's *de luxe* for some and a bare living for others and this, you may say, is the general pattern of life for four and two-legged animals alike. But we don't have to accept these conditions; we can all play a small part towards improving them.

I have just been reading a brochure for a new development in America—a Cat Motel in Chicago, Illinois, which is described as "a home away from home". It would seem that everything possible is being done to ensure the comfort and happiness of the Motel guests. "Our experience found," runs the brochure, "that vacation time or unexpected trip out of town left us in the usual dilemma. Should we take our cats to a vet. where they have sick dogs to disturb them? Should we impose on our friends?"

Guests at the Motel are provided with air conditioning with a complete change of air every half-hour during the summer months. Temperature is regulated during the seasonal changes. A hi-fi system with four speakers is installed because it is believed that music has a beneficial effect, especially for the new arrivals. Flea lamps are fitted throughout and infinite trouble is taken with the bedding and sanitary arrangements. Details of the diet are provided down to the smallest detail.

Condensed milk (blended for kittens) starts off the day. Dinner at 6 o'clock can include horsemeat (best quality), added egg yolk, cod liver oil, linatone (for the coat), a proprietary food for roughage and starch, a small bit of parsley and salt. Fish is used for a variation through the week and consists of frozen pollack steamed in salted oleo margarine. All cats are exercised daily unless the owner specifies to the contrary and a complete dispensary is available, plus veterinary attention where required.

Charges at the Cat Motel start at a dollar (7s.) per day for a kitten, two dollars for a cat, twelve dollars per week for a cat and forty dollars per cat for a month's stay.



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

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### Nottingham Show

**O**WING to the bitterly cold weather previous to and on the day of the Notts. and Derby's Ch. Show in January at Nottingham, the Show Managers Mr. and Mrs. Bastow had last minute changes in the judges to cope with. Conditions in the West were so uncertain due to ice and snow, that Mrs. Lamb and Miss Kit Wilson were unable to travel. Mrs. Iris Hancox, the Chairman, recovering from pneumonia, was another personality much missed.

There were also several absentees among the exhibits as their owners surmised there would be too much to contend with en route and it was much too cold for themselves and their cats. However, everyone who did arrive was determined to cheerfully overcome the difficulties. The deputy judges rose to the occasion and Mr. and Mrs. Bastow and the Committee gave us a warm welcome.

The gate appeared to be good considering the day although the Midlands

had not suffered such blizzards as the South and West.

Main awards went as follows: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. Brunton's Rosie of Dunesk by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Ch. Ravishing Rose of Dunesk, a lovely Blue queen who completed her Championship; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Durbin's White Snowcloud Dream Girl by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi and Snowcloud Dora Bella; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. McVady's Blue Ch. Southway Troubadour by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue and Southway Prudence, who completed his Premiership; Best S.H. Cat—Mrs. Beever's British Blue Ch. Jezreel Janty by Ch. Jezreel Jake and Jezreel Josephina; same exhibitor's British Blue kitten Fendale Fedalia by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella was Best S.H. Kitten; Best S.H. Neuter—Mr. R. J. Shrimpton's British Blue Bonaventura Jackson by Jezreel Jeremy and Ch. Bonaventura Prudence.

Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. Bowles' Pheanoi Fuang by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad and Beauvale Blue Beta; Best Siamese Kitten—Mr. Burlton's female Bru-Bur Tademah by Trubun Pedro and Sprinter Sal; Best Siamese Neuter—Miss Alcock's Sinywa Wun-Lung; Best Any Other Colour L.H. Neuter—Mrs Burgess' Ronada Starlet by Ch. Deebank Victor; Best Any Variety Foreign Neuter (except Siamese)—Miss Alcock's Burmese Sealcoat Toukee by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway on their Blue-eyed White male Charmina Zircon becoming a

Champion. He will be an asset to this variety.

It was a pleasure to award Mrs. Wright's Cream female Wildfell Galaxy by Ch. Widdington Winterstar her final Certificate. She is one of the loveliest Creams I have seen this season for type and colour and as an additional refinement ears so pleasingly rounded at the tips. Mrs. Barron's young Cream male Dalan Sabin by Ch. Camber Mario also excelled in type and lovely copper eyes. Yet another lovely Cream was the Best Cream Kitten Mrs. Richardson's Beamsley Moonrakers Echo.

Mrs. Ashley's Chinchilla male Bonavia Skippie received his final and his sire Silver Mesa Apache also sired Mrs. Calder's handsome female Brocton's Anna.

Mr. Felix Tomlinson's Blue male Ch. Congo gave a good account of himself and Mrs Burrows won several firsts with her Blue kitten Borrowdale Michael by Lomond Lucky.

Mrs. Reynolds won in Orange-eyed Whites with Petravian Colette by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin and in Black adults Mrs. Worrall led with Deebank Mandy.

## More Champions

Mrs. A Sayer was delighted to win with her S.P. Siamese female Katrine Jap Rose as this made her a Champion. Mrs. Forrest's S.P. Windale Derri by Ch. Dunchattan Sabu Hassan was the winning male.

Nearly all the seventeen Blue Point adults were present and the winners were Mrs. Bowles' male Pheanoi Fuang and Miss Yates' Misselfore Sarli by Misselfore Jeff.

Two Challenge Certificates were awarded to the three C.P. Siamese present, one to Mrs. Cotsford-Parkes' male Thaipuss Wai Yoo by Ch. Jaddyx Quoff Deaner and one to Mrs. Marshall's Seax Sheba (by Ch. Killdown Kerry) who became a Champion. Sheba is the first cat Mrs. Marshall has exhibited so she has reason to be very delighted. In

Lilac Points Mrs. Tunnicliffe's Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha and Mrs. E. Fisher's female Ch. Praha Poco-Allergando added to their laurels by winning again.

One Challenge Certificate was awarded in Brown Burmese and that went to Miss Lench's Mayford Tangyi.

Some of the adults, other than those mentioned, became Champions but confirmation is needed before quoting.

A very enjoyable show in spite of the weather. And there were nearly 280 exhibits to delight those who were able to attend.

## Snow hit Southern Show

It is doubtful if any manager of the Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show which took place in London at the Royal Horticultural Hall on January 24th has ever had to contend with such difficult domestic conditions as those experienced by Mrs. Lamb. All honour to her and Mr. Lamb that they were so cheerful and composed on the day!

When the preliminary work was at its peak they were literally marooned in Somerset with blizzards and snowdrifts and the complications these hazards have caused, especially when one has domestic or other animals to provide for, we hope will never recur.

Although the Hall was reasonably warm considering the bitterly cold day the "gate" suffered as was anticipated, and it was a pity there were not more spectators to see the lovely array of 389 exhibits, many of whom had become Champions at previous shows. Others were competing for their finals.

Among the Longhairs the top awards went as follows: Best Cat—Mrs. Fawell's Blue-Cream Barwell Athene by Ch. Brynwood Casanova and Priscilla of Pensford; Best Kitten—Mrs. Durbin's Orange-eyed White Snowcloud Dream Girl by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi and Snowcloud Dorabella; Best Neuter—Mrs. McVady's Ch. Southway Troubadour.

Shorthair winners were: Best Cat—

Mrs. Warren's Chestnut Brown Foreign male Senlac Coffee Bean by Senlac Bagheero and Hendrawn Heatherbelle; Best Kitten—Mrs. Richards' British Blue male Pensylva Quickee by Ch. Jezreel Jake and Ch. Broughton Jane; Best Siamese Cat—Mrs. Bowles' B.P. male Phenoi Fuang by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad and Barvale Blue Beta; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Appleby's S.P. female Appledale Mizrati by Appledale Aldween and Lady Kuei; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. North's Siamese B.P. Whitehaugh Blue Nylon by Llygra Simon and Whitehaugh Blue Gayzee.

In an amalgamated Open Class of Black adults, Miss Woodthorpe won with Arcamor Scamp by Valleyend Ecu and in kittens Mrs. Aitken with her female Bourneside Black Jet by Bourneside Black Onyx.

## L.H. winners

Challenge Certificates in Blue-eyed Whites were awarded to Miss Sherlock's male Bircotte Ursa by Dalmond Roamer and in Orange-eyed Whites to Mrs. Durbin's Loki by Caesar Augustus.

Blues had the largest entry in Longhairs and the adult winners were Mrs. McVady's Ch. Gaydene Rory by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Mrs. Joan Thompson's June Rose of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. This queen was also awarded first in the L.H. Brood Queen Class with her male kitten Peter of Pensford by Ch. Brynwood Casanova which was best Blue Kitten. Mrs. Bishop's Blue Amanda's Simeon was first in the younger Blue Male Kitten Class. The winning Blue female kittens were Mrs. Nash's Hendras Charmaine by Myowne Caesar and Mrs. Allen-Smith's Ashdown Bluebird by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch.

There was a pleasing entry of nineteen Creams. Miss Sheppard won with consistent Ch. Widdington Orion by Ch. Widdington Winterstar and Mrs. Scudder in females with Widdington April by Aviary Cream Puff and the

latter also sired the two winning female kittens Mrs. E. M. Williams' Withybed Fluff and Mrs. Rippingale's Widdington Althea. Mrs. Greenwood won in Silver Tabby adults with Dorstan Darius by Ch. Dorstan Darrall and the former sired her Silver Tabby female kitten Wilmar Wendy.

Mrs. Rosell's Ch. Bruton Peregrine sired the winning Red Tabby female Bruton Pompadour and the kitten Bruton Tudor Rose. Miss Morony's Red Gosoon by Gay Don won in Red Tabby males.

Silver Mesa Apache sired the winning Chinchilla male Mrs. Ashby's Bonavia Skippie and Mrs. Calder's female Brocton's Anna. The winning Chinchilla kittens were Mrs. Bacon's male Ivelholme Emblem by Ch. Fidelio of Allington and Miss Sellars' Poldenhills Meresca by Poldenhills Merlin.

Five Tortoiseshells were headed by Miss Woodthorpe's Baytor Fantasy by Arcamor Scamp and Miss Woodfield won in Tortie and Whites with Pathfinders Rosette by Ch. Cherry of Carne. Mrs. Joan Thompson's Moonshine of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous was the winning Blue-Cream kitten.

The Ch. was withheld in Colourpoint adults and in kittens Miss Collins won with her female Kala Shalemar by Ch. Briarry Euan.

## Fewer Siamese

Although the Siamese entry was not so numerous as at previous London shows they were well represented with ten S.P. males headed by Mrs. Forrest's Windale Derri by Ch. Dunchattan Sabu Hassan and sixteen females with Mrs. Kite's Lu-Chu-Lou by Hillcross Cymbal as the winner. The late Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad sired both the winning B.P. adults Mrs. Bowles' Phenoi Fuang and Mrs. Ferguson's female Sayan Annalisa.

Challenge Certificates were also awarded to the following: Mrs. Nokes' C.P. male Annelida Tom Thumb by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey; Mrs.



Marshall's Ch. Seax Sheba by Ch. Killdown Kerry and in an amalgamated class of Lilac Points to Mrs. Weller's Lisvane Lilac Domino by Praha Contra-Basso.

The following were the adult winners in other classes: Mrs Howe's Brown Burmese Heartease Nerissa by Kathoodu Kimi; Mrs. Chalmers' Blue Burmese Sulven Moon Lee by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee; Mrs. Hunt's Abyssinian male Amharic Satin by Arkwright Zemri; Mrs. Scanlan's British Blue female Hansin Thistle; Miss Harris' Silver Tabby Ch. Millstar Alexander by Wilmar Puck.

## Best Shorthairs

Mrs. Colville's Manx male Brumasino and her female Mischa, now both Champions won their Open Classes also the Stud and Brood Queen classes judged on their three kittens; Rosental Black Poppy first followed by her two litter sisters. In some varieties there were absentees mostly because of the extreme weather and in Shorthairs a few Certificates were withheld as in the judges opinion they failed to attain sufficient merit. Among those who did qualify were Miss Corbould's Black Avril Kintar by Blue Briony; Lady Glubb's Blue-eyed White Magnolia by Watermill Lilywhite Boy; Mrs. Norman's Red Tabby male Andersley Allflame by Ch. Briarry Demon; Miss Milburn's Brown Tabby Periopal Silken Firefly by Buster.

Thirty-eight S.P. Siamese kittens were entered in four Open Classes and in the 6-9 months classes the two first prize winners were litter brother and sister by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad bred by Mrs. Dadd, namely Mrs. Hewlett's Sabukia Shooting Star and Mrs. Clement's Sabukia Sayonara. In the younger Open Classes Mrs. Martin's and Miss Eley's male Whiteacres Maitland by Oakay Boy and Mrs. Appleby's Appledale Mizrati by Appledale Aldween won.

Absentees reduced the competitors in B.P. Siamese kittens but Mrs. Hookin's female Overstrand Blue Bow by Doneraile Lilac Dalmon and Mr. Burlton's female in the older kitten class Bru-Bur Tademah by Trubun Pedro won, and in C.P. Siamese kittens Mrs. Hudson's Supra Cardomine and Mrs. Kirby's Katsuky Sameelia, both by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey. Mrs. J. M. Cole won the Brown Burmese kitten class with Otterwood Sybella by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo and the Blue Burmese with Otterwood Mistinda by Ch. Soondar Mooni.

Best British S.H. Neuter was Mr. R. Shrimpton's handsome Blue British Bonaventura Jackson by Jezreel Jeremy. Born in March 1962 he has had the outstanding achievement for such a young cat of being Best British Neuter at three consecutive shows. He became a Premier at this one. Congratulations!

Another lovely neuter to win well was Miss Sheppard's Blue-Cream Premier Ch. Widdington Salome.

## Looking back

Looking back on the 1962/3 show season and reflecting on the many lovely exhibits we have seen, the improvement in White Longhairs has been outstanding both in the Orange-eyed and Blue-eyed varieties. Now they have recorded several Best in Show wins in keen competition they will probably attract more breeders.

One of the loveliest, Mrs. Hogan's Snowwhite Giselle, we have only seen once when she was Best L.H. Adult at the Croydon C.C. show. Excelling in type, she is literally deserving of the compliment "As good as a Blue". Her owner has been unable to spare the time to show her because of her other commitments but let us hope she will come into her own next season.

We expect the quality of Blues to enchant us and we have not been disappointed. The queens of the 1960/61 and 1961/62 seasons have been exception-

al, a happy augury for the future. Let us hope the youngest prove to be good breeders as some of the big winners of previous seasons have proved to be.

Although many Cream adults excel in type, the pure sound shade which can literally be described as "cream" is comparatively rare, possibly because the average shade of our Blues has become darker and this has influenced the Blue-Creams which are so often used to breed Creams and few of whom could be described as having "pastel colouring" judging from those we have seen at the shows this season.

A really pale Blue-Cream with softly intermingled colouring mated to one of the pale Blue males, of which we still have a few, appears to have the best possibilities of improving the colour of Creams or alternatively mating such a Blue-Cream to a Cream male which is known to emanate from a strain which is famous for its pale sound colour plus type.

Mrs. Ashford's Annelida's Siamese continue on their winning way. Annelida Lilac Nokomis, a L.P. male, completed his Championship in Melbourne, Australia in December and was Best Cat in Show. At the end of January Mrs. Dibiroloano telephoned from New York to tell Mrs. Ashford that another male of her breeding, S.P. Annelida Michèle of Knollwood had become a Champion at the Rochester Show and was Best Open under Mrs. Smith and Best Opposite Sex in the All Breed section under Mr. Richard Gebhardt.

### National news

The National Cat Club A.G.M. in London on February 21st was a very pleasant one although the cold day and previous snow showers made the attendance smaller than usual.

Mrs. Brunton, our very efficient Hon.



**Mrs. Ruby Fortescue, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has imported several English-bred cats and achieved considerable success with her show entries. At the November 1962 All Breed Show of the Montreal Cat Fanciers' Association her Ch. KEORA'S BLUE MINX, the handsome Blue Longhair male seen above, was voted Best in Show. The medal being displayed was donated by the Cat Club de Paris for the Best Longhair All Breed. Blue Minx's sire and dam were Woburn Alladin and Camber Sandra, both imported. In 1960 he was also Best Cat in Show at the Canadian National Exhibition Cat Show in Toronto.**

Secretary, had a very satisfactory report to make to members. Membership is now 235. The Ch. Show at Olympia in December made a nice profit and the finances of the Club are substantial. We owe so much to her, and our exceptionally capable Show Manager Mrs. Grace Pond, both of whom work happily together when the occasion needs collaboration.

Mrs. R. Ross was appointed Assistant Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Polden was re-elected Hon. Treasurer. Both appointments being made by the Committee according to the rules.

A suggestion put to the members and which they approved was that the Hon. Secretary should organize a meeting of members in the Midlands to enable those who rarely attend A.G.M.'s in London to put forward suggestions. One member suggested hiring a motor coach from London in June when the days are long and light and inviting any N.C.C. members who wish to travel North. Why not?

Mrs. Durbin has kindly undertaken to organize a junior section with a small subscription of 5s. per annum to be named "The National Cat Club Junior Section", also one to be "The National Cat Club Pet Section". As juniors usually like to show their badges inquiries are to be made from firms for one which is not too costly.

Miss Kathleen Yorke, the President acting as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Basil Rees, gave an appreciation of "I Spy" of the *Daily Mail* for his very nice reference to the Show at Olympia on the day.

Delegates to the G.C.C.F. elected by postal ballot were Miss Yorke, Mrs. Bruton, the Rev. B. Rees and Mrs. Joan Thompson. The three retiring members of the Committee were re-elected unopposed.

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**It is regretted that several items, including "News from Down Under" and Correspondence Corner have had to be held over this month owing to pressure on our space.**

## LES AMIS DU CHAT, ANTWERP

It was a pleasure (writes Mrs. M. Mackenzie) to be asked to judge at the above Show, which was a two-day event. The quality of the exhibits was first rate, especially the White and Blue Longhairs, most of whom were imported from Great Britain.

Mme Besson's Ch. Camber Dino, bred by Mrs Denton was a class winner and later Best in Show. In females, Mme Querel's Ketty de Rheims annexed a C.C. and I must not omit to mention Mme Dekesel's Coquette Brasschaat, a beautiful exhibit and a granddaughter of Ch. Myowne Gallant Homme.

The best Blue Kitten went to Mme Visle's Georgian Tania (bred by Mrs. Smart) who excelled in type. Blacks were led by M. Martinez's Khoule de la Fortelle and the Black females by Mme Moro's Karine de Beauregard, who received her first C.A.C.

In Whites, Mme Locket showed a superb cat, as did also Mme Esteve.

The best among the Siamese was a lovely Blue Point owned by Mme Mignon.

Mme Hayer exhibited her Abyssinian Int. Ch. Gracefield Imp, bred by Miss Grace. There was a grand display of the Birmans, which are similar to Siamese but have white socks and in my opinion are delightful.

A final word of thanks to Show Manager Mme Dekesel and all the exhibitors who combined to make my visit a very pleasant one.

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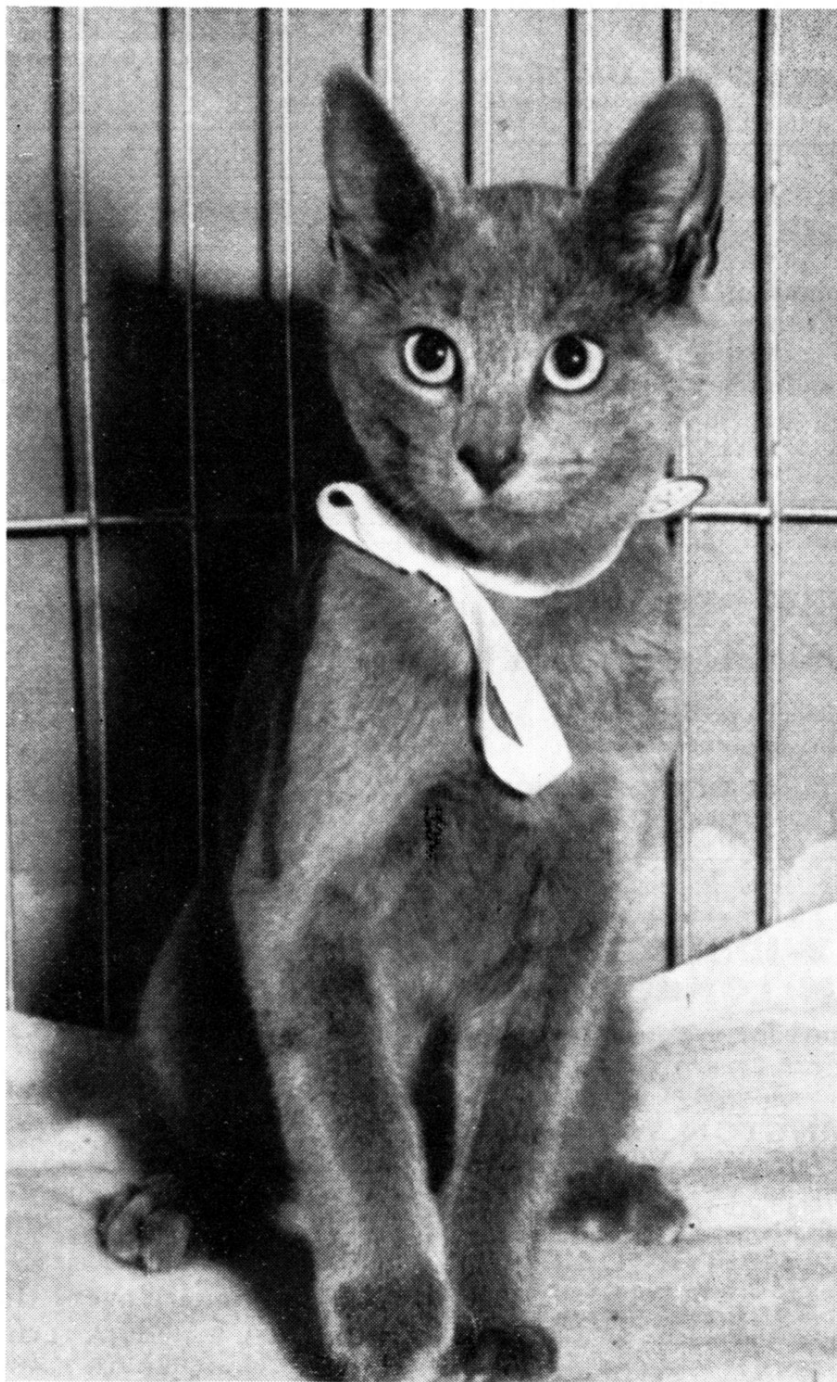
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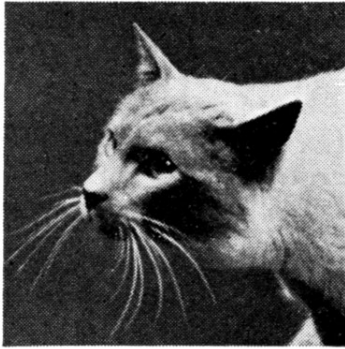
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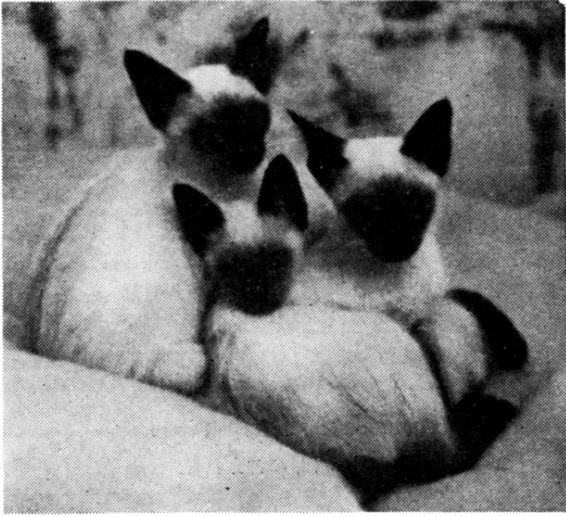
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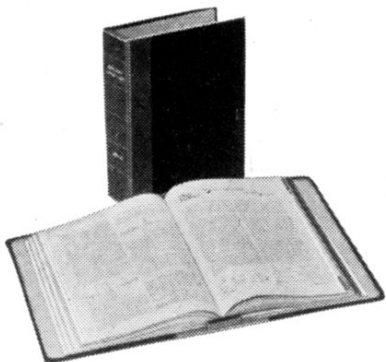


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