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(3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;

(4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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# SHOWS FOR THE 1965/6 SEASON

Brief details of the remaining show fixtures for the 1965-6 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.

1965	Promoted by	Venue
11 August ...	Airedale Agr. Soc. (Bingley Show) ...	Bingley, Yorks.
14 " ...	Halifax & District Agr. Society ...	Halifax
21 " ...	Northern Siamese Cat Society ...	York
28 " ...	N. East of Scotland C.C. ...	Aberdeen
8 September ...	Macclesfield & Dist. Agr. Society ...	Macclesfield, Cheshire
11 " ...	*Herts. & Middlesex C.C. ...	London
2 October ...	*Yorkshire County C.C. ...	Harrogate
7 " ...	*Siamese Cat Club ...	London
23 " ...	*Midland Counties C.C. ...	Smethwick, Staffs.
4 November ...	*Blue Persian Cat Society ...	London
6 " ...	*Preston Cat Club ...	Blackpool
20 " ...	*Cheshire Area Cat Club ...	Chester
4 December ...	*Siamese Cat. Soc. of the British Empire...	Newbury, Berks.
4 " ...	Northern Counties Cat Club ...	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
16 " ...	*National Cat Club ...	Olympia, London
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8 January ...	*Notts. & Derbys. Cat Club ...	Nottingham
22 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C. ...	London
5 February ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	Glasgow
12 " ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	London
19 " ...	*Lancs. & N.W. Counties C.C. ...	Stockport, Cheshire
26 " ...	*Coventry & Leicester C.C. ...	Coventry
3 March ...	Suffolk & Norfolk Cat Club ...	Ipswich
23 " ...	*Wessex Cat Club ...	Bournemouth
21 April ...	Hull & Lincs. Cat Club ...	Scunthorpe, Lincs.
23 " ...	Ulster Siamese Cat Club ...	Belfast, N. Ireland

\*Denotes show with Championship status

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# *The edge of the unknown*

By DOROTHY WINSOR

I DO not believe in ghosts. Of all the cats I have lost over the years, not one has come back to me. But several years ago, on two occasions, something happened for which there seems to be no explanation.

Prim was my first Red Abyssinian. She was an outdoor cat and spent every minute of daylight in the garden. When I got the cats in for their tea she was always the last and sometimes I had to leave her and shut the door, to prevent any little scatter-brains of kittens from wandering out again. As soon as she heard the rattle of saucers, Prim used to come tearing up the lawn, leap at the closed door and hang on to the knob with her front paws, whilst her body swung against the lower panels with a thud—which was the signal for me to let her in.

Then, when she was only four, she had a sudden heart attack after kitting, and was gone almost before I realized what had happened. Sadly we put her in the garden she so much loved—the first grave of many. The following night, I was feeding the cats as usual when I heard a sound that nearly stopped my heart—a heavy thud on the door. Against all sense and reason, I opened it and called her name into the darkness. The next night, I heard it again and again at odd times during the next few weeks. Then it stopped. I had never heard it before, and have never heard it since.

Five months later, I lost my chestnut tabby, Tweedy, the oldest member of my cat family. She started with a small lump which the vet dismissed as a harmless chronic mastitis, common in old cats, until it began to spread, and she went off her food. She had never got on with the other cats—or perhaps it would be more correct to say they never got on with her. She was placid and gentle; Abyssinians

are aristocratic and arrogant. Tweedy was the alien, the striped one, and they resented her.

So when she became worse, I put her in the lounge where she had always loved to lie on the deep rug before the fire, and where she could be away from the others. For emergency use, I put a small sanitary tray in a discreet corner. But Tweedy was set in her ways and every day she walked down the back hall, through the kitchen and to her own particular tray in the scullery.

Then she became seriously ill. She stopped eating altogether, and wasted rapidly. There was no doubt now that the growth was malignant, though she appeared to be in no pain. Her purr never stopped—and so the vet postponed the inevitable end. She still went through to the scullery once a day, in spite of increasing weakness—until the last night of all.

## **Scared Stiff!**

A shadow of her former self, she seemed almost too weak to walk, and I followed her anxiously as she made her slow way down the hall. I opened the kitchen door—and as she appeared in the doorway, every cat and kitten in the kitchen rose, backed away and stared at her in horror, fur and tails bristling. She was the same Tweedy they had known all their lives, but tonight they sensed something different about her—the shadow of death, perhaps. Tweedy hesitated, then turned, stumbling a little, and went back again. The next morning the vet. came for the last time, and she went peacefully to sleep.

Two or three nights later, the cats and three kittens were asleep as usual on the big kitchen table; one kitten woke,

yawning and stretching, and jumped down to the floor. She started to move forwards, then stopped, and fixed her eyes on a spot in the middle of the hearthrug. Whatever she saw—and I could see nothing—literally terrified her. All the fur rose off her spine, her eyes widened and dilated, and she began very slowly to back away. I bent down and touched her; she started nervously, but her eyes never wavered. She went on staring, frozen with horror. At last she relaxed, as if the focal point were no longer there; she sat up and looked round, then walked slowly across the kitchen; but I noticed she skirted carefully round the hearthrug.

That night I took the three kittens to bed with me. I had been doing this for some days, as they were two months old and nearly weaned, and it gave Loti a good night's rest on her own. The next morning I picked up two of the kittens

from the foot of the bed and carried them downstairs, leaving the third, who was sitting up sleepy and blinking, to follow. Just as I got into the kitchen I heard him patter briskly down the stairs and along the front hall. There was a faint scuffling sound at the sharp turn into the back hall, as if he had skidded slightly on the polished floor; and then silence. I was too busy to investigate, but I called him, and at last, very slowly, he appeared in the doorway.

## Electrified!

He had started down the stairs a normal, happy-go-lucky kitten; he crawled into the kitchen a mental and physical wreck. He was obviously in a state of the most intense terror. He was trembling violently—a thing I have never seen before in a kitten—his eyes were dilated to black full-moons, and he stared wildly round from side to side. I tried to pick him up; he jumped about two feet sideways, as if he had had an electric shock.

After several attempts, I managed to get him on the table, in the full light. He crouched where I had put him, shivering and shaking. I tried to calm him by stroking; he cringed and shrank and couldn't bear to be touched. I spoke to him, but he was lost in a strange world of fear, and beyond the reach of my voice. All the others were waiting to be fed, and finally I had to leave him. He hardly moved for some time, and then he began to walk about in a dazed sort of way, coming back very slowly to normal.

If I believed that the dead can return, I should say that the first kitten saw Tweedy lying in her old familiar place in the middle of the hearthrug, and that the second kitten met her in the back hall and was scared out of his senses. But because I have always believed that every so-called ghost story must have a reasonable explanation, I feel there must be one here; only I can't think of one. There is no possible doubt that both kittens saw

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A lovely study of one of the author's well known Red Abyssinians with the Tranby prefix.

something uncanny, and were frightened to death by it. It was not ordinary passing fright; it was sheer stark terror—especially with the second kitten, who appeared to be nearly demented.

I have read books for and against psychic phenomena, because it interests me, and there is one cautious explanation of the inexplicable given by materialists—that certain living beings who have

passed from this world may leave a shadow, to be seen by the ultra-sensitive. It persists for a varying time, and gradually disappears. Well, this is as good an explanation as any.

All this happened several years ago, but it impressed me so much that I typed it all out at the time for a permanent record.

## NEARLY A STICKY END!

By Mary G. Duff

"CURIOSITY killed the cat" is the old saying and certainly it was very nearly true of Sweet Suileman, the year-old Smoke Persian belonging to Mrs. S. Tiffin, of Bishopbriggs, Glasgow. This is the story:—

One morning just after Easter Suileman was allowed out to play. He trotted along the garden walls until he came to a house where builders were engaged on the construction of a new extension. He sat down on the garage roof next door and



Now fully recovered from his alarming experience, SWEET SUILEMAN made an appearance at the recent Scottish C.C. Show, where he was runner-up to the Best Longhair in Show, winning his first C.C. Photographer is Miss Tiffin.

surveyed the scene. Then he vanished !

When he failed to return by evening for his meals a badly worried Mrs. Tiffin went out to look for him.

She asked all her neighbours and they searched their houses and garden sheds. She asked the owner of the new extension and it too was searched. No trace of Suileman was found.

Next day he still was absent and so the police were notified and an advertisement placed in a local shop. Mrs. Tiffin tramped the roads asking everyone she saw whether they had seen her cat. She carried a photograph of him with her and showed it to them. Reports came in that he had been seen in different places but though every one was followed up nothing came of them.

On the Saturday morning the thought of the new extension along the road began to obsess Mrs. Tiffin and she went along again and asked whether she could go in and search. Her good neighbour agreed willingly and she then accompanied a tradesman in and while they stood talking she heard a distinct miaow.

Excited now, she called Suileman by name and he answered from below her feet. She called again and again and traced the answer to a spot below the newly laid bathroom floor of the extension.

The workmen raised a board. Mrs. Tiffin lay down on the floor and reached down the hole with her arm and at the end of her reach she touched a furry ear. She coaxed and called but, though the head came a little nearer so that she managed to stroke the cat's chin, he would not come out. She passed a saucer of milk in and a little meat and both were accepted gratefully.

The hole was enlarged and the workmen left for their half-day but still the cat did not come out.

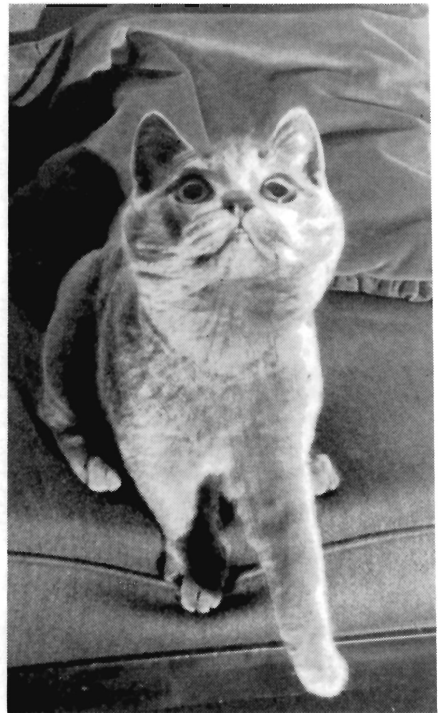
When afternoon came and Suileman had not emerged, Mrs. Tiffin obtained permission for more of the floor to be removed. This was not easy because of the bathroom suite but sufficient flooring was raised to expose the cat to view.

Mrs. Tiffin tried to lift him out. He would not come but cried piteously. It then became apparent that he was rooted to the spot by the tar in the damp-proof course. The heat from his body had been sufficient to melt the tar and his two front legs were so firmly embedded in it that they could not be pulled out.

The kind builder chiselled out two round pieces of tar in each of which a paw was stuck and Suileman was carried home.

Hours of patient labour with scissors, butter, oil and detergents removed the tar and Suileman emerged little the worse for his experience except that he was very tired and very hungry.

How easily it could have ended in tragedy !



**BONAVENTURA BIG BEN I** British Blue Shorthair at 3 months (by Jezreel Jeremy ex Ch. Bonaventura Prudence) bred by Mrs. K. B. Savage, of Ilford, Essex. He now lives with Mrs. D. Dertien, of South Carolina, U.S.A.



# Tailpieces

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



A subscriber in Canada writes: "It may amuse you to learn that my copy of OUR CATS is sent after reading to a cat lover in Australia and she in turn sends the copy to one in Peru".

Mrs. Doris Brice-Webb (Longhairs) and Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb (Shorthairs) will be the English guest judges for Racekatten's show in Copenhagen on 24-26th September next. This popular fixture will be staged as usual in the lovely Tivoli Gardens. Sweden will be putting on three important shows during November at Goteborg, Stockholm and Norrkoping and Holland follows with a one day fixture in Amsterdam on 12th December.

Caesar, the Siamese who inspired a book *Life with Caesar* and innumerable columns by his owner Larry Thompson, is dead. He was poisoned. A June issue of *The Miami Herald* carried a banner headline conveying the sad news and under it Mr. Thompson wrote his requiem to "a great and good cat". "If anyone resented Caesar," he said, "it was because he or she didn't know him. I wish they had complained to us about him . . . He was a cat from a giant mould, a cat of big character and big temperament, a cat who would never have said he loved us but showed every day that he did in his individual fashion". They found him dead at the back door on their return from a picnic Sunday afternoon.

Notice pinned to a tree in Frogal Gardens, N.W. London: "A juvenile

delinquent black tomcat has formed a neurotic attachment for someone else's home. It could prove very expensive as he eats like a horse and on his present form could be entered for the Derby. He has a large black head, followed by an equally large fat body, the two being divided by a yellow collar; and he wears his battle scars bravely, one ear being half shaved off. He answers when the mood takes him to the names of Cato or Small Fry, which could be the cause of this delinquency. In spite of this, we would like him back. Wave an open tin of cat food in front of him and he will follow you to this address".

Cat and dog lovers in Russia are reported to be in angry revolt against city council officers who shoot stray pets on sight. Led by Moscow's best-known authors, opera singers and ballet dancers, a Society for the Protection of Animals has been formed. The Society has written to newspapers across the Soviet Union condemning what it terms the violent liquidation of stray cats and dogs on the streets without their owners being informed. The city authorities say they shoot the animals to prevent outbreaks of rabies, but the animal lovers assert that even pedigree pets are shot without prior examination.

The annual service of thanksgiving and prayer arranged by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at the famous church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, was attended by a record congregation. The President of the Society, Sir Malcolm Sargent added

more beautiful quotations to his catena, all of them touching on the animal creation.

Here's a warning for anyone who may be thinking of sending or taking a cat into Switzerland. From 1st July the Swiss Federal Government requires anti-rabies vaccination certificates for all cats and dogs brought into the country. Vaccination must have taken place at least 30 days before the animal arrives at the point of entry. Switzerland has not had a case of rabies for about twenty years. Apparently the authorities are concerned over the growing number of visitors increasing the risks of infection.

A young mother and her two baby sons living in the North-east owe their lives to a little male cat named Ginger. It was Ginger's mewing and frantic scratching at the door which roused the family from their beds to find the kitchen enveloped in smoke and flames. The firemen eventually extinguished the blaze.

An evening of music, drama and verse at the Globe Theatre in London served

to pay homage to the late T. S. Eliot. Groucho Marx was there to read from *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. It was Groucho who livened up the proceedings with the comment: "I never knew what an anachronism was until they asked me to appear here tonight".

The Otago Siamese Cat Club of New Zealand has made a two-year grant to the microbiology department of the University of Otago for research into common feline respiratory diseases. Says Mrs. M. Murray, the secretary of the Club; "We hope to continue the research until a cure for cat flu has been found".

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## Show news from Canada

**T**HE Northern Alberta Cat Club of Edmonton and the Southern Alberta Cat Fanciers of Calgary, held their Second Annual Combined International Championship Show in Edmonton, Alberta, during April. It was a 2-day fixture.

Featured for the first time in Canada, was a Triple All Breed and Single Specialties Show, rather than the usual Double All Breed and Double Specialties. All Breed judges were: For the NACC Mr. David Deans-Henderson of Toronto, Ontario; For the SACF Mrs. C. F. Rotter, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. (a guest judge from the Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.) and Mrs. Leila Paterson, of Vancouver, British Columbia. The two Specialty Shows for the NACC were judged by Miss Carol MacMillan of Calgary, Alberta.

Among the notable cats present was

Shan Ling Whisper, a lovely Blue Point Siamese female, bred and owned by Mrs. Marjorie Elliott of Toronto, Ontario. Whisper has the distinction of being the first International Grand Champion in CCA and certainly lived up to her past show record by being awarded Best Cat in two out of the three All Breed Shows.

A feature of Canadian shows is the designation of the Best Canadian Bred; Best European Bred; and Best American Bred cats. While these wins do not accumulate any championship points, nevertheless they are much sought after, and it is interesting to note that in all five shows the Best Cat was a Canadian bred cat.

British Breeders will recall some of the following, who won the Best European Bred titles: Int. Ch. Trelystan Felspar of Bon-Accord, Brown Tabby L.H. male



*Rick Pritchard*

**CH. ELVASTON SILVER PERIDOT OF MAY-LING**, Silver Tabby Shorthair male, was purchased during a visit to England last year by Mrs. Mary Maling, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, from Mrs. E. Grant-Allen, of Epsom, Surrey. He was bred from Ch. Culverden Maurice ex Elvaston Silver Moonlight. Peridot won well at the Alberta Show reported above.

owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Oliver of Calgary; Champion Elvaston Silver Peridot of May-Ling (Silver Tabby S.H. male imported by Mr. and Mrs. I. A. V. Maling of Calgary; Int. Ch. Du-Bu Nugget of Chestermere, black Rex male owned by Mrs. C. Stillman of Calgary and Int. Ch. Edwardian Sandala of Shandalli, S.P. Siamese female owned by Mr. Gordon Overbo, of Edmonton. Additionally, all of these cats made other excellent wins.

### Awards for Children

A mousing contest was held each evening and this provided much amusement for the many spectators who came to visit the show. In the Children's Pet Section, rosettes were given for the



SHAN LING WHISPER, Mrs. Marjorie Elliott's International Grand Champion Blue Point Siamese who did so well at the Alberta Show.

"Golden Age" cat (the oldest veteran entered) as well as one for the "Most Motherly" cat.

It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Henderson officiate at the show. Not only is he the Executive Secretary of the Canadian Cat Association, but he is acknowledged to be "the dean of Canadian catdom" and was one of the leading mentors in the formation of C.C.A.

The presence of Mrs. Rotter, as a guest judge from CFA lent a truly international flavour to the show and displayed the friendly co-operation and gracious goodwill which CFA extends to foreign countries. We were very happy to come in the same category as the many European shows who have enjoyed the services of a CFA guest judge.

(Profits from this show are donated to the local branches of the SPA)

M.M.

### No. 2 WHAT'S GOING ON?

The following extract is one of several taken from *Animal Breeding Abstracts*, one in a series of journals published by the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, a Government subsidized organization. Further extracts will follow. Although they hardly come under the heading of light reading they do at least provide us with a peep into the laboratories of the world.

#### Respiratory Viruses

Bürki, F., Lindt, S. and Freudiger, U. (1964). [*Enzootic viral coryza in cats. II. Virological and experimental study.*] — Zbl. VetMed. **11B**, 110-118. [G.e.f.sp.]

"A cytopathogenic virus was isolated from an endemic coryza in a cats' home over a period of three years from 7 out of 8 cat carcasses examined. Experimentally the virus produces a febrile rhinolaryngotracheitis. It had the properties of a herpes virus and was related serologically to the feline viral rhinotracheitis agent of Crandell *et al.* [*V.B.* **30**, abst. 3268]. A further isolate from an individual case was classified among the Picorna viruses."

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<i>Name of Cat</i>	<i>Breed and Sex</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Breeder</i>
ALLENVALE GIGIOLETTE	Smoke L.H.	(F) Mrs. K. Leving	Owner
AMBERLEY PINK LILAC	L.P. Siamese	(F) Mrs. L. B. M. Forrest	Mr. and Mrs. Wilson
AMHARIC SATIN	Abyssinian	(F) Mrs. W. Hunt	Mrs. M. L. Knight
AVIARY JANET	Cream L.H.	(F) Mrs. Todd	Owner
AVRIL KINTAR	Black S.H.	(F) Miss M. Corbould	Miss M. Glubb
BARWELL ATHENE	Blue Cream L.H.	(F) Mrs. D. Fawell	Owner
BONAVIA BUTTERFLY	Chinchilla	(F) Mrs. M. Roberts	Mrs. Turney
BONAVIA LORETTA	Chinchilla	(F) Mrs. M. Turney	Owner
BRIARRY CANDITUFF	Colourpoint	(F) Mrs. S. M. Harding	Mr. Stirling-Webb
BUSKINS BLUE SUNYA	Blue Burmese	(M) Mrs. R. M. Pocock	Mrs. Horne
CAMBER SUZANNE	Blue L.H.	(F) Mrs. J. A. Hogan	Mrs. E. Denton
CATHISS TORTI-QUEEN	Tortie S.H.	(F) Mrs. G. A. Genty	Mrs. Vickers
CHARMINA ZENELOPE	White L.H.	(F) Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway	Owners
CINDY SOGAI	B.P. Siamese	(F) Mrs. E. D. Hunt	Owner
COYLUM ANNE	Blue Cream L.H.	(F) Miss E. E. Sellar	Owner
CRUMBERHILL OSCARIUS	Russian Blue	(M) Mrs. Kirby	Owner
DABOCEA	Blue Cream L.H.	(F) Mrs. MacDonald	Mrs. Stephenson
DEEBANK TABITHA	Tortie L.H.	(F) Miss M. F. Bull	Owner
DELAMERE BESTANG	S.P. Siamese	(M) Mrs. D. Rogers	Owner
DON CARLOS	Blue L.H.	(M) Mrs. A. H. Woodthorpe	Mrs. Garnsworthy
EMPIRE MAIDEN	Manx	(F) Mrs. I. A. Earnshaw	Unknown
FENDALE MIRAGE	British Blue	(M) Mrs. A. S. Beever	Owner
FENDALE TARANTELLA	British Blue	(F) Mrs. A. S. Beever	Owner
GABLES SILVER CLOUD	Silver Tabby S.H.	(M) Mr. H. Beckitt	Owner
GABLES SILVER MARKS	Silver Tabby S.H.	(M) Mr. H. Beckitt	Owner
GRANDEE GRETA	Black L.H.	(F) Mrs. D. Clegg	Owner
GRINGO SILVER PEREGRINE	Silver Tabby S.H.	(M) Mrs. N. Greenwood	Mrs. A. Charles
GRINGO TROWZA LEGGE	Silver Tabby S.H.	(F) Mrs. M. Thake	Mrs. A. Charles
GUILDEN SNOW KING	O.E. White L.H.	(M) Mr and Mrs. Holdaway	Owners
HAMANI SAPHIRE SABRE	B.P. Siamese	(M) Mrs. P. M. Hogg	Owner
HARPUR COTTONSOCKS	Blue Cream L.H.	(F) Mrs. B. Plews	Mrs. Dugdale
JEZREEL MAXWELL	Black S.H.	(M) Miss D. V. Gosling	Mrs. I. Johnson
KANGHE BLUE MYSTERY	Blue Burmese	(M) Mrs. E. Whittle	Mrs. Deakin-Burrow
KILLINGHALL REDBURN	Red Tabby S.H.	(M) Mrs. H. Murray	Miss G. Hardman
KILLINGHALL RED MARINER	Red Tabby S.H.	(M) Miss G. Hardman	Owner
KITA'S DANDELION	Tortie S.H.	(F) Mrs. I. Johnson	Mr. A. J. Wallis
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### A TRIBUTE TO GINA

Thank you for forwarding to me a charming letter from an elderly lady in Bulawayo about my poem "My Cat Is Old" published in your excellent journal in September last year. It began you may recall: "My cat is old and soon she will depart . . ."

Alas, my cat Gina died last week, a gentle, quiet creature who was part of the lives of my wife and myself. She was a tabby stray who I found thin and hungry on the streets of Perth in Western Australia. Because there are so many other little strays in this and all countries, we will be getting soon a kitten—and the enclosed brief verse—which you may care to print—is a tribute to Gina.

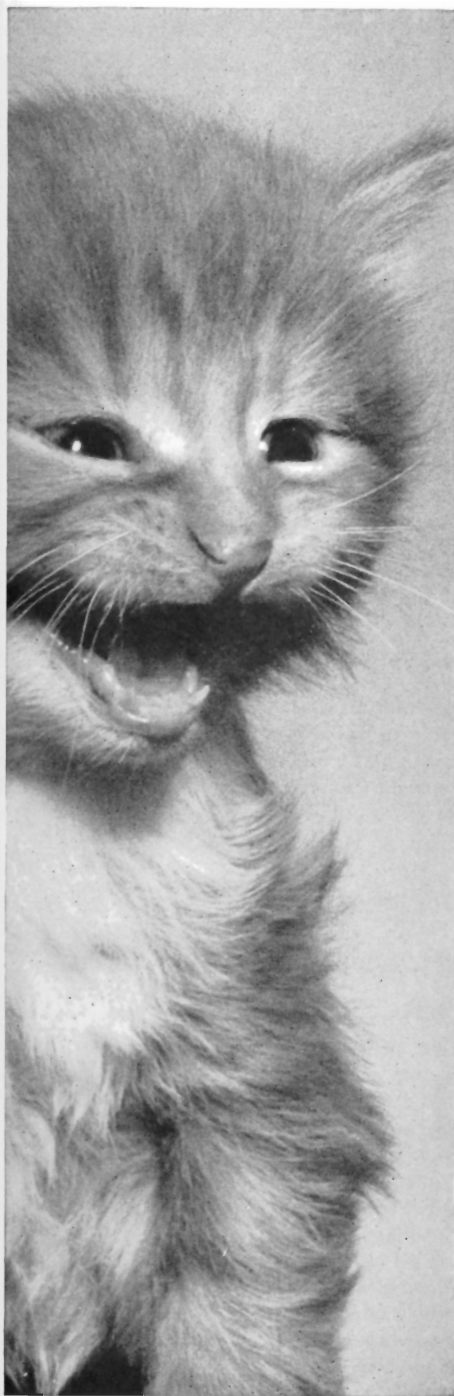
HUGH LAMING

Toronto 5,  
Ontario, Canada.

We gladly reproduce below Mr. Laming's tribute to his departed pet.—*Editor.*

### GINA

I will not mourn her more; I will not weep  
Lest it disturb her deep and final sleep;  
Nor will I let my tears deter  
Me later from replacing her  
With newborn kitten in whose little face  
I'll see again her quiet, gentle grace . . . . .  
I'll see her on a rose-red wall that's far away  
In time—a sunlit, still and happy day;  
And vainly think that if I cross the sea  
She'll wake and purring run to me;  
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### Show at Canterbury

**M**RS. PUTWAIN, of Canterbury, Kent, made a successful debut as Show Manager for the Kentish Cat Society Exemption Show on June 26th in her home town.

The day was warm and sunny and the gate of 730 persons, 116 exhibitors, and 203 exhibits was a record for the Society.

Mrs. Putwain writes: "The venue is a disused army theatre with a large hall and big stage at one end from which the usual awards were made. There is also a gallery for spectators to view the judging. Free parking facilities, a licensed bar, lunches and a varied buffet all added to the amenities.

The show was opened by Mrs. Ware, Hon. Secretary of the Friends of Animals League, Biggin Hill, Kent. All the officers of this organization give their services so that all monies contributed are used to alleviate suffering. Also they make every effort to encourage children in the proper care of animals."

The 88-page catalogue was well supported by breeders' advertisements; a substantial help in these days of costly printing.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. Orpen's Blue-Cream Foljambe Fairy Moonshine by Ch. Deebank Victor; Best L.H. Kitten (also a Blue-Cream)—Mrs. Rich's Kenda Silhouette by Ch. Ashdown Nuthatch; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Ford's Beauty by unknown parents; Best Shorthair Adult—Mr. Wren's Manx male Tiger Bay from unregistered parents; Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Erridge's Burmese female Skotos Mornish by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo; Best S.H. Neuter—Miss Mew's S.P. Siamese Wayfarer Peter by Ch. Spotlight Melchior; Best Siamese Cat—Miss Huthwaite's B.P. Siamese female Seathwaite Amerita by Praha Andante Maestro; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Crook's B.P. male Annelida Blue Lash by Ch. Macedon Marquis.

Siamese outnumbered the other varieties which is to be expected at such an early show. What a pity this show does not revert to its original month of August when there would be a much more representative Longhair entry, especially kittens!

### A happy family

Summer is the time for visiting those who have similar interests to ourselves. Mr. and Mrs. Brice-Webb have just been to see Dr. and Mrs. Sharp, of Rugby, who decided to breed Blue Persians about

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two years ago but not too seriously as they have a son and two daughters.

Mrs. Brice-Webb writes: "It was a glorious sunny day and we thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Their home, Blyth House, is a 300-year-old farm house with all modern amenities and a full sized swimming pool in which Ian, their son was having high jinks. They are in the throes of converting some of the out-buildings for their small cat family but it takes time as they only occupied their house two years ago.

"Their lovely young stud Valentino of Pensford has his own house. But he enjoyed so much liberty in acres of countryside until he was about two this Spring that he does not take very kindly to being confined.

"Sabrina had made a love match after being unsuccessfully mated to one of our best Blue Champions and her family appeared to be imminent. But as she had shown no signs of being in season since her visit, the date could only be surmised.

"Lomond Blue Dawn is the other member of the cat family. Two ponies for the children and a very sweet little dog completed the animal family".

## Telegony is nonsense

Regarding Sabina's misalliance the old wives tale that if an animal mismated it affected future progeny has long been discounted. Mr. Soderberg in his book *Pedigree Cats* writes on the subject of telegony as follows: "Unfortunately, in the now distant past a large number of queens were destroyed because telegony was accepted as a fact instead of being, as is actually the case, sheer nonsense. . . . The male can only influence kittens resulting from the sperms which he emits, and those which are not actually used for the fertilization of the ova very quickly die".

In parenthesis, experienced breeders know how effective mismatings usually are and sometimes the only way to get a

shy queen into kitten is when she has "the time, the place and the loved one altogether". After a mismating queens usually conform and accept the male of our choice.

## A party in Yorkshire

Mrs. Wright, of Keighley, Yorkshire, gave a party at her house to augment the funds of Yorkshire County Cat Club. Miss Bower, Hon. Secretary sent out the invitations and about 40 members and their friends turned up from as far afield as Doncaster, Sheffield, Halifax, Bradford, also Mr. and Mrs. Leving from Hull. Among the guests were the Club's President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

It was a nice sunny day so visitors could wander in or out as they wished and across the valley is the historical home of the Brontes. It was a picnic outing and Mr. and Mrs. Wright supplied as extras, tea, sandwiches, jellies and fruit juices and I can imagine how appetising these would be. I shall always remember Mrs. Wright's trenchant remark to me when she attended an annual general meeting of a cat club in London at a well known hotel. The cakes produced for tea were not as fresh as they might have been. "We should never stand for this in Yorkshire", was the comment.

Mrs. Stansfield, the owner of Suki the Siamese whose photo appeared yawning in last August's OUR CATS gave a professional entertainment but Mrs. Wright writes:—"We did not have time to get through all our full programme because we had to have time for cat chats and visitors were interested in this very old house which we also like so much. A stone on the old peat house is carved 1677 and the other end of the house is dated 1812. As a result of the party we were able to hand over to the Y.C.C. Club a nice little sum and my husband and myself enjoyed every minute and thought

it very rewarding that so many came to support it".

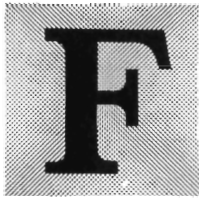
Mrs. Wright has very lovely Creams and her Cream male kitten Wildfell Northern Light was awarded many firsts last season and finished by winning his first Challenge Certificate at the age of ten months. It is pleasing to know that she is keeping him as a future stud. His sister Wildfell Bronte Beauty also won well, a lovely pair with a promising future.

## An interesting import

Mrs. Elsie Fisher, who has had so much success with her Praha Lilac Siamese, has imported a Sacred Cat of Burma from France named Nouky de Mon Reve. He was born last September and by the time these notes appear will be out of quarantine and living with Mrs. M. Richards, of Hendon, who is sharing this enterprise. A cedar wood house has been built for him with an ample run and heating when necessary and later two females will be imported for him. In fact, one will be going into quarantine as he emerges from his six months "captivity". A friend of Mrs. Fisher has seen him several times and he is fit and well.

This variety is popular in France and those of us who have seen them overseas usually think them very attractive. They have a Longhair coat, Siamese colouring and four white feet which accentuate the colouring. Blue eyes complete an attractive picture. We shall probably see Nouky on exhibition this winter.

Mrs. Fisher has bred seven Lilac Pointed Siamese Champions. Four of them are in England, one in U.S.A., one in Canada and one in Australia. She owns lovely Champion Praha Poco-Allergando, five times Best in Show and winner of many firsts and special prizes and her daughter Ch. Praha Fermezza (also a winner of five Challenge Certificates) who is happily nursing her first family of seven (4 males and three

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Mrs. Walker Johnston of San Diego is an International judge in addition to being a well known C.F.A. judge, breeder and exhibitor in U.S.A. She is also owner of the very lovely White Longhair male, Grand and Quadruple Champion Auzulita Paleface of Casa Cielo, judged "Cat of the Year" in the annual competition sponsored by the *American Cats' Magazine* in 1963. Paleface's photo appeared on the cover and on a full page facing my notes in the October issue of OUR CATS 1963.

### Japanese interest grows

Mrs. Johnston paid a very brief visit to England last autumn accompanied by Mrs. Webb of Sun Valley, California, famous for her Silver Mesa Chinchillas. They were en route for the Championship show at Brussels at which Mrs. Walker Johnston and Mr. Richard Gebhardt were judging. She and Mrs. Webb only had time to meet Mrs. Mollie Turney who came to the Hilton Hotel to meet them. However, she did contact Mrs. Benbow and took back Bayhorne Zenith, one of the first prize winning Blue kittens at the Kensington Kitten Show. He was destined to go to a lovely home as a pet.

In her letter to me Mrs. Johnston writes to say that "he is monarch of all he surveys". In the not too distant future she hopes to return to England on a longer visit. Last autumn two weeks were spent in the Orient before she arrived in England. She judged in Tokio and Osaka and conducted a training and judging school in both places and was the first C.F.A. and American judge to do so. She considered "the Japanese were a wonderful interested group and that it will not take them long to become accustomed to the C.F.A. way of judging.

"The Japanese cats were all good and in marvellous condition. They adore

their cats and one never need hesitate in sending good stock to them. It is very expensive but this does not seem to deter them. The shows are one day affairs and the entry is small but the quality so good as many of the exhibits have been imported".

### Unusual pedigree form

The front cover of U.S.A. *Cats Magazine* for June is unique. It is a reproduction of a pedigree of one of Mrs. Jeanne Ramsdale's Chinchillas, Dearheart Delilah. Two photostamps of her are followed by a photostamp besides its name of all the cats in the first three generations and nearly all those in the fourth generation. It certainly enables the buyer to see what is in the background of the kitten purchased.

Some years ago I had a pleasant surprise when I received a perforated sheet of these stickers of a kitten I had



**British Blue CATHISS BLUE ANGEL** was an exhibit at the February show of the Coventry and Leicester C.C. Owner Mrs. K. Vickers, of Egerton, Lancashire, arrived late at the Show owing to a car breakdown to find that Blue Angel had won 10 classes out of 10 and was also Best Shorthair Kitten. A nice surprise!

sent to U.S.A. They were 14" by 1" on glossy paper and very distinct.

An item of interest to Rex breeders in this country is published in the same issue.

Two photographs of identical Blue Point Siamese with Rex coats born last August to a pair of blue normal coated Rex hybrids are interesting.

Miss Katherine Power in the article "Rex-coated Siamese", writes: "A study of the cat's pedigree reveals that four generations back a Blue Point Siamese was used as an outcross in a Rex breeding programme. Other elements in the pedigree are Rex cats descended from a mutant owned by Mrs. Mildred Stringham, Warrenton, Oregon, and a descendant of Kallibunker, the original English Rex. Thus, these have ancestry of both American and English Rex.

"The normal-coated parents were bred by Mrs. Stringham, and Miss Power obtained them from her early in 1964. Their first kitten was a normal-coated blue cat, but a second litter produced the

two Siamese-Rex and one normal-coated Blue". See picture below.

In conclusion, we read that Mrs. Ashford, well known for her Annelida Siamese and Rex is attempting to breed Siamese Rex in England!

### A wedding date

So many of you will be interested to know that August will be an eventful month for your Editor, Mr. Arthur Cowlshaw, who has served the Fancy so well over the past 17 years. Round about the 12th of that month he will be keeping an important appointment for his marriage to Mrs. Margherita (Maria) Homewood, who is also well known to many of my readers through her attendance at the shows. They have known each other for many years and I am sure you would like me, on behalf of readers everywhere, to wish them good health and great happiness together over many, many years.



Well in the foreground are Miss Power's pair of male blue Siamese Rex hybrids. The third kitten at the back is plain coated blue like the parents. Miss Power describes the hybrids as "most intelligent and affectionate animals, with dispositions as delightful as their appearance". She intends to breed them back to their dam in hopes of getting a female in the same colour.



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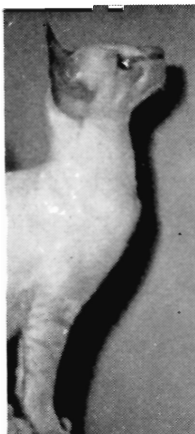
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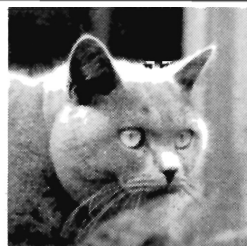
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Here's a couple of real pals, photographed by Powell Jones, of Swansea. The collie acted as foster mother to her feline friend.

# THE REX CAT

By A. E. ASHFORD

**A** CERTAIN amount of confusion exists with regard to the two types of Rex cat now being bred in this country.

During the past year such names as "Hairless", "Astrex", "Poodle-cat" and "Butterfly" have been applied to them as well as the more familiar Gene 1 and Gene 2. Until these attractive animals have received recognition from the G.C.C.F. they are not entitled to any name and Gene 1 and Gene 2 as names have up to now only been used in order to differentiate between the two types.

The following notes may help to clarify the situation. It is quite certain from breeding experiments already carried out that any breed of cat may be "Rexed". It is therefore up to breeders to produce the Rex cats of the future. But it is hoped by most breeders of to-day that the two existing, but quite distinct types, will retain their original characteristics. These two types have arisen from two different and unrelated mutations. In order to preserve them, selective outcrossing has had to be resorted to and there is a danger that this may well change the qualities which they originally possessed.

## The very first

Gene 1, which for some time was the only Rex cat known in this country is the name given to the descendants of the mutation which first made its appearance in Cornwall. They are cats with a thick, very soft, wavy coat and in specimens of to-day a diminished number of guard hairs are present although the forbears had none. Whiskers and eyebrows are curly and type to-day may be "British" or "Foreign", due to the fact that both types of normal shorthairs were used for outcrossing. The original cats were very noticeably "Foreign" and they were far

more curly than wavy. Any colour, as in Manx, is permitted, the coat being the most important factor.

A second Rex mutation appeared in Devon a few years ago and this has been called Gene 2 to distinguish it from the Cornish one. The two mutations are quite different and when crossed together produce normal coated kittens. These kittens, however, carry the genes for both types owing to the fact that both are recessive.

## Imperfect coats

Gene 2 have been given a variety of names and there is no doubt that a good specimen with a good coat has much popular appeal. Unfortunately however, all have not perfect coats and this may militate against their universal popularity. If they are to make progress, selective breeding must be undertaken and only specimens with really good coats should be bred from. Of course it is possible to make another variety from them with a very scant coat, but these would hardly qualify as Rex owing to the more or less absence of coat.

In a typical specimen no guard hairs are present and the soft undercoat is closely curled as are also the whiskers and eyebrows. Type is very "Foreign", resembling closely that of the sacred cat of Ancient Egypt, with its slanting eyes, high cheek-bones and long, slender legs. Similar mutations have appeared in recent years both in Germany and North America, but as neither has been imported yet to this country results of cross-breeding are unknown.

It is safe to say that both Gene 1 and Gene 2 are becoming very popular and it is hoped that it will not be too long before they are officially recognized by the G.C.C.F.

All who are interested in Rex cats will like to know of a letter received recently from the lady who found Kirlee, the first Gene 2 Rex cat.

This lady is Miss Beryl Cox, of Buckfastleigh, Devon. She tells me that four years ago she lived very near a disused tin-mine near Buckfast, and she befriended a little tortie-and white farm cat. This little female cat "kept company" with a wild curly-coated male cat who lived down the mine. Miss Cox adds: "This cat was beautiful to look at, with masses of curls and ringlets up his tail".

In due course the tortie-and-white queen had kittens in the field near Miss Cox's house and one of these was curly-coated. This was the now famous Kirlee. Miss Cox kept this kitten, and he grew affectionate and intelligent, following her like a dog. He had a

great sense of humour and one of his "acts" was to walk a tight-rope!

Miss Cox says that she would have liked to have kept Kirlee always. But she parted with him so that Mr. Stirling-Webb and Mrs. Watts could attempt to cross-mate him with the Cornish (Gene 1) Rex.

I am sure your readers would also like to know that Miss Cox is a very brave woman. She was severely injured in the Exeter air raids and is still disabled. She lives with her friend, Miss Groll, who is partially paralysed from poliomyelitis. In spite of these disabilities, these ladies breed miniature dachshunds and papillons, and actively help the R.S.P.C.A.

All Rex lovers owe to Miss Cox a great debt of gratitude. My own Gene 2 stud Broughm is Kirlee's son, and the little Rex kitten (pictured here with her half-sister) is Kirlee's grand-daughter.



*Deek Davis*

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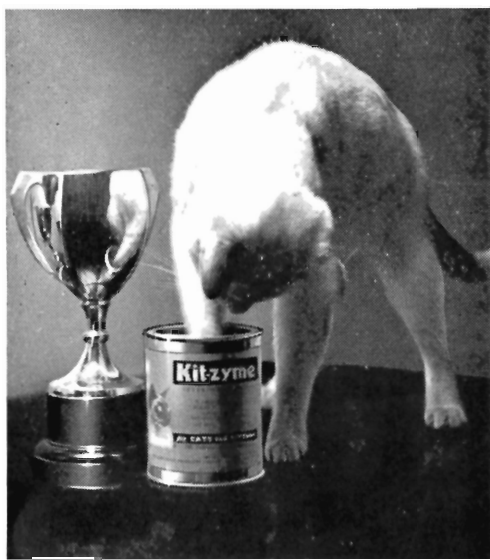
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