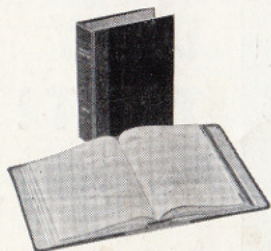


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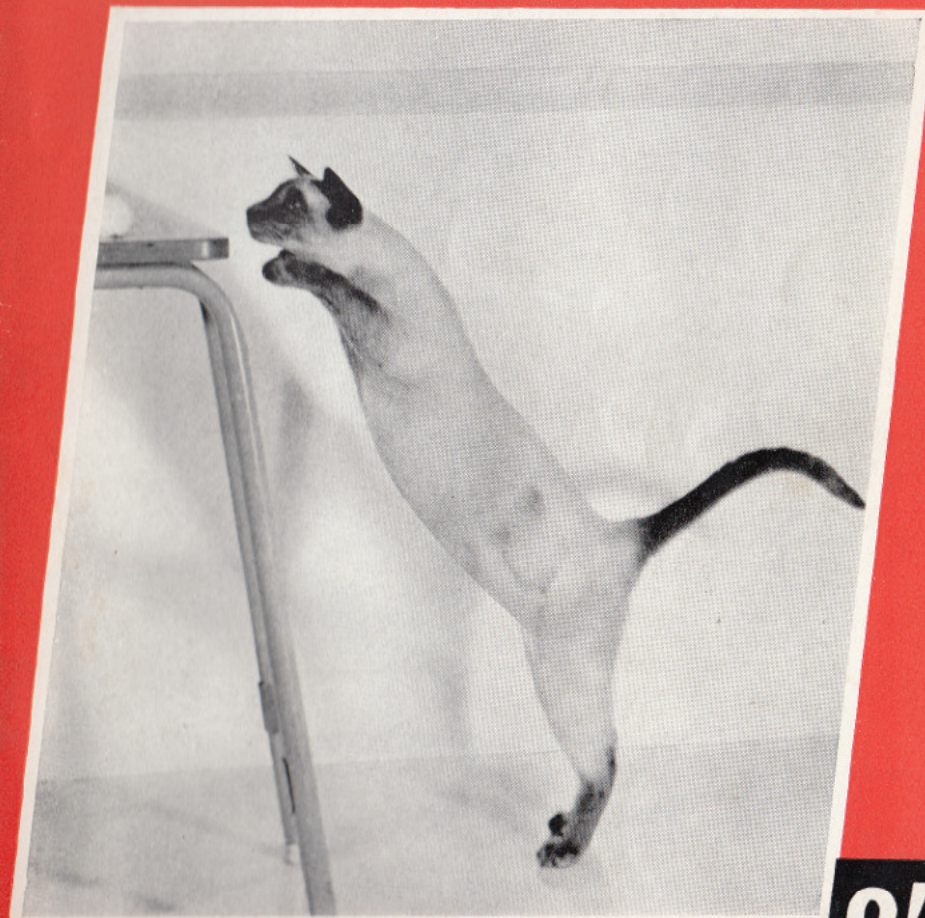
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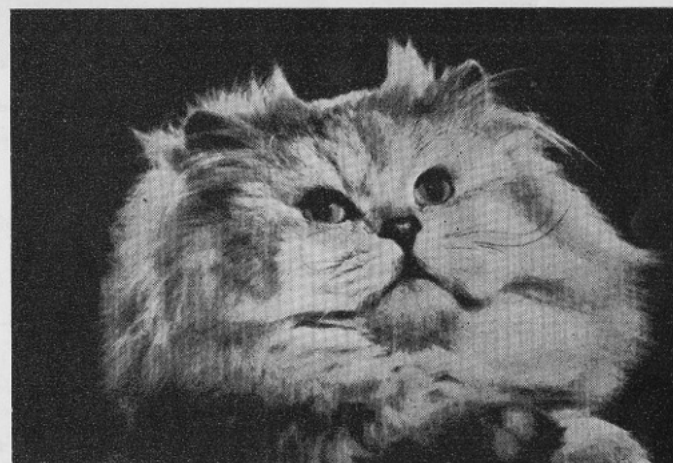
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Brief details of the show fixtures so far arranged for the coming season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers. A list giving fuller information may be obtained (price 6d.) from the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., 4 Elim Court Gardens, Crowborough, Sussex.

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1 June...	Northern Siamese Cat Society ...	Seaburn Park, Co. Durham
29 " ...	Westwoodside Agricultural Society ...	Doncaster
6 July ...	N.E. Cheshire Agricultural Society ...	Hazel Grove, Stockport
13 " ...	Three Counties Cat Society ...	Salisbury, Wilts.
13 " ...	Kentish Cat Society ...	Maidstone, Kent
18 " ...	Liverpool Show ...	Liverpool
27 " ...	Kensington Kitten and Neuter C.C. ...	London
3 August ...	Kingston upon Hull Corporation ...	East Park, Hull
5 " ...	Urmston Show ...	Urmston, Lancs.
10 " ...	Halifax and District Agricultural Society ...	Halifax
28 " ...	*South Western Counties C.C. ...	Gloucester
31 " ...	*Siamese Cat Soc. of the British Empire ...	Reading
7 September ...	*Cheshire Area Cat Club ...	Chester
12 " ...	Wessex Cat Club ...	Bournemouth
14 " ...	*Herts and Middlesex Cat Club ...	London
21 " ...	*Edinburgh and East of Scotland C.C. ...	Edinburgh
28 " ...	*Yorkshire County C.C. ...	Harrogate
8 October ...	*Siamese Cat Club ...	London
12 " ...	*Northern Counties Cat Club ...	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
16 " ...	*Southsea Cat Club ...	Southsea
26 " ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club ...	Venue to be fixed
7 November ...	*Blue Persian Cat Society ...	London
14 " ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	London
30 " ...	Preston Cat Club ...	Venue to be fixed
14 December ...	*National Cat Club ...	Olympia, London
21 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	Glasgow
1964		
11 January ...	*Notts. and Derbys. Cat Club ...	Nottingham
18 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ...	London
15 February ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties C.C. ...	Southport
29 " ...	*Coventry and Leicester Cat Club ...	Coventry
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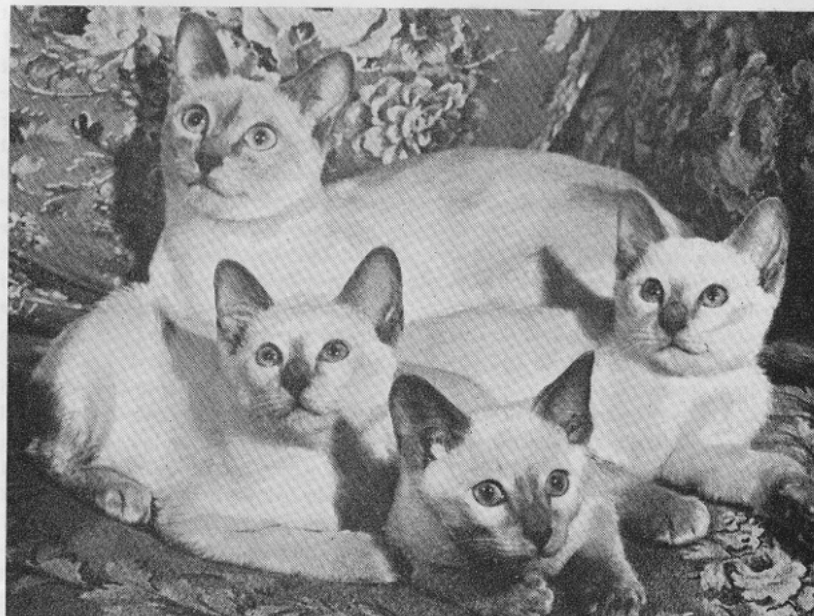
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A delightful trio of Lilac Point Siamese kittens bred by enthusiast Mrs. Elsie Fisher, of N.W. London, owner of the L.P. Champion Praha Poco-Allergando. Two of the kittens have gone overseas (to Sweden and America) as future studs. Before they went they appeared on T.V.

## Progress of the Lilac Points

By KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS

(Hon. Secretary of the Lilac Point Siamese Cat Society)

SINCE their first appearance a few years ago, Lilac Pointed Siamese have improved greatly in a relatively short period. But let us not be satisfied with progress made; there is still room for more improvement.

Line breeding can be helpful, but it should be undertaken with thought and care. Type has improved greatly from the rather heavy bone and shorter heads which often go with a new colour. It was so with both Blue Points and Chocolate Points.

Lilac Points, because they carry the blue and chocolate factors, have had more scope for mating, which has improved type. With

regard to their background, there seems to be some confusion regarding the origin of the breed. It might help therefore if I try to clear up some of the misconceptions.

Some years ago, Mrs. A. Hargreaves mated a Seal Point Siamese queen to a Russian Blue stud. The result was a litter of blacks. But these blacks were not, as has been suggested, British Black Shorthairs in the true sense with round heads and other domestic characteristics. Their parents being registered pedigree Siamese and Russian Blue respectively, the kittens were typically Siamese in all but colour.

There seems to be an idea abroad that black kittens *can* and even *must* appear at

times from Lilac Pointed matings. *This is not so.* It may well be that those who think this do not like the idea of a new colour and are therefore somewhat prejudiced.

Basically, I am with those who feel there is nothing like a Seal Point in Siamese, but as these colours arrive (and without any seeking on the part of breeders) then we must, if we are really interested in Siamese, adapt ourselves to the circumstances and enjoy the beauty of these colour variations. Each has its fascination.

It is quite wrong to think or suggest that Lilac Points appeared *only* because of the mating of a Seal Point queen with a Russian Blue male, and the subsequent mating of the progeny with Siamese. Lilac Point kittens appeared because of blue and chocolate factors in both parents. If the Seal Point queen had been mated to a Blue Point stud carrying C.P. and B.P. factors, Lilac Points

could have appeared in the subsequent litter.

There is no doubt that Lilac Point kittens have turned up in litters from time to time in the past and breeders, thinking them to be poor Blue Points, have had them neutered for pets. L.P. kittens have been bred which have no relationship whatsoever with the original litter bred by Mrs. Hargreaves. I have the pedigree before me of Lilac Points quite unrelated. Furthermore, Lilac Points appeared in Ireland before they had been recognized in this country.

In the early 1900's there were two colours recognized in Siamese—the Seal Point and the Chocolate Point—and many of our present-day Siamese must carry the C.P. factor from these ancestors, although too far back to be recorded. Lilac Point Siamese will, in fact, always breed true, that is, Lilac Point to Lilac Point will produce Lilac Point kittens.

Lilac Points are pure Siamese without

the introduction of any other breed. Each parent must carry blue and chocolate genes.

It is interesting to note that Ch. Devonmoor Salmega, bred by Mrs. Gregory, was purchased by Mrs. B. Thompson as a male. This fine cat subsequently turned out to be a female and she was the first Lilac Point to obtain full Champion status after the granting of a breed number (24c) by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

As a breed Lilac Points are now well established. Championship Certificates have been awarded to Mrs. Z. Wood's Laurentide Angelet (bred by Mrs. Hargreaves), Mrs. A. Sayers' Doneraile Lilac Laretta, (bred by Mrs. K. R. Williams), Mrs. Z. Tunnicliffe's Annelida Lilac Hiawatha (bred by Mrs. A. E. Ashford), and Mrs. E. Fisher's Praha Poco-Allergando. Several both male and female, have won one or more Challenge

Certificates. Mrs. Z. Tunnicliffe had the distinction at the Midland Counties Cat Club Show last October of having won both male and female C.C.'s with Annelida Lilac Hiawatha and Praha Allergretto Vivoce.

A number of Lilac Points have also been exported, amongst these being Mrs. Ashford's Annelida Mishe-Mokwa who with Mr. R. Tew's Bradbourne Benedict and another kitten accompanied Mrs. I. Taylor on her return to Rhodesia after a visit to this country. I also exported Castillo Carissima (bred by Mrs. M. Oldale) to Dr. A. Rimpel, of Munich, Germany, and Blackbrook Lilac Lucifer (bred by Mrs. K. Buckland) to Mrs. P. Dickson in New Zealand. Doneraile Lilac Monseigneur went to Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth in Denmark and Doneraile Lilac Marcella, who is now an International Champion, to Mme d'Alleizette in France.



Derek Davis

An affectionate farewell lick for Moyra Ashford from ANNELIDA LILAC ASTRONAUT before he flew off to South Africa last month. Bred by Mrs. A. E. Ashford, of Roundwell, Bearsted, Kent, from her Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey ex Phoca Violet, this young male's new owner is Mrs. C. F. Duncan, of Cape Town, and he is reported to be the first Lilac Point to arrive in that country.



CH. PHEENOÏ FUANG, Blue Point Siamese male bred and owned by Mrs. V. V. Bowles, of Whaley Bridge, Cheshire. Eligible only for four Championship shows as an adult, Fuang won four C.C.'s accompanied three times by "Best in Show" awards, making him a Champion at 10 months. He also has 40 first prizes to his credit.

## A page for the proletarian puss—No 102



A determined Whiskers on the way up to his balcony seat.

### THE FILM FAN

For cat-lovers, the Essex town of Barking may not appear to have a friendly-sounding name. But for Whiskers, a one-time Barking stray, it's the friendliest place on earth.

The reason? Well, Whiskers has twice been "adopted" in Barking. And both times it has been a cinema that has taken Whiskers under its wing.

Whiskers is something of a film fan. Some time ago he started to turn up regularly at Barking's Capitol Cinema. He found his way up to the balcony, spotted a comfortable position on the parapet and settled down to watch the programme. Soon he was a regular weekly visitor. Then he started to show up daily. And when the cinema manager realized that Whiskers was a stray he allowed the staff to adopt the large black and white cat. For several months Whiskers watched films every day. Then tragedy struck, when it was

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## Tailpieces

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



A MANX kitten was presented to the minesweepers' mother ship *Manx-man* when she was recently commissioned at Chatham.

The March issue of the *Rolls-Royce News* contains a cable sent by its Canadian company to Seaboard World Airlines in New York, which uses the R.R. Tyne engines. It ran: "Received Tyne today. Await your instructions for disposal of one hangar-type cat (*Felis domesticus*) found inside engine 7514. Presume registered with Customs and Immigration. Cat alive".

A letter to hand from Victoria, Australia, points out an error in the awards at the Melbourne Royal Show mentioned in our November/December 1962 issue. The Best Shorthair was given as Mrs. Purnell's Abyssinian Caprice Tabitha, whereas in point of fact Tabitha is a domestic Shorthair who won "Best Shorthair other than Siamese or Abyssinian". Best Siamese at this popular show was Miss B. Saker's Ch. Yonalin Yolandi and the Best Abyssinian Miss Marjorie

Wreford's Gr. Ch. Taishun Sabre (imp.) whose picture appeared in last month's issue. Apologies for the slip are tendered to all concerned.

Here's a laugh! It's a little story extracted with due acknowledgments to *Readers' Digest*. During the recent snowstorms a lady lost her treasured pet Ginger. After searching high and low without success she decided to ring up the local police station to enquire if any cats had been handed in as "found". The sergeant at the end of the line listened politely for a while and assured the anxious caller that cats had been known to survive the most bitter conditions. "But Ginger," added the caller, "is such an intelligent cat. In fact, he almost talks". "In that case, madam", replied the sergeant, "I should hang up. He's probably trying to phone you now". Let's hope the truant Ginger decided to return to the warmth of hearth and home.

Marion Island, South Africa's weather station in the South Atlantic, is reported to be suffering from "a plague of cats"

### THE FILM FAN (continued from the previous page)

announced that the Capitol was to be closed. Whiskers, it seemed, had lost his home—and had lost his films, too.

The staff said their farewells. The manager waved goodbye to a sad-looking Whiskers. And then a remarkable thing happened.

Just a few days after the last show at the Capitol, Whiskers turned up at Barking's other cinema, the Odeon. In he strolled, stalked up the main stairs and took up his customary position on the balcony parapet.

Says the manager, Mr. Walter Hackett: "We took over most of the Capitol's regular patrons when it closed but we did not bargain on a cat as well. But now that he has taken a fancy to us he might as well stay".

C. J. MOORE.

who are slowly but surely killing off the bird life. On another island, Gough Island, the weather men are overrun by mice. A solution to these problems seems simple. Reciprocal trade is the answer!

A year's free supply of cat food has been won by U.S. airman Charles Newbaum, of Mildenhall, Suffolk, in a competition. Charles is a keen one where competitions are concerned and his other successes include a South American trip for two, a TV set, radios, cameras and watches.

I always look forward to receiving the *Siamese News Quarterly*, the official publication of the Siamese Cat Society of America, Inc., from friend Sam Scheer, who is occupying the managing editor's chair at his home in Florida. Sam, by the way, has close ties with England following his war service over here and his happy marriage to one of the famous Tiller dancing girls. The Society now has over 250 members and its new President is Mrs. Virginia Cobb, who has done so much splendid work for the promotion of Siamese in America with her Newton stock. This latest issue of the *Quarterly* maintains the standard it has set for lively presentation and sound advice from people who know their subjects. There's a warning against feeding tinned red or dark-meat tuna; a novice blesses the day she decided to import a Siamese male from England; a veterinarian talks about nutrition and advises extreme caution in the use of antibiotics; there's a reader in despair about spraying odour; and useful contributions from England and South Africa.

When the journal *Reveille* made the mistake of mentioning that cats are less intelligent than dogs they were flooded out with letters from readers who were anxious to prove how wrong the statement was. Many of the excellent letters were published in subsequent issues and the

senders were rewarded by a payment of two guineas. Two I liked especially. The first (from Mrs. H. Brown, of Denton, Manchester) ran: "With a family of seven cats, regimentation is the order. At meal times each has his own dish. The other day Number Six was missing. Three meals went by, but not a morsel left the dish of the missing member. What a lesson to two-legged creatures". The second was a short and snappy piece from Mr. G. F. Pratt, of Chesham, Bucks: "Peter, our cat, came in one morning looking very proud. He had brought a dead mouse with him—still in the trap!"

Black cats are not always luck bringers to themselves! One of them was recently minding his own business in a S.E. London thoroughfare when he was unceremoniously picked up and "taken for a ride" up the M1 to a place near Rugby. It was all a mistake. Mr. Charles Nettleship was driving home through London with his own black cat on the seat beside him. He stopped to do some shopping and when he returned to the car the cat was no longer there. So he picked up the black cat he saw walking along a nearby pavement. He was almost at the end of his journey when he discovered that he had *two* black cats in the car. Mrs. Nettleship tried to solve the problem by writing to the Mayor of Lewisham explaining the incident and appealing for help to find the owner of the cat who was "snatched".

Making cuddly toys for children is quite an industry and launching a new one on the market can be quite a tricky operation. The teddy bear, of course, is well established as the biggest seller. Then come the golliwog, the panda and perhaps the rabbit. Dogs sell quite well and now a cuddly dinosaur is making its appeal. Have you ever thought about it? Why don't cats, which enjoy such a prominent place in the household, have a higher status in the cuddly toy range?

Miss Muriel Fleet, matron of Paddington General Hospital, has reported to health officials that West Indian children under treatment have been asking for their favourite food—a brand of tinned cat food. The children said they ate it at home, sometimes in sandwiches. A campaign to educate coloured parents will in consequence be conducted by the London County Council at one of the infant welfare centres. A woman doctor in close touch with the situation said it has been known for some time that many coloured people are eating cat food in considerable quantities. Mothers must be stopped from giving their children this food as it could cause serious illness.

Letter to a newspaper by a Lancashire reader: "My cat Sandy, a large marmalade tom goes out at seven in the morning and returns in the late afternoon. One day I followed him. He crossed a busy road and went over a meadow to a farm, where he arrived just as the warm mash was put in the hen's feeding troughs. He shouldered his way among the fowls and, after a good tuck-in, went to a hen house where he curled up in a nest box. The farmer said he was welcome as he kept the rats down. Yet, at home, he will not even look at a mouse!"

I was interested to read in the current issue of *The Cat*, journal of our Cats' Protection League, that active steps are being taken to help the starving and homeless cats of South Australia, whose plight has given rise to much concern throughout the state. Pathetic stories in the newspapers spurred Adelaide cat lovers to action and a Cat Protection Society of South Australia has been formed. It is hoped to raise sufficient funds for a home where neglected cats will receive proper care and attention. One of the keen foundation committee members is Mrs. Brufton Smith, who went to Australia from England two years ago. Her services will be invaluable as in England she was a member of the

C.P.L. and also the Royal Veterinary College. She was appalled at the indifference and cruelty to cats in South Australia.

A bowenite figure of a cat by Fabergé recently fetched £2,900 at a sale at Sotheby's in London.

Millicent Martin the up-and-coming star of the Saturday night TV show *That Was The Week That Was* has been described by one critic as the possessor of "a funny voice, with a deepish timbre and several accents fighting like cats inside it".

Just to clear up a point or two apropos the article on cat boarding establishments in last month's *OUR CATS*. Mr. F. M. Bennett's Animal Boarding Establishments Bill has had its second reading in Parliament and as far as I know is now



**"Well, if you are man's best friend, he must be very hard up indeed."**

*With acknowledgements to Will Spencer's excellent "Animal Crackers" series in the London "Evening News".*

at the Committee stage. Its chances of enactment are however rather slender as it is only fourth on the list of private members' bills and may not therefore progress further because parliamentary time is so fully taken up with other business. It is an excellent Bill calling for the licensing and compulsory inspection by local authorities of all animal boarding establishments.

A letter writer to a national newspaper refers to her "most unusual request". A woman asked her to cut from her black cat a piece of fur "to bring her luck at Bingo!"

University micro-biologist Dr. Brian Hartley and his wife are greatly concerned over the loss of Tigger, their tabby kitten, who was found dying shortly after the beagles of Cambridge University's exclusive Trinity Foot pack passed by. Their three children who found Tigger crushed and bleeding are heartbroken. The matter has been reported to the R.S.P.C.A. The wife of the kennel master of this 100-year-old hunt, of which Prince William of Gloucester is a member, is reported to have said that the suggestion that Tigger was killed by the beagles is ridiculous. But she admitted that the dogs are not fed before the hunt and to be on the safe side she always locks up her own cat. Prince William was not out with the hunt on this occasion.

Seventy-year-old cat lover Miss Elsie Freeman recently made a worthwhile trip to the North-West London Rent Tribunal. Her rent for a bed-sitting room was reduced from £4 to £2 10s. 0d. She explained that 10s. of that rent was for her cats Tommy, Patchy and Dinkum. Her 75-year-old landlady said that she expected Miss Freeman to bring one cat, but she brought five. Miss Freeman denied this, saying that she brought four cats and one had since died. The extra money for the cats was offered by her. "I love my cats," she added, "they are God's creatures."

"What, £9 for a kitten!" a man exclaimed after Reading magistrates had fined him £2 and ordered him to pay £7 7s. costs for causing unnecessary suffering to a cat. His wife was also fined £2. The R.S.P.C.A. Inspector testified that he found the cat lying on the pavement, emaciated and covered with parasites. It was so weak it was unable to walk.

Maxwell Knight, the broadcaster, introduces his new book *Animals and Ourselves* (Hodder & Stoughton 16s.) with the observation that it will "infuriate some and affront others". He believes that many animals suffer greatly at the hands of those who describe themselves as "animal lovers" just as human parents pamper and spoil children. It is his view that the show cat appears to live a most unnatural life, spending so much of its time travelling and continually being "groomed and fiddled about".

**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.



### Experimental breeding

It has been through the work of the serious breeder that the Cat Fancy has come to be what it is to-day, and yet the scientific and experimental breeder often goes unheard of, unheeded and unrewarded. Some breeders venture into a line of experimental breeding only to discover years later that their work has done nothing more than duplicate the work of others. There are some breeders who might like to try a particular line of breeding, but don't know where to start, just from the fear of duplicating the work of others.

In an attempt to correct this situation, I am contacting breeders (through the various associations) to learn what I can about the various experimental programs throughout the world. It is hoped that through the resulting book cat fanciers will be able to learn of the work that has gone on before and so be able to direct their steps for the future.

A section of the book will deal with the existing breeds and varieties and will cover that work which was conducted to improve color or type; a section will be devoted to experimental breeding which resulted in the development of new breeds or new varieties of existing breeds. Another section will discuss the mutations that have appeared, and the work that has been done to establish these as new varieties.

If any of your readers have conducted experimental work which they would like to have included in the book, they are invited to contact me at the address below. I will be particularly interested in hearing from fanciers of the several varie-

ties which are so often neglected in books of this nature.

May I count on the assistance of OUR CATS in being put in touch with these breeders?

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### Help!

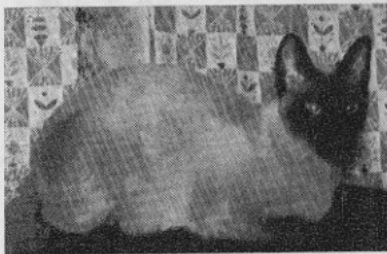
Problem children I can deal with; I have three. But what does one do with problem Siamese?

Sara is loving and beautiful — and knows it! She "rules the roost" at times and her daughter Chai is very much under her paw. However, I can deal with her wool eating and stealing and her overbearing attitude and noisiness in my own home. But what can I do about her escapades in other people's houses? The people next door have already lost a small pork joint, a beef steak and other odds and ends of food to my voracious vulture. They found Sara's hairs and footprints all over the lounge furniture and had a flower bowl knocked off the TV and smashed.

Two doors away they are getting used to finding Sara reclining on the sideboard, resting on the kitchen cupboards and sitting in the sink. Of course, they wouldn't turn her out, so the washing-up has to wait until she condescends to leave.

Three doors away is a large, black neutered female cat. Her owner came rushing round the other day; Sara had tried to "murder her Twibbs!" I rushed round and there was Sara, quite happy and smug. I evicted her and we then

released Twibbs from another room, a nervous wreck and completely demoralized! A quick check found the TV and hide chair scratched and ornaments overturned.



Mrs. Gibson's **SIAWASE SARA LEE**—the cause of all the trouble.

Now, the neighbours will tolerate one overbearing cat, even laugh at her mischief and even blame themselves for not

closing their doors. But what will they say if Chai takes after Mum?

Do I get a carpenter to make me three wire-netting doors so the neighbours can have summer breezes in their homes without having to suffer a Siamese invasion every day? Or do I get yards of wire-netting and turn my garden into a concentration camp? One neighbour suggests I put a larger, noisier bell on Sara's collar so they will hear her coming!

For all they have to put up with from her, my neighbours are still very fond of her. I often hear them talking to her and they all refuse to do anything that will scare or alarm her in any way. So what on earth can a bemused Siamese's slave do to save the neighbours before relations become strained?

E. M. GIBSON (MRS.)

Sheffield, Yorks.

### Tortoiseshell and Red Point Siamese

Since we started breeding Red Points people from all over the world have written and asked for information about their production. It has been clear from various comments, also, that many Tortoiseshell breeders do not know the simple rules about producing Tortoiseshells, *in any breed*.

Since the breeding of Red Points involves Tortoiseshell points both problems can be explained at one time.

It repeatedly horrifies me to see or hear a breeder suggesting that a new line be started in a rare breed to minimize inbreeding. The idea, usually, is to go back to the formation of the breed and start again. This is sheer madness and totally unnecessary. New lines can easily be formed by using existing cats or the rare breed and mating them to another colour of the same breed *type*. Such matings are, genetically, not cross breeding and need involve no major breeding problems as do the more usual suggestions.

This question leads to Red Points. Red Point Siamese of excellent type already exist. We ourselves have a male who has won several 1sts against well-known Siamese of the older colours. It would be ridiculous to start new lines with such cats available.

The best way to obtain top quality type and also to avoid inbreeding is to forget the red to red mating. One needs only Tortoiseshell point females and access to top quality Seal Point males. Mating these will give Red Point sons and some Tortoiseshell point daughters. The best of these daughters can again be used back to top quality Seal Points. A few generations of such matings and all the cats can be nothing but *pure* Siamese whether Red, Tortoiseshell or Seal Point.

As far as is known it is not possible to breed Red Points without some tabby markings. These cats are genetically Self Red and do not carry tabby at all.

The possible matings in this breeding are as given below. The results apply to *any* breed, and also to *any* form of red or black (such as cream or blue) and including white marked and pointed cats.

All blacks bred are *always* pure for black and all reds bred are *always* pure for red whatever the parents used.

It is suggested to the Tortoiseshell breeder that red to black (or red and white to black and white) is the most efficient way of breeding Tortoiseshells (or Tortoiseshells and Whites) since *all* daughters bred will be Tortoiseshells. The mating can be either way round.

Seals are, of course, genetically black and Seal should be read instead of black by Siamese breeders.

Matings		Progeny	
Sire	Dam	Sons	Daughters
Black	Tortie	50% Black	50% Black
		50% Red	50% Tortie
Red	Tortie	50% Red	50% Red
		50% Black	50% Tortie

It will be noticed that only one in four of all kittens bred from these matings are Tortoiseshell. This is an *average* figure, and one may easily have several litters with no Tortoiseshells at all, or any other colour; just as one can have litters all of one sex.

Black	Red	All Red	All Tortie
Red	Black	All Black	All Tortie

In both these matings every female bred is a Tortoiseshell.

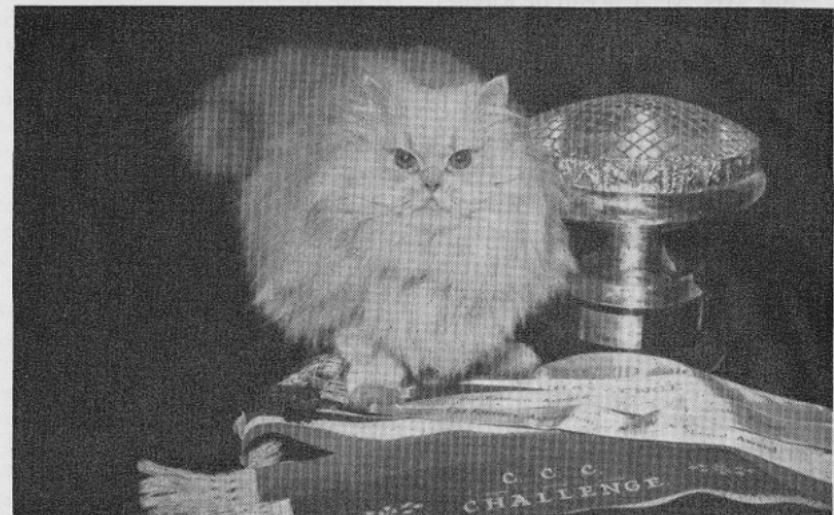
Black	Black	All Black	All Black
Red	Red	All Red	All Red

Both these last two matings *always* breed true for their basic colour whatever their pattern. Blacks may breed Blues but never Creams. Reds may breed Creams but never Blues.

I hope that Tortoiseshell breeders will find the answer to their problem above. These are the only possible matings and an intelligent use of them should solve all colour difficulties.

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### Winners at Southport

**M**RS. VICKERS, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club, organized the last Ch. Show of the season at Southport on February 16th. A friendly happy show, she tells me.

Some of the Best in Show and adult winners have had similar honours before and their sires have been recorded in these notes, but in her letter the list does not include any parents, but those who are particularly interested can obtain this information from her at 6 Delph Avenue, Egerton, nr. Bolton.

Top awards were: Best L.H. Adult—Mrs. Richardson's Blue male Ch. Lomond Lucky; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. J. Hughes' White Guilden Snow King; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. E. Burrows' Blue Bette of Pensford; Best Shorthair Adult—Mrs. Forrest's S.P. Siamese male Windale Derri; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Ireland's B.P. female Wildpear Flite; Best S.H. Neuter—Mr. R. Shrimpton's British Blue Bonaventura Jackson.

In Longhair adults Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Worrall's Black Deebank Mandy, Mrs. B. Thompson's Blue-eyed White female Deebank Winsome; Mrs. Durbin's Orange-eyed White female, Loki; Mrs. Burrows' Blue female Borrowdale Susette; Mrs. Richardson's Cream male Ch. Lomond Moonraker; Mrs. Clegg's Smoke female Grandie Miss Chief; Mrs. Lodge's Chinchilla female Fishermore Calypso; Mrs. Carpenter's Tortoiseshell Abyad Super Star; and Mrs. Richardson's Blue-Cream Lomond Morning Mist.

In Shorthair Adults Ch. Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Beever's Black male Ch. Andersley Allacreiche and the same owner's British Blue male Ch. Jezreel Janty.

Mrs. Kirby won in Russian Blues with Ch. Harves Antimony and Crumber Hill Susan; Mrs. Woollin in Red Tabby males with Tip Top; Mrs. Eustace in Silver Tabbies with Hillcross Silver Lace.

Other winners were Miss Baines' Tortie and White Ch. Dionesa de Windle; Mrs. Deakin Burrows' Blue Burmese female Pya-Meng-Eng; Mrs. Nichols' Brown Burmese male Sepia Velvet Christopher; Mrs. Somers' Kevitor Brown Velvet (female); Mrs. Warren's Chestnut Brown female Senlac Coffee Bean; Mrs. Bradbury's S.P. Siamese female Abyseal Ateeka; Mrs. Bowles' B.P. Siamese male Pheanoi Fuang; Mrs. Denny's B.P. female Pi-Den Acacia; Mrs. Demus' C.P. Siamese male Thaipuss Now Mi and Mrs. Denny's L.P. male Khubsurat Sweet Sultan.

In addition to the neuters awarded Best in Show, Premier Certificates went

to Mrs. Busbridge's Chinchilla Seaproud Jill; Mrs. Lester's Deeplyvale Solomon and Miss Cuddick's Skotos Shadrach.

No kitten wins are recorded in my list but one Blue L.H. kitten which won many firsts was Mrs. Burrows' Borrowdale Michael by Ch. Lomond Lucky and Beamsley Wendy. At two of the last Ch. shows of the season he has won 17 firsts and recorded wins on 6 cups.

### A first show

The first exemption show of the Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club on March 16th was organized by the Hon. Secretary Mrs. K. Brough. The classification was generous with 121 classes and 150 special prizes.

Best Longhair Cat in Show—Mrs. Durbin's White Snowcloud Dreamgirl by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Knight's Blue Mooncoin Mister Charmer by Ch. Thiepval Paragon; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Smith's Allenvale Caesar by Ch. Beauvale Conquest.

Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Hewlett's S.P. Siamese female Watermill Sunrose by Ch. Dunchattan Sabu Hassan; Best S.H. Kitten—Mr. Crichton's Siamese Daramina Roma by Kuala Exochorda; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Vicker's Cathiss Gypsella, Blue British by Aldra's Blue Peter.

It attracted an excellent gate and appears to have been a successful first show for the Club. The Hon. Treasurer Mr. E. Trevitt was Assistant Show Manager.

### Siamese C.C. meeting

As usual the Annual General Meeting of the Siamese Cat Club at the Rubens Hotel, London, last month was an animated and interesting one.

With a larger membership than any other club it naturally has the best attendance.

Many items of particular interest to its members were discussed but one of general interest was the handsome way in which the Club recouped the theft of its

gate and catalogue sales money at the termination of its October Ch. Show.

The sympathy of every cat lover was extended to Mrs. Dunnill (Hon. Secretary and Show Manager), who had worked so hard to make the show a success and to Hon. Treasurer Mr. Philpot who had left the day's takings on staging near the entrance for a few seconds whilst he went to arrange with Mrs. Philpot the time of their journey home. Consternation prevailed at this audacious theft almost under the eyes of officials but not so surprising perhaps when one reads almost daily of thefts of far greater ingenuity when trained security guards are present.

Well, to cut a long story short, Mrs. Dunnill, Mr. Philpot and the Committee worked with tremendous gusto to retrieve the loss of £188. A successful jumble sale was organized at Maidstone. A raffle also had such a good response that 24 money vouchers were added to the number of prizes which totalled 57. One member actually sold 37 books of tickets.

Some sympathizers gave donations and some exhibitors forfeited their prize money and the happy sequel was the splendid total of £323.

We sometimes hear criticisms of exhibitors' alleged materialism but this proves that when a calamity occurs they will unselfishly contribute with no thought of personal gain.

After such a cheerful discussion of accounts there was little to criticize and the turn of events seemed to cast a glow of goodwill over the meeting. The four Delegates elected to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy were Mrs. Dunnill, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Mr. Stirling-Webb and Mr. Bullock.

### A party arranged

The A.G.M. of the Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Tortie and White, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society at Caxton Hall, London, in March was a pleasant one. The Hon. Secretary Mrs. J. M. Newton informed members on the circulated statement issued previously of the support given to each show and details of

the guaranteed classes. She is kindly giving a garden party at her residence in Moultsford in June when all members will be welcome. She has done so for many years and it is a generous gesture much appreciated.

### A Secretary resigns

The A.G.M. of the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club in March at Caxton Hall, London, had a satisfactory report and accounts to present to its members.

Mrs. Barron who has organized three July shows so successfully has agreed to do so again this year and the Club has been fortunate to get what is generally agreed is the best day of all for a show—a Saturday. The date is July 27th at the popular Royal Horticultural Hall, London. Whether one visits it as a spectator or exhibitor it is always a delightful fixture with the kittens making their first

bow at a London show and the magnificent neuters often repeating former successes. And how proud we are if we own a successful sire or one of our queens has produced any of the winners!

We regretfully heard Mrs. Aitken's announcement that she is resigning from the Secretaryship after ten years. She has been a truly excellent and efficient Secretary. Although it is happily in the past, she has had to steer the Club after two serious "incidents" to renewed success. By the way, except for the two members concerned, who are no longer with us, the Committee were blameless and their gallant effort to recover added greatly to the Club's prestige.

Mr. Aitken is retiring this summer and that is the reason why they are leaving Banstead to live farther away at Hindhead in Surrey. Mrs. Aitken will not of course give up her cats and as they will have space and facilities she will open a small



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A very genuine vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. Aitken for all she has done for the Club because in addition to the Secretaryship she has organized five of its successful shows during her years of office.

The future Hon. Secretary has not been definitely elected as Mrs. Barron, the obvious and, I am sure, a popular choice cannot see her way clear to undertake the work permanently although she may do so temporarily.

And now for the A.G.M. of one of the newer Clubs, the Longhair Cream and Blue-Cream Association which took place

at the Kenilworth Hotel, London, on March 21st. Presided over by its Founder and Chairman Miss Kathleen Yorke, it is in a sound financial position and already has several cups presented by members. Some of them have been offered at each Championship Show and a few at other fixtures under the aegis of the G.C.C.F.

As the Chairman quite rightly pointed out a new Club founded only in 1961 must within reason conserve its trophies and as far as possible offer them when real competition can be expected. Breeders of Creams and Blue-Creams are increasing and with more newcomers whom we hope will join the Association it will be able to launch out; in the meantime it has presented many rosettes to those who have recorded wins. Mrs. Brough, Hon. Secretary, has generously paid all her own expenses to attend meetings in London, also Mrs. Dugdale who is such

an enthusiastic Hon. Treasurer and both have done so much to establish it.

It is proposed to hold a Tea Party, probably at the Rubens Hotel, on June 29th. Mr. R. Spalding kindly spared the time from his professional duties to be with us.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to him and the Committee and the usual tea and talks.

### Successes abroad

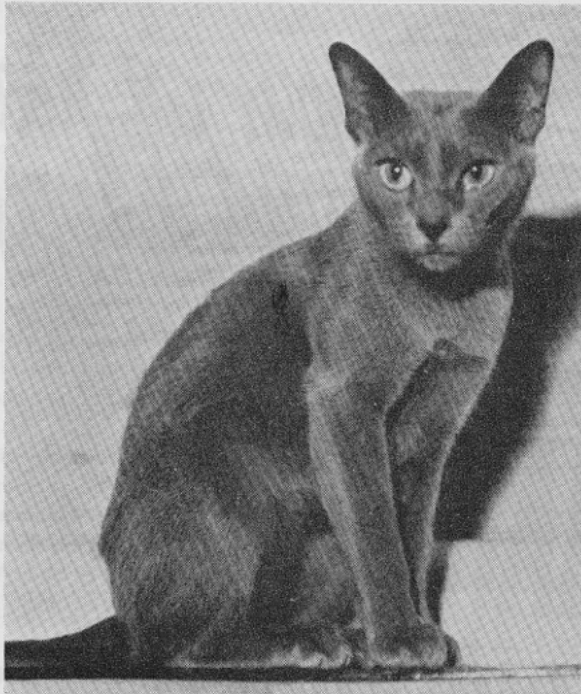
Mr. Winfried Rodenstein is delighted with Bayhorne Eager, the Blue male purchased from Mrs. Benbow at the Kensington Kitten Show in 1961. He has completed his International Championship status at Wiesbaden, Germany, and at Zurich and Lucerne in Switzerland. Eager is by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax and Ashdown Marguerite. At the same Show in England Mr. Rodenstein purchased Georgian Natasha. She also has become an Int. Champion and was Best Cat in Show at Zurich. She is by Camber Gavin and Camber Penelope, the latter

a daughter of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Natasha was bred by Mrs. Smart.

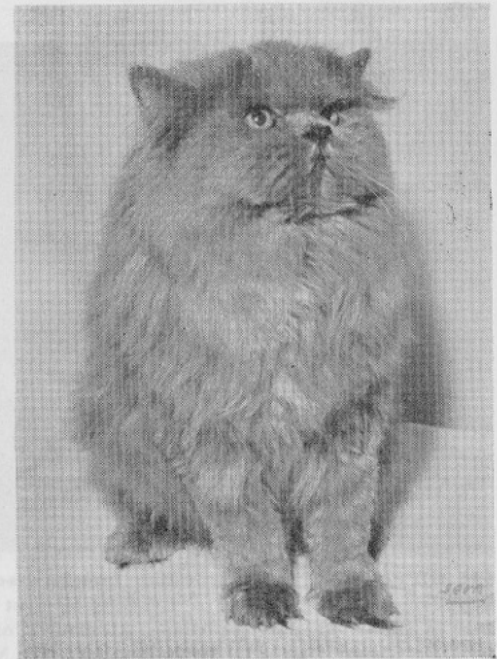
Another Blue kitten to win overseas on making her debut in France was Annette of Pensford, Best Blue female kitten at Olympia in December. She was flown to Paris in January and shortly after was Best Kitten in Show at Thiers, France, and in February was again Best Kitten in Brussels. She is by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Mooncoin Judy and is owned by Mlle Bourdureau.

Mrs. Burrows' Blue winning male kitten Borrowdale Michael was flown to Denmark to become the property of Mrs. Holgersen. He was met at the airport by the Committee of Darak and the Chairman Mrs. Buck. She cabled: "What a welcome! What a beauty!"

Many breeders of repute report several inquiries for Longhair kittens and there are several "booked" before they are born. Although so many of the big winners and kittens of tip-top breeding go overseas we seem to be able to repeat the quality but where, oh where, are the young breeders who will be agreeable to



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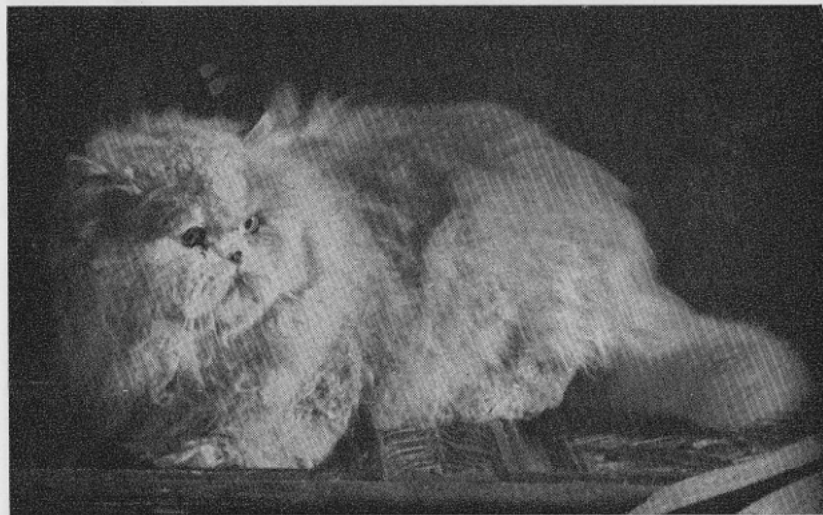
INT. CH. BAYHORNE EAGER  
has been "getting around"  
on the Continent to excellent  
purpose since he left England  
as a kitten in 1961. See report  
on this page.

keep the super Longhair sires of the future? Blue males are badly needed in this country and we have fewer now than we have had for many years.

If breeders have three or more queens it is decidedly advantageous to keep one's own male always with the proviso that one can afford first class accommodation and a very big run, part of which should be crazy paved or concrete with up-turned boxes for the male to sit on. These should be brought in under cover in rainy weather.

### Importance of grass

I have mentioned this before but new readers will perhaps like to know the name of the grass which cats seem to prefer when they have their liberty and can choose for themselves. Commonly called striped ribbon grass its botanical name is *Phalaris Arundinaceae Variegata*.



**CH. GIPPESWYK JAKE**, pale Blue Longhair son of Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch ex Gippeswyck Jose, winner of 4 C.C.'s, 50 first prizes, 8 trophies and 3 times Best in Show. Bred by the Misses Alexander, of Ipswich, Jake is now owned by Miss D. M. Collins, of West Moors, Dorset.

Seeds can be obtained from Messrs. Suttons, Seed Merchants, Reading.

Soon now it should be established by autumn when all that remains above ground dies down. To my surprise the roots survived buried under ice and snow nearly all January and February. It certainly emerged pale and anaemic-looking, but it was soon growing vigorously on a sunny bank; and my small family of queens were delicately picking off the tips.

Seeds of another suitable variety can be obtained from The Cats' Protection League, 29 Church Street, Slough, Bucks. Although it is not demanded, a small donation will be much appreciated by the League. Of course, cats will pick off the tips of other grasses when they have liberty but when they are kept in catteries some owners do not seem to realize that grass is almost a necessity, especially from springtime until the autumn months.

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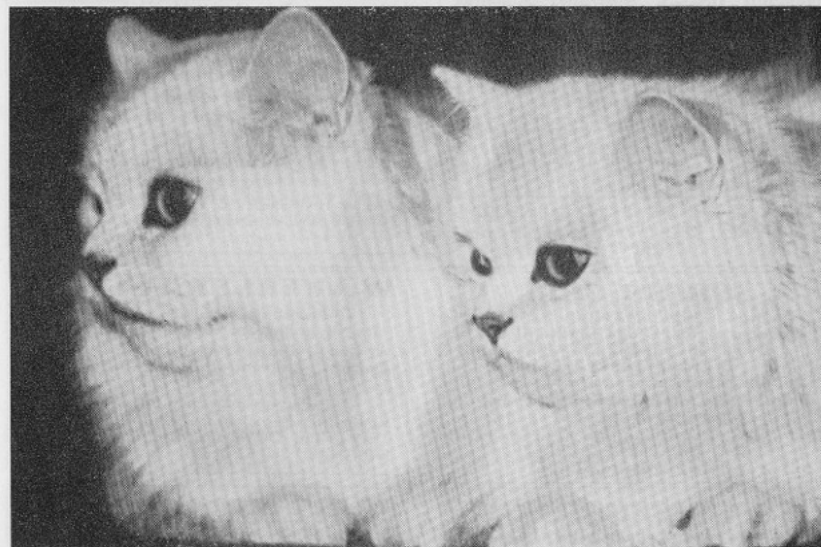
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## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

THE event which is chronicled below may very well rank as "ancient history" in the South African cat world. It happened some considerable time ago.

Nevertheless, despite the passage of time, it has lost nothing in general interest and we are sure there will be many of our readers in different parts of the world who will welcome such a unique opportunity as this to put their knowledge of feline subjects to the test.

It all started when Springbok Radio sponsored a quiz under the title of *Sixty Thousand to Go!* Entrants were invited to submit subjects of their choice and a substantial cash prize awaited the knowledgeable ones who survived to the end by answering every question correctly. Naturally, the questions became "hotter" as the quiz progressed.

One of the entrants was Mrs. Kay Wheeler, of Bergville, Cape Province, who volunteered to answer questions on "The Cat in Music, History and Literature". She was neither a breeder nor a judge—cats just interested her. Her ultimate success in the quiz is all the more commendable because it wasn't until the final question that she made the acquaintance of her chosen subject.

### From first to last

Here are the questions which Mrs. Wheeler answered correctly in the order they were asked:

- (1) Approximately how many muscles has a cat?
- (2) There are three divisions in classifying cats. What are they?
- (3) What is the derivation of the word "tabby"?
- (4) When were the first pair of Siamese cats introduced into England? When and where were their progeny first shown?

- (5) Give the following five facts:
  - (a) What is a cat's normal temperature?
  - (b) What is a cat's normal heart beat?
  - (c) What is a cat's respiration?
  - (d) What is a cat's gestation period?
  - (e) What is a cat's average expectancy of life?
- (6) What was the name of the first Abyssinian cat brought into England? Who brought it and when was it registered as a breed?
- (7) What is a "coon cat"?
- (8) Describe exactly the toes and pads on a cat's front and back feet.
- (9) Describe exactly a Burmese cat.
- (10) Give the exact allotment of marks when judging a Manx cat.
- (11) Give the number of teeth in a cat and a kitten. Name the arrangement of a cat's teeth.
- (12) Imagine yourself to be at a show. What are the chief points you would look for in the following: a Cream; a Blue-Cream; a Tortoiseshell; a Tortoiseshell and White; a Red Self; a Red Tabby; a Brown Tabby; all Long-Hairs?
- (13) Give an account of the cat in Ancient Egypt; in Greece; in Rome; in Early Britain; in the Middle Ages; in China; in the Bible.

There was a happy sequel to Mrs. Wheeler's successful encounter with the quiz master. She became Editress of *Cats Calling*, the quarterly magazine of the Western Province Cat Club, and judging from the last issue to come our way she is able to deal with editorial problems with equal efficiency and despatch. It is from this excellent publication that we have been able to reproduce the quiz questions and our acknowledgment and thanks are accordingly extended to the W.P.C.C. and, of course, to the Editress and quiz-beater Mrs. Wheeler.

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## RHODESIA CAT SHOW

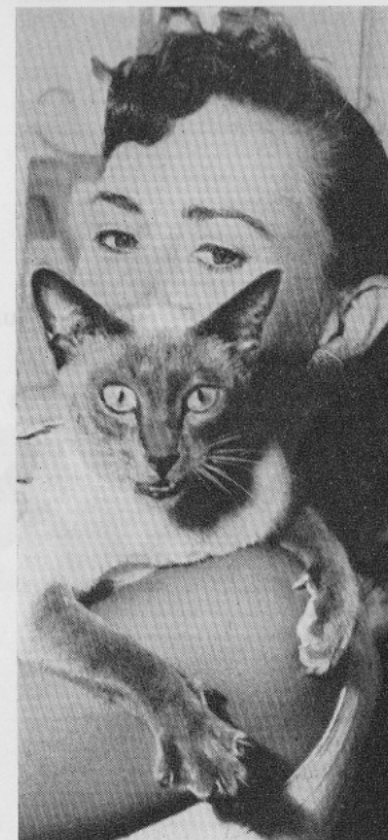
DESPITE all the disturbing news which emanates from that part of the world these days it would appear that matters feline in Southern Rhodesia are going along quite happily. May it long be so!

We have a brief report of the 7th Championship Show of the Rhodesia Cat Club held in Salisbury on 2nd March. Imports from England did extremely well. Bradbourne Benedict of Silverlawns, bred by Mr. E. P. Tew, of East Malling, Kent, was Best Seal Point Siamese over 6 months and also 1st in his Open Class and C.C. winner. Mrs. Iris S. Taylor selected Benedict after he had won his Open Class at the Siamese C.C. Show when she was visiting England last year.



A perky Benedict but . . .

A picture of Benedict appears on this page, together with one of Mrs. Anne Smith with her home-bred Bluepoint Siamese queen Isis Wedgewood Misty, Best Opposite Sex and winner of a second C.C.



. . . Misty is not so sure!

Mrs. Raeside's Blue Longhair Halcyon Duncan, bred by Mrs. D. M. Fisher, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, was Best Adult and Mrs. Taylor's Siamese Annelida Lilac Mishe-Mokwas of Silverlawns, bred by Mrs. A. E. Ashford, was 1st and C.C. and also won trophies for Best Siamese Male, Best Head, Best Eye-colour, etc.

In the competition for the Best Rhodesian Bred Cat or Kitten of the Year Mrs. Taylor's Silverlawns Candy, a Seal Point Siamese kitten bred from the Milori,



Killdown and Sealsleeve lines was the winner. Mrs. L. M. Wagner's Brown Burmese queen Silverlawns Miss Pixie became a Champion at this Show.

The local *Rhodesia Herald* really went to town with a splash pre-show illustrated feature which put the accent on what it described as "the latest craze to hit the town"—Siamese cats. They were, it added, "padding softly on velvet paws into the lives and hearts of many Salisbury residents . . . and have almost

formed a new status symbol. It's 'U' to own a Siamese".

Mrs. P. C. Robinson, President of the Club, who has 11 Siamese and a number of kittens under her care, contributed a substantial part of the feature in interview form. She described the attractions of the breed and gave useful advice on their care and management. She stressed the importance of correct feeding to counter the danger of cat paralysis, which apparently is prevalent in Salisbury.

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## News from "Down Under"

**New Zealand:** The official Siamese Show (Dunedin) was held in late January with Mrs. Scott (Australia), Mr. Aberdeen and Mr. Amory judging. The *Newsletter* just to hand contains many interesting items concerning colours, breeds and genetics, some of which could be beneficial general practice. As it has now been taken up by the English Governing Council and a sub-committee for genetics recommended, many of the junior members who drop out annually because of wasted time due to wrong information should be saved.

**Queensland:** Queensland Council is seeking to establish a central register for prefixes and has already interested South Australia and New South Wales in the idea. I consider it a good move. Old established prefixes have a lot of sentimental as well as intrinsic value and it seems only right they should be protected.

**Victoria:** The Moomba Festival Show is being held shortly and will be arranged

by Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Murfin, Sydney, will be on the judges panel. Self and Mrs. Pearce were invited but unfortunately had prior engagements. I saw Colonel and Mrs. Scott on their way home after their trip to judge in New Zealand. Mrs. Scott, who judged Shorthairs, told me how wonderfully well she had been received and treated by everybody. She was very pleased with the exhibit quality, particularly Red Pointed Siamese, of which 15 and a litter were shown. President of the Dunedin Siamese Show is Mrs. Kerr, who is the owner of a very modern cattery. She was well among the awards. Best Cat, a female Red Point, was purchased by Colonel Scott and should be an asset to Victoria breeders. I have received two very nice letters from Mrs. Merain, Carlton North. Her small son, the youngest owner, breeder and exhibitor, was recently featured by *The Herald* and the young people's section of the *Brisbane Telegraph*.

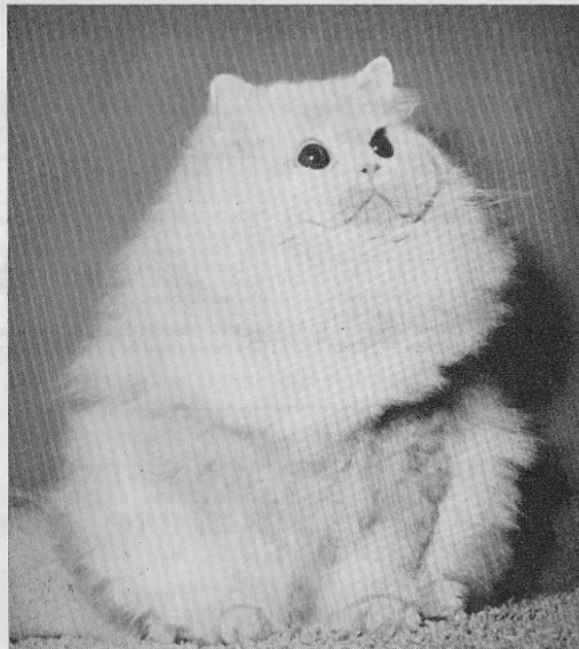
**West Australia:** This might well become a new spot for news, Mr.

Editor! I trust I may soon be able to let you know of a club formation over there. Both N.S.W. and Victoria have received requests for information re same and we have also had requests for registrations. I used to go over and judge regularly when Mrs. St. George was Secretary of the Golden West Club. Unfortunately, she had to relinquish and the Club lapsed. Maybe Mr. G. Allen, who recently took up residence there from N.S.W., has been responsible for the movement? That would link up all states.

**New South Wales:** The Southern Cross All Breeds Show in February starts the new season in N.S.W., where there is a show almost fortnightly until August/September. Originally scheduled for March, the Southern Cross

Show was brought forward because of the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip. Our governing body (Consultative Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W.) has received a request from New Guinea for registration—for a Siamese cat. The Fancy is surely spreading out! Literature received recently which has given me great pleasure includes May Eustace's *Cats in Clover* (a grand guide for those starting out in the process of "slavery" to pussy cats!), the Canadian *Aby Purr View* (splendidly edited, as usual) and our own *Cats Digest*, which continues to climb in quality and popularity.

Two motor kangaroos, each with a big "joey" peeping out of the pouch, were sitting talking in the rain. Said one: "I hate these wet days with the children stuck inside all the time!"



Louise Van Der Meid

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