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Beware of toxic poisons

G. T. WILKINSON, M.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. warns breeders and pet owners of the hazards in the use of various classes of domestic cleaning and other chemicals.

ATENTION has recently been focussed on the hazards to children and domestic pets involved in the use of domestic cleaning and disinfectant agents, pesticides and drugs. Unlike dogs or children, the cat will rarely voluntarily swallow tablets or toxic liquids, but is very susceptible to the toxic effects of certain household chemicals applied externally. Whether this is due to a species susceptibility or to the natural propensity of the cat to lick any contaminating substance from its coat, is still a matter for conjecture.

The most poisonous class of household chemicals with which the cat is likely to come in contact is undoubtedly the antiseptic and disinfectant group. A large number of these substances are derivatives of phenol (carbolic acid), a chemical which is readily absorbed through the intact skin, quite apart from any that may be licked off the fur or the feet. For this reason it is unwise to use this group of chemicals for disinfecting cat cages, pens or runs, more especially if excess solution is allowed to remain on any surface with which the cat is likely to come in contact.

Symptoms of acute phenol poisoning include muscular convulsions, coma and death from respiratory paralysis. Concentrated solutions of the phenols are very irritant and result in violent gastroenteritis, with collapse and prostration from shock.

Another phenol derivative, creosote, may produce toxic symptoms in cats where the wood of cages and boxes have been treated with this substance as a preservative. Cats have also been poisoned by upsetting tins of creosote or walking in spilt creosote. Make sure

that creosote tins are kept firmly closed and stored in a closed cupboard or store. If any creosote is spilt, ensure that it is completely mopped up and well diluted with water.

Where phenolic poisoning has occurred, first-aid measures should include the administration of demulcents, such as milk and white of egg. Any poison remaining on the fur or feet should be removed by clipping the fur as short as possible and washing well with soap and water. The cat should be kept warm and quiet to lessen the risk of shock or convulsions, and veterinary advice sought as soon as possible.

Lime dangers

Another household chemical in everyday use is bleaching powder, in the form of household bleach or cleansing powders containing bleach. The active principle in these preparations is chlorine, which when ingested by the cat will cause irritation of the alimentary tract. Treatment in these cases should consist of the administration of dilute alkalis, such as bicarbonate of soda. A similar chemical, which is often recommended for the disinfection of grass runs, is lime, and this also constitutes a hazard to cats wandering on to building sites. The lime produces severe irritation of the skin of the pads and feet, and also ulceration of the tongue and mouth parts due to the cat cleaning its feet. Symptoms are inflammation of the skin of the feet, depression, salivation and dehydration. First aid measures include the washing of the feet and mouth cavity with a weak acid solution, e.g. vinegar.

Modern floor and furniture polishes have come under criticism as producing nasal irritation and sneezing in cats, but little appears to be known about the active irritant in these preparations. If your cat shows peculiar symptoms after you have polished the floor or furniture, it may be advisable to change the type of polish used.

Insecticidal preparations should only be used on cats with extreme care, as some of these chemicals are highly toxic to this species. The worst offender in this respect is probably D.D.T., which should never be used, but poisoning with B.H.C. (Gammexane) by absorption through the skin has been reported in a cat which was washed with a 0.05% solution. Where cats are hunters, we can have little knowledge of the quantities of toxic insecticides which are ingested with the bodies of birds and small rodents and which are cumulative in nature. We should take care therefore not to precipitate an acute poisoning by the use of any chlorinated hydrocarbon, e.g. D.D.T. or B.H.C., or organophosphorus insecticides, e.g. Malathion. Probably the safest insecticide is pyrethrum or pybutrin.

Symptoms of poisoning

Symptoms of acute poisoning with the chlorinated hydrocarbons are those of stimulation of the central nervous system and include twitching of the facial muscles followed by similar spasms of the muscles of the neck, the forequarters and finally the hindquarters. There is salivation and champing of the jaws and the animal tends to become frenzied and incoordinated. Later, convulsions occur and the animal dies of respiratory failure. In the case of the organophosphorus insecticides, the symptoms of acute poisoning are related to stimulation of the parasympathetic nervous system and consist of salivation, lachrymation, abdominal pain with vomiting and diarrhoea, and muscular twitchings. Death

occurs from respiratory failure. First aid treatment is limited to keeping the cat quiet and seeking veterinary advice as soon as possible.

Another type of pesticide which has caused poisoning in cats is the slug killer, Metaldehyde, which is also found in the form of Meta solid fuel, in which guise it has caused death amongst young animals and children. Symptoms in cats include salivation, muscular twitching, and nystagmus (a side to side flicking of the eyes). Death occurs in a coma. First aid treatment consists of the administration of an emetic, such as a small piece of washing soda, or a solution of mustard and water. The cat should be kept as quiet as possible and veterinary advice obtained.

Any list of household toxic hazards would be incomplete without mention of aspirin, a remedy found

No. 3 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.

Heart Disease

Tashjian, R. J., Pensinger, R. R., Das, K. M., Reid, C. F. and Crescenzi, A. A. (1963). *Feline cardiovascular studies—a preliminary report.*—Sci. Proc. 100th Ann. Meet. Am. Vet. Med. Ass., pp. 113-123.

Over 400 cats with various symptoms were examined by electrocardiograph, phonocardiograph and radiograph of the thorax; 102 were studied PM in detail. Incidence of cardiovascular disease appeared to be much less than in dog or man.

in most medicine cupboards. Recent research has revealed that this substance is highly poisonous to cats and should never be used in this species. Aspirin or acetylsalicylic acid is contained in many widely advertised remedies. So when in doubt, read the formula of the composition which should be printed on the container.

To summarize—many dangerous substances are now used in the ordinary household in this country, especially for cleaning and disinfectant purposes. Other hazards are involved in the use of the various pesticides in the house or garden. No remedy intended for human use should be given to a cat without veterinary advice. Great care should be taken in the use of any of these chemicals, *and no two chemicals should be mixed together as an extremely toxic product may result.*

It is deserving of mention that the exhibition of Rex cats and kittens at the Kensington Kitten and Neuter C.C. Show included Briarry Waitrose, a beautiful white Gene 2 kitten bred from a white sire and a black dam by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb. This kit is a grandson of his Kirlee, the original Gene 2 (Devon) Rex. Mrs June Evans has purchased Waitrose for use as a stud.

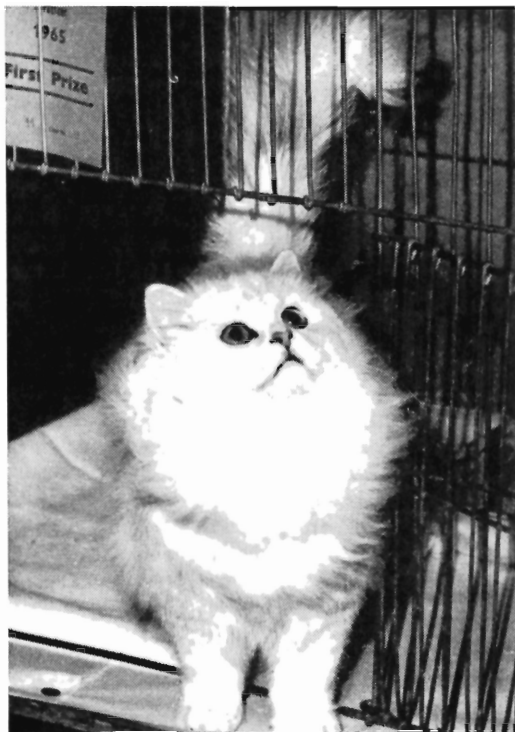
Two white cats were recently brought to the Brighton dispensary of the P.D.S.A. Both had been accidentally doused in paraffin, and were suffering great pain, having tried to wash themselves and licked and swallowed some of the paraffin. This resulted in sloughing of the tongue and internal inflammation. The two cats recovered completely after treatment, and were restored to their owners, who were warned not to leave paraffin or similar substances where cats would be able to gain access to it.



Air Canada photo.

NEW ARRIVALS FROM ENGLAND

Mrs. John Graham (left) and her daughter Rosemary (right) are showing WINDYWHISTLE TRAVELLER and WINDYWHISTLE TINA, a pair of Russian Blues who had just arrived from England by air to Mrs. Frances Diorio (centre), President of the Montreal Cat Fanciers Association. Mrs. Graham, who purchased the pair from Mrs. Colin McPherson, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, intends to show them at the Association's October show.



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Sonata Sovrano

MRS. F. RODEN of Anchorage, Third Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, writes:—

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Surgery saved this pet

By EVELYN JAMES

IN these days of so many fast-moving vehicles, cats need every one of their nine lives.

Our beloved pet, a half-Persian called Humphrey, seemed to have used up eight of his lives at only a year old, and then, suddenly, even the ninth had become a matter of touch and go.

Humphrey is always in for breakfast, jumping through his own trap-door window—perhaps a little early, a little late, but always in time for his slice of well-dried toast dipped in milk that he loves to sit and crunch. We guessed something had happened the morning he failed to arrive.

An hour later, I found him stretched out in the hall, his lovely long coat of black and white fur dirty and bedraggled. He raised his head as though imploring me to do something, just as I had helped him many times before with limping paws and torn ears from his fighting sessions with neighbouring cats. He was young then and only learning to hold his own. But this was different.

When he tried to rise to his feet, I saw that his poor body was terribly damaged inside and hanging almost to the ground. Carefully, we got him to his own bed, but it was obvious he was dying. Across the glazed eyes was a dark and shadowed look, and the skin around his nose and mouth seemed to be turning black.

I phoned the vet, and he came almost immediately. He took Humphrey away with him, but he

could give us little hope of his recovery. The youngest member of our family wept uncontrollably, and the rest of us went around silent and long-faced. Whenever the phone rang, we gazed at each other wordlessly, afraid of the news it might bring.

At last came the message from the vet: He was very sorry, but he really thought our cat should be put to sleep.

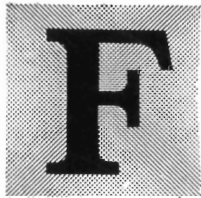
"Is there no hope at all?" I asked, unable to accept his suggestion.

"Well," the vet said, "I don't know how much this cat means to you. We could try a major operation, but he is in such a weak condition from internal bleeding, that I'm doubtful if he could pull through."

The big decision

Hurriedly, I discussed it with the family, and, of course, we all agreed he must have the operation. We simply couldn't bring ourselves to say, "Put him to sleep". We loved this cat, so soft and gentle in his ways, so clean, so obedient, a cat that talked to us with his own special throaty voice, and took so much interest in everything we did.

He had endeared himself to us in so many ways: rolling when we came down in the morning or after an absence from the house; playing with a comb, tossing it in the air and lying on his back to catch it; running after a ping-pong ball, batting it like a player

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on the hockey field. He never touched the birds in the garden because he knew we wouldn't like it. We had many memories of this cat while we waited for the operation to be over.

The next morning we heard that Humphrey was still alive—though little more. For three days the news was still the same; Humphrey had survived the operation, but now he refused to eat and his strength was failing. The vet suggested that he might have a chance if we nursed him at home.

Home again !

At once we set out to fetch him. And our hearts were torn by the sight of the poor, thin cat with the large lint dressing wrapped round his stomach. But he was ours all right; I recognised the welcoming cry when he heard our voices. It was good to see him alive and able to walk again.

Soon he was drinking milk and raw egg from his own saucer, and lying quietly while I dressed his wound twice a day. It began to close quickly. The dressing was then changed to a crêpe bandage which he wore for several weeks.

We knew he was feeling better when he began to object to being bandaged and to being kept in at night. So it was a great day when we gave him his complete freedom, and he trotted off, black, bushy tail erect, as jaunty as ever. Humphrey, it seemed, had at least one of his nine lives left—thanks to an operation.

What the judges said (from page 10)

"Handling all those lovely kits would have been an even greater pleasure if some had been in better condition". (By Mrs. Joan Merry, judging Burmese and other Shorthairs.)

"The kittens were a bonny healthy crowd but nothing outstanding to catch one's eye". (By Miss E. M. Sheppard, judging Longhairs).



Photo by Sheila Harrison

WOBURN PANSYFACE, PEPPY and POLKA by Ch. Brynwood Casanova ex Dominic (Katrinka) at 10 weeks, bred by Miss C. Page, of Watford, Herts. Pansyface was Best Blue-Cream Longhair Kitten at the recent Kensington K. & N.C.C. Show.

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WHAT THE JUDGES SAID

As you all know, the annual fixture of the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club in London during July is one of the really big occasions in our show calendar. It is an important event because it introduces so many of a new generation to the public and breeders are given an opportunity to see what others have achieved with their breeding programmes. Over 500 exhibits were on view. Quantity therefore was excellent and just another indication of our growing Fancy. But what of the quality?

Here are some report extracts from the hard-worked judges on duty that day: ". . . the quality was fairly level, with few outstanding kittens. I thought the Blacks had improved tremendously in type, but Whites and Blues were, on the whole, not so good as in recent years. Chinchillas also have some need of improvement in type. All the kittens I saw were very well presented and a credit to their owners, although some showed signs of weepy eyes. I was glad to see that temperaments had improved . . ." (By Mrs. M. M. Calder, judging Longhairs).

Chinless Siamese

"I was very disappointed to see that the show season has started with so many chinless kittens. It is such a very bad fault". (By Mrs. P. Holroyd, judging Siamese).

"I was disappointed not to see any Shorthair Blacks or Whites and the Silver Tabbies were represented by only one exhibit. There was a large entry of British Blues, but with one or two exceptions the quality was not as high as I should have liked. Fluffy coats and long tails (some ringed), also a lack of firmness of body, spoils several exhibits whose head contour was good". (By Mrs. Phyllis Hughes, judging Shorthairs).

"Among a somewhat mediocre bunch of Siamese kittens making their first appearance were several excellent specimens in the older age groups and an extremely nice Blue Point. If these go ahead there should be fierce competition later in the season". (By Mrs. Elsie Kent, judging Siamese).

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V.I.P. TREATMENT!

Mr. Errol C. Cornell, of Azusa, California, U.S.A., is a great lover of Havanas, a breed recognized in this country as Chestnut Brown (Foreign Shorthairs). He has over a dozen of them, including one Grand Champion male bearing the illustrious name of The Duke of Windsor. Mr. Cornell says The Duke will pose in any way he wants him. When the loose hair has been removed by the vacuum cleaner and he has been brushed, he loves to have the electric vibrator run over him.

A THRILLER WRITER'S CAT

RAYMOND CHANDLER, the celebrated author and creator of tough private eye Philip Marlowe, a forerunner of Ian Fleming's James Bond, once wrote, "A man named Engstead took some pictures of me holding my secretary in my lap."

The secretary was Taki, an 18 lbs black Persian cat.

Chandler was a cat lover all his life and his wife and he adored Taki, whose name comes from the Japanese word "take", meaning bamboo.

Taki was like a spoiled child and had the run of the house. She was temperamental at times, very much like all humans, and she had a great sense of humour. When she met a stranger for the first time she would soon weigh him up and know, intuitively, whether they were animal lovers or not. She was also one of the few cats who would look you straight in the eye as if to ask, "Are you joking?"

Living in the literary atmosphere which prevailed in the Chandler household, she no doubt stored away all kinds of incidents in her mind for reference. If only pets could write and speak!

She was fussy about what she ate and liked plenty of variety.

When Taki was 20, she was put to sleep and to the Chandlers this was a tragedy because they had no children and lavished all their affection on her. The tragedy struck home so badly that the Chandlers didn't send out any Christmas cards to their friends in that year.

Readers who may wish to know more about Raymond Chandler and his cat will find a collection of letters entitled *Raymond Chandler Speaking*, edited by Dorothy Gardiner and Kathrine Sorley Walker, and published by Hamish Hamilton at 21s., very fascinating.

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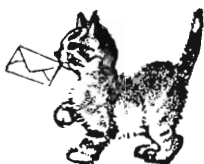
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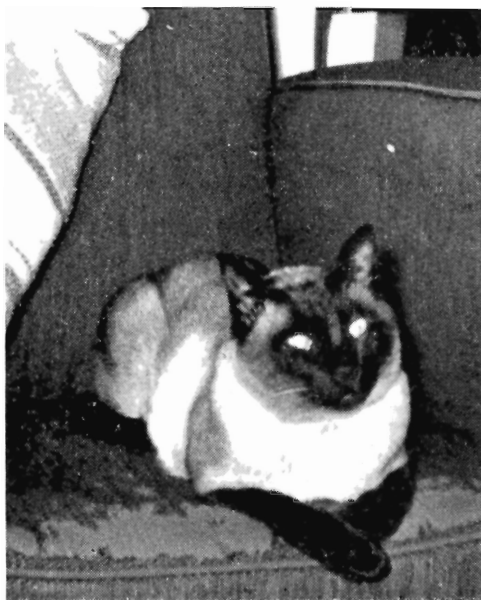


"What's in a name?"

The article "Will it be Shadowpoints or what?" in your June issue prompts me to write concerning the naming of this breed. The article mentions three names which have been proposed but, surprisingly, not the one which is, to me, clearly the only appropriate one, "Tabby Pointed Siamese".

First, the breed is a Siamese breed and will in due course, I hope, receive the breed number 24d. Failure to accept this would be disastrous in that interbreeding with the other Siamese breeds would cease and divergence of type would inevitably follow.

Second, it is the practice (and a good one) to use the breed name to describe the cat's appearance. Thus, assuming everyone knows what the words blue, red, black, etc., mean and assuming further that certain words describing coat patterns (tabby, Siamese, etc.) are understood, then a name such as Blue Pointed Siamese fully describes a cat's appearance. A further point is that the information is implied that the Blue Point is, in fact, a blue cat with its colour restricted to the points or, in genetic terms, the genes distinguishing a Blue Point from a Seal Point are identical with those distinguishing any blue cat from its black counterpart.



THOMAS, a Seal Point Siamese neuter 14 years old, owned and bred by Mrs. Kathleen N. Foden, Street-hay, Nr. Lichfield, Staffs.

Why not, then, call a cat which is simply a tabby with its coat colouring restricted to the points by its obviously proper name, Tabby Pointed Siamese?

It has been argued that other names are somehow "nicer", "more appropriate", even "more descriptive" (although this is obviously not true). For me, the overwhelmingly important consideration is that such names are *not* descriptive and can only be misleading. I would be quite happy, for instance, with "Lynx Pointed Siamese" if the names of other breeds were altered accordingly (i.e. Silver Lynx, Brown Lynx, Red Lynx instead of Silver Tabby, Brown Tabby, Red Tabby) but until this is done the name must be "Tabby Pointed Siamese".

MR. R. G. TURNER, M.A., B.Sc.

Monash University,
Clayton, Victoria,
Australia.

On quarantine

I was most interested to read that you do take an interest in the quarantine law for cats. My own two beloved Siamese will have to be put down in two weeks time, simply because I am leaving the country. To bring them home, would cost £100 which I have not a hope of raising.

Some time ago, I carried on a correspondence with the Ministry of Agri-

culture and Fisheries, stating that cases of rabies in cats were so rare, that I thought the quarantine should be lifted. Just 3½ years ago, my little cat Jennie, had been quite all right on the Sunday, and I could, as late as that, have brought her out of England, with a certificate of good health. On the following Wednesday she bit me, hard, three times, and for no apparent reason at all. This from the gentle Jennie was unheard of. The following Sunday she was dead, and the report came from the laboratory a very virulent rabies. I now take back all I said about quarantine being foolish red tape.

I have, out here, nursed a case of human rabies in a child of six. I hope I never see another as long as I live.

Although I am heartbroken at the prospect of having my two put down, I can, at least accept it as inevitable.

MISS K. M. HARDAKER

The Leprosy Settlement,
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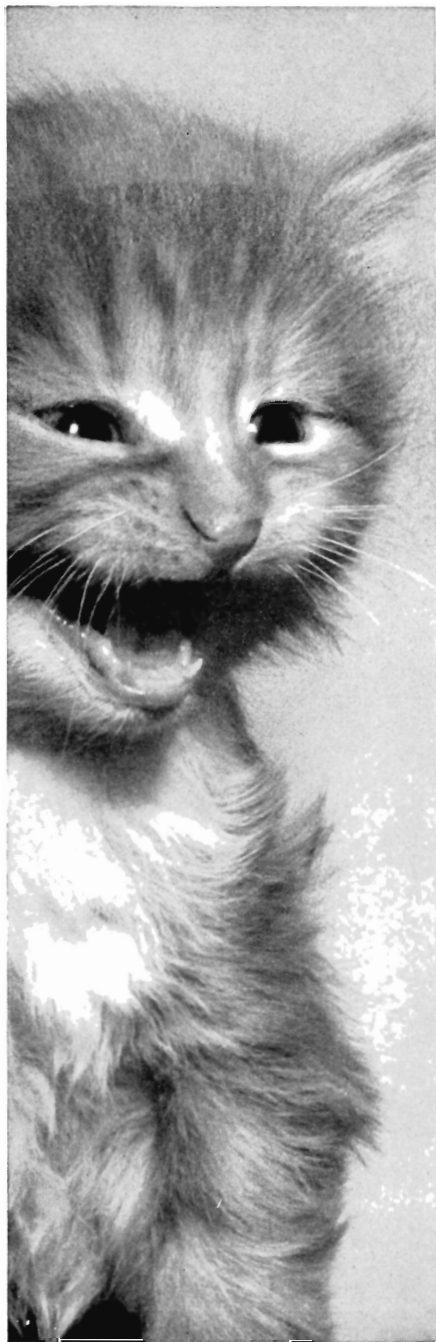
Colourpoints

My few words in the May number of OUR CATS were intended to draw attention to the present state of advancement of Colourpoints. I was not writing

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Exhibited at the recent Three Counties Cat Society's Sanction Show at Salisbury by Mrs. Molly Tapp, of Redland, Bristol, ALEMUND JULIAN by Camber Frivolson ex Camber Julie was voted Best Neuter in Show. Judge Mrs. Brunton commented on his "gorgeous type and condition".



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Siamese up North

The 3rd Exemption Show of the Northern Siamese Cat Society took place at The Museum Rooms, York, last month.

Major awards went as follow: Best Cat in Show—Mrs. Forrest's female S.P. Dunchattan Kiki Kula by Ch. Tailong Kuli and Dunchattan Mulia Amira; Best Kitten—Miss Burness' S.P. female Dunchattan Nina by Ch. Windale Derri and Yalda-Yla; Best Neuter—Mrs. Forrest's S.P. Dunchattan Little Warrior; also by Ch. Windale Derri and the same dam.

The winners in the Adult Open classes were Mrs. Peck's celebrated S.P. male Ch. Tailong Kuli by Ch. Tailong Luki-Looki; Mrs. Forrest's S.P. female Dunchattan Kiki Kula; Mrs. Peck's B.P. male Tailong Blue Pierot (also by the winning male); Mrs. Proudlock's B.P. female Tamerlaine Sophia by Ch. Pheanoi Fuang; Mrs. and Miss Edgecombe's C.P. Chocolate Mingle by Sayam Blue Boy; Mesdames Denton and

Parkin's L.P. male Embee Charing Noy by Misselfore Ovid; and Mrs. Bowers' L.P. female Lushai Lilac Flower by Dodbrook Dandy.

Mrs. Forrest had the honour of winning both the Stud Class judged on progeny with Ch. Windale Derri and the Brood Queen Class with Dunchattan Kiki Kula. This pair were the parents of Mrs. Forrest's first prize kittens Dunchattan Goopi and Dunchattan Masa. All the Dunchattan winners mentioned were bred by Mrs. Forrest, so it was a wonderful day for her Siamese.

132 Siamese competed and 4 exhibits were shown not for competition. 27 trophies owned by the N.S.C. Society were offered for competition and 13 clubs supported the Show by offering special prizes.

Mrs. May Eustace (Hon. Secretary) was Show Manager and I am pleased to publish the following extracts from her letter to me: "It is a pleasure to send you a marked catalogue and to express my gratitude for the impartial publicity you give to Siamese from time to time. We had a good show and an excellent gate".

"The B.B.C. Television paid us a visit and viewers were able to see us all in action on the Look North programme. There was special interest in Miss Turner's experimentally bred "white Siamese". They had just had their dinner when the T.V. cameras took a shot. They looked up from their plates although they displayed marvellous interest in their food, so the film should be excellent".

"Running a show is hard work but

pleasing when it is appreciated. The Fancy all the way through is suffering from a great scarcity of voluntary workers and one wonders what will happen when some of the seniors decide to retire from organising shows. New breeders owe so much to the opportunities they have of exhibiting their cats and kittens but it would help if those who are free to do so would offer more help".

On page 4 of the catalogue the 1964 Best in Show exhibits and the Open Class winners were listed and on page 8 the eight Siamese Clubs were listed with their respective Hon. Secretaries. A pleasing innovation'

Herts. and Middlesex Show

The weather was decidedly mixed for the Herts and Middlesex Championship Show at the Alexandra Palace, North London on September 11th but this is

one of the few halls in the South when a dull day makes little difference to the maximum amount of daylight so essential to see exhibits in their true colours in coat and eye colour. A spacious setting with a lofty glass roof which permits plenty of air to circulate and provides a healthy atmosphere for the exhibits.

Mrs. H. G. Philpot was a most efficient Manager for her first Ch. Show and she had the gratification of coping with a record entry of over 500 pedigree cats and kittens, 19 exhibits in decorated pens and in addition an entry of 50 household pets.

It meant a colossal amount of work for her and Mr. Philpot. His services must have been invaluable as he was for some years Hon. Treasurer of the Siamese Cat Club and how helpful. I surmise, to have someone of his ability to cope with the finances of such a show.

The Chairman and virtually founder of the Club Mrs. L. Price; the Hon.



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WHITE SIAMESE

These attractive Foreign White cats are being experimentally bred by Miss Patricia Turner, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, and other interested breeders who may eventually unite to form a society. They have appeared on TV and also at cat shows. Their eyes are either golden or blue and they are given Chinese names partly because, it is said, white cats are lucky omens in China. Our picture shows Miss Turner and Mr. Frank Chappell with some of the first of the Foreign Whites to "come off the production line"

Secretary and Vice-Chairman Miss I. Statman; and Hon. Treasurer Mrs. E. Wooster and other members of the Committee must have been very pleased with its success. The Club offered 54 of its cups and trophies for competition and the All Breed and Specialist Clubs brought the total to 258 with 13 special prizes for household pets.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. Brunton's Blue male Sugar Daddy of Dunesk by Ch. Camber Mario and Ashdown Amaryillis; Best L. H. Kitten—Mrs. Harding's Seal Colourpoint Mingchui Shan by Ch. Briarry Zorab and Woods Amber; Best L.H. Neuter—Miss Carr's Blue-Cream Ch. and Pr. Widdington Salome by Widdington Wrensun and Ch. Wonderland Honeybunch. Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. L. Forrest's Seal Point female Dunchattan Kiki Kula, winner at the Northern Cat Society's show previously reported; Best Siamese Kitten—Miss

L. Burness' Dunchattan Nina, another winner at York; Best Siamese Neuter—Mr. G. Davies' Kintara Dalriada, by Craigiehilloch Boyndie and Ch. Salukia Saina; Best Shorthair Cat (other than Siamese)—Mrs. M. Smith's Brown Burmese Copplestone Bardee, by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo and Benroc Bardolino; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss F. Bone's Charisma Lei, an Abyssinian bred by Mrs. Kennedy from Blackthorn Dubonnet and Nigella Lilstar; Best S.H. Neuter—(other than Siamese) Mrs. A. Beever's British Blue Fendale Faun by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella.

All Open Class winners will be published in my next notes but the above go to press immediately after the Show as the Editor and Mrs. Maria Cowlshaw are planning to get away for a short holiday and Mrs. Philpot must be allowed "a breathing space" before verifying all the winners.

Correspondence Corner

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a history of the variety. I was very brief and I did not state that Colourpoints "were first produced in this country only eight years ago"—(Miss Collins, August number of *OUR CATS*). My first and last sentences made this quite clear.

I drew attention to the fact that the variety Colourpoint Longhair was first recognized by the G.C.C.F. in 1955, that is ten years ago. I further referred to the previous eight years of planned breeding carried out by Mr. Stirling-Webb (before 1955), without which we should not have seen the Briarry cats listed by Miss Collins, and many others,

or Colourpoints reaching Best in Show four times in as many months of the 1965 show season. I made no reference to more distant breeding, since without Mr. Stirling-Webb's essential spade work we should not have Colourpoints as we have them today.

Miss Collins makes no reference to Bubastis Georgina, Mr. Stirling-Webb's female whose name is also basic to the pedigrees of Briarry Colourpoints. But I was not concerned with these matters. The purpose of the article and photos was simply to draw attention to the present level reached by a comparatively new variety.

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If you know any cat lovers who are likely to be genuinely interested in a sample copy of *OUR CATS*, we should be glad to have their names and addresses. Just jot the details on a postcard, address to 4 Carlton Mansions, 378 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, and we will do the rest.



Tailpieces

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



THE feast day of St. Francis of Assisi falls on October 4th and the Sunday nearest will be set aside in some churches as the day on which the animals are remembered.

Carved on a piece of wood on the footbridge at Fishguard and Goodwick Station, this memorial is inscribed: "In memory of the Station Cat. Died August 2nd, 1931. Here lies the dear old station cat. She killed some mice and many a rat. Her days are gone, she did her best, and now in peace she's laid to rest. Sadly missed by Goodwick Station Staff".

It is a matter for regret that the Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club has had to disband. It was found at the annual general meeting that officers were not forthcoming to replace those who for various reasons were unable to continue with their work for the Club.

An inquiry estimated to cost £30,000 aimed to save animals from useless suffering in laboratory tests is planned by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare.

I have news of other cat shows due to take place on the Continent during the next few months: The Société Royale les Amis du Chat run a 2-day show in Antwerp on November 13th-14th (Show Manager Ir. L. F. J. Dekesel); The Cercle Félin de Paris have a 3-day fixture in Paris on November 19th/20th/21st (Show Manager Countess Trayer de

Dhuizy); the Royal Cat Club de Belgique have a 2-day show in Ghent on December 11th-12th (Show Manager Mr. N. de Smet); and on January 8th-9th next the Association Feline de France run a 2-day fixture in Paris (Show Manager Mme. M. Lochet).

Writing in the August *Newsletter* of The Siamese Cat Club, Mrs. Elsie Kent, a judge of Siamese with vast experience, has this to say about coat colour: "Years of practical experience have taught us that it is impossible to breed for pale body colouring. We should have done it long ago had it been possible. Two cats kept in the same temperature will have dark and light coats, neither does heat make the coat light. Pale coats will be found in cats kept outside without any heating at all. Muddy, dirty looking kittens will clear to the beautiful desired colouring; very pale kittens will often darken very early. There may be pale and dark in the same litter. In old age, i.e., twelve years and over, cats will usually become pale in colour again as they were as kittens. The pale cream coat is mostly found in blood lines carrying pure imported stock amongst the ancestors".

Also of interest to Siamese lovers is the following letter I have received from Mrs. Brenda Clark, of Scarborough, Yorkshire: "I am writing to ask if any of your readers have had the experience I have just had. On August 18th, Tamerlaine Lilac Milanda gave birth to eight kittens, including triplets. She

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had four very easily and then we had a long gap. She seemed very weak and fatigued. I left her for a few minutes as nothing appeared to be happening and when I went back to her I saw a newborn kitten trying to climb up her hind-quarters. She was just half sitting and half lying and looked dumbfounded. When I went to pick up the kitten I found it was still attached as I thought to her. However, it was joined by a short cord to a main cord and I found two other kittens joined likewise. The cord was attached to a normal sized placenta and the last two kittens were struggling to get out of an enormous membrane. You will be pleased to hear that the family have all survived and are

doing very nicely. The triplets are smaller than the other five but just as strong".

The Siamese Cat Society of America, Inc., still striving hard to attain its goal of 1,000 members, is much concerned over the non-observance by certain exhibitors of the 21-day waiting period between shows. They are seeking support from the national cat associations for a resolution calling for drastic penalties to be inflicted on those breeders who ignore the waiting period rules. The rule breakers would be banned from showing for two years, followed by a probationary period of another two years.



Photo by Lola Marsden

For this charming study we are indebted to Mrs. T. F. Lloyd, of Woldingham, Surrey. Her daughter Rachel is holding the family pet Wavermouse Ganeswari, a Blue Burmese neuter male bred by Mrs. Gray, of Sidcup, Kent. He was 7 months old at the time of the photograph, two weeks younger than Rachel, and, says Mrs. Lloyd, "a more gentle and loving animal it would be hard to find".

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THE feast day of St. Francis of Assisi falls on October 4th and the Sunday nearest will be set aside in some churches as the day on which the animals are remembered.

Carved on a piece of wood on the footbridge at Fishguard and Goodwick Station, this memorial is inscribed: "In memory of the Station Cat. Died August 2nd, 1931. Here lies the dear old station cat. She killed some mice and many a rat. Her days are gone, she did her best, and now in peace she's laid to rest. Sadly missed by Goodwick Station Staff".

It is a matter for regret that the Hull and Lincolnshire Cat Club has had to disband. It was found at the annual general meeting that officers were not forthcoming to replace those who for various reasons were unable to continue with their work for the Club.

An inquiry estimated to cost £30,000 aimed to save animals from useless suffering in laboratory tests is planned by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare.

I have news of other cat shows due to take place on the Continent during the next few months: The Société Royale les Amis du Chat run a 2-day show in Antwerp on November 13th-14th (Show Manager Ir. L. F. J. Dekesel); The Cercle Félin de Paris have a 3-day fixture in Paris on November 19th/20th/21st (Show Manager Countess Trayer de

Dhuizy); the Royal Cat Club de Belgique have a 2-day show in Ghent on December 11th-12th (Show Manager Mr. N. de Smet); and on January 8th-9th next the Association Feline de France run a 2-day fixture in Paris (Show Manager Mme. M. Lochet).

Writing in the August *Newsletter* of The Siamese Cat Club, Mrs. Elsie Kent, a judge of Siamese with vast experience, has this to say about coat colour: "Years of practical experience have taught us that it is impossible to breed for pale body colouring. We should have done it long ago had it been possible. Two cats kept in the same temperature will have dark and light coats, neither does heat make the coat light. Pale coats will be found in cats kept outside without any heating at all. Muddy, dirty looking kittens will clear to the beautiful desired colouring; very pale kittens will often darken very early. There may be pale and dark in the same litter. In old age, i.e., twelve years and over, cats will usually become pale in colour again as they were as kittens. The pale cream coat is mostly found in blood lines carrying pure imported stock amongst the ancestors".

Also of interest to Siamese lovers is the following letter I have received from Mrs. Brenda Clark, of Scarborough, Yorkshire: "I am writing to ask if any of your readers have had the experience I have just had. On August 18th, Tamerlaine Lilac Milanda gave birth to eight kittens, including triplets. She

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had four very easily and then we had a long gap. She seemed very weak and fatigued. I left her for a few minutes as nothing appeared to be happening and when I went back to her I saw a newborn kitten trying to climb up her hind-quarters. She was just half sitting and half lying and looked dumbfounded. When I went to pick up the kitten I found it was still attached as I thought to her. However, it was joined by a short cord to a main cord and I found two other kittens joined likewise. The cord was attached to a normal sized placenta and the last two kittens were struggling to get out of an enormous membrane. You will be pleased to hear that the family have all survived and are

doing very nicely. The triplets are smaller than the other five but just as strong".

The Siamese Cat Society of America, Inc., still striving hard to attain its goal of 1,000 members, is much concerned over the non-observance by certain exhibitors of the 21-day waiting period between shows. They are seeking support from the national cat associations for a resolution calling for drastic penalties to be inflicted on those breeders who ignore the waiting period rules. The rule breakers would be banned from showing for two years, followed by a probationary period of another two years.



Photo by Lola Marsden

For this charming study we are indebted to Mrs. T. F. Lloyd, of Woldingham, Surrey. Her daughter Rachel is holding the family pet Wavermouse Ganeswari, a Blue Burmese neuter male bred by Mrs. Gray, of Sidcup, Kent. He was 7 months old at the time of the photograph, two weeks younger than Rachel, and, says Mrs. Lloyd, "a more gentle and loving animal it would be hard to find".

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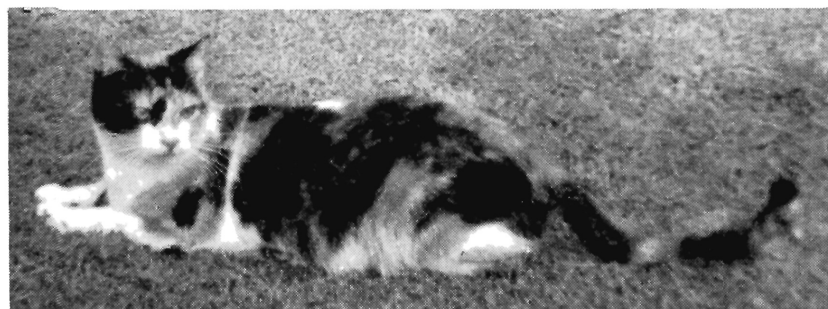
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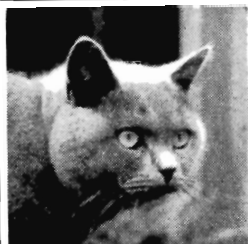
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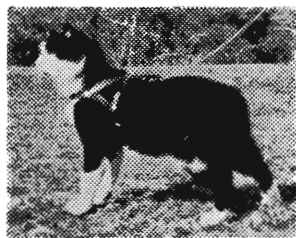
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4 November	*Blue Persian Cat Society	London
6 "	*Preston Cat Club	Blackpool
20 "	*Cheshire Area Cat Club	Chester
4 December	*Siamese Cat. Soc. of the British Empire	Newbury, Berks.
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16 "	*National 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.
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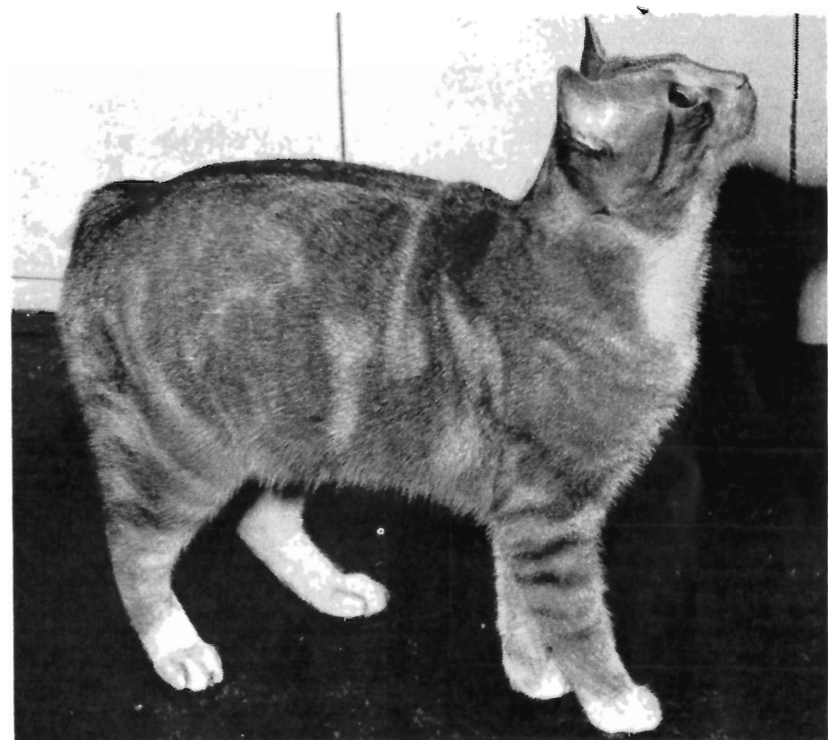


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