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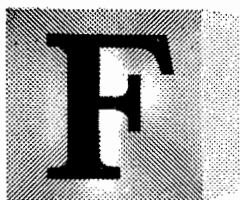


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*From Miss Kathleen Yorke,
Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy:*

IT is my pleasure and privilege once again to be able through the medium of OUR CATS to send a message of goodwill for this New Year of 1965.

The past year, with its golden summer, was another one of progress for our Fancy in every part of the world. In the Continent, the Commonwealth countries and the Americas, my correspondence and contacts all indicate an enthusiasm which augurs well for the future. For some, of course, 1964 was a year of misfortune and to these I send a prayer that the coming months will bring them new hopes and the strength to "carry on."

One of my special pleasures last year was a visit to Paris to judge. Here the quality and number of the exhibits clearly showed the growing strength of the feline world. It was also a joy to me to meet so many of my old friends.

Then of course, the "cherry on the cake" for 1964 was the phenomenal success of the National Cat Club Show at Olympia in December. It was a grand climax to a splendid year eclipsing all previous show records.

The happiest of New Years to you all.

From the Editor

With this - the seventeenth volume - I send Hearty New Year Greetings to cat folk everywhere. May 1965 be the best ever! I would like particularly to thank all those who during 1964 gave me their support and encouragement. Best thanks also are extended to all those who have helped in the production and distribution of the Magazine.

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Hugh Smith

Olympia! What a winner!

A commentary by JOANNA MACKAY on the 68th Championship Show of the National Cat Club.

IT paid to advertise. Somebody put an advertisement in London evening papers and Olympia 1964 was packed out. It poured with rain, the floors were cold and hard as ever, the upper part of the hall bleak and cavernous. It did not matter. There was a queue three-quarters of an hour before opening time at ten-thirty and one at two-thirty good enough for the Old Vic or Covent Garden booking for Callas night. (Come to think of it, a tigris is a kind of cat, but beware of the law of libel!)

Within, there was such a total jam that there was some justification for a system of traffic control, though none was instituted and cheerful bargaining and pushing supervened. Little parties looked under the elbows of the large. The massive peered over other people's shoulders. Now and again, weary faces, atop white overalls, reared up, heaving pencil and notebook above crowds and cats. Once the cat seemed to be reaching up as if to dictate the copy, thus presenting, or is it projecting, the ideal image?

And the cats? Happily, they counted as much as ever. The situation has not developed to that at Crufts, where the people are traditionally funnier than the dogs.

In the huge entry of over one thousand cats, there seemed rather fewer Blue Persians than before and not as many rarities. The "substantial minorities" were, however, well represented, there being a good Tortie turnout, plenty of bright-eyed Manx, some excellent Black ones and a larger number of Smokes than there has been for some time. Cream Shorthairs made a good showing. It seems incredible that not long ago, they were brand new, few and exotic. The same applies to Blue-cream Shorthairs.

Whether or not you like long-haired Colourpoints, they do have impact, so to speak, as do the former Rex kittens, now self-possessed cats. Many people, who like cats, but have not yet entered the inner cat world, like Chinchillas, remarking their eye colour and intelligent faces. These are the people who need to be encouraged, tempted and informed, if gates are to be good and shows well patronised in future.

As might be expected, most visitors clustered round the famous cats, Blue Peter of television fame, the Kosset Carpet cats, the cat who won his weight in gold and--exports being important--dear Champion Foxburrow Frivolous, whose numerous descendants have earned

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currency the world over. He was a little detached in the face of his public, though not as discouraging as the Blue-cream Longhair, whose look said plainly: "You are not the type of person with whom I associate or wish to associate".

Cat comments have to be guessed, of course, though there is a look that says, "Making a scene here would be undignified, but I shall complain when I get home. They can write off the upholsterer and I am going to do my best to try to be sick in the most inconvenient place—noisily and in the middle of the night if possible".

Mum shuddered

Human quotes were splendid. The mother, who said "They don't give them away, dear", was looking at things from a different angle from the small child, who pointed out a "for sale" ticket, this on a lovely Blue Point Siamese, who miaowed "Do buy me?" (What price? Mum shuddered when told it would be all of fifteen guineas, probably.) There was the thorough and determined man, who said firmly. "We must hurry, or we shall never get right round. We have been here an hour already". Finally, came the pathetic murmur of "I do miss Tibby", from someone bereaved and one met the disappointed lady at the tea-table, whose pussy had won nothing that time.

Near the tea canteen were the household pets, magnificent and assured. A

tabby was the best in show winner in this class, one up for the whole tabby tribe, including the magnificent and more numerous silver tabbies. A tortoiseshell was one of the best-in-show short-haired winners, a charming, unaffected pussonality. What a business the judging was, with the stewards requested over and over again. They seemed unable to go through the crowd.

Hair styles!

Less in evidence, the few Russian Blues looked lovely, particularly Harvey's Demi-tod and Blue Willow, both distantly linked to the Dunloes. Miss Rochford was warmly remembered, so much so that one almost expected to see her on a hard chair by the cages in tweed coat and beret.

Side stalls did a roaring trade, though, sad to say, the fudge-boiler to the Cats' Protection League has taken a paid job and no longer has time to supply that wonderful mixture, which made even a certain blimp murmur through two mouthfuls at once, "Thish is lovely, but I never knew cats ate chocolate fudge".

Finally, when one hears a lot about hair styles, the calls for short-haired and long-haired judges amused the uninitiated—until they realized that human coiffure or comfort or anything else does not matter at Olympia. The length, colour and texture of the cat's hair is what matters because it is the cats who count—and they know it!

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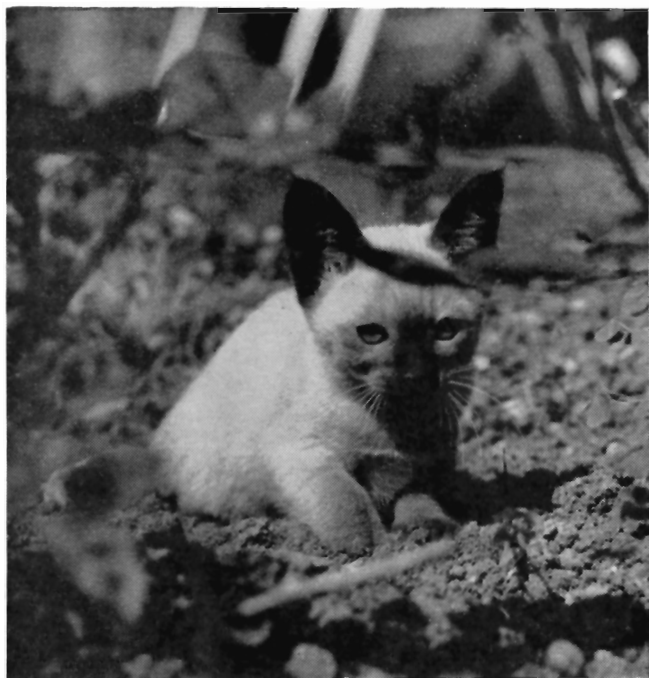
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CAT BOOKS OF 1964

By JEAN L. PRATT

THERE are two books this season that will be of particular interest to Siamese owners or potential owners. *Top Cats and Some Others*, by May Eustace (Max Parrish 15s.) provides reliable guidance for all ambitious novices, with chapters on stud work, parturition, maternity and kittens. Directions are easy to follow and there is a useful list of faults, with diagrams to watch for in Siamese.

Still too few people, I find, realize that a good Siamese does *not* have a squint or a kink in its tail so hard does legend die. Nor should it have a round head, a square or a pinched muzzle, thick paws or a brindled mask.

While the first part of this book is devoted almost entirely to care and management, those who enjoyed Mrs. Eustace's *Cats in Clover* will love the later chapters on "Some Others". The author's own Siamese, Ming, appears again, with her Burmese, Bramble, and her Silver Tabby, Lacey. Besides being herself an experienced breeder and judge, Mrs. Eustace also owns boarding kennels, and many "others" come her way through these. Her son, Dr. Brian Eustace, contributes very fine photographs.

I understand that Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, regards *Top Cats* as a valuable and really worthwhile contribution to the list of books available for owners of Siamese.

Blue Magnolia, by Sir John Smyth (Muller, 15s.) with sketches by Lady Smyth and photographs by Rex Coleman, continues the saga of the Scal Points, Pooni and Tomkins (*Beloved Cats*) with the introduction of two Blue Points Maggie, beautiful to look at but difficult to know, and Leo, a talkative person with a sharp little face and a knot in his tail.

Like Sir John's previous book, *Blue Magnolia* runs smoothly and holds the attention. The arrival of the Blue Points, at two different stages of the story, causes a good deal of anguish one way or another, but eventually, and due largely to the Smyth's immense patience and understanding, the four cats settle down as a united family. It makes fascinating reading.



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At the same time hints of value slip into the text. Sir John finds that raw egg included in the diet produces an excellent gloss to coats. Diet is, in fact, discussed at some length. Not everyone will agree that cats should be kept eight stories up in an over-crowded city, but the Smyth's are fully conscious of these limitations and have worked out a routine to keep their pets healthy and happy in the restricted area of a high flat.

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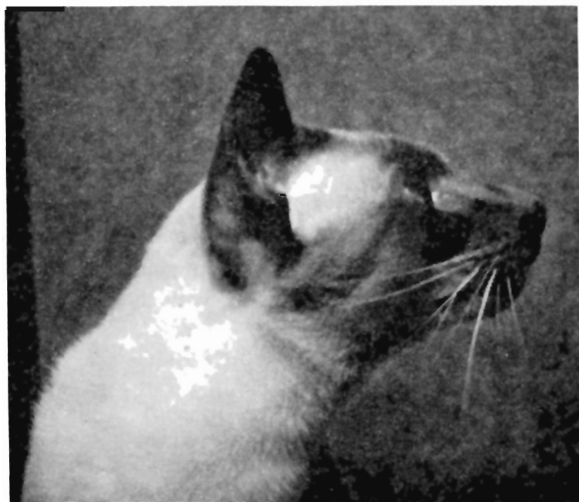
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These two books, principally concerned with Siamese, are entertaining and basically factual. In the same category is *Magnificat*, by Gerald Iles (W. H. Allen 18s.). This is the life story of an unusual ordinary cat called Smokey.

Smokey was born in Manchester, lived for a little while by the sea at Bournemouth, travelled across the Atlantic in the *Queen Elizabeth* and was flown from New York to Montreal, where he still lives. His adventures, well illustrated with photographs, make good reading, too. A timely appendix of do's and don't's ("Do try to understand your cat's personality. . . . Don't take possession of a cat without reading at least one handbook on general care") may well catch the eye of the uninitiated. There is also a selected bibliography, recommended by the Montreal Cat Fanciers' Association.

A wide choice

It is a rather short selection, but a full list of cat books, including those published in America, would be formidable. A wide choice exists of handbooks on general care and management written by experts, and no new cat-owner need be without one. Published very recently, in easy A-Z reference style, is John Montgomery's *Looking After Your Cat* (Allen & Unwin 12s. 6d.). Also worth noting is Grace Pond's *Cats*, now available as a paperback (Arco 5s.).

Yet, in the huge accumulation of cat literature, there is very little information to be found on the specialist breeds, apart from Siamese. This puzzles me. Why (except in so far as they are mentioned under "Pedigree Cats" in a general work) is there virtually nothing on the Blue Persian, the Burmese, the Abyssinian, the Manx? These are popular varieties and separate handbooks on them are badly needed.

From the factual we veer now to fiction, and for sheer delicious nonsense, Paul Gallico's *The Silent Miaow* (Heinemann 25s.) would be hard to rival. Gallico claims that it is the product of the cat, Cica, who had access to an electric typewriter and used it to prepare a manual of advice and instruction to young kittens, strays and homeless cats, on how to take over humans. It is not, however, a book for anyone who knows anything about cats. It is for those—I quote the blurb—"who thought themselves masters in their own homes". "Thought" is the operative word—anyone with percipience living with a cat knows with no doubt who rules.

Women like us

Nonetheless, we are amused to be reminded that the man of the household has to be seduced until he thinks the cat is "some kind of fur-bearing female of his own species who has lost her head over him, and after that you have got him where you want him". And that women "are a great deal like us, a comparison distinctly not in our favour, but one to be considered. . . ."

Cica's chapter on food and how to obtain exactly what a cat fancies contains much that is bitterly familiar. "Possibly", she writes, "you may run up against a couple, the most difficult type, who have invested in some kind of handbook pertaining to 'The Care and Feeding of Cats'. . . ." But she dismisses them as no real problem, so long as the cat has sufficient determination.

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Refuse, says Cica, all offers. ("Surely you don't expect me to eat *this?*") until you have chicken or goose liver rather than calves', and finally "Alaska king crab claws, stewed in Czechoslovakian butter, served on a bed of French anchovy toast". The manual is illustrated throughout with enchanting photographs by Susan Szasz.

Further nice nonsense is supplied by Eric Gurney, creator of *How to Live*

with a Calculating Cat. In his latest masterpiece, *Gilbert* (Muller 12s. 6d.) we have a puppy adopted by a mother cat and brought up with her kittens, who when he grows up doesn't know if he is a cat or a dog. . . .

Lastly, *Tea with Mr. Timothy* by Geoffrey Morgan (Max Parrish 12s. 6d.) is a light morsel, mainly for children, which will interest the adult who likes good juvenile fiction.



Now you know why the Rex are referred to as the "poodle cats" in some quarters. They do of course still await recognition as a breed by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. These two babies are ANNELIDA PIXIE POPPET (purchased by Mrs Hjaltason, of Manitoba, Canada, and ANNELIDA CALIDOR (right). They were bred by Mrs A. E. Ashford from Annelida Curly Coon and Broughm.

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By EILEEN LENTAIGNE

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EVERY member of our Fancy is the holder of a very precious document, a magic passport which ensures friendly hospitality and good comradeship amongst fellow breeders wherever one travels abroad. This passport has been of great value to me in Europe and, equally so, in America during my holiday last October.

I stayed for the first 10 days with Mrs. Pat DiGiralamo, at Ossining, in County Westchester, which was very beautiful in autumn. It is heavily wooded country and the fading leaves on the trees were glorious in all shades of yellow, gold and red.

Pat owns two imports, Ch. Annelida Michele of Knollwood and Ch. Annelida Wendy of Knollwood. Her American born cats are also of English extraction - Bridle Trail Silken Baby, who is the daughter of Silken Pedro and Sukianga Sea Breeze, and Ch. Knollwood Thor, who is Baby's son and a grandson of Holmesdale Chocolate Soldier.

Soon after my arrival I was invited to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Murray of Ardsley. They have a lovely cattery, sparkling "whiter than white" and spotlessly clean with touches of orange here and there and an orange tree growing in a tub decked with artificial oranges. In the midst of this splendour live Ch. Supra Leprechaun and Annelida Lilac Faith with their various American cousins. Gail Murray's daughter, Lynn, owns some very promising kittens out of Faith by Leprechaun.

The next day I visited Mrs. Hoag of the Bridle Trail cattery at Darien, Connecticut. She has Silken Pedro who was looking very fit and, until recently,

Sukianga Sea Breeze. The latter, having retired from active service, now lives with a nearby friend. Mrs. Hoag also owns two very friendly old neuters, aged 15, with very pale coats, descended from "Bonzo" and the very elegant Grand Ch. Bridle Trails' Muguet, whose picture appeared in the October issue of OUR CATS.

While in Connecticut I saw some old friends who owned my very first Siamese boarder 11 years ago. "Pussy" (what a name for a Siamese!) was purchased from a well-known London store at a high price but, alas, her pedigree was very odd and the breeder could not be traced. Pussy was a much travelled cat having flown the Atlantic several times between her American and Paris homes. She preferred Paris and died there two years ago, so I did not have the joy of meeting her again.

A club talk

On the 8th October I had the honour of being invited to speak at a meeting of the Empire Cat Club in New York and gave a short talk on the beginning of the English Cat Fancy and the birth of the Governing Council. Members present were very interested in our showing and judging procedure and many asked for information during question time.

After the meeting I was taken to the LeShin-Wieler cattery at White Plains. Mr. LeShin is a C.F.A. Regional Vice-President and Mr. Weiler is President of the Empire Cat Club. They specialise in Seal Points and have first class accommodation for their cats. I very much admired LeShin-Wieler Saipan, a lovely 15 month male. English breeders will be interested to hear that behind Saipan



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Another interesting visit was to the Kutjing-Hai cattery of Mr and Mrs. Kaufmann at Yorktown Heights, who specialise in Chocolate Points, where I saw masses of kittens and met Annelida Felstar and the little blue-eyed Indonesian cat brought back to America by the Kaufmanns.

On the following Saturday we left early and drove to Wilmington, Delaware, for the Delaware Cat Fanciers show, breakfasting *en route*. It is so easy to get anything you want to eat at any time of the day or night in America! It was very pleasant meeting people at the show whom I already knew and I was delighted when LeShin-Wieler Saipan finished the show as Delaware Cat Fanciers BOX Cat, Champion, Shorthair, Foreign-Shorthair and Siamese. He was also Best Shorthair Champion and Siamese Champion.

Mrs Wm. Klein's lovely Grand Ch. Purr-Du Persis was Best in all classes where Saipan was BOX. She has a beautiful ivory coat and glorious eye colour and is perfect for type, but where are those milk chocolate points? American breeders seem to be having the same difficulty as chocolate breeders in England.

A C.P. kitten of promise

I learned a great deal about Shaded Silvers and Chinchillas from Mr. and Mrs. Bean of the Bean Ridge Cattery and so enjoyed meeting them. Two kittens bred by the Beans, one of which is now owned by Miss Roslyn Lipps, were 1st and 2nd in the Chinchilla Female Kitten class. They have an English grandfather - Fanfare of Allington - and their mother was the All-American Shaded Silver Female of 1963.

Annelida Wendy of Knollwood's kitten by Ch. Knollwood Thor was Best Chocolate Point Female kitten, a very

promising little girl with good points which might well develop to the correct shade when she is an adult.

I regret I have no record of Virginia Cat Fanciers and East Coast Silver Fanciers judges' awards and, for lack of space, must omit mention of so many beautiful cats. I was glad to see that Miss Balsley's Aztec Silver Boy got a winner's ribbon. He is a 13-year-old Silver Tabby neuter in excellent condition and loves travelling to shows.

Disappointing imports

During my stay I heard of many complaints regarding imports which have not come up to purchasers' expectations. Buying a kitten "sight unseen" is a risky business as we all know that the ugly duckling can become a swan and vice versa. As a safeguard, I would strongly recommend intending purchasers of first class show quality kittens not to consider buying under the age of 6 months and to ask the breeder to show the kitten so that they may have the judges' comments.

If the kitten for some reason is required earlier I will arrange for it to be seen by a judge on payment of a small fee to the Siamese Cat Association. This service is free to our overseas members.

I would emphasise to our breeders here that "second best" is not good enough for export if first class show quality is specified. But if these precautions are taken the breeders will feel justified in asking good prices for their stock and there can be no complaints on the part of the purchaser. English breeders have a good reputation in the export field and this must be maintained.

I have been asked to say a few words about Burmese. The American Standard differs from ours in that it requires that the mature specimen should be rich, warm sable brown, shading almost imperceptibly to a slightly lighter hue on the underparts, but otherwise without

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points, are not suitable for export to America.

Since my return, Mr. Richard Gebhardt, the International judge, with whom I stayed in New Jersey, visited England *en route* for Brussels and Munich where he had judging engagements. We managed to do a great deal in the short time available and as Dick Gebhardt might have said: It was some hustle!

My very grateful thanks to all my American friends for their kindness to this Limey. I hear Kay Kohl's young daughter, Linda, gets some fun in "taking-off" my accent when she speaks to Roseway Cinderella who, rumour had it, died soon after her arrival in the States. Thanks, Kay, for the lovely evening spent at your place. I was glad to see Dilly all in one piece and looking so well.

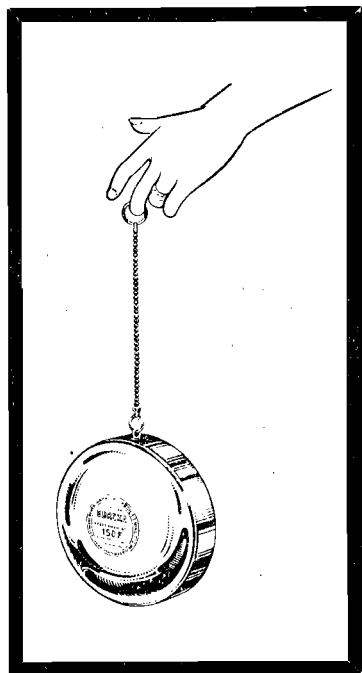
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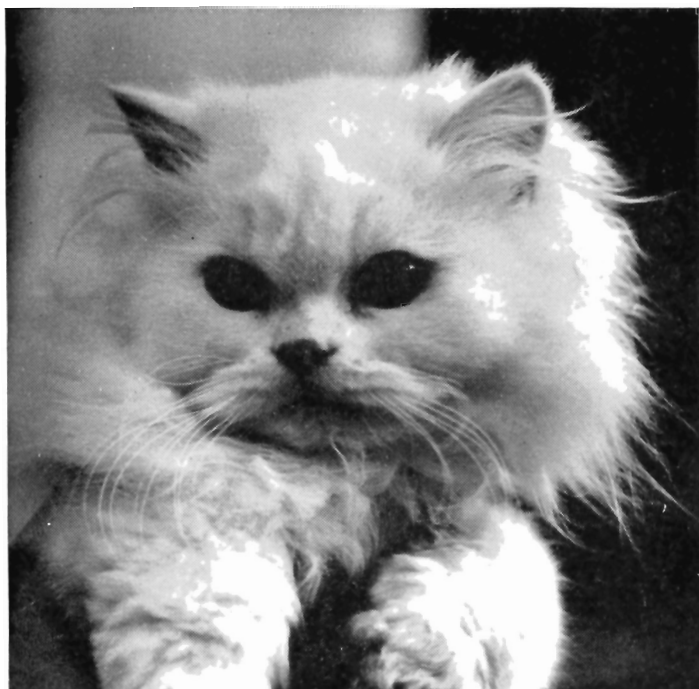
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6 February	*Scottish Cat Club	Glasgow
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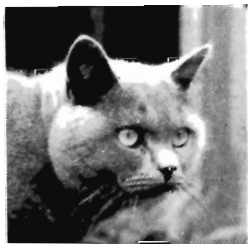
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Longhairs: Black Longhair male—Mrs. Beedell's Magyar Cigany Keto by Magyar Mako; Black female—Mrs. Clegg's Grandee Greta by Vigilant Mark; Blue-eyed White male—Miss Sherlock's Ch. Bircotte Ursa by Dalmond Roamer; Orange-eyed White female—Ch. Snowwhite Giselle by Ch. Snowcloud Crispin; Blue male—Mrs. Aitken's Ch. Nevern David by Ch. Briaric Beauty; Blue female—Miss Wash's Parka Phoebe by Ch. Camber Mario, who became a Champion; Cream male—Mrs. Plew's Ch. Leemor Christopher by Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam; Cream female—Mrs. Todd's Aviary Janet by Aviary Cream Puff, who became a Champion; Blue Cream cat—

Mrs. Fawell's Ch. Barwell Athene by Ch. Brynwood Casanova; Smoke male—Mrs. Beever's Dominic Giovanni by Ch. Beauvale Conquest; Silver Tabby—Mrs. Greenwood's male Ch. Dorstan Darius by Ch. Dorstan Darrall; Brown Tabby—Mrs. Barker's female Trelystan Jacinth by Ch. Arcamor Scamp; Red Self—Mrs. Houlden's female Meranti Turvy by Ch. Sherry of Carne; Red Tabby—Miss Morony's male Ynorom by Ch. Red Gosoon; Chinchilla female—Mrs. Wicks' Caro-Nome Persephone by Ch. Mark of Allington; Tortoiseshell cat—Miss Bell's Asplin Fiona by Coppernob of Carne; Tortie and White cat—Miss Woodfield's Ch. Pathfinders Mayflower by Pyleigh Horatius; Colourpoint male—Mrs. Smith's Flaxon Jupiter by Amaska Orlando; Colourpoint female—Mrs. Nicholas' Ch. Seasprite by Briarry Jasper.

Shorthairs: Black—Miss Corbould's female Avril Kintar by Blue Briony; Blue-eyed White female—Lady Glubb's Heartease Esperance by Watermill Lilywhite Boy; Orange-eyed White—Lady Glubb's female Scarletina Amber by the same sire; Blue-Cream—Mrs. Richards' Ch. Pensylva Pansy by Ch. Jezreel Jake; Cream male—Mrs. Richards' Pensylva Pinkerton by Jezreel Jeremy; British Blue—Mrs. Smith's male—My Wild Masterpiece; Red Tabby male—Miss Hardman's Killinghall Red Mariner by Ch. Killinghall Redcap; Brown Tabby female—Mr. Milburn's Periopal Squeak by Periopal Golden Goblet; Silver Tabby female—Miss Robson's Hillcross



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All the above were awarded Challenge Certificates.

Winning kittens

Space will not permit giving details of the sires of the following Open Class winning kittens but of course details can be obtained from the exhibitors: Black Longhair kitten—Mrs. Lodge's female Fishermore Topsy; Orange-eyed White kitten—Miss Bryce's male Glenbury Snowflake; O.E. White female—Mrs. Colville's Charmina Zumas Zumend; 3-5 months Blue male kitten—Mrs. Joudrey's Marmsbury Macduff; 3-5 months female—his litter sister Mrs. Graham's Marmsbury Cressida; 5-9

months Blue male—Mrs. Brunton's Spring Sunshine of Dunesk; 5-9 female—Miss Wash's Parka Tessa; Cream male 3-5 months—Mrs. Denys Fawells' Barwell Adonis; Cream female 3-5 months—Mrs. Brunton's Coquette of Dunesk; 5-9 months Cream male—Mrs. Wright's Northern Light; Blue-Cream—Mrs. Brunton's Petunia of Dunesk won in the younger class and Mrs. Cox's Foljambe Moonsprite in the 5-9 months class; Smoke kitten—Mrs. Lodge's female Fishermore Trixie; Silver Tabby kitten—Mrs. Light's female Starbourne Vesta; Red Self kitten—Mrs. Houlden's Miranti Peter; Red Tabby kitten—Mrs. Macdonald's King Billy; Chinchilla kittens 3-5 months—Mrs. Roll's male Pasha Sheba Crusader; 3-5 months female—Mrs. Lodge's Fishermore Persephone; 5-9 months male—Mrs. Roden's Sonata Sovrano; 5-9 months female—Mrs. Arnold's Feremina Silver Fairy; Tortoiseshell—Mrs. Houlden's Meranti Mimi; Tortie and White—Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Posy; Colourpoint kitten—Mr. Stirling-Webb's Briarry Madam O'Turk.

The following won their Open Classes in Shorthairs: Miss Membrey's Black Female Peeping Jet; Miss Glubb's White male Heartsease White Velvet; Mrs. Johnson's Cream Jezreel Cassius; Mrs. Winter's Blue Tralpark Christopher; Miss Hardman's Red Tabby Killinghall Red Rogue; Mrs. Huddleston's Silver Tabby Aelric Dorinda; Miss Codrington's Tortoiseshell Bush Bebe; Mrs. Lucas' Tortie and White Polkinghorne Hickaleen; Mr. Wren's Manx Tiger

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B.P. Siamese winning kittens were Miss Yates' Blue Peterkins, Mrs Conley's Bru-Bur Aosta, C.P. Siamese Mrs. Marshall's Kylemore Jason, Mrs Moss's Fantan Belinda, I.P. Siamese Mrs. King's Tisme Gustos Aphrodite, Mrs. Sedgfield's male Edwardian Elder.



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IN a competition run to discover the oldest cat in Great Britain, the winner was a ginger male named Jimmy Hamer belonging to a couple at Penistone, near Sheffield. His age is reported to be 29 years!

Stimulated no doubt by the volume of business done at the National Show at Olympia, retailers of cat accessories are reporting a growing interest in an ever-widening list of products.

Resolved that he and his pet cat Sylvester were not to be left out of the Christmas celebrations, eight-year-old James Mahon crept silently down the stairs when all was quiet at his home in Longtown, Cumberland. He was eventually found by his mother giggling and acting stupidly. The cat was running round in circles and bumping into furniture. Both were drunk. James had shared half a bottle of whisky with Sylvester. He was put to bed after a drink of salt water and finally ended up in hospital where a stomach pump was used. Sylvester "slept it off" and is now back on milk!

News flash from New York: A wealthy English cat lover from S.W. London is rescuing unwanted cats in Los Angeles and paying £30 a time for their transport to England. So far she has bought seventeen cats and will spend over a £100 a month for their upkeep in England until she returns home.

Here's an amusing little sidelight from the National Show at Olympia. Miss Kit

Wilson (so welcome back after a long illness) was judging Russian Blues. She was explaining to some interested followers that the breed fell short of the real thing because they were terribly interbred with Blue Points when a rather fierce-looking listener glared at Miss Kit and her steward and said "It is disgusting". To the answer "I beg your pardon", the woman reiterated in a louder voice: "It is disgusting and so are you" and added it was disgusting that an English

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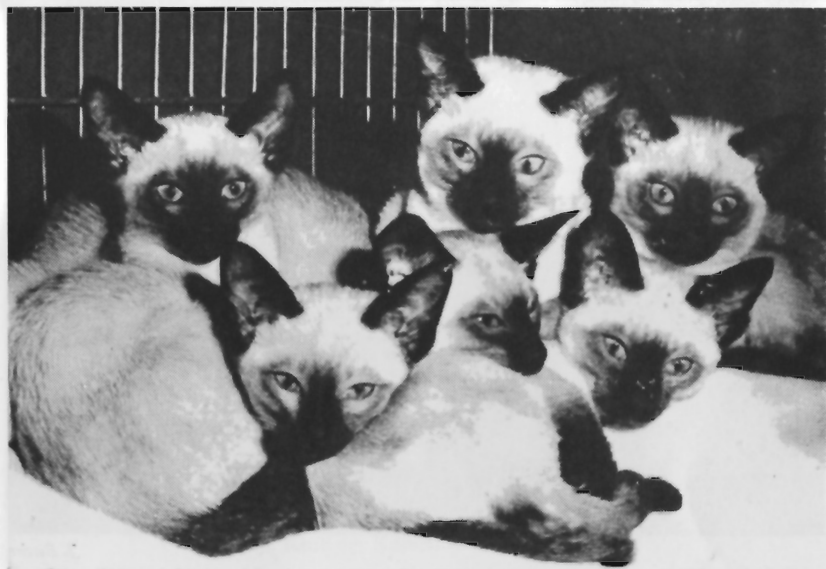
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woman who could not even speak Russian should judge the cats and decry them. Miss Kit explained that none of the cats would understand Russian if they heard it as they had always been spoken to in English. "Rubbish!" came the reply, "They would of instinct understand Russian". Whereupon the woman put her hand into the cage of the exhibit about to be judged and spoke to the cat in a strange language presumed to be Russian. The cat, probably upset by the whole proceedings, backed into a corner of the cage and promptly bit her hand. There was some rude laughter, the lady fled and Miss Kit got on with her judging.

Hats off to three brave men! When a fierce and spectacular fire broke out at an old four-storey mill in use as a plastics factory at Stubbing Holme, Yorkshire, Mr. John Allen, Managing Director, Mr. Alan Ogden and Mr. John Irving, two members of the staff, rushed to the

scene. During the height of the fire someone remembered the factory cats. The men entered the building and emerged with three kittens. They returned to look for the two adult cats. When caught they fought and scratched their rescuers in their frightened condition. So they were placed for safety in a shed but during the confusion while the fire was being fought, they escaped and ran back into the factory. A third time the three men went into the factory, which was now blazing like a torch. Once again they caught the two cats and brought them to safety. The Council of the R.S.P.C.A. has conferred on them their Silver Medal for Bravery.

And a success story which is particularly welcome at the present time when we are getting far too many complaints about the quality of some British exports. Miss Shirley L. Meale, of Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand, imported Bayhorne



Hugh Smith

Miss D. M. Grainger, of Penenden Heath, Maidstone, Kent, won at Olympia, with her litter of Siamese by Bradbourne Orion.

Baronet, Bayhorne Countess and Bayhorne Blossom from Mrs. Dulcie Benbow, of Ludlow, Shropshire. They all achieved Champion status in three show appearances winning in the process a dozen cups and trophies, including two Best in Show trophies.

Animal Health, the journal of the Animal Health Trust, has now reverted completely to the Trust after being in commercial hands for a time. It costs £1 per annum and is obtainable from 14 Ashley Place, London, S.W.1.

A survey of cat scratch disease among veterinarians in America revealed that the incidence of infection was higher among them than in a "normal" population. Of 68 veterinarians who frequently handled cats and other small animals 24 were skin-test positive, with a higher incidence among older men. The reactions of five individuals previously ill with

cat scratch disease did not differ from those of the remaining positive reactors. The data support the role of the cat as a vector in the transmission of the disease but do not rule out the possible association of other small animals.

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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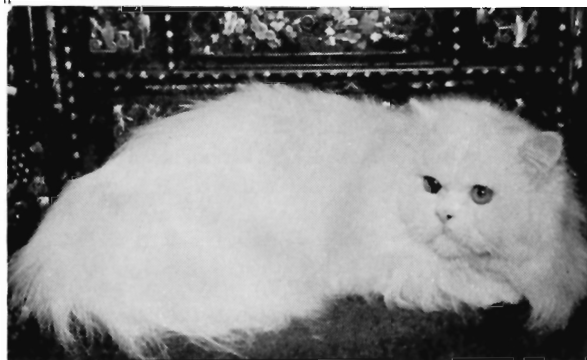
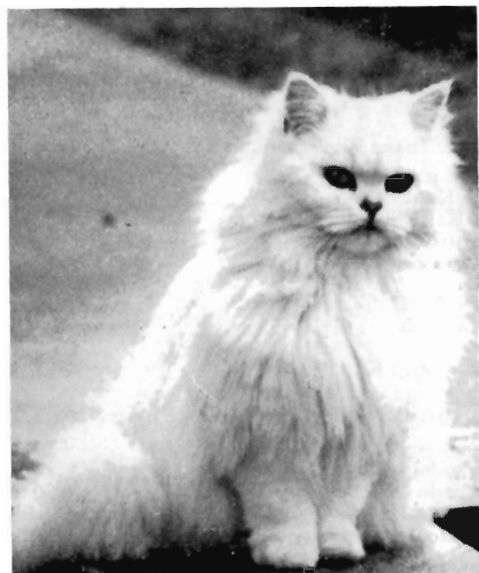


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SHOW IN AMSTERDAM

Report by **KIT WILSON**

THE 24th International Show held by Felikat, the Dutch Cat Club took place in the beautiful Exchange Hall in Amsterdam on Sunday, December 13th. As usual it was a most delightful event. The judges were Mme Ravel and M. J. Marolle (France), M. Braeckman (Belgium), Frau Thea Volkersen (Germany) with Miss Val Prentis—taking the place of Mrs. Brunton (who unavoidably and very reluctantly had to withdraw at the last moment)—and myself representing Great Britain. Dr. Doeksen, Chairman of the Club, and well known as an international judge acted as referee.

Cats too came from France, Belgium, Germany, and of course from the length and breadth of Holland. In spite of torrential rain and gale force wind crowds packed the hall all day. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Brunton, Miss Prentis and I had to swop classes, she taking Shorthairs and I the Longhairs. I was enormously impressed by the placidity, and sweet temperament of the exhibits I handled.

All the exhibits were beautifully presented, and I did not handle one who was out of condition. It is some four years since I judged abroad, and I was struck by the beauty of many of the exhibits, especially those bred on the Continent. Of those I handled, the Brown Tabbies were magnificent, as also were the Smokes. Chinchillas show room in some cases for improvement, but the great disappointment was in the Reds. Type they certainly had, but light tips to tails and solid backs were everywhere present. In conversation with Madame Ravel, who countersigned my slips withholding the Challenge Certificates, she deplored the lack of good Reds on the Continent, and agreed with me that the use of

inferior males did not give the breed a chance. Unfortunately, many of these cats had already won C.C.'s and it was somewhat difficult to explain to their owners the perfection we demand in Britain. The Blues judged by Mr. Braeckman were as usual a beautiful sight. As was to be expected the Whites also were magnificent.

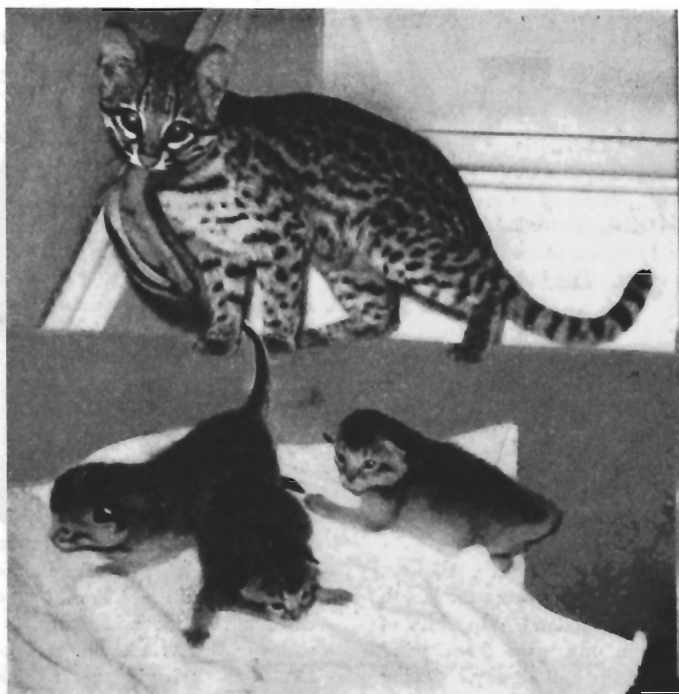
Wild cats

A most interesting exhibition was given by Dr. Blonk, who has many wild cats now almost in a state of domesticity. A spotted cat from Israel, another from Turkistan, and a huge Sudanese cat, who, Dr. Block said sadly, is now a widower, his mate having died last year. Dr. Blonk is having great difficulty in replacing her. His latest pet is a beautifully spotted cat from Pakistan. Although he has only had her for a matter of weeks and when she arrived she was as fierce as a tiger, Dr. Blonk can now handle her with care.

Dr. Blonk is the author of what appears to be a most interesting book on wild cats. The present edition is of course written in Dutch, but we are lucky enough to have keen translators in Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, and I understand that it may be published later in England. The pictures are quite wonderful.

The Christmas decorations throughout Amsterdam gave the whole city a fairy-like appearance, and the hospitality we received was something to be remembered. The South African Ambassador and his wife were present during the afternoon, together with many Dutch civic VIP's. The show was wonderfully

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organized by Mr. Kik van Eijsden and even the prize giving went to time Triumph indeed!

My class winners were: International Class Int. Ch. Beaugard Kyra, a beautiful Orange-eyed White owned by Mme Montagne, of Paris, and bred on the Continent, won the CACIB. Next came a magnificent Brown Tabby Int. Ch. Victorine Juliette v. Assisi, bred and owned by Mrs. Rijkeboer-Bais, of Holland. Third was Int. Ch. Beata van den Rijnvest, a good Tortie owned by Mrs. Smits. Ch. Asha van Poespas and a female Astra were excellent home-bred Smokes. Mrs. Slinger-Johnson won well

with her Brown Tabby entry Monique and in Silver Tabbies Mrs. Callewart gained a CACIB with her Ch. Lilane.

In Chinchillas the male CC went to Teddy v.d. Ko owned by Frau Lenders, of Dusseldorf, and the same exhibitor won the female CC with Tessi v.d. Ko—brother and sister made a lovely pair. In Torties, Miss Posthuma won with a beautiful exhibit Bentveld Mopse, whose daughter Bentveld Monkeyface won in the kitten class.

All classes were well filled and many pens were beautifully decorated, which I always think adds so much to the attraction of a show.



Since little Annette Linderholm, of Linköping, Sweden, went to the Stockholm Show in November she has not been well. We hope this picture will help make her well and happy again. The cat is a blue Colourpoint CH. KATHY DES GRANDES CHAPELLES bred in France by Mme Gamichon and owned by Mme Brita Remborg, Secretary General of the Federation Internationale Feline d'Europe. It is interesting to add that Kathy has been mated in Finland to an English Colourpoint Langland Tiger.

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SHOW IN ANTWERP

Report by GRACE POND

THE show organized by the Belgium Les Amis du Chat in collaboration with the Cercle Felin de Paris and the Dutch Society of Cat Friends at the charmingly named Harmonie Hall in Antwerp attracted a record entry of over 230 cats and kittens (about 150 Longhairs) from Belgium, France and Holland.

Madame Dekesel and her able committee deserve hearty congratulations for putting on such a delightful and well-run show. The hall was beautifully draped, and, of course, in Continental fashion, as the judges do not go to the pens until the judging is over, each exhibitor had decorated the pen with curtains and cushions, and although the weather outside was wet and cold, the hall was warm, and all the cats seemed happy and comfortable. The pens were made of good strong square wire, with the whole front opening. They would be an asset over here.

It was a two-day show and although the weather deterred some of the public on the first day, they more than made up for it on the second day (Sunday).

The judges were Mme. d'Haeselaer from Brussels, Mrs. Svenningsen from Norway (I was sorry to hear of the tragic death of her husband), while Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Denham and myself made up an English contingent. We thoroughly appreciated the wonderful hospitality shown us, and welcomed the opportunity to meet and talk with so many Continental fanciers and cat lovers.

After the judging I was able to go round and see the other exhibits.

While the Blues, Blacks, Creams and other colour Longhairs were good, the Whites were really outstanding. Siamese generally (except the one or two English imports) were a little too round-headed and failing in eye colour. The majority of the cats were beautifully groomed.

I thought readers may be interested in the prize-winners which came from England. Of course, there were prize-winners from home-bred cats, but their names may not mean anything to the majority of English breeders, so I trust Madame Dekesel will forgive if I concentrate on the English-bred exhibits.

Imports win

Among my prize-winners were Camber Laurie (3rd in Open Male), Charmeuse of Dunesk (2nd in Open Females), Ch. Harpur Valentino (1st and C.A.C.I.B.), Ch. Widdington Sabina (1st and C.A.C.I.B.), Dodo of Dunesk (2nd) and Aviary Mimosa (2nd in young females.) Unfortunately I haven't the full list of prize winners of the other judges, but Mr. Damsteeg from Holland did very well with his Lilac Point Siamese kitten, Edwardian Aspen, his Abyssinian Nigella Annita, his Chestnut Brown Senlac Hybeana and Rosental Twinkle Star (Manx). Abyssinians Taishun Tula and Taishun Amhara were both prize winners.

My best Blue and C.A.C. Male was Kulup de la Fortelle by the Int. Ch. Ice Cream Puff owned by Mme Hayer (France). My best Blue female and

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C.A.C. winner was Dorothea de Braschaat, sired by Georgian Pedro. Charmeuse of Dunesk ran her very close.

To mention a few more cats: First-prize winner, Dulcia de Braschaat belonging to Mme Dekesel was beautifully shown and is a wonderful Cream. She is a daughter of the Int. Ch. Sunnyvale Cherub, and is quite a character. A lovely White female was Ch. Leda de Gwen Ran, sired by Int. Ch. Camber Dino and I was glad to give her a first and C.A.C.I.B. A sweet White kitten, Nadia du Grand Monarque, a daughter of Gaylands Thistle did very well. Also among the Whites, Ch. Lohengrin due Grand Monarque by Georgian Pedro,

belonging to Mme Hayer of France, was a really outstanding male. It is impossible to give all the winners here but two White kittens, Negus and Natalie de la Nouree by Int. Ch. Melisande of Dunesk won well-deserved firsts in their respective open classes.

The show closed with the presentation of the prizes. The clubs give porcelain cups, saucers, plates, coffee pots, and so on as prizes instead of money. These are adorned with the Amis du Chat emblem, which I think is a wonderful idea, as it enables exhibitors to build up a collection and have something to treasure for all time.

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Australia's growing Fancy

By MARGARET DAVIES, who has been prominent in New Zealand for many years as club official, breeder and judge.

THE eventful year of 1964 included for me a most enjoyable visit to Australia during the months of April, May and June. I was able to make friends in all the states with the exception of the North West Territory and Tasmania, contacting cat clubs, judging at shows, giving talks on cat breeding and management and on occasion examining some of those good people with judging aspirations.

I found the Australian Fancy much stronger than it was in 1961. There are many more breeders and of course quite a number of experimentalists trying to breed something new—Lynx points in Queensland, Tabby points in Victoria. Also in Victoria there is a completely new type of black shorthair cat with hazel eyes called Susukis. These I found to be a mixture of Siamese and black domestic.

We in New Zealand have seen the progeny of mismatings between Siamese and the ordinary British Shorthair cat. Some beautiful half-breeds have resulted, with the Siamese type body, oriental blue eyes and a black shiny shorthaired coat. But we had not thought of them as a new breed. In Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Moloney, Mrs. Matheson and Mr. Scott were all keen on producing Susukis, but with hazel eyes instead of blue. I am not sure how many generations they have produced—they are certainly not unattractive cats.

There are some very nice Red Pointed Siamese in three states; they had mostly come from Mrs. Kerr's cattery in Dunedin, New Zealand, and were

very beautiful. Mrs. Nottingham, Kilsyth, Victoria, had a lovely second generation pair, perfect Siamese in type, the bluest eyes which seemed to show up better than in any other colour Siamese, and with red covering the whole ringless tail. Legs and masks were also coloured evenly.

Other "experimental" breeds were Russian Blue, Rex and Havanas. I am afraid these have not reached perfection yet, if one excepts the original stock sent out from England. A feature I do not like very much was to find these experimental cats being exhibited and judged in their early forms. Their inclusion in show classes made some extremely hard work for the judge, although it was interesting!

Lovely show setting

In Queensland, the Brookfield Agricultural Show staged a cat section for the first time in a small marquee. It had the prettiest setting I have seen for a long time—in hilly country, with tree-lined paddocks, everything in the way of livestock and lots of jolly country folk everywhere.

In New South Wales, I attended one of the Royal Agricultural Shows for which Sydney is famous. Everything here was on a different scale—with large buildings around a big enclosure like a football ground. The cat show had a very large hall which the 300 cats did not fill to capacity. It was here that I met Mrs. Ann Vize, now resident in Sydney but formerly of England, and her Russian Blues. The Longhair entries were very good, especially the Chinchillas. It was good to see a large number of Shorthair breeds—Abys-

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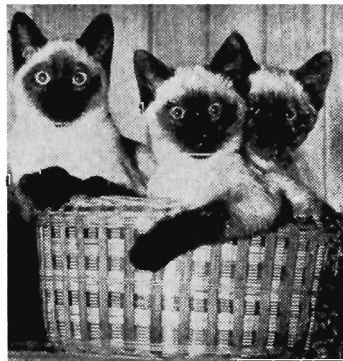
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A long string of wins were notched by this talkative Chinchilla youngster during 1963 4 for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cherrie, of Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia. At June last year she was undefeated after appearances at Adelaide, Ballarat and Croydon shows.

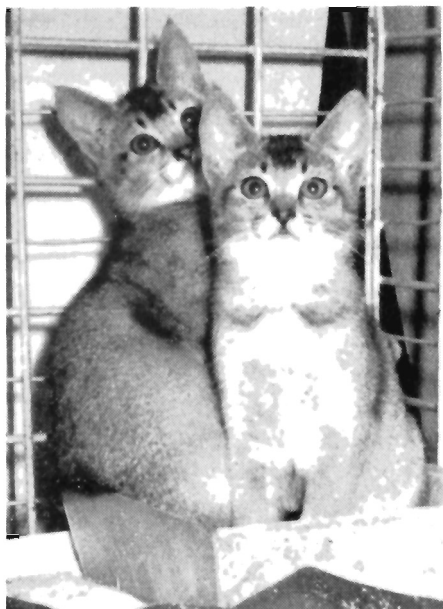
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sinians (some Red), Blue and Brown Burmese, Russian Blues, Havanas and of course Siamese in all colours.

On my way to Sydney, I stopped for a while at Narara and met Mrs. Tchan and her family of Siamese. Especially noteworthy were her Blue Points and her stud Coochie Blue Lotus was a very fine cat. The Coochie cats are bred by Mrs. E. Henry, of Cleveland, Queensland, and are famous throughout Australia and New Zealand. She breeds Siamese, Burmese and Abyssinians. Mrs. Tchan was also looking after Mrs. E. Outram's cats while she is away in New Guinea. I admired Tranby Red Khaba, exported from Yorkshire by Mrs. Dorothy Winsor. This cat, together with a fine little Red Abyssinian female Finisterre Cleola bred in New Zealand by Mrs. Z. Curran, has settled very well in Australia.

After judging the S.P. Siamese at the show held in the Brighton Town Hall, I met and talked with several old friends. The Siamese were a large class and I handled some excellent typey cats, still dark coated but eye colour, heads, etc., much improved. Mrs. Chamber's lovely Hillcrest Bronze Orchid was a real beauty and impressed me so much that I decided to import a queen from Mrs. Henry's Coochie family and a male kitten from Mrs. Chambers next year.

Activity in Victoria

I had sent Ch. Skyways Abdel to Mrs. Henry and was amused to find I could identify kittens sired by him in Victoria. These were owned by Sister Goulden, who breeds Siamese and Abyssinians. Misses J. M. Smith and M. Wreford have a lovely cattery out at Eltham. They have both Longhairs and Shorthairs. Ch. Praha Sempre Dimuendo is a fine Blue Point Siamese out from England carrying the lilac factor. In a paddock adjoining were some goats whose milk is used for the kittens and cats as well as for children who need milk in this form. Gr. Ch. Taishun

Sabre has sired some lovely Aby. kittens.

Other S.H. breeders were Mr. and Mrs. Bumak, Mrs. Monk and Mrs. Bicknell; Miss Pritchard and Mr. Cherrie were successful L.H. breeders.

The show in Adelaide was also a good one. Here again the majority of exhibits were Siamese with light coats. Never before had I faced such a big class of studs to judge and it was unfortunate they had been penned next to each other. But in spite of the upsetting influence they were all "extracted" for judging without damage! Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Russack exhibited here and the first two ladies, together with Mrs. McAdie, afforded me wonderful hospitality.

Progress in Perth

The show in Perth, Western Australia, was a new venture as the local club had only been going for eighteen months. Nevertheless, they stayed a very good show which drew a large crowd. As they had never seen Abyssinians, they asked me to bring some over with me. So, in the Golden Rocket, a jet plane, I flew in company with two males (one Red) from Mrs. Henry's cattery, a little girl of Misses Wreford and Smith's and a S.P. Siamese bred by Mrs. Nottingham. Although it was late at night when we touched down safely, a big reception party awaited us and I was amazed to find that my family could stay at the hotel with me. The maid informed me next morning that the

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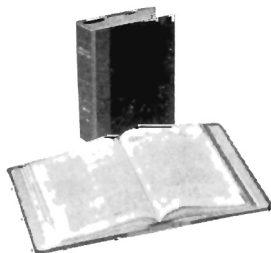
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last occupant of the room was Miss Google Withers, who never travels without her Persian cat. The two Aby. boys and myself subsequently went on television and they behaved like seasoned troupers.

Professor Bailey, Dr. Chittleborough, Mr. Archie Campbell and Mr. Allen all connected with Perth University are breeding Siamese and Burmese. Prominent among the ladies breeding Siamese are Mrs. Giroud, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Lane.

New Zealand news

For several years now Mrs. Carolin Kerr and Mr. Aberdeen of Dunedin, New Zealand have been interested in Red Point Siamese. I must congratulate them both, but especially Mrs. Kerr on the enormous amount of time, energy and money she has put into the venture. She did the correct thing in starting with several cats and keeping all the kittens. In this way she was able to pick out the most promising and did not have to pair off immediate relatives. She has now got four generations of pure R.P. Siamese. They are truly beautiful specimens.

With Mr. Aberdeen and Mrs. Low, of Invercargill, I spent a whole day at the Clungford Cattery examining cats, kittens, pedigrees, etc., and could find nothing wrong. The cats are very

typy. Heads, eyes, tails, all perfect. The deep sapphire eye colour is so beautifully transparent that it must be seen to be realised. Their coats are more approximating in texture to Chocolate Point.

We are hoping that they will be given a separate class by the Governing Council.

We in New Zealand have been most unfortunate in experiencing something new (at least to us out here) amongst Siamese cats. It only concerns the breeding queen and her litters. They appear at birth to be normal kittens. Then, after four or five days, milk dries up with the mother and in spite of forced feedings the kittens develop bluish tummies, open mouths and heartrending little screams. My last litter took about ten days to fade away. Up north they have suffered longer.

Dogs too seem to have suffered this way over the last year or two. They finally end up after having litters reduced in number until they become sterile. I believe some farm animals are now like this.

Anyone elsewhere in the cat world who has experienced this kind of sickness may have veterinarians who have found out the cause and a cure. Our own vets. are puzzled. They are unable to identify any positive germ or virus. We would be grateful if anyone could give us help in this matter.



These are some of the kittens at the cattery of Mrs. Carolin Kerr in Dunedin, New Zealand, which were bred during the process of establishing four generations of pure Red Point Siamese. See account on this page.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

WRITING from Transvaal, South Africa, Mrs. Linda Emery, prominent breeder and Hon. Secretary of the Rand Cat Club, reports:—

The last two shows of the year were held in October; the first being that of the Siamese Cat Society in Johannesburg and the next that of the Western Province Cat Club in Cape Town on October 24th. Both shows were well supported by most of the regular exhibitors and with so little time between them it was interesting to compare the placings of cats who were at both fixtures.

The Cape Town Seal Point Siamese male Sengara Kasha just qualified as an adult and got his C.C. in Johannesburg. In Cape Town he was 1st in his class but the CC was withheld. His mother Ch Caprice of Copelands (owners Mr. and Mrs. K. Knop) was awarded a GCC in Johannesburg and repeated her triumph in Cape Town, against almost the same class. A very beautiful Blue Point, well deserving her rapid climb to stardom. Mrs. Simpson's Seal Point queen Simani Tishan also swept to victory at both shows and is now a Champion. The Lilac Points just do not seem able to make their CC. Two were on view, both imported. The same may be said of the Chocolate Points. An imported Seal Point male was placed second at Johannesburg and another import, a Blue Point male, was second at Johannesburg to a recent arrival from

Rhodesia. An imported Brown Burmese male was awarded a CC.

Very few CC's were given to the Longhair breeds. All were locally bred, so there can be no comment or comparison as between entries at the two shows.

Exports not winning

Despite many importations during 1964, it would still appear that the consistent winners are those bred in South Africa and it can only be hoped that the benefit from these will be felt by the owners when the offspring start appearing on the show bench. If the cats themselves cannot make the grade, perhaps their progeny from mating with the better stock here will produce kittens of good and winning type.

Membership of the Rand Cat Club now exceeds 260 and is growing steadily. It is proposed to publish a Stud Book early in 1965. The following cats belonging to members achieved Champion status last year: Kusima of Bon Accord—Mrs. M. A. Simpson's Brown Burmese female; Constantia's Grand Vizier—Mrs. L. B. Emery's L.H. Blue male, Caprice of Copelands (mentioned above); Simani Tishan (also mentioned above) and Huscarl of Selworthy—Mrs. Rockford du Preez's Brown Burmese (Premier).

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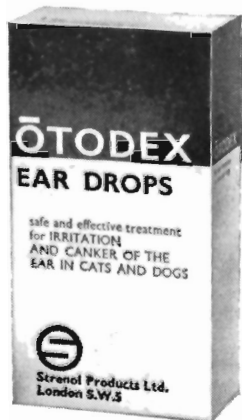
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A second trip to Europe

New York—London—Brussels—Paris—Munich and back home to New Jersey. That was the interesting itinerary of RICHARD GEBHARDT, prominent breeder, judge and C.F.A. officer, who has kindly recorded his experiences below.

ON 2nd November, 1964, I began my second journey to Europe. Having made the trip once before, I was not so nervous this time!

The first stop was London, where my arrival was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Lentaigne, of Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. I shall always be grateful to Mrs. Lentaigne for making our stay in London a memorable one. I have found Mrs. Lentaigne a progressive fancier and a conscientious worker for the Fancy and cats generally.

I enjoyed a wonderful dinner party at the "Jolly Farmer", where I met Mr. and Mrs. Davies of the Priory cats. I relished seeing the wonderful Champion Oscar of Pensford and the two

outstanding Blue-Cream Champions, all living in a most regal atmosphere.

My business associate, Mr. John Bannon, who makes it possible for me to get away on my many judging assignments, took a holiday and accompanied me on this trip. Mr. Bannon is President of Sand and Surf Cat Club and owner of the "J. B." prefix in the United States.

After many years of correspondence, our trip to Bristol fulfilled a long awaited meeting with Miss Blanche Bracy. Another busy day took us to the Regent Palace to luncheon with Mrs. Lentaigne and Mrs. Phyllis Holdroy.

Following our luncheon, we visited Mrs. Helen Martin and Grace Ely at East Grinstead. It was a pleasure to see the handsome Seal Point Siamese Champion Whiteacres Mooey. After



A summer day at "The Jolly Farmer", Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks preceding Dick Gebhardt's arrival! One of the 9-year-old-Blue-Creams attends for a roof garden appraisal by (right to left) your Editor, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Maria and hostess Mrs. Lucille Davies.

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much discussion on Siamese types and standards, we then went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carter and family, where we spent a delightful evening, also among Siamese breeders.

On Thursday, we attended the Blue Persian Show, where I was happy to be able to make new friends and greet old ones once again. It was extraordinary to be able to see a show held only for Blue Persians, as this is not done in the United States.

I found the exhibits in general of good quality, and several I would be proud to own. One of the many judges was Mrs. Brunton of the famous Dunesk cats. We discussed at great length the various differences of types in Persians bred in England and the United States. At the end of the show, we were very honoured to join Mrs. Joan Thompson, Mr. Arthur Cowlishaw and Maria for dinner in the West End. We compared and endeavoured to find points of interest that would bring our fancies closer together. Mrs. Thompson is, in my opinion, one of the most industrious people in the English Fancy. She is always looking out for youth and new talent with whom to share her great store of knowledge. She does this freely with everyone.

Cat publications of various types were, of course, discussed. OUR CATS is the most informative feline publication I know. I do not think the Fancy stops to realize how fortunate it is to have this publication and how uninformed we should all be without it.

Just before I left for Brussels, I managed to pay a quick visit to Mr. and Mrs. Biggie, and to see Champion Linton Ajax, a stunning Blue Point of excellent form and superb color. I particularly liked his long head and perfect eye slant.

Judging in Belgium

Brussels lived up to my expectations. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Rossi did a fine job in managing the show where I was to

judge. It was a good size show (about 200 entries) and I found the Longhairs to be most particularly outstanding. Unlike the United States, a judge on the Continent does not handle all of the cats, only those in a few classes. It is difficult therefore to comment on the quality of all the breeds.

I was assigned to judge Black and Chinchilla Longhairs, Seal Point Siamese and the International Champion Class. We judged in a small room off the main exhibition hall. My three stewards, Mme. Druyven of Holland, M. Delcourt of Belgium and Mr. Bannon have my sincere appreciation for their very fine handling.

It was here that I "crossed paths" with my fellow judge from San Diego, California, Mrs. W. K. Johnston, who judged Blue Longhairs and Abyssinians. Also in attendance was Mrs. Gwen Webb, of Sun Valley, California. It was heartwarming to see Mr. Schonau able to attend his Club's show, after his serious and painful accident two years ago.

Exhibitors barred

The manner of judging varies somewhat in the different countries. In Belgium, for example, the public are not allowed to see the actual judging. The stewards carry the cats to the judge one at a time, a procedure which makes it impossible to compare classes of cats. I think it is too bad when exhibitors are not able to see the actual judging. It would be helpful for them to understand the many decisions made by the judge. It would also give them an opportunity to see the cats together to actually compare for themselves, and might very well tend to reduce the number of disputes. After judging every method practiced, I have found there is as much potential criticism whether judging is enacted in the open or behind closed doors. So why deprive the exhibitors of the excitement and anxiety which adds so much to their participation at a show?

I maintain also that it is very important that proper disinfectant is supplied and that stewards and judges alike wash their hands before handling each cat. It is natural for stud cats to fight and the scent of one male infuriates another. One cannot handle one male after another without risk, unless disinfecting is done. The victim would probably be the handler. In addition, cats cannot be judged accurately when their fur is ruffled and they are un-

manageable. This is one of the reasons why in the United States, the owners carry their own cats to the judging ring and the disinfecting process becomes a ritual.

On Sunday, the many awards offered by clubs and exhibitors from various parts of the world were given out by the show officers and State officials. The interest shown by these very busy people is most gratifying and provides a colourful climax.

We hope to include more news and impressions from Richard Gebhardt in next month's issue

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A review of progress

By CAROL OAKHAM

Editor of the American "Journal of Cat Genetics"

IN the one year since its inception, the American *Journal of Cat Genetics* has made its mark as a professional scientific publication which has captured the hearts and minds of its readers. For those who were seeking more than mere speculation and hearsay, cat breeders have found its pages replete with sound, tested and proven genetic facts already known to exist in the domestic cat. These breeders are no longer working in the dark. They now have a source of positive known facts with which to apply in their breeding programmes. True, this takes much of the guess work out of breeding. But it also takes a lot of the *fantasy* out of our Fancy.

It seems something of a paradox that this should happen since so many cat fanciers and breeders have in the past enjoyed making up stories about the origin of their cats. Exposed to the light of genetic facts, we now find that the Siamese cat is not specifically indigenous to Siam (now Thailand), nor are Himalayans indigenous to the Himalayas. And in spite of the fact that the Siamese colouring of cats is known not only in the cat but in rabbits, mice, guinea pigs,

etc., it is also known in genetic circles as the "Himalayan temperature effect" and bears no relation whatsoever to those famous mountains of the Far East.

During its first year of publication, the *Journal* has been able to locate and genetically discern the facts behind many new colours and breeds of cats. The Red Point, Tortie Point, and Lynx Points have gained in popularity along with the Red Abyssinians since their genetic feasibility has been "washed and dried" in its pages.

The Rex is now due for a "washing and drying" to prove its genetic viability. Through its pages, the *Journal* has brought added information to Rex breeders by reprinting the Searle paper on the Rex coat in the domestic cat which many Rex breeders had heard about but never seen, much less read.

Keep the odd ones

To the delight of Persian breeders, the way was opened for added colour breeding on a genetic expose on the colour breeding of Cameo Persians, Smokes, Reds and Blues, Tortoiseshell

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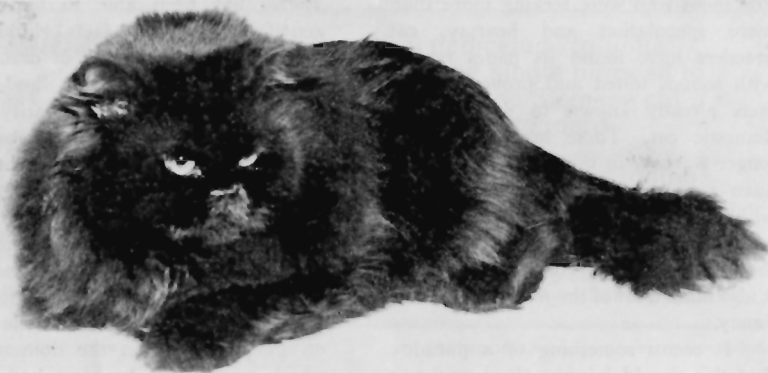
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A Manx problem

The Manx cat, too, has come in for its share of genetic exposé, but sadly. A recent *Journal* article revealed that the condition of open spine (*spina bifida*) commonly present in the dimpled rumpy show cat is similar to that condition known in infants as a birth defect. The American *March of Dimes* has included research into this condition in small children in their birth defects research programme. Sad it is that this condition is deliberately being propagated in those dear, unique Manx cats. The *Journal* has the genetic answer for that, too, since it is a hereditary factor. It is not possible to balance the lethals in humans but in the cat population as it stands in the Fancy this can be accomplished and eliminated in the Manx cat.

Also due for genetic clearance is a new colour/breed of cat discovered by Dr. Keeler, of the *Journal's* staff. Immediate following the publication of an article by

Dr. Keeler, a cat with the "hidden spots" described by him was reported by an American breeder, a reader in Holland and a surgeon from India. The cat has already been developed by the American breeder and a fine looking animal it is, the result of an Aby x Siamese cross! This cat is seen to resemble those found on the ancient Egyptian papyrus depicting these leopard spotted cats. Dr. Keeler knew that these cats existed in the present day gene stockpile.

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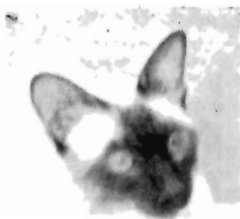
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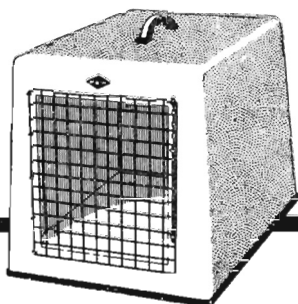
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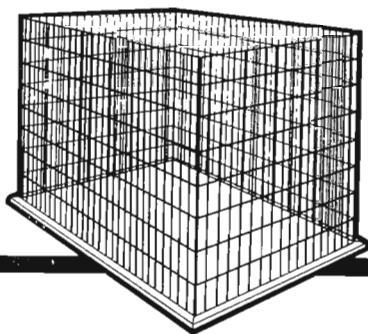
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Dr. Matsui and Miss C. B. Higuchi contributed some interesting details concerning the growth of the Fancy in Japan. Here are extracts:

"It is presumed that cats were first introduced into Japan around 500 A.D. from China to help exterminate rats and rodents which were destroying sacred scriptures and writings. Another theory is that cats were imported into Japan via ships from Korea to protect cargoes. They were then presented to the Imperial Court, where they were given a Court rank, for in those days anybody without rank was denied entrance. Here cats enjoyed aristocratic privileges.

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"In 1961 the first overseas club to be affiliated to CFA, known as the American Siamese Cat Club of Japan, was created. Its members composed of US military servicemen and civilians, with Japanese cat fanciers as associate members. Mrs. Michael O'Brien, an all breed judge of world renown, came from San Diego, California, to judge the first international cat show in Japan in March 1963. Held at Camp Zama, participants were half Japanese and half Americans; trophy winners were likewise half and half.

American affiliation

"The Japan Cat Fanciers of Osaka was the first genuinely foreign cat club to affiliate with CFA, being approved by the CFA Executive Board in 1963. Then materialized the Japan All Breed Cat Society and the Japan Long Hair Cat Club. Thus, a total of four CFA-affiliated clubs in Japan was established within a year. Dr. Akio Matsui, Board Member of the Siamese Cat Club of Japan, attended the CFA Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas in April 1964. Representing all the CFA clubs in Japan, his attendance added international flavour to the meeting.

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