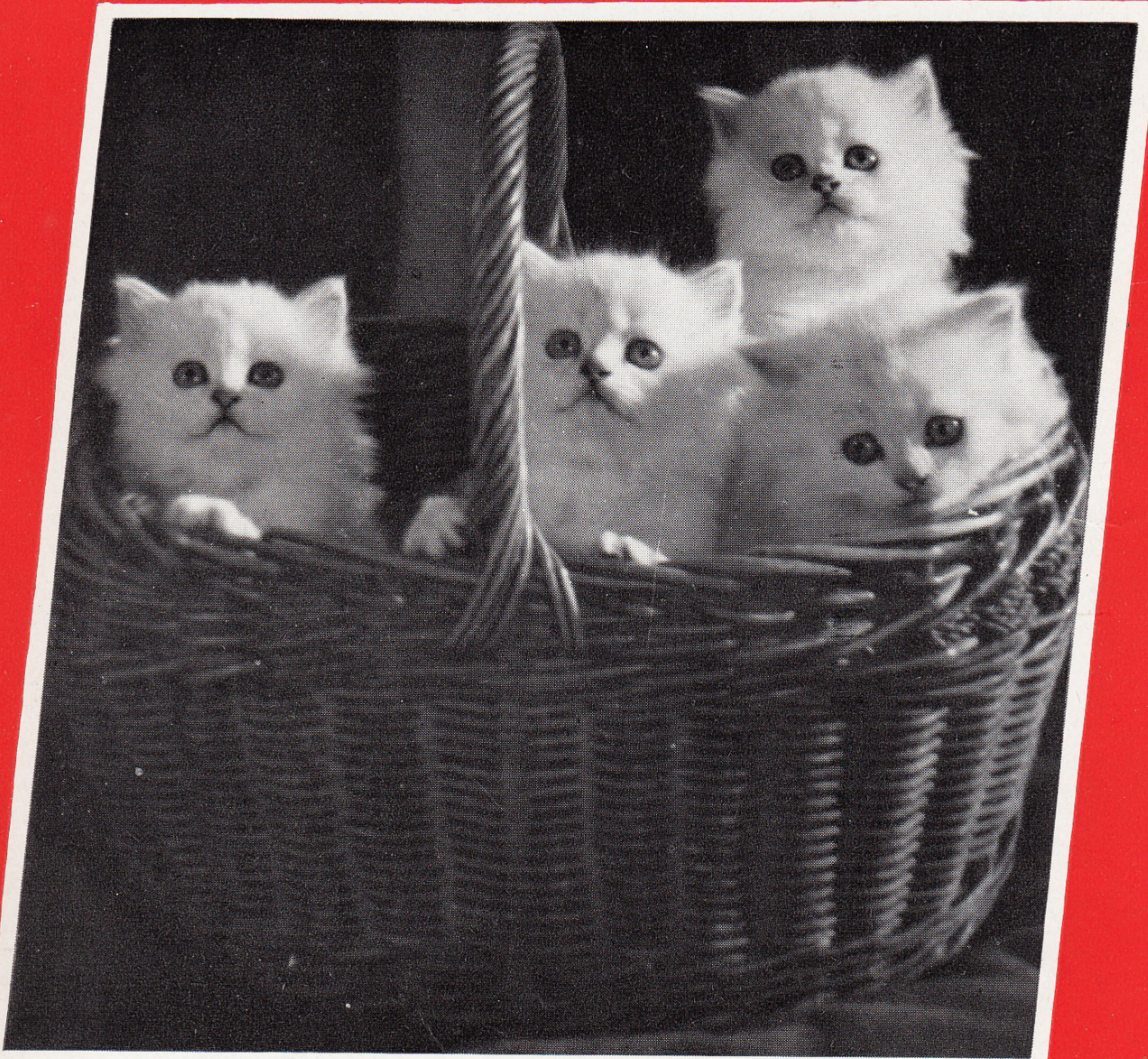


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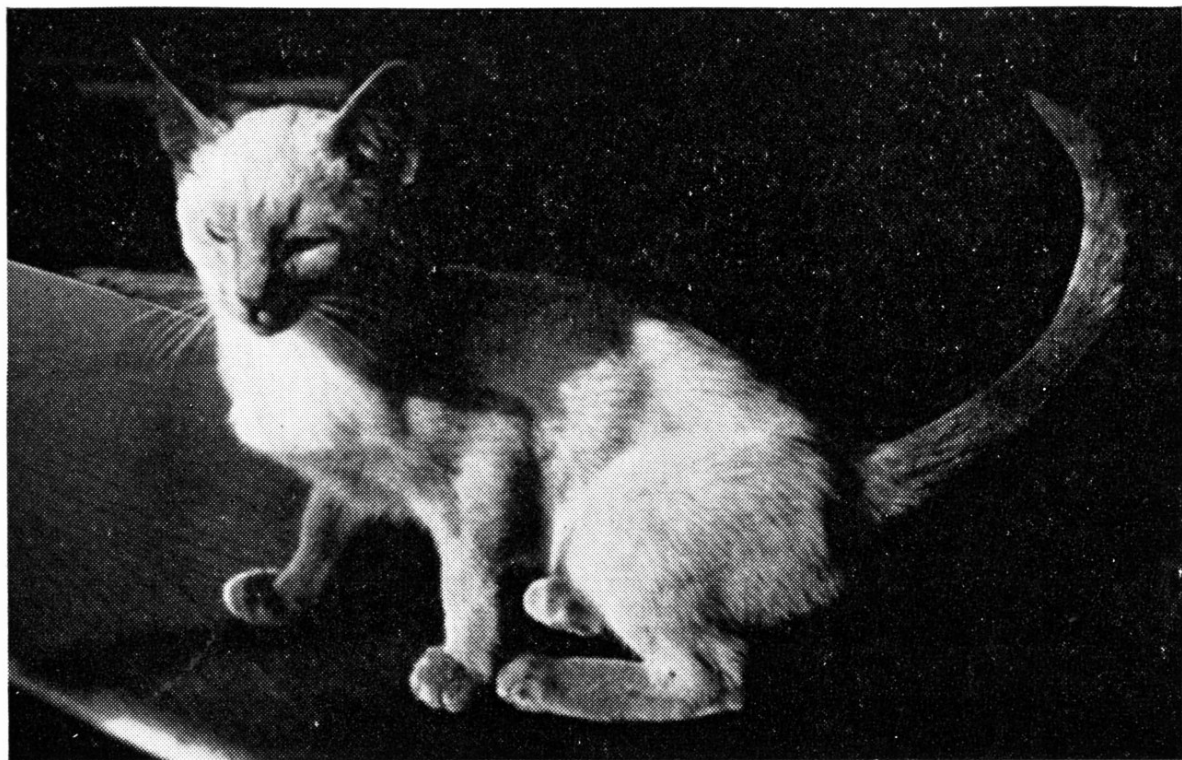
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## CHRISTMAS NOCTURNE

WHEN the dusk falls, damp and chill,  
And the frost lies on the hill;  
When the owl, on silent wing,  
Starts his nightly foraging,  
And the fox slinks through the hedge,  
Hunting on the spinney's edge;  
Then the little cat steals down  
From the old tree's hollow crown.

Through the pale ground-mist she goes,  
Warily, with questing nose;  
Through the drifted leaves that lie  
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Stir of leaf and whispering grass,  
Sigh of vagrant winds that pass;  
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Patiently the little stray  
Goes her solitary way  
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By the Christmas star's pure light;  
Down the leafless hedgerow's side,  
Down the frozen woodland ride,  
And, following where the fox has trod,  
Seeks her scanty food from God.

DOROTHY WINSOR

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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
	21 December ...	*Scottish Cat Club ... ..	Glasgow
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	15 February ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties C.C. ... ..	Southport
	26 ,, ...	West of England & S. Wales C. S. ... ..	Cheltenham
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	14 March ...	Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club ... ..	Lincoln
		Surrey and Sussex Cat Club ... ..	London

\* Denotes shows with Championship status

# ***Books for Christmas***

Reviewed by **JEAN L. PRATT**

**Y**EAR after year the human race is driven by an impulse that never diminishes to write about cats. Current in Great Britain are at least eighty-five different books on this subject, not counting children's and cheap editions. Neither does this number include those that have been published within, say, the last ten years and are now out-of-print, nor those published in America and Europe, which must bring the total to several hundred. How many have been written since cats became an object of serious study in the nineteenth century, I do not know.

They fall broadly into two classes, instructive and entertaining, the latter being open to sundry sub-divisions such as fiction, poetry and photography. The instructive class inevitably tends to repeat itself, but presentation and view points differ. Every book on pedigree cats covers each variety, but there is a need for handbooks on individual breeds. Grace Pond's **Persian Cats** in the Foyle's Handbook series (4s.) will, therefore, be much welcomed by specialists.

One of the most important books this season for expert and novice is Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald's **Cat Owner's Encyclopaedia** (*Michael Joseph 21s.*). Mr. Vesey-Fitzgerald hardly needs an introduction here, but I was interested to discover that he at one time worked in a circus and has been editor-in-chief of *The Field*. He disclaims modestly that he knows all about cats (who does?) but his experience of them in the home extends over forty years. Reliable information is provided on show standards and showing, breeding, feeding and general care.

Advice to the owner is salted with nice wit. "Do not", he says, "try to give an enema yourself. You may well injure the cat; the cat will almost certainly injure you". There are sections also on the natural history of the cat and its history as a domestic pet. First-class photographs by Sally Anne Thompson complete a reference book well worth possessing.

To confound my previous classification, **Wholly Cats** by Faith McNulty and Elizabeth Keiffer (*Herbert Jenkins 18s.*) combines both instruction and entertainment. It recapitulates crisply much that has been written, with a new scientific approach which will appeal to the dedicated breeder. Medical sections are the result of the authors' collaboration with Dr. Morris Povar, a practising veterinarian, who is also an associate in research in the Institute of Health Sciences at Brown University and with his brother runs the Povar Animal Hospital in East Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A. Don't think though, that it is in any way ponderous. The authors know their subject, and who can be ponderous over cats? Light-hearted illustrations are supplied by Peggy Bacon.

Under "entertainment" is another type of cat book, usually written by a devotee about his experiences, and which might be termed biographical. Perhaps the prime example is the late Michael Joseph's story of his Siamese, **Charles**. In this tradition is Sir John Smyth's **Beloved Cats** (*Muller 15s.*) and Keith Briant's **A Kitten for Christmas** (*Michael Joseph 15s.*). Each book is about Siamese cats who take possession of a household that has never before owned Siamese. Each book is beautifully illustrated and written with a kind of stunned amazement that any living creature can so subjugate civilized human beings.

I love this sort of thing—the writer begins by confessing either his ignorance or his strong dislike of cats, and ends by admitting he has become their slave. He realizes there is more to it than was at first apparent. Keith Briant gets near the root of the matter when he says, “Living with kittens may drive you mad but it is a madness which keeps you sane. I have never heard of anyone taking an overdose of sleeping tablets with a family of kittens around”.

From the pampered and highly bred, attention is diverted by Oswell Blakeston to **Working Cats** (*Elek 16s.*). “Most cats”, the author reminds us, “are only too willing to take an interest in an intelligent job which adds to the richness of life”. Text, high in entertainment content, introduces a series of photographs depicting the cat on duty in shop, warehouse, office, pub, temple, factory, farm, theatre, as council and government employee, on board ship and in the film studio. It is a refreshingly different book about cats.

When reading and reviewing cat books I am always slightly aware, with subdued irritation, of the hostile element that regards animal-lovers as

something moronic. To them we are prey to absurd fancies, riddled with dark complexes. To them animals are in the world only to serve human needs—animals have no individuality and their response to human care and affection is something we, poor frustrated half-wits, have merely imagined.

Quite by chance recently I came upon Elma M. Williams’s **Valley of Animals** (*Hodder & Stoughton 16s.*). It is a book which the hostile element will dismiss instantly as sentimental rubbish. Miss Williams has established herself and a large collection of animals in a remote Welsh valley. Cats, dogs, goats, sheep, poultry and horses live together in idyllic harmony. The cats and dogs do not chase and kill the chickens. Anything young comes under the care of a golden retriever bitch. Miss Williams discovers a personality in each animal—even hens and cockerels display character. She talks to them. The animals talk to each other. They have a wicked sense of humour. They enjoy B.B.C. music programmes. Quite frankly, Miss Williams loves them one and all, dearly, and does not hesitate to let them know it.



“My thirst’s unslaked; my heart, corrupt. The opener’s missing still. Hire me your beak and when I’ve supped, we’ll talk about the bill”. A sample from the running commentary which accompanies one of the many amusing pictures in “Cat’s Whiskers”.

The Welsh cob wins a red rosette. Goats produce quantities of rich milk, to the surprise of other breeders. Free-range hens supply the household with finest quality eggs. The photographs which illustrate this fascinating narrative show all the animals in tip-top condition. Coats gleam, faces are alert, the ewe smiles, fat cats bask in bliss and kittens, curious, with tails erect are busy with their different ploys.

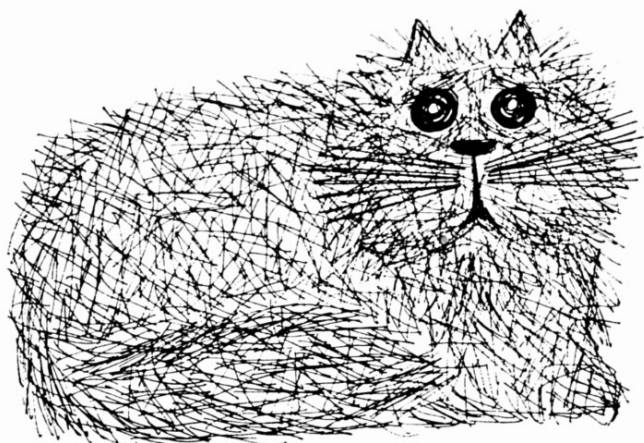
The point I would make for the benefit of the hostile element is that these animals are obviously happy. And because they are happy they are healthy and productive. But it is quite clear, though the author does not say so, that the happiness in this *Valley of Animals* has been achieved only by much intelligent attention and a vast amount of very hard work.

Cats, of course, our enemies may argue, have no use at all, except to keep down vermin. It is odd, therefore, that they have inspired so many of the world's leading intellectuals. A new anthology of prose and verse is **A Quorum of Cats** selected by Elizabeth Lee (*Elek* 16s.). The editor of an anthology must exercise a good deal of restraint, and the choice from cat-inspired literature is formidable. Mrs. Lee has confined herself to forty contributions, drawn from the eighteenth to the present century. The majority, however, are products of this era, and there are a number of highly beguiling drawings by Peter Kneebone.

In the realm of the frankly frivolous, Ronald Spillman and Paul Dehn have produced another volume of delicious nonsense in **Cat's Whiskers** (*Longmans* 12s. 6d.). The kittens, again expertly photographed, concern themselves this time with an Agreement, a shopping basket, and kitchen stores. And while on the photographic you should not miss the lavish Larousse production brought over here by Elek—**Album of Cats** (25s.). A splendid collection.

Children's cat books aren't really within my scope, there are so many of them, but Sir Compton Mackenzie has entered the juvenile field, and mention should be made of his **Look at Cats** in the "Look Book" series (*Hamish Hamilton* 6s. 6d.). It is an excellent introduction and guide—for children of all ages. In clear, easy print, with lively illustrations by Constance Marshall, it explains in straightforward language the origins, behaviour and characteristics of cats and how to treat them. Too many kittens suffer tragically when brought into the home by uninformed and careless adults "to amuse the children". The trouble is that parents who most need to will not so much as glance at *Look at Cats*.

I have a particular weakness for Kathleen Hale's "Orlando". He has been rather quiet since *The Frisky Housewife*, but this year ventures into the property market and **Buys a Cottage** (*Country Life* 9s. 6d.)—or, more accurately Master does. Illustrations in full colour



"highly beguiling" drawings by Peter Kneebone from the new book "Quorum of Cats".

on every page are crowded with subtle detail, as the story is crowded with incident, and I wonder how many children really take it all in. But the *Orlando* books are ones to keep and re-read, digesting them slowly through the years.

And now—it had to come!—**A Cat-Hater's Handbook (or The Aulurophobe's Delight)** (*W. H. Allen 10s.*). William Cole has conspired with Tomi Ungerer in producing what the publishers claim as “the first exposé of this cruel, ungrateful and inconvenient animal”. I'm not so sure. Enough rude things have already been said about the author. “Obviously . . . an ignorant and jealous dog”. (Pamela Mason). “He plainly does not know a cat from a kite”. (Jean Stafford). “The author should be declawed”. (George Freedley).

I am not convinced that he is a cat-hater, and I think his protrait of the cat is astute and just, in spite of Ungerer's diabolical drawings. What is exposed is the frailty of human nature. Animal-lovers are accused of being sentimental. Let's face it, cats (dogs, too, for that matter) do seem able to induce in some humans a degree of silliness equal to that of the old man from Dumbree, who taught little owls to drink tea. The cat, by and large, remains imperturbably the same.

Readers of OUR CATS may like to know that Mrs. Armitage Hargreaves, breeder of Laurentide Siamese, has recently published a small book of verse, **Moods in Three Octaves** (*The Mitre Press, 52 Lincoln's Inn Fields, 8s. 6d.*). Surprisingly there is no reference to cats in this first collection, though almost half the poems refer to Nature, including swallows, seagulls and a stag. To quote from the foreword by Robert Armstrong, “The free and expansive horizon of Canada . . . (the author's native country) is mingled in loveliness with Bovey Tracey and the mystery of Devonshire moorland and mist”. The *Quebec Chronicle Telegraph* says “There is

simplicity and freshness about Mrs. Hargreaves' vision that cannot fail to charm the reader”.

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## SOMETHING NEW IN GENETICS

**W**E have been interested to receive the news from America that the Cat Genetics Research Center of Yuba City, California, is publishing a new quarterly journal. Its aims and purposes are outlined in a detailed announcement by the Editor-Publisher—Mrs. Carol Oakham, P.O. Box 21, Yuba City, California, U.S.A.

The journal is designed to bring together the two groups, breeders and professional investigators, in a mutual cooperative effort to increase research

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into cat genetics and the advancement of that knowledge. Breeders will be invited to participate with the investigators by submitting data from their breeding records, enabling tests from a larger sampling than anything previously. By the same token, subscribers will have the services of an advisory staff for advice in relation to cats in general.

There is a thirst for more genetic knowledge among breeders, but many find a great deal of difficulty in understanding the basic principles. It is therefore planned to include articles to reach the novice and on their present level of understanding. For the more advanced student of cat genetics, more serious, detailed data is offered.

The Research Staff includes Dr. D. W. Kerruish, M.R.C.V.S., of the Animal Health Department, Douglas, Isle of Man, Mr. Roy Robinson, of the Bibliography Centre, London, Dr. Neil B. Todd, of the Animal Research Centre,

Harvard Medical School, Boston, U.S.A., and Dr. S. A. Asdell, of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Cornell University, New York.

Dr. Kerruish is cooperating with a team consisting of an orthopaedic surgeon, a neuro-surgeon and a histologist who are researching *Spina bifida* in humans of which a similar condition exists in the Manx cat. His department dissects the spinal columns of cats that have expired from the condition and sends them to this team for further examination and sectioning. Mr. Robinson, London, whose excellent work on the genetics of the domestic cat appeared in the *Bibliographia Genetica*, has prepared a draft for a newer and more comprehensive book on cat genetics for breeders.

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# Tailpieces

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items from home and overseas*



**T**HE Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has announced through the medium of its official journal *Fur & Feather* that it is not in any way connected with the Cat Breeders' Association.

Mr. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E., retires at the end of the year after a period of useful service as Secretary to the Governing Council. His successor will be Mrs. Jean Wakerley, 10 Farm Close, Cuffley, Hertfordshire, who takes up her duties on 1st January next.

Looking for accommodation? Here are two advertisements clipped from the newspapers: (1) "Select S. Ken, delightful top (4th flr. no lift) Flat of distinguished radical Liberal Economist and lady author of *The Cult of the Cat* which made such an impact on tele, who are moving into a magician's cottage in the Chilterns, and must sell, etc." (2) "Elderly Siamese Cat seeks enormous flat, S.W., W., N.W. preferred for enslaved English family, 7 rooms min."

Real live mousers and rat catchers must look out! A Japanese firm has invented the Cat Mew, an electrical gadget which does their work for them. It has a villainous cat face from which issues mewling sounds. Add sparkling light eyes and, 'tis said, rodents will run miles. The makers are looking for a British outlet for this and other intriguing machines.

Mrs. G. M. Foster, of Horrbridge, Devon, writes to a newspaper: "For 16 years I have been lulled to sleep by the

rhythmic purring of my little cat, with her head on the pillow beside mine."

I am delighted to learn that the Western Province Cat Club of South Africa is all set for a record year. They still have a November show to help boost the membership figure which at 162 beats the previous highest total.

A special Christmas meal can be cooked for your cat using the giblets from the turkey. Simmer these slowly until they are tender. Make sure there are no bones left as you cut them up. (All poultry bones are dangerous to animals.) Another treat for your puss would be one or two sardines in their own oil.

A letter from Mrs. Charlotte Duncan, of Southfield, Cape Town, South Africa, carries the good news that her Lilac Pointed Siamese male Annear Annelida Lilac Astronaut became a Champion in November in a matter of 2½ months and while he is less than a year old. Astronaut attracted considerable attention because he was the first Lilac Point in South Africa; a second has since arrived. His breeder was Mrs. A. E. Ashford, of Bearsted, Kent.

Commenting on the entries at the recent show of the Siamese Cat Club, Mrs. Elsie Kent, one of the best known and experienced among our Siamese judges, reported that "At long last, Siamese seem to be on the upgrade. Most of the adults were of a reasonable size, particularly the males, several being

tip top specimens. The pinched wizened queens we have seen so much of lately were in the minority.”

Mary Quant, named “Woman of the Year” and recipient of *The Sunday Times* International Fashion Award for Great Britain has been in the news. When she and her husband started their first shop in Chelsea in 1957, she was so new to the fashion trade that she used her flat as the workroom and bought her fabrics retail. “I had to move all the bales of cloth at night to get into bed”, she told an interviewer. “My Siamese cat used to eat up all the patterns. It was a great worry until I discovered that pattern paper is made from fish bones”.

I told you last month about actor and author Donald Bisset who is anxious to place a life-size sculpture of Dick Whittington’s cat on top of the Whittington Stone on Highgate Hill. Now Mr. Bisset has written to the new Lord Mayor of London asking him to back the plan and also to attend the unveiling.

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy wish it to be known that in their opinion stud fees being charged to-day were generally too low, especially where Champion cats are concerned. I have held this view for some time, being aware of the rising costs of everything connected with breeding, exhibiting and exporting.

A three-storey terraced house in Brighton recently became a home for stray animals, nearly thirty years after it was left in a woman’s will for that purpose. Miss Edith Woodward, who died in 1936 after a lifetime devoted to the welfare of animals in Brighton, left

the house and a considerable sum of money for the foundation of a sanctuary. But for various reasons her wishes were not fulfilled until Mrs. Lois Entwisle, Secretary of the Voluntary Animal Welfare Society, heard of the bequest a couple of years ago. It was through her efforts that the centre is now established. Outside the door is this inscription: “All day its gates stand open and no night shuts the way of mercy”.

This extract from a subscriber’s letter is distressing to read. But I feel it should be printed as a warning to other pet owners. It all happened in a moment of forgetfulness and could so easily happen again. My correspondent has a 2 months old kitten and while she was out of the room for a moment it jumped into a bath of scalding hot water. The poor little thing screamed for a long time afterwards. Luckily a good veterinarian was handy and under his treatment the kitten is recovering from her terrible ordeal.

William Willis, 70-year-old navigator, explorer and author, set out from Peru in July on a 20ft. raft rigged with three steel pontoons. He took with him his two cats. The other day he stepped ashore in Western Samoa after drifting for 130 days across the Pacific. He had been reported missing as his radio was out of order and the messages he sent out during the trip had never been received. In 1954 Willis sailed a balsa raft 6,700 miles from Peru to Samoa in 115 days. This was over 2,000 miles more than the Norwegian Kon Tiki raft expedition in the Pacific. On this trip Willis had a little black cat and a green parrot as shipmates.

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**‘Cats at firesides live luxuriously and are the picture of comfort, but lest they should not bear their portion of trouble in this world, they have the drawbacks of being able to be shut out of doors on cold nights, beatings from the “aggravated” cooks, over-pettings of children (how should we like to be squeezed and pulled about in that manner by some great giants), and last, not least, horrible, merciless tramples of unconscious human feet and unfeeling legs of chairs.**

*Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)*

Apropos a statement made in last month's article "Rearing Winter Kittens", by Mrs. A. E. Ashford that the Longhaired breeds only kitten in the spring, Mrs. J. M. Newton, of Moulsoford, Berks, has written to point out that many Longhair kittens are born in the summer months and sometimes during the autumn. She rightly feels that any novice wishing to breed from Longhairs might be "put off" by such a statement.

***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.***

***A Merry Christmas to all my readers !***

MICKEY



**Silver Tabby Shorthair TOMMY'S SWEETHEART, aged 6, was among the exhibits at Olympia last year selected to meet the Best in Show judges. Bred and owned in Argyll, Scotland, by Mrs. Andrew Pearson, she has excellent markings and sea-green eyes.**



*Daily Sketch*

**The late Mrs. Rochford with her favourite Ch.  
Dunloe Domokvitch**

### **GREAT LOSS TO RUSSIAN BLUES**

It is with deep regret that I record the death, on the 19th October, of Marie Rochford, the foremost breeder of Russian Blue cats in this country. Miss Rochford, a woman of forthright personality who was once an active member of the suffragette movement, started her career as a breeder by breeding dogs (Kerry Blues). True to the colour, she changed to Russian Blue cats and she virtually kept alive the breed during the difficult war years.

After the war, when there was much talk of the importance of fostering the rare breeds, Miss Rochford worked on alone without any official help and using her own resources. The Dunloe cats took innumerable awards at the shows and the pedigree of any good Russian cat will be a lasting memorial to her life's work.

She was buried on the 24th October and her sister wrote to me: "Please thank the Russian Blue Breeders for the beautiful flowers sent on the passing of my dear sister. Up to her last illness she often spoke of you and said how much she regretted not being able to attend meetings". R.I.P.

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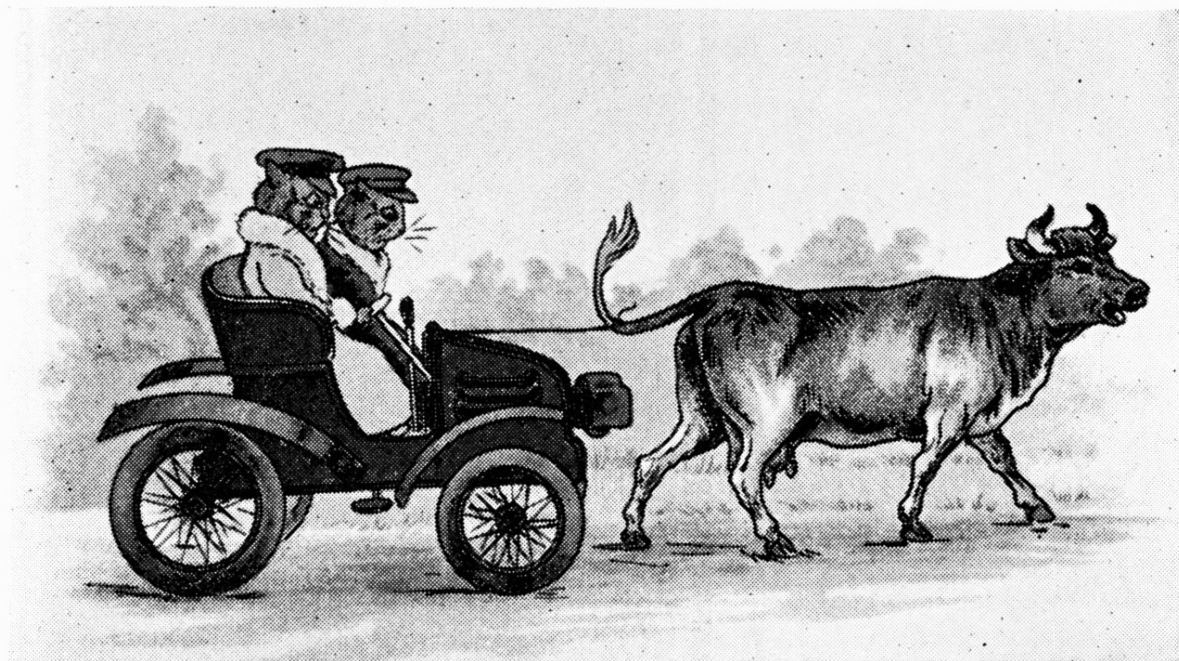
*"Probably no artist has given a greater number of young people pleasure than Louis Wain."* – Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister.

*"He invented a cat style, a cat society, a whole cat world."* – H. G. Wells.

**Offers and enquiries should be sent to Editor, Our Cats, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.**

*It is considered that this Louis Wain Collection would be a splendid asset for a Cat Club. It could be "set up" and put on exhibition at a show, thus producing revenue from visitors. It could also be made available on loan. If the Collection does not interest a club or club benefactor who wishes to keep it intact, offers for individual pieces will be entertained. Average size of the framed pictures is 9" x 7".*

# Laugh with Louis Wain

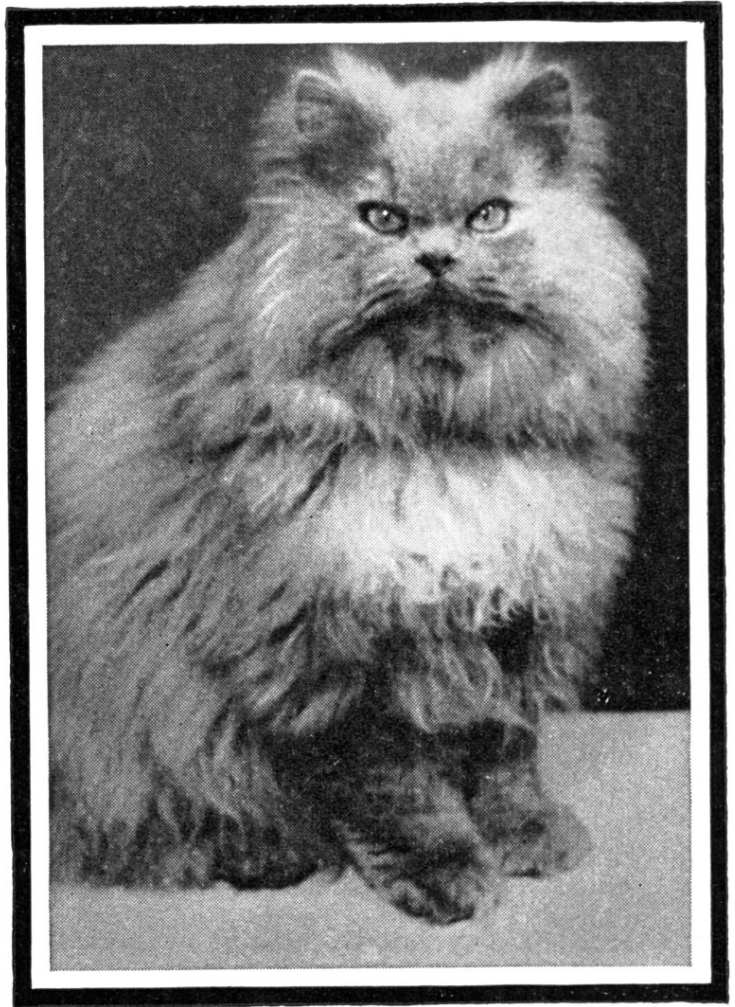


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### Show at Southsea

**T**WO hundred and eighty pedigree cats and kittens were entered for the Southsea Cat Club Ch. Show in October exclusive of kittens in litter classes. Mrs. Paddon, so well assisted by Mr. Paddon, were the serene and very efficient show managers.

Although it drizzled with rain nearly all day the gate appeared to be good and exhibitors were much too interested in the exhibits to be concerned about the weather.

A future problem for Southsea Cat Club appears to be that their show is outgrowing the pavilion on the pier. We not only had spectators inside looking at the exhibits but passers-by on the outside looking in and as they could only see the L.H. Blues and Whites they must have been enchanted.

Best Longhair Cat — Mrs. Calder's Chinchilla female Brocton's Anna by Silver Mesa Apache. The same owner

also won in Chinchilla males with Brocton's Alexander, a son of the late Ch. Fidelio of Allington and Brocton's Anna. Best L.H. Kitten—Miss Lench's Black Deebank Black Diamond by Vigilant Mark and Ch. Chadhurst Black Beauty. This owner also won with her Smoke male Beauvale Tamara by Ch. Beauvale Conquest. Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Wilson's Cream Premier Priory Golden Glory by Ch. Oscar of Pensford. Best Shorthair Adult—Mrs. Philpot's S.P. Siamese male Penenden Romulus by Bradbourne Orion and Celestial Charm; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Johnson's Jezreel Myrena by Andersby Allacreeche and Jezreel Black Mumbo; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Derrick's Siamese Long Beech Tudor by Pincop Jo-Ho and Hazelwood Angelica.

The Orange-eyed White L.H. class was divided into males and females, probably because it was guaranteed by an exhibitor. It would be advisable to explain to novice exhibitors how this procedure is sometimes allowed at the discretion of the Show Manager.

The winning Whites were Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway's male Guilden Snow King by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin and Miss Wright's Snowcloud Lucinda (now a Champion) by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi.

A handsome pair won in Blue adults Mrs. Crickmore's Mooncoin Musketeer and Mrs. Mc Vady's Gaydene Amanda both by Ch. Thiepval Paragon and both Champions now. Mrs. Riches, a welcome young breeder of L.H. Creams, Blues and Blue-Creams won with her Cream male adult Pierrepont Stardust

by Starlight, and Miss E. Sellar with her Blue-Cream Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower which excels in type and lovely deep copper eyes. In Blue-Cream kittens Miss Page also won with her aptly named Woburn Dainty, by Woburn Chippy and he also sired her winning Blue kitten in the 3 to 5 months class Woburn Dignity.

Mrs. Stephenson won in the younger Blue female kitten class with Ashdown Paula by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch.

## Novices good win

Major Dugdale awarded the Blue Persian Cat Society's special prize for Best Blue kitten to Mr. and Mrs. Graham's Fenella Sue of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Young novices exhibiting for the first time, they were very pleased with their awards with this kitten. Valentino of Pensford (litter brother), was first in the 5-9 months male kitten class. Miss Woodfield had a successful day with 1st and Ch. to her Red Tabby female Pathfinders Sunbeam and to her Tortie and White Pathfinders Rosette by Ch. Cherry of Caine. Mrs. Bishop, another welcome comparative newcomer to the breeding of Longhairs exhibited a good hefty kitten Lecreme Adventurous Antony by Ch. Halcyon Boniface, awarded Best Cream Kitten.

On the cover of OUR CATS December 1962, appeared a lovely photo of a Brown Tabby bred by Mrs. Paddon which was awarded Best L.H. Kitten at the S.W.C.C.C. Ch. Show that autumn. Miss French purchased him and at Southsea he was awarded 1st and Ch. Mrs. Light won in Silver Tabby kittens with Starbourne Delphina. Mrs. Harding won in Colourpoints with her adult Mingchiu Monique by Briarry Shamus who is now a Champion. Her kitten Mingchiu by Ch. Briarry Euan was also awarded first.

Mrs. Thornhill's Chinchilla female kitten Sunhaven Rondo by Ch. Ivelholme Bruce headed a good class of Chinchillas. Miss Woodthorpe won with her Tortoiseshell Baytor Falling Leaves by Ch. Arcamor Scamp, also with her Red Tabby kitten Meranti Sunny Maid by Ch. Sherry of Carne. Mrs. J. M. Newton won in Tortoiseshell kittens with Prettypatch of Carne by Ch. Bruton Peregrine. Mrs. Philpot who has purchased S.P. male Penenden Romulus from his breeder Miss Grainger had the pleasure of seeing him win in a class of fourteen and later Best Exhibit. Mrs. Wood's Crillion Cosette by Ch. Samaikand Gallant Lad was the winning female.

Other adult winning Siamese were Mrs. Hudson's B.P. male Macedon Marquis by Praha Andante Maestoso and her B.P. female Wildpear Floss by Ch. Helsby Cheetah. One Challenge Certificate was awarded to C.P. Siamese and that went to Mrs. Demus' Thaipuss N'ow Mi by Ch. Jaddyx Quoff Deaner; and one to L.P. Siamese, Mrs. Biggies' Edwardian Chantal by Praha Andante Maestoso.

## Among the S.H. kittens

Winning Siamese kittens were Mr. Kelsey's male Svetic Dreamer by Klaew Kla; Mrs. Jones' Perstypaw Tabioca by Silcheston Sapayoo and in the older S.P. Kitten classes Miss Gamble's male Mansel Alain by Maysel Yahmani; Mr. Bullock's female Leyborne Melissa by Ch. Katrine Sun Hunter.

Blue Point kitten winners were Mrs. Macalister's Wildpear Hi Skippa (by Ch. Helsby Cheetah) and Mrs. Biggies' female Linton Cressida (by Ch. Misselfore Ryken). Chocolate Point winning kitten was Mrs. Le Goubin's Supra Cobweb by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey, and in L.P. kitten Mrs. Fowler's Calildo Lilac Ratana by Praha Andante Maestoso.

Chestnut Brown Foreign adult winner was Mrs. Graham's Senlac Bronze Bell by Senlac Ebony Flash and in an exceptionally well filled kitten class for this variety Mrs. Dunnill won first with her male Sumfun Sepia Sirdar and second with his litter brother Sumfun Sepia Subahdar by Trubun Pharaoh.

Abyssinians also had a better entry and Miss Bone was awarded another Ch. to her successful Herts. & Middlesex Ch. Show winner Nigella Mirriam by Nigella Sita. She also won in kittens with her female Nigella Sabula by the same sire.

Challenge Certificate winners in Brown Burmese were Mrs. Fleet's Bybrook Sir John Bumble by Lindale Dear Dumbo and he also sired Mrs. Knowle's male kitten Ballard Rudok. The winning adult female was Mrs. Pocock's Kingsplay Pallyanna by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo.

Three adult Manx were present and two Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Colville's Fireball and her female Chocolate Princess. Mr. Hepher won in kittens with Rosental Snow Fairy by Ch. Brumasino.

In British Shorthairs Lady Glubb won with her White, Magnolia by Watermill Lilywhite Boy and by the same sire with her Tortie and White kitten Heartsease Rebecca; also with her Tortoiseshell adult Pocahontas. Miss Lee-Meade won in Russian Blue adults with Meadliam Larkspur by Jennymay

Einar. No kittens were exhibited in this variety. Ch. was awarded to Mrs. le Goubins' Silver Tabby Marcasite Melisande by Ch. Culverden Maurice and to Mrs. Greenwood's kitten Gringo Silver Peregrine. Mr. Westlake's Black female Ch. Teign Thunderbird by Ch. Areamor Scamp added another to her C.C's.

## Midland Counties Show

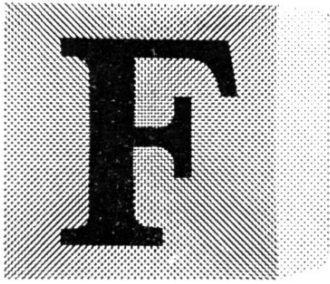
Mr. and Mrs. Lamb had everything in apple pie order for exhibitors when they arrived on October 26th for the Midland Counties' Cat Club Ch. Show at Stafford. It was a mild sunny day which added to the comfort of all concerned and helped to provide a fairly good light for judging.

The general opinion among the Longhair judges was that the L.H. cats, kittens and neuters were of exceptional merit. The Any Colour Self Neuter Premier class contained several cats who were of Championship quality had they not been neutered. As the competition in this class is so much greater than the Any Other Colour L.H. Premier class one wonders if the time has arrived for it to be divided into neutered males and spayed females at our most competitive shows.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Adult and Best L.H. Exhibit—Mrs. Clegg's Smoke female Grandee Miss Chief by Vigilant Mark and Beauvale

**BAYHORNE BARONET, Blue L.H. kitten at 5 months by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax ex Heatherdown Tinkabelle, bred by Mrs. D. Benbow, of Ludlow, Salop. Baronet has just reached New Zealand with another Blue Kitten Bayhorne Countess and a Blue Cream kitten Bayhorne Blossom — Miss Shirley Meale is the buyer.**



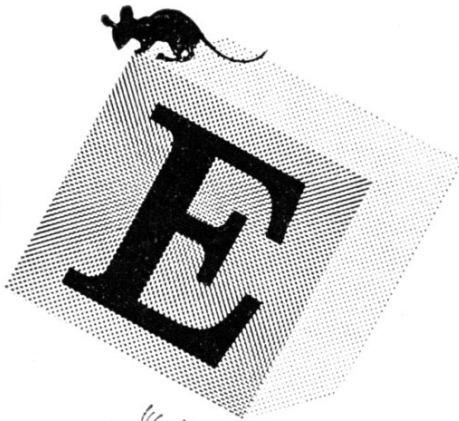


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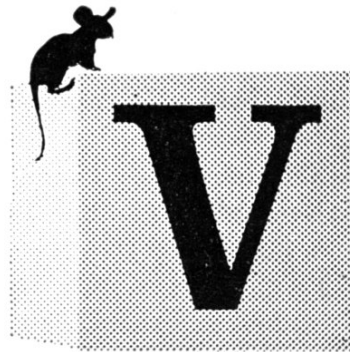
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Katriona, verily a cat of contrasts and one of the best we have seen in this variety post war.

Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Galt's Cream female Hilldew Golden Dawn by Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam and Deebank Little Dorrit. Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Clark's Blue female Mooncoin Juliet by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Mooncoin Anita. Congratulations to her owner on her completing her Premiership. Her daughter, a Blue-Cream, Fay of Spiredom by Ch. Deebank Victor was 1st and Ch. in her Open Class, born of course before Juliet was spayed.

Continuing the awards—Best Short-hair Adult and Best S.H. Exhibit was Mrs. Thake's Silver Tabby female Ch. Silverseal Dy-Anna by Ch. Culverden Maurice and Silverseal Dianeme, a little gem with her lovely dense markings on silver ground. Best S.H. Kitten Mrs. Beever's Blue British male Fendale Blue Imp by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Teign Tilly, another good exhibit. Best S.H. Neuter including Siamese, Mrs. Richards' Bambi's Mischief by Myowne Caesar and Ch. Broughton Jane. Best Siamese Adult and Best Siamese Exhibit Miss Yates' B.P. female Greelow Poupee by Browndreys Kraisee and Sopworth Corena. Best Siamese Kitten Mrs. Macalister's B.P. male Wildpear Hi Skippa by Ch. Helsby Cheetah and Gaytail Wendy.

### More novice wins

It is pleasing to see a younger generation exhibiting and among those who had a successful day was Miss Lench winning first and Ch. with her Blue-eyed White male Charmina Zalladin; first with her Black male kitten Deebank Black Diamond and again with a White female of her own breeding Mayford Bo-Peep by Charmina Zalladin.

Mrs. Plews added another Ch. to her Cream male Ch. Leemar Christopher by Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam and she was also first with her Blue-Cream kitten Harpur Cotton Socks.

Two other young exhibitors to win firsts with Longhairs were Mrs. Sharp with her Blue female kitten Lomond Blue Dawn and Mr. and Mrs. Graham first, in Novice Exhibitors cat or kitten with their Southsea winner Fenella Sue of Pensford. Mrs. Reynolds' Black female Petravian Jacqueline by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax excelled in density and silkiness of coat plus type. Miss Matthews won in Adult Blue Males with Caesar Augustus by Ch. Boy Blue of Kenton. Mrs. Burrows had a successful day with another Challenge Certificate to her Blue female Ch. Borrowdale Susette by Ch. Bluemine Morrison Busty in an Open Class of ten and ten firsts awarded to her Blue male kitten Orion of Pensford.

Only one Chinchilla adult was present Mrs. Arnold's lovely winning female Amberley Silver Mist by Ch. Scamp of Allington. Mrs. Roberts won in kittens with her male Polar Piereno by Avongrace Bardolph, Mrs. Burrough won in the younger Blue kitten with her female Sandrock Azure by Mooncoin Darius.

### Among the Siamese

Fifty-five Siamese adult males and females in the four colours made a brave show, Mrs. Peck's S.P. male Tailong Killi by Ch. Tailong Luki Looki won in males and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in females with Amberley Teresa.

Dr. Groom, the judge, awarded 1st and Ch. in B.P. Siamese to Mrs. Bowers Ch. Siepoo Azure Emperor by Siepoo Song and of course to Miss Yates female Best Siamese Adult Greelow Poupee.

Mr. Stirling-Webb judged the Lilac Points and awarded Challenge Certificates to Mrs. Denny's Khubsurat Sweet Sultan by Waverley Blue Herald and Mr. Colin Campbell's Praha Corilla by Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey. According to my marked catalogue no Chs. were awarded to the Chocolate Points.

Winning Siamese kittens were Mrs. Powell's Ryecroft Yendis by Ryecroft Lucretius; Mrs. Upton's Norofine Honey Cub by Ch. Pristine Bandoola; Mrs. Farquhar's Sealstocking Claus Donquar by Milore Banzi; Mrs. Kropodra's Kyczy Sawat by Watermill Simple Simon.

The winning B.P. female kitten was Mrs. Logan's Santhone Columbine by Ch. Siepoo Azure Emperor. First in an amalgamated class of Lilac Pointed kittens came Mrs. Bower's Siepoo Shere Khan by Ch. Camby Fudge and in C.P's. Mrs. Denny's female Pi-Den Iris by the winning L.P. male Khubsurat Sweet Sultan. The winning Siamese neuter in a class of thirteen was Mrs. McLeod More's Robmar Kroma Phraratscha, and in Any Variety Foreign Shorthair Neuter except Siamese Miss Alcock's Burmese Sealcoat Toukee. Mrs. Burgess won in A.O.C. Longhair Premier with her handsome Blue-Cream Ronada Starlet by Ch. Deebank Victor. Mrs. Beaver won with her British Blue male adult Fendale Fidelio by Jezreel Janty. Burmese were not so numerous as usual. The Chal-

lenge Certificates were awarded to Mr. Mounsey's Brown Santhone Brown Puck by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee; Mrs. King's female Kiang Yashmin by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo and one Ch. in Blue Burmese went to Mrs. Deakin-Burrow's male Pya Beng Lam by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo.

Mrs. Warren was the only exhibitor of Chestnut Brown Foreign and Ch. Senlac Coffee Bean was awarded first and to her kitten Senlac Copper Beech. Three Abyssinian female adults had Mrs. Macalister's Trubun Kariba by Trubun Fernando as the winner.

Other Challenge Certificates awarded by Miss Wilson went to Mrs. Vicker's British Blue female Cathiss Jessica by Broughton Barnaby; Mrs. James' Russian Blue Petsamo Frithiof by Jenny-mayole; Mrs. Wellers Red Tabby S.H. Mavlyn Robinella by Ch. Andersby Allfire and she also won in Tortoiseshells with Andersby Atortella. Mr. Milburn won in Brown Tabby S.H. with Periopal Easter Munday.

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# THE PARIS SHOW

THERE was a wonderful parade of cats for the occasion of the Cat Club de Paris show at the Salons de l'Hotel Continental, Paris, on 25th, 26th and 27th October.

Madame d'Alleizette won the Best in Show award for the third year running with her beautiful Blue Pointed Siamese Int. Ch. Rangoon Blue Safir, bred in Sweden by Madame Dunwald. The Best Longhair was a perfectly lovely Blue Cream belonging to Madame Radowitch, Ch. Kislane de Pompadour. The Best Shorthair Kitten was a Chestnut Brown bred by Madame d'Alleizette from two British cats Int. Ch. Elmtower Dusk and Int. Ch. Revel Chestnut Leaf. Another kitten outstanding for colour, shape and all round quality was the Best Longhair Kitten bred and exhibited by Mr. Rodenstein, of Germany.

The Open Blue Female Adult, Annette of Pensford, was bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson, who also bred the lovely Blue male kitten Orpheus of Pensford shown by Madame Millet. I must not omit to mention two extremely nice Blue Longhair female kittens who only arrived in France from England two days before the show. Both were bred by Mrs. Brunton and both were prizewinners. Babette of Dunesk won for Madame Sarrazin and Blue Beauty of Dunesk for Madame Guidon. These English bred exhibits were so contented with their new owners and were a delight to see.

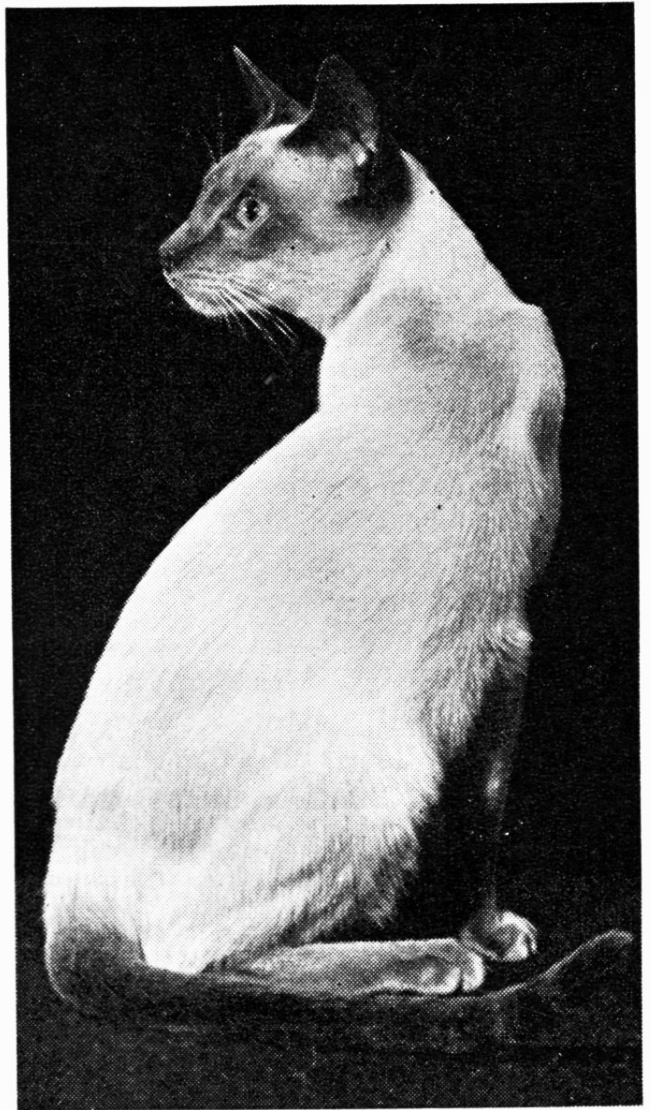
It was a pleasure to be judging with Miss Prentis, who had a lot to do. Major Dugdale did the Blues and other judges were M. Mannes from Switzerland, Mlle. Moser from Italy and M. J. Marolle from France. The excellent work of this team was much appreciated.

Madame Ravel, one of the most efficient secretaries and show managers, worked ceaselessly entertaining visitors from other countries and dealing with the constant stream of queries and

enquiries. There is never time in which to relax during a 3-day Continental show! It was a revelation to see so many beautiful cats from the various countries and a real pleasure to meet so many of their owners and breeders.

I think the happiest hour of my visit was on the last night when Madame Ravel, Miss Prentis and Miss Liseron Gibbon came to my hotel bedroom. We just sat and talked about our own cats and the happy times we shared with them in the years that have gone.

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## ***News from "Down Under"***

**A** VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS to Cat Lovers everywhere. May the New Year be kind to you and your precious charges.

**New Zealand:** Mesdames Bassett, Herd, Barningham and Miss Pinkerton have been raised to the senior judges panel. Five more names go on the probationary judges panel and one to the Longhair panel. Congratulations to all so honoured. The Council has agreed to recognize all Challenges issued in Australia, which is good news. It is noticed from the *Newsletter* that all club secretaries must enclose 21s. fee with applications for show dates—another excellent source of revenue. Shaded Silvers have been granted Breed No. 10a and a new standard is to be drawn up for approval. It is reported that Miss Menzies, O.B.E., has resigned as Chairman of the Governing Council. I have no details.

**New South Wales:** The first summer kitten show was held at Punchbowl early in November by the Cumberland Club. Smooth running is always the order of the day when President Savage and Secretary Paris stage a show. Seven judges and eleven stewards were on the panel and Mrs. Wharton was making her debut as a judge. Mrs. Parkinson from New Zealand judged Siamese S.P. kittens and litters. Best Longhair was Mrs. Mullins' Cream Champion Highland Golden Star (imp. N.Z.). Best Opposite Sex was Mrs. Lewis' Cream Elsinore Golden Elf. Among the Shorthairs top winners were Mrs. K. Armitt's Dalkeith Babu and J. Murcell's Linley Pandora.

At the Consultative Committee meeting of the R.A.S., applications for registration of stock were received from every state. It is wonderful to know that cats are right on the crest of a wave of popularity. The old C.F.A. Club is holding a Christmas "get together" early in December. The Federal and Cumber-

land Clubs have a joint picnic coming up and this fixture is always popular as it caters mainly for children. A ferry boat has been chartered for this occasion, so I guess "salty" stories will be the order of the day. Did you hear the story of the two ladies who wrote to ask if they could be put on "the experimental register"? It's a fact!

**Queensland:** I do not think that any state is making such rapid progress as the Pineapple State and great enthusiasm abounds everywhere. The Judges Association is formed and functioning well and the Genetics Club has made history by linking up with the American Association. Their genetics lecturer Mrs. Moffatt has been appointed to the advisory staff of the American Centre. Cat breeding offers plenty of scope for amateur enthusiasts and no doubt there are many cat coat colours not yet produced.

**S. Australia:** I have received a short, hurried letter from Mrs. McAdie, President of the Cat Fanciers Society and also *News from the Cat World*, their Newsletter. The splendid sum of £80 was handed to the Mentally Retarded Children's Society, proceeds of the June Show. Mr. Paelchon's Binalong Blue Princess, Miss M. R. Horne's Caro Mia None S'sweet, Mrs. Hunt's Caro Mia Non Pariel and Mrs. Myers' Dolmey Lu Ching have all been doing well on the bench, as far away as Victoria.

**Victoria:** Mrs. Corfield seems to be doing very well with her experimental breeding and should soon show good results. I would like to see her start off with some of Mrs. Buckland's Colourpoints, which are so well established. A pity she is only a Shorthair breeder. She states her imported Red Point female has produced seven kittens, four males and three females. Soon to be added to her cattery is a Blue Point female by England, which will be out of quarantine in February.

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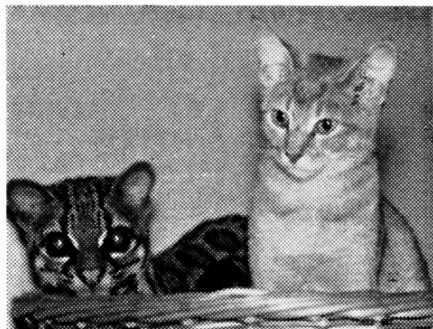
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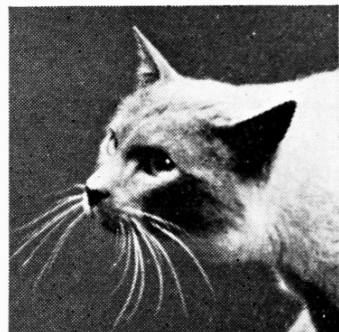
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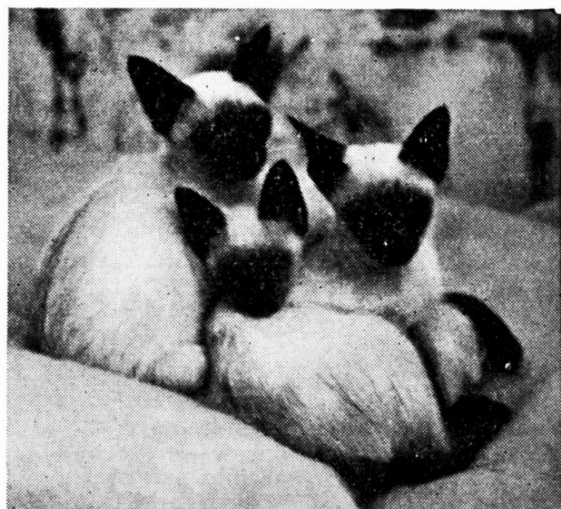
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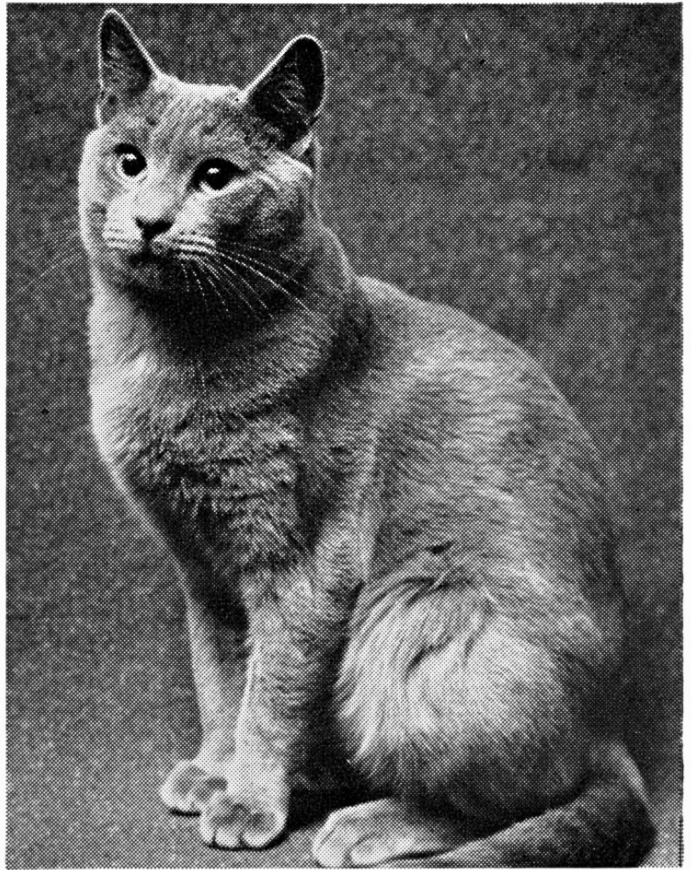
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### NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER (continued from page 22)

**Western Australia:** The N.S.W. R.A.S. Cat Club has approved the constitution and rules submitted to it by the Cat Fancy of Western Australia and has forwarded them the names and addresses of secretaries of the different state bodies.

An exhibition has been conducted and was successful. An entry from Adelaide did pretty well in the prize list. I feel sure progress will be rapid and shall always be pleased to hear from fanciers over there.

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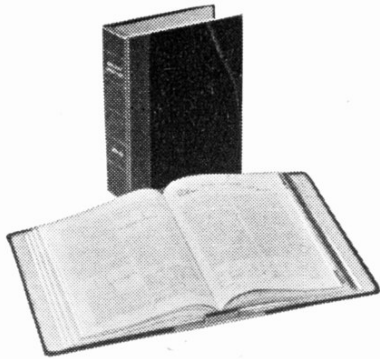
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