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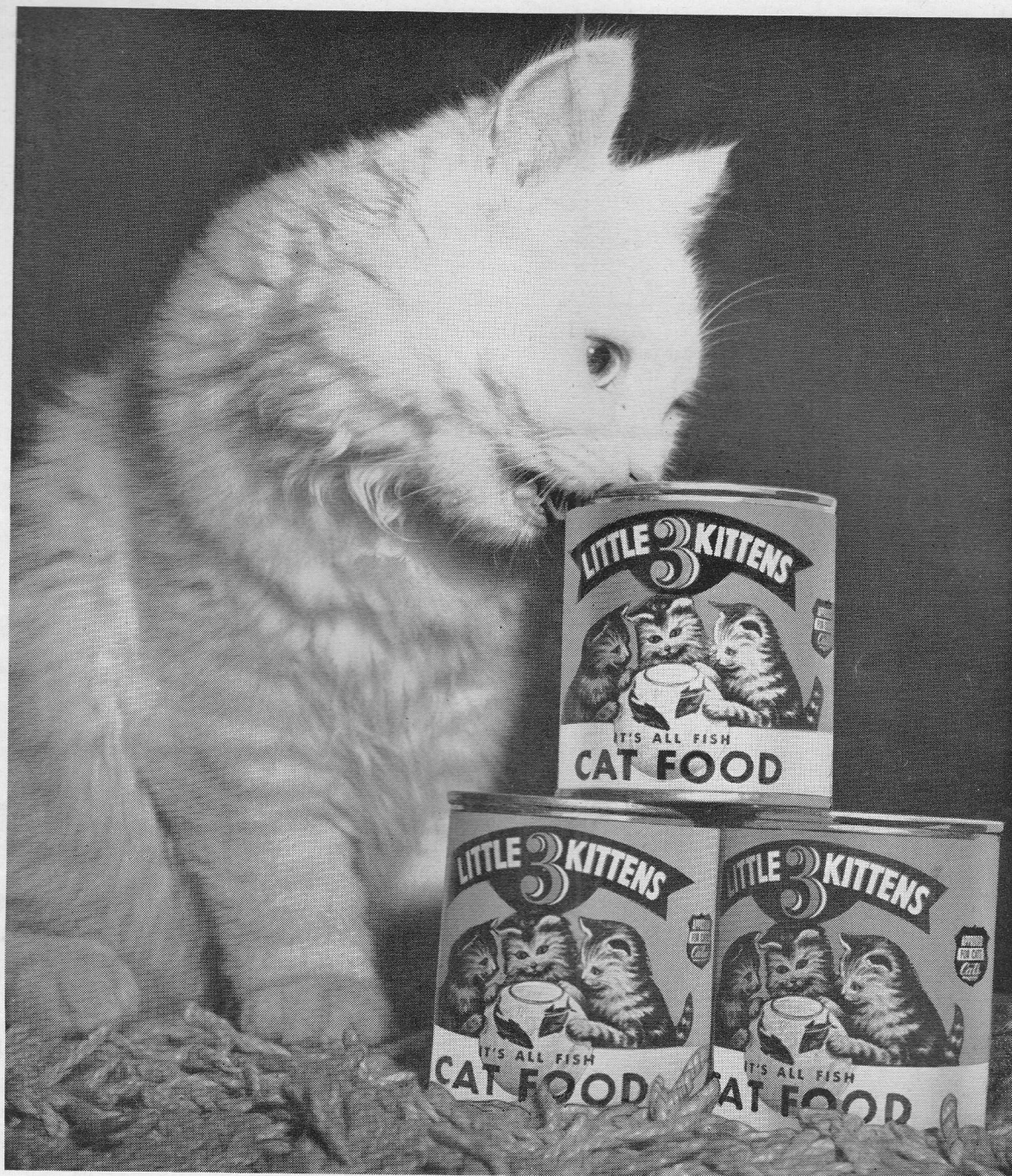
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Joe Green

New York, N. Y.

(Editor's Note—The photos of cats in CAT-A-LOG are exquisite. We suggest that you write the firm, enclosing 10c in coin to handle mailing costs).



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## OUR CATS

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### COVER GIRL

Girl Scout Beverly Burghardt, Queens Village, N. Y. Photo by William Leftwich, New York. Courtesy, Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Many a Girl Scout proudly wears a Cat and Dog Badge on the right sleeve of her green uniform. The cat, dog, and dish insignia is a symbol of her love for and care of her pet, and of a planned course of study under the Girl Scout nature program. It was designed as a basic attraction to young people who naturally love animals, but earning the badge carries it further by teaching her how to care for and raise her pet.

During 1949 more than 12,000 Cat and Dog Badges were sold to Girl Scout Councils across the country through the National Equipment Service. Girl Scouts earning this badge had to exercise and care for their cats and dogs as well as to teach them good manners. Each girl had to learn to put a safety muzzle on a dog before attempting to give him first aid or emergency care; and she learned what first aid procedures to use in at least three cases of accidents to her pet.

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We have a paper, hobby room or corner, and a side show each year. The 1950 side show had a play, refreshments, posters, comics, exhibition of animal statues and chances on an animal pin. We sent our proceeds to the A. S. P. C. A. Building Fund. We charged 2c comics, 5c admission, 5c for chances on Teddy Bear, 3c for chances on Pin, 5c for exhibition on statues.

The show went perfectly. We sent a letter with the money. We were listening to a radio program called "Hits and Misses" when it introduced three ladies from the A. S. P. C. A. One of them read our letter and told about us. This happened again. We are so happy that a club we formed was mentioned on the radio.

I would be so thrilled and I think the rest of the club members would too if you would kindly put this story in CATS MAGAZINE.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ellen Cook

### CHANGE WANTED

I think that you can build up more interest in your cat magazine by eliminating the results of the cat shows. Very few of your readers whom I have talked to bother with that sort of thing, and the valuable space could best be utilized with additional articles, poems and stories which all of us cat-lovers really crave.

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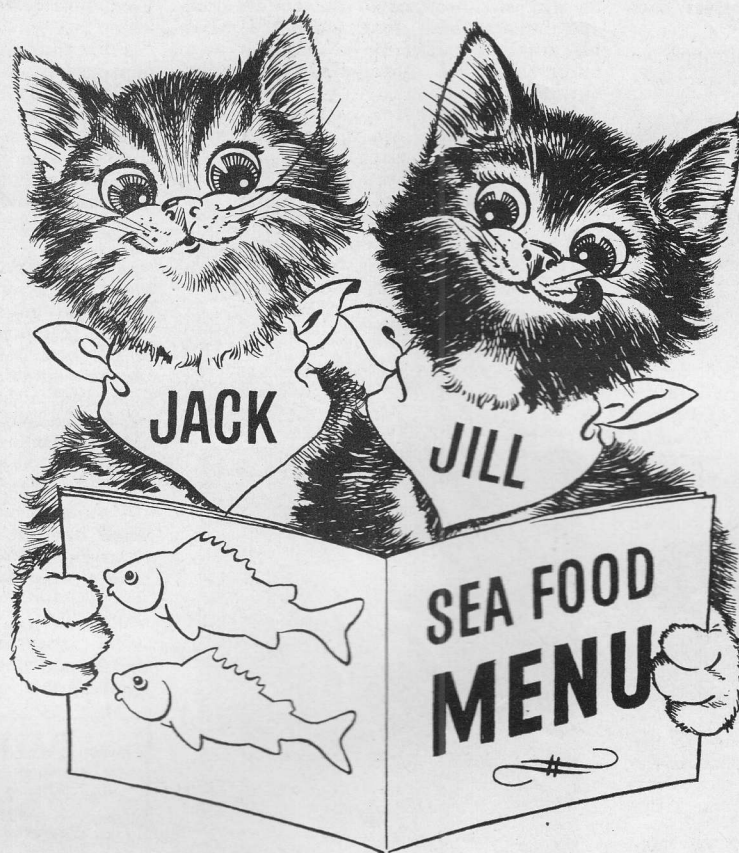
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# FINNEGAN, A JAILBIRD IS SOME CAT; HE RULES THE ROOST AS NO. 0001

Prisoner 0001, alias Finnegan the Vag, poked his head between the steel bars and meowed.

In one gray flash he might have squeezed his body through those bars and escaped. Neither jailors or prisoners seemed very much worried, however.

Finnegan is the first person to do a life stretch in the Stanislaus County Jail at Modesto, California—and he's doing time on a vagrancy charge. Some people might question whether a cat can be called a person. Finnegan apparently doesn't recognize the other member of the feline family, and with a blithe insolence he forces his cell-mates to accept him as their equal.

Shortly after the gray-ringed kitten entered the county jail, fellow-inmates had him mugged, paw-printed, and given a number. Several prisoners including John Varnado head cook and Finnegan's self-chosen master, carry the cat's photo and paw-prints in their wallets.

Finnegan has never seen the outside of the jail. Once he followed an inspector downstairs to the second story. The strange world frightened him so much he scooted back upstairs to the safety of his third floor trustee's ward.

The three month old kitten found his prison home, when police picked up a drunken woman last June. She was clutching the newly-born kitten to her body, and refused to give it up to officers. The matron finally persuaded her to hand him over, and for a week Varnado and other trustees fed the kitten with an eye-dropper.

Finnegan liked the jail and the prisoners liked Finnegan, so they arbitrarily booked him.

Whether his life sentence is legal or not, no one will say. Ray Mooreland, a local jail bondsman, claims he refused to go the cat's \$1,000 bail, because "I couldn't trace its ancestry."

Sheriff Jack Hammett smiles wisely and adds, "He's a hardened alley cat. There's no telling how long the trustee ward will hold him."

Trustees corroborate Finnegan's toughness. When the conwise kitty chooses a bunk for an afternoon nap, there's not a man who would dare question that choice. Finnegan weighs only three pounds, but he's a bundle of fur, claws, and teeth, and when he takes a nap, he takes a nap, and it doesn't matter who may want to use the bunk.

At heart he's a latent fireman, though. He'll dive from the top bunk at one of the metal poles which run from the ceiling to the floor, catch it between his paws and slide deftly to the floor.

Finnegan makes the trip in one rapid blur. Jail photographers are still trying to figure out why a camera that will stop a race horse cold on a dead run catches only blurred snaps of Finnegan sliding the pole.

Finnegan's eyes were still closed when he was first brought to the county jail, and inmates have long wondered what his reaction might be to another cat, automobiles, or other denizens of the outside world.

He is one of the few cats interested in staring at himself in a mirror. The likeness apparently puzzles him.

A live chicken brought in jail for Sunday dinner several weeks ago is said to have made him go stark crazy. Finnegan stared at the chicken. He approached it tentatively. Finnegan arched his back, spit, and fled to sanctuary beneath a bunk.

Long ago the kitten decided the Stanislaus County jail was no place for crickets. And a lot of crickets discovered the fact—but too late, thereby disproving the old tale that a cat will die if he eats a cricket.



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"Finnegan", says John Varnado, "has no earthly use for a woman. He won't go near the matron's ward. That first night he came here they thought 'he' was a 'she'. Finnegan never got over the indignity of the mistake."

Trustees watch Finnegan to make sure he doesn't swallow string. Varnado caught him devouring the end of a

piece of string once, and catching it in time, pulled over a foot of it from the kitten's stomach.

Finnegan vaguely disapproves of such deprivations, but he's a model prisoner if his fur isn't rubbed the wrong way too far.

He'll take a lot of guff from the head cook he won't take from anyone else. The two made a bargain long ago that Finnegan could boss the ward if he kept out of Varnado's kitchen and off the tables.

The kitten has stuck to the agreement. Put him in the kitchen and he stalks out angrily.

The prison grapevine has it that some of the best lawyers in Modesto are trying to win Finnegan a parole—but it looks like a tough rap to beat.

Finnegan accepts his life sentence with a sinister meow. Why should he worry? He's got nine of them.

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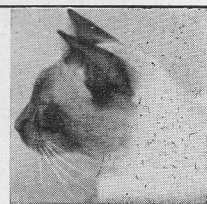
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# NATIONWIDE RADIO BROADCAST SALUTES CAT WEEK, NOVEMBER 11

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National Cat Week takes to the air in its week-long celebration on Saturday, November 11.

The event is scheduled over the network of the Mutual Broadcasting System as the feature presentation of the "Man on the Farm" radio show, starring Chuck Acree as master of ceremonies. The program is heard coast-to-coast beginning at Saturday noon. Consult the newspaper radio columns for the exact time in your area.

## FIFTY CATS APPLY FOR RHUBARB IN FELINE MOVIE

Friday, October 13, 1950 was a big day for Hollywood's cats that have visions of becoming movie stars.

That was the day when fifty cats auditioned for the title role in the forthcoming motion picture, "Rhubarb", to be filmed by Paramount Pictures.

"Rhubarb", a novel by H. Allen Smith, about a cat which inherits thirty million dollars and a big league baseball team, is one of the top pictures scheduled to go into production before the first of the year.

The Smith story relates about the will of an eccentric millionaire who has no respect for the intelligence of his heirs, so he bequeaths his property to a pet cat, "Rhubarb".

The Paramount studios turned into a wild din of hissing and yowling as the felines and their eager owners stampeded into the mammoth dance rehearsal hall.

The cats—all kinds, from the garbage can variety to the luxurious perfumed beauts of the show rings—strutted their stuff under close inspection.

Many of the candidates got out of control during the event, much to the worry of studio officials who were occupied mainly with disentangling belligerent pussies who were out to prove their worth.

One of the standouts of the event was a tabby tom named Alamo, who growled between bites of cantaloupe, which his mistress thoughtfully brought along.

Only twelve cats were selected for screen tests. Of this group, four will be picked—one as Rhubarb, and the other three as standins."

Each of the four felines coming out on top will be given a contract for about six months at approximately \$100 a week.

Arthur Lubin, the director who made a mule talk in "Francis", a recent novelty film, will handle the directing of "Rhubarb".

Geneticists at the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine, have finally succeeded in raising a pair of "Orange" point Siamese. Body color is buff and the eyes, as usual, clear blue. They will "officially" be known as Red Points.

Cats Magazine, represented by its editor, Charles A. Kenny, founder of National Cat Week, will be the special stations of the Mutual network will guest of Chuck Acree, A total of 430 carry the broadcast, now in its fourteenth year on the air.

Miss Lydia O. Cypher of Pittsburgh, executive secretary of National Cat Week, will send on an exotic Siamese male kittens to be presented to someone in the studio audience, determined by a special contest cooked up by Chuck Acree and his famous radio stooge, Reggie Cross.

Chuck Acree is familiar to listeners from coast to coast as master of ceremonies of "Hint Hunt", "Something to Talk About" as well as "Man on the Farm." The Broadcast will aid considerably in the promotion of National Cat Week, celebrated November 7 through November 13, and marks a new high attained by the small executive body that is doing so much for the "understanding, appreciation and better care" of all cats.

The National Cat Week network broadcast will take place at the Quaker Oats Experimental Farm, near Libertyville, Illinois, about 45 miles northwest of Chicago. Tickets are not necessary for admittance to the studio.

Those desiring to attend the broadcast in person and are driving from the Chicago area, should take any route to Milwaukee Avenue which leads direct to Libertyville. Turn west on Lake Street and watch for the "Man on the Farm" signs directing to the famous farm.

Others planning to attend, should take any highway to Route 21 to Libertyville.

Plan to be at the farm no later than 10:00 o'clock, CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, because the big program will be underway by that hour. The actual broadcast of the "Man on the Farm" salute to National Cat Week will be from 11:00 until 12:00 o'clock, CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, being fed to the Eastern Time Zone (12:00 to 1:00). Then by means of special repeat broadcasts (one for each time zone), the show is aired in other time sections in such a manner that every one throughout the country, regardless of time zone, will hear the program between 12:00 and 1:00 o'clock, their time.

In order not to miss this special National Cat Week broadcast, and the first ever staged on a national radio network, it is suggested that you consult the newspaper radio columns for the exact time of the "Man on the Farm" show on the local Mutual station.

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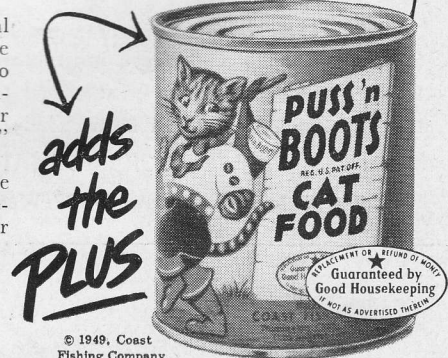
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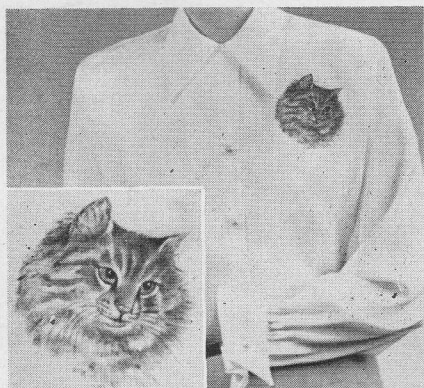
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## KITTEN CLIMBS MATTERHORN TO AMAZEMENT OF SPORTSMEN

A kitten has conquered the famous 14,780-foot Matterhorn, one of Europe's highest peaks.

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The party embarked with ropes, guides, pickaxes, compass, food, water,

maps and first aid equipment and began ascending the steep slopes on which many adventures in the past have died.

When the last climber reached the top of the peak, all in the party began congratulating each other that they had made it. Then suddenly the merry-making stopped as the party heard a querulous meowing.

There was Matt!

He had made his way, according to the reports, to the famed Prince of Savoy hut, down even the more dangerous descent in Italy.

Upon returning, the astonished adventurers related the story of Matt. They marvelled at the difficult climb up the sheer sides of the peaks. Matt's movements were carefully traced by several of the climbers.

## Scientist Coaches Cat - Rat Team

Four ordinary domestic cats recruited from New Orleans' French Quarter became scientific felines in a series of experiments conducted by Dr. Loh Seng Tsai, Tulane University psychologist.

Oddly enough the experiment consisted of teaching the cats to "co-operate" with laboratory rats.

Dr. Tsai began his experiment with three kittens, three weeks old, and three young white rats. He put them in a cage where they learned to eat and live together.

Then he taught them to work in co-operation. He paired them off placing each pair into a cage. A wire screen separated them from a dish of food. In order to obtain the food, cat and rat were required to step simultaneously on two buttons, thus raising the screen.

At the beginning the animals failed to get the idea. Dr. Tsai gave them a clue by placing food on both keys. But each ate from the same key.

The cat almost caught on. While playing with the rat's tail, he accidentally pressed both keys, opening the way to the food. However, the cat went on playing with the rat's tail, evidently thinking that the action solved the problem.

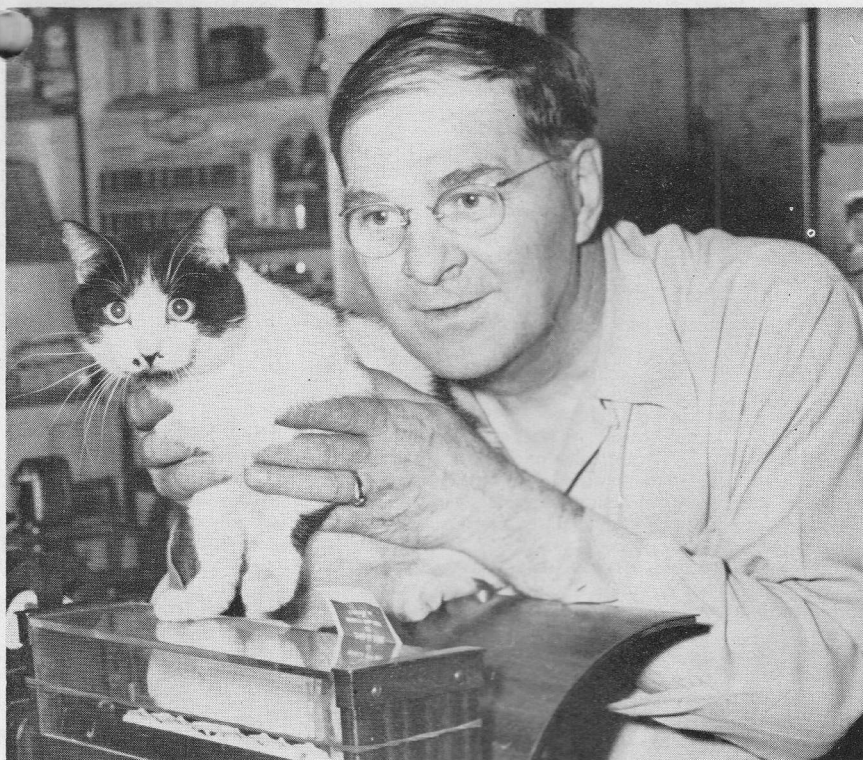
Dr. Tsai believes that the rat was smarter. He would attract the cat's attention with his tail and when the cat had his paw on the button, would scurry over and press his own.

Each animal seemed to realize that he needed the other's help to get the food, Dr. Tsai reported.

"If the 'natural enemies,' cats and rats, can learn to work together, why not unfriendly nations of men?", he asked.

A motion picture of the experiment has been made by Dr. Tsai, illustrating how these "natural enemies" live peacefully with each other. The picture was a feature recently at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, held at State College, Pa.





**BUNDLE OF FELINE FURY**—Here is Colorado's Heroic Cat of 1950. Its name is Tiden-Taden and it saved the cash and possibly the life of its proud owner, Webster L. Ramsey of Denver, Colorado, shown with her. Tiden-Taden, a spay, leaped on holdup-thug to thwart stickup. (Photo by Denver Post)

## IN HOLDUP ATTEMPT IN DENVER HEROIC CAT TACKLES BANDIT

On July 24 in Denver, Colorado, an ordinary black and white spay cat named Tiden-Taden whose job it was to clear a grocery store of mice, took the law into her paws and foiled a stickup that saved the contents of the cash register and quite possible the life of her master.

A would-be holdup man entered the store of Webster L. Ramsey, age 53, and suddenly demanded "cold cash", at the same time nudging with his fists in his coat pocket as if grasped to revolvers.

The thug failed to take Tiden-Taden into account. Snarling and spitting, Tiden-Taden whirled into the air and with claws unsheathed went to work on the bandit's head and back. The foiled thug fled.

Mr. Ramsey told the police soon after that the man had entered his store, which is in front of his living quarters and asked for some cold pop. Ramsey said he told the man to help himself from the cooler in front of the counter. Then, suddenly

the thug made his demand for the Ramsey cash.

Ramsey dashed around the counter and began grappling with the bandit. It was then that Tiden-Taden, Colorado's Heroic Cat of 1950 entered the fray.

Reports of the great act by Tiden-Taden was published the following day in the Denver papers and Colorado subscribers contacted Cats Magazine immediately urging an Heroic Cat Medal for the cat.

Cats Magazine contacted Mrs. J. R. Kringel of Denver, who arranged with her club, the Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc., of Denver, to hold a special program in conjunction with the first meeting of the

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# YESTERDAYS KITTENS, NOW UNWANTED CATS ARE PROBLEMS FOR CAT-LOVERS AND AGENCIES

By RITA SWENSON

Mark Twain once remarked, "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest".

Human nature being what it is, it is

difficult to imagine anyone always doing the right thing even though motivated by the highest principles. Indeed, what might be interpreted as the right thing by one group, would be the wrong to another. But in one particular instance it would be a credit to our country's cat loving population if a new leaf were turned and right consistently done.

I refer to cat lovers who adopt a cat for a pet while on vacation and then, when Fall indicates vacation's end, blithely turn the animal out to shift for itself. This is cruel in the extreme, yet thoughtless cat lovers continue to abandon cats and kittens to an uncertain fate. Each year at this time humane agencies are taxed the limit in providing for pets, which, without warning, have been thrown on the world for support. Many of these animals are never found by agents and either starve or freeze to death or revert to the wild, predatory state. A few, the lucky ones, are given shelter by kindly, year-round residents or turned over to a humane society for placement. By some strange twist of fate, the "sufficient unto itself" tag still clings to the cat. Those who are at all familiar with cats know this to be untrue. Cats depend on humans to a larger extent than is sometimes realized. They require food and warmth, yes, but companionship, too, and to give a cat all these things and then suddenly take them away must be as disturbing in a cat's life as it would be in a human's. Surely, if a cat is considered desirable enough to acquire in the first place, one should think enough of it to provide it with a permanent home or make other satisfactory arrangements.

For the benefit of those who at some time or other might want to adopt a pet from an agency, let me say here that pet placement is never a haphazard affair. Though I am only familiar with the rules and regulations of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, I do not doubt for a moment that all agencies, all being motivated by the same power, that of offering shelter and comfort to the homeless, are as conscientious in their endeavors. Quoting, with permission, from

the League's Annual Review of Animal Service, we find that:

"Our primary objective is to place animals in good homes where they will receive proper care and feeding. A considerable amount of time is spent in interviewing applicants to determine their capability of owning and taking care of a pet. In each case there are different circumstances that must be taken into consideration before a pet is placed. Some of the determining factors are:

1. If married, with or without children. If single.
2. Size and location of home.
3. Have they had a pet before?
4. Why do they desire a pet?
5. Is someone at home at all times to exercise, feed, and take care of the pet?

After we have at least these facts, we are able to decide the size and type of animal best suited for their particular qualifications. Now that we have agreed on the best for their needs, we show them what we have on hand at the time, and they may have to return a number of times before finding one they like. When a pet has been agreed upon an applicant must sign for same in compliance with the various regulations of the League.

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2. An Agreement is filled out and signed.
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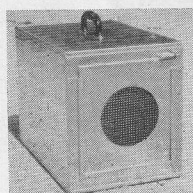


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**BIG CAT WEEK BROADCAST**—Here is the group that will put over National Cat Week on the *Man on the Farm* broadcast, Saturday, November 11 at 12 o'clock noon, over 430 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System. Left to right are Chuck Acree, master of ceremonies, Reggie Cross, Porter Heaps at the organ and Singer George Menard. The program will be the greatest ever staged to promote cats and kittens. Two Siamese will be presented for contest awards on show.

## CAT WEEK SCHEDULED NOV. 7-13 DEPENDS ON SALE OF SEALS

The annual celebration of National Cat Week is scheduled from November 7 through November 13. It is the fifth observance of this special period that is designed to interest the public in the "appreciation, understanding and better care" of cats and kittens.

The 1950 celebration looms as the biggest and best to date.

### Lost Cat in Wisconsin is Returned to N. Y. Owners

When Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilder left their Minnesota home for New York, they took their black kitten Holly, with them. But Holly wasn't particularly interested in going to New York. So at Black River Falls, Wis., she hopped out of the auto, unbeknown to the Wilders, and moved in and took possession of the Ben Huntley home.

The Wilders were just about out of Wisconsin, heading East, when they discovered that Holly had disappeared. They hurriedly wrote cards to five towns in which they had stopped, asking that an ad be placed in the local newspaper for the return of the black cat which was lost "somewhere in the state of Wisconsin."

The Huntleys saw the ad in the Black River Falls newspaper, and made a long distance call to the Wilders in New York. A crooked tail, white and black whiskers, the placement of a brown spot where quickly checked and Holly was named and identified.

Ben Huntley shipped the cat by air express, building a special crate and providing in it, the necessary items for a travelling cat by plane.

The Huntleys received an award for the return of Holly, now safe, sound and happy in New York.

An increasing number of events are listed in conjunction with the 1950 National Cat Week observance. The calendar of events is published on page 15 of this issue.

Object of National Cat Week rests in the slogan, "Appreciation, Understanding and Better Care". Support of the observance is conducted entirely through the sale of small envelope poster stamps depicting a cat with the dates of the annual event and the slogan. The sale of the stamps is by membership in National Cat Week. To each person sending \$1.00 for membership, 100 of the envelope posters are forwarded. This is the only means for obtaining funds for the advancement of the program.

According to Miss Lydia O. Cypher, executive director of National Cat Week, 1201 Center Street, Pittsburgh 21, Pa., "Our only source of income is from the seals we send members. If we do not obtain members, the amount of pamphlets and posters that we send out is greatly curtailed. Printing expenses are high and the postage used to send out literature and the seals to the members is extremely costly."

The idea of a National Cat Week was first presented as far back as 1933, but no one did anything about it until *Cats Magazine* made its initial appearance and began campaigning for such an annual event in 1945.

*Cats Magazine* turned over all rights of National Cat Week to an incorporated organization in the spring of 1946, headed by John Newton of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Newton remained at the head of the group until pressure of his college studies forced him to abandon the project since it was interfering with his classwork.

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## Radio Broadcast

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In 1949 Miss Cypher of Pittsburgh, Pa., assumed the task of carrying on the activities of National Cat Week, which consumes her attentions the entire year.

"We have done everything we can to create interest in National Cat Week," states Miss Cypher, "and we feel that this year we have accomplished more than we have ever done in the past.

"Each year our work is greater than before. Many have contributed their time and energy to make National Cat Week a success. The observance on the West Coast appears at this time far ahead of other areas. Dr. Guy Bogart of Beaumont, Calif., who is vice president of our group of national officers and California State Chairman, has done wonders not only in California but in other sections of the country, as well.

"A coast-to-coast radio network show on November 11 (Mutual Broadcasting System, 12 o'clock noon), should be of very great benefit to National Cat Week for 1950. I have appointed Charles A. Kenny, publisher of Cats Magazine to represent Cat Week at this broadcast, the first national radio show we have ever had. Mr. Kenny is the founder of National Cat Week, although he is in no way connected with the operations of it today, and we feel it fitting and proper that he be the one to represent us on this very excellent show (Man on the Farm, sponsored by the Quaker Oaks Co.)"

## Colorado's Heroic Cat

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organization at which Tiden-Taden would be presented with the Cats Magazine Heroic Cat Medal for 1950. This event took place Thursday, September 21 with Mrs. Harry E. Lyndes, president of the Colorado Cat Fanciers awarding the medal to Tiden-Taden, as her proud owners looked on.

Tiden-Taden joined the Ramseys on a wintry night two years ago December. She appeared as a hungry little waif at the grocery store on East 36th Avenue.

The Ramseys were particularly interested in dogs, but upon seeing Tiden-Taden could not resist the appeal of this little half-starved kitten. She was named and soon became a regular member of the family, which she recently chose to protect.

Mr. Ramsey has always been interested in animals and the training of them. He read an article in a newspaper, authored by an animal trainer who stated that a cat could not remember for longer than an hour and a half, what it had been taught. Mr. Ramsey knows differently today.

Tiden-Taden is amiable to children and adults alike. However, she does not permit adults to handle her, and will growl at them when disturbed. Not so with children.

(Cats Magazine acknowledged with appreciation the assistance furnished by Mrs. J. R. Kringel of Denver, for the Tiden-Taden award and the information contained in this foregoing account.)

## BACK ISSUES UNAVAILABLE

Back issues of Cats Magazine are not obtainable. Only sufficient copies to cover the subscription list are printed each month. The current issue is usually on sale at cat shows from coast-to-coast. Cats Magazine is not sold on newsstands.

## SOLID COLOR CLUB

A Solid Color Cat Club has been organized by a group of fanciers in the New York area, affiliated with the C.F.F. Mrs. Helen Hildebrand is president; Mrs. Cicely C. Mellor, vice-president; and Miss Ellen P. Laffin, 3815 Beach 38 St., Seagate, Brooklyn, secretary-treasurer. The group stages its first exhibition in conjunction with the Brooklyn-Long Island show, November 28-29.

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## PUSS IN BOOKS

By Hettie Gray Baker

**CATS AND PEOPLE:** by Frances and Richard Lockridge.

Published by J. B. Lippincott, N.Y.C. 1950

**THE ABANDONED:** by Paul Gallico. Published by A. A. Knopf, N.Y.C. 1950

**THE BOOK OF CATS:** compiled by Brant House, published by A. A. Wyn, N.Y.C. 1950

The superstition that things come in threes is surprisingly sustained by the publication of three MUST books on cats this autumn.

"CATS AND PEOPLE", by the Lockridges, is probably the definitive book about cats, not forgetting Carl Van Vechten's "Tiger In The House". It covers the whole field, from pre-historic felines to tomorrow's kittens. The range of information is wide and the bibliography impressive. It would be fun to try to duplicate this bibliography on one's own bookshelves. Impressive too are the intelligence and care with which their vast store of knowledge is collated and reported. And they have not faltered when the information is distressing. At the worst, it still was history and belonged in the book. Although I am sure the Lockridges slept better o' nights when Chapter 5, on the cat in medieval times, was finished and done with.

Cat-lovers are in debt to these authors, for an extremely readable, reliable compendium of cat lore of all kinds. And also for the tenderness and heart-understanding that radiates from every page.

Chapter One, a word picture of an hour of communion with their Siamese boss, Martini, is pure poetry. One reads it with delight. It sets the key for the whole book. Its loving wit and tenderness, the sparkle that makes every page brilliant are the things one thinks of first when the book is mentioned.

I have used the phrase "heart-understanding", in this review, and of all the words of praise the book deserves that is the most descriptive, for it covers not only the intellectual and academic

value of this book, but is a tribute to an indefinable quality of tenderness and appreciation which makes it unique.

The second of these three MUST books is a tour de force to which the word "unique" belongs in its most literal sense. This is **THE ABANDONED**; a novel by Paul Gallico. As far as I know, it is the only full-length novel, written for adults, in which all the characters are cats and the human beings are seen only as they appear to the thoughtful, critical eyes of felines.

Mr. Gallico's understanding of and tenderness for cats is incredible. His cats do not think or pass judgment or act as men imagine cats think or judge or act. They do all these things as the reader is quickly convinced cats actually do them. Why the reader is convinced of this or how Mr. Gallico knows all this or how he gets it over to the reader, I do not know. But there it is! An absorbing book, of tremendous charm and power, with unbelievable realism.

Even the most eloquent cat-lover will find it difficult to express his gratitude to the authors of these two books, since they have created new understanding and appreciation of cats to the ultimate improvement of their place in the sun.

Apropos of this, I think no one who has rescued a stray kitten and placed it in a shelter beyond the power of hunger for panic or pain, can read Mr. Gallico's interpretation of a stray's cry, with a clutching at the heart-strings:—

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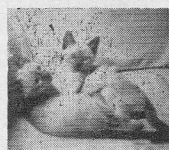
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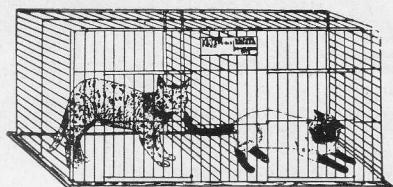
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# CAT TAILS

Down in Nashville, Tennessee, there lives a small youngster named James Midgett. James has a Red Persian Tabby called Delaware Judy. Judy plighted her troth to a damyankee — and traveled north to spend her honeynoon — she stayed and stayed and stayed — James was getting very tired waiting for Judy to come home — one day there was a telegram delivered to the Midgett hotel, 'Sweet Judy, Eastern Air Line, arrive Nashville twelve o'clock tomorrow' — and was James happy. Judy arrived safe, and very delighted to be home again — best of all she brought with her two babies, round and fat as butter balls, twinkling eyes, two fluffy powder-puffs, just able to stand on four legs and look surprised at anything that would happen to them. Not many babies two weeks old travel so far — when so young — but then not many cat-babies have James Ray Midgett to go home to.

I am wondering how many of the Cat Readers know about the A. H. A. (The American Humane Association), Headquarters in Albany, New York. I have followed this organization closely—retribution is swift for those who are cruel to cats or animals of any kind for that matter. They have developed a 'cat-pole' a long stick with a special device for removing kitty unharmed when the little creature gets stranded up a chim-

ney or down a well. The American Humane Association will award a gold, silver or bronze medal to any person who risks his life saving an animal—or for that matter to any animal saving a person's life. Spectacular rescues are common. When you see one of the Association with a RED STAR BAND on his arm — it means to the animal world just what the Red Cross means to us humans. Cat poisoners are especial enemies of this Association. In Dover, New Jersey, recently, a hoodlum was beating out the brains of some helpless little kitten against a brick wall. He was dealt every penalty that was possible to give. In fact, the Judge threw the book at him. I earnestly urge you, each and every one to join this organization and carry your Red Star arm band in your pocket-book, use it when necessary. You will be backed by an organization that is both powerful and potent. There are branches in almost every large city. Look them up.

Down Texas way, Maye Marshall tells me another story regarding Cobina Wright, Jr., who loves publicity—(I'm betting that Cobina, in one of her re-incarnations, was an advertising exec!) Cobina is nine year old, though we really should not talk about a queen's age, last year she had eight babies and you know what the expenses of raising a large family really is — and Cobina not being

by BILLIE BANCROFT

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

as young as she once was — Mrs. Marshall decided that she was too old to have any more babies — now this did not make Cobina too happy, for she is all mother. Mrs. Marshall has a tiny female kittens whose mummie could not care for her — (due no doubt to the high cost of cat-nip and living in general — and mummie cats just can't do everything) — Well, Cobina saw Shan, she immediately went into a monologue meaning 'that's my baby — I don't mean maybe' — so from that moment on Shan had a Mummie, and Cobina is happy, she washes and talks to her baby and carries her around like all cat mummies do and Shan loves it — except when she wants to play and not go to bed — a habit all young 'uns have. So all is peaceful and will be until Shan grows up.

Just had an Air Mail letter from Guy Bogart — what a swell guy that fellow really is — He sends me a poem to send to little Bobby Eckhart down in Tolchester, Maryland. (Remember the little boy who was ill and the cat-baby that came from some foreign port and walked straight to Bobby's home?) The poem is dedicated to Bobby — and is a sermon in lyric. Thank you Sir Guy — thank you. I'll be in Baltimore in a few weeks and will read it to Bobby myself.

It seems that all of Sir Guy's cats, for the past ten years are intrigued by a Trumpet Vine that grows from the basement to the second floor of his home. The flowers on this vine as you know are long and trumpet-shaped. Bugs and katydids and grasshoppers and things and things secrete themselves in these flowers — so the cats will make savage onslaughts — when they catch any of these denizens they will proudly climb up the ladder to the porch roof and through the window which is open twenty-fours a day all year long, hop into the bed and drop their prey into Sir Guy's lap — after inspection and a pat of approbation, they will jump to the floor again. (They usually find a shoe to deposit their loot. Every morning Sir Guy's shoes must be inspected). They also will sit and watch the humming birds who come within a foot or two of them and never make a

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## LOVE AND TENDERNESS FOR A PET REFLECTED IN WRITINGS OF DOCTOR

By L. H. Fairchild, M. D.

Anyone who "lives with a cat" as a pet, is loathe to pen it in small quarters all of the time. However, if the cat is of great value, either monetarily or affectionately, the owner must keep it confined for its own protection. The Cat has many natural enemies in the great outdoors and even the hardiest of the feline family gets into trouble from a fight with another cat, a dog, or other animal. It may easily be poisoned or run over by a car. We all hate to see our cats hurt, but when such a thing happens it is well to be prepared to do the best thing for the animal. Too often one hears the saying that the cat should be put to sleep and out of its misery, but with the wonderful results obtained these days with modern medicine and surgery a badly injured animal can be cured and it is seldom necessary to destroy the cat just because it is injured.

I was greatly impressed by recent letters from one of our friends who owns a nice Sinaese cat that she affectionately calls "Suh". This friend is a retired physician, and the story of her battle to save her cat is heart-warming, indeed. I think you will enjoy it. She writes as follows:

"These certainly have been shattering times in our household, for we almost lost our little Suh. We still are in complete darkness as to what happened, but one of the men found her that morning under a tree badly hurt and unconscious. No one saw anything happen or knew how she got there.

"Her injuries were an ulnar nerve damage that has given her a wrist drop of the right foreleg, one of her large incisors (tooth) broken off, a toe nail pulled out, and numerous large gashes on the inside of her right leg and body on that side.

"Of course we rushed her to the Veterinarian, and he could find no bone damage or skull injury, but even after she regained consciousness he didn't give me much hope as to her recovery. She was X-rayed all over.

"However, I brought her home and spent the next two days and nights getting fluids and normal saline (sterile salt solution) into her by every known means, every two hours plus keeping her warm; and at her obvious insistence, staying close to her. If I had to leave the room, she whimpered until I returned.

"Now her wounds have all closed, and she's almost free from pain, but is still so shocked she can only sit up for a few moments at a time. She still won't eat or drink voluntarily, as her mouth is bruised and her tooth is broken. So I've been liquidizing her food in my liquidizer, and giving it to her with a large medicine dropper. She'll swallow it once it's in her mouth.

"Today she took a few three legged steps to her pan for the first time but the effort was terrific and I had to lift her off eventually. But unless something unforeseen happens I think she'll make it now.

"At first the Veterinarian advised me to have her "put to sleep", but I swore as long as her heart was beating I'd do all I could to save her. And yesterday the Veterinarian said he wouldn't have believed it if he hadn't seen "Suh" with his own eyes, the two separate times.

"I haven't given much thought to the broken tooth yet, but I suppose I'll just have to watch to see if it irritates her tongue or cheek—and if it does, I swear I'll get my own dentist to smooth it down.

"Such" is a perfect patient—for me. She'll take anything I want or have her do. But she won't let anyone else touch her. This has always been so, but it is really serious now, for no one could relieve me during the first few days. And now she wants to spend hours in my lap—which, of course, I'm so soft-hearted I let her do.

"I can't see why a child's treatment and a cat's wouldn't be the same, and on that basis I handled "Suh"—and she's alive and getting well as a result. I had to call up one of my neurological friends about the prognosis (outlook for recovery) of the ulnar nerve injury, but he couldn't reassure me—as of course I wanted him to. He only could tell me what I already knew—and I'll have to wait six weeks at least to see any real signs of regeneration.

"Through all this, little Ato (Abyssinian male cat) acts bewildered. He comes up and kisses "Suh" and licks her face, and "Suh" puts her good paw out and touches him gently. Then Ato retires across the room and gazes at her. This is entirely out of keeping with his usual behavior of greeting her with a running jump and knocking her down. He seems to realize "Suh" isn't to be teased or molested, but can't quite understand what is the matter."

Five days later we received another letter reporting on the progress of Suh's treatment:

"Just as down in the depths as I was when I wrote last, 'I'm in the clouds' today—because "Suh" is almost her old self today.

"When she recovers she does it like turning on a light, it seems to me. Last night for the first time since her injury, she decided to sleep alone instead of on my bed. The first few days when she was so low she insisted on sleeping right on my shoulder and wouldn't will-

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## BUT THE CAT GOT AWAY

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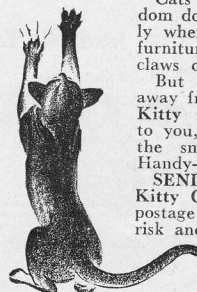
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## LOVE AND TENDERNESS

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ingly let me leave her for a minute. But she's gradually weaned herself away, until she took to a chair last night.

"Then for the first time she ate voluntarily and drank copiously of water several times today. But the prize act was—voluntarily she used even her bad front leg to scratch on the scratching post, probably because we always praise her when she uses the post.

"And now she's just finished not only giving herself a complete 'bath', but has again taken on Ato. He, the little ninny, just lies on his back and lets her do it even spreading his toes so she can lick between.

"Somehow these last ten days seem like a nightmare to me. I'll never forget 'Suh's' battered and unconscious body that morning—with my daughter and the maid standing and crying their heart's out.

"The first sign of life she really showed (other than her heart beat) was when I forced some warm cream and whiskey down her throat with a medicine dropper—drop by drop so she wouldn't get it into her bronchus (lungs). I had no idea how much whiskey would act as a stimulant with a cat, and how much would become a depressant, but I gave her a 7-day-old baby's dose—and it worked.

"Then every hour she had saline solution—once by hypodermoclysis (under the skin with sterile needle)—or glucose solution, for 48 hours. After that, twice a day plus the fluids she had fresh beef and liver and egg yolk liquidized, by medicine dropper—only a larger one—and in spite of her broken tooth and very sore mouth she seemed to relish it. Also, I give her massive doses of Vitamin B complex each day.

"But today—she's taken over her own feeding and care, and has even shown off, to Ato's delight. He manifested his pleasure by turning somersaults and generally tearing the house to pieces.

"As soon as 'Suh's' injuries permit, she too will have a collar on and leash everytime she gets out doors. Never again will she get outside unattended in the morning. But she loved going out and scratching a hole just before breakfast, and always came back immediately. This time—it wasn't soon enough.

"Suh" has just hopped up in the chair beside me, so I suppose she can't give up the attention, and petting completely, all of a sudden."

This letter illustrates very well the importance of loving care and giving the cat plenty of food and fluids as well as medical attention of the wounds themselves.

I wrote a letter to our doctor friend asking her permission to use her letter in this article. She graciously consented and wrote this progress report on "Suh's" condition:

"I took 'Suh' with me to Carmel and daily she has improved, though I'm still massaging her leg to hasten it's return to full use. I can say this isn't far off—for she ran past me out doors yesterday and leaped a fence! To all appearances save for a very slight limp remaining, 'Suh' is completely recovered—three and a half weeks after what seemed a mortal injury."

The above is convincing evidence that every care is exercised to assure an adopted pet a good home in the first place, and a satisfactory existence in the second. To you who might be considering the abandonment of a cat or kitten, we make this special plea—think it over and then, don't do it. The easiest way is not necessarily the best way.

## PROBLEMS

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placed, amount of donations, and second of spaying deposits.

Two weeks after an animal has been placed in a home, the following is the procedure:

1. A post card is sent to determine if the animal is satisfactory and contented. If it is a dog over three months, the Police Dept. is also notified for licensing purposes.

2. One week later, if no reply is received, a form letter is mailed requesting information.

3. If not heard from after the second notice, a registered letter is sent.

4. If no reply is received after these letters, we send out our investigator.

5. Spaying notices are sent giving the required date for spaying.

The activities of the Pet Placement Supervisor, Mrs. Gertrude V. Groezinger, do not begin or end with the placing of animals.

1. The doctor is consulted on new arrivals for placement.

2. Placement Kennels are inspected and supervised and checked several times during the day.

3. Animal feeding is supervised.

4. Food and supplies are ordered and record kept of same.

5. All telephone calls on animal placement etc. are answered.

6. Acknowledgement by letter for blankets received.

7. All telephone calls on lost and strayed League dogs having our identification tag are referred to Supervisor.

8. Leaflets on Care and Feeding are mailed on request.

9. Information given on banded pigeons."

## Cat Tails

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move toward the little hummers — about eight years ago the patriarchal Dudley did catch one — but Guy removed it from him — and it continued its patronage of the BOGART NECTAR BAR.

A year ago the Bogarts had a duckling — The Drake of Beaumont — and he was wed to the Drakess of Beaumont — but in the very early stages of his life — he thought he was a cat—(perhaps)— He slept regularly with white mamma and her brood, but one night he was found half a block away curled up with the venerable Persian 'Knight' sound asleep on a neighbor's lawn. Last spring when the Drakess hatched her first eggs — he killed all but three of the babies so the Bogarts up and gave him away — now these three duck babies look very much alike and they have been named Duck, Duck and Duck. They live in a comfortable pen behind Purr Hall on the roof of which Catnip, Catnip, and King are fed — (after Peggy Bacon's story

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When his presence became too much for the borough lawmakers, he was forcefully ejected from the meeting room by the chief of the police.

The feline visitor seemed particularly interested in the fiscal and secretarial aspects of the session, paying particular attention to the manner in which the borough secretary recorded the proceedings and the way the finance committee expends the community substance.

Purpose of the cat's visit was unknown, although some members believed he wanted to apply for a full-time job as rat-catcher of Jersey Shore.

Cats claw at a tree or other wood not, as commonly as supposed, to sharpen their claws, but to rid their claws of broken pieces of tissue and to exercise their toes.

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Publisher.

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## KITTEN

By Carolyn Yarbrough

*She's soft and warm and cuddlesome;  
She has a petulant face.  
So I dubbed my darling "Kitten"  
To match her feline grace.*

*She purrs when she is happy—  
(That's when she has her way)  
She loves to have me pet her  
And I know she'll never stray.*

*But when I put my foot down  
As men are wont to do,  
My kitten becomes a haughty cat  
And a fighting tigress, too.*

*But sweetly quiet, erratic or blue  
I'll love her just like that.  
And I'll never know which I prefer—  
My kitten or my cat!*

—Memphis Commercial Appeal

Nancy, a White Persian owned by Mrs. Ralph W. Veach of Romoland, Calif., drove off a rattlesnake as it attempted to molest her four kittens. Nancy was successful in action, but died later from snake-bite.

## Vancouver Show

At the annual show held in conjunction with the Pacific National Exhibition at Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28-29, Montpellier's Honey Boy, a Blue male, owned by Mrs. E. Montpellier was best in the show. Mrs. Leila Patterson was the judge. In the Siamese specialty event, judged by Mrs. Roberta K. Knight, Casa Gatos Lon Hai, a Blue Point female, owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson was best.

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Best S. H. Nov., Best S. H. Kit.—Zagazig's Mr Lom Den, siam. b.p.m., Mrs. T. F. Boothby.

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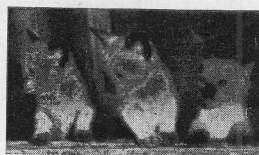
Best—Casa Gatos Lon Hai.

Best Opp.—Noda Purachtr de Casa Gatos of Tang Wong, b.p.m., Mrs. Ruth Stevens.

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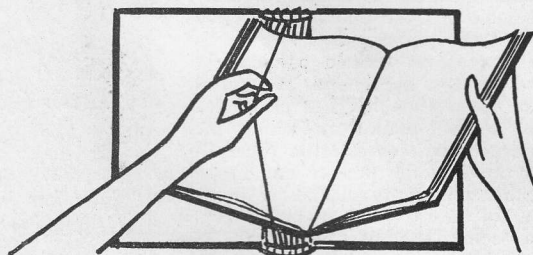
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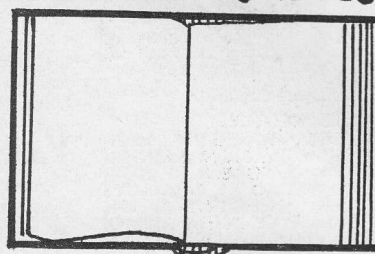
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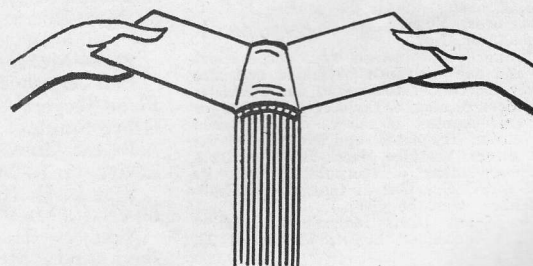
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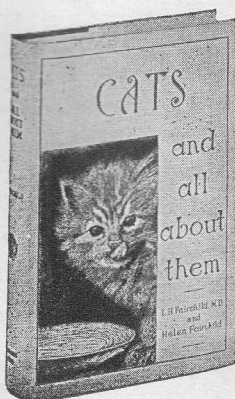
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 cation.

The North Texas Cat Club, composed of twenty-five members residing in Dallas, Fort Worth, Denton and Paris and the surrounding areas of these cities, organized on October 8, with the group affiliating with the C. F. A. A show is planned. MRS. FRED HOYT of Grapevine is president; B. ARTHUR LAUDER of Fort Worth, vice president; and MRS. S. L. LOVETT of Dallas, secretary-treasurer.

MINNIE, who lives in a cardboard box apartment in the press room opposite police headquarters in Brooklyn, with four of her kittens. The other day she went for a walk. When she returned she found her family had grown to NINE KITTENS. Somebody had slipped in five orphans, but MINNIE didn't care. She is now mothering them all.

ALL-AMERICA rosettes for 1950 were sent to winners last month, in time for the October shows. At Chillicothe, Missouri, JIM AMICK, who operates a produce store, noticed mice in his establishment. He bought a cat and put her in the back room. He peeked into the room to see how the cat was progressing. There was the cat, sharing her dish of food with a mouse.

According to NEAL O'HARA, who conducts the column TAKE IT FROM ME, in the Boston Traveler:—"CLASH: Though he adored SIR SAMUEL JOHNSON, his biographer, BOSWELL, loathed the great man's pet cat HODGE, whom JOHNSON loved so well that he'd go out on cold nights to buy oysters for the feline—a delicacy which it was nutsy about". A Black cat owned by MRS. GARVIN STANLEY, adopted three baby skunks and added them to her family of three kittens. The STANLEYS have not found them objectionable and plan to keep at least one as a pet after they are "deodorized."

E. EDWARD GREENMAN of Boston couldn't understand why his automobile engine kept on purring after he turned off the ignition. Investigating, he found a cat purring under the hood. . . In Sanford, Florida, PATROLMAN K. W. Bell was given an unusual traffic assignment. He diverted cars from the middle of a downtown street while a cat gave birth to five kittens. . . MISS CAROLINE BLANCHE LONG of Selmeaton, England, recently died at the age of 80 and left annuities totaling \$302 for the care of her cats. In her will disposing of \$141,909, an annuity of \$280 was to care for six of her cats, and \$11 a year each to two friends to care for

three more of her cats.

JACK SWETISH of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a mailman, was making a routine collection of mail recently. At one corner he opened the letter and parcel box, and out jumped a Black cat, which disappeared across the street. Poor puss was probably "mailed" by youngsters in the neighborhood.

he feat of the cat that climbed the Matterhorn, as reported on page 8 of this issue of Cats Magazine, is recipient of editorial comment in the New York Herald-Tribune and the San Francisco Chronicle. Said the Herald-Tribune: "What inspired this courageous feat we cannot fathom. Perhaps, like the bear in the old song, he went up 'to see what he could saw.'" Commented the Chronicle: "Some Alpine Society will probably bemoan Matt for having been the first mouser to climb the Matterhorn, but it will be no help to Swiss neutrality. With ill-suppressed anger, the Moscow Radio will assert that a cat of Russian nationality climbed 18,465-foot Mt. Elbruz in the Caucasus during the latter part of the Eighteenth Century and was brought down by a helicopter of Russian make flown by a Professor Leontevich."

MRS. W. F. ACKERMAN of Marietta, Ohio, submits the following verse which reveals she wrote "To Mitzi":

Your a wonderful comfort to me, little cat,  
 As you lie, half asleep, on my lap—  
 You seem quite content, tho' I stroke  
 Your soft fur  
 And keep you aroused from your nap.  
 You sleepily blink your great yellow eyes  
 And you purr in a low undertone  
 And while you are only a nice little cat—  
 You keep me from being alone.  
 For the evening is full of old memories  
 Old, and yet bitterly new—  
 Tho' I've pondered them many times o'er in  
 My mind,  
 I confide them to no one but you.  
 For when one has a hurt that seems never to heal—  
 And a Heart that's like nothing but lead,  
 It helps to imagine while stroking a cat,  
 That one's hand feels a wee towlsed head.

MR. AND MRS. B. OSTERGAARD of Chicago (he is president of the North Shore Cat Club) tells about an heroic cat of 1916. Her name was SNOWBALL and she lived to an age of 17 or 18 years. She was a blue-eyed White Shorthair. "Her teeth were gone, was partially blind, but was still a good mouser," MR. OSTERGAARD writes. "Our apartment was stove-heated and the decorators had papered over the flue opening in the opposite room, without metal cover. The wallpaper caught fire while we slept. SNOWBALL smelled the smoke and awakened me by jumping upon the bed and patting my face with her paws." A salute to SNOWBALL, MR. AND MRS. OSTERGAARD. A great and heroic cat of another day!

## PUSS IN BOOKS

(Continued from page 13)

her and understood . . .

"He recognized the wistful melody of the plaintive little mew, the cry of the waif, the stray, the unloved, and the homeless that he had come to know so well. It was the forlorn and lonely heart begging to be taken to his own, there to be warmed and cherished . . .

"It was as though it was crying to him to be saved from those very terrors he had left behind him, the appalling fear engendered by finding oneself one small helpless object

loosed in a gigantic and overpower world, the desperate hunger and thirst that surpassed any other, the yearning and the need to belong, to be loved, to be surpassingly important to someone. Hers was the call of the loneliness of the rejected, the outcast from the granite heart of the unheeding city . . .

"Oh, Nanny, give her to me, please. I want her . . ."

As I write these words, two sapphire blue eyes look up earnestly at me, a con-

tented rumble from a sleek, gray body is heard, a long gray tail twitches thoughtfully. Mike, a blue-point Siamese, obviously wishes to express a cat's gratitude for these contributions toward a much-needed appreciation of the cat and the more protective treatment so fearfully deserved.

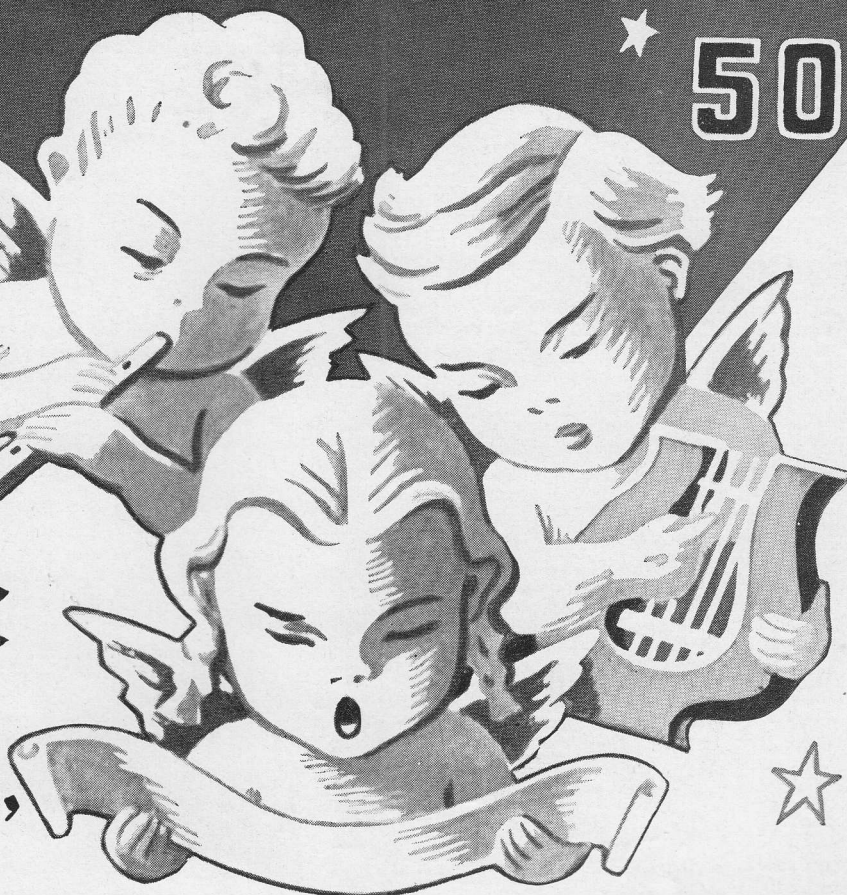
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