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Miss Carmen Dias, of Dagenham, Essex, and her young Blue Longhair male PERIVALE BELVEDERE (by Ch. Allenvale Bosambo ex Perivale Asphodel) made an attractive picture at the Herts and Middlesex C.C. Show at the Alexandra Palace in September.

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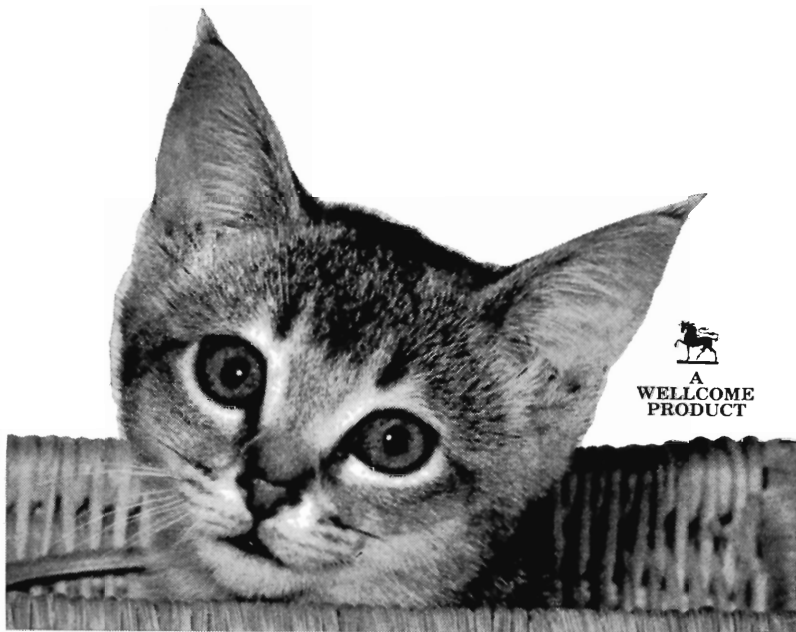
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- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
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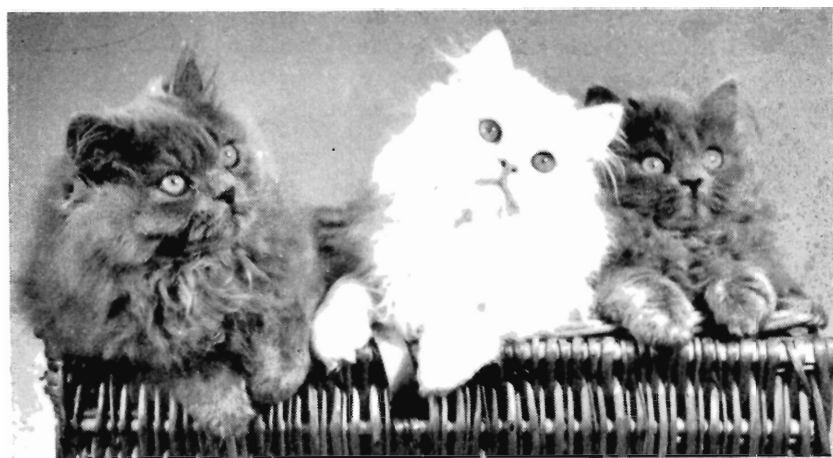
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THREE OF THE BEST

Bred by Mrs. E. H. Durbin, of Paignton, S. Devon, from Ch. Deebank Mascot and her queen Ch. Snowcloud Dreamgirl, these fine kittens were all winners at the Alexandra Palace in September. NINEVEH APOLLO left is going to a new home in Hong Kong. N. PANDORA, the Orange-eyed White and her sister N. DIANA right have been purchased by a breeder in Miami, U.S.A.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our future plans

We wish to give notice to all our friends and well-wishers of our intention to go ahead with plans for the development and improvement of OUR CATS during 1966. We have felt for some time that such a course is desirable and indeed necessary if we are to keep in step with our growing Fancy. A new series will therefore be launched with the January 1966 issue. Our policy will remain unchanged and there will be no drastic moves in any direction. We are confident that our plans, which provide for additional editorial pages, will result in a more attractive and useful journal. Briefly, we seek to enhance the reputation we have enjoyed over the past 17 years.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

A small increase in our subscription rates is inevitable. The new rates effective with the January 1966 issue will be 30s. for 12 issues post free and 16s. for 6 issues post free. The rate for the Americas will be five dollars for 12 issues post free.

DIRECTORY OF BREEDERS

This valuable feature of the Magazine will be given a place of prominence in the centre of the book, where it will appear as a separate section on tinted paper. Here again there must be a small increase in the rates for the panel advertisements in the Directory. These have remained unchanged since our first issue in January 1949! The new rates will be 80s. for a single panel in 12 consecutive issues and 50s. for the same space in 6 consecutive issues. Larger panels will be charged at pro rata rates.

INTERNATIONAL NEW YEAR GREETINGS NUMBER

The growing popularity of this special issue throughout the four corners of the cat world and its wide and influential readership encourages us to go ahead with the 1966 edition in January. The publication date is January 20th and we shall be pleased to send details of the unchanged space rates to all who may be interested to include a Greetings Message for this special occasion.

A SEASONAL REMINDER

A year's subscription to OUR CATS (costing only 30s.) makes a perfect gift for anyone who loves cats.

Coat colour in Blue Points

By THETIS RENDALL

IT has been suggested that the question of body colour in Blue Pointed Siamese is my theme song—run on a long playing record. I admit to strong feelings on the subject; the theme could bear repetition and could also be applied to other varieties of Siamese, such as Seal Points, which are another example of unselective breeding. I make no apologies for returning to the subject, and indeed am doing so at the request of our Editor.

A well known and respected judge of Siamese has stated with great definiteness that body colour in Siamese, particularly in Seal Points, cannot be bred for. It is a great risk to be too definite in any breeding problems, as in all probability the writer can be "caught out", as in this case.

In the same paragraph the writer states that kittens in a litter vary in coat colour, and the darker kits sometimes become light. Of course they do, but probably not so light as the light coated kits in the litter. If breeding for body colour (at about 3 months of age), a breeder who understands his stock can put aside the kitten or kittens from whom he intends to continue breeding for the light coat.

In some cases in my experience the really desired colour can be picked out at 4-6 weeks, when the coat colour is something exceptional, and usually continues to be so well into adolescence, possibly older, though it is exceedingly difficult to prognosti-

cate as to the length of time a pale coat will last. I think the time is shorter with males than females. I had a queen Serena, who at 5 years of age was as pale as she was at 6 months.

I need hardly say that, apart from health, I breed entirely for pale coats in my Blue Points. In the course of time I have had to revise my ideas on how to get the colour very considerably. I consider that the great mistake of my breeding life was the re-introduction of Lilac. I use the word "re-introduction" advisedly.

All my cats go back to my first breeding queen, a Seal Point, whom we called Lily at home. As a novice breeder it took me some time to discover that Lily would throw the then-new variety of Blue Points. What I did not know was that her bad Seal Point kittens were in fact Chocolate Points.

I sold her grandson Pandoya as a stud, and rumours reached me that he was throwing queer Blue Points, very pale with little or no points. Pandoya's son was in due course mated to a Laurentide queen, and the Lilac Pointed boys, Mercury and Quicksilver, appeared in the litter.

Through injudicious matings, I had a bad phase when I lost the pale coat in our cats. I was unable to find a Blue Pointed male to rectify the fault. Without realising all the implications, I mated a dark coated queen with a Lilac Pointed male. I was fortunate in that this particular

Lilac Point threw pale coated kittens of both colours. Some Lilac Points throw only dark coated Blue Points, in my experience. The English Blue Point male has become so dark, that I have had to continue experimenting with Lilacs. The experiment does not please me, and the results are confusing.

Progressive breeding

When I was able to mate a second or third generation of pale coated Blue Points to the equivalent opposite sex, the resulting litter was always pale coated, though some kittens might have exceptional coats. In fact it never occurred to me that the result could be otherwise. The kittens from the dark queen mated to the Lilac Pointed male, were all pale, but not uniformly so as with an all Blue Pointed mating.

My husband and I have always

believed in progressive breeding, that is mating successive generations together. This of course entails having no further breeding use for the parents. Following this policy as usual with the Blue Point \times Lilac mating just mentioned, I gradually had Lilac on both sides of my pedigrees. I noticed that I was always breeding a proportion of "dirty coated" kittens. Though these dirty coats eventually cleared, they were never as pale as those kittens whose coats were pale from birth. This fact is borne out from what I am told by other breeders. When breeders tell me that X cat is pale coated but they are puzzled why his or her brother, etc., is so much darker, there is nearly always Lilac close up in the pedigree.

I also find that a Blue Point with a Lilac parent or grandparent has far too dark points and mask. There shouldn't be too sharp a contrast between coat colour and points.

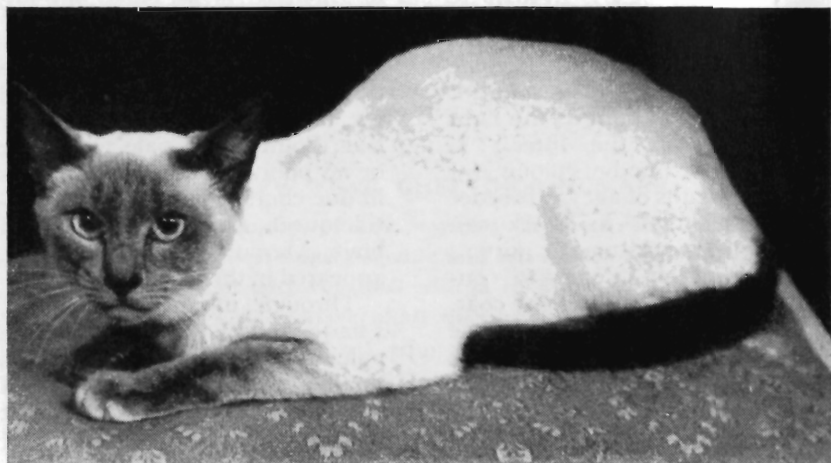


Photo by John Lites

MISSELFORE LYSA, young Blue Point Siamese female bred by Mrs. Rendall from Ch. Misselfore Lysander ex Misselfore Candy.

The selection of a kitten for paleness can present in itself quite a problem unless one understands clearly what to look for. An understanding of one's own stock is also necessary at this stage. A dark Blue Pointed male very often throws very white kittens, really "whiter than white". In my experience these kittens are the ones to avoid, as more often than not they become extra dark at about 8 months of age.

Colour faults

The colour or tinge to choose is difficult to describe. It should be paler than cream, nearer skim milk. I pick my kits for colour at about 3-4 months, sometimes a little older. Again, sometimes I know at 4 weeks. The official description is "glacial white" in the Standard of Points. Though the words are mine, they are not only inaccurate but impossible to breed, in my experience. Skim milk is more accurate and quite attainable, but only through selective breeding.

There are two major faults to watch for with Blue Point breed-

ing. The most difficult one to irradicate is when the blue of the points over-runs the body colour and the cat becomes almost self coloured. Judges are apt to describe such a cat as being "dark but a beautiful cold tone", instead of saying that the cat has a thoroughly bad colour.

The other fault, and a very ugly one, is too much fawn. Sometimes this can be due to the time of year or the physical condition of the cat. But it is more easily bred out by selection, than the first fault I mentioned, where the blue has "over run" the body. I will never use such a cat for breeding if I can help it.

When I was a novice breeder, Mrs. Hindley told me that the easiest quality to lose was eye shade. I think this can be no longer true, as if one does fail, there are so many Siamese available who are prepotent for this most desirable quality, that the breeder can regain it with one mating. I think pale coats in Blue Points has taken the place of eye shade difficulty. A pale coat is not only difficult to breed, but it entails endless thought and research to keep and perpetuate.



We are indebted to one of our subscribers Mr. J. T. Dawe, of California, U.S.A., for this striking Siamese study of DBL., DBL. CH. DAHIN MAHIDOL OF TARQUIN. He bred the dam of this fine cat and imported both his sire and grandsire from England. Mahidol was bred by Patricia Hautz, of San Bernardino, California, from Whiteacres Maitland of Dahin imp. bred by Mrs. Helen Martin and Miss Grace Eley and Dahin's Peegee by Sumfun Banhari of Dahin (imp.) bred by Mrs. Mary Dunnill.

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AN item in the current issue of the R.S.P.C.A. journal makes one's blood boil! A young couple are reported to have approached the Society to ask them to destroy their black and white cat because it did not fit in with the colour scheme of their new home! They asked for a marmalade kitten to go with their gold colour scheme and furniture. The Society rightly refused their request and found a good home for the unwanted cat. The journal describes this incident as "the very limit of capriciousness" and adds "Our clinic managers are noting an increase in frivolous pet owners. As people get wealthier they feel the need to show it in stranger status symbols. This is the fate pets are having to face in the modern age".

It simply had to come! A new hair-style is called the Cat Look. The hair is drawn up high from the temples and dressed out according to the bone structure of the head. It is said to be specially good for girls with strong coarse hair with a slight natural curl. Surely the Kitten Look would have more appeal!

"He is the instrument for the children to learn benevolence upon, every house is incomplete without him and a blessing is lacking in the spirit". So wrote Christopher Smart, the 18th century poet, of his cat Jeffrey.

Professor Tom Ewer, Professor of Animal Husbandry at Bristol University, had this to say at a conference on future plans for livestock breeding: "The more closely and continuously our animals are under human control, the greater is our

responsibility towards them. It is not enough to use a computer to compound the creatures' properly balanced (and cheapest) diet, or to feed it under an ingenious automated system, installed in an automatically controlled, purpose-built house. We are dealing with sentient beings, sharing deep emotional urges with ourselves. They are social beings, whose normal behaviour patterns we are only beginning clearly to understand". Professor Ewer is a member of the committee set up by the Ministry of Agriculture to investigate the welfare of animals in intensive systems.

Mrs. Burks, of West Hartlepool, has found that her cat has a passion for hens eggs. She hard-boiled some eggs for a salad and put them on one side while she went shopping. On returning, she found only the shells on the floor. Only the cat could have been the culprit. So now her pet gets a soft-boiled egg for breakfast every morning. It is served in an egg-cup. The cat first licks out the yolk and then turns the egg out of the cup so that she can enjoy the white.

Just fancy! Pussy Cat Willum, the children's great favourite on ITV for six years, displaced by a puppet elephant! After some period of uncertainty during which numerous complaints were received from disappointed viewers, it has been decided that Willum is not to be retired completely from the screen after all.

According to the Rev. Alan Bradford, curate-in-charge of a Worcestershire village church, brides should not accept black cats and horseshoes for luck when

they marry. "I regard these as pagan symbols from superstitious times", he is reported to have said, "and black cats are associated with witchcraft". Even if one accepts the underlying truth of this statement, what poppycock it is in this day and age!

Mr. Edward R. Kempen, of Amblecote, Stourbridge, writes to *The Field*: "One day I found our cat lying down on the terrace in the sun. Close to it was a large white mouse, which ran on to the cat's back and played there. The arrival of my two dogs made me pick it up. We found that it belonged to a child in a house about 200 yards away and I returned it. A fortnight later it again appeared, this time in our kitchen, where the two friends met again. Once more I returned it. Our cat was a good mouser, but never attempted to hurt this one".

Someone I know who has experienced quite a bit of heartburning over the moulting propensities of a longhaired cat now refers to her pet as the Moulty Millionhair!

Sir John and Lady Smyth were interested visitors at the Siamese Cat Club's Championship Show last month. Sir Compton Mackenzie (President) was absent from the scene this time. Sir John presented the awards to the winning exhibitors and in a pleasant and interesting little speech he said: "If my wife and I leave this hall tonight without buying another kitten, it will be a miracle". They already have four Siamese sharing their London flat. I hear that Sir John has another book on the stocks to follow his successful *Beloved Cats* and *Blue Magnolia*.

That newsy little item about cats you have read in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just put down . . . will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications are particularly welcome but it should be remembered that we cannot reproduce direct from newspaper illustrations. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.

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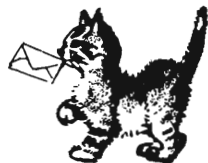
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Correspondence Corner

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What's in a name ?

May I be allowed to point out, with all due respect to Mr. Turner (see his letter in your September issue), that he evidently does not realize that the Siamese Cat Club has so far refused to accept these shadowpoint cats by any name. The same applies to the red points, though they are advertised in many places as "Red Point Siamese." This is not to say the Club is right in its decision, but there it is.

With regard to the name "shadowpoint", I feel it is just as descriptive as "tabby point" and far more attractive, though I have no real objection to "tabby point", except that it does not sound distinguished enough for these lovely cats. Perhaps Mr. Turner has not bred them, but we can notice that although the markings on the face and tail are very distinct, the markings on the legs and body are very shadowy. As everyone knows, there can be light and dark shadows.

The reason I object to "lynx pointed" is the fact that the lynx is a horrible animal, designated as vermin in Alberta, Canada, and also used quite extensively for fur. I have just had a catalogue from a well known firm in London which illustrates a hat trimmed with lynx fur and a popular actress, I read, has had her clothes trimmed with the same fur.

Do we want a cat's name of that kind ? I for one, do not !

GRETA HINDLEY (Mrs.)

Chiddingfold,
Surrey.

Record litter

In the August issue of OUR CATS, under "Tailpieces", Mrs. Grail, of Victoria, Australia, asks if a litter of 12 Siamese, of which 10 survived, is a record.

My Blue Point Siamese Pageant Elfin Sufi in June 1961 produced a litter of 12, of which one was stillborn. The remaining 11 survived and caused quite a sensation when shown at the Herts and Middlesex Show in the following August. They won the litter class.

M. M. HUDSON (Mrs.)

High Halden, Ashford,
Kent.

British-bred Burmese

Mr. Watson, in his letter in your August issue, appears to be under a misapprehension in thinking that I suggested that the British-bred Brown Burmese cats were inferior to the American. The whole point is that our Burmese do not conform to the American show standard any more than the American do to ours and the question of inferiority or superiority of one or the other was simply not mentioned by me.

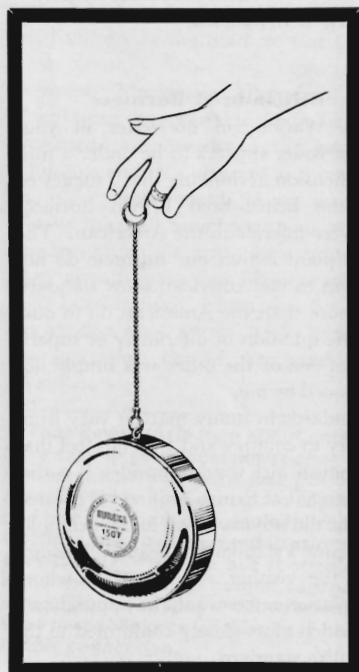
Standards in many matters vary from country to country and I do not feel that an English girl would consider it a disparagement of British girlhood if I stated that she did not match up to, for example, an Eskimo's standard of beauty. Presumably, the visiting Americans to whom Mr. Watson refers would have purchased cats which most closely conformed to the American standard.

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
20 November	*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
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E. LENAIGNE (Mrs)

Chalfont St. Peter,
Bucks.

A toxic hazard

I was particularly interested in the September issue of OUR CATS for two reasons. One, the lovely photo on the cover of Dahin's Pawky of Rendara who is just like my "Sully" (his grandsire), who came to such a tragic end after an operation. The second reason is the article "Beware of Toxic Poisons" as I have had some experience of this trouble. The girls who help me were using strong washing-up powder for the cats dishes. Fortunately, it didn't cause any deaths or serious trouble but the kittens had diarrhoea for a long time. The girls, of course, scoffed at the idea but I insisted on them discontinuing the use of the powder. The kittens recovered after a period of time.

GRETA HINDLEY (Mrs).

Chiddingfold,
Surrey.

First Burmese Champion

May I be allowed to correct the caption to the picture of Ch. Chinki Golden Goddess in your August issue.

The first British-born Burmese Champion was Chinki Yong Jetta, also bred by

Mrs. France. Jetta was mated to the newly imported Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and the result was two female kittens (Chinki Golden Goddess (Registration No. 68624) and Chinki Golden Gay (Registration No. 68625) who were transferred to us, physically and in the G.C.C.F. records, when they were a few weeks old. The dam on their registration certificates is described as Ch. Chinki Yong Jetta, so it is clear that Jetta achieved her Championship before the kittens were born. We showed both Gay and Goddess at the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Club Show in 1954 and Goddess was first in the Open Burmese Kitten Class and was transferred to Mrs. Waldo Lamb. Subsequently both became Champions, Goddess achieving the honour before Gay.

The first Blue Burmese of all, born in this country was Sealcoat Blue Surprise (Registration No. 75567 Breed No. 26

Sire: Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee Dam (Chinki Golden Gay) who was born on March 29th, 1955.

From the above it is clear that Goddess is now 11½ years old, and not 8 as stated.

V. WATSON (Mr.

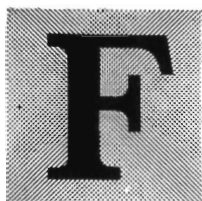
Fansley,
Matlock, Derbys.

American Burmese views

For several months I have read your magazine with great interest. As a long time Burmese breeder, an all breed judge, and the Secretary of a National Burmese



ASHDOWN HEATHER has a motherly arm around Chamois Daughtershell, a 4-week-old member of Mrs. Nialla Macdonald's feline family at Holywood, Northern Ireland. Mrs. Macdonald is the proud owner of Dabolea, a Blue Cream Longhair who is reported to be the first Irish-born Champion with wins at Birmingham, Glasgow and Leicester. Dabolea is a daughter of Hendras Chamois and Ashdown Heather.

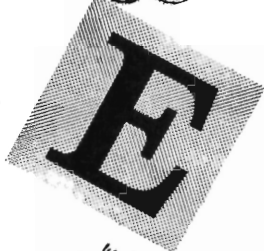

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club, I feel that the time has come for the Burmese breeders of America to make their feelings known to the British on certain matters.

I am weary of the pot shots taken at Mr. Watson by those who are too unrealistic to accept the fact that there are other colour Burmese than sable brown. I am not going into the arguments regarding the differences in type, except to remind fellow Americans who so loudly denounce British type, that ten years ago some of the loudest advocates today were the most vociferous in favour of the "svelt" Burmese. If the British prefer the longer type to our cobby type, we must remember that standards are man-

made and this is quite their right. It in no way alters the genetic truths regarding the emergence of colours other than sable.

Mr. Gebhardt states that the Burmese is sable brown and that CFA recognizes only sable brown. He forgot to add that CFA gives identical stud book registration to blue and champagne Burmese that is given to sables. What then would Mr. Gebhardt call the blue and champagne?

It was actually suggested at a recent Burmese seminar here in California that we would be permitted to have these colours recognized in all associations if we would call them by some other breed name. Let us assume for a moment that



Photo by Anne Cumbers

She really looks British! PENSYLVA LAPIS LAZULI was Best Shorthair Kitten (excluding Siamese) at the Kensington C.C. Show in July. This lovely British Blue with the fine head was bred by Mrs. Joan Richards, of Ashted, Surrey, from Ch. Pensylva Quickee ex Pensylva Suzie Blue.

we would accept and call the blues and champagnes "Caucasians" (beige Burmese representing a degree of albinism in the brown spectrum of the albino series) for want of a better name. Blue to blue produces blue. Champagne to champagne produces champagne, and all is just jolly *until* we breed champagne to blue. What do we get? *Sable brown!* So we have sable brown "Caucasians" which fit a standard identical to that of the Burmese—but they are *not* Burmese. About this time . . . the "headshrinker" is in order . . . so I retreat to the land of the Mad Hatter and at this point take up conversation with the Cheshire Cat! It is infinitely more logical!

Mrs. Kohl states that "there are always a few who seek out the new and the different" with references to the "easy win". I would be quite willing to submit to this magazine the entire list of people known to me personally in America who are breeding these cats directly. It would be in the region of seventy. Indeed America's highest scoring Burmese—Grand Ch. Mizpah's Ferdinand of Brierwood has sired CFF Champion champagnes who in turn are producing all champagne litters, as is genetically expected. I would hardly refer to seventy as a "few".

It would appear from the evidence that many of America's top breeders have the other colours, which makes the discussion of an "easy win" ludicrous to say the least.

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scoring Western Burmese male is a champagne of fine type bred by Mr. Kenneth Koskie, of La Crescenta. This cat competed with blues and sables ranging in number at various shows from eleven to twenty-four, taking opposite sex cat in one show. An "easy win"?

Quite in contradiction to what is here written, many Americans are very interested in the blue and champagne. I am certain that the champagne is not yet recognized in England only because it has not been cultivated; but not because of narrow-mindedness. Perhaps it has not yet appeared in British bloodlines. Indeed I would welcome information from any British Burmese breeder having beige kittens born from pure bred registered sable stock.

Americans are fighting hard for universal recognition of the blue and champagne Burmese and the associations give equal registration with the sable, registering these cats as blue or champagne Burmese.

I am writing to show the other side of the coin; the situation in America which until now has not been published. There are in fact a large, active group of progressive Americans working hard for recognition and we aim to continue our fight until genetic fact and justice win out.

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Racekatten's Show

MISS VAL PRENTIS and myself were invited to judge at Racekatten's 3-day show last month at the lovely Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen. We had a wonderful jet flight in bright sunshine, which was one of the most comfortable journeys I have ever made.

Mrs. Karnoe met us on our arrival in Copenhagen and took us to our hotel and saw us safely settled in. We both had a lovely bouquet of flowers sent to our rooms, a wonderful gesture made by all the Continental and Scandinavian Clubs. I would like to thank all who made us so very welcome, for the wonderful dinner on the Saturday evening followed by a night club. Mr. Remborg and Mr. Lebeaux were gallant escorts.

I am sure all who read *OUR CATS* will be interested to hear of some of the principal winners, most of them English bred or bred from English parents.

The Best Cat in Show was a really lovely Tortie-and-White Columbine of Verville whose dam Pathfinders Stardust was bred by Miss Woodfield. Best Kitten in Show was a delightful Blue Persian female Babette of Pensford, bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson. She was by

Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous out of Amanda Jane of Pensford.

Now to mention a few of my other winners: I very much liked my 1st Blue male kitten, Ricos Ringo. He was sired by Bluemine Malvolio out of Borrowdale Colette—(well known English prefixes). My winning Cream male and C.A.C. was Widdington Corona, bred by Miss Edith Sheppard. The winning Cream female C.A.C. Daffodil of Dunesk was bred by Mrs. M. Brunton and another lovely cat was my winning Blue female adult who gained C.A.C. I.B. She was Dibah of Pensford.

There was a lovely blue Colourpoint of splendid type and very good eye colour Briarry Nigella, bred by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb.

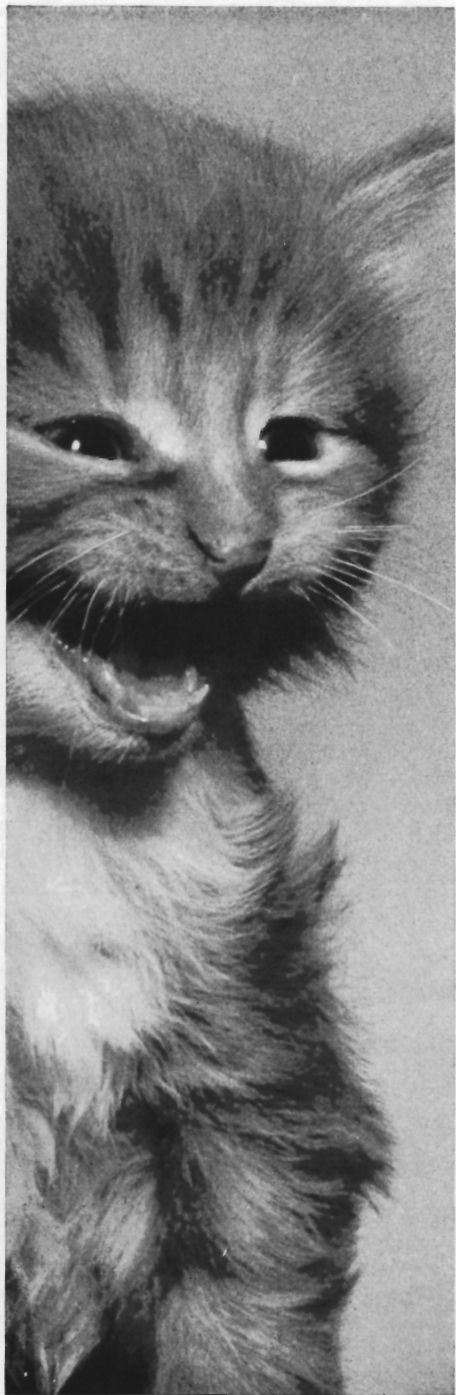
I could go on giving you name after name of winning cats and kittens all of English parents but I am afraid your Editor might not have space for them all. I see that Dibah of Pensford and Ch. Mascot of Pensford were the parents of the lovely Blue-Cream who gained the title of International Champion. She was Farahna Logan.

It was a pleasure to handle so many beautiful cats and all in tip-top condition.

DORIS BRICE-WEBB.



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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.

At the Herts and Middlesex

THE winning Longhair adults awarded Challenge Certificates at the Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show in addition to the Best in Show exhibits mentioned in last month's issue were Miss Rolls' Black female Deebank Remus by Vigilant Mark; Mrs. Rolls' Orange-eyed White male Deebank Frosty by Ch. Deebank Mascot; Miss Wright's White female Ch. Snowcloud Lucinda by Ch. Lisblanc Bambi; Mrs. Graham's Blue female Fenella Sue of Pensford by Ch. Foxbarrow Frivolous. Congratulations on her becoming a Champion and also to Mrs. MacDonald, all the way from Co. Down, Eire, on her Cream male Hendras Chamois by Ch. Widdington Winterset winning the same honour.

Miss Sheppard won in Cream females with Wildfell Quaker Girl by Ch. Widdington Orion one of the previous season's winning kittens. Another winning kitten to be awarded a C.C. as an adult this

season was Mrs. Cannon's Smoke female Canella Kinsallee by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and Mrs. Rosell's Red Tabby male Bruton Paisano by Gay Don.

One Challenge Certificate was awarded to Chinchillas and Mrs. Roden's Sonata Sovrano by Ch. Bonavia Contenta was the winner; a fine well grown youngster of fourteen months.

The other Longhair adults to be awarded Challenge Certificates were Miss Robinson's Tortoiseshell Comari Persian Garden by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax; Miss Woodfield's Tortie-and-White Pathfinders Mistysign by Pathfinders Trail; Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue-Cream Opal of Pensford by Brandysnap of Dunesk; Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint female Mingchiu Gala by Ch. Briarry Zorab. These four were born in 1964 and making their first appearance as adults.

Two novice exhibitors had the pleasure of winning debut firsts, namely Mrs. Tapp with her Black Longhair kitten Deebank Cassius (bred by Miss M. Bull) and Mrs. Wilmott with her Cream kitten Marmsbury Bartholomew (bred by Mrs. Graham).

The other winning Longhair kittens were Miss Sellars' Orange-eyed White male Coylum Marcus, and in Blue Persians Mrs. Brine's Blue male Avernoll Chips, Mrs. Denton's female Camber Anne-Marie, and Mrs. Gunn's female Anson Bluesette. Camber Anne-Marie was subsequently purchased by Mrs. Bishop of North London. The other winner in Creams was Mrs. MacDonald's female Dooneen the Dabchick. Mrs.

Roden's Smoke male Sonata Azzuro; Mrs. Rosell's Red Tabby male Bruton Owen Tudor; Mrs. Armon's Chinchilla male Bonavia Wanderer; Mrs. Furniss's female Bianca Thomasina and Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint male Mingchui Shan were winners.

Siamese adults and kittens made a brave show and Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mr. Owen's S.P. male Sohpar Matador by Whiteoaks Malahide; Mrs. Forrest's S.P. female Dunchattan Kiki-Kula by Ch. Tailong Kuli. This was a very pleasing win to complete her Championship in a class of nineteen. Congratulations to Mrs. Forrest who also bred the mother Dunchattan Muna Amira.

One C.C. was awarded to Blue Points and that went to Mrs. Biggie's Ch. Linton Ajax by Ch. Misselfore Ryken. Both C.C.s were withheld in Chocolate Points but in Lilac Points Mr. Colin Campbell's male Colgrove Topez by Ch. Praha-Festoso and Mrs. Hookin's female Overstrand Lilac Lucinda by Doneraile Blue Pax both won.

A return to winning

It was pleasing to see Mrs. Martin and Miss Eley exhibiting again and winning with their S.P. male kitten Whiteacres Leigh. Other winning Siamese kittens were Mrs. Hudson's S.P. Marcus Superbus; Mrs. Abbott's S.P. female Titaya Aaparn and Mrs. Hudson's Petite Donna. This kitten, a litter sister to the winning male kitten Marcus Superbus, is by Mrs. Hudson's male Supra Ah Wun.

The older 6-9 months winning kittens were Mrs. Keene's Fairval Rosco and Miss Burness's Dunchattan Nina. Three classes were provided for Blue Point kittens and they had thirty one entries, the winners being Mrs. Horrobin's male Allsingh Bi-Moonlight; Mrs. Richardson's Supra Melody and Mrs. Halliday's Safari Winston.

Three classes for C.P.'s with Mrs. Buttery's male Samsara Starbuck, Mrs. Keene's Killdown Velma, Miss Hender-

son's Montem Anona winning among 22 kittens. There were three classes for L.P.s with 21 entries and three winners—Mrs. King's male Trismegisto Bellro-phon; Mrs. Henderson's female Misselfore Lilac Nebula and Mrs. Johnson's female Supra Yasmin. The latter and Supra Melody were bred by Mrs. Hudson from her male Ch. Macedon Marquis.

Good show of Burmese

Burmese had the next best entry in Shorthairs with six Brown Burmese male adults and eleven females. The winners were Mrs. Knowle's Otterwood Benemino by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo, Mrs. Smith's female Coppelstone Bardee by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo and in Blue Burmese adults Mrs. Burton's Kathoodu Sapphire Kilvi by Kathoodu Kimi and Mrs. Pocock's female Blue Horizon by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo.

Twenty-five was a representative entry in kittens. The winners in Brown Burmese were Mrs. King's male Kiang Kiang-Su; Mrs. Hickton's female, Minlu Goldlay, and Lady Glubb's male Hearts-ease Merlin. In Blue Burmese Mrs. Knowles' male Ballard Sullivan won in an amalgamated class of males and females.

Mr. Wren won in Manx adults with Mitzavitch, a male by unregistered parents.

Two C.C.s were awarded to Abyssinians—one to Mrs. Menezes' Taishun Leo by Nigella Speedy Gonzales and one to Mrs. Knowles' Bernina Cordella by Nigello Enrico. The breeder of this cat Mrs. Threadingham also bred the winning Red Abyssinian Bernina Heidi.

Four British Blue adults with Mrs. Bett's Bonaventura Penelope winning and in kittens Mrs. Savage's male Bonaventura Pugwash.

Some of the other Shorthair adults were alone in their class. Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Silcock's Black Teign Tammy; Lady Glubb's White Ch. Heartsease

Columbine; Mrs. Richards' Cream male Ch. Pennsylva Pinkerton and the same owner's Blue-Cream Pennsylva Masquerade by Ch. P. Pinkerton; Mrs. Beever's British Blue male Fendale Blue Imp. Miss Woodfield's Red Tabby male Killinghall Red Pyrene. Mr. Milburn's female Brown Tabby Perioptal Bubbles and Miss Harris's Silver Tabby male Ch. Millstar Alexander.

Twelve Abyssinian kittens were headed by Mrs. Wilde's Wordhouse Chatterbox and Miss Bone's female Charisma Let and five Red Abyssinians by Mrs. Evely's female Tranby Red Thelys

An entry of over 500 cats and kittens for a Ch. Show in September was remarkable. Probably the cool summer accounted for the fact that the coats of some of the adults were excellent for the time of year.

The Siamese Show

A lovely sunny day greeted the 35th Championship Show of the Siamese Cat Club in London on October 7th.

Mrs. Dunnill, Hon. Secretary and

Show Manager, must have been delighted at the wonderful entry of over 300 Siamese cats and kittens and the many spectators who came to see them. It was most enjoyable and what a credit to British breeders to see so many exhibits in such lovely condition. Best Male and Best Exhibit Mr. and Mrs. Saunders' Seal Point Supra Cassandra by Oakay Boy and Ch. Nefretite bred by Mrs. Hudson, Best Female Mrs. Hughes' Seal Point Faerval Fenella by Ch. Sabukia Sirocco and Camley Cleo; Best Kitten Mrs. Hudson's Seal Point male Marcus Superbus by Supra Ah Wun and Beech Beauty, Best Female Kitten Miss Cadman's Blue Point Gaylord Lisa by Highpeak Peveril and Wildpear Flax; Best Neuter Mrs. Hughes' Blue Point Bru-Bur by Tribun Pedro and Sprinter Sal; Best S.P. Neuter Mrs. Hamilton's Mitsuki Mandola by Bradbourne Orion and Elmham Pit-a-Pat.

An innovation which will be very useful and informative to breeders was an official list of Siamese cat judges with their addresses on page 6 of the catalogue.

At the beginning of each of the four



One of the outstanding Siamese of the year has been Seal Point CH. DUNCHATTAN KIKI KULA, bred by Mrs. L. B. M. Forrest, of Staunton, Gloucester, from Ch. Tailong Kuli ex Dunchattan Muna Amira. She has won supreme honours after only three show appearances.

colours in Siamese on show there was a slender wood pennant with a line drawing of the breed. Most attractive, I considered.

A distinguished breeder who was much missed was Mrs. Duncan Hindley but I understand all is well with her and her Siamese so we hope to see her at a later show.

The show was well supported by all the clubs and over 200 special prizes and trophies were offered including just over 30 open specials and about 70 confined to members of the Siamese Cat Club for first prize winners only. What memories are aroused by the names of some of the donors—Miss Dixon, Mrs. Allen-Maturin, Mrs. P. Wade and many others who are no longer with us but who did so much for Siamese in the past.

Up in Yorkshire

Mrs. Forrest's S.P. female Champion Kiki Kula has recorded some convincing wins as after becoming a Champion at Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show she was awarded her fourth C.C. at the Yorkshire Cat Club Ch. Show on October 2nd and in addition she is the dam of some of the winning kittens previously recorded.

Space will not permit details of all the first prize winners at the Yorkshire County Cat Club Ch. Show but all Challenge Certificate winners are recorded and of course all Best in Show.

Best Longhair Adult—Mrs. Stephenson's Cream male Lomond Bonnie

Laddie by Ch. Lomond Lucky and Beamsley Moonbeam; Best L.H. Kitten—Miss Sellar's White male Coylum Marcus by Ch. Deebank Talisman and Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Smith's Smoke Premier Allenvale Caesar by Ch. Beauvale Conquest and Borrowdale Heatherbell; Best Shorthair Adult—Miss Loader's Manx male Bluewave Bobo by Bluewave Red Pins and Endless Stilts; Best S.H. Kitten—Mr. Mounsey's Brown Burmese male Kasi Midnight Velvet by Santhone Brown Puck and Santhone Blue Briony; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Bradbury's Bambi; Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. Forrest's S.P. female Dunchattan Kiki Kula, who also won his Open Class; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. McBeath's B.P. female by Rionnagh Lilac Dionysies and Dimvar Dixie; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Pace's Tamerlaine Simon by Ch. Annelida Lilac Velvet.

The winning Self Longhair Neuter was Mrs. Burrow's Bette of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. Mrs. Forrest's S.P. Neuter Dunchattan Little Warrior by Ch. Windale Derri won the S.P. Siamese neuter class and Mrs. Goodall's Crumbershill Antony by Harvees Antimony the Any Variety except Siamese class.

Mrs. and Miss Rolls recorded some pleasing wins with Challenge Certificates to their Black male Deebank Remus by Vigilant Mark, their Orange-eyed White male Deebank Frosty by Ch. Deebank Mascot and their Chinchilla male Pasha Sheba Crusader by Poldenhills Merlin. Mrs. Hogan won in Orange-eyed White

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The winning Blue adults were Mrs. Burrows' Ch. Orion of Pensford by Ch. Halcyon Boniface; and Ch. Orion's daughter Mrs. Brice-Webb's Borrowdale Playgirl. Mrs. Cox won with her Cream female Foljambe Fairy Peasblossom by Ch. Deebank Victor.

The other C.C. winners in Longhairs were Mr. and Mrs. Rush's Red Tabby male Redmire Red Rumba by Ch. Deebank Mascot; Mrs. Steele's Tortoiseshell Titwood Tomasina by Edward of Rockvillia; Miss Woodfield's Tortie-and-White Pathfinders Misty Sign by Pathfinders Trail; Miss Sellar's Blue-Cream Coylum Camberwell Beauty by Pilgrim Junius; and Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint Mingchiu Gala by Ch. Briarry Zorab.

Mrs. Elsie Fisher exhibited her newly imported Birman Nouky de Mon Reve and he was awarded a first. As this breed is not yet eligible for Champion-

ship status in England he could not be awarded a C.C.

Except for the Siamese S.P.s already mentioned C.C.s were only awarded to Mrs. Binnie's B.P. female Dimvar Bluebell by Missfore Jeff; Mrs. Peck's B.P. male Tailong Blue Pierot by Ch. Tailong Kuli; and Mrs. Edgecombe's C.P. Chocolate Mingle by Sayam Boy Blue.

Out of five Burmese adults entered only three were present and the winning Browns were Mrs. King's male Kiang Kirakat by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and Miss Macpherson's Benroc Bunya by Benroc Beech.

Mrs. Threadingham bred the winning Abyssinian male Bernina Draconis by Nigella Kym and the Red Abyssinian female Bernina Heida by Taishun Khephra. Mrs. Wilde's Abyseal Honeydew was by Draconis. Mrs. Warren's male Senlac Chatterbox won in Chestnut Brown Foreign.

Six of the other Shorthair adult classes



Hugh Smith

Mrs. S. Chakrabarti, from N.W. London, was a welcome and colourful visitor to the Kensington Show in July. The kitten she is holding is Mrs. C. Coley's White Longhair kitten Mayford Regent

had only one entry. C.C.s were awarded to Mrs. Kent's female White Mavlyn White Velvet; Mrs. Morrow's Black female Cathiss Romula; Mrs. Kirby's female Crumber Hill Clover; Mrs. Webster's Blue-Cream Belmont Moonstone; Mrs. Woollin's male Ch. Tiptop; Miss Allaun's Tortoiseshell Andersley Apple Amber; and Miss Hefferman's Tortie and White Mary Royal.

Mr. Beckitt exhibited three well bred Silver Tabbies and he won with Gables Silver Leander by Ch. Gables Silver Merk.

Mrs. Beever, Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire County Cat Club was Show Manager for this fixture which attracted nearly 300 pedigree exhibits and 13 domestic pets. Both she and Mrs. Knight Hon. Treasurer of the Club and the Committee are very appreciative of the work of the President Miss J. Hoyland, her sister, and their friends who organized a jumble sale before the show at a hall in Huddersfield. They raised the substantial sum of £50 and afterwards entertained all the helpers to a buffet supper at Miss Hoyland's home. The show hall is costly at Harrogate but so suitable the Committee wish to retain it. Miss Hoyland's contribution and that of Mrs. Wright previously have helped considerably towards ensuring this good venue for future shows of the Club.

English Chin. in U.S.A.

Mrs. M. Turney who has bred so many outstanding Chinchillas has forwarded me a letter from Dr. Coutere of Cranston, U.S.A. He and Mrs. Coutere are overjoyed at the success of their Chinchilla male who became Champion, Bonavia Jester of Mer-C at Branford, Connecticut, U.S.A., on October 2nd and 3rd at a Cat Fanciers' Federation Ch. Show. By winning first and winners' ribbons under all four judges officiating he became a Champion at this one fixture.

He was also Best Cat and Best in the Silver Division.

One of the judges was Miss Doris Wilkinson, the adopted daughter of Mrs. Ralph Wilkinson, President of C.F.F., with whom I stayed for a few days when I was in U.S.A. in 1950. Miss Wilkinson's mother was a very well known breeder of Silvers for many years and her remarks on Jester which Dr. Coutere recorded were very pleasing. He was only thirteen months in October so is at the beginning of his career. He is the exact breeding of the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest's Champion Bonavia Statesman to whom I awarded his first C.C. at the Cat Club de Paris Ch. Show last October at the age of fourteen months. Statesman and Jester are by Ch. Bonavia Contenta and Bonavia Capriola. Congratulations to Mrs. Turney and Dr. Coutere !

Other wins in America

The August issue of the American *Cats Magazine* contains news of more successes for British bred cats and one kitten.

Mr. Hiraoka's Cream male Champion Widdington Zeus of Kane-Kaha by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Widdington Stardust is All-Oceanic Cream Male. Bred by Miss Sheppard, Zeus is litter brother to Widdington Sirius, Best Longhair Cat at the Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show in November 1964 who will be competing for his third C.C. this season and exhibited by his owner Miss Sheppard.

Another American success is Mrs. McGuire's Chinchilla male Ch. Malcolm of Allington, bred by Miss Evelyn Langston.

The All - Oceanic Longhair Male Kitten is Mrs. J. G. Bass's Blue, Challenge of Pensford by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and Ch. Mconcoinc Judy, bred by myself. Mrs. Bass is now resident in Washington, U.S.A.



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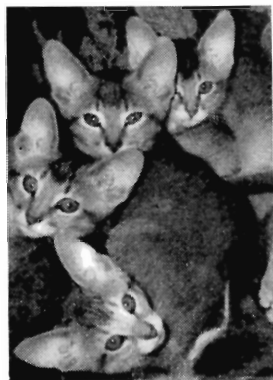
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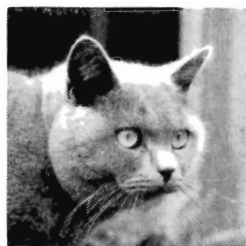
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