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(1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management;

(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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Three bonny kits by Ch. Allenvale Bosambo and Perivale Asphodel bred by Miss D. M. Collins, of Worthing, Sussex. One of them, Perivale Belvedere, was runner-up in a class of six Blue males at the Alexandra Palace Show, beaten only by the Best Longhair in Show.

A Happy Christmas to all Our Readers

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.

Our travels—with a kitten

By OTTO KADLEC SOVICS

“... Quite impossible, cats just don't travel! A cat loves comfort, regular meals and a permanent home”. So we were advised.

When we started on our 11,000 mile journey in an antiquated four-wheel-drive vehicle from Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa to England, driving through one of the worst regions of Africa—the Nubian desert—Twinkle, our Abyssinian cat, was quite a baby. Having just found a home for our dog, we had promised our six-year-old daughter another four-legged companion for the homeward trip.

The thought of a cat to fill the vacancy had not even occurred to us. However, one week prior to our departure, a native Amhara girl brought us a tiny kitten,

which we accepted—with the kind of sentiment one knows one would later regret.

So it came about that this Abyssinian kitten started his eventful journey in the overloaded vehicle, bound for England. Bumping along the dirt-tracks in the beginning terrified our little passenger, but soon the jerky movements of the lurching vehicle had a tranquilizing effect, which rocked him to sleep. We could not fit an earthbox into the car, with the result that whenever Twinkle grew restless, we had to stop and let him out. The first night's camp on the windswept 9,000 ft. Ethiopian plateau, proved simpler than anticipated. Twinkle simply coiled up in the hindmost part of our sleeping bag. At 4 a.m. he was wide awake, ready to play.

He settled into this unconventional life remarkably well and our oil-smelling



Sketch by the author

“Stopping at the occasional teashop in Sudan proved unwise for our Abyssinian kitten would dart out from our truck and disappear underneath benches and tables, much to the shock and amusement of the Sudanese. They found it great fun to see me on hands and knees chasing the elusive kitten. Rugged tribesmen with large swords on their backs, watched my strange antics with astonishment”.

car became his home. The kitten hardly ever went out of sight and at the slightest noise he came running with raised, fluffed-up tail and disappeared into the car's body-work.

Food presented no problem. Twinkle ate porridge, bread, powdered milk and scraps—which cats would not even sniff at under normal circumstances. Unlike dogs, Twinkle was not in the least interested in scenery and spent most of the day either sleeping or washing himself.

When, in the Sudan, the heat became unbearable we removed the top half of the doors to catch every breeze possible. This proved unwise for as soon as we stopped, the kitten evidently thought it was camping time and with a mighty leap left the car's hot cabin to play.

Locals were astonished

Stopping at occasional teashops along the dusty track was also risky for Twinkle would vanish to explore or go to sleep in a cool hut. Disregarding our calls, he hid and we had to search for him. To the vast amusement of the Sudanese and astonished looks of the rugged tribesmen with large swords, we had to go on hand and knees and chase the elusive kitten between benches. This at temperatures of 110 degrees in the shade! Once caught he purred innocently.

After leaving Port Sudan our route led along the arid Red Sea coast. Driving in infernal heat and repeatedly digging the vehicle out of clinging sand in this trackless desert, sorely tried our nerves. Twinkle was unhappy, but when the evening approached and with it a slight drop of temperature, he was at his best. Whilst we lay prostrated, Twinkle, having slept all day, dashed around, slid down the tent sides depositing gritty dust everywhere.

Crossing the roadless Nubian desert, waterless and uninhabited, was no fun and even Twinkle lay panting, refusing food and evening play. Whilst we grew

grubbier every day—water was too precious to wash in—the kitten kept himself spotless, even getting the dust out of his ample fur.

Going through customs was simple, as no papers were needed for a cat. Camping in lonely spots, as we had been doing, presented no difficulty. Twinkle never left the vicinity of the car—his home. But on arrival in civilized north Africa with asphalt roads, cities and hotels, problems mounted rapidly. Although we preferred camping, not only for economy's sake, circumstances forced us to stay every now and then in hotels. We came to dread such occasions. Parking the vehicle outside a hotel in a busy street in Tunis, we let Twinkle out beside a neatly fenced-in tree, to perform his usual business. A second later he had disappeared underneath a parked car. Accustomed to the mixed smell of oil and petrol, our car had lost its identity amongst the many other vehicles parked along the curb.

Longing to have a bath and rest we first had to catch Twinkle, who scuttled at lightning speed from car to car, refusing to be caught. Bystanders collected in great numbers, marvelling at our strange antics. Police appeared, lending a helping hand and eventually a shivering Twinkle was dragged from under the greasy bodywork of an old Citroen. We vowed to have an earth-box the next time we arrived in a city.

Meat was scarce

Our daughter insisted that the cat should sleep with her, a request usually frowned at by the hotel management. If left overnight in the car, doors had to be replaced and Twinkle would amuse himself by tearing the upholstery.

Twinkle's favourite dish was newly baked white bread soaked in milk. Fresh meat we rarely had but crisp bread he went mad over; shaking the crust, growling and hissing, when interfered with. He would retire to a quiet corner, crunching the tasty morsel.

So we went on, six weeks in all and Twinkle grew bigger, cheekier and more fussy. We came to think of the kitten as a necessary appendage—a cross to bear—hoping it would desert us and at the same time, anxiously watching lest something happened to him.

The interminable journey across North Africa came to an end and our return to Europe was celebrated by Twinkle being sick whilst crossing to Spain. Although the kitten came from the lofty and cool heights of Addi Ababa (8,000 feet m.s.l.), Europe in March was not to his liking. The doors of our vehicle had been long since installed permanently and Twinkle slept on the warm gearbox housing.

Upon arrival in snow-clad Switzerland the idea of camping had to be completely abandoned and also the idea of taking our cat into spotless hotel rooms. In

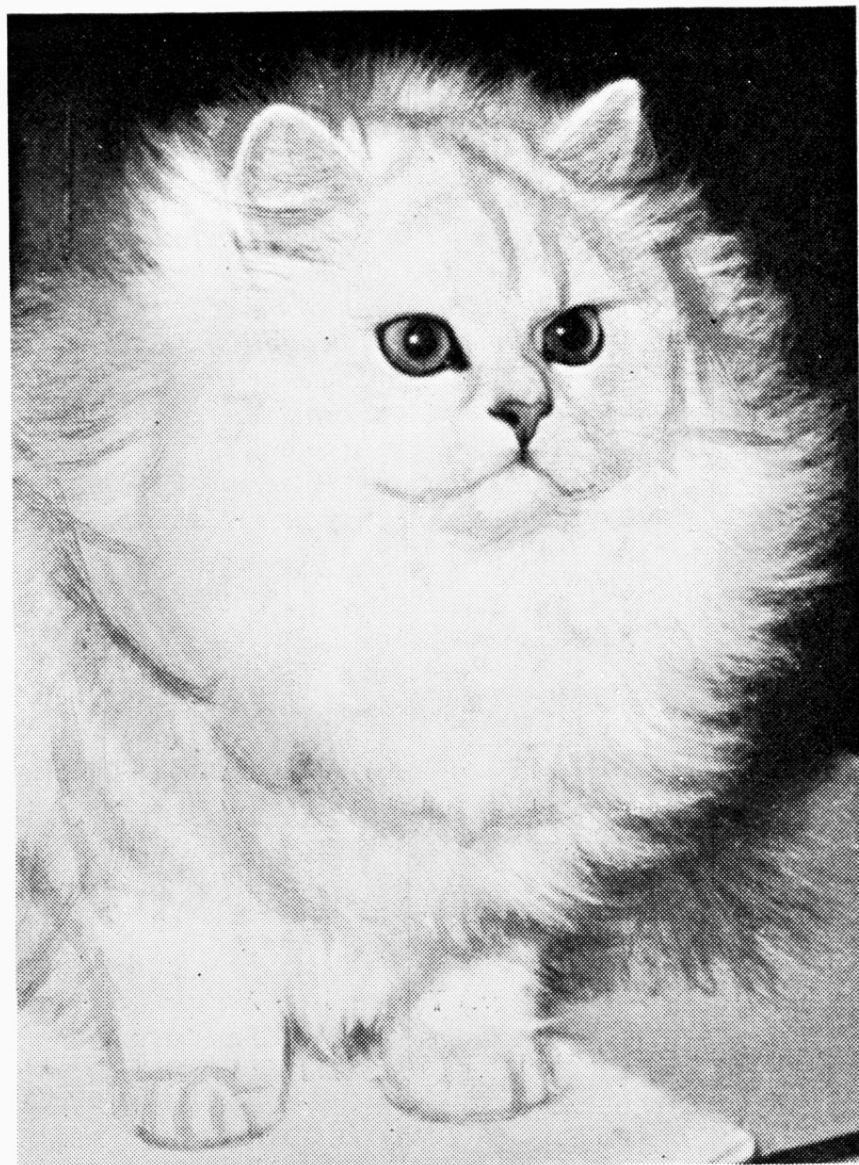
Zurich, friends welcomed us into their beautifully furnished carpeted, centrally heated suburban flat. Twinkle, to our embarrassment, treated all this in the same reckless manner as a shabby, third rate hotel in Egypt. Our friends adored this far-travelled kitten (even after he knocked down and shattered a rare vase!) and spoiled him with tinned fish, especially prepared for Swiss cats.

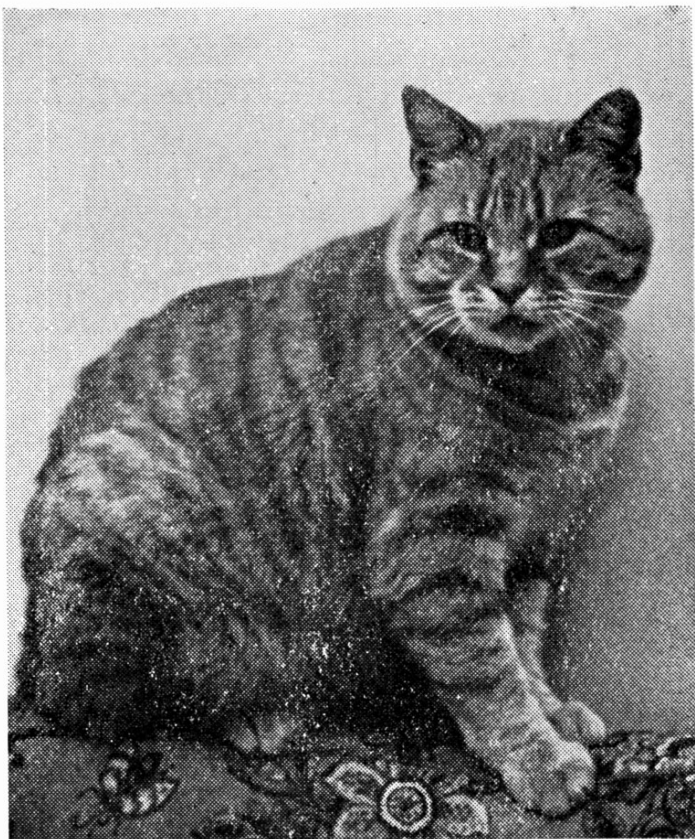
Thus, when the time of departure came, fat Twinkle decided he preferred luxury to travelling and we, thinking of English quarantine laws, agreed to his staying behind; our daughter consented.

So ended the long road for an Abyssinian alley cat—but if asked, the next time I travel I shall take a tortoise or a budgerigar in a cage: something controllable! It is possible to travel with a cat but one's life is not the same anymore. And what about grey hairs?

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WINKIE TODAY

Mrs. L. Harcourt-Tepper of Hilles, Walditch, Nr. Bridport, Dorset, writes;—

“Our cat was a stray we found half-dead in the middle of the road. He was in a terrible state—his jaw was broken and he had no lower teeth at all. He was infested with lice and full of worms. He was so thin his haunches were sticking out and, we found later, he had severe sinus trouble.

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Over 80 years ago

In the days when Siamese were "curiosities"!

A reader in Wales was looking through a box of old papers when she came across the following show report from the "The Daily Telegraph" dated October 16th, 1879. There were, of course, no registered pedigree cats in those days.

NATIONAL CAT SHOW

In the Northern Nave of the Crystal Palace, the eleventh competitive exhibition of cats was opened yesterday, and will continue on view throughout this day. Experience has dictated certain improvements in the schedule, and, on the whole, it may be said that the arrangements of the show are now almost as good as they can be. The entries, reaching a total of 266, are somewhat in excess of last year, and probably the aggregate might stand yet higher in comparison were the number of kittens taken into account, the "maternity cases" being more than usually frequent.

As regards the long-haired cats, a slight falling-off from the old standard must, with a few marked exceptions, be recorded, and there may be a question whether the rule of judging in some classes solely by weight is not open to objection. Indeed, those gentlemen entrusted with the onerous task of deciding the relative merit of the animals were in several instances tied down to awards which they would not have given on any point of quality.

A heavyweight

The heaviest cat in the show—a black, short-haired specimen, exhibited by Mrs. Knowles—scales the extraordinary weight of 20 lb. 4 oz.; and in this case, perhaps, the winning number is in all respects a good hit. So, too, an Angora, shown by Miss E. E. Weightman, is not only the

heaviest in a class of three, but might possibly have been adjudged the winner by length of hair, though its most formidable competitor, exhibited by Mrs. King, is decidedly in better condition.

Hes and Shes

Model cats, to which prizes have been given on better grounds than surpassing heaviness, are Mr. A. Smith's Inky, a spotted he tabby with well-defined marks; Mr. Hugh Mason's black he cat; Mrs. Staples Browne's Simon, a white male, that took the first prize of its class last year; Tottie, a tortoiseshell-and-white female, shown by Mrs. Oakes; a remarkably well-marked silver tabby she cat, exhibited by Miss J. Gardiner, and closely rivalled by Miss H. King's second and third prize animals in the same class; Mrs. Newton's Tweets, a spotted tabby female; a magnificent white she cat named Snow, which gained a first prize for Mrs. Staples Browne the year before last; Mr. Levi Reason's pair of beautifully-marked kittens, male and female; and a yet more curious, if less prepossessing, couple of juveniles, of Siamese extraction, with black muzzles, ears, feet, and tail, setting off a close yellowish drab coat, and completing the resemblance of the little brutes to a pair of pug puppies, the exhibitor of these curiosities being Mrs. Cunliffe-Lee.

Miss Gresham's little pair of long-haired kittens, two months old, take the lead in a numerous class, having many

THERE'S STILL TIME—BUT HURRY, HURRY!

Support for our January 1966 issue—another INTERNATIONAL NEW YEAR GREETINGS NUMBER has been excellent to date. If you are thinking about having a Greetings Message for this special occasion—or intend to be represented in the Directory of Breeders—it should be noted that *the very latest day for the receipt of instructions is 29th December.*

rivals, among which might have been those shown by Miss Eliza Auckland, had not the exhibitor heedlessly ruined her chance of a prize by putting three specimens instead of two only, as prescribed by the schedule, into her cage of Persian pets. This is not the only instance of failure ascribable to "wrong entry"; and a warning may thence be accepted by all who contemplate entering into future competitions. More deserving of condolence are the owners of animals which by mischance, rather than by any fault or oversight, have either lost a distinction or have been lowered to an inferior grade. Had not Mrs. Sheerman's Persine, a pure white and almost faultless female cat, brought from Persia in 1872, been accidentally injured about the head, so that an eye and ear are blemished, a first and not a second prize would in this case have been awarded.

One of the best marked cats ever

shown is Mr. J. Smith's Chinchilla, a half-bred Persian which takes the first prize in the class of tabby gibs, and is especially notable for the great number and close regularity of its transverse stripes. The sole representative of a class for heavy long-haired gib-cats of unusual colour is Mrs. Pryce-Hamilton's imported Persian, bearing the name of Bismarck, a first-prize winner last year, when it made a highly successful *début*. The colour of this animal is a strangely-graduated grey. A female tabby, exhibited by Mrs. Foyle, might have gained a prize had it been as free from any speck of white as either of its five kittens, all of which are so exactly alike that it would be difficult to distinguish among them.

The judges were Mr. W. B. Tegetmeier, for long-haired, and Mr. George Billett, for short-haired varieties. A crowded assemblage testified to the widespread popularity of the show.

The following letter comes from A. J. Hughes, 42 Chaplin Road, Wembley, Middlesex:

I have been reading a book by Rose Tenent entitled *Pedigree Cats* published by Crosby Lockwood. In a chapter on British Shorthairs, the author deals with Tabbies and mentions that there used to be far more varieties than the present Silver, Brown and Red.

"Some fifty years ago, however, there were many other striped varieties. For example, there was the Black-banded Tabby and the Blue-banded Tabby. There was the Chestnut Tabby and the Chocolate Tabby, as well as the Mackerel Tabby, upon which numerous narrow stripes ran vertically from the spine.

"One of the most beautiful of these striped varieties was the Silver Tabby, which in those days was a blue-grey cat with slightly deeper, almost lilac markings.

"But there were also Spotted Tabbies, or Leopard cats. The Spotted Tabby

differed from the striped or banded Tabby by having spots instead of pencillings, and the greater the number of spots the better the cat was considered to be. The best known varieties probably were the Black-spotted and the Brown-spotted Tabby, but there were several other types, including the Yellow spotted Tabby, the Blue-spotted Tabby, the Red-spotted Tabby and the Grey spotted Tabby. All these spotted varieties were distinguished by the ground coloration upon which the spots appeared".

Please pardon the lengthy quote but there are several queries I wish to make. In all these varieties I am not clear as to the other colour accompanying these cats. For example, what was the other colour in the case of the Black-banded Tabby? If it was silver, then why is this not a Silver Tabby? Was the Chestnut Tabby and the Chocolate Tabby merely

a dilute and dark respectively of the present Red Tabby or was some other genetic factor involved?

In the case of the Spotted Tabbies, I presume the ground colour was a lighter shade of the specific colour involved, for example in the Red-spotted red spots on orange ground. Yet what would be the ground colour of the Black-spotted and Brown-spotted Tabbies quoted here?

When one looks at the larger members of the cat tribe one finds the combination of black stripes or spots on a red or yellow ground as in the tiger, leopard and jaguar and I wonder whether it is genetically possible to emulate this combination in the domestic cat or will it always result in tortoiseshells?

In this connection I was interested to read earlier on in the same book about the experience of Mrs. Henry Bode who is attempting to breed a Self Red Persian in the U.S.A. She has tried crossing Black with Red to increase the intensity of the Red but has been unsuccessful.

Black and red, when it produces red, produces red with ticked and sometimes Tabby markings. Rarely are Reds of this mating solid? I presume here the mixture is light red and dark red on these ticked cats, and not black and red?

Please excuse the length of this letter but I am anxious to clarify these points and would be very grateful for any information that you can give.

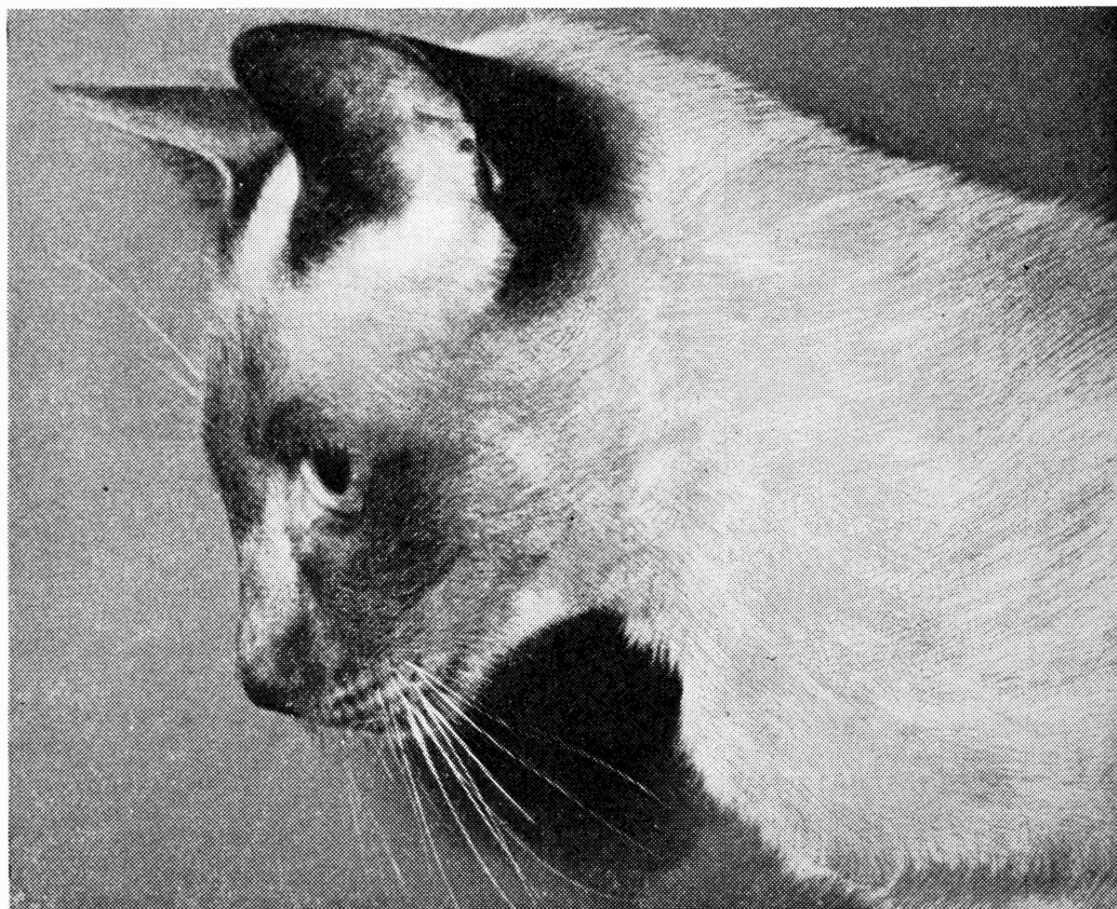


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YOUR CAT—

WHEN YOU MOVE

HERE are some points for consideration when you are moving with your cat(s) to a new home. They are reproduced with due acknowledgements to the handy little leaflet published by the Feline Advisory Bureau:

Make sure that a good container is available for the journey. It should be a cat basket or box, properly secured with an extra strap and rope for safety. The modern plastic carriers are excellent.

The cat should travel with its owner, not in the removal van.

It should be left in its carrier on arrival until one room is set out and the familiar objects installed. The cat may then be let out and allowed to settle down, *with the door locked*. A good meal will help at this stage and if the weather is at all nippy a well-covered hot water bottle should be supplied.

The cat should then be shown the various doors, the garden, etc., either under strict supervision or on a lead. When thoroughly at home it may be allowed out alone. The exact time this will take depends on (a) the time the owner has to spend in the company of the cat and (b) its disposition. Some cats take up to three weeks to settle down, others only a few days.

After the removal men have gone and the house is quiet, the cat should be allowed to explore its new home, but all outer doors and windows should be closed.

It is assumed of course that a suitable sanitary tray has been provided.

Cats often become stray during a moving operation because they are frightened by some strange sound or are chased by a neighbour's dog.

Extra food and petting should be given during the period of settling-in and re-adjustment.



Tailpieces

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



THE Committee of the Lancashire and North Western Cat Club has announced with regret that financial difficulties will prevent the holding of its Championship Show scheduled to be held on 19th February next year. Yet another sorry indication of that ever-rising spiral!

Nearly four and a half million experiments were carried out on live animals in British laboratories last year, 300,000 more than in 1963. These alarming figures are given in a Home Office report. Small wonder that the humane societies are "staggered and appalled" and one has sent a letter of protest to the Prime Minister. More than four million of the experiments were carried out without anaesthetics.

"Here is a problem that intrigues me. How is it that a cat who has slept through the winter months, week after week, for at least 20 hours out of the 24, a cat who has partaken lavishly during this period of fish and milk, a cat whose only exercise has been to stretch on the carpet, to vault languidly on to the windowsill and survey the rain-swept garden, to chatter its teeth for a few moments at the starlings and then to sink back into repose against the radiator—how is it that such a creature, whom one would have thought to be flabby and utterly out of condition, can suddenly leap into life at the first sign of spring, shoot like an arrow across the lawn, and stream up the trunk of a

tree as though it had spent the entire winter in training for the Olympic Games?" Beverley Nichols in his *Cats' A.B.C.* (Jonathan Cape).

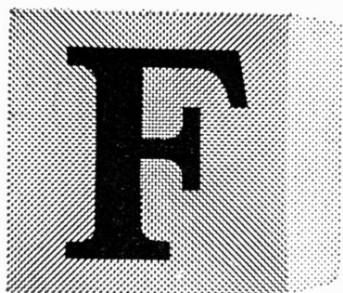
A goodly number of members of the South Western Cat Club attended a social gathering at Taunton last month. Coloured slides of their cats were shown and Mrs. O. M. Lamb, Miss Kit Wilson and Mrs. J. Paddon (all so experienced in affairs feline) served on a quiz panel. Earlier in the year, after a visit to Paignton Zoo, the Club decided to adopt one of the exhibits—a wild cat from Scotland. The wild one was christened Mac.

Some cats are Abyssinian
And some are Siamese;
Some are Persian, Cream and Blue,
With haughty pedigrees.
So why is our cat frowned upon
When it is *all* of these?

C. J. in *She*

A young East London labourer (19) was fined £20 at Thames Court for stealing a cat.

Did you know that Paris has a Dog Cemetery in the suburb of Asnières where almost as many cats as dogs are buried. It is a peaceful spot with a graceful stone gateway, flower borders and shady footpaths with little tombstones dotted here and there. About 100,000 pets are buried in this Cimetiere des Chiens, which is well worth a visit.

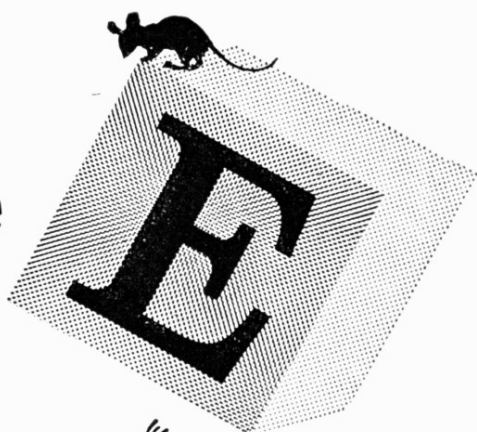


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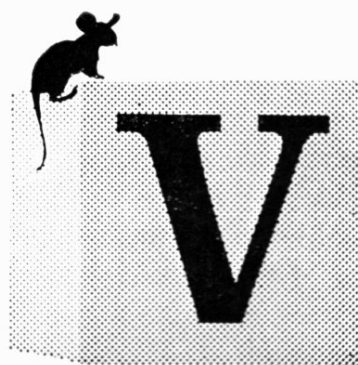
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Miss P. Scholey, of Ambleside, tells a delightful little Christmas story to *The Animals' Magazine*, the journal of the P.D.S.A. She writes: "I would like to tell you of my experience of a cat-and-dog friendship which began nearly two years ago. It was then that I started feeding a mother cat and her three kittens in a nearby council yard. I only went occasionally, for one of the workmen fed them, but whenever I went Paddy, my border collie, came too. The mother cat used to spit and snarl, but never actually touched him.

"One very cold Christmas I took a box of hay along, and one of the workmen put it up in the loft. I walked home, thinking they'd be nice and warm for Christmas, when I found Paddy wasn't following me. I called, and waited anxiously, and he appeared out of the dark with the mother cat and her three kittens running alongside him.

"Realising they were hungry I ran home for some food and milk, and have taken it every day since then; for I discovered that the workman who fed them had left. The cats are always so pleased to see Paddy—and he loves them just as much, for woe betide any dog that goes near the yard while Paddy's there!"

I have news that the 11th Anniversary

Show of the Montreal Cat Fanciers Association was a great success. It took place on a Sunday and was run in collaboration with the Beresford Cat Club of Chicago, the oldest cat club in America. Six American judges officiated under American Cat Association rules. President of the M.C.F.A. Mrs. Frances B. Diorio was the Show Manager and she received yeoman assistance from Mrs. Mary Graham (Show Secretary) and Miss Lindy Ewins. Best Cat in Show was Gr. Ch. Brian MacGlynn-dwr Royal Tanist, a lovely blue male Manx shown by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford, jr., of New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. Best Opposite Sex was a Blue Point Siamese female Gr. Ch. Pat-An Princess Kath belonging to the Greisler family of Norbeth, Penna., U.S.A. Best British Bred Cat was Miss Ewin's Ch. Hendra's Gossamer of Tahma, a Cream female bred by Mrs. D. Nash.

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

SHOWS FOR THE 1966 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.

1966

8 January	...	*Notts. & Derbys. Cat Club	...	...	Nottingham
22 "	...	*Southern Counties C.C.	...	...	London
5 February	...	*Scottish Cat Club	...	...	Glasgow
12 "	...	*Croydon Cat Club	...	...	London
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

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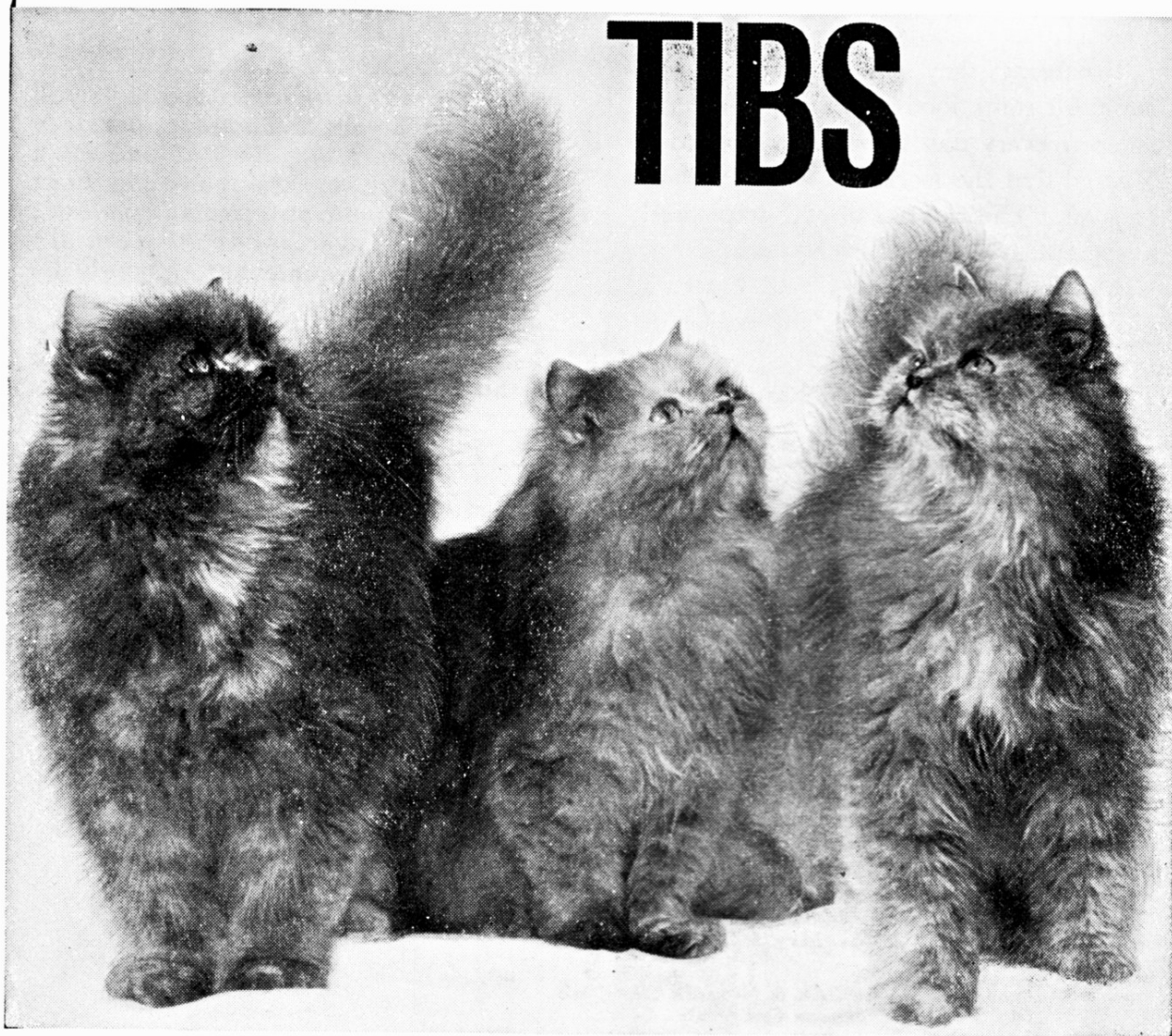
On the left in the family snapshot is Seemore Pansy, founder of a line of champion persians; on the right, one of her daughters, Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower, who gained her cc's in three consecutive shows; and in the centre, her daughter's daughter, Ch. Coylum Anne, outstanding for type and eye colour.

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Midland Counties Show

ALTHOUGH many of us had an arduous journey to Smethwick, due to fog on 23rd October, it had cleared considerably by the time we arrived and it was a treat to see such a lovely light hall built in the modern manner with its huge windows rising in tiers.

The Midland Counties Cat Club Ch. Show had an entry of 390 pedigree exhibits and it was so well organized by the Hon. Secretary and Show Manager Mrs. O. M. Lamb. The various all breed and specialist societies supported it well by offering 201 of their trophies or rosettes to commemorate wins on cups.

Main awards were: Best Exhibit in Show—Mrs. Burrows' Blue male Ch. Orion of Pensford by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford. He was also awarded Walt Disney Production's handsome cup for the best

“Darn Cat in Show”. Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Mackay's Blue female Dunrobin Wild Cherry by Ch. Mooncoin Dante and Gallbraes Lucinda; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Clark's Blue Premier Mooncoin Juliet by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Mooncoin Anita; Best Shorthair Exhibit (except Siamese)—Mrs. Beever's British Blue male Ch. Fendale Blue Imp by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Misty by Pathfinders Red Trail and Ch. Pathfinders Sarah; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Beever's British Blue Fendale Faun by the same parents as her winning male; Best Siamese Exhibit—Mrs. Floyd's B.P. male kitten Bru-Bur Yogi by Trubun Pedro and Sprinter Sal; Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. Peck's S.P. male Ch. Tailong Kuli by Ch. Tailong Luki-Looki and Ch. Roseway Cinderella; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Challoner's Praha Solicitando by Praha Andante Maestoso and Amethyst.

Space will not permit details of firsts awarded to kittens, but the Challenge Certificate winners in adults must be mentioned and they were as follows: Miss Rolls' Black L.H. male Deebank Remus by Vigilant Mark; Mrs. Rolls' Orange-eyed White male Deebank Frosty by Ch. Deebank Mascot; Mrs. Sharp's Blue female Sabrina of Pensford by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous; Mrs. Stansell's Cream male Harpur Kipling by Ch. Brynwood Casanova. (This was an amalgamated Open Class of nine males and females. Miss Rolls

was second with her female Deebank Cream Melody); Mrs. Leving's Smoke female Ch. Allenvale Gigolette by Ch. Beauvale Conquest; Mrs. Macdonald's Red Tabby King Billy by Ch. Cherry of Carne; Mrs. Day and Miss Ash's Red self female Ch. Meranti Turvy by Ch. Sherry of Carne; Miss Petre's Chinchilla female Feremina Silver Sprite by Ch. Ivelholme Democrat; Miss Woodthorpe's Tortoiseshell Baytor Tawny Owl by Ch. Arcamor Scamp; Miss Woodifield's Tortie and White Pathfinders Kelpie by Pathfinders Gnome; Mrs. Joan Thompson's Blue-Cream Opal of Pensford by Brandysnap of Dunesk; Mrs. Harding's Colourpoint female Mingchiu Gala by Ch. Briarry Zorab.

The winners in Shorthair adults were: Mr. and Mrs. Crewe's Black Jezreel Melanie by Ch. Jezreel Jake; Mrs. Petre's Russian Blue female Petrovna Blue Rose by Ch. Meadliam Larkspur;

Miss Woodifield's Red Tabby male Killinghall Red Pyrene by Ch. Killinghall Black Panther; Miss Allaun's Tortie and White Darwinnie Gemma by Ch. Mavlyn Cokey Boy; Miss Loader's Manx male Bluewave Bo-Bo by Bluewave Red Pins; Mrs. Menezes' Abyssinian male Taishun Leo by Nigella Speedy Gonzales; Mrs. Bentinck's Brown Burmese male Ch. Copplestone Lun-Tha by Benroc Bardolino; Mrs. Smith's Burmese female Copplestone Bardee by Ch. Kingsplay Fei-Fo and Mrs. Whittle's Blue Burmese female Santhone Blue Briony by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee.

Good Siamese classes

Siamese as usual had an excellent entry although not such huge classes as at the Siamese C.C. fixture.

Seven S.P. females had Miss Bur-



"News of the World" photo

HASSAN JAM TART, looking real smart in his diamante collar, went as a lucky mascot to the wedding of 19-year-old Celia Knight at Bournemouth. He is of course the well known young Gene 2 Rex stud belonging to Mrs. Madge Shrouder, of West Moors, Dorset. Celia, who now lives in Canada, is the daughter of Mrs. Rachel Knight, breeder of Shorthairs, who reports that Jam Tart "purred his good wishes all through the service".

ness's Dunchattan Nina by Ch. Windale Derrie as the winner. Other winners were Mrs. Peck's B.P. male Tailong Blue Pierot by Ch. Tailong Kuli; Mrs. Chappell's B.P. female Hathor Merit by Watermill Simple Simon; Mr. and Mrs. Summerfield's L.P. Siamese male Simone Lilac Firefly by Ch. Macedon Marquis and Mrs. Hookens' Overstrand Lilac Lucinda by Doneraile Blue Pax.

No Challenge Certificates were awarded to Chocolate Points.

In addition to the Premier Certificates awarded to the Best in Show neuters Mrs. Smith won with her well known Smoke neuter Pr. Allenvale Caesar, Miss Hasell with Abyseal Hedda and Mrs. Folkes with her S.P. Siamese Dunchattan Tarje.

Another very enjoyable show with appropriate thanks to its very capable manager Mrs. O. M. Lamb, and to Mr. Lamb who is always a tower of strength on these occasions.

Blue Longhairs big day

The Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show in London on 4th November had a sparkle and an attendance which was better than we have seen for some time. The venue Denison House is not ideal as regards light although it was a sunny clear day but it compactly held the exhibits and was comfortably warm.

Mrs. C. Dugdale successfully collected gifts to make a very attractive "Bring and Buy" stall and had the pleasure of contributing a substantial amount to augment the box office which was presided over by Mr. Boulton and Mr. Reid, two stalwarts who work so well together in this capacity at some of the other London shows. Mrs. Reid was in her element dispensing refreshments for the exhibitors. Altogether, it was a really enjoyable show with some lovely exhibits.

Awards were: Best Exhibit—Mrs.

Burrows' Ch. Orion of Pensford, also awarded the rosette for the "Most Beautiful Cat" by public vote; Best Kitten—Mrs. Brine's female Avernoll Bluesette by Sheepfold Casanova and Avernoll Beauty.

In a class of 19 adult Blue females Mrs. Brice-Webb's Borrowdale Playgirl by Ch. Orion of Pensford and Ch. Borrowdale Susette was the winner. There were females of outstanding quality in this class and some already with two Challenge Certificates to their credit.

Miss Wash's Parka Jason by Ch. Camber Mario and Anson Exquisite was Best Neuter in a class of ten. The other three Open Class winning kittens were Mrs. Brine's male Avernoll Chips, litter brother to Avernoll Bluesette; Mrs. Bagnall's male Penkvale Oberon by Wildfell Orbit and in females Mrs. Smart's Georgian Tiffany.

Madame Sarrazin was a welcome visitor from France. Mrs. Dixie came from S.W. London with her daughter and was captivated with Mrs. Smart's Georgian Tasha and later Georgian Geraldo. They will be spayed and neutered respectively and I hear are very happy in their new home. I have since heard that Georgian Tiffany and Georgian Katrina have gone to Madame Gobert, of Belgium, and that she is delighted with them.

Sound coated kittens

The winning kittens had retained their kitten coats and remained sound; a great asset when kittens are competing. Some of those who were not awarded firsts on the day were changing coat but they had the qualities which endure and I anticipate will be heard of again as adults. I considered it was rather hard lines on the neuters that no novice or Special Limit classes were provided for them at a specialist Ch. show.

So many kittens nowadays are being purchased with the intention of having

them neutered and competing for Premierships that among the neuters at all shows are some of outstanding quality, equal sometimes to males and females competing in Open Classes.

Mrs. Crickmore organized this delightful fixture and all Blue Persian devotees must be pleased with its success.

Fancy's great loss

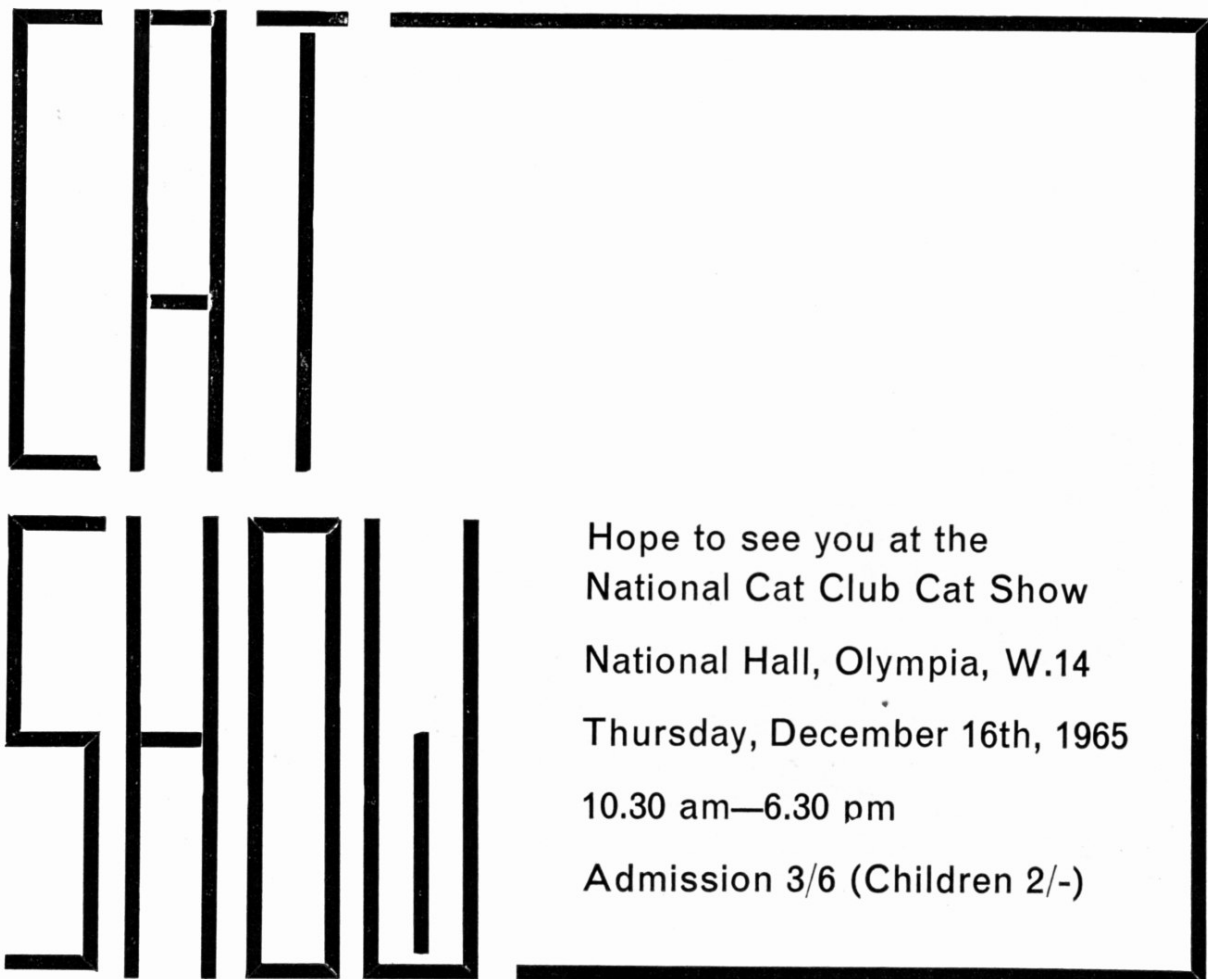
The New Year will commence with a loss to the British Cat Fancy, and to those of us who have known them for some years a personal sense of regret. Mr. Dunks leaves for Kenya, East Africa, to take up an extension of his present appointment. Mrs. Dunks will follow as soon as their personal affairs are settled. They anticipate being away three or more years.

Their all-round knowledge of our Fancy and the fact that they are both Siamese cat judges and have bred and

owned some lovely Siamese will be invaluable to Africa.

Mr. Dunks organized one of the first Herts and Middlesex Cat Club Ch. Shows at Acton Town Hall in 1952 and 1953. Realizing its potentialities, he was keen to bring it to London. So in September 1954 the venue was the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, and he and his committee had the gratification of an entry of over 350 exhibits, about 100 more than at Acton. This success was repeated in 1955 at the same venue; after that year Mrs. Towe became show manager for the next four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunks also organized in February 1955 the Ch. Show of the Southern Counties Cat Club in London and again in 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959 and during two of these years Mrs. Dunks was Hon. Secretary of the Club. After this wonderful record of service to us all they wished to retire from active participation in Southern Club affairs,



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but their interest in the Fancy has never waned and they have remained active in promoting its interests and especially those of Siamese cats.

Mrs. Dunks was appointed by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy as Registrar of Siamese in 1963 and filled this post with her usual ability.

Farewell! Mr. and Mrs. Dunks. You leave with our good wishes and deep appreciation for your services so cheerfully given.

A date to remember

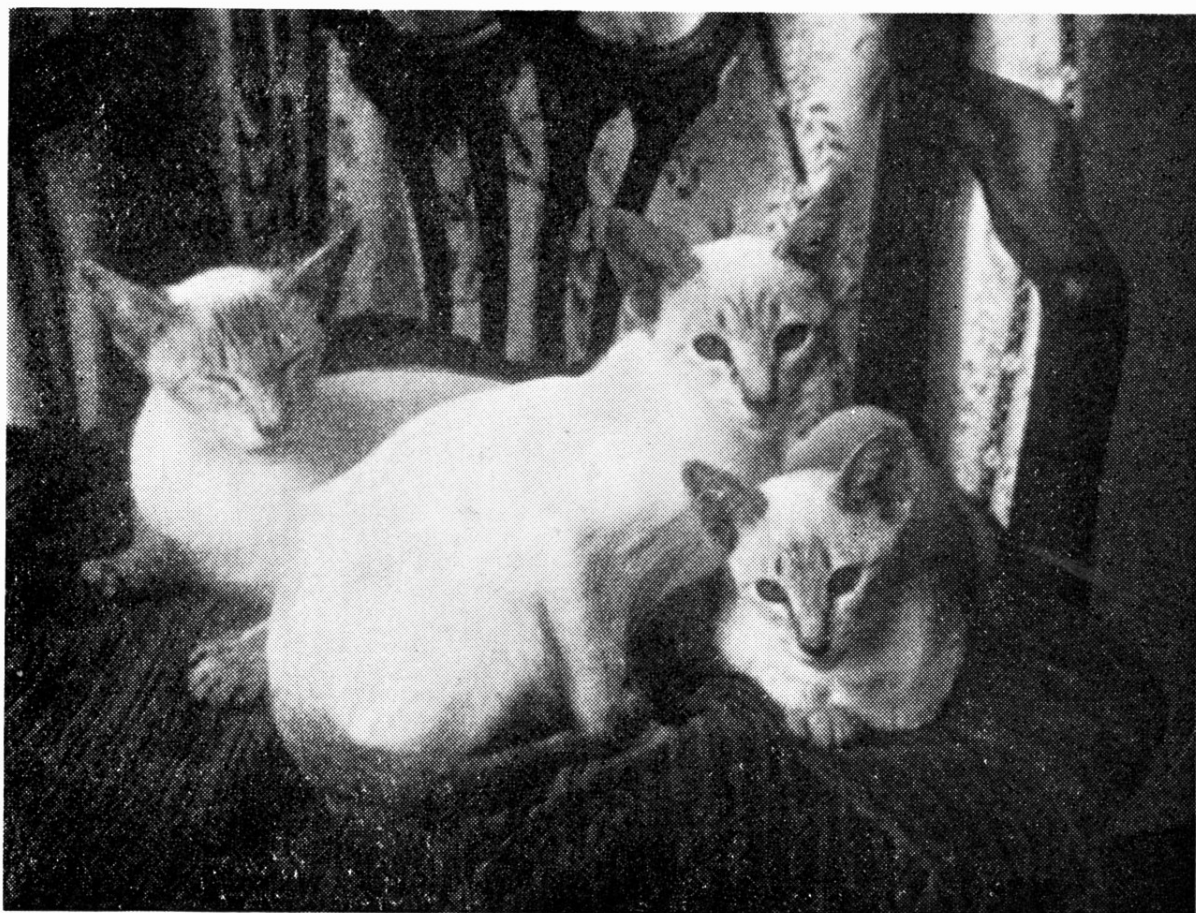
Now I want to make a special plea for the Southern Counties Cat Club Ch. Show on Saturday, 22nd January next.

The Committee have decided to launch out and have taken the *New Horticultural Hall*, London. This lovely large modern hall with its perfect

light is the finest in London for an All-breed Ch. Show. It is also (with the exception of Olympia) the most expensive so we need realistic support from advertisements in the catalogue, good entries from exhibitors and a real campaign from cat lovers to make it known among their friends. Exhibitors will appreciate the spaciousness of the Hall, the maximum amount of daylight from its massive windows and last but perhaps not least its excellent restaurant facilities.

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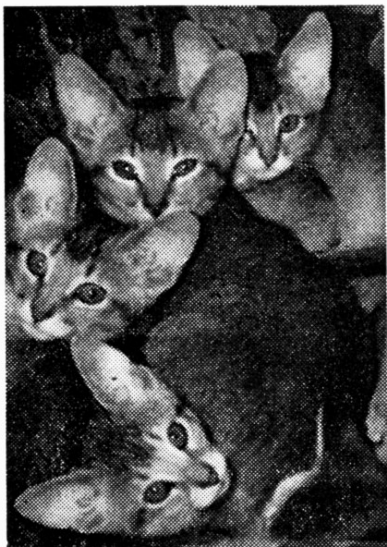
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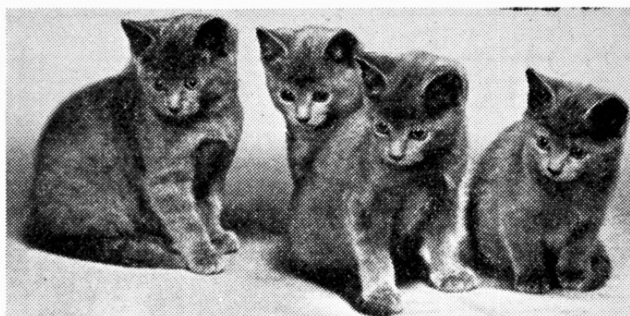


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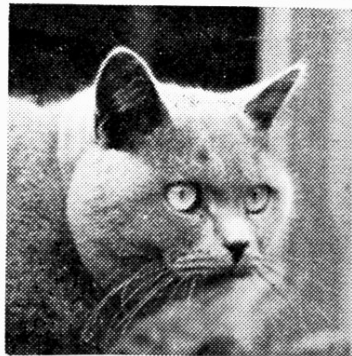
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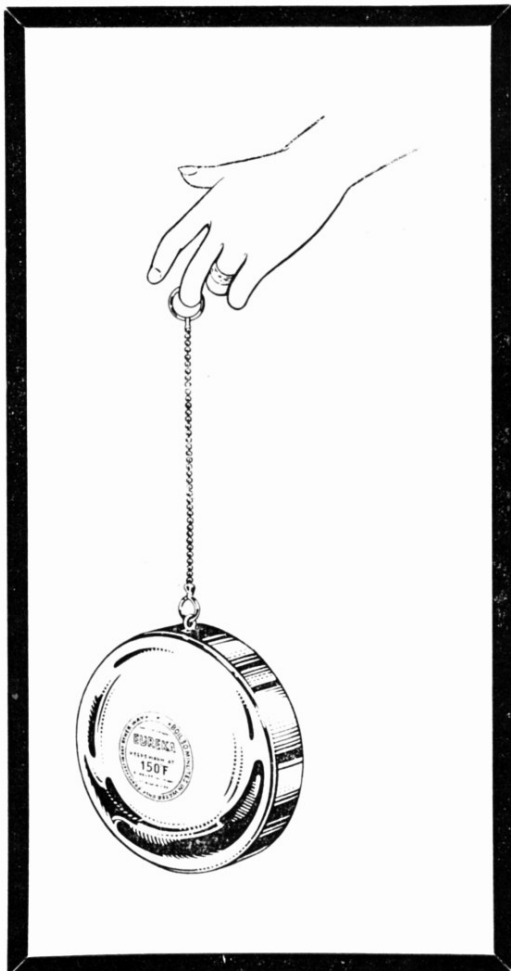
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From ROTTERDAM

THE Championship Show held at Rotterdam on 23rd-24th October by the Nederlandse Vereniging van Kattenvrienden was a great success.

It took place in the large, beautiful hall at the Rotterdam Zoo, and attracted a very big gate. The Show Manager, Mr. A. A. Damsteeg, and his Committee are to be congratulated on their achievement: everything went smoothly and efficiently, and even the stalls at the sides of the hall were unusually attractive.

The judges were Mme Caron Campesato, Italian all-breed judge from Milan, Mrs. Cook-Radmore, Mrs. Padon and myself.

As to the exhibits, I cannot speak for the Longhairs, though some of them looked good to my inexperienced eye. But among the Shorthairs which I judged there were some very interesting cats. The Best in Show Siamese male, Ch. Mali de Sourabaya, has a really wondrous head, and the Chestnut Browns were of outstanding quality. In addition, I handled some A.O.V. kittens of a new variety—Tonkanese. These are from a Siamese-Burmese cross, and although there is as yet no Standard by which to judge them, they were beautiful creatures, of excellent foreign type and in fine condition.

Best in Show Shorthairs were Ch. Mali de Sourabaya, Seal Point Siamese male owned by Mr. Mordasini; Bastet Ophelia, Chestnut Brown female, owner, Mr. Damsteeg; Oona dite Abeba, Abyssinian kitten, owner, Mme Stoutz; and Bastet Othello, Chestnut Brown neuter owned by Mr. Damsteeg.

This was, throughout, a charming, friendly show, and I even had an unusually large number of exhibits of whom, in my notes, I wrote "sweet-tempered". The only cat who did not

appear to approve was Mali de Sourabaya, who said with emphasis that International Championships were as nothing to him, and he would much rather be at home!

PHYLLIS LAUDER

From PARIS

THE Cat Club de Paris International Ch. Show held in the salon of the Hotel Continental on the 22nd/23rd/24th October was beautifully organized by Madame M. Ravel.

I was asked to judge in the place of Mrs. Joan Thompson who was unable to make the journey, so I hope the exhibitors were not too disappointed! Miss Val Prentis and I had a very good flight over and also a good one back. To Madame Ravel and all who helped to make our stay in Paris so pleasant, also for the lovely roses which were sent up to our rooms, a very big thank you.

I found all the cats and kittens were in grand condition and it was a pleasure to handle some really first class exhibits. I judged the Blues, Creams and Blue-Creams and found after the judging that many were either bred in England or came from English stock.

The Best Longhair Cat in Show was Bayhorne Rebel, who is already an International Champion. He was bred by Mrs. D. Benbow and is owned by Madame Millet. Mme Millet also exhibited my C.A.C.I.B. winner who I understand is now an Int. Champion. He is Orpheus of Pensford and I understand from Mrs. Joan Thompson is a litter brother to the beautiful Ch Orion of Pensford. Another English winner was Bel Ami of Pensford, owned by Mr.

Schonau. My International winner in the Cream females was Ch. Harpur Sunflower and in the males Ch. King des Princes, who is out of Int. Ch. Hendras Tamerisk. The Blue-Cream C.A.C. winner was Magnolia of Dunesk, a very pretty queen with lovely pale intermingled coat.

Many thanks to Madame Rossi, my interpreter, also my stewards Madame Prior, Madame Dévé and Mlle Brocard.

DORIS BRICE-WEBB

(Further Continental show news, received too late to catch this issue, will appear in our December issue).

The Shadowpoint and Progressive Breeders' Club has been affiliated to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. A breed number cannot yet be applied for as the requisite number of generations has not yet been reached.

A little cat is reported to be the only survivor of the recent avalanche disaster that killed over 80 people. Workers were trying to clear away the mass of ice and rubble when the cat was freed from its icy prison by a steam shovel.

Bonfire Night on the 5th brought its usual crop of accidents and incidents. At Cippenham, Buckinghamshire, the police were searching for boys who tried to set fire to a kitten. It was tied to a hedge and a fire lit round it. Some children rescued it and took it to the local RSPCA inspector, who treated it for burns.

Christmas Carol


LIGHT and chill the night wind
blew,
As they made their tireless way
Through the sleeping land, that lay
Hushed beneath the midnight sky,
Where one brilliant star rode high.
Gifts of precious gold they bore,
Fragrant frankincense, and myrrh;
Wise beyond all men, they knew
Where the star was leading them.

So they came to Bethlehem.
From the shadow of the wall
Crept a little cat, so small
Scarce they saw her in the dark,
Stealing through the dew-drenched
grass
To the closed and guarded gate,
There to hide again, and wait.
When the watchmen bade them pass,
Through the streets she followed them.

Till they reached their journey's end.
Suddenly, she ran before—
Quick to see the opening door
She slipped inside.

Mary said "Nay, let her be.
Warm she lies upon my knee,
Sweet her small contented song.
Wisdom may not dwell in her;
Gold and frankincense and myrrh
She hath not to offer Him.
But one humble gift she brings
To this house, unwittingly:
With her gentle presence, she
Doth make it home".

DOROTHY WINSOR

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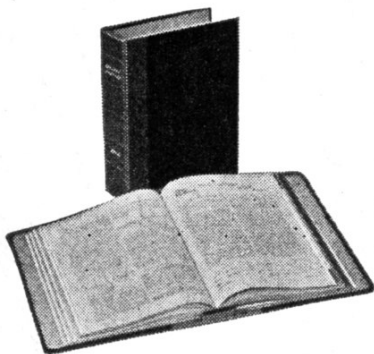
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