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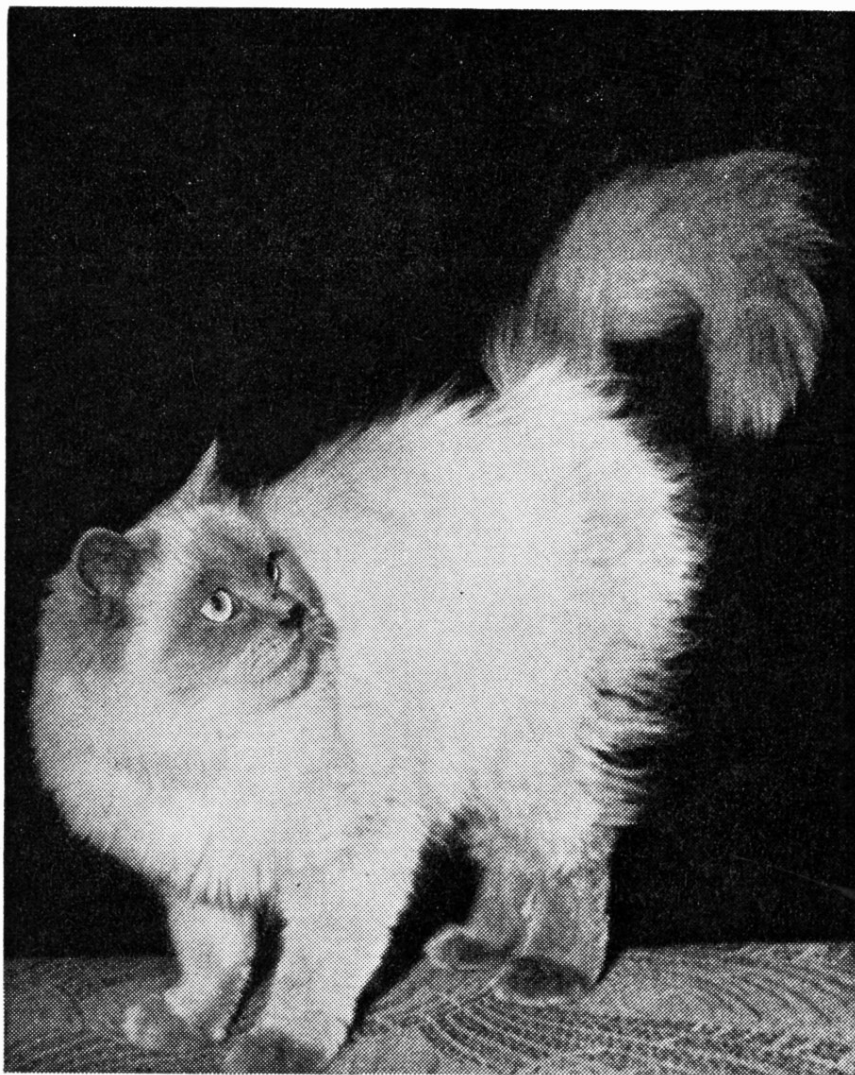
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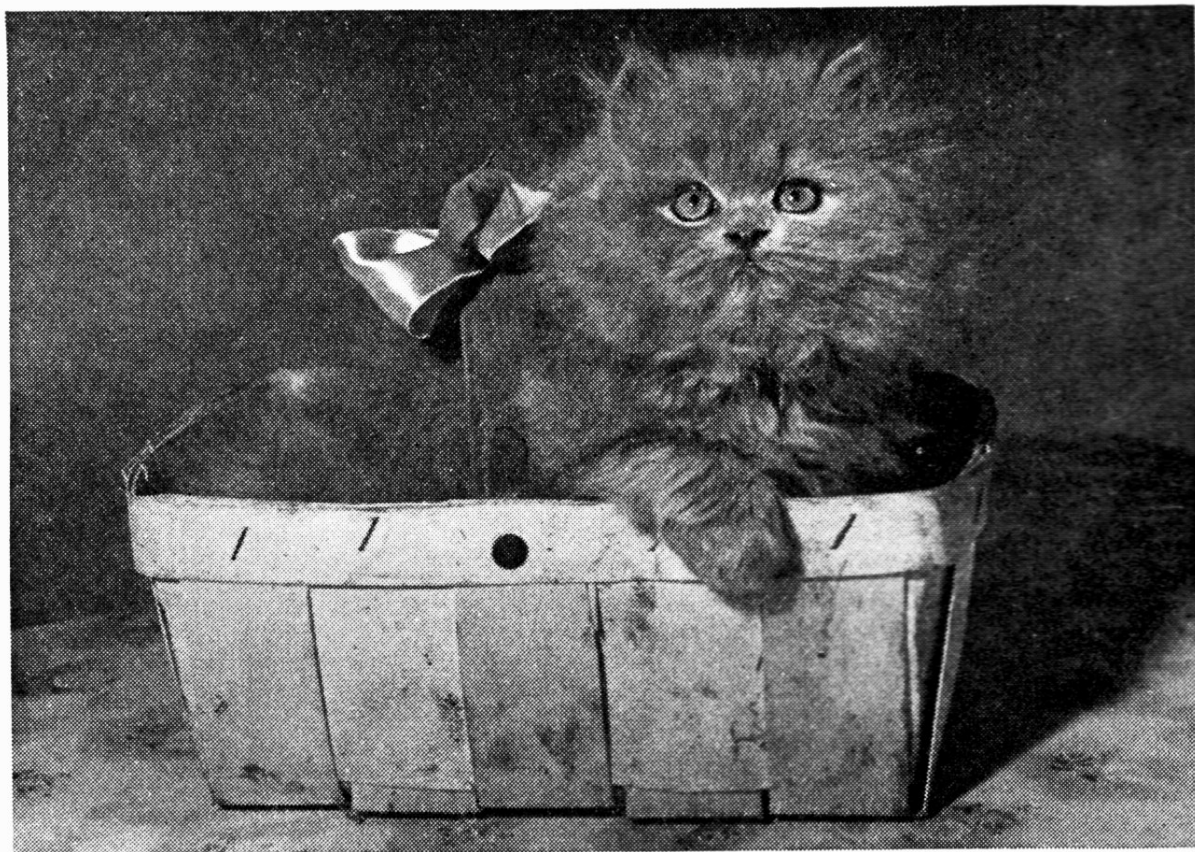
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by Kala Jokari and Kala Shalimar. Bred by Miss
D. M. Collins, Shasta now belongs to Mrs. P. Verhey,
The Hague, Holland**

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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| 20 ,, ... | *West of England & South Wales C.Soc. | Cardiff |
| 27 ,, ... | *Coventry & Leicester Cat Club | Leicester |
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| 13 ,, ... | Suffolk & Norfolk Cat Club | Ipswich |
| 27 ,, ... | Ulster Siamese Cat Club | Belfast, N. Ireland |

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HENDRAS BEAU, a Blue Longhair male kitten at two months makes a real chocolate box picture. He was bred from Hendras Charmaine and Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch by Mrs. D. Nash, of Banstead, Surrey, and is now living in France

Looking at the breeds

No. 20 - SPOTTED CATS

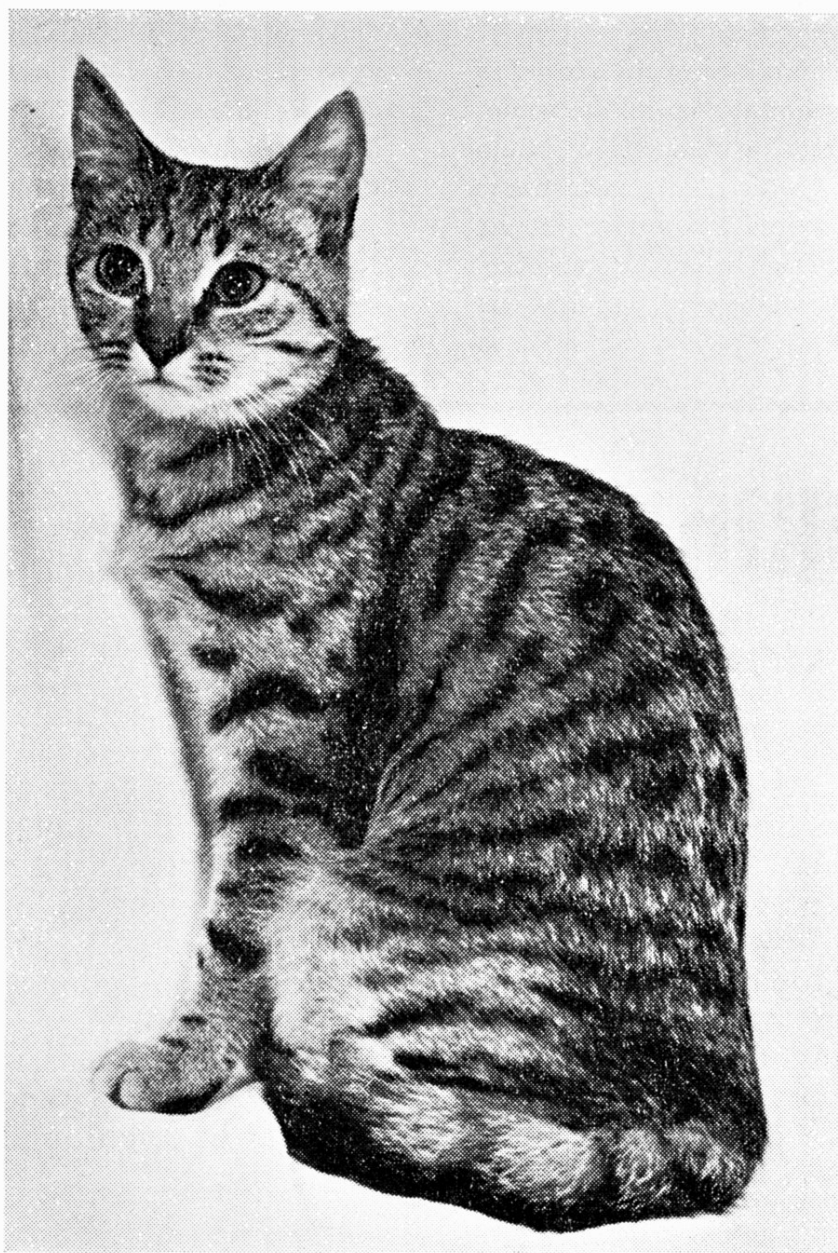
By HUGH SMITH, who also provides the illustrations

IT is always a pleasure at a cat show to find on exhibit an unusual breed. Among the Any Other Variety classes are to be found cats of different colouring and markings that do not comply with the standards laid down for recognized breeds. At a recent show there appeared in

this class a very beautiful example of the Spotted Cat. It walked off with the Best Shorthaired Cat award.

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy makes the following pronouncement on Spotted Cats:

“In judging Spotted Cats the first desideratum is good and clear spotting,



Hugh Smith

**Mrs. Joan Richards' Spotted Tabby PENSYLVA
JUNGLE PRINCESS, a show winner**

all other properties being only of secondary importance. Turning, for example, to the spotted wild cats, in which this form of colouration reaches its acme, we find there are various kinds of spotting: some have a great many small spots, others fewer and larger, some have round spots, some oblong, some rosette-shaped. Any of these markings may be of equal merit, but the spots, however shaped or placed, shall be distinct and not running into each other. They may be of any colour as suitable to the ground colouration.

Very rare

“The fewer markings of the nature of stripes, even on legs and chest, the better. Judging by points, a value of 75 should be allotted to spotting, after which the ordinary Shorthaired Cat properties may be valued at the remaining 25 points”.

Spotted cats are very rare and nowadays are scarcely ever to be seen at

shows. Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald in his book *Cats* says that he has never seen one at a show and had only seen two in Britain at all.

Jungle Princess, whose photograph provides the illustration to this article, is a fine example. Mrs. Joan Richards to whom I am indebted for information, bred her from an accidental mating of her Blue Cream Boughton Jane by a wild brown tabby on the Surrey-Hampshire border. She has clearly defined round spots along the whole length of her back and oblong spots on her flanks. The spots are dark brown on a cream ticked background. The undercoat and stomach are rich apricot.

Although they have something of the appearance of the wild cat, the spotted cats are in fact gentle by nature. They are more likely to turn up by chance than through any considered matings carried out by breeders with an object in view. Nevertheless, it will be interesting to see the off-spring of Jungle Princess who is to be used for breeding.

Looking After Your Cat

JOHN MONTGOMERY

This simple guide for cat-owners is written in easy A—Z reference style. It is designed for the householder who keeps a cat as a pet, and it describes the several breeds, their feeding and care, training and management, ailments and injuries. ‘Most of the rules are a matter of common sense and consideration,’ says Mr Montgomery, ‘but it is surprising how little some owners know about their pets.’ There are in Britain today at least six million cats, mostly non-pedigree. Many of them are inadequately cared for. This is their book.

John Montgomery has written several books about animals, including *Two Men and a Dog*, *Mr Sparrow*, *Foxy*, *My Friend Foxy* and *Your Dog*. This is his first book about cats. He lives, at Brighton with three cats, and writes from experience.

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Cancer and geriatrics in the cat

By W. M. WADMAN TAYLOR, M.R.C.V.S.

Being extracts from another of the papers read at the 1964 Conference organized by the Feline Advisory Bureau

THE study of old age in the cat is an extremely interesting one from a number of aspects. Among these are the medical or veterinary aspect including the carcinogenic factors and other pathological studies of equal interest to geriatricians of all disciplines, and not only those who are concerned with the cat. Of equal interest is the community environment aspect which could provide any social studies worker in the human field with a valuable academic object lesson. These various aspects will be dealt with in the text.

Cancer and geriatrics are coupled in the title because neither one could be studied without reference to the other, and here, of course, we have a parallel with the human and some domesticated animals.

To apply our definition of old age to a domestic cat as we know it today gives us an interesting result in that there are two distinct ages at which we can describe the cat as old. Consider first the entire male, which is allowed free range. He must be considered old at about ten years, approximately half the age of his castrated counterpart. Here, side by side, we have in the same species the wild state (or almost so) as exemplified by the entire tom cat, and the state of domestication as exemplified by the castrated fireside feline. What an interesting study for the sociologist, physiologist, endocrinologist and many others.

The diseases of the old tom cat are not very numerous or interesting. In fact, in practice, we see the results of lesions rather than lesions themselves; de-

formed ears, healed fractures and scars of healed wounds. In addition, of course, we do see digestive disorders, bladder trouble, and tom cats at ten years or more do look decrepit. The treatment for most of their ailments is castration.

The case of the neutered male or female cat presents a different picture. Here we encounter old age by any definition and we immediately think of malignant cancerous conditions, much as in the human. It is interesting to observe that if a body is not killed off by one of its fellows it devises more insidious and horrifying forms of death for itself in old age. It is as if Mephistopheles were a pathologist who inflicted old bodies with lethal malignant lesions.

Heart trouble not common

I now propose to enumerate some of the conditions seen in the old cat, making my personal observations on some of them as to incidence and possible causes. It is not, however, considered within the realms of this paper to discuss details of treatment. I am adopting no sort of order in describing the following conditions, but dealing with them as they occur to me. The list is not exhaustive but covers some of the conditions seen in town veterinary practices.

Firstly, it is interesting to note that heart conditions are not common in the cat. This I mention because they are in the dog and, of course, in the human. Circulatory conditions as distinct from heart lesions are relatively common in the cat. Thrombus formations in larger vessels is often seen and there is some clinical evidence of hardening of the arteries. My evidence for this is that

old infirm cats can be helped by treatment with the new enzyme preparations. Also ascites occurs in the cat and this is, of course, of circulatory origin though the cause may often be attributed to a condition affecting the liver and thus the circulation rather than a primary circulation lesion.

Otitis is seen in cats of all ages, but it is frequently allowed to become chronic and it is this condition of ear irritation, frequently accompanied by a purulent discharge, which we see in old cats. Not infrequently the infection extends through the eardrum and middle ear, reaching the brain, causing physical and mental manifestations. Such a condition cannot be expected to respond to treatment. One may wonder why the condition has been allowed to persist to this stage and why the operation of aural resection is not more often performed on the cat.

Tuberculosis used to have a place in the list of fatal cat diseases, but contrary to what some people think, it was never common and to-day, since the eradication of T.B. in cattle, it is very rare.

Nephritis and cystitis

Kidney disease is not uncommon in the old cat, but if we exclude malignancies of the kidneys, the remaining conditions cannot be regarded as common.

Nephritis, so common in the dog, is far less frequent in the cat than one has been led to believe. If post mortem examinations were made on all cats destroyed because of diagnosed nephritis, only a proportion would confirm the diagnosis. The majority of the remainder would show lesions of lymphosarcoma, a condition I shall return to later.

The lower parts of the urinary tract are the subject of much disease in the cat of all ages, but especially middle age and later. The commonest condition is undoubtedly urethral obstruction. Here again the cat shows its independence by being different from most other animals, in that the commonest cause of obstruction is not urinary stones, but a soft

caseous material. This, in my opinion, is an exudate from chronic mild cystitis and can almost always be treated successfully.

Chronic cystitis in both male and female cats is common. Many cats live with it for long periods before anything amiss is noted. This applies especially to the female where urethral obstruction does not often occur. Cystitis, often causing haematuria, may be present in a female causing almost no clinical symptoms. In the male, the exudate collects and is concentrated in the urethra and the first sign that anything is wrong is a distended bladder due to a complete blockage of the urethra with the exudate.

The bowels of the cat provide some very interesting conditions. I believe some cats have borderline diarrhoea nearly all their lives. Some people think it is normal for a cat to pass a fluid bowel motion. In the old cat it is the opposite condition which is more important. Constipation and difficulty in passing stools are frequently encountered and are difficult to deal with effectively. There is no doubt that many cats, when they reach the wrong side of middle age, lose the muscle tone of the bowel wall. Longhaired cats fail to deal with hair balls as they used to do; shorthaired and longhaired alike suffer from frequent constipation. Constipation in the cat is a well defined, very serious condition.

On examination of such a case, one frequently encounters very extensive masses of dry, concreted faecal matter. The condition is often too severe to be treated with drugs and the faecal mass is too extensive to be shifted with an enema. General anaesthesia and manual manipulation or even abdominal surgery are often necessary. The most serious aspect of the condition is that it is likely to recur, in spite of special-dieting and the administration of laxatives.

The mouth is the site of some important lesions in old cats. Accretions of tartar on the teeth are often seen and apart from the trouble this causes in the mouth, it is also responsible for general, ill-defined malaise. After attention to such a

mouth, many signs of old age will disappear. Mouth ulcers not associated with the teeth are common in cats of all ages. Most are probably due to an infective agent.

Skin lesions of different types are common, but not associated with old age particularly.

Lung conditions are common at all ages, but I think it would be right to say pneumonia is commoner in old cats.

Many other conditions are, of course, seen, but they have no special connection with old age.

Cancer symptoms

The cancerous growths found in cats do not differ significantly from those in other animals and man, except perhaps in the individual incidence, and I only propose to deal with one type of neoplasm in detail. The reasons for this are firstly, that I have no special knowledge of the remainder; secondly, they have individually no special significance in the cat; and thirdly, to describe all of them would be extremely time-consuming.

The one form of cancer which does claim special attention in the cat is lympho-sarcoma. This is not because it is unknown in other animals, but because it is far commoner in the cat and frequently produces a well-defined syndrome, and it is essentially a disease of old age. I have seen it in a young cat, but usually they are about thirteen years or more. This form of cancer can manifest itself clinically in a number of different ways, and can affect different organs. I should like to describe first the form which is most commonly seen in the cat and is rarely seen in other animals.

I feel I should put in a word of apology here. Cancer is, of course, properly a study for a pathologist and I am a clinician. My account of the condition, therefore, is largely a clinical one. For any pathological details I am indebted to Dr. Levine of the Royal Marsden Hospital.

The clinical evidence of this condition

consists of a number of somewhat ill-defined symptoms. These symptoms, nevertheless, add up to a very typical picture and there is usually no difficulty in making a diagnosis, but unlike other forms of cancer, and indeed other forms of lympho-sarcoma, there is no lump or swelling which can be seen or felt. The most constant symptom is progressive loss of weight and when the animal is first brought for professional advice this has usually advanced to a marked degree. Lack of other specific serious symptoms is probably the reason why treatment has not been sought sooner.

The appearance is one of emaciation. The cat looks as though it has survived a long and serious illness. The eyes are sunken and the skull appears to be devoid of flesh. The outline of the skull is well-defined under the skin and there are deep hollows behind the eyes. The body and limbs present the same appearance; the shoulder blades and pelvis are prominent, there is lack of muscle in the hind legs and the skin appears to hang on the bones. The coat is unkempt and constant shedding is very common. The overall impression is a picture of misery.

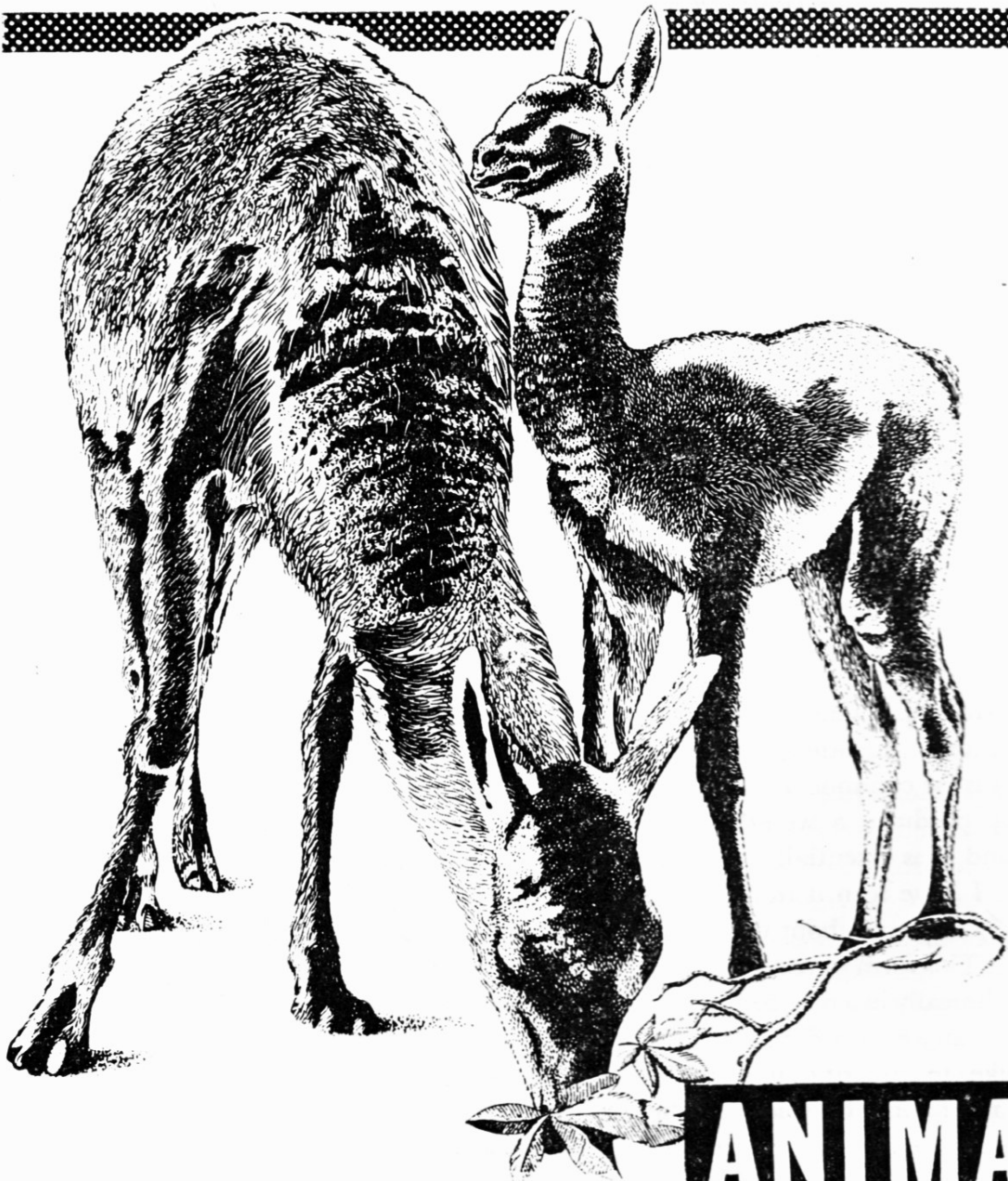
Gradual deterioration

On subsequent visits to the surgery the story will be much the same. It is unlikely that any new symptom will have appeared, but the lethargy may have progressed to depression and the loss of weight will have become even more pronounced. If the cat is allowed to live the symptoms will increase in intensity and the wastage of the muscles will result in obvious weakness, so that eventually the animal will have difficulty in rising. It is, of course, usually destroyed at this stage or earlier.

The appetite may be impaired, but is frequently normal or better than normal. In this case the owner cannot understand why the animal should lose weight. Thirst may be normal or slightly increased. A marked desire for water is not a symptom of this condition. There

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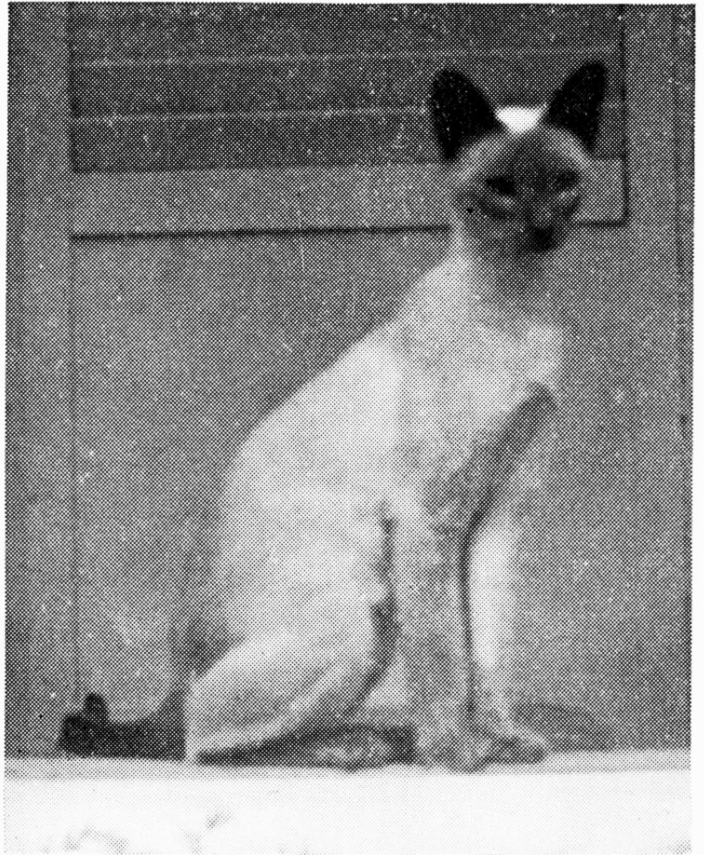
may be occasional vomiting and/or diarrhoea, but neither are constant symptoms. There is no lack of ability to run and jump as normal, but there is less inclination to do so. The cat sleeps more: another factor which is attributed to old age.

What I have described is the common, well defined lympho-sarcoma in the cat and it may have progressed for two years or more since it was first seen before it was destroyed. There are, however, variations on the theme. As might be expected, the lympho-sarcoma invades one or more organs, frequently in the abdominal cavity, and the symptoms are different according to which organ is affected. Naturally, if any vital organ is invaded the course of the disease is shorter because death due to digestive or urinary

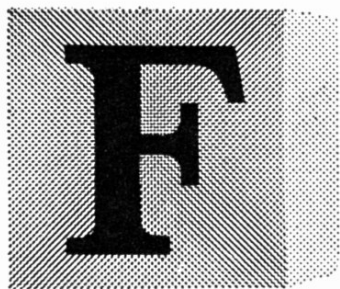
disfunction occurs, and the advanced emaciation is not seen. Among the organs commonly affected are the liver, which becomes enlarged and can often be palpated, and vomiting and other alimentary conditions are prominent; the spleen which becomes greatly enlarged and also produces digestive symptoms; and the kidney, which produces varying degrees of excessive thirst and is typical on post mortem examination as the so-called "sarcoma kidney".

The sarcoma cat is a distressing spectacle. It is consoling to realise, however, that in a typical case, without an individual tumour, there is probably no pain, and also to hope that the study of this condition by pathologists may add to the knowledge of neoplasia, and thus be of benefit to man and animals.

Accompanying the picture opposite came a delightful letter from Mrs. John Hoag, senior Siamese breeder of America, who writes from her Bridle Trail Cattery at Darien, Connecticut: "I have had four British Siamese . . . still have my wonderful Silken Pedro who has sired seven kits in his 13th year. You would all be proud of the descendants of my British cats—Silken, Sukianga, Holmesdale, Prestwick—you name it ! My dream is to get back to my beloved England for a visit next year—but tell me how does one do that and run a cattery !"



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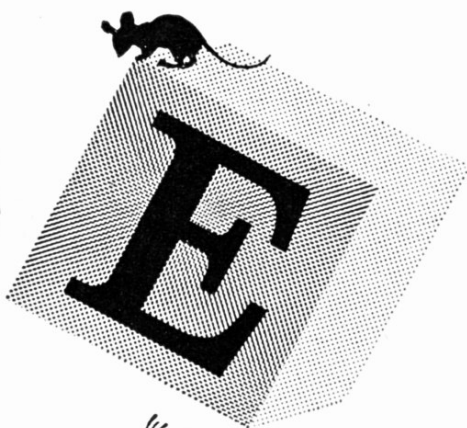


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Correspondence Corner

Readers are invited to send contributions to this feature and so to join in the useful exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge. Letters should be concise and deal preferably with items of general interest.



Experimental breeding

LIKE most members of the Rhodesia Cat Club, I am an avid reader of your Magazine and because of this I feel I must make a reply to Mr. Bullock's article in your June issue on "Any Other Colour or Curious Cats (Limited)".

I myself am a breeder of Red Point Siamese and don't consider them albinoid cats with Siamese coat pattern. I think that anyone who breeds these cats or has seen them will agree with me that the pure white coat, deep blue eyes and the lovely red gold of the points is an exquisite colour combination. The type of these cats matched against the Standard is excellent.

As yet, of course, we have been unable to solidify the colour of the tail and legs to that of the ears and mask and for this reason they are not recognized. But I feel that in time with lots of patience and selective breeding we will be able to correct this fault.

I think that Mr. Bullock will agree with me that very few of the cats to-day look like their ancestors centuries ago and that it has only been possible to achieve the high standard we have to-day by experimental and selective breeding.

Most, if not all experimental breeders, spend years, money and patience waiting for the fruits of their work, which is not to produce freak cats but to help perpetuate the good points and eliminate the faults and I'm sure most of them take great exception to the last line in Mr. Bullock's article. I breed for the love of breeding and improving my cats, which are dearly loved pets as well as show cats; not to

create an artificial demand for a status symbol.

MRS. JOSEPHINE WARING
Hartley, Southern Rhodesia.

[The last paragraph in Mr. Bullock's article ran as follows: "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".—*Editor*].

Demand for proof

I was rather shocked by Mr. Bullock's article in your June 1964 issue. He makes several statements that are genetically unsound and which would not be accepted by serious breeders. Can I suggest, therefore, that he be asked to *prove* his various statements which must be very disturbing to the genetically unqualified breeder.

I do not want to go into detail here but any *qualified* geneticist would immediately deny his suggestion of the tainting of existing colours by new colour genes. In particular, ghost tabbying is common in all the older colours, even if of impeccable pedigree. It is not any worse in any of the cats that I have seen bred from the various tabby points. This is what any geneticist would expect since genes do *not* mix.

Mr. Bullock's statement that the self pointed progeny of tabby pointed cats

“will almost invariably carry ticking and ghost stripes” is just not true.

MR. R. G. SILSON.

Tring, Herts.

Thanks to Thailand

Recently I re-read some of my books on Siamese cats written about 1950 by Kathleen Williams, Sydney France, and others. Over the years I had enjoyed the photographs again and again. How I love those dear old Siamese—Charles with Michael Joseph (this, I believe, is my favourite), Inwood Shadow, Ch. Morgan le Fay, and others in Mr. France’s book not identified.

I found information of special interest to me at this time. In Sydney France’s book, *Siamese Cats*, he uses a quotation by Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Adviser in Fisheries to His Siamese Majesty’s Government from 1923 to 1934: “There appears to be two races peculiar to the country: the common form with pale fawn colour, black or brown feet, tips of ears, tail, and muzzle, and blue eyes, well known to cat fanciers all over the world; and a form of uniform mauve or Maltese colour with yellow eyes”. . . . The latter cat is undoubtedly the Korat.

Kathleen Williams, in her book *The Breeding and Management of the Siamese Cat*, says, “Mrs. K. Burton-Wright . . . told me that a Mr. Russell . . . who had lived in Bangkok for many years, said the Korat cat was a shorthaired cat, lavender in colour all over”.

I am wondering now, are there any Korat cats in England? I do not remember hearing of any. My husband and I first made the acquaintance of this fascinating breed some months ago. If our 10-month-old Mookie is a typical Korat, then I predict this breed will become a great favourite of those who appreciate a cat of enormous personality.

Mrs. Jean Johnson, of Gresham, Oregon, imported from Thailand the first Korats in North America in July 1959, and it was from her cattery that we obtained Mookie. When I took him from his travelling case, he greeted me

with purrs and settled down happily at once. By now he is devoted to me and goes with me everywhere about the house. He is an attractive little cat, blue gray in color, with green eyes and a heart-shaped head. In addition to all this, he is a “conversationalist”.

On the same day that Mookie arrived from the West Coast, we received from England Summerdale Lynx Lad. It took a little time to get used to *him*—he looked more like an exquisite porcelain figurine than a live cat! Seeing him for the first time I immediately thought of the White Tiger, Mohini, in the National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C. Mohini’s delicate colouring is breath-taking. Miss Barbara Perkins had given us the most thorough instructions and information about Lad. This sweet, gentle cat arrived in beautiful condition. We are very happy with him.

Lad and Mookie, whom we call the “Thai boys”, are pals and, as I write this, are curled up asleep in a basket. There will always be a warm spot in my heart for the country of Thailand for giving its charming cats to the world.

MRS. DAVID TWEET

North Carolina,
U.S.A.

Breeding for Export

Mrs. Linda Emery criticizes breeders who send two cats of their own strain to fill foreign orders. Personally, I would consider it highly irresponsible of a breeder to supply cats of other than their own strain unless specifically asked.

One hears too often in the Cat Fancy of the dangers of inbreeding. There are some dangers but not at the level of inbreeding common in this country.

What one doesn’t often hear is the danger of outcrossing. Breeders in many kinds of livestock continually talk of a regular cross. Genetically this produces mongrels even within a breed. The outstanding breeder who produces a high standard of any livestock is one who rarely crosses, but who keeps within his or her own strain. This applies even to the new colours.

An initial cross may be necessary but best breeding results are obtained by backcrossing the new line again and again to the main strain so that the new colour is soon effectively as pure a line as the old, and is, in fact, part of it.

Since this is so true it is unfortunate that breeding methods that perpetuate mongrels are so often recommended.

MR. R. G. SILSON

Tring, Herts.

A NOVEL EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Pedigree Cats and Kittens was held in Hastings during August; the first exhibition of its kind in England. It had two main objects. Firstly, to raise money for the Central Fund for Feline-Research, and secondly, to promote greater public interest in the care and appreciation of cats.

Exhibitors were by invitation in order to try and have a balanced representation of all breeds, and the response and co-operation of all breeders invited was magnificent.

I had tried to keep the distance involved in travelling to the Exhibition to a minimum in view of the fact that there would be no compensation what-

soever in prize money or glory. Even so, I had volunteers from as far away as Leicestershire, Berkshire, Dorset and Hampshire.

The pens were beautifully decorated, and did so much to make the Exhibition the gay and happy occasion it was. £141 was taken on the day, and we had a gate of over 800 in what seemed a never-ending stream.

Mr. Norman Hackforth, a great cat lover, opened the Exhibition, Mrs. Pocock, Miss Blackman, Mrs. Westacott and Mrs. Dyte exhibited the early stages in the production of Red Burmese. Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Ashford represented the Rex cats. Representatives of the new Attaby cats were exhibited by Mrs. Hindley, Miss Alexander, Miss Rogers and Mrs. Buttery. There was also a Household Pet Competition judged by Lady Glubb. Sir John Glubb judged the best decorated pen. Judging from the letters and telephone calls received the Exhibition made a deep impression on all who attended it, and the fact that it was an unqualified success in every way has made it all the more worth while. Over 100 cats and kittens were exhibited by 56 exhibitors.

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G. Ivan Barnett

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MR. 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.

Siamese at York

MRS. M. EUSTACE, the enthusiastic Hon. Secretary of the Northern Siamese Cat Society, organized its second Exemption Show on August 29th at York. It attracted nearly 100 exhibits and in a letter Mrs. Eustace writes: "We had a very good gate and there seemed to be tremendous interest in the cats amongst the public. The High Sheriff of York and his lady opened the Show and she was presented with a bouquet which had for a centre-piece a magnificent model of a Siamese cat".

Best Exhibit —Mrs. Forrest's S.P. Siamese male, Ch. Windale Derri (by Ch. Dunchattan Sabu Hassan); Best Adult Female—Mrs. Proudlock's B.P. female, Dimvar Jill (by Missfore Jeff); Best Kitten—Mrs. Denny's S.P. female Pi-den Netta (by Ch. Sabukia Sirocco); Best Neuter—Mrs. Challoner's L.P. Praha Solicitando (by Praha Andante Maestoso).

I regret space will not permit details of other winners but two major Ch. shows have crowded them out.

I should like to see Mrs. Eustace organizing another All-Breed Championship Show. These are always of interest to the public and better for all varieties of cats. The show at which I judged in 1960 was very well organized by her and was a great success. She has written another book, *Top Cats*, which has just been published. She has also written a vigorous letter in a contemporary journal with which I entirely agree in defence of the exhibition of cats and kittens.

I have judged in ten other countries since 1947 and nowhere have I found exhibits treated with more consideration, than they are here by show managers, judges and stewards. A normal healthy cat or kitten should take a show in its stride, if it shows signs of being temperamentally upset it obviously should not be exhibited at all. The vast majority are placid and a delight to handle.

Herts and Middlesex

The cats and kittens and a lovely sunny day attracted a very good attendance at the Alexandra Palace to see the first All-Breed Championship Show of the season, the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club Show on September 19th. The large hall was thronged with spectators in the afternoon.

At the time of writing I have only the Best in Show and some of the main awards. They were: Best Longhair Cat—Miss Woodthorpe's Blue male, Don Carlos by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Uplands Anna-Marie; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. McVady's Blue female Gaydene Pandora by Ch. Camber Mario

and Ch. Gaydene Amanda; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Roden's Smoke Pr. Tree-tops Zero by Ch. Bircotte Nono; Best Shorthair Cat—Miss Harris's Silver Tabby male Ch. Millstar Alexander by Wilmar Puck and Wilmar Lady Luck; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Menezes' Abyssinian male Taishun Leo by Nigella Speedy Gonzales and Taishun Chiquita; Best Siamese Cat—Miss Griffith's B.P. female—Middlefield Shiva by Ch. Helsby Cheetah and Ruselon Zicharo; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Chappell's B.P. female Hathor Merit by Watermill Simple Simon and Bitchet Katina.

First time winner

Mrs. Aitken's Black Longhair male Bourneside Black Carrismo by Myowne Caesar shown for the first time as an adult was awarded 1st and Challenge Certificate and other Longhair adults to achieve this honour were Miss Wright's Orange-eyed White Ch. Snowcloud Lucinda by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi and Miss Wash's Blue female Parka Phoebe by Ch. Camber Mario.

Mrs. Riches was awarded C.C.s in both the Cream classes with Pierrepont Stardust by Starlight, and Startops Shani by Ch. Widdington Orion. Mrs. Coley's Smoke male Beauvale Galahad by Ch. Beauvale Conquest won and the other winning adults were Mrs. Barker's Brown Tabby female Trelystan Jacinth by Ch. Arcamor Scamp; Mrs. Ashby's Chinchilla female Bonavia Petula by Ch. Bonavia Contenta; Miss Woodfield's Tortie - and - White Pathfinders Moonbeam by Pathfinders Trial. This owner added another C.C. for her Blue-Cream Ch. Ashdown Clematis.

Mrs. Harding, who had four exhibits in Colourpoints, won with Briarry Candytuft by Ch. Briarry Euan. Best Self Neuter was Mr. Shrimpton's Cream male Bartholomew of Pensford.

S.P. Siamese adult winner was: Mrs. H. Pond's male Katrine Woochee by Ch. Linton Ajax. No Ch. was awarded in S.P. females. The

winning B.P. male was Miss Griffith's Safari Casanova (also by Ch. L. Ajax). No C.P. Siamese were present and Mrs. Palmer's female Suwai Samantha by Ch. Missfore Chocolate Whey was the winner and in Lilac-Points Mr. Colin-Campbell's male Praha Festoso by Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha won. Best S.P. Siamese Neuter was Mrs. Williams' Hathor Hercules, by Ch. Linton Ajax. Best Any Other Colour Siamese was Mrs. Winter's Annelida Lilac Snowflake by Ch. Missfore Chocolate Whey.

Shorthair class winners

Brown Burmese adult winners were Mrs. Woods' female Ngo Ah-lan by Dewpoint Hercules and in Blue Burmese top awards went to Mrs. Burton's male Kathoodu Sapphire Kilvi by Kathoodu Kimi and Mrs. Thake's female Gringo Trowza Legge by Ch. Kingplay Fei-Fo.

The four Chestnut Brown Foreign adults were all presented by their breeder Mrs. Warren. Senlac Coffee Berry won in males and Senlac Bronze Angel in females. Abyssinian winners were Mrs. Hunt's male Ch. Amharie Satin and Mrs. Quinton's Amharie Countess Angelique, both bred by Mrs. K. Knight.

The largest class in adult British Shorthairs numbered five and Mr. Milburn won with his Brown Tabby female Periopal Squeak by Periopal Golden Goblet.

Other Challenge Certificate winners were Miss Gosling's Jezreel Maxwell and Mrs. Savage's Blue British female Bonaventura Polly. Mrs. Richards won in males with Tralpark Ambrose and in Creams with Pensylva Pinkerton. The Silver Tabby S.H. winner was Miss Harris' Ch. Millstar Alexander. Russian Blues were led by Mrs. Read's male Meadliam Jason. Miss Woodfield won in Tortie and Whites with Pathfinders Painted Lady.

Space will not permit details of kitten winners except the Best in Show.

A very enjoyable show with over 360 exhibits exclusive of household pets.

Congratulations are due to the Show Manager Mrs. E. Towe for its success and a special thank you for handling so well all the work involved.

Wessex C.C. Show

It was a lovely sunny day for the first Championship Show of the Wessex Cat Club in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, on September 23rd.

The Committee had previously tried for nearly five years to procure this hall for their annual sanction show but members of the Town Council were dubious about letting it for such a purpose. So it was very gratifying to hear the Mayor of Bournemouth, Alderman H. P. E. Mears, J.P., O.B.E., make a speech in the afternoon expressing his pleasure at being present at his first cat show and his approval of the way in which it was organized by the Show Manager Mrs. M. Johnson and her hard-working Committee.

The hall was very light and a large annexe beside it was a great asset as refreshments were available all day and all announcements by the Show Manager could be heard. At one end the many lovely photographs entered for the competition were displayed. When the exhibitors were excluded at 10 a.m. many made their way to bask in the sunshine by the sea and only returned after lunch.

Congratulations to the Committee on allocating such a prominent space to purely humanitarian interests. The posters and literature of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The Cat's Protection League, The Crusade Against All Cruelty to Animals, The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals made an imposing display and I wished I had had more time to speak to the three and sometimes four officials in charge. But a busy day's judging only terminated a few minutes before I had to leave to catch my train.

Many well known personalities were among the exhibitors and some travelled

down from London for the pleasure of a day out, among them Mrs. McVady and Mrs. Denton.

There were some lovely cats and kittens presented and the winning neuters had stiff competition and were of Championship quality.

Gone are the days when owners entered moderately good neuters with a chance of winning Premier Certificates.

Twelve judges officiated and Mrs. Budd came all the way from Yorkshire to act as referee judge. Over 250 exhibits were presented and the honour of Best Exhibit was awarded to Mrs. Peck's Siamese S.P. male Ch. Tailong Kuli by Ch. Tailong Luki-Looki and Ch. Roseway Cinderella. This winner is a lovely young male with a temperament to match. Other top awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Miss Woodthorpe's Blue male Don Carlos by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Uplands Anne-Marie; Best L.H. Kitten—Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway's White female Charmina Zayduenna by Ch. Guilden Show King and Bourneside Blue Varuni; Best L.H. Neuter—Mr. Shrimpton's Cream male Bartholomew of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Startops Chi-Chi who became a Premier; Best British Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Greenwood's Silver Tabby male Gringo Silver Peregrine by Wilmar Silver Peregrine and Gringo Pretty Maid; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Bentinck's Brown Burmese female Copplestone Fardo by Ch. Kingsplay and Benroe Bardolino; Best British S.H. Neuter—Mr. Shrimpton's well known Blue Premier Bonaventura Jackson by Jezreel Jeremy and Ch. Bonaventura Prudence; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Clarke's S.P. female—Roundway Gilia by Craigiehollock Boyndee and Zukitaro; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Richards' L.P. Praha Pavane by Khubzurat Sweet Sultan and Amethyst.

The winner in the Any Other Variety L.H. Neuter was an exceptionally good Smoke—Miss E. M. Davis's Slapton Damon by Chadhurst Sambo, nine years of age. Mrs. Brine's Blue L.H. female Avernoll Favorita was awarded her

second Ch. and was first in Blue breeders, a very pretty queen with a lovely sound pale blue coat. Mrs. Brine also bred Avernoll Kison, sire of the Best Blue Kitten, Miss Pinchbeck's female Seafearn Thistledown. Mrs. Roden won in Black kittens with a female Sonata Sequela.

The winning Cream adults were both excellent. Mrs. Riches male Pierrepont Stardust by Starlight became a Champion at the previous show and Mrs. Todd's Aviary Janet by her male Aviary Cream Puff made her debut as an adult. She excels in the pure shade of cream according to the standard for this variety.

Red Tabby wins

Miss Woodthorpe had a very successful day. In addition to her "Best" with Don Carlos, her Blue-Cream Ch. Ashdown Clematis added another Ch. to her title. Her Red Tabby male Baytor Flame was 1st and Challenge Certificate, her Red Tabby female Meranti Sunny Maid by Ch. Sherry of Carne was Best Red Tabby (a lovely cat with very good type and eyes) and her Tortoiseshell Ch. Baytor Fantasy also 1st and Ch.

Miss Woodfield won in Tortie-and-Whites with a good queen which had well broken colouring. Mrs. Coley was successful in Smokes with Beauvale Galahad by Ch. Beauvale Conquest; his final Certificate I believe. No Chinchilla males were entered and in females Mrs. Gardner won with Broctons Bettina.

Mrs. Harding's Colourpoints were the only exhibits in this variety and her female adult Briarry Candytuft won, also the kitten Mingchiu Mandarin.

Mrs. Adamson won with her S.P. Siamese female Heather Myo Chieng by Ch. Kanburi Mayo. Challenge Certificate winners in other Siamese were Mrs. Hunt's B.P. female Cindy Sagai by Browndreys Cheong and Mrs. Forrest's L.P. female Amberley Pink Lilac by Praha Andante Maestoso.

Premier Certificates in S.P. Siamese Neuters were awarded to Mrs. Soden's Sansonet Gay-Santos and in Any Other Colour to Mrs. Richard's Praha Pavane. Best Foreign Neuter (except Siamese) went to Mrs. Knowles' Ballard Tayu.

There were five Brown Burmese in each adult class and C.C.s went to Mrs. Giles' male Dewpoint Nimrod by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and Mrs. Vogt Chapman's female Ch. Kathoodu Kassandra by Kathoodu Kimi.

Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo sired the winning Blue Burmese male, Mrs. Deakin-Burrows' Ch. Pya Beng-Lan and the winning Brown Burmese kitten Mrs. Bentinck's Copplestone Fardo. Mrs. Masters won in Abyssinian adult females with Amharie Lady Honorine by Nigella Sita.

Challenge Certificates in British Shorthairs were awarded to Mr. Westlake's Black female Ch. Teign Thunderbird; Miss Ball's Blue-eyed White Pinewood Puff Puff; Mrs. Wood's Cream male Roger of Blagdon; Mrs. Richards' Blue male Tralpark Ambrose; Mrs. Greenwood's Silver Tabby male Gringo Silver Peregrine; Mrs. West's Brown Tabby male Pattertoes Pooh Bear; and Miss Woodfield's Tortie-and-White Pathfinders Painted Lady.

Mrs. Colville won in Manx with her male Blue Glen; the Russian Blue winner was Mrs. Petre's Blue Willow.

Siamese best

S.P. Siamese kittens were not so numerous as usual. Mrs. Peck won with her male Tailong Taras by the winning male and Mrs. Clarke with Roundway Gilia by Craigiehilloch Boyndee. Tailong Tara's litter sister won for Mrs. Peck in B.P. kittens and the B.P. winners in the older kitten classes were Mrs. Forrest's Amberley Blue Rhapsody and Mrs. Shaw's female Rozel Katrina.

Ch. Bolney Rein sired both the winning C.P. Siamese kittens, Mrs. Clarke's Cokeley Carola and Mrs. Trott's Rozel Symphonie.

In an amalgamated class of L.P. kittens, Mrs. Oldale won with Castillo Sofia.

Clubs and members offered 231 special prizes. The Wessex Cat Club Committee were generous in instructing the judges to allocate extra firsts, seconds and even thirds in some very large side classes. It was very pleasing to see all their efforts crowned with success for their first Ch. Show by a very good "gate". A special thank you is due to the Show Manager Mrs. M. Johnson who arranged everything so well for exhibitors, judges and stewards.

America—to and from

Mrs. Eileen Lentaigne, International Liaison Officer for the Siamese Cat Association, flew to New York on October 1st for a three weeks' visit. She is staying for ten days with Mrs. Digirolamo, of Ossining, New York, who was Show Secretary of the Empire Cat Club Ch. Show.

Mrs. Digirolamo owns several Siamese including Bridle Trail Silken Baby out of two English exports, Silken Pedro bred by Mrs. Highton and Mrs. Varcoe's Sukianga Sea Breeze who is now thirteen. Her more recent imports are Ch. Annelida Michele of Knollwood and Annelida Wendy bred by Mrs. Ashford.

Mrs. Lentaigne is going to Wilmington (Delaware) Ch. Show where Mr. Richard Gebhardt is judging. She will be meeting many breeders and some English cats including Mrs. Hudson's Supra Leprechaun and Annelida Lilac Faith owned by Gail Murray.

After that she will be returning to New York to stay a few days at Mr. Gebhardt's home and then flying back to England. As he is judging in Brussels on November 7th and 8th he hopes to come to England a few days previous to the show and to visit some English breeders. He was last here in October 1962 and it will be very interesting to see him again.

Although he is a well known judge of all breeds, one associates him mostly with

Longhairs. He owns the famous Black male Grand Ch. Vel-Vene Voo Doo; he was a protégé of the late Miss Elsie Hydon who owned so many lovely Blues, Creams, Blue-Creams and Shorthair Silver Tabbies.

When I met him whilst staying with Miss Hydon in New York in 1950, I was impressed with his youth and enthusiasm and the latter quality has not departed.

Another news item from Mrs. Lentaigne: Earlier this year Mrs. J. Moorman, of Oegstgeest, Holland, asked her to recommend a B.P. Siamese female kitten. Miss Griffiths' Safari Lolita was the one selected and at a recent show at Haarlem, Lolita was Excellent 1st. She will be exhibited again in Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam.

And more travellers

Mrs. Elsie Towe will be travelling even farther afield, as she is planning to visit Australia in April for three months and will be staying part of the time with Mrs. Anne Vize in Sydney, New South Wales. Mrs. Towe has done a tremendous amount of work for the post-war Fancy and one hopes that breeders and exhibitors appreciate how much of their own success is due to the arduous work undertaken by show managers. In many cases the financial rewards are nil and when they are given are negligible in comparison with the time and work involved.

Travelling with Mrs. Towe will be Miss Grace Hardman, so well known for the quality of her British Shorthairs. She is making a very extended tour when she leaves Mrs. Towe in Sydney as she plans to visit New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji and other countries.

Our best wishes must be extended to these travellers. It will be very interesting to hear their impressions on their return.

Mrs. Cains, writing from Sydney, Australia, tells me that her Blue male Peter of Pensford exported in February 1963 is now a Champion. He is by Ch. Brynwood Casanova and June Rose of Pensford. She also says: "You would

see a wonderful improvement in the quality of our cats since you were here in 1953. It is due to the English imports and now we have so many of their descendants. Breeders here have also imported from New Zealand the progeny of English cats. One Queensland judge told me the Cream Longhairs in New Zealand are lovely and he had fourteen in one class."

Export—quality only

Quality is undoubtedly improving in every country, and the first question any breeder should ask herself here when considering a cat or kitten for export should be: "Is this kitten good enough to win in stiff competition here?"

The second best is not good enough for overseas and of course the pedigree should be immaculate and the kitten in robust health. Another successful export is a Blue female Halcyon Fiona by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and Ch. Halcyon Candida. She was Best Kitten at the Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show last November. Bred by Mrs. D. Fisher, she was flown to New York early in the New Year to Miss Florence Harrison. Fiona completed her Championship at a Cat Fanciers' Association Ch. Show in New York on September 5th and 6th. Congratulations to breeder and exhibitor.

Mrs. Leving has also sent a winner overseas. She writes: "On August 20th I sent a Smoke female kitten to Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland of Ontario, Canada, named Beauvale Corinne. She is by Ch. Beauvale Conquest and Suzanne of Pensford. She was exhibited at an American Show on September 12th and awarded four first prizes, four Best of Breed and Best Kitten in the Silver Division. They are so pleased with her they have ordered another kitten".

Mrs. Leving has not been well but she made a big effort to go to the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Ch. Show and was rewarded by winning four firsts with the litter brother of Beauvale Corinne and a second Challenge Certificate to Beauvale

Gigolette, also by Ch. B. Conquest.

At the 1st Conference of the Feline Advisory Bureau I must confess I was astonished to hear the statement: "We have fed diets containing two-thirds fat without any abnormality in the cat".

One can only conclude that if cats do assimilate such an excessive amount of fat without causing diarrhoea or sickness the needs of cats kept under laboratory conditions and deprived of their liberty must be different to those leading a much more normal life.

If breeders' cats and kittens are fit and well, I advise them not to be influenced by this statement, which was reproduced on page 7 of the August OUR CATS. I for one certainly should not be. No one has been blessed with more healthy stock than myself for over 30 years and my cats and kittens will continue to have a mixed diet of *lean* raw English or Scotch beef, simmered rabbit, cooked white fish, and kittens weaned on Scotts Midlothian Oat Food.

My queens have the latter cereal made with Jersey milk for their breakfast all the year round. They love it, Vitamins A and D are provided with the equivalent of 4 drops each of Adexolin (Glaxo product) in this morning feed.

Success with breeding and exhibiting is often in inverse ratio to the number of cats kept. They are not naturally gregarious and in my opinion need individual attention and love to really thrive, and queens need liberty to come and go in a garden that is reasonably safe.

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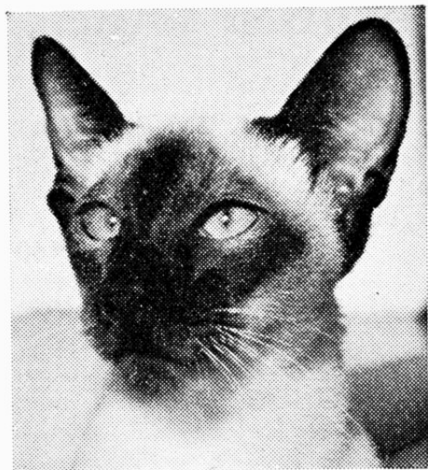
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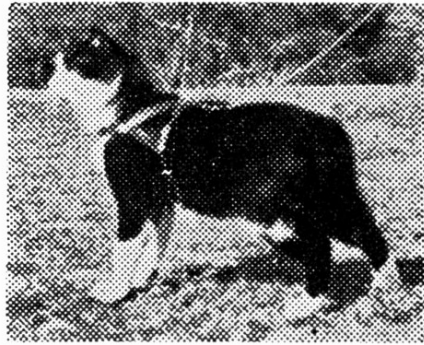
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I thought I was "on to something" when I read the headline "Meeting the Cat Men" in a national newspaper! But it only referred to the yachtsmen who were taking part in the competition for the Little America Cup at Thorpe Bay. They were sailing catamarans, or "cats" as the double-hulled boats are called.

Government scientists are calling for more restrictions on chemical pesticides used on farms, in gardens and homes. An official "watchdog committee" under Sir James Cook, Vice-Chancellor of Exeter University, names five pesticides which are a potential danger to animals and even human beings. All five chemicals belong to the same group as aldrin, dieldrin and heptachlor.

There are countless cat lovers who will have read with interest the news item

reporting the award of the Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honour, to T. S. Eliot, England's 76-year-old poet, playwright and critic. His "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats", which ran into many impressions, will always be remembered with pleasure for its rollicking and witty verse. You may recall that delightful piece "The Naming of Cats"—

"The Naming of Cats is a difficult matter,

It isn't just one of your holiday games;
You may think at first I'm as mad as a
hatter

When I tell you a cat must have

THREE DIFFERENT NAMES".

I hear that two Burmese are on their way to Australia from America via England. They would of course have to do their quarantine stint before undertaking the long sea voyage to Australia. Some trip at some cost!

The Kathleen Williams Memorial Fund is to be used for the complete re-equipping, the Spaying Ward which is part of the clinic building of the Cats' Protection League at Slough. The ward will be known as the Kathleen Williams Memorial Ward and a plaque, suitably inscribed, will be set in a selected place. It is proposed to replace the existing cages, surgery table and instrument cabinet and add an instrument sterilizer and veterinary surgeon's diathermy. There will also be other improvements.

My readers are urged to take careful note of this extract from the *Journal of the Siamese Cat Association*:

"Member Mrs. J. Bowers sent newspaper cuttings regarding a Mr. Richard Stride, of Marshalls Farm, Eastergate, who breeds cats for scientific research. Animal lovers who went to Eastergate Village Hall to protest about such breeding were surprised to find a strong body of residents present who were in favour of the business. Mr. Stride told the meeting he had plans for extending his business and intended to breed more cats and rabbits for research, but after two hours of argument during which there were noisy interruptions from both sides, the meeting agreed by 26 votes to 25 to place on record its objection to vivisection in general and to the business directed by Mr. Richard Stride in particular. Mrs. Bowers' main objection was to the way in which this man approaches breeders, by pretending he is a cat lover and will give the animals a first class home. She herself thought the enquiry was genuine and having no kittens of her own passed the enquiry to another breeder. Imagine how horrified Mrs. Bowers was to read the newspaper reports only a few days later. So, remember the name".

The latest returns showing experiments on living animals reveal another increase in the annual number. The total number of such experiments in 1963 was 4,196,566. In the previous year the figure was 4,041,944. The increase underlines the urgent need for urgent Government action. It is now more than eighteen months since the Government agreed to appoint a committee to look into the administration of the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876. The committee's report is expected to be ready at the end of the year.

Three tiny kittens nearly lost their lives when a tea chest from a local store was sent to a scrap yard to be broken up. Just as burly Harold Glaze raised his sledgehammer to commence the work of destruction, he heard a faint miaow. The blow never fell. Harold lowered his hammer, looked inside the chest and dis-

covered three tiny balls of fluff among the packing straw. He promptly took them into the office and although the senders of the chest were traced it was not possible to find the mother of the kittens. So they were taken to a poodle parlour where they came in for a lot of attention from the customers. Three good homes now await the orphans when they are old enough to leave the kind people at the poodle parlour.

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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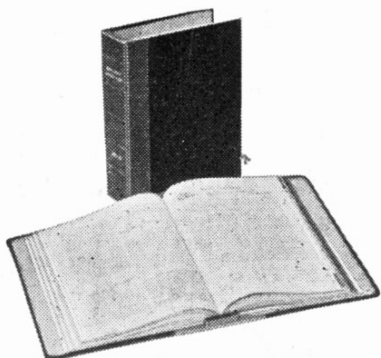


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