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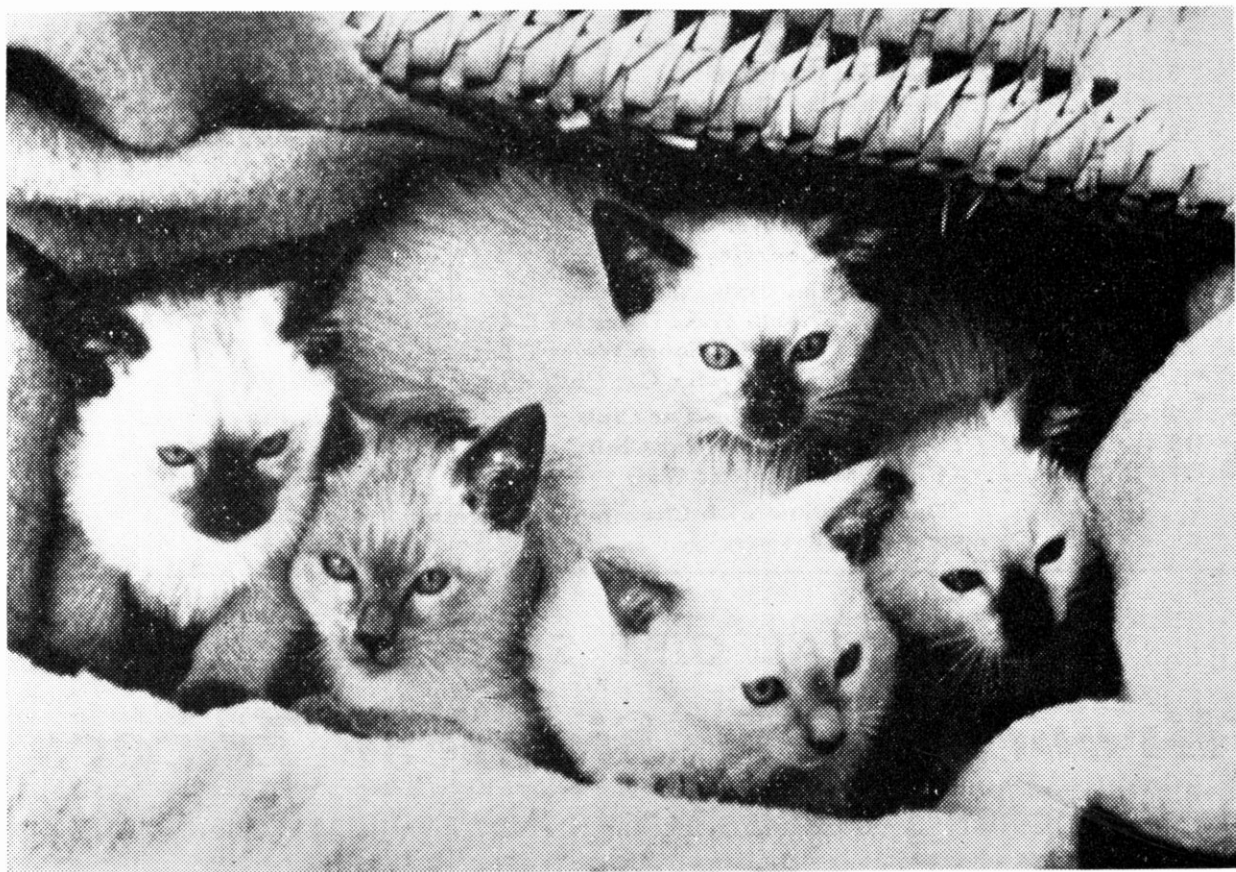
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SHOWS FOR THE 1964/5 SEASON

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, Mrs. J. Wakerley, 10 Farm Close, Cuffley, Herts.

1964	Promoted by	Venue
4 July ...	N.E. Cheshire Agricultural Society ...	Hazel Grove, Stockport
11 „ ...	Three Counties Cat Society ...	Salisbury
16 „ ...	City of Liverpool Show ...	Wavertree, Liverpool
25 „ ...	Kensington Kitten & Neuter Cat Club ...	London
1 August ...	Hull Show ...	East Park, Hull
3 „ ...	Urmston Show ...	Urmston
8 „ ...	Halifax Agricultural Society ...	Halifax
12 „ ...	Bingley Show ...	Bingley, Yorks
29 „ ...	Northern Siamese Cat Society ...	York
3 September ...	Macclesfield & Dist. Agric. Society ...	Macclesfield
12 „ ...	*Edinburgh & East of Scotland Cat Club	Edinburgh
19 „ ...	*Herts. & Middlesex Cat Club ...	London
23 „ ...	*Wessex Cat Club ...	Bournemouth
1 October ...	*South Western Counties Cat Club ...	Exeter
3 „ ...	*Yorkshire County Cat Club ...	Harrogate
22 „ ...	*Siamese Cat Club ...	London
24 „ ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club ...	Birmingham
5 November ...	*Blue Persian Cat Society ...	London
13 „ ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	Surbiton, Surrey
21 „ ...	*Cheshire Area Cat Club ...	Chester
5 December ...	*National Cat Club ...	Olympia, London
12 „ ...	*Preston Cat Club ...	Blackpool
19 „ ...	Hull & Lincolnshire Cat Club ...	Grantham, Lincs.
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9 January ...	*Notts. & Derbys. Cat Club ...	Nottingham
30 „ ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club ...	London
6 February ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	Glasgow
13 „ ...	*Lancs. & North West Counties C.C. ...	Bolton
20 „ ...	*West of England & South Wales C.Soc. ...	Cardiff
27 „ ...	*Coventry & Leicester Cat Club ...	Leicester
6 March ...	Northern Counties Cat Club ...	Newcastle-on-Tyne
13 „ ...	Suffolk & Norfolk Cat Club ...	Ipswich
27 „ ...	Ulster Siamese Cat Club ...	Belfast, N. Ireland

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Any other colour or curious cats (limited)

By A. A. BULLOCK

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I feel sure that Mr. Stirling-Webb will forgive the writer for maltreating his slogan in that delightful magazine *OUR CATS*. Some eye-catching phrase seemed to be necessary as nobody, apparently, took any notice of my somewhat controversial note, "What is a Siamese Cat?" in the *News Sheet* for April, 1963.

We have gone to considerable trouble to establish the Siamese cat as a distinctive animal, and readers may recall the somewhat bitter argument that took place a few years ago concerning the retention of the words "pure breeding" in our rules. As I pointed out then, it will be as well to know exactly what we are to be "pure" about. In other words, we must decide what we mean by Siamese Cat.

A new cat club has recently come into existence, with the grand title of "Progressive Breeders' Cat Club" (or Society, or Association) but its object seems largely to be the establishment of breed numbers for cats with the albinoid pattern of Siamese, but with almost any point colour except the self colours recognized in the standard of points for Siamese.

No fewer than three factors become involved so soon as tabby striped cats are introduced into the breeding of Siamese cats, and all of them are to my mind undesirable. They are (1) agouti ticking, (2) striping and (3) sex-linked red (or orange or yellow).

Striping is a dominant factor, and its faulting effect is seen in ghost stripes on the legs and tail of a great number of Blue Point Siamese. The blue of the B.P. is a Maltese dilution of black, and the apparent dominance of black over tabby is due to the intensity of the melanic pigment; most black and blue kittens show the ghost stripes from their tabby ancestry. The stripes are permanent and well defined in even the best of so-called self red cats, whilst the red colour is due to a sex-linked modifying gene which prevents the full expression of black in the male, requires both X chromosomes to carry the modification to produce a red female, and produces the anomalous tortoiseshell female when present in only one of the X chromosomes.

A menace to purity

Agouti ticking is apparent in the light areas of the coat of an ordinary tabby. It is masked in the red modification, but remains ready for onward transmission in the genotype. It appears in the so called "Lynx Pointed" cats and could remain an ever present menace to the purity of the self coloured points of all Siamese cats.

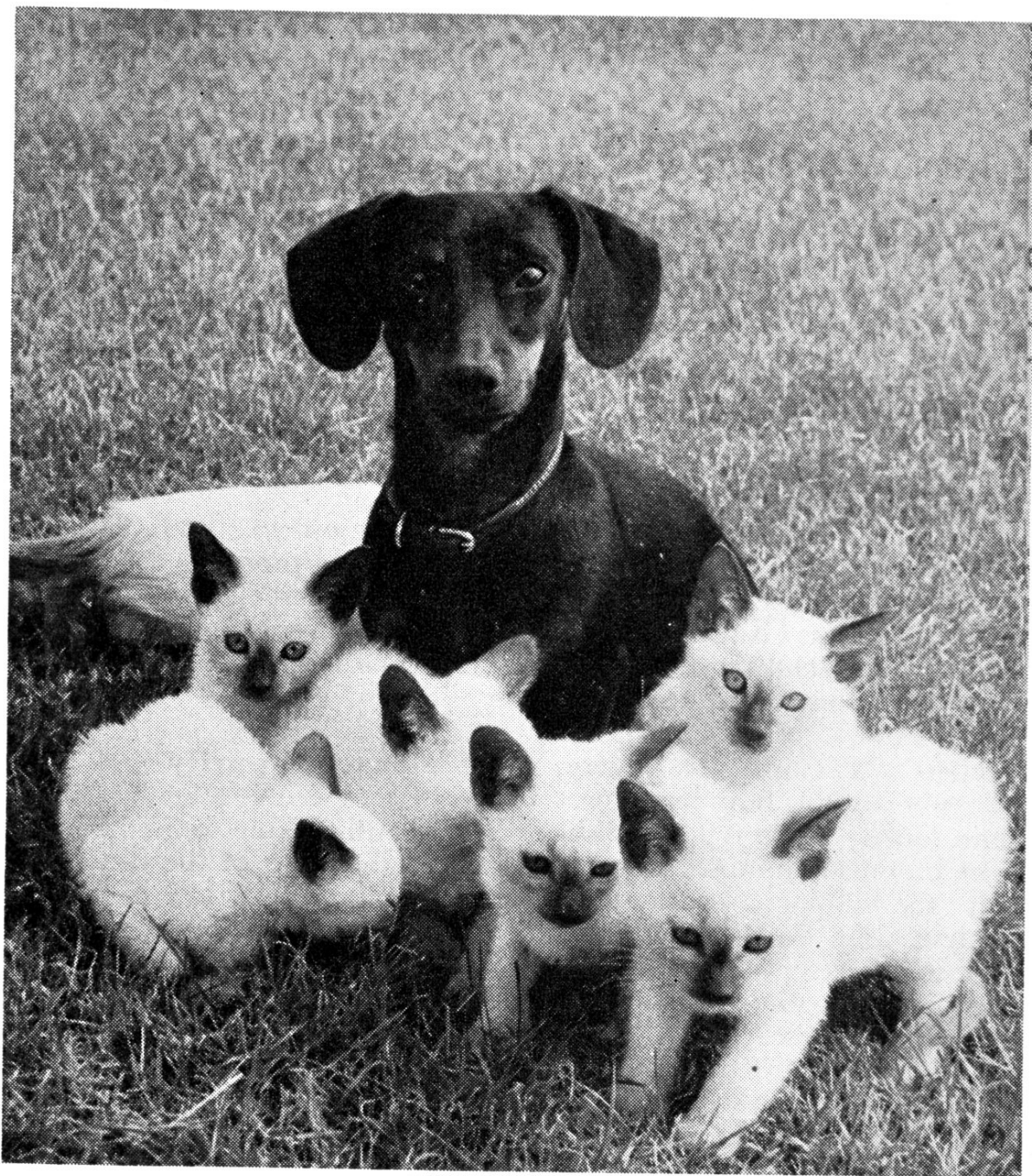
Of course, undesirable factors can be avoided, by care in selection of breeding stock, but there is really no need to ask for trouble

by accepting these stripey, red and tortie pointed cats as Siamese, even if they do conform to the standard in regard to "type".

Of course, one will never obtain a stripey pointed cat from a self colour pointed mating, but the self colour pointed cats obtained from either a stripey to stripey or stripey to self mating will almost invariably carry ticking and ghost stripes which will ruin otherwise

first class show animals.

Finally, it is easy enough to produce these Curious Cats (Limited or Unlimited) in either Foreign, British or Longhair type, but before doing so, please make sure that you are not merely producing something different in order either to impress less knowledgeable fanciers or to induce an artificial demand for a status symbol.



A charming picture taken at the Supra Cattery of Mrs M. Hudson, of High Halden, Ashford, Kent. Penny Puddleduck, the watchful dachshund, acts as a nanny to seven delightful Chocolate Pointed Siamese Kittens.

A club for the Rex

Progress report by SUSAN & AGNES WATTS

A meeting was held at Darby House, Sunbury - on - Thames, Middlesex, last month for the purpose of forming a specialist club for Rex cats. The meeting was well attended and very special feline guests were Du-Bu Blackurrant and Wairangi Sabre. The officers elected were as follows: Mrs. M. Shrouder (Chairman); Mrs. A. Watts (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Smith, Miss S. Watts, Mr. Shrouder and Mr. Unsworth (Committee members).

The need for a specialist club for Rex cats has been realized for some time and the prime duties of the Committee were held to be:—

- (1) The continuance of the breeding records of Rex cats which have been kept by us since the first group was formed in 1959.
- (2) The study of the development of all Rex mutations in cats in order to provide an advisory service to members.
- (3) Suitable and distinctive titles for individual mutations and colour sections.
- (4) The drawing up of breed standards and scale of points with the ultimate object of submitting these to The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy for the purpose of obtaining breed numbers.
- (5) To support members by putting on classes for Rex at some of the major cat shows.
- (6) The encouragement of members to put Rex cats "For Exhibition Only" in those cat shows where no classes have been arranged by the Club.

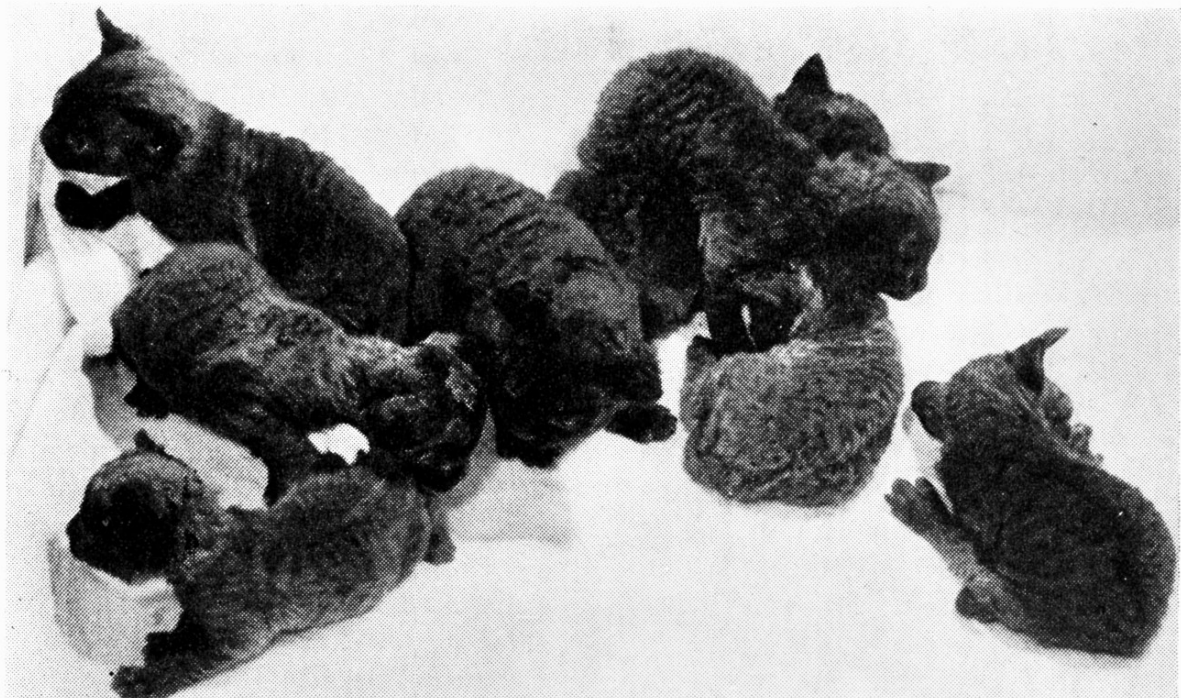
Having reached agreement on the major objects of the Club, the question of breed standards came up for discussion. As is probably well known by now, there are two strains of Rex cats presently being bred in England, each being the result of individual mutations; these to date have been referred to as Gene 1 and Gene 2.

This is considered to be an unsatisfactory method of description. In order to try to arrive at a more suitable title and to assist in the formation of breed standards a few Rex cats representative of each mutation were brought in from our cattery and these, together with our visiting felines, provided perfect examples of the differences in the two mutations.

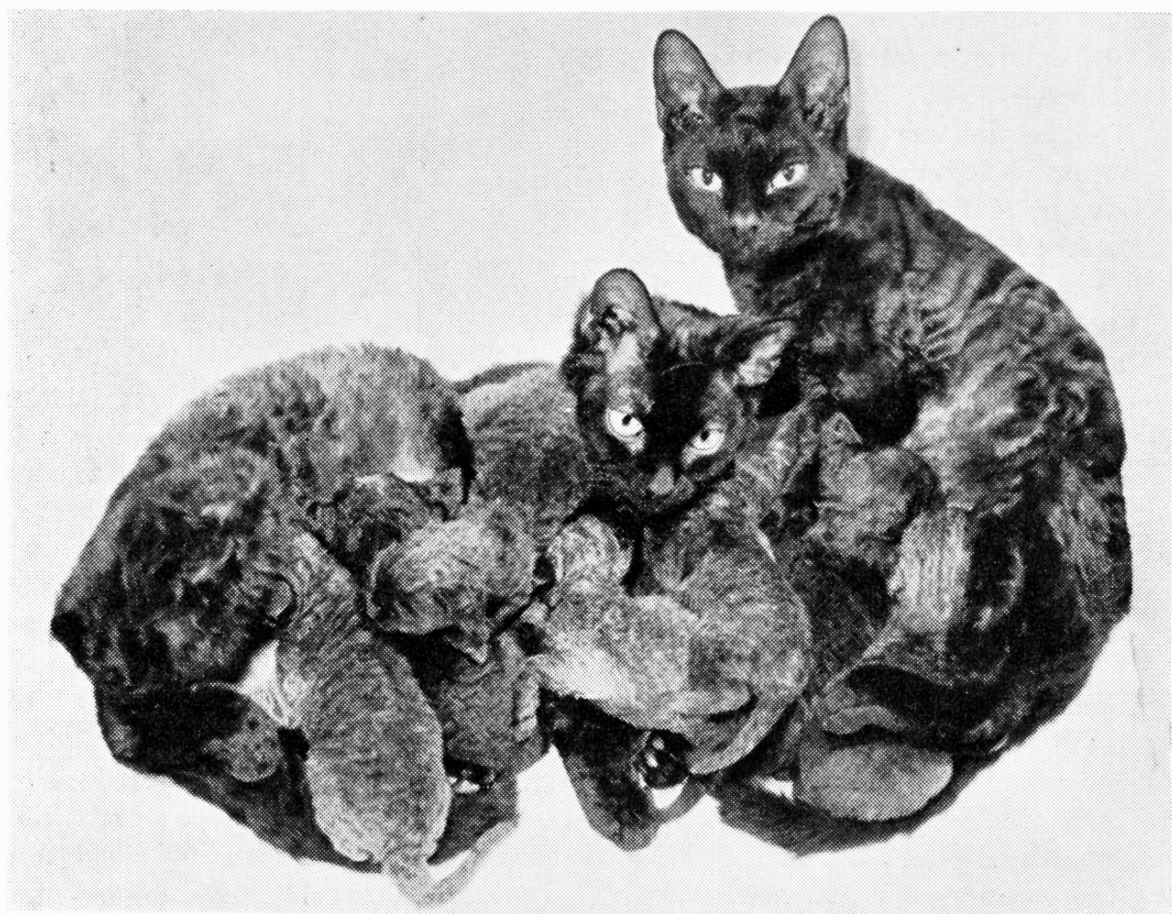
A perfect picture

Blackurrant is too well known to need description as she has been beautifully exhibited at many cat shows by Mrs. Shrouder but we had not seen her for some time and some of our guests had never seen her so it was delightful to have the opportunity of seeing how she has developed. All agreed she was a perfect picture.

Sabre then made his debut. He is a truly magnificent specimen and we would say quite the best male yet bred of this mutation. He is a most glorious golden red, long in the body, very high on his legs and has an extremely long whip tail. It is a matter of regret that Mrs. Harrison was unable to keep him as an entire male but no doubt another male of equal beauty will be available as a stud in the near future.



The first litters from pure "Butterfly" Rex parents.



Photos by Susan Watts

The two mothers are inseparable and share maternal duties.

Bluebelle had, of course, to poke in her curious nose and bask in any praise that may come her way. She has developed into a most fascinating adult even though her coat is extremely short, thus incapable of waving. It has the advantage of displaying her magnificently muscled body to perfection and her mysterious green eyes offset by the pale blue coat proved irresistible.

As Blackurrant is black, Sabre red and Bluebelle blue we had an example of all the solid colours which have so far appeared in the second mutation.

Setting a standard

There was unanimous agreement that apart from the head, one breed standard would do justice to both mutations and allowing for one or two adjustments and some elaboration the Rex standard as drawn up by the American Cat Fancy (where Rex are a recognized breed and eligible for Championship honours) tallied with our assessment of the cats hitherto referred to as Gene 1. This was to be expected as the Rex standard in U.S.A. was based on the original English mutation from cats exported by Mrs. Ennismore, in whose cats the mutation originated.

The heads were then the subject of prolonged and minute examination but one feature that needed no such deliberation was the ears of the second mutation. These are outstandingly different from the ears of any other cat breed and from the ensuing discussion it was decided that the most suitable titles for the two mutations would be "Rex" and "Butterfly Rex" and the variation in the two breed standards should be contained within the description of the shape of head, eye shape and colour, ear shape and set.

It was fortunate that we had in our cattery very young kittens of both mutations to illustrate that the head formation difference is apparent right

from birth. A very lovely tortoiseshell/white of the original Rex just two weeks old side by side with a three week old kitten of the second mutation demonstrated this to perfection and proved a reliable comparison of coat quality and density which has improved tremendously in the second mutation.

However, the ultimate surprise we had was the presentation of two "Butterfly" Rex queens snuggled down in the same box with their eight babies just under two weeks old. Both queens were maidens and kitted on the same day in the same box. The sire is our young "Butterfly" Rex male and these litters are the outcome of his first attempts as a stud. As all the parents are Rex coated, so are the kittens.

This was quite an historic event for they are the first litters from Rex coated parents of this mutation and are, in themselves, sufficient reward for the patient waiting we had endured. Each queen has four kittens (one male and three females and the other three males and one female). All have dense wavy coats; all have the typical type and barring one female who was on the small side but has since caught up, all were much of a size.

We had the pleasure of passing on the information that the two Rex, Du-Bu Nugget and Broughton Coriander exported to Canada in 1963 are now American Champions and the hope was expressed that in the not too distant future our English Rex may be able to attain the title of Champion without having to cross the Atlantic.

The meeting closed with a toast to the new Club and we hope that all breeders interested in the development of Rex cats will find agreement with the principles set out at the inaugural meeting. We look forward to building a happy, progressive and prosperous Club, the results of whose efforts will be reflected in the cats bred by the members.

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AT the recent A.G.M. of the Northern Siamese Cat Society held in York, all the officers and committee were returned unopposed. Arrangements are in hand for an exemption show in the Cathedral City in late August.

Raymond, - the Mayfair hairdresser who has turned his back on "a world of luxury" and gone to seek guidance in a foreign monastery, reveals in his "confessions" that the name of "Teasy Weasy" stuck to him after he had used it during a TV display with models. The name of his cat happened to be Teasy Weasy !

Are the birds really coming? The morning that I read in the paper about the attack by seagulls on a gang of house-painters at Folkestone, my cat killed a small bird on the lawn. Immediately about 30 pigeons formed a wide circle around the cat and voiced their disapproval of the murder with a deafening cacaphony such as I have never heard before. The din lasted more than an hour. Eventually the cat was overcome by terror and slunk into the house".— Letter written to the London *Daily Mail*.

"I think we ought to get together harmoniously and decide on some rules of nomenclature for the combination breeds of cats of the future that are bound to descend upon the genetically conscious Cat Fancy of tomorrow".— Clyde Wheeler, Sc.D., Medical Geneticist, Georgia, U.S.A., writing in the *Siamese News Quarterly*, the journal of the Siamese Cat Society of America, Inc.

A seasonal warning ! Thoroughly check the ingredients of any cleaning agent or spray. If it contains phenol (carbolic acid) DO NOT USE IT.

Not so very long ago, in an American periodical, Mrs. Vera Nelson, top ranking specialist in Siamese, expressed her distress and disappointment at the Lilac Points she saw at the shows. They just didn't conform to the Standard of Points for colour. At one show there was only one white coat in the group and the majority fell into a sort of betwixt and between class, a cross of chocolate and blue colouring. She concluded: "Part of my distress is caused, I fear, by the fact that Lilacs I have seen with proper colour are imports ! I would hate to admit, even to myself, that our breeders cannot produce as good Lilacs as the English seem to do".

Writing about Sir Roy Welensky— "big, tough, determined, the centre of the current political storm over Africa" — White Friar reveals in the *News of the World* a remarkable story about Sir Roy's concern over the loss of his much-loved companion for more than five years, Mitzi, a crippled Siamese cat. Mitzi was already a cripple when she came to him as a kitten. "She was unable to do anything for herself, even wash or scratch. I had to do it all for her. All the veterinary aid I called in was no good". Sir Roy added, anent the suggestion that he should have another kitten: "I don't want to sound sloppy, but Mitzi rewarded me with the greatest affection. No cat could take her place".

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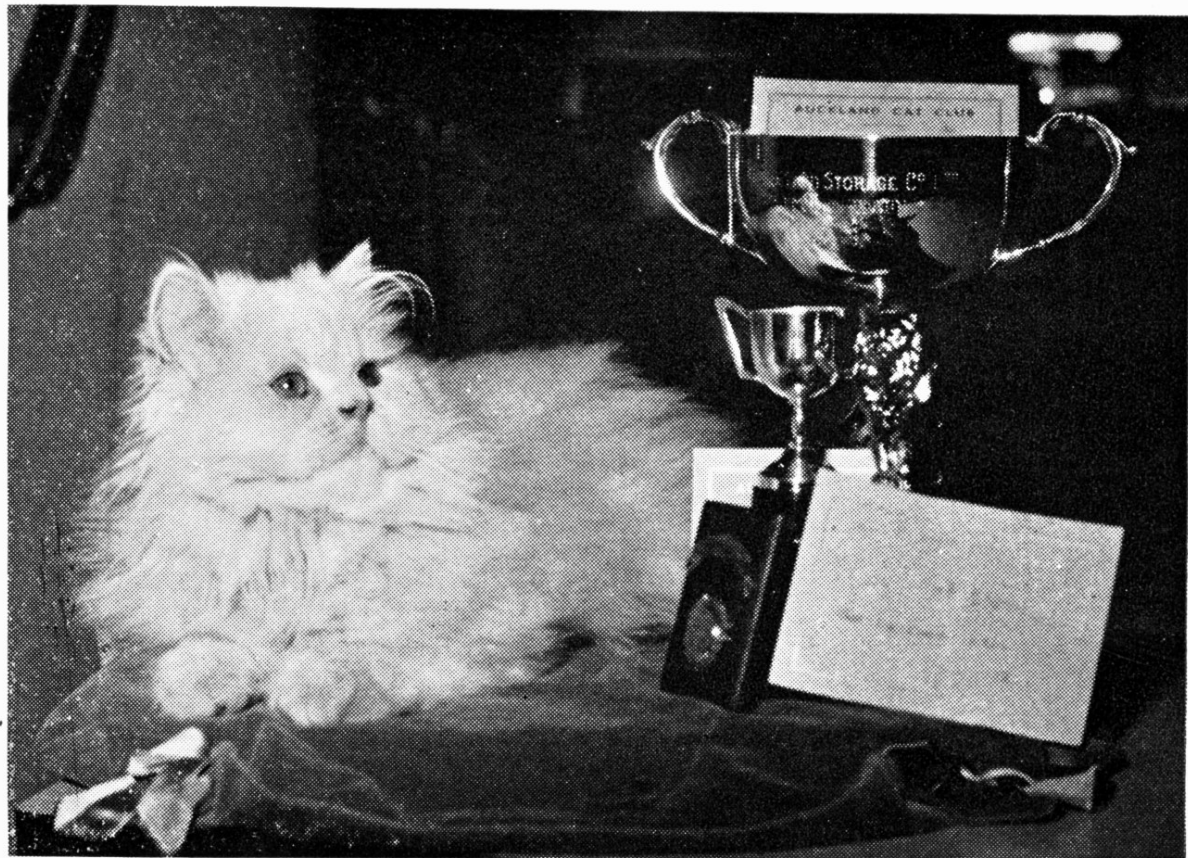
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"I am wondering how many breeders of pedigree cats realize just how difficult it is to reproduce the Tortoise and White Longhair? . . . The problem is to keep the type and improve the colour. . . . Each spring I keep my fingers crossed hoping for an average of perhaps three Tortie and Whites out of 30 kittens".—
Norah Woodfield in *Fur and Feather*.

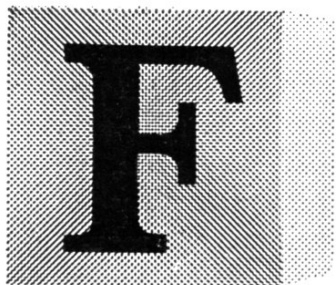
A recent addition to the popular Collins Nutshell Books is *Your Cat*, by Ann L. Stubbs. There are over three dozen titles in the series and they are designed for the hobbyist, the class-room and the school library. I was specially interested in Miss Stubbs' work as she has been a contributor to OUR CATS on more than one occasion and also the majority of the illustrations are by Hugh Smith, whose photography has done so much to maintain our own pictorial standard. *Your Cat* is excellent value for 5s. if for no other reason than it is remarkably comprehensive and completely practical.

In order to avoid delay in locating kittens for sale, the Siamese Cat Association has formed a kitten pool. Anyone interested is asked to send details (e.g., age, colour, sex, price, etc.) of any kittens and/or cats they have for sale. Alternatively, anyone requiring a kitten will be told where suitable litters are available. Enquiries will be dealt with by Miss M. Denton Brooks, 1 Brockley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex, telephone Stonegrove 9278. It might also prove of invaluable help to breeders if anyone with a queen in milk and no kittens to feed, could leave her name and address, so that a possible litter of kittens with no mothers might be helped over a difficult period. This idea of a pooled information service is a new one and the Society would therefore welcome any suggestions. It is pointed out that it is not intended as a service for the sale of kittens, but only as a possible way of relating demand to the available local supply.

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A bonny Cream Longhair at 4 months, SOUTH PACIFIC GOLDMYTH was Best L.H. Kitten on his first two appearances at New Zealand shows. Owner is Mrs L.I. Slator, of Tauranga, who writes: "Goldmyth, like most of our good stock, goes back to English imports". Photo by Bay of Plenty Times.

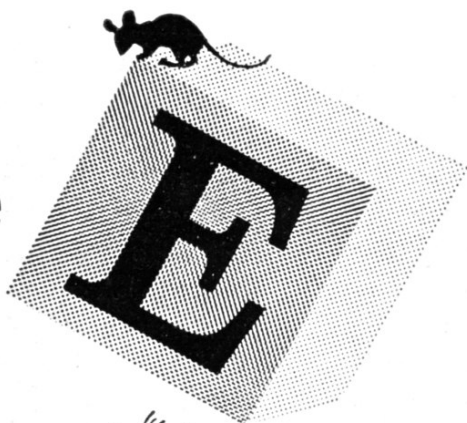


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THE STORY OF THOMASINA

WALT DISNEY, of late, has gone all feline. First, we had "The Incredible Journey", reviewed in our April issue. And now, film audiences are enjoying "The Three Lives of Thomasina", the marmalade cat who gives these lives to a lonely man, a lovely woman and a child who is lost. The story is, of course, based on Paul Gallico's book *Thomasina* and others in star roles are Patrick McGoohan and charming Susan Hampshire.

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Thomasina and Mary as they appear in the Disney film story

Mary is the daughter of a veterinary surgeon, Andrew MacDhui, who lives in a remote Scottish village and her one great love is Thomasina. Andrew is losing business steadily to the "mad" Lori MacGregor, a beautiful young healer, who lives mysteriously in a cottage in the middle of a forest. One night in the market place a pile of boxes falls on Thomasina and when Andrew sees the cat he is alarmed — she must be destroyed immediately.

When Mary learns about Thomasina's death, she vows she will never speak to her father again. She and the other local children give Thomasina a big funeral, but they are frightened away by the mysterious Lori, who investigates and finds the cat still breathing. She takes Thomasina to her home where she recovers to start her second life. But her sickness has wiped out her memory.

Not even the local minister, Angus Peddie, can make Mary talk to her father, and when a whispering campaign is started by the villagers he rapidly loses his business to Lori. Andrew goes to see the girl and is just in time to save the life of an injured badger. They strike up a close relationship.

One evening Thomasina, who cannot remember anything of her first life with the MacDhui's is mysteriously drawn back to the vet's house. Mary sees her and dashes out in pursuit and in a tremendous thunderstorm is quickly soaked. She becomes desperately ill.

Andrew decides to enlist the aid of Lori in the hope that she can save the child. He finds her at a gypsy camp where she is being threatened after discovering that the animals are ill-treated. Andrew comes to her defence and is injured in a fight. After having his injuries tended by Lori he takes her back to Mary. Thomasina, at the sight of Andrew, recovers her memory and follows.

The cat's appearance works a miracle. Mary learns how Lori has rescued Thomasina and is rapidly restored to health. Eventually she is well enough to become a bridesmaid—at the wedding of Andrew and Lori.

And so Thomasina begins her third life back in her first home. The MacDhui household is now run to Thomasina's liking and everyone is happy.

One of the leading biochemists connected with the huge Argentine meat industry has said that the low standards of hygiene in food handling in Great Britain were infinitely more likely to be responsible for the Aberdeen typhoid outbreak than any corned beef. Speaking of the lack of health safeguards he had noticed in British food shops, he added: "I have even seen cats sitting on the counter". Later news is that the Government are considering banning dogs from food shops.

Sidney Denham has contributed a new title to the Max Parrish popular series of the "A to Z" books. His *A to Z of Pets* is designed to help the potential pet owner in his choice and to minimize the losses caused by ignorance and neglect. As Mr. Denham rightly points out, pets bring great pleasure. Inevitably there is sometimes anxiety and heartbreak as part of the price that has to be paid for the pleasure of keeping a pet. His book is well worth the 8s. 6d. it costs to buy. Prospective cat owners are well catered for.



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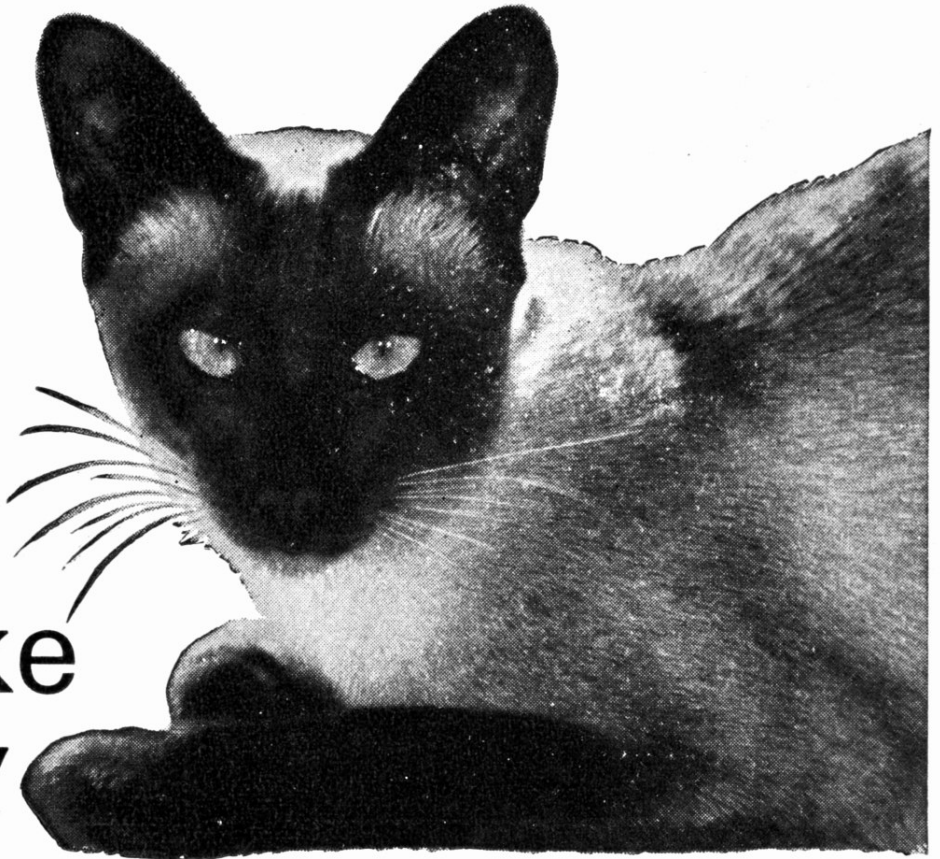
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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

A queen lost

THE Siamese Cat Club *News Sheet* issued in April is as usual interesting. The Hon. Secretary Mrs. Dunnill informs us that 115 new members were enrolled in 1963 and the total membership made up of life members and annual subscribers keeps up the average of over 700.

An anonymous subscriber who describes herself as a "near novice" has had the heart-breaking experience of having her queen lost when she went to be mated. The queen was with the stud owner when the door swung open and she escaped into a wood and had not been seen for twelve weeks.

The owner blames herself for leaving her cat "at a place where the precautions against escape were not 100%", but in my opinion no owner of a male cat should accept a queen unless the entrance to his house is safely and completely enclosed by a wire netting run.

Although I am not usually an advocate of adding rules and restrictions I wish it were possible to make conditions under which male cats are kept conform to a certain standard. They need large runs, big enough to provide them with a gallop when they feel skittish. The floor surface should be mostly concrete or crazy paving to dry quickly after rain. The studs should not have too many queens so they can get out and enjoy the sunshine of our short summer.

Troubles over

Mrs. Helen Martin, Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Association who had the misfortune to have some infectious illness among her cats early in the New Year had the "all clear" from her veterinary surgeon at the end of March and so all has been plain sailing ever since, I was pleased to hear.

If all breeders were as sensible and candid as Mrs. Martin and her partner Miss Eley, who isolated themselves from visits, callers, and even took the precaution of no correspondence, how much safer we all should be if we have to send our queens away to be mated. Their lovely S.P. male Ch. Whiteacres Mooney, winner of five Challenge Certificates and several times Best Siamese Cat at Ch. shows, who was only very slightly affected early on, took a very dim view about being deprived of queens at the height of the breeding season. No losses occurred and Mrs. Martin makes a significant remark in

her letter, viz: "Our veterinarian tried out various drugs but the odd part about it was the fact that those who did not have drugs recovered more rapidly". In parenthesis, this doesn't surprise me as the symptoms suggested feline influenza and with attentive nursing, and above all warmth if the weather is the least bit chilly, recovery can be expected. However, a vaccine to immunize our cats and kittens is something all cat lovers are hoping for. Mr. John Prydie, M.R.C.V.S., from the Wellcome Research Foundation, speaking about vaccines and serums at the Feline Advisory Bureau Conference in April, advised us that much time is being devoted to the subject but it is more complicated than the vaccine for feline infectious enteritis which has proved so effective, as more than one virus (possibly as many as four) are involved in feline influenza.

The future of three male kittens which Mrs. Martin and Miss Eley had at the time is happily settled. Whiteacres Christian by Sunland Sijui which won as a kitten they are keeping, and are looking forward to his first litter. Whiteacres Warwick by Ch. Bolney Kien, also one of last season's winning kittens, has gone to a good home in Lancaster as a future stud. Whiteacres Adam, the youngest at seven months, is also booked. He is by Ch. Spotlight Melchoir and Whiteoaks Adeline so is full brother to Ch. Whiteacres Mooey.

Winners overseas

Mrs. Ashford's Siamese still continue on their winning way and her Chocolate Pointed Siamese male Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey (bred by Major and Mrs. Rendall), consistently sires winners. Latest successes are reported by Mrs. D. Evans, of River Dale, New Jersey, U.S.A., who owns Annelida Squire. He was Best C.P. Siamese and Best Opposite Sex and two winner's ribbons at a Ch. Show in Philadelphia. And at the same show Annelida Lilac Facade was awarded Best Lilac Point and three winner's

ribbons. He is owned by Mrs. Widman also of New Jersey.

At Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Annelida Lilac Lotus owned by Mrs. Ebs, was Best Siamese Cat at the Eastern Cat Club Ch. Show.

By the way, the official name of the Art Group in Victoria, Australia, is the Grand Champion Annelida Lilac Nokomis Art Group. Nokomis is yet another winning son of Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey.

Superb bloodlines

Mrs. Haynes, of Azusa, California, has sent a delightful tribute to Miss Page of Watford who has bred and owned some lovely Blues, Creams and Blue-Creams exhibited under her prefix "Woburn". She writes, "Although I am a stranger to you, I feel I know you through your notes in OUR CATS. We are delighted with our purchases from Miss Page and those recommended by her. Our correspondence with her has given us so much pleasure and the English bloodlines in Blue Persians we think are superb. Our first Blue Persian was Woburn Fenella who is now a Champion. She is by Vigilant Taurus and Woburn Corinna. Our second was Brightstar Firefly by Ch. Fox-burrow Frivolous and Briaric Petra. She has completed her Championship at four consecutive shows.

"Our other two Blues are Woburn Dignity sired by Woburn Chippy, who has already two of the four wins needed for his title at just over nine months of age, and Woburn Cinderella by Ch. Briaric Beauty, who has not yet been shown. We hope both will become Champions. They were flown out last November.

"English breeders evidently put much care and thought into the breeding of their cats".

Mrs. Barron's Blue male Ch. Camber Mario is giving a good account of himself this season. Miss Wash's queen Anson Exquisite (bred by Miss Statman)

has a bonny quintette by him. This mating last year produced Parka Phoebe, winner of many firsts, and Parka Zoe. Miss Page's queen has kittens by him and there are others, as well as some expectant mothers.

Manx in Holland

Mrs. Colville, well known for her enthusiasm for Manx—and who has had many winners in this variety—sends news of a recent success.

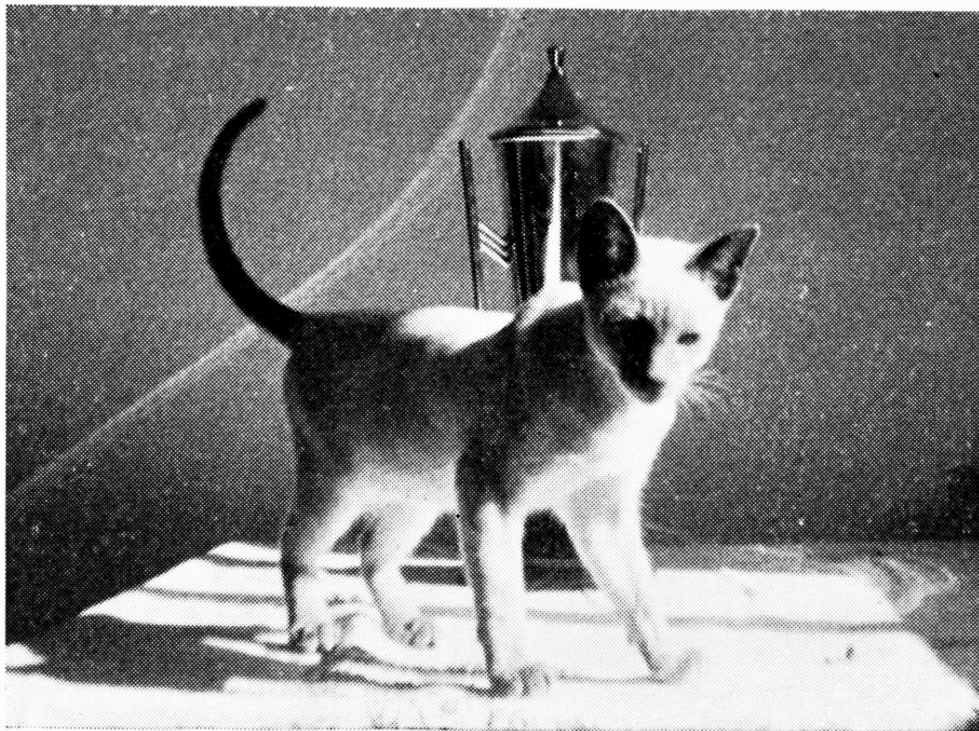
“Last year Mr. and Mrs. Damsteeg bought one of our black Manx kittens and took her back to Holland hoping to introduce Manx there. She is by Ch. Brumasino and Ch. Mischa—both tailless Manx—and is named Rosental Twinkle Star. She was really intended for a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Damsteeg but they liked her so much that they decided to keep her. Now they have found a future husband for her, a red tabby Manx Mr. Damsteeg saw at a petrol station in Holland. No one knows his origin as he just arrived.

After some persuasion his owners agreed to part with him and he is now with Twinkle Star.

“At the Championship Show at Rotterdam in March organized by Nederlandse Vereniging van Katterrienden Club Twinkle Star was awarded Excellent and became Best Shorthair Kitten”.

A Smoke litter

Longhair kittens usually born later in the spring than Siamese and other Shorthairs are arriving in quantity at the end of April and May. Mrs. Leving's Blue queen Suzanne of Pensford is rearing seven Smoke kittens by her Smoke male Ch. Beauvale Conquest. She tells me it is the first time one of her queens has had an all Smoke litter and it is just what she wanted. The progeny of Ch. Beauvale Conquest recorded some outstanding wins last winter season and Mr. and Mrs. Leving have done much to revise interest in this lovely variety.



A winner in South Africa. Mrs Charlotte Duncan, of Cape Town, owner of English-bred stock, sends this picture of her ANNEAR DESTINY, Best Siamese Kitten and Best Blue Point Kitten at the Rand Show in April. Destiny was in the first litter sired by Mrs. Duncan's import Ch. Annelida Astronaut. The trophy in the background is awarded to the breeder with the highest points at the four different club shows in South Africa. Last year Mrs Duncan was the winner.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have purchased a Cream female Idyll Paquita by Ch. Paul of Pensford. This kitten was awarded 1st in the 3-5 months Cream female class at the National Cat Club Ch. Show at Olympia in December. She was bred by Mrs. Aston from a Blue-Cream dam Widdington Penelope. Mr. and Mrs. Graham's only other queen Fenella Sue has been mated to Mrs. Reid's Blue male Ch. Briaric Beauty.

So we have another breeder who intends to combine Blues and Creams; varieties which complement each other so well.

A correction

In an article which appeared in U.S.A. *Cats Magazine* for April it was stated that our Governing Council of the Cat Fancy "assigns the judges" for cat shows. This is not so. They are chosen by the committee of the club organizing the show, which has to observe the G.C.C.F. rule that only judges elected by the specialist societies are eligible to award Challenge Certificates and judge open kitten classes. The method of electing judges is the privilege of the specialist societies which deal with the interests of the various varieties.

For example, the Blue Persian Cat Society of which Miss Evelyn Langston is President and Major Dugdale is Honorary Secretary and which has a Committee of twelve, elects judges but only for Blue Persians. This method is the accepted practice of all the other specialist clubs.

To breed or own outstanding specimens of a variety is an asset but does not necessarily mean one will be elected to judge them, and having been elected for one variety in which one has specialized it may take years before other specialist clubs will consider one's inclusion. The judges who are eligible to judge several varieties have without exception several years of experience in breeding and exhibiting and have served a long

apprenticeship as stewards after they have made their debut as exhibitors.

Again referring to the article, our exhibitors are not debarred from grooming, feeding or changing sanitary pans at shows once they, and the public are admitted usually at 12.30 or 1 p.m. After that they are at liberty to titivate their cats and kittens as much as they wish.

As exhibitors are excluded from the hall when judging commences at 10 a.m., our judges have usually dealt with classes of major importance such as the awarding of Challenge Certificates and several others by 1 p.m. After an interval for lunch they finish their side and club classes.



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Many visitors from overseas who consider our cats and kittens so lovely have asked me why we do not have an occasional two-day show when so much work and expense are involved in organization. I doubt if owners here would favour anything so arduous for their cats or themselves. They prefer them to be one day affairs terminating at 5.30 or 6 p.m. and this being so is

another reason why our Ch. shows are not decorative but depend on the beauty of the exhibits.

Overseas readers may be interested in an excerpt from the G.C.C.F. rules: "No interior or exterior decorations or distinguishing objects will be allowed in or on the pens during the judging under any circumstances whatever, and it will be an instruction to the judges to pass any pens so distinguished. Adequate warm white blankets *without markings* and suitably sized sanitary tins *must* be provided. Hot water bottles may be used provided they are put under the blankets".



T. C. Cox

If you're thinking "I've seen this one before" you will be quite right! This charming picture of CH. AMBERLEY TERESA looking at one of her show awards appeared in our April issue. It is reproduced here because we gave the wrong information in the caption. Teresa was of course bred and shown by those enthusiasts at Verwood, Dorset, Mr & Mrs D. Wilson

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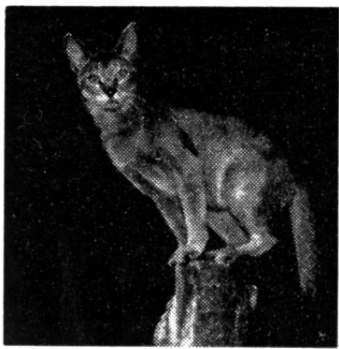
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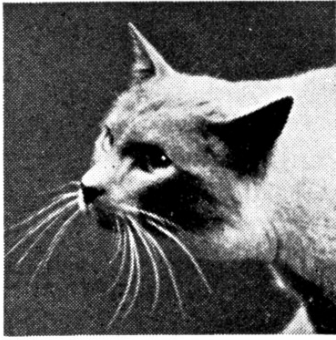
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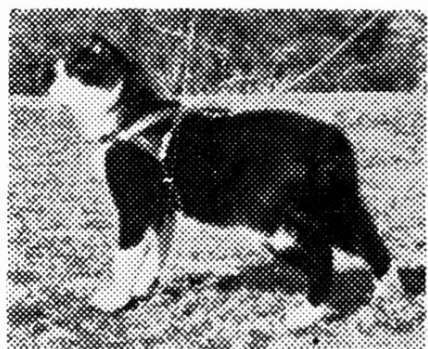
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We hope in later issues to include extracts from the papers read at the recent Conference organized by the Feline Advisory Bureau, a highly successful venture. Permission to use some of this copyright material has been kindly given us by the F.A.B. Papers read included "Vitamin A Deficiency and Requirements", by Dr. Patricia Scott, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.R.M.S., "Cancer and Geriatrics", by Mr. W. M. Wadman Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., "Some Osteological Conditions", by Mr. G. Sumner-Smith, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., "Virus Research", by Mr. John Prydie, M.R.C.V.S., "The Anatomy and Physiology of the Reproductive System", by Mrs. M. Sheppard, M.R.C.V.S., and "Supportive Treatment of Diseases", by Mr. Boyd A. Langman, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. A second Conference will take place in May next year.

The annual report of the Chairman of the P.D.S.A. for 1963 cites four outstanding acts of generosity—a donation of £2,000 towards the new dispensary at Manchester, another gift of £2,000 to meet the cost of the new cat boarding kennels at the society's Ilford Sanatorium, and two gifts of ambulances from the National Pets Club of the *Daily Mirror* and a Sussex supporter.

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The Minister of Health recently stated in the House of Commons that steps were being taken to draw attention to the dangers to babies and young children of infection by the disease among dogs known as toxocara canis. He was replying to a question from a member who asked if he was aware of the high incidence of the disease "which causes blindness and jaundice". A Ministry spokesman said later that no figures were available of the number of people who have contracted disease as the result of the parasites toxocara canis and toxocara cati, which infects dogs and cats respectively. An important safeguard is that those who have dogs or cats should have them tested to see if they are infected.

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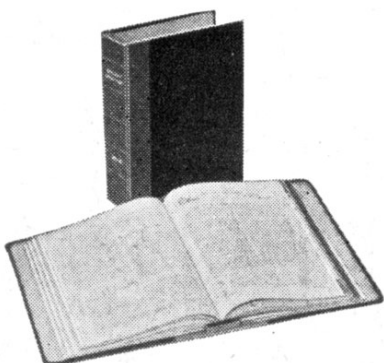
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