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Mrs. Nancy Hardy of Guildford, Surrey, with armsful—her little grand-daughter, attired for heavy weather, and a winning Siamese entry BRADBOURNE PI, bred by Mr. R. P. Tew, of Maidstone, Kent. *Photo by Hugh Smith.*

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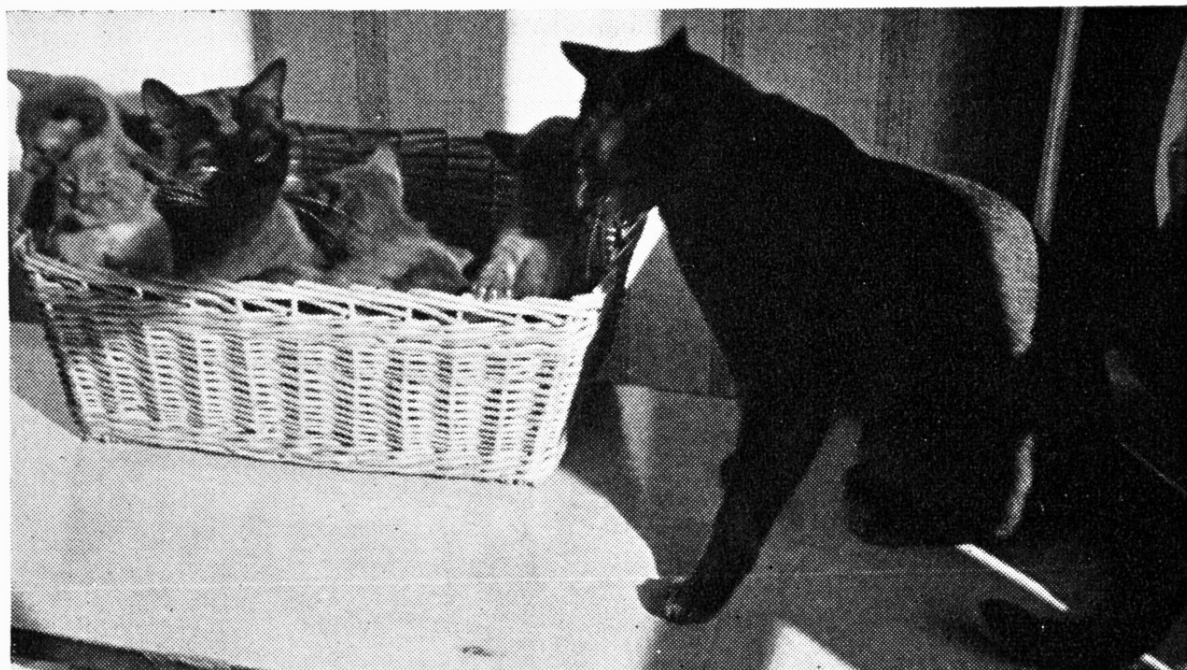
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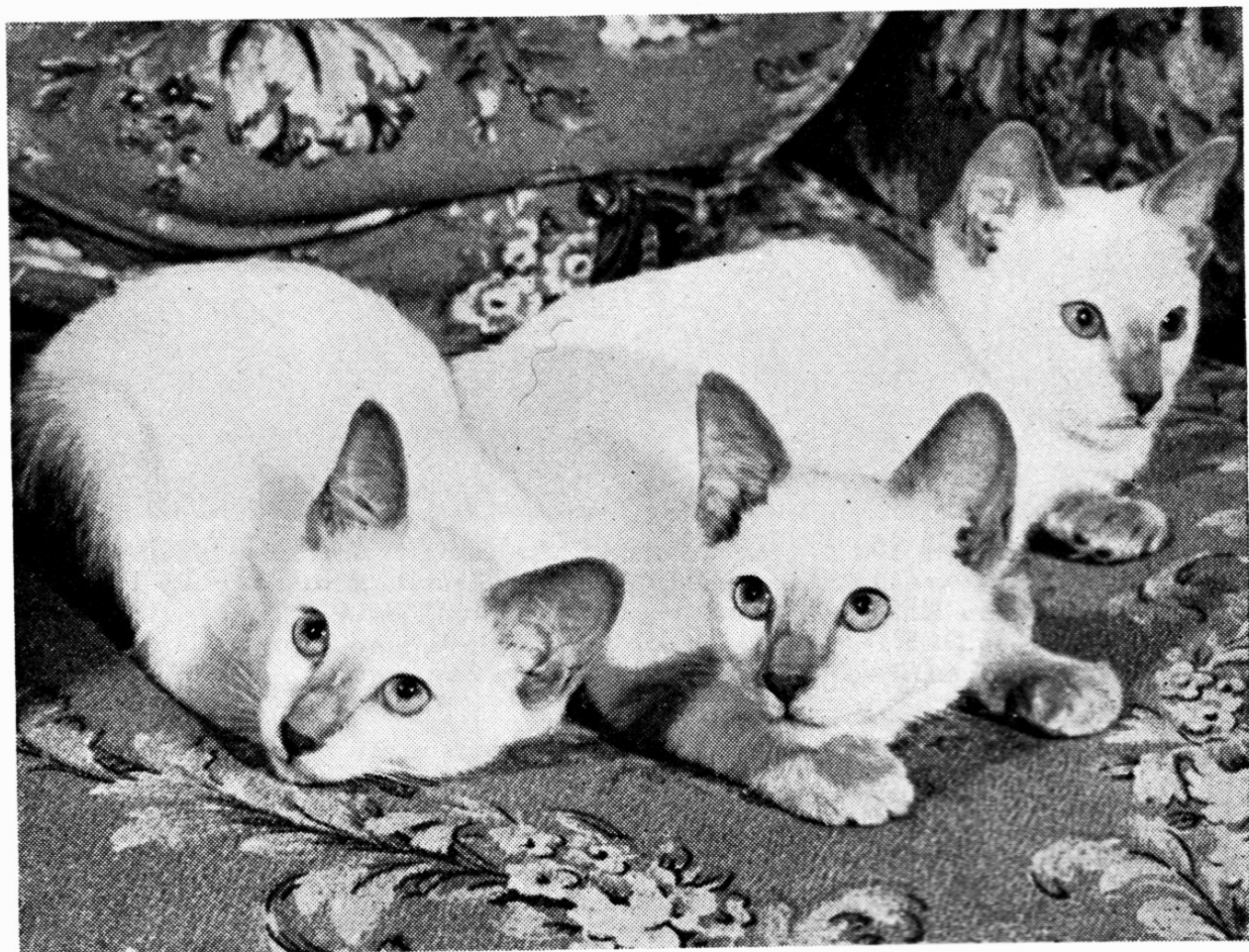
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SHOWS FOR THE 1964/5 SEASON

Brief details of the show fixtures so far arranged for the coming season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers. A list giving fuller information may be obtained (price 6d.) from the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mrs. S. Berliner, 146 Western Avenue, East Acton, London W.3

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Mrs Elsie Fisher's litter of Lilac Point Siamese by her Ch. Praha-Poco-Allergando and the late Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha. Praha Fermezza, on the left, was a Best in Show and C.C. winner at this year's show of the Yorkshire Cat Club

Cats have one life

By a Veterinary Nurse

WHEN I go into the waiting room and ask for the first patient to be brought in, I always look to see how many cats are there. Mentally, I shake my head and sigh for I can anticipate that most of them will be suffering from something their owners could have avoided with more warning and less indulgence.

Almost every evening at least three cats will be brought in with painful mite infested ears. Often the owners do not know how bad the ears are because the cat would not "let them look". Yet a good grip on the scruff of the neck and a towel wrapped right round him to stop him scratching and you've got him where you want him.

His ears should be checked about every three weeks and a few drops of olive oil massaged gently into them. This will help to keep them healthy and free from wax and if anything is wrong you will know before it gets very painful.

When I have suggested this to some people in the past they have said that their cat would be frightened to be wrapped up in a towel and they just couldn't bring themselves to do it. Well, how much more frightened he would be to have it done by strangers in a surgery after a disturbing journey in a basket, than at home by people he trusts,

At the same time as the ears are examined it is a good idea to look at the teeth. Cats are brought into the surgery with tartar that must have taken a year or two to build up yet the owner will often have only just

noticed it. Spotting it in time can mean the difference between a couple of minutes scaling in the surgery and perhaps a general anaesthetic.

While the cat is in the towel it is a good idea to check the claws. If these are very long it can be painful for him to walk. They can split and cause a great deal of discomfort. The cat most likely to suffer is the over-fed cat who spends most of his time indoors on a soft carpet. He is not encouraged to manicure himself on the three-piece and is too sleepy to want to go out and exercise the claws down. If he has been doctored of course he has even less incentive. Apart from cutting down his meals and having his claws trimmed it is a good idea to provide him with a scratching board and encourage him to use it.

Hair balls

Of course, if all these things can be done without recourse to the towel, so much the better, but the people whose cats won't "let them do a thing with them" should find it a help.

It is often these difficult cats who suffer from hair balls in the stomach and intestines. The obstructions can cause a great deal of trouble and are the first things vets suspect in longhaired vomiting cats.

These hairballs are caused by swallowing hair after washing. They collect and form a hard

solid ball. This could be avoided frequently by regular grooming especially when the cat is moulting. Sometimes cats are brought into the surgery when they are so matted that it would be cruel to comb them out when they are conscious. So they have to undergo a general anaesthetic.

Undoubtedly, the worst avoidable damage to cats' health done by owners is caused by over feeding. Some owners seem to take a pride in the fact that their pet is pounds overweight yet they themselves would not be proud of obesity. Fatness is a sign that the body is not functioning properly and not a matter for congratulation.

The poor creature spends its unnatural life in a state of lethargy. The more it eats the

more it wants to eat and the less active it becomes. Its chances of overcoming disease diminish and the more difficult it is for a vet to operate if this should be necessary. As it eats more it becomes less active and needs less food. So frequently it gets more!

Many fat-cat owners protest that their cat has to be tempted to eat. The answer is simple . . . Don't tempt! The less food it is given the less food it will ultimately want.

I knew one fat-cat owner who honestly tried to diet her pet. She found that in spite of the fact that she stuck to the diet rigidly her cat did not loose weight. It was some time before she discovered that her not so finicky feline had another home round the corner!

A TRAVELLER REPORTS

The following is an extract from a letter received from Iris Schaefer, who is at present in Bangkok, Thailand: "I have just returned from spending an afternoon at Mrs. Chompoo's Cattery. She has 85 Siamese now but used to have 200 and is the most prominent breeder of Siamese in the country. Her husband is a well known lawyer in Bangkok and she is a pretty, charming Thai woman who has very little English. We were unlucky as it was pouring soon after we left which slowed the taxi down and then made photography extremely difficult especially in the dark sheltered cattery. Of course the cats wouldn't keep still so we weren't very successful'

"Now for the cats themselves. The Seal Points were nowhere up to our standard as their eyes were pale, heads roundish and tails shorter and thicker than ours with a tendency to ringing. The Red Points were better, but the Blue Points were the best in head and conformation and coat colour, but eye

colour was still paler than ours and tails less whippy. I felt no kinks in any tails and saw no squints.

"The cats I liked best were the Korat (or Blue Siamese) which had yellow eyes, lovely oval paws, good Siamese conformation and very sleek close lying coats; the best in the cattery. The 'Copper' Siamese were lovely but with a tendency to ringing. I hope my colour photos are better than the poor light and difficult conditions would indicate. The Red Siamese had gingery tabby markings, red tipped tails, no white chins, chartreuse eyes. I saw some lovely long heads and all the cats had good firm chins. I didn't see any Lilac Points, Chocolate Points or Tortie Points. The Thais call their cats by saying 'mee-meemee'.

"I didn't see a single cat in Mauritius and was very disappointed in Ceylon because the hordes of spotted cats who used to be at Mount Lavinia seem to have disappeared. I saw only 3 cats there".

[Reprinted with acknowledgements to the "Newsletter" of the Rhodesian Cat Club]

Looking at the breeds

No. 21 - BROWN TABBY LONGHAIRS

By HUGH SMITH

NOW! Don't touch Flossy". This very frequent admonition from my maiden aunt, the owner of Flossy, created in me at a very tender age a certain prejudice against Longhair Brown Tabbies, of which Flossy was a non-pedigree sample. Moreover, being allowed only to stroke Flossy under strict supervision was rather more than was needed to build up quite an

aversion, which I am now happy to say has been overcome.

The breed is not nowadays one of the most popular. Yet, at the beginning of the century it was very popular indeed. A decline has set in which has never been completely reversed.

Today, it is said that although there are few breeders, the quality is higher than it was in the nineteen twenties. The great fault of



Hugh Smith

Mrs I. Barker's handsome Brown Tabby Longhair TRELYSTAN JACINTH (bred by Mrs Paddon) was a successful entry at Olympia.

the Brown Tabby—the white chin—has now virtually been eliminated, although some people consider that the chin is lighter in colour than it should be.

It is considered that the type of this breed does not measure up to that of the best of the Longhairs.

Length of ear, width of skull and shortness of face compare unfavourably with these points in Blues and Creams. It has been suggested that the remedy may be found in mating with Longhair Blacks. Mating with a Red Tabby holds the danger of rendering the markings less distinct.

A problem which confronts breeders who wish to improve the breed is that it is really necessary to keep kittens beyond the age at which they can be readily disposed if they are to be selected for good colour with any degree of certainty.

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy lays down the following Standard of Points for the breed:

Colour and Markings—Rich tawny sable, with delicate black pencillings running down the face. The cheeks crossed with two or three distinct swirls. The chest crossed by two unbroken narrow lines, butterfly markings on shoulders. Front

of legs striped regularly from toes upwards. The saddle and sides to have deep bands running down them, and the tail to be regularly ringed.

Coat—Long and flowing, tail short and full.

Body—Cobby and massive, short legs.

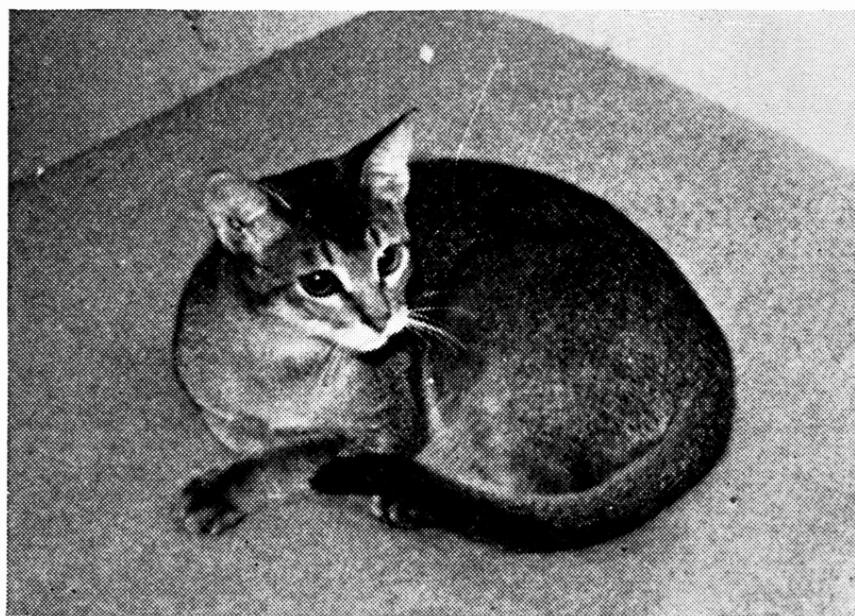
Head—Round and broad, small well-placed and well-tufted ears, short broad nose, full round cheeks.

Eyes—Large and round, hazel or copper colour.

SCALE OF POINTS			
Coat	...	...	50
Body	...	...	15
Head	...	...	20
Eyes	...	...	<u>15</u>
TOTAL			100

The Brown Tabby lacks perhaps some of the glamour of those breeds that make a greater impact on the eye. Whether or not it will regain its earlier popularity is a matter for conjecture. It does seem a pity that more interest is not taken in the breed today.

The club for the breed is The Red, Cream, Tortie, Blue Cream and Brown Tabby Society. Its Hon. Secretary is Mrs. J. M. Newton, Moulsoford Grange, near Wallingford, Berks.

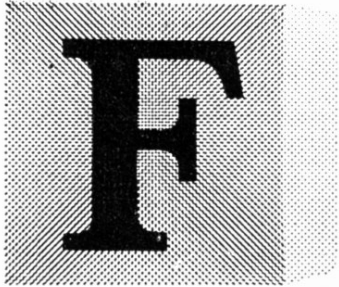


EMIR VAN MARIENDAAL, a typey son of Int. Ch. Assunta von Ras-Daschan and Ch. Tranby Red Sothis, bred by Mrs M. Falkena, of Arnhem, Holland. This cat was adjudged Best Abyssinian at the Vichy Show.

A page for the proletarian puss—No 113



This splendid study of the head of a Shorthair cat by Mr. G. F. Hawkins, of Parkstone, Dorset, was another of the winners amongst over 250 entries for the recent Wessex Cat Club Photographic Competition.

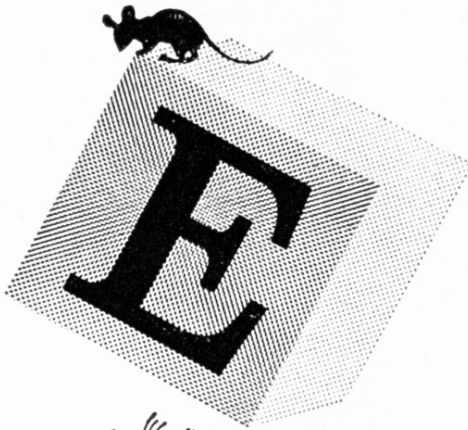


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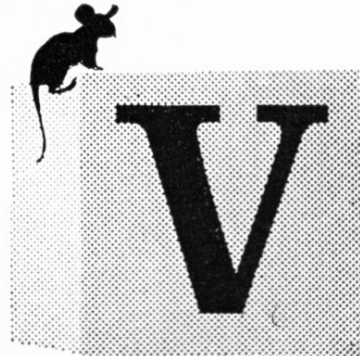
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The origin of the Abyssinian

By DOROTHY WINSOR

IT was with great interest that I read Mr. Damsteeg's article in the August issue of OUR CATS, which showed a photograph of a stuffed cat more than 80 years old, and apparently an Abyssinian.

For many years there has been much controversy over the origin of the Abyssinian. Some cat books will tell you that they originated in this country; in fact that they were "made in England" from ticked cats of British origin. Abyssinian owners of course firmly believe that they came from Abyssinia, and are descended from the first cats imported during or after the Abyssinian war.

Unfortunately, the only cat on record was the famous Zula, the property of Mrs. Barrett-Leonard, said to have been brought from Abyssinia at the conclusion of the war there. Obviously, there must have been others; but only recently have we conclusive proof of this.

Three or four years ago a friend of mine who breeds Abyssinians met an old lady of ninety, who told her that as a child she had owned two Abyssinian kittens. They were bred by a Sir Joshua Dunze, whose son brought a pair back with him from Abyssinia. (One of these kittens, incidentally, was a red, so that the red gene must have cropped up from time to time ever since Abyssinians were known.)

Sir Joshua's cats were never written about as Zula was, probably because he kept them merely for the fun of breeding kittens.

In those days—round about 1880—cats did not attract the same attention as today. There were comparatively few shows; there was no television or wireless. Most probably there were other imports which were kept and bred from privately and not even registered, but which kept the Abyssinian breeding pure.

And now to modern times. In *Journey from the Blue Nile*, a history of the Abyssinian cat published in America, there is a photograph of a cat called Smokey, who was taken from Abyssinia to the States in 1958. This photo shows a cat that is quite obviously an Abyssinian. He has a smooth ticked coat, and is described as being of a ruddy colour. He appears to have a ringed tail—careful breeding over the years has got rid of many faults in present-day specimens—but there is no possible doubt that he is the cat we call an Abyssinian. It is said that his mother was a native domestic cat, and his father a semi-wild cat which looked just like Smokey.

Recognised as their cat

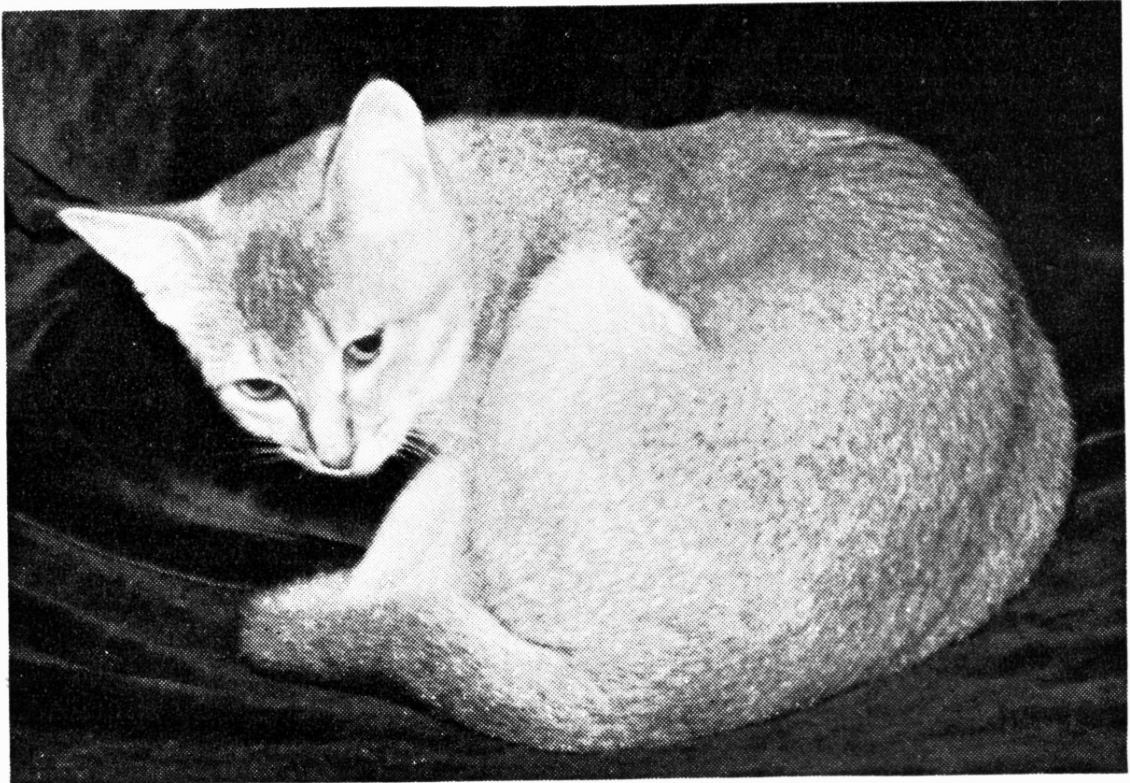
The Canadian *Abyssinian Purr-View* gives further facts (*Vol. 2, No. 3*): "Mr. Kebebew Ashagrie, an Ethiopian visiting Canada, declared that the Abyssinian is the native cat of his country, found, he told us, principally in the outlying and country areas; rarely, if ever, in any centres of trade and travel. Some farmers and country-men have adopted it

as their house cat, or it roams at large. His description was very close indeed to that of our own Abyssinian, and when introduced to it in this country, amongst representatives of other breeds, he recognised it at once as his 'home cat'."

"Later, at our event in Montreal, several of Mr. Ashagrie's friends from Ethiopia and the

registered specimens tracing their origin to there".

It has been said that Abyssinian-type kittens are born from time to time as the result of chance matings between ordinary tabby cats, and that in the Household Section of the National Cat Club Show in 1962 there were three cats of Abyssinian type, each the offspring of a normally marked



The author's TRANBY RED SERQET, a Red Abyssinian who is now a Champion in Denmark.

Sudan, then attending McGill University, visited our cats and evinced considerable interest in them, showing instant recognition and not a little surprise to find them so far away from home and so highly esteemed. There is a mounting volume of evidence that the Abyssinian cat is not (a) an original product of breeders' skill or (b) a mutation, but is a unique and distinctive species of cat which has continued in unbroken descent from its origin in Ethiopia to the present time, our

tabby. How can anyone know that the unknown sire was not an Abyssinian, or of Abyssinian descent? Studs sometimes escape. One of my own studs got out of the wired-in garden and was loose in the woods for eight hours—quite long enough to mate a calling queen if he met one.

When Dr. Wildeboer, of Hull, who bred my first Abyssinian queen, gave up his cats for health reasons, his stud went to the country home of a Hull pet shop owner. He was still used occa-

sionally as a stud, but had complete freedom and populated the district with half-breeds.

Lastly, there is the Abyssinian queen who gets out and has a half-breed litter; the kittens are sold cheaply as pets and often not neutered. I myself sent a kitten from my old tabby and Merkland Negus to a farm a few miles away. She proved a prolific breeder and had litter after litter from the farm toms. Three years later I saw a kitten in a near-by village who I am sure was one of hers. Her fawn coat was almost unmarked and well ticked; she had bars on legs and tail, but her slanting jade-green eyes were unmistakably from Negus. No doubt in other parts of the country there is an occasional trace of Abyssinian blood in the domestic tabby, which crops up from time to time, and accounts for these legends.

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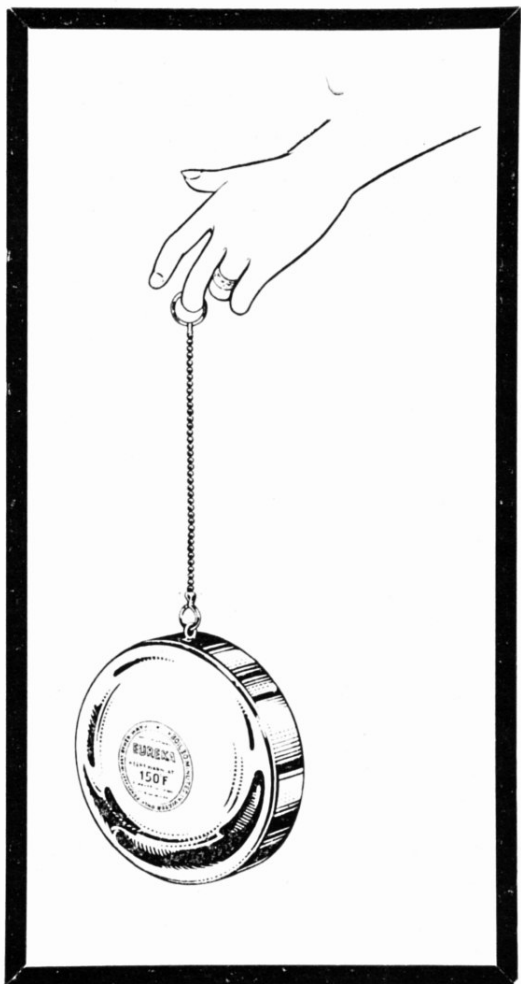


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Internal parasites

M.R.C.V.S. deals with the unpleasant subject of worms

IT is a moot point whether the importance which is attached by the general public, or even by the veterinary profession, to internal parasitism in cats is, in many cases really justified. It is so easy and so common for people to ascribe temporary departures from health as due to worms, often without any justification or definite evidence.

As concerns kittens, such assumptions may, however, be frequently correct, But in older animals the writer believes that little harm arises from the harbouring of intestinal parasites (unless in great numbers) except, possibly, voracious appetite and some loss of condition.

Nevertheless, plenty of occasions arise in which all the indications are that the animal is deriving little value from the food consumed, and in which worms are definitely known to exist.

Ineffective remedies

Not infrequently, too, all efforts to eradicate them are unavailing. This may be due to three main factors, viz: failure to apprehend the type of worm harboured and hence failure to apply the appropriate remedy; failure properly to prepare the alimentary tract for medication; and non-appreciation of the necessity for eliminating further sources of infestation. The haphazard method of just "giving the cat a worm pill" is often of no avail, and this particularly applies to taeniasis (tapeworm infestation).

The expulsion of intestinal worms, in order to be effective, entails the giving of sufficient drug actually to poison them, and we know from long experience that to give many of the recognized agents in

sufficient strength to do that, may be dangerous to the host. That is why some of the advertised proprietary remedies (in order to be on the safe side) are ineffective.

Veterinarians, breeders, and others know only too well how many young animals die yearly as a result of too-heroic, too-ambitious, and unskilled anti-parasitic therapy.

Treatment must be thorough

The first step in eradicating worms is to verify that these do really exist. This is done by macroscopic and microscopic examination of the faeces by an expert. If neither mature worms, their segments nor their eggs are discovered, then there is no justification for proceeding to treat for them.

The next step is to establish the identity of the parasite and to prescribe a remedy likely to be lethal to it, though calculated to be safe for the host. Finally, the latter should be prepared for treatment by emptying the intestines of faecal accumulations, feeding for a day or two on a light dietary (mainly bread and milk) and then administering the drug. With some specific preparations (e.g. Cestarsol) this procedure is unnecessary.

Even though one may appear at first to have been completely successful, all this preparation and endeavour will prove largely futile unless strict attention is paid to the collection and burning of droppings, turning over and liming of exercise runs, scrubbing and disinfecting of catteries and cement runs, eradication of lice, fleas, rats and mice (which are intermediate hosts of tapeworms) and separation of the treated

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Sex kitten

Reprinted with acknowledgement to "Imagery," the magazine of The Film Producers' Guild

ALTHOUGH entertainment films are frequently made nowadays at Merton Park Studios, we are not yet accustomed to the real Bardot stuff. It was a surprise, therefore, a few weeks back, to find there a starlet wearing nothing but a fur coat, rolling on a settee. She was pretty enough to get away with it; pretty enough, in fact, to get away with anything. But it wasn't what we were used to. It had been an awful job to cast the part—agreed; but not surprising in view of what we were going to ask her to do.

In the end, we selected a

youngster who, although she was under contract to an agency well known in the film business, had never, in fact, faced a camera before. It was a severe test; in the length of a short film, she had brazenly to spend a night out, to keep the leading man at bay, to be mysteriously missing for three weeks, to suffer surreptitious motherhood in an airing cupboard and to carry on her own shoulders the not unnaturally pointed moral of the story. Although utterly English in appearance, she was made, in her lines, to claim Egyptian ancestry, which might explain everything.

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LADY is the name of the tortie star in the film, which is in colour. "Plutonic Attachments," made for Shell Mex and B.P. by Verity Films Ltd. in association with The Film Producers' Guild, was produced by E. Marquis. The film is available on loan from Sound-Services Ltd., Wilton Crescent, London, S.W.19.

The young man came, unexpectedly, from the far north and, though devastatingly good looking, he deliberately had to appear a bit slow in the uptake.

The picture is called *Plutonic Attachments* and was made for Shell-Mex & B.P. by Verity Films Ltd. You probably haven't met the leading pair yet, though we hope you soon will. "Can't you get her to walk in and throw herself on the couch?" whispered the Producer. "Might do, if I had a sardine under a cushion", answered the Director.

Internal parasites

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patient from other infected cats. Failure to be thorough will result only in finding some 2 or 3 weeks later that the cat still has worms.

The writer's cat habitually eats the mice he catches, and this is presumed to be the source of this tapeworm infestation. Attention is drawn to his condition by his crying for food 4 or 5 times a day, and by observing one or two worm segments (like dried grains of rice) adhering to the hair surrounding the anus.



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.



Fat in the diet

JOAN THOMPSON (OUR CATS, October issue) writes: "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".

Joan Thompson takes this reference to fat out of context. What was actually said was in reply to the question: "Could an unnatural craving for fat in an otherwise healthy queen indicate a deficiency in Vitamin A?"

Dr. Patricia Scott replied: "I'm not sure what an unnatural craving for fat is because we have fed diets containing two-thirds fat without any abnormality in the cat whatever—this is one third protein and two thirds fat, so I would not regard desire for fat as in any way unnatural and would let your queen have what she wants".

The feeding of two-thirds fat in this particular instance was for test purposes to ascertain at what level healthy cats would be upset, in fact no "upset" ever occurred through feeding high fat diets to healthy test cats. It in no way suggested that this is the advised amount for general feeding because fat is an extremely expensive constituent; whose calorie value can, at least in part, be replaced by feeding a carbohydrate food which is relatively cheaper.

It has now been established both in this country and America, that cats have a high requirement for fat—contrary to popular belief. Their minimal requirement is 25% of the dry weight of the diet, 7% wet diet. The "natural" food of

cats—carcasses of small animals etc., many contain 25-35% fat on a dry weight.

It is interesting to note that when cats are first placed in metabolism cages, they frequently have diarrhoea. Scrupulous cleaning of the cage, and treatment of the cats with antibiotics, have not eliminated the looseness. Da Silva (1955) refers to the use of high fat rations for such animals in metabolism cages in order to avoid diarrhoea (1).

Generally speaking, cat breeders are inclined to give much too little fat and when additional fat is given, condition and breeding performance greatly improve.

Perhaps Joan Thompson would care to carry out some tests? The fat concerned should not be that in milk or butter, because of the lactose these may contain (2), which leads to diarrhoea in many cats (and other animals). Also *rancid* or *oxidised* fats are highly deleterious and this may account for the bad reputation of fats with cat owners.

The kind of fats and oils best suited for cats are beef or mutton suet, pork dripping, cooking oils certified for human consumption, olive oil in *good* condition, arachis oil, sunflower seed oil, maize oil, etc. (3).

Many breeders are now "breeding out" the lactose intolerance in the various strains.

JOAN JUDD

Acting Chairman

The Feline Advisory Bureau

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(3) *Private correspondence. Dr. Patricia P. Scott.*

The Not-so-Novel Exhibition

While I have the highest praise and admiration for Mrs. Buttery, who organized the Novel Exhibition of Pedigree Cats (reported in your October issue), I feel I must point out that the idea of a Cat Exhibition, as distinct from a show, is one of the oldest of all events in which a cat officiates, and is in no way at all *novel*.

Many old cat books describe such events and in an issue of *Kilkenny People, 1904*, the following description could be read: "The League of Pity, under the patronage of the Marquise of Ormond, held a Cat Exhibition in the Library of Ormond Castle on Saturday, 24th July. Many beautiful cats of various breeds, were on show, and all were in decorated cages. Red velvet cushions and curtains helped to emphasize the exquisite colouring of white Persian cats. £18 was collected and handed over to the League".

Cat Exhibitions have taken place ever since cats became interesting to us.

Also, in 1960, the Northern Counties Cat Club, in conjunction with the Sunderland Flower Show, staged an almost similar kind of Exhibition of Pedigree Cats, also preceded by a Household Pet Show, which was judged by an officer of the R.S.P.C.A. Proceeds from this exceeded £100, which went to Club funds, then in dire need. Though I am not now associated with N.C.C.C. and can only speak from hearsay, I believe that exhibitions are a yearly event.

The only thing "novel" about the Hastings Exhibition was a demonstration of the early stages of the production of Red Burmese, and again a similar kind of demonstration of the "Attabiy" cats. All readers of OUR CATS will want more news of these newcomers, and this kind of news certainly whets our appetite. To Mrs. Buttery, who administered the aperitif, many thanks!

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Down in Devon

BY the time these notes appear the results of the October shows will have been published in another journal but readers overseas may still be interested in the cats and kittens awarded Best in Show and some others who achieved outstanding success.

Mrs. Paddon, Show Manager for the South Western Counties Cat Club fixture and its former Hon. Secretary for many years was delighted that October 1st was a lovely sunny day. The show at Exeter, Devon, attracted a very good gate and an entry of over 200 exhibits.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat and Best Exhibit—Miss Woodthorpe's Blue male Don Carlos by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Uplands Anne Marie. This was his third win in succession to make him a Champion; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Durbin's White Ninevah Dream Boy by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and Snowcloud Dream Girl. The latter was awarded a Challenge

Certificate in her Open Class; Best L.H. Neuter and Best Neuter in Show—Mr. Shrimpton's Cream Pr. Bartholomew of Pensford; Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Clarke's Lilac Point Siamese Santilla Apollo by Ch. Bradgate Yippee and Siepoo Lilac Lulu; Best Kitten L.H. or S.H.—Mrs. Denny's S.P. Siamese female Pi-Den Netta by Sabukia Sirocco and Doneraile Rosa; Best S.H. Neuter—Mr. Shrimpton's Pr. Bonaventura Jackson.

The winning S.P. Siamese, both celebrities, were Mrs. Peck's male Ch. Tailong Kuli and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's Ch. Amberley Teresa.

Yorkshire fixture

On 3rd October, Mrs. Beever, Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire County Cat Club, was Show Manager for its Ch. fixture in the Sun Pavilion, Harrogate. Over 230 pedigree exhibits were presented and 18 household pets, one with the topical name of Ringo.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. Richardson's Blue male Ch. Lomond Lucky by Ch. Bluemine Morrison Busty and Blue Haze of Kenton; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Hogan's White female Snowwhite Enchantment by Ch. Deebank Mascot (Black) and Ch. Snowwhite Giselle (White); Best L.N. Neuter—Mrs. Smith's Smoke Allenvale Caesar; Best Shorthair Adult—Mr. Beckitt's Silver Tabby male Ch. Gables Silver Marks by Ch. Gables Silver Merk and Culverden Mavis; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Bone's Abyssinian male Nigella Ariba by Nigella Sita and Ch. Godfreyo

Anonomi; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Peak's British Blue Fendale Monarch by Ch. Jezreel Janty; Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. E. Fisher's L.P. female Praha Fermezza by Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha and Ch. Praha Poco-Allergando; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Bowater's S.P. Wildpear Jemima by Wildpear Hi-Jinks and Wildpear Emblem; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Nix's Dogleys Blue Dandoola. The winner in the S.P. Siamese neuter class was Mrs. Yates' Sun-King Conquistador and in L.H. Self Neuters Mrs. Clarke's Blue Persian Premier Mooncoin Juliet.

Longhair Champions to add another C.C. to their titles were Mrs. Burrows Blue Ch. Borrowdale Susette and Mrs. Plew's Cream male Ch. Leemore Christopher.

Mrs. Wright won first in a class of ten Cream kittens teeming with quality with Wildfell Northern Light by Ch. Widdington Orion and Ch. Shanty's Girl. Mrs. Leving, noted for her Smokes, won 1, 2, 3 in this variety with Beauvale Conchita, Beauvale Shalom and Beauvale Sabra by Ch. Beauvale

Conquest and Suzanne of Pensford. She also won the adult Smoke class with Allenvale Gigolette by the same sire.

Mrs. Peck won again in S.P. Siamese males with Ch. Tailong Kuli. No C.C. was awarded to the winning S.P. female.

Two C.C.'s were awarded to Brown Burmese and these went to Mr. Mounsey's Santhone Brown Puck (by Ch. Darshan Khudiram) and Mr. Fletcher's Kevitor Brown Sugar by Sealcoat Ramashan. Mrs. Harding won in Colourpoint adults with Mingchui Pulo by Briarry Valparago and in kittens with Mingchui Souk by Ch. Briarry Zorab.

The various clubs supported the show well by offering 159 special prizes and members donated another 40.

Midland Counties Show

Opinions of judges and exhibitors seem to be unanimous that the new venue for the Midland Counties Cat Club Ch. Show on 24th October at Smethwick was a great improvement and

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Our next issue (January 1965) will be another International NEW YEAR GREETINGS NUMBER

Packed with messages from every corner of the cat world, special features and pictures and more details about the record-breaking National C.C. Show at Olympia

that it had one of the most important assets; really excellent daylight from a glass roof.

So many shows have taken place this autumn and early winter that there is not sufficient space allocated to these notes to mention all the first prize winners.

Mrs. Lamb organised the M.C.C.C. Show with her usual efficiency and she was pleased to have an entry of over 300 pedigree exhibits to cope with. Mr. Lamb was a tower of strength, as usual.

Top cats

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. R. Stephenson's Cream male Lomond Bonnie Laddie by Ch. Lomond Lucky and Beamsley Moonbeam; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. McVady's Blue female Gaydene Pandora by Ch. Camber Mario and Ch. Gaydene Amanda; Best L.H. Neuter Mrs. Smith's Allenvale Caesar. Best Shorthair Adult (except Siamese)—Mrs. Beaver's British Blue male Fendale Mirage by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella; Best S.H. kitten (except Siamese) Mrs. Colville's Manx male Just Bobby, bred in the Isle of Man by Mr. Cave; Best S.H. Neuter Mrs. Beaver's Ch. Fendale Fedilia. Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. Hogg's Blue Point male Hamani Sapphire Sabre by Ch. Helsby Cheetah and Abyad Blue Loo; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. McBeath's Lila Point Rionnagh Lilac Dionysius by Ch. Annelida Lilac Hiawatha and Ionone.

Mrs. Phipot won in a class of seven S.P. Siamese males with Penenden Romulus by Bradbourne Orion and Mrs. and Miss Lee in females with Brendara Giselle by Ch. Milori Galliard. Mrs. Silkstone was awarded Challenge Certificates in Brown Burmese with her male La-Sun Midas by Ch. Chindwin Chee-Kee and her female La-Sun Mimosa by Ch. Darshan Khudiram, both bred by herself.

Miss Woodthorpe's Blue male Champion Don Carlos won again. After this

show, I understand, Carlos was exported to Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Trevitt won with her Blue female Poppet of Pensford, by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Mrs. Graham, exhibiting for the first time a kitten of her own breeding, won with her Blue, Marmsbury Cressida by Ch. Briaric Beauty.

Quality Persians on show

The 26th Ch. Show of the Blue Persian Cat Society took place on 5th November at Streatham in South West London.

Although there was a decline in numbers, quality was excellent. Forty-nine exhibits were entered and there were some absentees. It was a remarkable fact that twenty-one of these were entered in the adult female class which was teeming with some very good cats which promise to be future winners. The Challenge Certificate was awarded to Miss Wash's Parka Phoebe by Ch. Camber Mario and Anson Exquisite.

The winning Blue male who was also Best Exhibit in Show was Mrs. Aitken's Ch. Nevern David by Ch. Briaric Beauty and Westcroft Fay.

Mrs. Bishop's neuter Amanda's Simeon (by Amanda's Blue Knight and Trenton Amanda) was awarded the Premier Certificate and Miss Wash's seven months' old neutered kitten Parka Jason alone in his class was awarded first. His litter sister Parka Tessa (by Ch. Camber Mario and Anson Equisite) was Best Kitten in Show.

Two rosettes were offered for the Most Beautiful Cat and the Most Beautiful Kitten. Each exhibitor and visitor was given a voting paper and their choice was Mrs. Brine's adult female Avernoll Favorita (by Sheepfold Casanova and Avernoll Beauty), winner of two C.C.'s at previous shows, and her female kitten Avernoll Regina bred the same way as Favorita. Both had the pale blue coats which so appeal to the public and to many breeders.

News of outstanding wins overseas by cats which have been exported is always of general interest. So please send details and they will be included.

Colourpoint judging

On a lovely summer day in September many well known personalities thought it worthwhile to attend the meeting in London for judges of Colourpoints. It was organised by Mrs. Iris Hancox, Hon. Secretary of The Colourpoint and Any Other Variety Club.

The visitors were not disappointed as it proved to be very interesting. The penning of five adult Colourpoints followed by five kittens was well arranged by hardworking Mrs. Harding, who supports this variety so enthusiastically.

The exhibits were anonymous as they are at a show under G.C.C.F. rules. Each judge was asked to give a written description of the exhibits and to place the cats, and later the kittens as they would have done had they been judging at a show.

These placings were then given to Mr. Stirling-Webb for him to evaluate the consensus of opinion. Those exhibits which had the most votes were announced and he then gave his opinion of them.

It was an excellent idea to also put the judges through their paces and acted as a "refresher" course. It could with advantage be followed by some other clubs.

Cheshire Area Show

Although news about the National Show at Olympia is now pressing, we must not omit the less spectacular Ch. shows which do so much to promote interest in pedigree cats and which are attracting such excellent entries, and so many of the lovely cats and kittens we are familiar with at the London fixtures.

Miss Morrison and Mr. King were Show Managers for the second Ch. fixture of the Cheshire Area Cat Club on 21st November at Chester when over 260 exhibits were presented. I hear the

gate was very good and the hall had excellent lighting.

Space in this issue will only permit Best in Show awards, those readers wishing for all Open Class awards have a contemporary publication to consult. Best Longhair Cat and Best Longhair exhibit went to Mrs. E. Burrows' Blue male Orion of Pensford (by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford) awarded firsts in all his eighteen classes. Best L.H. kitten was Mrs. Hogan's White female Snowwhite Enchantment (by Ch. Deebank Mascot and Ch. Snowwhite Giselle) also a big winner in club classes. Best L.H. Neuter was Mrs. Hughes' Blue Guilden Blue Knight (by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin and Abbotsbank Morning Haze).

Best Shorthair Exhibit and Best S.H. Cat went to Mrs. Peck's well known S.P. Siamese Ch. Tailong Kuli (by Ch. Tailong Luki-Looki and Ch. Roseway Cinderalla). He also gave a splendid account of himself in club classes. Best S.H. Kitten was Mrs. Beever's British Blue Fendale Faun (by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella) and Best S.H. Neuter the same breeder's Ch. Fendale Fedelia, bred the same way as Fendale Faun.

Winners at Croydon

After successfully organising the Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club Show in September, Mrs. E. Towe bravely undertook Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show on 13th November.

The Assembly Rooms at Surbiton leave much to be desired as a venue. A drizzling dull day made artificial lighting essential all day and as some of this came from massive rainbow lighting in the ceiling one can imagine the effect on coat and eye colour particularly on the Blue, Cream and Blue-Cream Longhairs, as well as on the delicate colouring of the Chocolate, Blue and Lilac Pointed Siamese.

However, it should be remembered that Croydon Cat Club had to economise after the theft of most of their gate

money in 1963. So let us hope 1965 will see this popular fixture in more suitable surroundings.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Miss Sheppard's Cream male Widdington Serius by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Widdington Stardust; Best L.H. Kitten—Miss Bryce's White male Glenbury Snowflake; Best L.H. Neuter—Miss Bridges' Chinchilla Frin of Thame by Bluecroft Day and Peri of Thame; Best S.H. Cat—Miss Bone's Abyssinian female Nigella Amapola by Blackthorn Dubonnet and Houdini Mizzi; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Sarah by Littlewickers Linsey Woolsey and Pathfinders Suki; Best S.H. Neuter—Miss Hensons' Burmese, Lamont Benni by Lamont Patrick and Hullagundi Cha-Cha—Best Siamese Cat—Mr. Bullock's S.P. Siamese Leyborne Melissa by Ch. Katrine Sunhunter and Leyborne Peta; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Hookins' L.P. Overstrand Lilac Lucinda by Doneraile Blue Pax and Overstrand Blue Belle.

OLYMPIA

Best in Show Awards 68th Championship Show

The 68th Championship Show of the National Cat Club at Olympia, London on 5th December broke all previous attendance records in this country.

In addition to her exceptional ability as a Show Manager, Mrs. Grace Pond excels in obtaining an immense amount of publicity in the national press and I doubt if there was anyone in London or the home counties who could say: "We didn't know there was to be a cat show at Olympia". The greatest praise and appreciation are due to her for the months of hard work before, and all she will have to do now the show is over; the prize money paid and all accounts settled.

The most convincing proof that breeders and exhibitors approve this show is the fact that they supported it by making a magnificent entry.

The vital statistics are: 276 Longhair cats and kittens; 246 British and Foreign Shorthairs excluding Siamese; 250 Siamese cats and kittens; 95 kittens in litters, 98 pet cats and kittens, 35 cats and kittens on exhibition only; 132 owners exhibited pedigree Longhairs; 132 owners exhibited pedigree Shorthairs; 160 owners exhibited Siamese; and 90 owners exhibited pet cats.

It was a galaxy of stars and many cats worthy of Challenge and Premier Certificates were not first on this occasion.

The main awards went as follow: Best Exhibit in Show—Mrs. Hogan's White Longhair female Ch. Snowwhite Giselle by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin (White) and Camber Suzanne (Blue); Best L.H. Kitten—Miss M. Bryce's White male Glenbury Snowflake by Ch. Glenbury Sparkler and Glenbury Mischief (all bred by exhibitor); Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Clark's Blue Premier Mooncoin Juliet by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Mooncoin Anita; Best Shorthair Cat—Mrs. Gentry's Tortoiseshell Cathiss Torti Queen by Ch. Aldras Dark Talisman and Broughton Mrs. Simpkin's; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Winter's British Blue Tralpark Christopher by Tralpark Benedict and Hansin Blue Moon; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Beever's Ch. White Hawthorn by unregistered parents.

The Best Siamese adult was Mr. A. A. Bullock's S.P. female Leyborne Melissa by Ch. Katrine Sunhunter and Leyborne Peta. Melissa, awarded her third Challenge Certificate in a class of 26 females, became a Champion. Our congratulations are therefore due to her owner and breeder Mr. Bullock. Best Kitten in Show and Best Siamese Kitten went to Mrs. Clancy's S.P. male Kintara Dalriada by Craigiehilloch Boyndie and Ch. Sabukia Gaina. Best Siamese Neuter was Mrs. Folkes' S.P. Dunchattan Taye by Ch. Windale Derri and Dunchattan Gigi Shantung.

The winners in the Open Classes will be named in next month's issue.

WHEN YOU BUY A KITTEN

THOSE wishing to sell or give away a kitten should satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the new home and of the particular kitten to that home. We suggest a "probationary period" of, say, two weeks in which both parties can satisfy themselves that the animal is going to "settle down and be happy".

A litter of kittens should be even in size, keen, alert and playful (unless they have just been fed).

Eyes should be clean, bright and with no trace of "weepiness". The haw or third eyelid should *not* show.

Mouths should be evenly pink and the "other end" should be clean. (A dirty rectum indicates the animal has diarrhoea).

The kitten should not be "pot-bellied" as this can indicate worms or other abdominal trouble.

Specks of black in the roots of the coat, particularly around the neck, tail and stomach indicate fleas.

Ears should be clean and pink. There is no such thing as "natural brown wax"; this, if present, indicates ear mange mite.

No kitten should be taken from its mother before the 8th week. The best age is 10 to 12 weeks old, depending on the time of year. The kitten should be *fully* weaned.

All kittens should be inoculated against Feline Infectious Enteritis—whether pedigree or non-pedigree.

(Advice given by the Feline Advisory Bureau)



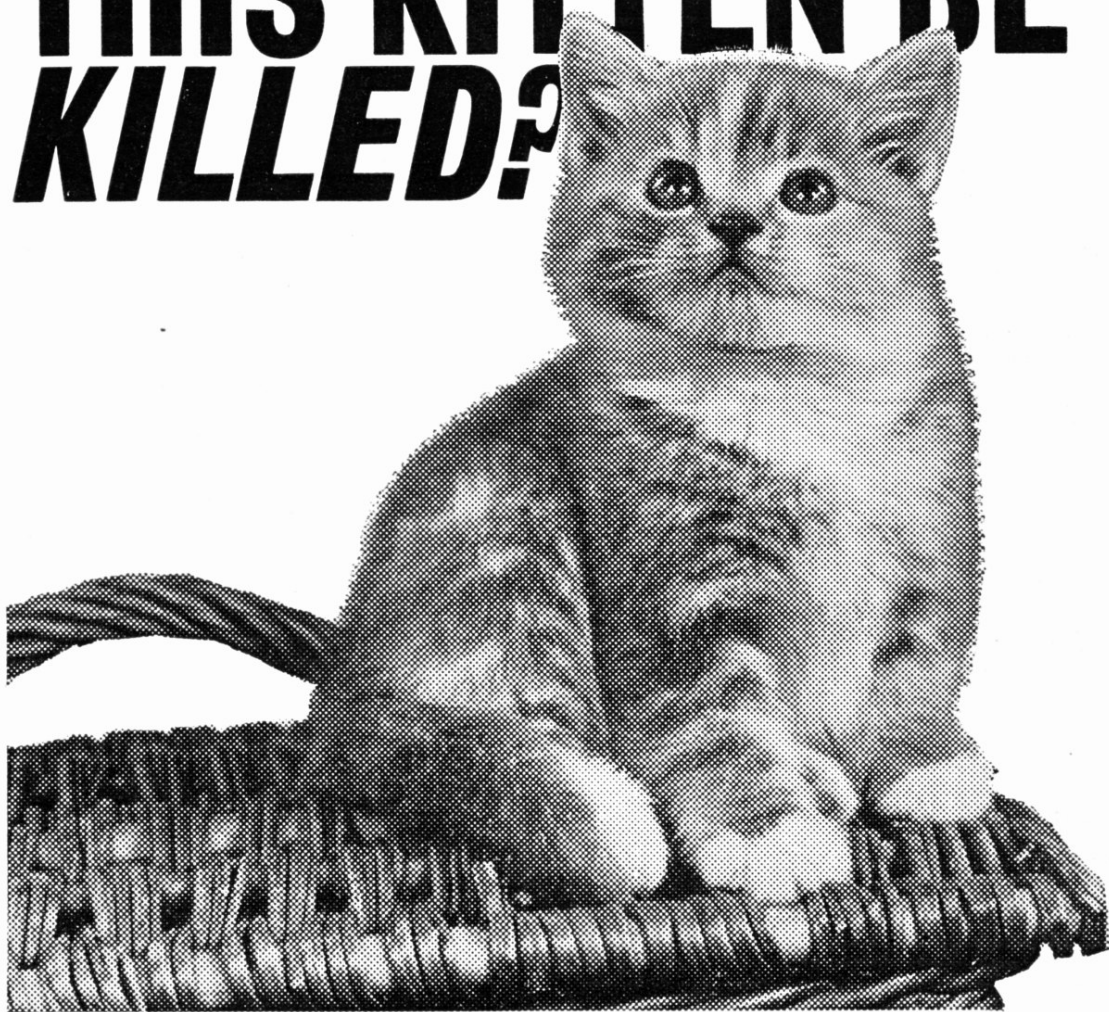
TOXOCARA INFECTION

Writing in *The Veterinary Bulletin* of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux under the title "Toxocara Infections in Man and Animals", Mr. J. H. Taylor, Ph.D., M.R.C.V.S., comments that infection with the common round worm in dogs (*Toxocara canis*) and cats (*Toxocara cati*) is known to be of high incidence and wide geographical distribution. Recent work has shown that man may act as an occasional host for these parasites. In the case of cats, unlike dogs, pre-natal infection does not occur and infection results only from the ingestion of embryonated eggs or of animals containing larvae in their tissues. It appears that the predatory habits of cats are a contributory factor in the acquisition of *Toxocara* infections. The incidence of infection is highest in the young cat or kitten.

Apparently there is no known means of destroying *Toxocara* larvae which have migrated into the tissues of man or other animals and "the control of the condition must be aimed at reducing the accidental ingestion of embryonated eggs". Some investigators have suggested that cats should be wormed every 4 weeks up to six months of age and every 6-8 weeks up to two years.

Mr. Taylor concludes by saying that the magnitude of the public health problem presented by *Toxocara* infections in man is probably not large on a national basis, although further information is needed to define its extent more precisely. It is undoubtedly serious on an individual basis in young children. It is probable, he concludes that the condition could be virtually eliminated in man by medicating manufactured cat food with very low levels of a suitable anthelmintic.

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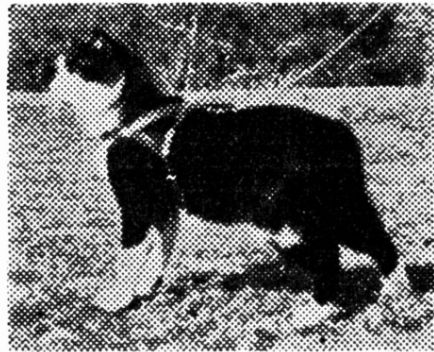
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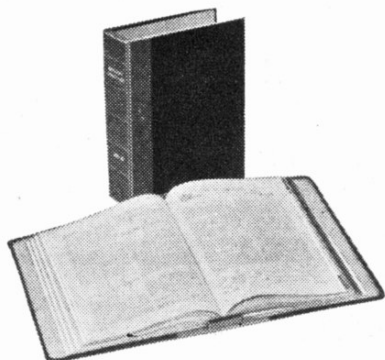
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