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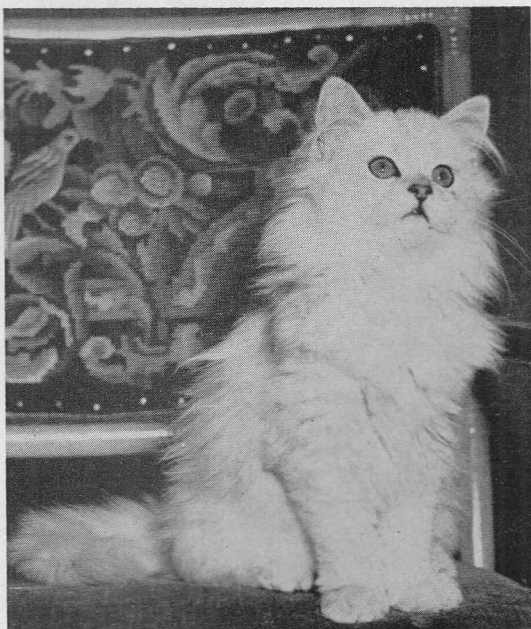
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Alice M. Clark
San Francisco, Calif.

FELIS CATUS

By Ida M. Mellen

In biological science it is a rule of honor to use the nomenclature first bestowed upon an animal. Quite often the earliest names given it are buried in some obscure publication the unearthing of which accounts for the despairing frequency with which many names are changed. A fish, for example, is never certain what his generic and specific names are, but fortunately it does not disturb his slumbers (yes, fishes sleep).

Carolus Linnaeus, the distinguished Swedish scientist whom Huxley called "the father of modern zoology" and who was the first to classify animals and plants by genus and species, a system called binary nomenclature, designated the cat *Felis catus*. This was in 1758. Though Linnaeus' works were never obscure, Johann Friedrich Gmelin, professor of medicine and chemistry, and member of the German family who gave five celebrated scientists to the world, named the Cat *Felis domestica*. This was in 1778, twenty years after Linnaeus' classification. Though not a zoologist, Gmelin's ignorance of Linnaeus' previous nomenclature is inexplicable, his acquaintance with correct Latin still more so, for anyone with a knowledge of that language knows that there could be no such word as *domestica*, and if *domestic* appeared in the name at all, it would necessarily be *domesticus*. This need cause no special concern, however, for to the scientist—and to the layman who desires to be correct—the domestic cat of all breeds, world over, is *Felis catus*.

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ALICE GRAYDON PHILLIPS

OUR CATS

CALIFORNIA — When Mrs. Eva Marie Becker showed concern over her cat locked in a Crestline cabin near Los Angeles, it led to the discovery of a revolver which the state alleges she killed her former husband with more than two years ago.

S. R. Waugh, an insurance investigator testified in superior court that he and a deputy sheriff searched the cabin after Mrs. Becker's 1948 arson arrest and found the weapon hidden under the mattress on a bed. He added that he had not been aware Mrs. Becker had occupied the cabin.

Mrs. Becker has been serving a term in Tehachapi on the charge of burning her own home at Crestline.

FLORIDA—A report from Miami reveals that a woman there wanted to dispose of a litter of newborn kittens. She solved the problem in a time-honored fashion. She quietly made the rounds of her neighbors' doorsteps early one morning, and left on each a basket containing a sleeping kitten a note which read:

"Please be kind to my child. (Signed) A Brokenhearted Mother."

CALIFORNIA—Hal Nichols, owner of Radio KFOX, Long Beach is planning to broadcast a Blessing of the Animals program for Saturday, November 4 or Tuesday, November 7. The event will be staged in cooperation with the City Recreation Department, Municipal Animal Shelter, Long Beach Humane Society and Southern California Humane Society. Hal's cat, Barty will co-sponsor the project.

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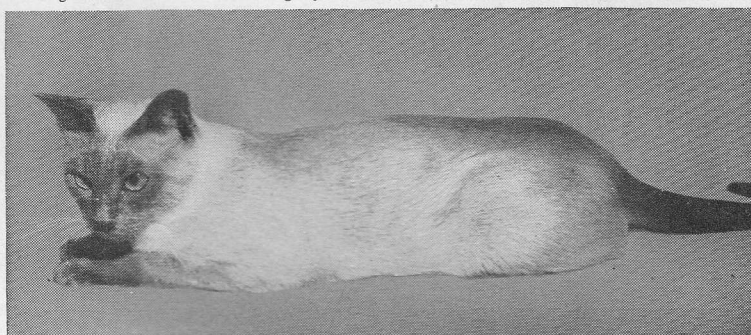
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QUACK — QUACK

AUSTRALIA—Mrs. D. A. Owen of Perth owns a cat which strayed into a duck pen more than a year ago and was accepted by the ducks and ducklings. Today the cat can quack.

CALIFORNIA—Ralph Morris plans to stage a Blessing of the Cats on his KFI-TV program in Los Angeles, Wednesday, November 8 at 10:30 o'clock. Ralph's mascot, Skipper a Siamese is particularly interested in this project.

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HEROIC CAT IN GEORGIA

Candy Saves Family Of 4 In Night Fire

PET SOUNDS ALARM AS FLAMES SPREAD

By Ray Shockley,
State Editor,
The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle

Candy, a handsome pet cat owned by the James E. Barrow family of Wrens, received the highest award that can be bestowed upon a cat Friday, August 11, at Wrens, Georgia.

Candy was awarded the CATS Magazine Heroic Cat medal at special ceremonies at the Barrow's residence in Wrens. In receiving the medal, Candy became the first cat in the South to be so honored in 1950.

Candy's heroic deed will long be remembered in this section of Georgia and the friendly male cat will undoubtedly be responsible for a general rise in popularity of all cats.

It was an ordinary night April 16, 1950 when the Barrow's tucked their two sons, James E., Jr. and Gregg in bed. Later on they also retired.

They had no way of knowing that their home would be a heap of ashes before morning and certainly did not sense the fact that their lives would be greatly endangered during the hours ahead.

So the four Barrows went to sleep.

At 3 a.m. Mrs. Barrow was awakened by a strange noise. She couldn't make it out at first but when she was fully awake she realized that it was Candy crying loudly outside their bedroom door and also scratching desperately at the door.

Mrs. Barrow went to the door and saw Candy standing there "crying and carrying on as he had never done before". It was then that she noticed the smoke.

She hurriedly aroused her sleeping husband and two sons. The fire had blocked them off from the main exit from the house so the Barrows had to escape the burning building by climbing out one of the bedroom windows.

Once outside, Mrs. Barrow noticed that her prized Candy had not followed them out of the house. She began calling him through the window and Candy made his way from the burning structure



GEORGIA'S HEROIC CAT—Candy, 4 year old pet, owned by the James E. Barrows of Wrens, Georgia, receives the Cats Magazine Heroic Cat Medal from Dr. J. J. Pilcher, left, Mayor of Wrens. The grateful family looks on. They are (left to right) Gregg, Mr. Barrow, James E. Jr., and Mrs. Barrow. (Photo by Ray Shockley).

by following Mrs. Barrow's voice.

Mrs. Barrow said she had owned Candy for four years having obtained him from a friend in Melbourne, Fla. She explained that she had always loved the half-Persian cat but added that her love for him was increased two-fold when he saved the lives of her entire family.

In presenting the medal on behalf of CATS Magazine, Dr. J. J. Pilcher, prominent Wrens physician and mayor pro tem of Wrens, said it "is certainly a distinct pleasure to present this medal to Candy. I only wish it was possible to express my sentiments directly to Candy but since I am not gifted with a method of doing this I can only say that Candy's deed was one worthy of such a fine medal

and honor".

Mr. Barrow is a veteran of World War Two, holding a reserve commission in the U.S. Naval Air Corps. He is a farmer now and is studying better farming methods through the GI Farm Training class at Wrens.

Mrs. Barrow said that Candy is an unusually loveable cat. She pointed with pride to the fact that he is extremely fond of the two boys.

"He allows them to stand on him, pull his tail and treat him rough in general. He never scratches them. When he has had enough, he simply climbs out of their way by getting on a piece of high furniture or just walking off and leaving them", Mrs. Barrow said.

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Through error, the listing in the display of Hermscrest Cattery, Mrs. F. M. Herms, 66 Sunnyside Ave., Tarrytown, N. Y., (CATS, Sept. '50, page 12), should have stated "Best Champion & Best Cat, Washington, 1949" instead of as printed. Cats Magazine regrets this error.

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America's 1950 Heroic Cat Number 3 is Bessie, a mother cat of Boston, Mass.

Bessie is given the credit of saving the life of her master, 83-year old William E. Ryder who lived aboard his houseboat moored at the foot of Border Street, East Boston.

Captain Ryder revealed the story to Clark Nichols of The Boston Post in a recent news story, as he recuperated in his wheel chair at the Boston City Hospital.

The retired sea captain who had been involved in countless sea adventures, including blockade running through submarine infested waters in two World Wars and sailed his ship through typhoons in the China Sea, told Nichols a most remarkable story, which found its way into the pages of the great Boston Post to earn for Bessie the Cats Magazine Heroic Cat Medal for 1950.

Bessie arrived on the houseboat on a cold winter's night and announced that she was hungry as she mewed at the door of Captain Ryder's cabin.

"She looked so pitiful standing there at the door", Ryder told Nichols. "She was just plain tired, hungry and cold. I took her inside, gave her some milk and made a bed for her on a pillow. She looked as though she came to me from some ship docked at the Mystic Piers—just a wanderer without a friend.

"I guess she stayed with me for about a week. Everywhere I went, Bessie was right beside me. We became fast friends. Then one morning I found that she had disappeared. I thought she went back to her ship like all good sailors do after a visit ashore.

"In a day or so back she came. Only this time she brought her family—a litter of several kittens. One by one she dropped them at my feet. Bessie was mighty proud of her family. I was glad she came back.

"As I worked about the boat, the kittens were right there watching me every moment until it was time to quit and have a little chow. This continued for weeks, until it became a regular routine."

Then it all happened, according to the details of the story, set down by Mr. Nichols in the columns of The Boston Post.

Captain Ryder was working about his houseboat, "putting a repair here and there". He was standing on a ladder. Then something happened. The ladder became unbalanced and the white-thatched captain crashed to the deck six feet below.

"I knew my hip was broken. I felt paralyzed all over," the captain told the reporter. "But I managed to pull myself back to my bunk. I was in agony and I was unable to get help. Night was beginning to fall and it started to rain, but Bessie and her kittens followed me as I crawled along the floor.

"I must have fainted. I don't know how long I was unconscious. It was pitch black, when I awoke. But somehow I felt warm and then I felt a tongue lap-

ping at my cheek. It was one of the kittens.

"I pulled on the light, and I got the surprise of my life. There were all the kittens and Bessie cuddling around me making sort of a blanket to keep me warm with their coats. I shall never forget it.

"When daylight came, Bessie all of a sudden disappeared. The kittens remained with me. In a little while help came. Bessie left her family and had led someone to help me get to medical attention."

Thus a mother cat performed an heroic act, which could very well be the


prize action by an animal during 1950.

Captain Ryder also told Mr. Nichols that he always had a pet during his long voyages from home.

"They are the best friends in the world, but Bessie and her family are the best of the best."

Mr. Nichols reveals that Captain Ryder looked out of his third floor hospital window in silence for several minutes. He turned his head slowly and said, 'I hope that Bessie and her family have been cared for since I came to the hospital. I wonder what they're doing now. If anything should happen to that little family—'

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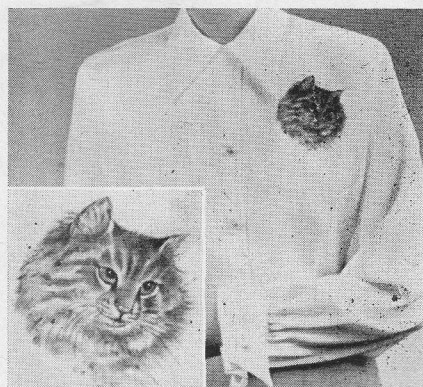
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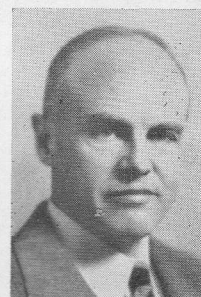
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"Cats of Destiny"**DINAH**

ALICE IN WONDERLAND'S CAT

By **FAIRFAX DOWNEY**

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Alice Liddel left her black cat Dinah at home that day a don of Christ Church College, Oxford, took her and her two sisters on a picnic. The don was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson and he taught higher mathematics, but he would sign his pen name of Lewis Carroll to the story he told the three young daughters of the college's dean after they had enjoyed their luncheon on the river bank. There was nothing mathematical or logical in that story—it was all about adventures in Wonderland. And Wonderland was all the more wonderful to Alice because she was its heroine and because she met her cat Dinah there.

The story-teller must have known that Dinah was missed at the picnic when he began describing Alice's conversation with the Mouse that had trouble understanding her perhaps because it was a French mouse, come over with William

the Conqueror. Alice, trying it in its native tongue, burst out with the first sentence in her French book, "Ou est ma chatte?"

The mouse did understand that all too well and quivered in a tizzy of nerves. Hastily Alice begged its pardon, explaining she'd forgotten that mice didn't like cats.

"Would you like cats, if you were me," the Mouse demanded.

"Well, perhaps not," said Alice in a soothing tone; "don't be angry about it. And yet I wish I could show you our cat Dinah. I think you'd take a fancy to cats, if you could only see her. She's such a dear quiet thing, and she sits purring so nicely by the fire, licking her paws and washing her face—and she is such a nice soft thing to nurse—and she's such a capital one for catching mice—oh, I beg your pardon!"

When Alice walked through Wonderland into the Duchess's kitchen, there was Dinah, sitting by the stove and grinning from ear to ear. Why, wondered Alice, did she grin like that? The Duchess tartly explained:

"It's a Cheshire-Cat, and that's why."

"I didn't know that cats could grin," Alice confessed.

"They all can," said the Duchess, "and most of 'em do."

Certainly Lewis Carroll knew it. In Cheshire where he was born, they made their celebrated cheeses in the shape of a cat's head, with a broad grin on its face. And naturally when the Cheshire-Cat of Wonderland changed itself into just a huge head in the sky, it still grinned.

When the story was made into a beloved book, Dinah won fame as the original of the Cheshire-Cat. Meanwhile Lewis Carroll was occupied with another cat, official mouser of the college common room of which the don was curator. When that cat became old and ailing he was responsible for ending its suffering, so he consulted eminent surgeons on the gentlest way of putting it to sleep, or as he expressed it in long, donnish words, "terminating its subluxary existence."

But soon there were other picnics and another story for Alice, with Dinah appearing in it right at its start. Through *The Looking Glass*, begins, you remember, with Dinah washing her two kittens, the black one which favored her and the white one which must have taken after its father. Dinah took great pains with the white kitten, holding it down by its ear with one paw, and then with the

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CAT FANCY BEGINS FIFTY-EIGHTH SEASON WITH 79 EXHIBITIONS

The fifty-sixth season of the American Cat Fancy, probably the biggest in history, has already jumped off to a flying start, but the campaign for ribbons, championship points and All-Sectional and All-American rankings, really settles down in earnest late this month.

The new season was launched in California last July 23, and unless a show or two is scheduled in late Spring, the campaign will close early in March.

Eighty-nine exhibitions including All-Breed and Specialties are on the books for this year. Several clubs who have yet to decide on dates could bring the total events to 100. The problem facing these clubs is the site of such shows.

The eighty-nine exhibits this year are a far cry from the first season of organized catdom back in 1895, when three events were staged. The first of these was at Madison Square Garden, New York on May 6, followed later in the year by shows in Plainfield, N. J. and at Newburgh, N. Y.

The 1950-51 official show calendar published elsewhere in this issue does not include all eighty-nine events because several have already been held. These were the three Canadian shows put on in conjunction with the mammoth Dominion exhibitions at Vancouver and Toronto; the Minnesota State Fair show; and the two one-day short hair specialty exhibits in California.

The tally to date reveals the Cat Fanciers' Association with 74 sanctions of which 12 are first-time efforts on the part of recently organized clubs. Additional sanctions are expected to be granted in the near fu-



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ture.

The American Cat Association has 11 events sanctioned of which 2 are first-time efforts. Five already have been staged, with others soon to be announced.

Eight shows are sanctioned by the Cat Fanciers Federation to date and several others may be held later.

The United Cat Federation is expected to announce its lineup of sanctioned shows in the near future. One has been held.

The uncertainty of the present nation-wide emergency as a result of the Korean crisis, could cause cancellation of several shows, but this seems unlikely at this writing. Harrisburg called off its exhibition because of the emergency, but qualified its decision by stating that it may hold the show later in the year. Nashville, Tenn., and Fort Wayne, Ind., also cancelled.

Increase in the number of specialty events to back up all-breed exhibits marks this year's campaign. The majority of scheduled all-breed events has one or more specialties on the books. The overall total of such is 51, of which 20 are Solid Color, 16 Siamese, 5 Short Hair, 5 Tabby & Tortie, 3 Silver and 1 each for Domestic Short Hair and Solid Red & Tortie.

The Domestic Short Hair Specialty should prove an interesting event at Norfolk, Va., since it is believed to be the first such show of its kind ever held in America.

There has been some criticism of the CFA changing the name from Domestic to American officially, but this is expected to be ironed out by the clubs themselves later this year.

The trend to the American (or Domestic) short hair since the war has been very pronounced, brought about, no doubt, by the popularity of the Siamese and the up-and-coming Silver Tabby Short Hair. The 1950-51 season could well result in this continued increase which very certainly should add to the membership of the Cat Fancy through the individual clubs.

Perhaps 1950-51 season will be marked by some qualified judge arising to the occasion and naming an American (or Domestic) Short Hair Best-in-Show. Such an act would contribute immeasurably to the advancement of the cat in America, and give a short in the arm to the Cat Fancy in general.

The selecting of a Short Hair cat in an all-breed event as Best-in-Show did happen—ONCE! This memorial feat occurred at the Albany (N.Y.) Cat Show in 1905. Black Peter, a solid Black male was named tops in a field of 110 competing entries by the judge, Mrs. E. N. Barker. Oddly enough, Mrs. Barker owned the winning cat, Cosie, in America's first cat show in New York in 1895. Cosie was a Brown Tabby neuter.



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COLONY OF CATS ROAM DARK TUNNELS UNDER NEW YORK'S GRAND CENTRAL STATION

By JOHN O'REILLY
NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE

The whole thing was uncanny.

We had just left the crowds in New York's Central Station and the elevator was making a grim, whirring noise as it descended into the catacombs beneath that massive terminal.

Henry Doherty, representative of the New York Central System, said, "This is an unusual job for me but they tell me that these cats that live down here have never seen the light of day."

The elevator stopped and the door opened. Beyond was a long corridor with doors opening into it. From somewhere far above came the muffled sound of a train. "We are way below the tracks," Mr. Doherty said, "The lowest spot down here is 108 feet below street level."

There was a panel of raw wires against one wall and a sign above it that said, "Alive." Through an open door a machine could be seen chewing up huge cakes of ice and spitting them into a conveyor.

Men in greasy work clothes moved in and out of the doors like gnomes. An occasional mail truck grumbled along the corridor.

Mr. Doherty went in search of Nicholas J. Schmidt, the sixty-two-year-old mechanic who has taken care of the subterranean cats for twenty years. According to a recent count he has twelve grown

ones, four kittens, and he had heard some additional mewling lately.

After a short wait a pale-faced man came toward us. He wore grease-covered dungarees and a black work-shirt. On his head was a cap, shaped like an overseas cap, but apparently made from the leg of a worn-out pair of overalls. From one hand dangled the carcass of a turkey from which most of the meat had been stripped. The man emitted a thin, pierc-

ing whistle and behind him came the cats.

Some were black, some were black and white, and some were mottled brown.

The scene was a curious, underground version of the Pied Piper.

The whistle stopped and the man began to call, "Here Mamma," "C'mere Betty".

Cats came from dark tunnels, from under machine-shop benches and from beneath trucks.

The man grinned. "I'm down here twenty years," he said.

Soon the corridors began to reverberate with cat-calls.

Mr. Schmidt began stripping fragments of meat from the turkey carcass and doling them out to his charges. While feeding them he said:

"None of these cats have ever seen daylight except one. That's Nasty. It's like life, in a way. I loaned out that cat to a woman. She took Nasty out into the world. Up to that time I used to call her Blackie and she was nice and gentle just like all the other cats that live down here. Well, she was away about two months. She saw what goes on up there; how people and cats push each other around. Then the woman brought her back. Ever since then she has been mean. Notice how she puts the claw on the other cats. She's the only one that acts like that."

Nick led the way into the washroom and proudly pulled out a box of four kittens squirming on an oily work shirt. Several workmen came in and admired the kittens. Nick picked them up gently and carried on a polite conversation with the mother who had come up to make sure that we meant well.

Finally Nick was asked where he buried the cats when they died.

"That's over on 127 track at a place we call the farm. It's up a couple of levels and west of here," he said.

Miss America of 1950, Yolande Betze of Alabama, is a cat lover.

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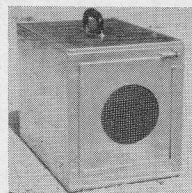
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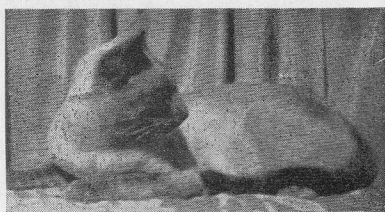


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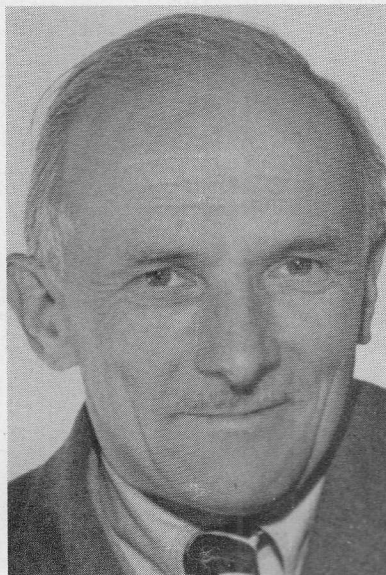
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Although All-American and All-Sectional cat awards have been presented on special radio programs many times in the past, this marks the first time in the four

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OFFICIAL 1950-51 ALL-AMERICA CAT SCHEDULE

The following shows are definitely scheduled, but dates and judges are subject to change. All information published has been sent by association secretaries, secretaries of clubs staging exhibitions, judges and correspondents. Additions and changes in this Schedule will be published each month. Consult show advertising in this and September issues of Cats Magazine for additional information. Every show listed up to and including December 1, 1950 has been advertised in this publication.

THE EAST

October 1950

- 26-27 Philadelphia, Pa.—Penn State Cat Club (CFF). All-Breed (Hobbs); Short Hair Specialty (Hartman); National Tabby and Tortie Club Specialty (Erdman). 3rd Show. Entries closed Oct. 4.

November 1950

- 1-2 Newark, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All-Breed (O'Neill); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Sayer); Solid Color Club of the East Specialty (Mood). 12th Show. Entries close Oct. 11.
- 25-26 Rochester, N. Y.—Genesee Cat Fanciers Club (CFA). All-Breed (Hunter); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (O'Bryon). 1st Show. Benefit, American Cancer Society. Entries close Oct. 28.
- 28-29 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Brooklyn-Long Island Cat Club (CFF). All-Breed (Andrews); C.F.F. Solid Color Cat Club Specialty (Hobbs). 9th Show.

December 1950

- 9-10 Binghamton, N. Y.—Penn-York Valley Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Saxby-Mabie); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Herms). 1st Show. Entries close Nov. 12.
- 12-13 New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All-Breed (Hedrick); Silver Society Specialty (). 49th Show. Entries close Nov. 21.

January 1951

- 6-7 Buffalo, N. Y.—Queen City Cat Club (ACA). 2nd Show.
- 13-14 Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (O'Neill); Solid Color Club of the East Specialty (Saxby-Mabie); Siamese Cat Club of New England Specialty (Saxby-Mabie). 46th Show.
- 21-22 Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed. 4th Show.
- 26-27 New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club (CFA). National Siamese Cat Club Specialty. 34th Show.

February 1951

- 10-11 Pittsburgh, Pa.—Western Pennsylvania Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Revington); International Solid Color Club Specialty (Thoma); International Foreign and American Short Hair Society Specialty (). 2nd Show. Entries close Jan. 15, 1951.

THE SOUTH

October 1950

- 21-22 Washington, D. C.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, D. C., Inc. (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter); National Siamese Cat Specialty (Herms); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (Herms). 5th Show. Entries closed.
- 28-29 Knoxville, Tenn.—East Tennessee Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Revington); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (O'Neill); American Tabby and Tortie Club Specialty (O'Neill); 1st Show. Entries close Oct. 7.

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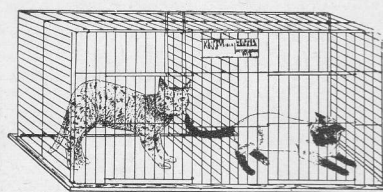
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THE SOUTH (Continued)

November 1950

- 25-26 Atlanta, Ga.—Cotton States Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Saxby-Mabie); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (Hermes); American Tabby and Tortie Club Specialty (Hermes). 12th Show. Entries close Nov. 1.
- 30 Dec. 1 Norfolk, Va.—Norfolk Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All-Breed (O'Neill); Domestic Short Hair Club of the South (Saxby-Mabie); Solid Color Club of the South (Saxby-Mabie); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Williams). 5th Show. Entries close Nov. 10.

December 1950

- 3-4 St. Petersburg, Fla.—Gulf Shore Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Graham). 1st Show. Entries close Nov. 20.
- 9-10 Louisville, Ky.—Kentucky Cat Club. (CFA). All-Breed (Hermes). Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (O'Neill). 2nd Show.

January 1951

- 13-14 St. Petersburg, Fla.—St. Petersburg Cat Club (ACA). All-Breed (Zieses). 5th Show.
- 20-21 Daytona Beach, Fla.—Halifax River Cat Club (CFA). 1st Show.

February 1951

- 3-4 Miami, Fla.—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter). Solid Color Club of the South Specialty (); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (); American Tabby and Tortie Specialty (). 6th Show.
- 24-25 San Antonio, Tex.—Alamo City Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed. 2nd Show.

March 1951

- 3-4 Houston, Texas.—Houston Cat Club (CFA). 1st Show.

THE MIDWEST

October 1950

- 28-29 Detroit, Mich.—Michigan Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All-Breed (Adair); Siamese Cat Fanciers Specialty (Fiedler); Solid Red and Tortie Society Specialty (Pardee). Entries closed Oct. 1.

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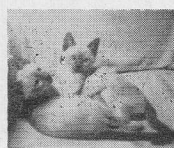
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NEWS OF THE WEST

Our Western News is of course show news, especially in San Francisco where our large and flourishing San Francisco Cat Fanciers is planning for an all-breed and three specialty shows; all to be held November 18-19 in the Coliseum Bowl which will provide ample room for three judging rings as well as wide aisles and comfortable seating for spectators. The Bowl is a well-known location for sporting events and provides so many other facilities that a successful show seems assured; especially as this will be the first CFA show of the western circuit. Also this will be the official show for NATIONAL CAT WEEK in the Bay Area, by special permission from Miss Lydia Cypher, executive secretary of that organization.

The all-breed show will be judged by Mr. D. Deans-Henderson of Toronto, who is an excellent judge well-known in both Canada and this country; at one time his Zetland Cattery Creams and Smokes were noted winners and he has excellent articles on these and other breeds.

Two new judges will officiate at our specialty shows; Mrs. Frank Bjerring of Hollywood who is now on the CFA Approval Pending list, has been given sanction to judge our Siamese Specialty which is sponsored by the National Siamese Cat Club; Mrs. Bjerring has bred several Siamese winners and champions and we are happy that her first assignment is to be with the San Francisco Cat Fanciers first show. Mr. Charles Victor also of Hollywood is to be the judge for our Solid Color Cat Club of the West Specialty. Mr. Victor has been a successful breeder and exhibitor of Blues, is the owner of a Grand Champion and has had a wide experience as master of ceremonies at Hollywood and Los Angeles Shows; we are looking forward to his appearance here.

Golden Gate Cat Club of Oakland, will have its fourth show, January 6-7, 1951, in one of the halls of the Oakland Auditorium with Dorothy Denning again in charge as show manager. The all-breed show is to be judged by Mrs. John H. Revington of Bristol, Tenn., who has so often and so successfully judged in Hollywood as well as all over the United States. Mrs. Frances Herms of Tarrytown, N. Y. is to judge three specialty shows; a Siamese, a Solid Color and a Tabby and Tortie; the last named should be a help in bringing back the Tabby classes, which have been somewhat reduced since the war. Mrs. Herms is a well-known breeder in the East and has bred some beautiful champions in Blacks; also Blues and Siamese; she was show manager the last time I exhibited at Empire and she certainly did an excellent job.

California Cat Club of Hollywood is next on the show list and we understand that Frances Herms is to judge the all-breed there with Mr. Deans-Henderson

doing specialty shows of the California Silver Fanciers and the California Solid Color Fanciers; the dates are January 14-15, 1951 and I think the location is to be again the Hollywood Masonic Temple, though the increasing size of this most popular show has made this hall a tight squeeze and each year many entries have to be refused. Bess Morse says she will not be show manager, but I am sure her guiding hand will be in evidence, as always.

Angel City Cat Fanciers: Mrs. Florence Thornton, president and show manager, is to have an all-breed show on the following week-end at the Alexandria in Los Angeles; January 20-21. No definite arrangements have been made as yet, but this show should be well-attended and have a large entry. I was a visitor at Angel City last year and can testify to the large, well-lighted ball room, the beautiful cats, the excellent judging of Mrs. Doris Reid and the smooth running of the show under the management of Mrs. Thornton and her corps of assistants.

San Diego Cat Fanciers will be next in line with an all-breed show to be judged by that most capable and popular judge Mrs. C. F. Rotter, but so far no details as to specialties are available. The dates are January 27-28 and the location will presumably be the same beautiful hall in Balboa Park where last year's successful show was held.

San Joaquin Cat Fanciers will again hold a threeway show in the Stockton Armory on February 3-4. Mr. Robert Wilson, club president, is again show manager, and Mrs. Della Campbell, show secretary, has advised me that Miss Kay Thoma of Baywood Village, Ohio has been asked to judge the all-breed show with Mrs. Helen Fairchild as first choice for the Siamese and Solid Color Specialty shows. I should say that these names have been sent to the CFA secretary for approval and that the club is waiting final confirmation.

Coronado Cat Club of Coronado, California has been accepted as a member club by the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. and is making plans for an early show in that city. Polly Jones is the president, Wayne Slusser is the secretary and Mrs. Vernon Duckett is the treasurer. Dates are November 25-26, but with Lt. Jones again on active duty and the San Diego station filled with daily arriving reserves, show plans have been somewhat in abeyance. But the Jones household too is filled with arrivals and Siamese and Russian Blue kittens are clamoring for the spotlight. An albino kitten among the latter has attracted much attention so that Polly Jones has had to appear on local television with this rare specimen; however Miss Rockefeller of England, breeder and exporter of this particular strain of Russian Blues, writes that a white kitten will turn into

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THE MIDWEST (Continued)

November 1950

- 4-5 Cleveland, Ohio.—Cleveland Persian Society (CFA). All-Breed (Hunter). 20th Show. Entries close Oct. 7.
- 11-12 Milwaukee, Wis.—Milwaukee Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter); Central States Solid Color Club Specialty (Reed). 10th Show. Entries close Oct. 20.
- 18-19 St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Limpert); Central States Solid Color Club Specialty (Saxby-Mabie); American Tabby and Tortie Club Specialty (Saxby-Mabie). 14th Show. Entries close Oct. 25.
- 18-19 Toledo, Ohio.—Toledo Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Hermes). 2nd Show. Entries close Oct. 15.

December 1950

- 2-3 Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter); Central States Solid Color Club Specialty (). 2nd Show.
- 9-10 Chicago, Ill.—Beresford Cats Club, Inc. (ACA). All-Breed (); Solid Color Specialty (); Short Hair Specialty (). 40th Show.
- 9-10 Chicago, Ill.—North Short Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Fairchild). 5th Show.
- 9-10 St. Paul, Tenn.—Twin City Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter); Minnesota Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Henderson). 15th Show. Benefit March of Dimes. Entries close Nov. 22.
- 13-14 Columbus, Ohio.—Ohio State Persian Club (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter). 30th Show.

February 1951

- 10-11 Dayton, Ohio.—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed. 1st Show.
- 17-18 Denver, Colo.—Colorado Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Saxby-Mabie); National Siamese Cat Club (); Central States Solid Color Specialty (). 4th Show.

March 1951

- 3-4 Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society Inc. (CFA). All-Breed (Keller); Central States Solid Color Club Specialty (Saxby-Mabie). 29th Show.

THE WEST

November 1950

- 4-5 San Francisco, Calif.—San Francisco Cat Club (ACA). All-Breed (Wilson); Short Hair Specialty (Fisher). 6th Show. Entries close Oct. 16.
- 18-19 San Francisco, Calif.—San Francisco Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Henderson); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Bjerring); Solid Color Club of the West Specialty (Victor). Silver Cat Club of West Specialty (Victor). 1st Show. Endorsed by National Cat Week.
- 25-26 Coronado, Calif.—Coronado Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed. 1st Show.

December 1950

- 2-3 Los Angeles, Calif.—Pacific Cat Fanciers (CFF). 4th Show.
- 2-3 Portland, Ore.—Rose City Cat Club (ACA). 4th Show.
- 9-10 Long Beach, Calif.—Long Beach Cat Club (ACA). All-Breed (Adair). 5th Show. Entries close Nov. 20.
- 9-10 Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club (CFA). 4th Show.

January 1951

- 13-14 Hollywood, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (); California Silver Fanciers (). 16th Show.
- 20-21 Los Angeles, Calif.—Angel City Cat Fanciers (CFA). 9th Show.
- 27-28 San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Rotter); California Solid Color Fanciers Specialty (); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (). 4th Show.

February 1951

- 3-4 Phoenix, Ariz.—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). 3rd Show.
- 4 Stockton, Calif.—San Joaquin Cat Fanciers (CFA). Solid Color Club of West Specialty. National Siamese Cat Club Specialty. 2nd Show.
- 10-11 Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Albuquerque Cat Club (CFA).

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I am tremendously interested in cats and have been ever since I staked a claim on a large Red Persian that singled me out of a mob at our local Yacht Club. This grand cat walked straight into my heart and he has made me a fanatic on the subject of this versatile, individualistic animal. We named the big fellow Murphy. One of my family said the name was most fitting. No question about his breeding. He must have had generations of pure blood back of him. He combined in his personality the formidable aspect of a Tartar chief with the heavy grace of a wrestler. Murphy started me doing research on cats and I have been doing it ever since. Persians in particular and all cats in general. I find that there are imperious and aristocratic cats, sleek, tigerish Siamese. Alley cats that are half bronco and half pirates; Alley cats that are loyal, lovable and kind. Also there are many odd kinds of cats in catdom in spite of popular opinion to the contrary. White cats are seldom deaf. Tortoiseshells are NOT always female. Blue Cream males while not particularly usual are to be found. There are Australian cats with fox noses, sharp and pointed. Manx cats without tails. Mexican cats without hair, and always, always you will find mystery about a cat as to his proper station in life.

The cat himself, had he been so inclined, could have settled this question

a long time ago but you cannot expect a cousin of the king of beasts whom he resembles in no small manner, to decide his social standing.

He is considered royal in Siam and in the Isle of Nippon he is referred to as 'the tiger who eats from the hand'. It is a proven fact that he is a favorite with Clergy, Poets and Artists. He makes no advances but he will condescend to show his love for a few of his human friends but always, always he keeps his independence. He lives where he likes to live. He combines versatility with skill and common sense and he is, in no way dependent on your bounty for food. It is possible for the cat to revert to his wild state with less trouble than any other animal known. He can live alone if he so desires and he is not dependent on us for companionship. He obeys when he feels like obeying, often pretending to be sound asleep. But this is guile and pretense for he keenly likes to observe without being observed.

I have never found two cats alike, in a litter of five. There will be five dispositions and all of them different. No doubt there are angel cats and devil cats. The perfect description depends upon the owner.

Indifference and independence seem to be their strongest code. I have never yet met a cat that was not romantic. Their loves are highlighted by their most ardent desires and are often brutal.

Just you try arguing with a dainty bit of Persian fluff that has made up her mind to raise a family, or reason with a sire who has made up his mind to grant her every wish. Their desires are amorous and you are so informed in no uncertain terms. Cats with longings in their make-up invariably satisfy this urge. No question about it, the Cat is a great lover. The amount of emotion in a full grown male is hard to estimate and any effort to hold him in check short of castration, is usually a failure. A queen will fight too, especially in protection of her young and also when calling (these romantic periods are marked by loving coos likened to the tender sighs of a love song). The very best of pure blood males, will, if given a chance, enjoy a visit on the back fence or roof top. He will also play the leading role in combat, negotiating his amours on a wide scale. In fact, I have reason to believe he has jocund emotions regarding these affairs of valour. Watch his strutting, stately walk, vibrant whiskers, eyes that are ice-cold, fire-hot, haughty as Satan himself, asking no quarter and granting no favours. This attitude will be topped by his blood-curdling war-cry. These yowls are his battle-cry, like the life and drum corps of the army, and is used to keep high his morale. Make no mistake, your pedigreed pet would more than enjoy meeting Alley gangsters of the feline underworld.

The average cat take hours for grooming. He could give our Junior Miss many points and still win—four feet down. Cleanliness means as much to cats as food and shelter. They will wash and smooth their coat, and then wash again and take care of other demands of nature that must be accomplished in a fastidious manner.

Cats rate the place they are taking today as a pet, as a show piece, in fiction and the theatre. I think the lines to Watson's Egyptian Cat are sweet beyond all measure.

'A little lion, small and dainty sweet
(For such there be)!

With sea-green eyes and softly stepping feet!

No queenly fireside Sphinx was this furr-baby but perhaps, a cat-baby of the Persian tribe.

Many of the traits of our cats are thousand of years old. In his wild state he hunted and lived alone. He will never chase his prey for any great distance. He can run swiftly and well but only for a short space. Running is not his specialty. He would rather lie in wait and bounce out at his quarry in an abrupt and surprising manner.

For insolence and cold calculated scorn, a cat could give points to a Social Register climber. Remember he will live with you only if he can stand you and not as an equal but rather on the superior side. And remember always it is on his own terms.

Too true, there is a feud between the cat and dog but it can easily be set aside. Remember that 'Old Mother Hubbard went to the hatter to buy her dog a hat but when she came back—he was feeding the cat! If given the right chance they will be friends. Kittens two weeks

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and younger will spit at a dog. I've seen kittens as soon as they could walk drag their little tummies over to a mother Wolfhound and snuggle at her side perfectly happy.

I have particularly noticed that cats on an average have excellent memories and I have found them both eccentric and rational. A lot depends on who handles them.

One of the most inspirational books I ever read as a child was 'The Cat of Bubastes' by G. A. Henty. Strictly a book for boys, but oh what a thriller!

You have probably found out by this time that cats do not like to be laughed at, neither do they like rough handling, beating or teasing. A cat seldom makes mistakes if he is correctly trained from kittenhood. I look upon my Persians as lions in miniature and very pretty miniatures they are. I have a strong personal feeling that most cats regard us humans with a certain amused contempt. I feel I must live up to my cat children. My Topper has a language both vivid and emphatic in the way he uses his tail. Raised high like a banner means a happy, healthy, proud cat. Should he

by Billie Bancroft

carry his tail horizontally it means stealth, probably terror. His tail curled under means fear. Should he wave his tail from side to side, he is displeased, annoyed—in other words he is just plain mad. But should his tail be straight out, fur distended, he will lash and swish and he is spoiling for a fight. Should he twitch his tail gently, he is amused and is laughing with you and is very much pleased with himself. Last of all he will wrap his tail around himself for warmth.

There are other countless ways in which a cat will carry on a conversation. He will use his head, paws, eyes and even his fur. I feel sure that if puss thought it advisable he would very soon master the art of talking. Right now he does not consider it important enough to try. I know that cats do think, however I do not believe they think after the manner of men. Their thinking processes are different—possibly in abstractions, cold, heat, etc.

We breeders are intensely interested in the intelligence of the feline race in general, no matter what tribe or color. I feel that cats are underestimated as to their intelligence. It is the opinion of many breeders who have had years and years of experience, that it is hard to OVERESTIMATE a cat's intelligence. Anyway, how can we understand the cat mind, without becoming cats. (Right here I'd like to state that the expression 'catty' should mean something lovely, gracious, dignified and altogether attractive. The word has been used with the wrong meaning—too long).

Have you observed how a cat can draw inferences from observation? They will open doors, ring bells, go to the ice where they know food is kept.

Then there is the argument that cats are useless. Wrong again. In this country and in England, cats are employed by the government as well as large firms.

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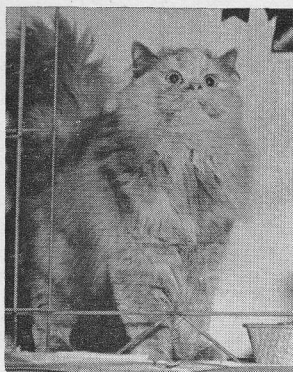
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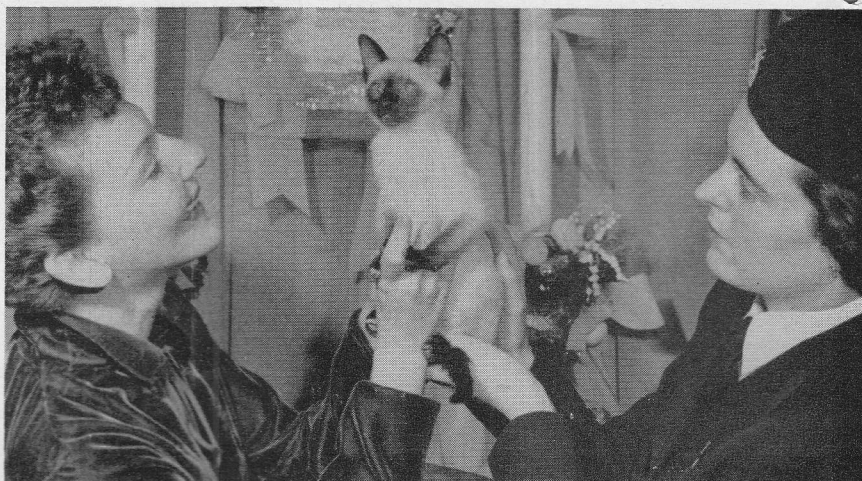
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Three More Clubs Affiliate C. F. A. September Board Meeting Reveals

Three clubs have affiliated with the Cat Fanciers' Association, according to an announcement following the quarterly meeting of the Board in New York City, September 9.

The clubs are Dayton Cat Fanciers, Mrs. Paul Bradenburgh, sec'y., 613 Torrington Place, Dayton 6, Ohio; Gulf Shore Cat Fanciers, Mrs. T. A. Kloos, 1918 49th St., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and the Silver Cat Club of the West, Mrs. Helen L. Dorst, sec'y., 84 Wellington Ave., San Anselmo, Calif.

Mr. Anthony De Santis has been approved to judge Solid Color and Tabby and Tortie specialty shows and has been added to the approved pending list of judges. Mr. Charles Victor has been approved to judge Silver specialties in addition to Solid Color and Tabby and Tortie specialties for which he has been sanctioned in the past.

Although Mrs. James R. Mood has been placed on the approved list of judges, she is unable to officiate at this time owing to duties as the Recorder.

Proposed amendments to the CFA constitution will be sent member clubs sixty days prior to the annual meeting in order to eliminate a special meeting of the Executive Board in November, since proposed amendments must be acted upon within sixty days after they have been forwarded to member clubs for consideration.

The Board rescinded the ruling that judges be more lenient regarding the penalizing of some white on Abyssin-

ians. Therefore, the Abyssinian standard will be strictly adhered to.

Because of unfavorable criticism regarding the change of the name of Domestic Short Hair to American Short Hair, clubs not in favor of the change are requested to write the Secretary their views on the matter.

Clubs have been cautioned to invite judges to officiate at their shows in the order they have been chosen and sanctioned.

Forty shows have been licensed in addition to those previously announced. The listings appear in the official Cats Magazine Show schedule published elsewhere.



MRS. F. M. HERMS
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Committee in charge of the Empire Cat Show to be held Jan. 26-27 will have Mrs. John H. Hunter, Miss Edna A. Hyer, Mrs. Joseph Dupuy-Koehler and Mr. J. D. Zimmerman. Mrs. Carl Keller of Toledo, Ohio, will judge the all-breed event, while Mr. C. Evans Sawyer will officiate at the Siamese specialty.

A CAT MYSTERY GROWS IN BROOKLYN

Brooklyn has come up with The Great Cat Mystery of 1950.

Thirty-six cats, the majority from the fashionable Prospect Heights section of Flatbush, were found locked up in a ten-by-ten-foot room on August 28. The animals were untended and unfed.

Brooklyn police, after studying the case were completely baffled and call it one of the major cat thefts in the history of crime.

The cats were found in a one-story building at 222 St. Mark's Avenue, owned by Claude Aulicino of Brooklyn. When questioned by police he said he rented the tiny room as an office two months previously (June), to an elderly couple. He added that the pair paid \$50 in cash for two months rent in advance, explaining that plans were made to manufacture fire extinguishers. They did not give Aulicino their names.

The only part of the mystery that was cleared up was the majority of the cats had originally disappeared from Prospect Heights households over a period of two months. None of the cats were reclaimed by the owners.

Early in August, Al Mattarelliano and his wife, opened a limousine rental service at 224 St. Mark's Avenue, next door to the Aulicino premises. This couple, when questioned by police, stated that they noticed that the "fire extinguisher manufacturers" were carrying large sacks into 222 St. Mark's Avenue. No fire-fighting equipment was shipped out. The windows of 222 were coated over with a film of soap.

It was the Mattarellianos who complained of an intolerable cat-like odor coming from the locked building. They called the office of the S. P. C. A., who answered the call immediately.

John Joule of the S.P.C.A. broke down the door to 222 and there found the thirty-six cats, dirty and hungry. He was forced to use a gas mask to enter the room.

The animals were placed in twenty crates and trucked off to the society's shelter. Owners of cats who had reported missing pets to the S.P.C.A. were notified, but none of the cats were claimed. One cat died on the trip to the S.P.C.A. shelter.

An inspection of the building by the police revealed that the ten-by-ten-foot room had been partitioned. On one side a kitchen hamper was found, a small gas meter, a stove, and some coffee and sugar on a shelf. On the other side were a cot, two chairs, a small table, work clothes on a wall rack and a woman's handbag, with no identifying contents.

A story that cats actually can be utilized in the manufacture of fire extinguishers swept the Prospect Heights neighborhood immediately following the recovery of the cats, but was discounted. The latest reports fail to reveal an explanation for this great cat crime in Brooklyn, and the perpetrators are still unidentified.

BLUEJAY GIVES TIP TO MISSING PUSS

After three weeks, Marquise, the tri-colored calico cat returned to his master, three year old Lana Richard of West Nyack, N. Y.

The cat gained nation-wide publicity when it escaped from a Ridgewood, N. J. veterinarian. The child's father found the pet in the woods a half mile from the veterinarian's office.

Marquise disappeared in August. A search was started that brought fan mail from every section of the country.

Mr. Richard explained that he searched in the woods near the place where Marquise had vanished. He stated that he thought he heard the cry of a cat, but discovered that it was a bluejay calling. Realizing that bluejays mimic sounds, Mr. Richard gave a shrill call that he uses to summon Marquise. The cat jumped out of the thicket.

When the cat was driven home by Mr. Richard, he jumped out of the auto as the car pulled up to the house. He ran to the front door and soon rejoined Lana. The frantic search was over.

ACCIDENT KILLS CAT, IN PRISON 18 YEARS

Nig, the Black short hair cat of Joliet, Ill., who was sent to prison 18 years ago for killing birds, died last June as a result of an accident.

A woman preferred the charges against Nig, urging that the cat be killed.

Before police could dispose of Nig, the cat caught five mice in the police station, so the police decided to keep her.

Nig died when crushed in a door.

WHITE PERSIAN GETS MISTRESS IN MOVIES

Kitty Crawford, the beautiful song stylist, owes her debut in the movies to her White Persian.

Her cat was presented to her by two fans who had heard her rendition of a poem she put to music called, "Persian Kitty".

When Miss Crawford came to New York she brought the White Persian with her. Recently the cat, unused to heavy traffic, darted in front of a passing automobile, but was rescued in time by a passing gentleman.

The gentleman was a motion picture talent scout and agent. He learned that Kitty was appearing at a Manhattan night club, went to hear that tune and Kitty ended up with a movie contract.

She is now appearing in the Warner Bros.' new musical, "Tea for Two."

In London recently, two prize Pekinese dogs were stolen from an auto. Their master was attending a cat show.



At a World Congress for Animal Protection held at The Hague, the Netherlands, it was recommended that animals earmarked for slaughter should first be mechanically stunned or given an anesthetic. Cables were sent to Britain's Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons, urging ban on animal training for circuses.

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SIAMESE KITTEN MATCH

The National Siamese Cat Club held a kitten match September 16 at the home of Mrs. Anthony Avata, Manhasset, N. Y. The eighteen kittens entered were judged by Mr. W. R. Roose of Hamden, Conn. Briary Mata Pan, Imp., owned by Mrs. Alexander Pinney was best, with Collette, owned by Agnes F. Rand, best opposite.

(Mrs. Joseph Dupuy-Kochler)

OBITUARY

Mrs. Henry P. Nelson of Yonkers, N. Y., well-known exhibitor and breeder of Smoke Persians, on Sunday, August 27th at the age of 61. She was the owner of Dbl. Ch. Inverness Cricket of Ravendale, A-E Smoke in 1947 and 1948. Crickets daughter is Dbl. Ch. Cindy Lou of Ravendale.

Mrs. Nelson was president of the Yonkers Sunshine Society, and a member of the Mt. Shasta Chapter of Eastern Star.

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DINAH

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other paw rubbing its face all over the wrong way, beginning at the nose. Meanwhile the black kitten, finished with earlier, had unwound Alice's ball of yarn in a romp and had to be scolded: "Really Dinah ought to have taught you better manners."

Beyond the looking-glass the kittens turned into the Red and White Queens of chess. Back at home they were kittens again, with Dinah again performing her maternal duty. "Dinah!" Alice childed her cat. "Do you know you're scrubbing a White Queen? Really it's most disrespectful of you!" And then Alice asked her pet, "Dinah, did you turn into Humpty Dumpty? I think you did — however you'd better not mention it to your friends just yet, for I'm not sure."

Perhaps Dinah also had a paw in Carroll's short piece about three cats that called on him. He put them in a portfolio for the night and gave them a breakfast of rat-tail jelly and buttered mice, though they had asked for boiled pelican which wouldn't be good for them. And maybe Dinah's offspring inspired the tale of an overwhelming gift of two hundred and fifty kittens and five hundred pairs of gloves. Carroll wrote he hadn't known what to do until he got the brilliant idea of giving each member of a girls' school a kitten, with two pairs of gloves apiece in case the kittens scratched.

For the children and grownups who love the Alice books, Dinah was indeed a cat of destiny.

"Rhubarb", H. Allen Smith's novel about a cat which inherits \$30,000,000 and a big league baseball team, will be filmed by Paramount Pictures. Arthur Lubin, the director who made a mule talk in "Francis", has been signed to megaphone the picture.

Smith's story concerns the will of an eccentric millionaire who has no respect for the intelligence of his heirs, so bequeaths his property to a pet cat.

TORONTO SHOW RESULTS

A cream male, Imp. Danchurst Sheriff of Lynnae, owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer, won the Best Cat award at the 44th annual Canadian National Exhibition Cat Show at Toronto, Canada, Aug. 28-30. Dr. Frances L. MacCracken was judge of the event. Other major wins follow:

Best Opposite—White Cloud's Cover Girl of Maple Leaf, g.e. wh. f., Mrs. Betty Groell.

Best Ch.—Corso Silver Madonna, silv. f., Miss Helen M. Elliott.

Best Opp. Ch.—Maple Leaf Antoine of Khyber, bl. m., Mrs. S. A. Pugh.

Best Nov.—Bobidon's Red King of Star, red thy, m., Mrs. Ann Gibson.

Best Kit., Best Siamese—Blue Angel, b.p. siam. f., Miss Ellen Caldwell.

Best S. H.—Ch. Laddy Boy of Co-bourg (AA-50), silv. thy. m., Miss S. G. Hinchcliffe.

Best Opp. Kit.—Warwick's Blue Horizon, bl. m., Mr. and Mrs. John Warwick. (Submitted by Mrs. Ann Bieneman)

MINNESOTA FAIR SHOW

At the fifteenth annual show of the Minneapolis Persian Cat Club held in conjunction with the Minnesota State Fair at St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 26-27, Bonnie's Blue Smoke of Arlynn, a blue male, owned by Mrs. Arno Beck was judged Best. Mrs. Jess Adair officiated. The same cat won the American Solid Color Cat Club event held in conjunction with the exhibition, judged by Mrs. J. J. Small. The results follow:

All Breed

Best—Bonnie's Blue Smoke of Arlynn, bl. m., Mrs. Arno Beck.

Best Opp.—Precious Darlene of Gayhuc, silv. f., Mrs. Genevieve Finn.

Best Ch.—Petite Lily Bear (AA-50), o.e.wh. f., Mrs. T. R. James.

Best Nov.—Silver Tobias, silv. thy. m., Mrs. Arno Beck.

Best Opp. Nov.—Fernwood Ciczam of Arlynn, blk. f., Mrs. Arno Beck.

Best Kit—Ke Ke Bear, o.e. wh. f., Miss Dolores Mae Lombard.

Best Opp. Kit—Tarton's Skipper, red. pk. m., Mrs. A. O. Wagoner.

Best Am. S.H.—Royal Panther Timothy II (AM-50), blk. m., Pat Ryan.

Best Siam.—Rosebank Kongwu, b.p. m., Geo. T. Baxter.

Best Opp. Siam.—Vee Roi's Violet Lady, b.p.f., Mrs. Alice S. Dugan.

Solid Color

Best—Bonnie's Blue Smoke of Arlynn.

Best Opp., Best Nov.—Cinderella's Slipper Bear, bl. f., Mrs. Geo. Fischer.

Best Opp. Nov., Best Opp. Kit—Droll Cub Bear, bl. m., Mrs. T. R. James.

Best Ch.—Petite Lily Bear (AA-50).

Best Kit—Ke Ke Bear.

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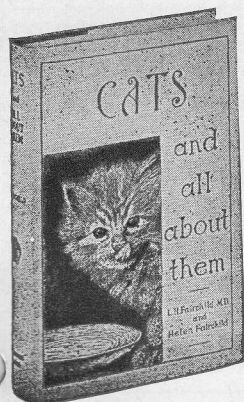
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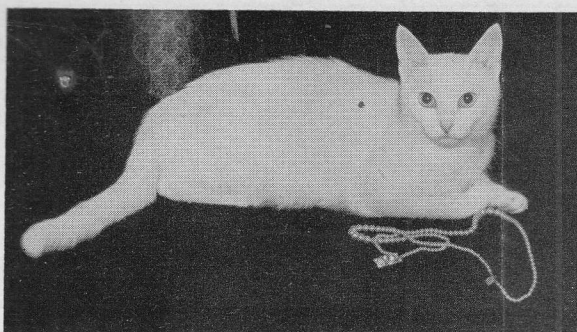
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ALL-AMERICA SHORT HAIR—This study in black and white shows Angelique, beautiful blue-eyed white American Short Hair, owned by Mrs. Merald Hoag of Arlington, Va. (Photo by L. S. Van Riper)

ANGELIQUE, AA-50 SHORT HAIR HAS HUGE FOLLOWING IN MARYLAND

By MARY NIVISON THOMPSON

To tell the story of Angelique, it is necessary to go back seven years.

We were sitting on the porch of our North Carolina home one summer evening in 1943, when Angelique's grandmother came walking out of the pine woods.

The children saw her first, a tiny white kitten, but it was Tar Heel, our own little black cat, who ran to greet her. Soon the two were frolicking in the moonlight.

"How pretty she is", someone exclaimed, admiring her snowy fur and blue eyes. So "Pretty" became her name.

No one claimed Pretty so she remained with us. Eventually, she and Tar Heel became parents. About that time, my husband was transferred to Washington, D. C. The Children, heartbroken over leaving their North Carolina home insisted upon taking all the cats. Tar Heel refused to be fenced in. In July 1944, I drove to Washington with my two boys and an orange crate containing Pretty and her four kittens.

An epidemic of some unknown origin killed many kittens in the area including several of ours. Pretty was very ill, but by the end of the summer was completely restored to health. We had obtained a house in College Park, Maryland, and had for our neighbor, a delightful English lady, Mrs. Jane Kelk, who loved cats. She became interested in blue-eyed Pretty, who was, she said, "a most exemplary cat."

A large white tom, name and owner unknown, sired Pretty's second litter, six pure white kittens. There was a great demand for them, but we kept one and named her "Stormy Weather", a name which proved to be very appropriate for she was not gentle and sweet as her mother was. "Galahad", a very handsome grayish white tom belonging to Mrs. S. H. Harvey of College Park, was the sire of Stormy's first litter. Angelique was the prettiest of the kittens.

We had never had cats in the house.

In the mild climate of North Carolina they were comfortable outside, but in Maryland, Angelique spent much time in the basement where a coal furnace did not improve her white fur. She spent more and more time visiting Mrs. Kelk, who let her sleep on damask chairs and pick her way daintily among rare glass and china upon tables and shelves. Finally, the situation reversed itself, and Angelique lived with Mrs. Kelk, became more beautiful every day and occasionally visited us.

However, Angelique eventually became a problem even to one who loves cats as Mrs. Kelk does. After her second litter Mrs. Kelk phoned Mrs. Merald Hoag of Arlington, Virginia and asked if she would be interested in a very pretty white cat with blue eyes. Mrs. Hoag was interested and Angelique and her family moved to the Nor-Mont Cattery.

When Angelique won her first blue ribbon all in the neighborhood were excited. Many from College Park attended the cat show held in Washington in March 1950, including our family, Mrs. Kelk and her two daughters and Mrs. Harvey. There was something regal about Angelique, lying quietly in her cage, the twenty-seven blue ribbons she had been awarded making a lovely background for her snowy fur and enhancing the blue of her eyes.

She blinked sleepily at us, without, I fear, much recognition. But my children and I were thinking of another white cat, a tiny one, coming from the darkness of the pine woods to romp with a little black kitten on a moonlit lawn in North Carolina. To us, Angelique who had won so many honors, was first of all, Pretty's granddaughter.

A Siamese male cat, Khin Cho (Miriam), owned by William J. Beetham of Fennimore, Wis., died recently at the age of 20 years. He was one of first in state.

SIAMESE OF CALIFORNIA

At the 10th annual Siamese Cat Society of California specialty, held at Inglewood, Sept. 10, Kabar's Miss Milly-Tilly, seal point female, owned by Ken and Virginia Bartlett was best, judged by Mrs. June Williams. In an all-breed kitten show, Secret, black female, owned by Virginia Chambers was best long hair, and Quinn's Sun-E-Boy, siamese seal point male, owned by Mrs. Florence Derrig was best short hair.

Best, Best, Nov.—Kabar's Miss Milly-Tilly.

Best Opp.—Prince Chaturon Ratsami, s.p.m., J. W. Blackford.

Best Opp. Nov.—Willipuss of Anna's Siamese, s.p.m., Anna McCracken.

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Best Blue Point—Ta Lee-Ho's Princess Gi-Ki Wong, f., Lavona Wright.

(Submitted by Mrs. Manley)

NEWS OF THE WEST

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a light blue of exceptional type; we hope to see little "White Russian" in San Francisco.

The Vancouver show of the Pacific National Exhibition was held August 28-29; it was a pleasure to see the name of an old friend as judge of the all-breed Mrs. Leila Paterson, who imported so many beautiful Blues and Silvers from England and who has always been a consistent breeder and judge. Mrs. Roberta Knight made her bow as judge of the Siamese Specialty; I only wish I could have gone and watch them both.

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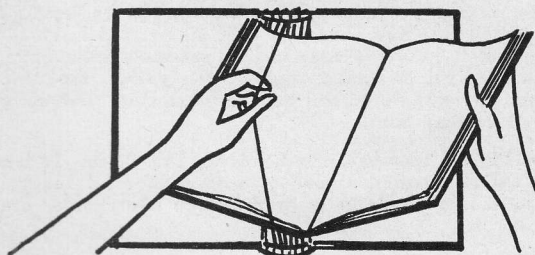
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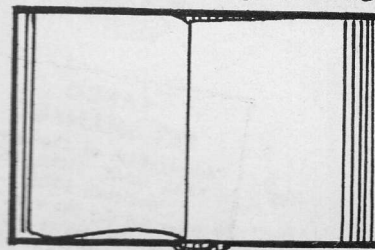
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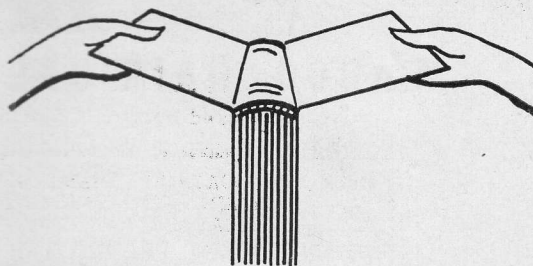
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