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A lovely Blue Longhair kitten by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford. Vanessa was exported by Mrs Joan Thompson to Mrs Catherine Beach, of Inglewood, California, U.S.A. Photo by A. J. Robinson.

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Hugh Smith

Fern Warner and a little representative of the Lynx Pointed breed make an attractive picture at the Kensington C.C. Show. Fern plans to make a name for herself as an actress and so follow in the footsteps of her father Richard Warner, who has scored so many show successes with his Spotlight Siamese and more recently his Lynx Pointed cats and kittens.

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. Pettit, "South Bank," 5 Milton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

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24 ,, ...	*Midland Counties Cat Club	Birmingham
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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
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From caterwaul to hep-cat

By N. B. MEGGS

A CAT has been a common sight for so many years that the word has inevitably become combined with others to give an almost endless number of compound words and expressions, some well known and some more obscure. We all know what cat, catty and kittenish mean when applied to women, and now hep-cat, cool cat and sex-kitten are frequently heard.

The word cat has in many cases become combined with another to make one word. Thus a catbird is an American or Australian bird which makes a sound like a cat's mew, a catfish has the teeth and fierceness of a cat, catmint or catnip is a plant which cats like particularly, catkins resemble the furry tail of a cat and catgut is the intestine of an animal, although usually of a sheep—not a cat. Caterpillar comes from the Latin *catta pilosa*, a hairy cat, and caterwaul from the German *katterwaulen*, to wail like a cat.

In many cases the hyphen is still kept, for examples, the self-explanatory cat-like, cat-burglar, cat-ladder, cats'-meat, cat-call and cat-nap. Then there are the plants so called because they are like a cat or some part of one, such as cat-tail because of its furry spikes, cat's-claw referring to its hooked tendrils, cat-ear owing to the shape of the leaves and cat's-foot.

Other hyphenated combinations are cat-gold and cat-silver, variations of mica, cat's-cradle (strings arranged to make a cradle big enough only for a cat), cat-lap (any weak drink such as tea), cat-ice (milky, thin ice), a flying-cat, an owl, and tip-cat, a game. Cats'-eyes began as gems, but has come to mean our road reflectors, cat's-paw is from the fable of the monkey who used a cat's paw to pull chestnuts out of the fire, cat's-whisker was the fine wire used in the early

days of wireless and cat-walk, now any narrow pathway, was originally the width of a brick laid across fields in the First World War.

Some are slang expressions, as cat for a quart pot contrasted with a kitten, one holding a pint. Hence a cat and kitten hunter or sneaker was a stealer of pewter pots from inns. Cat-market apparently means a collection of people all speaking at the same time, cat-party, hen-party and cat-stabber an army clasp knife or bayonet. The reference is often uncomplimentary, cat-faced meaning ugly and cat-witted small-minded and spiteful. To cat, do a cat, shoot the cat or jerk the cat are variants of to be as sick as a cat; no more chance than a cat in hell without claws that the odds were too great, and to feel as if a cat had kitted in one's mouth, a hangover.

American slang

In Partridge's *Dictionary of the Underworld*, he gives cat as a prostitute, a cat-home a house of ill repute and a cat-wagon, used in America during the trek West, a travelling brothel. The word cat could also mean a lady's fur, particularly a muff, so that to free a cat was to steal a muff and a cat-bandit a purse snatcher. American slang gives pick out the cat for choosing the unused ways, such as a cat would take, after a robbery. Rhyming slang once included cat and mouse for house.

There are various nautical uses of the word cat or combinations of it—to cat for to raise the anchor from the surface to the cat-head, the horizontal beam from each side of the ship's bow and cat for a type of boat used in the coal and timber trade on the north-east coast. The modern use of the word cat for a boat has,

however, no connection with the feline species, catamaran being derived from a Tamil word meaning tied wood.

Besides cat-head, the words cat-rig, cat-block, cat-hook, cat-tackle, cat-fall, cat-purchase and cat-rope occur in connection with ships. A cat-o'-nine-tails was, of course, a whip with nine lashes and room to swing a cat in referred to this sort of cat and alluded to the small space between decks on board a man o' war.

Many phrases include the word cat. Some are frequently used, such as the cat's pyjamas or the cat's whiskers, a cat and dog life, raining cats and dogs, playing cat and mouse and letting the cat out of the bag. Others are less often heard, for examples, watching which way the cat jumps, meaning seeing how things go before joining sides, and a cat in the pan for a traitor, although this may have had no association with a cat originally

but be a corruption of cate or cake in the pan which would have to be turned over.

Often these expressions are metaphoric, perhaps beginning as similies. Some, such as fight like Kilkenny cats or grin like a Cheshire cat, have remained in this form. To bell the cat, meaning to lead a dangerous movement, comes from the fable of the mice who suggested hanging a bell on a cat so that they would be warned of his approach. Cats are proverbially difficult to kill, having nine lives, and are timid—as nervous as a cat or kitten, and, apart from the Cheshire cat, unsmiling, hence enough to make a cat laugh.

Cat lovers may feel that the less attractive characteristics of cats have been noticed and used in many of these words and phrases. The animals themselves would doubtless treat the whole affair with their usual disdain.

SEAWEED FOR CATS

SEAWEED has been used for many years in the feeding of farm animals but only over the last few years has its importance been fully appreciated.

Two years ago, a research team in Bristol decided that a reappraisal was necessary and careful study showed that, because sea plants build their tissues direct from seawater through the leaf, they contain all the elements present in the sea. It was known that the sea contains every known element in a balanced and natural form. By drying and grinding pure seaweeds taken from uncontaminated areas of the Atlantic Coast, they had a substance which could provide the full range of minerals, vitamins, amino-acids and trace elements in a perfectly balanced, safe and natural form.

During the course of the trial work using sea plants against deficiencies in farm animal nutrition, members of the veterinary profession asked the team if they could produce a blend of seaweeds which would provide especially high calcium, and high natural iodine as well

as all the necessary minerals, vitamins, amino-acids and trace elements to help combat the very numerous deficiencies which, although very often not apparent, are the cause of skin troubles, nervous conditions, poor bone formations, etc., in domestic pets. These deficiencies also led to the onset of more virulent infections as well as keeping the animal in substandard health.

A year ago, such a formulation of blended seaweeds was arrived at which would provide all the required elements and which would embody a very high digestibility factor which had been discovered. This method of blending is completely secret and cannot be copied.

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Why do cats purr?

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THIS column's condolences to the German zoologist who is trying to find the answer to the question: "Why do cats purr?" This intrepid but foolish man is studying the behaviour pattern of 33 cats in his attempt to find a scientific answer to this enigma.

And little good it will do him unless the cats themselves decide to reveal their secrets.

No amount of human coaxing, cajoling or violence will make the slightest impression on a cat if it has decided to withdraw from human contact.

This German zoologist hopes to obtain a clearer understanding of human reactions through a scientific understanding of the behaviour of cats.

We are told that cats have been chosen because their behaviour patterns have been somewhat neglected.

Nonsense! The truth is that scientists' hearts have been broken over the years by their inability to get through to cats.

In spite of endless research, scientists are no nearer the question "What makes cats purr?" than I am to a full-length mink coat.

But there is one thing certain and that is the fact that this zoologist has not got a clue about cats.

He is alleged to have said that purring might be an appeal addressed to humans or to superior animals by a shy or inferior cat.

There is no such thing as a shy or an inferior cat. No cat living would admit that there is such a thing as an animal superior to a cat.

The mere suggestion is a contradiction in terms. This zoologist has gone as far as to suggest the purring might be compared with the ingratiating smile of a human being. Cats are never ingratiating.

They are either divinely affectionate, maddently disdainful or shatteringly indifferent.

If this German zoologist gets desperate, as I am certain he will during his futile study of the behaviour patterns of 33 cats, I can give him a few pointers as to why cats purr.

But they are only pointers, mark you, for I would not stick my neck out and make any positive statement about the behaviour pattern of any cat.

Smacks and rubs

Some cats purr because they can smell they are going to get liver for breakfast.

Some cats purr because they like their rumps being smacked hard with a regular beat.

Other cats purr because they have just murdered the next door Pekingese, and purring is another way of saying, "Oh, what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a beautiful day!"

Other cats purr because they are lying on a sunny wall and somebody is rubbing their tums up the wrong way.

One cat may purr because what was an empty house has suddenly come alive with the footsteps of the right people, and another cat may purr as loud as a beehive for

no damn reason at all. That is, no reason known to non-cats.

Only the cat knows why, as it sits smugly purring with half-closed eyes, and a leer, looking as seductive as the serpent of the old Nile and twice as enigmatic.

That zoologist might as well give up right now. His furry chums will be purring their heads off when he is being carried away in a closed van.

There is no future in studying the behaviour patterns of any cat.

During a search for stowaways aboard the liner Queen Mary, a little black and white kitten was found wandering. Johnny had lived on fish and liver from the first class restaurant during the 6,000-mile round trip to New York. But on arrival at Southampton he was faced with six months' quarantine—or an even worse fate. So Mr. John Hall, the ship's butcher and Miss Monica Winn, a shop assistant on the liner, collected over £40 from the crew to pay for Johnny's quarantine. He will then be sent to a children's home. Said Miss Winn: "No one seemed to know how Johnny got aboard. He certainly had an English miaou!"

A STANDARD FOR LYNX POINTED

For the guidance of judges at forthcoming shows, the following standard of points has been agreed by the committee of the Lynx Pointed Cat Club. Since the breed is not yet recognised by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, this standard is purely provisional.

Type:

Head wide at the top and tapering to a pointed nose and a strong chin.

Ears large, set rather wide apart, but pricked. Nose long and clearly defined.

Eyes oriental, slanting towards the nose.

Body long and svelte.

Legs long and slim.

Feet small and oval.

Tail long and tapering.

Colour:

Body white with fawn or blue-grey stripes or mottling, except on young kittens.

Description:

Virile and muscular in appearance with a long, graceful neck. Scale of points as for Siamese.

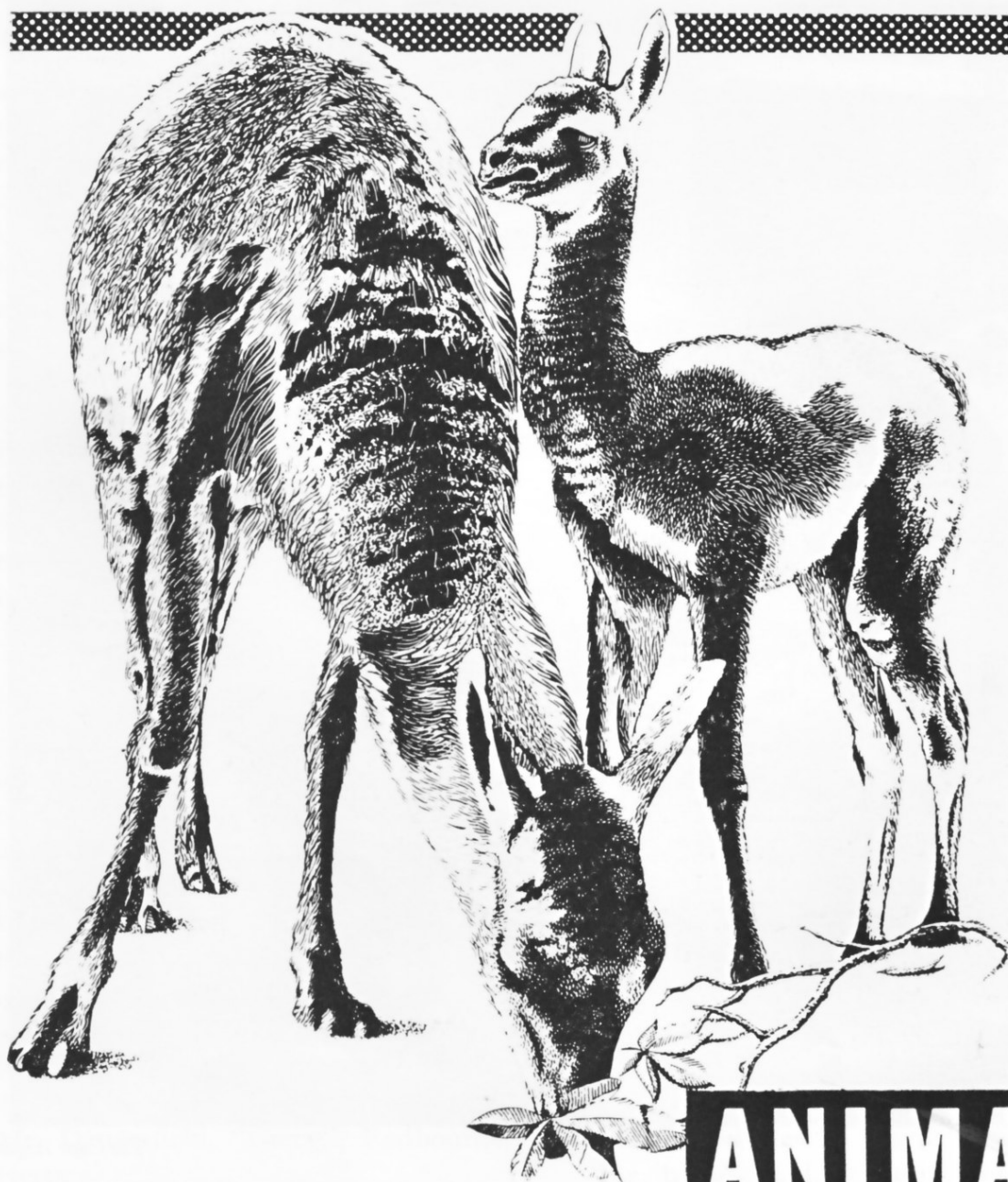


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Judge Mrs L. J. A. Price assessing points between adult Lynx Pointed exhibits at the fixture of the Siamese Cat Association and the Manx Cat Club Inc.

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The Cape Argus

Mrs. Kay Wheeler, of Bergvleit, South Africa, feeding some of her 25 rehabilitated strays. The Siamese in the picture was going to be destroyed when its owners left to live in England. There are three other Siamese in Mrs. Wheeler's family, one an old lady of 19½ years. The tortie-and-white in the foreground is named "Group Areas," because of the Government's apartheid which forces whites, blacks and yellow coloureds to live in special areas. Mrs. Wheeler writes: "As you can imagine, all this, plus the feeding of our own, costs a lot of money. So I teach when I can (married women are not permitted to teach permanently in South Africa) to keep a roof over the cats' heads and our own!"



Tailpieces

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



A THOUSAND veterinary surgeons from all over the world have just been exchanging ideas at the annual congress held in Bristol of the British Veterinary Association. Many subjects and problems were discussed and the gathering was the largest of its kind ever staged in England. I am hopeful that we shall be able to publish some of the proceedings which dealt with feline subjects.

“Free to liberal homes, four kittens, two solid black, one tortoiseshell, one tuxedo with white spats, all offspring of Seal Point Siamese mother and local ne'er-do-well”. So ran an advertisement in the *Cape Codder* weekly newspaper.

Grahame Dangerfield, well known for his pet programmes on TV, has completed a survey into the problems of unwanted kittens. He is greatly concerned that although many are put down humanely by the various organizations and veterinary surgeons, thousands of kittens are brutally killed by owners in this country because of apathy and ignorance. So he has started a nationwide “Save the Kitten” Bureau, pledged to find homes for unwanted kittens. Anyone interested is invited to write to Mr. Dangerfield, “Crecy”, Redbourne, Herts.

C.D. writes to the journal of a humane organization about her spoiled holiday: Is there a Branch of the Cats' Protection League anywhere in Italy? My recent stay in Venice was quite spoiled by the tragic and disgraceful condition of the myriads of cats. One very hot day

I saw a poor cat stagger down the steps of the Rialto, and it collapsed and died at the bottom. The crowd merely laughed, except for one old woman who gave it a word of pity. Of course, there are a few well-fed cats, but most of those wandering about were mere skeletons. I used to save pieces of meat and fish to give them, but most were too feeble even to eat.

When Mr. Krushchev was a boy, his old mother picked up a cat by its hind legs and swung it against a wall. And that, according to an American psychiatrist, is why he ordered the American U.2 spy airplane to be shot down in 1960. Mr. Krushchev was very fond of his mother and he also remembers the treatment the cat received when it was caught stealing some milk. Soviet territory—in the eyes of Mr. K.—represented the maternal bosom from which the milk was being stolen. So he identified himself with his mother and then with his motherland. This resulted in his order to bring down the invading airman and in giving it he repeated the action of his mother in killing the thieving kitten.

Peter, a grey and white cat, reports *The Miami Herald*, has a partiality for car brake fluid. Every morning he hurries off to a near-by brake relining shop and smells around for likely cars. When he finds one, he licks off the brake fluid.

Called urgently by some workmen to a building site, the P.D.S.A. in Stoke-on-Trent found a cat covered in cement,

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presumably after it had fallen into a bucket or pile of ready mixed material. The cement was still wet but the cat proved difficult to capture. Finally it was cornered in a workmen's shed and a bucket of tepid water was quickly procured before the cement had time to harden. The violently objecting cat was thoroughly washed and dried and returned to its owner who had fortunately been located meanwhile. A later inquiry revealed that the patient suffered no ill effects from its ordeal.

Seven-year-old Mary Dean tried to intervene in a difference of opinion between a mouse and her cat. She was bitten for her pains—by the mouse!

Una Stubbs, otherwise known as the Whizz Kid after her successes in Cliff Richard's recent film "Wonderful Life" and in TV's Cool for Cats show, acquired

a little black kitten for luck whilst recovering from an operation at her Hertfordshire home. She named the kitten Corrigan, after her nurse.

Miss Frances Allen, of Salford, Lancashire, wrote about her pet cat, a lovable half-Persian, who actually cooked some sausages. "I went shopping", she says, "and returned to find the sausages cooking in the electric oven. The mystery remained unsolved until I noticed Snooky stretching up to smell at the oven ventilator. As he did so, he placed one paw on the oven door and the other on the switch. The switch had moved a few degrees and the oven had been on all afternoon".

Mrs. Helen Palmer, Women's Editor of the *Toronto Star*, has revealed the existence of a kosher cat, owned by Rabbi Louis Farrell. The mixing of



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PARKA TESSA, a Blue Longhair female by Ch. Camber Mario x Anson Equisite, was Best Longhair Kitten at the recent summer show of Kensington C.C. Owner Mrs M. C. Wash, of Harrow, Middx., was widely congratulated on Tessa's outstanding qualities, which included eye size and colour

meat and milk is forbidden by Orthodox Jewish law. The Rabbi's cat must have known this because he refused to drink milk when meat was served. Frequently, the kosher cat demonstrated his dedication to this dietary law, to the utter amazement of guests.

An American professor has told of a cat who helped to give a child a more balanced outlook on life. David, an adopted child, had threatened to kill his sister, also adopted, since he felt they were both bad; otherwise they would never have been given for adoption. When he realised that the cat had been abandoned as a kitten, was not well behaved, but was still loved, David saw how the same thing could apply to himself and his sister.

A handsome marmalade cat bearing the distinguished name of Lady Hamilton figured in a dramatic sea rescue in the English Channel. She was in the yacht *Alessie* when it ran aground and sank. Lady Hamilton went into a life raft with the yacht's owner and two members of the crew. They were spotted by a RAF rescue helicopter from Manston Aerodrome and hauled up by cable to safety. A saucer of warm milk awaited her ladyship when dry land was reached.

P.C. George Sinclair met with a warm reception when he was called to a derelict site in Brentwood, Essex, where numerous cats are living in a wild state. As he tried to pick up one of the kittens, six of the cats attacked him and the bites and scratches he received had to be treated by a doctor and at the local hospital.

An American couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Haft, are reported to have filed a suit in the Superior Court asking for over £1,000 damages from a veterinarian with whom they boarded their stud Siamese Prince Pa-Su. When they went to collect the cat, they were told "after a period of considerable confusion", it was not there. The suit

contends that information about its disappearance was "refused and denied". Prince Pa-Su is described as "unique in all the world" to the petitioners. Not only was he a loved and valued member of the family; he had an "anticipated productive life of ten or more years as a sire to provide and furnish stud service for registered Siamese cats at an anticipated and reasonable return of \$50 or more for each and every breeding service".

Publications recently received include the second and third issues of *The Journal of Cat Genetics*. I found them most interesting, well produced and illustrated and editor Carol L. Oakham is to be congratulated on the work she is doing to bring about a closer understanding between breeders and professional investigators who are interested in the genetics of the domestic cat. Contributors from the U.K. include Mrs. Phyllis Lauder, Roy Robinson, and C. E. Dyte, B.Sc., F.Z.S. Feature headings include "The Inheritance of Taillessness in Manx Cats", "The Lynx Point Siamese", "Elements of Keeping Breeding Records", "Burmese Old and New", "Gene Symbols" and "Rex and Hairless in the Domestic Cat". I was particularly interested to read that Dr. Neil Todd, Animal Research Centre, Harvard University, has prepared a series of lessons on genetics for cat breeders and these will be available free of charge to subscribers of the *Journal of Cat Genetics*.

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.

MICKEY

Great expectations

By P. M. SODERBERG

(Reprinted from our September 1953 issue)

IT is but natural for the novice who buys a pedigree female kitten to possess an inner conviction that in due time the lady will produce a litter of kittens which will be potential champions. Unfortunately, this is but the optimism of inexperience and future facts will inevitably produce a number of disappointments.

It is a reasonable expectation that a female will in course of time become a mother, but it has to be faced that there are sterile queens even if few and far between. The novice must realize that the female cat is as physiologically complicated as most mammals, and there will always be individuals who prove to be exceptions in either a good or a bad sense.

Always in the last resort Nature takes its own course and the cat owner can do no more than provide a suitable environment in which a young cat can develop naturally into a healthy adult. Environment covers a whole host of details, but perhaps the two that are most important are freedom of exercise and good feeding. If due attention is paid to these important details, the owner has done his best to produce a healthy adult that should become a good breeder.

Anyone who has taken the trouble to study records will realize that family history also plays its part in successful breeding. Some females always produce more kittens than others, and there are studs who are well known for their fecundity. Bearing such facts in mind, the novice who wants to breed kittens ought to make some preliminary enquiries before buying a kitten for future breeding.

To my mind a queen is suspect if she produces only two kittens in a litter. Mind you, the word is "suspect" and

not "condemned". The novice would be well advised then to make further enquiries before purchasing a female from any litter of two. If two happened to be a characteristic of a particular queen and the prospective owner wanted litters larger than this, then such a purchase would be unwise. On further investigation it might be found that it was the sire that rarely fathered large litters. That fact, too, should cause a beginner at least to pause and think.

The question is often asked, "What can be done to make a queen fertile if she is an indifferent breeder?" The honest answer is, "Precious little!" Quackeries and nostrums, even if they did produce some result, and that is doubtful, are not generally in the interests of future members of the race. Lack of fertility can be an inherited characteristic, and an immediate boost to produce extra kittens from a particular queen is rarely in the interests of the race as a whole. Cats are not machines and even the best breeders will not continue indefinitely to produce kittens to order.

A shy queen

At a recent meeting the question was asked as to what could be done to restore the waning fertility of a seven year old queen who had had two litters a year since 1947. The answer to this question seemed obvious. No queen who had presented her owner with a minimum of twelve litters could reasonably be expected to do more than that. At the same meeting another breeder stated that a queen who had already produced eighty-six kittens was now fighting shy of child bearing. What a wise old lady this cat must have been!



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I have a queen of my own who has been extremely prolific and who is only six, yet it appears that Nature has decided that she is to have a temporary rest even if it is not a permanent one. That is Nature's way and I shall certainly not interfere. My great expectations from this cat have been amply fulfilled, and if she has another litter she shall have the privilege of finding the gentleman of her own choice somewhere in the dark recesses of her own ample domain.

The second aspect of this article relates to the quality of the kittens that are produced. The enthusiastic beginner quite naturally expects that his queen will produce an outstanding litter. To most novices their own stock usually verges on perfection and there is nothing unexpected in this attitude, for there is also a strong sentimental attachment and after all beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Unfortunately such kittens frequently possess a type of beauty which does not catch the judge's eye.

Whatever one says, whether he is new to the game or an old hand, he always has great expectations from any litter which is produced by his queens. It is inevitable that such expectations are but rarely fulfilled, but it is only such an attitude of optimism that produces the real breeders and fanciers of any animal that is desirable for show purposes.

Face the facts

The fundamental thing for the novice to learn is always to face the true facts. When he looks at the new-born kittens he may be convinced that they are all potential champions, but in time he must learn to accept the imperfections which will inevitably appear as the kittens develop. To do this goes against the grain because it is the last thing one wishes to do, but it is nevertheless essential if the novice of to-day is to become the skilled breeder of to-morrow. No cat is any better in show points just because it belongs to me, but such a simple fact is hard for some breeders to swallow.

The people who really disturb me, and there are quite a number of them, are those who think that potential champions can be produced by methods which are, in fact, sheer hit and miss tactics. Real champions have been produced by mere chance, but such cats have been few in number and it is doubtful whether they were desirable for future breeding.

Planned breeding pays

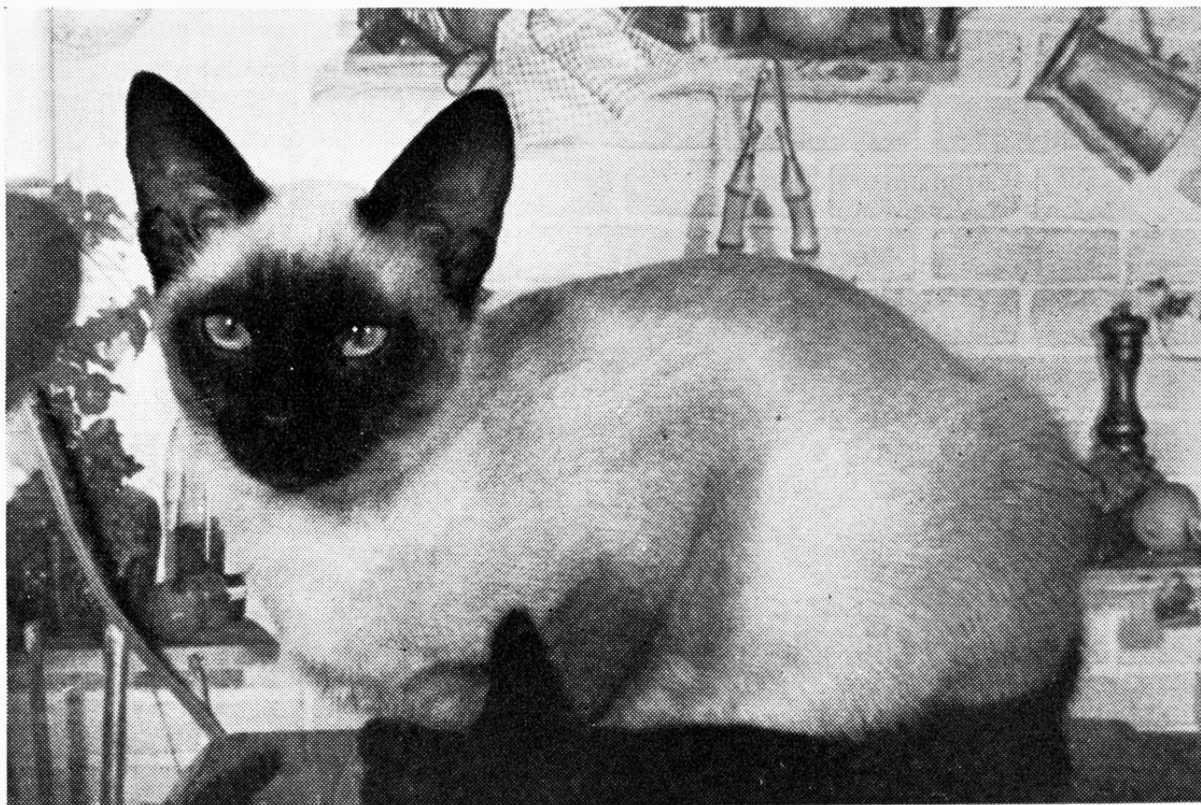
The only breeder who is justified in having great expectations is the one who arranges his breeding programme with intelligence. He plans his matings according to a well thought out scheme because he intends to achieve a higher standard in his stock. He is never dazzled by the glitter of a name even if it is preceded by the word "champion".

It must be admitted that all the planning in the world cannot guarantee a desired result, but in the long run planning is inevitably more successful than chance methods.

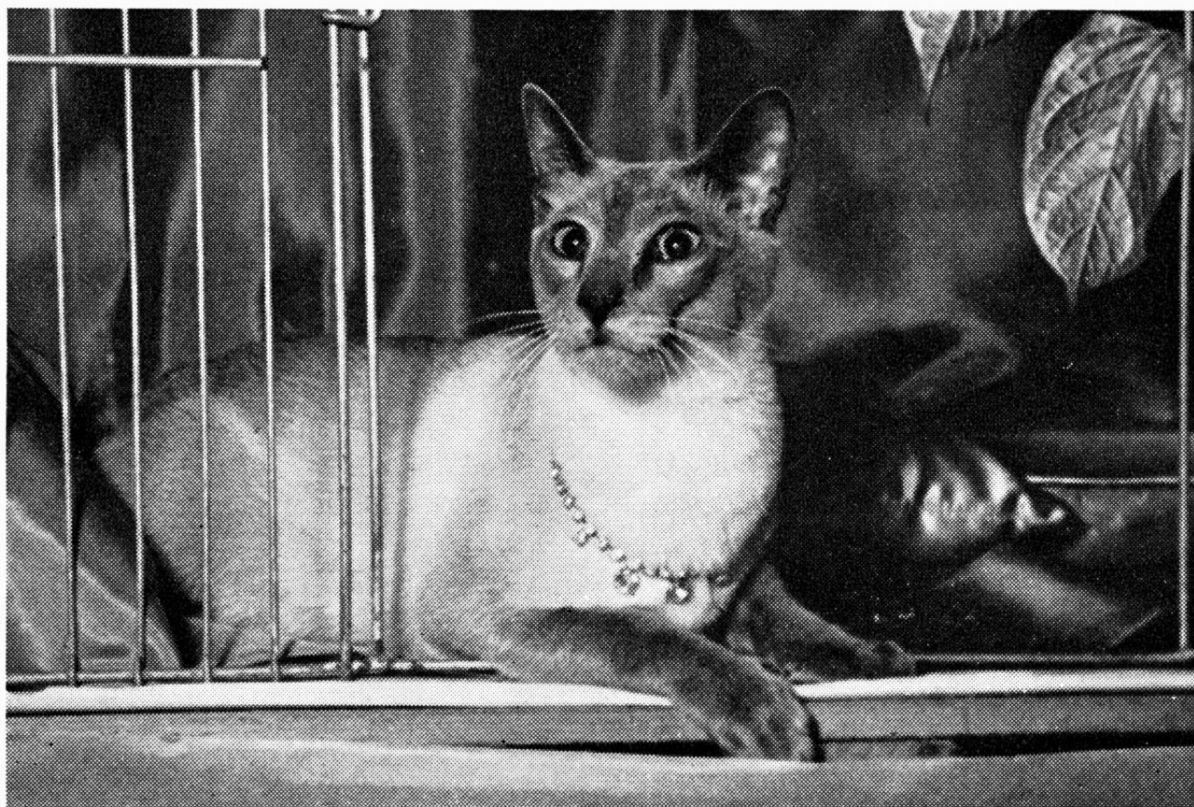
A simple illustration of this point is not hard to find. The most desirable Siamese has good eye colour, well defined points and a pale coat. If your queen is dark-coated, have nothing to do with Champion Ting-a-ling (I hope no such cat exists) despite his many wins unless you know that he possesses the pale coat you wish to inject into your stock. If you do not consider your matings in this way you are just fooling yourself all the time.

Well, there it is ! I have tried to give you "two grains of wheat in a bushel of chaff"—perhaps you can find them.





A picture from "Down Under." ALAGANA KIM (by Gr. Ch. Yonalin Talisman Tao and Algana Kuching) was Best Kitten at the last Melbourne Cat Club Show. Photographer is Sister Ethel Goulden, Kim's owner and an enthusiastic fancier, of Moonee Ponds, Victoria.



G. Ivan Barnett

He knows he's handsome! SIEPOD CERULEAN, a Blue Point Siamese neuter bred by Mrs M. Bower from Leander Fairlady and Ch. Fenham Tarkas. He was one of the attractions at the recent Exhibition of Cats staged at Hastings, Sussex. Owner is Miss Patricia Turner, of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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He took another of my cigarettes

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Ash fell on the carpet

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I said

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WHAT IS A SIAMESE CAT ?

By **DANA LEARN**

BETWEEN the innocence of not owning a cat and the dignity of not admitting that your own one, you will find a delightful creature called a Siamese cat. Siamese cats come in assorted sizes, weights and colors but all Siamese cats have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day, and to protest with noise (their biggest weapon) when the last minute is finished and we pack them off to another room or a cage.

Siamese cats are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or bumping into. Some people love them, a lot of people hate them, our husbands and children tolerate them, our visitors try to ignore them, and Heaven protects them.

A Siamese cat is truth with a smudge on its face, beauty with oftentimes a kink in its tail, wisdom with one of your good stockings in its paw, and hope of the future with a choice piece of your dinner in its mouth.

A healthy appetite

When you are busy, a Siamese cat is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding, jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression, he always does something like emptying the ashtray and playing with it.

A Siamese cat is a composite—he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-sized atom bomb, and lungs of Adolph Hitler, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, and the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he wants to be graceful, can oftentimes cross an empty room—and if there is a match on the floor . . . stumble over it.

A Siamese cat likes liver, cigarette butts, furniture in clawed strings, books we want to keep, girls—especially if

he's a tom cat—kidneys and me—if he's mine. He is not much for behaving, grooming, small children, or keeping quiet.

Nothing else is so noisy or so lovable. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, bugs, or just being ornery. Nobody else can pile up into one corner, a piece of celophane, a half-eaten cracker, a balloon, a piece of weed, and a genuine cockroach—all dead and repulsive.

A Siamese cat is a magical creature. You can keep him out of the closets—sometimes—but you can't keep him out of your heart. You can get him out of the bathroom, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your jailer, your boss, and your master—a dirty-faced, pint sized, dog-chasing bundle of noise. But when you come in at night, with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them with the magic sound—"meowrr".

Reprinted—by request! This delightful piece for Siamese fans first appeared in the "Cat World Magazine" and is now reproduced here with due acknowledgements to the "Siamese News Quarterly," the official journal of the Siamese Cat Society of America, which Mrs. Learn serves as an Associate Editor.

THIS MONTH'S BACKSLAP

Received from E.C.R., a subscriber in Warwickshire:

"I enclose my renewal subscription to OUR CATS.

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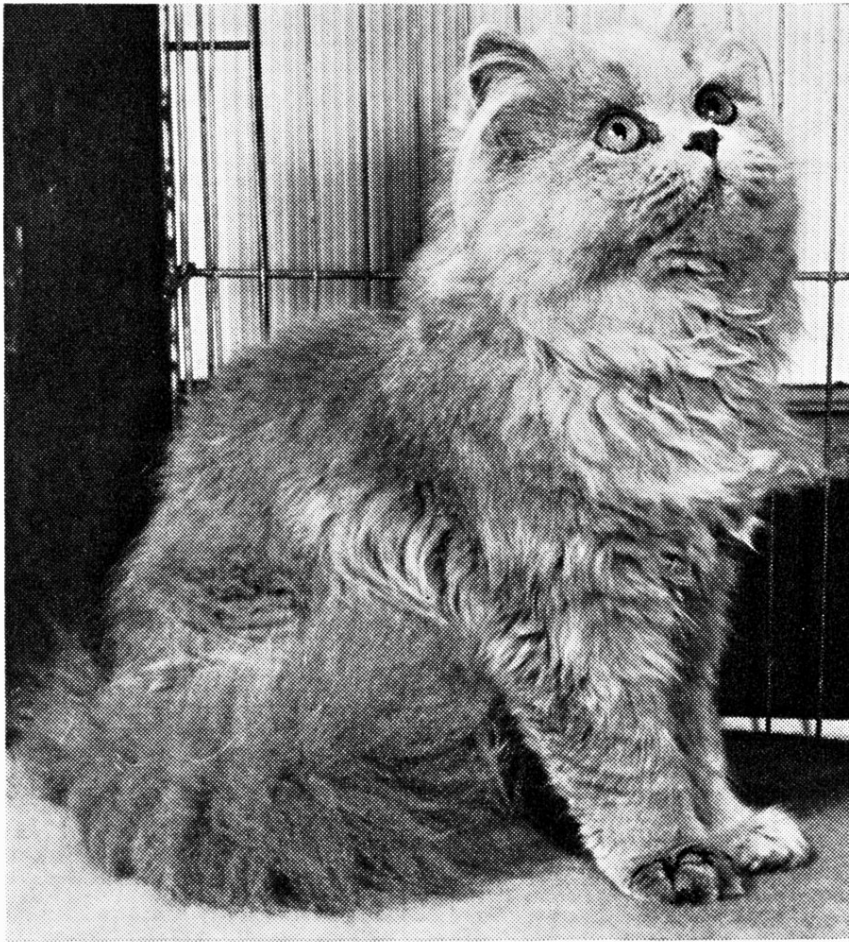
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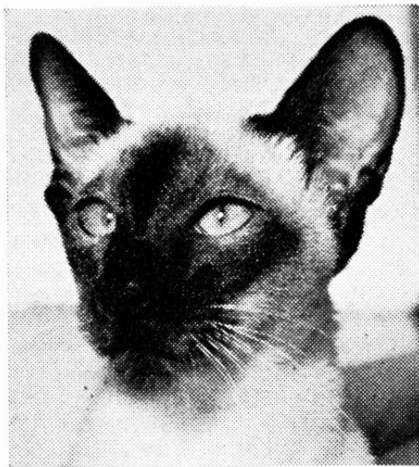
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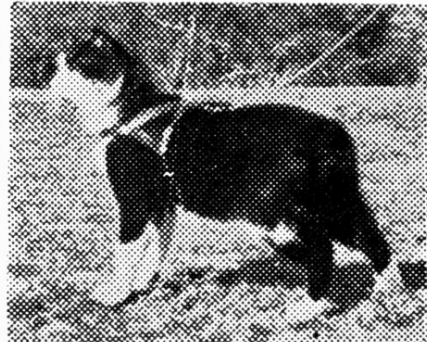
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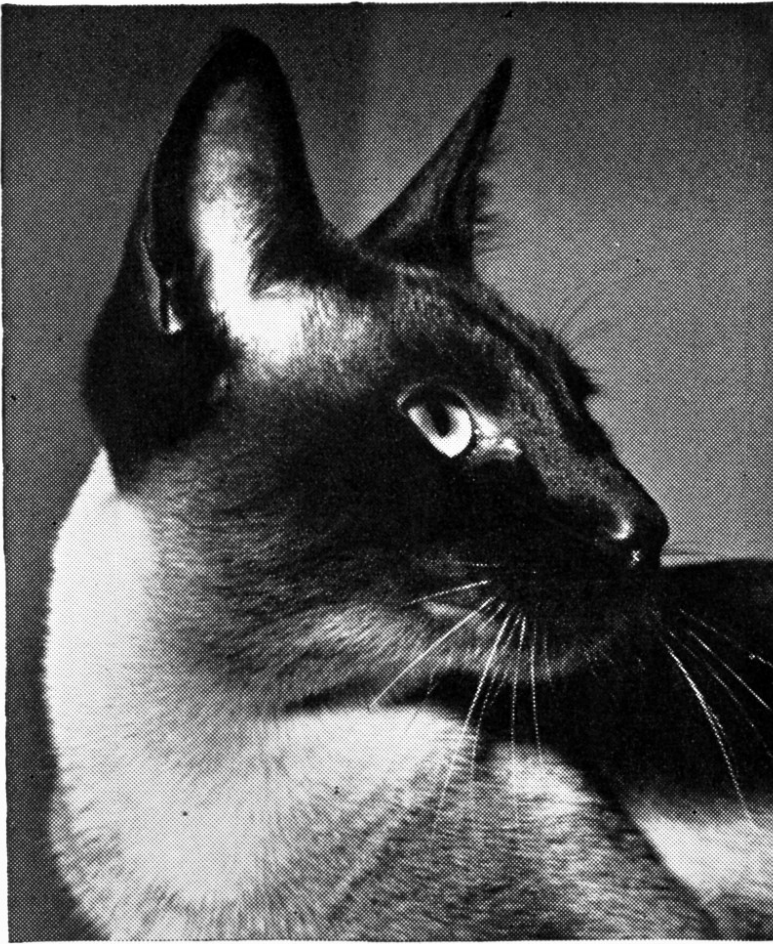
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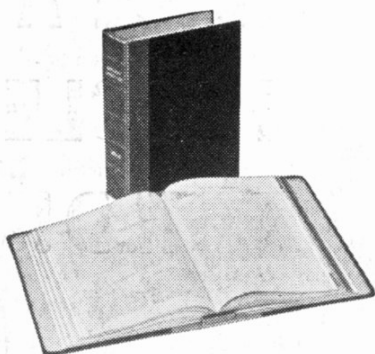
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