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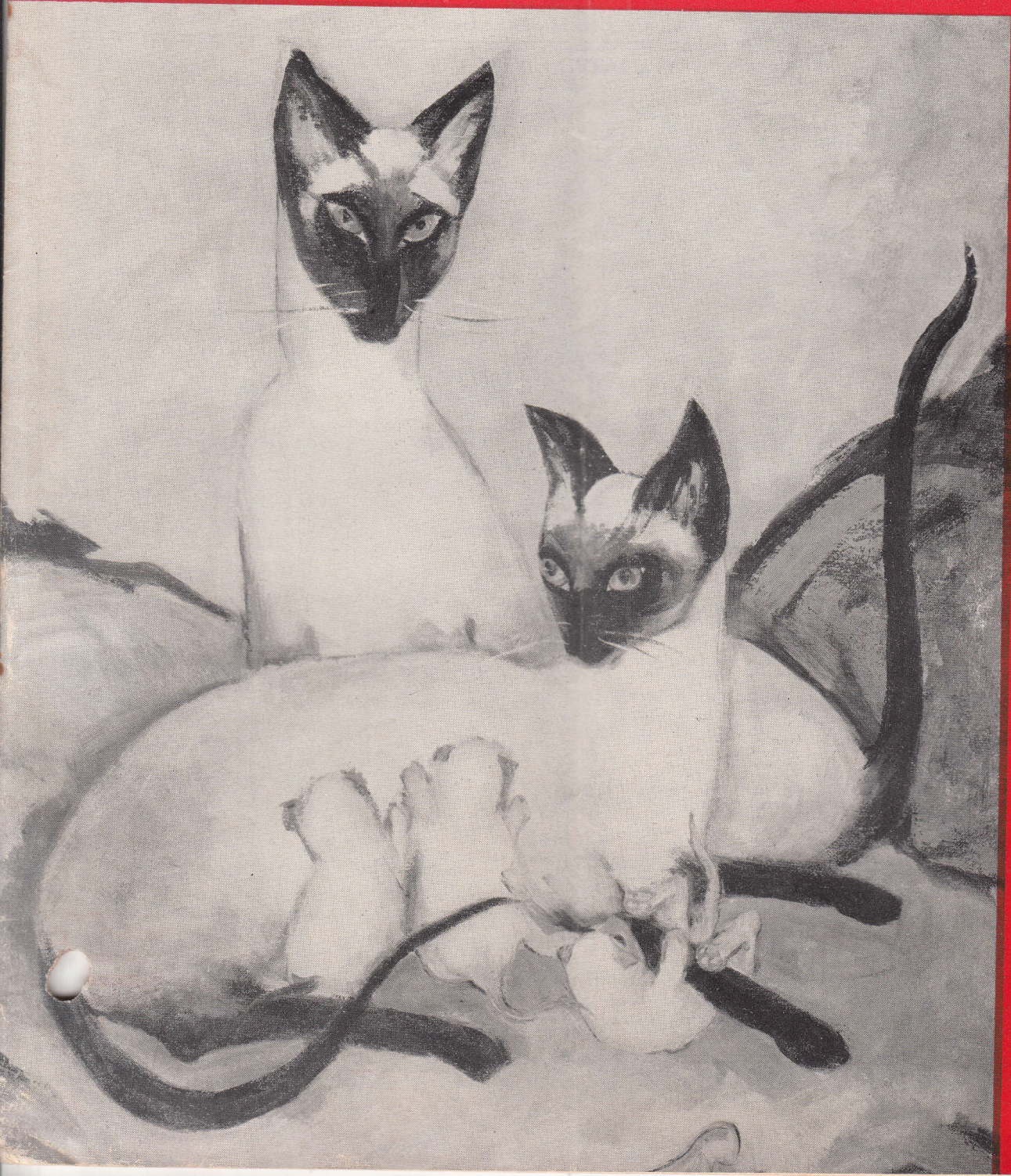
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# The Readers Always Write

## SYNTHETIC CATNIP?

Dear Editors:

I think your readers may enjoy this bit of information, and that some of them may perhaps be able to offer an explanation for it.

My granddaughter Carol has a pet cat with a fanatic addiction to CLOROX. Occasionally it is used to clean the kitchen floor, and whenever this is done, the cat has a most wonderful time. One could well believe that the floor was covered with catnip, for the cat licks the floor, rolls on it, and completely succumbs to its intoxicating effect.

Harry A. Judd

32 Priscilla Place  
Bridgeport 18, Conn.

## BON VOYAGE, MRS. JAMES!

Dear Editor:

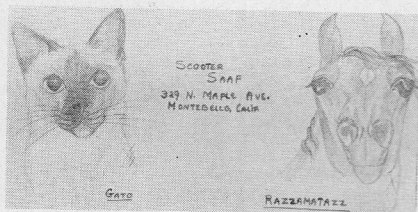
Mr. James, my youngest daughter, and I are leaving on July 19th for a month's trip to Europe. I expect to meet many cat fanciers in Europe and will write you about the cat highlights of the trip. I'm hoping that I can bring back a number of good cats to Minnesota.

This Fall, or not later than early Spring, the James family and nine cats are going to be living in or near Los Angeles, Calif. I hope to belong to many cat clubs there, and will work very hard for the shows as I have here during the last twenty-one years.

Best wishes always,  
Mrs. T. R. James

5115 12th Ave., So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

## ART, ARABIANS, and SIAMESE



Dear Editors:

Enclosed is my remittance for a year of good reading.

I secured a very old copy of your magazine and after reading it, I decided to subscribe but 'til now I didn't have the "dinero". Your magazine is very similar to the "Arabian Horse News". Very homey and friendly. Everyone seems to know everyone else, it seems.

As you can probably tell, I am also horse crazy—Arabian horse crazy. I also like to draw and was fortunate enough to get a scholarship at the Chicago Art Institute when I was 11. I am now 14 and a Junior in High School.

Nuff said—

Octavia "Scooter" Saaf  
Truly a cat lover,

## SPOOKY

Dear Editors:

I think that many of your readers would want to know that Dbl. Ch. Spooky of Oaklawn, born October 31, 1935, passed away April 4 at the age of sixteen and one-half years.

She made many important wins when she was younger, and was the great granddaughter of the famous Imp. Gr. Ch. Barrie of Branston of Central Crest. I know that most breeders will remember her and will sympathize with me.

Sincerely,  
Hattie Trimmer

Oaklawn Cattery  
Shelburn, Ind.

## JULY'S P.O.M. WINNER

Dear Editors:

My thanks to you and to the officials of the American Crabmeat Company for the \$25.00 Bond award for my July prize-winning photograph of my beloved Johnny in his canoe.

The thumbnail sketch should be of Johnny, not me. But for your information I can tell you right now that this is the first prize of any kind I ever won, let alone any award for photography, about which I know very little, although I am the daughter of Steichen the photographer. But I am strictly a button-pusher, letting the local drugstore take care of the developing and printing.

As for Johnny, who is no more since I took his picture a couple of Julys ago, he is now a local legend in the neighborhood of my summer home, a couple of lovely acres on a beautiful Connecticut pond. He was the cat of good neighbors across the road, and every Friday night when we'd blow the horn coming down the little dirt road, he would come tearing over, and never leave our side until we left for the city on Monday morning. This was a faithful performance, six months of the year for five summers. Winters, and five days a week during the summer, he would return to his owners!

Johnny developed a perfect passion for canoeing, as the photo shows. In fact, when we went off paddling without him, he would sit on the shore and yowl until we put in for him, then he'd hop in, content. At times, he would actually embark by himself, hoping for a ride, which is just when I got the lucky shot that you have chosen.

We shall always miss him, for he was, of dozens of cats I have known, and known well, truly the most affectionate one of all. He loved us, and was only really happy when by our side weekends.

Kate Rodina Steichen

115 West 10th St.  
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## BACK COPIES

Dear Editors:

I have just received my first issue of



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## COVER

Our cover this month is a black and white reproduction of a full color oil painting by Barbara E. Ross of two actual Seal Point Siamese and their projected family.

The sire is Inwood Chinky of Wa-Lee (Imp.), bred by Mrs. A. S. McGregor of England, and now owned by Mrs. Porter Wally, 1104 Bouldin, Austin, Texas. "Chinky" is the son of the famous English Champion Clonlost Yo Yo and at Houston this year was Best OS Short Hair in the All Breed and Best Seal Point in the Specialty after having made several very important Best Kitten wins in England.

Hollycat Sanda of Monaco is the mother, owned by Mrs. Ross who lives at 532 South 33, Lincoln, Nebraska, and bred by Mrs. Howard G. Stackhouse. Her sire is Ch. Doneraile Dundie of Hollycat (Imp.) and her dam Hollycat Susanna.

Mrs. Ross is an outstanding contemporary American artist whose work in oils and water colors has won many prizes and appears in leading museums and private collections throughout the country. She is a member of the National Association of Women Artists and past President of the Lincoln Artist Guild, and finds it very easy to combine her recent interest in breeding Siamese with her love of painting and drawing which she has been doing longer than she can remember.

your magazine and like it very much. It is such good reading, I wonder if you have the twelve previous issues.

I enclose my check for \$2.50 and will appreciate your sending them to me if they are available.

Mrs. Dee Eastman  
Northport, Long Island, N. Y.

—To Mrs. Eastman and others who have written us for back issues, we're sorry but no copies (except for a very few Mays and Julys) are left. We are, however, trying to estimate our future requirements generously enough to provide a cushion for those of you who do ask for previous months.—Eds.



# Friends In Need

By  
"Fruitcake" Soriano

My name is Fruitcake. You can see me at the top of this page stealing the scene as usual as I lie on the skirt of the young lady from CATS Magazine who visited me and my 33 companions in our now-famous catroom at the Animal Friends, Inc., of 3331 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The top floor of this three-story brick building is my responsibility. The catroom is the pride of our Shelter. It was recently decorated, the walls freshly painted, the murals in color which are partially visible in other photos done by Miss H. H. Seiferth. Three times a day, we are fed, and there is always fresh water for us, too. I do not live in a cage—I will tell you why later—but the rest of my 33 friends do, and their cages are freshly cleaned as needed. They all have their own pans, of course.

Perhaps you would like to know who started our shelter, which is for both dogs and cats. It was founded during the war by Mrs. Margaret Durison as a sort of Animals-for-Defense association. The excellent beginnings started then were enlarged upon later by Mr. William MacQuown, Miss Bessie Anderson and other people interested in the stray dog-and-cat-problem, about which I can personally tell you much.

For I was almost at the end of my rope—my eighth life was certainly over, when a kind angel rescued me from the path of an onrushing trolley. Well, the trolley-conductor did help. Some children were stoning me, I ran in front of his trolley, and he stopped as soon as he could. My angel turned out to be Mrs. Marjorie Soriano, in charge of operations at the Animal Shelter, who saw what happened, stopped her car, scooped me up in her arms and took me to the shelter. My right eye was lost beyond hope from my injuries, in fact, it had to be removed, but Mrs. Soriano evidently loved me anyway. At least she made me her special pet, and now I wish you could see—everyone likes my tri-colored coat and the way I roll over and kiss everyone's hand from sheer happiness and thankfulness. I do not live in a cage but supervise, visit and encourage all those who are there waiting so patiently, and sometimes so futilely, for someone to scoop *them* up and take them to *their* special home.

While they are waiting, all kinds of things are happening. Often, kittens are born, for many people seem to get angry when their cats are about to become mothers, why, I don't know, and they turn the expectants out of doors. All of the newcomers are given inoculations, all females are spayed so that their new owners will have no extra mouths to feed. A veterinarian examines us all from time to time.

Yet the regular work of the Shelter, placing us in homes, goes on all the while, too. Maybe you would like to see what one small but hard-working shelter such as ours does in an average month. These are the figures which Mrs. Soriano gave me:

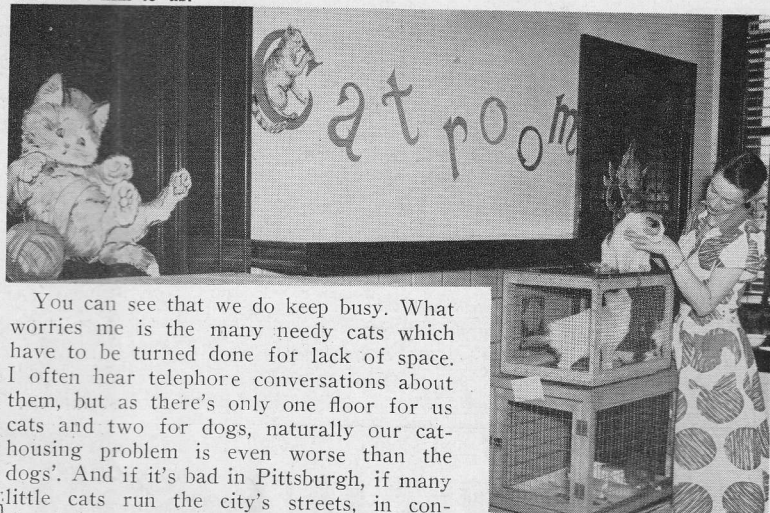
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1st week—19 cats	7 cats
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4th week—2 cats	47 dogs
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	31 dogs
	8 cats
	25 dogs



This is one view of our cat room. Mrs. Soriano, our director, is looking after one of my friends while the visitor from Cats is playing with me on the floor. The door leads to an annex where still more of us are staying.



Here is Rufus, a Red Persian aristocrat who was left all alone without food for more than two weeks after his mistress died. Luckily the neighbors heard his cries and sent him to us.



You can see that we do keep busy. What worries me is the many needy cats which have to be turned done for lack of space. I often hear telephone conversations about them, but as there's only one floor for us cats and two for dogs, naturally our cat-housing problem is even worse than the dogs'. And if it's bad in Pittsburgh, if many little cats run the city's streets, in continual fear and want, as I once did, what

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Another view, to let you see all of our murals.

Photography  
by

Luther H. Johnson



# When the Cat Builds A Fire

By Asa Wilgus

After I had spoken to Bramitius an hour and a half, he raised his drooping eyes to fix upon mine and lifting his small white hand from the leather arm of the reclining chair, signalled for me to go away. If Bramitius would not be stirred to the need of emulating the cats, who indeed could be? I left him and walked bowed in the knowledge of my impotency, through the endless gardens, past the marble structures, along the Lake of Swans, and at last threw myself onto the greensward in a state of alarming irritation.

Everyone scanned me with gentle distaste. My enthusiasm, my cause, my alarms, were to these men of the Twenty-Third Century something unheard of and reprehensible.

Saying I might go forth and appeal to others is analogous to saying I might wander over the earth expecting to find something besides the magnificence of parked elegance and princely apartment houses and all-pervading soft music from out of the ether. In fact, one never bothers to travel, even though travel costs nothing and is nearly instantaneous. For why should one go to the site of ancient Paris or New York when there are no more cities, and everywhere is paradise alike, and all about are scattered palaces in groves of trees or facing lawns of velvet, or lakes aswim with colored birds?

Perchance, the future reader of ancient records will object, this may have been so, but why when all the others of the earth were sleepy with ennui, were tired in the morning as in the evening, were lying about in abandon, why did I, this one man, possess curiosity and invention and fear? That, alas, I owe to the cats, as to the cats belongs the fate of my race of Man.

Had it not been for the cats, I too would be placid, gentle and glassy-eyed, a man in the state of an opium eater of long ago.

The reader must try to understand how it was that I fell prisoner among the cats in a world so perfectly balanced, so utterly civilized, so spread over its surfaces with tropical parks where it is hot, and heated towers where it is iced.

*Mr. Wilgus whose true story "Napoleon" appeared in the June Cats, is also the author of the novel of "Just One Cat" published this spring by A. A. Wyn, and of "Glen Gablineil Buon Ethan", published in 1951 by Mondadori Editore, Milano, Italy. His home is in New York City.*

It was in this latter clime that I was born. At the age of seventeen, by merest chance I went on a skiing expedition, (a sport now nearly abandoned because of its rigors), into the Arctic Circle where few people care to live during the darkened months. I became separated from my companions one night and seeing a large fire, made for the illumination. I could not imagine how men came to build a fire, as we always shot through space in closed atomic planes, and even on an overnight stop were protected in a plastic structure warmed by radio-glow. Careless as usual, I had left my wrist-phone behind. Why, here was an ancient camp fire!

When I drew near I found that the company about that blaze was not human but was entirely of oversized cats, undoubtedly cross-breeds between the house pet and the panther or catamount. These crouching beasts permitted me to go amongst them and to warm my hands at their fire. They allowed me to tear a piece of meat from the carcass of a bear they had killed and to cook it over the flames. Their green eyes never left me. I won't burden my reader with more than a few additional sentences concerning my captive years. The cats held me prisoner, stalked all my steps, but did not harm me. They were odd creatures, in that they had departed from feline conditions; they did not dwell alone but in immense roving bands; they seemed to cooperate with one another of their tribe, and implicitly obeyed the animal which I soon found to be the head cat or chief. I was naturally amazed to discover how they made their night fires. One of the beasts would crouch over some dried moss with a bit of stone between her paws while a vigorous male held a glistening bit of flint in his mouth and with the speed of a woodpecker beat the flint upon the stone. Soon a few sparks set fire to the moss and all the tribe brought and laid twigs and sticks on the flames. They procured their food by fishing and by mass attacks upon large animals. And oddest of all they mewled to one another in a range of sounds as varied as our alphabet, and made their crude thoughts intelligible thereby.

Only after three years with these beasts who craved my company and made a pet of me, but who showed signs of affectionate disapproval whenever I sought to make my escape, did release come in the form of a large sport plane, the pilot of which had sighted a man standing within a circular compound among the cats. He swooped above us in the air and at last landed. The cats,

seeing a number of men in fabrifur coats alight and lethargically advance, beat a hasty retreat, snarling and yowling over the tundra.

Permit me to emphasize, they had not harmed me. I do not know what they found so delightful in my presence amongst them. Lying in a circle around me, legs straight out in front, they used to watch, and how delighted they were if I performed any antics such as tossing and catching a smooth oval stone, or standing on my head. Surely their strange soft noises were laughter. Nights they cuddled me against them, they gently stroked my face, they murmured to me. And what fun they found in my cooking flesh on a long stick. Soon they copied and were using spits. Nor did they let me work; they brought me birds and fish to eat. And with pleasure and remarks they watched me as I ate. My only fear was they were so ebullient, bouncing, laughing, they might hurt me with no intention of doing so, as children innocently injured kittens in old times I have read about.

So at last my friends returned me to civilization. And ever since I have been a different sort of man from my kind. My misfortunes, my miseries I might say . . . and the difficulty with which I had obtained my means of keeping clothed and rudely sheltered, had caused me to be more alert, more self-reliant than my fellows. They seeing this divergence from the norm in me, gradually came to avoid my company. They took me to the nearest mental clinic where I was incarcerated and treated to reduce the secretions of my glands to normal by clerks who operated the medical machines. No sooner was I released than the super-normal secretions returned. Realizing that I alone understood what lay in store for my race if we did not rival the cats in joy and vitality and curiosity, I naturally simulated sanity and ennui and lassitude while in company with most people, so as not to be robbed of my peculiar prescience by further treatments. I did think, however, that my friend Bramitius, in whom I had noted a slight spark of imagination, would share my alarm. But no, he only waved me off.

Now while my experiences with the cat tribe was the most outstanding evidence that cats were evolving from savagery toward primitive clan development, and were thus a challenge to Man, it was not the only evidence. Everywhere cats were growing bold, were running in groups, were treating their human friends as once their human friends had treated them, that is in fear to kill, or to kill when in need of it.

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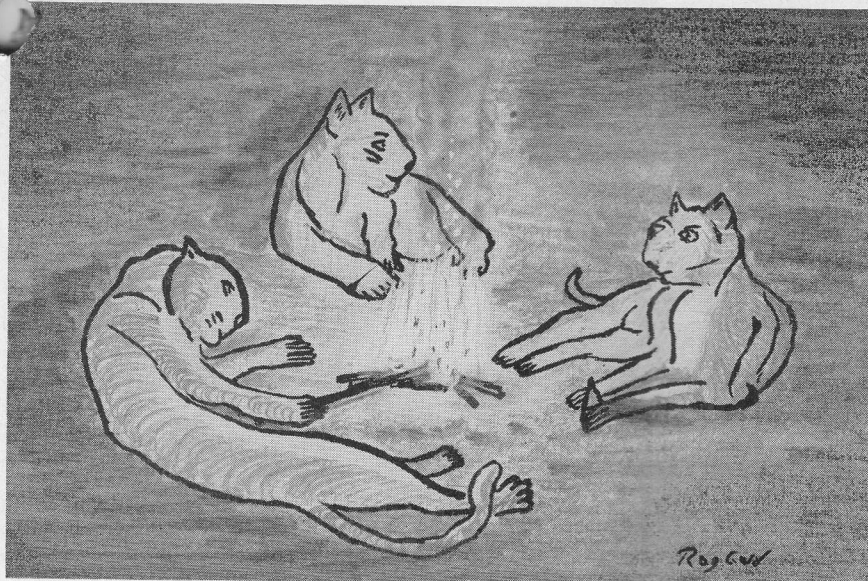


Illustration by Roger Goldworthy  
The company around the fire was not human but was composed entirely of oversized cats . . . crossbreeds between the house cat and the panther.

or that or the other. I shall soon cite a case of death that came of gay rough sport, but not of malice aforethought.

Still, whoever I warned of this mounting menace, only yawned and replied: "Why should we be filled with fear? We have no fear. Should we go back to our ancestral barbarity and walk about with clubs in our hands, and thus seek danger with violence? Ah, my friend, stir us not in primitive alarms."

I had fear, having lived so long with the beasts who were ever on their guard. I had imagination which my fellows did not seem to need, in their perfect comfort and apparent protection. I had gone back to an earlier stage of development than society.

So I commenced delving into the records and literature of one of the great libraries which people no longer use. There is little of scholarship; people go to school only to learn one particular task which will be assigned to them when reaching the age of twenty. And when their period of the work draft is concluded . . . work I say? . . . work of a few hours pushing buttons! . . . at twenty-six they are retired.

Hiding as much as I could of my irrational curiosity, I walked into the library where there are no keys to lock the books, as no one ever steals. And I read thereafter by day and by night in the air-conditioned vaults of the city of buried books.

Slowly I came to understand the present by a zealous study of the past.

One tiny volume alone gave me more insight into both the present and the future than all my other reading and research. It is a book entitled *THE INDIVIDUALIST* by an obscure professor of the quaint old American name, Earle Woods. I at first read with haste to be done with so slight and obscure an author. But very soon I slowed my pace and my jaw dropped agape.

He told so much in his tight, snapping, wasteless prose. With amazement I learned that in his time most of the houses of Man were in crowded slums, while a few individuals were vastly powerful and aggressive. And there were death and disease sown down the night skies, and revolutions uprooted humanity and people starved off to a diminished population. Some nations sank down to ruin in poverty, while other nations which were richly endowed and possessed plenty, spent wildly and were toppled thereby into the mire of the poorer nations. And then their people lived in ruins, with no beauty, no poetry in their lives.

Back I sat in my cozy chair, meditating. No, no! This could not have been so. The man grossly exaggerated. But it did keep me thinking; granted many were burdened with troubles and want, they must have dreamed of a day such as ours right now. For we have no hard labor, not a want. So they yearned, for what I have.

A man who has been as ill-conditioned as I have by my early years in the wilderness of the far north, has to find sublimation of his misery in one form or another. So I am at work now, putting this record on paper.

Tonight I felt something pressing softly against my leg. I looked down and saw an oversized black cat, gazing up at me through her fixed green eyes and purring. I spoke kindly to her and she immediately jumped onto the table and sat facing me. I rose and took from the shelves an immense tome which had in it many pictures of cats and dogs and horses. The book was ancient, it was dated 1952.

And now in the glow of the light which permeated the vault, like the soft music that was heard everywhere, I looked first at a picture of a cat in the mid-Twentieth Century and then at this

beast beside me. I was instantly struck by the fact that this living cat was nearly twice the size of the one pictured to scale in the illustration, and had a head large for the proportions of her body. Her expression was nearer that of an early man than the one in the drawing. There were a determination and intelligence in this cat's face unknown in ancient times. Then too, her paws were elongated and prehensile.

I sat musing. Yes indeed, Bramitius's face was as different from that of the men in 1952, as this cat's from her ancestors'. Bramitius's face was soft, blank and staring. By Jove, I thought, the man has the look of the ancient cat, the cat has the fire and character of the ferocious soldier of the 1950's.

Slowly the animal rested its paw on my cheek and uttered little murmurs of reassurance. I suffered her to stroke me, to rub her nose against mine. It was the cat who petted me, not I the cat. I shrank back before her fierce penetrating eyes as they came near to mine.

When my little historical contribution, of which this is the introduction, is completed in this year 2201, I shall put it in the vault in our fireproof, dampproof palace of the people, tied together with Woods' *INDIVIDUALIST*. You ask, you imaginary companion to whom I talk in my loneliness until my voice echoes through these stone labyrinths . . . you ask, "Why, if Man has lost his curiosity and his ambition?" Ah, do not overlook this sleek black feline with its deep green wild eyes. When all that remains of Man will be his imperishable monuments in stone and books, the fiftieth descendant of this cat will perhaps unearth my writing and decipher it avidly, to ascertain how and why the once omnipotent Man disappeared so quickly and without resistance from the face of so perfect a world.

Outside in the moonlit avenue of cyresses, between the lanes of the communal palaces, at this pre-dawn hour, I hear a hundred thousand little soft feet running scamper, scamper, scamper by. I rise and part the velvet curtains. There pass before my vision a tossing sea of cats. And my own grimalkin leaves the desk-top with a quick "b-r-r-upt!" to jump upon the sill and peers with me into the moonlight night. There are a thousand men and women and children in the verdant marble hamlet, there are passing many times that number of cats. How vigorous, how happy, how careering their gait. And what is it I see coming in the opposite way? A man, a lone man, a young man, my friend Bramitius, walking so slowly, listlessly, unseeingly . . . white, weary young Bramitius. And now without alarm he has come into the midst of the cats. He knows no fright, he has no weapon, and down he goes, torn instantly to pieces by the beasts.

Near my shoulder sits the queenly cat, still purring, and as if to stay my fears, she gently rubs her cheek on mine.



# The White Kitten

By

Evalyn Howard

Illustration by Edward B. Hagy, Jr.

Little Angel sat playing in the sand and watching the birds that came to bathe in the shallow water along the shore of the River Time.

There were all kinds of birds, gay cardinals, blue birds, bright yellow canaries, and the more somber brown thrush. Then there were the snow white doves that never went into the water but walked sedately near the edge, their pink feet making dainty tracks in the sand.

Sometimes the birds would light on Little Angel's head or on his outstretched hands; he liked the feel of their tiny feet clutching to hold on to his fingers.

Something soft and fluffy touched his cheek. Little Angel laughed, it was the white kitten. Of all his playmates he loved the white kitten best.

He caught it in his arms and rolled over in the sand. It was lots of fun. Then, he had a feeling that some one was watching him. He looked up, it was the tall Angel, Lawrence, Guardian of the little ones like himself.

Lawrence smiled down at him, "Hello, Little One," he said, "I have rews for you—good news. You have been called for today."

Little Angel felt a strange fear in his heart.

"Do I have to go?" he said.

"Of course," said Lawrence, "they have sent for you. Aren't you glad?"

Little Angel did not answer. He was looking toward the River. Far out across the clear blue water a beautiful ship with white sails was coming into port, where there would be large crowds waiting to welcome friends and loved ones Home.

He knew the ship would return bearing him and many others like him to the far away land where everything was new and strange.

Looking again at Lawrence he asked, "Where do I go?"

"To a town called Glendale," said Lawrence, "and I forgot to tell you we have two calls from there, and you may take your choice."

Little Angel waited.

"First," said Lawrence, "there is the place on the hill, a regular Estate. There is a swimming pool, golf course, lovely gardens, and in the house there is a lovely nursery with beautiful clothes and

Little Angel sat playing and watching the birds that came to bathe in the shallow water along the shore of the River Time



toys waiting for you."

"Do they have any cats?" asked Little Angel.

"No cats," said Lawrence, "they don't like them."

"And the other place?" asked Little Angel.

"It is a nice place," said Lawrence, "but the house is very small. There is a picket fence around the yard, and trees, and the back is garden, and in the center of the garden is an old apple tree."

"Any cats?" said Little Angel.

"No," said Lawrence, "but under the old apple tree there is a little stone that reads 'Toby, our cat'."

"O.K." said Little Angel, "I'll go there and take the white kitten."

"Oh no," said Lawrence, "he can't go."

"Why?" said Little Angel.

"Well, you see he has already lived one life there, and he cannot go back."

"Doesn't a cat have nine lives?" asked Little Angel.

"I just don't know as to that," said Lawrence, "but anyway he can't go."

Little Angel caught up the white kitten and held him close. "Then I'll not go" he said stubbornly, "not unless he goes too."

"I don't know what to say," answered Lawrence, "but I'll go and ask about it."

Mike Brannen sat beside the bed where his wife Helen and their baby son were sleeping. "They are tired," he thought, "after their trip home from the hospital."

He was the luckiest guy in Glendale he told himself, with a wife like Helen and a son like little Michael.

He wished he could furnish them a

better home, something like the fine big house on the hill, but he and Helen loved their little house and each other so it couldn't matter so much, not being rich.

"Dreaming?" asked his wife.

"No," said Mike, "just thinking how glad I am you are safe home."

"So is little Michael," said Helen.

Mike bent over the baby and touched his bright hair. "He looks like you," he said.

"I think he looks like you," said Helen.

"By the way, I have a surprise for you," said Mike, "be back in a minute."

He returned carrying a small white kitten.

"Oh Mike," cried Helen, "isn't he a darling. Where did you get him?"

"The night the baby was born when I came from the hospital," said Mike, "he was asleep in a chair on the front porch. I brought him in and fed him and he has never tried to leave, acts as if he had always lived here."

Helen stroked the soft fur, "When he is grown," she said, "he will look just like—just like—"

"I know," said Mike, "that's why I named him Toby, smart little rascal, too. Knows his name already."

The baby stirred and opened his eyes. Mike held up the kitten for him to see. "Look Michael," he said, "here's a playmate for you."

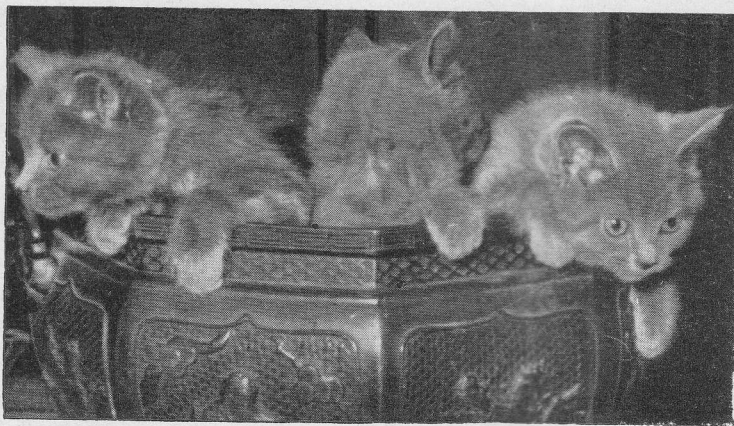
Then turning to his wife, he said, "I say Helen, do you know what?"

"No, what?" laughed his wife.

"The baby," said Mike. "When he saw the kitten, he smiled—such a wise knowing smile as if he already knew him."



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## THE RUSSIAN BLUE

By Blanche Warren

The Russian Blue cat is one of the rarest of the show breeds in the world. England is our only source of supply at the present time although there are Russian Blue cats in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. But so far England is the only country that is as particular as we are about registering, pure breeding and having long pedigrees. The G. C. C. F. registrations are the only ones the C.F.A. recognizes today. In the last few years the Paris shows have had some good Russian Blue entries. Some judges think they are better than the English.

It is said that the first Russian Blue cat in England was sent over by one of the Tsars to a member of the Royal Family. After that a few were imported but none have come from Russia lately.

The first recorded Russian Blue importation into the United States was in 1947, when Mr. G. A. Comhaire of Armstrong, Texas, secured a pair of kittens from England. Then in 1949 I imported a Queen and three kittens (one male and two females). After that three more pairs were imported from England. So you see, there are few Russian Blue cats in the United States that are recognized as real Russian Blues.

The Russian Blue is the only known feline wearing a blue seal skin coat. It differs from any other cat in that its coat is like seal skin. The preferred coat is a silver blue which in the sunshine has a lavender sheen, and it is so thick that in winter it is almost impossible to part the fur and find the skin which is the same shade of blue as the fur. The coat may be of various shades of bright blue but not the dull or dark shade of the domestic or Maltese cat. Each hair is a solid blue with a very tiny silver tip which gives that gorgeous silver sheen. The fur is so thick and short that it stands up like plush and will not lie flat to the body as will the fur of other short haired cats. It is the gorgeous blue seal skin coat the cat wears with a tiny silver tip on each hair that proves the real Russian Blue.

There are many green-eyed Maltese cats that are mistaken for Russian Blues. These are usually a hybrid Maltese, being a cross between two domestic breeds of cats or a cross between a Maltese and

a Long Hair Blue cat which gives the thick fur. However, the fur will be longer than the Russian Blue. The show Maltese or Domestic Blue should have yellow or amber eyes.

Now the eyes are *not* the mark of distinction of the Russian Blue cat. Some real Russian Blue cats have amber eyes with green around the pupils. Some of the old English books on cats report that the Russian Blue also had yellow or amber eyes, but the G. C. C. F. decided on green eyes for the show Russian Blue cats. But, the eye color cannot be the deciding factor of the Russian Blue since the eyes only count for fifteen points in the standard. It is the gorgeous blue seal skin coat the cat wears that proves the real Russian Blue cat, for it counts for fifty points in the standard.

The nose is pointed but not as long as the Siamese though longer than the Persian. It is broad across the eyes coming down to a pointed nose, giving almost a foxy look to the face. The neck seems short and thick because of the heavy fur.

Blue kittens are adorable balls of blue sealskin. Their fur stands out all over them, much longer and thicker than other short haired kittens but not as long as the Persians. Their noses are longer the ears larger than Long Hair kittens. Yes, the Russian Blues are different even as baby kittens from any other kittens. They are so winsome you cannot resist loving and cuddling them, especially when the little face looks at you and the mouth opens to mew but no sound comes out!

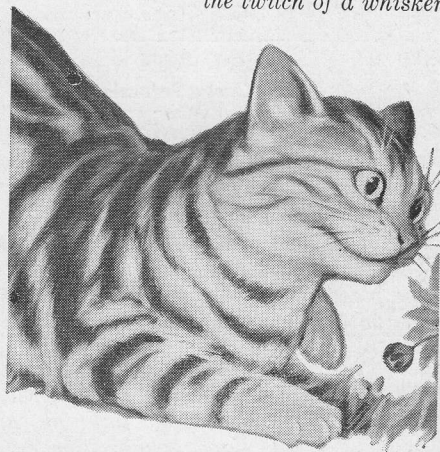
Sometimes in certain lights the kitten may seem to have tabby shadings or rings on the tail, as some Blue Point Siamese when young, but they will all disappear as they mature.

The Russian Blue appears to be a heavy boned cat at first sight, especially in winter, when its heavy fur coat makes it appear large and heavy. But, like the Persian, it looks much larger than it is. The judges have to judge a Russian Blue not only by appearances but by feeling the finer bones under the heavy fur coat. In the summer when they shed their thick fur for their softer, lighter coats, they look much smaller and finer-boned.

At the shows we sometimes hear



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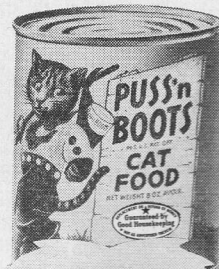
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# FEW LINES 'BOUT FELINES

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## TO TEX

By Lillian Finck

Your eyes - twin pools of azure glory  
Conceal an ancient mystic story  
Of distant land - exotic lore  
Of wisdom from that fabled shore.  
Those sapphire depths dream mystery,  
Gleam sorrow not - nor ecstasy  
But regal - tranquil - strong and true,  
Know faith as rarely mortals do.  
Their warm and sure and rich devotion

Demand no vows - no magic potion,  
Their silent love songs deep and pure  
Bring joy and solace to endure.

Those who hate cats were rats in another incarnation.

Old Chinese proverb

## SMITTEN

By Carla Patsuris

If you are acrobatic monkey (Oh  
The way you bounce and leap along the halls  
And scramble willy nilly up the walls)  
I'll lock you in a cage and safely know  
You're there: If you are tiny angel though  
I'll seek and find the sprouting wonder-wings  
Some place above your whirry purring-strings,  
Then with detachment, bravely let you go . . .

But if you're just my little kittenette  
With whom I am so daftly smitten, pet,  
I'll be content to watch the way you show  
The wisdom of a facile sphinx-like cat  
Becoming sleek and loved and healthy-fat . . .  
And learn my lessons from the way you grow!

## MY CAT AND I

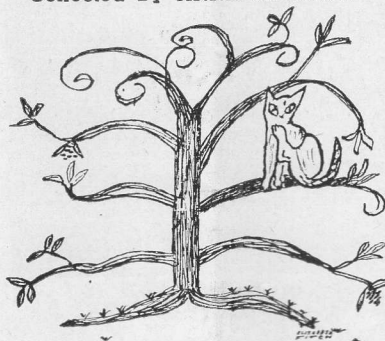
By Etta F. Gilbert

They say a cat has no affection  
For those from whom she seeks protection,  
But, when she brings for my inspection  
A fat field mouse from her collection,  
Or stares at me in wise reflection,  
Or shows a loving predilection  
For me just after firm correction,  
And acts as if I were perfection,  
She has me in complete subjection.

## KITTEN AND FIREFLY

By Marjorie Somers Scheuer

She leaps and dances in the summer night,  
Raises her paw to capture the wee light  
That flits on gauzy wings below the tree,—  
Lashes her plummy tail in ecstasy . . .  
The firefly has vanished overhead;  
Put out its flickering lamp and gone to bed,—  
But still the kitten scales the empty air,  
Searching the spark that is no longer there.  
Now as I watch her joy and wild elation  
Turn slowly into doubt and dull frustration,  
I think of how the light recedes too far  
When I am reaching, reaching for a star!



## SANG-FROID

By Elizabeth Fitch

A cat in a quandary  
That couldn't be  
The world is his boundary  
God made him a tree.

## PLEA TO A KITTEN

By Malcolm Hyatt

Descend, little kitten, descend;  
Your apple-tree foray must end;  
Since you've gotten a whim  
To go out on a limb—  
You're rarely at home, fuzzy friend!

Don't stray, little kitten, don't stray;  
An apple may keep Doc away;  
But the apple you haul  
May cause you to fall!  
Let's perish this notion today!

So come down to earth, little bun,  
The higher you go won't be fun;  
Especially for me  
Who must climb the tree—  
And who won't, I know, come down  
. . . as one!

## THE PARTING

By Margaret E. Bruner

I told myself I should not mind at all  
To give away the kittens—I had found  
A good home for them, even to the small  
Black scrawny one, yet when the man drove around  
To take them, it was hard for me to speak—  
A lump came in my throat, my eyes grew blurred,  
My voice was husky, strangely low and weak—  
I felt ashamed to be so deeply stirred.  
And there have been times since when my heart yearned  
For those four kittens. Foolish? Yes, I know . . .  
I liked them all, but most, the one that turned  
His eyes toward me to ask why he must go.

From the anthology, *Sophistic-cats*,  
Edited by Lynn Hamilton

## A CLAT-CLAW DIFFERENCE

By Oscar H. Roesner

When Herman's cat  
Caught a big rat,  
He claimed the cat  
Deserved "e-clat."  
But Herman's Ma  
Said, "No, 'a-claw'."  
At this Herm cried  
With puffed-up pride,  
"My cat is tough,  
Has claws enough."

## AN EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

By Clarice Foster Booth

A cat's conversation is simple;  
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That makes her "Me-ows" understood.

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## TO MICKEY

By Lillian Finck

A fearsome storm with wind too bold  
Had veiled the sun and lashed it cold  
Then did your small sweet voice implore  
I sped to open wide my door  
And you walked in—into my heart  
A most indulgent reign to start.  
I was your slave and you my king,  
Your regal mien all ages sing.  
Efficient was your swift survey,  
And obvious your plan to stay.  
You choose our most impressive chair  
Adopted it your special lair.  
Your sable coat and topaz eyes  
Were love and wisdom in disguise.  
Through tender days your magic spell  
Did sorrow, fear and doubt dispel.  
And now you're called to fairer climes,  
I thank you for the happy times,  
But treasured memories contend  
With anguish deep - Farewell true friend.

In our ignorance of everything, in our inability really to know anything, what astonishment and perhaps what terror there would be to penetrate the strange windows of its eyes to the unknown region of that little skull hidden behind them.  
—Pierre Loti





### OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE!

They say cats have nine lives and Tige, owned by Mrs. Wilbur Clark of Ronan, Montana, is well on his way to proving it. At the age of twenty-one, he has lived twice as long as the average cat, and is still hale and hearty. He was born on August 1st, 1931, in Vida, Montana, and was one of five male kittens.

Tige has spent most of his life on farms in Montana and Ohio and if asked, he would probably attribute his ripe old age to the fact that he has led a rather cosmopolitan life for a cat. He has traveled extensively and has commuted six times between Montana and Ohio, twice by auto and four times in an emigrant car, accompanied by horses, cows, chickens and other members of the immediate farm family.

During his travels he has developed a taste for raw eggs, liver and pork-chops and he seems to thrive on them. The only illness he ever suffered was a toothache. At the age of nineteen he was taken to a veterinarian who gave him a shot of penicillin and pulled two teeth. In his twenty-first year he had four more teeth pulled.

Tige is now the major-domo of a group of cats on the Clark farm near Ronan. It is his privilege to have the warmest bed near the oil heater, and he serves faithfully as the Clark alarm clock. Every morning promptly at five A.M. he wakes Mrs. Clark with a series of distinctive meows.

Here's to Tige! In this presidential election year of 1952, he is now old enough to vote.



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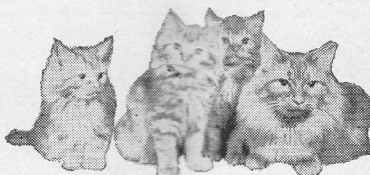
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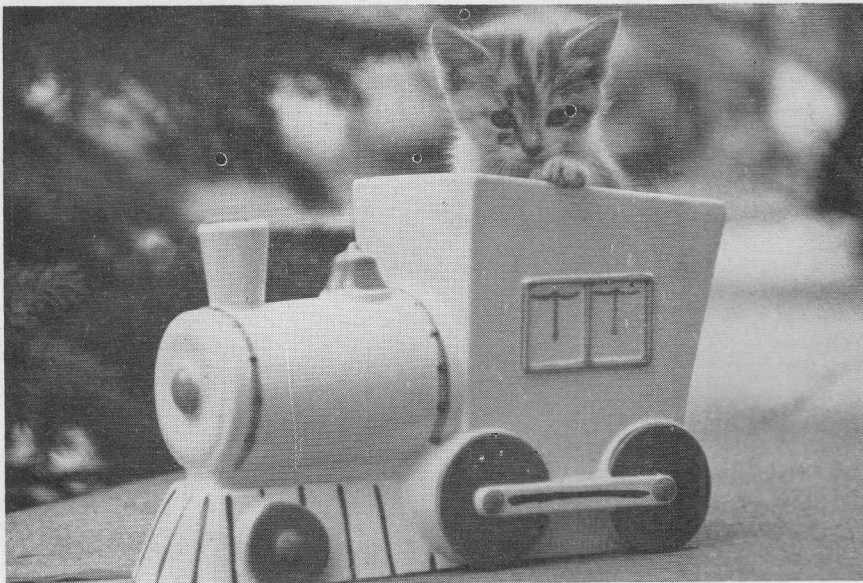
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AUGUST PICTURE OF THE MONTH

## Kitten Casey Jones Wins August P. O. M.

"Thank you for the wonderful surprise I found in my mail box this morning! There will be a double celebration in our house this August. One for winning the Cat Picture of the Month prize and the other for our 17th Wedding Anniversary," writes this month's photo prize winner.

Thank you, Lillian C. Novak, of 5074 Ternes Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, for the excellent photo of your Kitten in a Cookie Jar, and best wishes for your anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Novak was the recipient of the August \$25.00 U.S. Bond in the Cat Picture of the Month contest co-sponsored by 3 Little Kittens Cat Food and CATS Magazine, for this study of her kitten hi-balling the Cookie Central Express. She is pretty much a typical cat lover—married, an ex-office worker with a ten-year-old daughter, and an understanding husband who gave her the Ciroflex she used for this shot about two years ago. Photography is her main hobby, but much of her time goes to reading and writing as well—such, of course, as can be spared from the main duties of a housewife and mother.

"I've occasionally entered other contests, too," she told us, "usually unsuccessfully. Have won a few small prizes with things I've written, but this is my top prize to date, and I'm thrilled to pieces!"

Mrs. Novak's bond is the twenty-first prize awarded in the contest since it began in January 1951. Four more monthly prizes will be awarded this year, and in January 1953 the 1952 Picture of the Year will be announced and a \$100 Bond awarded it. Every cat lover owes it to himself and to the world of cat lovers to see that at least one or two of his favorite photos are given a chance to win fame and fortune for him and his cats.

This, of course, means You, and You, and You. Send those shots today to Box 403, Boston 2, Mass. There's every possibility that some day you'll be just as pleasantly surprised as Mrs. Novak was.

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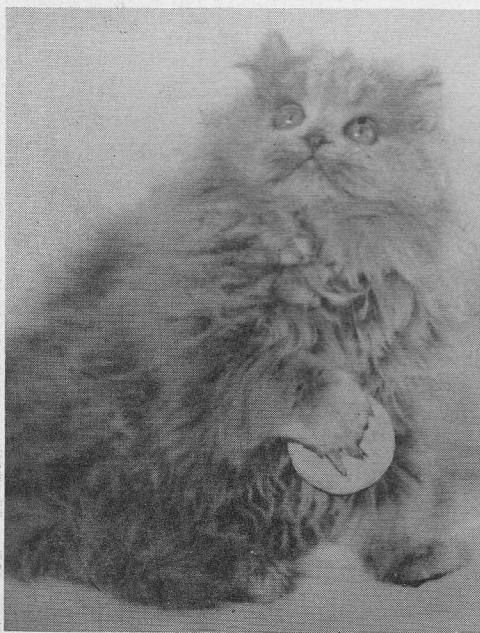
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## C. F. A. EXECUTIVE MEETING

### New Clubs — New Judges — Burmese — Shows

Two new clubs were accepted into CFA membership at the June 5-6 Executive Board meeting held in New York City. The *Southern Siamese Cat Club*, Mrs. C. Edward Voke, Secretary, 614 North Shore Road, Norfolk, Virginia, and the *Short Hair Society*, Mrs. Leigh Manley, Secretary, Box 112, Route 1, Arcata, California.

CFA's recognition of the *Burmese* was discussed at length, followed by a motion providing a basis for acceptance which met with approval of the Board. This proposal is now being analyzed by the Recorder to determine whether it is fully practicable.

The following names were placed on the "Approved List" of C.F.A. judges: Mrs. Louise Heron, Mrs. Edith Schulte, Mrs. Marguerite Goforth, Mrs. Horace Reed, and Mrs. Charles Victor. Miss Kay Thoma was so designated at the previous meeting. Action was also taken approving Mrs. Horace Reed as judge of Tabby & Tortie Specialty Shows; Mrs. Frances Kosierowski and Mr. Anthony DeSantis as judge of 'Any' Specialty Shows.

No decision has yet been reached on the proposed changes in methods of training and selecting judges, but the following applications were accepted and applicants placed on the 'Approval Pending' list, under the old plan: Mrs. Colleen Aslyn, Solid Color Specialty, Silver Specialty; Mrs. Chester Denning, Any Specialty, except Siamese; Mrs. Edward L. Denton, Siamese; Mrs. Carl Johnson, Solid Color, Tabby & Tortie; Mrs. Walker K. Johnston, Solid Color; Mrs. Leigh Manley, Any Short Hair; Mrs. Samuel G. Miles, Solid Color, Silver; Mr. Sven S. Nelson, Siamese; Mr. Lawrence Pelton, Solid Color; Mrs. Richard O' Donovan, Siamese.

Additional show dates and changes were sanctioned as follows:

National Siamese Cat Club, Oct. 4-5, Nov. 8-9, Dec. 9-10, and Dec. 13-14;	Minnesota Siamese Cat Club, Oct. 25-26 and Dec. 6-7;	International Solid Color Society, Nov. 8-9 and Dec. 13-14.
Miami Florida Cat Fanciers	Dec. 13-14	
West Shore Cat Club	Jan. 10-11	
Siamese Cat Club of New England	Jan. 16-17	
Solid Color Cat of the East	Jan. 16-17	
Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers	Jan. 17-18	
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Jan. 24-25	
American Silver Fanciers	Feb. 7-8	
Houston Cat Club	Feb. 21-22	
Changes in Show Dates:		
Golden Gate Cat Club	Nov. 22-23	
Shows Cancelled:		
Toledo Cat Fanciers	Nov. 8-9	
Cleveland Persian Society	Nov. 22-23	

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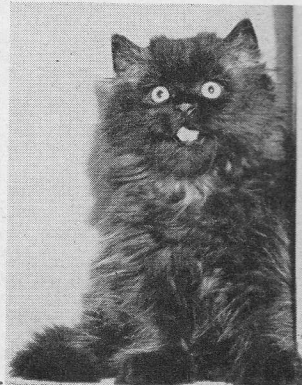
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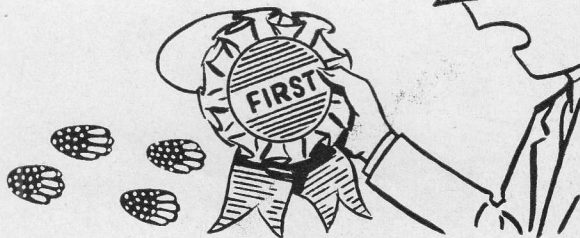
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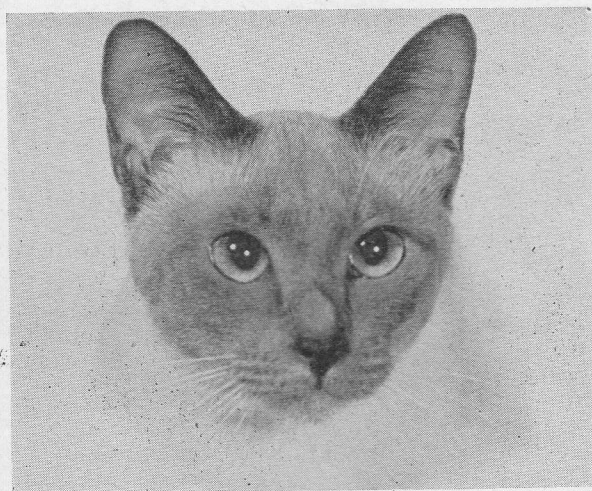
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## THE SOUTH GAINS 40 A-S WINS

### All-Americans Awaited in September

Lead by Mrs. Merald E. Hoag who has six 1952 All-Southern award winners, 26 southern exhibitors have placed 40 outstanding cats on this year's All-Southern roster. Mrs. Nikki Horner with three winners and The farm with three are tied for second place; and following them are Mrs. Ruth C. Hayes, Mrs. Maude R. Barney, Mrs. Richard Orr, Mrs. S. D. Peeples, and Mrs. A. I. Madeira with two each.

The cat with the highest score is Miss Verner Clum's Blue Long Hair Male, Dbl. Ch. Moonbeam of Gaylands (Imp.), and he is thereby the South's entry for 1952 Cat of the Year. The highest scoring female is Mrs. Hoag's Blue Cream Long Hair Ch. Nor-Mont's Charm who, if a male is named cat of the year, will compete against other sectional high-scoring females for OS Cat of the Year.

The South this year has an unusually large number of cats who are repeating previous All-Southern and All-American accomplishments. Dbl. Ch. Citrus Ridge Pericles, Shaded Silver Long Hair Male owned by Mrs. Arthur J. Smith, has the longest record in the South, having been All-Southern every year since 1949. Mrs. Hoag's B-E White Short Hair Female Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont's Angelique was All-Southern and All-American in both 1950 and 1951, and her male counterpart, Ch. Nor-Mont's White Snow Man gained the double win in 1951. Scoring her third successive All-Southern win is Mrs. C. Edward Voke's Blue Point Siamese Female, Ch. Rosebank Chrysanta Royalist.

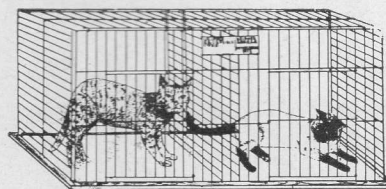
Mrs. Hayes' Gr. Ch. Milky Way's Enchanted Prince (B-E White L.H. Male) and Tpl. Ch. Elco's Rudolpho, Peke Face Red Tabby Male owned by John K. Farris and Neville Fincl, both scored A-S and A-A wins in 1951. Also repeating 1951 A-S wins are Nikki Horner's Red Long Hair Male Ch. Glad-Low's Red Coach of Shawnee and her Female, Ch. Shawnee's Copper Lustre, and Bob Hamilton's Silver Long Hair Male Beverly-Serrano Saga O'Dynasty now owned by Miss Linda Close.

Returning to the listing after a year's absence are Mrs. Hoag's Silver Long Hair Female Ch. Arlington Sensation II, A-A and A-S in 1950 and Mrs. Lee Carnahan's Ch. Miss Hogan, Blue Short Hair Female who gained A-S in the same year. Making a record for long-distance come-backs is the farm's Boo Tu, B-E White Manx Female who has been absent from the rankings since she gained A-S and A-A in 1948.

This year the South has placed more winners than ever before and geographical distribution has been far more even than previous years with Florida, Virginia, Louisiana, Kentucky, Texas, Tennessee, and Georgia all claiming ribbons. Next step is the All-American rosette for those who make the top team to be announced in the September CATS Magazine.

Best wishes to all of you Southern winners and your owners and to the Midwestern, Western and Eastern winners, previously announced, from which the highest scoring cats of each breed and color will be chosen for the 1952 All-American awards. Look for them next month.

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- Orange Eyed White Female—Ch. Christmas Cotton Bear, Mrs. Clarence L. Day, 2040 24th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Blue Male—Dbl. Ch. Moonbeam of Gaylands (Imp.), Miss Verner Clum, 2048 Yale St., Dunedin, Fla.
- Blue Female—Ch. Nor-Mont's Sunny Sue, Miss Jeanne Coughlin, 2205 Derrington Blvd., Houston 5, Texas.
- Black Male—Ch. Blulace Romulus of Khyber, Mrs. R. A. Lacey, Johnson City, Tenn.
- Black Female—Ch. Floridanus Ebonitta, Mrs. Maude R. Barney, 2804 Marlin Ave., Tampa, Fla.
- Cream Male—Ch. Nor-Mont's Sand Man, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag, 1215 No. Court House Road, Arlington, Va.
- Cream Female—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Andrea, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan, 6050 S.W. 81st St., So. Miami, Fla.
- Red Male—Ch. Glad-Low's Red Coach of Shawnee, Nikki Horner, Prospect, Kentucky.
- Red Female—Ch. Shawnee's Copper Lustre, Nikki Horner.
- Peke-Face Red Male—Ch. Madeira's Sunny Jr., Mrs. A. I. Madeira, Box 21, Washington, Pa. (Previous Address, Jacksonville, Fla.)
- Silver (Chinchilla) Male—Beverly-Serrano Saga O'Dynasty, Mr. Bob Hamilton, 1928 18th Ave., So., Nakhville, Tenn. Now owned by Miss Linda Close, 239 East St., Buffalo, N. Y.
- Silver (Chinchilla) Female—Ch. Arlington Sensation II, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
- Shaded Silver Male—Dbl. Ch. Citrus Ridge Pericles, Mrs. Arthur J. Smith, 2250 N.W. 60th St., Miami 42, Fla.
- Shaded Silver Female—Kute Kit Bright Eyes Adorable, Mrs. Richard Orr, 4512 Mayflower Road, Norfolk, Va.
- Silver Tabby Female—Mi-Choice Chow-Cleta, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawson, 6815 N.W. 6th Court, Miami 38, Fla.
- Red Tabby Male—Ch. Spero's Solitair of Dun Mar, Mrs. S. D. Peeples, 777 Wildwood Place, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
- Red Tabby Female—Ch. Garvinia's Bliss of Dun Mar, Mrs. S. D. Peeples.
- Peke Face Red Tabby Male—Tpl. Ch. Elco's Rudolpho, Mr. Neville Fincel, Morehead, Kentucky, and Mr. John K. Farris, Maysville, Kentucky.
- Blue Cream—Ch. Nor-Mont's Charm, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
- Tortoiseshell—Madeira's Spengle, Mrs. A. I. Madeira.

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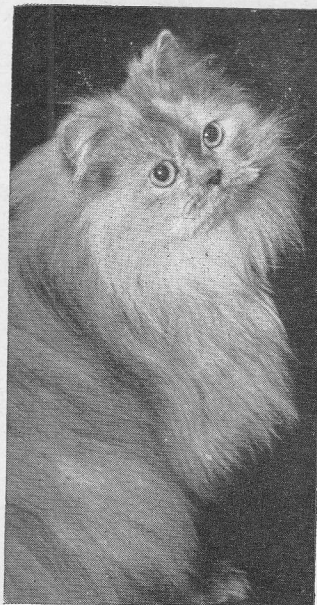
- Blue-Eyed White Male—Ch. Nor-Mont's White Snowman, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
- Blue-Eyed White Female—Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont's Angelique, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
- Orange Eyed White Male—Ch. Almazon's Po-lee, Mrs. Richard S. Orr.
- Black Female—Billie's Black Angel, Miss Billie Ann Dobyns, 273 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans 23, La.
- Blue Female—Ch. Miss Hogan, Mrs. Lee Carnahan, 8208 Mercer Dr., Norfolk 5, Va.
- Silver Tabby Female—Ch. Mystical of Cobourg, Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.

## FOREIGN SHORT HAIR DIVISION

- Blue Point Male—Shawnee's Lad-O-Nite, Nikki Horner.
- Blue Point Female—Ch. Rosebank Chrysanta Royalist, Mrs. C. Edward Voke, 614 North Shore Drive, Norfolk, Va.
- Seal Point Male—Briarry Samson (Imp.), Mrs. Lucas B. Combs, Route 1, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Seal Point Female—Dbl. Ch. Cuthpa D'Ista, Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson, 144 E. Menefee, Lufkin, Texas.
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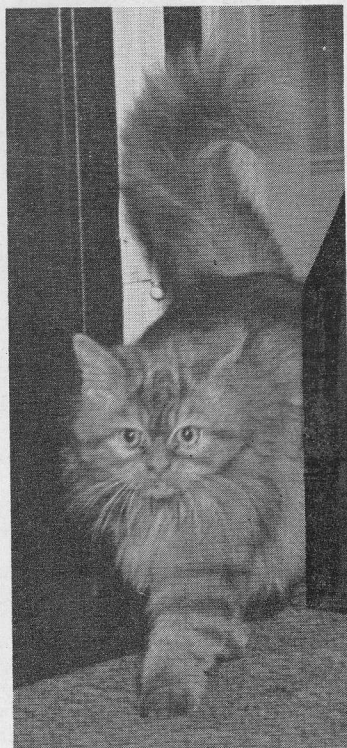
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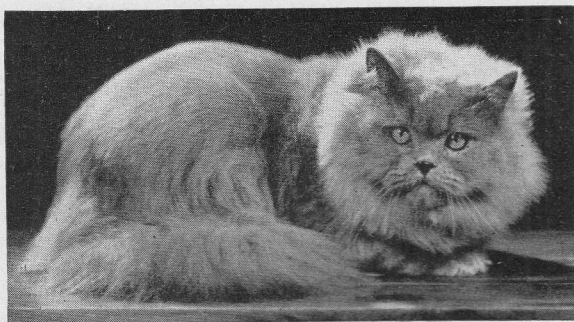
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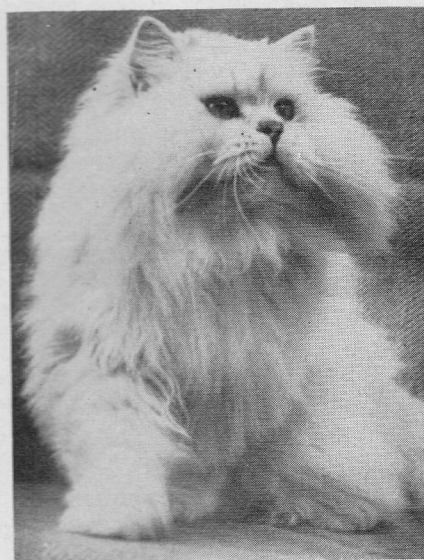
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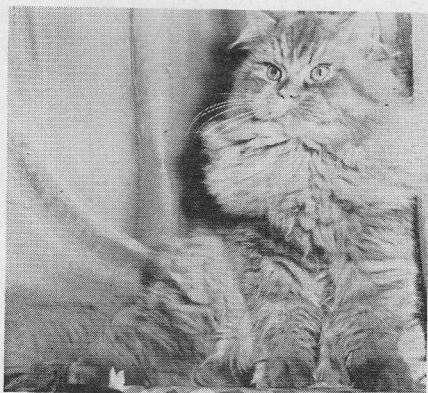
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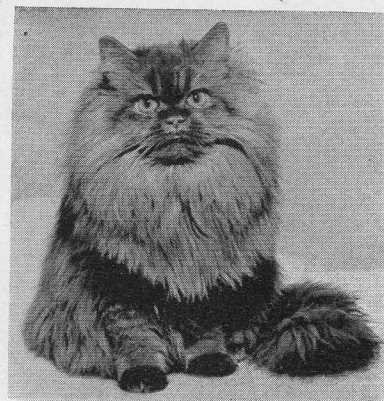


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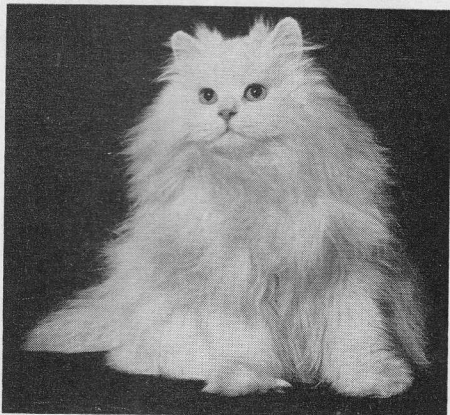
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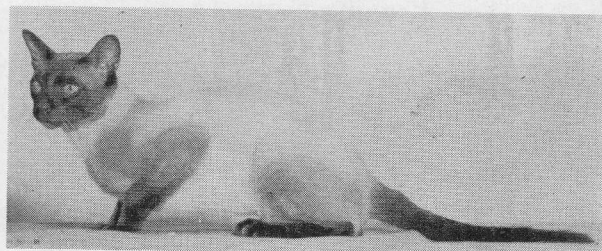
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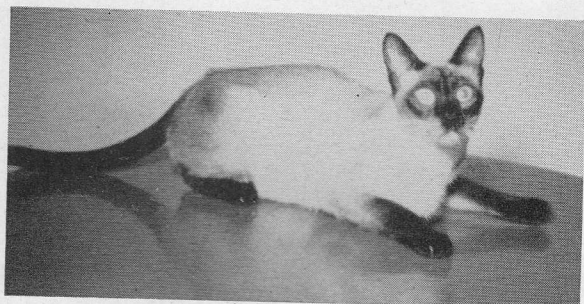
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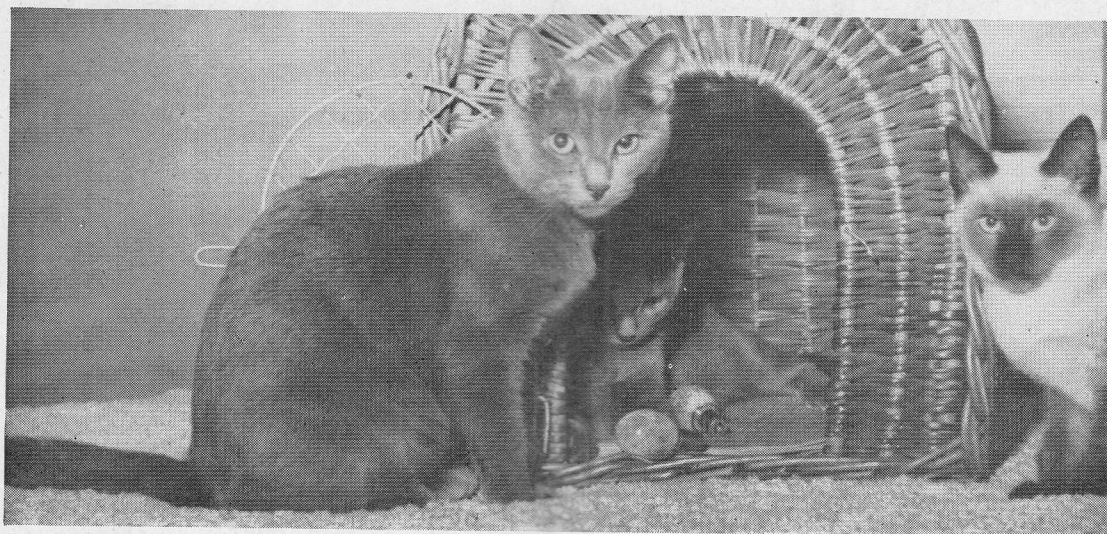


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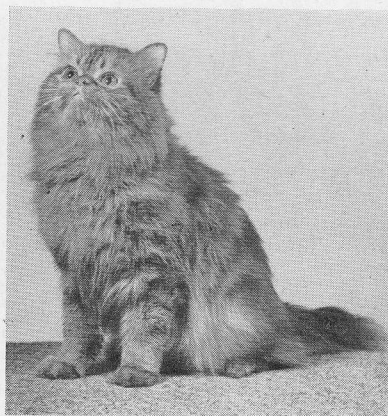
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## CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

### Toronto Show Dates

First, a very important correction—The Canadian National Cat Club ACA Show at Toronto will be held on August 22 and 23, Friday and Saturday, not on the following week end as listed in last month's CATS. As in previous years, this show will be held at the Canadian National Exhibition.

### San Joaquin Club Reorganizes

The San Joaquin Cat Fanciers, Inc. announce that they have changed their affiliation from CFA to CFF and have elected new officers as follows: President, R. P. (Bob) Wilson; Vice President, Harold Rodgers; Secretary, Mrs. Della Campbell, 2156 S. American St., Stockton, Calif.; Treasurer, Ray Campbell. Other Board members are Mildred Joseph, Agnes Kleene, and Julius Joseph. Show dates have been sanctioned for December 6-7 and the club will continue its very popular Junior Exhibitor Show as in the past.

The San Joaquin Club plans to work in close cooperation with the neighboring CFF Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers. The two sister clubs have worked out plans as to similarity of premium lists, interchange of experienced show officials and committees, most advantageous and scheduled of show dates. Both clubs feel that by such cooperation each will enjoy more successful shows and will better be able to promote the interests of their members and of cats and the Cat Fancy as a whole.

### Siamese Kitten Match August 23.

The National Siamese Cat Club is holding its Annual August Kitten Match and invites all Siamese Kittens and their owners to attend. Here's the essential information:

Time:—Saturday, August 23rd, 1952—1:30 P.M. judging starts.

Place:—Private residence of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Avata — 140 Plandome Court, Manhasset, Long Isle, New York.

Entries:—Limited to Siamese Kittens only.

Judge:—Mrs. Julianne Dupuy-Koehler of New York.

Show Manager:—Miss Van Estes—5 Weehawkin Street, New York 14, N. Y.

Entry blanks, offers of premiums, and other pertinent information may be obtained from the Show Manager.

### New Officers

Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc. report the following newly elected officials: President, Mrs. William Padgett; Vice President, Mr. E. A. Pearson; Secretary, Mrs. James A. Hurry, 30 So. Canosa Ct., Denver; Board Member, Mrs. E. W.

Krampert.

New Officers of the Gulfshore Cat Fanciers are President, Mrs. Maud Barney; Vice President, Mrs. Lila MacDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Day, 2040 24th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Fla. Show dates are Jan. 17-18. Place: Municipal Pier. Judges: Miss Kay Thoma, All Breed; Mrs. Louise Heron, Solid Color Specialty.

Both of these clubs and all others cordially invite interested cat lovers to their monthly meetings. Complete information as to time and place can be secured by writing to the club secretaries or the association secretaries listed in their ads in CATS.

## NOTES FROM BREEDERS

### Thanks from Isabelle

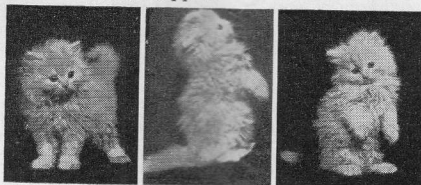
Helen Van Zele writes for her Ch. Casa Contenta Isabelle who upbraided her in public in the June CATS for *Forgetting the Cream*—"please tell all of those wonderful friends who have been sending me cream by the bottle, can, and container how much I appreciate it. Especial thanks to Tpl. Ch. Sir Bedford of Pickford Square who sent a whole quart! I'm sure my mistress won't forget again!"

### Int. Dbl. Ch. Rosedore Gipsie

Mrs. Coreen H. Petta writes: "Int. Dbl. Ch. Rosedore Gipsie, listed in the All-Midwestern issue as Best Blue-Cream, was formerly owned by Mrs. Richard O'Donovan of the Chirn Sa-hai Cattery, 6050 S.W. 81st St., South Miami. It was under the ownership of Mrs. O'Donovan that 'Gipsie' completed her CFA and ACA Championships.

### CATS Booster Club

Mrs. T. R. James, breeder of Whites and Blues, in Minneapolis, says that with every sale she tries to interest the buyer in CATS Magazine. This past month Mrs. L. P. Schroeder, Mrs. Mildred Nelson, and Mrs. C. A. Curtis have all agreed to subscribe and she also influenced Mrs. Bernard Walenty to put an ad in the classified columns. Thanks Mrs. James, we're certainly proud to think we merit such support.



This beautiful little doll is Alberta Paris's Kathleen at the age of seven weeks. Kathleen is a Cream that Mrs. Paris has high hopes for—and so would we. She also tells us that she's importing two other kittens from Mrs. Joan Thompson in England and will probably have them by late July.

### Correction

We'd like to correct an oversight in our owner listings in the report of the San Francisco Cat Show. The name of Robert LeRoy Matthews, breeder of Lindomar Smokes, Redwood City, Calif., show have been recorded as owner of Honey Pot of Lindomar, Best Novice in the Silver Specialty.

## Question Box?

Sorry — The answer man is on vacation, but he'll be back with all kinds of catsy information in September.

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## ACA ACCEPTS CHOCOLATE POINTS

Announcement was made by ACA last month that *Chocolate Point Siamese* now have full approval and will be registered and judged as a separate class on the same basis as Seal Points and Blue Points. A definite standard for Chocolate Points has been established by the Siamese Cat Society, and the ACA action was in accordance with their Board decision of last month to accept the ruling of the SCS.

ACA has also approved January 24-25, 1953 for the San Francisco Cat Show in addition to other tentative dates announced last month.

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Mrs. Sallie Emmitt, Newark, New Jersey, has just called me long distance,

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more. There was no more so Sallie filled his dish again with ice cubes—he would not touch them.

Jennie Wilson from out Colorado way, town of Boulder, writes me that a newspaper photographer from Canon City, was their house guest. He took a particular liking to their Siamese, Joe Ching. He had to look up a number in the telephone book, could not find it and tried another book, a later one. The first book slipped from his hands to the floor. When the book fell—it was open. Joe Ching immediately became inquisitive and began turning the pages with his nice rounded little paws. The photographer became excited "Where's my Graphic," he shouted. "This is the best animal pix of the year—quick—get it to me!" Joe Ching was very co-operative. The next weekend Joe's picture was in the Sunday edition of Canon City Record—and judging from the fan mail Jennie has received, everyone wants Joe Ching to live at their house.

There seem to be a lot of breeders importing this season. I have seven not-

ices on my desk at this writing. Each of them say, "Keep This a Secret—but wait until Show season opens—Then you will be soooo surprised!" We keep all this a secret? I think I'd shout from the rooftops about any good cat I had—imported or otherwise. And, incidentally we have some pretty good local cats that will acquit themselves very well this next season. Let's watch and see!

Vera McCormack, a newspaper hen from one of the big New York papers, called me this morning to tell me of her White Persian, Scoop. He likes to eat sliced tomatoes and prefers a bit of dressing if you please—will not touch them otherwise. He even licks the plate afterwards. She tried him on a mixed salad but no go—he informed her in no uncertain manner that it was tomatoes only, garnished with a dressing, that he was interested in.

Mary Ames, down in Tolchester, Maryland, tells me about her black Persian, Mister X. Now it seems Mister X likes lobster, and when lobster is served at the Ames' dinners, he gets his share. Last week Mary was making a lobster-salad for her Bridge Club, she placed it on the 'chuck-wagon' (the Ames' tea-cart) and was getting the drinks ready. Seems that Mister X had had his eye on the salad for some time, and as soon as Mary turned away from the chuck-wagon, up he hopped and did he gobble! It just so happened that Mary had made enough extra salad for the family dinner that night, so by raiding the ice-box she was able to replenish for her Bridge friends out on the sun deck. Mister X marched along in very demure dignity after her. As usual he caused quite a bit of conversation. Oh, the darling!!!—isn't he too precious for words?—does him want an eety, beety bite of my salad—Mister X perked up—and was giving this particular lady his undivided attention—. "If you so much as give him even a smell of that salad—I'll shoot you," Mary declared. Then came a detailed report of what Mister X had done.

June Southmayered from Conn. sends me a pix of herself and her Siamese. Goodness he is a big fellow—she says he is just a boy and is still growing. She calls him 'Tubby'—and that IS a good name for him. June, for heaven sake—don't you know Siamese, of all breeds, should not be fat—.

Down in Belmar, New Jersey, there is a Fishing Smack that makes regular trips to the banks every day. The Captain leaves quite early, somewhere around three in the morning. This is not early for Snapper, a large black male cat, that waits patiently until they are ready to roll the boat into the water. He

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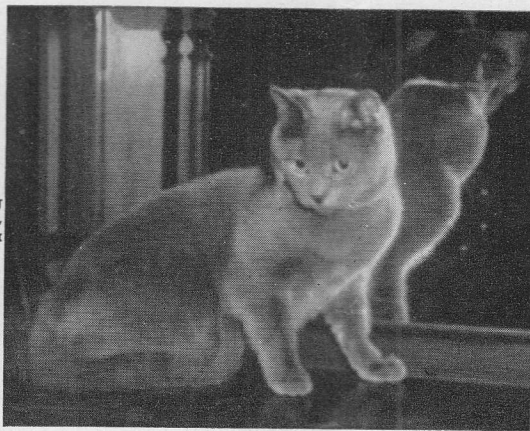
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Mrs. Warren's young Russian Blue male, Tsar, poses before a mirror.

## The Russian Blue

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people say, "I have a cat just like that one." But if they could compare the two cats, they would find the Russian Blue cat's coat would have a finer texture, be thicker, shorter, and the color a brighter blue. I have seen cats in shows called crosses between Long Hair cats and Russian Blues that were evidently Maltese cats for while the fur was thick, it was much longer than the short plush or sealskin-textured fur of the Russian Blue cat.

We Russian Blue breeders feel that all the associations should register as a Russian Blue only a cat that has been imported into the United States with at least two complete generations registered by the English G.C.C.F., or a recognized European association, or a descendant from same. At present too much responsibility falls on the judges of most of the associations. They must decide what is a Russian Blue, and very few of the judges have ever seen a real Russian Blue as there are so few here.

In most of the associations when a cat (even of unknown ancestry) completes its ten points (required number for championship), it can be registered as that particular breed. Again, this is throwing too much responsibility on the judges. This does not seem fair to the judges or to the breeders of genuine Russian Blues. I wonder if the board members of most of the associations realize that we breeders of the three rarest breeds, the Russian Blue, the Burmese and the Abyssinian cats, charge \$75 stud fee to try to improve the breeds. We only breed to real Russian Blues, Burmese or Abyssinians.

In shows we have many blue cats with green eyes competing in the Russian Blue class that have little or no known ancestry. And they are being advertised in the show catalogues as Russian Blues. Is that fair to the public? No reputable magazine will print an ad that they know is not correct. Yet show catalogues print advertisements for Russian Blues which the club does not recognize as Russian Blue cats. All of which is hard on the buying public, the real breeder and the breed as well as the fancy.

The C.F.A. so far is the only association that will not allow a cat to be shown as a Russian Blue that has not been reg-

istered in C.F.A. They will not register a cat as a Russian Blue that has not been imported with three complete generations in the pedigree, registered in G.C.C.F., or a descendant from same. Thus, they take the responsibility and protect their judges as well as the buying public, the breeder, the Russian Blue cat and the fancy.

People are becoming more and more acquainted with this breed, and, as secretary to our Russian Blue Cat Club, I get many requests for lists of Russian Blue cat breeders whose cats are registered in C.F.A. This should be done in all associations, as there are so few real Russian Blues in the United States now, and we know where all the imported Russian Blue cats are over here.

With a little cooperation from all the associations, we could have one breed of cats in the United States which has no registered hybrids in the breed. The Russian Blue is a gorgeous cat and should be protected.

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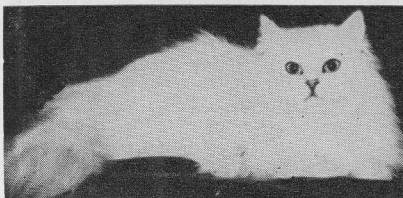
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# Mews and Views from the Web

Warm weather has at least reached San Fernando Valley. Not the extreme heat, but just those nice warm summer days, an invitation to abandon the housework and remain out of doors. At kittening time I'll wager all can confess the housework being neglected — it's more fun to play with the kittens.

Dorothy Denning from Castro Valley, confesses to this, at least, as she writes she spends most of her time hanging over the kitten box watching those five little butterballs from Kyber's Candice of Cresthaven sired by Gr. Ch. Onyx Sunlight of Cresthaven, and Dorothy feels with their fine type, lovely heads, coat color, Cresthaven has some more Blue Persian Champions coming up.

Mrs. Myrtle K. Shipe writes she has a litter born on May 13th—"everyone looks very good, almost the best litter we have ever bred." Mrs. Shipe did not give the sire and dam but I will inform you later. With the lovely cats from Great Lakes already big winners — these must be GREAT Great Lakes kits.

Kiva too has kittens—one—PERSONALITY KID, real name, Kiva Maya, black female, recently shipped from Andrew J. O'Mailia of Denver. A little over three months old she came out of the carrier purring, and when reaching home gobbled up her meal; ready for play. We have a fine English Bull Dog—TORO—who helps to raise all kittens, keeps all stray cats out of the garden, reports to me in his "CAT BARK" when the cats which are running decide to invade the neighbor's yard or to explore the roof of our house. Maya (daughter of Mr. O'Mailia's Kiva Bella Koola and Gr. Ch. Pied Piper of Barbe Bleue) took over 70-pound TORO like Grant took Richmond—just a couple of hisses to see what that 70-pound odd-looking guy would do, nothing happening she decided she had made a BIG friend.

TORO is also helping raise his third litter of Ch. Kiva's Kachina Doll kits sired by Bonnie Prince Charlie, (owned by Mrs. A. E. Townsend,) who is a fine Chinchilla with the beautiful eye color we Silver breeders dream about. I had hoped to have some SMOKE firecrackers for the fourth as Ch. Kiva's Chuka was due to have her annual Smoke litter—but she still has me anxiously anticipating what she is going to give us this year—could it be another CHACO—KRI, KRI, or KASANI.

Helen Van Zele writes of a very kind lady with Chula Vista, California: Mrs. Maude Erwin, P. O. Box 385. Her home is known as Cat Haven and sometimes has as many as 200 cats she has taken in and given homes. She will take in any cat, nurse and pet it, and assure each cat of a home the rest of its natural life. If any of you readers receive some special blessing and wish to say THANK YOU with a donation to Mrs. Erwin in this wonderful work it will be greatly ap-

preciated. Mrs. Erwin recently prevailed upon Helen to take a Siamese she had saved from being stoned by some Juvenile Delinquents (that appellation is too kind) and Helen says she has a round head, 10 white toes and everything a Siamese shouldn't have, but after being reassured she is loved at Casa Contenta, she is no longer afraid and nervous and enters play with the rest of her feline friends.

Mrs. Erwin, an elderly woman with her friend, also devoted to cats, stares it just kills her when a mother cat with a litter of kittens is dumped in her yard in a GUNNY SACK. As she says, and we know how true it is, an animal that has as much innate dignity as has a cat, and then to be so ignominiously treated—rattling around in a carton is bad enough—but a sack! It is good to know there are such kind folks as Mrs. Erwin in this world, so any help to her is WELCOME.

Casa Contenta's Blue Boy—DELPHI DON LEON—celebrated father's day—nine kits, five Blues and four Blacks. The dam is Tar Lady, and I must say this mother is sentimental as the kits were expected on Decoration Day—but no, she had to do the presenting on FATHER'S DAY and Helen says it is something to see them fight for their place at the "Snack Bar."

My sympathy to Rita and Bob Wilson (Ri-Bo Cattery) on the loss of their beloved Seal Point Felita, who went Best Short Hair and best novice under Mrs. Keller in Stockton at the 1951 show. Bob says of all their cats she was especially HIS—she was his shadow, either following him or riding on his shoulder, with a constant flow of conversation. Tia left them with three tiny kits which Rita has raised—bottle feeding. Ri-Bo is happy with other fine kits, among them two fine CHOCOLATES—and of all things a CREAM MALE MANX (that I would like to see too). I cannot recall ever seeing one in the shows. I'll look for that guy this year.

And from Bodega Bay a letter from Colleen Aslyn with additions to Shanna Groith; three Blacks and two pale Blue kits sired by Gr. Ch. Pied Piper of Barbe Bleue, he is a busy guy isn't he?? Mrs. Aslyn's famous Tpl. Ch. Dixi-Land Baron of Shanna Groith, G. E. White, has been a popular and busy sire this season. I have a letter stating "Baron" is the sire of kits from Ch. Dixiland Cheryl owned by Mrs. Wilkies of Phoenix, Ariz., five Whites and one Smoke. I'm wondering just how did that little Smoke get in there?

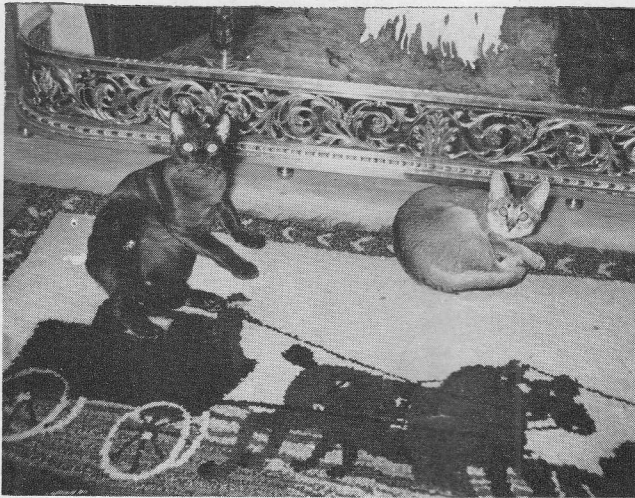
Dr. Doris F. Hopkins of Phoenix writes how pleased she was to have Ch. Camelback's Pitti Sing awarded All Western black female; however Pitti Sing is taking it in her stride being more concerned right now with mothering her brood of five—two Blues

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## BURMESE COACHMAN:

Sabu, Burmese owned by Stephen C. Taylor of Cross Hills, Ligonier, Pa., chose this pose by himself while his Abyssinian companion, Dilly, looked on. Mr. Taylor's only thought was a picture of the cats before the fireplace, and he was amazed when it was developed to find the sensational effect. Sabu was bred by Mrs. Blanche Warren, Dilly by Mrs. Judy Smith.



## MEWS & VIEWS

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and three Blacks, Barbe Bleue and Great Lakes blood line. The Phoenix Club—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA) will have their show January 31 and February 1, 1953. They came out well ahead with their show last year and were able to present a nice check to the Arizona Heart Society. Dr. Hopkins states Nan Green Pyle has taken her Burmese to Payson, where it is high and cool (out of the Phoenix heat) to see if she can get these fine cats through the summer without brindling. The heat in the desert over there does play hob with coat color of the Persians. With temperatures of 108° and above I can well imagine the difficulties the Cat Fanciers have in that section.

A letter from Ann Manley of Arcata, California (Dark Gauntlets) advising their newest Club THE SHORT HAIR SOCIETY has been accepted and affiliated with CFA. They are planning on their first specialty with the REDWOOD CAT FANCIERS' All-Breed at Eureka, California October 18-19, 1952. Their All Breed Judge is to be Elsie Flaherty. With their new specialty club they hope to sponsor All Short-Hair specialty shows for other All-Breed clubs, giving the breeders of Domestic and other Foreign Short Hairs the opportunity to win extra points that Siamese have had for many years. Their membership is open to anyone who is interested in the Short Hairs, and they would like to make the membership representative of the whole country.

Always glad to hear from Mildred Joseph (Nani Lei). Smokes bred by Mrs. Joseph were well represented in sectional awards, an All-Eastern and an All-Western for the new owners. She states she is very grateful to the owners for showing them. I do so like that lovely Chinchilla Ch. Nani Lei aka Silver Queen (AW-52), who is very busy raising three beautiful Chinchilla kittens.

I am an admirer of the Short Haired Tabbies and am in receipt of a picture of Samdur's Sinnamon. Red Tabby Male,

and Samdur's Spice, R. T. female; the markings on these cats are beautiful. Sinnamon's markings in the picture are so vivid they remind me of the most beautiful and well known S.H. Silver Tabby I have ever seen—Gr. Dbl. Ch. Aztec's Belinda, owned by Mrs. Frank Freudenthal. These Red Tabbies should be a winning pair for Mrs. L. Darrel Sample, their owner, this season.

I want to thank Helen Fittipaldi of New Hyde Park, N. Y., for her very nice letter about CATS MAGAZINE and MEWS AND VIEWS. She states she has converted an "aleurophobic father and an anti-cat husband," and they intend to take the shows by storm and number this year.

Thanks to you readers for the many letters of good cheer. Each month finds some improvement in the leg and my ability to walk again.

We hope when you lucky folks receive your announcement of ALL-AMERICAN awards we can see a fine display in CATS of your beautiful winners. These ALL-AMERICAN issues of CATS are referred to many, many times. I have thumbed through the past issues dozens of times, and in fact it was in looking through an old OUR CATS, published at that time by Alice Graydon Phillips, that I saw the pictures of Smokes, which aroused my interest in this breed. So by displaying pictures of your winners in the ALL-AMERICAN issue you may be instrumental in interesting some novice in the Fancy.

*Ada May Miles*

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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

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must it be like in all the other large cities of the world? What must it be like where there is no shelter, however small? Can you visualize the hundreds of cats, in hundreds of cities running, foraging, panting, throughout the whole world? My small cat mind is incapable even in imagination of holding the pictures of all those running feet.

But we at the Shelter are grateful that we live here. It's true the dogs, who live under us, must usually give vent vocally to their woe, but we get used even to this. "Our only worry is that someone will never come to take us home", the cats often tell me. "We hate to take up space that another could be using; anyway, we would like a home of our own, nice as our temporary home is."

The cats are never destroyed—how I wish I could tell them that, and cease the panic in their hearts when they're first brought in here! But some of them are so hard-bitten or so unfavorably endowed by nature as to coat color, brilliancy of eye, etc., that they never get chosen. One old fellow has been here 2 years.

For these hard-to-place ones, as well as the others; we are all dreaming some day of a large farm outside the city, where we can all roam the fields, play, chase mice, get sun and fresh air. Probably we would all look so spruced-up then that even the hard-bitten boys and girls among us would find homes. Even those ugly ducklings, ugly ducklings with the souls and dispositions of angels would find someone to own. Meanwhile, we wait patiently, and may I, Fruitcake, thank all of you for your kind thoughts for us in all shelters anywhere. I don't know what you all look like, but I know what you *are*—Angels, too.

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Summer has always been our favorite time of year. Now at its lazy loveliest, even the hot currents of air drifting eastward from the Windy City cannot dispel its mesmeric charm. But a tip from our Chicago delegate, in case you insist on business as usual, had a black cat running loose in Convention Hall just before Eisenhower's entrance. We're unable to translate this omen since black cats can portend either good or bad luck, depending on one's point of view. In some parts of the world, as you know, they're considered lucky, in others, not, so that as we said it all depends on one's outlook.

One's outlook in mid-July is likely to be pleasant—even Fall is so far away that it has from the distance a welcome aura, though were this the first of September one would not think of its appearance with such unregretful ease. One of the things we'll be most looking forward to this particular Fall is the publication by Alfred A. Knopf & Co. of Walter Chandoha's collection of cat poems and sayings illustrated with Chandoha's own cat photographs. "Fewlines" contributor Guy Bogart will have one of his original poems in the book, by the way. And we're sorry indeed not to have been present at the June meeting of the Village Camera Club in the New York City the night Chandoha gave a demonstration of how to photograph cats successfully. Using a Rolleiflex and speed lights, he put his three models through their paces, but from all reports, with Chandoha handling them, they enjoyed the proceedings immensely. As only three models were to be used, there was some trouble in selecting them from the many volunteers, but eventually 3 young Siamese kittens, Melissa, Charles and Electra were chosen. To quote Mabel Schachari who writes the photographic column for the World-Telegram and Sun, the kittens though excited at first "calmed down and posed like angels under the warm floodlight used for focusing". Many shots were taken, and several Chandoha photographs were shown, too, before things got under way.

Another columnist for the World-Telegram has news which may interest those fond of but allergic to cats. She is Henrietta Hitchcock of that paper's "Cats and Their Care" column who tells us that scientists have now worked out a lotion which when rubbed into a dog's coat protects people allergic to dog dander. Experiments have shown that the solution is harmless to cats, now tests are being made to determine its effectiveness with them.

Violent reactionaries that we are rapidly turning into with the advance of age creeping up on us, unable to bear any music past Mozart, or Beethoven at the latest, any art later than 1850, we might as well confess that in spite of tests, in the face of all scientific proof, we still believe that allergies to cats or dogs are basically mental. Forgive us, please, you modernists, we just had to get that said.

If you're still reading, there is one modern pastime new to us discussed by E. V. Durling, columnist for the Hearst papers whose "Life With Salt on the Side" we've enjoyed for several years. E. V. D., as he prefers to be called, says in England they're now taking bets on almost everything—golf, tennis, cricket, football, elections, rowing; also horse, dog, donkey, and yes, cat races. The cat races make use of an electric mouse. This would be an experience to watch but only a fool would bet on it. We seriously cannot quite endorse this form of entertainment and are a little surprised that our English brethren, of all people, should originate it. Before we condemn it utterly, though, we would like to see it. It's just possible that cats might enjoy something a wee bit out of the ordinary like that.

Speaking of unique plans, when the Fort Worth, Texas CATS, a ball team, were immersed in a Pittsburgh-Pirate-like slump, an official of the club actually offered to let in free the first 100 persons appearing at the gate with black cats. Purpose was to "unjinx" the CATS with more of same. Plans were brought to an abrupt halt after three or four fans had appeared with cats—and the CATS had lost a game. Club President Allen Russell and Mrs. C. E. Appleby, director of the Houston A. S. P. C. A. said no more black cats at Buff Stadium, the CATS' ballpark.

Enjoyed very much answers given by Bruce Chapman,

radio's Answer Man to all kinds of odd questions, most of them about animals, appearing in the Buffalo, N. Y. Courier-Express. Some of the samples: "Do pigs' tails curl the same way?" (Anyway, or not at all; in young pigs, the way the wind blows) "How fast is a sneeze?" (Goes out at 100 mph) "How many licks are there in an ice cream cone?" (170 adult average, 300 for children, in the shade) "How fast is an ant?" (Can go 12 feet a minute on a fast track) And last, "Does a cat lap milk with the bottom or top of its tongue?" (with the top of the tongue in an upward slurp).

Surplus cats are a problem. They detract so much from the prestige of cats in general that every cat lover should do his bit to (1) eliminate production of strays (2) do everything in his power to help elevate those strays he does encounter. We are coming more and more to believe that all cats which the owner does not definitely wish to breed should be automatically altered. Now, it seems William Lakey, a resident of New Hyde Park, L. I., N. Y., went to the Mayor to ask if it were lawful to shoot cats. Cats, he claimed, were a greater nuisance than dogs—they yowled all night long and when garbage cans were left uncovered, they spread the garbage over the sidewalks and streets. Mr. Lakey was told he could shoot the cats provided they were chasing birds on someone else's property, adding "but you'd better clear with the police first." We never did hear how his toray turned out.

One beautiful little cat definitely not surplus we must report to our sorrow is missing. She is Ch. Chrysanta Royalist, Bl. Pt. Siamese, who decided to investigate the backyard while her owner, Mrs. C. Edward Voke of 614 North Shore Drive, Norfolk, Va. was answering the phone. Chrys was chased by a dog, headed towards a golf course, and has not been heard of since. The story of her disappearance has been in all the Virginia papers, and Mrs. Voke has had remarkable cooperation in her search for the valuable cat. All Southern readers who see this item, please be on the alert! We very much hope we'll soon have good news to write of this lovely cat which we had the pleasure of meeting last summer.

Enthralled is what we were to see Charles Laughton's rotund fey face and portly figure confronting us from the pages of *Life* as he read favorite selections dealing with America, but enraptured comes nearer describing our delight upon seeing three of the seven selections were taken from our Deity, Thomas Wolfe. Thomas Wolfe is one of those people who, for us, never did and never could write one word that was not perfect and essential, breathe, think, feel or act at any time in his life with anything less than perfection. Some people feel the same way about the Dodgers, Ogden Nash, or Ingrid Bergman, Helen Hayes, Groucho Marx, or Shakespeare, but for us, Thomas Wolfe is the One Who Can Do No Wrong.

Now, how does this all fit in with cats? Well, this past spring was a bit rough on us—from a total of three, our cat population jumped to 12. We don't have adequate facilities for breeding as do some. One or two kittens had spells when they were quite ill. All these things seemed to happen, and there seemed to be nothing in our power to stop them.

We love every cat—we've come out of our difficult period now and have smooth sailing and pure enjoyment with our cats from now on, we believe. But what a shame that in the midst of our difficulties we did not recall Thomas Wolfe's painfully complete description of the Gowanus Canal, one of the passages Laughton used, from "You Can't Go Home Again." It might have tided us more easily over our temporary cat difficulties to remember that even T. W. had his Gowanus Canal. Not only had it, but immortalized it. New York was something necessary to him, Gowanus Canal and all. We doubt that he could have written without that city, without all the many Gowanus Canals intertwined with the rest of New York's wonders. Nor can we exist, very well, we're afraid, without cats—and that of course means the trouble that sometimes goes with them, all the worry when they are not well, worry which is surprisingly like the worry one feels for a human beloved one.

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