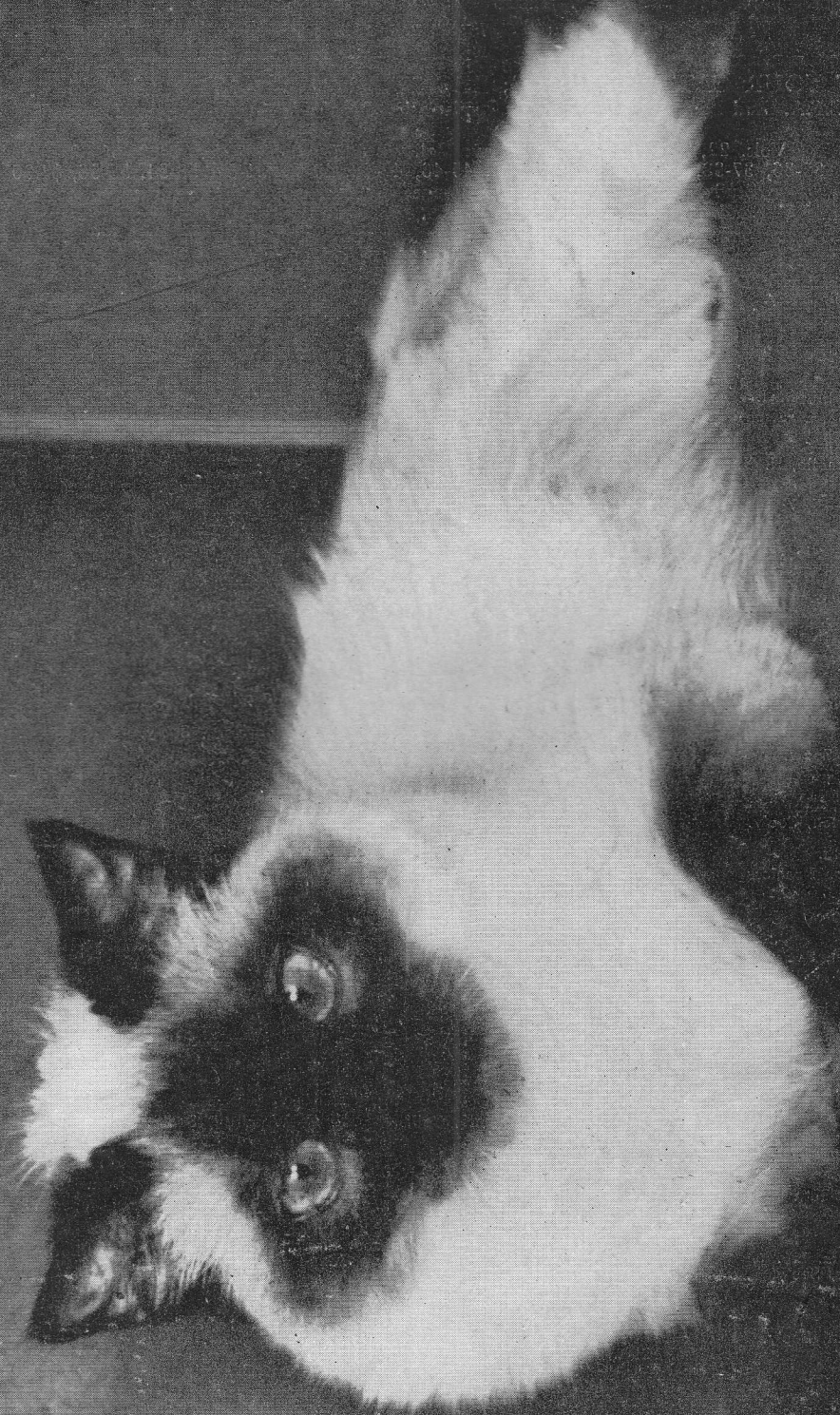


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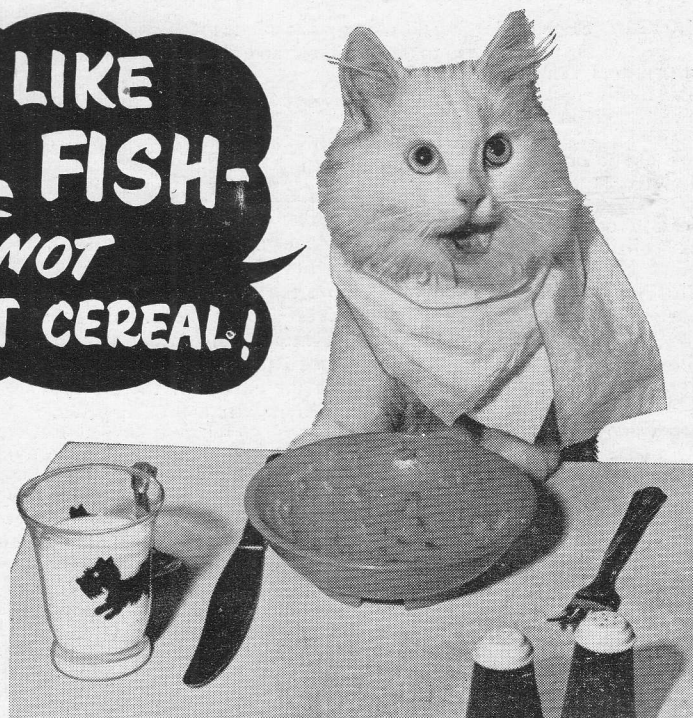
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Perhaps one of your readers can help find the owner of a lovely Siamese female kitty which was found on September 20th near the Obici Memorial Hospital on Route 460 about one mile from the limits of the city of Suffolk, Virginia.

She has no identification on her, but was wearing a black collar and was very obviously someone's cherished pet.

While we can easily find her a very good home. I can't help but feel that her owner is heart-sick about her and I'd be most happy to see that she is returned if her owner can be contacted.

Evelyn P. Askew (Mrs. Marshall E.)
417 E. North Main St.
Suffolk, Virginia

SCRATCHING POST IDEA

Dear Editors:

My has husband designed a novel scratching post which our cat prefers to anything else—including *our chesterfield!*

Perhaps other of your readers would like to try it. He used awning cord—wrapping the strands tight and close to each other, beginning at the bottom of the post and going to the top; fastening the cord on both ends by drawing the end of the cord underneath the first three wrappings at the bottom and the top, then pulling it taut before cutting it off.

(If the directions are not clear—he says the method of wrapping is the same as that used by fishermen in wrapping the handle of a fishing pole.)

Anyway, our Siamese, Renoir, won't look at anything else since he's got it. It's very little trouble to make, and we hope it works as well for anyone else who does it.

Virginia Orr Didion (Mrs. George H.)
1011 23rd St.
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FROM FLORIDA TO MANITOBA

Dear Editors:

From Florida, we arrived at Fort Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, on November 8, 1953, bringing with us eight Siamese cats and kittens. We had had as many as 34 earlier in the year, but we had to cut the number drastically, to make traveling and the risk involved in transplanting these cats from one extreme in temperature to another not too severe.

We had to engage an enclosed room on the train all the way up. We changed trains at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg. In Winnipeg we stayed over from Thursday to Friday, having left Florida Monday evening, as we had to purchase warmer clothing than we could obtain in Florida. We arrived at Fort Churchill on a Sunday morning, having spent practically every day of a week en route. Perhaps it is superfluous to say we had a most interesting and enjoyable time, with a few problems thrown in, traveling this far and from one extreme in weather conditions to another, with an expectant mother cat, three kittens, and four more lively and adventurous Siamese cats. If I should go into detail of the trip it

would cover material for a book. Suffice it to say that we and the cats arrived in good shape.

The experience of having them up here in the sub-arctic has been equally fascinating and enlightening. Perhaps the most serious and enlightening experience I learned from our youngest Bobo. He got caught under or between a door opening in January. We heard a most pathetic cry from upstairs, and when I ran up I found the door ajar and Bobo lying motionless on the floor. All the other cats and kittens were sitting around him, but he cried if any one touched him. I did not know the extent of the injury, but later learned it was a broken pelvic bone.

There is no veterinarian up here and the doctors on the Army Post are all so busy I did not want to take up their time with my cats, and too I was afraid there was not much they could do for him. Every now and then my husband would say, "It's a shame to let the poor fellow live, let's take him to the hospital and have him put to sleep." The temperature was 50° below zero and I hated to expose him to the cold by taking him outside, and then as always when I picked him up he would purr and lick me and his little blue eyes were so blue and trusting and he seemed so happy, and again I asked my husband to wait. I was at a loss what to do. We had never had troubles involving the bones in Florida or anywhere else we lived, and I was feeding them practically the same diet and the same vitamins. It finally dawned on me that they had an abundance of Vitamin D through the Florida sunshine, for while there the weather was mild and we had an enclosure outside the window and they'd always find a warm spot in the sun to curl up in and go to sleep, while here there is very little sunshine during the midwinter months and here the cats are indoors and our house is protected with well insulated walls and triple windows. So I sent for a large bottle of Cod Liver Oil and at the same time I sent to the States for a case of Cat Food as I knew of nothing better to feed the cod liver in than by mixing it in their favorite food. Bobo got extra doses direct by mouth—he'd take it anyway I gave it to him. The results were not only startling but almost unbelievable.

The other kittens too had been limping and they grew strong and healthy and the older cats livened up and became more playful and active than they had been before up here. But wonders of all, little Bobo started to straighten out. And then one day he could get up on his front legs. His back seemed strong to a point halfway down, but from there on backwards he seemed almost paralyzed. However, by thorough examination I knew he was not, but as he got the strength to get up on his front legs, he would drag along the floor his hind legs. Walking thus he was almost more pathetic than he had been before he was able



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COVER

The interesting and striking fellow on our cover this month is not a hybrid, swears his owner, Mrs. Clarence A. Black of 2601 42nd West, Seattle, Washington, but a pure bred Siamese from a mother who frequently had such longhaired males in her litters. Our cover boy "Pokey" is one of the few who survived, since most of these genetically impossible kittens were extremely delicate. Unfortunately the mother had to be spayed so her capabilities can not be further investigated.

Pokey, however, has gone on since this picture was taken at eight months to become a full-fledged member of the cat business world and is now the mascot of the Katnip Tree Company, famed home of Felix's 40 Things for Cats at 416 Smith Street, Seattle, Washington. His picture in other poses will soon grace many of their products, and he will take his place beside the other famed working cats of history.

to get up at all. My husband again entreated me to put him to sleep, saying "He can't possibly get well, half his back and his hind legs are completely paralyzed." Bobo with his endearing ways, his frantic purring and trying to show his pleasure, and his effort to try to get up on all four when I put him down, again won my husband's sympathy and he said "Let's give him more time, he must know what we are discussing and he is trying to show that he will be able to make it." I continued to feed him large doses of cod liver oil. Then one day my efforts were again rewarded. Bobo moved one of his hind legs—a few days later he was able to move them both. Now his back has straightened to the point where he can almost stand up straight. People who saw him but a week ago can hardly believe it possible that he could make such rapid recovery in so short a time. He is lying on the rug now playing with the other kittens and cats, trying to make a leap and trying to catch their tail. He's always been such a happy and co-operative little fellow.

As all know who have Siamese, on returning home after some absence, these cats will usually always give us the

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IT'S ALL IN THE POINT OF VIEW

by H. Fredricka Allen

They all came to live with us at once, all from different parents. Alexander is the baby, blonde and blue-eyed. Rupert is the eldest, large, heavy, handsome in a dark satanic way. Chadwick, whose age lies between the other two, is a small slim, red haired beauty. They also differ greatly from each other in temperament.

Alexander expects the worst from life and usually gets it. If ever an accident happens, it happens to Zandy. Rupert does all things by the number; he abhors a "different" way. Nothing baffles Chadwick. He is convinced that all things are possible unto him. We put up a six foot chain-like link fence, topped with another six feet of chicken wire, to help keep our family in. Rupert and Alexander accepted the fence without a question. Chadwick did not. He gets out. My husband and I being two college professors consider ourselves fairly intelligent, but we are constantly outwitted by a two year old—a cat, at that.

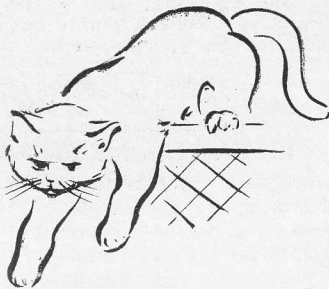
Yes, they are all cats.

For two years as we have covered trees and bushes that grow along the fence with chicken fencing, we have stepped back to gaze admiringly and say,

"Well, I don't see how Chadwick can possibly get out *now*."

But he does.

His freedom is not to be deprived him. He gets under; he gets over; he gets through. Sometimes he races madly about the yard, up trees, down trees, under shrubs, through flowers, over the rose arbor; then he pauses, leaps delightedly into the air and, I swear it, dashes *through* the chain-like fence. Other times he walks thoughtfully along the edge, looking up at the over-hanging chicken netting. He contemplates, measures each weak link, and suddenly he's up, over, and out.



Other days he broods. He sits looking out between the meshes, wistful, thoughtful. When the call of the outside world becomes unbearable, when the sounds and smells—oh, mostly those wonderful beckoning smells that make his white nose twitch—a stray cat, a scolding squirrel or a too bold bird—tempt him, then he digs under and out.

We've tried to tell him of the dangers of the outside world. Not only is freedom there; but some day Something will get him.

A friend upon hearing my woe in being unable to out-think a cat encouraged me to some degree by observing,

"Oh, but he has all day to sit and think about it."

Given time then, if not the intelligence, I should succeed in keeping him fenced. But I don't think so. You see Chaddy never doubts his ability to get out but we doubt ours to keep him in!

Rupert has easily given up freedom for security. But everything in Rupert's life is accomplished by a formula. He eats only in one place and from one certain dish; he sleeps on only certain chairs, and only if they are in their accustomed places.

He used to claw the throw rug by the front door and in exasperation I would put him out. He now believes that the only way to succeed in getting a door to open is by clawing the floor. He will never attempt entrance to another room without his little ritual of floor clawing. If the door doesn't open, he growls menacingly and, at the risk of upsetting his twenty-one pounds, claws with both front feet.

We've tried to show him that swinging doors will open by pushing on them. And he's learned that, but only second to clawing. Rupert doesn't believe, and there is nothing we can do to convince him, that pushing is all; clawing *must* precede it.

Alexander is suspicious of life. We always make an effort to be very careful of him, to build up his sense of security and belief in a good world. Somehow Zandy defeats us. If a door slams on a tail, it slams on Zandy's. If water is accidentally splashed, it's splashed on him.

I determined one day to see that Alexander, who is the last one out of the back door in the morning, had no misfortunes. It was part of my project to build up his trust: I would not step on any of his toes; I would not slam the door on his tail; I would not frighten him with a sudden noise. Alexander made it safely down the steps and I was about to utter a sigh of relief when a sudden gust of wind caught a newspaper and blew it, of course, in Alexander's face.

To the same situation they react characteristically and differently. One day a brave little Boston bull dog discovered CATS behind a fence he underestimated. He charged it with much more force than sense.

Alexander's short legs took him with lightning speed toward the back porch. Rupert regarded the scene with quiet, superior disgust. He knew fences kept cats in and dogs out. Chaddy met the happy challenge. *He* knew fences didn't always keep cats in and dogs out. And with raised fur and flashing eyes he took full credit for putting to flight the yipping fence-bruised animal.

At meal time Chadwick picks the choice bits from his plate first; he may or may not eat the lesser fare later. Rupert eats in an orderly way without discrimination. He eats from the center of his dish to the outer rims, without look-



ing up. Alexander looks about him first to be sure he is safe. Then he snatches pieces from his plate, takes them to a secluded corner of the room, devours them and goes back for more.

If I stroke Chaddy while he eats he arches his back and purrs. Rupert ignores me if I touch him, and Zandy growls menacingly if I approach him.

My husband and I felt a few months ago, that we had failed as parents. We couldn't make them understand life as it is, but then, we shrugged, they *are* only cats.

Just before Christmas my husband, who is something of an inventor, changed the latch on the mailbox which sits on a post at the end of our driveway. It now opened by stepping on a treadle. The package laden postman had only to step on the treadle in order to open the door of the box. My husband with some pride explained the mechanism to the somewhat reluctant mail carrier. For one week we watched him use the treadle, but first, always first, he pulled the latch by hand.

"Didn't you explain—" I began accusingly. And then I saw Rupert. Under a bush, his eyes dark and enigmatic, he sat. I saw him—it was barely perceptible—but I saw him—nod his head in a companionable, understanding way at the postman.

My husband was watching him too. "Do you suppose—?" he started to ask.

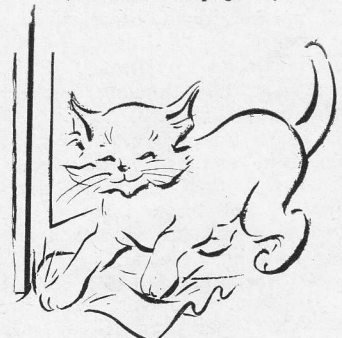
But a clatter brought us racing to the other side of the yard. It was the milkman. This time his milk truck had not made the turn and it bounced cheerfully against a tree on the parkway. The driver leaped from the truck, whistling, took our hedge in a jump more comforting for him than for the hedge.

"The path," I remembered I tried to tell him once. "The path is just as quick."

"The old buggy really bounced today," he told us happily.

The old buggy then swung itself across the street, raced through a stop sign, and was on its way. Some day he would lose his job, I thought.

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

CATS SLEEPING

*One cat is sleeping on the chair, the
other on the bed;
In dreams the mice are scampering
about them overhead.
Their whiskers twitch, and silent
paws pad where no light rays
gleam;
They stalk and pounce in restless
sleep: oh, lucky mice! they dream!*
Bonnie May Malody

CAT LORE

If a purring cat sits by you,
'Tsh . . . quiet as can be—
That means peace for you and yours,
And more prosperity.
If the cat rubs up against you,
Luck—good luck galore.
But if she jumps onto your lap,
Still greater luck's in store.
If Tabby yawns, a life-time chance
Awaits you at your door,
Nor should this be neglected now,
For this ne'er failed before.
But if the cat runs off from you,
A secret is involved;
Though not for long—within the week
The meaning will be solved.
—Elizabeth Landis Groff

CAT WORLD

*The dark is such a friendly place . .
Wherein all lovers may embrace;
Wherein a child may dream him grown
With mighty triumphs of his own.
In which a flower, petals curled
Is shut away from all the world.
But where a cat with blazing eyes
Treads soft as velvet . . . sinuous, wise
What WE find alien . . . he finds kin
To do his silent stalking in!*
—Mona Gould

FELINE REVERIES

*I come from a most ancient and aristo-
cratic line,
Yet I deign to live among you and on
simple fare to dine.
I clear your home of rats and mice. I
am a family pet.
I love it too, indeed I do, and yet, and
yet, and yet,
When I am napping lazily before a cozy
fire,
I often dream I'm once again in Nineveh
or Tyre,
in China, Malta, or Siam, or gliding to
and fro
Through sacred halls of Egypt's great,
five-thousand years ago.
I wonder (what cat wouldn't?) if the
future holds for me
As much excitement as the past. I've two
more lives you see.*
—Gertrude E. Corell

Beware of people who dislike cats.
—Irish proverb.

IN MEMORY OF PUFF

(A beautiful Persian kitten which died
24th March, 1885, Aged 6 months.)
A little gay and winsome thing,
With happy purr and eager spring,
Our playmate and our friend:
He every day in beauty grew—
Oh, kitten we were proud of you,
And now, is this the end?
Is this the end? And in his room
A budding primrose on his tomb:
The house so grave and still;
No merry gambols by the fire,
Or slumbers soft when sport might tire,
All at his own sweet will.
No playful call, no fond caress—
Ah! never would a stranger guess
Just what he was to us—
No bounding foot upon the stair,
No little guest our meal to share—
And then—to lose them thus.
To lose him thus—so young, so soon;
A day grown dark before its noon,
A joy we might not keep:
And—e'en that we have wept before
For deeper woes—we weep the more
O'er his untimely sleep.
Ah, well! His memory shall last
Among the treasures of the past,
When time shall soothe our pain.
He brought a cheer to wintry hours,
His gentle mirth a-while was ours—
He has not lived in vain.

—From TOOTS: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A
PERSIAN CAT, Compiled and pub-
lished in the '80's by Alfred C. Fryer.
Published by Partridge, London.
—Contributed by Robert Downing

Her presence is soothing to a student
as a quiet nurse is soothing to a
patient. It is agreeable to feel that you
are not absolutely alone, and it seems
to you, when you are at work, as if the
cat took care that all her movements
should be noiseless, purely out of con-
sideration for your comfort.

—Phillip G. Hamerton, quoted in
"Alexander and Some Other Cats,"
by Sarah J. Eddy

KITTY, TELL ME PLEASE

Little ginger-colored-cat
You make me wonder at
Your sense. In me it's lacking
Despite my bookish backing.
If there's sun, you sleep in it;
While I often weep in it.
If there's rain, you're dry in it
If there's food to eat, you find it.
And you sit with folded paw
While I hem and hem and haw.
You have dreams of little mice
While I bet on loaded dice;
Days of living. You scratch fleas
Philosophically. I, on sore knees
Get bunions. Tell me, Kitty
Are you just a bit more witty
Than we humans? Or, a soul
Like Sophocles come back. So old
That you'd not give a slice of liver
For New York City, plus the Sewanee
River?

—Bess Carroll Woolford

TO A CAT THAT ATE A CRICKET

*You were mysterious enough before
As, copper eyes outrivalling the fire,
You sat beside it on the ebon floor,
A shade upon a shadow; one desire
Paramount within your furtive mind
Rendering you oblivious — deaf, dumb,
blind
To all within the warm familiar room
Except the movement of a tiny scarab,
A bit of jet half-hidden by the scuttle
That fiddled (unaware of imminent
doom)
The tremulous monotony of a shuttle
You crouched. You leapt. The fiddler
disappeared
Down the red lane of your maleficent
throat!
And now, complacently, you stroke your
beard;
Brush the last crumb of Autumn from
your coat.*

—Marion Doyle

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*He who claims to know a cat,
Weighs his mind on faulty scales;
He should know by watching that
They wear question marks for tails.*

—Ralph W. Seager

MY CAT, PUNKY

My Punky is a cat of parts—
Of brain-force well defined—
His body size is reproduced
In breadth and depth of mind.
A master of diplomacy,
(Hence most discreet of tongue)
He hangs upon my fluent words
As humans few have hung.
A feline most intelligent,
As anyone must say;
Intent he listens while I talk,
And never once says "Nay."
In full agreement with my views,
(Far different from some
Whom I might name) this person makes
A most delightful chum.
In ancient Egypt days, my cat,
From history I find
Celestial honors were your due;
In your subconscious mind
You know it well: and, as you brood,
A sphinx, in shade or sun,
You tell it not—as sphinxes know,
It's something never done.
I feel, my philosophic friend,
As you I contemplate,
We humans might learn much from
cats—
Their virtues emulate
Of saying little, thinking much,
Maintaining graceful poise,
And giving touch of quiet in
A world distraught with noise.
Then hail to thee, my Punky dear—
Just let me whisper that
I love thee well for what thou art—
My little brother—cat.

Boston, November 11, 1953 A.E.C.
"Be kind to animals — you are
one yourself"

TIPS TO THE NOVICE FROM A NOVICE

Care of Kittens after Weaning—Part I by Blanche Wolfram

When Mother Nature fashioned a kitten she really knew what she was doing for it was made to be the most appealing little ball of fur one would ever hope to find. Somehow she knew that it must be a thing that would attract the attention of all; a tiny creature so cute that its very being would cause one to cuddle it and shower it with great love and affection.

By the time a kitten reaches the stage of weaning it is at an age when its very nature begins to tug at your heart for the loving kindness that it deserves. It will do all that it can to bring much happiness and rich enjoyment into your home; all that is asked on its part is that a good home be provided.

One may ask, and quite properly so, what is a good home? What must I do to enable my kitten to receive the best care possible? In order that you might know how to care for your kitten after weaning, this column has been given space in this issue of CATS Magazine. It is the hope of the writer that it will help you to provide the care you so earnestly desire for your young charge.

First and foremost, a kitten will respond directly to the manner in which it is taught. Much patience is required to teach it the things which must necessarily be learned. However, while it may be a tiny animal, its intelligence far surpasses its size and you will be surprised as to how little it takes to keep a kitten carefree and gay during the learning process.

Of course, the food and the way in which it is fed must remain as of prime importance. The food is relatively easy to prepare and takes only a few added moments of one's valuable time, but seeing a kitten relish its food not only gives one the feeling that the cat is fed—it also gives the additional satisfaction of knowing that you are actually helping it to grow. In the October CATS, we gave you the balanced diets we use and recommend. (If you missed that issue, extra copies are available on request.)

Egg yolks can be added to this diet or mixed with milk. Do not feed milk and solid food at the same time. It is good to give milk between meals or as a snack. Some cats cannot take milk because it causes a looseness of the bowels. If this occurs, discontinue the milk. By following this diet or by using it as an example in organizing one of your own, you can be assured of sound, healthy cats.

Pan-Training

Following the feeding of your kitten, the use of the sanitary pan must come as second in importance. When a kitten is passed the weaning stage you have already taught it to use the sanitary pan and all that is now required from this standpoint is that the pan be kept clean. Not only must the sand used in the pan be regularly sifted and changed, but the pan itself must be thoroughly cleaned every time its contents are replaced. Washing soda and water provide a good

cleansing solution. A kitten will always strive to keep itself meticulously clean and it wants its surroundings to be clean as well. If excessive dirt is permitted to accumulate in the pan, the kitten will go elsewhere and this would not be desirous on your part.

As will with all little ones, accidents are bound to occur and your kitten is no exception to the rule. There are those hurry-up calls when the pan just does not seem to be near enough. Just remember not to be too harsh in reprimanding the little ones when this happens and in time there will be no more accidents. Too, sometimes a kitten's legs will play tricks on it and cause it to lose its balance and fall backwards when it is trying so hard to be careful and use the sanitary pan. A "pancake" is the usual result. This is most often removed with a piece of soft tissue and a comb. However, if more treatment is necessary, just place the affected part of the kitten under a stream of warm running water and the dried substance will easily wash away. Dry the wet area immediately and then douse a small quantity of Johnson's baby powder on it to aid in the drying process. On a Longhair kitten it is a most practical idea to trim away a little of the fur in the area of the anus in order to prevent or at least alleviate the caring for such accidental occurrences.

A good balanced diet will generally keep a kitten's bowels performing smoothly. On the other hand, there are times when the use of a mild laxative is desirable. Instead of any harsh laxative which might be readily at hand, this writer finds that a teaspoon of fresh liver will usually produce the desired effect. If the bowels should be running too freely, as sometimes the case will be, a treatment of one teaspoon of Kaopectate twice a day will usually clear up the condition. Never give a kitten Paragoric to check loose bowels for it is very harmful to cats.

No article on the care of kittens can omit comments on internal parasites, commonly referred to as "worms". A few generalities will be discussed here and more pertinent information reserved for a later time.

Parasites

Kittens can and will get worms, the most common being the round worm. Many fine preparations are found listed in this magazine which will provide adequate treatment. Words of caution must be entered here, though. Never treat your kitten for worms unless you are sure that it has been affected. But when you are reasonably sure that a kitten does have the parasites, I feel that no food or water should be provided for a twenty-four hour period before the actual treatment begins. If any food is left in the stomach and medicine is given, the kitten is apt to become violently ill. Too, the absence of food in the stomach will enable the medicine to act more thoroughly. Food can be given about three

hours after the worm medicine has been given. A second worming following a ten-day waiting period is advisable, for there may be some eggs remaining after the first dosage of medicine and the treatment will not have provided a full cure.

When kittens are young they may be subject to a parasite known as *coccidiosis*. While this is microscopic in size, it can readily be detected by runny bowels and a strong, foul odor in the waste material. When such a detection is made, give the kitten all of the thick cream it will drink for *coccidiosis* cannot live in fat. In severe cases where this treatment is not successful, take your kitten to your local vet for further observation and he may give it 50mg of Aureomycin twice daily. Be sure to keep an affected cat in isolation and its living quarters scrupulously clean; never allow another cat to use its sanitary pan. Flies and fleas can easily spread parasites of all types, especially tapeworm and maggots, so be sure that your kitten is free from their presence. And when treating for worms as well as for any other infection, remember, never use a tar product—it would mean the immediate loss of your pet. It is a good idea to have your kitten make an occasional appointment with the veterinarian, for he is well able to detect worms through a microscope and advise further precautionary measures.

Infectious Gastro-Enteritis

In a previous article, the infection typed as *infectious gastro-enteritis* was mentioned and a more extensive discussion promised. Gastro-enteritis is the most terrible and the most feared disease associated with cats. It is a virus infection that centers itself in the small intestine and is most always fatal, more so with kittens. Be sure that your kitten receives his protective series of shots when they are due. This is best done when the kit is three months old and is administered by your vet in two dosages, ten days apart. The shots of the gastro-enteritis vaccine when properly administered provide permanent immunization.

Occasionally, epidemics of this scourge have been known to break out in different areas of the country. If you should happen to find yourself in such an area and your kitten is not inoculated against it, it should receive a dosage of gastro-enteritis serum. This is a quick-acting temporary measure and must be repeated until the trouble is passed. When your area is cleared of the pestilence then your kitten should be given the permanent vaccine for the serum will not provide permanent immunity. An adult cat may get slightly sick in an epidemic, even though it has had its protective shots but at least it will not die.

A nursing mother who has had the gastro-enteritis vaccine will pass on the immunity to her kittens while they are nursing; in this way they will have full protection for about four weeks after they have been weaned. Following this period they should receive their shots.

Gastro-enteritis is to be greatly feared, not only because of the final damage it

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Gentle as a mother cat, this big boy from India carefully carries a full grown cat like a kitten.

RIGHT: Like a friendly Tabby, Aesop purrs, "Mmm, that hand lotion smells good. Mmm, tastes good, too!"

AESOP--A Big Cat Makes Good

By Randolph Sheldon

PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

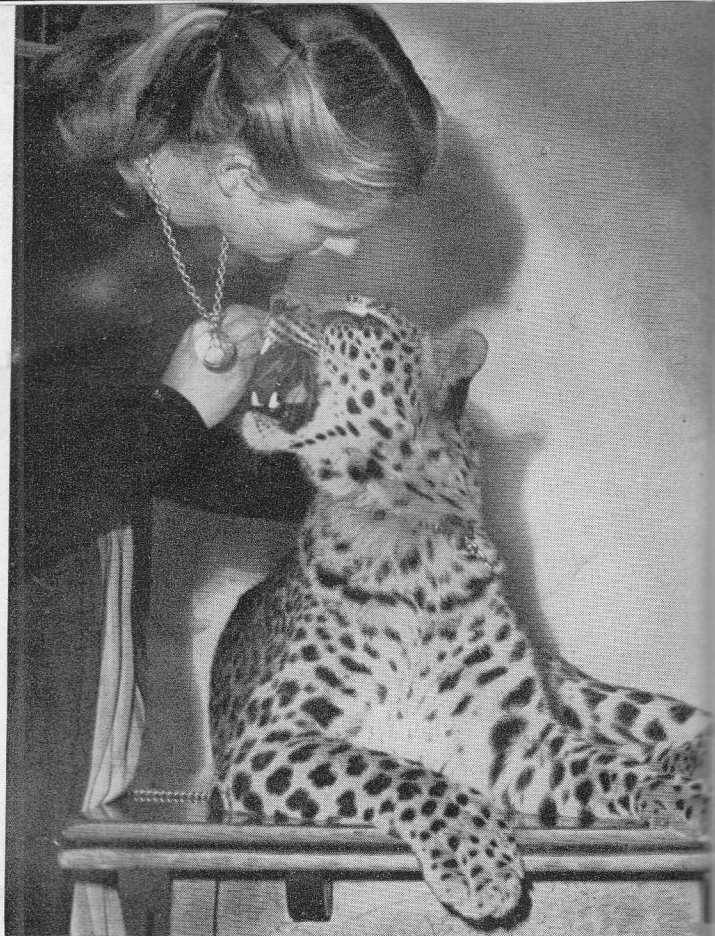
Every now and then you wonder what it would be like. Would owning one of the Big Cats, of which your own feline kid, its cousin, is one-fifteenth the size, change your life! Would it be possible?

The neighbors—well, the neighbors are used to anything by now. The furniture—you never cared for the dowdy print of the living-room sofa; you could replace it with something sturdier. A piece of burlap, maybe. But your own cats! Well, you couldn't bear to see *them* suffer. Your happy day-dreams end abruptly until the next time from out of its capricious depths, your mind pictures again for you the beauty and loveliness of a wild thing, tamed and yours.

The secret wish of perhaps most cat lovers was fulfilled not long ago in our California home. Straight from the jungles of India to the balmy pine-scented hills of northern California this leopard was brought as a cub.

Its mother dead, the natives had smoked two cubs out from the cave and brought them to the market place to sell. There a missionary's son was soon convinced by the smooth-talking Indian trader that the animals were very desirable cheetahs (not fierce leopards) and a bargain at five dollars each. He bought one, thinking that this gentle cheetah kitten could easily be tamed. The young owner had plans. He would bring the baby to America, selling it for a handsome profit which would go toward his college education. Off the two started on the long trip home. By the time they reached San

Like any cat, Aesop loves to rub against a tree.



Francisco, the cub was in bad shape, what with the long sea voyage and a haphazard ship's diet. At that time the kitten wasn't much bigger than a rabbit, far too young to have been taken from its mother's milk.

But the cat was lucky. Its owner boarded a bus on his way to the Berkeley campus, carrying the baby in its native cage, an odd-looking contraption that attracted the attention of one of the passengers who happened to be myself. I like animals, native or wild, and asked about the cage and the animal in it. My interest grew; so did my determination to have the animal. The cub changed hands right there on the bus.

Thus, the sick little cat came to the house of its new owner. Our family bottle-fed it, kept it warm in the house, doctored it lovingly with cod-liver oil, vitamin pills, nursed it carefully. It in turn picked up both weight and spirits, captured the hearts of the collective household. It wasn't 'til much later when an animal trainer heard of the story and came visiting to see the "cheetah," that the family discovered it had on its hand a *boni fide* male leopard. The trainer told dire tales. We could never train a leopard. It would grow to two hundred pounds in weight, probably eat us alive. Were we willing to give it up? No! And we proved something.

Contrary to all predictions, the leopard has never shown the slightest signs of savagery. He is now fully grown. His stomach full and all his needs attended to, the big cat has emerged a perfect gentleman. He rides in the car with the family, walks like a well-behaved dog on leash, romps like an enormous kitten with the real kittens and with the daughters of the family. You have only to look at the face to see what a gentle cat is this. Yet his great paws could knock any member of the family galley-west if he cared to use them. But the leopard has hung up his gloves. Only the nails on those great paws are kept well-clipped since it's in the nature of cats to flex them even in play and around the house the leopard would be a Jack the Ripper if he weren't kept properly manicured.

Otherwise, watch any domesticated cat, enlarge it a hundred times, and you've got the picture of what a well-fed, contented wild jungle cat is like. He is gentle with everyone, except dogs. But the traits hunters so love to talk about—ferocity, defiance, cunning—these have evaporated like mist before the sun in the light of affection.

His name: AESOP, after the writer of old fable that ends with the punch line: "Love can tame the wildest."



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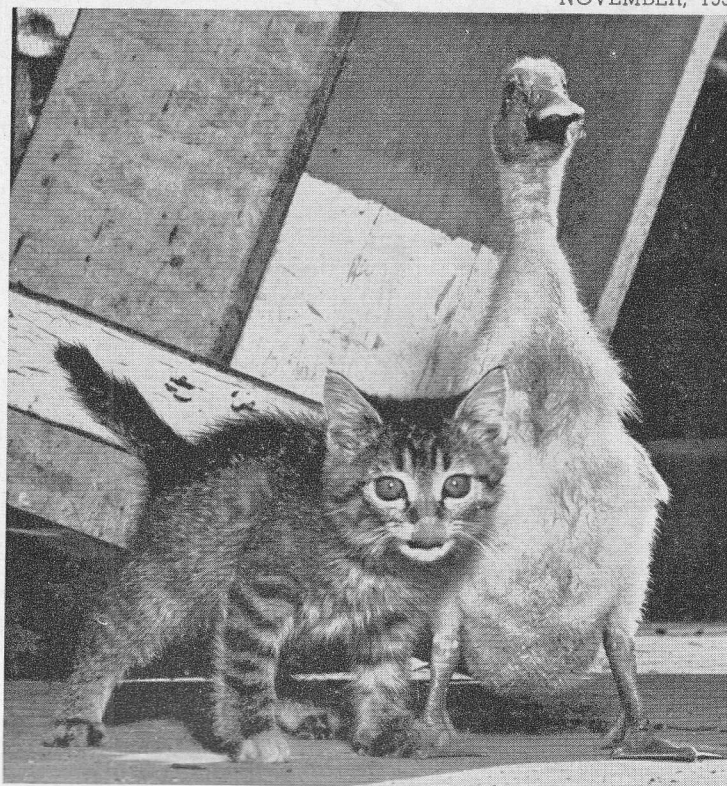
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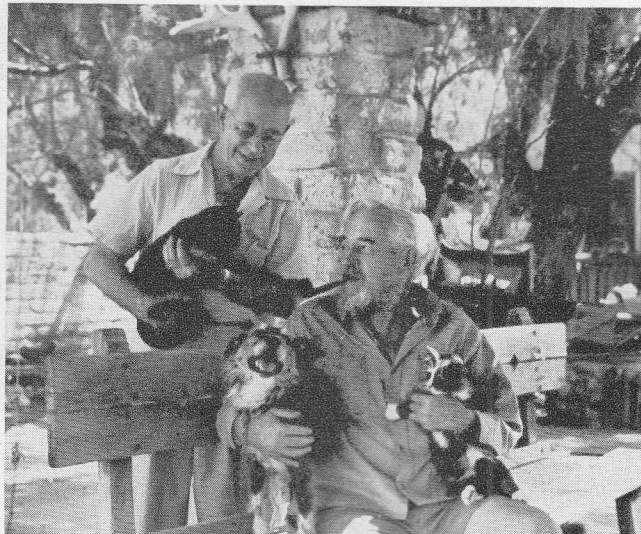
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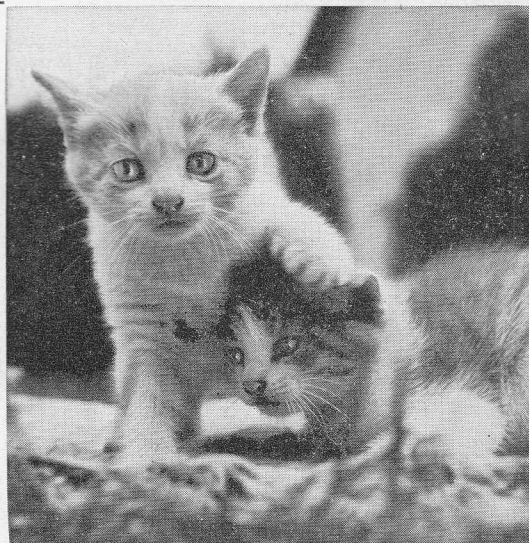
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Fat, lazy and, above all, indifferent to both other cats and humans—that's the "layman's" notion of a neutered cat, here in the British Isles, at any rate. Is it so in the States, I wonder?

Hamstrung by this pre-conceived idea, my husband and I lost three well-loved toms through accident or disease. They *would* wander. This sad lesson was enough to make us decide to have our next tom neutered, and thus curtail his travels, we hoped.

We aren't, I should explain, show-breeders, just cat-lovers whose home revolves round two mongrel but nevertheless (in our eyes) beautiful queens. Mrs. Pinny is very nearly a true Brown Tabby with a tail so thick it's often mistaken for an extra kitten when she's nursing. Her daughter, Wock-Tock, is almost a perfect Silver Tabby except for what we call her apricot lingerie, inherited from her mother.

As, between them, these two ladies have produced nearly a hundred and thirty kittens, we've had plenty of toms to choose from. But we knew as soon as The Gunmetal Kitten arrived on the scene, gleaming like a pewter bullet on his mother's coppery chest, that this was one kit we wouldn't part with. He grew to adolescence with a very short but thick coat, dark gunmetal grey on the back and tail, paling to dove-grey on mask and paws. (Though perhaps only because these latter parts of him get more thoroughly washed!)

Various high-sounding names were

tried out on him, such as Sylvester, Tankard and Lunatic, but nothing 'took' except Gum (originating from Gun-metal). It was essential to have as brief and easy a name as possible because he *never* was where he was expected or was wanted to be—and also because a long and dignified name didn't suit a cat so lacking in dignity or sedateness.

So Gum he became. I could make a horrible pun about his affectionate sticking-powers, but I won't!

Gum was duly taken to the vet and "doctored". Though sick twice on the way home, and nearly breaking our hearts by insisting on staggering to the outside toilet tray while still fuzzy from the anaesthetic, (I suppose it was an insult to offer him the kittens' indoor one) by evening he was singing loudly in his usual vacuum-cleaner baritone and even cocked his ears and flashed his chartreuse eyes at a moth skittering round the lamp.

So we knew by then he was all right and sat back, telling ourselves that even if he did grow into a plump rather dull fellow, at least we shouldn't have to bury yet another victim of cat-flu or blood-poisoning under the garden privet hedge.

Grow he certainly did. Now at four-teen months he towers inches above his mother and galumphs around like a young elephant. Apathetic? Not a bit of it. Windblown leaves are lucky if they escape his lightning paws. Table-tennis balls ricochet from wall to wall of the living room and we always know when the mice from next door—we've never seen any, but the cats can hear them in the wainscoat—are reconnoitering through the party wall. Gum will be sitting nearby, ears like radar screens poised to catch the faintest squeak, and tail-end twitching briskly with anticipation — never so far fulfilled.

As for imagining that he might be less affectionate, we now smile in a superior way when anyone asks about this trait, because it's certain that before the questioner has finished talking Gum will have flumped down on to his or her lap, or be teetering eagerly on the chair-back, breathing a rhythmical welcome into the nearest ear. Any shoulder that might seem to be reluctant is then hooked into position for a four-point landing. And that's nothing to the way he treats people he *knows*.

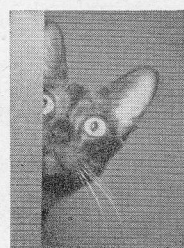
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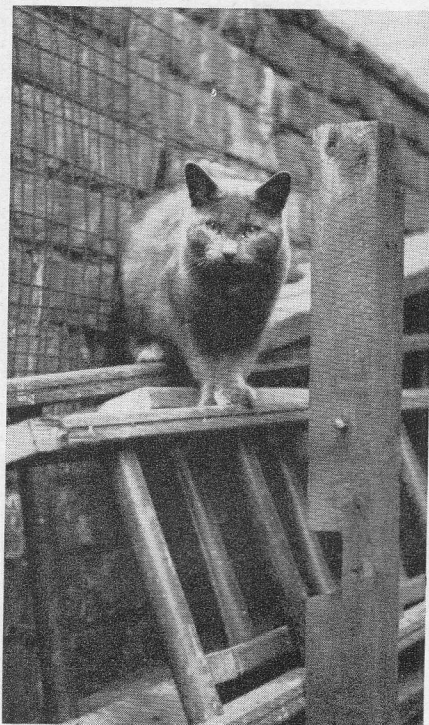


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We can't endorse the theory about wandering either. My husband thinks Gum is the cat counterpart of the human gossip. Certainly he trots round all the neighbours and probably is well up in the latest scandal. I've met him often coming out of the Co-operative Dairy stables where presumably he communes with the horses, though if he meets a milkfloat in the road he ignores it. Perhaps it's not etiquette to talk to the horse at the wheel.

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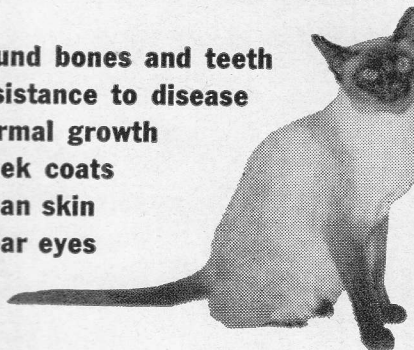
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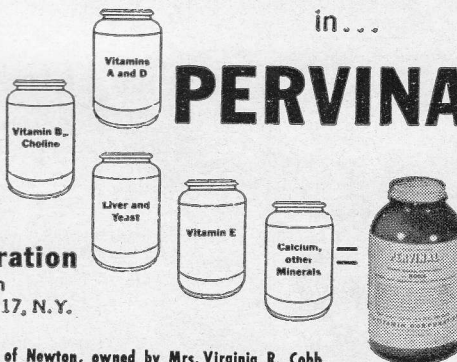
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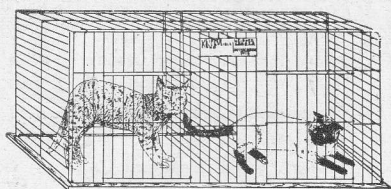
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I have to admit the prospect of sharing Peter as a pet, influenced my decision to become their tenant. I don't think I ever knew a more affectionate cat. In the morning I would look for him out on the front lawn, or sitting on the rail or fence that separated us from the adjoining lot. The moment I stepped out on to my balcony and said "Hello Peter" back would come his answering hello, but not unless I continued the conversation, telling him what a beautiful boy he was and asked "Are you hungry?" would he venture up the stairs leading to my apartment. After his second breakfast, for I knew his mistress always fed him well, he would jump on to my lap for his morning petting, then when I would say, "Come on Peter, I think you'd better go now, I have work to do," he would push open the screen door and disappear, usually back to his favorite spot on the fence. Being such a neighborly little fellow, he seemed to expect everyone who passed him, to stop and chat, which I always did on my way to the bus. Afternoons about four o'clock when I would be returning, there was my friend awaiting me, eager for attention, for someone to talk to, and if invited, but only then, would he trot up the stairs beside me for his afternoon tea.

As time passed on, it was very evident Peter was lacking his usual energy. No longer did he chase the butterflies, and I noticed that he walked with difficulty. A visit to the Veterinarian helped some, but it was apparent our Peter would not be with us much longer.

About this time we had some new neighbors, a family with two young children and their dog Rusty. Like most dogs, he thought cats were something to be barked at or chased. Peter maintained his right to his favorite spot on the fence for sunning himself, though Rusty tried to make his life miserable. Frequently I would step out on my porch and scold



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him, tell him to go way back and sit down, which somewhat to my surprise he usually did. It was however most obvious he was like a thorn in Peter's flesh.

The Christmas holiday season was approaching, and I like everyone else was busy shopping, gift wrapping etc., hurrying here and there so that I did not have time to devote to our pet. It suddenly occurred to me I hadn't set eyes on Peter for three days—wonder what's happened! I hesitated to ask his mistress as I feared it might have been necessary to take him to the Vets, to which we had frequently almost tearfully referred. I was truly anxious—my heart was heavy—I had loved so many pets, their lives so often ended tragically—I didn't want another heartache. Had I sometimes been too busy to stop and say hello! That night I prayed our Peter would come home to us. And now comes the strange part of my true story. I dreamt I called on Rusty, the dog next door, and said "Come over here Rusty, I want to talk to you. You know of course Peter has been missing for three days—I am greatly worried about him, and have an idea that the manner in which you have annoyed him, and because of which he finally gave up his sun baths on the fence, have had something to do with driving him away. I think it would be a nice thing for us to throw a party for Peter, to have all the dogs and cats in the neighborhood attend, and for each one to bring a gift for him, all prettily wrapped. Now you get busy and hustle around, telling everyone you meet, our intention. I feel sure Peter is in hiding somewhere, will hear of this and come home."

Rusty said, "Yes, I'll be so glad to

help!" I really believe he felt sorry for all the mean things he had done to Peter. His eyes looked quite moist.

The next thing I recall from my dream, it was late afternoon. I glanced out of one of my front windows and saw a long line of cats and dogs of all breeds and colors, walking along the path that leads to the front door of Peter's home. Such a commotion! Some of the cats were getting in the way of the dogs' feet. One mother cat was having an awful time making her kittens behave—must have been something in the bushes they had never seen before. And the packages! Never saw anything funnier in all my life! Most of them wrapped with newspaper, plain string, with here and there bits of colored paper clawed out of waste baskets or found in back alleys. The cans of salmon and tuna must have been heavy, also the evaporated milk. Little dogs, big dogs, pedigreed cats and those of doubtful parentage, some sitting on the backs of older members of the family. I woke myself up laughing as I noticed a Chihuahua sitting on the back of a Collie trying to reach with a paw, the brass door knocker. I thought, what a dream! I tried, as perhaps you have sometimes done, to relive it. I jumped out of bed, opened my door to get a whiff of the wonderful morning air, and there sitting on my Welcome mat, was Peter. I gasped! I couldn't believe my eyes! I said, "Why Peter baby!" In he came for his usual warm milk. Never before had I known him to come up the stairs without an invitation. I wonder! Had he come in response to my thoughts, my prayers!

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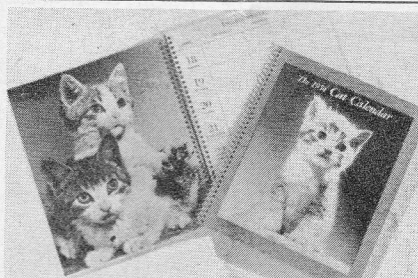
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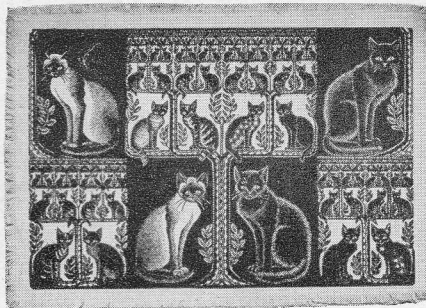
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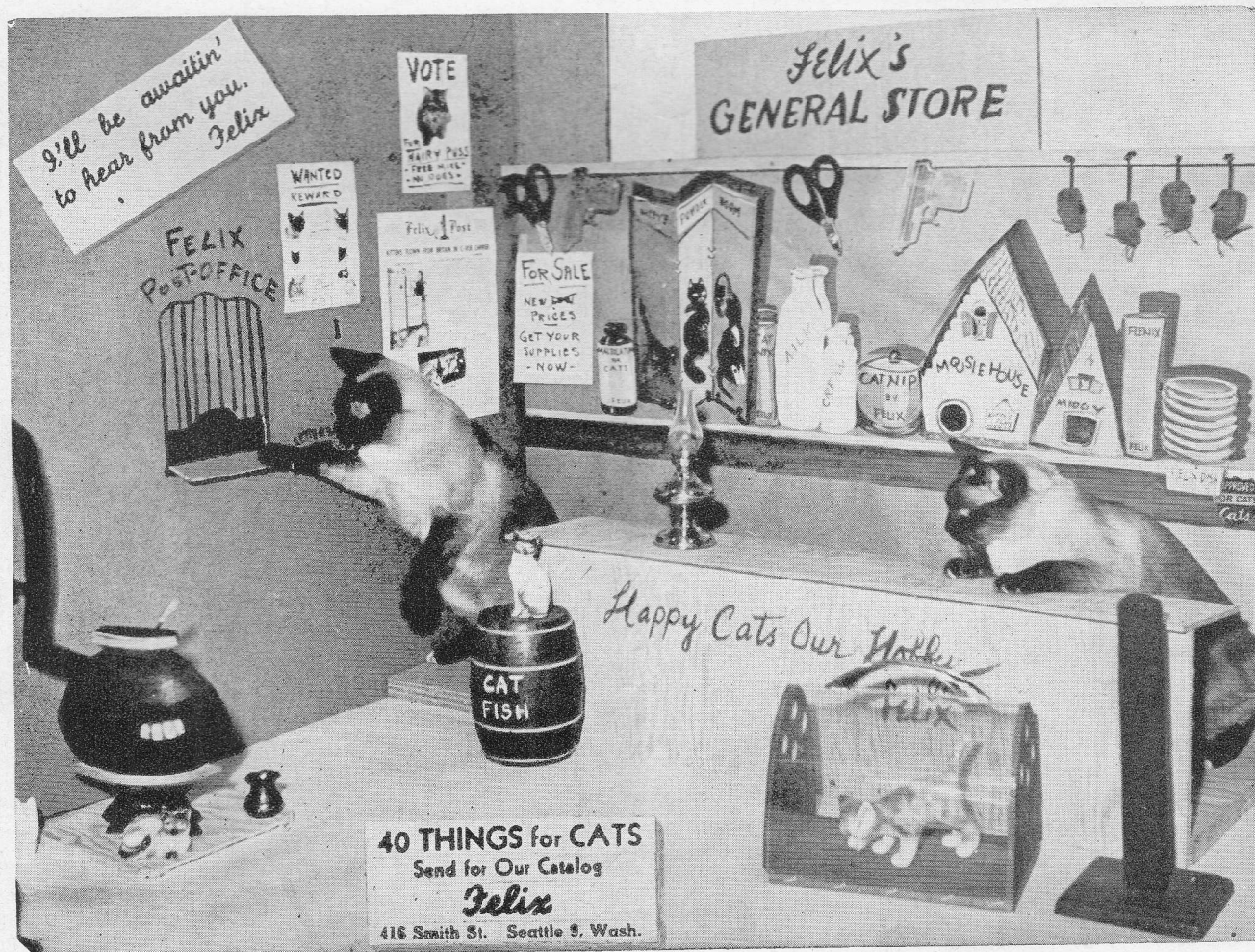
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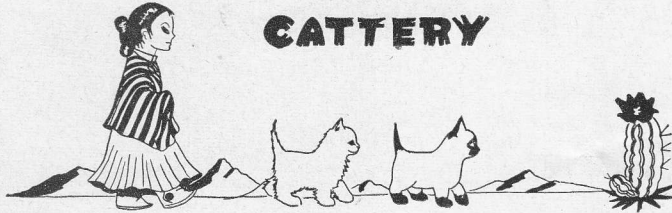
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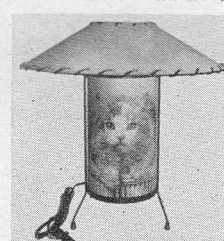
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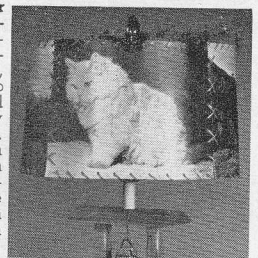
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CORRECTIONS

Dbl. Ch. Sha-Lin's Pra Ping Thai, Seal Point Male owned by Miriam Williams who was 1954 All-Western and American Honorable Mention has urgently requested that we correct the reference to him has a "her" in his All-American issue advertisement on page 36. We would also like to correct the name of his daughter—**Sha-Lin's Choc Lat Bon Bon of Elo-Yse**.

Mrs. F. L. Lindsey's American and Southern Honorable Mention Blue Male **Dbl. Ch. Texas Valiant Prince** has also called us to task for failing to reiterate in October that he was tied with **Dbl. Ch. Ta-Lee-Ho-Ena** and **Gr. Ch. Dixiland Rebel** for tenth runner up spot in the A-A scoring list.

And **Cherubino's Don Giovanni** owned by Mrs. Henry Bode wishes us to report that it was under this registered name that he made his Best Kitten win at Springfield last year.



Cats Question Box

Conducted by E. A. Renaux, D. V. M.

We are particularly interested in diets of cats who have attained a great age. When we read of a cat, say 15 or even 25 years of age, we always wonder "What did they feed him?" because we think diet is extremely important.

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Diet is the most important factor in the health of an animal that we can control. If a pet has been fed a good diet containing all the necessary requirements for the body its chances of living a long life are good. Like people who live to be a hundred, the owner of an aged cat has his own ideas as to why it came about. It is more than likely that the individual physical and physiological makeup have the most to do with longevity.

I have a cat about fourteen years old whose back legs are so weak he has difficulty in walking. Otherwise, he seems to be in good condition. He had this trouble about two years ago, but it was not this bad and he recovered. He never cared for milk and now eats raw meat and raw fish, canned mackerel, and cat food.

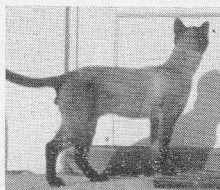
Do you think vitamins would help? I would certainly appreciate your advice. —Mrs. W. F. Mc C., Corinth, Miss.

An addition of a vitamin and mineral supplement to the cat's food would be indicated. Also massage of the legs and exercising them with your hands may help to strengthen the muscles. However, in most cases of advanced age the first place that physical weakness will be noticed will be in the hind quarters, and there wouldn't be too much that could be done to correct it.

I have a three year old Red Persian and every time he falls, his urine is bloody right away. He has been like this twice since I got him. He seems to be healthy.

—Mrs. K. P., Farrandville, Pa.

This could be due to either a kidney or bladder disturbance. I believe that it would be more probably the kidneys. At some time previous there may have been a severe injury to these organs or damage done to them by infection that would cause some hemorrhage. Treatment or care could be begun, (providing there was something that could be done) only after the exact source of the trouble could be determined by a veterinarian.



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Best Siamese Champion, Best OS Seal Point—Milwaukee Spec.—Sample

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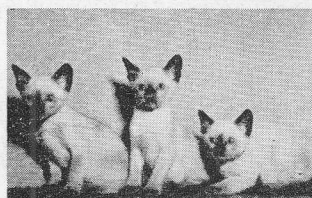
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Cats Show Calendar

This Calendar will be kept up to date and will be published every month throughout the Cat Show Season. Further information will be found in the individual club ads in this issue and subsequent issues of CATS.

November

- 6-7—San Diego, Calif.—Silvergate Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Miss Lucy Clingan); Shorthair Specialty and Longhair Specialty (Miss Ruth Lentz).
- 6-7—Buffalo, N. Y.—Queen City Cat Club Inc. (ACA)—All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Betty Groell); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. T. J. MacNaughtan).
- 6-7—Cleveland, Ohio—Cleveland Persian Society (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis); Windsor Solid Color Specialty, Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty and American Silver Specialty (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski).
- 7—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Gulfshore Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Dorothy Keller); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Tabby & Tortie Specialty (Mrs. Louise Heron); Poinciana Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Laura Graham).
- 12-13—Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club, Inc. (CFA)—All Breed (Miss Kay Thoma); New England Shorthair Specialty (Mr. Anthony DeSantis); Solid Color Club of the East (Mr. Robert E. Martin).
- 13-14—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter); American Tabby & Tortie Specialty; Windsor Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Carl Johnson).
- 13-14—Denver, Colorado—Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski); Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang).
- 13-14—Stockton, Calif.—San Joaquin Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Mr. B. W. Wilson); Longhair Specialty (Rosemund Flynn); Shorthair Specialty (Dr. Fern Smith).
- 13-14—Spokane, Wash.—Inland Empire Cat Club (ACA). All Breed; (Mrs. Leila Paterson); Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Mrs. June Williams).
- 13-14—Milwaukee, Wisc.—Midwest Feline Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. James Small).
- 20-21—Long Beach, Calif.—Long Beach Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed Specialties. (Type and Judges to be announced).
- 20-21—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill); Central States Solid Color Specialty and Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty (Miss Kay M. Thoma).
- 20-21—Atlanta, Georgia—Cotton States Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walter Limpert); Solid Color of the South Specialty (Mrs. Frances Herms); Eastern Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Mrs. Herms).
- 27-28—Louisville, Ky.—Kentucky Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Miss Kay Thoma); Silver, Tabby & Tortie, and Solid Color Specialties (Mrs. Dorothy C. Hunt).
- 27-28—Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Shorthair Specialty (Mr. Roy Easterly).

December

- 1-2—Newark, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Judge of All Longhairs and Shorthairs except Siamese—Mrs. Mary Carroll; Siamese Judge Dr. C. Evans Sawyer; Referee Judge if required—Miss Kathleen Yorke); Solid Color Club of the East Specialty, Silver Cat Club of the West Specialty and Eastern Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Miss Kathleen Yorke); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Mr. Brian Sterling Webb).
- 4-5—New Orleans, La.—Dixie Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis); West Texas Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Dorothy Keller); Southern Longhair Club Specialty (Mrs. Keller).
- 4-5—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski); Twin City Solid Color Specialty and Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty (Mr. Robert E. Martin).
- 11-12—Chico, Calif.—Tri-County Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Leila Paterson); Shorthair Specialty (Howard Casassa); Shorthair Specialty (Lucy Clingan).
- 11-12—Portland, Oregon—Rose City Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Ruth Fisher); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Ruth Lentz).

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Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc.

16th ANNUAL ALL BREED SHOW

C.F.A. RULES

WIDEWAY HALL - NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER 1st and 2nd, 1954

Judges for the All Breed Show will be
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Dr. Evans Sawyer—Siamese

The Club has again been fortunate in securing the services of two of England's finest judges for the **FOUR SPECIALTY SHOWS**: A return visit of MISS KATHLEEN YORKE, Chairman of the GCCF of England, who will judge

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The Eastern Tabby and Tortie Specialty

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The National Siamese Cat Club Specialty

Premium List Closes Sept. 18th. Dead line for advertising copy and entries (which will be limited), November 5th, or before if the limit has been reached.

If you do not receive a Premium List by Nov. 1st, send a post card to the manager.

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Judge: Miss Thoma

Premium List Closes November 29

Entries Close January 3

Show Manager

ROBERT E. MARTIN
197 Goodell St.
Buffalo 4, N. Y.

Show Secretary

FRANCES SCHULER
197 Goodell St.
Buffalo 4, N. Y.

NORTH TEXAS CAT CLUB SHOW

FEBRUARY 5-6, 1955

All Breed Judge, Mrs. Walter Limpert

S. H. Specialty: Siamese, Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang

All Other Short Hairs: Mrs. Richard O'Donovan

Silver Specialty: Solid Color Specialty: Mrs. O'Donovan

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ALL BREED SHOW—Judge: Mrs. Joseph Richmond

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY

Judge: Mrs. Helen Hildebrand

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY

Judge: Mrs. Christine Hartmann

DECEMBER 13-14, 1954

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Premium List Closes December 15, 1954

Entries Close January 8, 1955

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FOURTH CFA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

JANUARY 15-16, 1954

Dayton, Ohio

MRS. RALPH MABIE—ALL BREED JUDGE

MISS KAY THOMA—SPECIALTY JUDGE

Windsor Solid Color

West Texas Short Hair

Premium List Closes November 10, 1954

Entries Close December 10, 1954

Show Secretary—MRS. H. C. ULLMANN

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C.F.A.

TRIPLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

December 4-5, 1954

Hotel Savery

DES MOINES, IOWA

All Breed Judge: Mrs. Frances Kosierowski
Twin City Solid Color and Great Lakes Short Hair
Judge: Mr. Robert E. Martin

Premium List closes October 10th.

Entries close November 10th.

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Mrs. Dorothy Richard

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For information write

JO RICHARDSON, Entry Clerk

P.O. Box 4006

North Hollywood, Calif.

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- 11-12—Cincinnati, Ohio.—Cincinnati Cat Club, Inc. (CFA)—All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); Windsor Solid Color Specialty and Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty (Robert E. Martin).
 11-12—Miami, Fla.—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Eastern Tabby and Tortie Specialty (Anthony DeSantis).
 13-14—Brooklyn, N. Y.—Cosmopolitan Cat Club—Formerly Brooklyn-Long Island Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. Joseph Richmond); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Helen Hildebrand); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Christine Hartmann).

January

- 7-8—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mr. H. B. Zieses); All Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Doris O'Connell); Silver Specialty (Mrs. Christine Hartman); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Hartman).
 8-9—North Hollywood, Calif.—San Fernando Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Longhair Specialty (Miss Floy McGill); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Dorothy Richard).
 15-16—Dayton, Ohio.—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie); Windsor Solid Color Specialty and West Texas Shorthair Specialty (Miss Kay M. Thoma).
 15-16—Long Beach, Calif.—West Short Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. C. Strange).
 22-23—Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); International Solid Color Specialty and Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty (Miss Kay Thoma).
 22-23—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Marie L. Rania); Shorthair Specialty (Mr. E. W. McCracken).
 29-30—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Hunter); Shorthair Specialty and Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Frances Herms).
 29-30—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis); Shorthair Society of So. Calif. Specialty (Mrs. Helen Etherton).

February

- 3-4—New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms); Solid Color of the East Specialty (Mrs. John Swenson); National Siamese Cat Club (Mr. Sven S. Nelson); All Shorthair (except Siamese) Specialty (Dr. C. Evans Sawyer).
 5—Minneapolis, Minn.—Minneapolis Persian Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. A. O. Wagoner); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. S. G. Miles).
 6—Minneapolis, Minn.—Land O'Lakes Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. J. J. Small); Specialties (Mrs. Ella Conroy).
 5-6—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club of Florida (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Gertrude Hamaker); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mr. Dimas Bianco).
 5-6—Phoenix, Arizona—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Miss Christine Whittier); Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Mr. Howard Casassa).
 5-6—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walter E. Limpert); Hawthorne Silver Specialty (Mrs. Richard O'Donovan); Midwest Shorthair Specialty (Siamese: Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang; All other breeds: Mrs. O'Donovan).
 12-13—Hollywood, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
 19-20—San Francisco, Calif.—San Francisco Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Tillie Oken); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Ruth Fisher); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. LaVona Wright).
 19-20—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Midwest Shorthair Specialty (Mr. David Deans-Henderson).
 26-27—Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. J. H. Revington); Windsor Solid Color Specialty (Miss Kay M. Thoma).

March

- 5-6—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
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Marie Stodden, Gaymoor Cattery,
Cuba City, Wisc.

The widespread interest in the Twin City Show was shown by the large number of cats entered. Cages were set up and ready and the entire Show evidenced good planning and organization.

Mrs. John Bloem, Des Moines, Iowa

My first Show away from Kansas City, I think it is wonderful and I am much pleased with my win.

Blanche E. Rice, Kansas City, Mo.

One of the most pleasant, cleanest and well run Shows that I have the pleasure of attending. Everyone was so very helpful.

Mrs. Wanda Scott, Blue Acre Cattery,
Independence, Mo.

This is a very well managed Show together with beautiful cats. The judging was excellent. We enjoyed this very fine Show.

T. C. Trent, Siesta Cattery,
Des Moines, Iowa

One of the pleasantest Shows I have ever attended. A pleasure to have my cats pinned and unpinned in such a fine group of cats; we came in the second morning and found our cats all cleaned up for us!

Virginia Daly, Berkley, Michigan

This has been a splendid Show, everyone so helpful and friendly. The hall was very large. No crowding of cages or PAID ADMISSION. Really I hope to come again.

Frances Kosierowski, Rosemont Cattery,
Detroit, Michigan

I think this Show is tops and I'm impressed with Agnes Beck whose love of cats prompted her to care for them over night. The next morning the Show rooms were immaculate due to her care of the cats over night.

Mrs. Lucas Combs, Lexington, Ky.

This is a nice clean Show. The Show Committee were helpful in making the two days very pleasant. BEST OF ALL—THERE WAS NO DISPLAY OF UGLY TEMPER!

Mrs. Paul Swan, Les Cygnes Cattery,
Galena, Mo.

My very first Show of the season, everything under control. What a wonderful Show to start the season!!!

Mrs. Frank Lockery, President of
Mo-Kan Cat Club, Kansas City, Mo.

Billie Bancroft Comments:

You could hardly expect a Show NOT being a success if Mrs. C. F. Rotter were president. We are very impressed with the quote from Mrs. Paul Swan!!! Frances Kosierowski hit a publicity key-note in her quote. What a very wonderful idea—I'm writing you a letter Frances for more details. Any Show that is judged by Anthony DeSantis is indeed fortunate—I have watched a large number of Judges, and DeSantis is really top-bracket any time, any place. If you win under him—appreciate what you have got—because you will rate the win.

These quotes were sent in by Matil Rotter, the street address is NOT given. Cattery addresses, state and city are NOT enough. No more quotes will be printed unless these requirements are observed. I'm looking forward to your Show next year Matil. Look for me.

The Eastern Cat Fanciers' First Championship All-Breed Show. A.C.A.
Media, Pennsylvania

We all consider this a fine beginning for the 1954-55 Show season, well managed and well ventilated room, friendly atmosphere, clean cages though a bit on the smallish side. The only fault I can find of this Show is—there was a bit of drawback by the exhibitors in taking their cats to the judging stand thereby slowing up the Judges. Some of the cats had beautiful coats for so early in the season. Compliments to The Eastern Cat Fanciers.

Mrs. Harold L. Bayer, 3710 Wells Ave.,
Mt. Rainier, Maryland

The beginning Show season opened by The Eastern Cat Fanciers was really gratifying

and was very well attended. The possibilities of more Shows of shorter time periods should prove important to ALL Cat Fanciers and Cat Breeders. I noticed that there were entries here from Texas, Florida, California, Canada and points between which depicted the interest of exhibitors while the comments of the spectators attested to the popularity of all breeds of cats.

Margaret Ruley, 2041 Rittenhouse Square,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This Cat Show proved to be a new and enjoyable experience for me. I have learned a lot about cats and Cat Shows and met a number of interesting people. The judging seemed to be a bit slow.

Madalyn W. Meekins, Millersville,
RD #1, Pennsylvania

I find this Show wonderful as are the Judges and workers BUT the judging does not move fast enough, however, I'm coming next year just the same.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carr, 250 South 44th St.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This is my FIRST Cat Show!!! A new and a delightful experience for me. The cats are fascinating and I met many interesting people they all seemed to be as cat-interested as myself.

Mrs. Albert R. Fiedler, 225 E. 23rd St.,
Chester, Pennsylvania

I think the Show was run well, everyone working together. The exhibits were extremely lovely.

Donna Wendel, 437 Magie Avenue,
Elizabeth, New Jersey

This is an extremely nice show, very clean.

Mrs. Mabel Brosch, Boothwyn,
RD 1, Pennsylvania

This being the first one day Show of it's kind in the East, I just want to say how much I am enjoying it. Always I have wished that the day would come when we could hold a Show of one day duration. I knew that it could be done—and it was accomplished by The Eastern Cat Fanciers. It is well managed in every detail.

Mrs. Julia Kohls, 13 Margorie Lane,
East Rockaway, Long Island, New York

I think this first championship Show of The Eastern Cat Fanciers had excellent management, good cages that were well arranged and GOOD judging.

Mrs. Christine Thompson,
Norristown, Pennsylvania

A very nice Show indeed. Judging moving along nicely considering it is a one day Show.

Mrs. John Donahae, 911 Maple Avenue,
Rockville, Maryland

I have enjoyed this Show very much, I knew of it from television several weeks ago and decided to come. There is a pleasant air of interest. I noticed the Judges were very kind and friendly.

Mrs. Richard W. Blizard, 1215 Wendover Rd.,
Rosemont, Pennsylvania

The idea of a one day Show is grand. I hope there will be more like it. It was convenient having the sandwiches and home made cakes available down stairs. I think if the management had arranged the cages so that the isles would have been wider we the visitors would have been more appreciative.

Mrs. Frank Guerrero, 9516 49th Place,
College Park, Maryland

I am enjoying this Show very much, lovely Show room.

Mrs. Ann Bieneman, 2 Klopfer Street,
Millvale, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

A one day Show is a good idea but—it is too slow moving. Not enough co-operation between owners and Show personnel. Not enough chairs.

Mrs. Edgar S. Beaver, 907 S. 60th St.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Scarcity of chairs—very slow moving, more judges needed.

A. C. Hill, 907 So. 60th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

I like a one day Show—but—it is tough on the Judges. This Show needs to be better organized.

Stella Calvert, 2007 E. Pratt Street,
Baltimore, Maryland

Congratulations to The Eastern Cat Fanciers' for a very well conducted Show!

Mrs. M. Elliot, 3 Pottery Road,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

This is my first visit to a Cat Show and I am quite interested to see so many different varieties of cats. It is impressive. They all looked to be well cared for and well handled.

Margie C. Hatcher, 94 W. Marshall Rd.,
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

I like the idea of a one-day Show very much. The arrangement of cages were excellent.

G. A. Rivers, Green Lane, Pennsylvania

Cage numbers should be kept in sequence to eliminate confusion. There is not enough co-operation by the owners of the exhibits. There is a great need for more CHAIRS at the Judges' stand.

Edgar Beaver, 907 S. 60th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This being my first Show, needless to say I have enjoyed it immensely. There were many beautiful cats.

Mrs. C. Shallcross, 918 Pitman Avenue,
Collingsdale, Pennsylvania

As one that arrived at nine-thirty from a distance of seventy miles, it does seem surprising that so many cats were 'still coming' in at eleven-thirty, yet it did not seem to slow up the proceedings too much—still and all—it did make us miss that last hour of sleep.

Jean A. Bradford Owen,
RD. 4, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The fair decisions made by the Judges and the rapidity in which each Judge handled the cats were excellent features. This was wonderful for those who handled them.

Edward Kubosch, 3514 Powelton Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Billie Bancroft Comments:

The Media Show had a 'picture-book' day which of course made for an excellent gate. This bunch of live-wires planned a one day Show last year but were prevented from going through with their plans, however, this year, under a different Association they really went to town in a big way. This Show was an ambitious undertaking and the main reason there were not enough chairs to go around was because the Show management had not dreamed there would be such a turnout of visitors. Those few who thought the Show was moving slow—well my friends—did you every manage a Show? I heard some of these who complained about the slowness—making dates to meet each other again next year—perhaps by that time each of them will have attended other shows and seen how THEY move—remember that wee bit of grooming—at the very last minute—how very important it really is. There were only two quotes handed in unsigned, too bad too—for they were very flattering. Many New York and Long Island breeders were there to see, to exhibit and to comment!

Mission City's Terrilita, a mascot of a Solid Color Club entered, agented by Lillian Pedulla, owned by Mrs. C. Mellor. This lovely queen was most beautiful. I hope those who do not know the fine points of a Russian Blue had a good look at this little lady.

Dr. Frances L. McCracken, who was to be the All-Breed Judge was ill. Sympathy was expressed throughout the whole Show room, many visitors had come for the express reason of watching her Judge—she has a national reputation of being all the desirable things that a Judge should be. Mrs. Louise Fiedler did the All-Breed. Her Best Novice and Best in Show must have brought every breeder who was watching her—up—out of their chairs—(if they had one)! Pauline Filkins and the Doctor must have been walking three feet off the ground at their exciting wins.

I have never but never seen an Elco cat as lovely as Dido. (Were those stripes painted Mrs. Hodgkinson)?

I watched Judge Betty Groell, (An All-Breed judge A.C.A.), work for over an hour. She was doing the long hair Specialty. I was impressed with her knowledge of Persians, she is quick, sure and gentle with her exhibits. This Judge will be a treasure with any Federation or Association she works with—even those who lost, (believe it or not), lost with a smile. Judge Groell acted as if it were a painful duty to award anything less than a First to any cat.

To The Eastern Cat Fanciers—the very best of luck, you rate it.

MEWS & VIEWS?

Sorry, Mrs. Miles is not with us this month, but she'll be back in December.

TO THE NOVICE (from page 7)

does to cats, but also in that its extremely contagious nature causes it to spread very quickly. It has been reported that it can either be airborne or passed on by contact. Sometimes a whole neighborhood can become infected before any great inroads can be made on controlling the virus. Even though your kitten has not come in personal contact with an infected cat, it may become diseased by a person who has come in contact with a sick cat or who has entered a home where such a cat has its place of dwelling. If you ever have a cat die from this powerful virus, be sure that you do not purchase another feline for at least six months. This waiting period is necessary because the disease is very difficult to kill and the virus can live for a long length of time even after the infected cat has died from it.

Next month we'll continue with *Grooming, Bathing, and Playthings* for your growing youngster. See you in December!

TO MANITOBA (from page 4)

warmest welcome on our return. There are always some of them downstairs at the door regardless of how late the hour of our return. But usually not all of them are there at the same time. But Bobo never fails. True he can't get downstairs, though the other night he made one step before he realized it was too much of a venture. Bobo never fails to greet us when we come upstairs. Before he could walk, you'd see his little head stretch out in greeting, and after he could get up he'd expend every effort to reach our side. How happy he was when we saw him and picked him up, such purring and licking and if he could manage to get close enough he'd rub his head along side of us and purr just as long as we'd hold him.

We have had numerous groups of scientists, doctors and other research workers up here trying to learn about arctic conditions, proper diet and clothing, etc., for the human race. Some of them I have talked with about our kittens and they are keenly interested.

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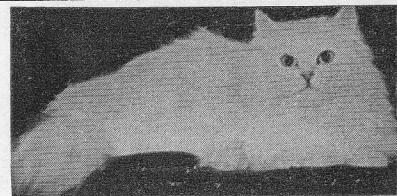
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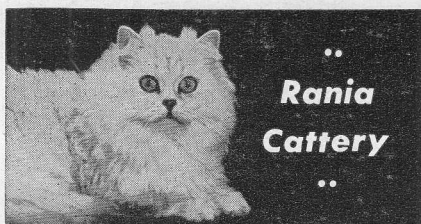
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VIEWPOINT

(from
page 5)

On the barbecue pit was Chadwick. Eyes blazing, tail fluffed, back arched, prancing sideways like a pony, he leaped across the yard and through, I'm sure, the fence. Some day, I thought, Something will get him. Probably the milk-man.

My husband and I regarded each other quietly.

"That takes care of Chadwick and Rupert," I said. "But what about Alexander?"

"It must be the garbage man," my husband replied thoughtfully.

The next morning I set our breakfast dishes on a card table in the patio so we could await the garbage man, although I was certainly rushing the season for outdoor living, even in Southern California. The cats watched me from the back porch windows.

"Here he comes," announced my husband and we hurried in to meet the garbage man at the back door.

"Good morning," I greeted him.

He jumped guiltily and glowered at me truculently.

"I didn't scatter no rubbish," he said defensively.

"Of course not," I replied. "The dogs do that every night. They upset the cans. But we got something called 'Git' — s'posed to keep 'em out."

"Won't do no good," he shook his head. "Nothin' 'll keep 'em out," was his gloomy prediction.

My husband spoke then. "I see you've hurt your hand." It was not until then I noticed the bandage.

"Always cut my hand," replied the man. "People put broken glass, tin cans, sharp stuff in their garbage — always cut—"

"Why don't you get a different job?" asked my husband. "There surely are places—at the air depot or in a factory—"

Again our garbage man shook his head.

"Nope. Ain't no use. Last time I worked in a factory some stuff blew up. I got burnt. And a mine caved in onct when I was workin' in it."

Yes, I looked around and Alexander was there, two big tears welling sympathetically in two big blue eyes.

As the garbage man went on his gloomy way I opened the side door and invited the cats to join us for breakfast in the patio. Chadwick flew past me, leaped upon the table and sent the cloth and dishes in crashing confusion on the flagstones. Rupert's disgust was evident; he knew such accidents wouldn't happen if Chadwick took time to paw the floor before flying through doors. Alexander's frightened blue eyes grew black and pulling himself low to the ground, he scuttled under the only folding chair we own, which, naturally, collapsed on top of him.

"Well," said my philosophical spouse, "at least they aren't as big as the post-man, the milk man and the garbage man!"

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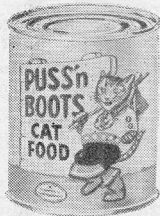
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