

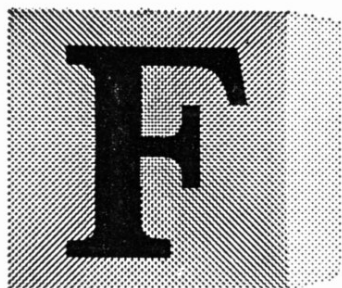
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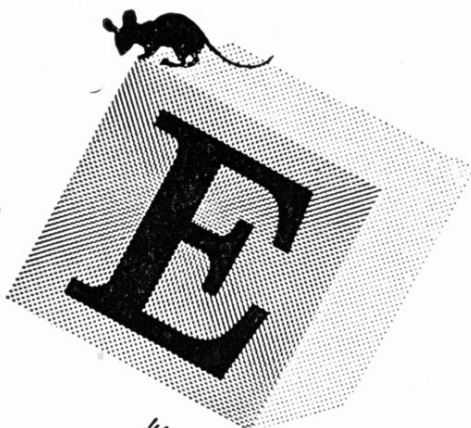


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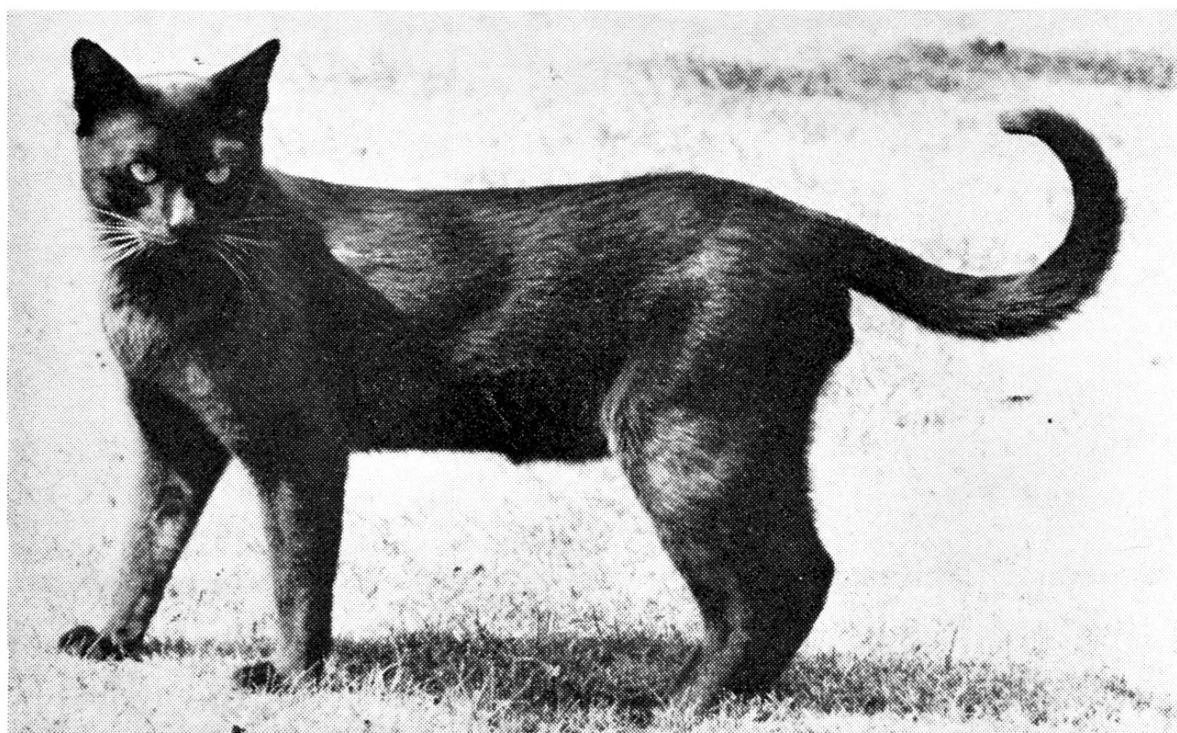
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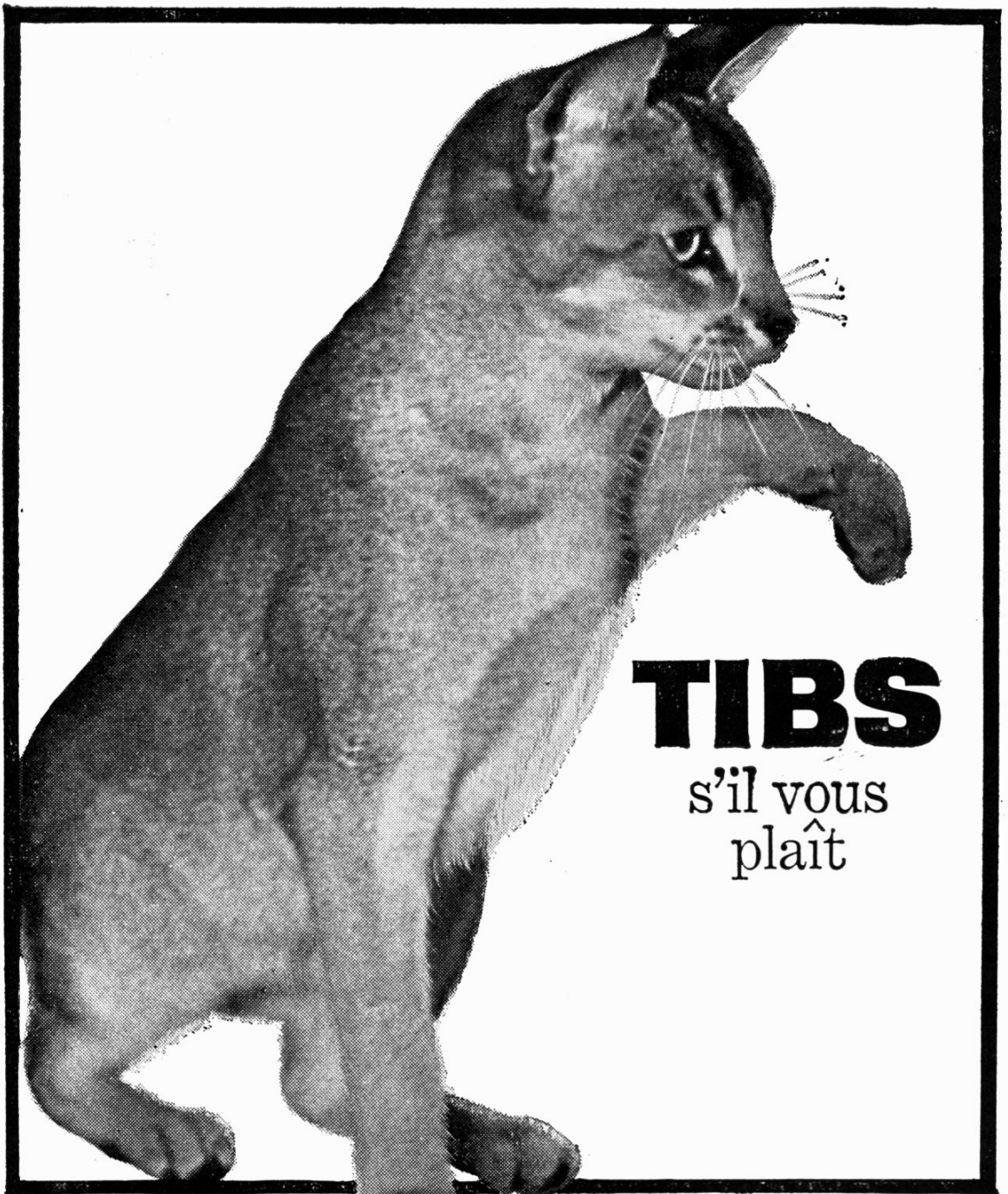
CH. COPPLESTONE LUN-THA, handsome Burmese male bred by his owner Mrs Y. Bentinck, of Barkham, Berks, from Benroc Buckthorn ex Benroc Bardolino, was Best Burmese Male at Olympia in 1964 and 1965. Not yet three years old, Lun-Tha has won 9 C.C.'s.

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THE FOREIGN WHITE SHORTHAIRES

By PATRICIA TURNER

THE Foreign White is now becoming well known on the show bench and its elegance and beauty have endeared it to many members of the Fancy and the general public alike.

It would be difficult to describe any one cat as being the first Foreign White as degrees of foreign type vary from one strain and from one generation to the other. In fact, the incidence of the foreign type head is one of the problems besetting the breeder of the British White Shorthair.

The cat we now call the Foreign White has been intentionally evolved from crosses between Siamese and British cats with the idea of combining the white coat with the lithe attractiveness of the Siamese. Logically, there is no reason why a cat of Burmese or Russian type should not be bred for white coat and in fact whites have sometimes cropped up in Russian litters. However, the term Foreign White is a description of a cat of *Siamese* type only and any kittens not conforming to this ideal are discarded from the breeding programme.

The Foreign White Cat Society is at present developing three strains in the British Isles, these being known as the Lancashire, Irish and Norfolk strains respectively. While other crosses have been made these are not, at present, being developed by the Society.

The Lancashire Strain

The Lancashire cross was made at my request by Mrs. Weller and Miss Allaun using their L.P. Siamese Ch. Lisvane Lilac Domino and Orchid Liliac (B.E. British White S.H.) The litter con-

sisted of five white kittens and I had both the females, eventually retaining one of them for breeding. This was Maulyn Hsi-Chi who in due course produced a wonderful litter of five kittens to Miss Lant's Seal Point male Beaumanor Binko. Hsi-Chi is now a very happy neutered "fireside" cat and her kittens are now adult.

Mrs. Buttery has one of the litter, Scintilla Chi-Li and it is hoped that Samsara Saracen will be the sire of her kittens in 1966. Scintilla Ching-Jen, sister to Chi-Li, has been mated to Scintilla Adonis and her kittens are due early this month.

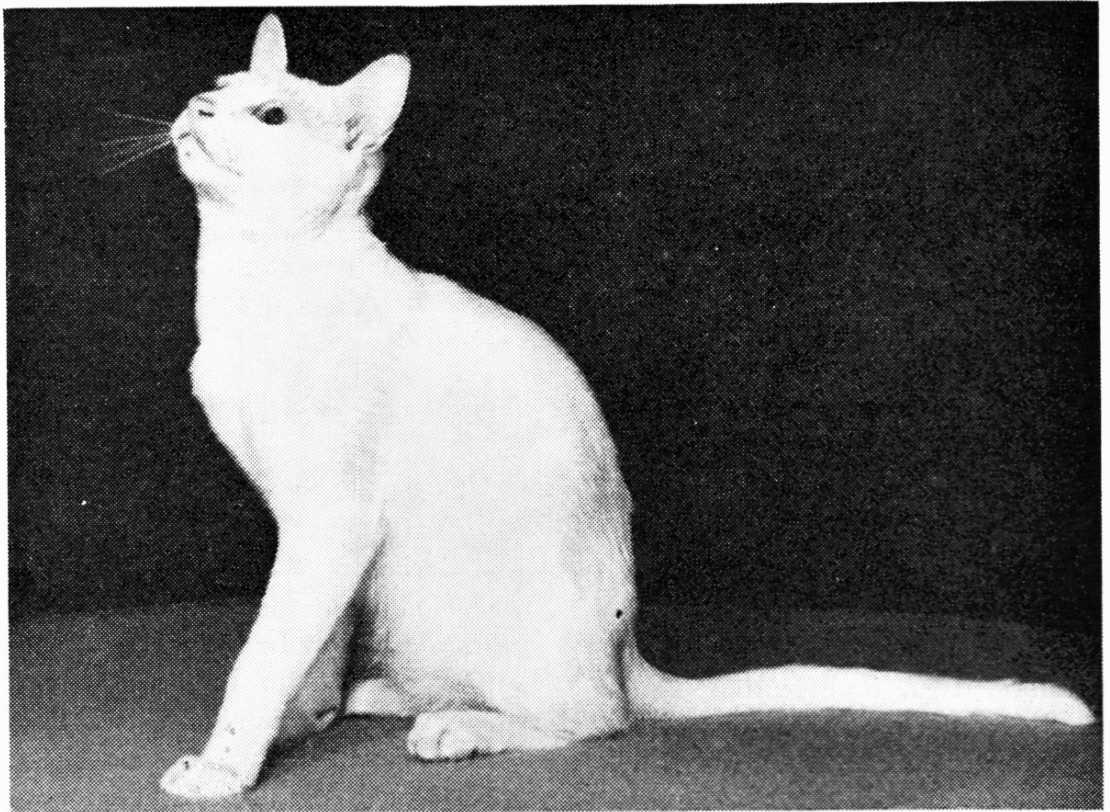
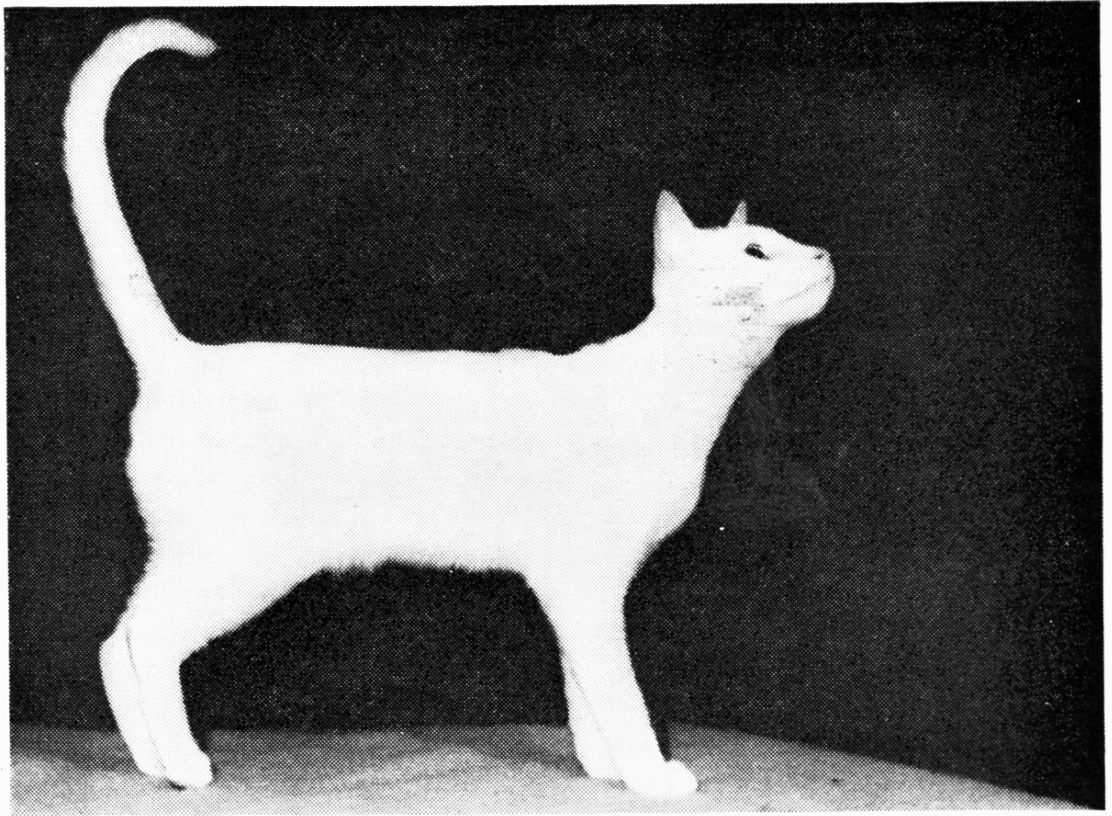
Scintilla Golden Legend (Red Point) was of the same litter and has gone to Miss Allaun as a repayment for her help in making the original cross. He is the only pointed cat of my Foreign White breeding not to have been neutered but at the time of writing has not sired any progeny. I believe Miss Allaun has other first cross kittens.

The Irish Strain

The Irish Strain is being developed primarily by Miss Flack, of Co. Down, N. Ireland. Tseng-Yen-Tung, who is well known on the show bench, is of this strain and now he has reached maturity it is planned to mate him back to Siamese immediately suitable queens become available.

Although the Irish Sea lies between Miss Flack and her committee and the rest of the Society the problem of transport has been solved by the opening of the East Midlands Airport.

Miss Flack has other Foreign White stock including a little female (Tseng's niece) who will be visiting Mrs. Lapper's Ch. Bradgate Yippee at her next call. The little sister of this cat is with another



Photos by G. Ivan Barnett

These cats are pioneering for a new variety—the Foreign White Shorthairs: (top) Miss Turner’s SCINTILLA CH’ING JEN, who is expecting “a happy event” this month, (below) Miss Flack’s TSENG-YEN TUNG represents the Irish strain of the Foreign White Shorthairs. He has won many admirers at the shows.

breeder in N. Ireland—Miss Mitchell and others of similar breeding were exhibited at the Coventry and Leicester Show.

The Norfolk Strain

The third strain is from cats bred by Miss Dawson, of Norfolk. Elmham Wai-Tzutu is perhaps the best known of these and is outstanding for his fine type and beautiful odd eyes. He has now sired three litters and two white kittens. These are being kept for breeding. One now owned by Mrs. Levin and Miss Dawson has other white stock of the same breeding.

The Foreign White Cat Society

The Foreign White Cat Society has been formed in order to plan one large breeding programme. Our Hon. Recorder is being kept very busy with the collection of breeding data and the overall plan is to back cross to Siamese of good quality for at least five generations from the original cross, retaining the good type white kittens and neutering all others.

While the ultimate aim is for a cat with warm golden or bright blue eyes, at present type is regarded as being more important and cats showing grey-blue eyes or odd eyes will be seen on the show bench.

As kittens of improved type become adult their parents are neutered and spend the rest of their lives as family pets. The neutering of all kittens not needed in the breeding programme and of "out-typed" adults safeguards the pedigrees of both the Siamese and British Shorthairs and all applicants for membership of the Society are requested to sign a statement agreeing to this practice.

The ideal Foreign White will be similar to the Siamese in every respect other than coat and eye colour. How-

ever, it is not correct to call the cats "White Siamese". The name "Siamese" describes a cat of foreign type with blue eyes and the Himalayan coat pattern.

Contrary to suggestions made in a recent magazine article, the Foreign Whites do not show any cream or pink tinge in their coats as they mature. The coat remains sparkling white and since it lies flat remains clean without human attention. However, it is true that one can breed Red Tortie and Cream Points from the Whites—always providing that one of the parent cats carries red.

I have had Red and Tortie Points, and I believe another breeder has had Self Reds. In the U.S.A. there have been mixed litters of Whites and Creams (or as they call them) Ivory Points.

Show support

The Society will offer special classes for members at the shows in order that they can compete against their own kind as well as against the mixed varieties in open classes. Classes will also be offered for neuters as there will be increasing numbers of these as the programme progresses.

Kittens suitable for breeding are only available to those sincerely interested in developing the Foreign Whites. Prices are similar to those charged for Siamese.

The Officers and Committee of the Foreign White Cat Society are listed below and further details may be obtained from Mrs. Buttery, Beacon House, Broad Oak, Brede, Sussex or Miss P. Turner, Gibby's Cottage, Jevington, Polegate, Sussex.

The Society's officers include: Mr. F. Chappell (Chairman), Miss Dawson (Vice-Chairman), Mr. A. Buttery (Treasurer), Miss P. Turner (Secretary), Mrs. W. Chappell (Recorder), Miss E. Flack (Area Secretary, N. Ireland), Mrs. A. Park (Liaison Officer, Australia), Mr. Terry Parker (Liaison Officer, Rhodesia) and the following Committee members: Miss A. Codrington, Miss L. Levin, Mrs. P. Parker, Mrs. Mitchell.



Tailpieces

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



THE Annual General Meeting of the National Cat Club revealed another increase in membership. The December show at Olympia, however, resulted in a loss and this was attributed to the fact that it was held on a Thursday. The 1966 fixture will be on December 3rd—a Saturday, which should ensure a larger gate. Miss E. Langston has resigned from the committee because of ill health and Mrs. Montgomery has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Other A.G.M. news: Mrs. Beever and Mrs. Denton have been elected to the committee of the Black and White Cat Club and Mrs. Bastow, Mrs. Hancox, Mr. B. Stirling-Webb and Mr. C. G. Dugdale are additions to the list of judges. The elected officers of the Cheshire Area Cat Club are Miss M. Bull (Chairman), Mrs. J. W. Hughes (Vice-Chairman), Miss J. M. Morrison (Treasurer) and Mr. R. G. Lee, 3 Lancing Road, Ellesmere Port, Wirral, Cheshire (Hon. Secretary).

A man who installed a gas heater incorrectly was responsible for the death of a 60-year-old man and his cat. The Coroner at St. Pancras (London) described him as “a slipshod amateur who did not know what he was doing, and cared less”. The deadly carbon-monoxide fumes had seeped through the floor of the kitchenette through faulty fitting.

When wealthy investor Dr. William Grier died in 1963 at a ripe old age, he

left his estate to his secretary and his four cats, Brownie, Puddin, Stanella and Hellcat. The trust fund was set up in the name of Brownie and Hellcat. A few weeks later the secretary and two of the cats died and quite recently the sole survivor Hellcat died at the age of 15. Dr. Grier, a widower, provided in his will that after the death of the legatees, the trust fund should pass to his alma mater. So it comes about that the George Washington University in Washington, U.S.A. benefits to the extent of over £160,000.

A memorial service in a London West End church was held for the late Secretary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Mr. John Hall, O.B.E., who died suddenly at his home. Mr. Hall joined the Society as its legal secretary in 1948 and nine years later he became its popular Secretary. He devoted much time to establish the international movement for animal welfare.

Advertisement in an American newspaper: “Free, adorable kittens, mother Persian, father from good neighbourhood”.

Quote from the editorial of the April issue of *The Animals' Magazine*, the monthly journal of the P.D.S.A.—“In our ignorance we do, too often apply to our pets the epithet “dumb animals” in the sense that we do not understand their means of communication with us who have made ourselves responsible for their well-being. Perhaps the boot is on

the other foot and it is we who lack the ability to translate the elementary "language" used by animals in their attempts to draw attention to their wants. Whether we understand what our pets are trying to tell us depends more on our knowledge of them plus our ability to interpret unusual behaviour, than the animals themselves, for often, owners are slow to notice anything out of the ordinary, and even slower to appreciate that it could be a sign of trouble".

I liked the opening item in the April issue of the *Newsletter* of the Siamese Cat Club, which ran as follows: "The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 14th March, 1966, at the Grosvenor Hotel, London, S.W.1. It was a packed affair, in more ways than one. Seventy-seven members signed the attendance book, eighty-seven members recorded a vote on Mr. Raleigh's and Mrs. Towe's proposition, and the hotel sent us an account for ninety-five teas". Mrs. Elsie Kent is the Club's new

Chairman and the seven vacancies on the Committee have been filled by Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Philpot, Mrs. Varcoe, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Stirling-Webb and Mr. Hunt, M.R.C.V.S. Present membership of the Club is 550 and 215 life members.

The current issue of *Animal Health* (dated March and No. 1 in a new series) has arrived from the Animal Health Trust, 12 Ashley Place, S.W.1. One of the features deals with *Toxocara cati*, the worm which affects cats. Apparently the life cycle of this parasite differs in certain respects from *Toxocara canis*. Migration of larvae into the unborn kittens does not occur, but infection is acquired by picking up and ingesting eggs from which the migrating larvae develop. Some of these larvae will appear as adults in the intestines about one month after ingestion, and although the infection is most common in kittens, older cats can be infected in this way. Another source of infection in the older cat is through the mouse whose tissues contain *Toxocara* larvae. The hunting cat may therefore be a continuing source of infection. The larvae of *Toxocara cati* can infect man and there have been a few recorded cases of infestation with the adult form.



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It was some compensation for the bad luck they suffered in their cattery last year when Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, of Farnham, Surrey, heard that their Waverley Lilac Lollipop, a Lilac Pointed Siamese they exported in 1964 to Lt. Col. and Mrs. Scott, of Melbourne, Australia, had become a Grand Champion.

Mrs. Pauline Zirkle, of Hollis, New York, U.S.A., has a Blue Point Siamese named Bo Bo. Kittens were expected and according to the veterinary surgeon a litter of up to eleven could be expected. Mrs. Z. didn't feel that Bo Bo could possibly nurse so many kittens so she advertised widely for a "wet nurse". Nearly 200 cat owners responded to her

appeals and from these responses she screened a dozen possibilities from among them and waited for the happy event. When Bo Bo's kittens arrived there were nine of them, but six were stillborn. Then a lady from Brooklyn telephoned to say that her queen had had a litter of five and could not look after them. It was now Mrs. Zirkle's turn to help! The services of Bo Bo were offered and in a short time she was nursing her own three kittens plus three of the Brooklyn born litter.

The National Pedigree Persian Cat Show of New Zealand is held every other year and last year's judge was Mrs. Ann Vize, of New South Wales, Australia, who left so many friends behind when she emigrated a few years back. Her choice for "Persian Cat of the Year" was Miss S. Pinkerton's Smoke Ch. Tai

Tirohanga Moonlight Caress which she bred from a Blue Smoke female Kala Moonlight, imported from Miss D. M. Collins. Tai Tirohanga is Maori for "View of the salt water". Congratulations of a double kind are due to Miss Pinkerton, who became Mrs. Gordon in February this year.

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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Grace Pond FZS. This is a companion volume to Stanley Dangerfield's ● **The Perfect Dog Owner** and is a practical book on cats both for those who ● already have one or more and for those who are thinking of becoming ● cat owners for the first time. The author starts with an account of all the ● better-known breeds (*many are illustrated*), then follows advice on choosing ● and buying, and the care of a cat from birth onwards. ●

● **The Perfect Cat Owner** deals in adequate detail with such subjects as home ● hygiene, feeding, how to keep a cat healthy and how to treat it if it does ● become ill. Hints on showing are also included. It contains all the in- ● formation the cat-lover requires and will serve as a useful reference book. ●

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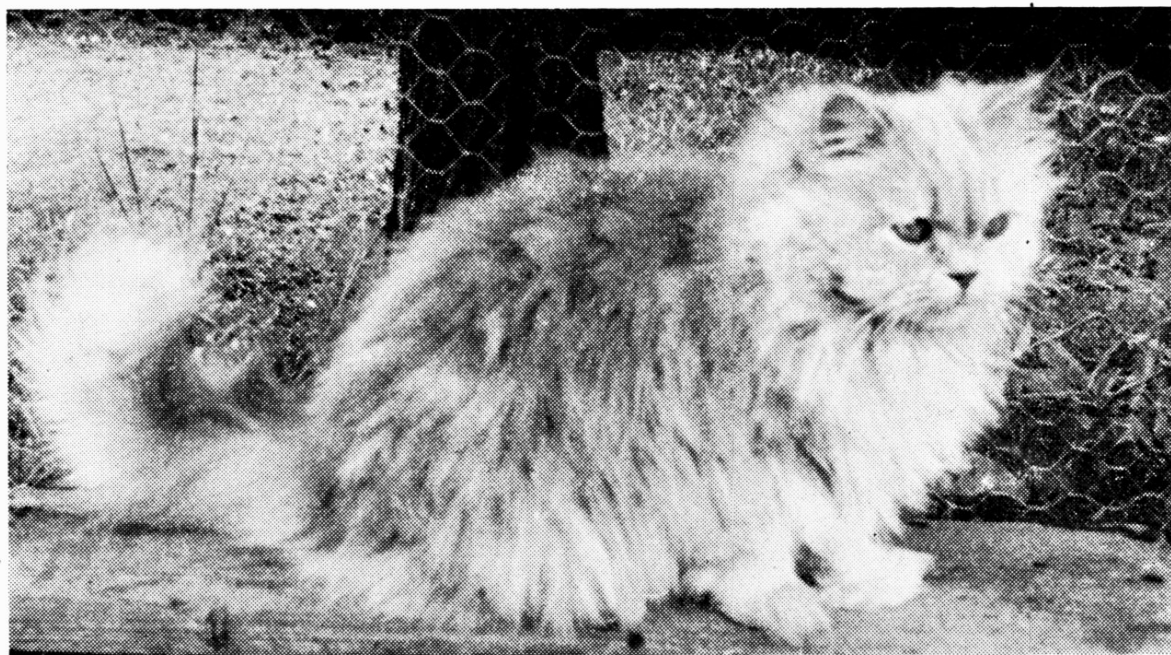
WHAT THE CAT BOOKS SAY

C IS FOR CAT (*Studio Vista 30s.*).

This is an interesting and useful new book by Frank Manolson, a Canadian veterinarian working in London. Throughout its 200-odd pages the author follows an alphabetical theme which tends to enhance the value of the book as a handy work of reference. He describes it in his foreword as "simply a substitute for five years of university. If you read this book you don't have to bother about studying anatomy or physiology or bacteriology or virology or anything. You don't have to attend lectures or clinics or laboratories. You don't have to go out and gather experience and acquire a sense of judgment. This book does it all for you, and it does it painlessly. It simply points out each and every occasion when you need to consult your local veterinarian. If you really think that you can treat your own cat out of a book I pity you a little and your cat a great deal". Mr. Manolson's style is concise with a golden thread of dry humour. You won't always agree with what he says but at least he will hold

your interest. Here is a sample from the section headed "Mating":

"Cats are among the most prolific of the higher animals. Getting them mated is no problem. Just open the front door. She'll come back a few hours later slightly scarred, but smug and pregnant. Mating problems only arise when man attempts to select the sire. The same cat who would have no problem getting mated out of doors will often turn vicious or neurotic when introduced to a tom in a confined space. Obviously this is a problem that confronts the purebred breeder almost constantly. What advice can I offer? First, if you are a novice at the game take your queen to a tom who belongs to an experienced person. Secondly, remember the old adage about breeding a virgin female to an experienced male, and vice versa. Thirdly, if your queen is incorrigibly vicious your vet. may try tranquillizers. In carefully gauged doses they often work. Fourthly, a veterinary examination might reveal that she has one of the four or five

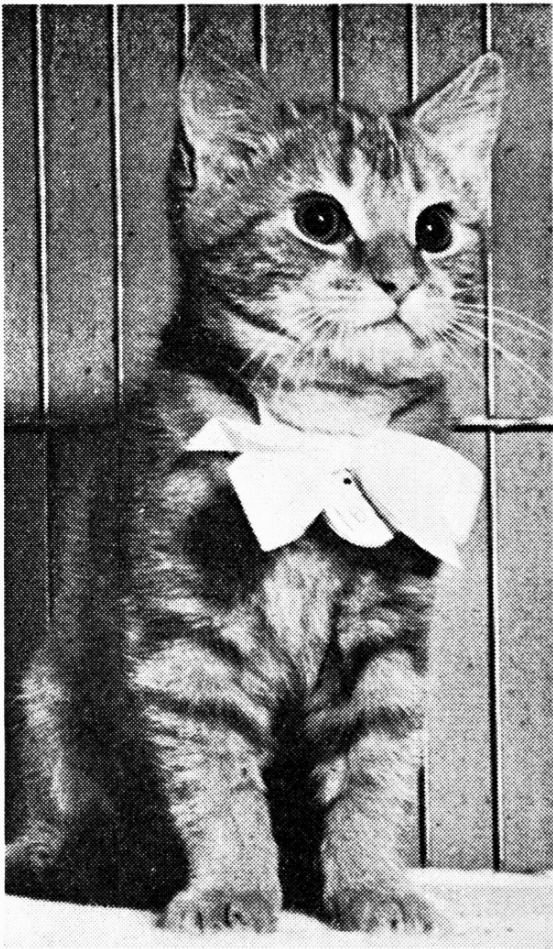


Meet the first winner of the Premier award in Rhodesia. TOLLESHUNT SUNBEAM, a Cream bred in England by Mrs. R. A. Hammond, of Maldon, Essex, belongs to Mrs. Joan Ewing, of Salisbury, who is prominently associated with the activities of the Rhodesia Cat Club

common ailments of the reproductive tract. Your vet. might consider this one of nature's warnings of wrong inbreeding. Fifthly, some virgin queens who simply will not mate when confined will do so after they've had one litter as a result of a natural mating out of doors. Finally, remember that the best time to breed is just after the bleeding of heat has stopped but while the swelling of the vagina is still quite obvious".

CATS: AN INTELLIGENT OWNER'S GUIDE, by G. N. Henderson, B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. and N. St. C. Mead, M.R.C.V.S. (*Faber & Faber 25s.*).

This really comprehensive guide to cat care and management is in somewhat more serious vein and here you have two practising veterinarians who have combined forces to produce it. Let their



Sports Press

Looks as if he owns the place! PERCY, the marmalade kit, was a prizewinner at the Olympia Show last December. Owner is Mrs R. Knight, of Bournemouth

preface do the explaining: "We have approached our task with proper humility; we, like you, are but humble servants of the cat, having perhaps a special responsibility for their health, comfort and freedom from disease. This has meant, of course, that our book on cats has a bias towards health and sickness". Further on, in the introduction, the authors comment on the more serious side of breeding and showing cats: "Considerable numbers of owners find great fun and interest from breeding and showing their stock. This devoted care given to their chosen fancy is well rewarded by a "red" place card at one of the big national shows or even at the smaller local ones. For this band of enthusiasts hints on shows and showing have been incorporated here. Emphasis has been laid on the methods recommended to avoid infection at such congregations; in spite of careful veterinary examination before showing starts it is ruefully easy to contract trouble at such outings".

"Don't be misled into thinking that only exotic breeds are shown; they are not; the common shorthair tabbies, tortoiseshells, black and white, or reds all have their day. A sleek purposeful cat, barbed and prick-eared is just as exciting a sight today as it was to the Egyptians five millennia ago. First to attain and then hold fast to that arresting sheen of well-being found solely on the healthy cat is the aim of all intelligent owners, and it is with that intention that this guide is compiled".

The photographs and drawings are particularly helpful since they serve to illustrate difficult points in the text. Here is an extract from the chapter dealing with "Digestive Disorders" which some of you might like to show to Mrs. Smith next door! "By far the commonest of all causes of digestive upsets is stale food, allied to dirty water. It is not suggested that people deliberately give their animals stale food—far from it—but the cat is by nature a wanderer and enjoys investigating. Anything with a strong smell (and apparently a rank

taste) appeals to them: food put out by kindly-intentioned neighbours to feed stray cats is often not completely cleared up one day, and is eaten with relish by your own cat, with uncomfortable if not serious results. It is impossible to change this attitude of kind-heartedness but it must be admitted that such good nature is often displaced. If care was taken to make certain that any stale food was put in the fire or in a secure dustbin then many fewer cases of acute sickness and diarrhoea need be met”.

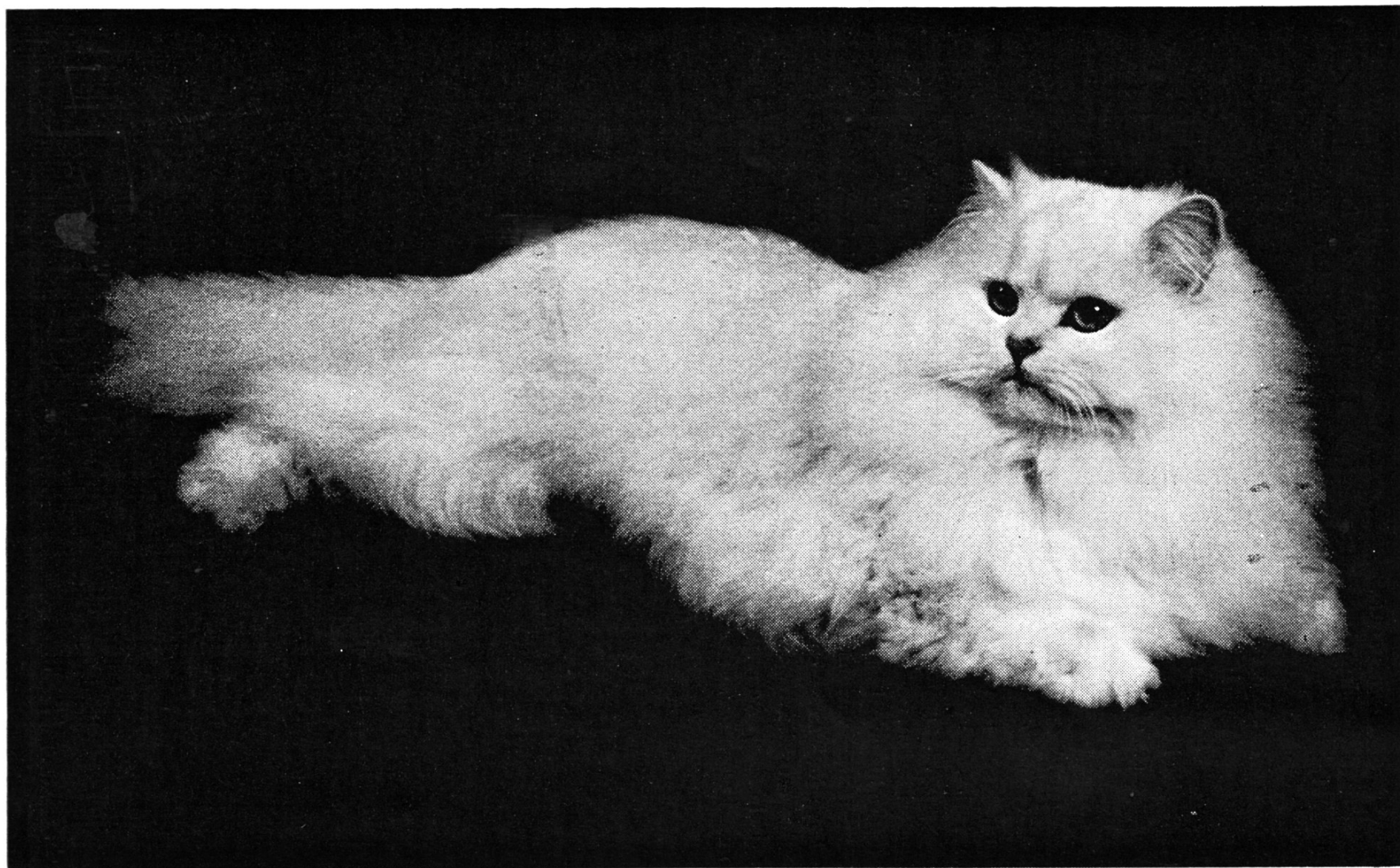
THE BASIC BOOK OF THE CAT, by Wm. H. A. Carr (*Stanley Paul 30s.*). This interesting book, previously mentioned in our pages, is by an American author who does not attempt to take on the role of veterinarian. Many pages are devoted to the historical background of the cat and the various breeds. Because we have had some correspondence recently on the controversial subject of declawing, you may be interested to read what Mr. Carr has to

say about it: “It (declawing) is so hotly disputed that two very respected leaders in the cat fancy have offered a reward for the ‘arrest and conviction’ of anyone who has been responsible for declawing a cat. Declawing is *not* against the law. These people believe sincerely that it should be outlawed. Declawing is not practised in Great Britain and there is no law to permit or prevent it”.

. . . “Of course declawing creates certain problems and imposes new responsibilities on the owner . . . I do not believe that a declawed cat should be permitted to roam at will. There is no question that the hazards to its life are greater. Otherwise, the declawed cat enjoys life every bit as much as it did before its operation. Declawing should not be resorted to until every attempt has been made to correct the cat’s objectionable habits by training”. By way of postscript and to make our own feelings on the subject of declawing clearly and widely known: **OUR CATS** deprecates declawing in any shape or form.



CH. BRIARRY NIGELLA, a Colourpoint bred by Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb, has been shown with success on the Continent by Mrs. Brita Remborg, of Sweden. Steps to full honours were gained at Copenhagen (under English judge Mrs. D. Brice-Webb), at Gothenburg (under Swedish judge Mrs. H. Hjelde) and at Norrköping (under American judge Mrs. H. Wolfgang).



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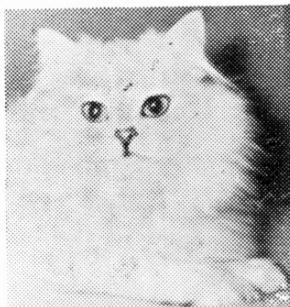
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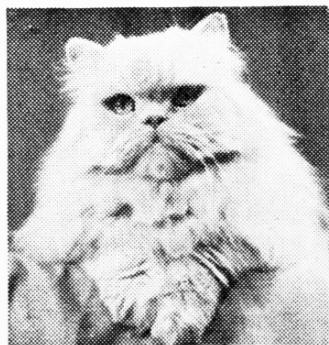
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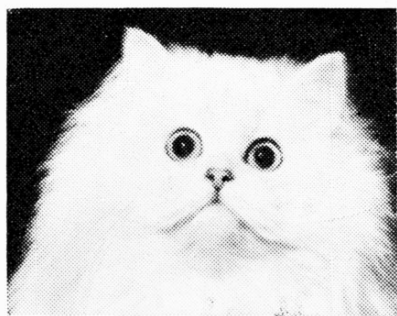
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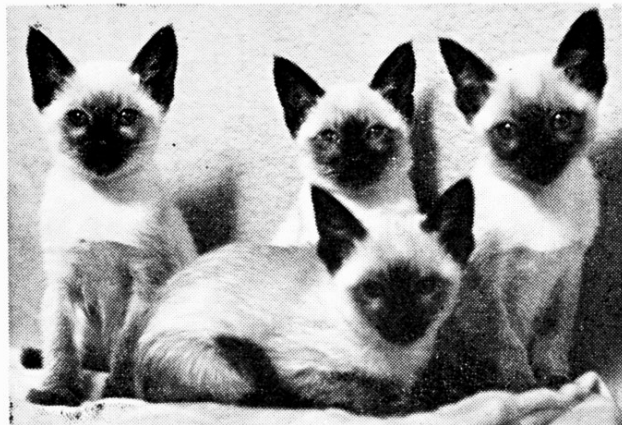
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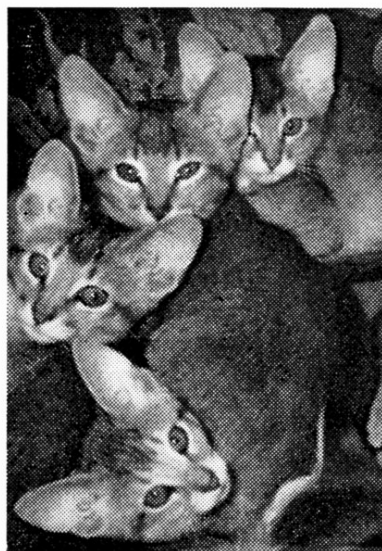
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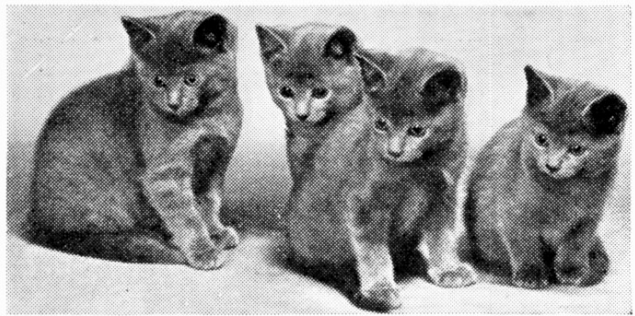
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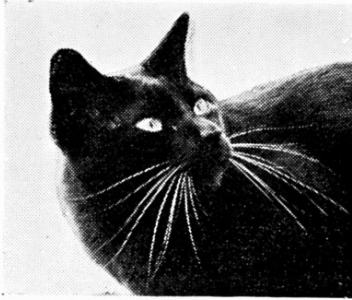
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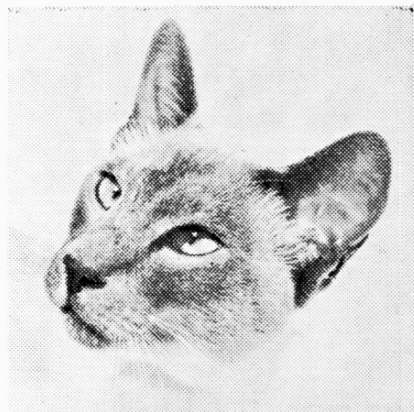


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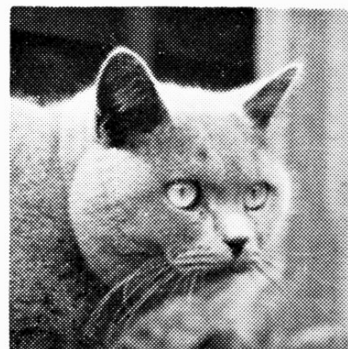
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We hear that Darak's International Show in Copenhagen was a highly successful 3-day fixture. Best in Show award went to Mme. Radovitch's Cream entry Int. Ch. Michael Des Monts Courcy. English bred exhibits who were prominent in the prize list included Int. Ch. Dibah of Pensford, Ch. Harpur Goldilocks, Daffodil of Dunesk, Widdington of Corona. The last three are Creams. The Best Shorthair was a French bred Chartreux Ch. Nounour de Fernine shown by Mrs. Aina Bjornbjerg, of Sweden.



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A STANDARD FOR TABBY POINTS

AFTER what has been described as "lengthy deliberation and discussion", the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Australia and Victoria has given breed status and the number 24e to the controversial Tabby Point Siamese. We give the standard as it was drawn up last year:

Scale of points same as for Siamese.

Standard same as for Siamese—except for the following:

Mask—Dark stripes vertical on forehead. Horizontal on cheeks, dark spots on whisker pad at base of whiskers.

Ears—Solid fawn or grey, with what appears to be a thumb mark in a paler colour, on the back of the ears.

Nose—Leather pink or black (pink in fawn cats, black in silver grey) paw pads to correspond. Leather outlined with black.

Legs—Fawn or grey broken stripes backed with black. Dark paw pads.

Tail—Fawn or grey with black rings, tail must have black tip.

All points marking must be fawn or grey, not an admixture of either.

Body Colour—Palest ivory (off white) with no stripes or mottling except on young kittens.

Eye Colour—Brilliant blue, lids rimmed with black.

Joan Thompson's "Just Fancy" will appear at some length in our next issue. It will include a report on the Wessex Cat Club which reached us too late for inclusion in our April issue.

The Feline Advisory Bureau is sponsoring a Disease Investigation Survey with the objective of collecting information nationally concerning diseases in cats and then examining this information statistically to establish any trends and disease patterns that may emerge. Forms have been prepared to record concisely the history of breeding cats (studs and queens). Collected data, which will be treated as strictly confidential, will be analysed by a veterinary surgeon. All breeders who would like to participate in the survey should send their application for forms to Mrs. Jean Wakerley, 73 Marshals Drive, St. Albans, Herts.

Our report on the Coventry and Leicester Show in last month's issue contained an error which we would like to correct. The winning B.P. Siamese female was Mrs. Jean Grange's female Seraphim Siren, sired by Doneraile Blue Pax ex Grangewood Albertine—not Safari Titania.

The following important addition to the rules and regulations of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy has been made: "No cat or kitten may be exhibited more than once within fourteen days".

Miss Kathleen Yorke has been re-elected to the chair of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy for what will be her 17th year of office.

The cat world has lost another old friend with the sudden death earlier in the year of Mr. Gordon Allt, F.Z.S. He will be remembered by many for his Danehurst Persians both during the time he lived in the Isle of Wight and later when he moved into Sussex. He was always a keen supporter of this magazine and indeed was one of the first to regularly use our pages for large illustrated advertisements for his stock and studs.

A spitting fury !



This fiery fellow—a Scottish Wild Cat—is in the collection of British wild fauna at Chessington Zoo in Surrey. Once common in England, this “tough to handle” fellow has retreated as civilisation has moved forward. He is still to be found in Scotland and across Central Europe into Asia Minor and Northern Asia. One of our readers Mrs. Andrew Pearson recently sent us a picture of a Wild Cat from Innsbruck with the information that two kittens are being reared in the local zoo. The Scottish Wild Cat is more heavily built and is much more powerful than the normal tabby. He is about two feet long with a foot

long tail.

BRINGING UP THE KITTENS

One of the most popular social occasions organized for members of the Blue Pointed Siamese Cat Club of Victoria and Australia Inc. is what is known as a "Vet Night". The following notes are taken from one of these gatherings when Mr. J. V. Gannon, M.R.C.V.S., gave some useful advice on "Kittens from Birth to Teething":

There are many fallacies concerning severing the kittens umbilical cord should the mother not do so. The umbilical cord is a one-way lifeline from what is called the afterbirth sac, to the kitten. Blood flows from the afterbirth *to the kitten* through the umbilical cord but cannot flow from the kitten. This safety measure means that there is no fear of the kitten losing blood when the cord is severed.

Any trouble from cord severing is if germs go up into the kitten from the point of cord severance. A piece of cotton wool dipped in antiseptic should be tied round the cord 1" from the kitten and the cord cut below this. Many cases of kittens "fading" after birth can be traced to an infection through the cord.

Take your time

Mention of cutting the umbilical cord should not mislead new breeders into thinking that this must always be done. It is only if the queen herself does not do it. Do not hurry to cut the cord. This has been the lifeline through which the kitten has been receiving its sustenance before birth. The birth itself is a minor shock and to cut off the blood flowing from the afterbirth too soon is an unnecessary setback. It will be noticed that a queen always takes her time doing this. Don't cut the cord, an umbilical hernia could result.

For many years it was thought that the mother cat's apparently instinctive

eating of the afterbirth was good for her but this is now known not to be so. The queen must not be allowed to eat more than two afterbirths. After all, once the kitten no longer has need of it, it is just so much rubbish.

Should a kitten be born with any defects it should not be persevered with. It is kind neither to the kitten or the breed to rear defective kittens. It would be advisable also to get the vet's opinion as to the cause of the defects. If they are hereditary ones, breeding with that line is inadvisable.

Emergency feeding

As is generally known, its mother's milk from birth is of tremendous importance to the kitten. His future livelihood depends greatly on this. Nature has arranged that in this way the kitten gets a good start and is ready to fend for itself when the time comes. The queen's milk is at its best at the time of birth and gradually tapers off in quality by about 3 weeks at which time supplementary feeding begins the weaning period.

If however, the queen cannot feed her new born kits the following formula is really good:—1 cup of *homogenized* milk; 1 only egg yolk; 12 teaspoons Glucodin; 1 tablespoon limewater; 6 drops pentavite or ABDEC drops.

Shake this mixture well and keep in refrigerator. The mixture should only be kept for 48 hours after which a new lot should be made up if necessary. The mixture should be at blood temperature when feeding. Kittens lose body heat rapidly. If hot water bottles are used to keep kittens warm, a medium heat is better than too hot. Probably the best way to keep a kitten warm is with a small electric blanket. Never put a kitten close to a heater. They dehydrate rapidly.

It sometimes happens that a queen has

no interest in her kittens and/or does not produce milk. This is generally caused by a hormone deficiency which can be adjusted by a hormone injection.

Time of starting to wean kittens varies but a good general rule is 3 weeks. If the queen only has a few kittens and plenty of milk, weaning can be a little later, but even so the sooner the kittens get on a supplementary feeding the better.

Quite a good way to start weaning is to put meat down for the kittens. They probably won't eat it the first time so take it up and keep on putting fresh down at periods and they will soon get the idea. From the age of 3 weeks extra vitamin supplement should be begun.

Rickets in kittens is caused by an imbalance of calcium. As well as the calcium and vitamin supplements suggested, cod liver oil, 6 drops per week

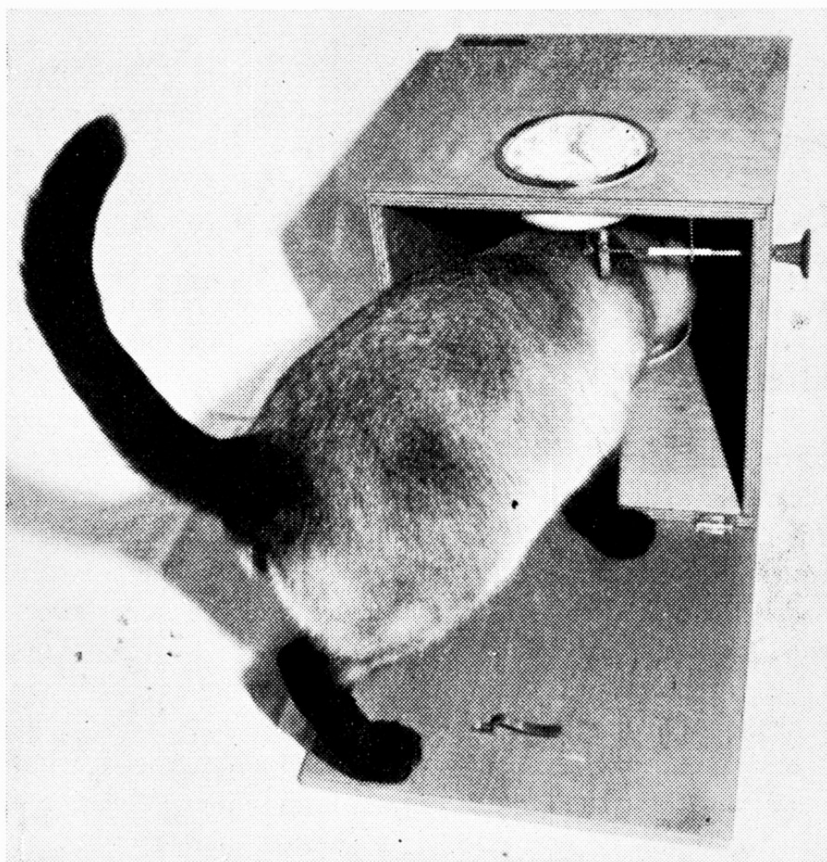
from 6 weeks is good. Too much of this can cause diarrhoea.

Kittens can be wormed from 6 weeks of age if worms are suspected. If kittens have worms, it means the queen is the source of infection and must also be wormed.

Immunization of kittens is desirable at 12 weeks with a temporary "shot" with anti-serum at 6 weeks.

Ear mites, if present, are apparent from 12 weeks. These mites live on the wax and debris in the bottom of the ear and burrow and lay eggs in the ear wall. They can be passed readily from cat to cat. Ear mites are present if there's dark messy stuff in the ears.

The most common eye defect in kittens is entropium, an inward roll of the eyelid. This is hereditary and cats suffering from this should not be used for breeding. Entropium can be detected at from 6 to 12 weeks. It can be corrected surgically.



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WAR ON CATS

GABRIEL Lorient in a recent issue of *The New Statesman* gave a horrifying account of the war being waged on cats in Russia for the sake of their skins. Advertisements in the provincial press offer one rouble, about 10s., for a plump cat and no questions asked. Hunting them has apparently become a popular way for teenagers to earn pocket money, encouraged by enterprises seeking to fulfil their plans for furs.

The Government newspaper *Izvestia* condemned what it called "converting cruelty into a business proposition" and rebuked officials in provincial towns who had butchered cats in a terrible fashion for setting a bad example to youth. In Kerch there was a three-day bloodbath in which thousands of cats and dogs

were shot in the street and finished off with iron pikes.

Other examples of youthful cruelty—inspired by official cruelty—included the burning alive of 25 cats by a gang of youths in Kiev. Scientists there, enraged by the cruelty of which this was an example, wrote an open letter to the newspapers, blaming the parents of the children.

Cruelty to animals was a common characteristic of peasants in Tsarist Russia. The Soviet ideal of humanity should have eliminated it. "Responsible journalists, teachers and others concerned with the spiritual make-up of the future generations", writes Gabriel Lorient, "have gone to great pains to point out that the socialist man does not hurt children, kick people who have fallen down, or murder cats".



When this delightful photograph was taken, DOONEEN THE DABCHICK, the little Cream Longhair kitten, was truly a little chick perched on the shoulder of Peri Macdonald at her mother's Bully Banks Cattery in Co. Down, Northern Ireland. The Dabchick—bred by Ch. Hendras Chamois and Ch. Dabocea—is now a year old and she has been mated with the outstanding Blue Longhair of 1965 Ch. Orion of Pensford

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MRS. PARKER, who lives in the next street, has no fewer than fourteen cats! Fourteen!!

When I asked her why she has so many to look after, she said it was because nobody else did. They were all strays!

“But they’re all *so* lovely”, she added, “and *so* intelligent, every one of them”.

There seemed to be cats everywhere when I looked round her drawing room, which she has given up to them entirely, so they can be happy. One was on the window sill, peering out at the street. Another was on the arm of the settee. Another was in the far corner of the room, two were on the rug before the hearth and the rest scattered around. There were all kinds of cats, and they were of all sizes.

“Which one is your favourite?” I asked.

“Oh! Snowy”, she replied. She looked round the room. Then she said, “I know where she will be!” And she went over to the fireplace and bent down. I wondered what she was going to do.

She put out her hand and pushed at the little shutter that closes the chimney vent, and reached behind it, bringing out, as you may well imagine, not the pure white cat that the name would imply, but one absolutely black!

“She went in there when she was a young kitten”, explained Mrs. Parker, “and if ever she is missing, I always know where to look. She’ll have to go in the bath-tub again. I believe she does it on purpose to get a bath, you know!”



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“Very likely!” I replied. “So she likes a bath, does she?”

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brush and comb her fur. It makes it lovely and fluffy. After all, why shouldn't cats be bathed? I bath all mine.”

They certainly looked in very fine trim.

Mrs. Parker carried off Snowy for her bath, and I came away.

F. SYLVIA WESTON, B.A.



WOBURN JOKER was Best Blue Longhair Kitten at Olympia last December. He went on to win nine 1st prizes at the Coventry and Leicester Show as an adult. Bred by Miss Constance Page, Joker is now with Mrs E. Hayes, of Poulsba, Washington U.S.A.

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In Gene I the coat to be extremely thick and plushy throughout, with no guard hairs and with a strong tendency to curl, particularly on the back and tail. The vibrissae (whiskers and eyebrows) to be crinkled.

Type to be modified foreign with ears wide at the base and pointed.

Head to be medium length, well proportioned, narrowing to a strong chin.

Body to be well muscled and of medium length.

Legs to be fairly long and well proportioned, the hind legs to be slightly longer than the front.

Feet to be neat and not too large.

Tail to be approximately two-thirds the length of the whole body and to be well covered with curly hair.

Eyes to be of medium size and not too round.

All colours and coat patterns to be admitted as in the Manx and eye-colour to follow the requirements for coat colour.

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Gene II — Devonian

There is a tendency in this variety to hairlessness and every effort should be made to breed away from this serious

fault. The coat should be wavy and soft with no guard hairs. The vibrissae (whiskers and eyebrows) to be as for Gene I.

Type to be distinctly foreign with large ears, wide at the base.

Head to carry a medium wedge, muzzle to be short with a strong chin.

Body long and slender.

Legs, feet and tail to be as for Gene I.

Coat pattern and eyes to be as for Gene I.

Scale of Points as for Gene I.

Dr. Jonathan Brostoff of the Allergy Department, Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology, St. Mary's Hospital, London, W.2, is working on allergies caused through cats' fur. He would be grateful if cat owners would send him combings or clippings from pedigree cats, particularly Siamese. He requires

longhair and shorthair specimens and requests that the breed of the cat is named when they are sent. Small or large quantities are equally useful.

INVITATION

IS that you, you starving yellow stray, scratching at my door again? Yes, it is, you poor disastered creature—coat of mouldy custard and those orange jello eyes, with that terrored loneliness only those without address possess. Ribs outlined like concertina . . . I have never seen as lean a small uneasy frightened fellow. By the way, where did you hear this asylum recommended? Well, no matter, since you've landed here, be my guest, pest. Come on in; could be some St. Francis may do the same for me some day.

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OUR PET POPULATION

The following Eve of the Congress statement was issued by Mr. Michael Young, President of the British Small Animals Veterinary Association. This Association consists of veterinary surgeons responsible for the health of Britain's pets, and the members recently assembled in London for a highly successful 3-day Annual Congress:

"The keeping of pets is a national pastime and it is right and proper that both national and local government measures should be taken to promote their welfare. In the new development of towns and the re-development of cities what provision is being made for the care of sick pets? Will our new hospitals for these animals be regarded as a necessary part of the community structure or will they be regarded as a "nuisance" to be excluded from our popular populated areas? We must make our voice heard, for we shall be speaking not only for ourselves but for the pet owning population, many of

whom have already had the sad experience of being deprived of their animal friend and companion by the prohibitions imposed in the newer residential developments.

"Today we own 5 million dogs, 4 million cats, 5 million pet birds and there is evidence of a growing popularity in the field classified as "exotic" pets (including pet fish, tortoises, snakes, and the like.) Statistics reveal a definite interesting increase in our pet population.

"The next few years will certainly see the establishment of more and more veterinary hospitals similar to those to be seen in the cities and towns of the United States. Already we have some very fine examples in this country but we shall surely see in each and every city of this island veterinary hospitals fully equipped and privately owned by their veterinary principals. With these new hospitals will come an increase in the actual hospitalisation of sick pets and a decrease in home nursing and in house visiting".

SUBSCRIPTION ACKNOWLEDGMENTS . . .

The next few weeks will see us very busy with subscriptions renewals—the more the merrier, of course! To save as much desk work as possible we shall not issue receipt cards in the case of U.K. renewals paid by cheque, unless of course we are asked to supply an acknowledgment postcard. Receipts will be sent in respect of all other forms of U.K. remittances, to new subscribers and all remittances received from overseas. It will help us considerably if subscribers respond promptly to the first renewal reminder.

A VISIT TO FRANCE

ON a sunny spring-like day in early March, after changing planes in Paris, I arrived at Clermont-Ferrand en route for Montlucon, where the Association Feline d'Auvergne were holding their 8th International Championship Show under the able management of their President, Monsieur R.

Mignon. A charming town, part medieval, part modern, Montlucon was gaily decorated for Publicity Week celebrations, of which the cat show was playing its part. After the opening ceremony by the Mayor, the officials, judges and many exhibitors were invited to take wine with him and members of

the town council at the Town Hall, where a silver cup for one of the best cats was presented to the Association by the town.

Mme. Coste (France), Mme Mercier (Switzerland) and myself spent a busy two days judging the cats which came from France, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland. I was sorry to hear that Mme Gay was ill and her cats absent from the show.

Blues are prominent

The quality of most of the Longhairs was very good but there is not space to mention more than a few of the prize winners. These included Int. Ch. Colric de Padirac (a son of Ch. Autumn Flower of Dunesk), a beautiful Blue belonging to Mme Locket, and Int. Ch. Youka de Miranda, with a very full white coat, owned by Mme Hallaroni. A very good male, and afterwards Best Longhair Male was Mme Locket's Ch. Lacy de Bois Clary. My best female and Best Longhair Female in Show was Ch. Camber Delina, a gorgeous Blue bred by Mrs. Denton and owned by Mme Ratier-Belfer. Lolita de Bollusson was another good Blue shown by Mme Locket, who also entered an outstanding White, Natalie de la Nourree, a daughter of Int. Ch. Melisande of Dunesk. Mme Chaussebourge owned the Best Longhaired Kitten, an appealing little Blue Cream, Ophelie de Bollusson. Mme Lamy's Kaly de Margeride with her playful litter of four Blue Persian kittens attracted much attention. Among the neuters was Baghoora de Brasschaat bred by Mme de Kesel and owned by Mme Phalempin, who also did very well with the other de Brasschaat Creams she exhibited.

Among the Shorthairs Ch. Ho-Hant du Mont Challusset, an outstanding Blue Point Siamese male was one of the best exhibits, while an Abyssinian, Oona dite Abeba belonging to Mme Stutz (Switzerland), was I think the Best Shorthair female.

The light in the hall was excellent and

the exhibits well arranged. The gate appeared very good, especially on the Sunday, when the public simply poured in, many wanting to buy kittens.

The hospitality shown the judges, was much appreciated as was the dinner at the Lion D'Or, which was attended by many members of the Association and the Organising Committee, all having one interest in common—the love of cats.

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A READER WRITES

I was fascinated by your February issue containing the article by Phyllis Lauder on the Rex cat. The photograph was up to the usual high standard which makes OUR CATS such a continual delight.

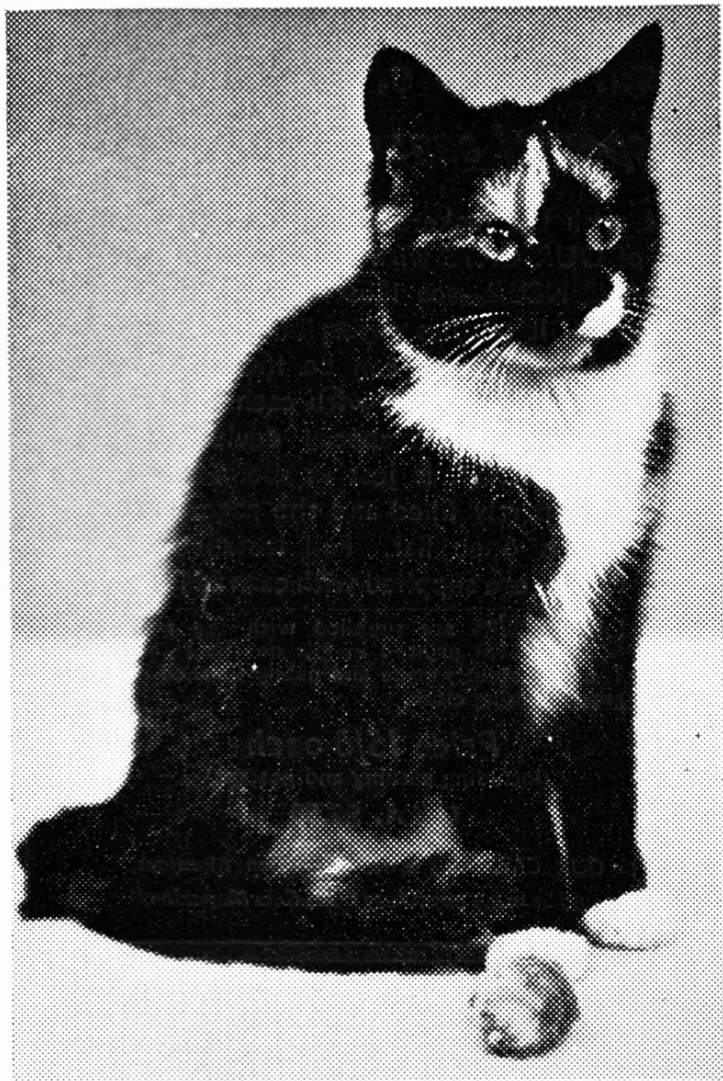
Readers may like to know (I quote) "the most beautiful white Rex kitten with eyes of a wonderful colour" may soon prove himself to be out of the kitten class and "a big boy now!" My plain-coated Rex queen expects kittens by him in April.

I do agree that these Rex cats stand up to the weather better than one might expect and certainly better than Siamese. They do not like to get wet but come and go in the bitterest cold, while my Siamese will plaintively howl to get back to the fireside. Their character, too, is delightful, combining the sturdy commonsense of the "common" cat (are *any* cats common?) with the high intelligence of the Siamese.

They are most affectionate, but not embarrassingly so; they enjoy human company and are sensitive to one's moods, without the clinging, demanding devotion of the Siamese. I am sure their character, looks and physique are going to make them increasingly popular with discriminating cat owners everywhere.

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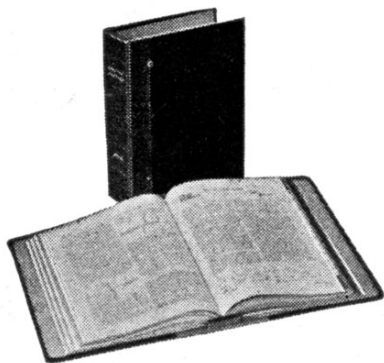
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