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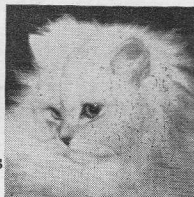
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I have just seen by the evening newspapers that there is little hope for the Anti-Cat Bill to become a law in California. No doubt you have received this good news from your many subscribers in this state. I am writing you because I feel that you have done much to help those of us in California to defeat the miserable bill that could have eliminated all cats eventually from our great state. Your clear presentation about the anti-cat law filled me with anger and the urge to do my part. Like so many others in California—and I can name a dozen—we wrote to each and everyone of the California legislators, a personal letter requesting them to outlaw the bill that would outlaw cats in California. Your guidance for us Californians is deeply appreciated by all of us, and in particular, my friends. I hope that the other places where the Friends of the Birds are planning to harm the cats, will have readers of CATS Magazine that will follow the advice given in your pages by writing many letters to show that an Anti-Cat Law is not popular. Thank you, Mr. Editor, for warning us to be ever watchful for the activities of the Friends of the Birds. It is hoped that readers in other states will take heed of your warnings for the future of our beloved pets.

Carrie Moore

Los Angeles, Calif.

"THING" IDENTIFIED

It was nice of CATS Magazine to mention the story of the peculiar cat in the February issue of "Back Fence". The owner was finally located and "the thing" was a "jaguarandi"—a type of wild cat—often tamed as a pet. It had been brought in to Miami by airline from South America. It had been purchased in a native market place. It did not "meow" like the average feline, but gave forth something like a chirp. The owner keeps it on a leash, both inside and out of doors.

You may be interested in knowing that the Humane Society of Greater Miami Shelter handled 12,548 cats in 1950. A great many of these were badly diseased or injured. We were able to place 760 in good homes and to restore 76 lost cats to their owners.

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COVER

It took Bill Early nearly nine months to teach "Fluffy" to take to the bottle and like it, but it was worth it. There'll be an article on his other educated cats in the July issue.

Only a Truce?

For all practical purposes the cat owners of California can breathe with a sigh of relief now that the Anti-Cat Bill has been pigeon-holed. But this tabling of the Bill may be of short duration. There is every possibility that it will be brought to the attention of the Legislature at a future date.

The ground work for the eradication of such legislation has been laid by the enemies of the felines, and the group, fanatical on the subject is not the type to give up.

It is our humble opinion that the California Cat Haters will mark time, accumulating during the period of catching a "second wind", sufficient funds to launch a fight with renewed vigor.

California Cat Owners were surprised, although forewarned that the Cat Haters had assembled in California following their ignominious defeat in Illinois. Imagine their surprise when they learned that the Anti-Cat Bill was placed on the docket nine months after the first plans were created.

The Friends of the Birds work fast. Such an organization must do so to put across the gross roots for such a program.

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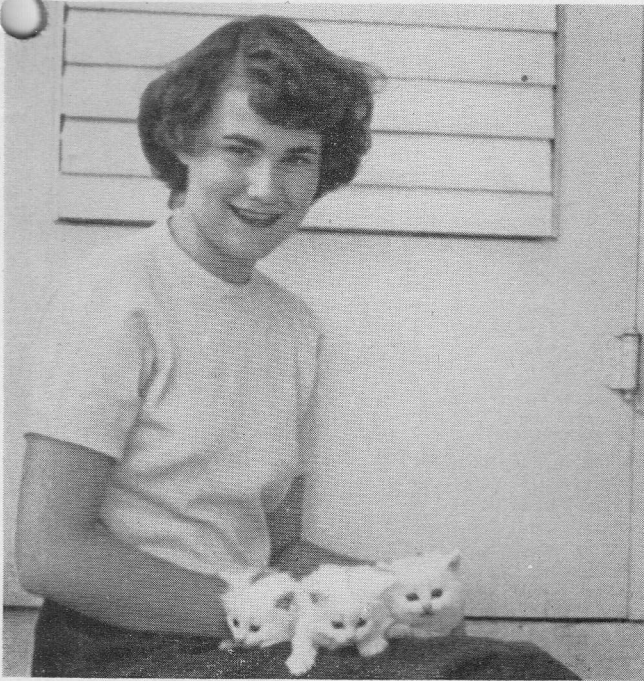
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Left—Jeanie Coughlin with three of her littlest charges.—
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Above—Our future Vet giving Lawson's Lady of Scarlett her
favorite medicine—Brewers' Yeast tablets.

CATS SWING "MISS SAM HOUSTON" TO VETERINARY COURSE

Success in Cat Breeding Encourages Jeanie Coughlin to be D.V.M.

By Anne Metcalf

Down in Houston, Texas, Jeanie Coughlin, a pretty teen-aged girl recently named Miss Sam Houston by Glenn H. McCarthy, is raising some beauties of her own, four-footed ones which answer to such names as Dollie, Lady Jane and Puddin'. (Only in informal moments, of course, do they answer to such names, since they are all pure-bred Persians who would not for a moment tolerate such familiarity at a cat show).

Jeanie, a sophomore at Sam Houston State Teachers College, is majoring in journalism but thinks she would like to get into something more closely connected with cats, and is now planning to drop the press-card for the shingle by changing to a veterinarian's course.

Jeanie has owned and loved cats "as far back as I can remember", but did not get her first thorough-bred until three years ago, when her Mother for her sixteenth birthday gave her a beautiful red kitten named, technically, Lawson's Lady of Scarlett, and affectionately, Puddin', pictured above. Then, after buying with Christmas money a lovely long-haired white, Lawson's Lady Jane, she began in earnest to breed cats. Like most novices, she experienced many difficulties when she first began, losing all of Puddin's first litter (nearly losing Puddin' too), and losing all but one of Lady Jane's litter.

The sole survivor of these early endeavors turned out to be Butch, who, after an ugly-duckling childhood, was named Best Household Pet in his first show. This especially pleased Jeanie, who believes cat lovers owning domestic short-hairs should realize that long-hair

pedigrees as well as foreign short-hairs, aside from being good show stock, make excellent pets, also.

By now, Jeanie has progressed in breeding know-how to the point where at the moment all of her cats have normal, healthy kittens, many of which she hopes to sell to defray in part the expenses of a trip East this June to see her brother, Paul, graduate from West Point. In the past, sales from kittens have even assisted her in taking care of the many little extras that are involved in getting a college education.

We hope that Jeanie does keep to her new goal and continues on to become one of the few women veterinarians in America. We feel that although almost anyone can become a journalist, it takes an unusually rare type of person to make a successful veterinarian, and especially a successful cat-specialising vet. Cats seem to require not only more patience than many other animals, but also a kind of loving intuition that enables the person handling them to see how the cat is re-acting even before the cat shows signs of re-acting at all.

We are so pleased to see a youngster display these traits at an early age, as Jeanie has, that we cannot help wishing she does not waste her talent by becoming a journalist (May God forgive us if she is a potential Dorothy Thompson)! And just in case any of our readers may know of other boys and girls who love animals, particularly cats, and seem to have a knack for handling them, we have listed below all Veterinary schools approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Meanwhile, Jeanie continues in her own way to build up her stock so that we should not be surprised one day to hear she has one of the finest blood-lines in the country. On this same subject, she says she recently asked a successful breeder how to start and received this answer—"You have to start with the best to get better".

Jeanie writes that perhaps someday she will be able to start with the best and develop a top-notch cattery, but right now, she must be content with her own cats which, she says, are "best in her heart".

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MISS CHARNEY'S WINGS CLIPPED - - CALIFORNIA CAT BILL BLOCKED FOR PRESENT

The Marauding Cat Bill of California, drawn up by Miss Gertrude Charney, the "one man gang" known as Friends of the Birds, and introduced by the Hon-Lester T. Davis of Portola before the California State Assembly has been blocked.

Whether or not this nefarious bill has been killed remains to be seen. It may be reintroduced in two years.

The bill came up for a hearing at a subcommittee meeting of the Assembly Judiciary Committee on March 21. It was this meeting that resulted in the tabling of the bill. Miss Charney of Santa Barbara was on hand for the event, while the opposition was made up of two outstanding West Coast cat authorities, Robert Wilson, president of the San

Joaquin Cat Fanciers, and Mrs. Della Campbell, secretary of the group.

Chairman of the Committee was the Hon. Ralph M. Brown of Modesto. After an hour of statements, Committee member, the Hon. Patrick McGee of Los Angeles, moved the bill out of committee with a "no pass" recommendation. However, for want of a second to the motion, the bill apparently died in committee.

At the hearing, Miss Charney referred to the cat as a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde animal," saying it is not even native to America. She said that cats are a total washout as mousers; that they are "enormous" killers of birds; and transmitters of disease. She said that the opposition to the bill came from the "powerful medical lobby". Chairman Brown assured Miss Charney that the committee "had not been lobbied."

Mr. Wilson, a breeder of Siamese cats, told the Committee that Miss Charney's statements were overdrawn. He declared that the bill provided penalties of from \$5 to \$50 for violations that would be "utterly unenforceable". He offered to support the one provision in the bill for-

bidding the abandonment of cats. Miss Charney, he argued, wanted an "all or nothing" bill.

In a letter to Ralph Morris, president of the National Cat Foundation, and whose TV cat show in Los Angeles is one of the popular West Coast video events weekly, the Hon. Ralph M. Brown has written as follows:

"A.B. 1283 (the anti-cat bill) is deadlier than a proverbial doornail. The Bill had a full hearing and was tabled unanimously. (Signed) Ralph M. Brown."

Ralph Morris, along with Dr. Guy Bogart, California Chairman of National Cat Week, have been waging a bitter fight against the Charney measure.

Writes Ralph Morris:

"We have all been busy fighting this Anti-Cat Bill. Guy Bogart, Robert Wilson and Mrs. Alice M. Clark and Mrs. Della Campbell have been extremely busy. Many accolades of praise must go to the many in California and those residing out of the state, who have written the Assemblymen. I sincerely hope this squelching of the Anti-Cat Bill in California will be a lesson to Miss Gertrude Charney. But there is no telling where she may strike next. We, here in California, are ready for her anytime, anywhere."

In a radio address over Radio Station KFOX, Long Beach, Calif., Dr. Guy Bogart, commenting on the Anti-Cat bill stated late last month:

"California's marauding cat bill is undoubtedly killed in committee and will not become a law this session of the Legislature. In the opening hearing on the bill, Mrs. Alice M. Clark of San Francisco, veteran leader in the Cat Fancy of the State, appeared before the committee, and in March the committee heard R. P. Wilson and Mrs. Della Campbell of the San Joaquin Cat Fanciers. Ralph Morris, Southern California pioneer cat champion has been doing heroic work. I have two good personal friends in Sacramento, State Senator Nelson S. Dillworth of Hemet and Speaker Sam Collins of Fullerton. Mr. Collins, long a champion of fair play in all matters and a veteran congressional and legislature leader, wrote me a week ago: "I do not anticipate favorable action on the Davis Bill."

WARNING:

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Stuck with the job of attempting to train Rhubarb in the mysteries of screen acting is one Frank Inn, who has a reputation for providing animals fully versed in the art of acting to the different studios.

One of Inn's more recent animal stars was the Cat, Screwball, a Siamese who appeared with Lucille Ball in "The Fuller Brush Girl" last year. Here is what Inn has to say about cat movie stars:

"A cat is as commercial as a cash register. I'm talking about the cats who have to be trained for movie scenes, not the purring house cat who has everything handed to it on a platter. This latter type of cat, surrounded by persons and objects familiar to it, will act in an orthodox way—for a cat.

"But getting them to perform in unfamiliar locations is about as easy as driving a car with no gas. Some film fans think that movie stars are temperamental, but a feline thespian can cause more gray hair on a set than a makeup man's kit. There's nothing more irritating than the blank stare of a stubborn cat who refuses to perform until it is good and ready.

"When a million-dollar production grinds to a halt because a cat holds out its paw for an extra hunk of liver before emoting, it can be mighty irritating."

Orangey is probably no different than any other cat.

Inn reveals that he has about 25 cats on hand for studio calls. On many occasions he has had to raise a particular cat and train it exactly to the specifications required by the film script. These cats alone earn him nearly \$10,000 per year, while his feed bill totals \$1,200 annually.

In an interview recently, he states:

"I have all kinds of cats to feed. Different kinds of film situations require a variety of specialized cats. For instance, I have 'crate cats', which are raised in a crate and are trained to run back into it.

"When a scene in a movie requires a cat to run up a stairway, or through a room, all I do is place a crate in the right place out of camera range and the 'crate cat' will always head for that spot.

"Then I have 'hunchback cats.'

They are trained to hunch their backs for scenes involving mysteries and haunted houses. My 'fraidy cats' will do 'scared runs' with their hair bristling, or cringe in a corner. A difficult type to train is the 'shoulder cat'. It is taught to ride on a shoulder, staying put until yanked off.

"Among the other groups are the 'yawners', the 'rug pullers' and an assortment of gentle, lazy cats which are used exclusively with children. "But regardless of what kind they are, they'll follow instructions only if they feel like it.

"Cats are really smarter than people. Just because they don't trot into the house gripping the morning newspaper between their jaws, roll over and play dead, jump through a hoop, or do a lot of things that tickle a human's vanity and egotism, they're considered dumb. Actually, they're too smart!

"The way—and the only way—to a cat's talent is through its stomach. A cat will do some astonishing tricks if it knows that a favorite tidbit is the climatic reward. But, unlike dogs, they won't settle for a back tickle, an ear scratch, or a chin rub.

"If what they were led to expect isn't there, you get a baleful stare, and any future request is disdainfully ignored. You can fool a lot of people a lot of times, but you can fool a cat—just once!"

In one of the early scenes in the filming of "Rhubarb", Arthur Lubin, the director, ordered that Orangey must be dirtied up for one of the shots. The particular scene called for Rhubarb and Milland to be mud-soaked.

After each brief shot, a complete touchup-makeup job was required. Orangey kept licking off the "mud".

Milland told a reporter, "Y'know, cats are very clean animals. They're always cleaning themselves. But this one beats 'em all."

After the umpteenth touchup, Milland suggested, "Maybe you'd better use a different kind of makeup. I feel like licking my own stuff off. It sure smells good."

Director Lubin asked the makeup artist, "What are you using to represent mud?"

"Chocolate syrup!" The camouflage expert added that chocolate syrup photographs just like mud.

"Use something else!" Lubin ordered. "Something not edible!"

After a long wait, Rhubarb returned with a different concoction on his puss. And he did not lick the makeup off. "What in the world did you use this time?" Lubin asked. "The cat didn't lick and it looked just like mud."

The makeup artist replied: "Just old-fashioned mud!"



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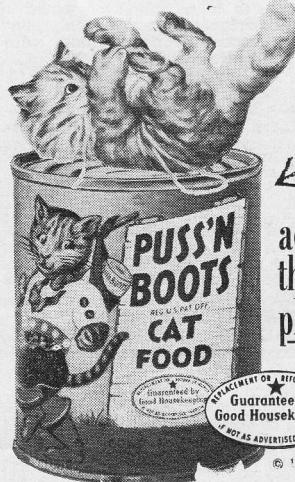
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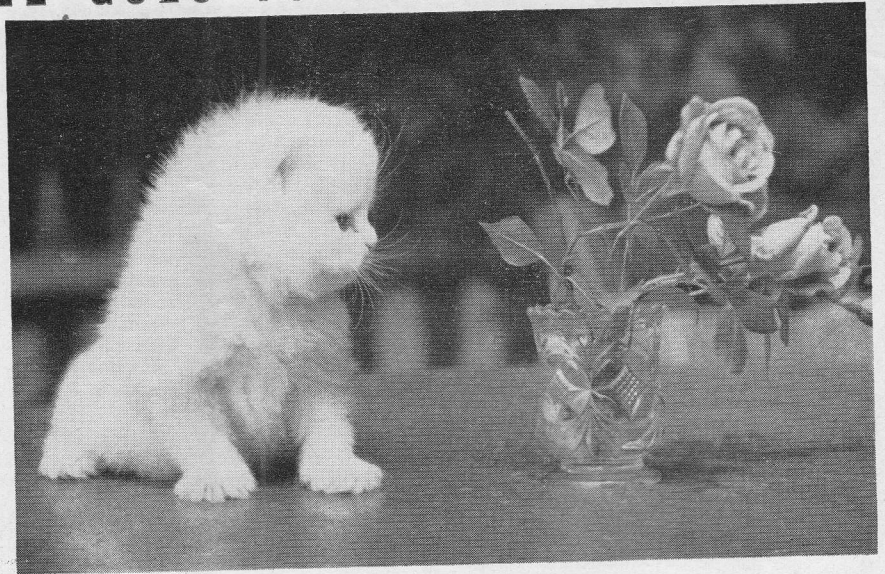
A bouquet of roses and a White Persian kitten, combine to make the Cat Picture of the Month of May in the year-long photography contest sponsored by the American Crabmeat Company of Boston, manufacturer of Three Little Kittens Cat Food, in conjunction with CATS Magazine.

Shirley Denhard Lopez of Carmel, N. Y., submitted the prize winning photo selected. She will receive a \$25 U. S. Government Series E savings bond, and her picture enters the ring for the coveted title of Cat Picture of the Year, which will be announced in January.

The Lopez picture is timely in that the subject matter is seasonal when kittens and roses are the vogue.

Miss Lopez is the second New York state winner in the contest to date, which has had five winners, each of whom has been the recipient of a savings bond. The contest was launched with a winning photograph of three Abyssinian kittens owned by a Buffalo, N. Y. breeder-exhibitor.

According to Mr. Harvey P. Newcomb, representative of the American Crabmeat Company, who is handling the details of the nation-wide-year-around photo contest, entries continue to arrive daily. Some of these photos have arrived



CAT PICTURE MONTH OF MAY

from contestants who have failed to follow the instructions set forth. Every effort has been made by Mr. Newcomb to prepare them for the monthly judging. Quite a few pictures have arrived in Boston without detailed information, including the lack of the name of the person submitting the entry. To those who believe that they failed to include proper identification on the reverse of the picture, it is suggested that they write to Cat Contest, P.O. Box 403, Boston 2, Mass., immediately.

Not all the entries have been received from the readers of CATS Magazine. The American Crabmeat Company through its advertising agency, has publicized the contest with special display advertising in large daily newspapers as well as on the radio, including television in certain sections of the United States.

With Spring now here and Summer on the way, Mr. Newcomb is of the opinion that entries will be increased, since so many settings conducive to excellent photography are available. Kitten subjects appear to be the most popular among the cat fanciers who hope to cash in on the sales that may result with a winning photograph.

The professional photographers who have entered the contest usually employ the ordinary household pet as their favorite subject.

An additional supply of contest rules have been printed and are available to all who wish to enter the contest. A copy if these rules may be obtained by writing Cat Contest, P. O. Box 403, Boston 2, Mass. Do not address your entries or inquire for additional information direct to the American Crabmeat Company nor to CATS Magazine.

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31 CATS WIN 1951 ALL - EASTERN TITLES

23 LONG HAIR, FIVE FOREIGN SHORT HAIR, 3 DOMESTICS

Thirty-one show cats make up the fifth annual All-Eastern cat rankings determined by the results of the 1950-51 exhibition season throughout the United States and Canada.

The total shows a drop of two such ranked cats as compared with last year, due to the tightening up of the mathematical system that is used to determine the top line felines of the East.

New York leads the way with eleven listings, followed by New Jersey with eight; Connecticut six; Massachusetts four; and Pennsylvania one. A Connecticut cat was sold to a Californian prior to the announcement of the rankings.

Twenty-three of the Eastern choices are long hair; five foreign short hair and three domestics.

For the fifth consecutive year, and ever since the rankings were established the Silver Tabby female domestic, Grand Champion Aztec's Champion Aztec's Be-

linda, earned her place "on the team". This placement sets a record that cannot be duplicated by any contesting show cat in America today. Belinda is owned by Mrs. Frank W. Freudenthal of Darien, Conn.

Northledge Agapanthus, a Blue male long hair, owned by Mrs. Dwight North of West Hartford, Conn., was the high scoring entry in the list, and automatically becomes the East's candidate for the grand title of 1951 Cat of the Year.

Double Champion Vee Roi's Violet Lady, a Blue Point Siamese female, owned by Mrs. Alice S. Dugan of Hartsdale, N. Y., upholds the feminine group to carry off Best Opposite Cat of the East, by reason of her accumulation of points. Violet Lady is a strong candidate for 1951 All-America, as is Northledge Agapanthus, and could be winner of the Best Opposite Sex Cat of the Year (1951).

These two top-scoring entries must vie with the best in the South, Midwest and West for the title of All-America Cat of the Year and All-America Opposite Sex Cat of the Year.

Anthony De Santis of Oakland, N. J., scored the most wins with six choices. Last year he established a new record for an exhibitor with individual entries by taking eight places and winding up with Grand Champion Lavender Liberty Beau which won 1950 All-America Cat of the Year. Beau is a Blue long hair that since has been retired.

For the first time, Canada has failed to win a place in the East, although several outstanding cats were shown by Dominion fanciers during the past season and won high honors in Canadian shows

as well as U. S. A. events.

The All-Eastern Cat Rankings are based entirely on the results of every officially sanctioned cat show held in the United States and Canada under the sponsorship of the Cat Fanciers Association, the Cat Fanciers Federation, the American Cat Association and the United Cat Federation. A special mathematical system worked out for such cat shows exclusively is used, with the determining factor furnished by competition in the individual classes, with additional point scoring credited for Best Cat, Best Champion and Best Novice with their Opposites.

Points for cats are not determined by the championship points awarded by a cat registry association, although such points are reflected, to some extent in the total point scoring of an individual entry. Twenty-five points must be accumulated by a cat before it can be considered eligible for a Sectional ranking. Fifty points must be accumulated by a cat for All-America honors. Such points are not championship points earned by contestants in individual exhibitions. The Best Cat in an All-Breed show which has been granted four points by the cat registry association, does not mean that the Best Cat winner is awarded 4 points. The Best Cat in the Sectional rankings could earn a total of as much as 175 points (maximum).

The section to which a cat belongs is determined by the location of its owner. The East comprises the Northeastern States as well as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The dividing line separating Canada is at the north.

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Previous All-Easterns

The following are the high scoring cats of the East since the establishment of the All-Sectional and the All-American Rankings:

BEST

1949-50 — LAVENDER LIBERTY BEAU, Blue L.H. male, owned by Anthony De Santis, Oakland, N. J. (1950 Cat of the Year).

1948-49 — DONERAILLE DRUSILA, Siamese Seal Point female, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Sven Nelson, Braintree, Mass.

1947-48 — AZTEC'S BELINDA, Silver Tabby S. H. female, owned by Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal, Darien, Conn.

1946-47 — CH. PERIWINKLE WHITE CHRISTMAS, Orange eyed White L. H. male, owned by Mrs. Anita McDonald, Freeport, N. Y.

OPPOSITES

1949-50 — CH. CHINDWIN'S CHARM OF MILLBROOK, Siamese Seal Point female, owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roose, Hamden, Conn.

1949-49 — LONGHILL'S LIGHTNING, Cream L. H. male, owned by Anthony De Santis, Oakland, N. J.

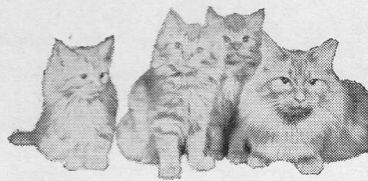
1947-48 — DBL. CH. ROSEGATE'S SUN RAY, Cream L. H. male, owned by Mrs. Elsie M. Collins, New York, N. Y.

1946-47 — DBL. CH. BAILE FAN BRIGHT EYES OF KUTE KIT, Silver (Chinchilla) L. H. female, owned by Mrs. H. Earl Nack, Willow Grove, Pa.

The high scoring cats of any one section are not necessarily All-American cats. All-American cats are determined by point scoring and the winners of each section (East, Midwest, South and West) must compete with the sectional winners to determine All-American ranking in each breed, color and sex classification.

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- O. E. White Male—Ch. Solomon's Seal of Abbas, Mrs. Charles Denhard, Chappaqua, N. Y.
- O. E. White Female—Periwinkle Pavanne, Mrs. Rita Swenson, North Adams, Mass.
- B. E. White Male—Ch. Rosedere White Feather, Anthony De Santis, Oakland, N. J.
- B. E. White Female—Ch. Jo-Em-Ette's Valiant Madonna, Anthony De Santis.
- Blue Male—Northledge Agapanthus, Mrs. Dwight North, West Hartford, Conn.
- Blue Female—Ch. Azurevale Many of Khyber, Mrs. J. B. Buzzell, Boston, Mass.
- Black Male—Dbl. Ch. Hermcrest Natajha, Mrs. F. M. Herms, Tarrytown, N. Y.
- Black Female—Ch. Nigrette Tuckytu of Iroquois, Mrs. V. E. Kendall, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
- Red Male—Gr. Ch. Longhill's Red Treasure, Anthony De Santis.
- Red Female—Ch. Longhill's Peke-A-Boo, Anthony De Santis.
- Creame Male—Ch. Longhill's Lightning of Rosegate, Anthony De Santis.
- Cream Female—Collinsdale Thankful, Mrs. Elsie M. Collins, New York, N. Y.
- Red Tabby Male—None
- Red Tabby Female—Sunset Garden Golden Rod, Miss Joey Parsell, Green Farms, Conn.
- Blue Cream—Ch. Plumfield Patsy of Rosegate, Anthony De Santis.
- Tortoiseshell—Dbl. Ch. Twice Blessed of Plumfield, Miss Edna A. Hyer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- Silver Male—Ch. Kute Kit Silver Christmas of Meadowmist, Mrs. Edith Oelschlager, Croyden, Penna.
- Silver Female—Dbl. Ch. Silver Dust, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Beach Haven, N. J.
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- Shaded Silver Female—Playtime's Susie C., Miss R. M. Copeland, Rochester, N. Y.
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- Smoke Female—Clairdale's Dusky Star of Akanta, Miss Lydia O. Cypher, Pittsburgh, Penna.
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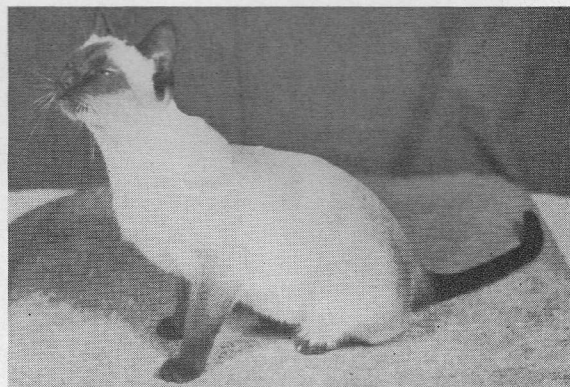
FOREIGN SHORT HAIR DIVISION

- Seal Point Siamese M.—Ch. Millbrook's Ping Pong of Purrfection, Mrs. W. Ball, Oakland, Calif.
- Seal Point Siamese F.—Gr. Ch. Newton's Jay Tee, Mrs. Arthur C. Cobb, Newton, Mass.
- Blue Point Siamese M. Dbl. Ch. Symond's Lord Essex of Sherwood, Mrs. Florence S. Kanoffe, N. Branford, Conn.
- Blue Point Siamese F.—Dbl. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, Mrs. Alice S. Dugan, Hartsdale, N. Y.
- Br. Tabby Manx M.—Ch. Jurby of Ellan Vannin, Mrs. Betty Youngman, Hammononton, N. J.

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- Silver Tabby S. H. M.—Lavender Topnotcher, Mrs. Frank W. Freudenthal, Darien, Conn.
- Silver Tabby S. H. F.—Dbl. Gr. Ch. Aztec's Belinda, Mrs. Frank W. Freudenthal.
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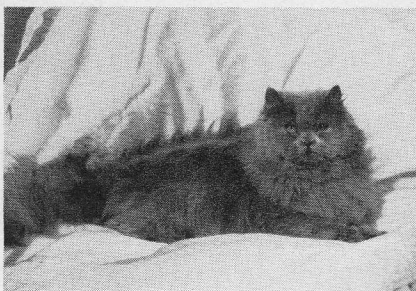
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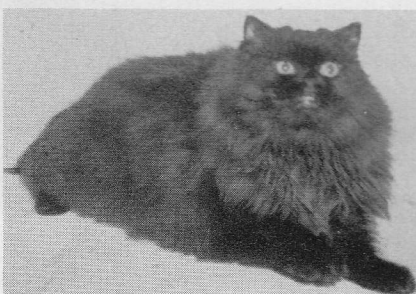
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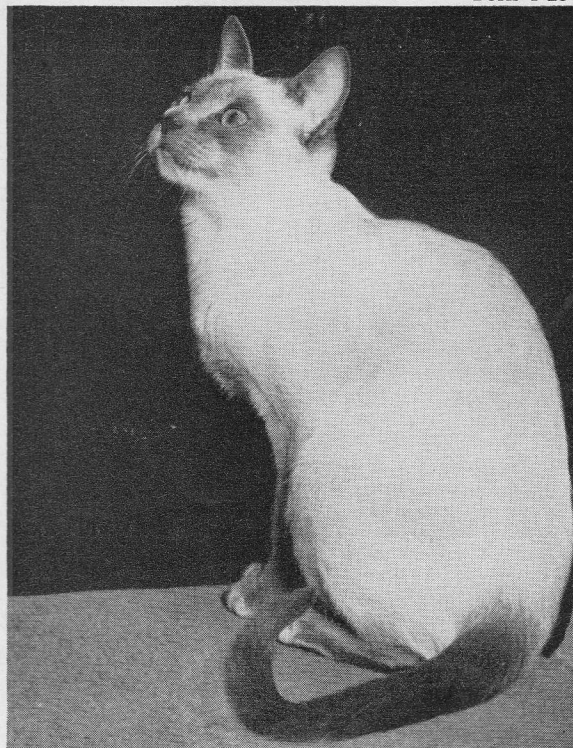


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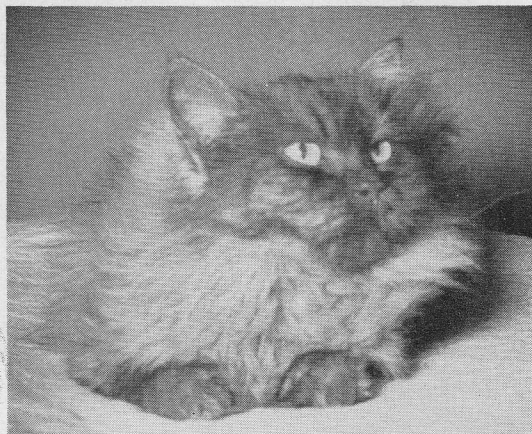
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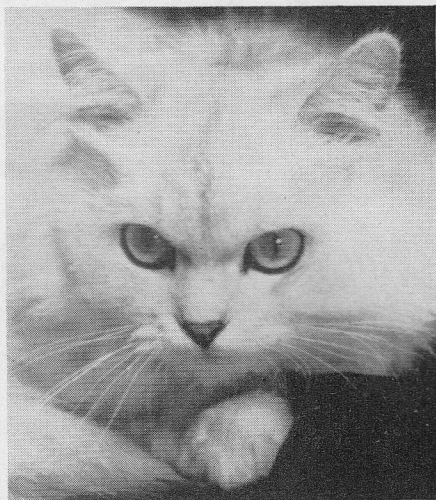
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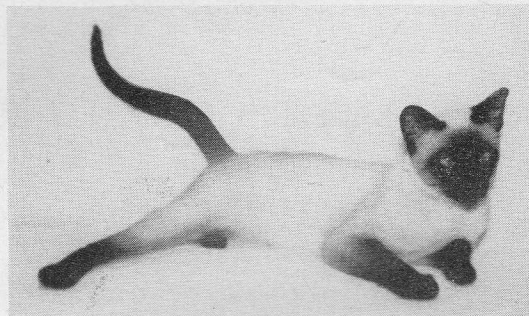
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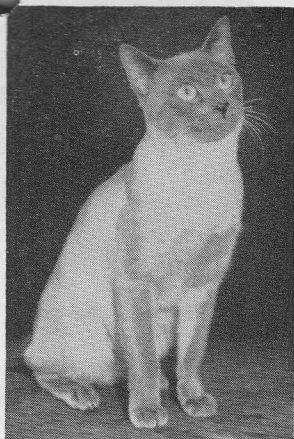
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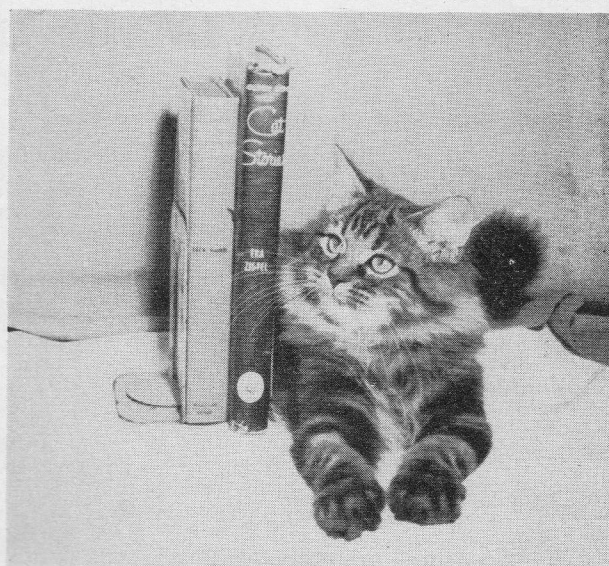
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Condescend
Here to sit by me, and turn
Glorious eyes that smile and burn,
Golden eyes, love's lustrous meed,
On the golden page I read.

All your wondrous wealth of hair
Dark and fair,
Silken-shaggy, soft and bright
As the clouds and beams of night,
Pays my reverent hand's caress
Back with friendlier gentleness.

Dogs may fawn on all and some
As they come;
You, a friend of loftier mind,
Answer friends alone in kind!
Just your foot upon my hand
Softly bids me understand.

Morning round this silent sweet
Garden-seat
Sheds its wealth of gathering light,
Thrills the gradual clouds with might,
Changes woodland, orchard, heath,
Lawn, and garden here beneath.

Fair and dim they gleamed below:
Now they glow
Deep as even your sunbright eyes,
Fair as even the wakening skies.
Can it not or can it be
Now that you give thanks to see?

May you not rejoice as I
Seeing the sky
Change to heaven revealed, and bid
Earth reveal the heaven it hid
All night long from stars and moon,
Now the sun sets all in tune?

What within you wakes, with day,
Who can say?
All too little may we tell,
Friends who like each other well,
What might haply, if we might,
Bid us read our lives aright.

Wild on woodland ways your sires
Flashed like fires;
Fair as flame and fierce and fleet
As with wings on wingless feet
Shone and sprang your mother, free,
Bright and brave as wind and sea.

Free and proud and glad as they,
Here to-day
Rests or roams their radiant child,
Vanquished not, but reconciled,
Free from curb of aught alone
Save the lovely curb of love.

Love through dreams of souls divine
Fain would shine
Round a dawn whose light and song
Then should right our mutual wrong—
Speak, and seal the love-lit law
Sweet Assisi's seer foresaw.

Dreams were theirs; yet haply may
Dawn a day
When such friends and fellows born,
Seeing our earth as fair as morn,
May for wiser love's sake see
More of heaven's deep heart than we.
Contributed by Mrs. S. P. Cloud

CONCERNING LOVE

By J. P. Peabody

I wish she would not ask me if I love
the Kitten more than her.
Of course I love her. But I love the Kit-
ten too; and it has fur.

Contributed by M. Becker

THE BLUE SERGE CAT

By Georgia Starbuck Galbraith

My feline pet, you're beautiful!
But—must you pull your beautiful wool
Across my eyes and in my hair,
By leaving it on every chair
And couch and consequently on all my clothes!
Oh hirsute animal, you stick to every stitch I own,
And while I brush and moan
I often wish to heaven that
The Lord would make a Blue Serge cat!

Contributed by Miriam Williams

When the cat's away, the mice will play.
John Ray, English Proverbs (1670).

I wish to keep away from Princes and
all belonging to them. I am quite content
with my dogs and cats which are much
better people.

Walter Savage Landor

TO WHOM

(Sign in the window of a small Chinese
restaurant in San Francisco.)

"To whom that took our cat.
Please be kind to return him.
Because we missed him so badly.
We can't go sleep,
Just keep thinking of him."

Contributed by M. Becker

THE RIVALS

By Florence Denison

(The Chicago Tribune)

My neighbor's cat,
As I walked by,
From where he sat
Aloof, apart,
Just winked his eye.
Don't ask me why.
His smug disdain may hide a heart
That makes of love a subtle art.
His dog not so.
When I walk out
Like 'lissimo
He charges me
With roar and shout,
A perfect rout!
His blunt approach a thrill may be;
But I like feline subtlety.

Contributed by M. Becker

"How well I can understand Mohammed, who, in response to the
chant of the muezzin summoning him to prayers, cut off with a pair of
scissors the hem of his cloak before rising to his feet, for fear of disturbing
his cat, which had settled down thereon to sleep."

—Pierre Loti

PUSSY WILLOWS

(From the Rubaiyat of a Persian Kitten))

By Oliver Herford

*I sometimes think the Pussy-Willows grey
Are Angel kittens who have lost their way,
And every bulrush on the river's bank
A Cat-Tail from some lovely cat astray.
Sometimes I think perchance that Allah may,
When he created Cats have thrown away
The tails he marred in making, and they grew
To Cat-Tails and to Pussy-Willows grey.*

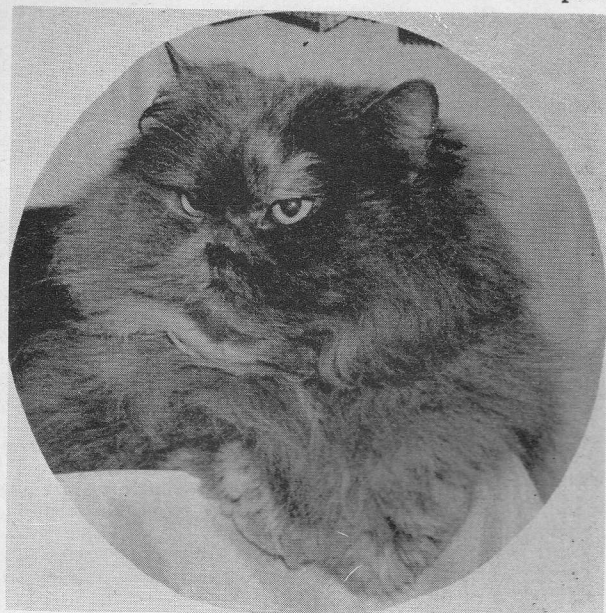
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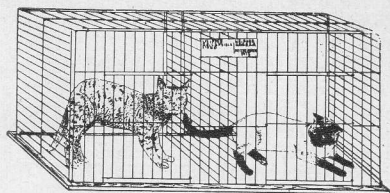
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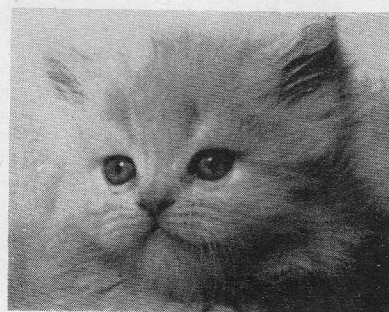
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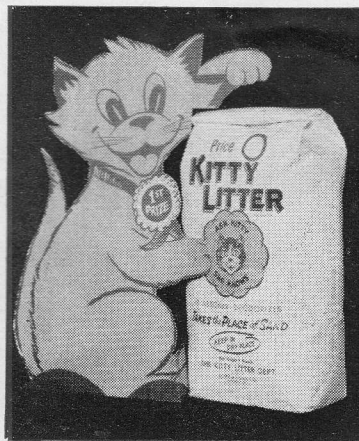
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CAT TAILS

by **Billie Bancroft**

Associate Editor

Off the coast of Maine there is an island of irregular beauty, quaintness and charm, called Vinelhaven. Many New York Social Registers spend their summers here. There is one home on Vinelhaven I am especially interested in for the very gracious hostess has gone overboard for Red Persians. Alice Pallazola is a Novice at breeding cat-babies but she will not be a Novice very long. Her especial love is Sherry, (Scheherezade of Vinelhaven to be exact). Just before Easter, Alice came in the room and found Sherry sound asleep in the arms of her small daughter's big, white bunny. Now Sherry is romantically inclined — and Alice's father tells her that Sherry's kittens will either be bunnies with long tails or kittens with bunny tails.

Up in Connecticut lives some high brass of one of the Feline Associations. This lady has been interested in Cats and Cat Shows for a long time and has had some outstanding champions in her time. The other day she decided that too many ribbons had collected—and she needed house room for some new ones—so out the back door to the refuse collection went the ribbons of yesteryear. Many blues and purples—Best in Show ribbons. Best Silver—Best Black. The collectors on the refuse wagon had a time for themselves. A middle-aged Irishman fastened a purple and blue to his

cap stating he was the Best in the Silver Division. A colored man picked himself a Best Black; two helpers confiscated all the Novice ribbons. They drove up as ordinary city employees — and left as State Champions—every man jack of them!

Cornelius Ryan, an international newspaper man and as Irish as any Irishman can possibly be, was talking to me about his Siamese pet named Darcy. Darcy goes with the Ryans everywhere. They lived in England for several years—so long in fact that Darcy now meows with an Oxford accent. (Well, he told me so anyway).

Johnnie Newton, Clover, South Carolina writes me that all his cats are trained, and get very excited when he starts whistling 'Sparrow in the Tree Top'. No matter where he is, they will dash to him. Yet the three of them have never touched a bird in their lives. He confuses his friends by telling them he is going to train his cats to hunt sparrows. What Johnnie does not know is that his mother added a postscript to his letter to me, saying that Johnnie had taught them to come for their food when he whistled this tune (And won't mother get the very dickens when Johnnie finds what she has told me). The three cats are Terry, Sam Jones and Doll.

Donna Wendel, Elizabeth, New Jersey, is collecting some very, very fancy Black felines. Were I raising Black Persians, I'd be scared to death of her competition this coming fall. From Coreen Petta in Wisconsin, has come the most beautiful thing on four feet, named Zarza; and now comes another handsome Black, Double Champion, with five points to his Grand Championship, his supreme majesty, Wycliff's Black Lord of Disston. Donna is a Novice breeder, but with top-bracket ratings.

Have you heard about the two well known writers who are planning a Cat Show and will have our four-footed darlings judge their owners? It is an honest-to-goodness-sure enough fact. It has also been suggested that a few judges be judged too. This event will take place in New York City, at a not too distant date. More later.

Julia Furness, Fort Wayne, Indiana, sends me a pix of her Blue Cream Persian, perched on top of her head. Underneath is written: 'My new Easter Bonnet, with a Blue Turkey on It'. (Blue Turkey happens to be a top-bracket, blue-blood named Turquoise-Matrix).

Another music loving cat—or is it? David Leeman collects records. His latest acquisition is 'Down In Nashville, Tennessee'. He has a Tortoiseshell named 'Topsy'. As soon as she hears this song she will start to roll over and over and over. When the record ends, she will stop. No other music has any affect on her at all. (Nashville is my home town, David, or did you know?)

Ella Cartell, Manchester, on the Merrimack River, New Hampshire, air mails me an interesting incident. Ella has a small daughter about two and a half years of age named Sandra. Now Sandra's grandmother has been telling the little girl over and over again that she should really have a little brother to play with. And Sandra has come to the conclusion that Mommie should go out and buy her one. Ella never comes into the house with any kind of package whatsoever without Sandra examining each thing that was purchased. Last week, Ed Cartell, Sandra's nice father, decided that he would purchase a pure-blood Siamese for Ella. She had wanted one for a long time, so Ed placed an order with a well known breeder in Mass. The Siamese came into the nearest airport and was collected by Ed. The day was bitter cold, so Ed took the little fellow out of his Carrier and placed him in his overcoat pocket. The baby liked this and purred like a dynamo. When he reached home he called for his wife to see the surprise, but Ella was busy in the kitchen and could not come for a minute or two. However, Sandra dashed out. Ed allowed her just a peek at the baby Siamese. She jumped and shouted at the top of her voice: "Little Brovver—Little Brovver—!"

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By Rita Swenson

A COURSE IN DOMESTICS

The cat population in this country is tremendous. We all know this, and the type far outnumbering all the others put together is the "common" cat. This is the type that the average individual visualizes when the word "cat" is mentioned. The fact that they are so plentiful, and so much a part of the everyday scene, accounts in no small measure for the failure of the non-exhibiting public to recognize the rare specimen when he sees it. Sprinkled among the so-called "ordinary" cats, but in most cases overlooked, are specimens that could form the foundation stock of a cattery. There is a name for them—Domestic Short Hairs.

In these United States, it is certainly true that a good Domestic is where you find it, and many a show winner has first seen the light of day in a market, warehouse, or farmhouse. One of the most beautiful Blue Domestics I ever saw, Ch. Tri-Mountain Susie II, quite frankly claims Blue Boy of North Market as her sire. Her owner, Miss Irma Rich, has watched Susie climb to Best Domestic in Show eight times, and to All American three times. This is just one instance, and I'll wager there are many others.

The cat associations provide for classes in their shows in which Domestic Short Hair cats compete against their own color exactly as do the Longhairs. There are classes for Solid Colors—White, Blue, Black, Red and Cream. Classes for Silvers, Shaded Silvers, Silver Tabbies and Smokes. Classes for Brown Tabbies, Red Tabbies, Tortoiseshells and Blue-Creams. A broad classification into which, judging by past performances, many a house cat would fit. Why not scout around? Perhaps the cat that is petted at the corner grocery, or the one for whom food is placed on the back porch, has hitherto unsuspected potentialities.

The breeding of Domestics offers a wonderful opportunity to the novice who wants to show and build up a reputation in the Fancy. The field is definitely not crowded. Domestics are hardy, easy to groom, and when shown in sparkling condition, are beautiful beyond belief.

There is a need for more Short Hairs in our shows. In the majority of cases, classes are altogether too small to provide the incentive for improvement, through breeding, which is the backbone of progress in any breed.

Never a haphazard affair, the breeding of the Domestic is a science. This fact is borne out by the consistently high quality of the Domestics breeders are currently showing. Perusal of the stud books and show catalogues will further emphasize the thought that has been expended in advancing the breed. Due to the

shrouded backgrounds of many of the Domestics, selective breeding must be carried out to the finest possible point.

The Domestic, if it is to retain type and coat, should never be crossed with a Longhair or Foreign Short Hair. Good Domestics come from Domestic breeding, no other course is open. Sensible color crosses are possible within the breed, just as with Longhairs, but a cat resulting from the crossing of two breeds has no place in Domestic classes. A Siamese type head, or a wooly coat, do nothing to enhance the beauty of an otherwise good Domestic.

The Domestic cat should not be a slinky type. Its body should represent power—broad chest, deep body, sturdy legs. The head should be rounded, with full cheeks, short face and nose. The ears should be small, neatly rounded at the tips, and the coat should be short and clinging to the body. It should fairly radiate strength and vitality. The idea that the Domestic has anything to gain by crossing with a Persian or Foreign Short Hair is preposterous. Such crosses can only result in ruination of the breed.

Silver Tabbies and Whites in this country are numerically strong, and type in most specimens is above average. Mrs. Frank Freudenthal, Mrs. John Hunter and Mrs. Merald Hoag are only a few who are bending every effort to maintain the high quality of these colors. Blues and Blacks, in certain parts of the country, are also strong, but other colors do not appear in the shows as often as we would like. More breeders, to help along the supply, would do wonders toward helping populate those empty classes.

Breeders of registered Domestics are not always able to supply interested parties with good specimens for show or breeding and that is why it is to the advantage of anyone who likes cats to keep his eyes open for potential show winners. Regardless of the place of birth, there is always room for a good Domestic and this especially holds true for the colors that are in the minority and need building up. Solid Reds and Creams, Silvers, Smokes, Red Tabbies and Tortoiseshells, these are beautiful varieties that are all too seldom seen. Undoubtedly, this is due to the lack of stock, or a spotty distribution of what stock there is. Given a little time, I've no doubt that Domestic breeders will handle that situation as they have handled many others.

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Cats and Their Human Enemies

C.F.F. Elects Pacific Representative at Annual Meeting

Mrs. Alice M. Smith of Los Angeles was elected Pacific Coast representative of the Cat Fancier's Federation at its annual meeting in New York City, April 6. This office has just been established and was decided on because of the increased activity of the C. F. F. in the West, where additional affiliated clubs are in the process of being established.

One change was made in the officer panel for the year with Mrs. H. Earl Nack elected to fill the post of second vice-president in the place of Donald M. Came. Mrs. Silas H. Andrews continues as president, with Mrs. Bertha Costello, vice-president, Mrs. Elsie M. Collins, treasurer, and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilkinson, secretary. Mrs. Joseph Richmond continues as recorder.

Two clubs were formally accepted to membership—The Midwest Feline Fanciers (Wisconsin) and the C. F. F. Solid Color Specialty Club. Clubs dropped from membership were the Badger Feline Fanciers, the Chicago Cat Club and the New England Cat Club.

Challenge offer for Best American Bred Female was won by Mrs. H. Earl Nack. Best American Bred Male honors went to Mrs. Dwight North.

It was announced that no changes in the show rules would be made in reference to the Novice Class. If a cat wins a First in the Novice Class it must be transferred to the Open Class in the next show.

It was voted that championship points will not be allowed any specialty club not affiliated with C. F. F.

It was also voted to allow 5 points to All Breed shows having 150 or more counting cats.

Show points for the 1950-51 season were granted as follows:

Penn State All-Breed	3
Siamese Sp.	4
Tabby & Tortie Sp.	2
Brooklyn-Long Island All-Breed	2
Solid Color Sp.	1
Siamese Sp.	1
Pacific Cat Fanciers All-Breed	5
Short Hair Sp.	4
Long Hair Sp.	4
Atlantic Cat Club All-Breed	4
Silver Sp.	2
Long Island Breeders All-Breed	4
Siamese Sp.	2
Tabby & Tortie	2

The following show dates were announced for the 1951-52 season:

Penn State Cat Club	Oct. 25-26.
Brooklyn-Long Island	Nov. 28-29.
Springfield Cat Fanciers	Jan. 4-5.
Atlantic Cat Club & Silver Society Specialty	Jan. 11-12.

Guy Bogart Over KFOX Tells How Best to Protect Our Pets From Professional Anti-Cat Lobbyists

Cats have functioned more perfectly in their environment for 40 million years than any other form of mammalian life and if the madness of humanity wipes out the race of men, we are quite sure that the cat will continue efficiently and daintily to carry on. The ideal of course is for the humans to go on functioning—as I believe we shall—and to make the most of the beautiful and practical partnership offered to us by the Cat. This means among other things a continuing alertness against those uninformed, prejudiced and fanatical persons who like Gertrude Charney will always seek legislation to exterminate the cat.

This means to start that we must ourselves study the problem not only of cats and birds (NOT cats versus birds) and also the whole complex problem of the balance of nature of which it is just an integral part. We must divorce hysteria and emotionalism from our studies and our own appraisals. The Lockridge book (one of the best in the history of cat literature), "Cats and People" has a short but pithy chapter on the subject that ought to be familiar to every cat lover. When we base our arguments on such factual knowledge we will be listened to. There is little hope of convincing the people who believe cat lovers are a perverted group who coax birds into traps for their cats, who think birds will be exterminated if we do not kill all cats, who do not even know the problems of birds. But those folks by persistent misrepresentation of facts can and do win individuals and legislators who do not know both sides of the questions. These are the folks we must win—but by sober scientific facts and without hysteria or wild statements. Neither cats or any other animals are ALL good or ALL bad. Only as we see their place in the overall plan of a balanced nature can we be convincing.

The evils come mainly in the legislative halls. None of the proposed bills could ever be enforced. But they would work untold hardships on cats and people in the spiteful activities of a misguided militant minority and on the part of spiteful neighbors who want to avenge real or fancied grudges against owners of cats.

This means only one major thing: every cat lover must know his state senator and assemblyman. This need not be too difficult—it's a good thing anyway to know them. If they think you mean business they will listen to you. A form-type of letter sent will not mean too much. Mimeographed cards and letters just signed by voters are of so little value it is a waste of postage and time to bother with them—they find a lodgement in stuffed waste baskets. In your own hand in your own way, you will be listened to. If your legislator just acknowledges your

letter with a courteous bit of piffle (as is the usual habit), write again—pin him down to a yes or no commitment. Nothing else is worth much. On cat measures a large part of the men in the legislature do not have a strong feeling. The anti-cat folks see them regularly and if they do not hear the other side it is natural for them either to believe unverified statements or to acquiesce just to get rid of the pestering crusaders. It took six years of such tactics to win the Illinois legislature—but it did work and if we do not remain alert in California it will surely happen here. It's purely up to you cat lovers.

Writing one letter and forgetting the subject won't work. Keep in constant touch—not nagging but to show you personally mean business. See that all of the cat lovers you know do likewise. Gertrude Charney for the past two years has been personally seeing every state senator and assemblyman in California and seeing that mimeographed propaganda reaches them regularly month by month, year in and year out. Her proposed legislation will not pass this year. You can rest assure, however, that for the next twenty-four months she and her associates will continue without ceasing to press her propaganda and it will not be just generalized mimeographed alone but a personal contact with your assemblyman and senator. It's up to you to keep personally in touch with these men—both with your wishes and with information of a scientific nature. You can't write a letter and feel virtuous—it's a continuing campaign. There is no alternative if you love your cats enough to see that they remain free companions.

Mrs. Alice M. Clark of San Francisco and R. P. Wilson of San Joaquin, prominent in the Cat Fancy, rightly contend that the place to make the real fight is in the assembly committee hearings. But most of us cannot afford to go to Sacramento for this purpose. There is an alternative: if we were really as concerned and alerted FOR cats as their enemies are AGAINST them we would see that funds were provided to have competent representation in the committee hearings. We as cat lovers are not well organized—which is why a handful of cat haters can get so far. Until we can get better organized we will continue to fight a hard and often losing series of battles for the rights of cats. I know many, many things I could do with time and money—and so do you. But if we will rally behind organized leadership we can outplay those who would exterminate and hamper the cats.

How many know the names of your senator and assemblyman? Give me your address and I shall tell you. Get it

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CFA Accepts Three New Clubs at Quarterly Meeting

At the quarterly meeting of the Cat Fanciers' Association held at New York on April 10, three clubs were accepted to membership. These are:

Redwood Cat Fanciers, Mrs. Jack C. Woodruff, secretary; 370 Alder Street, Eureka, Calif.

Mobile Cat Fanciers' Club, Mrs. M. T. Nealy, secretary; 112 Crenshaw Street, Mobile, Alabama.

Inland City Cat Club, Mr. Evans M. Harrell, secretary; 6245 N. Sherman Drive, Indianapolis, Ind.

Three specialty judges were approved. These are Mrs. L. Darrell Sample (Short Hair), Anoka, Minn., Mrs. Rita Swenson (Solid Color), North Adams, Mass., and Mrs. Everett M. Battey (Siamese), Falls Church, Va.

A greater portion of the meeting was turned over to interpretations of the existing show rules and changes connected with operating such exhibitions.

The following additional show dates were sanctioned:

Coronado Cat Club	Nov. 10-11
Fort Wayne Cat Club & International Solid Color	Nov. 24-25
Golden Gate Cat Club	Dec. 8-9
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Dec. 8-9
Solid Color Club & Siamese Cat Club, N. E.	Jan. 18-19
San Diego Cat Club	Jan. 19-20
Miami Florida Cat Fanciers	Feb. 2-3
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Feb. 2-3

Under date of April 1951, the Cat Fanciers' Association in its official Bulletin to affiliated clubs released findings and other information that were a part of the annual meeting of the organization held in New York on February 22.

Anthony De Santis was announced as the winner of the C.F.A. Challenge Award for Best Cat, while Mrs. Merald E. Hoag captured a pair of honors with Best Novice and Best Kitten. Mrs. R. H. Hecht won the Best Short Hair Award.

The Cat Fanciers of the Palm Beaches (Florida) was accepted to membership.

The ruling that no rosettes, ribbons or trophies other than those of the C.F.A. be displayed at C.F.A. sanctioned exhibitions, was rescinded.

All proposals for changes in the constitution pertaining to regional representation were rejected by the assembly.

It was announced that the Association had a club membership of sixty-eight affiliates with twelve admitted during the year. Four clubs were dropped. Eighty-one shows were licensed of which thirty-six were all-breed. The forty-five specialty shows included eighteen solid color, eighteen siamese, five tabby and tortie, three silver and one domestic short hair.

(Editor's note—For election results see CATS, March 1951, page 8).

Show dates sanctioned, in addition to

those published in March 1951 CATS, page 9, follow:

Garden State Cat Club & Siamese Specialty	Nov. 6-7
Middle Tennessee Cat Club	Nov. 10-11
Empire Cat Club & Siamese Specialty	Nov. 16-17
Greater St. Louis Cat Club	Nov. 17-18
Cotton States Cat Club & Solid Color Specialty	Nov. 24-25
Genesee Cat Club & Siamese Specialty	Nov. 24-25
Ohio State Persian Cat Club & Solid Color Specialty	Dec. 1-2
Milwaukee Cat Club & Solid Color Specialty	Dec. 8-9
Cleveland Persian Society	Dec. 15-16
Boston Cat Club	Jan. 18-19

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No cat is ABSOLUTELY perfect. Therefore, the choosing of a certain cat as an ideal for the particular breed must be done only on the basis that this cat approached most nearly to being the perfect cat.

This is illustrated in the work of the judge in choosing her placings in the show group or for best-in-show. (How can a Persian be judged against a Siamese, is asked. It is not so judged directly, only indirectly.)

The judge first judges each group winner against its own perfection. She sees 'double'. She sees twelve cats where-as the spectators see only six cats—the flesh and blood cats. The good judge, however, sees the ideal cat also for each of the group winners, and how near does it come to being perfect by its breed standard of perfection.

Then she compares these scores of nearest to perfection, and the cat which is highest in its approach to the theoretical 100 per cent perfection is declared best in group or best in show. AT LEAST THAT IS HOW THE JUDGE COULD MAKE HER PLACINGS, theory and practice often meet as strangers in the show room.

by Billie Bancroft

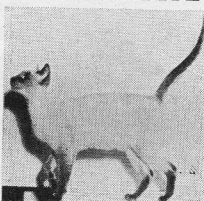
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(This short article is written in answer to many letters from Novices, asking, "WHAT IS TYPE?")



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ALL-BREED

Best—Hilltop's Copper Son of Chewanna, red tby.m., Mrs. Wilmer Shanteau.
Best Opp.—Delphi Victoria, sh. silv.f., Mrs. Walter Yeager.
Best Nov.—Elco's Con Amore, b.e.wt.m., Mrs. Ella Conroy.
Best Opp. Nov.—Favor's Twilight Dream, sh. silv.f., Mrs. Naomi Favors.
Best Kit.—Chewanna's Scarlet Spinner, red tby.f., Mrs. Shanteau.
Best Opp. Kit.—Ridgewood's Sugar'N Spice 11, o.e.wt.m., Mrs. Bessie Fleck.
Best Ch.—Foxboro's Robin's Ch. Son David, silv.tby.m., Mrs. Thomas Robson.
Best Opp. Ch.—Maye of Glen Orry, o.e.wt. manx, Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson.
Best Amer. S. H.—Captain Midnight, blk.m., Mrs. John R. Muir.
Judge—Dr. Frances L. McCracken.

SOLID COLOR

Best, Best Ch., Best For. S. H., Best S. H.—Tappee-Do of Glen Orry, bl.manx m., Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson.
Best Opp.—Smallhurst's Girl of the Sun, red f., Mrs. J. J. Small.
Best Nov.—Elco's Con Amore.
Judge—Mrs. Robert J. Pardee.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY

Best, Best Ch.—Guthred of Manx of Glen Orry, red tby.m., Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson.
Best Opp., Best B. P. Siam., Best Opp. Ch.—Telot Cable, f., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cable.
Best S. P. Siam.—Vee Roi's Ban Shee, f., Dr. J. S. Caldwell.
Best Amer. S. H.—Cobourg's Tinklepaugh of Himaphan, silv.tby.f., Mrs. Stanley Gibson.
Best Nov.—Tang Wong's Mi-Tong of Himaphan, Burm.f., Mrs. Stanley Gibson.
Judge—Mrs. Robert J. Pardee.

CORONADO CAT CLUB

At Coronado, Calif., Feb. 10-11, C. F. A. Rules.
Best, eBst Ch.—Nani-Lei-King-Lani-Lei, smk. m., Mrs. Mildred A. Joseph.
Best Opp., Best Ch. Opp.—Pearl Harbor Pandora of Azulita, bl.f., Mrs. Mildred Alexander.
Best Nov.—Nani Lei King Lanakila Lei, smk. m., Mrs. Joseph.
Best Opp. Nov.—Kerry Lu Deborah, chin.f., Carrie and Lucy Clingan.
Best Kit.—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh, b.p. siam.m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Boren.
Best S. H., Best For. S. H.—Lamar's Kuan Yin, b.p.siam.f., Lt. and Mrs. Charles L. Jones.
Best Dom. S. H.—Penny Diablo, blk.f., Mrs. Catherine M. Abramwitz.
Judge—Mrs. Marguerite Saxby-Mabie.

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Best Opp., Best Opp. Ch.—Nani Lei King Lana lei.
Best Nov.—Nani Lei Kng Lanakila Lei.
Best Opp. Nov.—Kerry Lu Deborah.
Best Kit.—Kerry Lu Bo-Peep's Smoke Beauty, smk.m., Carrie and Lucy Clingan.
Best Opp. Kit.—Angela of Casa Contenta, chin.f., Dr. and Mrs. V. Van Zele.
Best S. H.—Bubbles, silv. tby.m., Michael Clancy.
Judge—Alice Graydon Phillips.
SIAMESE SPECIALTY
Best, Best Ch., Best B. P.—Lamar's Kuan Yin.
Best Opp., Best Opp. Ch.—Quinn's Gallant Leader, S. P. m., Mrs. Elsie L. Quinn.
Best Nov.—Foo-Fang, s.p.f., Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial.
Best Opp. Nov.—Prince Chango of Coronado, s.p.m., Mrs. Charles Blennan, Jr.
Best S. P.—Lamar's Chinkee Lou, f., Lt. and Mrs. Jones.
Best Kit.—Julie's Bandit of Judawh.
Best Opp. Kit.—Nani Liki, s.p. f., Wayne Slosser.
Judge—Alice Graydon Phillips.

SAN FRANCISCO CAT CLUB

At San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 4-5, A.C.A. Rules.
Best, Best Ch.—Little Boy Blue Too, bl.m., Mrs. John Pinkston.
Best Opp.—Blulace Rosepointe of Leilani, bl. f., Mrs. Fred Wildenhau.
Best Opp. Ch.—Lamar's T'ang, s.p.siam.f., Mrs. Charles L. Jones.
Best Nov.—Nani-Lei Alaska Silver King, silv. m., Mr. and Mrs. M. Rania.
Best Nov. Opp.—Victorian White Shoulders, b.e. wt. f., Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hamann.
Best Kit.—Sunset Sonata, cr. m., Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Harwood.
Best Opp. Kit.—Shanna Groith Blue Lorelie, bl.f., Mrs. Phyllis Whitney.
Best For. S.H.—El Rosario Olga of Lamar, russ.bl.f., Lt. and Mrs. Charles L. Jones.
Best Dom. S.H.—Leilani's Kea Tupaupau, b. e.wt.m., Bruce Wildenhau.
Judge—Mr. B. Wilson.

ALAMO CITY CAT CLUB

At San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 24-25, C. F. A. Rules.
Best, Best Ch.—Rosedere De Anne of Nor-Mont, bl.cr.f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
Best Opp., Best Nov.—Nor-Mont's Chauncey, bl.m., Mrs. Hoag.
Best Opp. Ch.—Nor-Mont's Southern Biscuit, cr.m., Mrs. Hoag.
Best Opp. Nov.—Flagstone's Cutest One, cr.f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller.
Best Kit.—Nor-Mont's Sunny Sue, bl.f., Mrs. Hoag.
Best For. S. H.—Goforth's Boogieman, blk. manx, m., Mrs. S. L. Lovett.
Best Dom. S. H.—H M S Mystical of Cobourg, silv.tby.f., Mrs. Hoag.
Judge—Mr. Henry C. Becker.

WESTERN CAT CLUB

At Inglewood, Calif., Feb. 17-18, U. C. F. Rules.
ALL-BREED LONG HAIR DIVISION
Best—Onyx Sunlight of Cresthaven, bl.m., Chet and Dorothy Denning.
Best Opp.—Wycliffe Gretchen, bl.f., Chet and Dorothy Denning.
Best Ch.—June's Chin Chia of Mrs. Alexander's, sh.silv.f., Mrs. Mildred Alexander.
Best Opp. Ch.—My Honey Boy of Bonnie Silvers, silv.m., Mrs. Alfred E. Townsend.
Best Nov.—Nani-Lei-King-Lani-Lei, smk m., Mrs. Colleen Aslyn.
Best Opp. Nov.—Don Amable, sh. silv.m., Mrs. Geneva Wilson.
Best Kit.—Leilan's Petite-Pointe, bl.f., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wildenhau.
Best Opp. Kit.—Kerry Lu Denali, smk.m., Carrie and Lucy Clingan.
Judge—Charles Williams.
ALL-BREED SHORT HAIR DIVISION
Best, Best Ch., Best For. S. H.—Princess Ki-Ki Wong, b.p. siam.f., La Vona Wright.
Best Opp.—Colleen's Golden Sunset, manx red tby.mk.m., Colleen Clancy.
Best Opp. Ch.—Anna's Blue Mon-Dee, b.p. siam.m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCracen.
Best Nov.—Mandarin's Ling, s.p. siam.f., Ralph and De. Willoughby.
Best Opp. Nov.—Palos Verdes Tam-A-Shee, s.p. siam.m., Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Culver.
Best Kit.—Talee-Ho-Boot Cee Bea de Beaver, b.p. siam.f., Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Beaver.
Best Opp. Kit.—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh, b. p. siam.m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren.
Best Dom. S. H.—Blufash, bl.m., Dr. Fern Smith.
Judge—Mrs. Earle M. Phillips.
LONG HAIR SPECIALTY
Best—Onyx Sunlight of Cresthaven.
Best Opp.—Wycliffe Gretchen.
Best Ch.—June's Chin Chia of Mrs. Alexander's.
Best Opp. Ch.—Son of Don Roberto, sh. silv. m., Mrs. Geneva Wilson.
Best Nov.—Bonnie Prince Charlie, silv.m., Mrs. Alfred E. Townsend.
Best Opp. Nov.—Kerry Lu Carolyn, sh. silv. f., Carrie and Lucy Clingan.
Best Kit.—Leilani's Petite-Pointe.
Best Opp. Kit.—Joni Mom of the Pines, bl.m., Lois Candland and Jean Crouch.
Judge—Mrs. Ethel Garson.

DETROIT PERSIAN SOCIETY

At Detroit, Mich., March 3-4, C. F. A. Rules.
Best—Babylon's Casanova, bl.m., Helen Jackson.
Best Opp., Best Opp. Ch.—Macca's Slipper, smk.f., Mrs. Jas. McCain.
Best Ch.—Maple Keys Merry Minstrel, blk.m., Mrs. Marion Ripley.
Best Nov.—Blue Gables Desire of Babylon, bl. f., Mrs. Jas. W. Partlan.
Best Opp. Nov.—Shawnee's Lad O' Nite, siam. b.p.m., Necolia Slobodian.
Best Kit.—Shawnee's Huilo, b.p. siam.m., Necolia Slobodian.
Best Opp. Kit.—Maple Leaf's Gracious Lady Crickett, blk.f., Mrs. Martin Galmbacher.
Best For. S. H.—Shawnee's Lady Montgomery, siam. b.p.f.siam., Necolia Slobodian.
Best Dom. S. H.—Springbrook's Nonni, chin. m., Mrs. C. F. Kunkler.
Judge—Mrs. Dorothea Keller.
SOLID COLOR
Best—Babylon's Casanova.
Best Opp.—Eden's Golden Fantasie, cr.f., Mrs. Blanche Falardeau.
Best Ch.—Maple Keys Merry Minstrel.
Best Opp. Ch.—Lee's Hi-Hat Cherie of Rosemont, cr.f., Mrs. Frances Kosierowski.
Best Kit.—Wolfgang of the Tower, bl.m., Mrs. Ethel Treen.
Best Opp. Kit.—Maple Leaf's Gracious Lady Crickett.
Judge—Mrs. Ralph Mabie.

INLAND EMPIRE CAT CLUB

At Spokane, Wash., March 17-18, A.C.A. Rules.
Best, Best Ch.—Watt's White Star, b.e.wt.m., Dr. E. P. Watt.
Best Opp.—Gilmore's Virginia Dare, r.f., Pearl Allison.
Best Nov.—Wayside Atomic Charmer, bl.m., Mrs. C. W. Eaken.
Best Kit.—Royal Mei Lin, bl.f., Helen McManus.
Best Opp. Ch., Best S. H.—Knight's Suki-Bu, s.p.siam.f., Roberta Knight.
Best Opp. S. H.—Be Bop Blu, b.p.siam., Mrs. Del Yandon.
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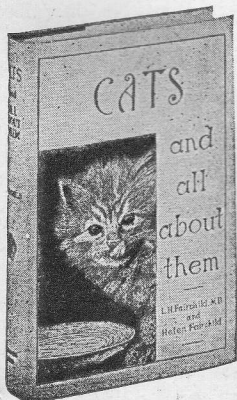
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THE BACK FENCE

Some people who claim that cats are not smart illustrate their opinions by stating that cats get up in trees and then can't get down. A cat that tries to descend head first invariably becomes frightened, and therefore becomes stranded. CHIEF AGENT JAMES R. CONNOUGHTON of the Animal Rescue League, Boston tells about being called by a cat owner in Dorchester, Mass., to get his cat out of a tree. The owner was puzzled because the cat had always climbed up and down with apparent ease. When the agent arrived, he quickly found the answer. In the tree was not one, but five cats! The mother had climbed the tree, given birth to four kittens, and then, unable to get the kittens down, refused to leave her litter.

LADY ABERCONWAY of London, famed compiler of the "Dictionary of Cat Lovers" recently received a translation of a papyrus in the Cairo Museum which read: "The professional catfeeders complain that, although their sacred office exempts them from compulsory labor, the police sergeant is now forcing them to make bricks. They appeal to Zenon against this." LADY ABERCONWAY points out that Zenon was a Greek official in charge of a large royal estate in the Fayyum estate, south of Cairo (Third Century B.C.). She writes that a "strange freak of fate has preserved for us what in the Foreign Office is called his 'Confidential waste'. . . . English rumor to the effect that the Atlantic Cat Club (New York) will import an English judge for its Fiftieth Anniversary show next winter.

Tragedy in Pittsburgh—GEORGE BEATTIE, age 10, put his three kittens in the cardboard box in the kitchen just before he went to bed. Fire broke out, but fortunately at the time, he and his family escaped from the burning house. Then GEORGE remembered his three kittens. Without anyone noticing he dashed into the burning building. He never made it outside. Firemen found his body in the fire debris with the scorched remains of the pets . . . One of the outstanding cat acts is that staged by OLGA FREDERICKA of London. GINGER, one of the "catactors" sits on a pedestal and claps its paws. TIGER, a tabby rides a hobby horse as DAISY pushes. FLUFF rolls barrels. Seven cats strike up an acrobatic pose as a finale to the act, which always brings down the house. Here's hoping that OLGA FREDERICKA brings her trained felines to America.

LYDIA O. CYPHER, secretary of National Cat Week is recuperating in a Pittsburgh hospital. She asks that those who have written her during April to have patience with her and she will write them upon her return home any day now . . . Several readers have voiced their opinions that the forthcoming "Rhubarb" movie, may degrade the cat almost as much as the general run of cartoon film features . . . MRS. MERALD E. HOAG of Arlington, Va., who won 1949 Cat of the Year with her FELICE OF NORMONT, is picking PIED PIPER OF BARBE BLEUE, a Black Male, as 1951 Cat of the Year, thus breaking the charm that the Blue Long Hairs have had on the biggest title in the Cat Fancy, during the past four years. What do you think?

MR. and MRS. DONALD BARLOW of Granite Falls,

North Carolina report that their mother cat has adopted two bunnies. It is the biggest news in Granite Falls since the Civil War . . . At the important meeting of the Assembly Judiciary Committee in which the California Anti-Cat Bill was given a hearing which ultimately sounded the death-knell for the Friends of the Birds-sponsored measure, CATS Magazine was quoted extensively. MRS. CHESTER DENNING, secretary of the Golden Gate Cat Club quoted statistics from the article in CATS, concerning GEORGE W. BRADT, director of wild life experimental station in Michigan, who found that over a period of 18-months, one cat brought in 1600 mice, rodents and lizards as compared with a mere sixty-eight birds. At the same time the California newspapers quoted passages from this publication which could have had a bearing on the final decision of the Judiciary Committee, if perhaps, the legislators read the newspaper articles. Here is one quote from the Oakland Tribune with the proper credit: "Cats of America are facing a vicious fight against their existence by a relentless foe. California is only the beginning—the entering wedge." However, the Back Fence and the editors of CATS are quick to point out that the defeat of the Anti-Cat Bill in California was due to California cat owners, headed by DR. GUY BOGART, RALPH MORRIS, HAL NICHOLS, MRS. CHESTER DENNING, MR. ROBERT WILSON, MRS. DELLA CAMPBELL, MRS. ALICE M. CLARK, and the very great many of you who launched a barrage of letters to all the assemblymen.

MILDRED I. KENDALL of Jamaica Plain, Mass., says that MRS. ARTHUR P. COMBS of Stoneham, Mass., claims her Black female spay, STRIKE, is the oldest cat in Massachusetts. Either 21 or 22 years of age . . . In Seaside, near Portland, Oregon is an ordinary house pet named TABBY, owned by MR. and MRS. AZELLUS LIARD. It is said that TABBY retrieves sticks and rocks, cleans up waste paper on the motel grounds where she lives with her owners and—GET THIS — SINGS AN ACCOMPANIMENT TO A POPULAR FRENCH FOLK TUNE!

Here's good news for all cat owners and cat photo collectors in particular—WALTER CHANDOHA is bringing out a book of cat pictures titled "Catnips at Love and Marriage". Details are not available yet, but we predict that the book will enjoy as fine a circulation as any feline tome to date. Incidentally, CHANDOHA has one of his famous picture's gracing the June issue. It's priceless! . . . Latest publicity blurb from the 'Rhubarb' set in Hollywood is that the real RHUBARB has 23 stand-ins . . . DR. EDWIN P. GUTHRIE, psychologist of the University of Washington has made an unusual experiment to prove that cats are born with the fear of dogs. DR. GUTHRIE selected a litter of kittens, a few hours old and still blind. He held a puppy towards them a few feet away. The three kittens in the litter tried to arch their backs and gave with tiny hisses. How did these blind kittens know it was a dog? How did they know the dog is their traditional enemy. And how, in so few hours of life could they react to that enemy in a facsimile of the grown-up cat manner? DR. GUTHRIE said he couldn't figure it out. He only knows that is what happened.

ALL-EASTERN

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western boundary of New York and Pennsylvania and extending directly north.

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GUY BOGART

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acquainted with them where possible. Write to them—in your own person's way, not on forms. Keep acquainted with them. Get them the information on which you base your ideas. And don't think there are any truces in this age-old struggle to maintain your rights to love cats and enjoy them in a free expression of their lives.

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