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A sparkling 3-year-old with Siamese in his ancestry, LORD SCAMPERDALE loves climbing if the weather conditions are favourable. Here he is on the summit of Robinson (2,417 ft.) in the Lake District, taking a rest, admiring the view and having a clean-up.

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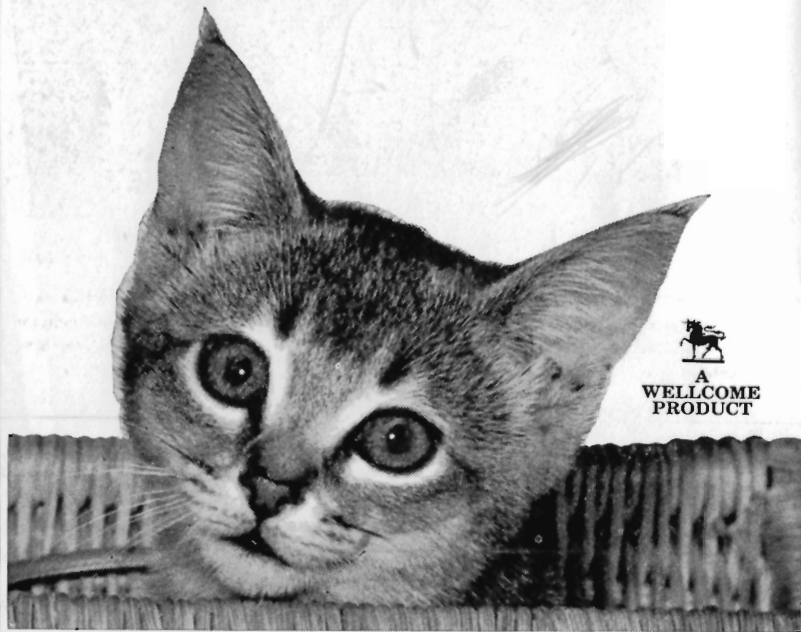
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- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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OUR FIRST BURMESE CHAMPION

Hugh Smith

CHAMPION CHINKI GOLDEN GODDESS, bred by Mrs. Lillian France, was the first Burmese to attain Championship status in this country. She produced the first male Blue Burmese stud Ch. Lamont Blue Zarinah Boy and many winning kittens. Now eight years old, she was exhibited at the Kentish Cat Society Show by her owner Mrs. Waldo Lamb.



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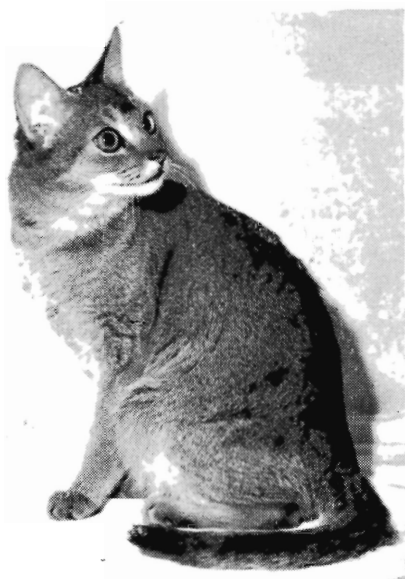
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SHOWS FOR THE 1965/6 SEASON

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
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



AMUN'S SHOU, a young Abyssinian belonging to Mrs T. Gethman, of Brussels, Belgium and bred in Germany by Mrs John Kock. Mrs Gethman visited London for the Kensington C.C. Show

Photo by Serafino, Paris

Abyssinian X Wild Cat

By MARIA FALKENA (Holland)

TWO young cats, spotted in the way ocelots are; four very small spotted cats, one of them six months old, the other three about ten weeks—these are the kittens I write about today.

Some years ago I wrote a little article for OUR CATS about Buena, the margay and Candy, the oncilla. How proud I was about my exotic cats! I simply had to tell everyone but little did I realize at the time what an exciting time lay ahead.

Buena was certainly the most spectacular of my two wild cats with her slender body, very long tail and fascinating big brown eyes. Little Candy, the rare one, was always friendly but remained shy in the presence of strangers. She was widely admired, photographed and described in newspapers and journals. The existence of these small cats in the South American jungles was often doubted. There are furs in museum collections which certainly resemble the oncilla's but they could very well have been those of young ocelots as the pattern is so alike.

In November 1963 we were given the opportunity to purchase an oncilla male, probably the only one in captivity. We christened him Milagro, which is the Spanish for "wonder", and judged him to be about 8 months old. In the following spring he mated Candy and the result was an undersized kitten which only lived three days. At least Candy stayed with it in her box for three days and then emerged with the air of a young girl who knows she

is a beauty and love waits for her around the corner. A second mating—after a period of much hissing and growling on the part of Candy—produced two little oncilla babies. She looked after them well in an apple box. Their eyes opened only at the seventeenth day and meat was not accepted until they were about two months. Candy would take the meat to them and did not allow them to take it from my hand. And how they obeyed!

What an education it was to see the development of those perfectly educated kittens. One little sound from Candy and they would wake up from the deepest sleep and really "shoot" to their mother. Another sound and they would stop running; another gave permission to start eating. I have learned a whole oncilla vocabulary and have never heard a language more interesting and more thrilling.

An accidental mating

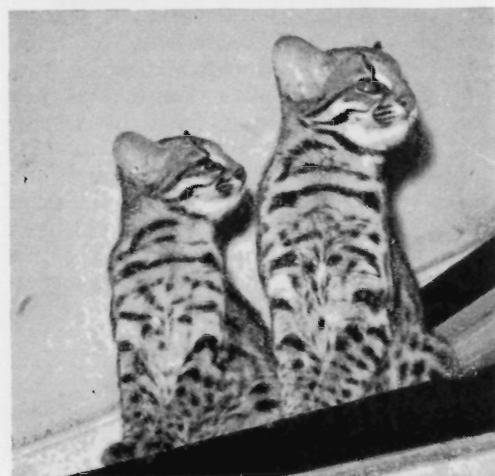
But I spoke about six kittens at the start of this article and so far I have only told you about two.

The other four are hybrids. The father is Milagro, the oncilla male, and the mother Iris, an Abyssinian female. The first mating of this sort took place accidentally and we did not expect anything more than dead kittens as we had been informed that the cats of the ocelot group were too far from our domestic cats for any mating to be successful. News of the birth of the



NEMERLAND

CANDY nestles in the apple box
with her two babies by Milagro



The oncat babies **VICTOR** and
VICTORIA are twins in every respect

GLORIA, the first hybrid kitten,
completely at ease



“impossible cat” was broadcast and written up by an illustrated journal. We called this first hybrid kitten Gloria and of course we looked after her most carefully. In appearance and behaviour Gloria holds the middle between her wild ancestors and the Abyssinians. Her movements are quicker and more spontaneous. She refuses other food than meat, like the oncillas do, but will also eat it boiled, which the oncillas will not. She has a long lean body and her head and the texture of her coat are definitely those of the father. From him also she has inherited the warm brown eyes and the round ears with the white spot inside. But the spots on her coat are much smaller than Milagro’s, all very close and neatly arranged.

A second mating between Milagro and Aurelia, another Aby. female produced three more hybrids, all looking and behaving like Gloria; all females. The mother is just as proud and happy with them as any queen with her kittens. Now and again it appears that she does not quite understand the different voice

which her babies have. As they develop and Aurelia’s interest fades as they reach the age when Aby. kittens are self-supporting, the attachment of the little hybrids becomes directed more towards me. When I enter and speak to them, they will wake up and roll up into a ball in the true oncilla fashion. This is a funny sight, especially to strangers.

My hybrids have lost one habit which unfortunately the oncilla has got -they do not spray. They are not so nervous but they have not kept the attractive markings of the wild cat. We might get the spots back by crossing the hybrids back to Milagro -that is, of course, if they are fertile hybrids.

Ever since I have bred the hybrids, many requests have come in for them, also requests for Milagro to be allowed to mate Siamese and Havanas. I would not entertain any of them. What a mixture I should be responsible for in the Fancy if unlimited crossing with wild cats was encouraged?

Whatever the future holds for us and our feline family, the prospect is exciting!



AURELIA with two of the hybrids.



The three hybrids together all looking like Gloria.



Photos by Timothy Scott

THE TRUE JOYS

Beyond question, the most rewarding part of cat breeding is "when the kittens come along". These delightful pictures will surely serve to underline this fact. They were taken at the cattery conducted at the School House, Dunsden, Reading, Berks., by Mrs. Sybil G. Warren, who has achieved many successes with her Senlac Siamese Red Points and Chestnut Browns. Senlac Crocus, a R.P. kitten by Penarwyn Gu-Gu Southview Havoc emerges (top left) from his adventures in the undergrowth. The Chestnut Brown triplets (top right) are from Ch. Senlac Heidi; no colour bar here! More Red Point babies are to be seen (bottom left) and on the right we find Heidi nursing her kindle by Ch. Senlac Coffee Bean. She has won four C.C.'s and is a sister to Ch. Senlac Bronze Angel, who now lives in Germany.

Looking at the breeds

No. 24 - RED TABBY LONGHAIRS

By HUGH SMITH

THIS is not the "marmalade" cat of the domestic hearth. Handsome though he may be, "Ginger" is a pale imitation of the Red Tabby which is to be seen on the showbench. The coat of the pedigree Red Tabby is a vivid red both the background and the tabby markings, which are of a deeper tone.

As so often happens with attractive breeds, the desired standard is very difficult to attain.

In type, the Red Tabby Longhair does not come up to the ideal set for Longhairs in general and indeed on the showbench they rarely achieve the highest awards. The majority of Red Tabbies are too long in the tail, which ought to be short and well furnished. They tend, moreover, to produce tails on which the hair is too short and this is a serious fault. A white tip to the tail is also a fault and it is readily transmitted from generation to genera-

tion. White markings can also sometimes appear under the chin and on the stomach.

The G.C. Standard

The following Standard has been laid down by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy:

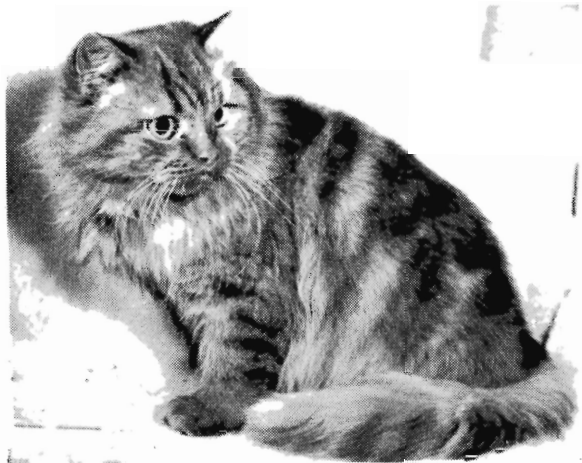
Colour and Markings Deep, rich red colour, markings to be clearly and boldly defined, continuing on down the chest, legs and tail.

Coat Long, dense, and silky; tail short and flowing, no white tip.

Body Cobby and solid, short thick legs.

Head Broad and round, small ears, well set and well tufted, short broad nose, full round cheeks.

Eyes Large and round, deep copper colour.



Hugh Smith

BRUTON POMPADOUR, bred by Mrs N. Rosell, a specialist in Red Tabby Longhairs, and a successful exhibitor at the shows

Scale of Points

Coat	...	...	50
Body	...	...	15
Head	...	...	20
Eyes...	...	...	15

Total	...	...	100

The heads of Red Tabbies tend to fall short of the standard reached by Blue and Cream Longhairs. Ears have a tendency to be too long and too broad at the base. Many Red Tabbies fail also in depth of eye colour. Rarely is the deep copper colour attained; too often the eyes are golden yellow. Another serious fault is the back appearing solid for colour.

As so often happens with a difficult breed, there are too few breeders to make a really concerted attempt to improve the breed. Soderberg in his book *Pedigree Cats* suggests that the best course might be to mate Red Tabby to Longhair

Black. From the progeny selection should be made for brother and sister mating. If this could be carried out by several breeders and the not-too-closely related outcomes of this experiment be mated, close inbreeding would be avoided and good results might be attained.

With some breeds time is needed before kittens which are non-starters for breeding or the show bench can be weeded out. It is perhaps fortunate that with the Red Tabby Longhair, kittens that show weak markings can safely be sold as pets, because they will never develop the required contrast later.

The Red Tabby is said to be rather individual in temperament and to be favoured by men.

The breed is catered for by the Red, Cream, Tortie, Blue Cream and Brown Tabby Society, the Hon. Secretary being Mrs. J. M. Newton, Moulford Grange, Wallingford, Berks.



KALA MOONDUST, a Smoke Longhair son of Kala Silver Moon and Perivale Asphodel, bred and owned by D. M. Collins, of Worthing, Sussex



Tailpieces

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



TEIGNMOUTH, Devon, has a swimming cat which is attracting quite a bit of attention. It is a Longhair who has a fancy for climbing into the anglers' dinghies when they are left high and dry as the tide recedes at Point Beach. After sleeping the cat wakes up to find he is afloat. He will then swim from boat to boat looking for any fish the anglers may have left behind. He has been seen swimming along quite happily against a strong tide.

A new book for cat lovers and a most enjoyable one is titled *Old Perisher*. Author Diana Ross has written in humorous vein about a feline character who works for the Urban District Council for a wage of 2s. per week. It is by degrees that the Old Perisher becomes a respected member of the community and a special friend of those who work in or visit the municipal gardens.

Just a reminder that Cat Week of the Cats' Protection League will take place this year from 2nd to the 9th October, ending with the usual bazaar in Slough. Offers of help should go to the League's headquarters at 29 Church Street, Slough, Bucks.

A news flash from Brisbane refers to "a crippling disease which is affecting cats throughout the world" through an excessive intake of raw liver. The statement comes from a research team working for Queensland University.

My older readers will remember with pleasure the series of plays by Ben Travers

at the Aldwych Theatre in which Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn were the main figures of fun with their stooge Robertson Hare. *Thark* has now been revived at the Garrick Theatre. Some of you may recall the situation where the young man is telling his girl friend how much he loves her, how when he leaves her to walk home he murmurs aloud over and over again "Kitty, Kitty, Kitty..." "And when I got to my front door," he concludes, "there were 14 cats following me."

It has come to my notice that Ethicon Limited, the Edinburgh manufacturers of surgical gut and other hospital equipment, have issued a new edition of their *Ethicon Cat-a-Log*, which was first published in 1953. It carries over twenty cat studies by Walter Chandoha, the noted American animal photographer, all beautifully reproduced with amusing captions that have a special appeal to those in the medical, hospital and nursing profession. For example, the picture of a kitten popping out from under a blanket is captioned "Nurse... I had to ring that bell four times" and another of a "complaining" kitten says "Not bread pan, stupid". This is a good opportunity for me to repeat that catgut is made from the small intestine of sheep. The word is probably derived from the word "kit gut", the string used on the ancient Italian musical instrument the kit.

Our cat world is always expanding! The *GDR Review*, a monthly journal published by the League of the German

Democratic Republic for Friendship Among the Peoples, carries an imaginary interview with Int. Ch. Nicolino von Sonneck, a White Longhair who was a class winner at the 1st International Pedigree Cat Show of the GDR in Berlin. Nicolino was exhibited by Mrs. Elisabeth Kirsten, of Lommatzch, near Dresden, and had previously won at shows held at Frankfurt/Main and Naples.

Among several interesting publications to reach me over the past few weeks there was a grey covered copy of the first issue of *Sistrum*, the journal of the Nederlandse Vereniging van Kattenvrienden (the Dutch Society of Cat Friends). It is brightly produced and illustrated and I shall watch its progress with interest. Present plans are to produce it six times a year and doubtless its circulation will get a boost at the Society's two-day show in the gardens of the Rotterdam Zoo in October. In a letter to the Chairman Mr. A. A. Damsteeg, Paul Gallico writes: "I like the name of your news bulletin 'Sistrum,' tying in so nicely with the

Egyptian cat on your letter-head". To save you looking up the dictionary, a sistrum (see sketch below) was the rattle used in ancient Egypt in connection with worship of Isis. It was also a symbol of harmony.

I have received an item from Holland which at first sight appeared to consist of nothing more than a cutting from the *Telegraaf* newspaper reporting the week-end racing results from Duintigt, which I understand is the Ascot of Holland. Closer inspection revealed that nine races on the Saturday were given the following titles: Ghinchillaprijs, Angoraprijs, Siameesprijs, Persprijs, Margayprijs, Birmeesprijs, Karthuizerprijs, Abessijnprijs. Entries for the Ghinchilla prize were divided into two races, making up the grand total of nine races.

Have you heard the story of the man-about-town tom cat who swaggered into a club bar, jumped up onto one of the high chairs and ordered a double Scotch. The drink was promptly "downed" and followed by a "same again" order. A few more drinks later, the cat leaned across the counter and said to the barman: "Don't you think it's very strange that a cat should be sitting here ordering double whiskies?" "No, I don't," replied the barman, "I like a drop of Scotch myself".

Words of wisdom from Mr. S. F. J. Hodgman, of the Animal Health Trust; "Environment plays a part in the lifespan of a cat. It is much more likely to live longer if it is given a good start and not overfed. Cats tend to get lazy and put on fat otherwise. Playing with your pet definitely helps to keep it young-looking and kitten-like".

The husband was surveying the house pet as she was nursing her kittens. Turning to his wife, he mused: "She's done very well considering she didn't know a soul in the district three months ago".



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The Feline Advisory Bureau seeks the cooperation of breeders and their veterinary surgeons in compiling data on infertility and neonatal diseases in the cat. In recent years this has become a considerable problem in breeding establishments and the general impression at present is that infection appears to be transmitted from stud cat to queen (or vice versa) resulting in temporary or permanent infertility, abortion, or uneven litters of which varying numbers die soon after birth. Present investigations have suggested the association of a Herpes virus with abortions, but a wider survey of the problem is required and it is hoped to present the findings at the Bureau's Conference next May. Aborted kitten carcasses, fading kittens, and parental vaginal preputial and nasal swabs will be welcomed from veterinary surgeons by Mr. R. H. Johnson, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., University of Bristol, Department of Veterinary Medicine, Langford House, Bristol, who will supply swabs and suspending fluid, on request.

Tanaquil le Clerq, American ballerina wife of choreographer George Balanchine is reported to be writing a book on cats for children which will shortly be published by Sidgwick and Jackson at 21s.

According to *The Aberdeen Press and Journal*, whilst you can't get "a tiger in your tank" at Birkenhill Garage, near Elgin, you can be sure of seeing a wildcat in the workshop. The proprietor Mr. J. A. Taylor is trying to tame a young wildcat caught in a snare in the nearby hills. A tiny bundle of aggressiveness when first brought in, the kitten has made good progress and can now be handled.

The Feline Control Council of Victoria, Australia, which is conducted under the auspices of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, reports a membership of 530 with individual registrations of over 2,000. A sub-committee has been formed to investigate the financial

problems. Apparently, the annual subscription of 10s. and other fees paid by members only cover half of the F.C.C. expenditure. Members are asked to put up suggestions calculated to make the Council self-supporting in the future.

I told you last month of the lamented death of Caesar, the Siamese, who was just about one of the best known of his breed in the United States of America. Not only did he provide the inspiration for a book, but he was also given frequent mentions by Larry Thompson, columnist of *The Miami Herald*. Caesar, you will remember, lived at the Thompson home and the family found him dead on the back doorstep on their return from a Sunday outing. He had been poisoned.



Doubtless many of our readers will remember the sad little story with a happy ending which appeared in our April issue under the title "Hoppy". Here is the old fellow (aged 14) reunited with his mistress Mrs. Elspeth Jarvis, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, after their enforced separation of over a year. Hoppy has found peace and happiness at last!

After Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had decided that no cat could possibly fill the gap left by Caesar, a caller arrived with a shoebox containing an 8-week-old kitten. "Here", said the man, holding out the box. "He's yours". The kitten popped out his head and said "Hello!" to the Thompsons. So now they have a successor to Caesar! Mr. Thompson reveals that his telephone never stopped ringing with kind offers of kittens. He took 48 calls during the day which included 29 firm offers.

According to fashion writer Joan Harrison, if you are a girl who wants curved, romantic lines you copy Bardot, who at 30 is "now deliciously like the cat that has swallowed the cream instead of the sex kitten she once was".

Away back in February of this year Mrs. J. Grail, of Mt. Waverley, Victoria, Australia, reported that her Siamese queen Michley Tanki gave birth to 12 kittens. Ten survived and thrived. Can any reader of mine contest this claim to a record litter?

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.

MICKEY

THIS MONTH'S BACKSLAP

Just received from a subscriber in Berkshire:

"I enclose cheque for renewing my subscription to OUR CATS. I should just like to take this opportunity of telling you what a lot of pleasure this magazine gives me, and how excellent I think it is. It is always a red-letter day on the day it arrives".



Correspondence Corner

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



British-Bred Burmese

AS Mrs. Kohl finds it hard to understand why I replied to Mrs. Lentaigne's remarks about British-bred Burmese, I will explain to her, but her difficulty can be nothing to mine in understanding why she and, presumably, also Mr. Gebhardt in the first place "requested" Mrs. Lentaigne to say what she did. Had Mrs. Lentaigne said that British-bred *brown* Burmese cats were not suitable for export to America because they were all derived from American-bred cats, it would have been sensible, but the comment would still have been rather gratuitous because this situation is already well known to responsible breeders on both sides of the Atlantic. (I would add that it is rather different in the case of Blue Burmese where, by importing a British-bred cat, an American breeder might save a good deal of time).

As it was she deduced that, because there is a difference in wording between the current British and American Standards, there is a real difference in the degree of mask/coat contrast between American and British-bred brown Burmese. In fact, there is no reason at all why this should be so.

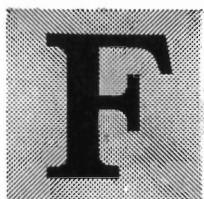
There was also an implication in her remarks that whereas American Burmese did not at all resemble Siamese in type, British-bred cats did, which, as a generalization, is certainly not true. We have taken great pains in our recently revised Standard to emphasize the differences required between Burmese and Siamese type.

In our Fancy, loose statements can do a great deal of harm and this particular

one will, I am sure, have been read by many people not closely connected with the breed, as a disparagement of British Burmese. Having spent a great deal of time and energy on building up the breed here, and also as Chairman for the time being of the Burmese Cat Club, I am not prepared to let this sort of comment go unanswered and I am quite sure that Mrs. Kohl would feel the same if the positions had been reversed. May I suggest to Mrs. Kohl, the fact that I do obviously care about our Burmese sufficiently to defend them against loose criticism should justify more, rather than less, confidence in British breeders.

Mrs. Kohl wants chapter and verse for my statement about British Burmese winning in America. She must appreciate that I do not have the time to keep records in very great detail, but the cats I had in mind were Chantha Orwell of Zaing, who, I was told, had made her Championship in C.F.A., and Chantha's daughter Tala, who had made her Championship in California. Tala's daughter, Princess Tala Lee, was also said to be well on the way to her Championship. More recently, Pussinboots Chindit got his Championship at an N.C.F.A. Show in Atlantic City in competition with eight others. None of these cats were exports in the normal sense but were acquired by their owners in England and moved with them on their return to America. If these awards would not be classed in America as "top honours" Mrs. Kohl must forgive my ignorance of American usage and acquit me of any intention to mislead.

Replying to Mr. Gebhardt, when our first Burmese came from America we were told that they were typical and as we

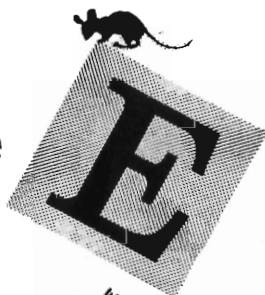


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found their conformation and type (which no-one could confuse with Siamese) to be attractive we have deliberately striven to maintain it. Subsequent imports gave no ground for believing that the type in America had in the meantime changed substantially although, more recently, the wording of the American Standard has been changed.

Mr. Gebhardt says "no breed of cat is bred to conform to a natural 'type' but all are bred to a desired standard and colour set up by society". I completely fail to see why, if it finds it attractive, society cannot accept the natural type as its breeding standard.

Further, I would have thought his philosophy "that the beauty and satisfaction of developing the new breeds, and furthering the rare ones, is to give them a type and characteristic all their own. The breed does not exist which is not being bred against Nature's intentions" would have led Mr. Gebhardt to commend warmly the efforts of our Blue Burmese breeders, for have they not developed a new characteristic within the breed and pointed the way to other new colour possibilities? Also, some American Burmese breeders even appear to regard breeding Blue Burmese as going against Nature's intentions!

V. WATSON (Mr.)

Tansley, Matlock,
Derbyshire.

Advance of the Colourpoints

Mrs. Harding in her article under the above title in OUR CATS for May appears to be under the impression that Colourpoints were first produced in this country only eight years ago. Actually, Mrs. Barton-Wright, of Hemel Hempstead (the originator of the Experimental Breeders Club in 1935) produced the first crosses (F. Himalayans) from a Siamese male and a Blue L.H. female.

I had an unrelated pair from her in 1936 and registered the female as Kala Dawn.

Dawn had many litters but, owing to the war and to my having removed from London to Sussex, she was never mated to another hybrid Himalayan. After the war, she was the only surviving specimen of these original crosses.

Her last litter in 1948, by my Blue L.H. Perivale Masterful, included the Black L.H. male, Kala Sabu, which I sold as a kitten, to Mr. Stirling-Webb.

Sabu sired many Himalayans including Ch. Briarry Gobar, Ch. B. Zahrat, Ch. B. Morena, B. Abu Hett, B. Alcazar, B. Dusky Maid and was grand-sire of B. Barry, B. Jehane, B. Clodagh, B. Far Neerah, B. Bizbod, B. Erdokia, B. Malachite, B. Eustace, Ch. B. Fair Maid, B. Euphemia, B. Jasper, B. Zoltan, B. Belle Amie, B. Gulub and B. Roxana.

One American breeder told me that Kala Sabu appeared five times in one of her pedigrees.

Kala Dawn and her son Kala Sabu can surely claim to be the originators of the British Colourpoints.

My Kala Jokari, Kala Shah and Kala Shalimar are direct descendants of Dawn and Sabu.

Worthing, D. M. COLLINS (Miss)
Sussex.

Show attractions

I have just come back from judging at the Durban Show at which the first Rex imported into South Africa was on exhibition.

I had been prepared to find this breed rather uninteresting, but was completely captivated. This particular little creature had only arrived here at the beginning of the week of the show, but was as completely at home as if it had always been here.

Black, with the most beautiful eyes I have seen in a kitten for a very long time: rather scant of hair on the neck and chest, of course, but full of character and energy. I am hoping that her owner will bring her to Johannesburg for our October show. He has promised to do so.

What a boon as far as publicity is concerned for a show manager, isn't it? That, together with the first Red Abyssinian born in South Africa (or seen here for that matter) should really help to give us an excellent gate.

Rand Cat Club, L. B. EMERY (Mrs.)
South Africa.

[A picture of the little Rex kitten appeared in last month's issue. The South African owner is Mr. Driver, of Natal, and not Mr. Knight as first reported.—Editor.]

Birth Control

Sometime last summer I read in OUR CATS of a new hormone injection the object of which is to postpone the onset of a period of heat in queens and bitches.

Just before Christmas, when my Siamese kittens were two months old, I took their mother to my vet and he gave her an injection of this drug. I was hoping that it would stop her "calling" for at least six months so that I could have her neutered when she had quite

got over kitting. In fact, she started to "call" at the end of January. I felt that that was very much a waste of money. I therefore had her spayed as soon as she finished "calling" and kept one of her daughters for breeding.

When this kitten was four-and-a-half months old she started "calling". This season lasted three days but three weeks later she started "calling" again. The prospect of another six months of this was too much so I took her to my vet and asked his advice. He suggested a double dose of the drug. This he gave her. He told me that he had used the injection on a number of queens and bitches and had had no failures except my queen but that Siamese are notoriously awkward in this respect.

I am now waiting to see what happens. If it works it will have been worth while. I would be interested to know if anyone else has been successful with this method of birth control for cats.

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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON—popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge—turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

Winners at the Kensington

A COOL cloudy morning which developed into a sunny afternoon was just right for the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London on July 31st.

Mrs. Barron, managing her 6th show for the Club, had an entry of over 500 exhibits to cope with. They filled the hall to its capacity and meant that only neuters, litters of kittens and cats for exhibition could be accommodated in double pens.

There was also a tremendous crowd of spectators from midday onwards and one surmises with the big entry that Mrs. Barron and her Committee had the gratification of a financial success.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Kitten—Miss E. Davies' Blue female Ardwyn Zenobia by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax and Ch. Uplands Anna Capri; Best Shorthair Kitten—Mrs. Denny's Seal

Point Siamese male Pi-den Solomon by Ch. Sabukia Sirocco and Doneraile Rosa; Best Longhair Neuter—Mrs. Bishop's Amanda's Simeon by Amanda's Blue Knight and Trenton Amanda; Best Shorthair Neuter—Mr. Davies S.P. Siamese Kintara Dalriada by Craigie-hilloch Bayndie and Ch. Sabukia Saina; Best Household Pet—Mr. Banfield's Red Tabby and White Sandy. Unless this pet class was divided after the catalogue was printed, there were 37 in Sandy's Open Class, 15 of them females.

Miss Davies (breeder of Ardwyn Zenobia) in presumably a daughter of Mrs. Davies of the same address who in the 1947 List of Cats at Stud had a Blue male listed, Brutus of Bromyard by Bless It of Henley.

Eight Black Longhair kittens was a pleasing entry for this variety. Mrs. Aitken's Bourneside Black Bess headed it, the first kitten exhibited by her young Blue male Pagan of Pensford.

Miss E. E. Sellar supported the Show well with her Longhair entries and her young White male Ch. Deebank Talisman sired her winning White kitten Coylum Marcus, and Coylum Silver Darling in the Any Other Variety class. Talisman himself won the L.H. Stud Class.

Miss Page's winning Blue male kitten Woburn Joker by Ch. Congo of Knott Hall was a charmer and she also won with her Blue-Cream Woburn Pansyface sired by Ch. Brynwood Casanova, who also sired Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale's winning Cream male Harpur Cream Bun and Mrs. Stephenson's female Ashdown Honeysuckle.



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Mrs. Roden's Blue-Smoke Sonata Azzuro by Ch. Deebank Mascot reminded us how charming this variety can be. Mrs. Rosell won in Red Tabbies with Bruton D'Artagnan by Gay Don. In Chinchillas Ch. Bonavia Contenta sired Mrs. Wethered's winning Lilliwite Marcus and Mrs. Armon's Bonavia Wanderer.

Mrs. Newton and Miss Woodfield won in a divided Tortie and Tortie and White class with Amber of Carne and Pathfinders Sunset respectively.

Ten Colourpoints was a pleasing entry and Mrs. Harding was awarded first and second with Mingchiu Shan and Mingchiu Gala by Ch. Briarry Zorab.

Splendid neuters

The 62 neuters made a brave show. The winners and the majority of the others were such a credit to their owners who presented them in such good coat and condition for mid-summer. Best Any Other Colour Longhair Neuter was Mrs. Stafford's Chinchilla Just So Bossy by Spindrift Jasper; Best British Neuter—Mr. R. Shrimpton's Premier Bonaventura Jackson by Jezreel Jeremy; Best S.P. Siamese Neuter—Mr. Davies' Kintara Dalriada; Best A.O.C. Siamese Neuter; Mrs. Girdlers and Mrs. Roberts' Annelida Lilac Syn by Ch. Misselore Chocolate Whey; Best Foreign Shorthair Neuter—Miss Henson's Burmese Lamont Benni by Lamont Patrick.

One hundred and fifty four Siamese kittens were entered. Let us hope with such a plethora of one variety that they all find good homes.

The winners in three Open Classes of S.P. male kittens were Mrs. Smith's Sirron El Cid by Ch. Macedon Marquis who also sired Miss Anne Codrington's Watermill Merry Andrew. The judge's report (Mrs. Holroyd) on this kitten reads "Beautiful kitten, lovely head, well placed ears, nice eyes, colour excellent, beautiful coat". Another first to Marquis's credit was Mrs. Smith's Sirron Contessa, litter sister to El Cid.

Ch. Whiteacres Mooey sired the winning male in the 3-4 months class, Mrs. Hamilton's Mitsuki Musketeer. The other winning Seal Point females were Mrs. Bartholomew's Tia-Mu Contessa by Craigichiloch Boyndie and Mrs. Wilde's Woodhouse Belinda by Ch. Delamere Bestang.

In an amalgamated class of S.P. males and females 6 to 9 months which was subsequently divided on the day Mrs. Denny's male Pi-Den Solomon and Mrs. Hughes' female Fairual Fenella by Ch. Sabukia Sirocco were awarded firsts. The Champion Siamese males acquitted themselves well to produce these winners.

The increase in Blue Points, Chocolate Points and Lilac Points was remarkable. Mrs. Vanden Begin bred the winning B.P. male and female Grangewood Cocorico and Grangewood Capucini by Ch. Scintilla Apollo in the two younger B.P. classes (32 exhibits). In the 5-9 months classes Mrs. Burlton's Bru-Bur Yogi by Trubun Pedro and Mrs. Carlton-Belt's Khubsurat Bobbery Bhine won. There were 25 C.P.'s in three classes with Mrs. Sayers returning to win with Solitaire Amos by Ch. Solitaire Apache.

The other winners were Mrs. Wright's Tradewind Lei-Lani by Gaywood Happy Surprise and Mrs. Worthy's Savonara Super Star by Ch. Misselore Chocolate Whey who also sired one of the two winning L.P.'s Mr. McNair's female Annelida Lilac Linda. Ch. Praha Festoso sired the winning male Mrs. King's Trismegistos Belphegor.

Breeders and Novice Siamese Classes were assigned to the four colours and all were well filled.

Twenty six Brown Burmese in three Open Classes were a comely assembly with Mrs. King's Kiang Kiangsu by Kiang Kirikat; Mrs. Iffey's Anu by Shiskin Ammon; and Mr. and Mrs. Bareford's Jongela Jonagen by Otterwood Benemino winning firsts. In Blue Burmese, Mrs. Martin's Kipushi Blue Kerry by Ch. Sorondar Mooni won.

Mrs. Menezes' Abyssinian male Tai-shun Samarah was a good winner and

she also bred the sire of the winning female Mrs. Threadingham's Bernina Lee-Sarah by Taishun Khephra.

The largest entry in other Shorthair varieties was in British Blues. Mrs. Neale's Bonaventura Bianca by Jezreel Jeremy was successful and Mrs. Richards also won with her Pensylva Lapis Lazuli, a female by Ch. Pensylva Quickee. In Creams Mrs. Richards led again with Pensylva Flaxen Nymph and in Blue-Creams with Pensylva Andromeda by Ch. Tralpark Ambrose.

Mrs. Aitken's winning Longhair Blue Smoke Manx was rather a novelty bred from her well known Blue male Ch. Nevern David and a typical Manx Shorthair Cleo Withnoend.

The other winners in Shorthairs were Mr. and Mrs. Crewe's Chestnut Brown Foreign Senlac Bronze Cherub by Ch. Senlac Coffee Bean; Miss Henderson's Sylphides Miquela by Jennymar Einar; Miss Woddifield's Tortie and White Pathfinders Misty by Pathfinder Red Trail; Lady Glubb's Red Tabby Heartsease William Rufus and Mrs. Warren's Silver Tabby female Culverden Lynette.

The Rex cats and kittens exhibited in decorated pens and not eligible to compete in an Open Class until the G.C.C.F. assigns them a breed number were an attractive group. Their colouring, type and conformation has improved enormously since the Rex coated rather nondescript exhibits were first seen at Kensington Kitten Show a few years ago.

English breeders have unlimited patience and perseverance when they decide to establish a new variety or try to attain new colours in one already existing.

The Foreign White cats were delightful but one wonders when one knows the breeding of some of them and the fact that a few had a palest creamy tint whether they will retain their whiteness after a few years have elapsed. The tint was almost a haze.

Altogether a very enjoyable show entailing a tremendous amount of work for Mrs. Barron extending over weeks.

A correction

I regret I was misinformed about the owner of the Lilac Pointed Siamese male, Ch. Scintilla Apollo. He was bred by Miss Turner and sold as a kitten to Mrs. D. Clarke who has owned him ever since. He is now at stud near Reading, Berkshire.

Meeting for pet owners

Mrs. Durbin, an enthusiast for the Pet Section of the National Cat Club, was pleased with the attendance at a special meeting held for their owners in London in July. She writes: "We had twenty eight members present and three from as far away as Bath, Northampton and Salisbury. Miss Kathleen Yorke, the President, welcomed the visitors and Mrs. R. Ross, Hon. Secretary of the National Cat Club, introduced the Committee to the members of the Household Pet section."

Mr. Stirling-Webb gave a short talk on cat genetics and this was followed by a quiz when members were able to put questions of special interest to them to a panel of experts. An excellent tea followed and I am sure the owners of these non-pedigree cats were pleased that the Committee of this world famous Club were taking a real interest in them and their cats and kittens.

By the way, there were nearly 100 exhibits in this section at Olympia last year and 42 classes were provided for them.

Nineveh Snow Sprite, Best Longhair Kitten at the South Western Counties Cat Club Ch. Show, was exported by his breeder Mrs. Durbin to Japan and she has just heard he has sired his first litter of five Whites by Snowcloud Jasmin, bred and exported by Mrs. Mearns of Taunton, Somerset, breeder of many Orange-eyed White Champions.

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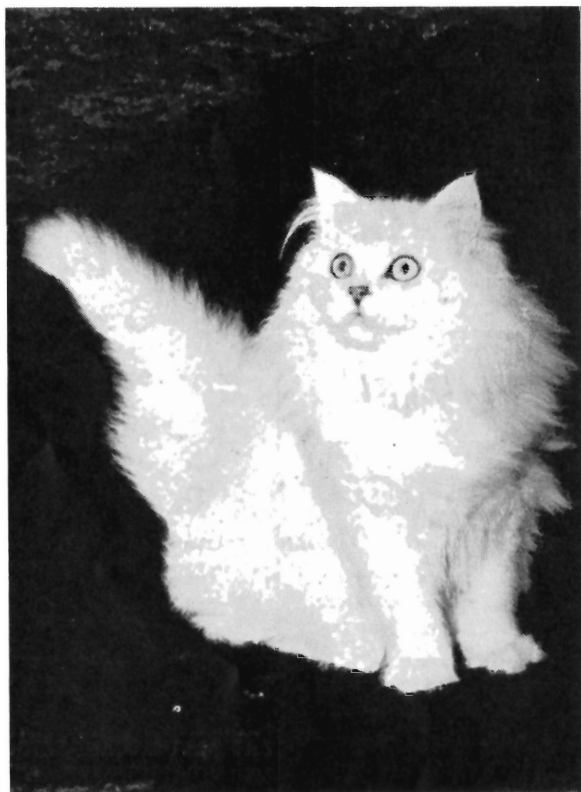
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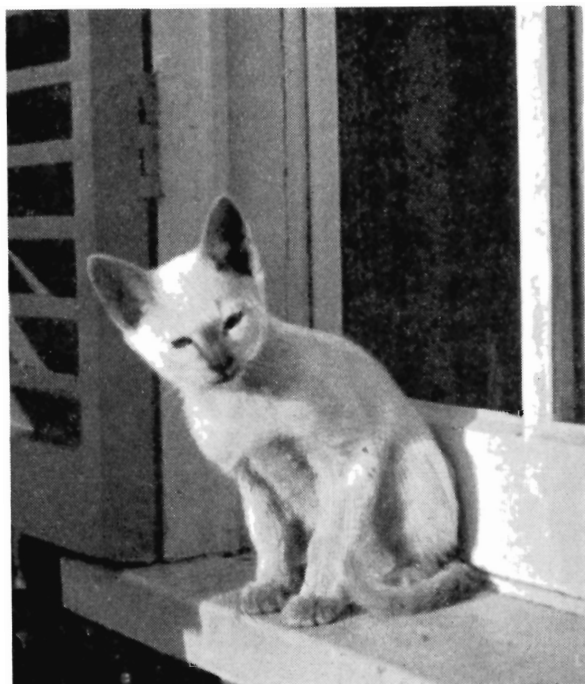
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We were very pleased to have Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council, with us and most members of our Committee came. I was particularly pleased to welcome quite a number of our new members and do hope they enjoyed their introduction to the Club.

The film "Cool Cats" came into being from a suggestion made by Lady Smyth to Mr. Carlton Greene, of the Rank Organization, after the private showing of a film in their "Look at Life" series, "The Price of Valour" in which Brigadier Sir John Smyth, a holder of the Victoria Cross, had taken part. His two Siamese cats had stolen the picture. This gave Lady Smyth the idea. Why not a film on Siamese cats? About last December, Mrs. Pamela Jones, the script-writer, and Peter Cannon came down to Haslemere, and the idea was discussed, and gradually a plan took shape.

There were several set backs, and delays, snow and bad weather dogged us and Churchill's funeral on the day of the Southern Counties Cat Club show in London was a major blow. It had been intended to interview our own President, Sir Compton Mackenzie, at this show and to include him in the film. He was in London from the South of France for that week-end only, but alas, all our plans to film that show were scrapped. So off to Leicester, with all the lights, cameras, Sunfun Finella, Mrs. Jones, Peter Cannon and technicians. Some very amusing shots were taken at Coventry and Leicester Cat Club's show, from the feline view-point.

A visit to the Cats' Protection League headquarters gave a good sequence showing the excellent care and attention given to cats there. We saw Beverley Nicholls playing with his two black half-Siamese cats, two "member" cats belonging to Brigadier Sir John and Lady Smyth, Miss Yorke's Rex cat, and Mrs. Colville's Manx cats, as well as a good

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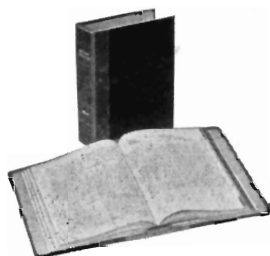


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