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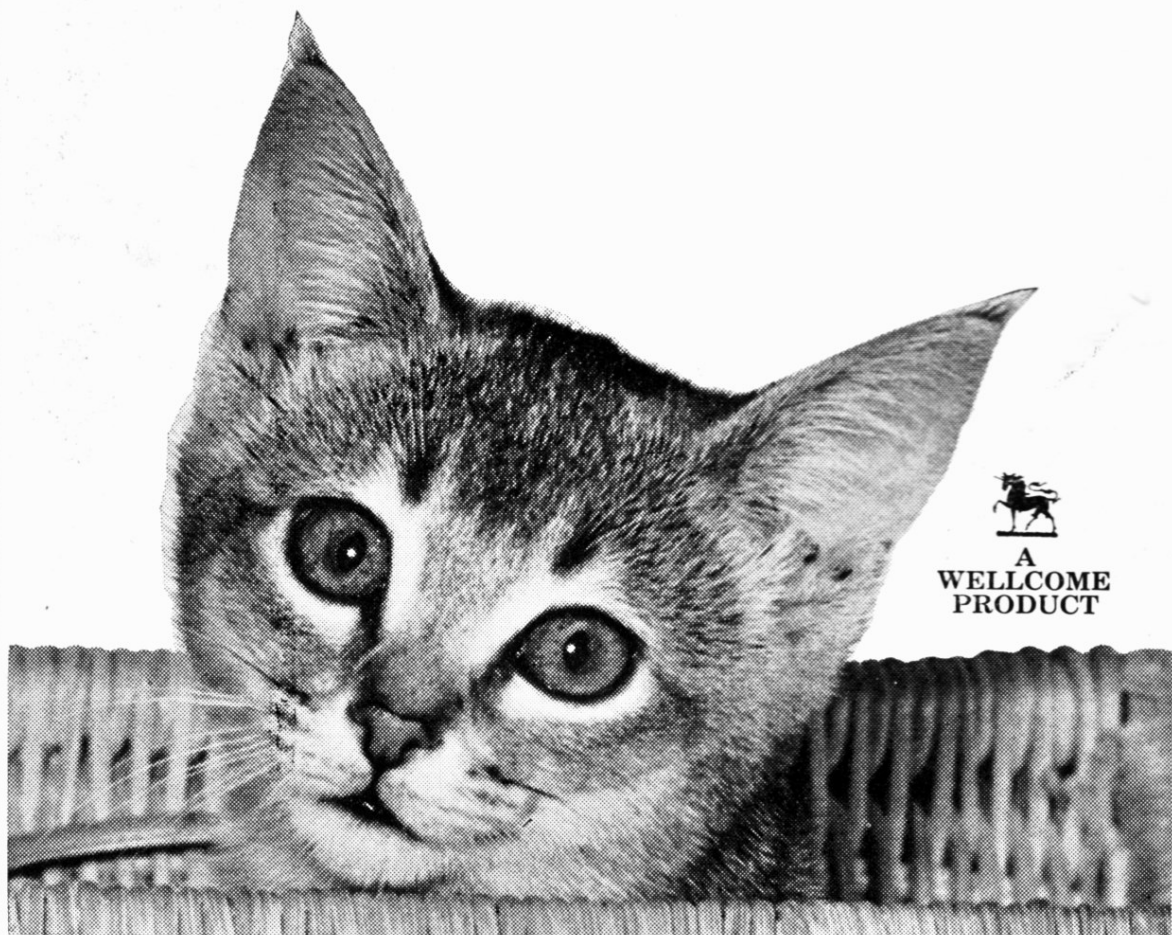
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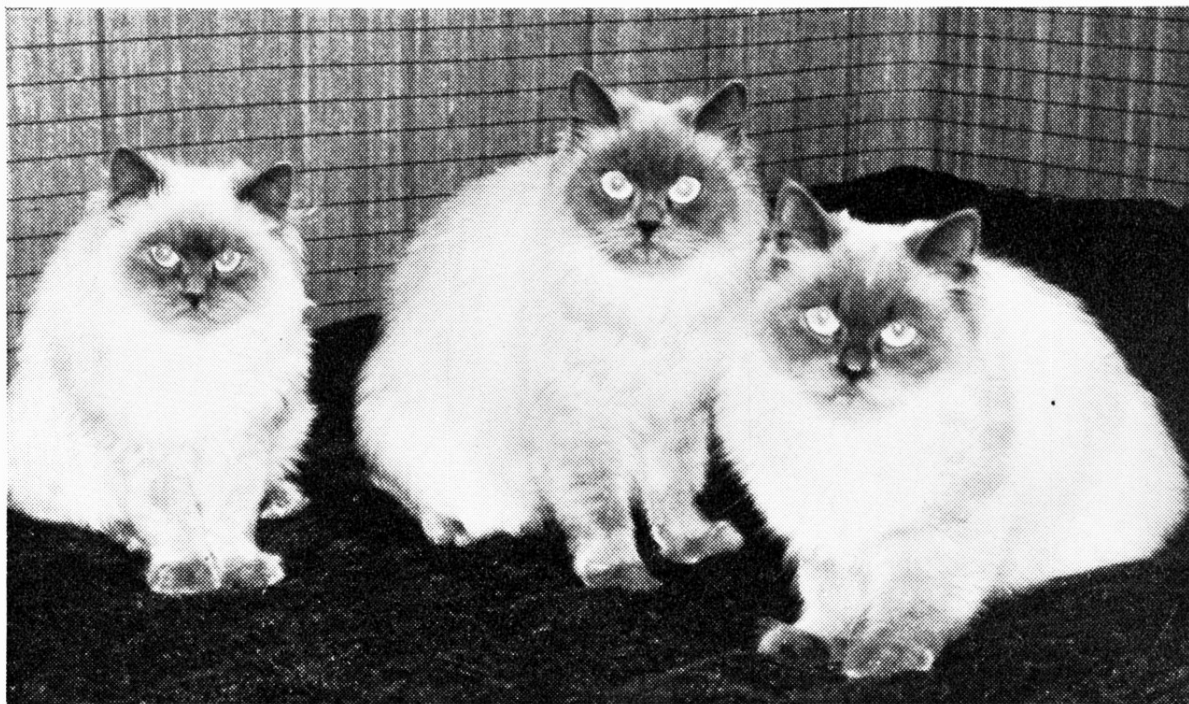
(4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS



A trio of attractive blue pointed Colourpoints from the Siyah Gush Cattery of Miss van Wessem at Gronsveld, Limburg, Holland. Ch. Lison des Grandes Chapelles (in the middle) is French bred from Int. Ch. Amaska Blue Masque. She is with her two daughters. Siyah Gush Vedette (left), sired by Int. Ch. Gallahad's White Silk, is now in America with Mrs. William Todd, of California. Siyah Gush Roselies (right) was bred from an English line.

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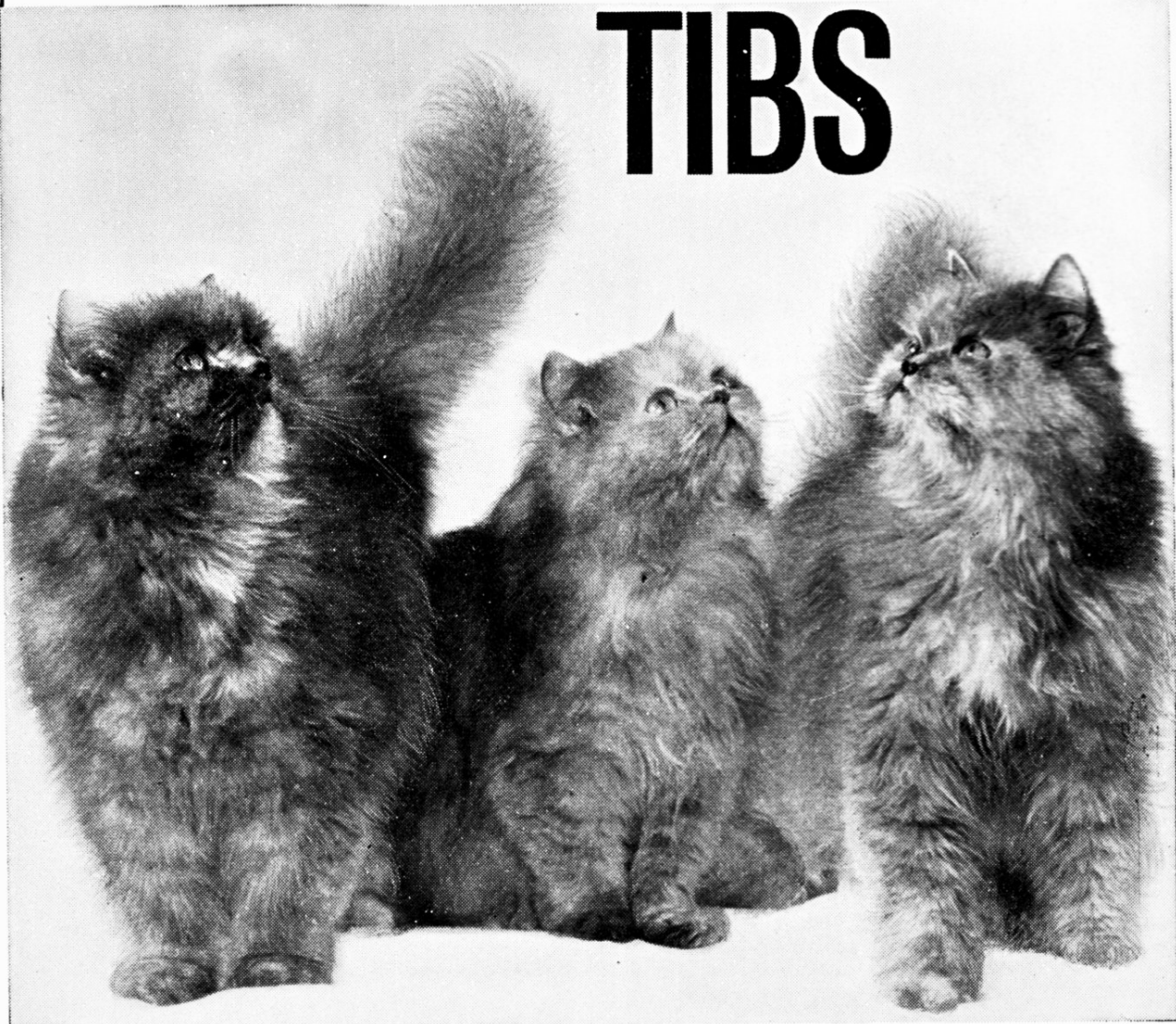
On the left in the family snapshot is Seemore Pansy, founder of a line of champion persians; on the right, one of her-daughters, Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower, who gained her cc's in three consecutive shows; and in the centre, her daughter's daughter, Ch. Coylum Anne, outstanding for type and eye colour.

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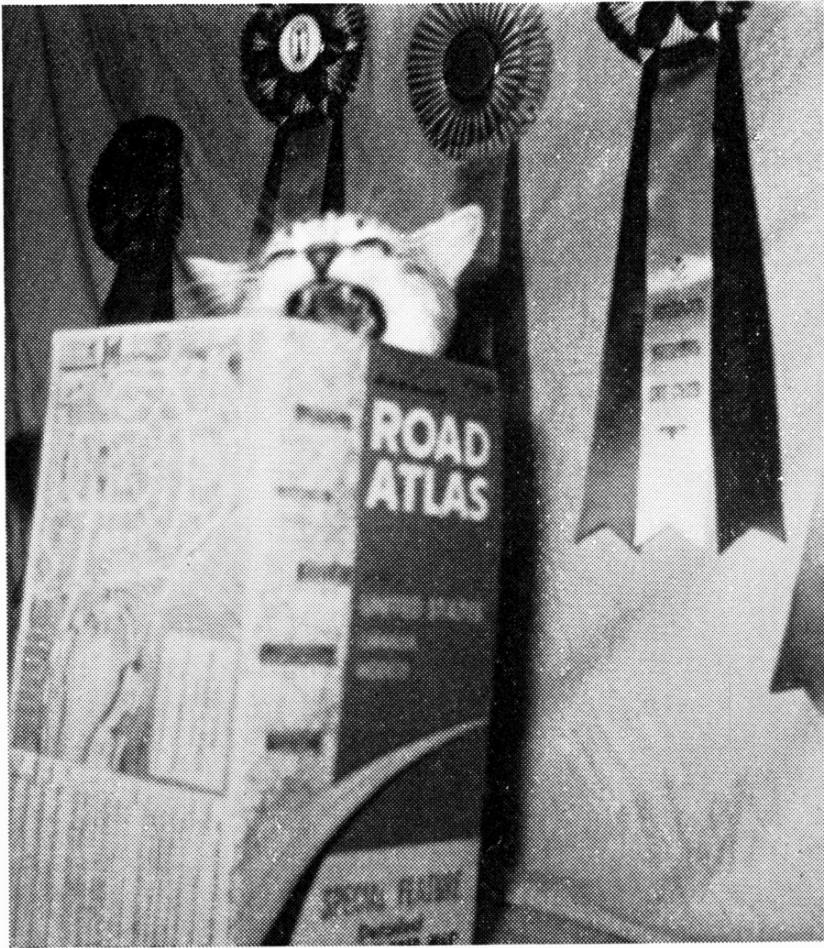
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PECOS BILL appears to have some firm idea as to the best route to take. He is the author's Silver Tabby Champion.

ANOTHER "INCREDIBLE JOURNEY"

MARGE M. STUART, of the House of Stuart Cattery, Texas, U.S.A., relates the adventures of a remarkable 6,000 mile journey in which a Cadillac hearse was converted into a CATillac.

LURED by the magic of the Pacific Northwest we began, in mid-March, a most ambitious move from Fort Worth, Texas, to Vancouver in British Columbia. It was a journey resulting in an exciting and often perilous adventure of nearly 6,000 miles.

Our foremost concern was the welfare and transportation of the eight cats and two dogs which, of necessity, travelled with us. The notoriously inefficient railway

express was ruled inevitably dangerous, while air service proved scant and inadequate. Selecting a suitable vehicle to house the animals and pull a trailer laden with breakable heirlooms through the desert and over the mountains was most difficult. Land Rovers and jeeps lacked floor space while station wagons faltered in pulling power.

The demands were met by an ominous black, eleven year old, 380 horsepower, 4,800 pound



The ominous black Cadillac hearse, the closed trailer and the "gaily sprinting Triumph Herald".

Cadillac hearse. It was ideal, being equipped with separate rear heaters, fans, lights, fitted with cages, possessing ample storage beneath the hollow floor and partitioned from the front in limousine fashion. The second auto, a gaily sprinting Triumph Herald, blazed the highways in advance of the lumbering beast.

Though longer, the southern route to the coast was followed, since winter snows blocked the higher passes. The first three days were blighted by a howling dust storm, best described as a smothering, gritty fog, whose 45-mile-an-hour winds strafed the roads with somersaulting tumbleweed. Fearing for the safety of our charges, we sealed the windows, pulled the shades, draped the cages in wet cloths and relied on the fans for cooling and ventilation. Water which we intended to supply at two hour intervals in transit, was offered only at night until 600 miles later we reached our final Texas stop, El Paso. None of us suffered ill effects, but steamers locked in the closed trailer failed to protect clothing from the penetrating onslaught.

Bedding down became a ritual. Close to dusk the watch began for a likely motel. A series of horn honkings would elect the winner

and the Herald would dart in to see if the management could qualify for the prize—us. Needed: parking space within sight and sound of the room, large enough for the hearse and trailer but not requiring backing of same; dining facilities; and, "Oh yes, do you permit pets?" Surprisingly no one ever refused the animals, but then, we never said exactly how many were with us!

Guard dogs

The first hours off the road were devoted to feeding, watering, cleaning, grooming and exercising. Each night, different cats were allowed in the room to spell their monotonous existence. The two Chow Chows, reared among the felines and trained to guard them, were stationed at either end of the caravan. Should an inquisitive person or animal approach too near, they summoned us with heated barking while exhibiting lethal fangs to the intruder.

Crossing the mountainous Western United States was an ordeal. The ranges were broken by spurts of desert terrain, and grew in stature as we snaked endlessly through them. Restricted by weight and law to 45 miles per hour, we were a constant road

menace to high speed traffic. The cats were not accustomed to the prolonged stays in upper altitudes, and resented the abrupt plunges into valleys. Our first and most memorable was the drop into Phoenix, Arizona. Unable to halt the load we whirled down the pass, the cats screaming in terror and using their sand boxes wildly (when it occurred to them) while I nudged the brakes to slow our descent.

The tales of the Los Angeles freeways are painfully true. We encountered them at 5:00 rush hour on a Friday night; we couldn't get off or stay on. Eventually we passed the night in a filling station, not finding lodging in the vicinity or daring to venture forth until early morning.

The trip was marred by continual blowouts on the hearse. We purchased new tires but they were faulty and the odd size made them hard to replace. Outside Sacramento the right rear blew. The shoulder of the road was small and concluded in a ditch. I steered off, stopping before the trench, but under the weight and influence of the grade we sat full on our springs. Three regular jacks and a bumper jack were needed to lift us to a position where the change could be made while the entire load teetered on the brink of disaster. Evacuation of the cats had been impossible.

Eagerly we had awaited the superhighways of Oregon indicated on the maps. They were a heartbreaking disappointment. Still in need of massive repair from the backwash of the Alaskan earthquake, they were treacherous. We dropped our trailer and had our goods trucked ahead. It was a wise choice. Washington State greeted us with a heavy clinging snow, transforming the

pinus and spruce into a white wonderland and then — British Columbia. We tumbled out of the autos, documents in hand and were courteously received by the Canadian officials in Blaine. The absence of the red ensign was most strikingly apparent, but the Queen's picture was reassuring that indeed we had arrived.

We made many difficult decisions, none more so than when we bade farewell to our Canadian neighbours and headed back to Texas. The higher passes were open, so we chose a shorter route, yoyoing through Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Quake and fire

Halted by road construction ten miles from Seattle, with less than five hours of our homeward trek completed, equilibrium failed as the earth's stomach twitched nervously and heaved feebly, nauseated by a quake thought to have originated on Vancouver Island.

The roads were sound though not elaborate, and we made good mileage. In Utah we knowingly excelled the imposed speed. To the west of us was a dreadful spectacle; the racing red hell of a prairie grass fire roaring out of control. We dared not look back.

The next days were quieter. The spirit of comradeship in our wee troop had been restored. Dry cat chows and canned foods supplemented the raw meats available and we were further confident by having a five gallon water supply. Some water in the South Western United States has properties that can cause diarrhoea, vomiting and cramping, so we always inquired of the content before giving it to the animals.

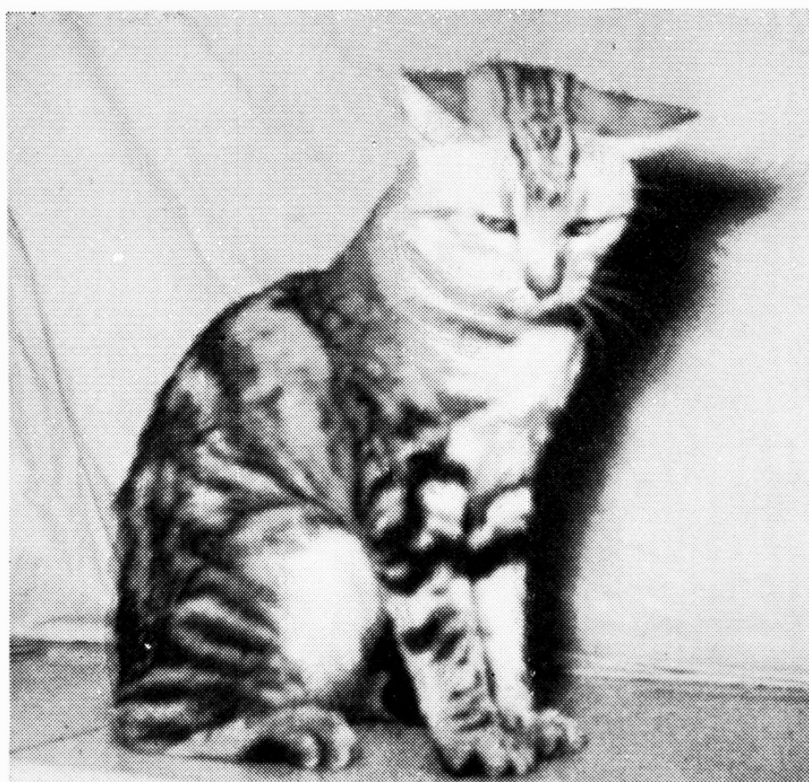
A day's travel was needed

to pass through the enormous Apache Indian reservation in New Mexico, the home of a formerly fierce waring tribe once led by the great chief Geronimo. Whenever we stopped or slowed, the cats were received with enormous curiosity, and were no less interested in the bronze faces that beheld them.

Prodded, coached and guided by eight unsolicited, disagreeing

the rescue, plowing through murky waters over her bumpers, leading the wagon to dry land.

Our supplies had lasted, our equipment consisting of assorted grooming tools, heating pads, carriers, collars, leashes, dishes, pans, medications, portable oxygen for altitude emergencies and miscellaneous sundries had conquered the situations, and we had endured.



PECOS BILL, so glad to be home again, reflects on the hazards he has endured.

back seat drivers, we reached Texas, in the middle of a torrential deluge. Our wipers could not cope with the cascading water, intermingled with pellets of hail, so we pulled off to wait until it subsided. It didn't. For hours it rained. The rising water began reaching into the floors of the hearse and trailer. We had to seek high ground or risk being inundated—possibly washed from the road. The Herald came to

Fort Worth—its motto:
Where the West Begins
—for us—the trail's end.
Now—for each, our individual
memories.

A STANDARD FOR THE REX

By PHYLLIS LAUDER

THE Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has recently approved a provisional Standard for the Rex-coated cats, and no one who is well acquainted with these cats will quarrel with the provisional Standards drawn up for either variety of Rex, since they embody the best points found in both types.

Of course, it would be possible to "rex" the coats of any cats. Rex has, in the U.S.A., already been introduced into the Siamese breed and I have received snapshots of Siamese kittens with "rexed" coats. The Committee concerned with Rex—an *ad hoc* Committee of the Colourpoint and Any Other Variety Club—could have asked for a provisional Standard aiming at British type. I was myself at one time rather inclined to favour this, particularly when I bred a sturdy, deep-chested Red Tabby kitten, whose "marcelline" markings looked wonderful on his wavy-furred, thick legs! However, even he had not the right head for a British cat! There is, in fact, no doubt that the correct type for this variety is that asked for in the provisional Standard—modified Foreign.

As it happens, in this country, Burmese has been introduced into the Rex strain, at any rate for Gene 1. But what is curious is that the original progenitor of the Fancy's Rex cats—Mrs. Ennismore's Kallibunker—was certainly not of British type. He is the ancestor of our present Gene 1 Rex, and anyone who has seen a picture of him will have observed

the long legs, the slenderness, the quite un-British type of head. He was a Cornish cat, discovered by Mrs. Ennismore as I understand, in farming country, and where the Foreign type came from seems to be anybody's guess!

The cat who originally sired the Gene 2 Rex came from Devonshire, and he carried the factor for hairlessness—a feature known in the mouse, and which produces varying degrees of bareness, up to (or down to!) complete nakedness.

Breeding out hairlessness

About eighteen months ago Mr. Stirling-Webb, who was the first breeder to undertake the establishment of Rex as a variety in our Fancy, said that hairlessness (an obviously deleterious character) could be bred out by careful selection; breeding only from cats which do not show hairlessness and thus, in due course, eliminating this unwanted character. He explained that in days gone by, there had been two types of Longhair in the cat, one silky and one woolly, and that these had been bred together so as to produce the desired Longhair cat of today.

The two kinds of Rex could, of course, also be bred together. The offspring of a $hr \times rr$ mating, involving as it does two recessives, would be all "plains", and would, mated *inter se*, produce one-in-four rr —not necessarily in one litter, but in the course of several kittenings. Such a rr individual would not carry hr , for a kitten

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Raymond Irons

Here's a determined fellow who knows where he's going.

carrying both would be a "plain"; and he would be a step forward in establishing a Rex-coated cat with no factor for "hairless". Mated with his like he would give completely furred offspring.

When Mr. Stirling-Webb said that the best way was to breed only from selected Gene 2 individuals, I could appreciate that what he said was true. Nevertheless, I thought that the desired result would take a long time to achieve; but I was wrong. For lo and behold! at the 1965 Kensington Kitten Club's Show, he exhibited a most beautiful white Rex kitten with eyes of a wonderful colour—a sort of pale emerald—and with a lovely Rex pelage. He told us that this is a Gene 2 kitten, with no Gene 1 in him. Thus, we have, in what seems an incredibly short time, a kitten bred from Gene 2 (Devonian) Rex who conforms exactly to the demands of the provisional Standard. Not only is the coat

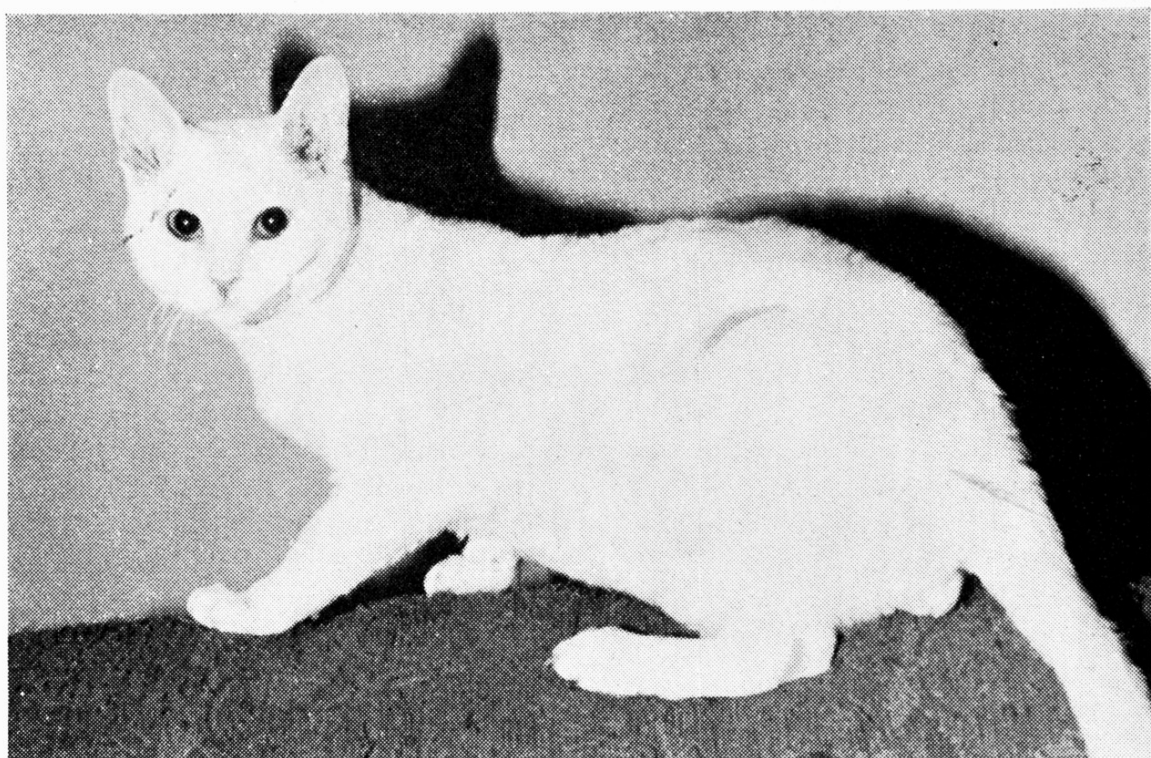
extremely curly, especially on the back and tail, but the hairlessness, stated in the Standard to be a serious fault, is not present.

I have never been more pleased to find myself mistaken! For these cats are in every way charming, and the elimination of their only fault is of great importance to the variety.

Weatherproof

In their very early days, it was said of them that they were not good all-weather cats, for they had no guard hairs to protect them. And indeed, as was made evident by Searle and Jude in the *Journal of Genetics*, they certainly have no guard hairs whatever. But their coats, all down-hairs and awn-hairs, thrive with their well-being.

I have one, a sister of Belhaven Nectarine, who took her time about growing to her full size. A year ago, she was a rather thin little cat with a not-very-thick



"A most beautiful white Rex kitten with eyes of a wonderful colour—". BRIARRY WAITROSE, bred by Mr. B. Sterling-Webb, now belongs to Mrs. J. B. Evans, Old Coulsdon, Surrey.

coat. She is now a plump little cat with the thickest pelage imaginable, and she feels the cold less than do my Siamese, being far less inclined to look for the warm places to sleep in. In fact, a Rex cat in perfect condition has so thick and so curly a coat that a shower of rain has no effect. They will run to shelter, and shake off the moisture which has never penetrated to the skin.

This particular cat has the distinction of being the only brood

queen I ever had who requires of strangers that they shall handle her kittens. She will parade up and down uttering eager sounds as if she were saying "Don't you admire my kittens? Why don't you pick them up?" This is charming, but it is no doubt a personal idiosyncrasy, and not a characteristic of the breed!

There is, however, so much that is attractive in these "astrakhan-clad" little creatures that they are servedly making feline history.

INSPECTION OF STUD PREMISES

SINCE a substantial number of breeders are in favour of the suggestion put forward that the Feline Advisory Bureau would be agreeable to extending its boarding cattery inspection to include stud quarters, a questionnaire has now been passed by the Committee and Council and will be ready for distribution in March.

Inspectors will be appointed members of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association or suitable qualified representatives outside the Fancy.

Regrettably, there is no legislation governing the licensing of stud premises of any animal at present, and it should be appreciated that licensing does not necessarily safeguard those who seek good accommodation. As example the following extract from *F.A.B. Report* (September 1965):

"A most unhappy and highly unsatisfactory situation exists which, in a great many cases, has been worsened by the introduction of the Boarding Establishments Act of 1963. Although the Act may have prevented cases of actual cruelty, it now appears that many licenses are being lightly granted by both local council inspectors as well as veterinary inspectors acting on their behalf. Further, in reply to the slightest complaint by a client, the proprietors often remark: 'Well, if

it's good enough for the vets, it's good enough for us!'

"Possibly the worst result of the Act is that, prior to its introduction, many ordinary pet owners were aware of the dreadful conditions which obtained. Now, lulled into a false sense of security by being assured the premises are licensed—and in many cases veterinary inspected—they do not bother to inspect personally before leaving their pets. It is only when they go to collect them and are told they have (a) escaped; (b) died; or (c) are ill; that they realize there is something radically wrong with the administration of the Act. Shock and grief combines with disillusionment that inspection has failed to safeguard their pet!"

It is therefore considered by the Feline Advisory Bureau that the present scheme for the inspection of stud quarters is a reasonable safeguard to those seeking protection for their cats, and also an encouragement for general improvement of conditions under which cats are kept.

Non-members are asked to enclose a large s.a.e. for application. A Cattery Construction Paper (price 1s. 6d.) is available if required from Mrs. John Judd (Hon. Secretary), The Barn Cottage, Tytherington, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

A PAINTER WHO LOVED CATS

By SIDNEY DENHAM

THE many cat lovers amongst the tens of thousands who paid their ten shillings to see the Royal Academy's great exhibition of Pierre Bonnard can hardly have failed to notice how often cats appear in his paintings of domestic scenes. In a dozen pictures they sit contentedly on laps, complaisantly on terraces or wide-eyed before the dinner table; black cats, ginger cats and tabby cats.

Bonnard was not a painter of cats, but he painted cats when they were there and at the lonely

villa near Cannes where he spent the 17 years almost alone with his wife and then another five completely alone, there were obviously always cats around. There were also dogs and they were friendly.

Bonnard's cat, as distinct from visiting cats, was his only companion in the five years he lived almost as a recluse after the death of his wife to whom he had been devoted. When he remarked on the many days he had spent alone with this cat, which like him was getting elderly, he added: "But when I say alone, I mean with



Royal Academy of Arts

Bonnard's painting of his friend and dealer Vollard nursing a tabby kitten.

another human being, for my cat is a mystical companion”.

Pierre Bonnard, born in 1867 and dying in his 80th year, evidently liked cats all his life.



A “splendidly feline animal” portraying Japanese influence on Bonnard’s work.

One of his finest pictures lent by Mr. Daniel R. Nahum for the “Cats Through the Ages Exhibition” (not in the Academy Exhibition) is of a white cat painted when he was 27 and strongly under the influence of Japanese art. It is a splendidly feline animal and interesting to compare with the cat in one of the four panels for a screen he painted in 1891 lent to the Royal Academy by Mrs. Frank Jay Gould.

Another Bonnard painting of a cat, as distinct from a painting with a cat in it, was lent by Miss

Vivien Leigh to a recent exhibition of cat pictures at the Ferrers Gallery. The only cat alone picture at the Royal Academy exhibition is a pen illustration for Jules Renard’s *Natural History*, published in 1945.

The exhibition provides the opportunity to see the original of the brilliantly coloured *Work Table*, familiar through postcard reproductions. A white cat in the background sits unconcerned by a sleeping dog. It is not the same white cat, since this picture was painted 32 years later.

A subject of the famous

The painting I found most interesting was one of Bonnard’s friend and dealer Vollard seated in a chair with a tabby cat, or more probably kitten, in his lap. The kitten looks complaisant. But Vollard in his memoirs wrote that Bonnard made two portraits of him and he was never able to sleep when posing because Bonnard insisted on his having on his knees a little cat which was very difficult to hold.

Vollard was painted by many other famous painters, including Renoir, Cezanne and Picasso and it is Picasso’s lithograph which makes such an interesting contrast with Bonnard’s painting. It is the same sitter and the same cat—but in place of the bored little tabby there is a miniature tiger, the “real” cat Picasso always sees under the silky fur. The bearded art dealer, whose expression in Bonnard’s picture suggests wisdom backed by shrewdness, becomes literally two-faced!

[It is worthy of note that 53,400 people visited the Bonnard Exhibition in four weeks. The Exhibition closes in early March.]

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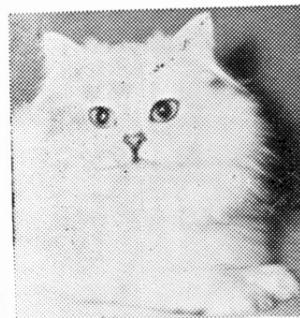
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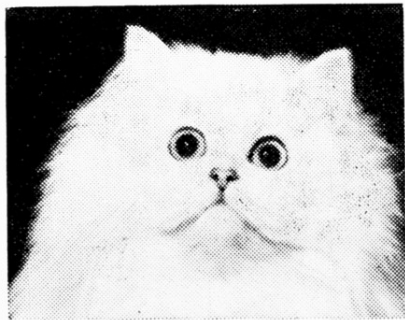
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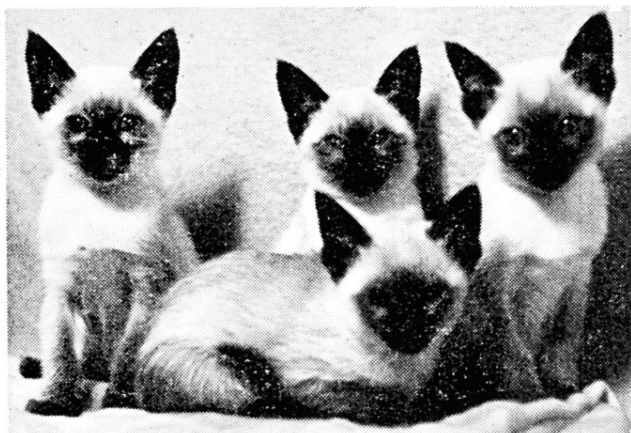
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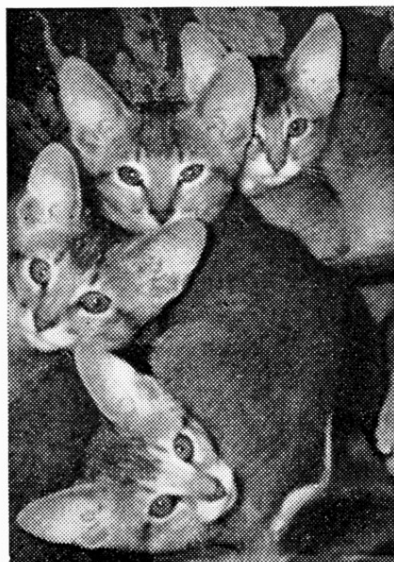
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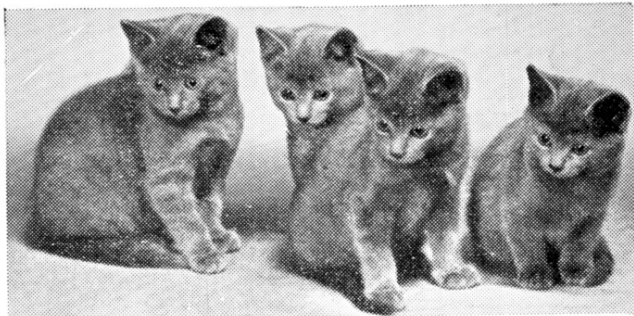


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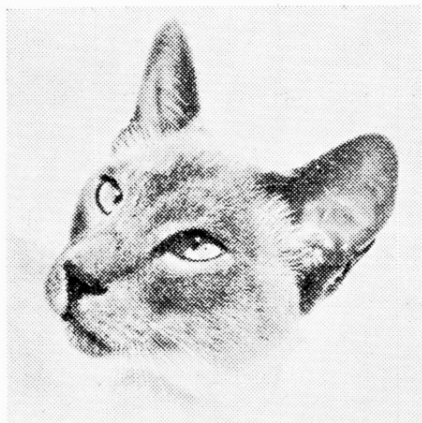


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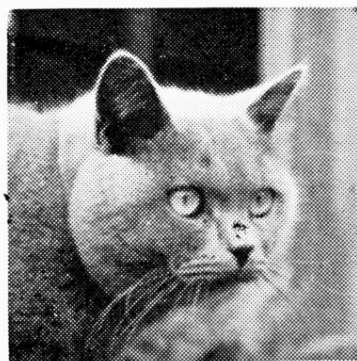
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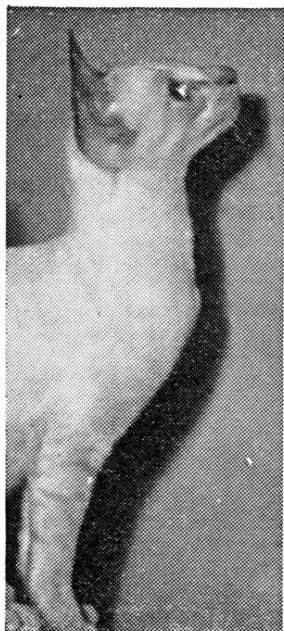
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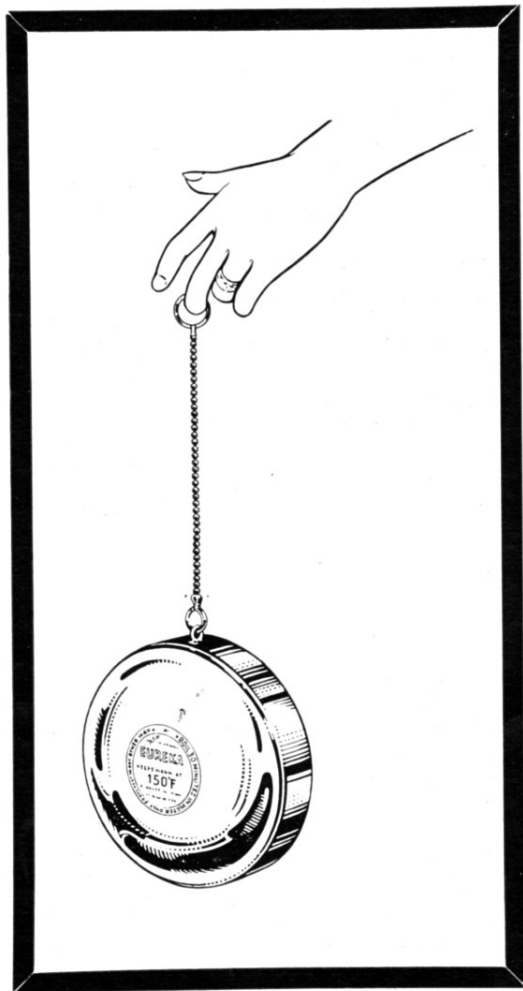
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Writing about the sufferings of cats and other animals in Italy, Mrs. Jonquil Antony says that much of the cruelty takes place in the poorer districts, which are seldom visited by tourists. It is difficult, and even presumptuous, she adds, for outsiders to interfere in the affairs of another country, but one cannot help but admire anybody who makes even the smallest attempt to improve the lot of any of these unfortunate animals.

Extract from a property for sale advertisement: "£6,500 Freehold. Miss Whittington and her cat—The long-tailed Barge variety which swims—offer their family home since 1910".

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In the House of Commons recently, a Labour member asked for new laws to ensure that only animals bred for the purpose could be used for research. He stressed the fact that thieves specialized in stealing pet cats and dogs to sell them to research laboratories and pointed out that the Littlewood Report published recently said that those organizations are prepared to pay £3 and £5 respectively for cats and dogs. This nefarious practice would be stopped if universities, hospitals and drug laboratories were forbidden to purchase animals from dubious sources. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office replied that police did not look on pet thefts as a major problem. But he did intend to give serious consideration to the recommendation of a departmental committee as soon as he received views from interested bodies.

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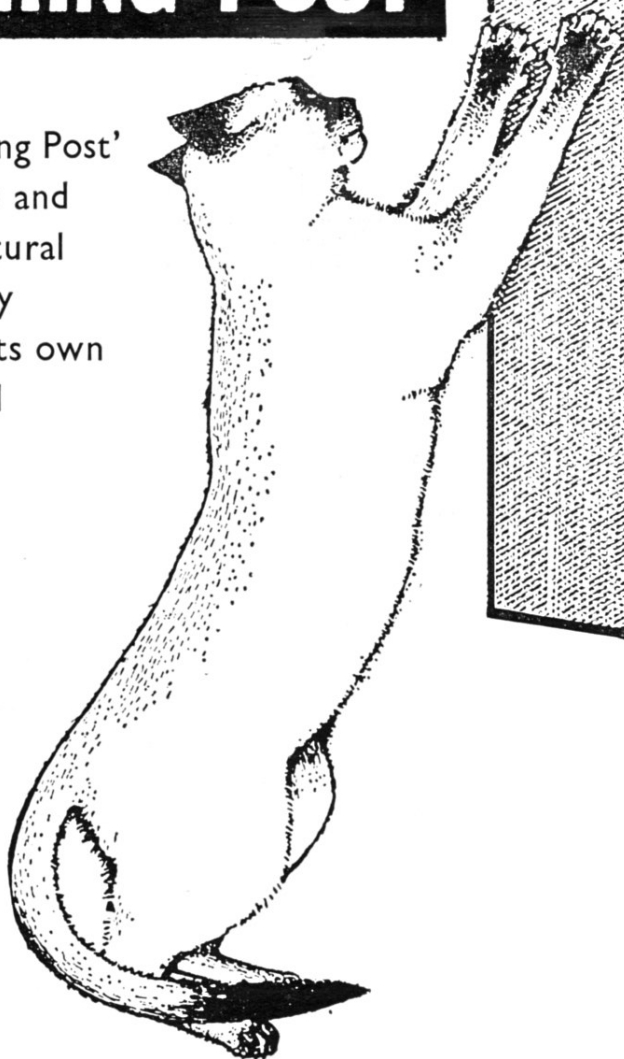
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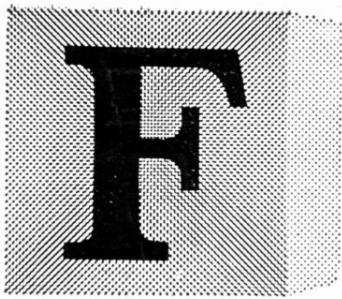
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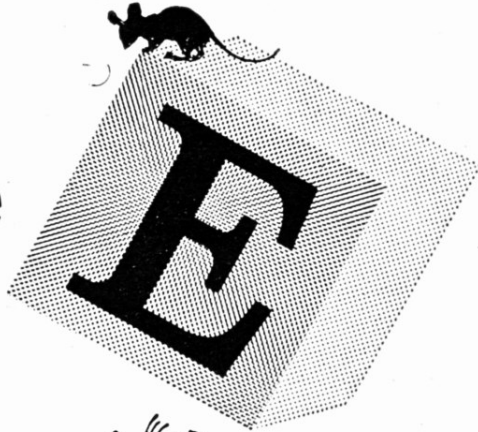


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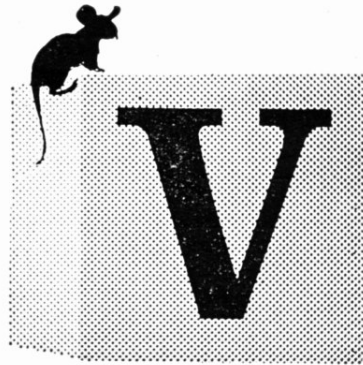
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The Doctor secured the cooperation of a number of stray cats. He held them with their feet upwards and dropped them. They came down on all fours. He threw them up in the air to see if "deflection of the fur by the air" affected their movements. They still landed squarely. He even blindfolded them and duly noted that when they couldn't see they were inclined to land "less elegantly". We are in agreement with the *Daily Mail* commentator when he says that

"it has been known for some time that blindfolded cats are less elegant!"

Thank goodness the Doctor has been careful to add that he never hurt any of the cats. "They never fell very far and we always put a pile of cotton waste for them to land on". He adds: "A cat has a memory like a computer. It stores up information about its position. When it is dropped it instinctively knows what to do". By a series of physical jerks in which it first becomes U-shaped and then turns halfway round, it can rotate through an angle of 180 degrees within a space of two feet".

They enjoyed it!

Just dropping the cats was only a small part of the fun and games. They were given rides on a merry-go-round and then dropped.

More ingenious was a box attached to the inside roof of a car driven at 20 m.p.h. in circles — "to assess their ability to estimate the angle of gravity". The cats again insisted on landing on

REMAINING SHOWS FOR THE 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

23 March	...	*Wessex Cat Club	Bournemouth
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23 "	...	Ulster Siamese Cat Club	Belfast, N. Ireland

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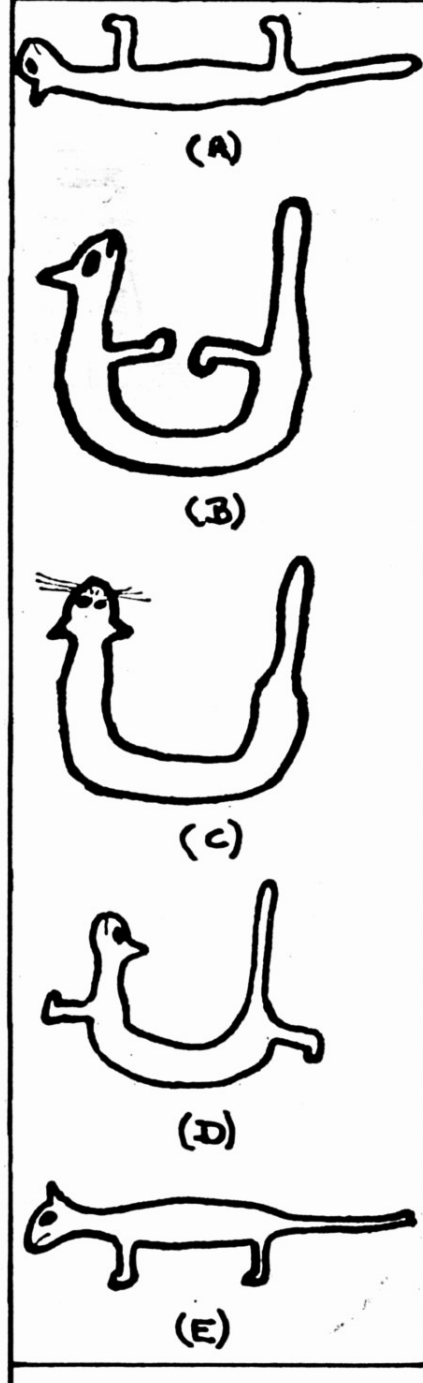
their feet and Dr. Brindley declares they liked it so much they used to get up and have another go.

The Doctor has drawn rough sketches to illustrate his experiment—see the opposite column. They purport to show—certainly not the elegance of the cat!—(a) the cat upside down and working out his position; (b) he starts to wriggle and (c) with a 'twist'; and (d) another wriggle; (e) he lands fairly and squarely on his four feet. We always suspected that the tail plays a prominent part in a manoeuvre of this kind, but no reference appears to be made to this possibility.

At least we are indebted to the Doctor for one thing—a little light relief from the massive problems which face our world today.

A.E.C.

Grand Champion Penang Milori Anya, a Siamese belonging to Mr. and Mrs. H. Nash and bred in England by Mrs. C. F. Watson, was one of South Africa's best known cats. Now she is dead. She won four Challenge Certificates before becoming a full Champion due to the fact that all the S.A. clubs did not recognize the awards made at the shows of other clubs. Mr. Nash has written so feelingly about the passing of his treasured pet: "Just before she died, she looked up at me and told me with her wonderful eyes that she was going. Three minutes later she lay her lovely head down and passed on perfectly peacefully. She now sleeps in the Pets Cemetery at Grassy Park in a plot reserved for her for ever and I hope the pundits will forgive me when I say that I really hope and believe I will meet her again—she gave my wife and me so much pleasure during her life here".



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JUST FANCY

A monthly diary by JOAN THOMPSON

Notts. & Derby Show

THE 21st Birthday Ch. Show of the Notts. and Derby Cat Club attracted over 300 exhibits. The Committee decided to celebrate it by awarding photographs to the owners of all the Best in Show winners. There were also extra attractive rosettes and the catalogue cover was printed in silver.

Members of the Committee who have been in office since the first Ch. Show—Mr. and Mrs. Brice-Webb, Mrs. Iris Hancox, Mrs. Bastow and Mr. Felix Tomlinson—have given the Club stability. They have had the great satisfaction of seeing it make steady progress every year.

Main awards went as follow: Best Longhair Cat—Mrs. Burrow's Ch. Orion of Pensford by Ch. Halcyon Boniface and June Rose of Pensford; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Graham's Blue male Borrowdale Romeo by Ch. Orion of Pensford and Beamsley Wendy; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Clark's Blue Premier Mooncoin Juliet by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Mooncoin Anita; Best Shorthair Adult—Miss Bone's Abyssinian male Calcot Menelik by Taishun Tonga and Calcot Farida; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Woodfield's Pathfinders Misty by Pathfinders Red Trail and Ch. Pathfinders Sarah; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Nix's Silver Tabby Gables Silver Markyn by Ch. Gables Silver Marks and Gables Silver Spray; Best Siamese Adult—Mrs. Wilde's S.P. female Woodhouse Belinda by Ch. Delamere Bestang and Wildpear Innetta; Best Siamese Kitten—Miss Fellows' S.P. female Karawong Amaryllis by Kuala Exochorda and Kuala Blue Banka; Best Neuter—Mrs. Richardson's

S.P. Babayan Jo-Jo by Amberley Knight Errant and Cottesden Tulip.

Miss Sellar's Orange-eyed White male Coylum Marcus by Ch. Deebank Talisman was awarded a Challenge Certificate at just over nine months of age. The winning female was Mrs. Williams' Glenbury Sweetie Pie by Ch. Glenbury Sparkler.

Among the Longhairs

The other C.C. winners in Longhair adults were Mrs. Lodge's Black Fishermore Topsy by Ch. Allenvale Bosambo; Mrs. McVady's Blue female Gaydene Pandora by Ch. Camber Mario; Miss Morrison's Cream male Leemor Rupert by Ch. Beamsley Sunbeam; Mrs. Cox's Cream female Foljambe Fairy Peaseblossom (by Ch. Deebank Victor) who is now a Champion; Miss Sellars' Blue-Cream Coylum Camberwell Beauty by Pilgrim Junius; Mrs. Macdonald's Tortoiseshell Charade by Ch. Hendras Chamois; Miss Woodfield's Tortie and White Ch. Pathfinders Kelpie by Pathfinders Gnome.

In an amalgamated Open Class of Chinchilla males and females Mrs. Lodge won with her female Ch. Fishermore Calypso. Mrs. Leving's Smoke female Ch. Allenvale Gigolette added another C.C. to her many; and Mrs. Harding, the only exhibitor in Colourpoints, won first in males with Ch. Briarry Zorab by Briarry Zolton, second with Mingchui Shan, third with Mingchui Choc and in females 1st and C.C. with Mingchui Souk by Ch. Briarry Zorab, second with Briarry Suzannah and third with Mingchui Tiree.

Although eight Open Classes were allocated to the males and females in the four colours in Siamese, the judges awarded only three Challenge Certificates and these went to Mrs. Wilde's S.P. female Woodhouse Belinda by Ch. Delamere Bestang; Mrs. Halliday's B.P. male Safari Winston, by Ch. Safari Casanova; and Mr. Cross' L.P. female Calgrove Sapphire by Ch. Praha Festoso.

Burmese had the best entry of any other Shorthair variety and in Browns the C.C. winners were Mr. Mounsey's male Kasi Midnight Velvet by Santhone Brown Puck and Mrs. Erridge's female Skotos Quinish by Ch. Sablesilk Bimbo. Mrs. Whittle won in Blue Burmese with Santhone Blue Briony sired by Mrs. Watson's Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee. As Darkee is one of the original Burmese imported from U.S.A., the fact that he is siring at 13 years of age is a great tribute to his owner's care and attention.

Abyssinians produced Miss Bones' male Calcot Menelik and Mrs. Bullock's female Shybu Delicado by Ch. Bernina Draconis as the winners.

C.C.'s for Shorthairs

The total entry of British Shorthair adults was sixteen. Challenge Certificates were awarded to Mrs. Bidston's White Spuki, parents unregistered; Miss Allaun's Black female Cathiss Renee by Ch. Aldra's Dark Talisman; Mrs. Neale's Blue British female Bonaventura Bianca by Jezreel Jeremy; Mrs. Lumb's Red Tabby Pussdale Golden Dawn by Ch. Tip Top; Mr. Beckitt's Silver Tabby male Gables Silverstone by Ch. Gables Silver Merk; Miss Allaun's Tortoiseshell Andersley Apple Amber and Mrs. Curzon's Tortie and White Tingaleeba.

One Russian Blue female represented this breed—Mrs Petre's Blue Willow by an unregistered sire.

The club classes were well supported and they and individual members

offered trophies and special prizes amounting to 265. Now, last but not least, that all important person the Show Manager. Mrs. A. S. Beever has the enthusiasm of youth and is certainly one of the "discoveries" in this capacity in recent years. Nor must we forget Mr. Beever, always so cheerful and ready to cope with any query which may arise.

Southern Counties Show

From the provinces to London and another outstanding Show Manager Mrs. Barron, who organized the lovely Ch. Show of the Southern Counties Cat Club on 22nd January.

Held in the spacious New Horticultural Hall with its splendid daylight, which was somewhat marred by a semi foggy day it attracted nearly 500 cats and kittens, a tremendous entry to cope with. I know Mrs. Barron would wish me to mention the great help she received from Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson of Chesham, Bucks, both before and on the day. Mrs. Aitken was in charge of the clerical helpers and they were so efficient that they actually had some time to see the exhibits, many of which were outstanding.

Main awards were: Best Longhair Cat—Miss Bradbury's Chinchilla male Bonavia Flute by Ch. Bonavia Contenta and Bonavia Capriola; Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Reynold's Black female Pétavian Virginia by Lomond Laird and Ch. Petavian Jacqueline; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Trevor's Cream Premier Hendras Periander by Ch. Widdington Winterset and Ch. Bluecroft Butterscotch. Periander is now in his eighth year and was in wonderful coat and condition, a great credit to his owner. Best Shorthair Cat—Miss Robson's Silver Tabby female Hillcross Silver Petal by Bellever Calchas D'Acheux and Culverden Alouette; Best S.H. Kitten—Mr. Westlake's British Blue female Teign Fantasia by Ch. Arcamor Scamp and Ch. Flixton

Fanny; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Beever's Ch. Andersley Allacreche by Ch. Andersley Allfire and Ch. Flixton Fanny.

Best Siamese Cat—Mrs. Halliday's B.P. male Safari Winston by Safari Casanova and Middlefield Shiva; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Hopper's L.P. female Scintilla Clytemnestra by Ch. Bradgate Yippee and Siepoo Lilac Lulu; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Hughes' Bru-Bur Poitou by Trubun Pedro and Sprinter Sal.

In Longhair cats Mrs. N. Macdonald, all the way from Northern Ireland, had a successful day with Challenge Certificates to her Black male Dark Stranger, sired by her winning Cream male Ch. Hendras Chamois who also sired her first prize Cream male kitten Dooneen Gay Girlie; and for full measure first and Ch. to her Cream female Dooneen Darlings Sunbonnet by Ch. Brynwood Casanova.

The winning Orange-eyed Whites were Mrs. Wills' male Whitemoon

Heather by Ch. Guilden Snow King and Mrs. Denton's Camber Giselda by the same sire. Giselda was the proud mother of Mrs. Boulton's White kitten Camber Odile by Ch. Glenbury Sparkler.

Mrs. Rippingale won with her Blue adult male Stardust of Dunesk by Bluestar Gay Cavalier and Mrs. Brine's Olympia winner Avernoll Regina won again in females.

The C.C. winners in the other L.H. breeds were Miss Sherlock's Smoke female Treetops Katinka by Ch. Bircott Nono; Mrs. Greenwood's Silver Tabby male Ch. Dorstan Darius; Mrs. Rolls' Chinchilla female Pasha Sheba Princess by Poldenhills Merlin; Miss Woodthorpe's Tortoiseshell Baytor Tawny Owl by Ch. Arcamor Scamp; Miss Woodfield's Olympia winner Tortie and White Pathfinders Posy and Mrs. Orpin's Blue-Cream Foljambe Fairy Moonshine by Ch. Deebank Victor.

In an amalgamated male and female Colourpoint class Mrs. Wright, a welcome newcomer, was delighted to



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win her first Challenge Certificate with her Blue Beaumist Blue Shadow by Ch. Briarry Euan.

The winning Blue kittens were Mrs. Graham's male Borrowdale Romeo; Mrs. Joan Thompson's Pandora of Pensford (both by Ch. Orion of Pensford and both a few days under nine months). In the 3-6 months Blues, Mrs. Brunton won with her male Masterpiece of Dunesk by Sugar Daddy of Dunesk.

Other firsts in L.H. kittens were Mrs. Plews' Cream male Tewhit Topstar by Beamsley Moonrakers Echo; Mrs. Light's male Starbourne Julian by Pathfinders Blackthorn; Mrs. Dixon's Chinchilla female Willipeg Donna Bianca by Ch. Bonavia Contenta and in the 6-9 months class Mrs. Thornhill's female Sunhaven Minuet by Spindrift

Jasper; Miss Woodfield's Tortie and White Pathfinders Moon Fairy; Miss Patch's Blue-Cream Honeymist Misty by Camber Frivolson; Mrs. Ross-Thompson's Colourpoint Serendipity Jane by Kala Jokari.

New Siamese Champion

Congratulations to Mrs. Keene on her S.P. Siamese male Fairval Rosco by Ch. Sabukia Sirocco attaining his Championship. Sirocco also sired Mrs. Denny's winning S.P. male kitten Starshine Bandido and Mrs. Anderson's S.P. female kitten Tempo Firebird.

Mrs. Kent the judge had 25 S.P. Siamese females to sort out and her choice was the same as Miss Codrington's at Notts and Derby Ch. Show,



FAIRDINKUM OCTAVIA is being congratulated by his young mistress Debra Munro at the show of the Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire recently held at Newbury, Berks., where he won several prizes in the neuter classes. Fairdinkum Siamese are bred by Mrs. Joan Munro, of Seale, Surrey.

namely Mrs. Wilde's Woodhouse Belinda. Mrs. Halliday's B.P. male Safari Winston also won again. In C.P. adults Mrs. Halliday's female Whiteacres Aphrodite by Whiteacres Christian was the winner. Mrs. Keene won again in 3-6 months S.P. kittens with Dario by Kanaata Mai and the other winning S.P. was Mr. and Mrs. Bareford's Jongela Lotus Blossom by Annelida Puck. Two classes for B.P. kittens produced firsts for Supra Echo by Ch. Gaylord Prospero and Mrs. Grange's Seraphim Siren by Doneraile Blue Pax.

Ch. Bradgate Yippee sired Mrs. Silson's C.P. male kitten Southview Fwifwi, and Ch. Misselfore Chocolate Whey sired Mrs. D. Yorke's C.P. female Fantan Bianca.

Lilac Points prominent

Lilac Points had a pleasing entry of 24 cats and kittens. Mr. Colin Campbell won again with his male Ch. Colgrove Topaz by Ch. Praha Festoso who also sired Mrs. King's male kitten Trismegistos Bellerophon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson (Dorset) won in L.P. adult females with Amberley Lilac Louella by Praha Andante Maestoso and other winning L.P. kittens were Miss Turner's male Scintilla Croesus and Mr. Jackson's and Mrs. Downing's female Embee Ko-sum by Ch. Santilla Apollo.

Brown Burmese judged by Mrs. Watson produced the winning male Mrs. Giles' Dewpoint Nimrod by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee and the female Mr. and Mrs. Bareford's Jongela Imogea by Otterwood Benemino. Miss Prentis judged the kittens and firsts were awarded to Mrs. Warren-Hurlock's male Khame Silas by Dewpoint Kybo and Mrs. Grange's female La-Sun Kipao by Ch. La-Sun Midas.

No Blue Burmese males were entered. Miss Mack won with her female Aboreal Blue Leela by Pussinboots Blue Moon and in kittens Mrs. Boal's male Freefolk Blue Kuda by Ch. Busken's Blue Sunya.

Only one Chestnut Brown Foreign was present Mrs. Warren's male Ch. Senlac Chatterbox.

Mrs. Colville won in a class of eight Manx with her male Ch. Blue Glen. Mrs. Menezes won both adult classes in Abyssinians with Ch. Taishun Leo (who has been so consistent in this his first season as an adult) and with her female Nigella Taishunie by Nigelle Cupid. Red Abyssinians had only one representative and Mrs. Evely won with Tranby Red Thelys. Mrs. J. Richards won in British S.H. adults with her Cream female Pensylva Flaxen Nymph by Ch. Pensylva Pinkerton and her Blue-Cream Ch. Pensylva Pansy. Black S.H. adults numbered six with Miss Allaun's female Cathiss Renee winning and in kittens Mrs. Warren won with Senlac Kapkara, also with her Blue-Cream kitten Senlac Blue Peach both by Belhaven Apricot.

Mrs. Beever added another Ch. to her British Blue male Ch. Fendale Blue Imp and in a class of ten females Mrs. Johnson led with Jezreel Justina by Ch. Jezreel Jake.

Russian Blues produced Miss Lee-Meade's male adult Jennymay Erling by Ch. Harvees Antimony and Miss Cossins winning male kitten Boxley Alexius by Jennymay Einar.

The other C.C. winners in Shorthairs were Mr. Milburn's Brown Tabby female Periopal Bubbles; Miss Woodifield's Tortie and White Pathfinders Lucy and also her Best in Show S.H. Kitten at Olympia Pathfinders Misty, a Tortie and White. Mrs. and Miss Lambert's Brown Tabby male kitten Jungle Trinket also won.

Another season ending

We are nearly at the end of our Championship shows for this season and some of the cats will not appear again this winter as they have attained their Championship status and the breeding season has commenced. A full list of the 1965-1966 Champions will be published

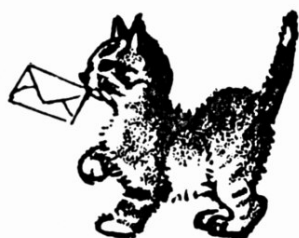
as soon as possible after the last Ch. Show which is the Wessex Cat Club fixture on 23rd March at Bournemouth. The Town Hall there is a delightful venue with excellent daylight and a spacious annexe for refreshments and

cat chats. Organised by Mrs. M. L. Johnson, we know everything will be in apple pie order, so come and if you cannot bring exhibits Bournemouth is a pleasant one-day trip from Waterloo for spectators.



Correspondence Corner

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



Serval cats

I was most interested to see the picture of the serval cat on the front cover of your December issue.

Whilst I was in the Sudan I had two of these lovely animals. How we came to acquire them is quite a story.

A friend was out about 400 miles south of Khartoum when he saw an elderly Sudanese with two tiny furry bundles. When asked what he was going to do with them the old man said: "I am going to cook them to eat". On hearing this my friend said: "I'll give you a tin of soup for them". The Sudanese was very delighted with this bargain.

On examining the bundles he saw they were only about two days old at the most, as the umbilical cord was still attached and it was not very shrivelled. At this time my friend still didn't know what they were. So on arriving at our village (Kosti) he consulted some more friends and it was finally decided they were serval kittens. Now the problem was; who could feed them at two hourly intervals to keep them alive. This is where I got involved—most willingly, I must add.

On careful feeding, etc., they grew very plump and were full of beans. When they were about ten weeks old,

I took them for their first walk. They followed very close to my heels. On passing the servants' quarters of the house next door I was made an offer for them. "What do you want them for" said I. "To eat, of course", came the reply. On hearing this, I was shocked and picked the kittens up and hurried back to the house. Whenever they were out playing, I always kept them in sight for fear they would find their way to the soup-pot.

I carefully fed them with all the things they would most likely get in the wild. But, at four months they began to fail, and no matter what I did or thought of to help them, they both died. Veterinary facilities were nil and medicaments for animals non-existent, except for flea powder!

I shall always think of them and the enjoyment they gave us all. The antics they got up to would fill several more pages.

HAZEL DODGSON (Mrs.)

Oxford,
Kent.

In defence of the lynx

My attention has been brought to a letter which appeared in your October, 1965, issue. The writer refers to the lynx as a "horrible" animal and dis-

approves of the use of its name in describing a domestic breed because the lynx is a fur-bearer.

It is unfortunately true that the lynx is designated as vermin in Alberta. This is as much due to ignorance on the part of the human population as to any "flaw" in the animal.

The lynx is in every respect superior to our disgracefully inbred domestic cats. If tamed when young, it becomes a docile and tractable pet.

In the wild, the lynx is one of nature's finest examples of adaptation to environment. Its magnificent, soft pelt keeps the animal warm and requires only occasional grooming by the cat. Its large, furry paws aid it when treading on snow. Its prodigious strength and agility permit it to capture all the wild food it needs.

So long as the lynx does not interfere with the interests of man, which in fact

it rarely does, it should be allowed to occupy its forest home in peace.

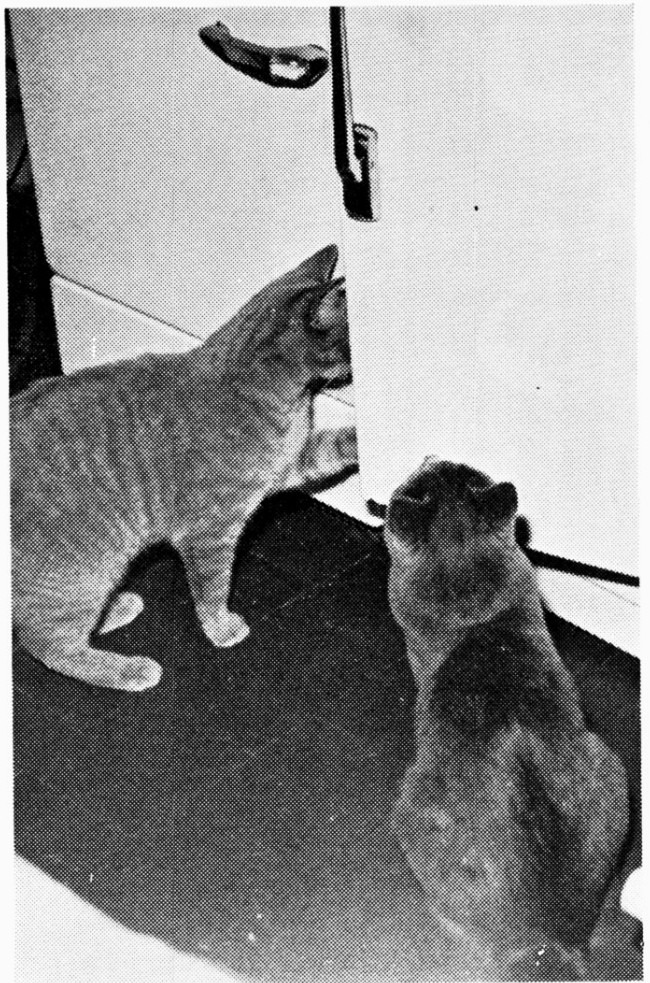
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CH. BERNINA HEIDI was the first Red Abyssinian to win the supreme award in this country. She was bred by Mrs. D. Threadingham of Bramhope, Leeds.

A delightful domestic scene. PENSYLVA MOONBEAM is the smart one opening the refrigerator door. PENSYLVA PERSEPHONE is the hopeful one. Photograph submitted by Mrs. G. Carter of Aldershot, Hants.



Aldershot News photo

LOOKING AT THE BREEDS

No. 26—RED SELFS

By HUGH SMITH

IT has been said that this is the rarest breed in Britain. It is ideally a red cat with absolutely solid colour and no trace of markings. One authority at least does not believe that there has ever been such a cat. Red Selves occasionally appear on the show bench, acceptable to some judges but on account of traces of markings, unacceptable to others.

The Governing Council's definition as laid down in the Standard of Points is as follows:

Colour—Deep rich red without markings.

Coat—Long dense and silky, tail short and flowing.

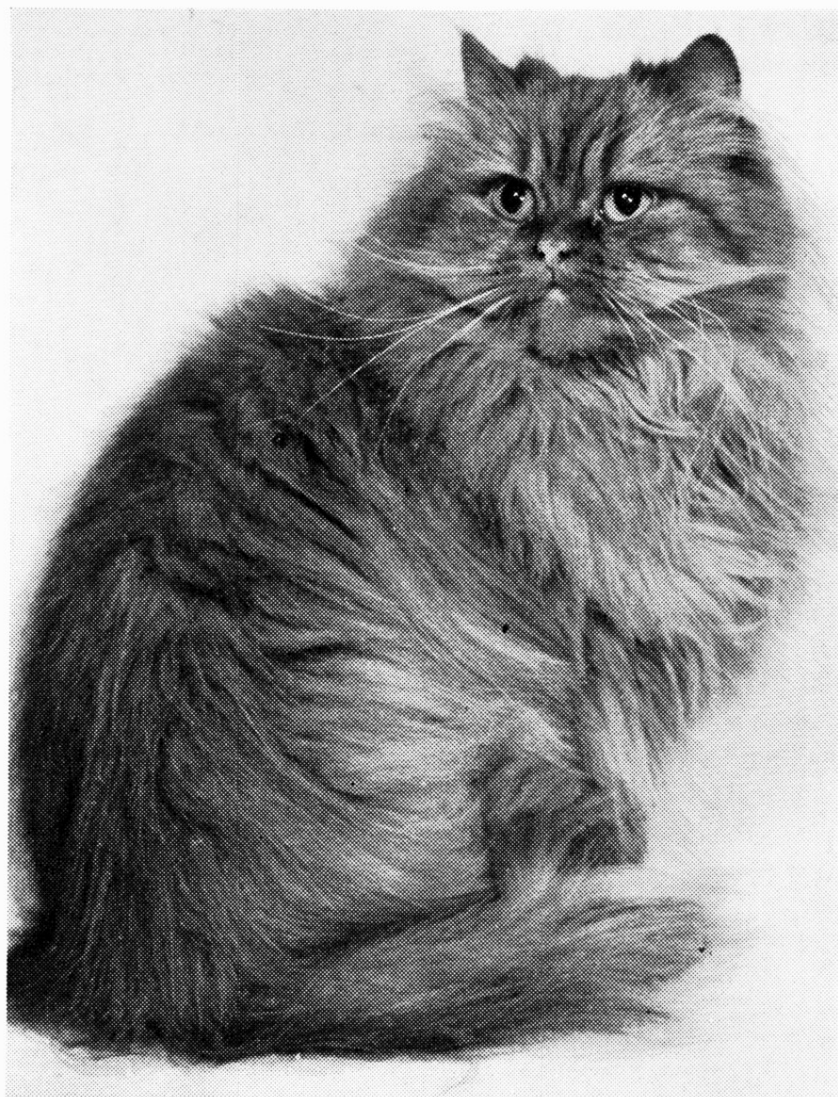
Body—Cobby and solid, short thick legs.

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

Eyes—Large and round, deep copper colour.

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Coat	50
Body	15
Head	20
Eyes	15
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Hugh Smith

CH. MERANTI TURVY, a Red Self female by Ch. Sherry of Carne ex Sweet Melody of Carne. Bred by Mrs. Houlden, Turvy belongs to Mrs. E. Day and Miss G. Ash of Winterbourne, Dorset.

How to achieve the production of the Red Self still seems to be a matter of opinion. If a very lightly marked kitten appears in a Red Tabby litter it could be crossed with a self colour—preferably black. It would be useless to mate back to Red Tabby, since this would inevitably reintroduce the markings. It is far easier to breed in than to breed out markings.

Another possibility is to cross a very lightly marked Red Tabby female with a Cream Longhair male. Americans have crossed with Blue and then with Cream. Another suggestion has been to mate a Tortoiseshell to a dark "hot" Cream or to a faintly marked Red

Tabby. Anyway it all seems to lie very much in the realm of experiment.

Red Selves appear on the showbench in North America and Scandinavia. The example used as illustration here has been exhibited during the current show season at the National Cat Club Show.

It will be a very dedicated breeder who follows diligently this elusive trail and if successful merits a rich reward. Those who do may belong to the Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell and White Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society, whose Hon. Secretary is Mrs. J. M. Newton, Moulshford Grange, nr. Wallingford, Berks.



Tailpieces

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



PUBLICATIONS received include the current issue of *Kissa*, the journal of the Finnish Cat Club. It consists of 20 pages on heavy art paper of a most unusual size—roughly 8 ins. by 23 ins. wide. Six little Longhair kittens make a delightful cover picture and the inside pages are generously illustrated with photographs and sketches. I particularly liked the layout. Pity my Finnish is non-existent!

That great cat-loving author Mr. Beverley Nichols has written another book—not about cats this time. It will be rather of an explosive nature about the late Somerset Maugham. Publication will be in May under the title *A Case of Human Bondage*. It is in effect in defence of Syrie Maugham, the famous author's wife.

A note received from America mentions that the Best Kitten at the recent

show of the Montreal Cat Fanciers' Association was Little Masks Viscount, owned and bred by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans, of New Jersey. Viscount was sired by their English-bred Dble. Ch. Annelida Squire, whose sire was Ch. Missfore Chocolate Whey.

The December issue of *La Vie Feline*, the newsletter of the Cat Club de Paris, carries a complete list of C.A.C.I.B. winners at the last Paris show. They include Ch. Orpheus of Pensford, bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson and owned by Mme Millet; Ch. Statesman Bonavia, Chinchilla bred by Mrs. M. Turney and owned by the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest; Ch. Harpur Sunflower, Cream Longhair bred by Mrs. C. Dugdale and owned by Mme Radowitch; and Ch. Pensylva Julia, Chartreux bred by Mrs. Joan Richards and owned by Mme Lachaize. C.A.C.'s went to Amelia Snowdrift, Chinchilla bred and owned

by the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest; Magnolia of Dunesk, Blue Longhair bred by Mrs. M. Brunton and owned by Mme Charles Voidies; Cuckoo Lemon, Burmese bred by Mrs. Poynder and owned by Mme Chicandre; Sumfun Bronze Beetle, Havana bred by Mrs. Dunhill and owned by Mme d'Alleizette; and Colgrove Amethyst, bred by Mr. Colin Campbell and owned by Mme d'Alleizette.

The Eastern Province Cat Club is a new club and the fifth member of the Associated Cat Clubs of South Africa. It started in a modest way and has grown in a very short time to healthy proportions. In May next it will be staging its first Championship show. Congratulations are due to all concerned.

Hollygrove Seraphina, a Siamese lady who will celebrate her 14th birthday in April, clearly retains her charm and elegance. She is to appear in Evelyn Laye's latest film "Theatre of Death", which is now in production at Boreham Wood Studios. Seraphina was bred by Miss Elsie Dukes, of Bushey, Herts, and has been in her care since kittenhood.

The sire of Australian Champion Siamese Sumfun Periwinkle is Edwardian Sankie, bred by Mrs. Z. Wood. Sankie is himself a Champion now living in

Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was visited by Sister Goulden, well known Australian fancier and owner of Periwinkle, while on holiday.

The P.D.S.A. has recently opened a new hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. It is a fine building with operating theatre and X-ray unit, and of course an out-patients' clinic. It has a special ward for cats. The whole of the operating theatre was donated by three people, the bulk by Miss Solomon, an English supporter of the P.D.S.A.

A Siamese cat named Dante was an exhibit at Bromley Juvenile Court the other day when a 16-year-old youth was accused of stealing it from Mrs. Sylvia Adams, of Sidcup, Kent. When asked why he had stolen the cat he replied: "I just wanted a Siamese cat". The case was adjourned for a report from the probation officer.

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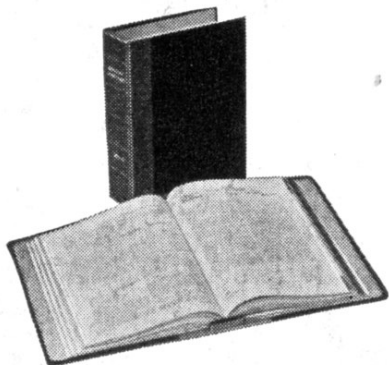
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