

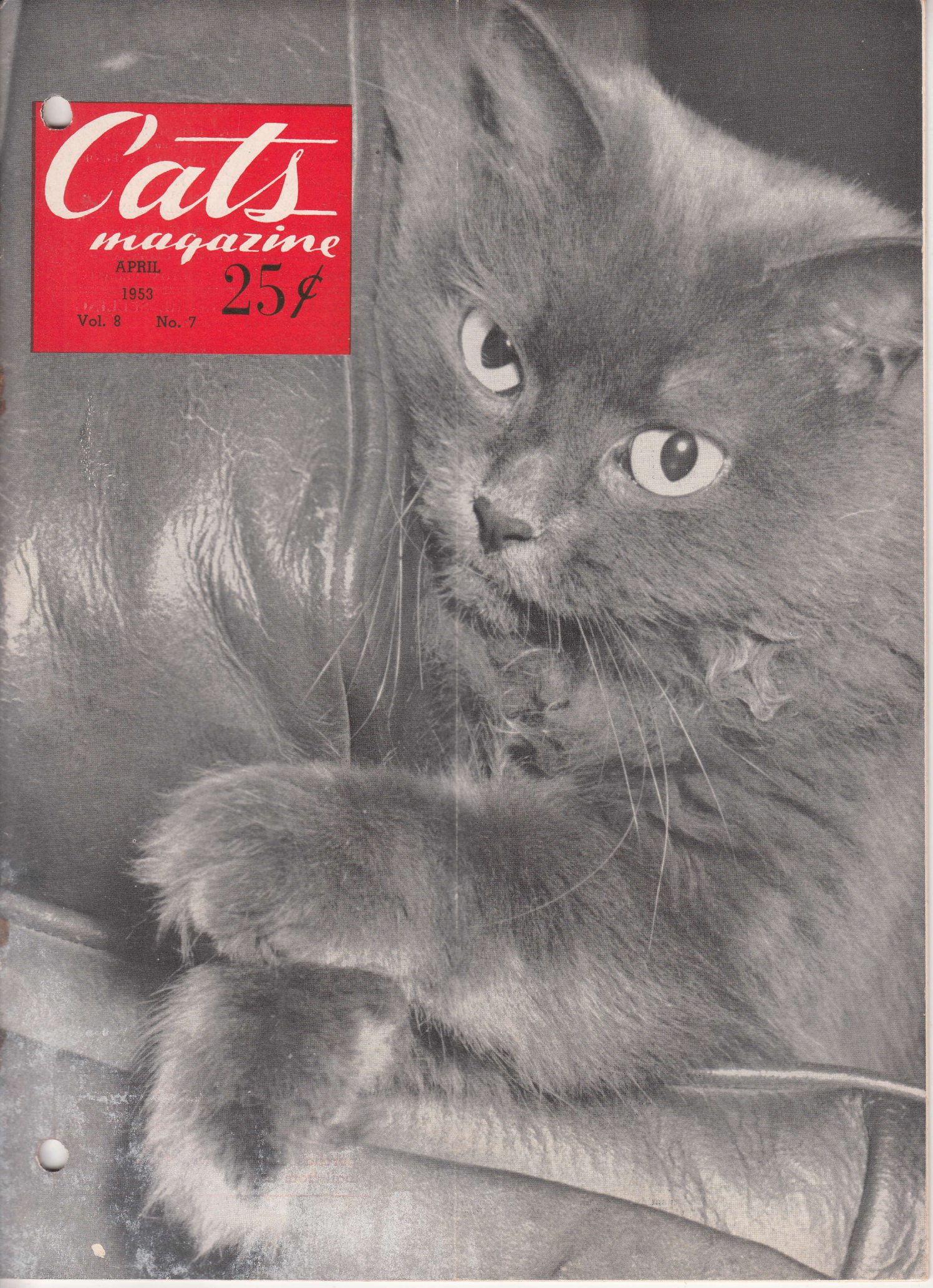
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The Readers Always Write

CONSIDERS JEOFFRY O.K.!

Dear Editors:

Thanks a million for "I Will Consider My Cat Jeffry".

I shall have it framed and hung upon my living-room wall, and woe betide any ailurophobe who mocks it.

Christopher Smart may have been confined to Bedlam, but that is one more proof that many of those behind bars do not belong there, and vice versa!

Very sincerely,
Carolyn Green
(Mrs. Lloyd Green)

Merry All
New Milford, Conn.

MORE ON SHIPPING

Dear Editors:

Perhaps my recent experience in shipping will help add weight to this problem of shipping cats, when direct air service is not available.

My new boy, a beautiful Chinchilla Persian, left St. Louis at 1:30 in the afternoon with the Railway Express's promise to the shipper that he would transfer at 4:30 in Kansas City, and make it to Denver by 7:30 the next morning.

At 7:30, there was no sign of the cat, and we waited until noon. Finally, after train after train came in and we were simply told there was no cat, he arrived at 12:30 A.M., 17 hours late. He had caught cold on the way.

It seemed that all of those trains had come in without a "messenger", to attend to livestock, and he had to wait for a train with a messenger. But the negligent attitude and inefficiency in this case, which is not an isolated one, were exasperating, to say the least! Never once were we told the simple reason why our kitty did not arrive. No one we frantically called, all the way up the line, seemed to care what might have become of a poor lost kitty who was without food, because he had been sent for an overnight trip. In this case, the shipper had been promised that there would be no delay in transfer, and that kitty would arrive safely and on time.

Many of us would not ship our high-strung, sensitive cats if they were to be on a train very long, but they take them and promise shipment as directed, and then the poor cat "disappears" en route until they find it convenient to send him on.

Like Violet Mowry, I, too, did not sleep that night worrying about my kitty, and got out of a sick bed to try frantically to locate him.

I do so hope something can be done to force proper handling of live shipments by the railroads.

Sincerely,
Gerrie Brown
(Mrs. Chester R. Brown)

700 So. Vine
Denver, Colo.

LOVED CATS

Dear Editors:

I cannot begin to tell you what a great thrill the receipt of CATS Magazine was to me. I took it as a good omen, for I am very superstitious.

It brought the good old days back to me when I used to get my copies regularly. I have been an inmate of this hospital for almost three years. That is a long time for a person who has had just about everything that makes life worth living taken away from her by a cruel landlord. Deprived of my liberty, kidnapped from my apartment, all my furnishings thrown to the four winds, declared a mental case because I love cats and took in strays and bred them. A dispossession served on me — just after coming to the hospital.

I have tried to get a lawyer but I understand that no lawyer will take a case from a mental hospital.

I am able to buy what I want. So please accept my renewal subscription, which I have instructed the cashier of this hospital to send to you. With best wishes for the continued success of your fine magazine.

Olga A. Jaworska

Rockland State Hospital,
Orangeburg, New York

HELP WANTED

Dear Editors:

Need I say I was pleasantly surprised to see my letter to you concerning stray cats published in your February edition. Let me just say thanks. We have truly gone a long way from what was often the most pitiful of all animals, our beloved cat, but there is still plenty to do.

Don't let anyone fool you that we have cleaned up the situation because we haven't. What we need most today are workers. Workers to canvass the streets. Patient, tireless workers to go out on the highways and byways and gather up these homeless and starving creatures. Ringing doorbells, as it were. So there is much, much still to be done and it is my hope that those of us who see eye to eye on the homeless cat situation will eventually band together to figure out some means of getting the situation under control.

At this point I would like to say I received some very nice letters from readers whose feelings on this subject were mutual and an especially nice letter from Mr. Truman T. Pierson, of 5747 Nicollet, Minneapolis 19, Minn., founder and president of Allied Cat Lovers International, Inc.

Sincerely,
Sophie D. Anderson
Beaver Dams, N. Y.

A.M., JR., COMING UP

Dear Editors:

I just had to write and tell you how very pleased I am with your excellent work. I must say that this is the only



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COVER

J. R. Spies of Arlington, Va. owns this month's cover girl, and is her photographer as well. Dr. Spies has several photographic accomplishments to his credit, and took a number of prizes in the recent nation-wide newspaper contest for his cat photos.

magazine I haven't wasted money on subscribing to, and you are always prompt every month. I also love the Cat-O-Graphs very much. Probably because I have a cat of my own who also has some daily antics of his own. He's the "go-out-and-get-your-gal" type. (I regret and so does he.)

Anyway, though I'm only twelve years old, I'm not going to miss a page of your enlightening magazine. Oh, just in case you're worried, I'm not the assistant editor. Although we both have the same name, and I wish I were, I'm not. By the way, I thought you might like to see the way I sign my name (Anne Curtis Metcalf) here.

32 Woodland Rd.
Milton 87, Mass.

Anne
Curtis
Metcalf

P. S. I'm sending the \$3.00 for this year's subscription right away.

AN APPRECIATION

Dear Editors:

Would you be kind enough to print a note of thanks from the Federated Group Inc. to all the fine folks who have sent in contributions in answer to the article in the last issue of your wonderful magazine? With the checks, come personal letters with heart warming love for cats, expressed in no uncertain terms. Federated Group Inc. "Better Legislation for Animals" appreciate the generous checks and deep interest in Cats and their welfare. Cat lovers should write the Governor of Illinois and the Governor of California as both states have this Anti Cat Bill up for consideration of the Law Makers. Write Now.

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THE STRANGE COURTSHIP OF MAD MYRTLE

By June Trevor

When the vet was called in to see our cat Myrtle, he said he was sorry, but he could do nothing for her. He agreed it was highly unnatural for a cat to be afraid of mice, but short of having Myrtle psycho-analyzed, which was a long and expensive procedure, there was no cure. Possibly she had been chased by a mouse when she was a kitten.

Father urged the vet to try and think of *something* to help poor Myrtle, for as he pointed out, she was such a good-natured and affectionate cat, and it did seem a pity that the neighbours were beginning to call her "Mad Myrtle". Besides, she wasn't mad, only a little, well, eccentric, and she had such a beautiful character.

The vet didn't seem very interested in Myrtle's character; he said Father could have a second opinion if he liked, but in his view these irrational fears were best left alone. Possibly she might grow out of it in time; she should be encouraged to get out and about and mix with normal cats. The love of a good Tom might help her forget her troubles.

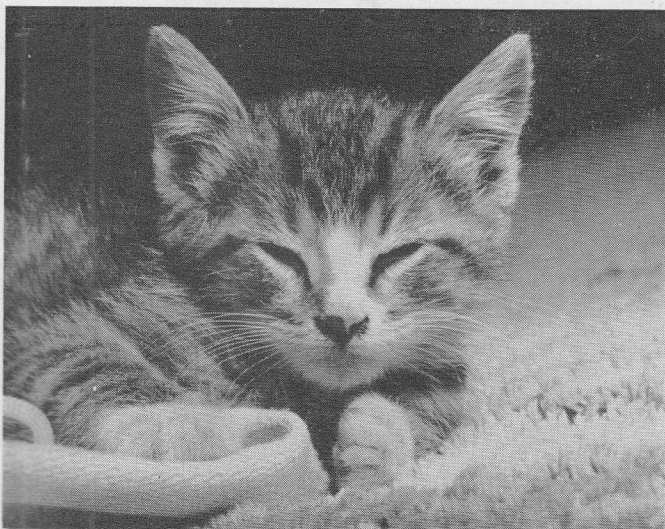
When the vet had gone, Mother and Father had a conference, and the upshot of it was that they decided a husband must be found for Myrtle, as that appeared to be the only chance of a cure. Unfortunately, Myrtle, though a very nice cat, was not attractive in the more usual sense of the term. Her face was moon-life, and the expression in her eyes so remote as to be almost vacant. Moreover she was by no means as particular about her personal appearance as she might have been. It was quite an event to see her washing herself. So Father and Mother decided she must be taken in hand and glamorized.

At this point Myrtle, who had been listening in her usual docile way, interrupted to say that she did not want to be made glamorous. She was quite happy as she was, thank you, and as Father well knew, she had never been one to stay out at night and entertain gentlemen friends on the roof, like that vulgar creature next door. Furthermore, she felt it beneath her dignity to prink herself up for the benefit of shallow-pated Toms who did not recognize honest worth and sterling character when they saw it.

There was an uncomfortable silence after this unusually long speech from Myrtle, then Father finally managed to point out that he was only doing it for her own good. Hadn't he always been kind to her, even though he had rather anticipated that he would be able to throw away his mousetraps when she came, instead of having to set them every night and clear them before she got up in the morning? And who was it, he would like to know, who had come downstairs to soothe her and give her a saucer of milk that night the white mouse

Myrtle wasn't mad. Father pointed out, only a little eccentric, and she had such a beautiful character.

Photo by
Bill Crane



belonging to the boy next door got in?

Myrtle, who had been looking acutely conscious of her position while Father was speaking, said tonelessly, all right, she would try, but would Father please be very careful not to pull her fur when he was brushing her.

Well, by the time Mother and Father had finished making Myrtle beautiful, you could hardly recognize her. Her coat glistened, and the white patch on her neck was easily distinguishable. Even Myrtle agreed that she did look a lot better, though she point-blank refused to have any brillianine on her coat.

Father very kindly told her that he did not expect her to get out and about that very night; she could go to bed early and have a good sleep, to look her best the next day. And Myrtle, who, to do her justice, was a very conscientious cat, got up early and went out immediately after breakfast.

We didn't see anything of her all that day, not even at meal-times. However, when she returned that night, and Mother set a delicious little supper before her, she only toyed with it absently, in spite of the fact that she had admitted she had had no food all day. Mother thought this was a good sign, especially as Father said he thought he could see a kind of contented look at the back of Myrtle's normally rather apathetic eyes. We refrained from questioning her though, as nothing is more irritating than to be asked about a love affair which has scarcely begun. Nevertheless, when she rather diffidently began washing herself, we took this as an indication that she had someone to look beautiful for, and we retired to bed early, so that she could do her toilet in peace.

Myrtle must have been up almost all night doing her fur, because when we came down to breakfast the next morning we saw that she had it all arranged in tight little curls. It looked most peculiar, and yet poor Myrtle seemed to be inordinately proud of it. In vain Father pointed out to her that cats didn't wear curls; she merely looked at him with her large child-like eyes and said dreamily her friend liked curls. Father coughed, and said carefully, that was very

nice, but what would the neighbours say? Myrtle replied that she never had cared for the opinion of the masses.

At this moment Mother came in and whispered to Father that he needn't worry, the wireless said it was going to rain, so Myrtle wouldn't keep her curls in for long. A few minutes later, Myrtle, having patted her curls into position, went out with a purposeful step.

The rain came, and when Myrtle, tired but apparently happy, returned that evening, she looked a sorry sight. Her coat looked rather like an old sheep-skin rug, and she began re-setting it immediately she got in. Mother, who has a very kind heart, helped her with it, and elicited the fact that Myrtle's friend thought her curls were ever so cute, and he was ever such a nice gentleman.

And when later that night Myrtle actually caught a mouse instead of rousing the whole household with her cries of terror, we began to think that the gentleman friend was a good thing and should be encouraged by all means. Father was so pleased with Myrtle when she showed him the mouse that he asked her if there was any little thing she fancied for herself—ribbon for her neck, or possibly a little collar?

Myrtle, her moon-like face quite animated, said she would like to have her fur permed, as it was such a nuisance having to set it every night, and her friend liked to see her looking nice.

I don't think Father would have agreed to this, if it hadn't been for Mother's persuasion. She argued, quite rightly, that a cat with curls was less crazy than a cat that ran away from mice.

So in the end Father gave in, and Mother took Myrtle to the hairdresser's. I'm afraid she chose the very cheapest form of permanent and it came out very frizzy, but when Mother protested, the hairdresser said she had had no previous experience of perming cat's fur, and she had done her best. Myrtle was delighted — especially with her whiskers, which the hairdresser had set close up to her cheeks. And, mind you, she let the girl put a touch of brillianine on her coat when she had finished.

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FEW LINES 'BOUT FELINES

KITTEN IN A TREE

By Esther W. Buxton

In terror, yowling piteously,
She grips the branch of a tall tree.
Come down? not she!

The vicious beast that chased her there
Is watching her with baleful stare --
Who knows how near?

The more insistent are our calls,
The more she visions fatal falls;
Upward she crawls.

Spitting at rescuing hands that try
To seize her scruff, she gracelessly
Scuttles on high.

With claws unclutched, but battling yet,
Upon the ground, with fume and fret,
Down she is set.

She sneezes, starts to lick her fur,
Laps milk--her tribulations blur
In one vast purr.

O kitten, kitten in the tree,
How great the similarity
Twixt you and me!

Love all God's creatures, the whole
earth and every grain of sand in it.
Love every leaf, every ray of God's
light. Love the animals, love the plants,
love everything.

Fedor Dostoyevsky
from THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV

LYCIDAS FOR A LOST CAT

By Jean Starkel Shirley

Jerry is gone.

*He won't annoy us any more.
He won't come climbing on our door.
He won't try to take the best red chair
The moment our daddy starts to sit there.
He won't smooth our shoes or chew
laces now,
Or yowl a "Let-me-out!" meow.
We know he never would wander away,
He was far too faithful ever to stray --
If only he'd hop to our window and call,
We wouldn't feel annoyed at all.
Jerry is gone.*

WHITE KITTEN-CITY STREET

By Violet Alleyn Storey

*Ah, well enough for common alley
cat
To live by lick - explore each refuse
pail -
But I am sure your sire was pedigree
You had from him your almost
Persian tail . . .
Yes; small harm done for kitten,
wholly black
Or tiger-striped, to roam these streets
by night,
But you should have a cushion,
sapphire-blue,
On which to purr, cream-sated,
sugar-white.*

Collected by ANNE METCALF CAT AND THE CROCUSES

By Eva Martin

*In the crocus-bed I saw her;
Like a queen enthroned she sat.
Yellow crocuses shone around her --
Royal, sun-illuminated cat:*

*Orange eyes intensely lighted
By a vivid golden flame:
Fire of spring that burnt within her,
And in every flower the same.*

*World-surveying, world-contented,
Seated in her crocus-ring:
Cat and crocuses together
Basking in the fires of spring.*

Contributed by Guy Bogart

CAT HEAVEN

By Lucile Coleman

Feed me a large slice of salmon
And fill me a saucer of cream,
Let me sleep my fill
In a silken dream.

Give me a post for my scratching,
And catnip for tonic; a ball
To chase around
From wall to wall.

In winter I'll curl by the fire
And purr you a song of content,
But in spring I'll go
Where my heart is bent.



CAT THOUGHT

By
Ernestine
Hale
Bellamy

I sit here
Sphinx-like,
And my expression is
One of great worldliness.

They feed me meat
And savory fish,
And pour warm milk
When I mew at my dish.

Older than men,
Silent and sage,
The mysteries of
An Egyptian age
Are in my blood.
(Or so they say.)

And though I wear
An inscrutable mien,
They stroke my fur
And watch me preen.
These things I know
(And only these):

That life is good
And I live as I please.
So I sit here
Sphinx-like
And my expression is
One of great deception!

FREEDOM'S CHILD

By Avery Giles

*No man-made law affects the or-
dained course
Of his existence; he'll not yield to
force*

*Or bow his head to centralized con-
trol;
Like Henley, he's the captain of his
soul;*

*He comes and goes as he alone sees
fit;*

*What other do disturbs him not
one whit:*

*He feels, like that first Tom, Free-
dom's high priest,*

*That government is best that
governs least;*

*A truly Jeffersonian Democrat
Is he whom mere men call the family
cat.*

PRACTICAT

By Dick Hayman

*The cat is a wonderful heating pad,
On my lap she gets warmer and warmer;
All winter and spring I find that she
serves
As a natural sunshine transformer.*

Sometimes, seated before you, he
looks at you with eyes of such depth,
such mellowness, so tender and so
human, that one is almost frightened,
for it is impossible to suppose that
thought is absent from them.

Theophile Gautier, "La Menagerie intime."

SIAMESE

By Jerry Rose

Our cat has gone into a dark place,
She has been there the whole long day.
She'll return from the dark depths with
kittens,
Living symbols of nature's way.

Our cat, like Madame at the opera,
Wears always her long dark gloves.
Siamese have their own special grandeur
And must mate with their own special
loves.

When they stray from the path of
royalty,
To mate with what ere they may sight,
They are branded at once with the stigma
For the kittens may be black as night!

Our cat has come out of hiding,
We've all gone to take a look.
She's as tenderly proud as an Empress,
And a sight for a picture book.

Our cat has been true to her lineage
Though we left not her virtue to
Like four tiny white mice are
offspring,
Proof to all that she met her true mate!

PICTURES FROM OUR READERS



"Tony", owned by G. Evelyn Metcalfe of Sacramento, California, was only five weeks old when this lovely picture was taken by his photographer-mistress.

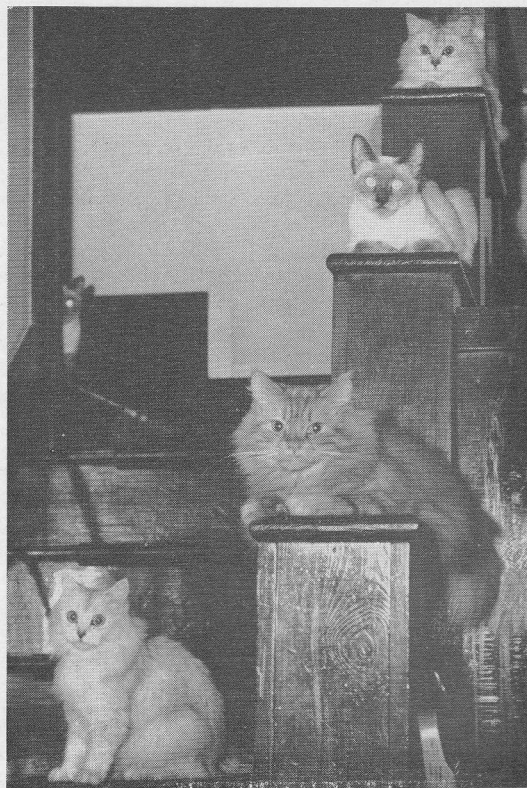


Quiz Kid Janet Ahern is a Kit Whiz, too. That's her baby "Meowder-Puff" posing with her.

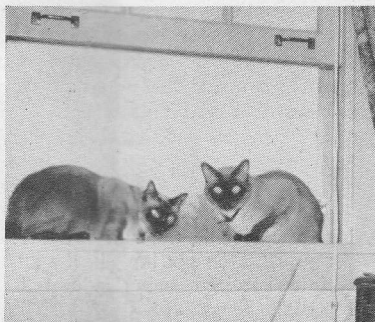
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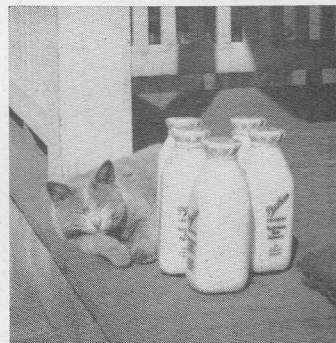
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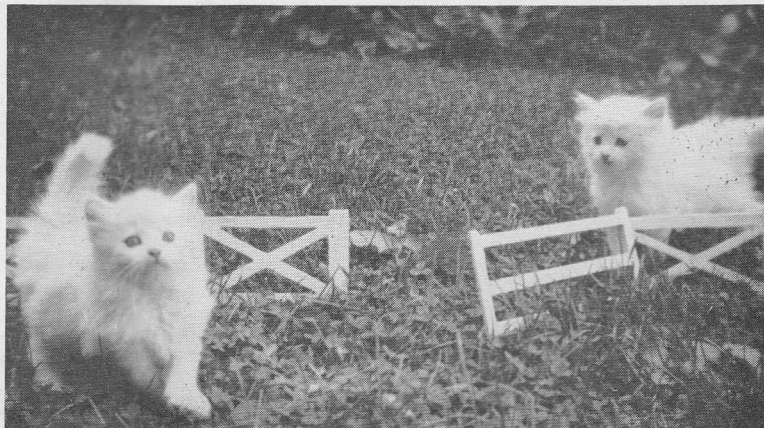
It's mealtime at the Cable's Cattery in Blawnox, Pa. This spontaneous shot was taken by Mr. Cable as the kits lined up like a well-mannered family waiting for the dinner bell.



Mrs. E. H. Heckett's Siamese of Valencia, Pa. never get outdoors, but they love to sun themselves in an open window. At right, Timothy guards a few coming "quick ones" on the door step of his mistress, Gladys Dillon, Covington, Va.



Leah Feland who was Queen at this year's Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, Calif., is a cat lover as well. FANCY and Leah's mother are both with her in this Los Angeles Times Photo.



"Coming to Call" is the title of this charming and well-conceived photo by Ernestine Bellamy of Bristol, N. H.

MY WONDERFUL START AS A BREEDER

By Dora Nash

It was my husband who set the seal on a hobby that has become all absorbing and wholly delightful, when he took us all to our first cat show. Now I have become a breeder of pedigree kittens - and I had no idea it was happening to me! Certainly there was no 'malice aforethought' where I was concerned. The hobby took hold of me before I had realized it and dragged me relentlessly on to that fatal point where one dreams of breeding and possessing a 'champion'.

We had always had a cat in our home before we went to our first show - but of the 'alley' type, and it so happened that we had never before seen the aristocratic, top-drawer kind. We were enchanted, amazed and definitely awed. When my husband asked us if we would like one of the exquisite Persian kittens that were on sale, we did not say no, needless to say. The children were quite wild with delight, and against all my better judgement I let my husband lose his heart to a little female kitten. So we came home with our fluffy baby and felt she gave us a decided lift in the social scale!

Inevitably the question of kittens arose as our pet began to grow up and I was as keen as the next person to experience the joy of a basket full of such adorable mischief. So I made a few tentative enquiries and found a new friend, a breeder of great experience as well as a well-known judge. How lucky I was I fully realize, for she helped me in every way she could and we made our plans together for the proper mating of our little queen. And we were fortunate! She went by all the rules and played the game with us. In due course six perfectly matched babies arrived - and the entire household reoriented itself around the box that contained her kittens.

When my expert friend came in to view the litter, she pronounced them 'very nice indeed', and spent the afternoon teaching me what points to look out for in picking the best specimens - smallness of ears and width between them, squareness of jaw, 'pugginess' of nose, evenness of coat color, general build: all things I should never have known myself. She ended up by telling me I ought to show them and picking out one little treasure said: "She's the best - she ought to do well."

After that, well who could hesitate-I certainly couldn't. I sent for entry forms for the very next show and started to build castles in the air.

Anyway - I told myself - I wanted to sell the kittens and the best place for that was bound to be the cat show where the animals are shown to their very

best advantage. So, although I knew nothing about the game, I began to prepare enthusiastically for the great event.

I was, of course, tremendously lucky in having my hand held by somebody who knew all the tricks of the trade, for how else should I have known all the details of the very special grooming that is the secret of showing ones cats successfully.

When the day of the show came at last I suddenly got nervous. Who was I to barge in and compete with the expert? Besides, I only knew one person connected with this 'cat business'. I began to feel very lonely and definitely scared of doing or saying the wrong thing and showing my abysmal ignorance. I had left home with the optimistic enthusiasm of my husband and the children ringing in my ears, but the nearer we got to our destination, the more depressed I became. Perhaps it was partly due to the early hour at which I had had to rush out of the house, and partly to the fact that the four kittens I had chosen for exhibition had not yet had their breakfast - on expert advice.

Arrived at the hall I tagged on to a long queue of basket-carrying folk who were filing slowly passed the Veterinarian's table in the entrance. All around in varying keys and intensity of pitch, sounded the indignant or plaintive mews of captive cats. One by one they were taken out of their carriers and examined most carefully before being passed into the hall, there to be penned for the rest of the day.

Once inside the hall I hurried to find my pen, then got busy in the all-too-short time between being admitted and the commencement of judging.

First I pinned a blanket on the floor of my pen, then put in a small new shiny tin filled with bird sand for the babies' toilet. Then I took each kitten out of the carrying basket, regroomed it and put it safely behind bars! Breakfast was the next item on the agenda. The little ones were ravenous and their one thought was to try and get a bit more than any of the others!

In the breathing space that followed I glanced for the first time at the animals on either side of me. They were lovely—but then so were mine. One of the owners gave me a friendly smile and began to talk. How I blessed her. My spirits rose and we compared notes—or rather kittens. I went off to have a look at other kittens of my type — Cream Persians—and made some more acquaintances. How friendly everybody seemed. I had not expected it and I was delighted.

The public began to come in very soon and I set myself with a will to the task of tempting others to buy a kitten as we

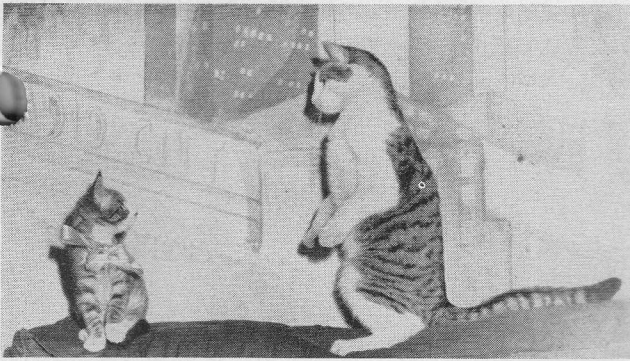
ourselves had been tempted a year ago. A little crowd gathered round my pen—a crowd that was constantly reformed during the whole of that first, exciting day. I fixed up a ping-pong ball on an elastic to the top bars of the pen, and my kittens boxed and leaped at it in a way that left all other methods of salesmanship stone cold.

I almost forgot that judging was going on all this time, so wrapped up was I in the business of answering numerous questions about my kittens and in taking names and addresses. And then, suddenly, to my amazement, a white-coated steward came round and slipped between the pen bars a silver card that said "Second Prize"! I could hardly believe my eyes, for this was for the litter. Quite soon after that another was added—this time a 'second' for one of the male kittens. And then, to cap my wonder and delight, came a golden card with the magic words "First Prize" printed on it. My little 'best of the bunch' had done it for me! My cup was full. Other breeders—dear, friendly souls—came and congratulated me. I fairly swelled with pride. Somebody came and asked me the price of my wee "first". That was where I hesitated—and that was where I was finally lost! Like a flash I saw myself going on showing her, making her into a champion, breeding wonderful stock from her. Exhausted though I was by the long day's standing, excitement and anxiety, I had enjoyed every minute of it and I wanted to experience it all over again. Besides, by then I had laid the foundation of several new friendships. I refused to sell! Later, the same lady who had wanted my beautiful kitten came back with a most tempting offer. But I was firm. I had quite made up my mind. I was in the game now—and I wanted to go on with it.

I bore my little treasure triumphantly home with me to a delighted household.

Beginners luck? Perhaps, but what tremendous worth-while fun it all was, since I was already the richer by several new friendships, and had had my first real insight into the warm-hearted, friendly and immensely keen society of cat fanciers. For believe me, the magnificent animals who achieve championship standards today are the result of a very intensive knowledge, not to mention hard work and expense.

So I have definitely joined the ranks and we look forward now to two litters in the spring—mother's and daughter's. No doubt there will be other 'specials' as she—our first—was. To keep or not to keep—that will indeed be the question, and a very hard one to answer. A sense of proportion is terribly apt to disappear in the face of such enchanting a lovable temptation. But if you decide to become a breeder of pedigree kittens you must expect heart pangs! I do.



Bobby and Algy pictured before a Radio City backdrop. Bobby poses again on page 17.

Avery Willard Photos

BOBBY--A STAGE PHOTOGRAPHER'S CAT

By Avery Willard

Bobby was given to me on October 31 some six years ago, a real Halloween kit. My friend, the film actor, Berry Kroeger, arrived at my studio with a little gray and white waif of a kitten under his arm, and Bobby, who was named after a radio actor friend of Berry's, completely captivated the hearts of the guests who were attending my Halloween party.

A few days later I discovered that he was a real "ham" when he tried to climb upon the posing bench to be photographed with my subject that day. I remember that he was much too small to reach the bench by himself and had to be helped up. From that day on Bobby has been posing with the various celebrities who come to me to be photographed. Now when my sitter arrives it is generally Bobby who is the first one to get in front of my camera, arranging himself in fetching poses.

One of Bobby's closest friends is Marie Powers, the opera singer who created a lot of attention in the stage and film opera, "The Medium". Marie and Bobby made friends when she came to be photographed for publicity pictures for the opera "The Old Maid And The Thief". Later one of the photographers of Marie and Bobby appeared on the cover of the Musical Courier Magazine. Now Bobby receives letters and gifts from Marie who is in Paris appearing with the Paris Opera.

Another friend of Bobby's is the actress Butterfly McQueen, whom many will remember as the lovable maid in the "Gone With The Wind" movie. Butterfly telephones Bobby to tell him what her cat, Mrs. Kitty, is doing.

Bobby was so fascinated with Margaret Dale and Brian Shaw, dancers with the Sadlers Wells' Ballet Company of London, that he immediately got into the picture when I photographed them as "Puss 'n Boots and the White Cat" from the "Sleeping Beauty" Ballet.

Bobby made friends with the members of the famed D'Oyly Carte Opera Company of London during their engagement here in New York, and was a happy host when they came for afternoon tea. He was always a busy cat

going from one guest to another.

Rose Murphy, the singer, who suffers from ailurophobia, was frightened to the point of losing her famous voice (momentarily that is) at Bobby's attempt to be friendly. Bobby was put in another room when Rose came to be photographed, but he managed to get the door open and made a bee-line to get in front of the camera to be photographed too. Rose leaped to the sofa with Bobby right behind her, and I had to remove him to the other room before I could coax her to come down and finish the sitting.

While I was photographing Rayburn and Finch, popular radio disc-jockies, Bobby jumped upon the table and sat down in front of their microphone to be photographed. The result is that he became the "catty" disc-jockey and appears in one of their publicity pictures.

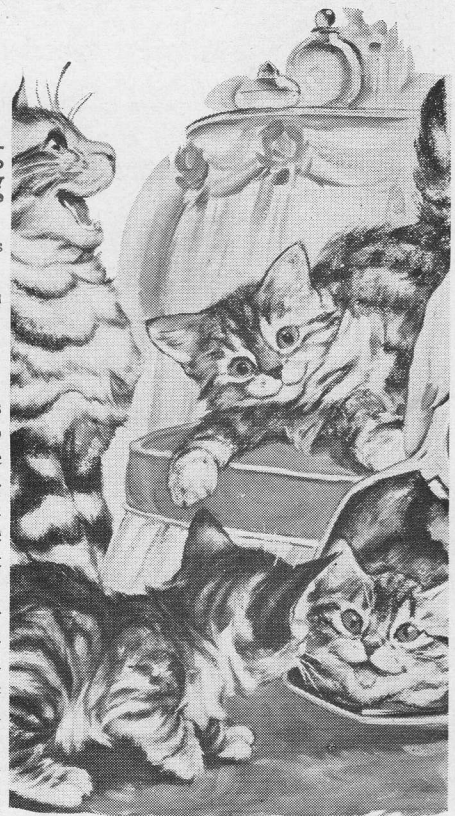
Bobby was especially fond of Leo Coleman (who played Toby in "The Medium") and laid in his arms all though the sitting.

Bobby is a great individualist and one of the friendliest cats I have ever known. When the doorbell rings he goes to the door, and I'm sure that he would answer the telephone if only he could lift the receiver! He sees callers to the door and usually ventures out into the hall on an inspection tour which is a great treat of the day for him. He never goes outside and is quite content with the company of humans; having had very little contact with other cats, he is much like a "person" and even has his own way of communicating with people.

Algy, the cat of Blanche Collins, actress, did arrive one day in a basket for a visit with Bobby. Since this was his first encounter with another cat he didn't know what to think of it and was really frightened. Algy was an aggressive cat however, and chased Bobby around the room until finally they became friendly enough to pose for photographs together.

Life with Bobby does not always run smoothly. There was the day he fell in the bathtub while I was running water for my bath. It took him only a

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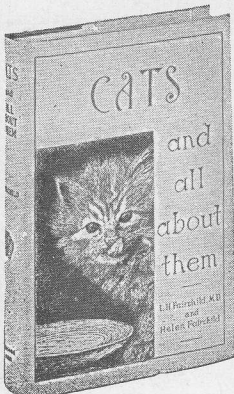
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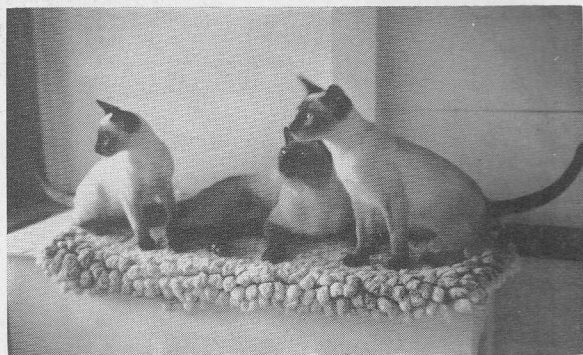


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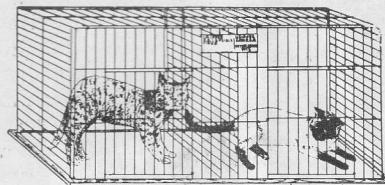
"Kitten Sniffin'" is the title this month's winner gives to the timely spring photo which wins for her the \$25.00 Bond Picture of the Month prize for April.

Mary J. Brennan is, "of all things!" she writes, professor of Greek and Latin at Marywood College for girls in Scranton, Pa. The kitten in the picture is the pet of one of her students, Mary Mullahey, Sunset Street in Scranton.

Miss Brennan says that she takes equal pleasure in photographing the real aristocrats of the species as well as the strays, and that the youngsters in the neighborhood bring her any homeless waifs they find. All get a couple of good meals, get fixed up prettily, have their pictures taken, and then have always found good homes.

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OUR UNCLE GREGORY

By Dorothy Kaucher

Uncle Gregory is a tom cat—and old. There is no reason for calling him Uncle Gregory except that he looks like a gentlemanly, rejected relative who teeters precariously among distant cousins for bed and board. He must have known better days and possibly has been loved. Now he has no home. But his resigned, passive stare says, "I have learned to take what comes my way. If it should be food, thanks. I know I don't belong anymore, but I shed no tears."

Stolidly he sits in the evening by the back hillside door, daring to smell the meat destined for the lucky family cats that belong. Yet one step in his direction and poof! his gliding shadow is one with the darkening bushes below.

My sister left a piece of liver one night on a bright blue outdoor table below the house. Next morning it was gone. The following night Uncle Gregory was humped doggedly on this table, wondering if there might be a God of cats. But when nothing else appeared, he creaked over the fence, his battered ears outlined darkly in the sunset.

In the night he returned to the table and cried as only a very hungry old relic can cry. Then, as if disgusted that he had stooped to let mere human beings hear the agonies of his inmost soul and his rattling stomach, he silently vanished.

"We can't encourage that old boy. Our cats won't dare leave the house. And they need fresh air!"

Thus spake we human beings who control the fates of cats.

The family cats are a purebred, golden princess named Matilda, descended from one of the prize cats of England, and a brown tabby Persian, Charley, rescued from the gutter in terror at six months, and now smugly, almost arrogantly dwelling in the aromas of our kitchen security.

One night, as I transported the honorable Charley to the studio where he was safely screened from the violence of the lower classes, I saw a dark furry mass slither across the room as I opened the door, and then, like one bewitched, disappear into cool, thin nothingness. The round, tin cover of the ceiling vent had crashed to the floor. Charley's dishes were empty. Uncle Gregory was gone.

My sister and I climbed to the roof, stuffed rags into the vent, and stacked a chair and pillows against the tin cover to hold it solidly to the ceiling. All the time we wondered how Uncle Gregory had propelled himself through that vent.

"He'd kill Charley, once he got back in here!" I said ominously.

"I doubt it," my sister said, ramming more rags into the vent. "He's just trying to keep alive the only way he knows with that one cell brain. He can't help it that he doesn't have a human head."

Later I heard one rheumatic croak pad softly past my windows. Uncle Gregory was on his way to the bright blue table. He was determined to test once

more whether or not there was a God of cats. He found nothing and rattled his throat like a confirmed atheist, not angrily, just quietly settled in his cat convictions by this time.

It was then I decided we must save his soul this side of Caternity. But it was now too dark and cold to carry cat food to the blue table. His soul must wait until morning.

In the night, or rather early morning, came a plunk, plunk on the roof of the house, then a clunk, pffut, clunk, pffut, over the shingles to the big chimney, then a clawing and scratching, a huffing and heaving.

"Did you know Uncle Gregory tried to get down the big chimney?" my sister asked next morning. "It was just before the garbage man kicked over the can at 3 a.m."

"You mean he might have come plummeting right down that chimney in the dead of night into my room?" I asked clamantly.

"Uncle Gregory, yes, but not the garbage man. The only thing that stopped him was the metal ventilators in the top of the chimney. I think he's decided to adopt us."

Right then and there I went to the icebox and emptied a can of cat food into a paper plate in the best picnic tradition. I poured out real cream into a can that the family cat patricians never used. And purring like the God of cats, I went to the bright blue table. No tongue touched this offering in daylight. But by next sunrise the food was gone, the paper plate, clean as a whistle, pushed neatly if wearily to one side. There was no gushing note of thanks.

Every night since then I have changed from a human being into the God of Aging Cats at 8:00 p.m., and gone forth to the bright blue table with my can and plate. Why? Just to restore Uncle Gregory's faith and his stomach before it is too late.

Tonight he sits on the stoop outside my hillside door. He looks up as I speak to him. In his eyes is still that steady, resigned, appraising, almost gentlemanly look. But there is something in the way he leans all of himself into the bricks this time that says:

"I've come to stay. I'm not hiding in the bushes any more. And don't forget. I never say thank you just to bolster up your human ego. But what's come my way looks good."

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ALL-SECTIONALS TO START IN MAY

One of the major services of CATS Magazine to all cat lovers, and especially to Breeders and Exhibitors is the selection through carefully tested mathematical methods of the finest show cats of each breed, color, and sex in the United States and Canada. Next month our All-Eastern selections will be published; following that will be the other All-Sectionals; and in September the finals—the highest scorers in each section—will be named All-American.

We'd like to announce that effective with this season's selections we are naming four A-S and A-A Kittens: Best Longhair Male, Best Longhair Female, Best Shorthair Male, and Best Shorthair Female. Many of our readers have suggested these selections thinking it would be interesting to follow the show performances of these prize rookies when they hit the big league competition in the next season. The scoring method will be identical with that for championship class cats, except that the only kits scored in each show will be Best, and Best Opposite Sex Kitten.

Now, for a few questions and answers. (We'll be glad to answer any others that come in next month.)

Why did you publish the method of scoring? Wouldn't it have been more interesting for the contestants to have been kept in suspense?

This is a good point. However, it seems to us that contestants in any contest should know what the rules are if the game is to be really interesting. Since few, if any, exhibitors have access to every show catalog, and since the amount of work involved in checking every cat's score in every show is almost unbelievable, we anticipate no competition in figuring the winners, and believe that the element of suspense will still remain, until the announcements are made in CATS Magazine.

How can you be sure that the results you will print are correct. Aren't the show catalogs sometimes marked incorrectly?

Yes, in no walk of life has anyone yet found a way to completely eliminate the errors to which all of us humans are prone. But we do guard against them as much as possible by checking and double checking our own computations and by requesting confirmation from Show Secretaries for any information which is incomplete. However, to prevent the confusion and uncertainty which would otherwise result, our firm policy must be that once our announcement of a winner has been made, it cannot be changed. It is therefore especially important that the marked catalogs sent us be correct and complete in every detail.

THE TRUE STORY OF A LOYAL CAT

By M. C. Tonderum

Andrew Olson's place was aptly named Dryhill. His bit of real estate contained about one acre, and his two room cottage was situated on the fairly level top of a steep hill. If rain was abundant Andrew raised good vegetables for the market, but in a dry summer he could not raise enough to support himself. Crop or no crop, to add to his uncertain income, he hired out as a day laborer on a farm down in the valley, where farms were of fair size.

One fine June morning he was hoeing his potatoes that were florescent after a good rain the night before. He heard a piteous mewing, and saw at his feet a little ball of fur. Andrew picked it up and carried it into the house, and put a saucer of milk before the little creature. The kitten hungrily lapped it up to the last drop, and was immediately at home. After that Andrew tended to him and supplied his wants.

In about a year the little bedraggled thing was transformed into a fine cat, with a sleek velvet soft fur. Like Joseph of old he had a coat of many colors. He was chocolate colored with gray stripes. His chest and paws were white, and his gray ringed tail had a white tip.

When Andrew was working down at the farm the cat stayed near the house, or made excursions in the area surrounding the house, and woe to the rats and mice that dared show themselves! At the coming of twilight he sat down on the doorstep. When Andrew's bent figure turned off from the highway and laboriously began ascending the steep path, the cat with a few graceful leaps was at his side. Then with tail erect he rubbed Andrew's worn overalls legs, his whiskers trembling with impatience, while he watched the right pocket of Andrew's jacket, where he smelled something good. When they arrived at the house the cat got his reward for being good company. It was usually a piece of pork sausage, or a bit of dried fish that Andrew had saved for him.

When winter's icy fingers probed every crack in the walls, and the fire had gone down, puss always jumped up on to Andrew's bed and lay down over his feet, purring like a little millwheel, and he was an excellent footwarmer.

Several years went by. The cat was now twelve years old, a respectable age for a cat. His four front teeth, once glistening like ivory, had become yellow and stumped, and one had fallen out. Andrew was past eighty. He had to give up hiring out and be contented with cutting a little wood, and doing small chores in the house. About Easter he got a bad cold which developed into pneumonia. In a few days it took his life.

During his sickness and death the cat was immovable on the floor near the bed, his head resting on Andrew's old work shoes.

After the funeral Andrew's sister and her husband who inherited the place,

came there to live. They knew of Andrew's love for his cat, and tended him the best they could, placing all kinds of cat delicacies before him. He sniffed at things, but ate practically nothing. Then he disappeared. In about two weeks he came back, worn and thin. He spent most of the daylight hours under a bush near the path Andrew's footsteps had worn during his life. He was looking for him. One night he did not come in. In the morning they found him dead there, his head turned in the direction Andrew had been wont to appear. Why is it said that cats have short memory and no loyalty!

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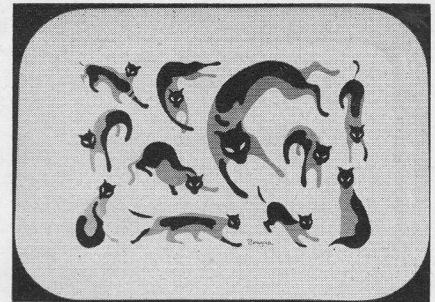
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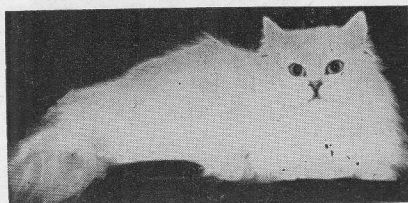
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Cats Club & Show Reporter**CFA Exec's Meet**

At the Executive Board meeting of the
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New York on February 26 in addition
to routine business, the following actions
were taken:

Judges were advanced: Mrs. Mar-
guerite Goforth, Mrs. Frances Kosier-
owski, and Mr. Anthony DeSantis have
now been placed on the "Approved List
of All Breed Judges"; Mrs. L. Darrell
Sample has been approved to judge
"Any Short Hairs"; and Mrs. Lucille
Pelton and Mrs. Walker K. Johnston
are now eligible to judge "Any Specialty"
except Siamese.

The Oregon Cat Club, Mr. Robert P.
Norbeck, Secretary, 540 N.E. 44th St.,
Portland 13, Oregon, was accepted into
membership.

Show Catalogs are to be standardized,
effective immediately, at 6 x 9".

Disqualification will be the future pen-
alty for all cats wrongly entered as
"champions" in any CFA show.

Regional Vice Presidents were all re-
elected in the mail balloting recently
completed.

Show dates for the 1953-54 season al-
ready sanctioned are: Twin City Cat
Fanciers and Minnesota Siamese Cat
Club, Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 10-11;
North Shore Cat Club, Chicago, Octo-
ber 24-25; Greater St. Louis Cat Club,
Nov. 7-8; Cleveland Persian Society,
Nov. 7-8; Cincinnati Cat Club, Nov.
14-15; Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers,
Nov. 14-15; Milwaukee Cat Club, Inc.,
Nov. 21-22; Fort Wayne Cat Club, Nov.
28-29; Cotton States Cat Club and Solid
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Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Rochester,
N. Y., Dec. 5-6; Kentucky Cat Club,
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 12-13; San Diego
Cat Fanciers, Jan. 9-10; Ohio State Per-
sian Club, Inc., Columbus, Jan. 16-17;
California Cat Club, Los Angeles, Jan.
16-17.

New S. C. S. Prexy

The Siamese Cat Society of America
has announced the election of Mr. R. A.
Cable as president. Mrs. Louise Fiedler
remains secretary-treasurer.

Bowen's Su Chi First Tpl. Ch. S. P.

A note from Lois Hynes tells us that
Bowen's Su Chi, SP Siamese owned by
the Su Chi Cattery has just completed
its Triple Championship, the first Triple
Championship earned by any Seal Point.
With Shorthairs earning grand cham-
pionships, double championships and now
triple championships in increasingly large
numbers every year, and with Siamese
being named Best Cat in three All Breed
shows this past season. Shorthairs seem
to be coming fully into their own.

Through a misunderstanding we re-
ported in CATS some months ago that
Mrs. Day had had to give up her cattery
activities due to ill health. We are
pleased to say that this was an error and
that the Days and the Prices are both
carrying on at full speed at Su Chi.

Hynes-Lazenby

Friends of Lois Hynes, Show Manager
of Atlantic last year, will be pleased to
learn of her marriage, January 19th, to
Mr. Henry Bode.

Gr. Ch. Smallhurst's Girl of the Sun

We are sorry to report to the many
exhibitors who knew Mr. and Mrs. J. J.
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ruary 15. "Girl" was sixteen years, ten
months old, and had just completed her
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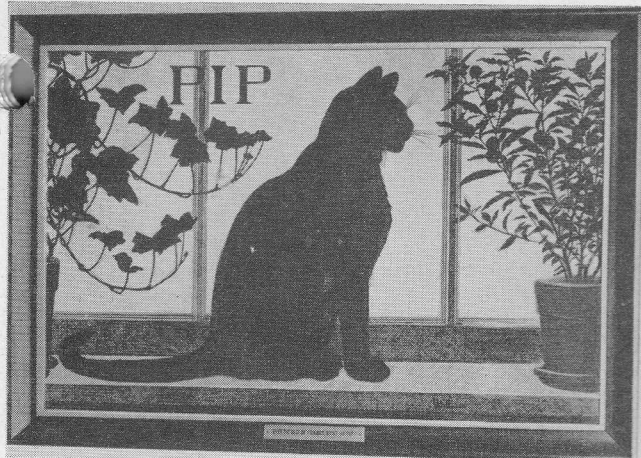
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"Ever the best of friends, aren't us, Pip?"

PIP, THE HOTEL CAT

By Paul V. D. Hoysradt

The Williams Inn at Williamstown,, Massachusetts, still cherishes the memory of "Pip." What one little candle can do for a friendless wayfarer on a dark night seems to have been matched by the part this cat once played as "house greeter" for that popular New England hostelry. Twenty-five or more years ago people who put up there invariably struck up a stroking acquaintance with "Pip".

It did not matter whether one hailed from Afghanistan or had been born and bred in the nearby Berkshire hills, "Pip's" greeting was always the same. He had a way of rubbing against a guest's legs and making that person feel immediately at home.

To Dickens lovers his very name was like pulling a friendly latchstring. They naturally recalled the warm attachment that the young hero of "Great Expectations" had for Joe Gargery. When "Pip" would purr his cheery greeting, they came back with the novel's most famous line, "Ever the best of friends, aren't us, Pip?"

More than twenty-two years have gone by since "Pip" died, but he lived to a ripe old age. Through long experience in rubbing against travelers with quaint, kindly courtesy and making a host of friends, this wise cat learned the secret of growing old gracefully. When he finally passed away on October 13, 1930, he had arrived at the venerable age of nineteen years—a record that set him apart almost like a centenarian in the human family.

"Pip's" place beside the hotel fireplace may now be vacant, but an impressive reminder of his friendly presence still remains. In the lobby of the hotel hangs a large framed picture, and post cards are on sale that were copied from this silhouette.

It seems that the little "house greeter" made so many friends that at length an artist stopped one day and asked "Pip" to give him a sitting. Flattered, but not the least bit flustered, the cat graciously complied. When he had settled himself on the window sill between two potted plants, Mr. William Fuller Curtis went to work with the result that is now familiar to all "Pip's" old-time admirers.

"It's a good picture," says these folks—and so it is. Looking at it, they are reminded of the old days. They remember Williamstown on a wild, fall night with a big storm rolling down from Mount Greylock. Then, against the genial background of the hotel fireplace and leaping flames, they see "Pip" going from guest to guest. At such times the cat's rhythmic purr was always quietly reassuring. It was just as if he were saying, "So glad you're safe with us here tonight, and not out in all that weather!" With such kindling memories, it's certain old patrons of the inn will not forget "Pip" in a hurry.

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The Question Box

For over a year now, my cat has been drinking water to great excess. He drinks until he is bloated and cries piteously when his water dish is empty. Although he has lost weight and his back-side is frequently wet from his over-active kidneys, my veterinarian can give me no satisfactory answer as to what the matter is. Can you help me?

—Mrs. F. L., Birmingham, Ala.

Our long-distance diagnosis would be that your cat is diabetic, and we would suggest that you mention testing the cat for that possibility to your D.V.M. Diabetes is rare in cats, but loss of pancreatic function can occur in all mammals. We would not be optimistic as to a complete cure, but the doctor may be able to take some steps to alleviate the condition.

My cats are all losing their teeth, which seems to be caused by mercury dust (we work in a mercury mine) which settles on to the cats and which they get into their mouths by licking themselves. Is there anything that can be done to help them.

—Mrs. V. B., Cinnabar, Idaho.

Cats are extremely susceptible to mercury in all forms, and unless some of our readers can furnish suggestions for any possible prevention or treatment, we would say that unless the cats are moved to a completely mercury free atmosphere they will never be in the best of health. We'd greatly appreciate hearing from anyone else who has met this problem.



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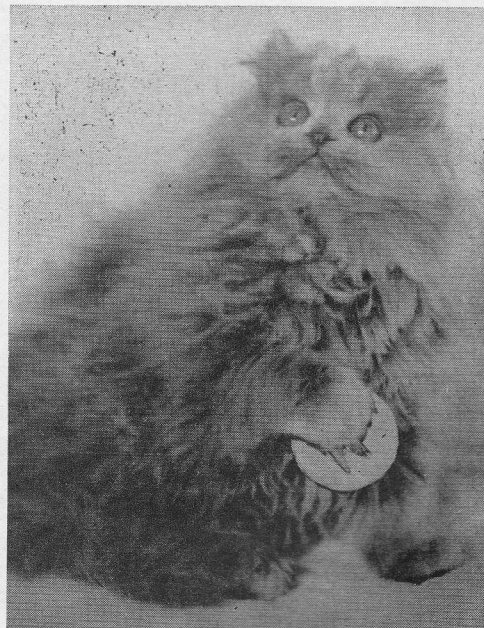
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CAT TAIL

Out in Lockland, Hamilton County, Ohio, Chuck Mason writes me of his eleven-year-old brother and his nine-year-old sister. Brother Dick was given a choice of a skiing outfit or a boxer. Dick decided on the boxer and called him Buck, (short for buck-shot—Mother said she was quite grateful that he did not name the boxer arsenic). When Buckie was eleven months of age he was entered in a dog show and went best of breed. Dick had the world by the tail—there really was no living with him. Little sister also had a birthday, and she wanted a Persian cat—a blue one. Mother ordered one from an eastern breeder—a show cat. He arrived at the Mason home when he was only three months of age and sister Eileen named him Play-Boy. Now Play Boy was also show type and Eileen and mother could hardly wait until the first Cat Show to see what he would do. He was brought east to one of the big shows and went Best Novice in both the Solid Color and the All-

Breed. From that day on—there really was a feud between Dick and Eileen. Dick huffed and puffed and bragged and boasted, little Eileen wept her heart out—she did not know mean enough words to call Bucky—although in spite of her anger she loved him—but Dick always kept on and on—and on. One day Mother was surprised to find Eileen wanted to take Play Boy to the doctor—his teeth had to be cleaned. It was only three blocks so Eileen put Play Boy in his carrier and away she went. Returning home Eileen went directly to her room, mother called her for luncheon, she was slow coming and she hid a paper in her pocket muttering things to herself, Mother figured she must be doing some mental homework and said nothing. Dick came in shortly and inquired how the fourteen-generation-alley-cat was doing? Eileen squared-off and machine-gunned her reply. 'Well, not too bad considering he has to live on the same street with that cow-hocked, rabbit-footed, fiddle-fronted, roach-backed, ewe-necked, dish-faced, peddle-gaited, ram-headed mutt of yours'.

Dick gasped in astonishment. Eileen finished her luncheon beaming with importance. Brother Bill doubled up with mirth. Mother chuckled the rest of the afternoon. Dick left the table in disgust. Chuck leaned forward and asked, 'Honestly chic-a-dee, where did you learn all that?' 'I asked the Vet and he wrote it all down for me' she said, displaying a crumpled piece of paper—with all the words written out in full. Chuck howled, Mother laughed until she cried, Eileen was happy, she was in the spot-light!

Perhaps most of you know the story of Henry Bergh. His life is going to be made into a movie and Bergh will be played by Clifton Webb. Try and see this picture when it is released—it will be good, also it will be funny. The story is serious in theme, but has many humorous sides. It will be in order. Bergh is the man responsible for the prevention of cruelty to animal laws. He was a very wealthy New York dilettante until he saw a man beating a horse. That changed his whole life. Bergh got a bill protecting animals through the State Legislature. He was something of a laughing stock in his silk hat, spats, gloves and cane, but he enforced the law himself when he saw anyone mistreating an animal. He was responsible for the formation of the Gerry Society, which protected children and kept many youngsters out of sweat shops. He campaigned for the pure food and drug laws. Too, too bad that Mr. Bergh is not living today, (in California), to combat some of the evils against cats.

Out in Caruthersville, Missouri, (located on the Mississippi River), there lives a lady who owns a Smoke male named Author. Author is a very handsome gentleman and somehow the report has circulated in the small town of seven thousand people, that Author is a 'guard-cat'. The children in the neighborhood started the rumor—they argued that if there were guard dogs, just what reason was there for not having guard cats. He is the color of anthracite with the exceptions of his huge ruff and vestee. His teeth are like a chain saw, evidently adapted to caring for his mistress and taking care of invading felines. He looks like a tough army man giving orders with his deep belligerent growl, yet he is the most gentle of pets, despite his menacing appearance he has never bit or scratched anyone in all his life and those who are naive enough to expect his performance to live up to his looks, will have to admit he is just a big, soft-hearted sissy. He has never purred in his life, his stoic dignity is animated by his thunderous growl. Mrs. Raymond Kellers says she would not trade him for anything in the world.

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Fanciers Forum

Progressive breeders welcome all suggestions on improving the breeding of cats, particularly when they display as much thought as Mrs. Hahn's article, but those of us who have been at it a little longer and who have tried to attack the problem intelligently have found the answer to many of the questions Mrs. Hahn asks. I would like to offer a few of these.

In her section headed "Criterion", under paragraph 2 she writes, "A kink in the tail has no use and should be bred out. It is a double recessive character." The first sentence is only too true. It is with the second I wish to differ. Were the kink a simple double recessive character it would have been easily disposed of many generations ago. Apparently there are several varieties of kinked tails, not one of which is clearly a double recessive character. A timely example of a double recessive character is the Frost Point Siamese which results from the combination of two recessive genes effecting the characteristic of color. One is the recessive gene for blueness instead of seal, the other is the recessive gene for dilute coloring instead of intense. It is not possible to get anything from the mating of two Frost Points but more Frost Points. Yet it is possible to get straight-tailed cats from a mating of two kinked-tailed Siamese. When a kinked-tailed cat is mated to a straight-tailed Siamese, it is possible to get every sort of tail in the litter and any combination from all straight to all crooked. I know of a Siamese queen with a crooked tail which was twice bred to a straight-tailed Siamese champion which clearly illustrates the point. The first mating resulted in seven kits with perfectly straight tails. The second

mating resulted in seven kits, each with a kink! The conclusion reached by my husband and me so far, is that kinks are more complicated than simple mendelian traits. Perhaps they are controlled by the cumulative effect of multiple genes or perhaps they are the result of a set of multiple alleles. They could also be the result of several sets of alleles in different loci on the various chromosomes. Whatever is the answer, it is not a case of double recessiveness.

As an answer to section or paragraph 3 of the "Criterion": Siamese are supposed to be bred to a standard. In this country there are four standards each set forth by one of the four registering bodies, and perhaps some of the specialty clubs also have slightly different standards. In no Siamese standard that I can find is the word "snakey" used. However, it is used in the "Show Rules, Classification, and Standard of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.", Revised, June, 1952, to refer to *Russian Blues*! Its use with reference to Siamese must be an entirely personal matter and not a basis for criticism of the Siamese fancy as a whole.

"Criterion", paragraph 4. As a "check on the length of life of 'typey' specimens, and their progeny, if any", I offer two timely examples:

#1—"Champion Oriental Nanki Pooh of Newton, Imported", a well known type specimen, fourteen last year, whose progeny have built up an excellent record on the show bench and many of whom have lived to feline old age. See Page 21 of the same (January) issue for

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(Alice Hahn, CATS, January 1953). By Anne Manley

further particulars.

#2—Our own "Champion Pagan of the Dark Gauntlets", twelve this spring and still going strong, is still siring kits, still chewing his horse-meat with a full complement of his own teeth. Pagan's mother, also a champion, lived to be eleven and a half-brother died at twelve. Among the most typical Siamese in England, the cats of the Prestwick line tend to live to fertile old age. It seems to me that I remember seeing the account of the fifteenth birthday party of Ch. Djer-Kits Chingaling of Newton, Imp. whose name appears on so many pedigrees-- proof positive that *she* had many offspring!

Please note that these are but a few of the elderly and excellent Siamese of whom we have heard.

Mrs. Manley's article on breeding will continue next month. This space will be used each issue for discussion of subjects of interest to breeders. The June topic, for which we invite your comments pro or con will be "RED POINT SIAEMSE".

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BOBBY -- THE THEATRICAL CAT

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few seconds to climb out and you can bet that he doesn't go near the water now! On another day he spent a busy afternoon trying to figure out a way to get on top of a folding screen that is in the studio. He finally made it and lay stretched out across the top of the screen wondering how he was going to get down. Later he dropped to the floor without upsetting the screen and proudly walked away.

Bobby's adorable face has appeared on Christmas cards, in various magazines, and many artists are using pictures of themselves photographed with him. He is a real personality and has friends far and wide who always ask about him and often send little gifts. Bobby says that cans of fish and fresh catnip are the most welcome gifts of all!



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ROCKAWAY 1. NEW JERSEY

Mews and Views from the West

I just wouldn't have missed the Hous-
ton third annual Triple Championship
show for nothin'. From the moment we
entered the show room at the Shamrock
until the last award was hung at the
finals, the show committee saw to our
every need. This was one of the best
managed shows (Show Manager Mr. E.
A. Goult) it has been my privilege to
attend. It is a show put on for out of
town exhibitors, as there are not too
many breeders here as yet, but give them
time and their interest in shows and the
Fancy will create more breeders.

The Houston Show certainly is a para-
dise for Judges. Someone from the Show
Committee (a non breeder) is always
available to take the Judges to their
meals or provide entertainment for them
during their stay here, thus avoiding the
"eager" exhibitor who just can't refrain
from cornering the Judge and attempting
to call attention to his or her exhibit.

I have long advocated stewards, and
it will be a happy day when this custom
is put into use on the West Coast. At
Houston there was a large sign on each
Judge's table "NO TALKING IN THE
JUDGING RING" and another sign
stating "CLUB STEWARDS WILL
HANDLE ALL CATS." At no time
during this show did ONE exhibitor
carry up his or her own cat. This was
done by the Stewards, and if the Judge
wanted a handler for a cat, there was a
Steward there to do it—and NOT the
owner. I noticed a table near the stage
on which there were dishes with disin-
fectants, and without fail each steward
used the disinfectant after handling each
cat.

With the use of Stewards it avoids
that continual calling of numbers over
the mike. Their show room was so quiet
—I do not know what their system is—
but when the numbers were up on the
Judging cages, without any confusion
the cat appeared promptly in the judging
cages. As a result the cats responded to
this quiet show room and were most
orderly. This show room was at all times
free of odor, and I am sorry I did not
get the literature on the deoderizer—but
I WILL and comment on it later, as it
is something to be used in catteries to
kill those DEMON Germs.

A clever idea their Club had was to
use nicely shined sardine cans for water
dishes. The top wins of this show will
be listed elsewhere—but would like to
say that the folks here were very glad
Mrs. Frances Campbell flew from Cali-
fornia with Grand Champion Pied Piper
of Barbe Bleue so they could see this
fine fellow—he was Best Cat in both All
Breed and the Specialty show. We were
all glad of the chance to see Grand
Champion Arlington's Sensation II, who
was in magnificent coat. Her owner Mrs.
Merald E. Hoag advises me she has been
best cat twelve times this year.

I for one, and others, too, from what
I heard them say, was most pleased
with the Judging of Anthony De Santis.

He handles his cats well, and the
goodness knows show mechanics per-
fectly—he has a fine judging career
ahead of him. I was glad of the op-
portunity to become better acquainted
with him, as Tuesday after the show
Mrs. H. C. Garrison and Mrs. Peter
Casey took time out from their busy
life and "after show fatigue" to drive
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rotter, Tony De
Santis and myself to Galveston, in spite
of the rain, where we had a most deligh-
tful sea food luncheon.

Mrs. C. F. Rotter has certainly gained
many friends in this area. She judged
Dallas show as well as Houston. Mrs.
Rotter called our attention to the male
Short Hair Tortoiseshell exhibited in
this show. He was the first MALE tor-
toiseshell she had ever handled, and I
am advised that he is bred to The farm's
Torti, owned by Winifred Porter; it will
be interesting to see if another male
will come along from this breeding. He
is owned by Mrs. Carl A. Hahn, 410
Pitman, Rt. 2, Harlington, Texas, and
carries the name of TORTI-MAN OF
GALLUS.

Mrs. Pauline Cuthbertson (Cuthpa)
can be justly proud of her Chocolate
Point female—who is the first female
C. P. to be championed. She is Ch. Cuth-
pa Alezan—out of Ch. Cuthpa Dhympo
x Sanga of Cuthpa, and at Houston was
the Best Chocolate Point.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs.
David K. Curtice, with their best kitten
win with Wah-Lee Ozamatli, S. P. Sia-
mese, a son of Inwood Chinky of La-
Lee, Imp. x Circle "R" Rosita, bred by
Mrs. M. Porter Walley of Austin, Texas.
It is their first show—but I'll venture
to say it will not be their last.

I am writing this column from Hous-
ton—mild, humid weather. Azaleas and
the Red Bud trees in full bloom. It is
the *cleanest city* I have seen in a long
time, and if I am informed correctly
believe it rates that title nationally.

Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. B.
K. Culver, USN, as their Seal Point
male, Palos Verdes Avatar is now an
ACA Grand Champion, attaining this
title in one show season, starting from
a Novice. I am not sure but believe he
is the first Seal Point male ACA Grand
Champion.

A Peppy letter from Harriet Wolf-
gang stating their Minneapolis show for
1953 is scheduled for October 10-11, with
Mrs. Lippert judging the All Breed
show and Mrs. Rotter the specialties.
It will be held at the Dyckman Hotel, so
put this on your list as a MUST.

A note from Helen R. Tanner (Clo-
velly Cattery) of North Haven, Con-
necticut stating she is expecting some
fine Blue kits from Champion Clovelly
Sunshyne bred to a very pale female,
also some bred by Periwinkle Pantafoons
from a female with outstanding
color. Mrs. Tanner also writes that she
uses a small rubber ear syringe to put

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MAD MYRTLE

You can imagine Mother's pleasure, when Myrtle said, just as she was going out to meet her friend, that she might bring him back for a cup of tea that afternoon. Mother knew, you see, that Myrtle wasn't the kind of cat to bring a friend home unless it were serious.

Father was home early that day, and as soon as Mother had explained the situation, he changed into his best suit and new shirt. We waited—rather nervously perhaps—then heard Myrtle's voice chatting gaily to someone as she came across the garden.

To this day I cannot help admiring Mother's sang-froid as she saw who Myrtle's friend was. Father, I'm afraid, did not conceal his feelings quite so well, and I'm afraid his very evident consternation put an air of constraint on the party. It was a terrible shock to see that Myrtle had given her affection to a very large, shaggy, golden spaniel.

Somehow or other we had all assumed that Myrtle's friend was of the same species as herself. The tea-party was not an unqualified success; the spaniel, a rugged type, had none of the social graces, and only too obviously took Myrtle's adoration as his due. His coat, we noted, was very curly.

When they had gone, Myrtle fawning on Robert, as he was called, in quite a sickening way, Mother and Father sat in a sort of stunned silence for some time. "Do you think—" said Father diffidently.

"No," said Mother firmly. "Purely platonic, I'm sure of that."

"It's very worrying," Father sighed.

"Never mind," said Mother consolingly. "Let Myrtle have him for a friend—"

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it can do no harm, and he's evidently curing her about the mice—didn't you hear her telling him proudly about her catch "last night?"

"She's only doing it to copy him," said Father gloomily. "What's going to happen when she begins barking like a dog?"

I can't tell you how much we had to put up with during the next few weeks. It wasn't only what people said about our cat and the way she was behaving with the Pendlebury's dog—it was the way Myrtle was changing in character. From being a quiet, ladylike cat, who stood up gracefully when Father came into the room, she turned into a mad thing that hurled itself at you and licked your face all over before you could defend yourself. It was most distressing, and I'm afraid there was great rejoicing in our house when we heard the Pendleburys were moving and taking Robert with them.

Myrtle, of course, was quite inconsolable. She drooped about the house, not bothering to tidy her hair, and she began to look more like an animated bird's nest than anything else. Then one day Father came home to find her carefully setting her curls once more.

"What's up?" he asked Mother anxiously.

"She wants to go to the hairdresser's again," said Mother with a sob in her voice. "She's met, oh dear, she's met—"

"Stop crying and pull yourself together," said Father roughly—he could see Mother was on the verge of hysterics. "She's met whom?"

"A French Poodle!" said Mother, breaking into renewed sobs.

MEWS AND VIEWS

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on the liquid "flea killer", sliding the point of the syringe along under the fur on the spine and around the ears. And speaking of fleas—please, please start right now—get rid of all fleas—to me it is inexcusable to allow your pets to be flea "ridden". They don't like it and fleas can cause so much trouble with your cat—worms—poor cat, and general uncomfortableness.

Another helpful hint I heard at the Houston show—put about 3 to 4 drops of vinegar on your male cat's food each day, and you will eliminate stud odor.

Mrs. Muriel Morton (Sophisti-Cat Cattery) writes from Chicago it is her plan to move to Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. Morton states she is a newcomer to the Fancy but is proud of her Blue-Eyed White male Sophistic-cat Polar Bear and her Orange Eyed semi peke face Topper of Sophisti-cat, and a fine White male kit from Corso Commander of

Rose Crest. We will be indeed glad to have more fine whites in the West.

Signing off from Houston, flying home tomorrow with happy memories and also fine wins for the felines I brought. Hope I can return next year if for nothing more than to again renew friendships and visit with my brother and his wife and family who now reside in Houston. I am sure I could not have successfully made the Houston show without the help of my niece and nephew, Jan and Gary Gibbs, teenagers, who are fond of cats.

Next issue the New Orleans ACA show—plus news, if you send it in.

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PENN-YORK VALLEY CAT CLUB (CFA), at Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 8-9, 1952. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Moonbeam of Gaylands (Imp), Blue m., Miss Verner E. Clum. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Azurevale Mu-ette of Kay-Ru, Blue f., Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf. Best Nov.—Hillcrest Honeyboy of Cayuga Light, Red m., Mrs. Wm. H. Licht. Best Kit—Nor-Mont Bajji, Blue Cream, Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best FSH—Cymri Mee Cri, SP m., Mrs. Lillian Pedulla; OS—Cymri Shu-Bra, BP f., Mrs. Pedulla. Best Aby—Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best DSH—Ch. Honeygirl of Silver Rock, OE Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue; OS—Ch. Nor-Mont's White Snow Man, BE Wh m., Mrs. Hoag. Judge—Mrs. John S. Hunter. **SIAMESE SPECIALTY**—Best Cat—Wu Woonson, BP m., Mr. Fred Goldkühle; OS—Millbrook's Mischief, SP f., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roose. Best Nov.—Tinkle-Two, SP f., Mrs. James S. Walton. Judge—Mr. D. Deans-Henderson. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY**: Best Cat—Ch. Nor-Mont's Charlene, Blue f., Mrs. Hoag. Best Nov.—Casa Loma Silky, BE Wh f., Mrs. Rita Swenson. Best DSH—Ch. Honeygirl of Silver Rock, OE Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. Donahue; OS—Ch. Nor-Mont's White Snow Man, BE Wh m., Mrs. Hoag. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis.

QUEEN CITY CAT CLUB (ACA), at Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 6-7, 1952. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat—Morair Snow Blossom, GE Wh f., Mrs. H. Sutherland; OS—Kaje Erie Sonny Boy List, Blue m., Mrs. Rose Hardacre. Best Ch.—Tpl. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Marie Wilson; OS—Ch. Eccentric Lady, BE Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson. Best Nov.—Moonglo's Prince, Blk m., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Raze; OS—Moonglo's Maderia, Blk f., Mr. and Mrs. Raze. Best FSH—Ch. Cable's Hy-Kee, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cable. Best Dom.—Aztec's Belinda, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Frank Freudenthal. Best Aby—Chirn Sa-Hai Impy, m., Winifred Porter. Best Manx—Cartha's Rebecca of the Farm, Red f., Miss Porter. Judge—Mrs. Gertrude Hamaker. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY**: Best Cat—Morair Snow Blossom, GE Wh f., Mrs. H. Sutherland; OS—Candy Cane's Dandy Lion, Cr. m., Jean and Gracie Harrison. Best Ch.—Christopher Robin, Blue m., Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Cousins; OS—Gr. Ch. Smallhurst's Girl of the Sun, Red f., Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Small. Best Nov.—Moonglo's Prince, Blk m., Mr. and Mrs. Raze; OS—Tralee's Azure Imp of Morair, Blue f., Miss Peggy Lloyd. Best Kit—Lowood's Mi-Dapper Dan, Blue f., Mrs. Alfred Smith; OS—Cotton Doll, Sil. m., Mrs. Smith. Judge—Mrs. F. Groell. **SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY**: Best Cat—Aztec's Belinda, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Freudenthal; OS—Cable's Quick Silver, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. Cable. Best Ch. Best Siamese, Best FSH—Ch. Cable's Hy-Kee, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. Cable. Best Novice—Blue Frost, Blue DSH f., Rae MacDonald; OS—Tannenbaum Manolin of The farm, Bwn Mck Thy m., Miss Porter. Best Kit—Shermain Mistril, SP f., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McNaughton; OS—Ellan Vannin's Monah, Blk Mx m., Mrs. Everett Schaus. Best Aby—Chirn Sa-Hai Impy, m., Miss Porter. Best Manx—Cartha's Rebecca of The farm, Red f., Miss Porter. Judge—Mrs. F. Groell.

EMPIRE CAT CLUB, INC., (CFA), at New York City, January 8-9, 1953. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. The Garden's Clover of Longhill, Cr. m., Mr. Anthony DeSantis; Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Azurevale Mu-ette of Kay-Ru, Blue f., Muriel M. Goodwin. Best Nov.—Kay-Ru Piquette, Blue f., Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf; OS—Liberty's Sylvester, Sh. Sil. m., Franklin Norton. Best Kit—Glad-Low's Smart-Girl, Blue f., Gladys W. Lowe; OS—Leah's Motito of Lo-Wood, Sh. Sil. m., Miss Leah Triebswetter. Best Short Hair—Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, BP f., Mrs. Alice S. Dugan. Best OS FSH—Vee Roi's Gayoso of Mo-Ling, SP f., Mrs. Max Fiedler. Best DSH—Pussy Willows Mzie, Sil. Thy f., Helen Pecciano; OS—Ch. Aztec, Jr., Sil. Thy m., Mrs. Pecciano. Best Manx—Rosedere Black Velvet, Blk f., Pearl Dee Church. Best Aby—Caper Cat Whimsical, f., Judy Smith. Judge—Mrs. John H. Hunter. **SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE EAST**: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Hermescr Natajha, Blk m., Mrs. Frances Herms. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest, Red f., Anthony DeSantis. Best Nov.—Kashmir's Gustave, BE Wh m., Jane A. Heckscher; OS—Kay-Ru Piquette, Blue f., Mrs. Rudolf. Best Kit—Glad-Low's Smart-Girl, Blue f., Miss Lowe; OS—Northledge Shadow, Black m., Alice W. North. Best Short Hair—Snow-White of Sunset Garden, BE Wh f., Joey Parsell; OS—Vanar's Black Sambo, Blk m., James Van Piper. Judge, Mr. D. Deans-Henderson. **NATIONAL SIAMESE CAT CLUB**—Best Cat, Best Nov.—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht (Alice S. Dugan, Agent). Best OS Cat, Best OS Nov.—Vee Roi's Adlai, SP m., Mrs. Hecht, (Mrs. Dugan, Agent). Best Ch.—Coventry's Bamby-Ling of Vanar, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riner; OS—Ch. Kaybee Mai Lescula (Imp), BP f., Mrs. A. Pinney. Best Kit—Astra's Morris Amanda (Imp.), SP f., Agnes F. Rand; OS—Fongafale's Paoui, SP m., Mrs. J. F. Rice. Judge—Mr. D. Deans-Henderson.

BUFFALO CAT FANCIERS, INC. (CFA), Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 24-25, 1953. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat—Arlington Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best OS Cat—Candy Cane's Dandy Lion, Cr. m., Miss Jane Harrison. Best Ch.—Rollywood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Sh. Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin; OS—Ch. Nor-Mont's Charlene, Blue f., Mrs. Hoag. Best Novice—Maderia Cecelia, Blue f., Mrs. A. I. Madeira; OS—The Important Boy of Big Boy, Blue m., Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson. Best FSH—Gr. Ch. Chindwin's Singum of Newton, SP f., Mrs. Virginia R. Cobb; OS—Sylvan Blue Rajah, BP m., Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Kit—Candy Cane's Golden Lion, Cr. m., Miss Harrison; OS—Wycliffe Blessing-Ette, Tortie, Mrs. C. P. Ripley. Best DSH—Ch. HRH Mystical of Cobourg, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Manx—Dandy Boy, Mack m., Mrs. E. G. Lusink. Best Aby—Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f., Mr.

and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Judge—Mrs. Saxby Mabie. **INTERNATIONAL SOLID COLOR SOCIETY SPECIALTY**: Best Cat, Best Nov.—Maderia Cecelia, Blue f., Mrs. A. I. Madeira. Best OS Cat—Ch. Ayme-Tu-Wynn Beulah of Hobby Hill, Blk f., Mrs. C. P. Ripley; OS—Ch. Le-Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best OS Nov.—Important Boy of Big Boy, Blue m., Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson. Best Kit—Candy Cane's Golden Lion, Cr. m., Miss Jane Harrison; OS—Candy Cane's Delphinium, Blue f., Hugh Sutherland. Best DSH—Blue Frost, Blue f., Rae MacDonald. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis. **CALIFORNIA SILVER FANCIERS SPECIALTY**: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Arlington Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. Hoag. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Rollywood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Sh. Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. Martin. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Mi-Fairy Foot of Lowood, Chin. f., Mrs. Alfred W. Smith. Best Nov.—Aliquippa Georgious George, Sh. Sil. m., Mrs. Marcena Myers; OS—Chiquita Mia, Chin f., Rae MacDonald. Best Kit—Chautauqua's Black Lace, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Oliver Johnson; OS—Playmate's Duke, Sh. Sil. m., Mrs. George Malcho. Best Short Hair—Ch. H. R. H. Mystical of Cobourg, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Hoag. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis.

CANYON STATE CAT CLUB, INC. (ACA), Phoenix, Arizona, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1953. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Gr. Ch. Michael of Beverly-Serrano, Sil. m., Helen C. Amos. Best OS Cat, Best OS Gr. Ch.—Best SH—Gr. Ch. Ambigi, Aby f., Alice Archibald. Best Ch., Best B. K. Culver. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Benaire's Dinah, Sh. Sil. f., Mr. and OS SH., Best Siam.—Ch. Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m., Capt. and Mrs. Mrs. Allen A. Dutton. Best Nov.—Shawnee Cardialette, Red f., Mrs. Wm. J. Woods; OS—Blue Mask Raja of Shanghai, BP m., Mrs. Gladys M. Dunn. Best Kit—Azulita Patriot, Blue m., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston; OS—Blue Seal's Jumenta, BP f., Mrs. Velma Andrews. Best BP—Ch. Julie's Bandit of Jadawh—Boren, m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. Best CP—Tel-Lee-Ho's Chocolate Chipper, m., Mrs. R. E. Corkhill. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Cha Foo, m., Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best Manx—Senza Coda's Black Magic, Blk m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best RB—Casa Gatos Tsar, m., Mrs. Warren. Best DSH—Ch. Azure's Smoki Maiden, Smk f., Mrs. Wm. J. Woods. Judge—Miss Floy McGill. **LONG HAIR SPECIALTY**: Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Gr. Ch. Michael of Beverly-Serrano, Sil. m., Mrs. Amos. Best OS Cat, Best Nov.—Blulace Poppy, Blue f., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston. Best Ch.—Ch. Camelback's Marco Polo, Sh. Sil. m., Dr. Doris Hopkins. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Benair's Dinah, Sh. Sil. f., Mr. and Mrs. Dutton. Best Open—Camelback's Singing Cowboy, Sh. Sil. m., Dr. Hopkins; OS—Desert Dawn's Gypsy Belle, Smk f., Mrs. Mary and Miss Christian Wilkie. Best OS Nov.—Camelback's Georgious Puss, Blue m., Dr. Hopkins. Best Kit—Azulita Patriot, Blue m., Mrs. Johnston; OS—Camelback's Isabella, Blue f., Dr. Hopkins. Judge—Miss Lucy Clingan. **SIAMESE SPECIALTY**: Best Cat, Best Open, Best Nov.—Dara's Som Phong, BP f., Jack and Dorothy Richard. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m., Capt. and Mrs. Culver. Best Ch., Best SP—Ch. Boren Taa Buu, f., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. Best OS Open—Bograe's Ilobo, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best OS Nov.—Capri's Caper, SP m., Mrs. Philip Curtis. Best CP—Rosey's Ra Mao, m., Chester S. Rosenberg. Best Kit—Shanghai Cotton, SP f., Mrs. Gladys Dunn; OS—Bograe's Sam Phong Rama, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. Forrest. Judge—Miss Lucy Clingan.

OHIO STATE PERSIAN CLUB, INC. (CFA), at Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 7-8, 1953. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Arlington Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Cherie of Rosemont, Cr. f., Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Nov.—Prince III of Oakland, OE Wh m., Mr. and Mrs. John Trimmer; OS—Just-A-Mere's Mirandy, Red f., Mrs. Eva Werner. Best Kit—Nigrette's Equipoise, Blue m., Mr. O. R. Peterson, Jr.; OS—Wycliffe Blessing-Ette, Tortie, Mrs. C. P. Ripley. Best SH, Best FSH—Fa-Ying's How Come, BP f., Mrs. G. LaMarsh. Best DSH, Best OS SH—Ch. McKnight Tar Baby, Blk m., Mr. and Mrs. Perlle McKnight. Best OS FSH—Caper Cat's Sungle of Ammon Ra, Aby m., Miss Lillian Magner. Best OS DSH—Aztec's Tabitha, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. E. W. Foulk. Best Aby—Selene's Sunbeam of Ammon Ra, f., Miss Magner. Best Manx—Tony Douglas, PG m., Bessie Fischer. Judge—Mrs. Laura Graham. **THE AMERICAN SILVER FANCIERS SPECIALTY**: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Arlington Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. Hoag. Best OS Cat—Corso Silver Triumph, chin m., Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Zieses. Best Ch.—Ch. Silver Quest Fantasie, Sh. Sil. m., Miss Kay Thoma; OS—Ch. Nor-Mont's Silver Petal, Chin f., Mrs. Hoag. Best Nov.—Pan Peter's Silver Cloud, Sh. Sil. m., Mrs. T. Newcomb; OS—Haviru Princess Erata, Sh. Sil. f., Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moey. Best Kit—Favor's Twilight Sapphire, Chin. f., Mrs. Naomi Favos; OS—Favor's Twilight Yankee Pasha, Chin m., Mrs. Favos. Best SH—Aztec's Tabitha, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Foulk; OS—Chautauqua's Question Mark, Si. Thy m., Mrs. O. R. Johnson. Judge—Mrs. John H. Revington. **SIAMESE CAT CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. SPECIALTY**: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Best SP—Ch. Blue Grass So Hi, m., Mrs. Lucas B. Combs. Best OS Cat, Best BP—Fa-Ying's How Com. f., Mrs. LaMarsh. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Chiangmai Somsiri, BP f., Mrs. Hoag. Best Nov.—Hollycat Leon-Ell of Nor-Mont, SP m., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag; OS—SuSu, SP f., Capt. and Mrs. John Zengel. Best Kit—Shawnee Teal Eye, BP m., Nikki Horner; OS—Wil-Jene's Tay-Zan, SP f., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ricketts. Judge—Mrs. John H. Revington.

MAGIC VALLEY CAT CLUB (CFA), at Pharr, Texas, Feb. 14-15, 1953. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Arlington's Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Las Montanas Walkie Talkie, Chin m., Mrs. Howell Mueller. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Nor-Mont's Charlene, Blue f., Best Nov.—Dixi-Land Ali Bey of Mission City, Blue m., Joseph Marshall; OS—Tia-Lu's Sugar, SP f., Hazel Sawyer. Best Kit—July Valentine, Blue f., Jeanie Coughlin; OS—Wah-Lee Romulus, SP m., Judy Love. Best SH, Best FSH, Best Siam.—Gr. Ch. Kewalo Lei Krampert, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert. Best OS SH, Best OS FSH, Best OS Siam.—Holmsdale Bambina (Imp.), SP f., Mrs. M. Porter Wally. Best DSH—Ch. HRH Mystical of Cobourg, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Hoag; OS—Ramayana Prince Davie, Bwn Thy m., Mrs. J. D. Elliott. Best RB—Mission City Terrilita, f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall; OS—Ch. Lamar's Nicholas of Re-Ru, m., Russell Middleton. Best Manx—Mission City Sir Gallahad, Sil. Thy m., Ethel McBride Parker; OS—Ledgemere Misty Malt Dhu L'eo, PC f., Mrs. S. L. Lovett. Judge—Mrs. John Revington.

THE MICHIGAN CAT CLUB, INC. (ACA), at Detroit, Michigan, Feb. 28 and March 1, 1953. **ALL BREED**: Best Cat, Best Novice—Lowood's Mi-Beaudilier, sil. m., Mrs. Alfred W. Smith. Best OS Cat, Hilltops Beau Eve, Blue f., Mrs. Nellie Pratt. Best Ch.—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cream m., Mrs. Marie Wilson; OS—Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, BP f., Mrs. Alice S. Dugan. Best OS Nov.—Dawn's Lady Cricket II, Blk f., Mr. and Mrs. Millbeck. Best Kit—Bancroft's Delight of Gallahad, BE Wh f., Mrs. Blanche Wolfram; OS—Dawn's Golden Blonde, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. H. Millbeck. Best Short Hair—Vee Roi's

Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best OS FSH—Vee Roi's Adlai, SP m., Mrs. Hecht. Best DSH—Aztec's Belinda, Sil. Thy. f., Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal; OS—Windsor Henry, GE Wh m., Mrs. Ola Cannon. Best Manx—Ellan Vannin's Monah, Blk f., Mrs. E. L. Schaus. Best Abyssinian—Diston's Bengal Boy of Harmonie Acre, m., Mrs. Waldo A. Schulz. Judge—Miss Doris I. Hobbs. LONG HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat—Corso Silver Triumph, Silv. m., Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Zieses. Best OS Cat. Best OS Nov.—Dawn's Lady Cricket II, Blk f., Mr. and Mrs. H. Millbeck. Best Ch.—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Marie Wilson; OS—Ch. Ayne-Tu-Wynn-Beulah of Hobby Hill, Blk f., Mrs. Marion Ripley. Best Nov.—Lowood's Mi-Beaudilier, Sil. m., Mrs. A. W. Smith. Best Kit—Candy Cane's Delphinium of Morair, Blue f., Mr. Hugh H. Sutherland, Jr.; Best OS—Dawn's Golden Blonde, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. Millbeck. Judge—Mrs. Betty Groell. SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat. Best Domestic Short Hair—Aztec's Belinda, Sil. Thy. f., Mrs. F. W. Freudenthal. Best OS Cat. Best OS FSH—Caper Cat's Sunglo of Ammon Ra, Aby m., Miss Lillian Manger. Best Ch. Best FSH—Ch. Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best BP—Fa-Ying's How Come, f., Mrs. G. LaMarsh. Best SP—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best CP—Yum Yum Lion, f., Dr. and Mrs. James Cutler. Judge—Mrs. Betty Groell.

NORTH TEXAS CAT CLUB (CFA), at Dallas, Texas, Nov. 29-30, 1952. ALL BREED: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Texas Valiant Prince, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Best OS Cat—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, Cr. f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best OS Ch.—Flagstone's Play Girl, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Mueller. Best Nov.—Blackamoor Voodoo, Blk m., Stephanie Shawd; OS—Cuthpa Alezan, CP f., Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson. Best Kit—Blue Acre's Uncle Tom, OE Wh m., Mrs. Wanda Scott; OS—Holmesdale Bambina (Imp.), SP f., Mrs. M. Porter Walley. Best SH—Ch. Cuthpa's D'Ista, SP f., Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson. Best DSH—Ch. Romeo (Imp.), m., Dr. John F. Melton. Best RB—Mission City Terrilite Blue-nose Block Buster, Blue m., Mrs. E. D. Runyan. Best Aby—Raby lita, f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Best Manx—Ch. Teddie of Gallus, Bwn Thy Mx m., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoyt. Judge—Mrs. Laura C. Graham. THE SIAMESE CAT CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. Cuthpa D'Ista, SP f., Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson. Best OS Cat—Ch. Cuthpa Dhyma, BP m., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Best Nov.—Cuthpa Alezan, CP f., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Best Kit—Cuthpa Istapa, SP f., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Best BP—Cuthpa Linala, f., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Best CP—Cuthpa Alezan, f., Mrs. Cuthbertson. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter. THE DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR CLUB OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY: Best Cat—Semiramus Benmost Bore, Sil. Thy. f., Mrs. J. D. McCrae. Best Ch.—Ch. Blue-nose Block Buster, Blue m., Mrs. E. D. Runyan; OS—OS Cat. Best Nov.—Prince Davie, Bwn Thy m., Mrs. J. D. Elliott. Best Ch. Miss Hogan's Chiquita, Blk f., Mrs. E. D. Runyan. Best OS Nov.—Inky II, Blk f., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Valentine. Best Kit—Benmost Bore's Sheila, Sil. Thy. f., Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCrae; OS—Chosan, Blk m., Mr. and Mrs. Perry V. Diehl. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter. THE SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY: Best Cat—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, Cr. f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best OS Cat—Texas Valiant Prince, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Best Ch.—Ch. Nor-Mont's Sunny Sue, Blue f., Miss Jeanie Coughlin. Best Nov.—Kansas City Li'l Em., Blue f., Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Kit—Blue Acre's Uncle Tom, OE Wh m., Mrs. Wanda Scott; OS—Queen Bee's Dream Boat, Blue f., Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson. Best Manx—Dhu Lleo Princioessa, Blue f., Carolyn Sweatt. Best RB—Mission City Terrilita, f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter.

SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS' (CFA), at San Diego, Calif., Jan. 17-18, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Sir Bedford of Pickford Square, Sh. Sil. m., Mrs. Harold E. Webb. Best OS Cat. Best OS Ch.—Leilani's Petitepointe, Blue f., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston. Best Nov.—The Pines Chanty Chalsu, Blue m., Jean W. Crouch and Lois Candland; OS—Blue Seal's Melissa, SP f., Mr. Allen Guinup. Best Kit—Azulita Patriot, Blue m., Mrs. Walker Johnston; OS—Silver Mesa Miss Katrina, f., Mrs. Harold E. Webb. Best SH—Ch. Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m., Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Culver. Best DSH—Mr. Bubbles, Sil. Thy m., Michael John Clancy. Best Aby—Jaibo, m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Manx—Sanza Coda's Cimarron, Red Thy m., Virginia Lee Sweem. Judge—Mrs. Frances Herms. SHORT HAIR SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPECIALTY: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m., Capt. and Mrs. Culver. Best OS Cat. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Ambigi, Aby f., Miss Alice Archibald. Best Nov.—Aviv Tele, Aby f., Miss Archibald; OS—Lamar's Blue Fox, BP m., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Charles L. Jones. Best Kit—Shanghai Cotton, SP f., Mrs. Gladys M. Dunn; OS—Blue Seal's Bing Bong, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Farmer. Judge—Mrs. Marguerita Goforth. FIFTH WESTERN TABBY AND TORTIE SPECIALTY SHOW: Best Cat—Chom-Manda Black Gold, Tortie, Mrs. Louisa Sylvia. Best OS Cat—Glen Mar's On Parade, Bwn Thy m., Mrs. Margaret Miller. Best Ch.—Ch. Bobette of Smithway, Red Thy f., Mrs. Helen M. Smith. Best Nov.—Cresthaven Gertrude, Tortie, Christine Whittier; OS—Smithway's Baronet, Red Thy m., Mrs. Helen Smith. Best Kit—Pom Peil of Silver Vista, Sil. Thy m., Lt. and Mrs. Alfred A. Elder; OS—Smithway's Belinda, Red Tabby f., Mrs. Bvron Roper. Best DSH—Lamar's Tabithan, Bwn Thy m., Polly Jones. Judge—Mrs. Marguerita Goforth. CALIFORNIA SOLID COLOR FANCIERS SPECIALTY: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Ariel's White Powder Puff, OE Wh m., Mrs. Edith Schulte. Best OS Cat. Best OS Ch.—Leilani's Petitepointe, Blue f., Mrs. W. K. Johnston. Best Nov.—The Pines hCanty Chalsu, Blue m., Jean W. Crouch and Lois Candland; OS—Kerry Lu Julia Ann, Blk f., Christine Whittier. Best Kit—Azulita Patriot; OS—Carmela of Sealcliff, Blue f., Mrs. Dorothy Peterson. Best SH—Ch. Meilis Manx Mr. Minus, Sil. Mckrl Thy. f., Virginia Lee Sweem. Judge—Mr. Charles Victor. CALIFORNIA SILVER FANCIERS SPECIALTY: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. June's Chin Chia of Mrs. Alexander's Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Mildred Alexander. Best OS Cat. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Casa Contenta Chipalarr, Chin m., Helen Van Zele. Best Nov.—My Valentine of Purr-Mew, Chin m., Lucile Laird; OS—Silver Mesa Miss Peggy, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Harold Webb. Best Kitten—Murbar's Son of Christopher, Chin, Mrs. Barnard Morse; OS—Silver Mesa Miss Katrina, Mrs. Webb. Best SH—Mr. Bubbles, Sil. Thy m., Michael John Clancy. Judge—Mrs. Marguerita Goforth.

SAN FRANCISCO CAT CLUB (ACA), at Petaluma, Calif., Feb. 21-22, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Michael of Beverly-Serrano, Sil. m., Mr. Helen C. Amos. Best OS Cat—Azulita Mam-Zelle, Blue f., Mrs. Marion Beller. Best Ch.—Ch. Onyx' Sunlight of Cresthaven, Blue m., Mrs. Dorothy Denning; OS—Ch. Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones. Best Nov.—Cresthaven's Jasmine of Prieta, Blue f., Mrs. Marion Beller; OS—Mau Tien Prince Purr Lion, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brikworth. Best Kit—Cresthaven's Pale Moon, Blue f., Dorothy Denning; OS—Kwan Yin's Curacao, OP f., Lt. and Mrs.



Wm. D. Deaths and Mrs. Eugene Wilson. Best SH, Best Siam.—Ch. Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m., Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Culver; OS—Ch. Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Jones. Best DSH—Tiger Tag of Fiddler's Green, Sil. Thy. m., Jackie Wedel; OS—Ch. Pola-Go, Smk. f., Eugene Harding. Best Manx—Truantal Janice, Dear, PC f., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yearling, Jr. Best Aby—Bograc's Naith F., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest; OS—Ch. Casa Gatos Abou O'Bograc, M., Mr. and Mrs. Forrest. Best RB—Ch. Folly Blue Peter, M., Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J. Aaron; OS—Ch. Lamar's Karen, F., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Jones. Judge—Mrs. Ruth H. Fisher.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat Ariel's White Powder Puff, GE WH M., Mrs. Edith Schulte. Best OS Cat—Leilani's Liliu Kalani of Fiddler's Green, Blue f., Mrs. Althea Wedel. Best Ch.—Ch. Onyx' Sunlight of Cresthaven, Blue m., Mrs. Dorothy Denning; OS—Ch. Victorian White Shoulders, BE Wh. f., Mrs. Elmer J. Forreth. Best Nov.—Cresthaven's Laddy Boy, Blue m., Mrs. Dorothy Denning; OS—Lady Linette, Smk f., Mrs. Elaine Good. Best Kit—Bluegate's Mistress Mary Tou, BlCr. Mrs. John Pinkston; OS—Little Mouse of Greenbrough, Sil. m., Alberta Rushton. Judge—Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat—Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m., Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Culver. Best OS Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. Lamar's T'Ang, SP f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Palos Verdes Blue Trojan, BP m., Capt. and Mrs. Culver. Best Nov.—Blue Heather of Keiang, BP f., Ira and Alicia Fuller; OS—Kwan Yin's Golden Whirligig, CP M., Ione Wilson. Best Kit—Royal Pixie, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. W. Forreth, Jr.; OS—Kwan Yin's Roccoco, OP M., Lt. and Mrs. Wm. R. Deesthe. Best Domestic-Tiger Tag of Fiddler's Green, Sil. Thy. m., Jackie Wedel; OS—Lucy, Tortie, Mrs. Karin Armitage. Judge—Mrs. Lavonia Wright.

HOUSTON CAT CLUB (CFA), at Houston, Texas, Feb. 21-22, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat Gr. Ch. Pied Piper of Barbe Bleue, Blk. M., Bess Morse and Frances S. Campbell. Best OS Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of Concordia, Blk. f., Mrs. John Porter. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Wycliffe Chelsie of Nor-Mont, Blue m., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best Nov.—Lee Woo, SP f., Mrs. A. I. Flowers; OS—Blue Acre Top Guy, OE Wh M., Claire Collins. Best Kit—Las Montanas Checkers, BC, Mrs. J. Mueller; OS—Wah-Lee Ozamatle, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. David K. Curtice. Best Short Hair—Gr. Ch. Kewalo Lei Krampart, BP m., E. W. Krampert; OS—Chirn Sa-Hai Ani, Aby f., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best DSH—Griffyn, Sil. Thy m., Mrs. Charles A. Wellington; OS—Ch. HRH Mystical of Cobourg, Sil. Thy. f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best Aby—Chirn Sa-Hai Ani, Mrs. O'Donovan. Best RB—Mission City Terrilita, f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Best Manx—Tyoh Inspector Red, rd. Mckrl Thy Mx., Mrs. Fred Hoyt. Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter. THE NATIONAL SIAMESE CAT CLUB SPECIALTY: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Kewalo Lei Krampert, BP m., Mr. Krampert. Best OS Cat. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Krimpt's Ace., BP f., Mr. Krampert. Best Nov.—Ladi Ann, BP f., Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto; OS—Ming Toy, SP m., Mrs. Chas. A. Beyer. Best Kit—Wah-Lee Osamatle, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. Curtice; OS—Phut-Phat, BP f., Mrs. R. E. Oliett. Best OP—Ch. Cuthpa Alezan, f., Mrs. R. M. Cuthbertson. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis. THE SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY: Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Pied Piper of Barbe Bleue, Blk. M., Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Campbell. Best OS Cat—Madeira Cecelia of Nor-Mont, Blue f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best Ch.—Dixi-Land Banner of Windbank, BE Wh M., Mrs. F. L. Tebbets; OS—Ch. Kiva Kri Kri of Concordia, Blk. f., Mrs. Porter. Best Nov.—Nor-Mont's Black Magic, Blk. M., Mrs. Hoag; OS—Lucky Patti of Gallus, Blk Mx f., Mrs. Carl A. Hahn. Best Kit—July Valentine, Blue f., Jeannie Coughlin; OS—Windbank Duz, OE Wh M., Mrs. F. L. Tebbets. Best DSH—Thais, Blue f., Mrs. J. Kelly Bailey. Best Manx—Dhu-Lleo Princioessa, Blue f., Carolyn Sweatt. Best RB—Mission City Terrilita, f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis.

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Cat lovers, people of uncommon imagination, curiosity and perseverance, are bound to relish **ACROSS THE SPACE FRONTIER** (the Viking Press). A book with more *lasting* excitement than any we can remember reading, it is not a science-fictionist's dream, but an actual blue-print for future space travel. The introduction and six chapters, *This Side of Infinity*, *Prelude to Space Travel*, *Can We Survive In Space?* *A Station in Space*, *Who Owns the Universe?* and *The Heavens Open Up*, were written by seven different scientists, all leaders in the field of space research. If the comic strips people already *on* the moon, living casually amid romances and robberies, even as on earth, have discouraged you, **ACROSS THE SPACE FRONTIER** is your meat, because it explains for the lagging mind something which the comic strips don't even find worth mentioning—namely, how all this has been accomplished. The journey to space, the establishment of a station in space, a trip to the moon, are all made to seem quite possible, while even the more difficult problems of cosmic rays and protection from the endless bombardment of meteors (most of which burn or disintegrate before passing through earth's atmosphere) though acknowledged as tough are shown to be not insurmountable. Is there a cat mentioned? No, but if you like cats, chances are you enjoy speculating about the moon, too.

The last of our Northern winter moons has seen the fortunes of cats rise and fall like the winds of March, and like them, blow harsh, blow soft. In Buffalo, N. Y., The Erie County S. P. C. A. offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for torturing by burning four cats since Jan 1st. The fourth cat, a Tom rescued from a window well, suffered from singed ears, third degree body burns and a 106-degree temperature, but William C. Sullivan of the S. P. C. A. was hopeful of saving it and placing it in a home. Of the other cats, one died en route to the shelter, the other had to be destroyed, while the third was saved and placed with a family.

Even the New Yorker, one of our most loyal New York correspondents informs us, had a Christmas greeting in Talk of the Town to "people who can't stay in the same room with a cat!" Gee, but we certainly hate to give up reading that amusing column! The same informant adds that Alan Hartman, writing in Publishers' Weekly, says: "I'm tired of authors who can't face a camera without holding a cat in their arms." Urges our correspondent—"Cat lovers! Attendez! To the barricades!"

Not that one needs a reason for being a cat-lover but cats this past month performed in several instances valuable services. Beanie, 11-year cat belonging to 81-year old Alva M. Gilchrist, Long Hill Rd., Andover, Mass. is credited with saving his master's life by jumping on his bed to arouse him after an oil stove had exploded, setting the house on fire. Fortunately, Mrs. Gilchrist, 80, who has been unable to walk unaided the last three years was at a nursing home recuperating from an operation when the fire occurred. Beanie was cited by the Connecticut Humane Society for the deed and awarded 48 cans of his favorite cat food.

John and Buster, not to be outdone by Beanie, sounded the fire alarm for *their* owners. John, cat of Dean St., Dorchester, Mass., attracted the attention of Mrs Gladys Villemaire and an in-law to fumes coming from a faulty oil stove. Buster, an Angora, awakened Mrs. Daniel Cooper of Lynn, Mass. in her attic bedroom by clawing at the bedspread. Mrs. Cooper ran through the smoke into the kitchen where she grabbed up her bull terrier Jerry, who was sleeping, and fled with cat and dog into the street.

Another canned cat, this one belonging to Harry Harris of Freckenham, England, has prompted one of our readers to suggest that all tin cans be flattened well before disposal. Harris' cat, by the way, was wandering for three days before found with a salmon can on his head.

Chicago must indeed be, like the songs says ("I know a man, he danced with his wife"), an amazing town. A cat with nine sprouting tails has been found there. We saw a picture of this cat, belonging to Mrs. Michael Priami and it's clear

there are more than one or two tails, anyway. According to Mrs. Priami, besides his regular four-inch tail, her cat has nine smaller tails growing out of his spine, just to the right of the backbone. And the tails are all growing fast.

Another unusual site might be the part of Pyewacket, cat enchantress of "Bell, Book and Candle" as interpreted by Florene's Little Lulu, a Black Persian. Little Lulu did the role of the "familiar" for the Kenosha, Wisc., Little Theatre. Probably was more languorous than the two Siamese we saw but still magnetic in her way.

What would constitute "going to extremes" in loving cats? Writing one into a play? Enjoying, in spite of fine acting by humans, the appearance of the feline in such a play above all else? No and no. Offering \$200 for the return of a beloved cat, as did the Leonard Jewelry Co., Providence, R. I. this past December? (Cat, a blue-eyed white, was returned.) No, no, we'd even offer that, although at the time of year, were the cat to show up, we'd have to find that pawnshop in Pittsburgh, Pa. pretty fast. But, Mrs. Retha D. Drenning of Detroit, Mich., we do feel ran into a case of carrying cat worship a little too far. Her husband Wilbur took tidbits off her plate, fed them to his cat, cuddled the cat instead of her, took the cat to bed with them. So far, perhaps, so good. But the last straw—the cat bit her foot, she was hospitalized for two weeks. When she returned, her husband insisted she apologize to the cat and "kiss and make up." Said Mrs. Drenning: "I thought this was unreasonable, so I left him and his cat."

Maybe Mr. Drenning could move to Eastern Pennsylvania and alleviate the anti-cat feeling rampart there lately. Maybe CATS Magazine should move East also to kind of average things up. At any rate, and very seriously speaking, cat lovers, the situation there is *bad*. First, Mrs. Lillian E. Pedulla, well-known breeder of Norristown, Pa., lost 14 prized cats in the fire which broke out in her cattery. According to State investigators, the fire was "set". We're very happy to report that Mrs. Pedulla was able to save many of her cats so that her work with various bloodlines will not have been lost. Thanks are due to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Co. which administered oxygen to those cats found still alive but overcome by fumes. The cats were placed in oxygen tents and have recovered.

Meanwhile, a Lewistown, Pa. newspaper was the unwitting foil for someone with unwholesome intentions. The paper carried a classified ad headed "Cats, Cats, Cats" which went on to offer up to \$1.50 each for 80 cats wanted weekly. The Paper has seen to it that such an ad is never run again. Among those writing letters of protest was our editor. He appealed to the New York A. S. P. C. A. which was not able to help directly (the event having occurred outside of New York) but offered moral support by writing in turn to the newspaper and getting the Pennsylvania S. P. C. A. into the picture. There have been instances of "catnapping" in this neighborhood, also of prowlers who were actually heard calling "kitty, kitty, kitty" between 12 and 1 a.m. one night recently on the lawn of a woman who has six loved cats. The prowlers were then actually heard to remark. "Well, I guess they're not out tonight." The woman went to investigate, and the prowlers, men, jumped into a car and fled. We hope there's no repeat performance, but if there is, remember, play it dumb, but quietly call the police. Let *them* do the investigating.

One of our subscribers, Mrs. Paul Cressman of 11 N. Wayne St., Lewiston, Pa. called this catnapping to our attention, and has offered a valuable suggestion. Presumably, the cats were being sought for resale purposes to a laboratory. If the laboratories must have animals, why not, asks Mrs. Cressman enact legislation insisting that they raise their own animals? Such a law would eliminate the black market which we have every evidence to believe operates all the time in animal trade. We have a suspicion the animals would be treated better too, if raised from birth at the laboratories. In the first place, the best treatment would pay off economically in the long run, secondly, scientists and technicians we know have hearts and grow attached to living things like the rest of us.

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