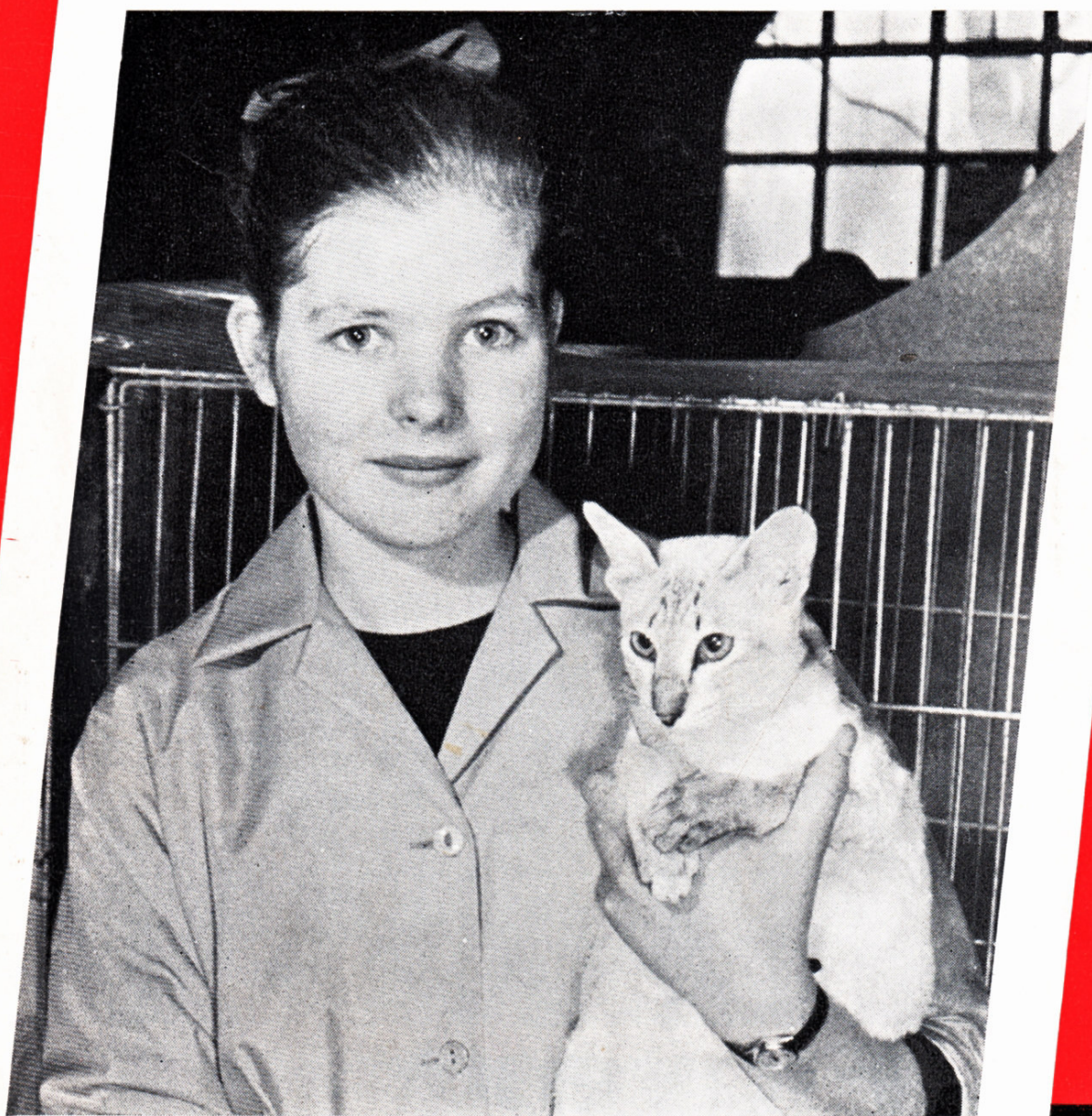


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Hugh Smith

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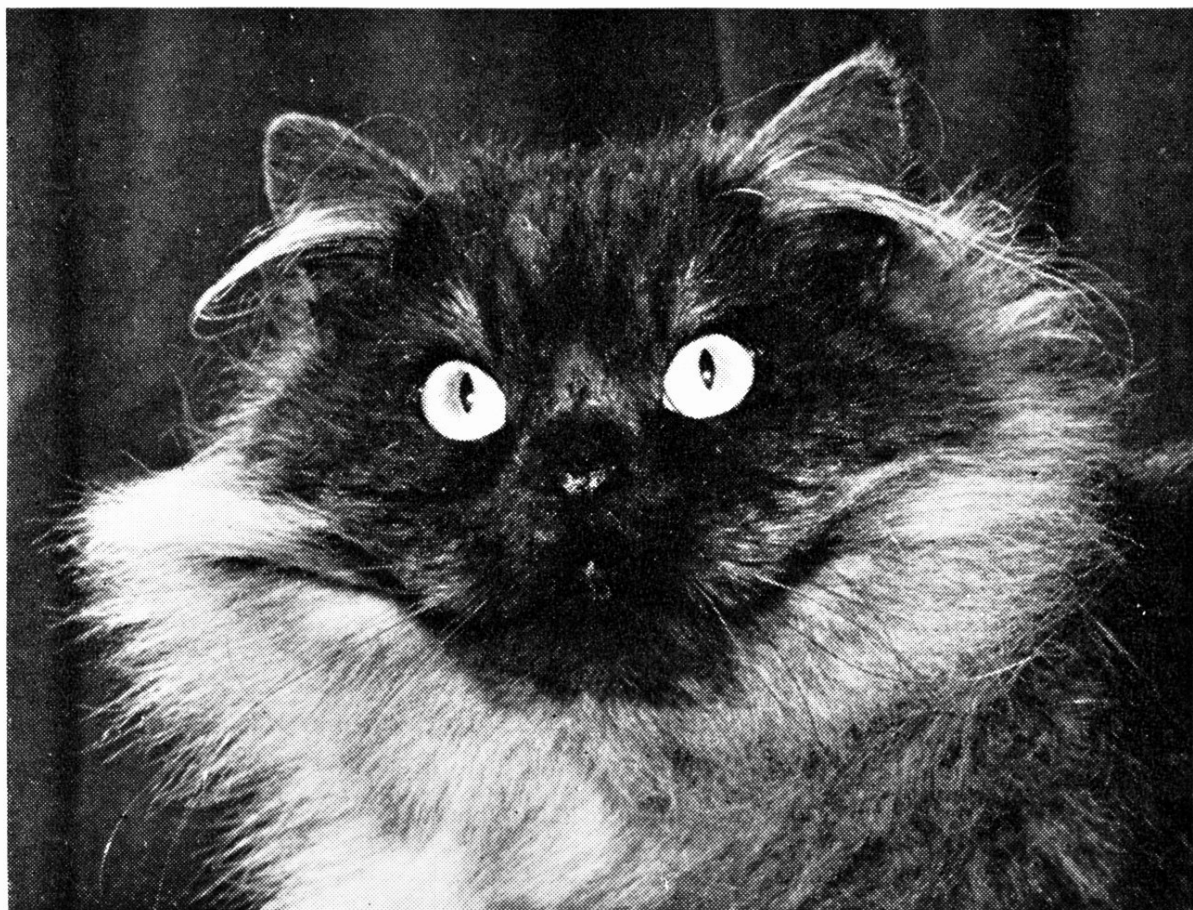
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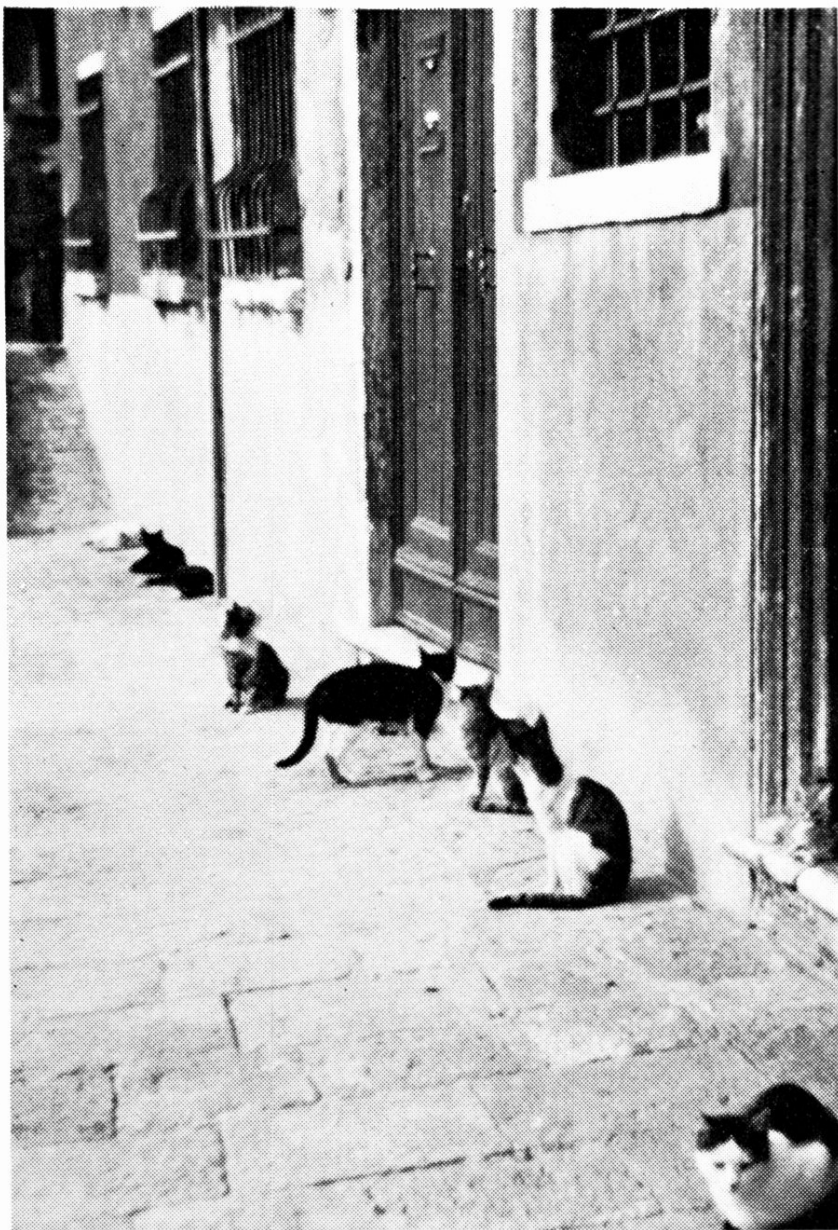
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Miss R. M. Kitching, of Hove, Sussex, submitted this excellent photograph of cats in a square in Venice. There were sixteen altogether, but she was unable to get them all into the picture. These little colonies of cats are a familiar sight in Italy. They have no real homes but are well looked after by the householders.



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With a Persian – in a garden

By O. J. MORRIS

I WAS feeling home-sick and not all the green fields in the world could compensate me, at that moment, for the loss of my beloved slag heaps in a narrow mining valley in South Wales.

From the comfort of my deck chair, resting on the lawn outside our new home in Devon, I gazed, with jaundiced eye at the distant outline of the moors across a vale of pink-faced farmhouses, rolling grassland and the moving dots of sheep and cattle.

I groped beneath my chair for my book when, with a soft “brrrroomp”, Toodles landed on my knee. Her long rust-coloured fur glinted in the sunlight and the narrow slits of her eyes blinked, confidently, into mine as she curled herself, fussily and rather gingerly, into a ball on my bony knee.

With the rest of the family away, this was no day for my “heavy father” act. That is, merely, to impress the female section of our family. Toodles understands all that and plays up.

Alone—and the barriers drop to the ground, and we are ourselves—a rather lonely, sick, old-young man and a twelve-year-old Persian cat, mother of over a hundred children and beginning to feel the weight of years herself.

We aim to keep our attachment for each other on a strictly non-sentimental basis. I feed her, take her to the vet. when necessary and tickle her ears, furtively, in the presence of others. She, on her side, obeys my barked orders and expects me to relax when we are alone.

So far, neither of us has broken the unwritten constitution.

The heat of the sun and the balm-giving note of contented purring set me dreaming.

We almost had to produce three copies of recent testimonials from responsible persons before the old lady in the photographer’s shop, back home, allowed us to take Toodles into our family. “You will be kind to her, won’t you? Feed her and cherish her?” We nodded, too scared to speak in the awful presence. “My son knows you, I understand . . . I have made inquiries, too . . . and he thinks you are fairly responsible people . . . I shall call occasionally . . .”

My wife picked up the tiny, furry bundle and we carried her, tenderly, to her new home. Within a week the household revolved about her.

She ripped bits out of lino and carpet, tore cushions and slippers and, once, climbed on to my mother’s hat, while she was still wearing it, and took a cautious bite at a cherry hanging therefrom.

Test of temper

When I fumed and fussed and uttered dreadful threats, she would persuade my wife to throw a paper ball about the room, which she retrieved like a dog, returning to the thrower, ball in mouth and purring like a road drill. Dropping the wet scrap at our feet, she would look up and dare me to maintain my bad temper. I would leave the room, scowling.

Some time later, when we shared the house alone, she insisted on my taking part in such a performance. We eyed each other steadily for a moment—and then I threw the ball. Thus was contact made and acknowledged.

Some sentimental vet., who should have known better, persuaded my wife that the operation of neutering a queen was a major job and it was left until it was forced upon us a hundred kittens later. Those were critical days.

Most of the family had been ill and the daily trek of the doctor upstairs had worn a path in the stair carpet. Then Toodles, who had been fading before our eyes decided that bed was the only place for her, too. Hadn't she seen the man with the stethoscope mounting the stairs daily when the rest of the family were ill?

Back to normal

Sheets of paper were spread over a spare bed and Toodles lay her weary limbs upon it and awaited the coming of her doctor.

Daily he, too, trudged the stairs for a while with his syringe. His bedside manner left nothing to be desired. The quiet dignity of his patient demanded it of him.

I remembered again the hurt look on her round face when she returned home after her operation. Vainly she tried to hide the bare patches on her side and paws from the vulgar gaze, by creeping under chair and table. But she needed no one to show her the way back to normal living. She just carried on from where she had left off.

There were some changes, naturally. No more did she

claim the attention of my wife, who is a midwife, at the birth of her offsprings. It had been the accepted thing for the midwife to be in close attendance until the first kitten of a group was born. After that, Nature took over. In the absence of qualified nursing, I was allowed to be at her side but she made it obvious that she much preferred the white-overalled administrations of a trained nurse.

Those days have gone. Now that I do not go to an office any longer, we have grown closer to each other. Still, there is no public display—she wouldn't approve of that—but a drawing together of two mature beings, receiving pleasure from each other's company in silent contentment.

Sleepily now, we watch the frantic flutterings of restless birds in the big elm tree in the field at the bottom of the garden. Such stupid flapping is not for us. We are content to sit in the sun, when it shines, and muse upon the past and enjoy the present.

Soon she will leap lightly from my knee and walk, with dignity, to the little gate at the end of the garden path. I shall follow her, open the gate and, slowly, she and I will stroll across the field to the other hedge, ignoring the curious gaze of cow and sheep, and, as slowly, return home.

Back in the kitchen, I shall prepare her supper and we'll gossip awhile. At least, I shall talk while she will sit at my feet gazing with rapt attention into my face. It is a morale-boosting experience to glance down and receive the full impetus of all the affection which her small body can reveal without betraying her innermost soul.

I am well content with it.



Tailpieces

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



WHEN in August 1962 Lt. Col. and Mrs. Sam H. Roberts had to leave their home in America for a N.A.T.O. assignment in Norway, they were running the well known Vista Grande Cattery in Austin, Texas. So they took two of their Blue Longhairs along with them and leased the rest of their cats to their friend Mrs. Joe B. Crow, who runs the Silver Boy Cattery in Houston, Texas. Since they have been in Norway, Col. and Mrs. Roberts have attended five shows in Scandinavia and have received six Best in Show wins which indeed is a very good record. They won with Ch. Vista Grande's Solterona, a young female who was with kittens when judged Best Blue by Mrs. J. M. Newton in Oslo in December 1962 and Vista Grande's Ace in the Hole, a 1962 kitten of great promise who has two CAC's to his credit. Solterona's kittens have also caught the judge's eye.

From guest judge Mrs. M. Mackenzie comes news of the Amis des Chat show recently staged in Antwerp, Belgium, by Mme Dekesel and her Committee. Her 1st prize winners were: Blue Longhair males—Mme Hayer's Lulli de la Fortelle; Blue Longhair females—Visele Georgian Tania bred by Mrs. Smart; White Longhairs—Visele Leda de Cowen Ran sired by Camber Dino; Black Longhairs—Mme Vigeron's Kharina du Busson; Cream Longhairs—Harper Valentino bred by Mrs Dugdale; Blue-Cream Longhairs—Mme Selle's Gavotte bred by Mme Esteve. Mrs. Mackenzie comments on the excellent quality of the cats she judged and the charming way the pens were decorated. It was a happy and successful occasion.

There were many interesting side-stands at the December record-breaking National Show at Olympia. One that



VISTA GRANDE'S ACE IN THE HOLE, Mrs. Sam H. Roberts' promising young Blue Longhair male who has been winning well in Scandinavia. See paragraph above.

attracted a lot of interest was run by Lady Dowding and had "Beauty without Cruelty" as its theme. Lady Dowding formed a committee four years ago to persuade manufacturers to discontinue using ingredients which cause death and suffering to animals. One example is the popular perfume fixative obtained from Abyssinian civet cats. The committee recently opened a non-profit making shop selling only cosmetics made from vegetable products with the exception of beeswax, lanolin and honey.

This is a sad little story. A 74-year-old man living in S.W. London had six pet cats which he loved very dearly. So that they would have comfortable sleeping quarters, he made them a special bed in the cupboard above the gas stove and placed a blanket over the stove as a "stepping stone" for them to reach it. One day a police constable found him dead with two of his cats in a gas-filled room. Giving evidence at the inquest the policeman said it was likely that one of the pets had accidentally turned on a tap as it jumped for the cupboard. Accidental death was the verdict, the coroner remarking: "This man was killed by the cats he loved."

The R.S.P.C.A. Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Prayer held in St. Martin-in-the-Fields (famous London church) in December was a notable occasion attended by Sir Malcolm Sargent (President), Lt. Col. J. C. Lockwood (Chairman of the Council) and a large congregation. A seasonal note suggested by Sir Malcolm was the carol "The Nailsbourne Beast Song", which recalls the belief that all animals can talk on Christmas Eve. At this time the Glastonbury Thorn at Nailsbourne bursts into flower, animals come to it and kneel in prayer.

Warnings about the five most disturbing and probably hereditary deformities recurring in highly bred dogs

are being drafted by the British Veterinary Association and the Kennel Club for circulation among breeders. They include hip trouble, dislocated kneecaps, ingrown eyelids, blindness and a form of soft palate that makes it difficult for dogs with squat noses to breathe.

The cattery established by the Isle of Man Government to ensure that the Manx cat does not become extinct was an attraction for many visitors to the island last year. At present sited on the isolated experimental farm at Knockaloe on the west coast, the cattery is to be moved into the main holiday resort of Douglas. The Douglas Town Council have agreed to spend £2,500 on a new cattery in the middle of their recreation ground and near to the famous T.T. race grandstands. One of the councillors remarked that holidaymakers frequently complained that they never see a genuine Manx cat on the island. So the Council intend to "do something about it" and are to be congratulated on the enterprise they have shown in a worthwhile cause.

The February issue of *The Animal World*, the monthly journal of the R.S.P.C.A., contains some valuable information and advice which every cat lover should absorb. It is commonly believed that the cat is excluded from the definition of The Road Traffic Act which requires that accidents involving animals shall be reported. It is mistakenly assumed that the motorist injuring a cat has no obligation in law to do anything. This is not so for under the Protection of Animals Act 1911, it is an offence to disregard the sufferings of an animal knowingly injured. This Act extends protection to *all* domestic animals and to wild animals in captivity. The R.S.P.C.A. will always pay the first-aid veterinary fees for treating cats injured on the roads, in cases where the owners cannot be found or are too poor to pay. A similar arrangement exists for the more seriously injured which have to be put to sleep.

"Be very careful how you describe the cat. If you say he is vain, selfish, deceitful, luxury-loving, unaffectionate, sly, unresponsive—in all probability that's exactly the kind of person you are yourself". So writes Mary E. Kendell in connection with the promotion of International Cat Week by the American Feline Society.

Cats go cruising! A copy of the P.D.S.A. film "Cats" has been booked by the P. & O.—Orient Line for showing on board one of their cruise ships. And whilst on the subject of cats in films, did you happen to see the splendid performance put up by that marmalade puss in the popular Sunday night T.V. serial "The Beverly Hillbillies?"

In an article on shining modern kitchens on view at De La Rue House in London, Robert Robinson recalls that "We once had a cat who smelled terribly, we were persecuted by the smell, we started thinking we would never escape from the smell if we lived to be a hundred, and since the cat seemed to live mostly in or around the kitchen we came to think of the kitchen as the home of the terror—and so to enter it your vitality had to match its vitality, so to speak". After inspecting the very latest in kitchens, Mr. Robinson opines that "if sheer decency didn't make a smelly cat leave of his own accord, there are seven gadgets in seven kitchens for dealing with what they call Objectionable Smells".

"To feed liquids to a very sick animal needs inexhaustible patience. Administer the liquid in tiny quantities and listen or watch for the animal's swallow before giving another drop. If the animal is not seen to swallow, do not give any more. Wait an hour and try very cautiously again. The interval between the time the animal feels the few drops of liquid in its mouth and the moment it can swallow can seem unbelievably long. I have learned this lesson the hard way with long experience and a great number of patients". Kay

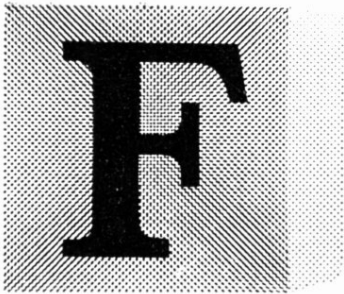
Hill writing in the *News Bulletin* of the Feline Advisory Bureau.

Of all the big cats in captivity at the present time probably the most rare and strikingly beautiful are the pair of white tigers at the Bristol Zoo, named Champa and Chemeli. Bred by the Maharajah of Rewa in Central India, they were bought for £7,000 after the Indian Government had agreed to relax their export ban. Their gleaming white coats are barred with dark grey stripes and their eyes are blue. Pads, lips and nose are pink. They are the offspring of a captured white tiger which was mated with her one white cub. When the cub grew up and was duly mated to normal tigresses, all the litters produced only normal cubs.

Another distressing case of foxhounds killing a cat cropped up recently at a village near Midhurst, Sussex. Wednesday, a five-year-old cat belonging to Mrs. Eileen Baker, was found torn to pieces in a neighbour's garden after the dogs had rushed through in their frenzied chase. The secretary of the local Cowdray Hunt, a certain military character named Colonel Boord, is reported to have said there was no definite proof that any hound touched the cat. Moreover, he didn't care a damn what the R.S.P.C.A. were doing about the incident . . . they could go to hell!

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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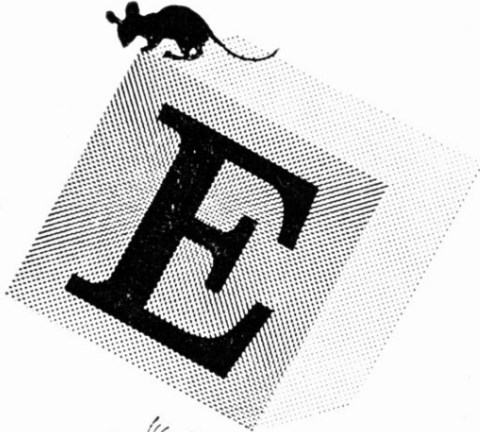


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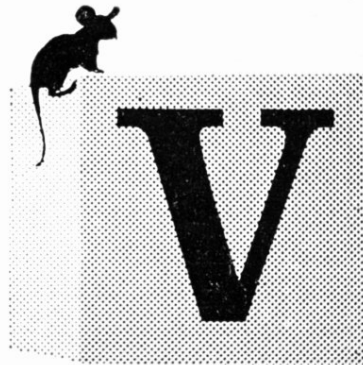
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Ear diseases

By M.R.C.V.S.

THERE appears to be a good deal of misconception in the minds of the laity regarding ear diseases in animals. Any condition seems generally to be called "Canker" whereas this term should be applied only to an inflammation associated with a discharge; the latter often being foul-smelling. The technical term for this is otorrhoea.

Otitis, on the other hand, is a simple dry inflammation in which the ear is hot and tender; but it sets up an irresistible irritation to which the animal responds by scratching, or rubbing the ear on the ground, or by violently shaking the head, whereby long ears forcibly strike the top of the skull and become badly bruised. Great damage is thereby generally self-inflicted as, very soon, there appear wounds and haemorrhage. Worst of all complications is the formation of a haematoma (or blood blister) on the ear flap. The remedy for this is only surgical, by which the contents of the swelling have to be expelled. The after-treatment of such a wound, in such a situation, is lengthy and very tiresome to both owner and patient.

Diseases of the external ear are very common among the long-eared dogs such as spaniels and poodles, but no breed is exempt. The probable reason is that air is largely excluded from the meatus, whilst in erect ears there is free ventilation.

In very numerous cases the root cause is a microscopic parasite known as the *Otodectes Canis*, a similar mite being exceedingly common in cats.

I would say a good 75 per cent. of domestic cats harbour this parasite.

In fact, it is so common to see a cat scratch its ears that people take little notice and do nothing about it. But then, if the condition worsens, the cat tears at its ear and, as likely as not, sets up a dreaded haematoma. Some of the badly affected ears are a pitiable sight—dark red, swollen, hot, mutilated, and full of pus, and so painful that the poor animal suffers agonies day and night. Many cases have come under my notice, some of which have existed anything up to five years, and every remedy tried by the owners has failed to cure.

As all efforts seemed futile, many owners have succumbed to the advice of destroying their pet. I practised as a veterinary surgeon for 45 years (now long since retired) and up to about ten years ago, I had never found a reliable remedy for otitis or otorrhoea. But about that time, I used a preparation which was absolutely God's gift to animals.

Excluding purely surgical cases, I would say it was 90 per cent. effective, even in very long-standing cases; and the real purport of this article is to give renewed hope to the many perplexed owners of animals which are sorely afflicted and for which there seemed *no* hope or relief.

Only people who have suffered ear-ache can appreciate the terrible and continuous pain it causes, and I have seen this same pain exhibited in so many of my own animal patients that I felt constrained to make it known as widely as possible that there *does* exist a remedy. Its name is Otodex.



MARKO DES MONTS DORES

One of the rare Chestnut Browns, bred in France by Mme d'Alleizette and now living happily in Belgium with Mr. R. Lebeau, of Beersel/Lot. Marko won Best S.H. Kitten at the Limoges, Vichy and Paris shows last year. English judge Mrs. O. M. Lamb gave him his first C.A.C. at Rotterdam and at the Paris Show another English judge Miss Val Prentis brought out Marko to win the S.H. Section for kittens. Miss Prentis comments that this young cat, who has the green eyes required by the Standard of Points, is "an encouragement to and interest for breeders of this charming variety." Marko has an extremely gentle disposition and pretty little ways. For example, he dances in his pen and on the table. For this reason I called him 'Nurie' after the famous dancer. I often give a cat a nickname to remember him by until I have finished my judging and can see a catalogue."

ADOPTION ON FOUR LEGS

THIS is the title of a short and well illustrated article which appeared in the West German magazine *Scala*. The subject was the fascinating one of mother love in the animal world.

The writer first explained that a child without parents is not lost because many women, who are not mothers themselves, care for other people's children out of the fulness of a generous heart. But where animals are living under natural conditions, the young ones which have lost a mother have only a slender chance of survival. The world they live in is a hostile one and if they are unable to look after themselves they slowly starve to death. Among mammals the father rarely pays any attention to abandoned orphans. It is only father birds which feed their chicks as well as they can.

The article continues: "The human being is capable of pity, since he is acquainted with morals and ethics. An animal's mother-love is caused by hormones and lasts only as the hormone secretion continues. Only among more highly-developed animals, such as anthropoid apes, does mother-love last a whole life-time. And so the tenderness of an animal foster-mother to offspring other than her own always seems to us astonishing and moving.

"But whereas bitches and cats will make no difficulties about suckling the helpless offspring of the most unusual animals, wild animals will rarely perform the duties of a wet nurse. In natural conditions, coincidence plays a major part; for the urge to take care of the offspring of another type of animal only makes itself felt when a mother animal has lost her own offspring. In other words, it is a blind impulse. If a she-wolf has no more than one whelp of her own, she will eat a mother-less jackal whelp without compunction. But

if she has lost all her whelps, the mere pressure of the milk inside her will cause her to tolerate a foreign suckling at her dugs.

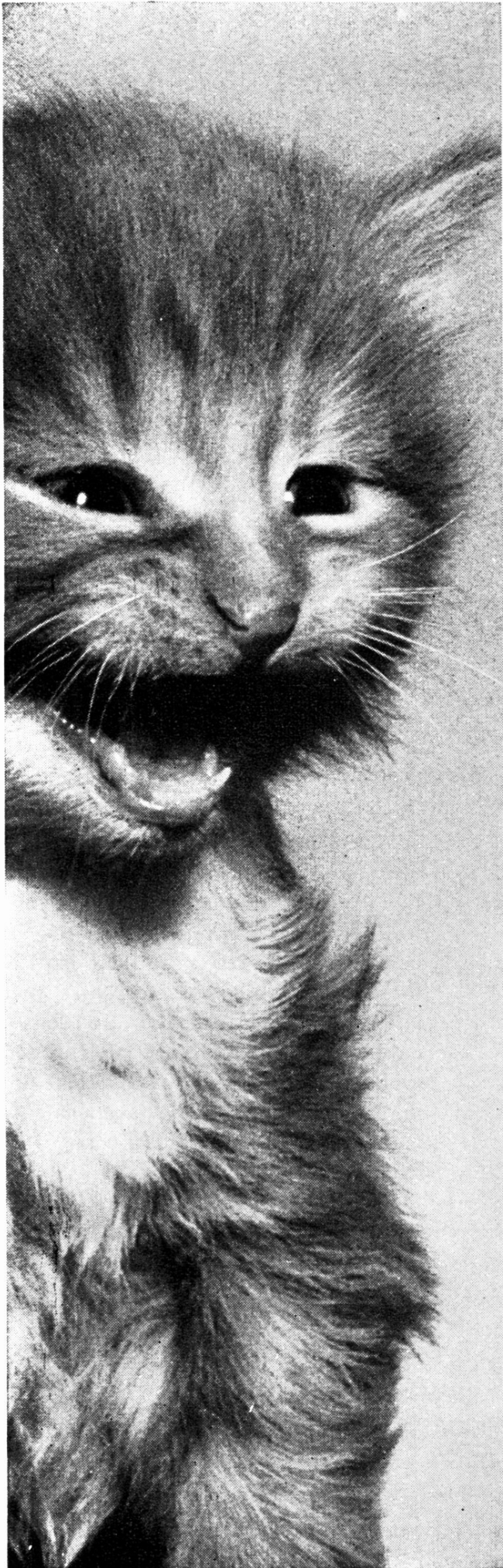
"The maternal instinct is so strong in beasts of prey, all of whose offspring are born helpless, that keepers can smuggle the young of all kinds of animals into their nests. Dogs and cats are by nature beasts of prey, but they do excellent service as foster-mothers in zoos. Not only do they bring up the offspring of the big cats, but they have also been known to suckle silver and arctic foxes, otters, hares, and even squirrels and rats.

Fooling mother

"Of course, certain measures have to be taken to trigger the maternal instinct. For example, all the animals to be taken care of must be about the same age. If a bitch has eight-day-old pups, she will have nothing to do with four-week-old tigers. It must also be remembered that dogs recognize their pups by their smell, while cats recognize their kittens by their colour. To fool a mother-cat it is necessary to rub soot evenly into the coats of her kittens and the other animals to be taken care of. Rum or something else that changes the scent is good with dogs.

"If the mother animal suckles her foster-children without resistance and cleans them with her tongue, the adoption is a success. The foster-child will be taboo for all time for the mother and vice versa. The tiger will never touch the bitch that brought him up, and the cat will never attack the squirrel or even the rat it has suckled.

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More from Olympia

JANUARY number of OUR CATS went to press before there was time to ascertain the winners in their Open Classes at the National Cat Club Ch. Show at Olympia on 14th December, with the exception of the Best in Show winners published in December. Readers who were unable to be present and those overseas will be interested in having fuller details of this wonderful fixture, which teemed with quality and quantity.

There were 263 Longhair cats and kittens, 255 British and Foreign Shorthairs excluding Siamese, 285 Siamese cats and kittens, 90 kittens in litters and 110 pet cats and kittens.

The National Cat Club Ch. Show has been for many of us "The Show of the Year" and Mrs. Grace Pond who

has managed it since 1953 has seen it grow from year to year until now it is surely the most competitive in the world. A win at Olympia is recognized as the hallmark of quality.

Now for some of the winners. Miss Lench (who is now Mrs. Coley) had a very pleasing win with her Black L.H. male Deebank Black Diamond (by Vigilant Mark) who was making his bow as an adult at the youthful age of a few days over 9 months. Mrs. Clegg won in females with Grandee Greta by the same sire.

There were no Blue-eyed White cats and kittens exhibited but in Orange-eyed Miss Bryce won with her lovely male Glenbury Sparkler and Mrs. Durbin in females with Snowcloud Dream Girl both by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi, and the latter also won in male kittens with Ninevah Snow Sprite by Mrs. Holdaway's new young stud Guilden Snow King. Mrs. Coley won in females with Mayford Miss Muffet by Charmina Zalladin.

The Blues were lovely in all round quality and this galaxy was headed by Mrs. Aitken's Nevern David by Ch. Briaric Beauty and Mrs. Brunton's Ch. Rosie of Dunesk by Ch. Thiepval Paragon. The kitten winners were Mrs. Burrows' male Orion of Pensford (Best Blue Kitten) by Ch. Halcyon Boniface, Mrs. Rees' female Camber Blue Isle by Camber Gavin and in the 3 to 5 months classes Mrs. Smart's Georgian Nickoli by the same sire. In

females Mrs. Nash's Hendras Decibelle by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous was the winner.

Ten Cream males were headed by Miss Sheppard's consistent Ch. Widdington Orion by Ch. Widdington Winterstar and the females by Mrs. Ruffell's Wonderland Dimples by Aviary Cream Puff. Cream kitten winners were Mrs. Brunton's Golden Boy of Dunesk (previously reported), Mrs. Aston's female Idyll Poquita by Ch. Paul of Pensford; Mrs. Gordon-Baker's Malancha Nicholas by Gatelane Solo (previously Best L.H. Kitten at the Wessex Cat Club Sanction Show in August).

Athene is tops

Mrs. Fawells' Blue-Cream Barwell Athene had plenty of competition in her Open Class of ten before being awarded the supreme honour of Best Exhibit in Show. Mrs. Graham Stone won in Blue-Cream kittens with Xanadu Starlight by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch.

Mrs. Cleggs won in Smokes with Ch. Grandee Miss Chief by Vigilant Mark and Mrs. Cooper in kittens with Sebring Tiny Tim by Ch. Congo of Knott Hall.

Chinchillas had an excellent entry of nine adults and twenty-seven kittens. Congratulations to Mrs. Roden on Martita of Allington attaining her Championship and to her breeder Miss Langston. It would be interesting to know how many Chinchilla Champions she has bred! Martita is by Ch. Fidelio of Allington and Ch. Marella of Allington. Ch. Fidelio also sired the winning male Mrs. Bacon's Ivelholm Emblem. Mrs. Turney won the 3-5 months male and female kitten classes with a litter brother and sister Bonavia Stateman and Bonavia Suzette by Ch. Bonavia Contenta. The winners in the older kitten classes were Mrs. Roberts' male Polar Pietro by Avongrace Bardolph and Mrs. Lloyd's Clondegad Francesco by Spindrift Jasper.

Colourpoints also had an excellent entry with ten adults and eleven kittens.

Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Harding's male Briarry Zorab by Briarry Zoltan and Mrs. Nicholas' Sea Sprite by Briarry Jasper. Mr. Stirling-Webb's Briarry Nigella by Ch. Briarry Euan was top in the kitten class and he also bred the second and third Briarry Maureen and Briarry Candytuft.

Miss Woodfield won in Tortoiseshell adults with Pathfinder's Lucky Stone by Ch. Sherry of Carne, in Tortie and White adults with Ch. Pathfinder's Mayflower and in kittens with Pathfinder's Crocus by Ch. Arcamor Scamp. Coppernob of Carne sired Mrs. Rosell's winning Red Tabby kitten Redmire Tango and Miss Bell's Tortoiseshell kitten Asplin Fiona. Miss Morony's Red Gosoon by Gay Don was the winning Red Tabby male in an amalgamated class of males and females. Miss French's Brown Tabby male by Ch. Arcamor Scamp won again.

Mrs. and Miss Lambert, all the way from the Isle of Man, won with their female Brown Tabby kitten Jungle Ladybird. Miss McPhee, another long distance traveller from Glasgow, won a Challenge Certificate with her Silver Tabby Sweet Charlotte by Chadhurst Ricky and Miss Sheppard won in kittens with Widdington Silver Belle.

Exceptional neuters

The Longhair neuters were exceptionally lovely in all round quality and in a class of fifteen Any Colour Self Neuters, the winner was Mrs. Clark's lovely Blue female Premier Mooncoin Juliet by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous.

How times have changed since nearly everyone purchased moderately good kittens if they intended to have them neutered!

Nowadays, very good kittens are spayed and neutered because their owners intend to compete for a Premiership. When our Governing Council granted status to neuters to be competed for under similar conditions to Challenge Certificates it added enormous



Hugh Smith

Miss Kit Wilson with Mr. Tew's Siamese exhibit Bradbourne Paula during the judging for Best in Show at Olympia. Competition was very keen here as quality was so high in many of the breeds.

prestige to them and at some Ch. Shows this season they have had far more competition in their Open Classes than the winning adults. At Olympia it was a coincidence that both the winning Self L.H. neuter and the Best L.H. neuter Mrs. Burgess's Pr. Ronada Starlet were spayed females. Usually the males beat the females.

Among the Siamese

Each of the three sections at this wonderful Olympia fixture would have provided enough exhibits to make a show. So now for the Siamese. Twenty-one S.P. adult males competed. Mrs. Peck's Tailong Kuli by Ch. Tailong Luki-Looki had the honour of 1st and Ch. Congratulations on him attaining his full Championship. Thirty-nine S.P. females is the largest Open Class I ever remember and Mrs. Varcoe had the exacting task of placing them. She

awarded 1st and Ch. to Mrs. Bower's Silken Phylidda by Ch. Killdown Sultan and Silken Rose Marie. "Silken" is the prefix of Mrs. Highton and it has figured many times in the pedigree of winners for some years.

Seventy-one S.P. kittens had four Open Classes provided for them. The four 1st prize winners were: Mrs. Denny's male Pi-Den Karma by Annelida Azbac; Mrs. Challoner's female Norofine Honey Cub by Ch. Pristine Bandoola and in the 5-9 months classes Miss Gamble's Mansel Alain by Mansel Yahmani, and in females Mr. Tew's Bradbourne Paula by Bradbourne Orion.

Mrs. Macalister won in B.P. Siamese male adults with Wildpear Hi Skippa by Ch. Helsby Cheetah and Miss Yates in females with Greelow Paupee by Browndreys Kraisee. B.P. kitten winners were Mrs. Bowles' Highpeak Peveril by Pheanoi Nimrod and Mrs. O'Callaghan's female Seafret Keltie by Ch. Liniton Ajax.

Mrs. Sayers' C.P. Solitaire Apache by C.H. Bradgate Yippee led the males and Mrs. Marshall won in C.P. females with Ch. Seax Sheba by Ch. Killdown Kerry. In C.P. male kittens there was less competition than in females. Mrs. Tunncliffe won with Pi-Den Imperial by Ch. Khubsurat Sweet Sultan and in a class of seventeen females Mrs. Macaulay's Annelida Cobweb by Ch. Misselore Chocolate Whey was the winner. He also sired Mr. Colin Campbell's L.P. female Praha Corillo who became a Champion. Congratulations! Mrs. Denny's L.P. Siamese male Ch. Khubsurat Sweet Sultan was awarded another Certificate and he sired the winning L.P. kitten Mrs. Carlton-Belt's male Praha Presto Glissando.

Mrs. Highton's "Silkens" came to the fore again when she was awarded the Premier Certificate with her neutered male in a class of twenty-four—Silken Fleury by Ch. Killdown Sultan.

Burmese had an excellent entry and Mr. Watson, the judge, awarded Challenge Certificates to Mrs. Fleet's Brown Burmese male Bybrook Sir John Bumble by Lindale Dear Dumbo and Mrs. Gray's Wavermouse Arakan by Ch. Soondar Mooni (who sired the winning Blue Burmese adult Mrs. Poynder's Pussinboots Blue Moon). Mrs. Silkstone won in kittens with La-Sun Mimosa by Ch. Darshan Khudiram and Mr. Mounsey in Blue kittens with Santhone Blue Briony by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkie.

Mrs. Warren won the Chestnut Brown Foreign adult class with Ch. Senlac Coffee Bean and with his kitten Senlac Bronze Angel.

Russian Blue adults had the best entry we have seen this season. Six adult males were headed by Mrs. Alexander's Ch. Holway Vostok by Ch. Revel Cathlas; eleven females with Mrs. Read's Sylphides Mavilova by Dunloe Yaroslavl as the winner and she also bred the winning kitten Mrs. H. Pond's Sylphides Tasha.

Miss Bone won with her Abyssinian male Nigella Imeme by Ch. Contented

Amigo and her kitten Nigella Sabula. Mrs. Stacy-Clitherow's Joctan Momazes by Chatwin Terah was the winning adult female and she was the mother of the Red Abyssinian kitten Calcot Farida sired by Nigella Cupid.

Mrs. Thake's Champion Silverseal Dy-Anna who has been such a consistent winner won again and the successful Silver Tabby S.H. male was Ch. Millstar Alexander by Wilmar Puck. Mrs. Pearson won in kittens with Julia by Tansy of Rockvilla.

The winning British Blue adult was Mrs. Smith's Mywild Masterpiece by an unknown sire and the successful kitten, Mrs. Le Goubin's male Figaro Bumble Bee.

Mrs. Richards Blue-Cream S.H. adult Pensylva Pansy (by Ch. Jezreel Jake) was a good winner and this breeder also won in Cream S.H. kittens with Pensylva Pinkerton.

No C.C. was awarded to Black S.H. adults but Mr. Russell won in kittens with Jezreel Monella by Ch. Andersby Allacreiche. Mrs. Beever won in Blue-eyed White S.H.'s. with Ch. White Hawthorn and Masters N. and D. Powell in Blue-eyed White S.H. with Ryecroft Snowdrift.

Winner from pet shop

Mrs. Wood's win with her Cream S.H. male Roger of Blagdon revives memories as he was bred by Mrs. Peters who bred and exhibited so many good cats in pre-war days. Her affix indicates she was breeding prior to 1932 as since then only prefixes have been allowed.

Mrs. E. Towe was successful with her Tortoiseshell Dandelion and Miss Codrington with her Tortie-and-White Bright Bauble which she "rescued" from a pet shop because she thought her so appealing.

Mrs. Colville won in Manx kittens with Rosental Gorgeous by Ch. Brumasio but Mrs. Butcher's adult Wandleston Sheba of unknown parents appears to have won first but no C.C.

When one peruses the catalogue of the 1953 National Cat Club Ch. Show it is interesting to note that it has nearly doubled its entry of pedigree cats and kittens in ten years. Exhibits totalled 396 in that year and the Royal Horticultural Old Hall was big enough to accommodate them. It was not until 1955 that the Committee engaged the much larger New Horticultural Hall when over 450 cats and kittens were entered.

In 1956 for the first time the National Hall Olympia was the venue with over 470 pedigree exhibits plus over 150 domestic pets. December 1963 broke all records with 1,003 pedigree and domestics.

In 1953, fourteen judges were considered sufficient with one panel of five judges (inclusive of L.H. and S.H.) to officiate for Best in Show. Last year thirty-one judges officiated and it is obvious that still more are needed to cope with the increasing entries. Three panels of five adjudicated for each section and five judges from these panels were selected to make the supreme award of Best Exhibit in Show.

The Club's silver cups and trophies made a lovely sparkling display and were well guarded by a representative of Messrs. Attenborough in whose care they remain between N.C.C. shows. They are now valued at several hundred



Hugh Smith

Mrs. M. Shrouder's little Rex kitten DU BU BLACKCURRANT, with his gay necklace and decorated pen, was a great attraction at Olympia in the "For Exhibition Only" section. Blackcurrant was bred by Mrs. Watts, of Sunbury-on-Thames.

pounds and many of them cannot be won outright. In addition there were nearly 300 cups, trophies, and special prizes offered by clubs and members.

Breeders and in fact all cat lovers owe so much to Mrs. Grace Pond for her management of this colossal show. It has done so much to enhance the prestige of cats but in passing we must not forget Mr. Towe who blazed the trail by organizing the first Olympia Show which aroused so much controversy in 1950, 1951 and 1952 partly because it was not under G.C.C.F. rules. The well known personalities associated with them were all loyal to the G.C.C.F. but they realized the potentialities for cats so proceeded with it. Eventually, after an interval from 1952 to 1956, the National Cat Club organized its own Ch. Show at Olympia under G.C.C.F. rules and as so often happens in England we were all happy to be law abiding again.

In 1950 all exhibits were allowed to be exhibited in decorated pens, which

are not permitted under G.C.C.F. rules, but again a solution has been found and those wishing to do so cannot compete but their cats and kittens can be displayed in decorated pens. This time the section devoted to famous Champions attracted so much attention that it was a struggle to get near them. Headed by the veteran of them all Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, the exhibits were: Ch. Halcyon Boniface, Ch. Camber Mario, Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower, Ch. Sunhaven Paula and the Manx Ch. Noend White Brumas. In another section Mrs. Grant-Allen's Premier Elvaston Silver Mist a lovely Silver Tabby Shorthair attracted a lot of attention.

Glasgow winners

The Scottish Cat Club Ch. Show at Glasgow on 21st December attracted an entry of 172 exhibits.

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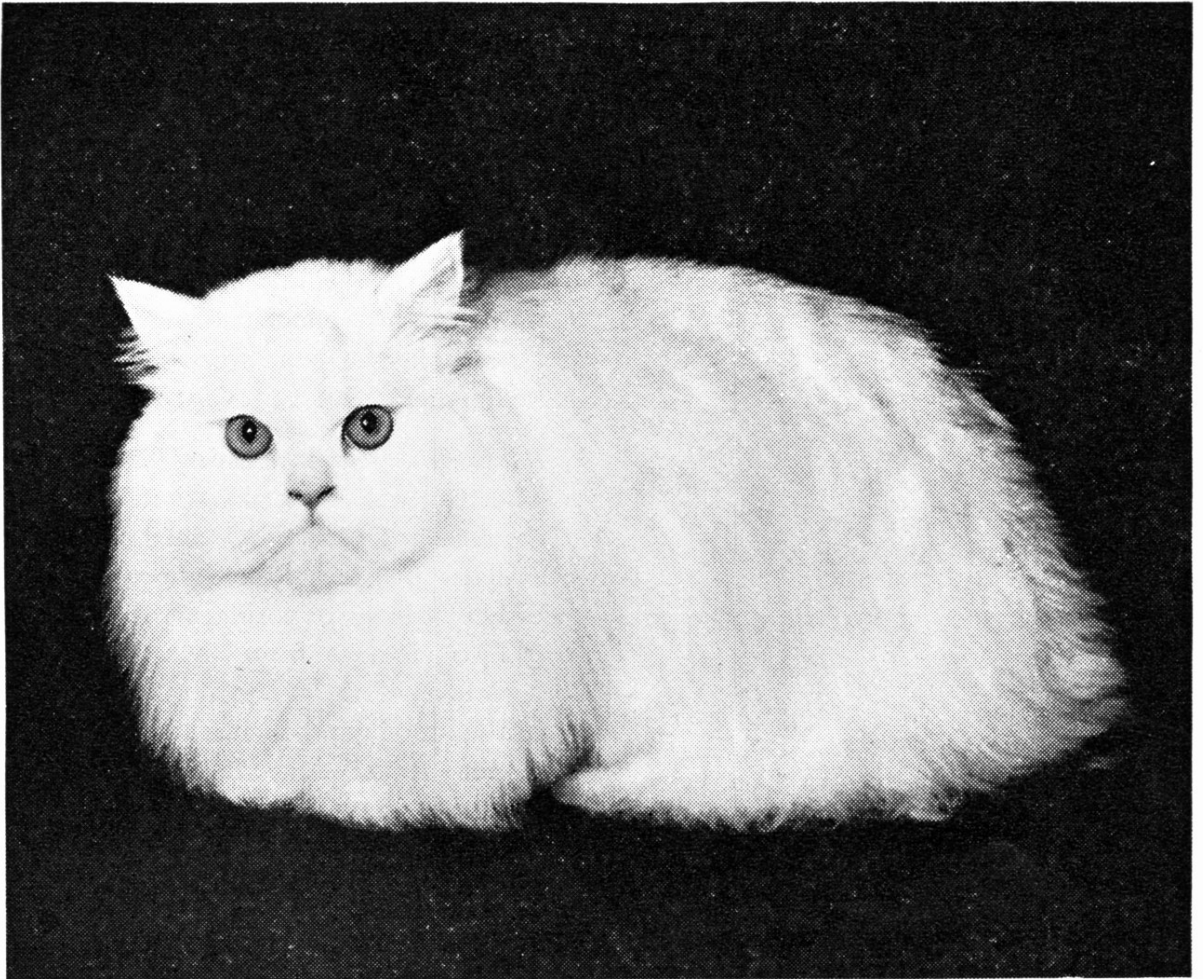
Main awards were: Best L.H. adult—Mrs. Hogan's Orange-eyed White Snow-white Giselle by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin; Best L.H. Kitten—Mr. and Mrs. Rush's female Redmire Summer Snow also a White by Ch. Lomond Moonraker; Best L.H. Neuter—Dr. Blyth's Blue Sapphire of Dunesk by Gwynn of Allington; Best S.H. adult—Mrs. Bower's S.P. Siamese Silken Philylla; Best S.H. kitten—Mrs. Smith's S.P. female Dimvar Smudge by Misselcore Jeff; Best S.H. Neuter—Miss Loader's White Manx Bluewave Choirboy by Indomitable.

Miss E. Sellar had a very successful day winning Challenge Certificates with her Orange-eyed White male Deebank Talisman by Ch. Deebank Mascot, her Cream male Pilgrim Eudo by Prestwood Polka and firsts with her Blue male kitten Brizlee Gleam by Ch. Lomond Lucky; her Cream female kitten Galaxy Starlight Angela by Ch. Widdington Orion and her Chinchilla

male kitten Poldenhills Scampi by Poldenhills Merlin. Miss Sellar also won in Any Colour Kitten Brace with Brizlee Gleam and Galaxy Starlight Angela and in Team of Three with Deebank Talisman, Pilgrim Eudo and Coylum Anne. Miss Sellar is a generous patron of the Longhairs and has their interest very much at heart.

I hear that it was a very enjoyable Show but chilly in the morning, as some other shows have been this Winter. Mrs. Bain was Show Manager and Miss Sellar remarks she found time to welcome the visitors and do everything to make matters easy which was pleasing as some exhibitors had been travelling overnight from London and the train was late.

Next month details of winners at Notts and Derby Ch. Show and the Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show in London will be published. I also hope to include names of some of the kittens which have been recording welcome wins at overseas shows.



*Charles Reddie*  
A lovely exhibit at our shows this season has been **CHAMPION GLENBURY SPARKLER**, an Orange-eyed White Longhair shown by Miss Muriel Bryce, of Hurst, Reading, Berks. He has won forty 1st prizes including top awards at the National C.C. and Southern Counties C.C. shows. Sparkler also won the rosette donated at Olympia by the American White Persian Society.



## News from "Down Under"

HERE we are, well into 1964! I trust all the very good resolutions made earlier will be carried out, particularly if they result in better stock at the end of the year. In the case of pets, I hope many owners, old and young, have decided to give them more of the loving care which is so essential to their wellbeing. Have had two very bad cases of neglect brought to my notice recently. The plea in each case has been ignorance.

**New Zealand.** My copy of the Council's *Newsletter* is to hand and I see that it carries a list of 16 approved show dates and in nine cases the appointed judges are named. I liked Chairman Carian's

seasonal wishes to the members: "A Very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Zealand". Very good! One feature I particularly liked was contributed by Dr. Patricia Scott. It should be closely studied by breeders. A survey on the antics of pigs who bite off each others tails has established the cause as boredom. Our judges have never seemed keen on cats minus a rudder, except Manx!

I notice that Mrs. McGregor has also resigned from the Council, making three to leave. It is good to know that a motion was carried to send each a letter under seal of the Council in appreciation of the valuable services rendered during term of office. Mrs. Bassett, as Secretary, edited the *Newsletter* and the new Secretary Mrs. Hedley will do likewise. A cheerio to Mr. Downey, a past president of the Council, who has recovered from an illness. Very nice to hear from Mrs. C. Aberdeen, Dunedin, and Miss S. Tasker, Wellington. I have also received an excellent *Newsletter* from Miss Pinkerton, who works hard for the Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers Inc.

**Victoria.** An interesting letter from Mrs. Corfield keeps me up-to-date with her breeding activities. She has recently added a Russian Blue (queen and kit) to her already imposing array.

Two letters from Mr. Woodfull, Secretary of the Victorian Feline Control Council (and incidentally Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria), have come to hand and I quote in full that of 19.12.63 which is a resumé of the inauguration and rapid progress of the Council: "The Feline Control Council (conducted under the auspices of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria). It is pleasing to

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report that the inception of the Feline Control Council has created a greater interest in feline affairs in the state of Victoria. It has now reached a total of 420 members with 150 stud prefixes being approved. Already 13 Championship shows have been approved for 1964 which will be conducted by its ten affiliated bodies. The growth in membership alone indicates a prosperous future for the Council under the direction of the R.A.S.”.

Mr. Woodfull has kindly arranged for a copy of their bi-monthly *Newsletter* to be mailed to me, so in future it will be easier to obtain news items and progress reports. Their Royal Show fixture, which is very good and attracts a large entry, is usually held in August or September. My old sparring partner down there, Colonel Scott, has bobbed up again with a nice seasonal card and

a copy of the Club's *Newsletter*. I have also been honoured to receive a really beautiful Club badge. Best thanks! The Siamese Club of Australia held their annual Victoria Cat Fanciers' Registered Blue Ribbon Show in December and Mrs. Scott's Gd. Ch. Sardusky Castenet was Shorthair Cat of the Year and Mrs. Farrell's Gd. Ch. Delhi Arctic Viceroy won the Longhair title. Sardusky must keep his show bloom as I remember awarding him top honours in Adelaide two years ago.

Some well-meaning breeders, prompted by Mr. and Mrs. G. Glode, have formed a "Good Neighbour Group" to help cat lovers who are in need. Already a goodly sum has been raised by the sale of handiwork. A big pat on the back to these fine scouts. May their work be appreciated.

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### BRUTON NINIAN

**A handsome Red Tabby Longhair bred by Mrs. N. Rosell and now the special pet of Miss A. Isambard Owen, of Pwllheli, North Wales. Ninian has appeared on the show bench with considerable success, winning 1st prizes at Southport, Chester and Blackpool after being Best in Show at Hazel Grove.**



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**Offers and enquiries should be sent to Editor, Our Cats, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9. No further announcements will be made concerning this collection. A number of offers have been received—some on behalf of clubs and others for individual paintings. A decision will be taken shortly as to the destination of the Collection.**

*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.*



**South Australia.** Mrs. Pearce and self very much enjoyed the New Year visit of our good friends Kath, Don, Kerry and Glenn Gebhardt of Manningham suburb. I was very sorry to learn they have left the cat world over there owing to pressure of business. Let's hope they will be back again later on. Don was secretary of the Club for some time and both worked hard to ensure its success. Welcome letters and news reached me from Mrs. McAdie, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Paelchen and Mrs. St. George. I was also glad to hear from a grand ex-secretary friend Mrs. Lylie Thurmer and to know that Jim and family are well.

**Western Australia.** Apparently the two new clubs are straining at the leash and awaiting the result of their application for reciprocal working arrangements with N.S.W. R.A.S. Cat Club, which do not meet in January. Plans for Perth shows in 1964 are well forward.

**Queensland.** Sorry to learn that Shorthair judge Mrs. Gillingham (of Paw Paw fame) has been sick. A grand scout (although given to tests of strength with a Jaguar when the urge strikes her), I hope she will soon be well again. As she has a well developed sense of humour, I know she will O.K. the following: Asked at a picnic by a small boy if she had done some horse riding, she answered "Yes, yes". Said his nibs: "My mum said she knew it by the way you walked". "Good grief", answered the dear lady. "That's my arthritis!"

Mr. M. Fraser, who has been on a working holiday in N.S.W., has now settled in Melbourne for a while where his S.P. Siamese male Ch. Yorick has caught the judge's eye, I understand. The show dates and venues are now being discussed and Toowoomba Ag. Show cat section has invited a N.S.W. judge. I understand the Genetics Club is popular and attracting attention from all the states. It looks as if Mrs. Batten has thought up a real winner there and was privileged to have just the gentleman at hand to make it work smoothly in Mr. Moffatt.

Mrs. Litchfield (S.H. judge and breeder) has acquired a lovely S.P. Siamese kitten from that Sydney breeder of high class stock Mrs. Burt, which should prove an asset to her cattery.

**New South Wales.** Talking to Mrs. Rudder recently, she mentioned that they intended taking a trip to England this year. Half their luck, eh? I hope they can manage to get to a show or two and then tell me all about it. It will certainly bring back some memories to Linfaye, as her dad (E. J. Lonsdale) who went over two years ago was not spared to return to us. Our 1964 show season will be opened by the Southern Cross Club Kitten Show at Chatsworth on 22nd February, followed by the Northern Feline Fanciers show.



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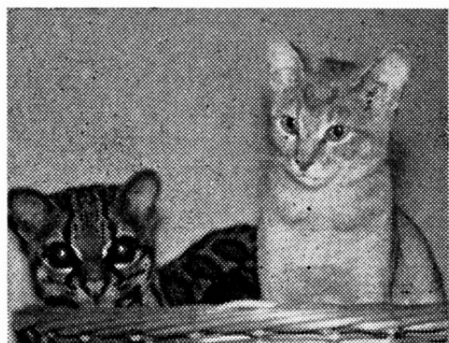
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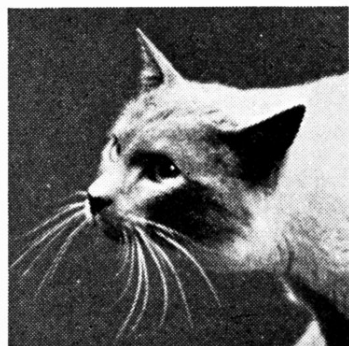
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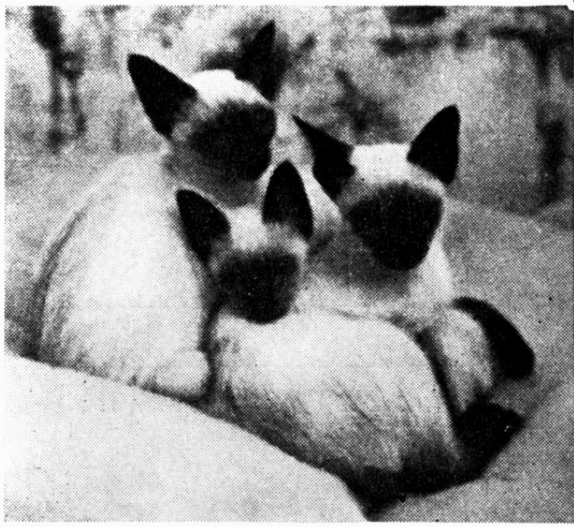
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I have received news via Mrs. M. N. Batten, Technical Co-ordinator, that the newly-formed Queensland Society of Cat Genetics is making fine progress. Its purpose is to study basic cat genetics, the possible improvement of existing breeds and the development of new breeds and colours. Most of Queensland's leading breeders are members

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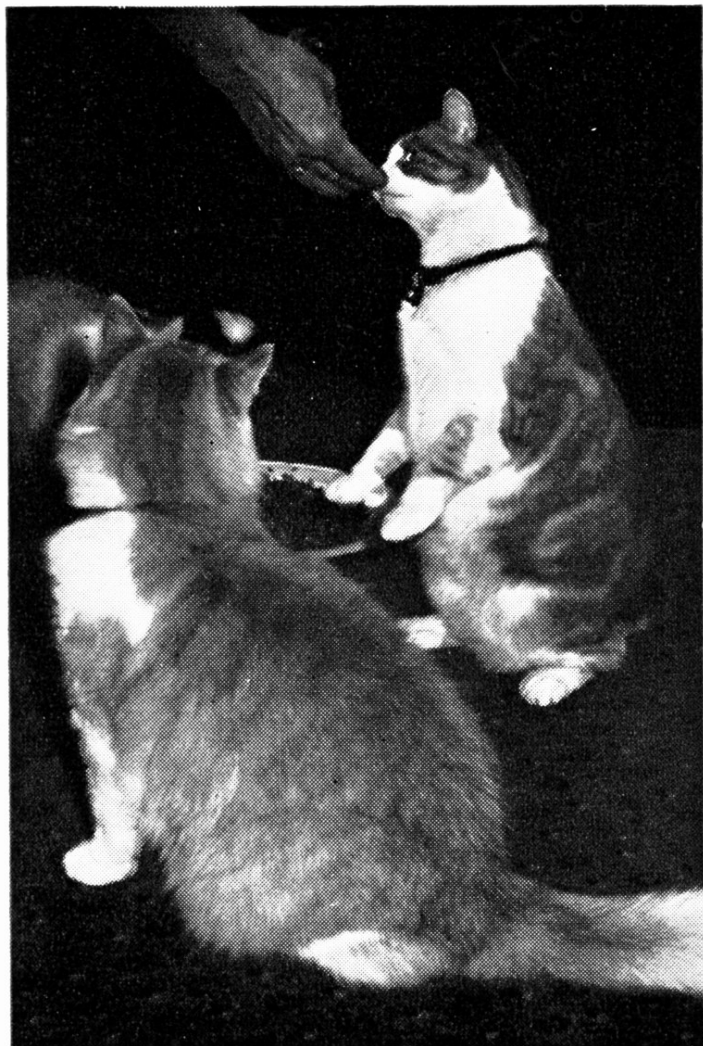
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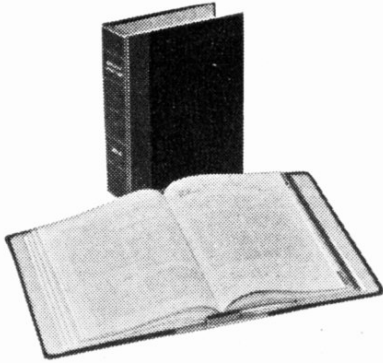
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