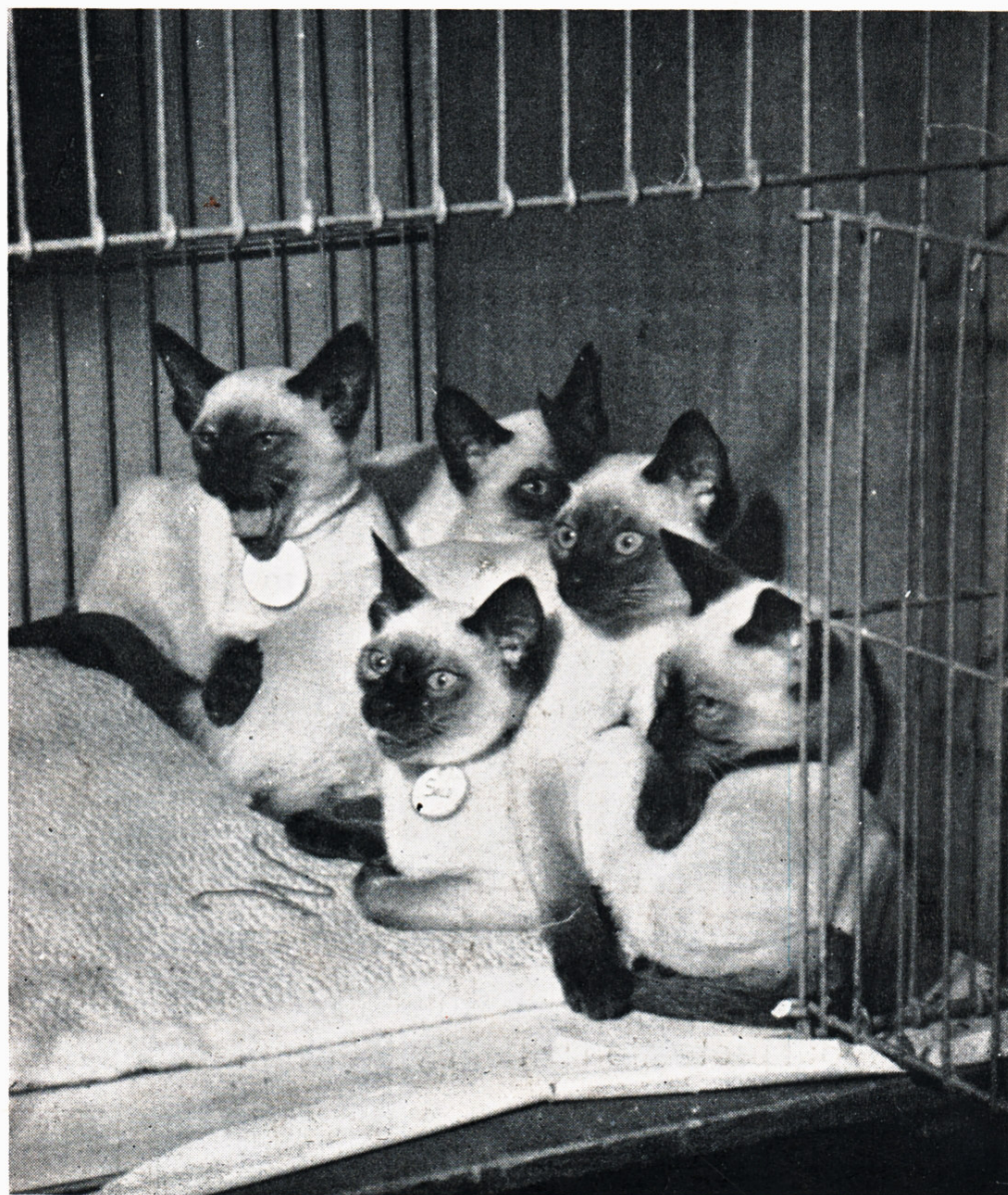


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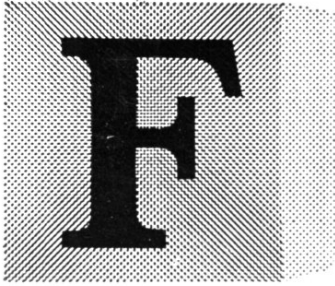


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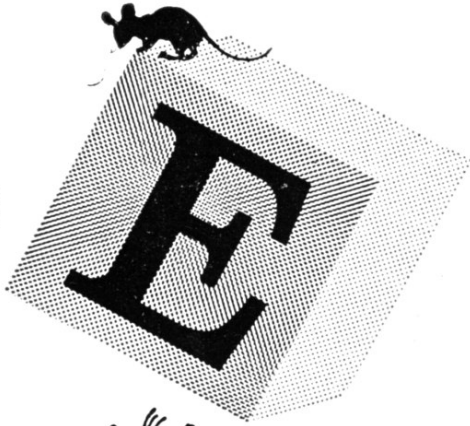


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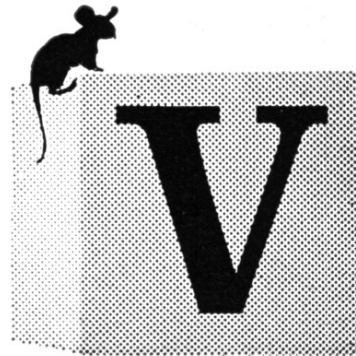
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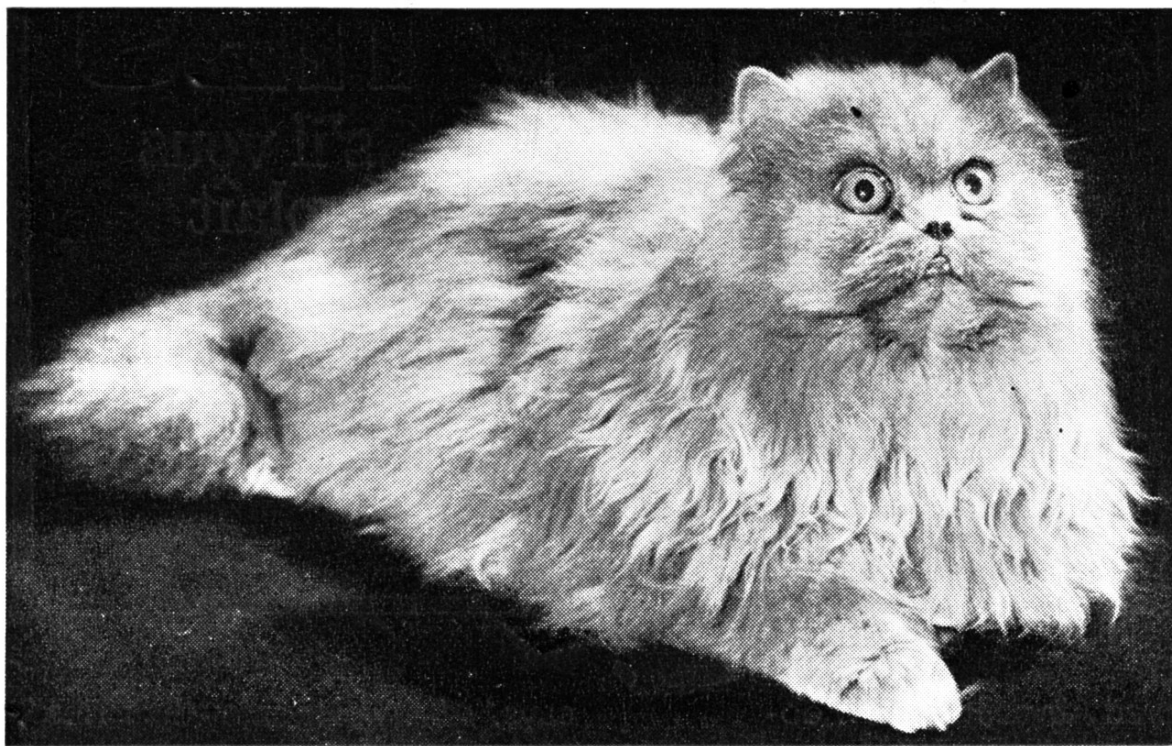
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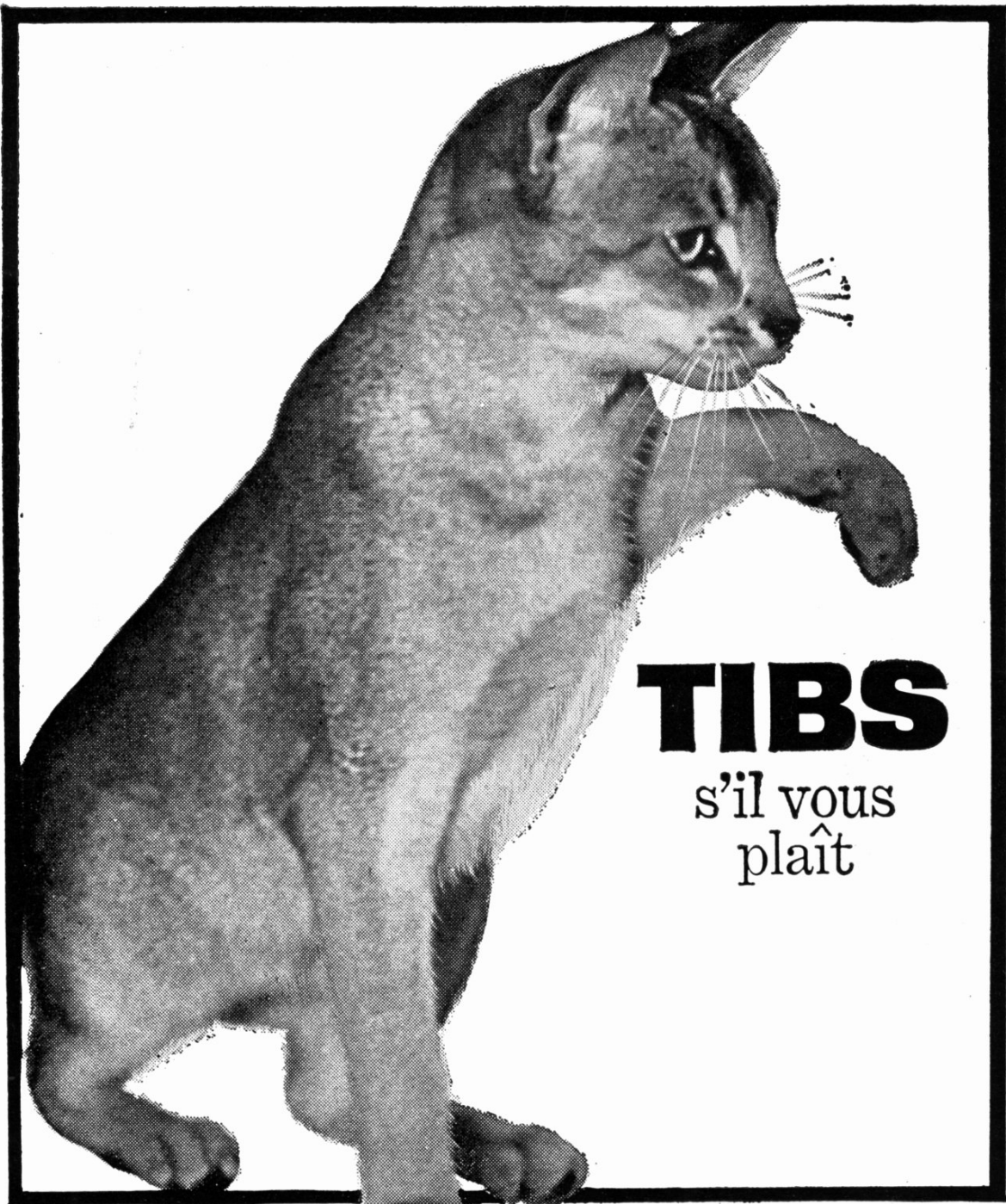
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# THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE PET OWNER

Extracts from a paper read at the recent Congress of the British Small Animals Veterinary Association by Dr. Denis Leigh, B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.

THE relationships between animal and man are determined partly by the society in which they occur, partly by more personal, individual, psychological factors. Fashion plays a part, as well as economic considerations. Perhaps the most important influence on the relationship is the attitudes, both of the family and of society in general, toward animals that the child is exposed to during its early formative years.

In this country, at least in the South of England, our childhood world is peopled by bears, bunnies, robins, pussies, doggies, and peculiar fantasy creatures such as Winnie - the - Pooh — all talking faultless English, some dressed as humans, none showing any overt physical sexual characteristics. In the North of England I think it is different—as a clue, I couldn't possibly imagine any spotless bunny rabbit dressed in a flouncy skirt and mop cap nibbling lettuces at the bottom of our garden in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. The influence of these humanized animals on our subsequent psychological life has never been fully explored—certainly it must be quite important in determining our future attitudes toward animals.

England is undoubtedly a pets paradise, and there can be few people who have not kept a pet at some time or other in their lives—consequently to speak of the psychology of the pet owner is akin to talking as if the minds of

say 30 or 40 million people were much the same. Clearly every type of personality, every type of psychological relationship can exist between man and animals. The great majority of your pets and their owners are of course, perfectly normal animals and people—motivated *inter alia* by needs for food and security on the one hand, and by needs for a simple type of love, obedience, amusement or service on the other.

Psychology and psychiatry need not be added to your curriculum for you to understand the majority of your pets and their owners. But there are times when special relationships exist, and it is of these that I would like to talk to you today. They may be considered from two aspects—that of the animal and that of the human.

## All so different

I think it is true to say that we know far too little of the mental processes of animals, despite the vast amount of experimental work that has been carried out in animal psychology. Over and over again we find papers written on say the psychology of the cat, or the dog, and other domestic animals—as if all cats and dogs were the same—there are surely as many different psychological types in animals as there are in humans.

Little has been written on mental diseases in animals—but just recently a French book on

animal psychiatry has been published, which despite its imperfections, highlights the need for further work in this field. At times the animal itself provides the main pathological features in the relationship. . . .

Now for the relationships determined more by the man than the animal. The first I shall call the exhibitionistic. Here the animal serves to satisfy the exhibitionistic desires of his master or mistress. The choice of pet for instance—a chien de luxe, as the French call those rare and exquisite creatures carried more commonly by ladies but sometimes by men, pekinese, papillons, chihuahuas—serves to draw attention to the owner, as indeed may the jewelled collar, the smart overcoat, the coiffure. . . . If these unfortunate animals take seriously ill, they are often sacrificed quickly, and replaced just as quickly, for this exhibitionistic relationship is a superficial one, and illness threatens the exhibitionistic person too much to be tolerated.

### **Pleasures of breeding**

Sometimes, however, the reaction is different—for although the pet is chosen in much the same way, the human's relation with the animal is a narcissistic one. That is to say, the animal serves as a reflection of the owner's personality, and emotions, just as Narcissus looked in the pool and was fascinated by the image he saw.

We find this situation particularly in the "fancier"—whether of the show ring, the greyhound track, the field trial, or the course. The breeder who starts a new strain, the successful pigeon fancier or cage bird enthusiast; the champion dog handler all may obtain immense satisfaction from

the successes of their animal or bird. In our jargon a narcissistic identification occurs—which may be a source of immense pleasure. The veterinarian will be particularly valued—second opinions are sought if necessary, and no expense is spared in caring for the animal in question.

### **Selfish love**

Self love often produces excessive self care and hypochondriacal attitudes; after all, if the most valued object is oneself, then no pains can be spared in looking after oneself. If the animal takes seriously ill, the owner's mental equilibrium is dangerously menaced, just as if the man himself were threatened. Paradoxically the animal's loss may be quickly accepted, for no really strong emotional bond exists except inasmuch as the animal is a reflection of the owner's own self esteem and self gratification, which is almost immediately diverted into some other object. . . .

### **Rescue fantasy**

A more pathological relationship but of a similar nature, is the collection of animals to save them from hunger or ill-treatment. Cats, dogs, horses and donkeys can all become the objects of salvation. I have seen two old ladies who collected every cat in the district. I visited both in their homes at the request of the husbands, who considered their wives to be suffering from a cat mania.

The homes of the two ladies I visited were quite remarkable—flaps had been cut into all the doors so that the cats could pass freely all over the house, the kitchen was almost entirely devoted to the cooking of fish, and that peculiar smell associated with cats pervaded the house.

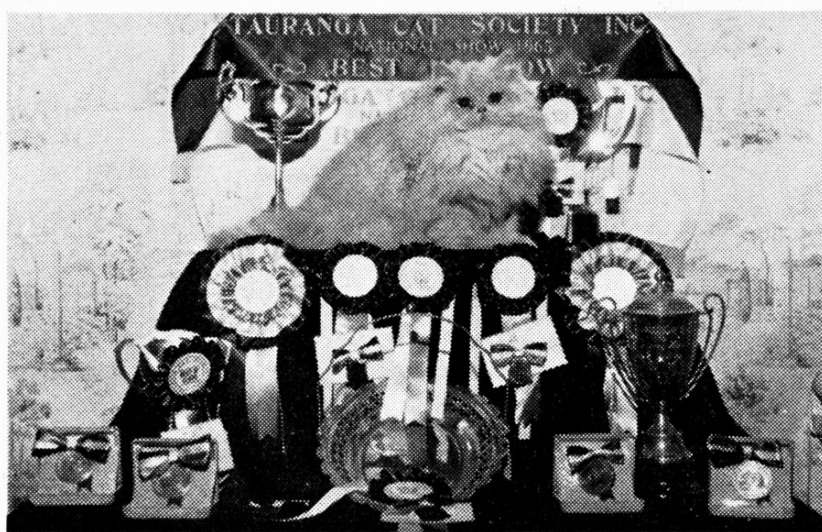
The toilet needs of the animals were provided for also in every room.

I could find no mental abnormality in either lady—both were childless, and both had begun their “cat mania” over the age of 60. The poor husbands were desperate and indeed one of them felt the only course would be to certify his wife. The cats completely pre-occupied the old ladies—who preferred them to the husbands. These were two middle class individuals with no financial stress.

At times, however, such individuals can neglect themselves in order to feed their cats, the household can decay into a state of filth and squalor, so that ultimately the R.S.P.C.A. may have to be called in. The odd thing is that usually no mental abnormality can be found. Probably I think, there is a relationship here with the normal rescue fantasy, which Freud first described. Most of us have imagined being involved in some sort of rescue attempt—in certain cases these fantasies become acted

upon in an abnormal way, and we get the man who tries to rescue and reform prostitutes, criminals or alcoholics. In a similar way the rescue of broken down horses or donkeys in the Middle East, or stray cats or dogs may be a derivative of this rescue fantasy.

Lastly, is the choice of pet any significance in assessing its owner’s personality? The old Chinese gentleman taking out his bird for an airing is quite a common sight in China—there is no room for anything else in his crowded home, and no money or food for anything bigger. Social and economic factors are the most usual determinants of the choice of pet. The possession of an unusual pet, considering the individual’s social and economic background, will make us look more closely at the pet owner. I shall look forward to the day when, as in child psychiatry, the little patient is relegated to the cage or kennel, the owner climbs on your couch, and you settle down to the analysis of why he keeps a pet, and why he doesn’t pay your bills.



**One from the top shelf in New Zealand. PEMBROKE WOODLAND PHANTASY, a lovely Cream kitten, was bred by Messrs A. C. Slade and S. M. Dick, of Hamilton, from imported English sire Ch. Woodland Mischief and Ch. Lindisfarne Lotus. Phantasy was shown 9 times last year and won 8 Best in Show awards and a Best Opposite Sex under 9 different judges. Surely a youngster with a future!**

# ONE-NIGHT & MORNING

By **DOREEN CLANCHY**

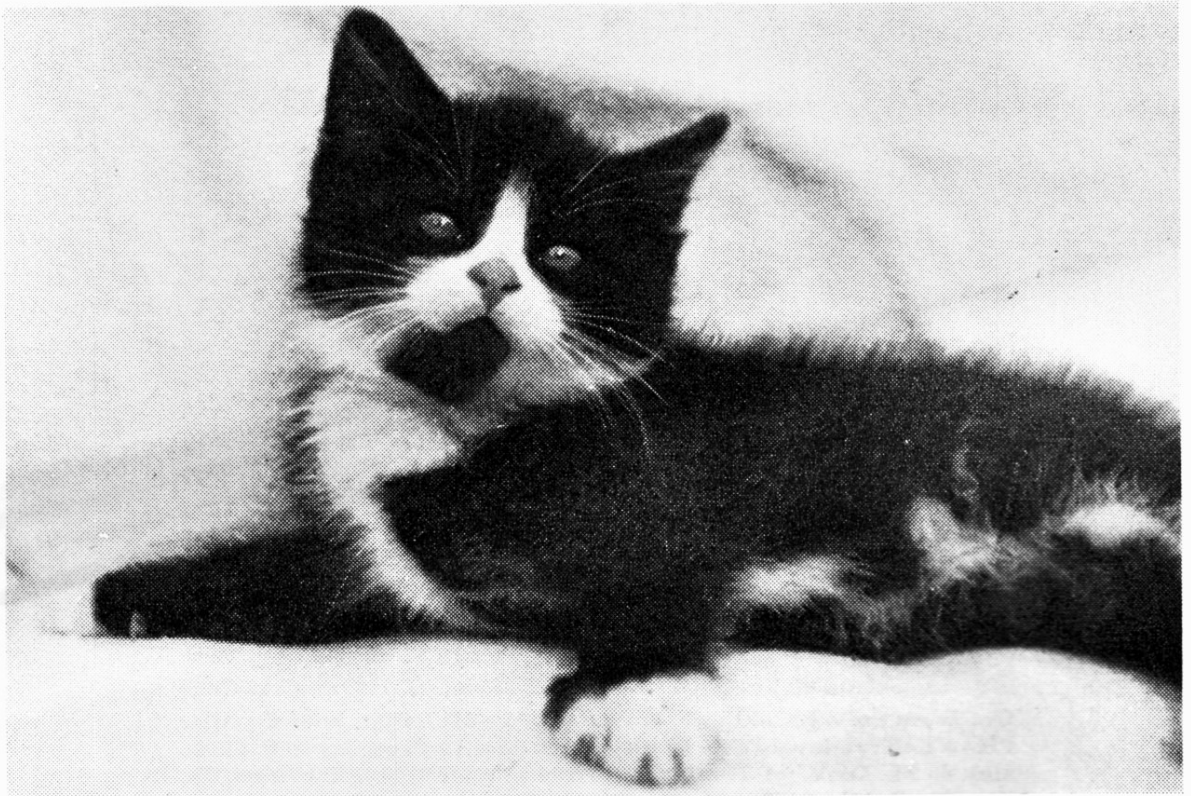
“**H**E’LL need some pills”, said the vet when he had finished examining our family pet. “One—night and morning”, he added, handing me an envelope. Then he went on: “Do you know how to give a cat a pill?” I hesitated, remembering the only previous occasion I had tried. I *thought* I had given the cat a pill, but some ten minutes later I discovered the tablet on the hearthrug where the cat was regarding it with a very smug expression.

“I’ll demonstrate in slow motion”, offered the vet, when I had confessed my doubts. “First, you want someone to hold the animal for you”. A pretty girl in a clean white overall came forward. With the cat sitting upright

on the end of the table with his back to her, she took a firm grip on his front legs just below the shoulder.

“Now”, said the vet, taking Kitty’s head in one hand; “tip the head right back. This is very important”. He opened the jaw with thumb and forefinger of the same hand, and with the other popped the pill right into the back of the throat. “Bring the head forward again and rub gently under the chin to help the pill go down”, he concluded. The cat appeared to swallow and after a moment the vet said “We’ll just open up again to make sure it’s gone”; whereupon the cat spat the pill out on to the table. We hooted with laughter.

First round to Kitty!



**AUGUSTUS ADOLPHUS SEXTUS (alias “Kitty”) who finally accepted his pill without demur.**



Not in the least disconcerted, the vet gently, but firmly, again took hold of the cat's head, repeating the routine more quickly this time. When it seemed certain that man had the last laugh, Kitty was returned to his carrier and we left the surgery.

I must now apologize to the vet for half expecting to find the small yellow tablet at the bottom of the box when we arrived home.

Shortly before bed time, I suggested that my husband might like to help me give the cat a pill. "Is it going to be as difficult as squirting drops in his ear?" he asked. (Did you know that a cat can close its ears? Ours can!). "Oh, this should be quite simple. The vet showed me the trick", I assured him.

I explained how to hold the cat's front legs. That was fine; but somehow, Kitty managed to find a way of getting the back ones into action, and in no time at all, Master was ruefully inspecting the scratches on his hand. "Let's change over", I suggested. "I'll hold him and you administer the pill". I didn't seem to be very expert at passing on the information I had been given, for Kitty sat with his jaws firmly clamped together. When my husband finally prized an opening, his finger was promptly bitten.

We tried again, I tucked Kitty under one arm and gripped his front legs with my hand. With the other hand I tipped his head back and rather to my surprise, opened his mouth almost as deftly as the vet had demonstrated. "Now the pill, quick", I urged.

From what he judged was a safe distance, my husband aimed the pill at the opening. Had he been playing basket ball, he might have scored a goal, but the pill landed just slightly off centre at the back

of the pink mouth. With a flick of his tongue, Kitty was again in control.

By this time we had all had enough and I was considering the alternative. "If you *can't* get it in", the vet had said, "crush the pill, mix it with butter and spread it on the fur of his front paws".

A few minutes later, just to show he bore no ill feelings, Kitty jumped on to my lap and arranged himself in his favourite position on top of the book I was reading. I took the pill in the palm of my hand and showed it to him. He sniffed at it, then turned his head away. He was quite relaxed as I stroked him. I rested my hand on his head for a moment and he looked up at me.

Before he knew what was happening, I had opened his mouth and inserted the pill. As I lowered his head and rubbed the white patch under his chin he began to purr. Then he swallowed. He hadn't so much as tensed his body or hooked his claws into the nylon-clad knee on which they rested.

Kitty had taken his pill.

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Mrs. Frances B. Diorio, President of the Montreal Cat Fanciers' Association, is the only Canadian judge with the American Cat Association. She was recently at a New York show and when her judging duties were finished one of the exhibitors handed her the following little poem, which bore the heading "Delilah judges Frances":

I sat in my cage and looked and said,  
She's as good as me—with a real pretty  
head.

If I were Judge and she were Cat  
I'd say she's best—no doubt of that.  
When I looked in her eyes—I saw inside  
Real nice things that she couldn't hide  
And I got mad—and I swore "Oh!  
fudge"

Why can't a cat give a win to a judge?

# PUSSCATS IN THE PINK

By JOANNA MACKAY

**A**WFUL pun excused — the four cats belonging to Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Minister of Overseas Development, live in a bright pink house in Hampstead, N.W. London. It is situated in one of the prettiest roads in London in the heart of a cat-minded neighbourhood. They are loved and cherished by the whole family, though love of cats runs most strongly on Mrs. Greenwood's side. Her mother is a distinguished miniaturist, who has painted all the cats when on visits to her daughter. Mrs. Greenwood herself has made some charming drawings.

The cats are Pucci, Rousseau, Gabriella (Gabby) and Mirabelle. Pucci, now 15, is a huge brown, long-haired tabby, who came as a kitten when the family first looked

out for one. He has been described as the most beautiful cat in Hampstead and the gooseberry-eyed wonder. He does not boss the other cats, perhaps because he is rather elderly. When the second one arrived, he was somewhat put out, but now seems to like the company. All four are reported to get on in a rather detached way.

Number two was Rousseau, supposed to be after the Douanier Rousseau the Sunday painter, but also after the rather "nervy" Franco-Swiss philosopher. He is a tidy tabby-and-white, who walked in, some years back. He is believed to be about four.

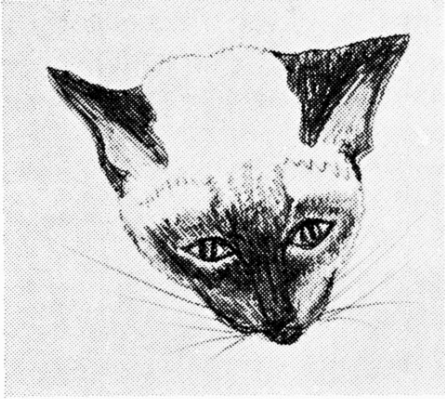
Three-year-old Gabriella (or Gabby) is the Siamese, who receives all the publicity and



**PUCCI is a huge brown longhaired tabby . . . described as "the gooseberry-eyed wonder".**

appears in newspaper photographs. She came through the post one year as a Christmas present from Mr. Greenwood's agent.

Finally, there is Mirabelle, the youngest, who came from just up the road. "We foolishly bought her", says Mrs. Greenwood, insisting that they had quite enough cats already. She is charming and shy.



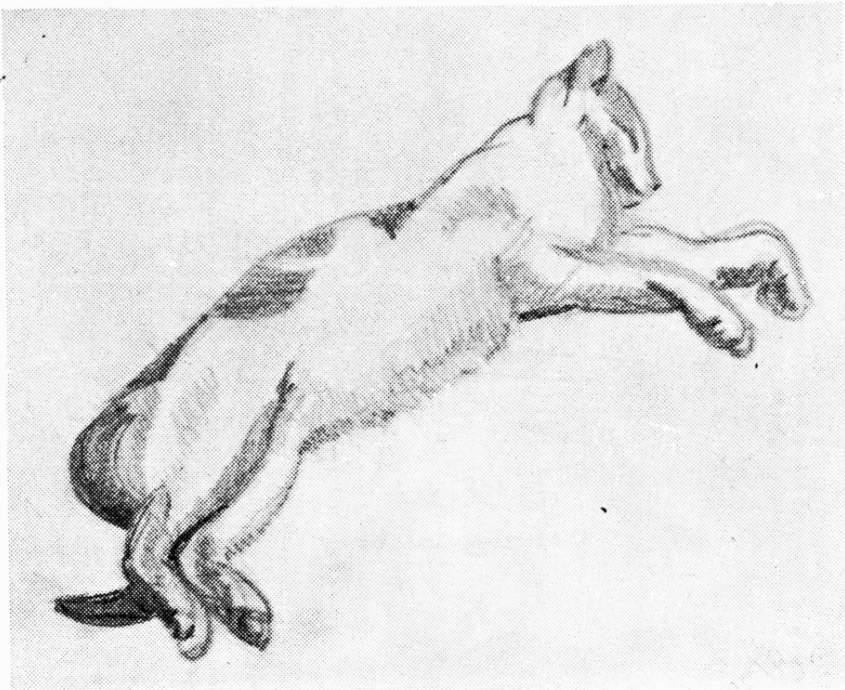
**Gabby, the Siamese, gets all the publicity.**

Pucci and Rousseau are boys, the others are girls and they are all neutered. "You have to", Mrs. Greenwood agrees, saying that she has never bred cats and would hate to give away the kittens.

Nor has she shown. She does not think she would want to—even when assured that it is always the judge who is at fault, never darling pussy!

The cats eat meat, fish, occasionally tinned food and Felix. Gabby is the faddy one, who will only take fish and Felix. Her requirements have to be met. In fact, all the cats have special needs and everyone a different temperament. Mirabelle is charming when one is alone with her, Pucci loves playing in an old basket, Rousseau is rather nervous. He used to be worse, when a reclaimed stray, but kindness and gentleness have worked wonders.

As might be expected, the Greenwood cats are indulged—no one is expected to get up for an odd job about the house if nursing a cat. On the other hand, they do not sleep in or on their owners' beds. A line has to be drawn somewhere. Instead, they all sleep downstairs, where there is a cat flap in the kitchen door, cutting out all need for earth boxes. It amuses Mrs. Greenwood



to recall that the aperture had to be enlarged when Pucci's figure spread with the years.

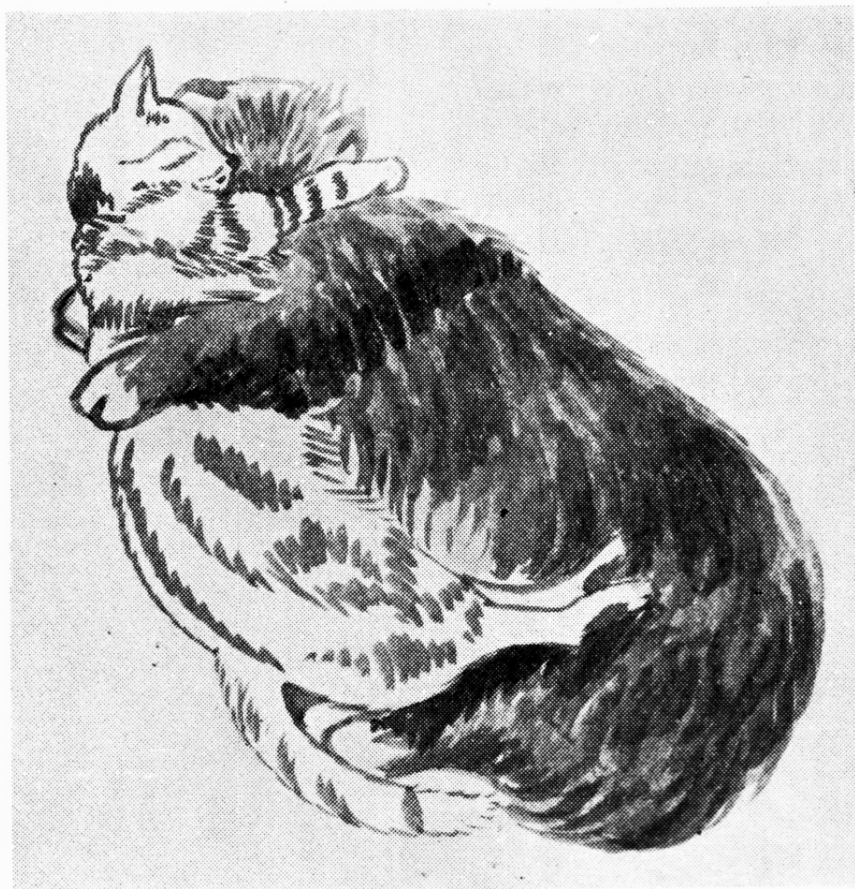
Someone always comes in to look after the cats when the family are away, so that they have never had to do any travelling. They will come in a body to the end of the road for a little walk, though Gabby "lost her bones" when attempts were made to take her out on a lead.

The four pussies have had few ailments, though Rousseau was once run over and broke his leg, while the two other older ones were knocked out by cars, but recovered. Pucci still won't have his head touched. The vet said

that the sharp lesson was a good thing and they certainly seem to be careful of traffic (of which there is too much in Downshire Hill for feline comfort).

While they are not keen hunters on the whole, a bird was found under the television set at least once and Gabby seemed most interested in that corner of the room afterwards.

There are no cat statuettes or pictures in the house, as Mrs. Greenwood likes live cats, not cat "things". She likes some cat books, having very much enjoyed *Thomasina*, also *The Incredible Journey*.



**Goodnight !**

# ON VITAMINS

## A guide to correct feeding

**We give below some interesting extracts from a lecture given to members of the Dutch FELIKAT by Ir. L. Bolhuis, a vitamin expert of the Philips-Duphar Drug Company:**

“What will a cat eat when providing its own diet? Rodents, varying in size from rabbits to mice, and birds. Perhaps the tastiest tit-bit of this diet is a mouse. Beasts of prey eat their victims with skin and hair plus the entrails and intestinal content which consists of plant matter. Therefore, the cat is not entirely a meat eater. He is able to use carbohydrates, but to a limited extent. Most important, the cat has to have protein rich food. And as he becomes older the needs per lb. of body weight decrease, just as with man”.

“**Protein:** An adult cat needs about 21/2 grams protein per lb. body weight per day. This should account for about 21% of the daily rations. Kittens should have 30/50% of their daily diet in protein form”.

“**Fat:** Here the need is surprisingly large—10/30% of the daily diet. Fat aids the absorption of Vitamin A, thereby reducing the need of supplying this vitamin in large and unnecessary quantities. A diet high in fat increases the need for more Vitamin B2”.

“**Calories (Energy):** Here also we assume older cats need less food in the form of energy. Kittens under 10 weeks require approx. 125 calories per lb. body-weight per day. At 10 weeks the equivalent figure is 75-80 calories, at 6 months approx. 50 calories and at the adult stage approx. 30-40 calories”.

“**Carbohydrates:** According to Scott it is possible to produce excellent growth and extremely fertile cats on a diet solely consisting of meat (along with vitamins and minerals). It thereby follows that carbohydrates are not *per se* necessary as a diet component. For financial reasons

it is often necessary to supplement a meat diet with such things as old brown bread, which is acceptable for the cat. Gershoff feels that when sufficient food is given containing protein and fat, the remaining energy needed may be given in the form of carbohydrates”.

“**Minerals:** Not much is known about the exact needs of minerals concerning the cat. In tests with controlled diets it has been seen that a 2-4% mineral mixture gives good results. A mixture of 1:1 calcium-phosphorous in the total amount seems ideal. Although cats are apt to develop kidney and gall stones, it appears from Dickenson's experiments that these are not necessarily caused by a high mineral content in the diet. A low iodine content in the diet can cause fetus resorption or abortion in the middle or later stages of pregnancy, in spite of the fact that a normal fertilization has taken place. The explanation for this is that during pregnancy the nutritional needs increase and at some point the lack of iodine in relation to bodily needs becomes apparent, although earlier in pregnancy the iodine needs were fulfilled. There seems to be a connection between the calcium and iodine supplies. A sufficient iodine level is able to bind the calcium in the body. In nature the prey of the cat is completely devoured, including the skeleton, thereby insuring a proper supply of minerals. With most of our house cats it is necessary to supplement the daily diet with minerals. Through investigation, it seems that proper feeding with vitamin and mineral supplements will bring a longer life span and healthier kittens to our cat family”.

### Vitamin essentials

“**Vitamin A:** 1600-1900 International Units Vitamin A per cat per day. This amount is very important for the mucous

membranes. If the bodily needs are not met, these protective membranes lose their function (to varying degrees depending on the amount of Vitamin A present) with the result that bacteria can get into the blood stream causing lung and uterus infections, etc., different infectious diseases and, in general, inflamed gums. The cat cannot form Vitamin A out of carotene which is found in most vegetables, therefore it should be given directly in a fat solvent, or emulsified in water (which is more expensive but taken up more easily by the cat). Prolonged overdoses of Vitamin A can lead to difficulties with the cat's coat".

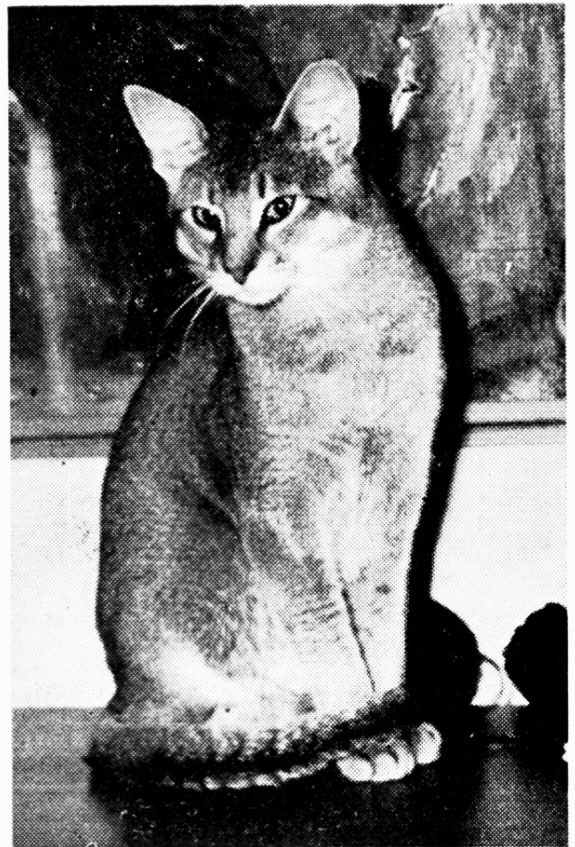
**"Vitamin B:** There are various deviating ideas concerning the Vitamin B complex and the amounts needed. A shortage of Vitamin B1 leads to weight loss and convulsions. A diet of merely canned food or exclusively raw fish can bring about a Vit. B1 deficiency. In general, it is a safe rule *not* to feed solely fish two days running. Vit. B1 is also

lost as a natural element of food by overheating. It is best to give a B1 supplement each day to the amount of .4-2 milligrams per day. A deficiency of B2 can cause testicle atrophy in males. When the fat content of the diet is increased, more Vit. B2 is necessary. A ration of .5 mg. per day is probably sufficient. Vitamin C does not appear necessary for our cats".

**"Vitamin D:** It is usually not necessary to worry about a deficiency of this vitamin. Practically all cats receive enough of it.

**"Vitamin E:** The need of Vitamin E is dependent on the amount of fat and unsaturated fatty acids in the diet. It is important for fertility in cats. A deficiency can cause steatitis paired with listlessness, dullness, apathy, difficulty in moving and a hardening of the subcutaneous fat. 7-10 International Units a day should be enough to ensure good health".

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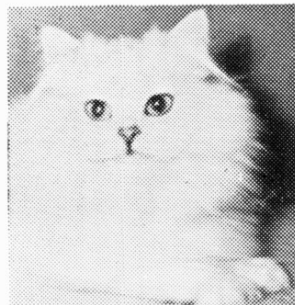
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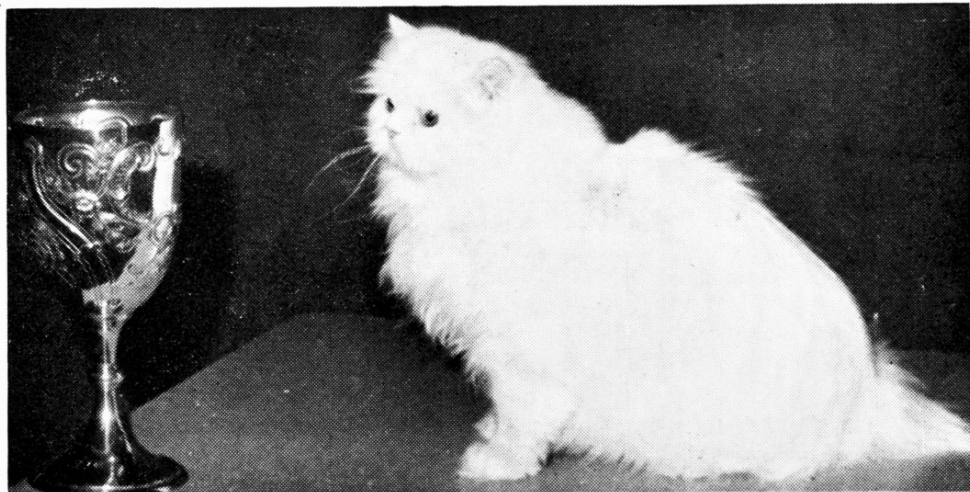
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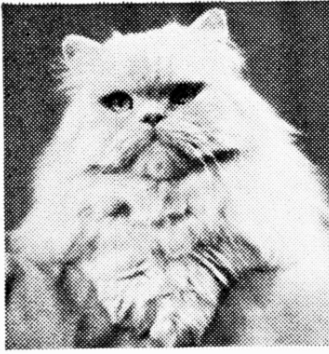
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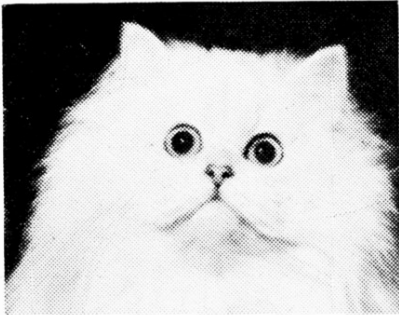
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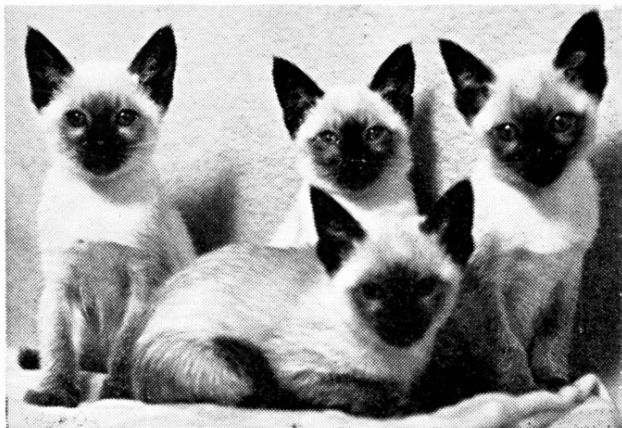
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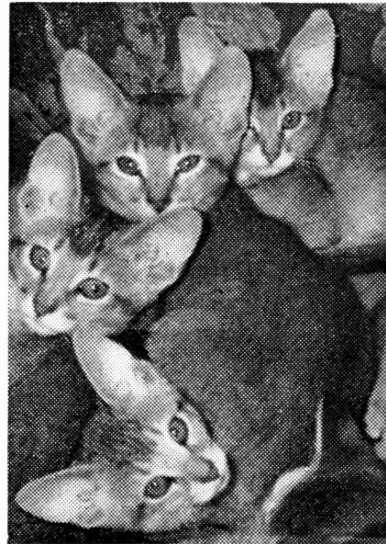
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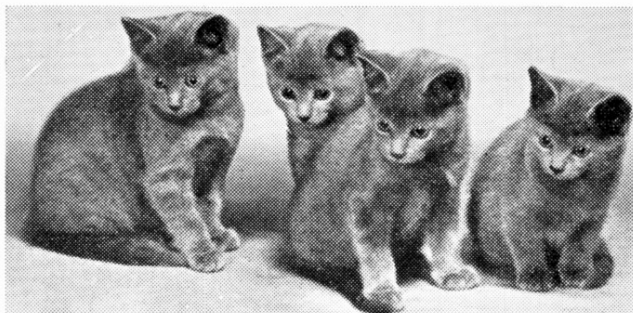


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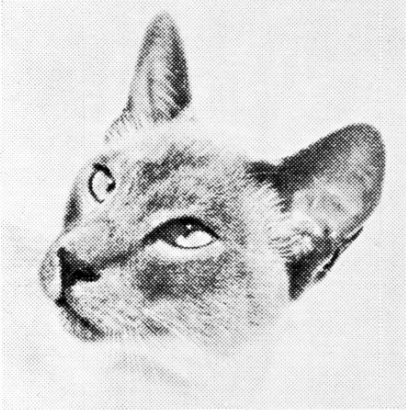


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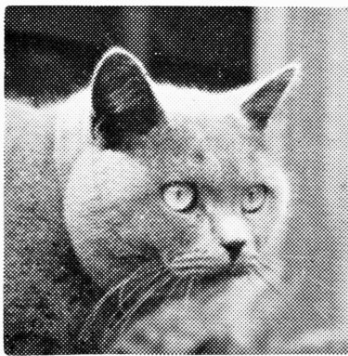
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## A monthly diary by JOAN THOMPSON, International judge

THE marked catalogue which Show Manager Mrs. M. Johnson kindly sent me a few days after the second Championship Show of the Wessex Cat Club at Bournemouth on March 23rd unfortunately did not reach me. So it has made these notes late as a second copy was not available until early May. However, it was so unusual for this country to grant Ch. status for such a late fixture, and the number of exhibits so far exceeded expectation that the winners must be reported.

Over 400 cats and kittens entered indicates that there are sufficient to make competition keen and that we can prolong our Ch. shows into early Spring. Later fixtures also give the kittens born early the previous year the opportunity, if they are good enough, to complete their Championship status instead of their owners remaining on the *qui vive* until the next Winter season. This applies especially to Longhairs whose litters usually arrive in late April or May.

Although the major Ch. shows are held in Europe from September to March there are occasional ones later in the year. In America the March and April numbers of *U.S.A. Cats Magazine* lists fourteen in March, ten in April, three in May and four in June. July is the only month without a Championship show and they commence again in August. These include some in Canada.

The exhibits at Bournemouth overflowed into the annexe but there was space to move around and Mrs. Johnson must have been very pleased to see so many spectators to crown her arduous work with success.

Best Cat in Show—Miss E. Sellar's Orange-eyed White male Coylum Marcus by Ch. Deebank Talisman and Ch. Pilgrim Mayflower. Congratulations also on the completion of his Championship

at one year. Best Longhair Kitten—Miss E. Sellar's Blue-eyed White male Snowcloud Echo by Snowcloud Angelo and Snowcloud Ice Maiden; Best L.H. Neuter—Mr. Griffin's Black Kala Nikki by Ch. Kala Nepeta and Perivale Angela; Best Shorthair Cat—Mr. Beever's British Blue male Ch. Fendale Mirage by Ch. Jezreel Janty and Ch. Broughton Arabella. Best S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Warren's Chestnut Brown Foreign male Senlac Candy Box by Ch. Senlac Chatterbox and Eluynne Kandy Bar; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Willson-Barrett's British Blue Bonaventura Cleo by Jezreel Jeremy and Bonaventura Prudence; Best Siamese Cat—Mrs. Owen's S.P. male Sohpar Matador by Whiteoaks Malahide and Campbell Fleur; Best Siamese Kitten—Mrs. Denny's C.P. male Samsara Dante by Praha Andante Maestoso and Random Rosebud; Best Siamese Neuter—Mrs. Forrest's S.P. Dunchattan Little Warrior by Ch. Windale Derri and Yalda Yla.

Only the adult cats who are awarded Challenge Certificates are quoted in all my notes. When these are withheld in Open Classes their owners probably prefer to have their names omitted.

### Longhair C.C. winners

Among the Longhair adults honoured were Mrs. Roden's Black male Sonata Tesoro by Ch. Deebank Mascot; Mrs. Damczyk's Blue-eyed White female Charmina Zaisie by Charmina Zircon. Blue Longhairs made a brave show with eight males headed by Mrs. Graham's Borrowdale Romeo by Ch. Orion of Pensford, an exciting win for his owner to complete Romeo's Championship at eleven months. He was followed by another very good male Mrs. Brunton's Sugar Daddy of Dunesk by Ch. Camber

Mario. Sixteen Blue females exceeded our expectations for so late in the season. In some cases their coats were past their best but the "typey" cats and those who excelled in eye colour came into their own, namely Mrs. Rees' Camber Donna (by Camber Gavin) followed by Mrs. Wright's Diana of Pensford and some other very good females.

Mrs. Barron's Cream male Ch. Dalan Sabin by Ch. Camber Mario won and Mrs. Macdonald's Cream female Dooneen Blythe Spirit by Ch. Hendras Chamois, both looking well. Blue-Creams produced a veteran winner born in 1959—Miss Woodthorpe's Ch. Ashdown Clematis by Woburn Sunshine.

No Silver or Brown Tabby adults were entered but Mrs. Paddon bred the two good Brown Tabby kittens who were first and second—Mrs. Absalom's Trelystan Prase. The winning Red Tabby adults were Mrs. Robinson's Baytor Bright Flame by Ch. Arcamor Scamp and Mrs. Rosell's female Redmire Tango by Coppernob of Carne. Mrs. Robinson also won in Tortoiseshells with Comari Persian Garden.

Mrs. M. Rolls had pleasing wins with her Chinchillas by Poldenhills Merlin, namely Pasha Sheba Conqueror and Pasha Sheba Princess. Miss Woodfield's well known Tortoiseshell and Whites were

headed by Ch. Pathfinders Kelpie by Pathfinders Gnome.

Mrs. Harding won in Colourpoints with Mingchin Shan by Ch. Briarry Zorab, who also sired Mrs. Nicholas's winning female Osiris Nefretiti, a cat so pleasing in type.

In British Shorthairs Mrs. J. Richards won in Cream males with Ch. Pensylva Pinkerton and in Blue-Creams with Ch. Broughton Jane by Danehurst Peter. Only one black S.H. adult was entered—Mr. and Mrs. Crewe's female Petus Peach and in Whites Lady Glubb's male Heartsease White Velvet, both winners.

Other S.H. adults to be awarded C.C.s were Mrs. Cartwright's female Silver Tabby Culverden Azay; Miss Woodfield's Tortie and White Pathfinders Misty; Miss Williams' Manx male Dreamskerry Blue Starshine; Mrs. Petre's Russian Blue female Ch. Blue Willow.

Brown Burmese had a pleasing entry judged by Mrs. Merry with Mrs. Bentinck's male Ch. Coppystone Luntha by Benroc Buckthorn heading an Open Class of seven; and Mr. and Mrs. Bareford's female Jongela Imogen by Outerwood Benemino first in a class of fourteen.

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### Excellent Siamese

The Siamese entry was excellent with some good cats to grace this last Ch. Show of the season. Mrs. Anderson's Tempo Firebird by Ch. Sabukia Sirocco headed a class of fifteen S.P. females and in B.P.'s the winners were Mrs. Peck's Ch. Tailong Blue Pierrot by Ch. Tailong Kuli and Mrs. Hunt's female Ch. Cindy Sogai by Browndreys Cheong. Lilac Points have increased this season and the adult male class had ten exhibits, also the female. The winners were Mr. and Mrs. Macauley's Seraphim Sinbad by Doneraile Blue Pax and Mrs. Lovett's female Rivendell Lilac Manor by Ch. Scintilla Apollo. Chocolate Points were amalgamated and Mr. Burlton's male Pynung Nizefello by Tiki Honey won. In addition to Mr. Griffin's Best L.H. Neuter award he also won with his Chinchilla Brocton's Alexander by Ch. Fidelio of Allington, these awards I believe completed their Premier status.

Two hundred and sixty two specials were offered by clubs, business firms and individuals so the Show was well supported by breeders, clubs and the public.

One veteran among the cats presented for exhibition must be mentioned. She was the Blue Pr. Yewhatch Jesse (by Gwynn of Allington)—a credit to her owners the Misses Marshall at 14 years.

### A move

Mr. and Mrs. Reid have recently moved to Mid-Higham, Kent, on Mr. Reid's retirement. Everything was planned so that their Blue Persians should not be disturbed too much. Although Ch. Briaric Beauty their male has always had excellent accommodation they decided all must be ready for him in his new home

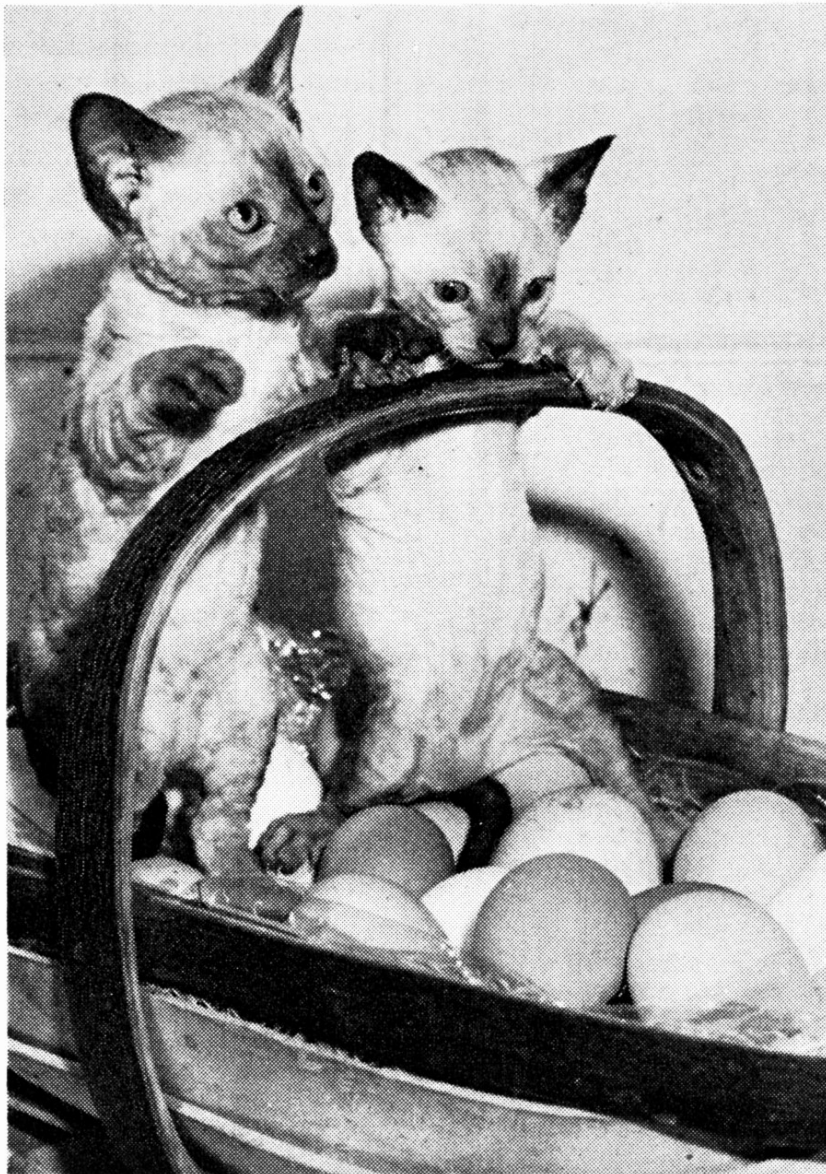
so a few days after their removal I saw him happily installed in a new cedar house with electric lighting and heating.

His run was a type it would be a pleasure to see all stud cats enjoy, spacious and with his house in the centre so he could reconnoitre all round it. The wire netting was neatly put on wooden battens at short intervals well above human heads and no sagging wire netting anywhere. Of course, such housing is costly but considering few males can be kept as house pets this is the sort of accommodation they deserve.

The Blue queens were with us when we had tea and were so settled they might have been born in their new home. However, they were kept in for several days and then what fun they will have in the wood which extends beyond their garden.

### **Safety moves?**

There are proposals, with which all cat lovers must be in sympathy. They are to establish: (a) A Register of Stud Owners;



*Derek Davis*

**The Siamese-type Rex have recently made their appearance and here are two of the first, bred from black Rex hybrids by Mrs. K. Lidyard, of Charing, Kent. The grand-sire is Mrs. A. E. Ashford's Rex stud Broughm and the grand-dam a Siamese. Their names are Mallorca Tamsui and Mallorca Sicat. We learn also that other Siamese-Rex kittens have been bred in the West by Mrs. M. Knight, of Truro, Cornwall.**



(b) A Register of Breeders and (quote), "It will be necessary to devise a method of inspection of premises".

Surely owners of well kept cats would welcome this innovation!

Mrs. Kent, Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club pointed out at the A.G.M. that the owners of queens should satisfy themselves that conditions are suitable before taking or sending queens away to be mated. If the Register was compiled, however, it would be a comfort to know that the stud cats living conditions had been approved by a responsible person if one was unable to take the queen.

There are other factors which one would like to "pin down", such as: Are queens to be limited to the number the males of our choice can accommodate with enthusiasm and are they fed on a really nutritious and varied diet such as raw beef, cooked rabbit and white fish, but for such details we have to trust the

stud owners and observe for ourselves if the males look in tip top condition when, and if, they are exhibited. Whenever possible it is always best to travel with our queens.

## **New journal for Persians**

A copy of the U.S.A. publication *United Persian Quarterly* has just arrived. Editor Mrs. Richard Maier and Associate Editor Mr. James Frankenberger reside in Illinois.

An appointment of interest to British Longhair breeders is that Mrs. C. Dugdale, Hon. Secretary of our Longhair Cream and Blue-Cream Association is the foreign editor. She writes in this second issue an appreciation of Mrs. Brunton who contributes an interesting article tracing her successful career as a Blue breeder from 1923 and from 1957 when

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she decided to breed Creams and Blue-Creams. She sent her pale Blue queen Cherryblossom of Dunesk (by Adrian of Pensford) to Miss Sheppard's Cream male Ch. Widdington Winterstar. This mating produced among others a lovely Blue-Cream Damask of Dunesk, who is the mother of some outstanding Creams and Blue-Creams.

Many of us who were at Olympia in 1958 will remember her Cream male kitten Cream Cracker of Dunesk (by Ch. Oscar of Pensford), who was Best Cream Kitten and winner of several firsts. He


was destined to go to California and to make his mark as a sire. The descendants of Cream Cracker of Dunesk and Zoda Frivolous of Pensford, a Cream male of similar breeding, have produced many outstanding winners in U.S.A. particularly in California and I have received some delightful letters about their progeny.

British Longhair breeders who are interested in this journal can obtain particulars from the Circulation Manager Mrs. C. D. Specht, 4641 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois, U.S.A.



## Tailpieces

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



**P**RINCESS Marina, Duchess of Kent, opened this month the new P.D.S.A. Animals' Hospital at Garngibboch House on the southern outskirts of Cumbernauld. This hospital, the first of its kind in Scotland, cost £25,000 to build and equip. It has the most modern facilities for the treatment of all types of domestic pets. Resident staff will be available for night calls and other emergencies. The P.D.S.A. work in Scotland continues to grow and last year over 74,000 cases were treated in the static and mobile dispensaries.

Twenty-five years ago! Thousands of signatures were obtained by Our Dumb Friends' League in response to a petition calling for the taxing of cats. It was estimated that a million pounds could be raised for the war effort by quite a modest tax on Britain's six million cats.

One of the decisions taken at the last annual gathering of FIFE member clubs, held in Switzerland, was that future

international shows must have at least one judge of foreign nationality. Madame M. Ravel, now President and former General Secretary, has promised to prepare a historical record of FIFE. When completed, it will be available to all member clubs and individuals in their own language.

Some time ago we were reading a report from Australia stating that New South Wales has an estimated population of one million cats, with some 30,000 having pedigreed status. We are wondering if the local Cat Protection Society has staged another of their annual alley cat shows. This fixture has grown tremendously in popularity over the past three years. In May last year there were about 400 entries and class winners received awards in the form of a satin crown and mock ermine cape. Mrs. Beulah Harvey, the Society's energetic president, says that with all the development going on the stray cat population is growing tremendously.

The age of chivalry has not passed. During 1965 the R.S.P.C.A. received 238 reports relating to acts of gallantry on behalf of animals. Many instances reported had to do with brave acts by children. Very rightly the Society feels that acts of courage to save animals in distress should be recorded with pride. Its advice to young children is: If you see an animal in need of help, it is right that you should feel that something should be done. But do not take foolhardy risks. Tell an adult!"

"We have been correctly described as a nation of animal lovers and this House must justly be proud of the part it has played in helping to create that reputation. We have a history, particularly in recent years, of passing legislation expressive of the proper concern of our people with the welfare of animals. The point has just been made that a nation can be judged, in terms of its greatness, by how it treats those in need. This can be equally validly applied to the way in which we treat animals. I am, therefore, grateful for the opportunity of drawing the House's attention to what I consider to be a loophole in the provisions which we make to safeguard the welfare of

animals. I refer, in particular, to the growing concern of animal welfare societies and animal lovers about the increasing number of losses of pets, particularly dogs and cats". Extract from a speech in the House of Commons by Mr. Harold Walker, M.P. for Doncaster.

A coalman and his wife appearing before the Solihull magistrates pleaded guilty to a charge of wilfully abandoning four cats. They were each fined £10 and ordered to pay costs amounting to a total of £11 13s. 6d. A lady on her way to work had heard the cats crying in a house.




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# CATS BY THE HUNDRED \*

*“Great cats, small cats, lean cats, brawny cats,  
Brown cats, black cats, grey cats, tawny cats . . .”*

SO might Robert Browning have written had he visited the Tamboerskloof home of Stella, Lady Bailey. He might have added, “wooden cats, bronze cats, porcelain and pottery cats, —and cats from almost every country under the sun”. For Lady Bailey, who has adored and kept live cats all her life, is also a collector of models of cats.

Cats of every size, colour, shape and temperament adorn her shelves and cabinets, sprawl over her floors and grin, leer or simper from nooks and corners.

Since her beloved pair of 14-year-olds, Jicky, the ginger, and Rudolph, the tabby died, she has not been able to bear to replace them with living pets. The 150 cats in her home are silent and motionless, though many of them look ready to leap into action at any moment.

The cat which began her collection was a 150-year-old Tz’uchou, one of the early Sung wares, which was sent to her when she was ill while on a visit to Peking in 1932. It has a collar of bells round its neck, and is a copy of the watch-cats which the ancient Chinese used to guard their houses. It is the rarest and the most valuable cat in her possession. It was joined, several years later, when she was living in England, by a beautiful Copenhagen model, grey and aristocratic.

“That started me off”, Lady Bailey said. She now has a full range of the famous Copenhagen cats, including a ginger playing angrily with his own tail, and a sleeping white cat expressing perfect beatitude.

Cats, apparently, are not as easy to come by as horses and dogs. But Lady Bailey’s family and friends have joined in her search with enthusiasm. Her latest acquisition is Rupert, a placid Italian life-size white pottery cat brought from England by her brother.

Now that her collection is overflowing into all corners of the house, Lady Bailey admits that she is getting a little fussy. Whereas once she pounced on all cats, valuable and cheap—one of her most charming pieces is a group of three bought in a Stellenbosch tea-shop for a tickey, “gold leaf and all”—she now insists on a high standard of line and material.

“What fascinates me is that one form can take so many diverse shapes in the hands of different people”, she said.

Inside her two cabinets, fierce and docile, blue-blooded and alley cats jostle so closely that there is hardly room to steer an exploratory finger. From Cairo came a splendid bronze cat, its ears pierced to take big earrings, a replica of an ancient Egyptian figure, and a tiny bronze amulet, which may be anything up to 2,000 years old.

## A happy hunting ground

By their side sit two bronze cats by famous French artists Fremiet and Cartier, found in the Paris Flea market—which Lady Bailey found a very productive hunting ground. Also by a French artist is a creature affectionately named “the fat cat”, his round face creased with self-esteem.

Another prolific source of supply has been the Grand Parade in Cape Town, where friends found for her a teapot in the shape of a little chocolate brown cat, decorated with an edelweiss. It comes from Thun, Switzerland.

\*Reprinted with acknowledgements to “The Cape Times”

A marvellous find in a Long Street shop was a pair of very old, very rare English china cats, with pointed faces like sheep. Also from a Cape Town shop came a demure Beatrice Potter cat.

In the old Caledonian Market in London she found some of her most treasured pieces—two pairs of the famous Rockingham cats, with gold lustre collars, reclining on cushions, and two pairs of Chelsea cats.

One of her favourites is a beautiful tabby with large tranquil eyes from Rome. But people whose streets are overrun with cats obviously don't go in for feline ornaments. Her long searches through Roman markets yielded only this one cat, while on a recent trip to Istanbul, she could find only a novel creation of pipecleaners, with a fur face, wearing Turkish trousers and sporting a fat, upright bushy tail.

Mr. Chiappini (her brother) assured her that her collection would not be complete without sea-cats (octopi), so he brought her a couple of small red beauties from Venice. From Stratford-on-Avon came a pair of old English cottage cats, a present from actress Gwen Ffranco-Davies. Later from the same friend arrived a charming blue-and-white animal packed in a golden syrup tin and, still later, a widely-grinning Cheshire.

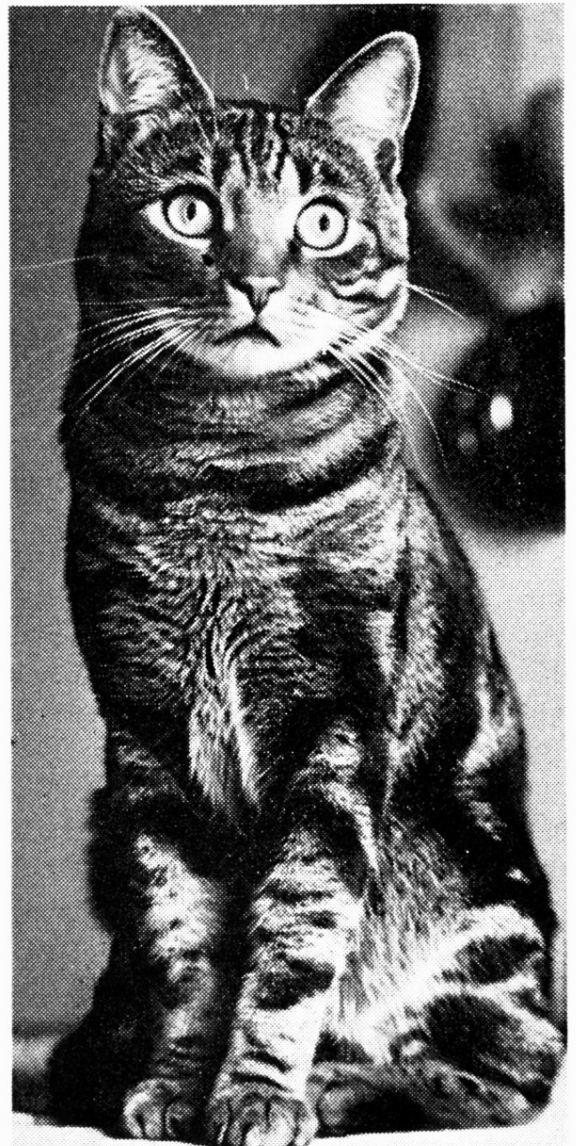
The former Polish Consul in Cape Town, Mr. Jan Majewski, commissioned an artist in Poland to make her a lovely, green-eyed creature with teeth parted in a delicate snarl. And her cook's son, a merchant seaman, brought her a copy of one of the sleeping cats which guard the doorway of a temple in Nikko, Japan.

Other members of her international family include a superb sleeping French cat carved in smooth dark wood; a "clutch" of tiny wooden cats, striking all the endearing attitudes which are peculiar to the breed, from Russia; a cute pepper-pot cat from Potsdam; a blissfully dead-to-the-world Portuguese animal, white, with large gold spots; a Walt Disney-style cat with revolving head and large appealing eyes; an

orchestra of musical cats from Japan; two French adaptations of the famous Rockingham cats; and two delightful Siamese from the Cat Club in Cape Town.

Tucked away in a modest corner are two or three life-like model cats fashioned by herself out of local clay and fired by her friend, Leta Hill.

Lady Bailey now feels that her collection will not be complete without a set of Delft cats from Holland, and she also hankers after a cat and mouse set. "I just missed a beauty in the Paris Flea Market not so long ago," she said.



**This striking Brown Tabby Shorthair is Int. Ch. MISTELGARDENS SVANTE, bred in Sweden by Mrs. Siv Malmberg and shown with great success by his owner Mrs. Inez Tillquist, of Katrineholm. Last year he was made Best Shorthair Cat at two International shows, once by the English judge Miss Val Prentis, Miss Kit Wilson has also rated him highly. Some of Svante's kittens have been exported.**

## REPORT ON A CANADIAN SHOW

CALGARY (home of the famous Stampede) was the venue in February of the 3rd Annual Championship Show jointly sponsored by the Northern Alberta Cat Club of Edmonton and the Southern Alberta Cat Fanciers of Calgary under the sanction of the Canadian Cat Association. Two pleasant days in ideal conditions were enjoyed both by the promoters, exhibitors and visitors.

Judges were Mrs. Betty O'Brien of San Diego, California (a guest judge from the American C.F.A.), Mr. Garnet Lamb, of Rexdale, Ontario, Mrs. Mary Kilborn, of Seattle, Washington, and Mr. L. W. Hanson, of Calgary, who judged the two Speciality shows.

An innovation was a compilation of the wins made by each of the five Best Cats, in order to determine which of the five could be named as Best Cat in the entire show. Honours went to Fergus's Cloudy Sky of Gra-Wood, a lovely Blue-Cream novice, owned by Mrs. Ralph Woodman of Edmonton and bred by Mrs. A. D. Fergus of Oregon, U.S.A.

Other outstanding winners were Mr. and Mrs. R. Newson's F.P. Siamese female Int. Gr. Ch. DiNapoli's Parfei of Millbank; Mr. and Mrs. I. A. V. Maling's Abyssinian male Ch. May-Ling Kinak; Mrs. E. P. Ridge's Blue L.H. kitten Lone Pine Little Gem; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Borrett's blue point Himalayan male Chestermere Chen-Soo; Mrs. Tyas' Blue Cream L.H. Chatami Susette of Rio Vista; Mr. and Mrs. Maling's Silver Tabby male (imp.) Int. Ch. Elvaston Silver Peridot of May-Ling; Mr. W. J. Jeffrey's Burmese male kitten Rio Vista Cochise; Mr. and Mrs. Newson's B.P. Siamese female Di Napoli's Krystal of Millbank; Mrs. C. E. Matthews' S.P. Siamese male Fujiyama.

With the show dates being so near to Valentine's Day, a special Children's Valentine Show was held and these pets

were judged by a local TV personality, Mr. Merv. Claxton, assisted by Miss Carol MacMillan of Calgary. Each child won a rosette marked "Best Valentine" (as well as other ribbons) and special awards were given for "Top Cat", "Prince Charming" and "Beautiful Princess".

Mr. Lamb, who judged the Number 1 All Breed for the S.A.C.F., is the President of CCA, and many of the western members were delighted at the opportunity of meeting him for the first time. Mr. Lamb's home in Rexdale is adjacent to Toronto, Ontario—some 2,200 miles east of Calgary.

Some very unusual cats were shown in the AOC class. Mrs. Hannah Douglas of Winnipeg, brought one of her Korat cats (see OUR CATS, August 1964): A Longhaired Manx, named Thumper, was exhibited by Mrs. Clara Ruby of Calgary: and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davison of Edmonton brought their Japanese Mike. Mrs. O'Brien, who had recently returned from a judging assignment in Japan, stated that to the best of her knowledge this was the only Mike in North America—and even possibly the only one outside of Japan. These cats bear a marked resemblance to our Tortie and White Shorthairs, except that with the females the tail is kinked and bobbed to such an extent, that in many cases they are not longer than three or four inches. On the rare occasion when a male is born with the kinked and bobbed tail, they are almost invariably sterile.

European readers will remember Mrs. O'Brien, as a guest judge to FIFE, for whom she has officiated in several countries. Her presence as a guest judge from CFA only serves to reiterate the happy fellowship which extends across the 49th parallel between the Cat Fanciers' Association Inc. of the United States and the Canadian Cat Association.



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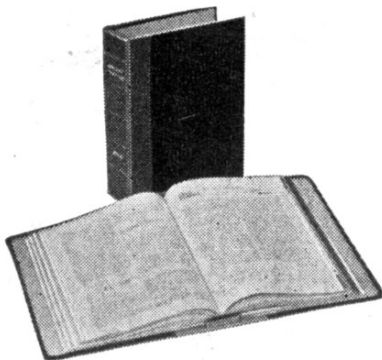
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