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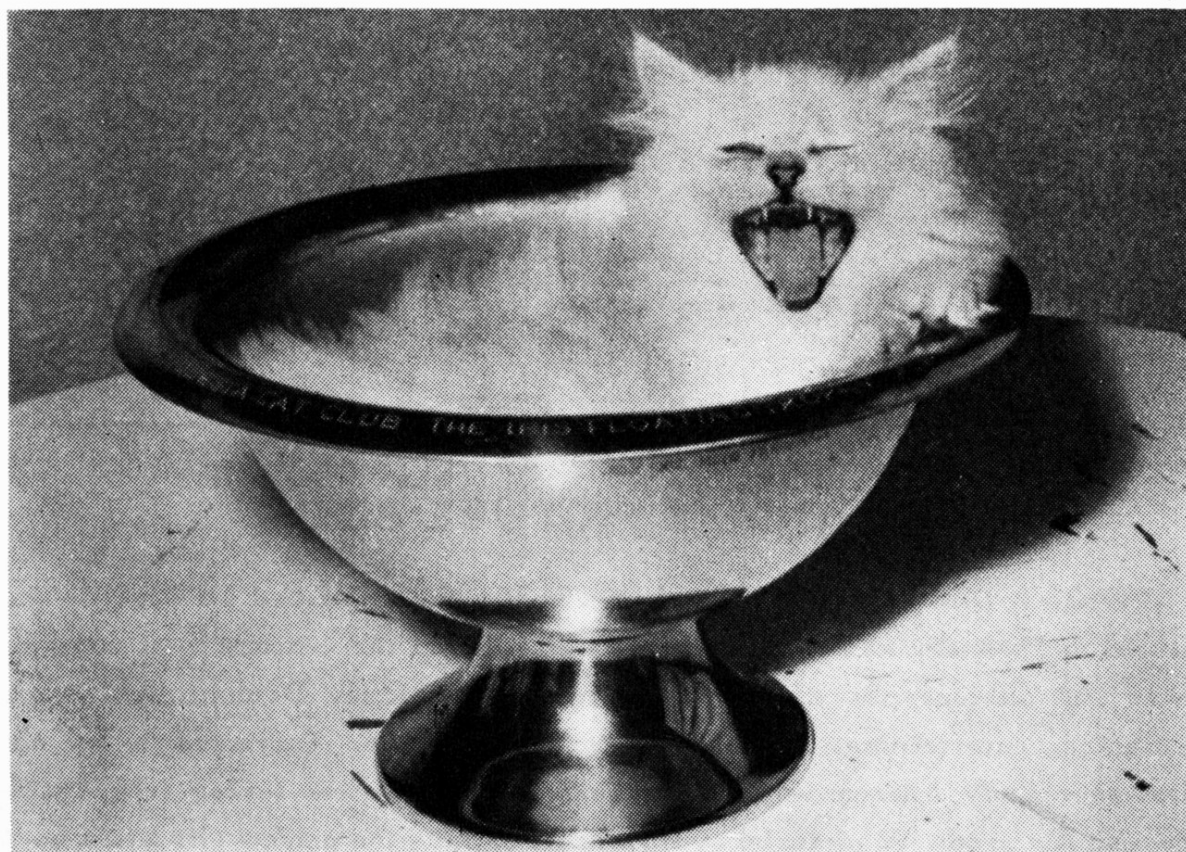
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Bernard J. McNamara

SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT !

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SHOWS FOR THE 1963/4 SEASON

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.

1963	Promoted by	Venue
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
14 " ...	Airedale Agricultural Society	Bingley, Yorks.
22 " ...	Wessex Cat Club	Bournemouth
31 " ...	*Siamese Cat Soc. of the British Empire ...	Reading
7 September...	*Cheshire Area Cat Club	Chester
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
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
15 " ...	West of England & S. Wales C. S. ...	Cardiff
29 " ...	*Coventry and Leicester Cat Club ...	Coventry
2 March ...	Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club ...	Lincoln
	Surrey and Sussex Cat Club	London

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Only one with nine lives!

MRS. LYDIA CHANCELLOR, of Golden Square, Victoria, Australia, owns over 120 cats. But, let us hasten to add, only one is of the live variety and he is a pure white who rejoices in the appropriate name of Snowball. The remainder are items in a fascinating collection of Victoriana, antique china and more modern figurines.

Mrs. Chancellor would admit to being only "a small-time" collector. A pen friend with whom she corresponds regularly in New Zealand, Mrs. A. Bushby, has a collection of more than 600 pieces. Not long ago, Mrs. Bushby had her collection especially photographed so that she could send copies to Mrs. Chancellor. Perhaps one day Mrs. Bushby can be persuaded to tell OUR CATS all about her treasures, which probably comprise the largest assembly of cats in china anywhere in the world.

Most of Mrs. Chancellor's cats have been gifts and they come from places as far afield as Scotland, America, Germany, Italy, New Zealand and England. "Whenever any of my friends travel, if they wish to bring

me back a gift, they know a cat, however small and modest, will please me", she told the feature writer of *The Bendigo Advertiser*. "My love of cats has brought me many friendships, formed and maintained through the pen".

Her collection includes cats of every shape, size and mood. Some are merry, some are sad, some are playful and some look bad. There are pert cats, shy cats and vain cats, primping in flower-bedecked hat and ribbons. A Siamese aristocrat rubs a superior shoulder with an obvious "cat on the mat" tabby. A Royal Copenhagen cat lies curled peacefully sleeping, oblivious to his neighbours on the adjacent shelves.

Kittens play ball and there is even a cat orchestra. One of Mrs. Chancellor's favourites is a tall ginger cat with a saucy twinkle in his eye. There are replicas of Beatrix Potter's Tom Kitty, Ribby and Miss Moppet, Staffordshire cats covered with pink clover blossoms and an "old woman who lived in a shoe" cat. A particularly interesting item is a cat barometer which assures us: If tail is dry—fine; if tail is wet—rain; if tail moves—windy; if tail cannot be seen—fog; if tail is frozen—cold; if tail falls out—earthquake.

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LOOKING AT THE BREEDS (concluded from next page)

Eyes—Clear, bright, vivid blue.

Body—Ivory all over. Shading, if at all, to be to colour of points.

Although the Chocolate Pointed Siamese has only received official recognition in comparatively recent years, it has been known as a separate variety for a long time. Examples of the breed are still not very numerous, but they are now very popular and of generally good type.

There is, however, room for improvement. Although the definition of

colour is that of "milk chocolate" considerable variation in colour is to be seen on the show bench. Careful selection in a long term breeding programme is the only answer to the problem of achieving the desired milk chocolate colour of the points and pale ivory of the coat.

The breed has its own specialist Club, The Chocolate Pointed Siamese Cat Club, whose Hon. Secretary is Mrs. D. M. Clarke, 64 Berkeley Avenue, Reading, Berks.

Looking at the breeds

No. 15 - CHOCOLATE POINT SIAMESE

By HUGH SMITH

SIR COMPTON MACKENZIE, President of the Siamese Cat Club, once said that he thought it a pity that after the Seal Point and Blue Point we had to have further colours. But the production of new kinds of points proceeds apace.

Breeders have produced the Chocolate Point, the Lilac Point and—although not yet recognized as separate breeds by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy—the Red Point, Tortie Point and the Tabby Point.

As long as novelty has money-making appeal no doubt the search for queer points will go on. I, too, feel that we might well

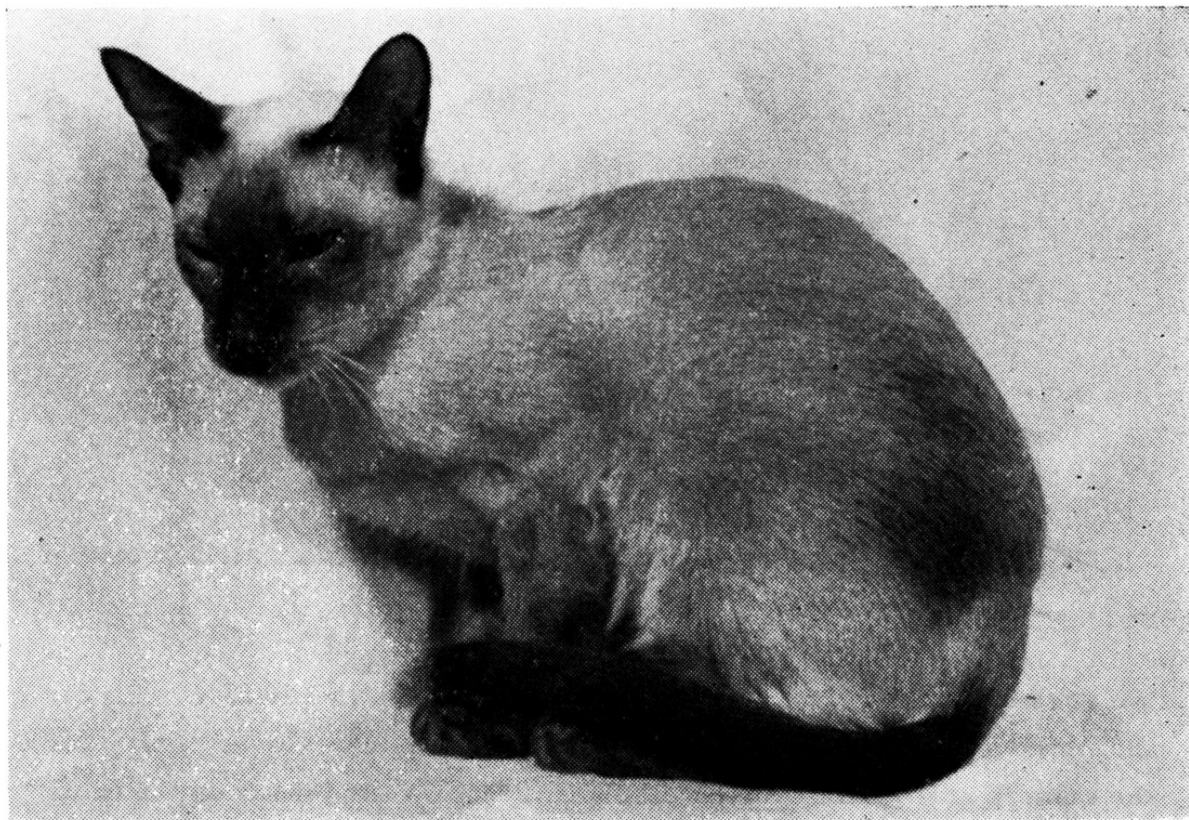
have stopped with the Blue Point. No other point will add to the charm of the two first points. Nor, for that matter will the same charm be lacking in the character of the newcomers to the Siamese family. Only the colouring is likely to be “off-beat”; not the character!

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy sets the standard for the Chocolate Pointed Siamese in the following terms:

The standard is the same as for Seal Pointed, with the following exceptions:—

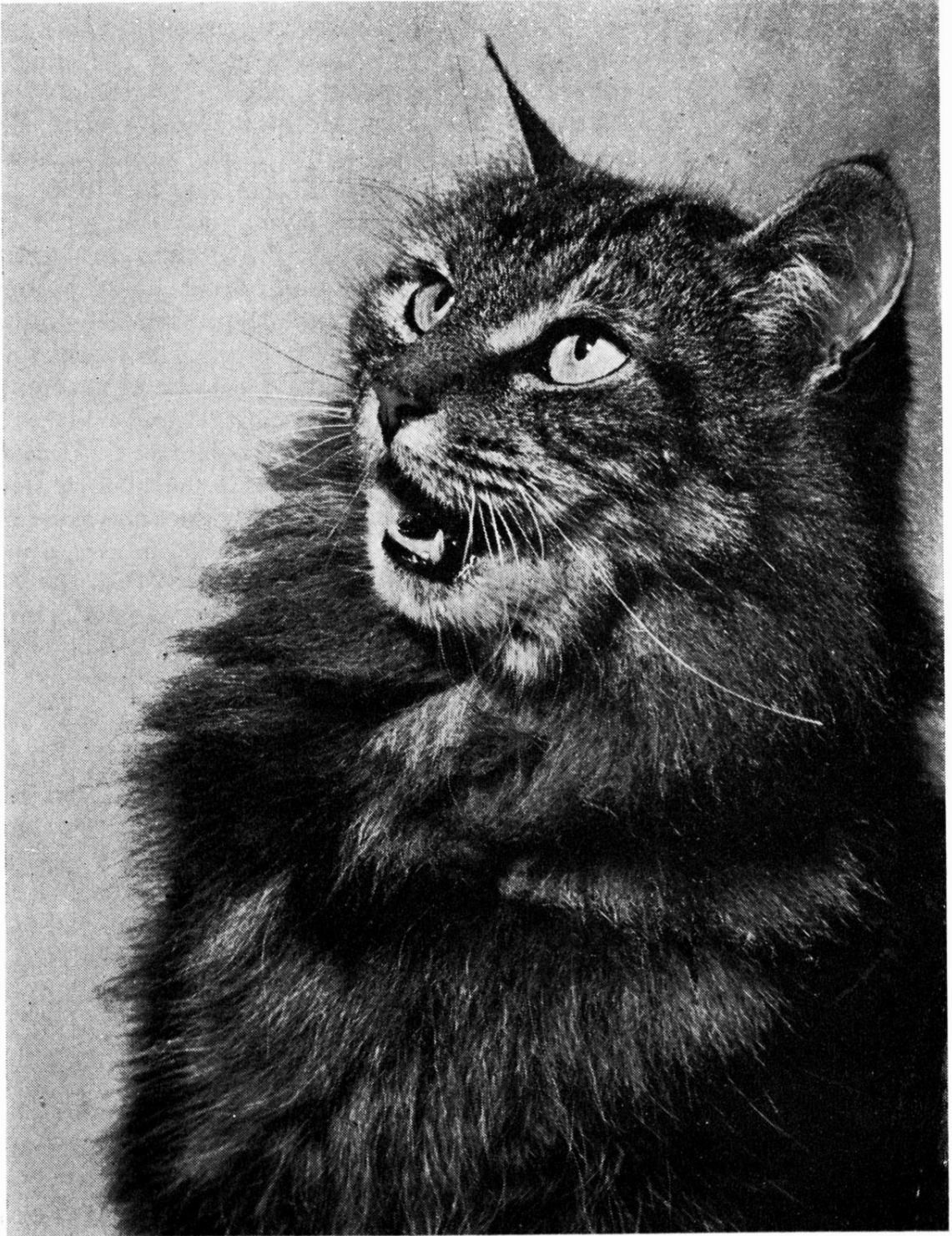
Colour—Points milk chocolate, the ears, mask, legs, paws and tail to be the same colour, the ears should not be darker than the other points.

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Hugh Smith

SEAX SHEBA, a Chocolate Point Siamese bred in 1961 by Mrs. Parker and owned by Mrs. A. Marshall, of Ware, Hertfordshire.



GOSSIP CALYPSO

We are indebted to Mrs. Olive Norris, of Rochdale, Lancashire, both for the picture and its title. “ My TIGER ”, she writes, “ loves posing for the camera and when she sees the lighting set up she jumps on the table voluntarily and poses like a human. Her reward is invariably a tin of salmon ”.

Bodhi

By BARRY DIXON

I HAVE a cat. Her name is Bodhi, which means: Awakening. I bought her a year ago; she cost half-a-crown; and she was worth it.

I went to the pet shop to buy a male all-black kitten, but they didn't have any. All they had was a little black-and-white tomcat and a larger kitten that was all sorts of colours. The woman put them both on the counter to be inspected. The little black-and-white one trembled and its eyes watered; the other one prowled around for a while then suddenly made the most tremendous leap, about three feet vertically, onto the bars of a parrot-cage. I was astonished. So was the parrot.

"That", I thought to myself, "is the very cat for me!" So I paid the woman, put the kitten under my coat, and off we went home.

I was living at the time in what was optimistically described as "a beaut. frshd. newly dec. flatlet", which was actually a rather squalid cupboard. When you opened up the bed-settee, that was it: you couldn't move. How they got the monstrosity in I'll never know, unless they built it in there.

Anyway, when I got home I gave the kitten some liver and milk, which she was too nervous to touch, and over the modest repast of a tin of beans and a cup of tea I took stock of the situation. "What's the matter with you?" I thought. "You go out to get

a black tomcat and you come back with the oddest-looking female kitten on earth".

I needn't have worried, though. In the next few weeks she grew into the most beautiful tortoiseshell cat I've seen. She has a short glossy coat brindled with black, red, and cream, with a tiny patch of white on her left front paw and on her chin. Maybe, not a show cat, but a lovely creature just the same.

The dreams started

Bodhi slept on the bed with me. And the dreams started. I'd arranged to go to Paris the following month with my best friend to seek my fortune, etc. I had a volume of poems by the American poet Gregory Corso on the back of which was written: "He's probably the greatest poet in America, and he's starving in Europe". That was written in 1957.

In the following few weeks I dreamed several times that I met Corso in Paris.

When the time came to leave for Paris, both my friend Duncan (who by this time had also had a Corso dream after visiting my room) and I were absolutely convinced we were going to meet the fellow. I took Bodhi to stay on my parents' farm, and we set off.

I'd been in Paris four days and had almost forgotten about the dreams. I was in an odd listless mood, and at ten o'clock in the

evening I took the Metro for want of something better to do.

The carriage was full and I had to stand up. I leaned against the door and blankly watched the person opposite me—a young man, unshaven and wildhaired, asleep with his head in his hands. Suddenly I felt as if I'd been kicked in the belly.

I waited until he got off the train and followed him like a spy. When he stopped to buy cigarettes I dithered about, then brashly went up to him and introduced myself. *It was Gregory Corso.* He was amazed and I was terrified.

I told him the story over a drink and he was fascinated. He'd only arrived back in Paris

the previous night after a long time in Italy. I didn't mention the cat because at the time I didn't attach any significance to it. I just thought I'd had a Prophetic Dream or something. Well, a great deal of the rest of the holiday was spent drinking and talking with him. We made a friend and we went home suitably awed.

About six months later, however, in a book called *The Cat in the Mysteries of Religion and Magic*, by M. O. Howey, I found this on page 204: “. . . until comparatively recent times in Britain an idea prevailed that the mere proximity of a tortoiseshell cat aided the development of second sight, and children were encouraged to play with them . . .”

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Tailpieces

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



MR. GALBRAITH, the United States Ambassador to India, recently announced in New Delhi that he was re-naming his cat following protests from Pakistani religious leaders that it was called after the Prophet Mohammed. The Ambassador explained that his cat had not been named Ahmed after the founder of Islam but after Ahmedabad, the place it came from. The cat's new name will be Gujerate, the State of which Ahmedabad is the capital.

Extract from *The Times*: "A man must be insensitive indeed if he does not feel that the 'big cats', those tamed and shabby tigers, could be more happily employed than in climbing on stools at the crack of a whip".

"I have always been fond of animals. My mother, too, encouraged my love for them." This is something of an understatement made to a newspaper interviewer by Miss Marion Harridge Cayless, of Loughborough, who, since she joined the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A. forty years ago, has raised nearly £30,000 for the cause of animal welfare.

"Britain has never been short of bird-watching generals, anti-stag-hunting Dames, cat-raising child-haters and negrophobe dog-lovers, all of whom would describe themselves as philosophically liberal and thoroughly broad-based in their humanism". Wolf Mankowitz in the London *Evening Standard*.

A pigeon fancier named Robert Smith, hailing from Storrington, Sussex, was fined £25 and 12 guineas costs for strangling a cat which he said had been stalking his prize birds.

Miss Ellis Powell, the actress who died so tragically soon after her dismissal by the B.B.C. from the role which she had played for 15 years as Mrs. Dale in the radio serial *Mrs. Dale's Diary*, was a great cat lover. Her favourite was Snowball and she befriended numerous homeless ones. She won £8 answering questions on pets in the I.T.V. *Double Your Money* quiz.

"She got all emotionally ill. She'd never been out of America in her life. First, she's lonesome for her boy friend; I offered to fly him in. Then she wanted her mother; I offered to fly her in. Then she said she missed her cats; I offered to fly them in". This is Irving Allen, the famous film producer, talking about an actress who backed out from the all-colour epic he is now working on in Italy. Apparently the lady was not keen on stripping as the Viking glamour girl in *The Long Ships*!

I hear that the proceeds of the show to be promoted by the Kentish Cat Society at Maidstone, Kent, on 13th July are to be devoted to the Mortimer Fund of the R.S.P.C.A. This brings back memories of Miss Adèle Rudd and her famous cat whose combined efforts were responsible for raising over £5,000 for cat welfare at home and overseas. Before she died in 1957 Miss Rudd

ensured the continuity of her work by arranging for it to be carried on by the R.S.P.C.A. as "Mortimer's Fund for Cat Welfare". A treasured gift in my possession is a study in oils of the little black and white cat copied from a newspaper cutting by Mme. Myriam Algisi, of San Remo, Italy. The K.C.S. Show this year will be opened by Mr. Richard Church, the well-known author and poet.

A small boy in the queue at an Australian cat show was heard to remark that he was "waiting to see the Royal Scared Cats of Siam".

When the domestic differences of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt were aired before the divorce court judge at Gloucester recently, it was stated that Mr. Hunt allowed the cat to sleep in the

bed, half on the pillow, half under the sheet. To keep away from the cat, Mrs. Hunt put a bolster down the middle of the bed. Finally, she bought a bed and slept in another room. She was granted a decree nisi on the ground of cruelty, the judge observing that the husband had "deliberately ignored her and treated her as if she were not there".

A newspaper correspondent, Mrs. G. E. Joy, of Lower Parkstone, Dorset, maintained that "in our attitude to animals we are far behind Belgium, where there are fines and even imprisonment for careless treatment, let alone cruelty". This was in answer to another correspondent who had criticized the action of the English policeman who had held up traffic to rescue a kitten.

Addressing delegates at Royal Society



CH. LINTON AJAX, Blue Pointed Siamese stud owned and bred by Mrs. Elizabeth Biggie, of Ealing, W. London. Holder of four C.C.'s, Ajax became a Champion at the S.W.C.C. Show at Exeter last September. He was Best Shorthair Exhibit at the Herts & Middlesex Show and sired the Best S.H. Kitten at the Croydon C.C. Show in November.

of Health Congress at Eastbourne, Dr. Ross Cockrill, M.R.C.V.S., said that the British people were now spending £50,000,000 a year on meat, raw or in tins, for their cats and dogs. As much care was being taken over the preparation of many pet foods as over meat for human consumption. In America there were nutritionists making the diet of pets their life work.

A handsome black cat who lives near the church o[^] St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea, spends a lot of his time in the churchyard. His services are sometimes in demand when bridal pairs walk down the path to their cars; he can be coaxed to put in an appearance "for luck". The other day he decided to take a stroll up the aisle himself with the result that he was very much "among those present" at the wedding of Mr. Trevor William Owen and Miss Julie Manison. The uninvited guest was made most welcome!

The Feline Advisory Bureau have, with the assistance of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association, compiled details relating to boarding catteries and at the request of the owners they are inspected by veterinary surgeons appointed for the task. A report is then considered by the F.A.B. Committee and Council and the cattery will be starred according to merit.

Recent winners of over £26,000 in a football pool, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gethins, of Gravesend, Kent, attribute their good luck to a stray black cat which they found in a cupboard. They don't know how it got there but it has been christened Lucky and will be going north with them when they return to Leicester, where their children were left in the care of grandparents. Mr. Gethins, a bricklayer, had been compelled to go south to find work.

After fifteen years training animals for film work in America, Cindy James avers that "Cats are much brighter than dogs—as affectionate, too".

One of the latest developments in American feline circles is the formation of a White Persian Society. Those interested should write for details of membership, etc., to the Secretary, Mrs. Analie Comstock, 43-43 Kissena Blvd., Flushing 55, New York, U.S.A. I have been privileged to see a copy of the first issue of the Society's official publication *The Aristo-Cat*, which carries a reproduction of its seal and slogan which is "To Protect and Perfect the Most Beautiful Breed". Subjects under discussion at the formation meeting of the Society included dark spots on the heads of young White Persians, yellow in the coats of adults, the excessive use of powder at shows, and eye colour. The Society hopes eventually to create an "Overseas Chapter".

An advertisement for holiday accommodation abroad runs: "Charming small villa let furn. May-Sept. Sleep 4, near sea. Pretty garden, Resident cat. Maid available."

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BOOK REVIEWS

“THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF DOGS AND CATS”. A Handbook of Regulations, by C. E. Woodrow, M.R.C.V.S. (*Pergamon Press, 35s. net*).

This comprehensive work by one of our best known veterinarians was prepared on behalf of the Editorial Committee of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association. It was originally planned to meet the demand of veterinary surgeons for a quick and ready reference to the import requirements of the various countries; a need which has become greater each year as enquiries from overseas for British-bred cats and dogs tend to increase.

The usefulness of the book was finally extended by the addition of chapters on shipping and air regulations and facilities, U.S.A. inter-state regulations and, most important, the quarantine regulations of the United Kingdom. In short, it provides all the answers for any cat breeder or pet owner who desires information on this two-way traffic.

The preface presents information which is thought sufficient to justify our quarantine policy. No case of street rabies has occurred in Great Britain since 1922, although a number of cases have occurred in quarantine kennels during this period. By contrast, there were 4,111 cases in the United States, 1,929 in Western Germany, 325 in Canada and 294 in Italy during 1959.

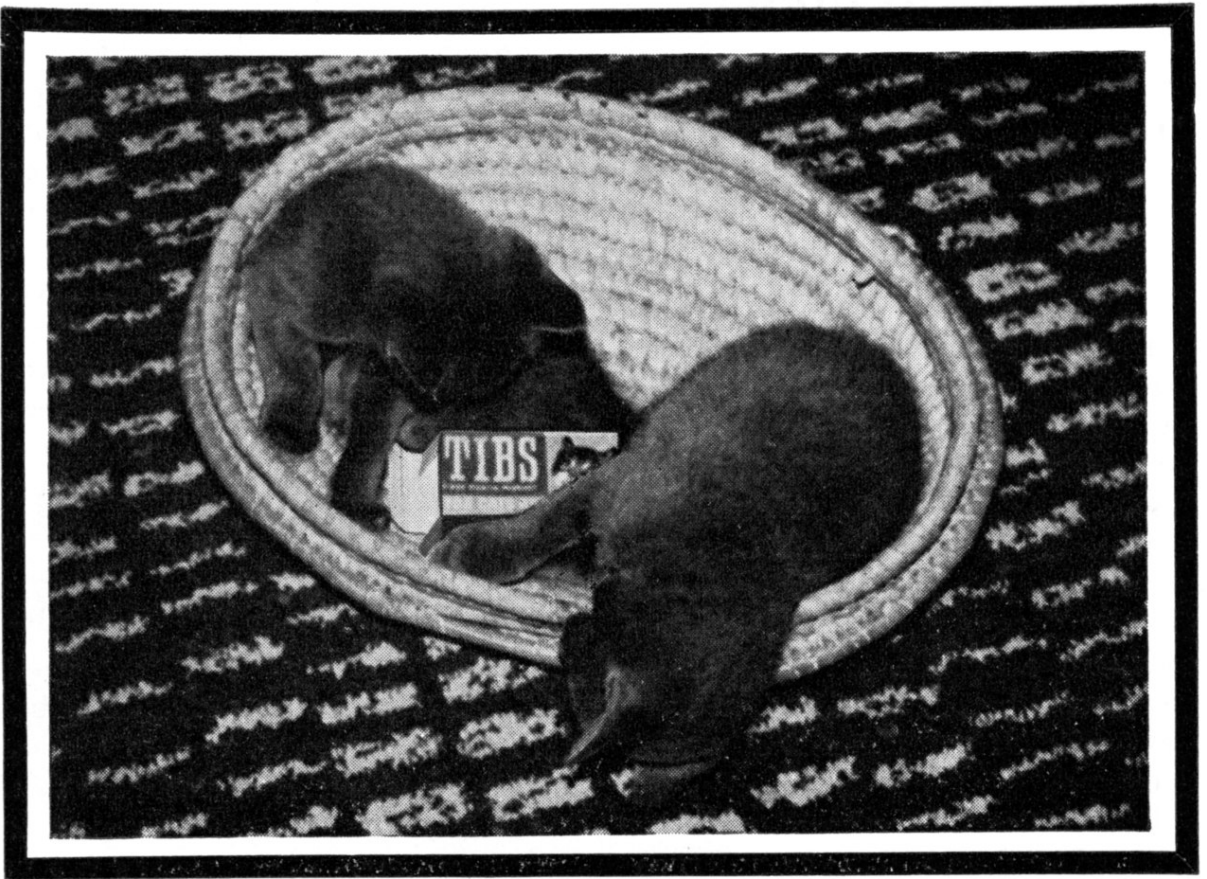
The author of this Handbook remains to be congratulated on the thoroughness with which he has handled his assignment. There seems to be something of interest on each one of the 107 pages. Did you know, for instance, that B.O.A.C. will accept one pet animal per aircraft on their Boeing 707s, Comets and Britannias provided the gross weight of the animal and container does not exceed 26½lb.; that the P. & O. Company do not carry livestock on their passenger liners, only on their cargo

vessels; that the United States Lines provide *de luxe* quarters for small animals on the top deck which are ingeniously designed for their welfare; that animals are not allowed to enter Rumania; that to enter Spain they must have an export certificate from our Ministry of Agriculture, a health certificate from a Local Veterinary Inspector in duplicate, all forms to be legalized by the Spanish Consulate for a fee of 27s. 6d.; that there are two approved quarantine kennels for cats in Surrey but none in Hampshire or Yorkshire?

“SIAMESE CATS”, by Phyllis Lauder. (*Ernest Benn, 18s. net*).

This book is a most valuable addition to the literature devoted to our most popular breed; it merits and should certainly enjoy a wide readership at home and overseas. Mrs. Lauder's two previous books *Siamese Cats* and *New Siamese Cats* are incorporated in this new issue because, as she explains, although the enchanting Siamese has not changed basically, new varieties have appeared, veterinary science has made great strides and there are many new problems calling for new solutions. Her style is clear and concise and her knowledge of genetics, generated by the late A. C. Jude, is evidenced in the chapters in which she deals expertly and interestingly with the new varieties of Siamese. Her exceptional experience as owner and breeder is underlined by a reference she makes on the very first page of the first chapter, which is devoted to Siamese history. Mrs. Lauder writes: “Many of the cats brought to this country are known to have come from the Royal Palace at Bangkok; Kou Kous was sired by such a pair, imported early in this century. I had one of their great-great-grandsons, a very fine cat who lived a long life”. All those who breed or own any of the Siamese varieties will enjoy this book.

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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

Visitors from Canada

MR. AND MRS. C. B. BORRETT of Calgary, Alberta, returned to Canada in early April. Few visitors from overseas have been able to return with such a comprehensive knowledge of our shows and exhibits. Since they arrived in early October they have attended nearly every Championship fixture and their final visit was to the exemption show of the Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club at Lincoln on March 16th. They have also visited many breeders and it was very interesting to hear their impressions of our Fancy when they came to see me at the end of March.

Blue Persians were their main interest on this trip and they took back with them Mooncoin Mr. Charmer by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Ch. Anastasia of Dunesk bred by Mrs. Knight of Leeds. Mr. Charmer has had a very successful show career this season, among his

major wins being Best Longhair Kitten at the Northern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show in November; the Scottish C.C. Ch. Show in January; and the exemption show of the Hull and Lincolnshire C.C. in March. His litter sister Mooncoin Babette went with him as a companion.

Another winning Blue male kitten to travel home with the Borretts was Halcyon Edwin by Woburn Chippy and Halcyon Lalage bred by Mrs. Daphne Fisher. Edwin distinguished himself by winning the younger Blue Male Kitten Open Class at Olympia in December, and recording other wins.

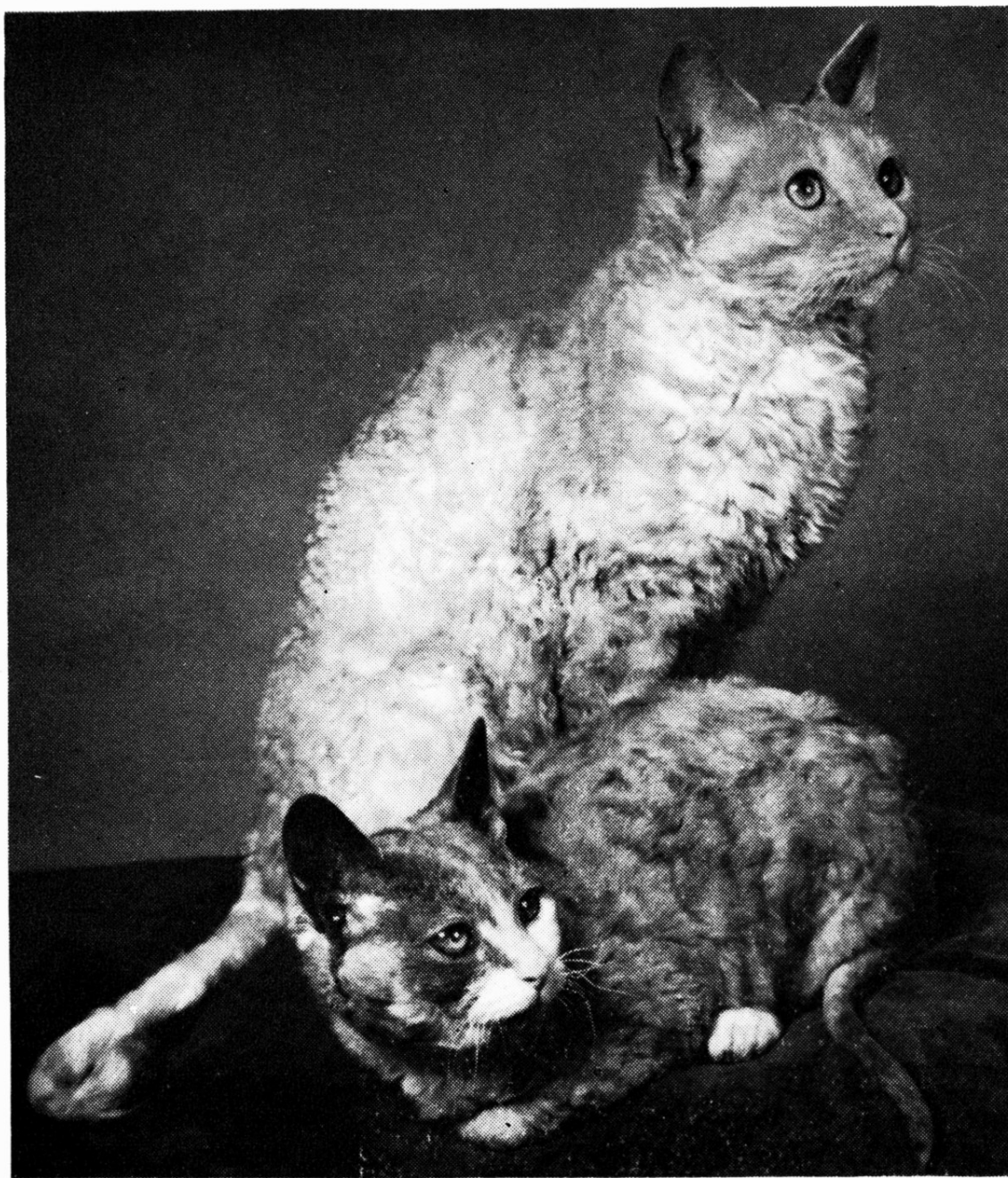
Mrs. Borrett in her letter sent just before she sailed writes: "Edwin settled down immediately purring, playing and eating well. He has his little toys and doesn't like anyone else to play with them".

The Blue female kittens Mr. and Mrs. Borrett liked were not available so they have left some orders for these. So Calgary will eventually have some of our best stock in these kittens and when they mature they should make lovely adults. In addition Mr. and Mrs. Borrett's friends in Calgary Mr. and Mrs. Ridge are keeping the two Blue females from the litter of three which May Queen had last June by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous after her arrival in Canada. May Queen is by Ch. Dusty of Dunesk and Kleine of Pensford. Mrs. Ridge is very pleased with these two who are now hefty adults with glorious eyes she tells me. She also is planning a visit to England accompanied by Mr. Ridge.

The first Rex to be imported into Canada, a black male Du-Bu-Nugget bred by Mrs. Watts, of Sunbury-on-Thames, and a Blue-Cream female Broughton Coriander, bred by Mrs. P. Hughes of Ashstead, Surrey, will cause great interest, Mr. and Mrs. Borrett consider. They expect them to attract much attention from the press and public when they are exhibited at the next Calgary Ch. Show.

Another well-bred Blue male kitten to travel overseas recently is Bayhorne Rebel by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax and Ashdown Marguerite, bred by Mrs. D. Benbow. He has gone to Madame N'Guyen of Paris and she is delighted with him.

Peter of Pensford by Ch. Brynwood Casanova and June Rose of Pensford, Best Blue Kitten at the last London Championship show of the season, has



Kenneth Scowen

A remarkably fine study of the rare curly coated Rex cats, as yet unrecognized by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. The adult BROUGHTON PEPPERCORN has recently sired a litter of four male cream Rex kittens. BROUGHTON CORIANDER the young blue-cream has gone to Canada with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Borrett where she is destined to be the star attraction at the next show of the Calgary Cat Club. Breeder is Mrs. Phyllis Hughes, of Ashtead, Surrey.

arrived safely at Sydney, New South Wales. He was a hefty kitten of seven months when he left with an excellent appetite and a friendly disposition and as I surmised, he travelled well.

His new owner Mrs. R. L. Cains visited me when she was in England with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Vize from early autumn 1961 to June 1962, and as readers know visited several shows and other breeders. She is longing for Peter to come out of quarantine on May 27th and for other breeders to see him. Very few visits are allowed even by the owners whilst animals are in quarantine, which is wise, as everything is done by the authorities to avoid possible infection.

Travel arrangements

Having experienced the enervating heat of the journey to Australia and knowing the high temperatures in December, Peter's journey was planned for him to arrive in March and to be in quarantine in their late autumn which is usually like a fine spring here. I took him to King George Dock when he left in February and was well satisfied with the arrangements Mr. Grosvenor of Spratts Patent Ltd. had made for the dogs and Peter. All of course were in separate new well-made kennels with ample bedding and facilities for feeding and sanitary arrangements. The dogs were in magnificent condition and Mr. Grosvenor told me over 100 lbs. of fresh meat went on board and some rabbits for Peter, in addition to tinned meat.

By the way, as a precaution it is advisable to have a list in duplicate about feeding and to mention that meat must not be given icy cold straight out of a refrigerator. Rabbit must be carefully boned.

I telephoned the shipping company, the Port Line, for news *en route* and was assured that all the animals were well at Las Palmas and again at Sydney.

Mrs. Helen Martin, now Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Association, tells me that two Seal Pointed

Siamese of her and Miss Eley's breeding are *en route* for Australia—Whiteacres Alayne and Whiteacres Annelese. From San Bernardino, California, Mrs. Martin had a telephone call to say how pleased his new owner is with Whiteacres Maitland.

Whiteoaks Malahide, the S.P. Siamese male bred by Mrs. Martin and owned by Mr. Richard Warner, is the sire of Annelida Michele, who has been Best in Show at eight U.S.A. Ch. Shows and is now a Champion. Malahide sired one of the outstanding winning S.P. Siamese queens of the 1961-1962 season, Ch. Nefertiti, and several Best in Show kittens.

A welcome visitor to Mr. and Mrs. Martin's Sussex home whenever he flies into England is Major Schuldt. On his last visit he chose Whiteoaks Mandy and Whiteacres Vaughan to take back with him to air base prior to flying to Ohio. An extract from his letter to Mrs. Martin reads:—

“Had them in my room and they were pretty good. They were using their sand pan so I didn't think anything of leaving one of my suitcases open. Heard them scratching in the suitcase during the night so got up and closed it and went back to sleep. Guess I should have paid more attention as the next morning I found out they were using my suitcase for a sand pan and had completely soaked my flying uniform. Really no damage done but it did teach me a lesson”.

Demand for kittens

Future news of all these little travellers will be welcome. They will be followed by several others as many well known breeders are reporting an exceptional number of enquiries for their best kittens. Foreign Liaison Officer for the Siamese Cat Association is Mrs. E. Lentaigne of Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

To avoid confusion overseas “Whiteoaks” is the exclusive prefix of Mrs. Helen Martin and Whiteacres the joint prefix of Mrs. Martin and her friend Miss Grace Eley.

A new breed number

The Red Abyssinian is now eligible to compete for Championship status and breed number 23a has been granted by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy.

The Standard reads:—

“The Red Abyssinian is the same in every respect as the standard Abyssinian, except for colour which is as follows: The body colour is rich red, doubly, or preferably trebly, ticked with darker colours. Lack of distinct contrast in the ticking is a fault. The richer the body colour the better. A pale colour is a bad fault”.

“The belly and inside of legs should be deep apricot to harmonize. The tail tip is dark brown and this may extend along the tail as a line. A spine line of deeper colour is permissible. The nose leather is pink. Pads are pink, set in brown fur which extends up the back of the legs. Eye colour is as for standard Abyssinians. Note: As with the standard Abyssinian, a white chin is to be considered undesirable. Other white markings are not permissible”.

The Hon. Secretary of the Abyssinian Cat Club Mrs. I. A. Earnshaw, Heatherpine, Curridge, Nr. Newbury, Berks, is always pleased to answer enquiries regarding this breed.

A busy cattery

Miss Marjorie Bull did not anticipate her queens having early kittens after this bitterly cold winter but by early April four nice litters had arrived of Creams, Whites and Blacks and seven more were due in May. So she and her companion Mary will have a busy time.

Miss Bull has exceptional quality in her seven male cats the majority of whom have had distinguished show careers. The seniors have sired many winners. She has the choice of two Blues, Vigilant Mark and Mooncoin Darius; three Creams, Ch. Sherry of Pensford, Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam, and Wildfell Orbit, litter brother of this

season's Cream female Champion Wildfell Galaxy; one White Ch. Snowcloud Crispin and last but not least her Black Longhair, this season's Olympia Best Exhibit in Show Champion Deebank Mascot. This win must be considered the supreme honour in the British cat world and the most thrilling win for those who have attained it.

Miss Yorke re-elected

Good wishes are extended to Miss Kathleen Yorke, who was elected for the fourteenth year as Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, a position which entails far more than the honour, as it necessitates an immense correspondence with cat people in many countries as well as our own and many interruptions by telephone. All these duties are always so cheerfully borne by Miss Yorke.

Mrs. M. Brunton was also re-elected Vice Chairman and on the Executive Committee, the other seven elected by the delegates at the April meeting, the beginning of the G.C.C.F. year, to the Executive were: Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Grace Pond, Mrs. Lauder, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Miss Langston, Major Dugdale and Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb.

Siamese judges

The unanimity reached at a meeting in March of the five affiliated Siamese cat clubs regarding the appointment of judges and recognition by these clubs of all those already appointed is a splendid augury for harmony in the Fancy. Congratulations to those concerned on their vision in achieving this result.

The respective Hon. Secretaries are: Mary Dunnill, Hon. Sec., Siamese Cat Club; K. J. Stanley, Hon. Sec., Siamese Cat Society of British Empire; Gwymedd Lait, Hon. Sec., Blue Pointed Siamese Club; Dora M. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Chocolate Pointed Siamese Cat Club;

Helen Martin, Hon. Sec., Siamese Cat Association.

Rhodesian news

I am indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, already well known for their winning Halcyon Blues, for the following excerpts which are taken from the show report they lent me compiled by the Deputy Show Manager Mr. H. Robinson of the seventh Ch. Show of the Rhodesia Cat Club at Salisbury on March 2nd.

There was a record number of 176 exhibits and an excellent "gate" amounting to £108.

Lady Welensky was invited to present the prizes but owing to illness was unable to do so. Lady Alport kindly deputised.

Prizes and trophies were given at the Show on the understanding that when all the papers were checked any mistakes would be rectified.

Mr. Robinson made a remark which will appeal to all show managers and those closely connected with them. Thanking the band of helpers he writes: "For without all these people there would never be a Show." Only those who have helped realize the amount of work that goes into every one, both before and afterwards. And finally he requests that at future Shows exhibitors collect and take away all the items they brought with them as their house has been like a junk shop for several weeks after a show with articles left in the hall.

The winning English imports included the Blue male Halcyon Duncan by Woburn Chippy and Halcyon Lalage. He was Best Cat in Show and became a champion. He is owned by Mrs. Raeside and was selected by Mr. Mowatt when he was in England in 1961.

A Challenge Certificate was awarded to a Russian Blue male imported from England—Mr. Gordan's Anderida Stenka Razin. No parents are quoted. Firsts were awarded to Mr. Mowatt's Black Longhair Briarry Zodia and to the same owner's Smoke female Ch. Tree-tops Zoe. It is also interesting to read

of a Red Abyssinian female Tara Taishun Honey. My report does not state that she was an import although "Taishun" is the well-known prefix of Mrs. Menezes in England. It describes her colouring as "a gorgeous golden red with triple ticking."

Mrs. Tonkin's C.P. Siamese male kitten Annelida Trickster, bred here by Mrs. Ashford, was 1st and awarded a special prize for his pale cream body colour. The first Lilac Point imported into Rhodesia Annelida Lilac Miske Mokwa was awarded a C.C. and a special prize for his eye colour. It is most encouraging to learn that so many English-bred cats have done so well on the show bench.

LOST TO THE FANCY

It is with great regret that we have to record the passing of two well-known and respected personalities in our Fancy.

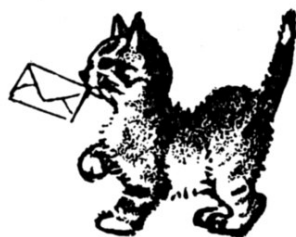
The death occurred at the end of March of Harold Basnett who was a founder member of the Abyssinian Cat Club. He served the Club in every capacity—as hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, vice-chairman and finally chairman. Following the death of his wife, a Siamese judge, Harold Basnett retired to live quietly in Kent, but to the end he was a vice-president of the Club and on rare occasions was to be seen at London shows. He will be remembered with affection and respect especially by older members of the Fancy and of course by Abyssinian owners everywhere.

The shock news followed of the death in a London hospital of Miss Edit von Ullmann, the first breeder to produce a Havana and a founder of the Chestnut Brown Group. She also did splendid work in promoting the Russian Blues. Mrs. Joan Judd, hon. secretary of the Group, reveals in her tribute to Miss Ullmann that she kept meticulous records of the foundation stock and her correspondence files are also preserved for posterity. Her contribution to the Fancy was substantial.



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.



Agile Manx

I would like to add a note or two to Mr. Hugh Smith's article on Manx in your January issue.

Some of my Manx climb like monkeys. In fact, "climb" is the wrong word. They literally run up trees, poles, walls and fences. The stud house has to be well and truly cat proof for all owners of visiting queens tell me their cats climb through the smallest opening at the top of a window. Also, *all* are terrific jumpers.

Manx are very quiet and when they talk they do so in various pitches of purr and with their whole body, literally falling over themselves in a display of affection.

MRS. C. S. COLVILLE

London, N.1.

Feline fanaticism

This just goes to show how far feline fanaticism can go.

Seven years ago, partly as an escape from 11 plus, I organized the "Pawmark Pets Club." Its members were literally drawn from the cats which pawed through our garden. They were picked up and carried indoors to where the sardines and inky pad awaited.

Appetites appeased and autographs won, they were speedily invited to stroll away before Mac, the Club's autocratic Siamese President, made his daily inspection. Somehow he never took to new recruits and gruffly invaded their home territories whenever he suspected they were raising a hair of protest against his rule.

RICHARD PIERCE (aged 18)

Chippenham,
Wiltshire.

More help wanted

I was very interested to read the letter in last month's issue from a distracted Siamese owner who was finding her pet difficult to control. It prompted me to sit down and write my own appeal for help; hoping that someone among your readers would be able to advise me in a case where modern drugs and professional advice have so far proved of no avail.

For the past twelve months my 5-year-old Blue Point (a neutered male) has been suffering from a virus condition which shows itself mainly in a continuous discharge from the eyes. It may disappear for a week or so and then return. Constant bathing with either TCP or boracic powder (correctly diluted) only serves to clean up the eyes and perhaps help the cat to open up a half-closed eye. The discharge may be reddish in colour or quite white. The eyes tend to water after meals and there is also a certain amount of head shaking and sneezing. The ears have been kept clean throughout.

The general health does not seem at all impaired and the cat remains lively and always ready for meals, despite this distressing condition.

I have been told that in some more acute cases the hair round the eyes has gone white and, what is more alarming, that veterinary science is unable to identify and overcome this particular virus.

Any advice would be most gratefully received.

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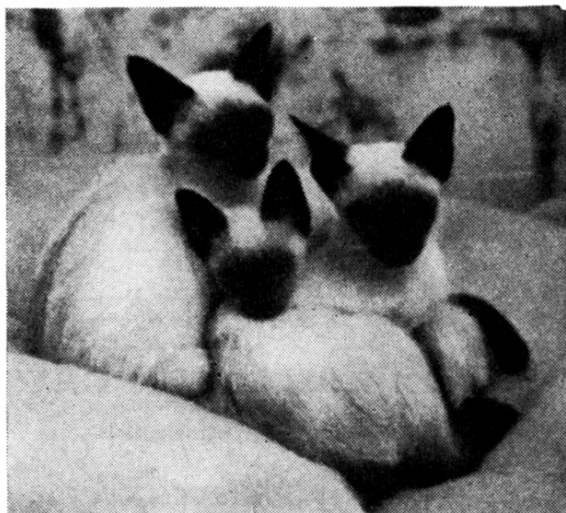
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Red Abyssinians—the new breed

By DOROTHY WINDSOR

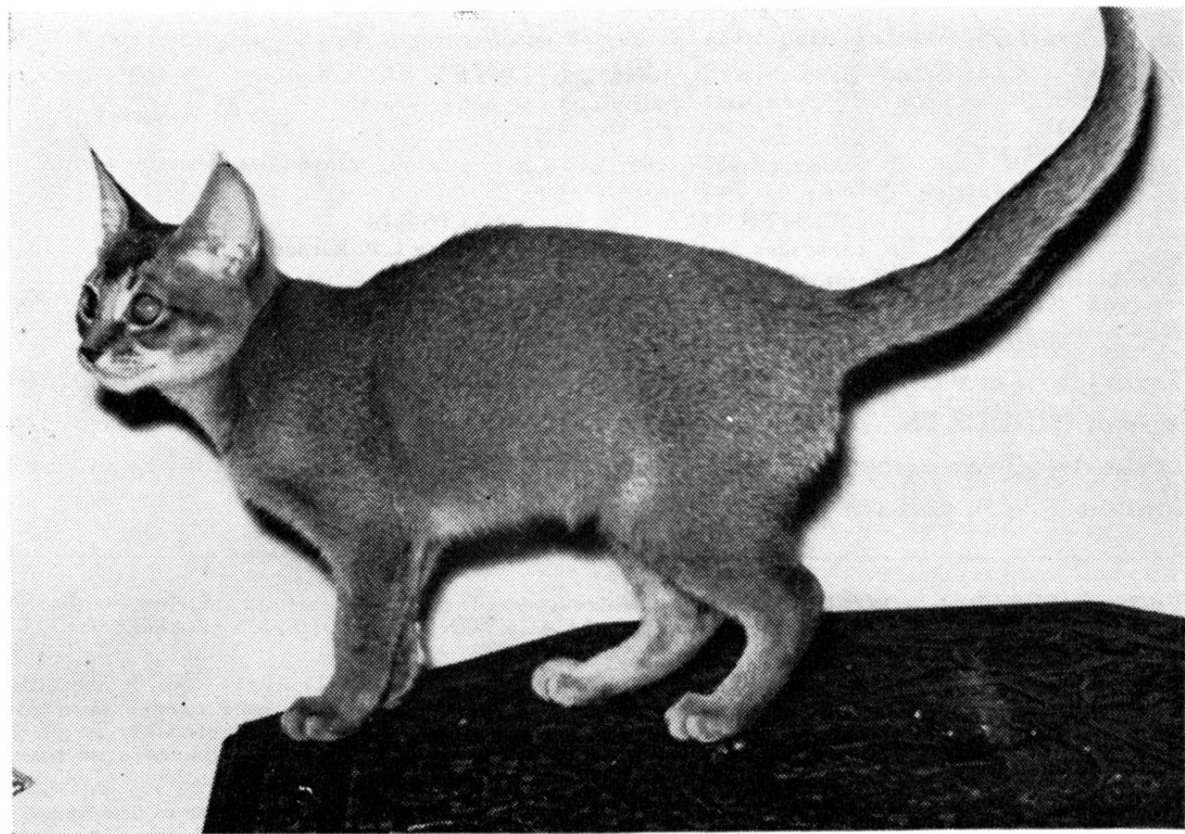
JUDGING by the letters I have been getting, quite a few people still believe that the Red Abyssinian has a red tabby somewhere in the ancestry, to account for the colour.

There is no record whatever of any such tabby being used in the breeding of Abyssinians. The only question mark is a cat called Mr. Brooke's Self Red, who appears in a few pedigrees a long way back—probably before the war. He is said to have been a chocolate colour, in spite of his name, and he doesn't appear to have passed on his colour, whatever it was, to any of his offspring or immediate descendants.

In any case, this must have

been at least twenty years ago, probably more; and it is quite impossible that the influence of such a cat would still be shown. If it were so, then it would be useless trying to produce a completely new breed, or a variation of a breed by the introduction of a cat of a different colour, because the new breed would never become true. Actually, the alien colour soon disappears.

For instance, it is recommended that a Blue Persian should occasionally be mated to a Black, to get the deeper eye colour which a Black carries; but this doesn't mean that Blue Persians are spoilt as a breed; the black does not persist, and soon dies out.



Donald Innes

TRANBY RED SOTHERIS, a Red Abyssinian bred by the author and owned by Mrs. Falkena of Arnhem, Holland. The ticking in the coat shows clearly but, of course, in black-and-white it could be a photograph of any Abyssinian.

This seems to be so particularly with Abyssinians. When first I started with them, I had a pretty little chestnut tabby called Tweedy. She was what is called a blotched tabby; her head and body were deep, rich chestnut, divided into islands by lines of speckled fawn tweed—hence her name. Her tail was chestnut, ringed with dark brown; legs and underparts creamy-fawn, with the same heavy brown rings on the forelegs.

Mated to Merkland Negus, the Abyssinian stud, she had some charming half-breed kittens. They were usually either fawn, ticked with black, or red; I never quite understood why she had self red kittens, as Negus did not carry red, but it was probably because of her mixed ancestry with a few red tabbies in it. She had always had red kittens, no matter what colour the father. These half-Abyssinian kittens had no body markings, only ringed legs and tail. Twice only did she have a kitten of her own colouring, deep chestnut but with no body markings, and ticked with gold; both were females.

Mated to father

One went to some friends in Hull who wanted her to have a litter before she was neutered; and so Sherry was brought back to her father, Negus. The result was four kittens. They were not in the least like either Sherry or Tweedy; they were the Abyssinian fawn, with the short, close, velvety Abyssinian coat, and markings only on legs and tail, which would probably fade to some extent as they got older. In fact, about four years later I had a phone call from a local doctor who had read an article of mine on Abyssinians, and he told me he had a very nice one. I found it was one of Sherry's kittens, and he didn't seem to realise she was only three-quarters Abyssinian. Unfortunately I never had time to go to this neighbouring village to see her.

It seems obvious that in a short time the descendants of these kittens, if mated to Abyssinians, would be pure Abyssinian with no trace of the tabby in their ancestry. All were sold as pets, of course, so there is no way of proving this; but that second generation was surprisingly good. The colour was rather cold, which again is surprising in view of the ruddy chestnut of mother and grandmother, though this could have altered later—it often does.

Protective colouring

The Red Abyssinian is simply a mutation. This, according to Chambers Dictionary, means "sudden inheritable divergence from ancestral type". The Rex cat, with its curly coat, is a good example of this; it appeared quite suddenly in a litter of normal kittens, and nothing like it had ever happened before. There must always have been mutations, otherwise we should still be living in pre-historic times, so far as the animal kingdom is concerned, dodging sabre-tooth tigers and mammoths. Some changes would be slow and gradual, as climate and conditions slowly altered, and life had to adjust itself to these changes or disappear; others a sudden divergence.

The first wild cat, in primeval times, was probably striped, with a tawny-red body colour, which would blend with the jungle where it lived. I have often watched Tweedy walking through the wood, and noticed how she merged into the dappled sunlight and shade of the trees. Abyssinians, on the other hand, are almost invisible in shadow or against the brown earth, and I should think that their tawny unmarked bodies would be equally invisible against the desert whence they came. Nature can be extraordinarily, exasperatingly stupid at times, but she does give her children protective colouring, so that they shall survive.

From the first wild cat came all the different breeds we have to-day; thousands of years of changes and mutations to produce the Persians, Burmese, Abyssinians and Siamese.

Were Siamese manufactured?

One rather fascinating speculation: What environment produced Siamese? Or were they manufactured, countless ages ago, by a Chinese with a knowledge of genetics, to fulfil some dream of exotic beauty?

The Red Abyssinian follows the genetic laws of albinism, which is a mutation. I have both red and normal Abyssinians, so I have had every opportunity of proving this. Two reds mated together produce a red litter; a red mated to a normal Abyssinian will not produce red kittens unless the normal partner carries red; then there will be both reds and normal in the litter. If the normal partner does not carry red, then there will be no red kittens even from a red; it must be on both sides.

Prim, my first red Abyssinian, was

mated to both my normal studs, and had no red kittens, as neither carries red. Only when I got the red stud, Taishun Khephra, did I get red kittens; not only from the two red queens, but from a normal queen who proved to carry red. She has mixed litters; the two red queens have all-red litters from Keff. But a tabby in the woodpile, even a recent one, would not work like that; the laws of inheritance would not be the same.

Recognition won

The fact that Red Abyssinians were registered as Breed No. 26 helped to cause confusion; it at once suggested cross-breeding, especially abroad. It is wonderful news that they have now been recognized by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and given Breed No. 23a. This recognition accepts them officially as the pure-bred Abyssinians that they are and always have been. They differ only in colour. They have the ticking which is the great characteristic of the Abyssinian, not in black, but in darker red or light brown; and they are lovely beyond imagination.



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News from "Down Under"

HELLOA, everybody! We are back to nice fine, sunny days after the long wet in which we had almost our yearly average in less than one month, only five days on which it did not rain. It has now moved North and Queensland is having heavy floods and loss of stock.

New Zealand: I have received the February-March *Newsletter* from Mrs. Bassett, Secretary to the Council, and also Shorthair Registrar. Mr. N. Hanson is Longhair Registrar. President is Miss D. E. Menzies, O.B.E. A full list

of show dates and judges is included, should anyone need this information. Mr. S. C. Moran has resigned as Council delegate for Otago, which is a great pity and his services have been recognized by a letter of appreciation from the G.C. I am also sorry to learn of Miss S. Tasker's resignation owing to ill health.

Mr. A. Davies, of Campbells Bay, Auckland, has gained the Council's approval to the formation of another club in the Auckland Province—to be centred on Auckland's North Shore (a lovely spot).

Secretary of the official Siamese Cat Club has reported the addition of 30 new members who all reside in the U.S.A. What a lovely gesture by overseas friends.

At Palmerston North Kitten Show Miss R. Lovejoy's Cream male Highland Lucky Star was Best in Show.

Some very interesting letters dealing with the "Lynx Point" and the registering of Red Abyssinians appear in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

Victoria: I hear that things are moving along very nicely in Melbourne and their show season is about to begin on an optimistic note. I was very happy to see so many visitors from the cat world in Victoria at our Royal Show, including Col. and Mrs. Scott (two entries), and Miss Saker. Miss Saker motored over for both cat judging days, nearly 1,200 miles each trip.

Queensland: I have received another very interesting letter from Mrs. Paton, of Brisbane. She is full of confidence as to the future of the Fancy up there. Good stock is again being imported and the standard of exhibits is showing marked improvement. I would add from personal observation that some wonderful new stock will topple the big names in the coming Championship season.

A social evening held at the home of member Mrs. Love, of Graceville, and sponsored by the Siamese and S.H. Society on March 22nd, 1963 was much enjoyed by some 25 Club members, particularly son Graham, proud Club member and owner of a Siamese cat.

Judges classes commenced on the return from Sydney Show of the appointed and able lecturer Mrs. Batten. About ten students are expected to enrol and be ready for examination in late July. Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. Titchfield, three Queensland judges, were interested observers of the proceedings at the Sydney Show judging on Easter Monday.

New South Wales: The Consultative Committee scheduled for April 2nd, 1963 had to be cancelled through pressure of business. The Royal Show blessed (for

most part) with lovely weather has concluded and what a fixture it proved. A new attendance record was set up and our cat section of 424 would far outnumber any other Australian cat show fixture. Mrs. Ann Vize did Longhairs and F. W. Pearce looked over the Shorthairs. Mr. Harry Wynne was senior steward, assisted by Mr. W. Taylor and Mrs. F. M. Wood. The judging was televised and on the air 6-6.30 p.m. the same day.

It was indeed pleasing to see Mrs. Mullins carry off top honours for Best Male in Show and the F. W. Pearce Gold Trophy with her Cream Ch. Highland Golden Star. He left little to be desired. A "pat on the back" for that breeder of wonderful stock in New Zealand, Miss R. Lovejoy. Mrs. Mullins' Black male Bye-Bye Blackbird, also bred in N.Z. by Mrs. Downey, pressed him closely for the L.H. selection. The Best Female, a S.P. Siamese owned by Mrs. Moller was very lovely and very close to the required type. It is interesting to note here that both the Best S.P. Siamese male and female, bred by Mrs. Jowett, were sired by a very worthy sire of yours back and now 14 years of age, Maiz Mor Marmaduke. I hope this catches the eye of Mrs. Peggy Corbett, who bred him. I have his photo above my desk inscribed "From Duke to Mr. Pearce with apologies for the skin I forcibly removed from his hand".

Some very beautiful exhibits were benched and, as usual, had been held back for "the big day".

New Zealand: A late item! At a meeting of the Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers Club, Wellington, Miss Suzanne Pinkerton was elected Secretary and immediately wrote and asked me to judge at a special show it is intended to stage on July 27th, 1963. Would have dearly loved to oblige and seen them all again in N.Z. but had accepted Mr. Gravatt's show in Queensland on that date. In fact, I have now had four invitations to officiate on that day. What a great shame!

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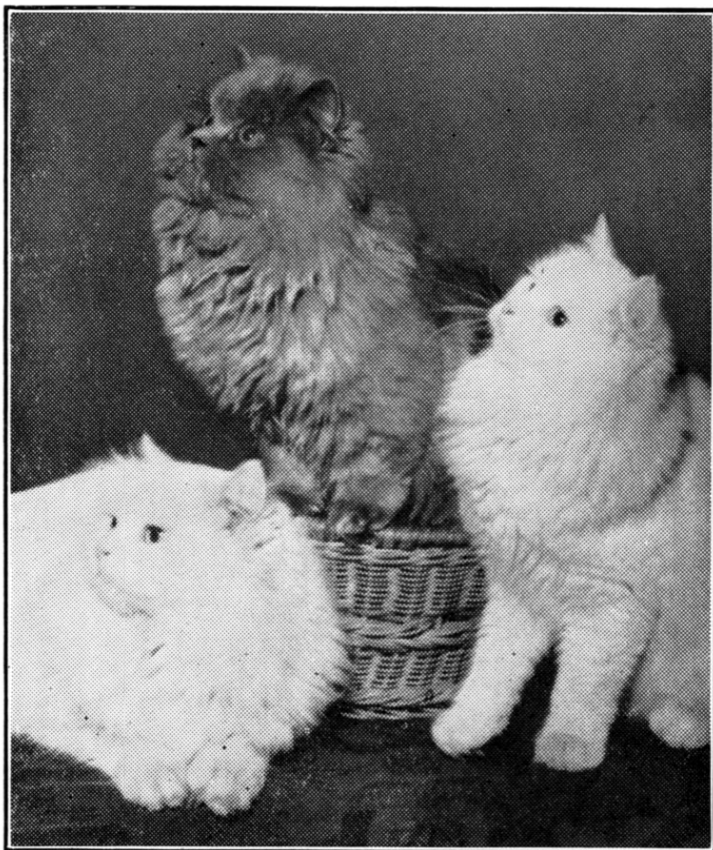
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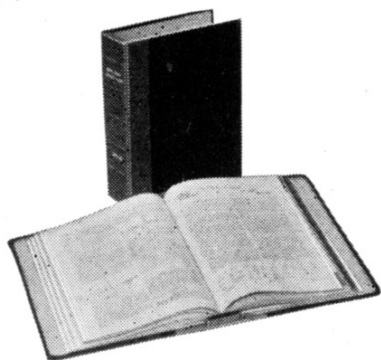


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