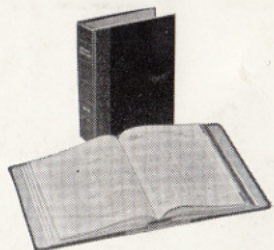


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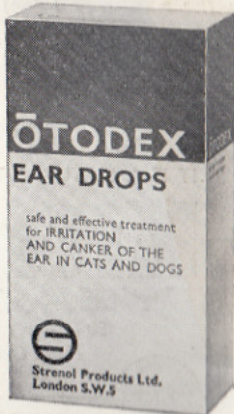
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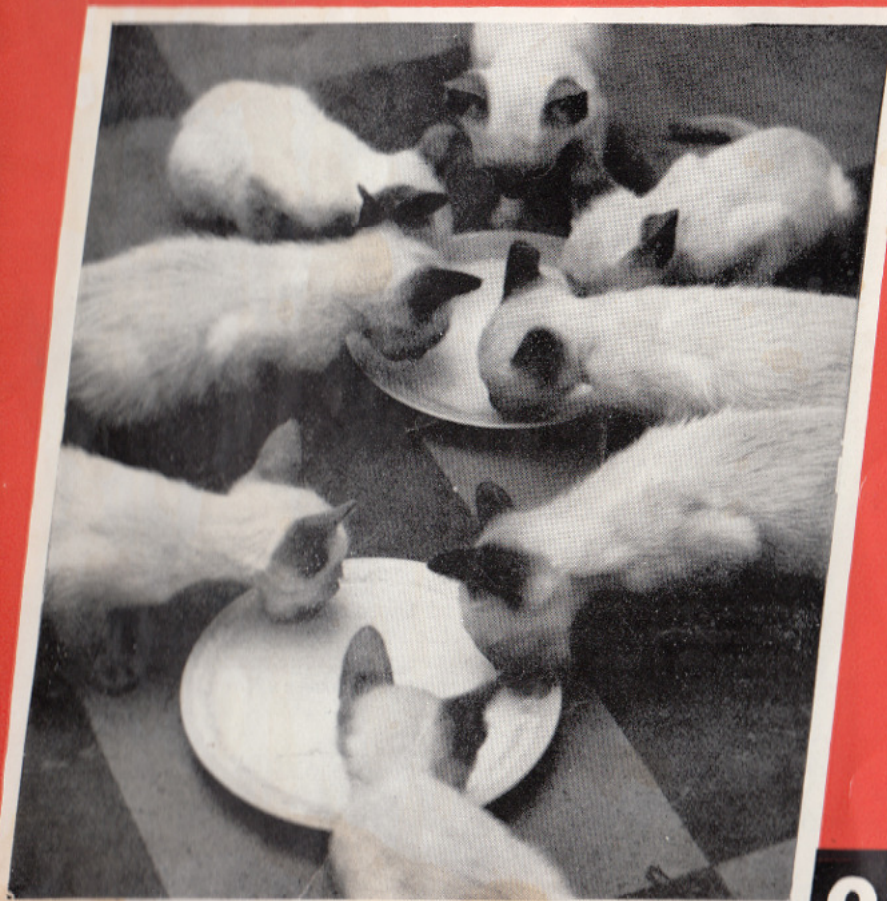
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SHOWS FOR THE 1963/4 SEASON

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.

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18 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ...	London
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15 " ...	West of England & S. Wales C. S. ...	Cardiff
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	Surrey and Sussex Cat Club ...	London

* Denotes shows with Championship status

With the approach of the firework and party season when bangs, sudden noises and jollifications can reduce household pets to a state of extreme nervousness, it may be timely to remind readers that most pet shops now sell safe sedative tablets which have a soothing effect on the nervous system and keep pets calm. Veterinary surgeons and animal welfare societies recommend that highly strung and sensitive pets should be given sedative tablets and kept indoors during the firework season. The "Ashetree Brand" tablets are popular for cats. They cost 2s. 8d. for 20 and the dosage is one tablet up to three times a day.

I have news that the Natal Cat Club

of South Africa was able last month to stage its first show for two years, following the lifting of the ban imposed on the movement of animals after rabies had been notified. The growing interest in things feline in this part of the world is indicated by the fact that over 2,000 visitors were present in the afternoon to see 88 pedigreed entries and 25 in the unregistered classes.

"We read about the dreadful slaughter of pets because of holidays. Why not pet hotels outside the holiday resorts? Holiday-makers could then have the pleasure of their pets plus the advantage of having them looked after."—Mrs. H. G. Fletcher, of Eastleigh, Hampshire.

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This month-old litter bred from her queen Siawase Sara-Lee are enjoying one of the best times of the day at the home of Mrs. E. Gibson, Kiveton Park, Sheffield.

Rearing winter kittens

By A. E. ASHFORD, S.R.N.

THOUGH much has been said and written on the subject of rearing kittens, I think that the subject of winter kittens deserves special consideration.

Whilst the Longhaired breeds only kitten in the spring, many of the Shorthaired cats and *most* of my own breed, the Siamese, tend to have their first litter at Christmas or the New Year. Most of these kittens will grow up to be strong and healthy as spring and summer kittens, but because they will not have the full benefit of fresh air and sunshine, they *do* need extra care.

My own kittens are always born and reared in the house. This enables me to keep a constant eye on their progress and also, I believe, helps them to grow up to be affectionate and fearless because they are used to coping with the hundred - and - one unusual sounds and events of a busy family life.

The ideal kitting box for winter kittens is a well-painted tea chest, standing on its side, with a board across the "entrance" reaching to a height of 10 inches. This is to prevent young kittens from exploring the outside world too soon! Inside the box there should be a rail running round the three sides 2 inches from the floor and 2 inches from the sides. This ensures that the queen does not crush the tiny kittens even though she lies back with a kitten behind her.

Even though the kitting box may be in a warm room, extra heat will be needed in the winter months to ensure that there is *constant warmth*. By far the best method of heating is by the dull-emitter type of infra red lamp. This gives a constant heat directed on to one spot without the danger of light affecting the kittens' eyes. The lamp, usually of 250 watts, is suspended 4 ft. above the floor of the box. In addition to the benefit

of even warmth, I have found that this lamp produces very fine coats on the kittens. This result is obviously due to the properties of the infra red rays. The lamp is used constantly until the kittens are 3½ to 4 weeks old, by which time they are mobile. Then I move them to a new bed near a radiator, which is of course kept running day and night.

Hints on hygiene

The move to a new sleeping box is always helpful in regard to toilet training. Whereas 3½-weeks-old kittens may still tend to use the kitting box as a sanitary tray the clean scent of a new box (which may be a large grocer's cardboard carton) encourages the kittens to climb out to find their tray rather than to soil their new surroundings.

Because during the winter it is not easy to fully air a room and because the kittens cannot run freely in the garden, extra care must be given to hygiene. It is not sufficient to wash the floor and brush it occasionally. The floors must be washed *at least* once a day, using detergent and Brobat or Domestos (these are more effective germicides than any of the pine disinfectants). The kittens' blankets should be washed on alternate days and the sanitary trays must be washed and disinfected twice daily.

Where there are successive litters of kittens being born, it is advisable to fumigate the kitting room with potassium permanganate and formaldehyde, using two tablespoons pot. permanganate to half-a-cup of formaldehyde. Shut all the kittens safely in another room, close the doors and

windows. Place the pot. permanganate on a large metal plate, pour on the formaldehyde—and dash out! A choking gas is given off which is a powerful germicide. But it is most unpleasant and the room should not be opened for one hour. After this it should be well aired before any cats are allowed inside.

Even in winter, I allow litters from 5 weeks old to go into the garden when the day is sunny and when there is no cold wind. They do love a scamper in the fresh air but should never be left out for any length of time. When this is not possible, a tray of the edible "cat's grass" should be grown and kept within reach of the kittens, who will thoroughly enjoy a nibble every day.

Tummy trouble

In spite of all precautions, where there are several litters there may still be a build-up of *E. coli* in the kittens' intestines. This organism is present in the intestines of all humans and animals. It is only harmful when it reaches a high level and enters the blood-stream as it may do where there is continual breeding. Symptoms of an *E. coli* infection are frequent vomiting of food, followed by vomiting of a clear fluid, with loose offensive stools. This must *not* be confused with the sudden onset and violent diarrhoea and vomiting of Infectious Feline Enteritis. The onset of *E. coli* infection is far more insidious and I have heard breeders say that all litters have a certain amount of vomiting and loose stools. This may be—but nevertheless it is an illness and one which can cause severe dehydration and even death.

When the previously mentioned symptoms are noticed, the veterinary surgeon should at once be called. Nowadays, there are several wonderful drugs which control the spread of *E. coli* infection, and with careful feeding, the litters are soon back to normal. But neglect, even if it does not cause death, may lead to permanent colitis and malnutrition in an older kitten. There is also the danger to other stock and to the vulnerable kittens at shows.

Though a winter kitten's diet is no different to that of a kitten born in the summer, consisting, as it should, of a variety of fresh raw beef or horse meat (human consumption type only), raw liver, steamed fish, a few of the pure meat canned foods, and Farex and Carnation milk. I give my kittens 2 drops of halibut oil each day. This provides them with the Vitamin D that they would normally assimilate from the effect of the sun's rays, which

enables the calcium in the food to be assimilated, thus preventing the occurrence of rickets.

Special attention should be given to the worming of winter litters. This should be carried out at seven weeks and again at nine weeks of age. Piperazine in tablet form is the usual drug used, as it is mild but effective in action, and no fasting is necessary. Here again, it is advisable to worm litters under the instructions of a veterinary surgeon. It is most important that the kittens should not be allowed to become chilled after worming, when they are more vulnerable to any possible infection.

In these notes I have tried to point out the possible dangers in rearing winter kittens. With normal care, and with the co-operation of a good veterinary surgeon, there is no reason why winter kittens should not be as bonny and as full of life as their luckier summer brothers.



ISIS MOM GENGI is the treasured pet of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, of Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. A descendant of two well known English Siamese, Ch. Bluehayes Foxy and Ch. Prestwick Ally Pally, Gengi was bred by Mrs. P. C. Robinson of the Rhodesia Cat Club. Gengi has won prominently as a male neuter.

Therapy in F.I.E.

By CLAIRE HALLIDAY

TEN years ago the mortality in cats that developed virus enteritis was from 80 to 90 per cent, particularly in the pure-breds such as Siamese and Persian. Mongrels, even mongrel kittens, are much less vulnerable, although why this is so is not entirely understood. Some kittens appear to be immune while those from "the better classes" are very susceptible.

Within the last few years, however, the mortality rate has been considerably reduced by drugs now available, e.g. the sulfonamides and antibiotics, by more accurate information on the disease (also referred to and, or confused with feline distemper) and by the expert knowledge gained from long experience in treating animals with this difficult condition. More recently a case was reported of a moribund Siamese that rapidly and completely recovered after the administration of cortisone and ACTH.

Spread of infection: Virus enteritis occurs only in cats, and all attempts to transfer the virus to other animals have failed. Its most characteristic feature is its extreme infectious nature. Cats may appear normal when already harbouring the disease and able to transmit it in the cattery, at shows, or during casual contacts on the street or in the garden. Fleas and ear-mites have been blamed for passing on infection, but, since the virus is invariably present in the nasal excretions, faeces and urine of sick animals, the infection is easily passed from one to another without the aid of parasites.

Clinical picture: Forty-eight hours after exposure, the susceptible cat suddenly shows symptoms with profound depression. The temperature rises to 103° or 105° but it may drop to below normal. There is vomiting, extreme weakness and dehydration. The eyes and nose may run but this may be caused by a respiratory infection occurring at the same time, probably attacking the animal in its weakened state. Some veterinarians feel that most of the serious complications of virus enteritis can be attributed to the invasion of bacteria such as haemolytic streptococcus. The acutely ill cat may be found dead without its owner ever having noticed its illness, but commonly the animal lives for two or three days before expiring.

Some methods of treatment: Some years ago in Harrogate a congress was arranged by the British Veterinary Association and reported in the *Veterinary Record* of 15th December, 1962. Considerable information on feline enteritis and its treatment was presented by veterinarians from various countries, for this condition seems to occur throughout the world.

A U.S.A. veterinarian stressed immunization through the use of formalized vaccine in doses of 2 cc., a week to 10 days apart. (There are several brands on the market.) The vaccine produces at least a 90 per cent protection to healthy cats and kittens. Sick animals should not be vaccinated. The first injection should be given shortly after weaning, at four to six weeks of age, when the immunity transmitted by the mother recedes.

The extreme care was stressed with which the animal must be handled, if handled at all. It is in great pain and can easily be exhausted by attempts to

give food or water. Cats which are force-fed and handled too much can die from sheer exhaustion. One speaker stated that, since fluid must be replaced, she prefers to give it by injection, as being the lesser of two evils. Another doctor advocated water and amino acids by spoon-feeding but emphasized that the cat must be well wrapped when handled, to prevent exhaustion from struggling. (If there is any tendency to fight the nurse, the animal should be released immediately.)

A sudden attack

Successful Treatment with Steroids: This particular patient was a pedigree neutered male Siamese, nine months of age, 6-6 lb. in weight. He had been inoculated with a reputable feline enteritis vaccine at four months of age, and was perfectly well the evening before the onset. However, at 7 a.m. he was found lying in a mess in his basket, grossly dehydrated with vomiting and diarrhoea, in obvious distress because he could not move away, but too weak to stand.

The previous year, a Siamese cat in the same household had died after liberal doses of antibiotics and saline infusions; the family felt that little could be done to save this one. The veterinarians, however, did not take such a gloomy view. They knew that, in man, an acute virus infection can result in acute adrenal failure, rapid deterioration and death. The evidence in this case was the very rapid physical

deterioration, vomiting, diarrhoea, dehydration and muscular weakness. Cortisone, it was suggested, might help if given quickly and in adequate dosage.

The following medication was administered: 20 cc. of glucose saline intravenously, 40 cc. subcutaneous saline, and 25 mg. of cortisone by intramuscular injection. These were given at 10 a.m. the same morning. By 2 p.m. the cat could stand, could take and retain a little milk and egg. It remained fairly comfortable. Toward evening he began to relapse and was depressed, restless and again too weak to stand.

Back to health

Another 25 mg. of cortisone was given at 10 p.m. At 3 a.m. the next morning the animal made his way upstairs, was given a saucer of milk which was eagerly lapped up. The following day 25 mg. of cortisone was given at 10 a.m. and another injection at 10 p.m. For the next three days (at 10 a.m.) he received 12.5 mg. along with 10 units of ACTH in a single injection.

These are comparatively large doses for a cat but they proved life-saving. The animal quickly regained his lost weight and energy, and "great difficulty was experienced in containing him in the house during the three days he was being weaned from the cortisone". He has since remained in perfect health. So here is another tool for treating this too-often fatal condition, whether it is called virus enteritis, or panleukopenia.



A page for the proletarian puss—No 106



A STORY WITH A POINT

A moment of forgetfulness brought this little cat under the surgeon's knife. He has had a needle and thread removed from his tummy. His young mistress had a birthday and one of her presents was an embroidery set. While she was working with it one morning she ran out in a hurry to play with some friends, leaving the needle and thread on the arm of a chair. Puss came along, played with the dangling thread—and very soon it was down his throat with the needle still attached. When he went off his food and was sick his young mistress hurried off to the P.D.S.A. hospital, where an X-ray soon disclosed the seat of trouble. A delicate and difficult operation was performed and puss finally made a good recovery after the extraction of the needle and thread.

On Blue Pointed Siamese

By THETIS RENDALL

HOW refreshing it was to read the notes by Hugh Smith in your July issue on Blue Pointed Siamese. These notes were informative, written by a thoughtful breeder, who has had experience of the difficulties in breeding this variety of Siamese. We have become wearied of reading the many enthusiastic eulogies on exhibition cats written in most cases by ill informed and ignorant so-called experts.

In my view, never has the standard in the English Blue Point been so low; not that it has ever been very high. The main cause is as Hugh Smith says and if I may say so, I also have written—the fundamental shortage of

outstanding Blue Pointed males at stud. . . I would go further and state that at the present time it has become an almost insoluble problem to breed real Blue Points which are correct for type and colour.

To be a worthy winner and thereafter a worthy stud, a Blue Pointed male should not only have type but he should have correct colour too. There are males at stud who do have excellent type, but in nearly every case, they fail entirely on colour. And it is on this question of colour that the greatest ignorance is shown, and also any attempts at improvement are neglected.

There is no doubt that the pale coat is difficult to breed, but given the choice of a few males who have a pale body



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colour, the difficulties are not insuperable. This pale coat does not obey the ordinary laws of segregation in inheritance, but can only be attained by rigid selective breeding. Pale coated queens must be mated to pale coated males. The palest kittens in the litter must again be mated, if female, with pale coated males, and so on with each successive generation. After three or four really selective BP x BP matings, it is possible for the one exceptionally pale kitten to turn up in a litter. Once seen it cannot be mistaken.

The selection of kittens in a litter is difficult, unless the breeder has had experience, and knows his stock. It is possible at 5 months to hazard a fairly accurate guess as to the adult shade of the body colour. In my experience, it is unwise to choose a kitten with a dead white coat at this age, for I have found that this kind of kitten usually grows into a very dark cat.

Obsessed with type

There is little doubt that the large number of shows has a very ill affect on breeding. In the case of Blue Points the majority of judges are not experienced breeders, and are so obsessed with type, that every other quality is viewed with indifference. One judge has told me that she never looked at the body colour of the exhibit she was handling. If Championships were withheld from dark coated cats, breeders would have an incentive to try and improve the colour.

Confusion exists amongst judges and breeders over the relative evils of an all blue cat or a very fawn one. Both are bad faults, but in my view the all blue fault is the major one. Blue is a difficult colour to control, and is apt to "spill" from the points into the body colour. It is very difficult to breed out. Too much fawn can be a seasonal or condition fault. It is admittedly very ugly, but can be bred out. I would use a cat with a fawn coat,

but only in desperation would I breed from a male whose points have "run".

Unfortunately, there is no short cut. Some breeders advocate a cross with Lilac Points. From my own experience this cross can do a lot of harm. One of the results is an intensification of the dark coat, with no contrast at all between points and body colour. If a paler coat is gained, I find that it often becomes very "shadowy" or blotchy at about 9 or 10 months, and with pale points there is again a lack of contrast.

To return to an earlier remark. There is no doubt at all that exhibiting and winning at shows, determine the plans of breeders, and this in its turn can change major details in the show points of the cats. It is a natural corollary that any improvement in breeding Blue Points of the correct type and colour lies in the hands of the judges. These judges are selected by the specialist clubs concerned, and in theory are generally supposed to carry out their duties in accordance with the standard of points laid down. Usually the practice is quite different, or so it appears in the eyes of experienced exhibitors and show visitors.

Allowance must be made for the fact that only a judge or steward may handle and remove an exhibit from its cage, so that the spectator does not have a complete view of the cat, but that limited view only too often seems to suggest that many judges adjudicate according to their own particular likes and dislikes, and not according to the rules laid down.

To repeat, judges are appointed by the specialist clubs. It is the duty of these clubs to enforce the standard, to control their judges in seeing that they obey to the best of their ability, and most important, to give their judges the moral courage to withhold championships from cats which do not fulfil the conditions laid down.



Exhibitors—rights or wrongs

By P. M. SODERBERG

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(Reprinted from our June, 1955, issue)

AS over a period of fifty years I have never been without several types of domestic pets whether they were furred, feathered or scaled, I can certainly claim some knowledge of animals. Yet throughout that long period I have only been an exhibitor of one animal—the fancy mouse—and that lapse from my normal policy lasted only two years. Thus, I could not honestly say how well qualified I was to write about the rights and wrongs of exhibitors, but any scruples I may have in this respect will not deter me, for the simple reason that I have some ideas on the subject.

Naturally such ideas will be controversial, but they certainly will not be personal in the sense that they are directed either for or against particular clubs or exhibitors. Thus, take my remarks as being general, and argue about them how you will, provided that what you have to say is constructive.

Our backbone

This article is concerned solely with the exhibitors of cats, and of them I know very many who have expressed to me their views on a number of occasions.

As a body exhibitors are the backbone of the Cat Fancy, for it is because they make the effort to show that the Fancy is in such a healthy position to-day. No one would deny that the shows are the shop window of the Fancy, and in all livestock hobbies you must have such displays or there will be no growth of public interest, and the breeding of cats for many people would become impos-

ible because there would be no consistent outlet for the young stock that was bred.

The showing of cats is an expensive business, for usually there are fares and maybe hotel expenses, to say nothing of the entry fees. And then, when it is all over, few exhibitors return home with prize money even sufficient to cover their expenses. A particular cat, and there are few of these, may show a profit on his show career, but I doubt if it would be enough to cover his food bill as well.

Thus, the very least that the exhibitor can expect is that at any show arrangements should be such that his needs, his comfort, and also that of his cats, should be considered with great care.

From what I have seen over a number of years, I know that show managers do the best they can, but I sometimes doubt whether the exhibitor has had a comfortable day, even if his cats have been well cared for.

Too many shows?

To my mind many halls that are used are not really suited to the purpose, and in London there are very few places where a large cat show can be conveniently held.

One of the biggest difficulties is the expense of running a show, and the hire of a really first-class hall will strain the finances of any cat club.

Perhaps it is that there are too many shows, and that fewer shows attracting a larger entry might help to solve the problem. What do you think?

The exhibitor has to get to the show early to pass the vet. and get the animals penned. After that he needs a rest and some refreshment, but this is not always obtainable, and often, if the food and

drink is on the spot, there is no room to arrange suitable seating accommodation.

When it comes to actual judging, the exhibitor has a right to expect "a fair crack of the whip," but he does not always get it, and this is no fault of the judge, and very rarely can the manager and the show committee be blamed.

Some of the shows are held in halls in which the lighting is so bad that no judge could be expected to see all the points he is looking for. Frequently it happens that for the early part of the day the cats can be judged in daylight, and then later artificial light has to be used. The same cat under different lighting may look almost another animal, and the later judge may reach a different conclusion and an honest conclusion at that.

Problem of the sexes

There is one hall in which I have judged myself on several occasions where some of the pens have to be placed in positions where the lighting is really shocking, and to be able to see satisfactorily, the cats have to be carried some distance to a spot where there is reasonable light. There can be no doubt at all about the need for really first-class lighting for satisfactory judging.

Perhaps the exhibitor who has to bear most is the one who comes from a considerable distance and is compelled to spend a night in a hotel. Unless the cats can be removed on the day of the show at a reasonable time, it may mean another night away from home. But there is a very real problem here for the show management, for the financial success or failure of a show depends upon the gate, and the public will not come to see a lot of empty pens.

It may be that exhibits could be penned overnight. There is no reason why they should not be able to spend a perfectly comfortable night in a pen of the right size if the hall was warm. If that were possible, judging could start earlier in the morning. This plan may not be

possible, but it is worth a thought.

There is just one more point I would like to mention, and I have mentioned it before even if I have been just a voice crying in the wilderness. It is that adult males and adult females should be penned as far apart as possible. As any stud owner will know, adult males are temperamental creatures, and the very sight or sound of an adult female can excite them. Some studs become difficult to handle just because they are upset in this way.

Clouded judgment

And now for the wrongs of exhibitors, or rather the wrongs committed by a few of them.

It always amazes me that there are a small number of exhibitors who are such bad losers. If their cat is put down, they almost suffer from apoplexy. After all, this is a hobby, and exhibitors ought to realize that the worst judge of a cat is usually its owner because his judgment is inevitably clouded by sentiment.

During the past few years I have both seen and heard of exhibitors being personally unpleasant to the judge because they did not like his decision. Such conduct is unforgivable, but it does happen from time to time, and for some judges it is most unpleasant perhaps because they are sensitive to public criticism when they have done their best.

Ask the judge "Why?" if you like after the judging is finished, provided he is not too exhausted. You can always write to him if you miss him in the hall.

So far no one has had a row with me in a show hall because of my placings, but I have had many a friendly chat with an exhibitor who was disappointed, and a number of letters asking me for a full criticism of a cat I have judged. Such approaches I welcome.

So there it is. If you are a bad loser, at least conceal the fact, and if you are one of the few who feel that you must tell the judge how incompetent he is, don't show under him. It's as simple as that.



Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

MRS. JOAN THOMPSON
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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 personal-
ities, both human and feline.

The Wessex Show

THE Sanction Show of the Wessex Cat Club on August 22nd at Bournemouth was organized with enthusiasm and efficiency by Mrs. M. Johnson, the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Shrouder and the rest of the Committee. An entry of 144 pedigree exhibits, not counting individual kittens in the well-filled litter classes, was excellent and the public who flocked to see them were evidently charmed. I heard one spectator say to her companion "This is the first cat show we have been to. I didn't realize cats could be so beautiful".

With a big residential population and a very good train and bus service, Bournemouth is a really good centre for a show and the light hall was excellent for judging the exhibits.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat —Mrs. Durbin's Orange-eyed White

Snowcloud Dream Girl by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi and Snowcloud Dorabella; Best L.H. Kitten — Mrs. Gordon - Baker's Cream Malancha Nicholas by Gatelane Solo and Startops My Fair Lady; Best L.H. Neuter—Dr. and Mrs. Roden's Smoke Premier Treetops Zero by Ch. Bircotte Nono and Treetops Zita; Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Lovey's S.P. Siamese female Daramina Romo by Kuala Exochorda and Sookey Sue; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Hunt's C.P. Siamese female Annelida Stardust by Ch. Missellfore Chocolate Whey and Phoco Violet. Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. McLeod More's S.P. Siamese Robmar Kroma Phraratscha by Holway Pandour and Corenum Betinka.

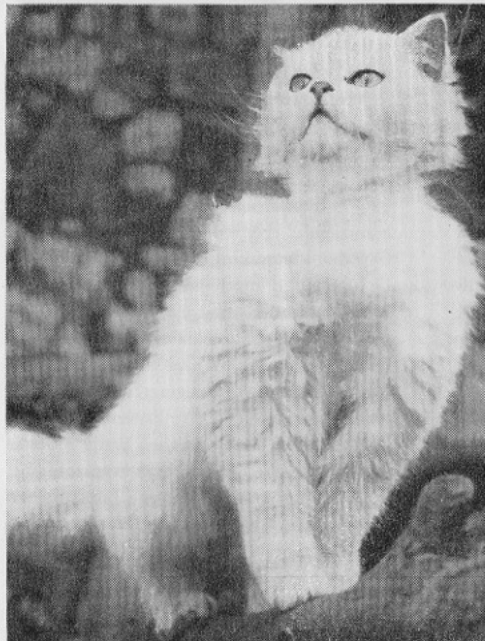
Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway who have recently removed from London to Broadstone, Dorset, will be an asset to the West Country with their Longhair cats and experience of shows. They had a successful day, their young White male Guilden Snowking by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin who made his bow as an adult being awarded first. Their Blue-eyed White female Sketrick Sharon was first in her Open Class and also first Brood Queen judged on progeny with a lovely level litter of six White kittens.

Mrs. Durbin's White male kitten Ninevah Snow Prince was a promising kitten with a charming Blue mother Delilah of Dunesk. Mrs. Houlden was awarded firsts with her Red Tabby kitten Meranti Sunny Maid by Ch. Sherry of Carne and her Red Self kitten Meranti Tweedledee by the same sire.

In an amalgamated class of Blue Longhairs Mrs. Colquhoun won with Bayhorne Venetia by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax and in kittens Miss Rainbow, a novice exhibitor, won with Travela Blue Squirrel by Woburn Chippy. Dr. and Mrs. Roden won in Chinchilla adults with Martita of Allington by Ch. Fidelio of Allington.

Nearly all the classes in British Shorthairs were cancelled as there were no entries. The winners in the most competitive classes in other Shorthairs were Mrs. Chapman's Brown Burmese female adult Kathoodu Cassandra in a class of seven and in a class of six Mrs. Wright's Brown Burmese kitten Gypie Jonathan by Mrs. Merry's well known Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo.

The Siamese classes were well supported. Mrs. Fricker won with her S.P. adult male Silcheston Sapajoo by Fire-sprite Seazar and a class of eleven S.P. Siamese kittens were headed by Mrs. Forrest's male Dunchatten Yuri by Ch. Windale Derri. Mrs. Haynes recorded pleasing wins with her B.P. Siamese male adult Kuala Azure Bagyi and this male sired her winning B.P. kitten Waverley Caroline.



FISHERMORE ECHO (by Ch. Fishermore Kelios ex Ch. Fishermore Calypso), Best Female Chinchilla Kitten at the 1962 Midland Counties C.C. Show. Breeder Miss A. Brooks, of Bristol.

The winning Self L.H. neuter was a Blue spayed female, very well presented and a good cat—Mrs. Green's Avernoll Mitzi by Sheepfold Muffin. Mrs. Knowles had a pleasing win with her Burmese neuter Ballard Tayo, by Lindale Dear Dumbo. Mrs. Light's Silver Tabby Flixton Silver Mimi was the winning Shorthair Brood Queen with a litter of four to represent her. Miss Bygraves' Siamese litter of four Lilac Points by Shikuku Lilac Nimbus headed seven Siamese litters. Mrs. E. Fisher won with her L.P. Siamese male kitten Praha Falso by Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha.

There were thirteen household pets and Miss Tucker must have been proud that her Weeny, aged fourteen, won the Any Colour Pet in the Best Condition Class with eleven competitors. Over 150 special prizes and trophies were offered by the Clubs and commercial firms.

Siamese at Reading

The first Championship show of the Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire on August 31st was held at Reading, Berkshire. It attracted an entry of just

over 200 Siamese cats and kittens. Mr. K. J. Stanley (Hon. Secretary) and his wife were joint Show Managers.

Although they had one of the largest horticultural shows in the South of England as a counter attraction, over seven hundred spectators came to see the cats. Mr. Stanley was delighted and deservedly so. Miss Kathleen Yorke attended and many well known personalities were pleased to have an opportunity of chatting to her.

The President, Mr. Val Gielgud presented five of the Society's challenge trophies to the winners. He was accompanied by Mrs. Val Gielgud.

Mrs. E. Fisher (London) kindly brought a Lynx point for exhibition only, in addition to the Siamese she presented for competition.

Best Exhibit in Show was Mrs. Keene's S.P. Siamese male adult Sabukia Sirocco by Ch. Killdown Kerry and Ch. Sabukia Saina. Best Female Adult award went to Mrs. Hudson's B.P. Wildpear Floss by Ch. Helsby Cheetah and Gaytail Wendy, who had to compete in an Open Class of 12 B.P. females to gain her Challenge Certificate. In an Any Colour Open Premier Class with 19 competitors Mrs. Lait's Browndreys Chicabu by Ch. Missflore Ryken and Ch. Browndreys Marinne was the winner and later Best Neuter. Best Kitten was Mrs. Denny's L.P. female Pi-Den Heather by Khub-surat Sweet Sultan and Bradgate Zoe. Best Male Kitten was Miss Griffiths' B.P. Safari Casanova by Ch. Linton Ajax and Middlefield Shiva.

In an Open S.P. female class with 19 exhibits Mrs. Burton's Hiltonian Pada by Selbourne Prairie Wolf was the winner.

In addition to the above the Challenge Certificate winners were Mrs. Tilley's B.P. male Tiki Darling, by Tiki Honey; Mrs. Worsley's C.P. male Bradgate Zipper by Ch. Camley Fudge; Mrs. Hylda Wilson's C.P. female Singchow Chilac Fairy by Karitis Philemon; Mrs. Denny's L.P. Khub-surat Sweet Sultan by Waverley Blue Herald; and Mrs. Lovey's L.P. female Huan Lilac Debutant by Laurentide Asteroid.

Mr. and Mrs. Feran won the Novice Exhibitors' Adult Class with Bru-Bur Thai by Trubun Pedro. Miss Grainger won in a class of 11 litters with four males and two females by the late Ch. Bluehayes Foxy. The Open Class Kitten winners were Mrs. Hudson's S.P. male Supra Ah Wun by Whiteoaks Malahide (19 in class); Mr. Tew's S.P. female Bradbourne Paula by Bradbourne Orion (17 in class); Miss Griffiths' B.P. male Safari Casanova by Ch. Linton Ajax; and Mrs. Marshall's B.P. female Kylemore Periwinkle by Tornado. Mrs. Wilson's B.P. Singchow Glensor by Ch. Helsby Cheetah won the 6 to 9 months class.

Chocolate Point kitten winners were Mrs. Marshall's Kylemore Chocolate Soldier and Mrs. Hunt's female Annelida Stardust both by Ch. Missflore Chocolate Whey. In a class of 16 Lilac Points the eventual winner of Best Kitten in Show headed her Open Class—Mrs. Denny's Pi-Den Heather.

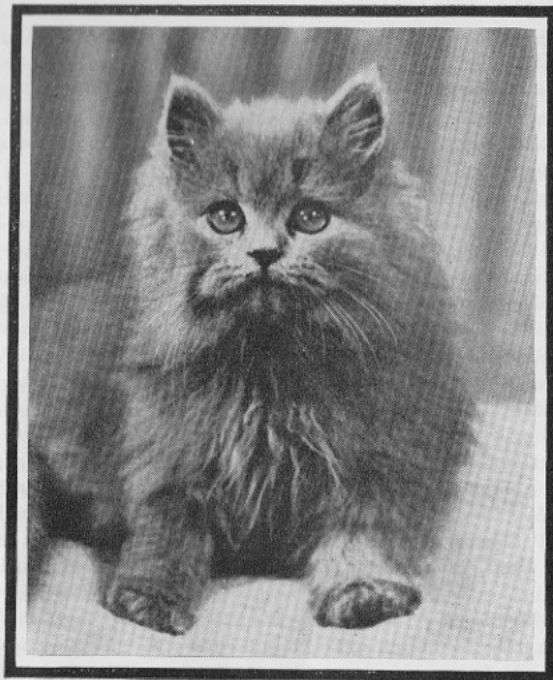
The show had excellent support from the Clubs and 163 trophies and special prizes were offered for competition.

Western style

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Borrett, who spent the winter in England visiting friends, and so many of our shows, are looking forward to the winter to exhibit the kittens (now cats) which they took back with them to Calgary. Mrs. Borrett will be sending news of their careers at the Canadian Ch. shows but before this they had all the excitement of the annual Western Stampede week and this is Mrs. Borrett's account of it:

"It's our rip-roaring Western Stampede this week and all the town is fair hootin' an' ahollarin', with everyone in western kit (even the staid bank managers arrive at work in cowboy boots and flashy shirts, with Western pants and stetson hat). Bob Hope is here with his wife and three of his children and they are staying up the road a few houses—seems like everyone in Scarboro' Ave. is having some notable people to visit with them this

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Tibs time is a very important time at Mrs. Marlow's Eireanne Catterie, Chalfont St. Peter—the home of so many champion Blue Persians. This picture is a flashback to multi-prize winning Princess Yasmine when young. "Right from weaning age," says Mrs. Marlow, "she was given Tibs daily." And Princess Yasmine was not singled out for special treatment, even though she was so obviously a great champion-to-be. For Mrs. Marlow sees that every one of

her cats has Tibs regularly, as part of the daily diet. "Keeps them really fit and young, you see," she explains. You've only to look at Mrs. Marlow's ten year olds, for example, to appreciate this. In wonderful condition . . . with perfect coats . . . and as lively as the younger generations. All thanks to Mrs. Marlow's expert care—and Tibs. Tibs brings "balance" to a cat's diet. It supplies vital vitamins and minerals essential to good health, from weaning to a grand old age.



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week. The number of foreign licence plates on the cars makes one wonder if one is at home or not.

"Downtown is full of horses, and all the oil millionaires and their families are coming out in their beautiful western outfits with silver saddles. We see horses tethered to the parking meters, instead of cars, and all traffic is barred from the main shopping areas downtown. It is the only week in the year when we can jay-walk, and people really support the Stampede in every way. All the shops decorate with western things; flags, and welcome signs are everywhere; the pillars are covered up with wooden bark, and one sees a police motorbike with an Indian in full war paint rushing from one entertainment spot to another in great haste! Of course, the Indians are simply gorgeous—the colours, their horses decorated with exquisite bead work, the feathers, the paint, the ribbons, the leather, the dried buffalo teeth. It would be wonderful if you could visit us one July to see it all for yourself."

On show promotion

Mrs. Borrett enclosed copies of pamphlets which will be given away at the information stand when the Calgary Cat Show is held on September 20th and 21st. The Red Top cat food makers issue three pages of excellent advice to novices and no reference is made to their food specialities except the tins are illustrated in red each side of the first page. The title "Selecting Your Kitten" indicates the first important step and it concludes by reminding prospective breeders of the Better Business Bureau slogan "Before you invest, investigate".

Mrs. Blanche W. Smith, so well known to readers of U.S.A. *Cats Magazine* edits a four page leaflet entitled "Welcoming Your New Kitten" and a 16-page glossy magazine is sponsored by the Katnip Tree Co. of Seattle, Washington. This illustrates various cat accessories such as carriers, scratching posts, etc.

The inspiration for this business was Felix, a black-and-white stray kitten taken into Mr. Dan Yoder's home in 1933. Felix has passed away and now his namesake a Siamese is helping to test products for the benefit of the cat population. Both the original Felix and the present one are illustrated and they were evidently very content to be cat models.

Mrs. Borrett also enclosed a small card which exhibitors receive for every cat entered in the show. It is entitled A.C.F.A. Merit Score and the judges have to mark each individual point listed. For Siamese, 19 items have to be marked. For example—Head: Profile 3, Wedge 5, Chin 2. Body Color: Tone-depth 5, Shadings 5. Points: Depth of color 5, Evenness 5, Pattern 5, etc., etc. Each cat is scored against a possible 100. This method of course gives the exhibitor details of the points in which the exhibit fails or excels in the opinion of the judges.

It would, I feel, take up too much time to be practicable at our one-day English shows which usually close at 5.30 or 6 p.m. and at which our judges handle so many cats and kittens and after they have finished their Open Classes also have a proportion of our many club classes to judge.

However, it is interesting to hear of other methods.

Overseas news

News of our cats and kittens which have gone overseas is always welcome. Mrs. Enid Burrows' Blue male kitten Borrowdale Michael which won many firsts here before being exported has been exhibited at his first show in Scandinavia. He was awarded a Challenge Certificate and later Best in Show. He was judged by Mr. Konrad Hirschman, who officiates at many shows in Europe and attended the 1961 Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club show in London.

Borrowdale Michael is by Champion Lomond Lucky and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Holgersen. Mr. and Mrs.

Burrows take their cats and kittens with them when they go on holiday and this September they will be enjoying the company of five cats, one of them a mother with five babies and Orion of Pensford their future stud by Champion Halcyon Boniface. Mrs. Burrows finds the cats are fascinated by the seagulls flying over the coast.

This summer I have had news of cats on holiday in caravans, rented bungalows and on the Norfolk Broads and one Blue neuter was the first in the dinghy when his owners went for trips. The fallacy that cats are more attached to their homes than their owners has been disproved now that they are travelling so much more and settling down happily in places they have never seen before.

In a previous issue of OUR CATS a contributor (not a Longhair breeder), stated that Blue breeders sometimes mated Blues to Blacks to improve eye colour. Quite the reverse is actually the case. The brilliant copper, or deep orange eyes which it is necessary for Blue Persian adults to have who aspire to Championship honours, has come through the years by selection, and the highest compliment we can pay to any Longhair variety is to say "It is as good as a Blue".

Miss Bull's Black male Ch. Deebank Mascot (Best Exhibit in Show at Olympia 1962) is an outstanding example of

the influence of Blues. His sire Vigilant Mark is a son of Ch. Astra of Pensford and Ch. Jewel of Dunesk, all pure bred Blues for countless generations. His dam Ch. Chadhurst Black Beauty, had a Black sire Ch. Chadhurst Sambo who was pure Blue bred on his dam's side and Beauty's Black mother Chadhurst Elegance had a pedigree teeming with Blues.

As recently as the JUNE OUR CATS we have seen another lovely example. Mrs. Hogan's White female Snowwhite Giselle's sire Ch. Snowcloud Crispin is by a White Ch. Lisblanc Bambi and a pure bred Blue female Passion Flower of Dunesk, a daughter of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Giselle's dam Camber Suzanne is also his daughter by Thiepval Penelope, all pure bred Blues.

Snowwhite Giselle, in the opinion of many experienced judges, is quite one of the loveliest White females we have seen in this country and she excels in breadth of top of head and small ears which have been so much more difficult to breed in Whites.

Camber Suzanne's photograph taken when she was Best Longhair kitten at the Southern Counties' Ch. Show, January 1961, appeared in the February issue that year. This was her only appearance as a kitten and at that time she was owned by myself from whom Mrs. Hogan purchased her.

The following lines from Hugh Smith, Siamese lover and a valued contributor to our pages on numerous occasions, serve well to crystalize the many tributes we have received to the late Kathleen R. Williams, her personal attributes and sterling work for our Fancy—EDITOR.

During the course of the past few years I had many opportunities of photographing Kathleen Williams and her cats and kittens, both at shows and at her home in Hailsham. Some of these pictures will recall to her friends her vivid personality.

An expert and scrupulously thorough judge of the Siamese, she was a constant source of information to all those less-experienced who sought her advice.

Her cattery at Hailsham was a model of what such an establishment should be and how it should be run. Welfare of her cats and of visiting queens was a primary consideration.

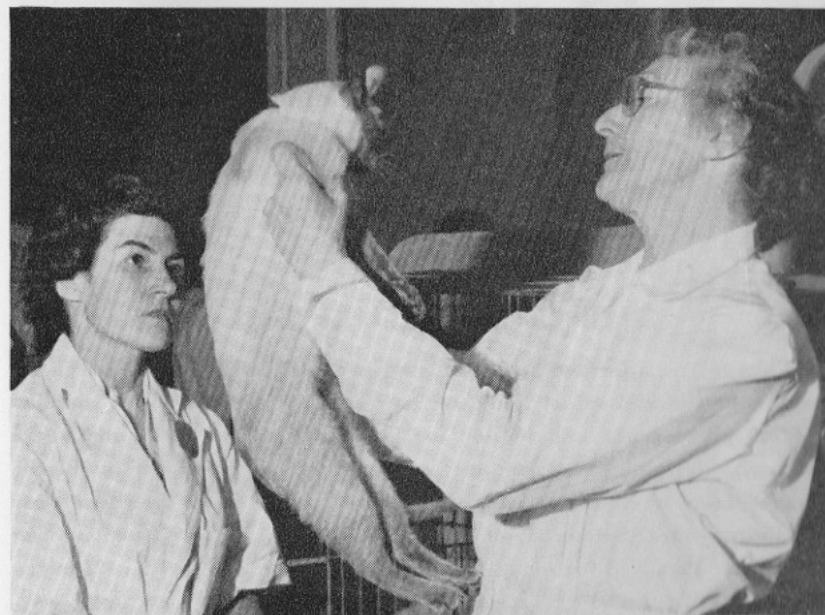
Her friends at home and those many overseas will look with sadness at the two pictures on the next page but may nevertheless be glad to refresh their memories of one they loved.

HUGH SMITH.

A final tribute to Kathleen Williams ...



At her Hailsham (Sussex) home with her favourite S.P. male, the well-known Champion Bluehayes Foxy.



A characteristic picture of Kathleen Williams judging at our shows. See also foot of previous page.

(Photographs by Hugh Smith)



Tailpieces

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



LET'S open this month with the story of an old man's love for his pet. Mr. Henry Uber, an 85-year-old retired business man who is bedridden went to live in Jersey and on the very first night of his arrival there his 10-year-old ginger cat Barney disappeared. Endless searching and enquiries failed to locate the missing pet and finally Mr. Uber decided to pay for a 15-second commercial on Channel Television. He has offered to pay up to £200 reward to anyone who finds Barney.

An item in similar vein concerns Mr. Sam Russell, a £10 a week labourer living in Weymouth, Dorset. He has offered a £25 reward for the recovery, dead or alive, of his cat Mandy, and £50 for information confirming his belief that someone has killed her to spite him.

Mr. William Butler, a 73-year-old batchelor who lived in Reading, Berks,

left £12,076 net when he died in February. He bequeathed £500 to his friend Mr. Arthur Taylor on condition that he cared for his black-and-white cat Tibber for the remainder of its life and a further clause provided that if, at the time of his death, Mr. Taylor should have a dog the cat should go to Mr. Butler's niece. It has been estimated that Tibber is eight or nine and if he lives to the age of 15, half-a-crown a day for food would just cover the value of the legacy. Apparently, Mr. Butler thought more of his cat than he did of himself and only the best food was considered good enough for Tibber.

One of our subscribers, Mrs. F. M. Wood, 250 Forest Road, Bexley, N.S.W., Australia, is most anxious to obtain a copy of the latest Stud Book. She will remit cost immediately to anyone who can send her a copy.

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From his intimate examination of cats' behaviour, Dr. Paul Leyhausen, a 47-year-old German zoologist, hopes to unravel some of the mysteries of man. In his laboratory at Wuppertal where he is assisted by Barbara Tonkin, from Cornwall, Dr. Leyhausen maintains a collection of cats in roomy glass-walled apartments in a semi-circle around a control desk surrounded by tape recorders, movie and still cameras. A minute record is kept of their behaviour. Why choose cats? Dr. Leyhausen says because they are still hunting animals, even breeds that have been domesticated for thousands of years. Man also is hunting animals. Cats also share with us and the higher apes the distinction of being eye animals and, like men, are independent, self-reliant creatures. According to Dr. L., purring is a way of saying "You needn't be afraid of me." It can also be a sign of contentment or an appeal for sympathy.

A copy of the September Newsletter of the Rand Cat Club just to hand carries a report of a successful Championship Show staged in Cape Town by the Western Province Cat Club. Top winners were Mrs. A. Madeyski whose L.H. Cream female Baba of Malla became a Champion and her Blue-Cream kitten Rena of Malla was Best L.H. Kitten; Mr. G. van der Westhuizen's S.P. Siamese female Ch. Penang Bettinah won the Grand Challenge Class; Mrs. E. Chapman's British Blue male Marisha's Shah became a Champion; Mrs. M. Simpson's Brown Burmese female Kusima of Bon Accord won a C.C., as did Mrs. L. V. Rudd's S.P. Siamese female Radiance of Selworthy and Mrs. C. F. Duncan's B.P. Siamese female Lin Tu of Dale. The above successes were achieved by members of the Rand Cat Club and no doubt I shall receive news of other winners in due course.



Mrs. C. H. Colville's attractive and appropriately-named white Manx CH. NOEND WHITE BRUMAS

Residents in Seaford, Sussex, have petitioned for the destruction of two ravens which they say are frightening their cats and dogs. They foresee a reign of terror in which these birds, insane with winter hunger, will attack babies in their prams.

A new cat club has been formed in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, by Mr. and Mrs. Nash who moved there from the Cape last year. It is called the Eastern Province Cat Club and at its first show last month there was an entry of 50 cats—an excellent beginning. Financial success was assured by a gate of 500 people.

The *Daily Mail* diarist Charles Greville recently referred to "the cat constituency of four" belonging to Mr. Anthony Greenwood, vice-chairman of the Labour Party. There is Mirabelle, a Silver Tabby, and Mr. Greenwood's "very own", Gabrielle was a gift cat and she likes watching football on television. Pucci is old and fat. Rousseau (full name Douanier-Rousseau) completes the quartette. Mr. Greenwood's 20-year-old daughter Susanna thinks that Rousseau and Mirabelle are definitely Socialists as they share their food and wash each other!

"A woman friend of mine is nastily criticized because she spends pounds a week on her Persian cats and devotes a room to them. Why should she be? They are more beautiful than pictures and nobody would object if she spent thousands on pictures and devoted a house to them".—Mrs. Janet Fussell, of Brighton, in a letter to the press.

Another correspondent, a lady from Stamford, Lincolnshire, writes: "For three days our pet jackdaw was perched on one leg, his head under his wing. He didn't feed, talk, or even bother to wash himself. I thought he was dying. Then I found out what was wrong. He was jealous of our new kitten. After he had been formally introduced to the kitten and given a tit-bit each time the kitten was fed, he was his old self again."

Sammy, a cat with a wanderlust, is back with his owners after a 90-mile trek across country from Suffolk to Bedfordshire. An 11-year-old ginger male, he disappeared several months ago when Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davies moved from Luton to Sudbury, Suffolk. Last month, Sammy was rescued by firemen in Luton from a gap between a garage and a brick wall. He was later identified by a daughter of the Davies and finally returned to them.

Visitors from miles around call at the pet shop of Mr. Thomas Whalley, of Wigan, to see his famous owl and pussycat. Ossie, a brown owl, was orphaned when only a tiny handful of feathers so Mr. Whalley brought him up with his kitten Snowy and the pair have been inseparable ever since. At night they team up and hunt together but never try to harm the tame mice in the shop.

When veterinary surgeon Mr. Trevor Turner, of Northolt, Middlesex, was married recently, pets were invited to be guests at the wedding. Mr. Turner is well known for his special treatment which has saved the lives of hundreds of old cats and dogs. The injections he gives consist of enzymes which have been used with considerable success abroad. They have brought particularly good results where pets have suffered from partial paralysis and limb failure.

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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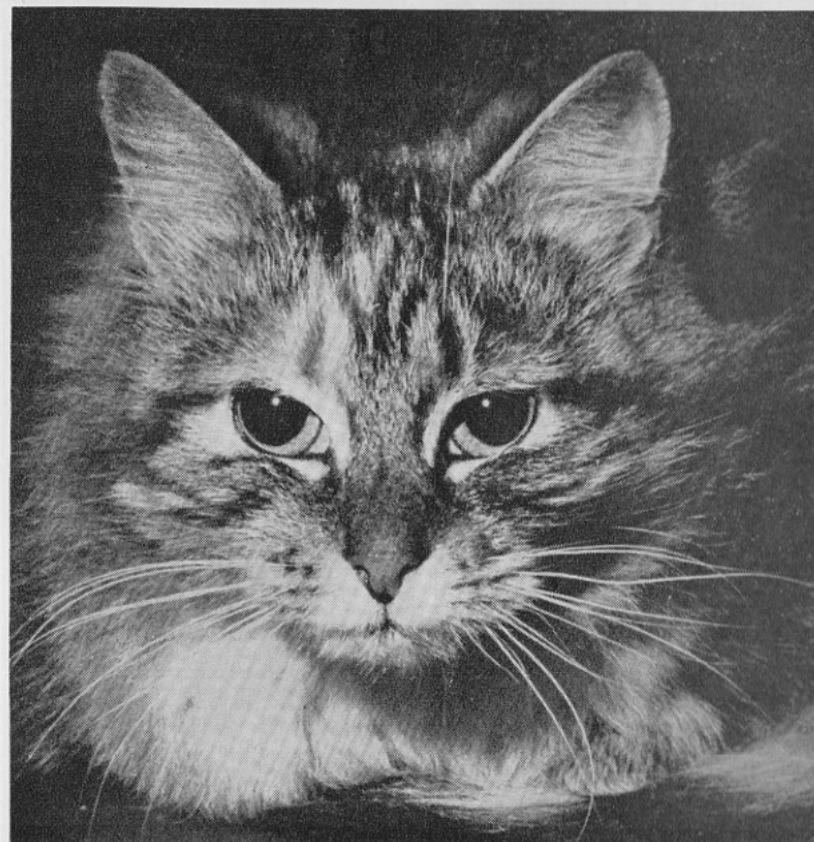
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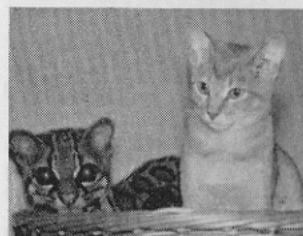
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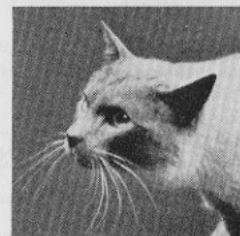
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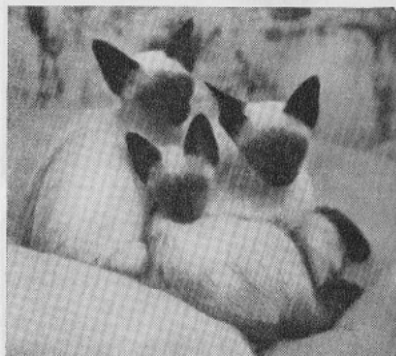
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NEW ZEALAND: I have received the *Newsletter* from Mrs. Bassett, Secretary to the Council. It still improves greatly with all sorts of news and helpful articles for breeders. A total of nine prefixes was granted which suggests both a steady influx of new breeders or the existing ones becoming conscious of the need to protect their efforts to produce stock conforming to the Standard. A reciprocal agreement has been completed between Queensland Council of the Federated Cat Clubs, Victorian Feline Control Council, South Australian Consultative Committee and N.S.W. Royal Agricultural Society Cat Club, with Western Australia newly-formed body becoming very interested. N.S.W. has been requested to control applications. Lists will be submitted each month, with second and even third preferences, for approval. Queensland has been submitting lists for some time and the scheme should work smoothly, as most details have been ironed out.

I have worked hard to this end and would be very happy if N.Z. could be a partner too. These old prefixes have attained a great sentimental, as well as an intrinsic value and become known world wide. Maybe I shall have an enquiry from Miss Menzies, President of the N.Z. Council some time?

Mr. Amory (Lilac Point male kitten) and Mrs. C. Kerr (Blue Point) both seem pleased with their recent Siamese imports. We sympathise with Mrs. Dickson, who was unfortunate in the loss of her import Lilac Point Blackbrook Lilac Lucifer.

I liked Mrs. Bassett's enthusiastic report regarding the first sponsored show by Felix Foods at Hastings and have always felt that we have too few of them. Another of my big wishes is to see a neuter or spey in the home of everyone who, due to location, etc., cannot keep an entire, and a show during each Championship season of at least 250 neuters and speys. Why not? Any comment?

Victoria: The Championship Show of the Siamese Cat Club was held on 10th August and was officially opened by Miss C. Kirby of TV fame. Mrs. McAdie, Mrs. Myers and Mr. G. Paelchen were on the judges panel and new opinions and views would be presented to Victorian exhibitors. I was very happy to hear that Colonel and Mrs. Cole attended the first cabaret, dinner and dance held by the Victorian Fancy recently.

Offhand, I cannot remember a litter

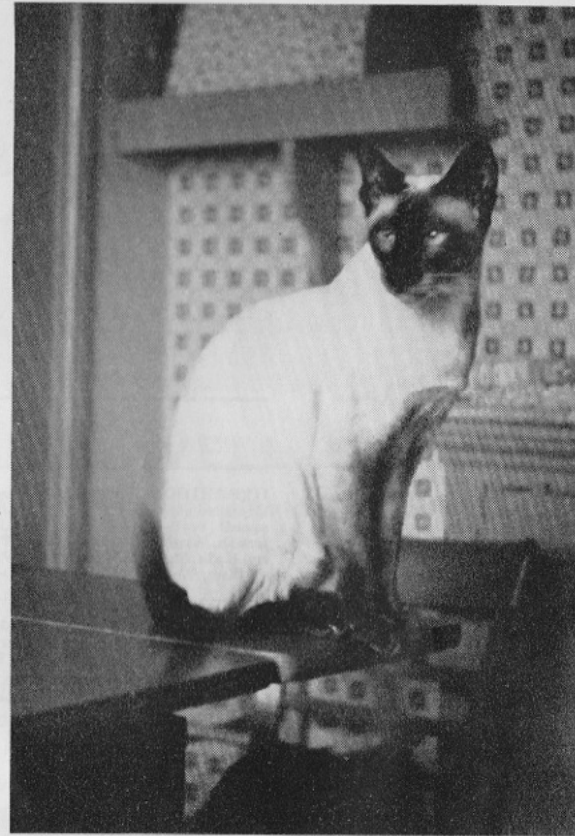
of kits to beat the 12 produced by Mrs. Zammins' white half-Persian. I would like to pay tribute to the sire but "dursen't". I am becoming a bit worried by the latest cat beauty treatment in Banbury, Oxfordshire, when poor "Fred" received the pink, blue and green treatment. Following the receipt of apologies "Fred" said his ego had been properly deflated and he felt like repaying such unmasculine treatment by siring red, white and blue kittens.

I trust George Dyke was well satisfied with the results of the Younger Set Cat Club, but no details are to hand. The proposed Shorthair Club, inaugural meeting in September, is kicking lustily and should soon be an established asset under the secretary of the steering committee, Mr. J. Caird.

Western Australia: A letter to the N.S.W. R.A.S. Cat Club has been received from Mr. G. Allen advising that the Western Australian Cat Club has been formed and requesting copies of constitution and other literature regarding office management, etc. Geoff. may succeed in getting the R.A.S. Council in Perth interested.

Queensland: Mrs. Pearce and I are slowly recovering from a visit to the ever-beautiful Pineapple State and the wonderful hospitality showered on us everywhere. We are especially grateful to Rod and Nell Shead, with whom we stayed after the show, and Les and Mary Batten who burned up so many gallons of petrol and miles on our behalf. On the morning following our arrival we were taken out six miles to Mt. Gravatt Ag. Show cat section where I judged the 141 entries of all breeds and colours. Next day (Sunday) I commenced the examination of 13 judge students, nice Shorthair candidates, at the Battens' home. A genetic and experimental club has been formed and Mrs. Pearce and self asked to accept hon. membership. More about our travels next month.

New South Wales: The annual general meeting and election of officers of R.A.S. Cat Club Consultative Committee has been held and resulted in the three retiring members being re-elected—Mrs. Helsham, Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Paris with Mr. H. Wynne Chairman and F. W. Pearce Vice-President. We have been promised three days for cats at the Easter Show and the Tuesday for kittens. Registered pedigree stock in N.S.W. now number 9,000 odd.



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