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Mr. Wilkie with his perky little serval pet CLEO. The serval, an attractive yellow cat with black spots belongs to the bush of South Africa.

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Published every month with the best possible features and illustrations and circulated to Cat Lovers of every kind throughout the world. Our editorial purpose is :

(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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THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS

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.

If you feel that this issue, which completes our 17th volume, is somewhat attenuated, you will be right! It is due to the fact that we have had to concentrate so much extra time and effort on next month's issue — the International New Year Greetings Number — which has been splendidly supported. It will be a truly bumper issue carrying a comprehensive report on the National Show at Olympia, lots of greetings messages, features and pictures from many parts of the cat world.



THAI DARA PANDAH

A top winner at Perth Show, Western Australia, in August last. Pandah was bred by Mrs. H. Paintin, of Christchurch, New Zealand, and is owned by Mrs. J. Lane, of Perth.

Looking at the breeds

No. 25 -- CREAM SHORTHAIRES

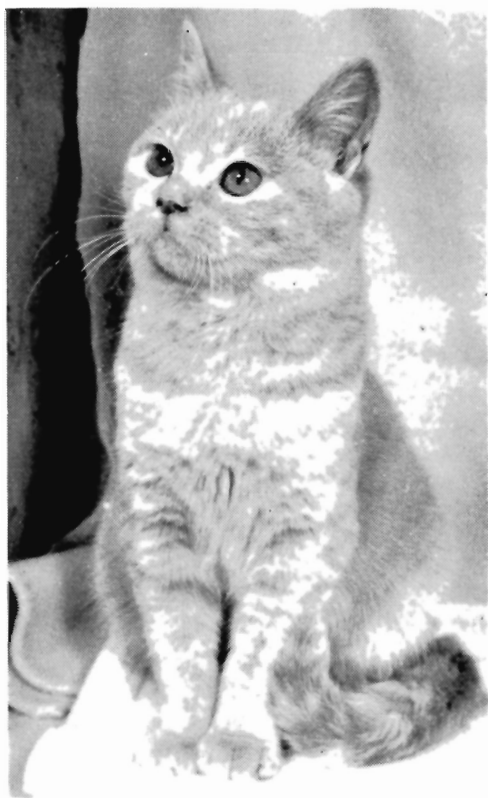
By HUGH SMITH

YOU can go a long time nowadays without seeing a Cream Shorthair. It is said that many years ago they were fairly plentiful and that then they more or less disappeared. According to Brian Vesey Fitzgerald their non-pedigree counterparts, mostly with green eyes, are not uncommon.

Pedigree Creams are, however, still being bred by devotees of the breed. The example here used for illustration *Pensylva Flaxen Nymph* was bred by Mrs. Joan Richards, who has done so much to improve the breed.

The Standard laid down by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy is as follows:

(See next page)



Hugh Smith

PENSYLVA FLAXEN NYMPH, an attractive Cream Shorthair female bred by Mrs. Joan Richards, of Ashted, Surrey

Colour—Rich cream, level in colour, free from bars; no sign of white anywhere.

Eyes—Copper or hazel.

Body and tail—Well knit and powerful, showing good depth of body. Chest full and broad. Tail thick at base, well set, length in proportion to body.

Legs and feet—Legs of good substance and in proportion to the body. Feet neat and well rounded.

Head and neck—Head broad between the ears; cheeks well developed; face and nose short.

Ears—Small, slightly round at tops, not large at base.

Coat—Short, fine and close.

Condition—Hard and muscular, giving a general picture of activity.

SCALE OF POINTS

Body and tail ...	...	10
Legs and feet	5
Head and neck	10
Ears	10
Coat	10
Condition	5
Colour...	...	35
Eyes	15

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Creams sometimes appear in litters of Tortoiseshell females. Since they are rare, this source can be valuable, particularly to anyone wishing to secure a female for starting to breed. It must be realized however that this course can bring in undesirable features. The faults may nevertheless be eliminated by further careful Cream to Cream breeding.

It is important that the coat of the Cream should be free from any barring, a risk that introduction of Tortoiseshell stock increases. Frequently, kittens that are apparently nearly perfect when young will acquire rings on legs and tail.

This is a cat of great beauty. A really rich cream should be aimed at. To-day it is said that coats have a tendency to be too "hot". There should be no hint of redness.

It will be interesting to see whether the breed will regain its early popularity.

The Shorthair Cat Society whose Hon. Secretary is Mrs. P. Hughes, Caenwood Lodge, Ashtead Woods, Ashtead, Surrey, supports the interests of this breed.

THE CARE OF YOUR VET

WHEN infectious disease breaks out in a cattery and the source is difficult to trace, the possibility of visitors, especially veterinary surgeons, bringing the infection, inevitably springs to mind. It is quite possible for infection to be carried on the clothing or footwear, and owners should take all practicable precautions to minimize the risk of such an occurrence. The following safety measures are recommended in the current issue of the *News Bulletin* of the Feline Advisory Bureau.

It is a natural tendency to be preoccupied with one's own troubles to the exclusion of all else in outbreaks of infectious disease, and the needs of the attendant veterinary surgeon are often overlooked. If the following points are

borne in mind, it will assist your veterinary surgeon and lessen the risk of spreading infection.

(1) The next time you ring for veterinary assistance, remember to give adequate instructions on how to get to your house. If the call is at night time, if possible light all the front windows and the porch.

(2) Give as much detail of the symptoms you have observed as possible and give some indication of the degree of urgency of the case.

(3) Hot water, disinfectant, soap and a clean towel should be available for the veterinary surgeon to disinfect his hands before, as well as after, handling the case. It is a good idea to have a plastic mac and plastic overshoes for the vet to wear

whilst examining the patient. These can easily be disinfected by sponging with disinfectant solution and are quite cheap. They will also come in useful if you have to nurse a case of infectious disease and look after healthy stock at the same time.

4 Be sure to have all the patients confined to their catteries or a special room, preferably equipped solely with a suitable examination table. There is nothing more frustrating to a veterinary surgeon than having to engage in a game of "hide and seek" with his patient under the furniture or the accumulated junk in some storage room.

(5) If plastic overshoes are not provided, a large tray or shallow bowl of disinfectant should be available to disinfect the veterinary surgeon's shoes before he leaves to attend his next case.

(6) Make a careful note of the date and the time of the next visit and be ready and waiting.

(7) At the termination of the case, do please let your veterinary surgeon know the outcome. It is most helpful to him to know whether the treatment was successful or not and is the only way in which he can assess the value of the particular treatment used.

(8) Finally, where possible telephone early in the day to allow the veterinary surgeon to plan his round as economically as possible, and if you must break an appointment do phone and cancel it. Veterinary surgeons are busy people and a fruitless journey can be a great time-waster.

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BONAVIA JESTER, Chinchilla male at 14 months, gained his full Championship and was Best in Show at Bronford, Connecticut, U.S.A., last October. Bred by Mrs. Mollie Turney, he now belongs to Dr. E. A. Couture, of the Mercy Animal Hospital, Cranston, Long Island. Since Jester has sired several litters, American strength in this lovely breed has been reinforced considerably.

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A tom cat comes to wail
And he chants the hate of a million years
As he swings his snaky tail.
Malevolent, bony, brindled,
Tiger and devil and bard,
His eyes are coals from the middle of Hell
And his heart is black and hard.
He twists and crouches and capers
And bares his curved sharp claws
As he sings to the stars of the jungle night,
Ere cities were, or laws.
Beast from a world primeval,
He and his leaping clan,
When the blotched red moon leers over
the roofs,
Give voice to their scorn of man.
He will lie on the rug tomorrow
And lick his silky fur
And veil the brute in his yellow eyes
And play he's tame and purr.
But at midnight in the alley
He will crouch again and wail
And beat the time for his demon's sons
With the swing of his demon's tail.

DOX MARQUIS.

A SECRETARY'S LAMENT

If the Secretary writes tactfully — she's verbose,
If she's brief — she's tactless,
If she drafts a report — it's wrong
If she doesn't — there's nothing to work on.
If she speaks to the Committee — she's butting in,
If she doesn't — she's useless.
If she sends a reminder — she's a pest,
If she doesn't — she's slack.
If she asks for resolutions — she's cheeky,
If she doesn't get a thing done — she's incompetent.
If things are a success — it's the Committee,
If it's a failure — the Secretary is to blame.
If she asks for instructions — she has no initiative . . .
Ashes to ashes — and dust to dust,
If others won't do it . . .

THE SECRETARY MUST.

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Bubwayo and District Cat Club.

The legend of the Birman

In an earlier issue July 1965, we announced the arrival in England of the first Birman cat from France, where it is officially recognised as a breed and frequently competes at shows. The introduction of this interesting cat was the joint enterprise of MRS. ELSIE FISHER and MRS. MARGARET RICHARDS, who plan to import two females. The following legend has reached us since the release from quarantine of our first Sacred Cat of Burma, fit and well.

MANY centuries ago, on the slopes of Mount Lugh, in Burma, there stood a temple dedicated to Tsun-Kyankse, the goddess with the eyes of sapphire, who presided over the transmutation of souls.

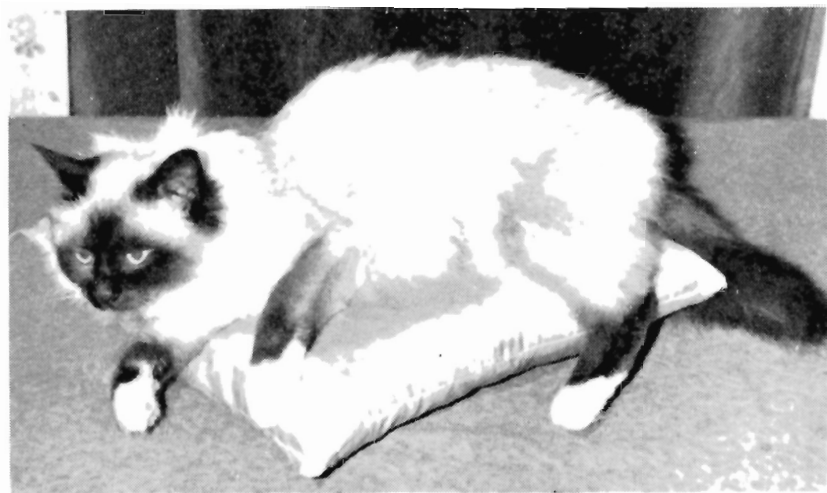
There the temple priests lived under the respected authority of the Venerable Grand Llama Mun-Ha, whose golden beard had been plaited by the god Song-Hio. Every moment of his life, as he sat upon his golden throne opposite the statue of Tsun-Kyankse, which was also of gold, Mun-Ha spent in the adoration of the goddess with the sapphire blue eyes, so that he might be worthy of reliving his existence in the form of a sacred animal.

Sinh, a white cat with golden eyes, kept silent watch over the Llama. Sinh was

his counsellor, the oracle always consulted. His ears, nose, tail and the tips of his paws were brown, for they were in contact with the earth and its impurities. Very likely there lived in Sinh the soul of a grand priest from whom Tsun Kyankse had distinguished for his holy perfection during the course of his human existence.

One dark moonless night, the temple was attacked by the enemies of the goddess, the Brahmins, who came from Siam. The invaders were just about to violate the holy precincts when at that very moment the heart of the Grand Llama ceased to beat. All the priests and their temple cats gathered together in despair when an extraordinary miracle occurred.

Sinh, his fur standing on end, leapt upon the golden throne, then upon the



PARANJOTI NOUKY MON DE REVE.
Our first Birman Sacred Cat of Burma .

head of his dead master, and with his eyes fixed on those of the goddess, he took up the vigil of Mun-ha. His fur then became the colour of gold, and his paws which no longer touched the ground, but the head of his master, turned to immaculate white, right up to the part covered over by the holy vestments. His golden eyes became as deep a blue as the blue eyes of the goddess.

With a movement of the head towards the south gate of the temple, he indicated that the priests should close the heavy bronze doors against the invaders. All hastened to do his bidding, thus saving the temple from profanation and pillage.

For seven days Sinh sat upon the lifeless head of Mun-Ha, then he, too, died, taking with him to the goddess the soul of his dead master, too perfect for this world.

All in gold and white

When the priests met together to decide upon the successor to Mun-Ha all the cats of the temple came running, but now in the image of Sinh, all were clothed in gold and gloved in white, and had beautiful sapphire blue eyes. They surrounded the youngest of the priests, thus designating him as the new Grand Llama.

This is the legend brought to us by Russell Gordon, to whom it was told a century ago by a Yogi. It has been preserved in the temple of Lao Tsun, considered one of the wonders of India. Situated to the east of Lake Incaugji, in the desert region between Magug and Sembo.

At the end of the 19th century it still housed the Kittahs (priests) who bred the descendants of the Sacred Cats, numbering one to one hundred.

When the war came British troops set up military bases in this region, thus preventing the Brahman invasion, which, as well as annihilating the Kittahs, would also have destroyed the Sacred Cats.

It was due to this that the Sacred Cats of Burma made their first appearance in

Europe. At the beginning of this century France received Manon de Medalpour, a magnificent specimen and since then breeders have become interested in this breed. A female also came with Manon, and was in kitten to him, but she died later. The present line comes from this strain.

Breed characteristics

The characteristics resemble both the Siamese and the Persian cat. The slightly golden beige of his fur is, however, lighter in colour and almost white on the belly. The face, tail, and legs are brown. He is mainly distinguishable by his white paws, the white ending at the first toe joint on the front legs, and rising to a point at the back of the hind legs. His fur is long and silky, and he has a large fur collarette or ruff and a beautiful plumed tail.

The body is long and of medium size. The paws are short and strong, the head has long whiskers. His eyes are a sapphire blue. He has also a small voice, not raucous, as the Siamese, but gentle and sweet sounding. He has a lovely temperament.

This variety is called "seal". Another variety is "blue" which has beautiful blue grey points, a lighter almost white body and belly colour.

The French specialists Dr. G. Beck, Professor Letard and Dr. Méry take a special interest in the Sacred Cat of Burma. The "blue" species has attracted a great deal of attention from the Cat Club de Paris, and has led to a wider appreciation of this beautiful animal. To-day, he is much sought after, for he is without doubt, one of the most splendid specimens of the feline race.

The Sacred Cat of Burma is sturdy, and his diet differs little from that of all other cats—meat, fish and fresh vegetables, with vitamins.

For his grooming, he requires brushing every day, with special attention to eyes and ears, which should be cleaned regularly.

ELSIE FISHER

Tibs are a family affair . . .

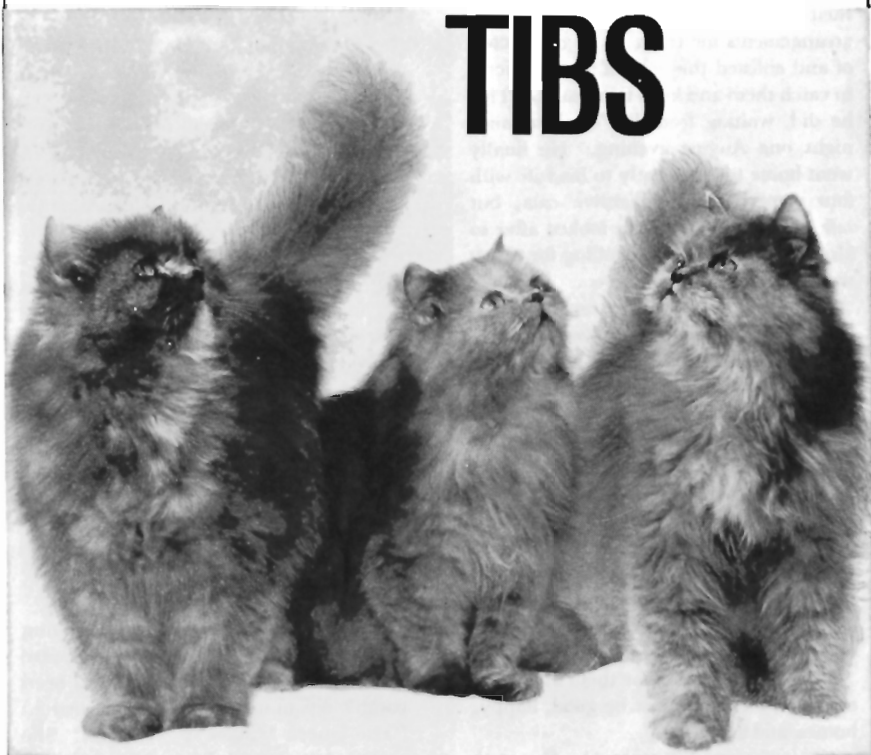
especially for these three generations of long-hair blue-creams patiently waiting for their Tibs

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

"All three are now nursing very promising young kittens", owner Miss Elspeth Sellar of Selhurst Farm, Grafham, Bramley, Surrey, tells us, "so Tibs Condition Tablets are essential for the extra vitamins and minerals required for their well-being and the good health of future generations.

"To keep my various long-hair breeds of show-cats and kittens in tip-top condition", continues Miss Sellar, "they are given Tibs with a balanced diet. This gives them strong bones, sparkling eyes, glossy coats and endless energy for fun and games"

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Operation "Homefinders"

MRS. K. CHRISTINA HYDE, prominent member of the Oxford and District Cat Club, gives a heart warming account of some rescue plans which had a happy climax when good homes were found for ten cats and kittens. All concerned are to be congratulated on the part they played in our story.

BY telephone came the S.O.S.—and it was literally that! Four lovely cats, living happily in the grounds of an inn were to be abandoned next day—or worse still—destroyed. My friend, who loves all cats, said "We will go and take them away to safety!"

I met my friend, who had first seen them, saw the four beautiful cats—two already in kitten—and fell in love with their shorthair beauty. Quickly we made arrangements for them to be taken care of and enlisted the help of a good friend to catch them and keep them safely. This he did, waiting from 8 o'clock to midnight one August evening. He finally went home triumphantly to his wife with four somewhat apprehensive cats; but *safe* they were. All were looked after so kindly in this country dwelling for many weeks.

Two days later the "Queen Mother", herself the mother of the two younger queens, gave birth to three kittens, all well. Six days later her elder daughter also had three kittens. There were six babies and two mothers all in the one large box and supremely happy. The golden-eyed "Queen Mother", and the blue-and-gold-eyed younger queen, looked the picture of contentment. They were guarded proudly by "Sirius", the tabby and white "man of the family". We think he is the "Queen Mother's" elder son, and a lovely boy he is.

Well now:—homes for them all? Yes, essential, but they must be good, happy, homes, and for *ten*!

An early encouragement! Someone telephoned me, having seen my panel advertisement in *OUR CATS* and asked

for "a white kitten, please!" So little "Kristy", the youngest queen, was called for and went to a happy home in Uxbridge.

"Kathy" and two white babies went next, to a friend who had been looking and waiting, for a White Shorthair queen. A few days afterwards I heard that "she has the run of the bungalow and garden, and is getting on happily with the baby kittens, and with the other cats".

A member of our Cat Club booked "Pretty One", a tabby kitten of great charm.

Now the "Queen Mother" and "Sirius" must have equally happy homes. My friend and I searched, talked and telephoned one another almost daily. Another friend advertised for us and the telephone rang! Cat lovers called, desiring a kitten—two kittens—and whilst playing with them fell in love with dear "Sirius", the sweet natured tabby and white boy. He needed love and a large garden to roam in; and here were *both* being offered to him! He accepted gladly!

Another cat lover asked for "Little Pretty", and carried him off happily the same day, re-naming him "Skippy".

Just the place!

A friend called one morning saying that people she had met in Scotland were looking for a White queen, but had been completely unsuccessful in their search. "The Queen Mother"? Why not! She was used to open-air life and would surely settle happily on a farm with kind people who wanted her. So arrangements were

made; another good friend helped, another looked up trains, the "Queen Mother" was placed in a large travelling basket lent by the Oxford and District Cat Club; a cat judge friend came with us to the station, and saw us off for London. With a mixture of sadness and gladness, I placed her in the care of the guard in the twilight of Euston Station, en route for Perthshire.

The "Queen Mother" was received with open arms after her night-long journey, and had a good feed on getting out of her basket. Her new hosts on the

Scottish farm "are delighted with her, and think her lovely".

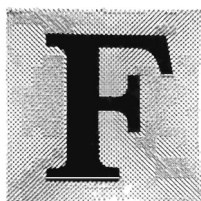
Little "Felix" was the last to leave. He is now the treasured pet of a little girl who has written personally to say how he "is getting his own way, as kittens like to do"

So in this way ten dear cats found homes where love and happiness were offered to them.

We are glad to think on these things, for happiness will surely dwell where the "Three Beautiful White Cats" and lovely "Sirius" reign supreme.



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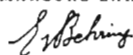
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I HAVE news of a Canadian-made gadget which should surely be a boon and a blessing to those who are worried over cats hairs on the upholstery. It is a small roller with a handle. It is fitted with a roll of durable pressure-sensitive adhesive paper marked off in perforations. After four or five uses the paper is torn off, leaving a clean sheet for the next operation.

A white shorthair cat belonging to an American veterinarian has earned distinction as a blood donor. He lives on the premises, petted and pampered, and is fed on a special diet of prepared foods that produces an abundance of blood. Appropriately named Whitey has given about 40 blood transfusions to patients who are anaemic through chronic infection or shock from injury or blood loss. For the transfusions, he is given light anaesthesia. The veterinarian intends to retire Whitey in about a year and take him to his home.

The Union of Yugoslav Post, Telephone and Telegraph Offices issued a special stamp to mark Children's Week, 3rd-11th October. The design is a sitting cat printed in two colours, black and yellow, by a Beograd artist. Two million stamps were printed.

Good news from the Cats Protection League, of Slough, Bucks! Their 1965 Cat Week raised £1,830, an all-time record and £150 more than last year. A draw pulled in more than £1,000.

The death has occurred recently of Mrs. A. W. Moss, wife of the retired Chief Secretary of the RSPCA. She served on the H.Q. staff of the Society for many years and whilst there collaborated with her husband in writing two books about animals in war time. Mrs. Moss was a cat lover who rescued many of London's homeless during the bombing and afterwards.

Miss Mildred Rolfe, aged 65, was much loved by all the villagers of South Weald, Essex. Everybody called her "Miss Tilly". The other day she was found strangled and in the room with her, unharmed, were her only companions—three cats, a budgerigar and a linnet.

There has been an audition for cats at the Mermaid Theatre in the City of London for a part in the comedy "Spring and Port Wine", which has since been transferred to the Apollo Theatre in the West End. Alfred Marks and Ruth Dunning are the stars. The stage director said he was looking for "a quiet, docile cat who would not be a show stealer". The role was finally given to Lady Sybil Cholmondley, a brown tabby Longhair belonging to a 12-year-old Kensington boy.

Cats in Malmo, Sweden, can be tattooed at a cost of about 30s. for identification purposes. Their ears are marked painlessly with a letter and a number which are registered in the owner's name

at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A North London man gave up his £1,500 a year job with the Central Electricity Generating Board to start a new life in Zambia. He flew off with his three cats hoping to find a little more of everything—sunshine, money and adventure. But within a few hours of landing at the sunbaked mining town of Ndola he was telephoning his wife due to follow him in a fortnight's time to tell her "It's all off. Ndola is a nightmare. I hated the place at first sight—and so did the cats".

Miss G. L. Hardman, of Killinghall, Harrogate, Yorks, well known as a breeder of Red Tabby Shorthairs, has been touring around Australia meeting prominent fanciers and attending cat shows. In an interview she expressed disappointment that no British Shorthairs were being benched.

There have been changes in the affairs of the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club. Mrs. Monica Thake, after many years of valuable service, has been unanimously elected President. The new Hon. Secretary is Mrs. S. Bullock, Old Acre Lane, Brocton, Stafford. Chairman of the Committee remains Mr. I. M. H. Macalister.

The List of Honour, 1965, issued by the Feline Control Council of Victoria, Australia, includes three importations from England bearing well known prefixes—Missfore Ambassador (Blue Point Siamese), Sumfun Periwinkle (Lilac Point Siamese) and Coppystone Luna (Burmese). The Royal Melbourne Show of 1965 attracted 320 cats and kittens from 139 exhibitors. Entries totalled 656.

The Shadow Point and Progressive Breeders Cat Club held a tea party at the Kenilworth Hotel, London, in December. There was a good attendance to meet the



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President Mr. Maxwell Knight, the well-known naturalist, author and broadcaster. A Bring and Buy Stall was a financial success.

Our pre-Christmas mail contained many pleasant surprises. High up in the list was a letter from an old subscriber friend of the Magazine in Illinois, U.S.A., who wrote: "I should like to give two subscriptions as Christmas gifts. The arrival of OUR CATS is a high spot of my month, which is why I wish to share it with my friends".

Mr. Reginald Foster, headmaster of Bourne Grammar School in Lincolnshire, must surely be a very kindly man. When Julius Caesar, the ginger cat who had been the school pet for ten years, died on speech day, he altered his annual report to include an appropriate reference under the heading of "Staff Changes". He told the 300 children and their parents that Caesar had adopted the school and he thought he deserved an obituary. "Caesar," he continued, "had the kindly dignity of a family retainer and one peculiar gift; he recognized that human beings like to do kindly actions. Now he



You have seen our first Sacred Cat of Burma. Now take a look at the SUSUKIS, a new variety to make a name for themselves in Australia. These attractive cats are the result of eight years of planned and selective breeding by a group of prominent breeders. Our picture was kindly supplied by Mrs. Beryl Chandler, who is a prominent figure in the Victoria Australia cat world.

has gone and the school will be the poorer. We shall miss him". Caesar was buried without fuss in a quiet corner of the school playing-field.

Subjects to be discussed at the Annual Conference 1966 of the Feline Advisory Bureau include "Infertility and Neonatal Diseases", by Mr. R. H. Johnson, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., "Zoonoses", by Mr. A. I. Wright, F.R.C.V.S., "Sepsis", by Miss Joan A. Joshua, F.R.C.V.S., "Genetic Results of Different Methods of Breeding", by Mr. R. G. Silson. The Conference takes place in London on 8th May.

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The mystery of why the church organ at Binstead, Isle of Wight, kept going out of tune has been solved after considerable investigation. A stray cat had been taking a short cut through the church by way of the organ pipes.

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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MARMALADE FEMALES

The following letter from Mrs. P. S. Marsden, Green Lane Farm, Cold Hanworth, Hackthorn, Lincolnshire, appeared in a recent issue of *Farmers' Weekly*:

"I have always understood that all tortoiseshell cats are female and all marmalade cats are male; but our two tortoiseshells, mother and daughter, have produced six female marmalades, one in each successive litter. One of these has also had a marmalade female and now the one we have "in residence" at the moment has had three female marmalades in one litter. They are all, and their mother, beautifully marked with "mirror" markings, and Mama even has marmalade eyes. But as we already have far too many cats I fear they will have to go the way of most kittens. And yet I feel there must be a cat fancier somewhere who would be interested.

"I believe it is very difficult to make cats breed "true" and some breeders may have been trying very hard to do what we have done by accident.

"If any of your readers are interested, perhaps they could get in touch with me".

A consignment of fish fingers sold to a dealer in Sheffield for retail as pet food because of certain defects found its way

into the shops in that area, where the packs were bought by the public at 1s. 9d. instead of the normal 2s. 9d. There was prompt action by the National Union of Small Shopkeepers, which called upon the Ministry of Agriculture to arrive at some policy regarding damaged food stocks which may be offered for sale to the public. It was reported that one Sheffield butcher had 180 dozen packets of these fish fingers in stock.

Allington Castle in Kent was the home of Sir Henry Wyatt and while a prisoner in the Tower of London, at the time of Richard III, legend says that Sir Henry was able to remain alive only because a cat brought him a pigeon to eat from a nearby dovecote. An ancient account of this story tells us that from this time forth, Sir Henry became very fond of cats, making as much fuss of them as many men would of their dogs, and also that you will always find a cat pictured with Sir Henry in painted portraits of him. The Earl of Romney, a direct descendant of the Wyatts, owns two paintings: one showing puss alone and the other of Sir Henry in a prison cell with the cat bringing him a pigeon.

Next Month: A super INTERNATIONAL NEW YEAR GREETINGS NUMBER. A few single copies will be available at 2/6d per copy (5d postage).

SHOWS FOR 1966

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						
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

*Denotes show with Championship status

WHO WANTS TO GO TO A SHOW?

THE evenings are long and the warm fireside has become again the centre of interest for ourselves and our pets. The winter show-days are with us again and I think we view the effort we are about to make with a good deal of hesitant fortitude. Bed seems the most heavenly place when the strident alarm forces one to crawl out of it before daylight.

"Quiet now, and don't disturb the sleeping husband!"

Groans from his bed indicate that he is fully aware of every movement on your part. You must dress in as dim a light as possible, and slap on the face make-up with hopeful optimism.

How stairs do creak at this time of the morning, and yet are magically silent during daylight!

The kitchen is warm and friendly—but before putting on the kettle—switch on the cattery lights, so that Junior will waken up, stretch and (we hope) use his toilet tray!

The tea is hot and refreshing and the cat blankets warming on the radiator. Now don't forget Junior's "special treat" from the refrigerator to add to the already bursting bag of necessities. Now for the moment you dread, when you feel like the lowest cad in catdom. Making suitably firm but at the same time reassuring noises you collect your cat, and put him struggling, into the carrying basket. He protests loudly, telling you in no uncertain terms that he has no intention of going anywhere, that he has completely lost faith in you, and then turning from pathos to annoyance, threatens to "scratch-you-one" on the first possible occasion.

You realise that the chance will soon present itself, when you are

sitting in the back of the car in the midst of cat baskets, and one long sinuous paw after another creeps gently out between the wickerwork to seize your flesh in its claws.

Here we are then, waiting in a frozen blast at the front door. Will your friend coming by car arrive in time? Once she overslept. Perhaps she will do this again? Ah! the reassuring sound of wheels on gravel. As she opens her car door there is the familiar sound of "protesting cat" coming from the interior.

The day has begun! What will it hold for you?

Disappointment—joy—astonishment—dismay—bliss—it's all exciting anyway!

Strangely enough the returning and returned cats present an entirely different picture. They seem to sense that they are on their way back home. If not sleeping peacefully, they will converse in the happiest way with little crescendoes of sound.

Arrived home, they will run around in sheer abandoned joy. The other cats soon gather round to greet you and the "lost one". Now Junior struts about like a turkey cock, boasting about his experiences, and lying about all the prizes he didn't get. It takes twenty-four hours before he has been suitably squashed by the old queens, and returned to his proper niche.

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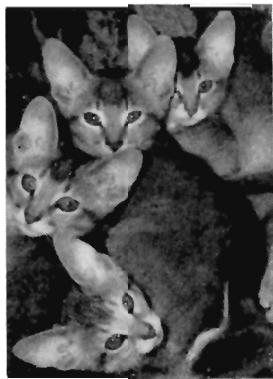
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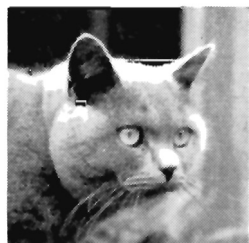
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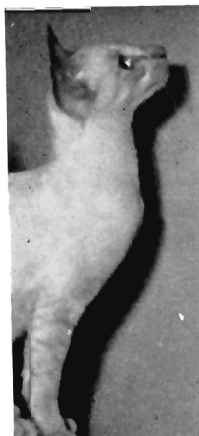
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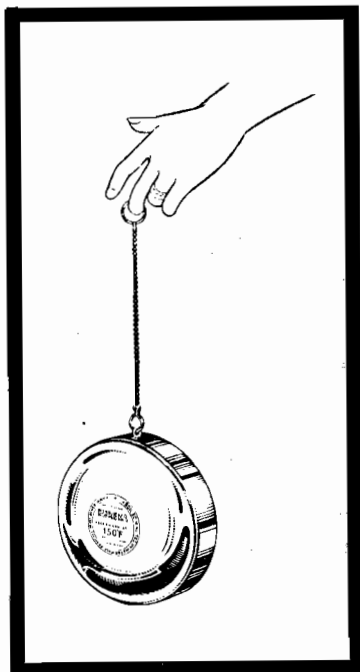
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