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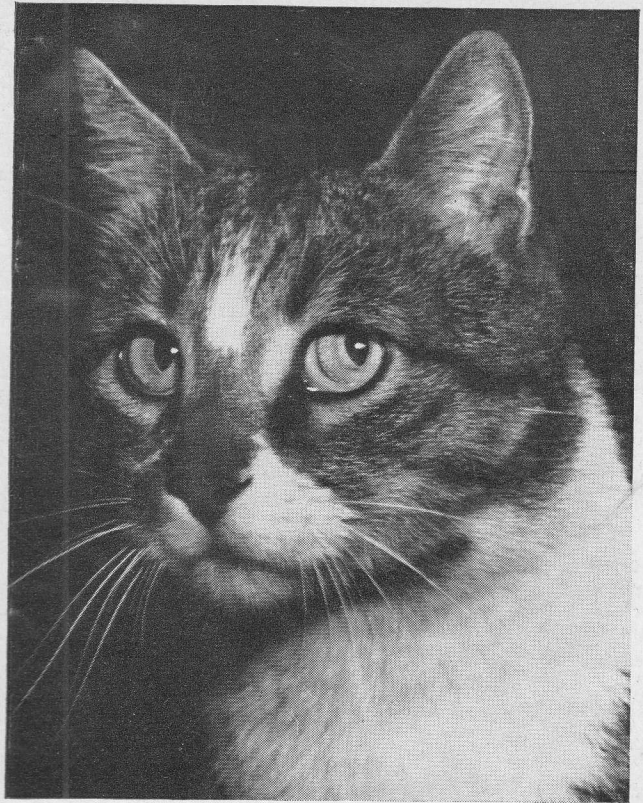
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Dear "Cats":

I am wondering if something can not be done to change the legal status of cats. As I understand it, the situation now is that once cats leave my property they are no longer legally mine, and there is no law to protect them as such. I have often pondered the question as to why, in some manner, they can not have equality with dogs as far as the ownership question is concerned. Perhaps some of your readers with legal background would be willing to go into this. Surely, there must be some way to correct it.

I am enclosing an account about a recent happening along this line, in the hope that if other cat-owners find themselves in the same situation they will be able to profit by my mistakes. I have learned a very sad and bitter lesson.

Mrs. L. C. Bittenbender

814 Pitt Road

Cheltenham, Penna.

—For the story of Mrs. Bittenbender's experience, see "Ruffles", on page 15.

Ed.

MORTIMER, AGAIN

Oh Mr. Editor:

I WAS delighted to see you published my letter of gratitude in the September CATS magazine, gratitude for those dozens of kind American friends who sent me more back — and current — numbers of CATS magazine, for me

to sell over here to help The Cats Protection League which does such grand work for us cats. But, oh my whiskers! the second appearance I made not only stirred up other readers to dig out all

back numbers of your magnificent magazine, some of them are sending me donations and—oh boy!—food parcels! At least one food parcel has arrived from Montreal, Canada (your magazine deservedly has got a mighty wide circulation,) and another is promised from New York, while a wunnerful cat lover of Johnstown, Pa. is mailing me a cheque! A most charming lady writes from Mexico, sending entrancing little 'cat handkerchiefs' for my "Market" (my stalls at parties I give in my flat), so cleverly packed in an envelope, with a letter that I had no duty to pay, (thank goodness.) I'm trying to make and collect £300 this year, and if everyone puts best paw forward, Great Mousers! I'll do it.

But the greatest fun of all is that English folk are positively fighting to get the two numbers in which I appear! I've had one or two of June and September issues, and believe me, I sold them to the highest bidder for 10s each! I've had more letters saying others will certainly give me this if I get any more! So — American friends, do send them along when you've read them! It helps me help the thousands of cats less fortunate than myself, those who don't find homes, or need boarding and medical aid till they are fit to go to one. Oh its GRAND to be an AMBASSADOR OF THE STRAYS, and this is another picture of me saying so!*

A few readers have sent back numbers without the name of sender: I would like to say how deeply grateful we are. All who have given their names have had a personal letter of thanks and a photograph of me.

Wishing your paper continued and increasing success — its certainly getting about all over England, Scotland and Ireland too now!—

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COVER

Our cover girl this month is Champion Hollywood Blue Velvet, 1950 A-W Blue Point Siamese Female who made history by being named the Best Cat in the All Breed Show and Best Cat in the Siamese Specialty Show at Denver in February 1951. She repeated her Specialty win this season, by again being named Best Cat in the Denver Siamese Specialty this past December.

Champion Hollywood Blue Velvet is owned by E. W. Krampert of Casper, Wyoming. Photo is by Frank Bjerring.

With most purrful gratitude,

Mortimer Rudd

The Cats Protection League

30a Sinclair Rd.

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P.S. Because of customs regulations, any food sent for my "Market" should be labelled "Unsolicited food gift parcel, FOR THE CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE." (I'm not giving hints—just being practical).

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BOUQUET

Dear "Cats":

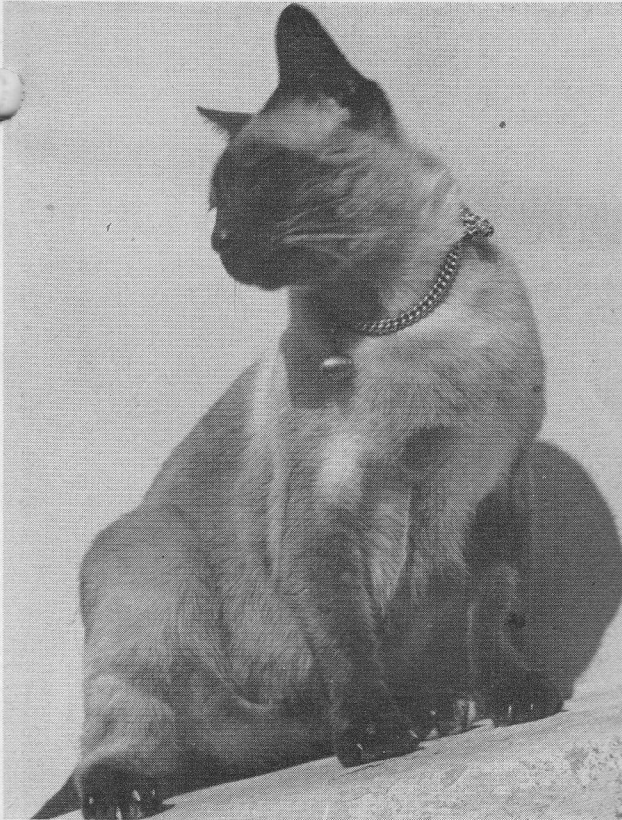
Thank you for your reminder post card. I forgot my subscription had expired. Yes, indeed, I do want CATS MAG. I enjoy every bit of it. We have three cats, Persians—two smoke and one red with white. We love them all. They are a part of the family.

I have been very interested in the "Bird" woman. Birds destroy our fruits and nuts every year. But we never consider legislation against birds. My cats seldom bring in a bird. In fact, nesting birds torment our cats.

Edna D. Hart

9620 Sunland Blvd.

Sunland, Calif.



TAI—He Can Go Home Again

By Tamara Andreeva and Anita Mason
Photographs by Tamara Andreeva

What should we call this dark handsome fellow whose rightful name is Tai? Shall we say he is a *voyageur*, an *entrepreneur*, or just a general all-around *homme du monde*?

It's true he does not board a Constellation at dawn for Rio nor sail off on the Ile De France "with all the gulls around it" to Paris, but it can't be denied nevertheless that he gets around.

Tai, who was born twelve years ago, started travelling about that time, too. His owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kratzet, of Santa Monica, Calif., couldn't help but notice his fondness for riding in strange cars. After Tai's second or third disappearance, they decided something must be done for the peace of mind of the stay-at-homes.

They contrived a collar with an "I.D." barrel which Tai learned to tolerate. The barrel, which is visible in the first of the four pictures, contains, aside from Tai's name, the



Tired Tai returns—



Greets his mistress—

name and address of his owners, his usual diet, and the suggestion that the wanderer be returned in a taxi.

When the pictures were taken, Tai was returning from his twelfth sojourn. He was glad to go, but if we can believe our eyes, very glad to come back. And a little sheepish? It is always thus, according to all we've been able to learn of Tai's escapades.

What prompts his wanderings, we can only guess at, but we imagine it's a typical cat curiosity about the new neighbor five blocks down the street, about the outside world; a desire to keep abreast of all latest developments, a fear of missing a trick. Or perhaps, Siamese-life, Tai is putting on a show to amuse folks, an occupation not above many Siamese.

As long as Tai knows what he's doing (even if we don't), as long as he enjoys his triumphant ride home and the drivers enjoy discussing things with their little brown passenger, no harm is done. Besides, never argue with a Siamese!

If the wanderlust becomes too strong for you to endure, if you take another trip, may we wish, Tai Kratzet, that along with your *bon voyage* you have a safe, scoldless, landing home? We rather imagine that all these hypothetical events will soon become events transpired. "Now, Voyager, sail thou forth—".



And gets a warm welcome.

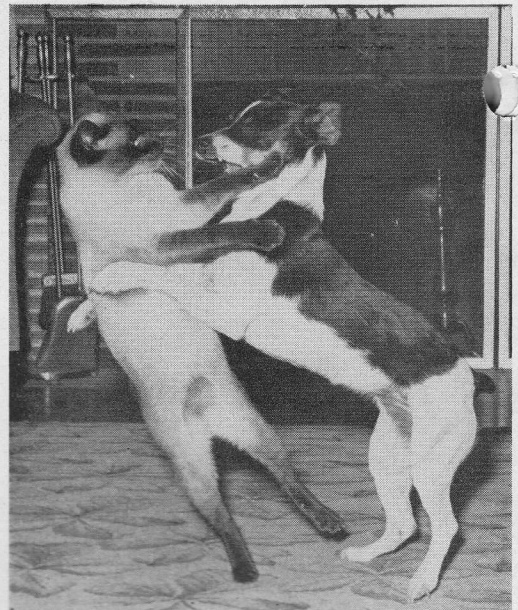


MAPLE KEYS PETITE JUEL is a real little gem of a black kitten in this photo taken by her owner and breeder, Mary L. Dunderman of Akron, Ohio. Juel's sire is Maple Keys Sir Garath, and her dam is Dixi-Land's Blue Iris. There's no question but that she'll have a sparkling career.

PICTURES from our READERS



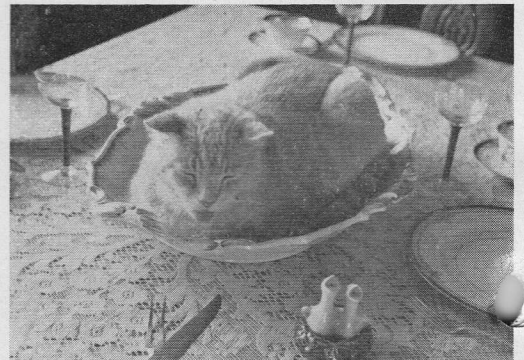
CHUNG MUNG ABELARD and his two daughters, CHUNG MUNG NUI NUI and CHUNG MUNG GRISETTE look at us from the home of the Philip Normans in Los Angeles. Mr. Norman, who is director of two programs on KNX writes that the Siamese have him so enthralled that most of his broadcasts have turned into a diary of their doings.



This romp together is just that, and not what it might seem. DING HO and TRIXIE are the best of friends. Their owners are Al and Jack Downard, photographers, of Redding, Calif. (Photo submitted by Ruth D. Fonseca)



"Good Morning!" First thing every day NIAGARA'S GORGEOUS SMOOTHY, pet Long Hair of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carman, Buffalo, N. Y. makes the rounds and shakes hands with every member of the family.



Doris A. Howe's GUSTAV got into the platter himself to add a festive touch to the party before he was consigned to the kitchen. "Guzz" is from San Francisco.

The Apartment Cat

by D. Reinke, R.N.

I often hear working girls here in Washington say, "I am so lonely I could scream! If I only had a cat or a dog to come home to—but, of course, that's not possible in an apartment."

Nothing could be farther from the truth than the idea that apartments are no places for pets. The cat makes a perfect city companion. The dog is too gregarious, too much of an extrovert to be ideally happy shut in a few small rooms. But not so the cat.

By very nature, the cat is exclusive. He is the most self-centered creature alive, and all his life a cat does as nearly as possible just as he pleases. A cat can not be driven nor forced. He plays when, and only when, he is in the mood to do so, and he will never "show off" for the amusement of humans. I have yet to see a cat do a thing simply because he thought I wanted him to. A dog will frequently endeavor to please his master even against his own inclinations, but a cat, never.

Most grown cats are solitary by nature. They do not seek the companionship of other cats except at mating time, and they do not play, nor run the neighborhood together on jaunts of exploration as dogs do. Cats remain aloof even to their close companions; at best, they only tolerate the cat next door. They have all the attributes which apartment living requires.

Although I knew that thousands of other apartment dwellers were enjoying having cats as pets, there were none at all in the building where I lived, and my decision to get two of them met with dire warnings and predictions from my friends. Fortunately, none of them came true.

At the age of eight weeks, Bing and Puss came to live with us in our small Washington apartment. They had never been outside their mother's home (cage and run) until they traveled from New York in their new carrying cage.

For apartment living, I advise getting a young kitten. However, it should be old enough to safely leave its mother, and have its toilet habits well established. If the cat has never been allowed to run at, you will have no trouble keeping him in. He simply will not know that there is another world than his own. Even older cats, however, in most cases adapt themselves to an apartment, with

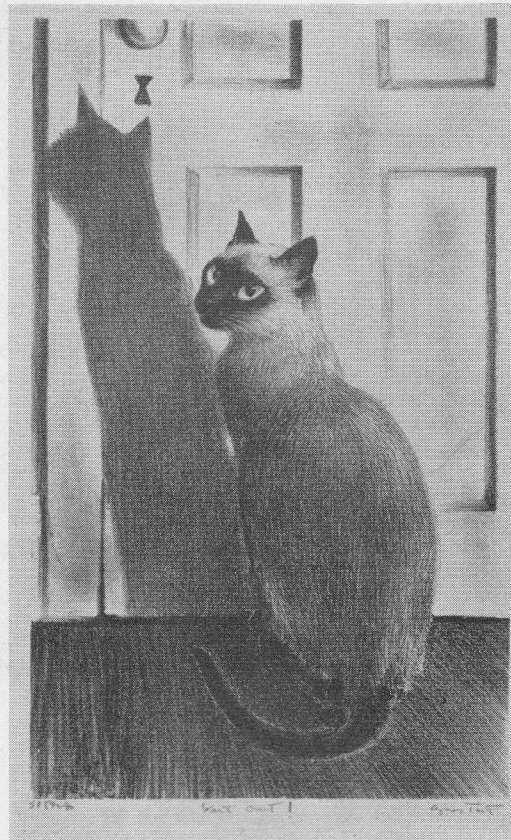
a minimum of trouble.

A cat needs no more exercise than he gets in playing and running around an apartment or room, and he gets his sunshine sitting in a window. As he never goes outdoors, he is not subject to sudden changes in temperature, and therefore seldom, if ever, catches cold or has pneumonia. He does not pick up fleas, nor skin diseases from other cats. Nor does he suffer from mange or gastro-enteritis. His coat is never full of burrs, nor his ears torn or ragged from fights. The apartment cat is almost always a healthy cat.

There is, nevertheless, one thing which may possibly indispose the apartment cat—indigestion caused by over-feeding. Meals should be carefully planned, and too much food, or too great variety, should not be permitted. As to diets, our Bing and Puss get fresh government-inspected horse meat, varied several times a week with canned cat food made of fish, and every few days I give them a "snack" of a dry cat food in little "cookies". They are fed in the morning about eight, and again in the evening about six. Although some breeders do not give milk to grown cats, Bing and Puss have never outgrown their fondness for it, so they get all they want. They have fresh water available at all times from a bowl in the kitchen sink—I turn the faucet so that it will drip slightly and thus keep the water constantly fresh. This is their complete diet. I do not give them table scraps nor vegetables. And although they are very fond of green peas, they get them only one at a time as a reward for good behavior or for learning a lesson well.

Bing and Puss were trained by their mother to shredded paper, and I keep a cardboard box full of torn up newspaper for their use. This, or the prepared "litters" and "absorbents" sold in pet shops can be readily disposed of whereas sand would be a problem.

Indoor cats should have their toe-nails clipped every few weeks for protection of the furniture, and also, if allowed to grow, the nails become long and splintered and may tear down to the quick. Special clippers are available, since most



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"manicurists" find ordinary scissors inconvenient. We brush and comb Puss and Bing frequently to remove dead hair, and because they have never been damaged in any way, their coats are as glossy as satin, and extremely fine and soft.

At the age of six months, our Puss went to the hospital to be spayed. As this is a major operation, she stayed five days, and then came home feeling fine and frisky. Bing went also, but being a male, he came home that same evening, and save for sitting down very gingerly for a day or so, had no inconvenience at all. Altering is almost a must for indoor cats, thus relieving their owner, and themselves, of many problems in their care.

As a result of this program of living, our pets have never had a sick day in all their lives. They are splendid proof that the apartment cat is happy, content, well-cared for, and sleek. To those who sometimes complain that a cat should not be confined—don't feel sorry for him, he's enjoying a far better existence than if he were struggling against the dangers and terrors of the outside world. Instead, pity the poor lonely humans who come home to a deserted apartment; who have no soft, intelligent eyes gazing lovingly into theirs; who have no warm purring companionship on cold winter evenings.

An apartment is a cold empty place until it has a cat in it—then it is a home.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

MAN WITH KITTENS

By Elizabeth Coatsworth

He is tired of legal questions,
of reading law books late into the night,
of a contentious wife, mad about clothes,
and sons with small respect for fathers.
He is tired
of thinking about the country and what it's coming to,
and of himself and what he's coming to.
that big, lean, rawboned, homely, homespun man,
and so he leans down and pulls out a couple of kittens
asleep by their mother under the kitchen stove,
and goes out in his shirtsleeves to sit on the back steps
where the sun is shining and he can hear the neighbor's voices,
to play with the kittens or watch them play with each other,
crouching in four-inch grass (Why haven't you cut the grass?)
like round-faced tigers
pouncing on one another, their blue eyes staring,
lashing their short tails, grappling, rolling,
breaking loose with furious miaows, distracted by beetles,
looking wise as little owls, innocent as a pair of flowers,
playing with his shoestring, attacking his big hand . . .
They have their uses, Abe's kittens. They make him smile
a different sort of smile. He looks easier,
and maybe falls asleep in a little while
there in the sun, his head against his arm
and that arm on the step by the kitchen door.
The kittens will not wake him. Like as not
they'll fall asleep themselves, when he's asleep.

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CATS, FOR FREE!

By Lynn Hamilton, author of SOPHISTI-CATS

I'm not impressed with tricks of furred aristocrats
Who boast tail-waving charms but act like alley cats;
I'm tired of cats who scorn expensive rationed food
And pull that "We'll starve 'til we get liver" mood.
I'm sick of cats on tables, cats on beds and chairs,
Fuzz in my ears and eyes, and in my soup long hairs;
Of wolves in kitten britches eating up our savings,
Clawing rugs to rags and furniture to shavings;
Caterwauling every night,—that special little trick
These Satan's imps employ to drive us nuts, but quick.
Does someone want for free three Persians, thoroughbred,
With gold-green eyes, and plummy tails—white, black and red?
Are you cats listening? . . . I'm giving you away!
Not worried, huh? You'd better be! I might . . . someday.

MY FU (A SIAMESE)

By R. R. Barry

I've known a score of animals,
Yes, I've known and loved them too,
But the scamp that I loved most of all,
Was "Sai Hoo Fu Man Chu".
With eyes of deepest sapphire blue,
A piercing gaze he sent,
If not obeyed at first command,
The peace with squalls he rent.
He rode my shoulder as a king,
And if he were not there,
He'd give full chase, leap up and cling,
My shoulder was his lair.
A dog, no matter what his size,
Was meant for sport with Fu,
He'd lunge, he'd thrust, there were no
ties,
The battle went to Fu.
Ah, no, his was no coward's heart,
Yet loving too, clear thru,
Best attributes of dog and cat,
He had them, did my Fu.

WINTER FRAGMENT

By Lynn Hamilton, author of SOPHISTI-CATS

*In the fireside corner, Puss and I sit dreaming,
Listening to the small night sounds, the rustling leaves,
And far over the marshes the wild geese crying.
The frost-spiculed window circles with mica
A thin wishing moon above the hill;
There is challenge and laughter in the wind's high
singing.
From somewhere, lost and far,
Beyond the silver hill,
Beyond the barren woods and the wild geese flying,
Comes a voice, ephemeral, morning-clear . . .
Listen, Puss . . . do you hear?
Is April calling?*

MEMORY OF A THREE O'CLOCK SAUNTER IN THE FEBRUARY ROSE GARDEN

By Elizabeth Coatsworth

*Your motion following was the serpent's glide,
And the black stream silent through banks of snow,
The shadow, too, was in it, and the pride
Of dancers: your gait was light and slow.
Yet when I called, you came, quick as a child,
Eager and hurrying to meet surprise,
Your tail rose up in a black question mark
And open trust shone green in your green eyes.*

TABBY'S BEAUTY PARLOR

By F. O. Wollen

The cat may use her tongue
For brush and curry comb;
That's really smaller than
A man's or woman's thumb.
It's hid within her mouth;
She always carries it,
To brush from off her coat
The dirt, when she sees fit.

It works much like a sponge
That's always clean and white
Absorbes all dirt and cleans
All germs that come in sight.

She has a hidden well
Of water too, to wet
The sponge and curry comb—
But what a toilet set!

And well she knows that she
This work each day must do,
'Cause cleanliness in cats,
A noted virtue true.

"RI-RI"

By John Weis

Ri-Ri comes from Paris
In a basket
An insufferable long way—
A squalling infant
Away from her mother
A sooty nosed
Siamese cat
Comes to a mid-west
back-yard

A Parisian
And through the fence
Comes a striped yellow
baby

A Tom-cat

And looking at him
(He looking at her)
Ri-Ri decides
That life

Is not altogether
Fearful.

THE EDUCATION OF THE HEART

By George R. Farnum

"Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy"—Matt. 5:7

The education of the heart should ever go hand in hand with the cultivation of the mind. Kindness toward all sentient creatures and compassion for suffering in all its forms are the hallmarks of an enlightened community and the badge of a cultured individual. It is a grave mistake to believe that a gentle nature is inconsistent with a forceful character. Tenderness and pity should never be taken as a proof of weakness. Men who have been great in a true sense have never been indifferent to the rights or blind to the needs of the helpless.

contributed by Guy Bogart and Alice M. Hotz

MOUNTAIN LION

by D. H. Lawrence

(Written in New Mexico)

Climbing through the January snow, into the Lobo canyon,

*Dark grow the spruce trees, blue is the balsam,
Water sounds still unfrozen. and the trail is still evident.*

Men!

Two men!

Men! The only animal in the world to fear!

They hesitate.

We hesitate.

They have a gun.

We have no gun.

They all advance, to meet.

*Two Mexicans, strangers, emerging out of the dark,
And snow and inwardness of Lobo valley.
What are they doing on this vanishing trail?*

What is he carrying?

Something yellow.

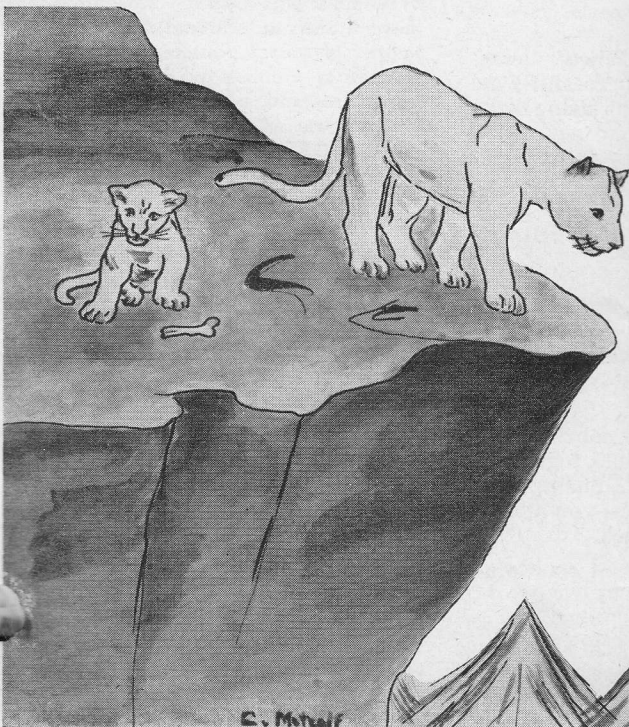
A deer?

Que tiene, amigo?—

Leon—

*He smiles foolishly, as if he were caught doing wrong,
And we smile foolishly, as if we didn't know.
He is quite gentle and dark-faced.*

*It is a mountain lion,
A long, slim cat, yellow like a lioness.
Dead.*



He trapped her this morning, he says, smiling foolishly.

Lift up her face,

Her round, bright face, bright as frost.

Her round, fine-fashioned head, with two dead ears:

And stripes on the brilliant frost of her face, sharp,

Fine dark rays,

Dark, keen, fine rays in the brilliant frost of her face.

Beautiful dead eyes.

Hermoso es!

They go out toward the open;

We go into the gloom of Lobo.

And above the trees I found her lair,

A hole in the blood-orange brilliant rocks that stick up,

A little cave.

And bones and twigs, and a perilous ascent.

So, she will never leap up that way again, with the yellow

Flash of a mountain lion's long shoot!

*And her bright striped frost-face will never watch any
more,*

Out of the shadow of the cave in the blood-orange rock,

Above the trees of the Lobo dark valley-mouth!

Instead, I look out.

*And out to the dim of the dessert, like a dream, never
real;*

To the snow of the Sangre de Cristo mountains,

The ice of the mountains of Picoris,

And near across at the opposite steep of snow,

Green trees motionless standing in snow,

Like a Christmas toy.

And I think in this empty world there was room

For me and a mountain lion.

And I think in the world beyond, how easily we might

Spare a million or two of humans

And never miss them.

Yet what a gap in the world, the missing white frost face

Of that slim yellow mountain lion!

FOOD HABITS of FERAL HOUSE CATS

Report on the University of California Investigation as Discussed over KFOX, Long Beach, by
Guy Bogart

A ten-year study of the food habits of feral cats in the Sacramento Valley by Earl L. Hubbs of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, confirms the results of official scientific investigations in Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon and elsewhere that Cats are not the scourge against song birds and other birds as claimed by enemies of the Cat. Published in the April, 1951, number of "California Fish and Game" by the State of California, Dr. Hubbs gives full details of examination of the stomachs of felines. The article should be read in its entirety by all Cat lovers and students. We have permission to reprint the article and I hope funds will be available for this purpose—for national circulation and especially for state legislature members. Here are just a few highlights but they should be read in their proper context.

Dr. Hubbs writes: "House cats have a particularly unsavory reputation as killers of song birds. McKenny (1939) sets the annual kill of small birds in Pennsylvania at 50,000,000 with the house cat as the major cause, and Forbush (1916) states that rural cats killed 7,000,000 birds in Massachusetts in 1913. Reed (1906) claims that a horde of cats were eating three-fourths of the song birds hatched. Undoubtedly house cats kill many song birds, but the findings of this study tend to discount these extravagant claims as do most other detailed food habits studies. Only 29 passerine birds were found, accounting for 6.6 percent of the material. Fourteen undetermined song birds, two meadow larks,

three red-wings, two Brewer blackbirds and eight sparrows were found. The take of passerine birds was generally scattered throughout the year." (The passerine order includes all songs birds. Ed.)

The report summarizes the findings: "Considering the yearly diet as a whole, mammals, particularly small rodents, make up the majority of both individuals and bulk taken. It is often stated that birds constitute the heaviest part of the house cat's diet. This contention, usually based on casual observation is not borne out by my findings nor by those of other investigators who have actually analyzed stomach contents. Nilsson found that 86 cats taken in the Willamette Valley contained 61.8 percent mammals and only 18.9 percent birds by volume. Errington (1936) in his study of the food habits of Wisconsin house cats found 57 mammals and only 9 birds in 50 stomachs. McMurry & Sperry (1941) studied 84 cat stomachs from several areas in Oklahoma. Mammals made up 55 percent of the bulk and birds only 4 percent. Bradt (1949) records the prey brought in by one tame kitten in Michigan. In a period of 18 months it caught 1600 mice and only 62 small birds. Results from the study of Sacramento Valley cats showed the mammals constituted 64 percent of the total food and birds 25 percent."

In percentage, the following is the finding: Mammals 64.1; birds 25.2; reptiles 2.2; fishes 1.1; insects 7.4. Of the mammals the domestic rat accounted for 1.8 percent; house mouse 24.1; ground squirrel 0.4; pocket gopher 4.1; pocket mouse 0.4; field vole 6.7; rabbits 11.4.

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In my personal experience, I usually keep three to four house cats, which bring all of their game to me in the house—including grasshoppers and true pet vine flowers, which they consider choice "game." Never in the past 20 years have the group brought more than 8 to 10 birds in a year. The outside "boarder" cats whom I feed likewise get few birds.

My yard the year round, with its trees and bushes is a haven for many birds. One night in May as I entered my study there was a bird which could have entered only through the opening always kept for the cats. Hildabruen sat watching it as it perched on a picture frame near the ceiling, and Penelope just casually eyed it. Either will catch a bird if possible but showed less excitement than Hildabruen manifested the same evening over a grasshopper she had brought to the study. I caught the bird and released it outdoors without special interest on the part of the cats. I keep feed for the birds in winter and they fill the trees. I do object occasionally when the black birds drive the cats out of the yard!

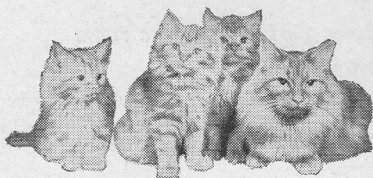
I make no apologies for giving this fourth report on governmental findings on the scientific studies of cat diet. The findings refute the main contention of the enemies of the cat who by unfounded statements widely circulated have led thousands to accept their false statements. Until we can get to the public the real facts as shown in state investigation after state investigation, there is the danger of the passage of marauding cat bills in all states.

Dr. Hubbs concludes his survey with a general discussion, writing in part: "The results of this survey indicate that feral house cats in the Sacramento Valley have a shifting seasonal diet, consisting mostly of rodent pests but including also significant numbers of ducks, pheasants, song birds and rabbits at certain seasons of the year. BECAUSE THEY TAKE SUCH GREAT NUMBERS OF RODENTS, HOUSE CATS CAN BE CONSIDERED OF REAL BENEFIT TO FARMERS IN THE VALLEY."

The author gives some wholesome advice as to the necessity by owners of control in the breeding of farm cats, with need for control measures on a local basis. As I have previously emphasized, one important basis of prejudice against cats falls squarely on cat owners, many of them (in their fashion) cat lovers. Until we learn to neuter our females and males alike except the few we want to breed, mercifully kill ("put to sleep" if you squirm at the English language), excess kittens, refrain from dumping unwanted cats and otherwise contribute directly to the alley strays and feral population, we are hurting the cat of all cats and giving arguments to the cat haters. Let's love our cats enough to do more than write a protest every two years to the state legislature.

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Stinky's Story

By Ruth Gibson

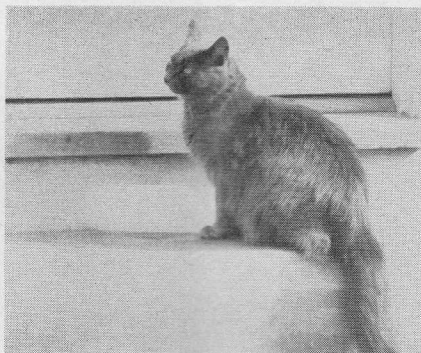
It was irrevocably the last day of illness or drabness in our lives when she made her entrance at our house. She was a lovely vibrant young thing with personality personified. I became extraordinarily observant that she and my husband were delighted with each other. I was also shrewdly conscious I should be jealous, but managed to keep my face impassive and determined to suppress this emotion.

I became extremely fond of this intellectually refined creature and as my husband's devotion extended no deeper than admiration, our household of three became a happy one. She was urbane, and gifted with enormous energy. Her voice as as soothing as the rustle of harp strings. Her tread was light and graceful. She had a way of sneaking up behind and scaring the daylights out of me. Indeed, she was a compilation and distillation of all the best of her type that existed. The full ecstasy and harmony of this made-in-heaven union were never exploited, and it's privacy was never invaded, until later.

Then one day I discovered that she had a dual personality. I was sitting at my bedroom window when I saw her huddled down in the tall grass in our back yard. I could see her eyes peeping over the tall blades with a gleam in them that horrified me. Her gaze was concentrated on something I could not see. Her expression had only one meaning, the desire to kill.

I ran from my room and down the stairs hoping to get to her before she accomplished murder. As I reached the back yard an airplane came roaring overhead and broke the spell. She came out of the grass with nothing but love in her eyes as she came toward me. I scolded her and asked her what she had been about to do. I could get nothing out of her. She had only an attitude of complete innocence and I don't know even now what evil she was about to do.

She had arrived at the age of maturity. Now every time a male walked by she became deeply engrossed with the desire to make his acquaintance. She had developed into such a beauty we knew the first male to lay eyes on her would immediately fall into romantic moods. She cried and begged until my nerves were exhausted, but we had made up our minds to protect her from any adven-



Stinky . . .

tures of romance at this time. We knew that our firmness was making her more and more unhappy and I could see that she was scheming up some plan to get out of the house. I had a feeling that something drastic was about to happen.

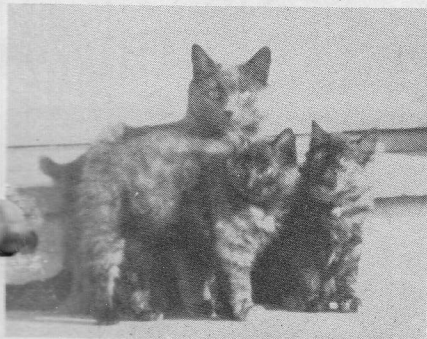
It happened the night my husband sat up late to look at television. He remembered that he had neglected to shut the garage doors. He went sleepily out the back door and forgot to close it. We were unaware that she was hiding in the kitchen waiting her chance for a break to liberty. She flew like a tigress out into the night.

She didn't return that night nor the next day nor the next night. We were at our wits' end as to what to do. But the next morning as we were eating breakfast she made her appearance at the back door. She looked cheapish, dirty, and bedraggled. She made no explanation but proceeded to drag her tired body to the bedroom and in a state of exhaustion went sound asleep.

The days that followed she seemed so happy to be home and so reconciled to her confinement we decided not to punish her or ask questions. She had an attitude of love and gratitude towards us. I decided she had developed into a character of honor, integrity, intelligence, decent pride and decent humility. I felt sure she had had inviolable privacy for meditation, recuperation and restoration. We tried to teach her to have contempt for deliberate crudity, vulgarity, arrogance and deception. But as time went on I noticed a great increase in her appetite and a change taking place in the appearance of her body. I was greatly distressed by the realization that nature was going to express itself to the fullest capacity.

This dramatic situation and emotional problem I decided to keep to myself. If my husband was not observant then sooner or later nature would unfold its story to him. It was only a matter of a few weeks when it happened.

This morning my husband opened the closet door to get his bath robe. As he did so he stood frozen in his footsteps. A thousand thoughts of drastic situations in my life rushed to my mind. But here was reality now. There she was on the floor, that female we loved so much, that personified, that creature that had defied us. There she was, in all her glory, looking up at us with eyes glowing with pride and love, "Stinker", our cat, and four little "Stinkers".



. . . and two of her little Stinkers

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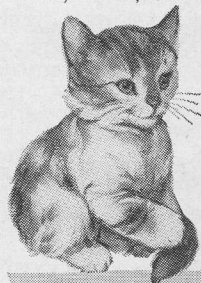


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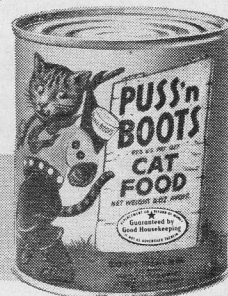
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Bill Early's "Set 'Em Up"

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Bill Early, famous California photographer of kittens, is the February winner of the \$25.00 U.S. Bond prize for the best Cat Picture of the Month.

Mr. Early of Samoa, Humboldt County, has had some of his previous work appear in the editorial columns of CATS, and one of his "Bottle Babies" was the May 1951 cover, but this is his first win in the P.O.M. contest. Bill is, nevertheless, an amateur photographer, with a full time job which has nothing to do with either cats or pix, and snapping his kittens in their quasi-human poses is only his spare time hobby. His "Set 'Em Up" is the result of much careful planning and construction of set and stage, as well as of training the kits and photographing them.—Here's to you, Bill!

The Cat Picture of the Month contest is sponsored by the American Crabmeat Company in cooperation with CATS Magazine and is open to any photographer. Pictures are judged on their human interest appeal. Entries are eligible for monthly prizes of \$25.00 U.S. Bonds, and at the end of 1952, all entries will be rejudged to select the 1952 Picture of the Year which will earn the Grand Prize of a \$100.00 Bond.

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ON FLYING THE DARK GAUNTLETS

Moving a Cattery by Air

By Ann Manley

Early in August we learned at the Dark Gauntlets that we would be moving eight hundred miles before the month was up. "We" included seven adult Siamese cats, one recently imported kitten, three kittens born late in June and early in July, two adults of the species *Homo sapiens* and one baby who had arrived on the Fourth of July. Perhaps the aspect seems overwhelming to you. It was just that to us! We realized that there was much planning to be done and scarcely enough time to do half of it. When we were finally settled in our new home and were able to relax and look back upon it all, we discovered that the actual transporting of the entire cattery and the baby was the simplest part of the move. Here is how we did it.

We ruled out taking any of the cats by car, for such a long trip would not be easy on any of them, especially the kittens, and air freight is simple, easy, inexpensive and the safest way to ship cats. At three and one half months our little English import had made the three-day trip from England arriving in the best of health and spirits, and that was but the longest of similar experiences with sending and receiving kits by air.

We had only two decent lightweight carriers after we junked the old wooden shipping crate. That meant that we had to acquire at least a half a dozen more, quickly and cheaply. (Right then we resolved to maintain an individual carrier for each cat.) We designed a simple easy-to-make, easy-to-clean, oblong box and took the drawings to the nearest cabinet shop to discuss materials and their relative costs. We planned to do the actual construction ourselves. The cabinet-maker suggested that he had odd scraps of wood which could be trimmed to make the frame work; leftover pieces of untempered masonite for the box sides, bottom and one end; similar scraps of thin plywood for the doors; and would cut it all to size at such a price that the carriers cost us under \$2.50 apiece! That included two hinges, a hasp and a hacket. We had some snap links left over from another venture and decided to do without the added weight of the sort of handle we like until after this major move. (A large, lightweight metal handle of comfortable proportions is sometimes hard to find but is the refinement that makes carrying cats a pleasure instead of a backbreaking chore.) We worked on the carriers in the evenings when we were too tired to pack and sort any more. When they were finished, we painted them inside and out with acetate lacquer for waterproofing.

The accommodations on the other end are the worst problem in moving a cattery. We were to live in a small house on my Leigh's family's ranch. They own two Siamese neuters and a Siamese spay so they have some knowledge of the necessities involved. They had a freezer well-stocked with horse meat, had provided a scratching post, and even sanitary pans for our gang! The cats were to live in the little house until our furniture arrived and while we finished the little stud house they had already started for us.

If air travel is easy on kittens, it should be best for babies. One can't pack a six-week old baby in a carrier, so we decided that I would fly on ahead with Steven and be on the other end to receive the cats which Leigh would dispatch later the same day. Batik, the Import, had made friends with the kittens from the start, so we planned to put them with her in her more spacious carrier rather than risk having a larger, full grown cat injure them if the carriers were not properly handled in transit. Actually, as we had experienced before, we found the personnel of Southwest Airways helpful, inter-

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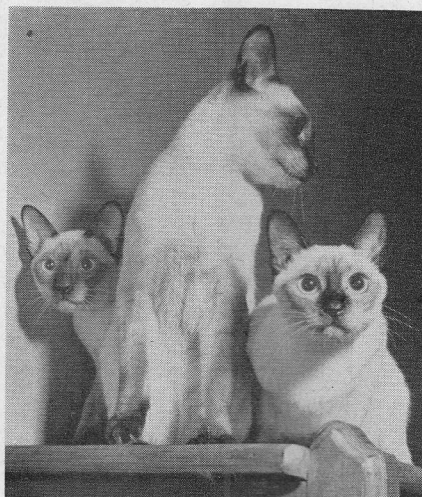
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YOUR SIAMESE CAT, by Hettie Gray Baker, with illustrations by Gladys Emerson Cook, Walter Chandoha, and others. Farrar, Straus and Young, N.Y.C., 115 Pages, \$3.50.

"Of making many books there is no end," wrote the author of Ecclesiastes some 2500 years ago, and with the appearance of the seventh book on Siamese* within the past twenty months, one can't help but make the application today. Happily, however, the second portion of his quotation, "—and much study is a weariness of flesh," fits none of these books. Each is well written by competent authorities thoroughly familiar with Siamese, and although necessarily all cover much of the same ground, each has a fresh viewpoint, and each successfully develops information not available in any of the others. Accordingly, then, we welcome Miss Baker's volume to our bookshelves.

Your Siamese Cat, despite its title, is really a personal book, as are most books on cats. Few pages pass without mention of one or another of Miss Baker's pets, and her advice and directions are usually



Chandoha Photo from "Your Siamese Cat"

bolstered with precise examples from her own experience. Needless to say, Miss Baker from a lifetime of living with cats and loving them, is able to provide a most practical manual of do's and don'ts for the new or prospective cat owner.

In addition, Miss Baker is successful in presenting information about Siamese cats which has heretofore not been available. Through consultation with human Siamese, she has been able to give us an authoritative account of the position of the Siamese cat in the country of its origin, and also, she gives a welcome comprehensive list of Siamese words suitable for naming cats, together with their English equivalents.

There is a useful pot pourri section of all kinds of out of the ordinary information, and the last twenty pages of the book are composed of quotations and poems on cats, most of which do not appear in other popular books or anthologies.

At this point we were going to express our regret that Miss Baker had not gone into greater detail here and there, and that the book does not have the very useful feature of an index, but only a moment ago our phone rang, and an eager voice asked, "Where in Pittsburgh can I buy a Siamese cat?" To our question as to where the caller had heard of Siamese and why he wanted one, the answer was, "I just read a new cat book, *Your Siamese Cat*, and I've decided I want to get one right away." So, we will close with that testimonial, we don't believe there could be a better one.

*Here are the six besides Miss Baker's:

A Practical Handbook of the Siamese Cat, by Elsie Hart (England)

Breeding and Management of the Siamese Cat, by Kathleen R. Williams (England)

Cats and People, Frances and Richard Lockridge (Lippincott)

Siamese Cat Book, Vera Nelson (All-Pets)

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The Book of the Siamese Cat, Rose Tenent, (England)

Not to mention *The Blue-Eyed Pussy*, *Events in the Lives of Tingka and Little Brother*, and *The Proud Cat*, all fiction works about Siamese, published by Doubleday, Knapper, and Lippincott, respectively.

Purragraphs and Furbaby Verses Guy Bogart. Wagon & Star Press, Los Angeles, California. 42 pages, \$1.00.

In foreward to this small, attractive volume Dion O'Donnol, the publisher, gives us a picture of Guy Bogart as a man who loves his fellowman and believes in "service that is love in action." In his poems selected for the book, Dr. Bogart has assembled a considerable number supporting the monogenistic idea that we, including all animals, are the Children of Life. As we walk along the "Trails of Trivia," with *Mother Cat* presumably skipping ahead most of the time, Dr. Bogart asks for nothing "save the joy of being ever thankful, to sleep in the sunlight and to play in waking hours."

In line with this philosophy, the Cat has already acquired the knowledge of how to live and how to enjoy life. "I Am the Cat," initial poem in the book, conveys this theme in vigorous, dramatic tones. This same profound, if a bit unusual trend is continued in other distinctive poems. "Your Cat Speaks," gives an entire sermon in three stanzas. The Cat asks for Appreciation, Understanding, Better Care. This poem was written for National Cat Week.

Bits of well-chosen thoughts, flashes of pure poetry, are caught and held in "Garden Breezes Walk Softly," "Unlost Cat," "Sandy of Little Valley" and "Santa Lucia's Golden Cat."

"Purragraphs" are brief, pithy, epi-
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RUFFLES

By Mrs. L. C. Bittenbender

One evening a month ago my youngest cat, Ruffles, an eight months old altered Persian, went for a stroll. After several hours passed, I became worried and searched the nearby streets. I sat up all night, but Ruffles did not return. I called the local police. Next I called the nearest S.P.C.A. with no results.

Here I made a vital error, I failed to contact the Pound, quite a distance away. The mere idea of anyone sending my beautiful little Ruffles there could not be conceived. I was so sure someone must have him, he was so cute and friendly.

So—the dreary search went on. I put posters up. I hunted through woods and fields calling until I was hoarse. I peered into open wells, searched old, deserted buildings. I rang doorbells and questioned people. They were so kind as to let me look in barns and buildings and grounds, but no one seemed to have seen him except for one or two people on the day following his disappearance.

I had an article printed in the local paper and finally put an ad in the daily evening paper. The morning of the sixth day after he was gone, I received a phone call from a lady telling me that three days previously she had sent a cat answering to Ruffles description in to the Pound. I was frantic.

I went down to the Pound and was horrified to learn that he had been adopted out twenty-four hours after his arrival. I was practically told that I actually no longer had any claim on my own cat!

By then I broke down, but due to the efforts and consideration of various people involved therein, and despite being given a wrong address at first, we finally located Ruffles four days later.

The people that had my cat had apparently fallen in love with him, too, and the whole family seemed upset and loathe to part with him. The children were crazy about Ruffles, and against my better judgment, again I made another error to my bitter regret. I was so glad to see him safe that I said I would let things rest for the present to appease the children and would iron the matter out later. I all but begged them to be good to him and to care for him well in the meantime.

When I saw my Ruffles, I said several times that he didn't look as well and even remarked that he might need medical attention. I shall never forget his little face peering after me.

That night I felt apprehensive and shed quite a few tears. I had such a tremendous urge to go after him and rush him home with me and have my Veterinarian see him.

The next day I called up to inquire about Ruffles and say how much I missed him. I repeated again that he wasn't acting or looking normal.

The following night I received a phone call from his new family telling me that

Ruffles was very ill. He just lay around, I was told, and hadn't eaten much since I'd seen him. I urged that he be taken to a Doctor immediately, or ask them otherwise to bring him to me and my Veterinarian would take care of him.

The latter suggestion was ignored, but several hours later I was told that a Doctor had been located. The people he was with assured me that Ruffles would be all right, and further told me that I could have him back.

The following morning I called, and someone said the cat was all right. In my mind, I gaily made plans for his return and bought some of his favorite
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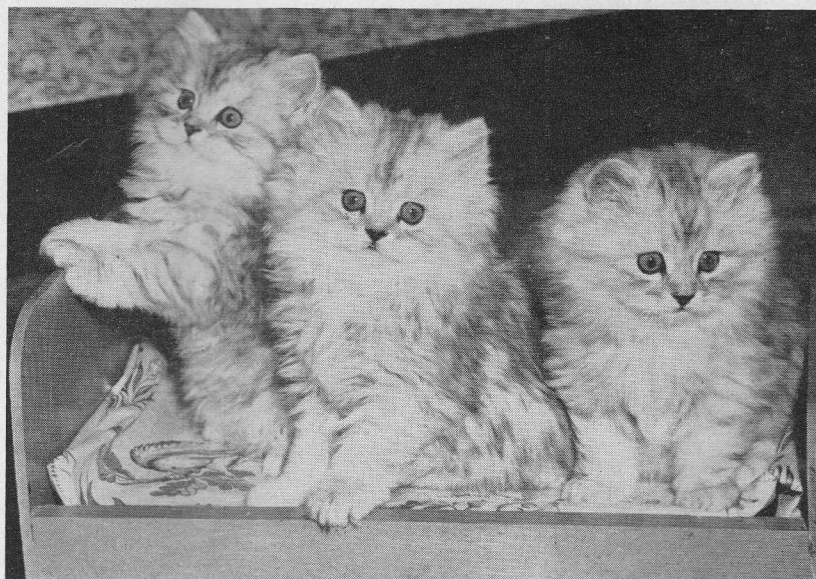
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Mews and Views from the West

Thanks to our present mode of travel—I was able to make the Denver, Colorado, show December 8th and 9th. I would like to pay tribute to the United Air Lines for the very fine care they gave me as well as my cats on my trip to Denver.

Mrs. Frank Bjerring, who judged the Siamese Specialty show in Denver, and I boarded the plane on Friday morning, December 7th, and after what SEEMED like a few minutes conversation, we were landing in Denver. I was not able to climb or descend the stairs to the plane, as I am still on crutches; however, United Air Line attendants put me on a lift—whisked me in the plane and when landing "unloaded" me in the same manner, and had a wheel chair escort from the field to the Airport building. On arriving at the ticket office in Denver an invitation awaited me to join the "Welcoming Show Committee" at a luncheon—Real WESTERN Hospitality in full scale operation.

The show was held in the Shirley-Savoy Hotel, where every accommodation was afforded me. There were many out of State exhibitors—Mrs. John Porter from Concordia, Kansas occupied the room adjoining mine, and I do not know what I would have done without her kind help. Dr. John Porter even flew in Saturday, on his way home, to see his first Cat Show.

All exhibitors enjoyed watching the judging of Mrs. C. F. Rotter. What a spectacular Judge she is, and what a gift she has for handling cats. Mrs. Rotter must have a "special recipe"—as we who were watching her judge sat in wonder as she would handle two strange cats simultaneously, one in the left hand and one in the right—and the cats perfectly content. When visiting with Mrs. Rotter after the show she stated she had handled over 900 cats in the past month, and I observed not one scratch on her hands. Mrs. Rotter is judging twelve shows this 1951-52 season, which I believe is quite a record.

The Colorado Cat Fanciers were very happy also with the judging of Mrs. Frank Bjerring and stated "We'd like to have her back again."

I enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Lester O'Neill, whose lovely Blue Persian female, Ch. West Allis Annette, received the Best Cat and Best Champion Award in the All Breed show. Ch. Hollywood's Blue Velvet, Blue Point female, was awarded Best Cat in the Siamese Specialty—making Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krampert of Casper, Wyoming AGAIN very happy—as this lovely little Blue Point received the Best Cat award last year at Denver in both shows.

There were some innovations in awards—such as Best Mouser, but Mrs. Rotter ferretted him out. And best of all at the end of the show a very Special Trophy was presented to Mr. Andrew J. O'Mailia

—for the Best All Around Guy, for work he did in conjunction with show, which award was modestly accepted by him amid cheers and applause. I would like to at this time give high praise to every member of the show committee for this very fine show.

I received a most interesting letter from Mrs. John T. Ryan of San Antonio, Texas stating: "We planned and accomplished an expedition to the recent All Breed Show at Dallas, Texas, a truly marvelous show. We call it an expedition because it took a friend's small pickup truck to transport the Ryans, 8 cat carriers and a 4 wheel human carrier. She further states, "The Ryans have found an interest to share since my heart has confined me to a wheel chair—CATS. I thought if a person had heart trouble, they should lead a quiet and deadly boring life; that I would be too embarrassed to go in a wheel chair anywhere. But after my trip to the Dallas Show I would like to say this Life can be FUN."

There is an empty run—and an empty place in our hearts at Kiva. We have lost our beloved Dbl. Ch. Briargate Miles Gregory—1950-51 All American Smoke Male. While he was a fine healthy fellow, yellow jaundice proved too much for him, in spite of every effort on the part of the Veterinarian, Dr. James S. Winston. Greggie has left some fine daughters and sons, however, and feel that he did much while here for the Smoke Persian Breed.

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Couldn't we have a sequel to My Life With C. A. (January issue) from Roberta Goldworthy—Just how DID Reg like the living room Divan?

I just felt sort of settled down after the holidays—only to be thrilled and excited again with preparations for the California Cat Club show in Hollywood, January 12-13. What with planes and trains to meet with incoming cats, and exhibitors—I am signing off a little on the BUSY side. More next month.

Ada May Miles

(Letters and information for "Mews and Views" should be sent direct to Mrs. Miles at 4435 Longridge Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.)

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FEBRUARY

February

- 2-3 Cleveland, Ohio—Lake Erie Cat Club of Greater Cleveland (CFF). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Solid Color and Foreign Short Hair Specialties (Mrs. Silas H. Andrews).
- 2-3 Phoenix, Arizona—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All-Breed (Mrs. Floy McGill); Long Hair and Siamese
- 2-3 Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms); Central States Solid Color Club (Mrs. John Revington).
- 2-3 Miami, Florida—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie); Solid Color Club of the South (Mrs. Louise Heron); American Silver Fanciers (Mrs. Heron); National Siamese Cat Club (Mrs. Laura Graham).
- 2-3 Long Beach, California—West Shore Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Siamese Cat Specialty (Mrs. L. Darrell Sample); California Silver Fanciers Specialty (Mr. Charles Victor).
- 9-10 Indianapolis, Indiana—The Inland Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Mrs. Walter E. Limpert).
- 9-10 San Francisco, California—San Francisco Cat Fanciers (CFA). All-Breed (Mrs. R. T. Mabie); Solid Color Club of the West, Silver Cat Club of the West, National Siamese Cat Club Specialties (Mrs. Helen Fairchild).
- 16-17 Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All-Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); Solid Color Club of the South and Siamese Specialties (Mrs. Edith Schulte).

MARCH

March

- 8-9 New Orleans, La.—New Orleans Cat Fanciers Assn. (ACA). All-Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Max Fiedler); Short Hair Specialty (Mrs. Max Fiedler).

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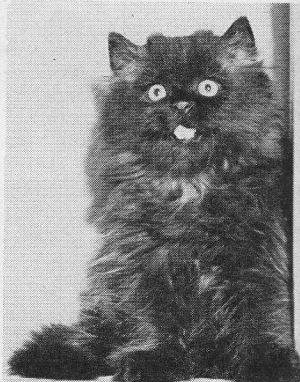
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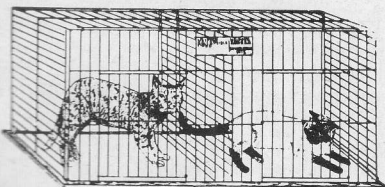
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An air-mail letter arrived this morning from Betty Jean Marshall down Alabama way, town of Elba in Coffee county. Betty Jean is from Vermont and has lived in the south only two years. She is the proud owner of Lily Belle, a Blue Persian. The Marshalls had a very beautiful Christmas tree, electric lights and everything. After Betty Jean had examined all her gifts Christmas morning she decided that Lily Belle and the two kittens, Blue Bonnet and Star Sapphire, must be fed. She looked high and she looked low—the two kittens could now be found. Lily Belle would not leave the tree, she walked around and around it talking to herself. Her brother Joe said they must figure out what she was trying to tell them. Daddy looked the tree over, examining the lights—and there — perched next to a Christmas angel, was Blue Bonnet. Up near the silver star at the very tippy-top—was Star Sapphire! Both kittens looked surprised at causing so much excitement. Joe reached for his new camera and tried

CAT TALK

out his new flash gun. The pix turned out very well. I have a copy on my desk. Thank you Joe—this goes into my treasured collection of pix.

Up in Ketchikan, (First Judicial Division), Alaska, comes a story from Allison Matthews who is twelve years old. Allison has a Blue Point Siamese that Grandmother Anderson gave her one year ago. She calls him Danny Deever. Now Danny has balls, squeaky toys and other things to play with, but the joy of his life is a rubber clown that is talkative. He refuses to go to bed at night without his "Friend," and if it is misplaced or lost he will walk around swishing his tail and glaring at every one. When Friend is found he will pounce on him and give him a working over with his hind feet; then he will pick Friend up and trot off to his bed and purr his heart out. Allison is positive there never was so smart a cat. There is no esprit de corps about Danny—he wants what he wants, and the whole family knows it.

Buddy Collins lives out in Montana, Deer Lodge, Powell county. Purebred cats are a novelty in this small town

but Buddy thinks purebreds are tops. He owns a Red Persian who pays allegiance to his liege lord in feudal loyalty. Buddy is fourteen and took weeks to select a name for his cat-baby, finally he decided to call him Buffalo—"Buff" for short. Now Buff will tolerate the rest of the family, and that is all. Daddy pooh-poohed the idea that Buff was a one man' cat, and proceeded to illustrate. He picked Buff up—stroked him—talked to him. Rubbed his ears. Buff glared. Daddy offered more affectionate indignities. Buff grabbed the offending hand that was tickling his tummy. Daddy threw Buff across the room. He ran to Buddy for comfort and protection, tears were streaming down Buddy's face as he gathered Buff into his arms. There was a look of astonished bewilderment on Daddy's face as he muttered to himself, "That cat is a four-cornered stinker—that's what he is—a four-cornered stinker!"

Ever hear of Pawtucket-Central Falls, well look it up. A very unusual feline personality lives there, name of Paddywack, a silver Persian. There are five in Paddywack's family and I don't mean cat-family either. His favorite is Sarah Alberts, the six year old daughter. He refuses to be separated from her. The love is mutual. Sarah went on a visit to her aunt — and fretted herself ill for Paddywack. Paddywack, at home, refused to eat. The visit was to be a week with Auntie Louise—Sarah stayed two days—Neither the Alberts family or Aunt Louise could stand the strain. Sara came home—Paddywack starting eating. The most pointed comment of the whole thing came from Sarah's brother who is in his second year college he thinks Paddywack has a 'bull-dozer personality'—

Kourtesy Kate belongs to Jerry Ebony. She is a White Persian, blue eyes. Jerry is an insurance salesman and collector. He travels all around the rural sections of Everett, Washington, (state of Washington I mean). The children love Kourtesy Kate so much that they want to stay home from school—so as not to miss Jerry's visit. He has timed his calls—so that he reaches the rural sections after school is dismissed. The children will race home just to be on hand when he arrives. One little girl met Jerry three doors away and informed him her mother wanted to take out some insurance. And if her mother did take out insurance—would be bring Kourtesy Kate to her house? He called. Wrote the policy and now Kate has a new friend on her list.

Recently, when visiting some cat-loving friends in the State of New Jersey, they showed me their cats' beds. Three barn

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R.S.T.—Olympia, Washington

First, there is no real danger as far as your pet is concerned. The voltage in the individual wires in the blanket is so low that even were she to dig her claws into a live element, she would get no more than a slight shock or burn, probably, not even that. On the other hand, the blanket pretty definitely will not thrive on that kind of treatment. If Puss must stay on the blanket, we suggest you try to restrict her activity as much as possible.

My cat's skin is full of little sores and scabs and she even has some large patches where the hair has fallen out. I have been applying an ointment furnished by my Veterinarian, but so far it seems to have done no good.

O.A.W.—McAlester, Okla.

Most skin afflictions are very slow in healing and require prolonged treatment. We suggest you keep using the medicine you have for at least two months. Also, as with human beings, skin diseases in cats are most frequently associated with dietary deficiencies. In addition to her regular meals and concurrent with the local treatment, try giving your pet a good vitamin tonic every day. This too, can not be expected to show results in less than ten or twelve weeks.

Is there any way I can cure a cat from fighting all other cats—either old

cats or kittens. He is a black Persian as loving and sweet as can be to humans and even to dogs, but cats he fights to the death. I had him neutered, but that did no good. I gave him away to a good friend, and he killed all of her cats and a neighbor's cat and kitten. He's so quick it's impossible to stop him once he sees another cat.

Mrs. J. G.—Clayton, Mich.

Since the measures you've taken have proved ineffectual, we would say that the only course is to make sure that the fighter never sees another cat, that is, keep him indoors in a home where there are no other cats. However, some of our readers may have had experiences along this line, and may know of some treatment. If so, we would welcome their writing us, and will see that their advice is passed on to you.

Where can I get a Manite cat? I understand it is a very intelligent breed which originated in the Orient and has only recently been introduced into this country. It is supposed to be a large cat, yellow in color and worth hundreds of dollars.

Mrs. A. N.—Elkhart, Ind.

A Manite cat was mentioned recently in a South Bend, Indiana, new story (see "Back Fence") in connection with an account of a cat who had learned how to open milk bottles, and who, each morning, would steal his breakfast from a different porch. The story about the thefts is true, but we are inclined to believe that the cat involved was an ordinary Domestic (which, incidentally, is also very intelligent), and that the Manite is more or less a creature of fable.

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free it of fleas. The cats love their hammock, which accommodates the three very comfortably.

A fourth cat, Pep, who is eleven years old, sleeps in the house but sallies forth just before bedtime to lay down the law to the three brothers or lick any dog so reckless as to have ventured onto the premises. In the bathroom on the ground floor Pep is provided with a carton containing a woven mat, his pan also on the floor, and there he spends the night.

These four cats know real happiness, and it is a joy to observe their affectionate expressions of gratitude.

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CAT TAILS

cats had taken up residence with them when their owner lost her cow and there was no more milk. These cats appear to be brothers. In their new home they receive two good meals a day, of fish, meat, vegetables and milk. They have a special bed in a section of the chicken house. It is 45 inches from the floor and consists of chicken-wire mesh shaped like a hammock, a yard wide and about 60 inches long. One of the long sides is securely attached to a partition, the other suspended from the ceiling by wires. The hammock is bedded with hay. Occasionally the master of the house sprinkles the hay with a preparation calculated to

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Report From Denmark On Copenhagen Show

Dear Sirs:

It may interest some of your readers to hear a little about cats in Denmark.

We have recently had a great exhibition in Copenhagen, the 16, 18th November and beg to enclose a report which you may wish to give on to your readers.

We would certainly be very pleased if some of your cat lovers would write us a little about cats in USA.

With compliments of the season, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of RACEKATTEN,
Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth
President

Kobenhavn K,
Denmark

The annual cat show of "RACEKATTEN" took place in "GRUNDTVIGS HUS", Copenhagen, the 16th-18th November.

Lecturer Hans Hvass delivered the opening speech.

All the many beautiful Siamese, Russian Blues and some European Short-hairs appeared dressed up to the nines. The cages had been beautifully dressed by their respective mothers and fathers. The English judges Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Stirling-Webb were very busy, they had to judge all the cats. Of course the English rules were employed for the judging. The judges were strict but although, at first some of the breeders found the judging to be too strict, afterwards they realized they were correct and reasonable.

There were some cats from Sweden and a single one representing Norway, the other Norwegian cats had to stay at home, as they could not be returned again on account of the foot and mouth disease. Also from Belgium, France and Switzerland cats had been entered, but at present our veterinary authorities demand a 4 months' quarantine for cats from these countries, so it was impossible to get them in. On the other hand there was some cats from England, which had to stay with Danish breeders.

The exhibition had been organized beyond all expectation. Beautiful new pens, green trees and many beautiful flowers on and about the pens. There was also a great tombola with numerous fine



Danish Blue Point owned by Lis
Landberg, Copenhagen

ON CATS - by Hans Hvass

Opening Address at Racekatten Show, Copenhagen

I guess that all the persons present are cats friends, and that we all admire the cat on account of its many beautiful qualities.

"It conveys to us the idea of genius through the perfection of its shape. It knows something. It is a strategist." So the famous Danish author Johannes V. Jensen describes the cat in his book "The Change of Animals". And he adds: "The cats are the most beautiful of all animals".

There are many different kinds of cats. In this respect I do not only think of the numerous species of the cat family: the lions, the tigers and the leopards, but also of the different species of the usual cat: *Felis catus*.

Some time ago I saw the wonderful French picture: "Sous le Ciel de Paris", showing among others an old woman, who keeps a lot of cats in her small garret. You spend the whole day with her, and you see her begging from door to door, getting 64 francs together in order to be able to buy milk for the cats, but apart from her love to the animals, it is of course wrong to keep animals which can be exposed to hunger and thirst.

By the way, we have our headache in the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" with regard to all the many stray cats. It is true that we pay contributions to many of the friendly souls who spend their time by feeding the hungry cats of this city, but we are not blind to the fact, that there is a double problem, because the more food the stray cats get, the more kittens do they give birth to and the much more difficult will it be to solve the problem.

But the cats which are under consideration to-day are of quite another category. They are pure-bred cats, which have their homes, and which are all cared for in the very best way. And still you often hear about people, presenting cats and other house animals to children on the

plea that animals are the best plaything for children. But it is not right to do that.

It is an endowment to have a cat, but it also involves a liability. And when you have the cat, you should also give it a fair chance to live a cat's life as far as possible. You should not treat it as a human being, this would mean to violate the dignity of animals, you should treat it as the lovely cat which it is. There is for the rest another matter which is almost offensive, and that is the way in which many people get animals. In the first place they get the animal, and then afterwards they begin to take an interest in how to take care of it. And nothing could be more wrong.

In this respect I would like to join Mr. Tomlinson and recommend all novices to visit the exhibitions before they buy a pure-bred cat. And when they have then finally decided on a definite kind, the next step should be to join a club, where one can get all the information, which one cannot read in the books about cats. And which club you should join will be a question which other persons here may be better able to answer, I suppose.

At last I should like to welcome the two English members of the jury, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Stirling-Webb. They are both internationally well-known as regards cats and cat exhibitions.

Mr. Tomlinson's Knot Hall Blues are known all over the world, and what he and Mr. Stirling-Webb do not know about cats, is not worth knowing. I hope you will both of you have a good time here in Denmark, and I can tell you that we are very proud of having our cats judged by you.

I am sure that your contribution, as regards this exhibition, will be profitable.

It is my hope and I believe in it, that the exhibition of "RACEKATTEN" will do the club great credit and delight and that it will encourage the breeding of cats in this country. And with these words I declare the exhibition to be opened.

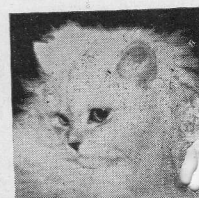
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PURRAGRAPHS (Continued from page 14)

grammatic sayings which express Dr. Bogart's love for Felines. To quote one: "Many thousand years ago the Cat made a bargain with humanity. She has kept her bargain. We must keep ours—with all Cats."

Delightfully artistic illustrations by Lynn Hamilton, compiler of "Sophisticats," enhance the book immeasurably.

Several of Dr. Bogart's poems have appeared on our poetry page, "Fewlines 'Bout Felines." F. W. M.

RUFFLES

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food, but I never did get him back. That day he died.

I later learned that the diagnosis was enteritis, but I shall always wonder if perhaps there could have been a wee bit of homesickness with it.

In all fairness, I blame myself greatly for my blunders, but still wonder how anyone could let a little cat lay around for two days and a night, not eating, without medical attention. I had asked to be informed of his condition, but no word. Just imagine then how stunned I was, when I finally called, to learn that he had died hours before.

I hope never to have such an experience again, but will certainly act differently, if I do. I have written about it, because I think it should serve as a warning to all who love their cats and who may face the same situation.

FYING GAUNTLETS

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ested, and careful. We shipped two folding show-type cages with the cats for, since the menagerie includes three full-grown studs and an altered male who never has discovered that he is a neuter, it seemed wisest to provide a sure system for separation. When I finally had them all in the little house, one pair was relegated to the bathroom, one male was in one cage and the other cage was unused except at feeding time. The rest of the cats had the run of the house.

We are well settled now. Each Sunday brings some new visitors to the cattery both to see "Humboldt County's only champion" and to ask how their own cat ("it's out in the car") measures up to those seen in shows in southern California. It is always pleasant to make new friends and to show the cats to people who have a fresh interest. Oddly enough, there is only one purebred Long Hair (a black) and one Burmese within a radius of several hundred miles—no other colors of Long Hair and no other Foreign Short Hair Cats. I am pleased to report, however, that there are some Siamese here and none of them are closely related to present show winners. One doesn't HAVE to show to breed nice cats.

Cat's Show Reports

SIAMESE SPECIALTY SHOW

(To Three I Love!)

By Alethea Hillhouse

Little "Oo-Mi-Gow"
Worries with his brow!
He has seen a "seal"
With a browner heal;
He has seen a "guy"
With a bluer eye!

Left at home to cry
Are her five small fry!
For says "Desiree"
Marriage is okey,
But kittens interfere
With a nice career!

Stifle your guffaws!
This is "Satin-Paws!"
The snappy coat he wears
Was a polar bear's!
The sapphire of his eye . . .
Not one of you shall buy!

ROSE CITY CAT CLUB INC.

At Portland, Ore., Dec. 15-16, 1951

A.C.A. Rules

All Breed

Best Cat—Light Wing Black Baron (B.M.P.), Mrs. H. H. Simmons.
Best Cat O.S.—Ch. Marayatra Tsung (S.P.S.F.), Mrs. N. F. Bolinder.
Best Ch.—Ch. Brook's Snow Bear (W.M.P.), Mrs. C. Klinkhammer.
Best Ch. O.S.—Ch. Marayatra Tsung (S.P.S.F.), Mrs. N. F. Bolinder.
Best Nov.—Rio Casa's Marietta (S.F.P.), Irma Siegel.
Best Nov. O.S.—Thai Kharouba (S.P.S.M.), Wayne Kilpatrick.
Best Kit.—Montpellier's Snow Dude (B.E.W.P.), Mrs. E. Montpellier.
Best Kit O.S.—Wayside's Charmeuse A'Jamaïs (B.F.P.), Helen McManus.
Best Siamese and Best S.H.—Ch. Marayatra Tsung (S.P.S.F.), Mrs. N. F. Bolinder.
Best Abyssinian—Ch. Gasa Gatos Cleopatra (Aby. F.), Mrs. E. Kuch.
Best Burmese—Ch. Folly Sabu (Burm. M.), Mrs. P. J. Aaron.
Best Russian Blue—Ch. Dunloe Smokie of Folly (Russ. B.M.), Mrs. P. J. Aaron.
Best Manx—Pixie (Tortoiseshell F.), Mrs. Ann Bohn.
Judge—Mrs. James Clifton

COLORADO CAT FANCIERS, Inc.

at Denver, Colorado, December 8, 9, 1951

CFA Rules

All Breed

Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. West Allis Annette, Blue, f., Mrs. Leester O'Neill.
Best Cat OS, Best Nov.—Rugged Rago Bear, Blue, m., Mrs. T. R. James.
Best OS Ch., Best S.H.—Ch. Kewalo Lei Krampert, BP Siam. m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert.
Best OS Nov.—Violet Beige Pretty Puss, Bl. Cr., Mrs. Flossie L. Beer.
Best Kit—Blue Tinsel Bear, Blue m., Mrs. T. R. James.
Best OS Kit—Cable's Picklenick, SP Siam., f., Mrs. Frances H. Eskridge.
Best DSH—Baby Doll, Blue SH f., Miss Evelyn Winifred Brown.
Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter

National Siamese Cat Club Specialty

Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Hollywood Blue Velvet, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert.
Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Kewalo Lei Krampert, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert.
Best Nov.—Best SP—Hollycat Hillary, SP m., Mr. Mars Hanson.
Best OS Nov.—Marhan D'Lilas, BP f., Mars Hanson.
Best Kit—Krampert's Ace, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert.
Best OS Kit—Atkinson's Bluey, BP f., Mrs. Robert Atkinson.
Judge—Mrs. Irene Bjerring

CONNECTICUT CAT FANCIERS, INC.

At New Haven, Dec. 7th & 8th, C.F.F. Rules

All-Breed

Best Cat—Clovellly Sunshyne, bl. m., Miss Helen R. Turner.
Best Opp., Best Ch.—Ch. Kute Kit Silver Sinah, sh. silv. f., Mrs. H. Earl Nack.
Best Nov.—Schoharie Honey Chile, silv. f., Miss Leta Hemstreet.
Best Opp. Nov.—Elmrose Major Red Stripes, red thy. m., Mrs. John Luddy.
Best Opp. Ch.—Ch. Solomon's Seal of Abbas, o.e. wt. m., Mrs. Charles Denhard.
Best Kit—Northledge Laird, bl. m., Mrs. Dwight North.
Best Opp. Kit—Casa Loma Primavera, odd e. wt.f., Mrs. Rita Swenson.
Best For. S. H.—Cymri Dee-Va, s.p. f., Mrs. Lillian Pedulla.
Best Opp. For. S. H.—Astra's Morris Index, s.p. Siam. m., Miss Agnes Rand.
Judge—Mrs. William K. Hedrick
Siamese Specialty Show
Best, Best S.P.—Astra's Morris Index, Miss Rand.
Best Opp., Best B. P.—Rosedere Chao of Chatterbox, b.p.f., Mrs. Amelia Roberts.
Best Nov.—Millbrook's Betsy Luwin, s.p.f., Mrs. J. Kohlus.
Best Opp. Nov.—Sam-Cil, g.p.m., Mrr. Frank A. Cilley, Jr.
Best Ch.—Cymri Dee-Va, Mrs. Pedulla.
Best Opp. Ch.—Dbl. Lord Essex of Sherwood, b.p.m., Florence S. Kanoffe.
Best Kit—Millbrook's Mischief, s.p.f., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roose.
Best Opp. Kit—Tsinghai Thong Khao, b.p.m., C. Niedland and F. Leopold.
Judge—Mrs. Girard D. Kelsey
Tabby and Tortie
Best—Longhill's Glory, bl.cr.f., Mr. Anthony De Santis.
Best Opp.—Elco's Indian Lover of Sunny Knoll, red thy.m., Mrs. Silas Andrews.
Best Nov.—Glen Moor Gay Peter of Callavorn, red thy. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Treat.
Best Opp. Nov.—Merza's Margaretta of Sea Bluff, silv. thy.f., Mrs. Charles Fagan.
Best Ch.—Ch. Glad-Low's Victory Bell of Mol. tort. f., Mrs. Molly Brennan.
Best Opp. Ch.—Callavorn Brucie Boy, red thy. f., Mr. and Mrs. Treat.
Best Kit—Elmrose Julie Red Jacket, red thy. f., Mrs. John Luddy.
Best Opp. Kit—Merza's Sir Bess, silv. thy.m., Mrs. Charles Zeh.
Best S. H.—Littletown Lucky Freda of Callavorn, red thy.f., Mr. and Mrs. Treat.
Best Gr. Ch., Best Dom. S. H.—Gr. Ch. Aztec's Belinda, silv.thy. f., Mrs. Frank Freudenthal.
Judge—Mrs. Charles A. Hartmann

Solid Color

Best—Longhill's Red Treasure, red m., Mr. De Santis.
Best Opp.—Hermcrest Lisa, blk. f., Mrs. Frances Herms.
Best Nov.—Kay-Ru Blue Belle, bl. f., Mrs. Wendell H. Martin.
Best Opp. Nov.—Wycliff's Pat of Pineholme, red m., Miss Dorothe Holmes.
Best Ch.—Dbl. Ch. Periwinkle Paleface, o.e. wt. f., Mrs. Swenson.
Best Opp. Ch.—Ch. Hermcrest Natajha, blk. m., Mrs. Herms.
Best Kit—Collingsdale Fiji, bl. f., Mrs. Elsie Collins.
Best Opp. Kit—Northledge Laird, bl. m., Mrs. Dwight North.
Best S. H. Callavorn Snowball, b.e. wt. f., Mr. and Mrs. Treat.
Judge—Mrs. Charles A. Hartmann

SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

at Burbank, Calif., September 23, 1951

UCF Rules

Siamese Cat Society of California Specialty
Best Cat, Best Nov., Best BP—Ta-Lee-Ho's Blue Chiffon, BP f., Mrs. Earle Phillips.
Best OS Cat—Mandarin's Blue chips, BP m., Mrs. Earle Phillips.
Best Ch.—Ch. Princess KiKi Wong, BP f., Mrs. LaVona M. Wright.
Best OS Ch.—Ch. Blue Boy of Cattaraugus, BP m., Miss Virginia Chambers.
Best OS Nov.—Al-La Li, BP m., Mrs. LaVona M. Wright.
Best Kit—Quinn's Luck E-Biren, SP m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren.
Best OS Kit—Blue Seal Kan Die, SP f., Mrs. M. E. Farmer.
Best SP—Hoeller's Clandon English Rose, Imp., SP f., Kathleen and Paul Hoeller.
Judge—E. W. McCracken

THE BACK FENCE

What a month this has been, what a rare mood we're in, to paraphrase very poorly a song from *Brigadoon* meant only for lovers anyway. But we're trying to convey our appreciation for the nice cards and messages CATS received last month, also our enthusiasm at finding so many of "our" contributors in the limelight recently.

Bill Early, of May bottle-baby cover fame, had a picture prominently displayed on the New York World Telegram pages; Guy Bogart's book of verse was published, illustrated by Fewlines contributor Lynn Hamilton; Henrietta Hitchcock even had fanmail in the letters-to-the-editor column of the New York World Telegram following her story-behind-the-story of a photo showing three kittens abandoned in a paper bag beside a garbage can. "Good picture, good story, good copy and great appeal", wrote her "fan". An editor of the World-Telegram had noticed the kittens on the way to work, sent a photographer to capture the bewildered, abandoned look on their faces, and that was the beginning of the story.

The kittens were taken to the A. S. P. C. A. where they were offered homes by thirty different people. The three chosen as future owners, pictured in a later article and interviewed by Miss Hitchcock, look and sound like good fellows, though this time they all happen to be women.

Did you see the nice mention Bennett Cerf gave CATS in his amusing "Tradewinds" column of the Saturday Review of Literature? Thank you, Mr. Cerf.

And Tamara Andreeva, who's done several pictures for us, had a "which animal started it?" quiz in the January Reader's Digest that we found original as well as interesting.

The world is full of all kinds of people, and cats. A little yellow cat-thief in Elkhart, Ind., had been clawing bottle tops off milk bottles and consuming the contents for several weeks before he was discovered. Two patrolmen fired at him, on orders, we presume, and missed. Whereupon an attorney of Elkhart offered \$50 for the capture of the cat, alive. "I am only offering the reward to those two policemen", said the attorney. "I don't want the public to bring me a bunch of yellow cats". The alleged motive for the attorney's reward (he has two cats of his own) was to test the intelligence of the cat.

Little Sister, a 27-year old cat belonging to Mrs. Ella Hagler of Loveland, Colo., has just startled the cat world and aroused the envy of the human one by cutting new teeth after several years of bare gums. Mrs. Hagler reported the cat drooled like an infant cutting new teeth until the choppers showed up.

Someone has been reading too many of those "are you pale, tired, anemic" ads, we're afraid. Goodness knows they would hardly apply to her, either. We refer to Patsy, a ten-year-old tabby owned by Mrs. Stella Kacubski of 544 East Jersey St., Elizabeth, N. J. Patsy weighs 30 pounds and can easily push open an unlatched door with her hammy paws. Aside from being a little obese, Patsy's in excellent health, has a beautiful, lustrous coat. Mrs. Kacubski buys vitamins by the thousand in a quart-size bottle, and as soon as the cap is removed, Patsy circles the bottle longingly, licking the rim as she anticipates her feast.

So glad to hear that Mrs. Ruby Taylor, who was badly burned trying to save her 10 Persian cats when her home caught fire in Des Plaines, Ill. is now up and around, in fact, is assisting Mrs. Richard O'Donovan in her cattery at 320 S. 9th St., So. Miami, Fla. We've heard that at least one of her females was saved, possibly a male, too. Mrs. Taylor herself was in the hospital twenty days recuperating from the burns.

When Ida Lupino, the film actress, married Howard Duff recently, she not only got Howard, she got two Siamese cats she had given to him many weeks previously as a gift. Miss Lupino and her husband were good neighbors with adjacent houses on Malibu Beach, Calif. before they decided to join forces. The cats, whose pictures we glimpsed in the N. Y. Daily News, seem happy to belong now to two such good-looking specimens of humanity.

Another Hollywoodite very much in the cat news, and perhaps regretting the fact, is Ray Milland. He merely made

a few remarks to the effect that acting with Rhubarb was trying (our understatement) and he was seized verbally by the throat and accused of being a cat hater. He isn't. He has three cats of his own, two Siamese and one which "adopted" his family twelve years ago. The Empire Club drew up a two-and-one-half page resolution asking the parties guilty of heinous slander against Milland retract their statements. Well, anyway, it all adds up to good publicity for Rhubarb (he made a fine picture, even if he is a devil to work with, say all reports), for Mr. Milland, and for cats in general, at least from the viewpoint of cat-lovers, and after all, in whom else would we be interested?

In Ottawa, Canada, three children, 11, 14 and 15, set fire to a cat they had soaked in kerosene. The children were placed on probation and must report once a week to the Juvenile Court until they are sixteen, as well as obey a 9 p.m. curfew. Most important of all, however, Judge John P. Balharrie of the Court said arrangements had been made with an animal shelter for the children to visit it "to make them friendly with animals". Let's hope this medicine, administered a little late, will still prove effective.

A nice-looking lad who seems to understand cats a little better than the above-mentioned trio is Vincent Muto, 12, of East Los Angeles, Calif. His cat, Tiny, after an absence of a year, returned home this past October. This is how the Muto's tested Tiny to make absolutely sure she was the same cat. Before her disappearance, she would always run up to the icebox when it was opened and beg for a handout. When Tiny returned, she "was in the living room, sitting in son Vincent's lap. Mr. Muto went to the icebox door. He put his hand on the lever and opened it. Tiny came streaking through the living room and into the kitchen".

Our book department recommends highly *The Ape in our House* (Harper's), by Kathy Hayes, about a young husband-and-wife scientist team who took a baby chimpanzee into their home and began an experiment to see if it could be raised much as a human child. The experiment is still going on, but at three years, the chimpanzee and the average child were racing neck and neck in accomplishments. In speech only did the child seem to have the lead, according to comparative tests and studies made at Vassar last year. Vickie is now four. Cats are mentioned only incidentally, but we feel most cat lovers like other animals too and would find this amusing, readable, interesting book to their liking.

Also, we liked *Circus Doctor*, by J. Y. Henderson, as told to newsmen Richard Taplinger, published by Little, Brown & Co. Dr. Henderson, chief Veterinarian of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey circus tells of his experiences treating everything from swans and snakes to cassowaries and cats (the big kind), in fact, Dr. Henderson seems especially fond of cats. The book is very hard to put down, crammed as it is with stories and anecdotes as well as circus color. It would be difficult to find anyone, we think, who knows more about animals and is genuinely fonder of them than Dr. Henderson. This is an interesting book to read, too, if you are doing research on whether or not trained animals endure cruelties in their training, or endure cruelty simply because they are trained animals. We refuse to take sides in this controversy in the limited space of one page, but we suggest that if concerned with the problem, you have a look for yourself at the book. If you just like animals, please don't miss "Circus Doctor." It's illustrated generously (as is "The Ape in our House") by excellent photos, and so educational that one almost feels qualified to be a veterinarian oneself after finishing it.

A nice big valentine to Mrs. Lillian Saltzeider and Mrs. Margaret Churan of New York City, who were written up in the Sunday Boston Globe as a personal "Cat Rescue League". In her 1½ room apartment, Mrs. Saltzeider keeps five grown Siamese and five new-born kittens happy, as well as from time to time numerous strays. Mrs. Churan has three cats and occasional boarders in her 1½ room apartment. In the past two months, both women working together have placed cats or kittens in homes.

Valentines to all our readers from Martini, his new playmate, Concerteena (defined by Webster as a small musical instrument), and Baby.

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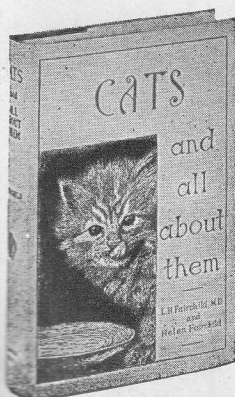
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