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Editorial

AS our December issue is not likely to be in general circulation before the holiday, I am taking this opportunity to convey my seasonal good wishes to you all. May your Christmas be Happy and Peaceful.

As early as possible in January, we shall be publishing another popular NEW YEAR GREETINGS ISSUE, for which a wide and influential circulation throughout the cat world is being planned. We hope that it will be well supported by clubs and fanciers everywhere so that we can start the New Year on a happy note.

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Naming the cat

By BRIAN LOOMES

OF all the urgent problems of everyday life, you would imagine the choosing of a name for a *felis domestica* (a common or garden cat to you and me) would rank amongst the least. Such is not the case. To be honest, it took several weeks to find a name to fit *our* cat.

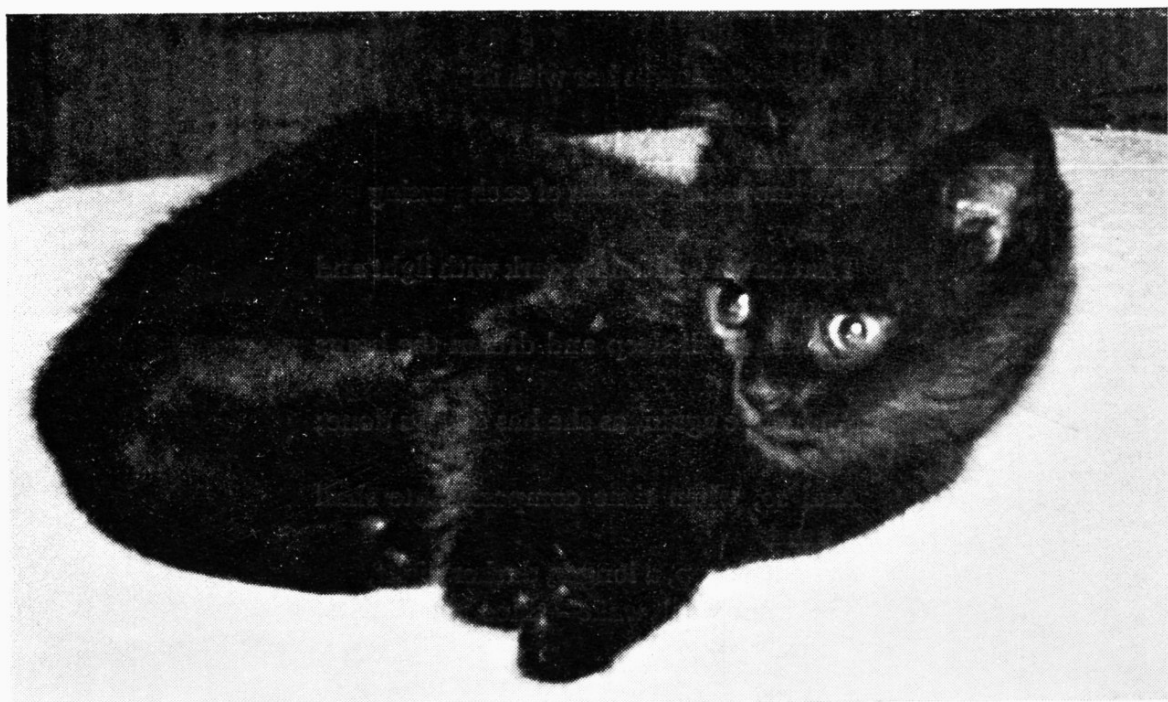
Ours was not a pampered pedigree show cat, so we ruled out any ostentatious appellation. Dorothy of Leeds and Isabella Smith the Third sounded far too pompous and seemed more appropriate to a race-track than a quiet fireside or noisy roof. Moreover, at this time we were by no means certain of the sex of our tiny black kitten.

We did not want a long name. Sebastian, Wilhemina, Algernon, Leonora—these were all too 19th century. Nor were we keen on a classical name like Perseus, Mene-

laus, Eurydice, Themistocles—it would take a professor of classical languages to pronounce some of them!

A Biblical name did not seem to do much for us either. I just could not see myself calling into the garden, “Obadiah, you’re dinner’s ready” or “Jezebel, come and get it!”.

Rockingham, Macbeth, Quasimodo, Roosevelt, Wordsworth, Rabelais, came the suggestions from well-meaning friends. Rabelais? No! Some suggestions were quite out of proportion. Most of them were far too pretentious for our working-class kitten, although it had an interesting ancestry. It came from a pure strain of alley cats. Its mother was a true mouser, living semi-wild in a laundry. This might explain our kitten’s singular taste



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for refusing milk and drinking instead the washing-up water. Its father may have been the ginger fly-by-night from the factory opposite.

What we really needed was a short, crisp, working-class name, yet a distinctive one. We rejected Tibby and Timmy, Topsy and Popsy, Tiddles and Diddles, and such sloppy diminutives. Every second cat has a name like that.

Eventually, we hit upon the very name and the kitten spared us further weeks of brain-racking by turning out to be masculine. It is a brief, tough name that just suits the environment of its birth-place ; a straight - to - the - point name, a true, British-to-the-back-bone name. Yes, the terror of all the dogs in the neighbourhood is JIM.

THE LAST CHRISTMAS

SO worn, so frail, she lies before the
fire,
Feeling its warmth through all her
sun-starved fur.

I touch her with a gentle hand, and hear
The shadow of her old responding purr.

It falters, and she moves until she lies
In mute companionship, against my feet.
Looking into the fire with tranquil eyes,
Relaxing in its deep and glowing heat.

The first light snow of winter ends the
year;
For her, there may not be another spring.
Some instinct tells her this; and yet no
fear
Or doubt disturbs her with its
questioning.

She knows the pattern of each passing
day;
That dawn will follow dark with light and
sun;
That she will sleep and dream the hours
away,
And wake again, as she has always done;

And so, when time compassionate shall
send
A longer sleep, a longer, darker night,
Then she will wake—since night must
surely end—
To warmth and love, and to eternal light.

-- DOROTHY WINSOR

A big day for Siamese

Show report from MARY DUNNILL,

(Secretary & Show Manager, Siamese Cat Club)

THE Siamese Cat Club held its 34th Annual Championship Show on 22nd October, at Seymour Hall, London, W.1. This is a beautiful hall with excellent light, plenty of space, and first class facilities for exhibitors and visitors. Moreover, there is always a welcome for us from the members of the staff, all eager to help us. Nothing was too much trouble, and nothing was left undone. This year, too, the early birds were provided with "seating accommodation" in the vestibule, out of all draughts, until their cats could be vetted-in.

We had been hampered earlier in the year by not being able to book the hall on the date granted to us by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, but after

many delays and refusals, the G.C.C.F. finally granted the date of 22nd October. This was uncomfortably close to the Midland Counties Cat Club Show, and it was feared that both shows might suffer with reduced entries. Furthermore, we were dogged by the suspense of not knowing the date of the General Election. However, all's well that ends well, and the total entry of cats and kittens proved to be substantially the same as last year, over 300, counting "heads" in the litter classes.

Seventeen male Seal Points were entered for the Championship class, with the silver Challenge Certificate going to Mrs. Denny's beautiful youngster, Pi-den Nimbus. In the female Seal Point class, out of 24 cats entered, Mrs.



Hugh Smith

A little exhibitionist in the hands of judge Mrs. E. Towe at the Siamese C.C. Show

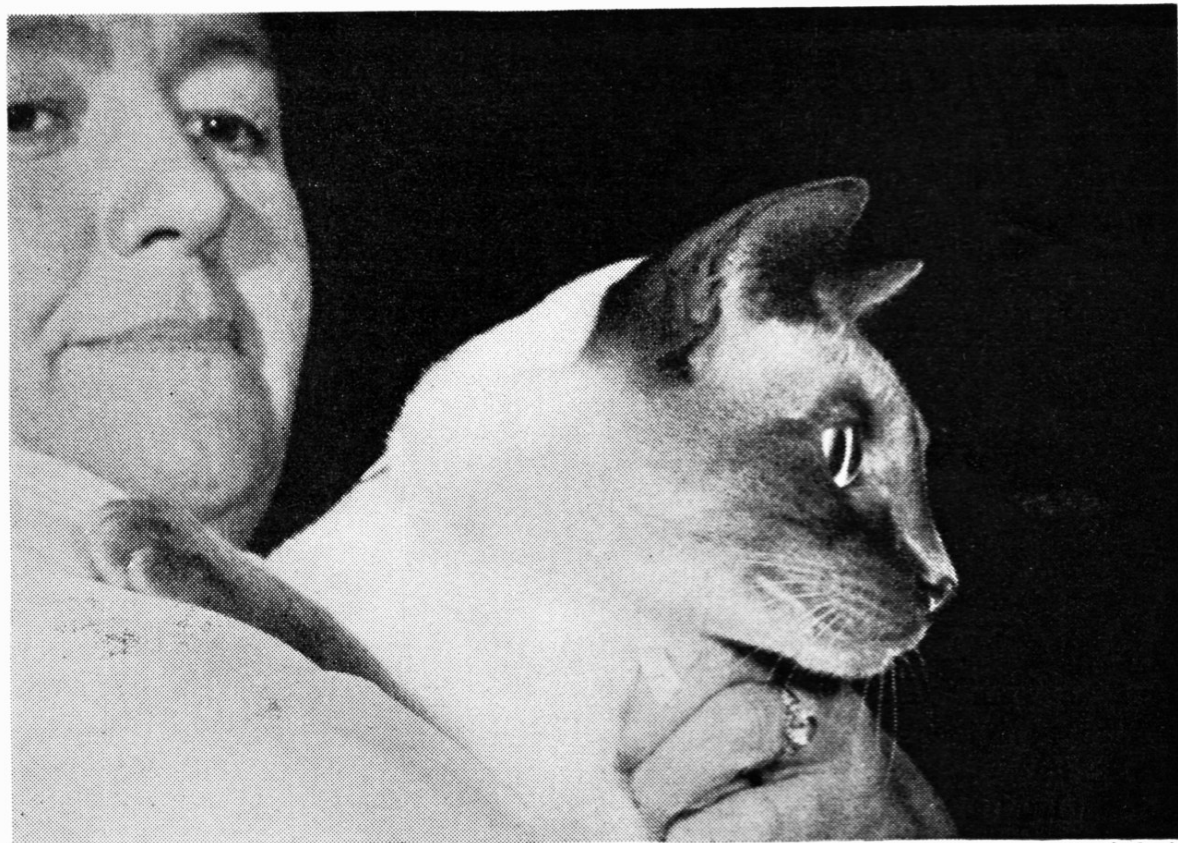
Denny again won the Challenge Certificate with Pi-den Netta, the litter sister. What a lovely pair of cats! Netta went on to win Best in Show, and the supreme award of the President's Trophy for Best Exhibit. Mrs. Denny also won the Challenge Certificate for the female Lilac Point cat with Pi-den Heather, sired by her own stud, Khubsurat Sweet Sultan, himself a Champion, out of her Chocolate Point queen, Bradgate Zoe. What a field day for one exhibitor!

Mrs. Marjorie Hudson had a "double" too, winning both silver cards for the male and female Blue Point Championship classes. Macedon Marquis, bred by Miss E. Alexander, won his third C.C. and now becomes a Champion. Her Bru-bur Tedda, bred by Mr. Burlton, gained a C.C. in the female class. The C.C. for the Chocolate Points went to Mrs. Goodfellow's Sialkot Chapata, who won in a well-filled class of nine adult females. Alas! there were no Chocolate male cats present. Where have they all gone? The winner of the male Lilac Point Championship Class

was Mrs. Bower's Siepoo Shere Khan, sired by Ch. Camley Fudge, and the female class was won by Pi-den Heather.

The number of kittens entered this year reached a new high level. Both classes for the Debutante Kitten (male and female) had 30 and 33 entries respectively. I split each class into three parts to give a more reasonable chance of prize-winning. Many more of the kitten classes were split into two, so I hope the "kitty" is well-filled to pay all the extra prize money.

Mrs. Dabek's Quantock Pericles (bred by Mrs. Haughton), Mrs. Alcock's Sohpar Matador and Miss Ann Codrington's Watermill Buckaroo were first prize winners in the male Seal Point kitten Open Classes. Mrs. Forrest's Dunchattan Kiki Kula (sired by Mrs. Peck's handsome Champion Tailong Kuli), Mrs. Buttery's Samsara Loco and Mrs. Stroud's Fair Della all won their Open female Seal Point kitten classes. Mrs. Stroud is a newcomer to the show world and possesses a beautiful queen in her Ella, herself a prizewinner and



Hugh Smith

Mrs. North's Blue Point PR. WHITEHAUGH BLUE NYLON was Best Neuter at the Siamese Show

producing prizewinning kittens. Another "first timer", Miss Sullivan won a first in the male Blue Point 3-6 months class, with Iroko, sire unknown, dam unknown and breeder unknown! These particulars in the catalogue caused a great deal of consternation to many, but, of course, the "unknown" is merely a registration technicality and not the "waif on the doorstep" that might be thought.

Difficult points

Other first prize-winning Blue Point kittens were Mrs. Halliday's Pheanoi Chatterbox (male) and Mrs. J. Powell's Quickthorn Andara and Mrs. Haiselden's Gaylord Iris (females). Mrs. Silson's Southview Fidget, Mrs. Lidyard's Ann-elida Petite Anthony, Mr. Burlton's Pynung Rozala Petite and Mrs. Healey's Sayonara Signora were the winners of the Chocolate Point male and female kitten classes. The Chocolate Point classes for kittens were well-filled this year, which reflects the increased interest in this coloured point. It is an extremely difficult "point" to breed and all praise goes to the Chocolate Point Siamese Cat Club and its member-breeders for their hard work and determination. Finally Lilac Points, the newest colour of them all, and not yet at its best. Type is improving, but there is still a long way to go both in colour of points and body colour. Eye colour seems a debatable point, and several judges differ on this. It is to be a pale eye to go with the paler coat, as the Standard for the Blue Point calls for a paler than the Seal Point eye colour? Or should the eye colour be nearer that of the Chocolate Point to counteract any idea of "washy" colouring generally of the Lilac Points? Dr. Groom judged both Lilac Point kitten classes, giving the first prizes to Mrs. Quigly's Tanil Jonty (male) and Mrs. Bardall's Gayways Lilac Sparkle (female), the latter bred by our own member-veterinary surgeon, Mrs. S. Hails.

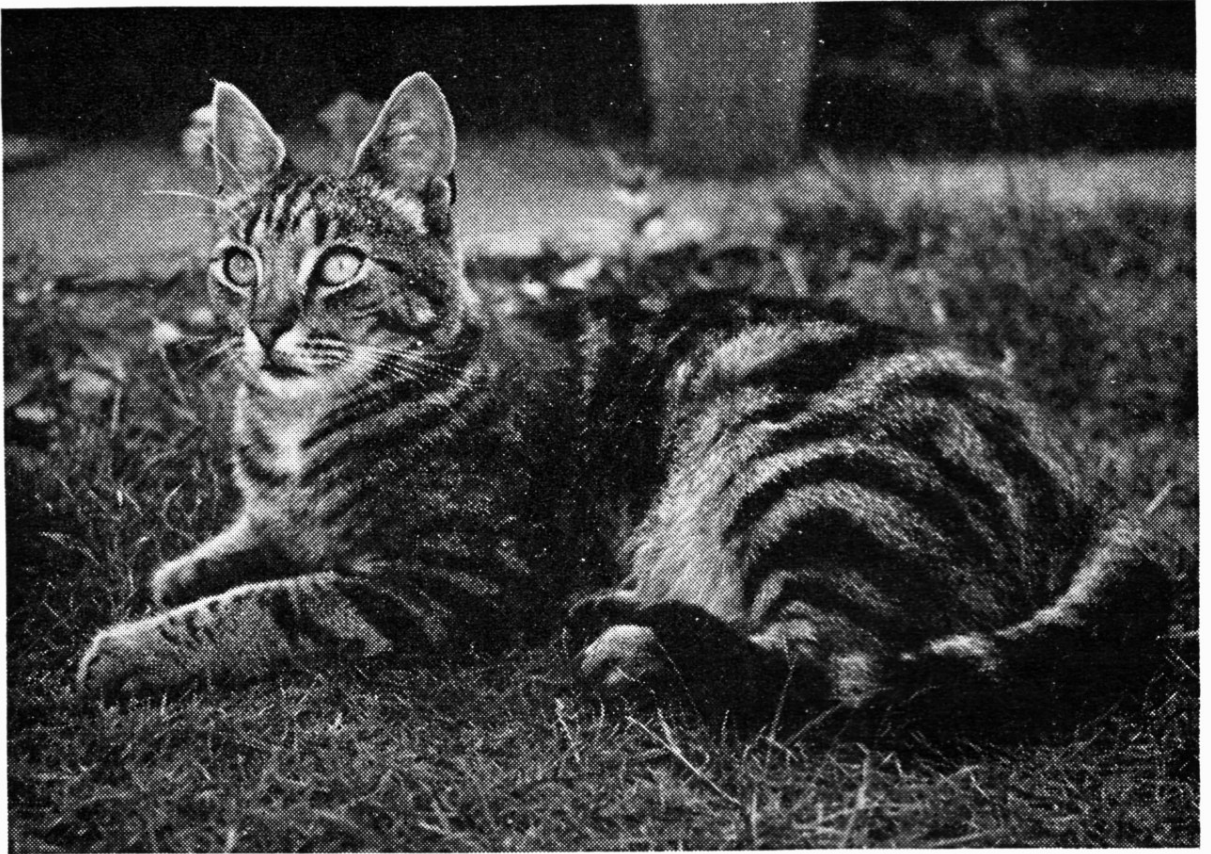
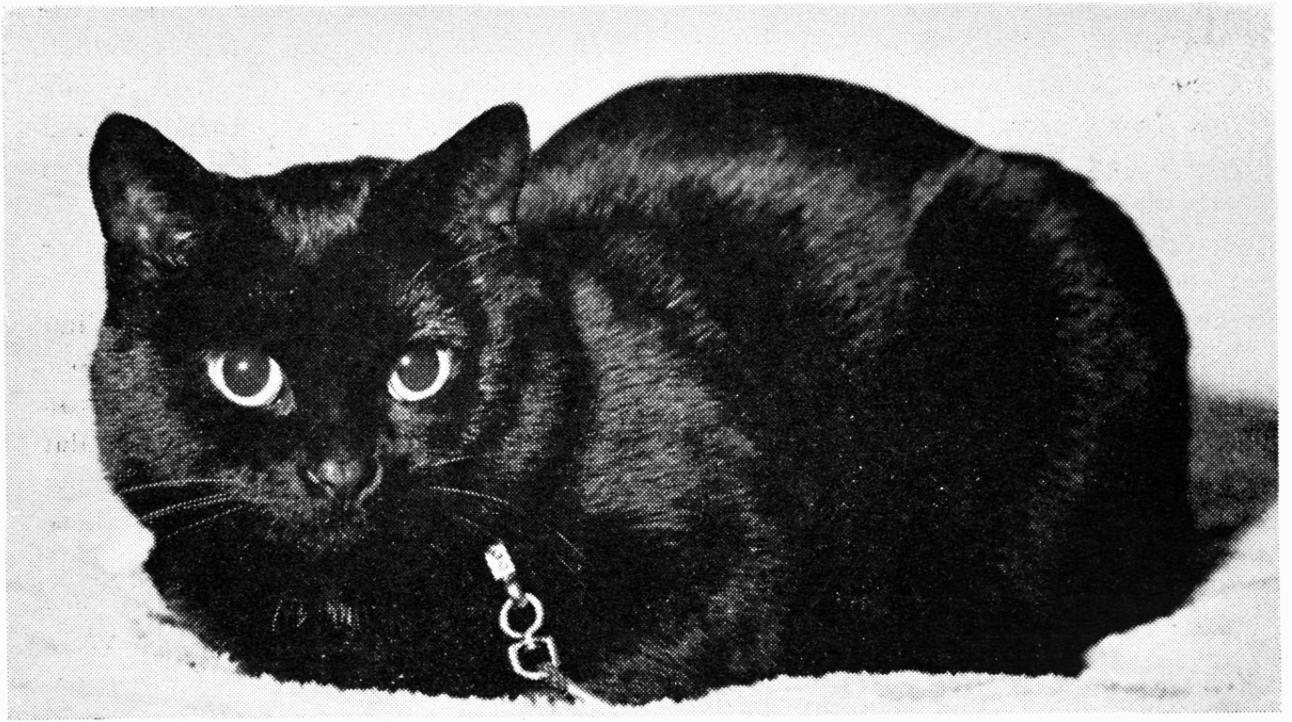
Of all these first prize-winners, the Best Male Kitten was Mrs. Halliday's Pheanoi Chatterbox; the Best Female Kitten Mrs. Forrest's Dunchattan Kiki Kula. The rosette for Best Kitten in Show went to Chatterbox.

The Best in Show rosettes were presented to the winners by Brigadier Sir John Smyth, a member of the Club and the owner (or ownee) of four Siamese cats. Sir John wrote *Beloved Cats*, recounting life in a London flat with his first two Siamese and telling how Lady Smyth had visited our Club Show and purchased a seal point kitten. This book was on sale at last year's show, and this year his second cat book has made a timely appearance. *Blue Magnolia* recounts how a Blue Point Siamese kitten after being introduced to the Seal Point old-stagers, was joined by another Blue Point, thus making a quartet. It is a charming little book, with good photographs, and plenty of anecdotes about these Siamese cats of ours!

Good publicity

We were well publicised by the Press, most of the papers sending representatives, and many cats and kittens posed for photographers. BBC radio and television programmes included us. Some of the comments about the Siamese cat could have been happier, but I am quite sure our cats can stand up for themselves. In the evening, BBC 2 gave a short account of the Club, the breed and the show winners in the programme "Time Out". Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb was interviewed on TV, with the Best Exhibit. Examples of all four coloured points were also shown and commented on.

The Show Committee would like to say a sincere "Thank you" to all who in any and every way supported the show, for special prizes, for donations, for cheerful, hard work before the show and on the day. I do hope everyone enjoyed their day, and went home contented.



PRIZEWINNING PHOTOGRAPHS

A feature of the recent Championship Show of the Wessex Cat Club was a Competition and Exhibition of Cat Photographs. There were over 200 entries and the award of Supreme Best Photograph went to Mr. H. I. Bird, of Parkstone, Dorset, for his study of a shining black cat (reproduced above).

The picture of Jip, a Shorthair Tabby, was also a winner for Miss G. M. Chapman, of Poole. Jip was rescued from a cat shelter and is now in a happy home.



Tailpieces

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



HER many friends at home and overseas will be pleased to know that Miss Kit Wilson is "out and about" again after spending some part of our Golden Summer in hospital, where she was first treated for suspected poisoning through an adder bite.

Peter, the black cat mascot at the famous cricket headquarters at Lord's, has died. He lived there for twelve of his fourteen years. Several times his wanderings held up the play on this sacred piece of turf and his picture appeared in the national press more than once. Mr. Billy Griffith, M.C.C. secretary, described Peter as "a cat of great character who loved to be in the public eye".

The Milori Award, a handsome stainless steel and walnut cheese board, was a gift from English patrons to the Siamese Cat Society of South Africa. It was offered as a special prize to the exhibitor of the Best South African Bred Siamese at the Society's Festival Show. The Society is hoping soon to enrol its 200th member.

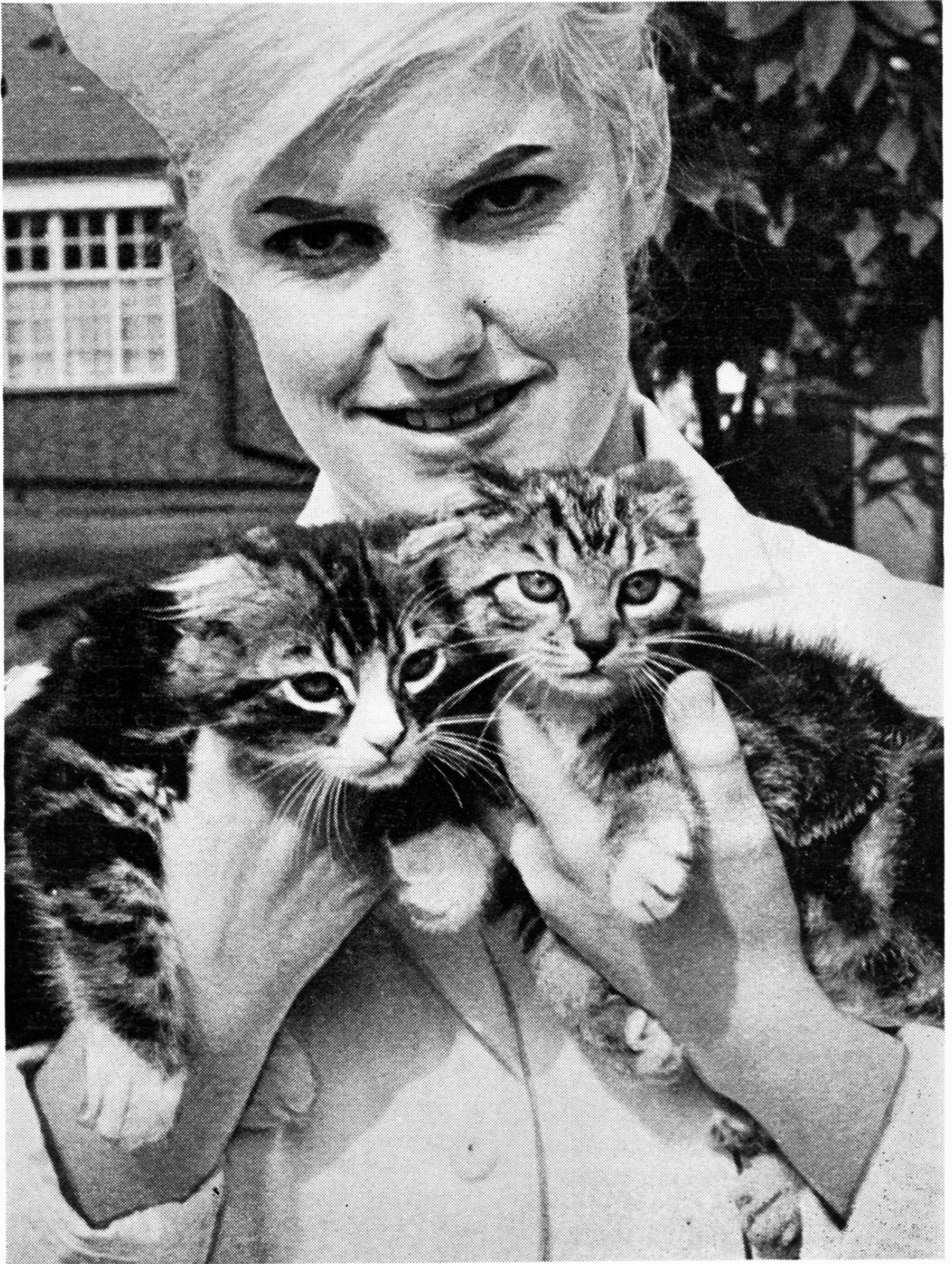
Our postbag this month contained an interesting letter from Mrs. W. S. Arnold, of Brighton, Victoria, whose Benwell Siamese Cattery is well known throughout Australia and New Zealand. She is at present in New Zealand because her husband is there on special business involving a ten months' stay. She had only a few weeks' notice in which to let the home, lease the cats,

put everything in order, pack up and depart. They hope to return to Australia in December. After describing in glowing terms the scenic beauty of New Zealand, Mrs. Arnold writes: "We have seen many of the local cats. There are several Seal Point Siamese imported from the U.K. in New Zealand and I have been most interested to see Sanguine King Oliver, Wayfarer Hi Fi, Doneraile Saretta, Adeline Atatxerxes (a son of Ch. Whiteacres Mooey), Morris Maestro and Ch. Spotlight Pride. The last two are 10 and 15 years old respectively and are still siring. In August last year my Ch. Southesk Jacinta produced 9 kittens to Killdown Nicholas, who is now deceased".

Mrs. Anne Vize left a wide circle of cat friends behind her when she and Mr. Vize left England to live in Australia some years ago. She has returned once to renew old friendships. On that occasion she took some English bred cats back with her and broke her journey by staying a short time in South Africa where she met a number of local feline enthusiasts. A cheery note just received from her says she has just moved south of Sydney where she has 17 acres of good pasture land. "I intend to raise a few calves to vealer stage", the note concludes. "So you can now say 'I'm an old cow hand'!"

A G.P.O. interference engineer who spends his time finding out what makes the TV set go wrong has stated that cats can be deadly saboteurs. In one

A page for the proletarian puss—No 112



These two kittens, found abandoned in a box on a London underground train, have no ears and no tails. The condition is congenital and might possibly be due to malnutrition in the mother. Oddly enough, a few months ago two other earless and tailless kittens were found on the same underground line. Like the earlier ones, these two were given shelter at the P.D.S.A. Sanatorium at Ilford and were later found good homes.

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investigation he spent hours trying to find out the cause of crackling noises and flashing spots. He finally found that the trouble was coming from next door, where an elderly lady used to sit stroking her cat in the evenings. The static electricity produced from the cat's fur by stroking was earthing and setting up a barrage of interference with the neighbour's set. The matter was righted by improving the aerial installation. The engineer states that the same trouble could be caused by a cat sitting on the set.

There is some consternation in the dog world because it has been discovered that a Paris firm of shoe manufacturers not unknown in the U.K., is making shoe linings and gloyes from the skins of dogs. Great Danes and Alsatians are said to provide the best skins.

Speaking at a meeting of the National Pets Club, which is conducted by the *Daily Mirror*, founder member Mr. John Holmes, of Benson, Oxfordshire, referred to breeding troubles in the cat world. He said: "Among ordinary moggies, weak or abnormal kittens seldom survive. But once breeders take over, the weaklings are often mistakenly preserved and this is the start of the problem. Fortunately for cats they have until recent years varied little physically from one breed to another—unlike dogs. But now that attempts are being made to produce curly-coated cats, fluffier cats—even miniature Siamese cats—great care must be taken".

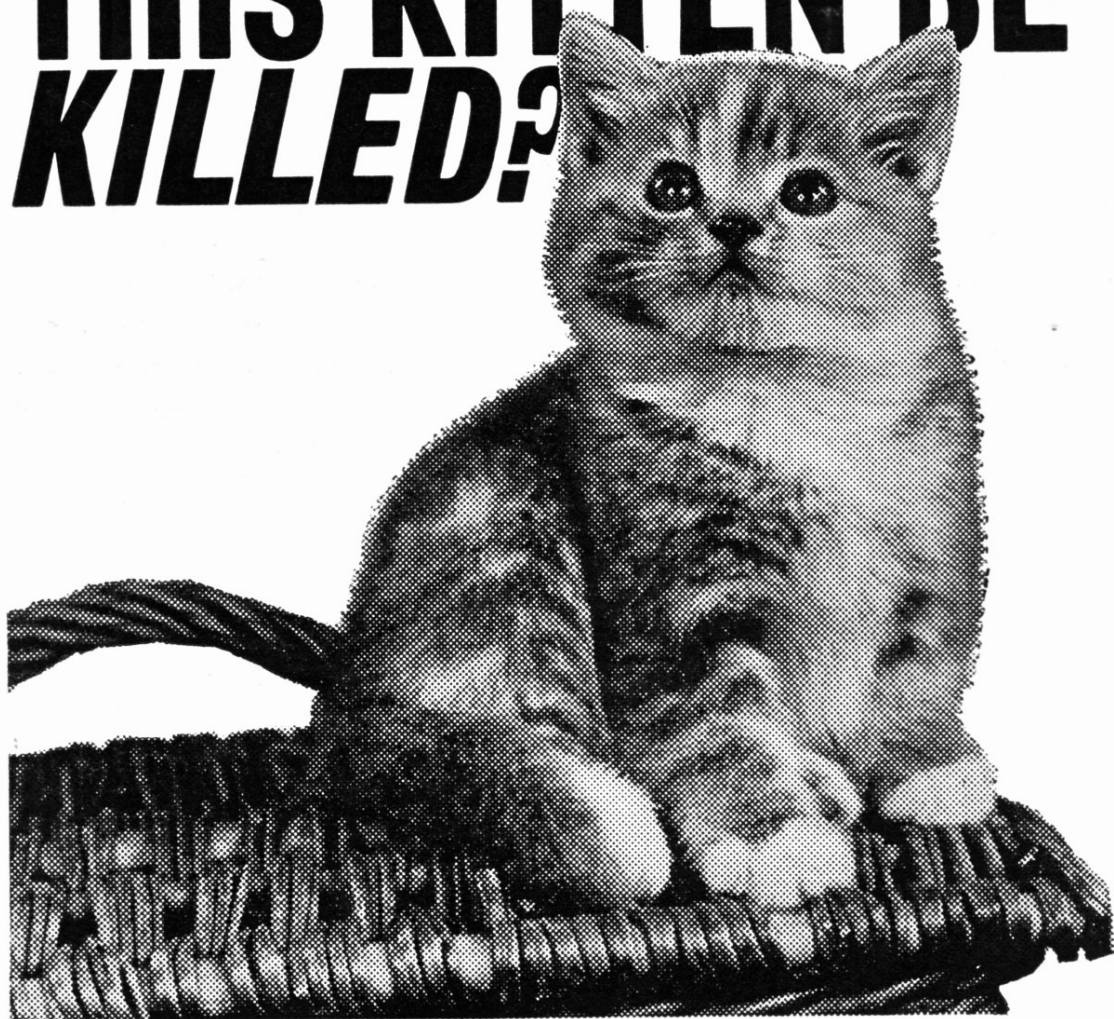
There was a VIP welcome at Paddington Station the other day when Tibby was met at the end of his journey from Wales by his owners Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, of North Cheam, Surrey. Tibby is no ordinary cat. He is known to millions of TV. viewers as Bobbie, the handsome young ginger tom in "Coronation Street". He was lost in Wales when the Joneses went to Wales for a holiday and was later identified by his collar by a police officer in Aberystwyth.

Mrs. Ada Taylor, an elderly, crippled widow who lives in a cottage at Galleywood Common, near Chelmsford, Essex, had to watch helplessly through her window as a pack of foxhounds attacked her ten pet cats. Two of the cats were killed and the rest scattered before the huntsman could whip off the dogs from doing more damage. The cats were at the back door waiting to be fed when the hounds rushed in. Whisky, a four-year-old was torn to pieces and another was found dying in a corner, probably from shock and fright. Neighbours spent hours afterwards collecting the eight survivors who had fled into the countryside. The Master of the Essex Union Hunt, Capt. A. C. Dunford Hawkins, said afterwards: "This was a very regrettable incident and we are very sorry. I personally am very sorry because I like cats. We shall replace the cats, which is the best we can do".

Animal lovers at Broadway, near Weymouth, Dorset, have been keeping a wary eye on their pets because of the depredations of a badger, which has attacked two cats, killing one and badly injuring another.

Charles Greville, the *Daily Mail* diarist, has been taking a look at the members of the Labour Cabinet—from an unusual angle. What the country really wanted to know, he says, is: "Are they kind to animals"? A check up revealed that the household pets of the Prime Minister Mr. Harold Wilson included Nemo, a handsome Siamese who is expected to settle down at No. 10. The real cat enthusiast is the Secretary for Colonial Affairs Mr. Anthony Greenwood, who becomes really enthusiastic when he talks about Mirabelle, a Silver Tabby, Pucci, a 14-year-old Longhair, Gabby, a Siamese, and Rousseau, a tabby and white who is described as "a reformed neurotic. Not very far away in Hampstead, Mr. Douglas Jay, President of the Board of Trade, lives with Snowy, a white queen who has had numerous kittens, Sandy and Tawny, who are of

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course sandy and tawny coloured. Chief Whip Mr. Edward Short and his wife are dog lovers and Mrs. Short is reported to have said "Cats are loyal to buildings, not to the people in them". Charles Greville has the last word here. "I suppose", he concludes, "a cynical cat might say the same thing about politicians".

Rome firemen, on strike for shorter hours and more pay for overtime, have promised to turn out for emergencies, but not for "frivolous" calls like saving trapped cats.

Animals can much easier adjust themselves to the gradual increase of the bangs in natural thunder than to unexpected, sharp sonic booms. A study into the effect of sonic booms on animals is being made in cooperation with our Ministry of Agriculture.

A delightful story accompanied by an equally delightful picture appeared in a London newspaper the other day. It concerned Corporal George MacGillivray, his Spanish-born wife Paquita and their treasured black - and - white cat Blackie. When George heard about a transfer to Hong Kong and worked out the cost of living there, he decided there was nothing else for it but to leave Blackie behind. A travel firm then came to the rescue of the MacGillivrays by offering to fly the cat out for a small deposit, followed by monthly instalments. The eventual cost was £37.

The cries of his cat woke 75-year-old Mr. Cecil Hall when fire broke out at his Bournemouth home. He escaped through a first-floor window and rescued his sister, aged 79, who was unconscious in a downstairs room.

Montgomery, a playful kitten, went to live in the Amersham (Bucks) home of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins thirteen years ago. He grew up to be a playmate for son John, born eight years ago. Then, one

night in 1961, Monty disappeared and was not seen again—until this month! Then the family heard a scratching at the front door. Monty had returned. The first thing he did was to make for his own old chair and have a long sleep. "It's nice to have him back", said Mrs. Jenkins. "We had given him up for dead a long time ago".

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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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.



Transformation scene

TO-DAY I received your little magazine *OUR CATS*, and a rather dreary morning was immediately transformed.

I am a very novice breeder of Siamese cats, but am so hopelessly addicted to them that I often become depressed and impatient when I have to face the fact that through lack of space I cannot increase my family.

But this morning, when I was feeling particularly low at the thought of having to part with my little queen's five lovely kittens, your magazine arrived, and I have been so completely absorbed in all the news and articles, particularly "What is a Siamese Cat" by Dana Learn, that my depressing thoughts have gone and I am once again determined to own many of these Magical Creatures.

MRS. J. CRYSTAL

Duns, Berwickshire.

A breeder's pleasures

I wonder if breeders will agree with me that the greatest reward is the pleasure their kittens give to the buyers of kittens for pets. We are kept very amused and interested by the letters and phone calls received.

Yesterday's call, I think, was best: "Could you tell me what you would do to Miranda. She has sat down in a bowl of blackberry juice put to cool, jumped straight into a basket of washing awaiting ironing, and run off up the apple tree".

I find, too, that any success I have at shows is watched with great interest and they (the new owners) are as pleased as I am. Yes, I can still enjoy my kittens

when they are no longer members of my household.

MRS. SHEPPARD

Newnham, Basingstoke, Hants.

A struggle for survival

I took a cat and kitten in for five days and didn't know the kitten had just had her first F.I.E. injection. They arrived in a very small basket and I noticed the kitten was very swollen and cried when touched. I thought she might have been hurt by the large male B.P. Siamese. I dosed her with parafin and in 24 hours she recovered.

The next day the Siamese was terribly sick with diarrhoea, so I got the vet., who diagnosed F.I.E. As I wasn't satisfied I got another opinion and this time the diagnosis was enteritis, not F.I.E.

Unfortunately, the kitten had been with a litter of mine and the vet said they would contract it, also a 3-week-old litter of seven. The two nursing queens sickened after nine days but weren't too bad—they had sickness, diarrhoea and intense thirst. Antibiotics helped them.

After a fortnight, when we thought the litters were safe, they started. The older ones got it slightly and after injections and capsules of Chloromycetin soon recovered, but the younger ones were terribly ill. I noticed they had the most ghastly stench, their bellies swelled, also their eyes, and they were complete skeletons in a few hours.

The vet had difficulty in finding any flesh to take an injection; they just stood and swayed about with their heads down. I started feeding with a hypodermic syringe 1 teaspoonful egg white water and glucose every hour and they

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fed from their mother as they grew stronger. I increased the amount and started on milk and glucose and then onto beaten-up egg, milk and glucose. After three weeks I gave them liver juice—the butcher saved it for me. I gave them 5 c.c.'s each twice a day. This worked wonders and I think it saved the kittens as they started to put on weight. The juice was then fed 1 teaspoonful twice a day. After a fortnight I used to pour about 2-3 table-spoonsful over raw mince and mix it up a little.

Now, at three months old, after a diet including halibut oil, Delrosa, cod liver oil (the two oils given twice weekly in each case, Delrosa once a day), Virol in milk every night, they are fine healthy kittens and ready to go to new homes. My other queen and the stud cat did not suffer as they had been inoculated. I think the queens only got it because they were weaker after having had the kittens, although inoculated.

MRS. BRENDA CLARK
Scarborough, Yorks.

Curious Cats

I hope Mrs. Waring and Mr. Silson, who replied to my article on "Curious Cats Unlimited" (July issue OUR CATS) will read my former article again.

Mrs. Waring is evidently fond of red-pointed cats and is trying to eliminate the tabby rings from their tails. It would be interesting to know what her breeding programme, with this in mind, may be. Meantime, although I do not like these cats, I have always admitted that they may have charm for others. I am glad to know that Mrs. Waring is not trying to produce a status symbol, but I have an uncomfortable feeling that this may be so in other cases.

The fact that Mrs. Waring doesn't "consider them albinoid cats with Siamese coat-pattern" rather begs the

question. I suggest that Mrs. Waring might find it profitable to discover the meaning of the term albinoid in this context. It merely indicates that the Siamese coat-pattern is the phenotypic response to a mutation in the epistatic albino series.

It may interest Mrs. Waring to know that "chinchilla" is another mutation in the same series. Both mutations are known also in a number of other animals, but I have never seen a description of an albino cat, such as one finds in rabbits, mice, rats and others.

Mr. Silson is shocked, and this no doubt accounts for his somewhat wild statement that I made "several statements that are genetically unsound". He further asks for proof, but "does not want to go into detail here". He goes on to quote, or rather misquote. First, I did not say or imply that "new colour genes" would or could "taint" existing colour genes, for the simple reason that no new colours are involved.

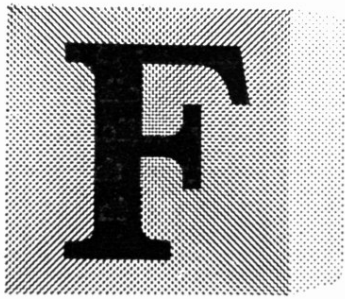
I merely pointed out that colour segregation is independent of segregation of striping and of ticking, so that introduction of these characters will be a retrograde step so far as self colour is concerned. The reason for this is that the presence of these characters is dominant to their absence, and their phenotypic expression is assured by transmission from only one of the parents. As to proof, I suggest that Mr. Silson might study the review of the relevant literature by Roy Robinson in his *Genetics of the Domestic Cat* in *Bibliographia Genetica* Vol. XVIII, pp. 273-362 (1959).

Finally, perhaps Mr. Silson would like to establish his own *bona fides* as a "qualified geneticist". As a professional biologist, I am obliged to take account of current genetical research, but I have never claimed specialist qualification in the field.

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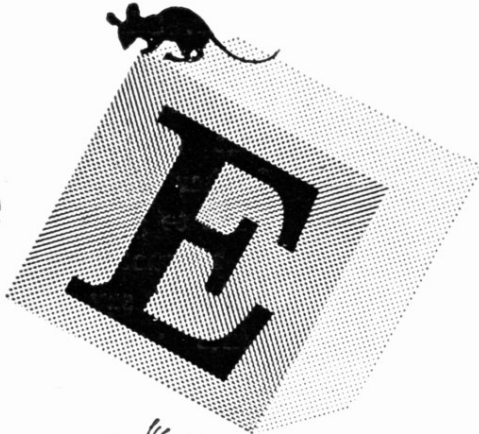


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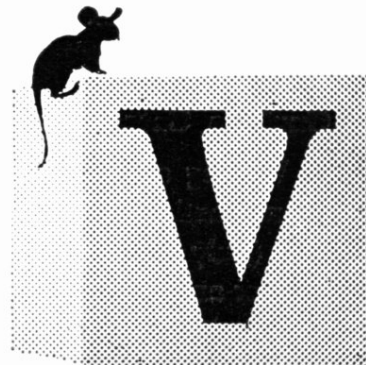
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Report on Paris Show

THE International Ch. Show of the Cat Club de Paris was held on October 23rd, 24th and 25th at the Salons De L'Hotel Continental, Paris.

The three English judges Miss Kathleen Yorke, Mrs. Elsie Kent and myself stayed at this hotel, where the amenities added much to the enjoyment of our visit. Mr. Hirschmann (Germany) was unable to officiate so his classes were divided among the other judges including Vice-President Mr. M. A. Marolle who had previously been chosen to judge Shorthairs, Mlle Vera Moser and Mlle Boudon.

There were over 400 exhibits so we all had a busy two days until after Best in Show at 4 o'clock on the second day. We were then given catalogues and for the first time knew the identity of the exhibits we had judged and their owners. Madame Ravel, Secretary General of the Cat Club de Paris, the doyen of French breeders and show

manager for this world famous fixture organised it with her usual flair for the smallest detail. It certainly does need exceptional experience and ability when exhibits are coming from Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland and of course France for a three day-show. Luncheon was arranged each day for the judges in a separate room and a running buffet elsewhere for exhibitors and visitors.

On the morning of the first day the public were not admitted so the judges officiated as they do in England at the pens. After luncheon a section was reserved exclusively for them and their stewards in an annexe with sufficient pens to pen all the exhibits in the class which they were judging. The stewards were wonderful as they had to bring all the exhibits from the adjacent salon and they never wavered in their willingness and ability to handle the cats and kittens.

Each judge had two stewards and an interpreter if necessary. It was nearly eight years since I had been able to accept an invitation to judge overseas so the remarkable progress European breeders had made in the lovely quality of their Longhairs was a surprise. They have bred so cleverly from the cats and kittens which they imported mostly from England after the war and of course they are also at liberty to import from any country without the six months' quarantine, which militates against those English breeders who would like to import.

The quality of the White Longhairs I was quite prepared for as I had judged them in Switzerland in 1948. The late Mlle Perrin who resided there was able

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to carry on breeding this variety in which she specialized, although she also had Blues, all through the war and the quality of her Orange-eyed and Blue-eyed Whites was superb.

A vivid memory for me at that show will always be of seven of her Whites in a large pen lined with silver starred white nionion over white satin. The cats sat on quilted white satin and there was a triple mirror at the back reflecting them. Their white sanitary pans must have been whisked away immediately as I saw no sign of one which had been used. In those days the exhibits were brought to a rostrum to be judged so decorated pens were allowed all day.

A White L.H. supreme

Now to move on to 1964. Miss Kathleen Yorke judged all the Blues, the Colourpoints, the Blue-eyed Whites, the Champion of Champions L.H. males, ten in class headed by Int. Ch. Iris Blue Iceberg of Gallahad, a Blue-eyed White bred in U.S.A. by Mrs. Blanche Smith. The Ch. of Champion female was the Orange-eyed White Madame Montagne's Int. Ch. Beauregard Kyra bred in France by Madame Desgranges.

Her choice for Blue males was Orpheus of Pensford (by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford) who was making his first appearance as an adult. The winning Blue female came from Germany, Mr. Rodenstein's Kokinoor's Kismet by Hayke d Ko and Kohinoor's Chanel, the latter a daughter of Ch. Blue Diamond of Pensford.

The Colourpoint entry was excellent, far larger than we have yet seen in England and it was interesting to note that the majority of the first prize winners were by a male bred in England by Mrs. Watts, of Sunbury on Thames, namely Ch. Amaska Blue Masque. There were twenty two Blue Colour point cats and kittens. C.A.C. was awarded to Madam Proteau's male Lotus de Crespieres by Ch. Amaska

and Netheredge Blue Star the latter bred by the late Mrs. Sanders in England. All the first prize winners in the four kitten classes were by him except the 6 to 10 months male and he was by Int. Ch. Kid des Grandes Chapelles.

There were twenty Seal Colourpoints and C.A.C.I.B. was awarded to Ch. Lisa des Grandes Chapelles and C.A.C. in the Open Male Class to Madame Bougon's Milou both by Ch. Amaska. An imposing array of Colourpoints.

I judged the Orange-eyed Whites, the Blacks, Creams, Blue-Creams and Chinchillas and from these emerged some superb winning cats and kittens. Miss Yorke and myself on the second day then judged the best in each breed together and our choice in Chinchillas was the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest's exquisite male Bonavia Statesman by Bonavia Capriola and Ch. Bonavia Contenta, all three bred in England by Mrs. M. Turney of Berkshire.

Best White was Frau Inge Ruckerts' male Ch. Oberon v. Stein bred in Germany by Herr Stein, a cat lovely in type, eyes and purity of coat.

Splendid Blacks

Best Cream went to Madame Radovitch's male Michael Des Monts de Courcy by Int. Ch. Startops Starduster. This sire was bred in England by Mrs. King and is now owned by Mr. Schonau of Belgium. Michael's dam was Kislane de Pompadour and I was interested to see later that Kislane was also the dam of Madame Radovitch's lovely Blue-Cream.

Best Black was Madame Ruban's female Moya Du Demavan. Even in this galaxy of beauty the Blacks were most impressive and they certainly were the best I have seen assembled at one show. Madame Petris' Champion Black male Ch. Kaid du Mont Joly (by Int. Ch. Smoky Bob of Dunesk) was C.A.C.I.B. Mme Bogard's Black male Beauregard Mystil Boy was first in the

Open Class. Mr. Christl's Black female Ch. Pascale de Coquaille by Ch. Patrick of Pensford was C.A.C.I.B. His friend Mr. Rodenstein won with a lovely seven months old Black female Silvia Wyte Jersey Gem bred in U.S.A. by Mr. Richard Gebhardt, sired by his famous Black Grand Ch. Vel-Venes Voo Doo.

Frau Mia Lenders, another exhibitor from Germany, was awarded Best L.H. Kitten with a four months Blue female Zarina. The winning Tortoiseshell, Mr. Karl-Heinz's Nanuschka Ramachersfeld was a daughter of Ronada Sunshine, a Blue-Cream bred by Mrs. Brice-Webb. Madame Sarrazin won first in the three to six months Cream male and female kitten classes with two lovely kittens Nourmi des Princes and Norma des Princes by Int. Ch. Laitson du Mont d'Arbois and Int. Ch. Hendras Tamarisk, the latter bred in England by Mr. Nash.

Except in Scandinavia, Siamese have not yet attained so much popularity in

European countries as the Longhairs, so competition in quantity and quality was much less than at our own shows. The Seal Points numbered 8 adults and 22 kittens.

Some Shorthair winners

In the Ch. of Champion Shorthair classes Mrs. Elsie Kent awarded C.A.C. (the equivalent of our Challenge Certificate) to two Blue Points—Int. Ch. Rangoon Blue Safir, bred in Denmark by Mrs. Dunwald, and in females to Madame Villechaise's Int. Ch. Laurie des Monts Dores, whose dam was Int. Ch. Doneraile Lilac Marcella, bred by the late Mrs. K. Williams.

The Blue Points in the Open Adult Classes numbered seven. Mrs. Kent awarded C.A.C.I.B. to the female Madame Pigeat's Ch. Lina des Roches Claires. There were no Lilac Points and only one Chocolate Point.

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On Saturday evening a reception was held for officials of the Club, the judges and their stewards and exhibitors from other European countries. The President of the Cat Club de Paris, Professor Etienne Letard made a speech of welcome. He, by the way, exhibited

some Rex not for competition. These were charming as their coats were long enough to curl, although short. They were self blacks, had good physique, were in lovely condition, and great pets.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Marolle took we three English judges for a drive to renew our memories of Paris.

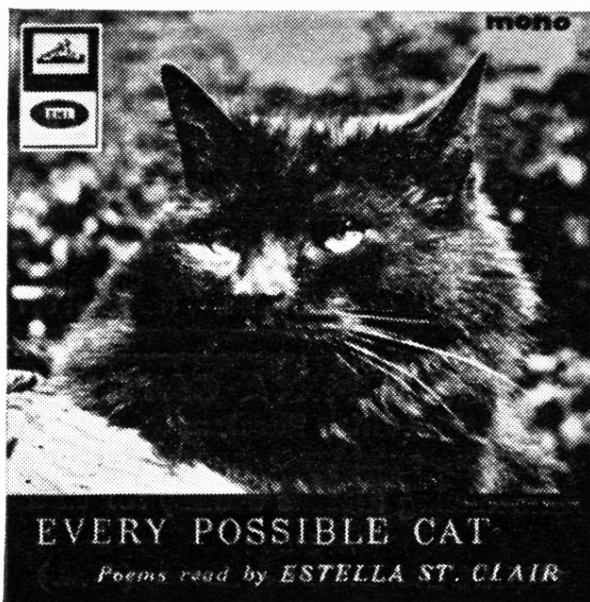
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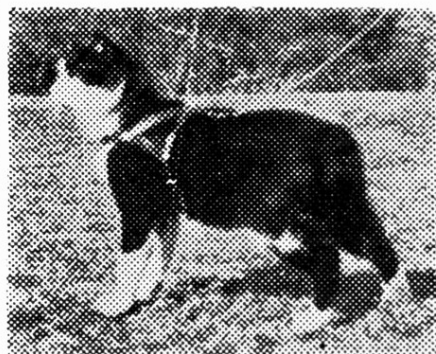
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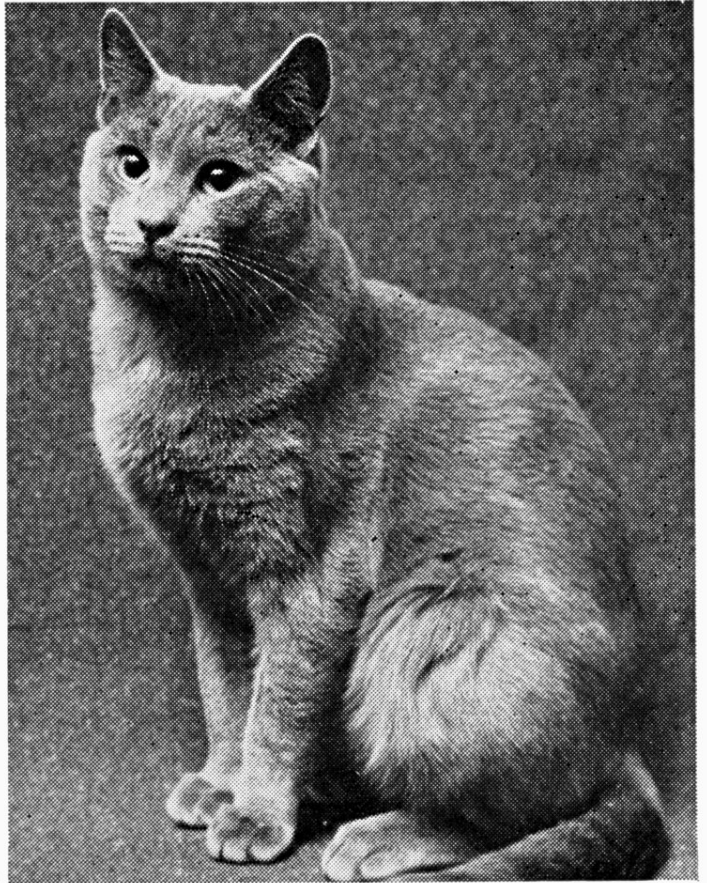
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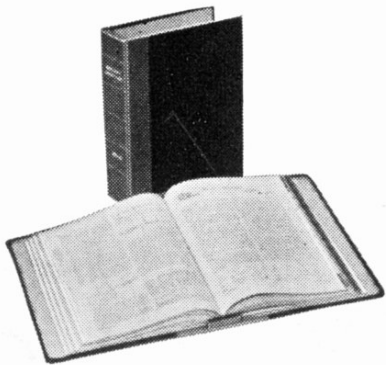
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