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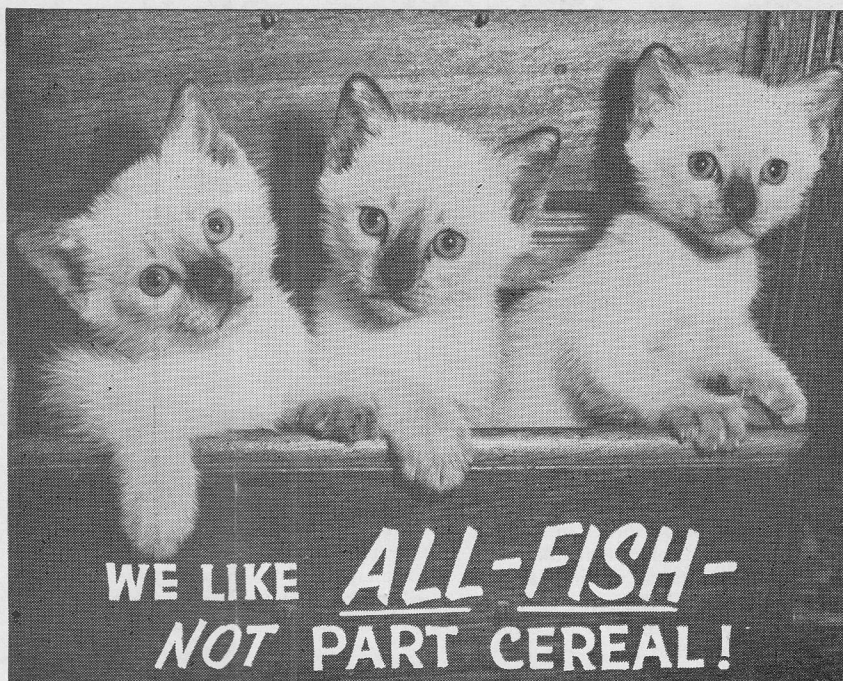
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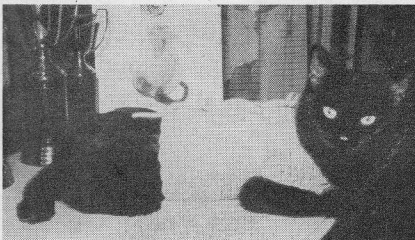
Dear Editors:

Your recent card, taking me to task for not renewing my subscription lies before me on my desk. To tell the truth, I had received the magazine as a Birthday gift and did not intend to renew the subscription. The magazine is nice, a little more suited to a person who has a number of cats, perhaps. Since our cat stock, at the present and for the last eight years has consisted of one 'Cactus' Pete, who, despite his salty sounding name is a very plump, sleepy and spoiled person who owns property (this house) and has slaves (the family). His picture shows him in his usual position in the best chair in the house, unless he happens to be resting on someone's bed.

His nites are usually taken up with patrolling and combat in an area running through the back gardens for about a block. However, he does usually check into the house about nine o'clock to get a small snack before going out for any really important operations. With his permission, I am sending in my check.

Gordon Bess

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VEST OF ALL KITS

Dear Editors:

Here is Champion Tula of Tyoh with her new model Tyoh "Cold Coat". It is light blue which goes well with her jet black fur and copper eyes. She's my beautiful Manx and is well on her way to a grand championship.

I used a Polaroid Camera to get this shot and although I'm not a good photographer, I think the picture is good.

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HUNTING DOGS—A MENACE

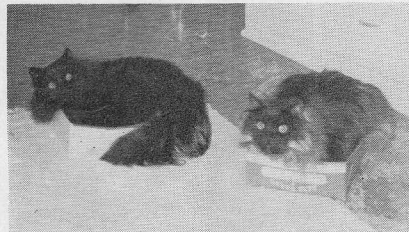
Dear Editors:

Your magazine is one publication we look upon with pleasure each month.

Why can't the owners of hunting dogs be forced to teach their animals what to hunt? Our friends own a Walker Hound and this dog tried to kill my cat and her three week old kitten in my own kitchen. The owner laughed and said their dog just wanted to play. Since then I've read a lot about hunting dogs and talked with others and I've learned that good hunters think it is a crime that people get a good dog and won't teach it. The owners need training as well as the dogs. An untrained dog with hunting instincts is a likely killer of any small animal. I understand the better kennels try to discourage prospective buyers from purchasing hunting dogs unless they are going to train them to hunt properly. I hope anyone who has such a dog will teach it to hunt and kill only when the hunter is with it.

Dorice G. Vanderwerf

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DANGER—HIGH EXPLOSIVES

Dear Editors:

Hope I'm not too late with my renewal. Enjoy CATS Magazine so much and it is very helpful although Carbon and Smoky have never been sick in their two years at our house and on earth. Am enclosing a snapshot of them at their favorite past-time. In fact it was about all they could do to get their 15 pounds and fur coats in at one time. There is 30 pounds of dynamite in those two boxes. We never let them out without leashes as there are too many dogs in our neighborhood. They really kick up a storm when they see us reach for the leashes.

Hazel Fisk

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Dear Editors:

Please renew my subscription for one year. But . . . I would like more factual stories or articles. We breeders are always interested in breeding to better our stock, and information that will help us is particularly welcome.

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May we use this lovely holiday scene as a Christmas card from the staff of CATS and from Snowdie, Boogie, Kiddy, Pye, Bootsie, Brownie and Blackie to wish you and yours the finest of Holiday seasons.

Photo is by Dr. Joseph R. Spies, Washington, D. C., scientist and photographer whose work has appeared in many other national magazines as well as in several previous issues of CATS.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Dear Editors:

Enclosed is my check for six dollars. My husband and I so enjoy your magazine it is a 'must' in reading in our home.

We have three neutered cats and they are wonderful pets. Would like to see an article in your magazine encouraging the neutering of cats by a good veterinarian, as this doesn't ruin their spirit or harm them. It only keeps them out of cat fights. We have a male over three years, another male just past one and a female who is two years old. They are the best of friends and the males are so kind to the female and she is the smallest. The three year old weighs 19 pounds.

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CHRISTMAS IN BRAZIL

by Gretchen D. Butrick

From Montreal, Canada, to São Paulo, Brazil, is over 6,000 miles by direct airline. Breaking up a cherished home, packing, and readying for the journey is task enough. But, there were four cats. Persons in the American Foreign Service shouldn't have pets, nevertheless, most of them do. However, I would like to declare my innocence in this collection of four bewitching felines.

Billie, our beloved Icelandic cat, disappeared shortly after we arrived in Montreal. My daughter and son, then teenagers, seeing how disconsolate I was, surprised me one day with a small black and white kitten. Except that all kittens are cunning, this one was not very attractive and I fully intended to send him back where he came from but he stayed the rest of the day and night and that did it. After that, I wouldn't have parted with him for anything. He was truly an alley cat and we named him "Swiftly". He had big green eyes and a most expressive face, very long white whiskers and soft silk-like fur. Soon we thought he was the cutest kitten we had ever known. In his playful moments, which was most of the time, he would hide behind tables and chairs and jump out at us with the fiercest look on his little face and we would pretend to be startled. He would continue frolicking in this manner until he became so tired that he would flop down and stretch out wherever he happened to be and not all the coaxing in the world could make him move until he himself chose to do so.

It was at this point that my daughter felt I was becoming "too possessive" of Swiftly and wanted something of her "very own". Soon thereafter, she brought home for herself two lovely Persian kittens. However, I was determined that Swiftly was not to be outdone. I let him know right away that so far as I was concerned

Mrs. Butrick will be remembered for her article of last year, CHRISTMAS FOR A LIFETIME.

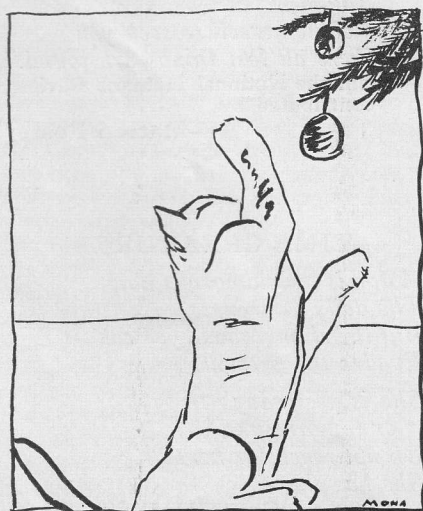
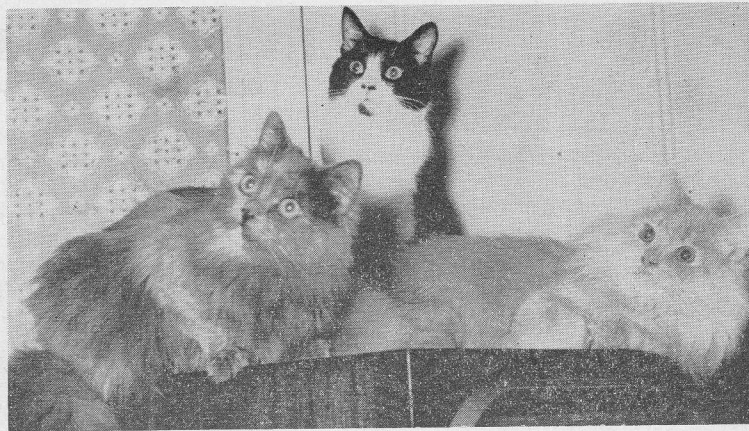


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Modeled
by her
Cindy,
Sammy
and
Corky



he was the dearest cat in the world. But he was quickly outgrowing his kittenish ways and our amusement was naturally drawn to the new additions in our family. They were so sweet and cuddly and since there were two of them they played more with each other than with us. They seemed always to know when we were watching them and for our benefit would often stage a fight in the middle of the floor. Cats love an appreciative audience. Sadly one day this twosome was broken up. My daughter was frightened to see that one of them was no longer lively and appeared to be having spasms, but he never failed to respond to her kindness and help and his huge soft eyes mirrored affection and hope. Despite our efforts and those of the vet, he died.

This left my daughter with only one kitten who somehow acquired the name "Sweetie Pie"—most inappropriate, I think, because he has always reminded me of a baby lion. Anyhow, daughter felt that Sweetie Pie missed his playmate and, not surprising me this time, brought home two more Persian kittens a few months younger than her first two. They, also, were beautiful. The one with red fur, she called "Kelly" and the red and white one, she named "Peter".

Kelly has great imagination and will play by himself for hours, staging make believe fights in which he is always the victor. What delight it is to watch him chase and leap and growl and then finally spring savagely on nothing at all. From the look on his face, you would think he had captured a wolf. Actually, Kelly is not particularly brave. The slightest noise will send him scurrying. On the other hand, Peter seems fearless. Yet, strange as it may be, he is the most cuddly and gentle of the four with humans. I have known him to take quite rough treatment from children without so much as lifting a claw, but he will stand for no foolishness from other cats or, heaven forbid, a dog. There are several large dogs in our neighborhood and I have seen Peter chase them yelping down the street. If there is only a hand-out for one hungry mouth there is no question who gets it, Peter does.

Cats are so different in their temperaments. I find each one has a distinct personality. Sweetie Pie to this day acts like a big brother toward Kelly and Peter.

When Kelly's collar caught in a bush and he was stuck there for nearly two days, Sweetie Pie showed me where he was and I have every reason to believe that he carried food to Kelly as there were crumbs and food spots around. Swiftly, I think, would not do this. In him, the struggle for existence is too firmly inbred. His natural instincts are to take care of himself only, but such innate characteristics never fail to draw my sympathy and sometimes even my tears.

The next milestone in our family was the marriage of our daughter. After that it was not possible for her to keep her kittens, and I suddenly found myself with no daughter and four cats. So that is how the problem of taking them to Brazil became mine. Of course, to some people this would be no problem—one could make other arrangements but to me to leave behind or do away with animals that had been so trustful of me was unthinkable. So their journey to Brazil was finally planned and settled on.

And this is what we had to do. First, they had to be inoculated against rabies and to pass a good health test. Then my husband and I proceeded to São Paulo to arrange our home there while they remained in our old home in Montreal with the caretaker. After a month, we sent for them. To make the trip by boat would be from three to four weeks—by air freight, less than two days. So, of course, flying, which we decided on, would cause them the least discomfort. The airlines charged approximately \$1.75 a pound for their passage from Montreal to São Paulo, plus, of course, extra charge for their kennels and food en route. Alas, my cats were too fat!

Our house in São Paulo is of a modern semi-Spanish type with several balconies and roofs sloping down here and there. The small garden in the back is enclosed. The wall is about six feet high. When I was preparing for the arrival of my menagerie, I cautiously had chicken wire spread above the wall, because I thought it would be safer to have them locked in until they became familiar with their new surroundings. Will I ever forget the day they arrived! My poor little beasts! How would you like to be suddenly jerked up from your happy home, hurled several thousand miles through the air, and then dropped down on Mars?

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

CHRISTMAS CAT

*Was there a stable cat? There must have been,
That moused among the hay and rubbed
Her warm,
Lithe self against the milking stool to coax
Supper of the milkmaid from the farm.*

*She, supple cat, knowing a manger snug,
Curled beside the Christ Child in the hay
Not (old wives' tale) to suck an infant's
breath
But to gain warmth and keep the mice
away.*

*The ox, the ass and this more friendly
beast—
Even the dog speaks less of home than she
Whose rhythmic purr was low accompani-
ment
To Christ-Child's breath on His Nativity.*
—Eleanor Glenn Wallis

*And the brisk mouse may feast herself
with crumbs
Till that the green-eyed kitling comes.*
—Robert Herrick

AND KITTY MAKES THREE

*SHE: Now do your worst old gray De-
cember day!
Let the wind fling his gusts of icy rain
In mad tattoo across the windowpane
And step his demon's dance upon the
foggy bay!
Here is content in a tiny firelit room
Where jester-shadows leap upon the wall
To make our forms grotesque and giant-
tall.*

*THE CAT: (Defying the ominous gloom,
arest on the hearth, awaiting the hour
for his mistress' tea.)
Just hear her foolish poetry!
Humanity piff! Also meow!
Why doesn't she take the cream from the
window now?*

SHE: This is a lovely place.

HE: Up four flights of stairs?

*SHE: But oh, my dear, a trifle like that
When we're wealthy . . . with table, hot
plate,
Couch, two chairs—us and this haughty
cat!
Tea in a minute . . . and there's cream
today.*

*THE CAT: Cream she says . . . meow!
She's getting sane at last.
Hear! The kettle's hissing.
Cream—quick as a leap—but no!
By my whiskers and my whole nine lives
They're kissing!*

—Laura Purves Shannon

ADOPTION

*Gentle voices, friendly faces,
Warm my heart and hearth tonight,
From the night's uncertain places
Lend an ardor to the light
Flickering in the flames before me.
Who could drop two kittens down
Far from their protecting doorway
By a canyon miles from town?
I am glad my door stood waiting
These two orphans now my own—
They shall see no more of hating
Nor be dropped in land unknown.*

—Bonnie May Malody

THE MOTHER

*With arms outstretched around her infant
cat,
Alert and steadfast (even in her sleep),
With nostrils tense, primed for a sudden
leap
At some marauding dog or vagrant rat,
The old cat rests. True motherhood, in
fact,
This bitter-sweet solicitude, found deep
In each devoted thought, in each sharp act.*
—Miriam Whitney White

CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

*Whenever Joan knits socks and mittens,
Her basket's full of yarn—and kittens;
Soft, bright wool of red and blue,
Gray and black and yellow too.
On Christmas Day
Her best friend, Jay,
Unwrapped his socks—they fit just right!
While Joanie, staring in dismay,
Exclaimed, "How come that streak of
white?
Good grief! This knitting's very risky—
That isn't yarn at all—it's Frisky!"*
—Betty Bannister

Thy living opals gaze at me . . .
—Charles Baudelaire

WHISKERS

*I'm told he knows whereof he speaks
Who says a kitten's whiskered cheeks
Not only frame a charming face
But are keen measurers of space
And let their furry owner know
Where it is safe for him to go.
I'm told this counsel which they lend
No worthy cat would dare offend
And so to whiskers, I conclude
I owe a debt of gratitude . . .
You see, they helped my kitten chart
A path directly to my heart!*
—Georgette Weiser

THE PASSING OF TUCKER

Age 17 years.



*In the shadowy halls of Amenti
Sits the solemn goddess Pasht
And on her knees a little form
Outworn with the weight of many
years
Lies stretched in quiet rest
Softly she murmurs a low low
song.*

*"It is one of my loved ones come back
to me
From the far off lands beyond the
sea.
Wrapped not in linen cerements
Nor bathed in unguents rare
Your only shroud is your silken fur
And your soft white curling hair.*

*I sent my sweet Death Angel
To close your golden eyes
She whispered low as your mother
did
When you lay on her furry breast,
And your Ka rose up and followed
her
To the glowing land of the West.*

*Beyond the tawny river
That sweeps by our Temples old
I will keep you safe till your lady,
Who loved you the long years
round,
Shall come herself to seek you
Where all lost things are found."*
—From the National Humane Review,
contributed by

—Marion Foster

TIME CREATURES

*A dog is the clamorous now,
The daily awareness,
But the slumberous-eyed cat
Evades the present.*

*She is yesterday
or tomorrow . . .
Do not reach for her!
She has claws!*

—Grace Holliday Scott

"CATTY" IS NOT THE WORD FOR CATS

By John E. Keller

*Slander and keep on slandering;
some of the mud will stick.*

Beaumarchais

Have you ever wondered about that oft-repeated libel against felines—the one that calls them hypocrites? It would be difficult to trace its source, although some have tried. Certainly it is an old slander for we find it mentioned in very ancient documents. But was it prevalent in antiquity? Look at some of the records.

Out of the Middle Ages have come a great many of our beliefs and traditions. The concept of the cat in the mind of our medieval ancestors was more favorable than many know. Observant medieval man considered the cat as a decent, clean, law-abiding and shrewd creature, and shrewdness in those days was held to be a virtue, especially in lands like Spain where eastern tradition was deep-rooted.

In France, one gathers, if he has read the *Romance of Renard the Fox*, that Tibert, the Cat, was a rather admirable character, shrewd, yes, but not deceitful and not a hypocrite. If he resorted on occasion to trickery, he did so in self-defense against the wily Renard, the very personification of deception and hypocrisy.

If we go further back in time we find that cats in the Moslem world were regarded even more highly. No court in Persia, no Mohammedan Egyptian noble was without cats which were considered as members of the household. Cats were sent on pilgrimage to Mecca from many Egyptian cities. In Arabia the Prophet himself, so says tradition, so loved and revered his pet cat Muezza, that one day he cut off the sleeve of his favorite garment because she was asleep upon it and he did not wish to disturb her; moreover, he promised her a place in Paradise and thus raised greatly the whole race of cats among the Moslems who, incidentally, considered dogs as unclean beasts unfit to lodge with those of the true faith.

Most cat lovers have heard of the cats worshipped in Ancient Egypt four thousand years ago and embalmed like humans to preserve their bodies for the life in the world to come. And of the cat-goddess Bubastis whose temples have survived the ages.

The Greek world of classic times knew the cat which may have been imported from Egypt or perhaps from Crete. In Aesop cats appear, and they are represented as wise, shrewd, even crafty, but not necessarily as hypocrites.

Turning to folklore and those stories from ancient folktales and regarded by moderns as fairy tales, we find such notable examples of admirable felines as the famous Puss in Boots. Puss is not exactly honest in her dealings with the people she meets and with the giant she finally eats, but the general tone of Puss' character is favorable. The story of Puss in Boots is much older than the version made famous by Perrault, for it goes back to a remote antiquity in literary tradition and has lived

for thousands of years as a folktale in various parts of the world.

The Latin language, mother of a large percentage of English and Romance vocabulary, was also the tongue from which our word 'cat' originated. In Latin it was *catus*, and was, of course, a noun. There was an adjective, too, in Latin, *catus*, that meant 'intelligent' in one sense and 'crafty' in another. If there is a connection between these two words, it has not been proved to exist, but some scholars believe there is a relationship.

Still another interesting linguistic link in the matter of the character of felines is found in a verb that appears in several of the Romance Languages. This verb is *catar* (Spanish, Portuguese, and Provençal) and *cattare* (Italian), and it seems to mean to weigh carefully in the sense of to judge or estimate something or somebody. Scholars believe there is no connection between this verb and the animal, but in the seventh century Europe's greatest man of learning, St. Isidore of Seville, thought that connections and relationships did exist. In his famous *Etymologies*, known and studied all over Europe for centuries, he wrote: "It is called 'mouser' because it is a plague to mice. Hence the common men say 'cat' derives from 'catch.' Others say that *catat* [he catches] means 'he sees.' So keenly does [the animal] discern, that by the gleam of its eyes it pierces the shadows of the night. Therefore from Greek comes *catus*, that is clever."

This treatment of the popular word 'cat' in connection with a verb 'to catch' or 'to see' is revealing. From it we learn that the Spaniard of the sixth and seventh centuries saw a relationship between the Latin verb meaning 'to catch' and the manner in which a cat looked at things in the characteristically feline scrutiny of unfamiliar objects. The relationship might also be in connection with the wisely understanding and piercing stare of cats. Whatever else St. Isidore's findings reveal, they in no way indicate that he considered cats hypocritical.

Another startling bit of evidence, or rather lack of evidence, comes from *The International Encyclopedia of Prose and Poetical Quotations*. No reference is made to hypocrisy in cats in any of the famous quotations from world literature. Look under the sections HYPOCRISY, INGRATITUDE, DECEPTION, and the other names of unattractive characteristics. The cat is not represented in any of them. The same seems true of proverbs. In the Spanish language are to be found literally thousands of proverbs, for Spain of all European countries is richest in proverbial sayings. The largest book of collected Spanish proverbs lists some fifty that mention cats, and only two of these even approach calling cats hypocritical, and even these need not be so construed. One might be translated 'Pious words and cat's claws.' The other runs 'Pretend to be a saint,

you Segovian cat with your sharp teeth!' Even here hypocrisy is only implied.

Probably the idea that cats are hypocritical evolved in some roundabout way through suggested interrelationships between words and ideas. For example, cats are clever and shrewd. Now cleverness and shrewdness in themselves are not necessarily bad characteristics, but shrewdness is often associated with deception and putting something over upon someone else. If in early times 'catty' meant 'shrewd,' and if shrewd in its more pejorative sense had the connotation of deceptive, then 'catty' might drift toward such undesirable meanings as tricky or even hypocritical. Once such a shift was made, cats and catty (shrewd, clever, tricky, deceptive, hypocritical) people blended into a common background. And so people began to attribute hypocrisy to felines and as time went on the lesson of the proverb quoted from Beaumarchais proved to be valid: *Slander and keep on slandering; some of the mud will stick.*

CAT BOOKS

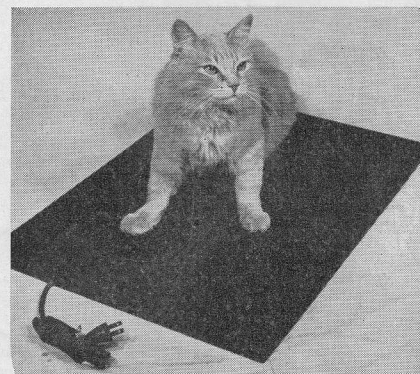
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'Tips to
the Novice'

by
Blanche
Wolfram

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take each element separately and point up the essential qualities derived from each. We now want to sift through our several talks combining the most important facts we have learned into this synthesis as *A Balanced Diet*. While we know that there are many foods that can be fed to a cat, we are interested in those which will meet the needs of good nutrition and also be most palatable to our feline friends. Any diet, whether human or animal, must be designed to meet these two ends.

Perhaps a good place to begin talking about a balanced diet is a consideration of the times when the cat should be fed. If a diet is to be balanced it must also be regulated by regular feedings. The average housewife goes to the refrigerator many times during the course of a day. If that household has a cat one can be sure that every time the door of the refrigerator is opened the cat will be there, too, giving such a cry that any visitor to the house would be inclined to think that it hadn't been fed in weeks. Pets seem to have two aims in life; eating and sleeping. We all have been confronted by this unpleasant coaxing for food and we have nobody to blame but ourselves, for we always give in.

As you have a regular time for meals in the home, there should be regular feeding schedules for the animal members of the household. Once in the morning and once in the evening gives the best all-round satisfaction. At seven each morning my cats inform me that it is time for them to eat. Then, too, at seven in the evening they make it known that it is time for chow. This is proper scheduling for it is a long enough period of time between meals to arouse their hunger so that when they are fed they will relish their food. If your cats are fed sufficient amounts in these two feedings there will be no need for snacks during the day. In fact, such snacks are apt to do harm in the long run rather than good. Snacks are given without any care as to proper dieting, and if cats are allowed to consume snack after snack and only nibble at the regular feeding they will not be getting nutrients required for healthy living.

One question that you have undoubtedly asked yourself time and time again is how much food goes into a balanced diet? Trying to say just what amount should be fed in terms of ounces is rather difficult, and if any such scale of feeding is devised, it is based on the average cat—should there be such an animal. When it comes to eating, cats can be likened to people in that some will eat large amounts and never get fat while others will eat very little and put on weight in a hurry. Each cat is an individual and one must with great care learn just what each should consume for normal health. Nursing mothers will require a large amount of food and this is also a must for growing kittens because of their great activity and rapid growth. An adult cat that is fully mature will not require as much

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Have you ever had hot dogs and beans served to you at each mealtime week upon week? There have probably been times when you were thankful to have even that but I think you get the point. We are prone to give our pets the same diet day in and day out and sometimes we wonder why they won't eat. They say that variety is the spice of life and this can be applied to the diet of our cats as well. A basic diet can be varied in many ways and every attempt should be made to assure this variation. First and foremost in every meal is a basic protein food, for it is the essential part of a balanced diet. My basic food is horsemeat, but canned cat foods are also satisfactory for use as the main diet item. To vary its taste there can be additions of liver, kidney, cereal, and occasionally fish. It doesn't take much to change the flavor each time and one can make excellent use of the different varieties of canned meats that are found in the baby-food section of any grocer's shelves. Then, too, there are many different kinds of pet foods on the market. I serve my horsemeat raw, and do not use too much of the cooked meat, but the latter is valuable for flavor variation.

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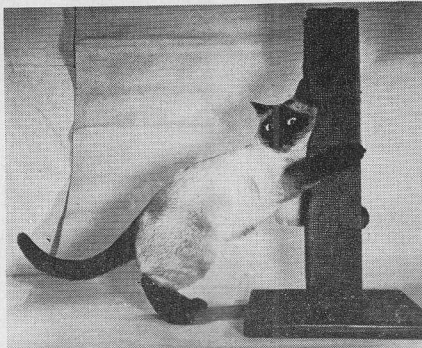
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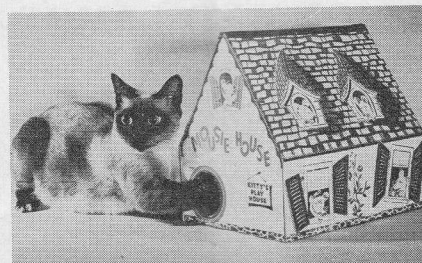
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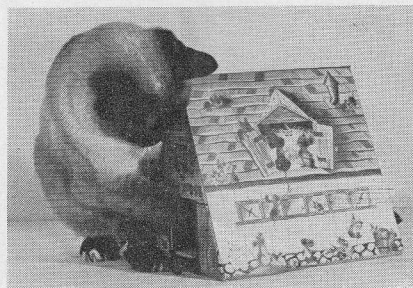


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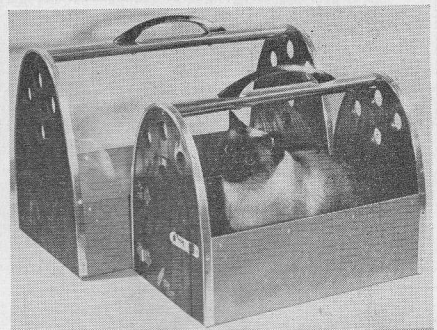


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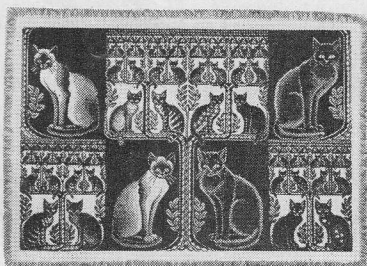


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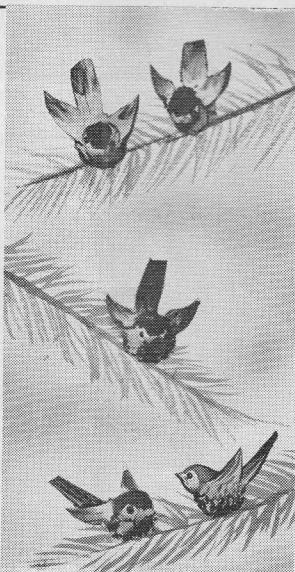
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—Edith Church

180 N. Street, Logan, Ohio

There are several drugs that are used to aid in reducing obese animals. Most of them act by curbing the appetite and increasing activity or metabolism so that the excess weight is either worked off or used up. These drugs can have unwanted side effects and should be used with care as some individuals will react quite strongly in an adverse manner. A very low calorie diet is also helpful.

I have a cat that gets a skin irritation, loses fur and looks quite motheaten. It is not fleas. At times has bloody stool. Could you send me any information regarding the cause and the cure. Is castor oil the best thing to give for hair balls?

—Mrs. Harry Allison

Box 104, Warwick, New York

If any of us could give the cause and cure for all skin irritations our fortunes would be made. The simplest and an effective treatment in most cases is the use of a lime-sulphur dip. Bloody stool could be caused by diet, parasites, intestinal irritation from any cause. Castor Oil will help to push out hair balls and Mineral Oil will help to ease them out. It would depend on how badly the cat is affected.

Our Domestic Shorthair is almost two years old. For two summers, she has had fungus infection between the pads of her feet that causes her to limp. She also gets it on her lower lip from licking her paws. Our Veterinarian says it is like Athlete's Foot in a human and gave us an excellent powder—Naprylate, a caprylic compound which seems to rid her of the infection, but it recurs. She gets in both the tub and the sink and I think that is how the fungus starts growing.

Another question, is it very hard to train a cat to walk with a leash?

—Virginia Rigby

6 Riverview Ave., Fort Thomas, Ky.

The treatment for the fungus is very good. Another preparation that might be used to advantage is Capralan. Dampness will contribute to the condition and it will very probably be a chronic condition. Training a cat to a leash and harness is pretty much an individual problem. Some do not seem to mind, while others will balk and not move when it is put on them. Patience and ingenuity are the biggest factors on the owners' part.

Can you suggest something for constant and copious shedding other than lard or bacon fat? My cat will rarely accept either and will go hungry before he will eat food that contains them.

—Mrs. W. R. Frick

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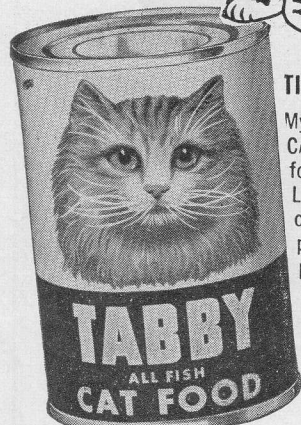
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by Elsie Haynes

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This old hobo started coming to our back yard in the depth of winter, when frost often closed his restaurants (the neighborhood garbage cans,) for days at a time. Even in below zero weather and blizzards he preferred to spend the night under a thick spruce, where he could watch our door, through a picket fence, for possible food.

When my boy saw him he said, “Why do you feed such an awful old cat?”

“Because he has no home and no one has ever been kind to him,” was my reply. So Kat has become “ours.” I can't claim to have made any headway in winning his affection—to him I'm just a hand that pours milk.

When he first came he glared at us—now he only stares. He's supposed to be a maltese but you never saw such a shabby, rusty coat. The few times I have gingerly touched him, while he eats by the back door, his coat felt more like a doormat than fur. It has no gloss because he won't eat carrots and he never washes. Hobos can't be bothered.

Soon after he adopted us he hobbled from his lair one morning with one hind leg all drawn up and pain showing on his face. We thought a dog must have bitten him. Time had to be the healer for no

one could get close enough to help him. On top of that and zero nights he developed a bad case of mange! It got worse so I phoned the Dumb Friends League and the Humane Society for advice. Both said they would have come had he been a dog, but a mere cat, we had to catch and bring down to them to be chloroformed. The men said mange was incurable and other cats would catch it. We thought out of a way to trap poor “Kat” and end his misery—with hamburger and a bushel basket. The basket lid was placed on the ground near “Kat's” spruce, with a tempting chunk of meat in the middle. I had the horrid job of sneaking up behind him and clapping the basket over him as he ate—but with super-cat strength he wiggled through a loose slat right under my nose and he was gone! It had taken me weeks to get that close to him—now it was hopeless to try and catch him again.

For days he looked at me with “Et Tu Brute” in his amber eyes. I could hardly bear it! How could I tell “Kat” I only did it for his good?

Long days of sunshine in the spring. “Kat” sprawled in it and lay on the good earth and our seedling vegetables. His appetite increased and his “mews” got results. By summer, he was getting well. He can walk on his bad leg now and the mange patch is growing fur. He has filled out and his face is almost friendly. This morning when I looked out, he was stretched out in the sunshine against a charming background of leaves—actually washing a paw! “Kat” is gradually turning into a cat.

A few days later while picking raspberries for breakfast, I felt something brush against my ankles.

“Kat” was thanking me for all past and future favors by that gentle pressure which nearly knocked me down—with amazement! I stroked his scrubby old head and he seemed to like it.

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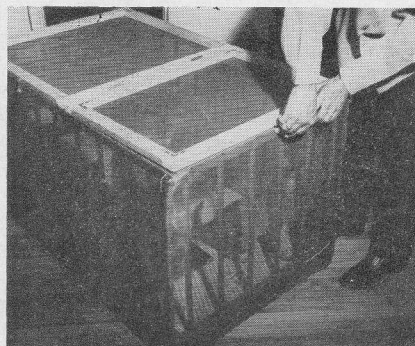
PLAY PEN BECOMES KITTEN KOOP

by Helen Ellsberg

An abandoned play pen and her husband's ingenuity provided a neat solution to breeder Marianne Talasnik's problem of keeping kittens in the house, when safety considerations made it necessary to confine them for a part of each day.

The play pen, screened on the sides, and with a hinged, removable lid, provides a roomy cage with space for a bed, litter box, and scratching post, with plenty of room left over for the kittens to run and play.

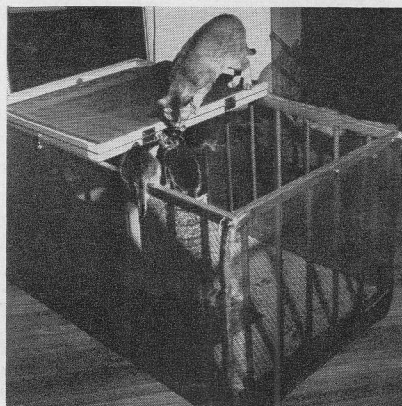
The pen is on rollers, which has two advantages. It keeps the kittens off the floor and hence out of the draft, and the pen can easily be moved anywhere in the house with a minimum of effort.



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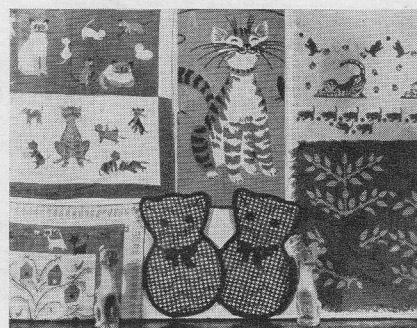
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KITTY-CAT PAWS

*Such wonderful things are a kitty-cat's paws,
Upholstered in leather with five little claws,
So furry on top that the claws never show
'Less kitty should happen to need them,
you know.*

*Four wee cushioned balls that steal softly
around
And bounce along lightly with hardly a
sound
Displeased little paws—how they shake off
the dew
Reluctant to step when there's wet to go
through*

*Strong, work-a-day paws that climb nimbly
up trees,
Or quickly catch mousie—then oh how they
tease;
Sly, mischievous paws play with this and
with that,
And wash-raggy paws clean the face of the
cat.*

*Dear, tired little paws stretching idly at rest,
Or curled up so cunningly 'neath kitty's
breast.*

*Why write all these words? . . . Oh, just
because*

Such wonderful things are a kitty-cat's paws!
—Catherine Holloway Clark



WHAT PUSSY CATS DREAM

*Pussy cats dream
All about cream,
And tunafish
Served in a silver dish,
They dream about velvet-cushioned beds,
And gently stroked pussy cat heads,
About someone caressing their soft, soft fur,
As they just purr, and purr, and purr!*

—Louise Marie Demarest
Age 11

LAZY PUSSY

*Pussy lays atop the fence
And drolls the day away,
Dozing off at intervals,
Without a word to say.*

*Pussy has a good time,
Just doing as she wishes;
She always eats at dinnertime,
But never washes dishes.*

—Adelaide Blanton



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Photos (top to bottom). Georgia Eberling, Mrs. Conrad Bauer, Mrs. Donald Cockeram, Louise Demarest, Illy McFall, Margaret Smith.

KITTY'S TOYS

The kitty cat is playing with her Christmas toys, today.
The mousie house; the catnip mouse, delicious, fat and gray.
That squeaky doll out in the hall; a crocheted ball of blue,
But she'll soon grow tired of them and come purring back to you.

Oh, a catnip mouse is fun to lick; A crocheted ball to slap
But there's nothing for a cat that beats a warm, familiar lap.

—Muriel Martin Goodwin

MY NEIGHBOR'S CAT

*My neighbor has a Maltese cat
That sits up at the table
To eat her meals like you and I;
And that's no joke or fable.*

*She takes her place, a special chair,
As soon as dinner's serving,
The same as high-born ladies might,
And equally deserving.*

*She sits real quite and demure
While someone asks the blessing;
She doesn't strew her food about
Nor any kind of messing.*

*She doesn't use a knife or fork,
For her that would be silly;
She drinks a glass of milk each meal,
But coffee's willy-nilly.*

*She wears a bib to save her fur,
And keep it soft and fluffy;
Nor does she eat too much or fast,
And does not get too stuffy.*

*She doesn't gossip, doesn't pout,
Nor wastes her time at fretting,
But like all other pussy cats
She's not averse to petting.*

—Willis N. Bugbee



TOMMY-CAT

*Tommy perches in the window,
That's his favorite spot,
Sees a birdie flying by
Rises up and tries to fly . . .
Beats the screen and wonders why
If a bird soars, why can't I?*

*Does not really care a lot
Since the sunshine is so hot,
Just as soon lie still as not!
Pretty Tommy, soft and still
Lying on the window-sill.*

—Georgia Moore Eberling



KITTENS BLACK AND WHITE

*Pretty little pussy cat
You're just as white as snow,
It couldn't be the milk you drink
That helps to make you so,
For Blackie drinks the white milk too
And he's as black as night;
It's just because God chose to have
Some kittens black, some white.*

—Effie Richmond

CHRISTMAS PURRUSAL

*We stayed up late, we kittens;
Our mother told us to.
She said, "There's something pretty
I wish to show to you."*

*When all the house was silent,
With all the folks asleep,
She led us through a doorway
And said, "Now, take a peep."*

*Oh, Mew! but it was pretty. . . .
A Christmas tree of green,
With sparkling, tinselled trimmings,
The first we'd ever seen!*

*We sat and gazed upon it,
And then we all purred, "Mew,
I hope the folks remember
That cats like Christmas too."*

—Lois Snelling

LADY LYNX ADOPTS MONTANA TOWN

by Bob Nystedt

Most American towns have their own public pet, and often it's a wise old mother cat, or an ageing tom who bears the scars of many battles, but Lewistown, Montana, has a different kind of cat. It's a tame bobcat, or lynx.

There are many bobcats in the less populated regions of the United States and Canada, but they are shy, and are seldom seen, even by hunters. This particular Lewistown character, though, isn't the least bit afraid of human beings. She walks nonchalantly about the residential areas, stopping to be petted by the neighbors or for a brisk wrestling match with any one of several cautious dogs. Sometimes she even comes downtown with her master, resplendent in a leather harness and a chain-and-leather leash.

Her name is "Bozo", and when only four months old, her size was enough to startle the most astute of her domestic cat cousins.

Although dictionary pictures show her species to be wicked, with bared fangs, and with paws upraised as if to strike, Bozo is not that type of bobcat. She is in fact a lady.

Lewistown's bobcat has a great affection for her owners, Mr. and Mrs. George Kucera.

She is a faithful playmate of the Kucera children, Charlotte, 9; Marie, 10, and Alice, 14, and she pouts for hours when they leave each morning for school.

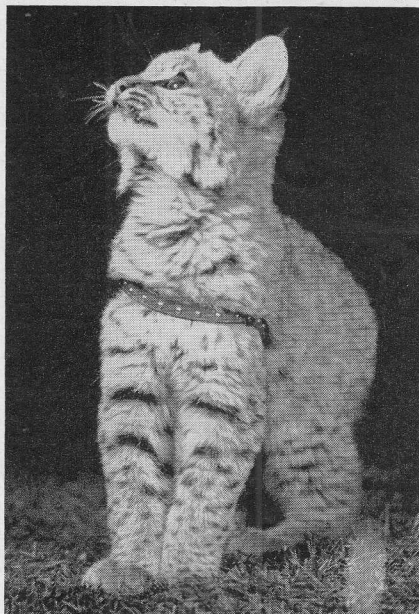
Bozo is completely housebroken. She is tidy about her eating and her person. Unlike most of her wild kin she never has eaten raw meat. The Kuceras feed her table scraps, milk, and an occasional can of cat food.

Her toys are a discarded doll, a crab apple (in season), or catnip mice. She'll also chase a piece of string or a pesky fly.

Bozo enjoys people. She loves to be petted, and purrs like a small dynamo when she is stroked. She is not temperamental.

Bozo is gentle, even for a domestic cat. Seldom does she extend her rapier-like claws, and never does she scratch, although once in a while she'll playfully nibble on the end of a human nose. She will not bite.

She was found in a vacated "nest" by



several fishermen near Two Dot, Montana. Two other kittens in the litter were brought to camp by the fishermen but died within a short time.

Bozo didn't yet have her eyes open when she was taken into captivity.

For a long time the Kuceras fed her from a doll's nursing bottle. She developed a taste for vitaminized evaporated milk. And she thrived.

Now Bozo is a brindle color. She has dark spots on her body and striped legs and tail. Her ears are white inside, black outside, and she has white tufts. Her tufts are mottled about the jaws.

She has big amber eyes that seem to have a special twinkle in them. Her whiskers are white and long. She possesses very large paws with sharp claws.

Bozo has adjusted excellently to the strenuous routines of civilization. She takes all the quirks of humanity in stride.

She'll continue to be the Kucera's only pet as long as she wants it that way. In a quiet manner she seems to know she is pretty much the "boss" of the household.

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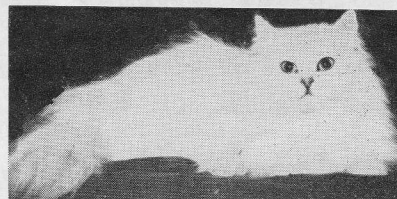
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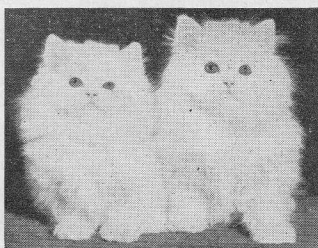
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- 2-3—Newark, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis). Specialties: Solid Color of the East; Silver Cat Club of the West; National Tabby & Tortie; National Siamese (all Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
3-4—Chicago, Ill.—Beresford Cat Club of America, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. E. F. Hamaker). Specialties: Longhair (Dimas Blanco); Shorthair (Mr. Blanco).
3-4—New Orleans, La.—Dixie Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph Mabie). Specialties: Longhair (Mrs. John Revington); Shorthair (Mrs. Revington).
3-4—Inland Empire Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Doris O'Connell). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (B. W. Wilson).
10-11—Milwaukee, Wisc.—Milwaukee Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Horace Reed). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Lucile Pelton).
10-11—Vista, Calif.—Coronado Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Floy McGill). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Ruth Fisher).

January

- 3-4—Spokane, Wash.—Inland Empire Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Doris O'Connell). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (B. W. Wilson).
5-6—New York City—Empire Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Naomi Favors). Specialties: All Shorthair, except Siamese (Mrs. John Hunter); Tabby & Tortie (Lucille Pelton); Solid Color (Mrs. Pelton); Silver (Mrs. Pelton); Siamese (Mrs. Hunter).
7-8—San Fernando Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Howard Casassa).
14-15—Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers (UCF).
14-15—Hollywood, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis). Specialty: Silver (Gladys E. Weirich).
14-15—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Kay M. Thoma). Specialties: Shorthair (Frances Kosierowski); Tabby & Tortie (Mrs. Kosierowski).
14-15—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Charles Victor). Specialties: Longhair (Roberta Billig); Shorthair (Elsie Quinn).
21-22—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill). Specialties: Longhair (Beth O'Donovan); Shorthair (Mrs. O'Donovan).
21-22—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. G. Carroll). Specialties: Longhair (Kay M. Thoma); Shorthair (Miss Thoma).
28-29—Akron, Ohio—Portage Trail Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis). Specialties: Longhair (Kay Thoma); Shorthair (Miss Thoma).
28-29—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski). Specialties: Longhair (Mrs. Henry Herms); Shorthair (Roy Easterly).

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4-5—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Floy McGill). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Helen Hildebrant).

4-5—Phoenix Ariz.—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Gertrude Hamaker). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Ada May Miles).

4-5—Des Moines, Iowa.—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).

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Hawaii Cat Show

The Hawaii Cat Fanciers announce their 1956 Cat Show to be held in Honolulu February 4th and 5th. The CFA All Breed Show will be judged by Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie. Mrs. Frederick H. Otis, Club Secretary, writes that they expect the show to measure up to that of last year. Best cat in show then was Mr. Elmer Punohu's Shaded Silver Nani Noa Kuualoha. Judge was Mrs. Marguerita Goforth, who at the after-show party received a monkey pod salad bowl from the club.

Lake Erie Club Elects

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Lake Erie Cat Club at Cleveland, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, William K. W. Hansen; Vice President, Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jeanne Gail; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Uthoff, 4209 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Treasurer, James J. Small.

Kitten Shows

Although it was delayed for a couple of days by hurricane weather, the Garden State Cat Club reports a most successful Second Annual Kitten Show. Best Kitten in the All Breed, Judged by Elsie Hydon, was Mrs. R. W. Ginger's Cream f. Honey Dew of Cathay—Best O.S., SP m. Millbrook's Jiminy Cricket, owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roose. Mrs. Lillian King judged the Shorthair Specialty and named Millbrook's Deborah, SP f., also Mr. and Mrs. Roose, as her best Kit. Best O.S. was Mrs. G. R. Donaho's Dolphins Thomas, CP male.

Across the river in Wilmington, the Delaware Cat Fanciers' First Annual Kitten Match met with equal success. All Breed judge Lillian Pedulla found her best to be Marleone Captain Lee, Silver Tby m., owned by Margaret Lovett. Mrs. M. Hoag's Blue f., Debutante was O.S. Anthony DeSantis named Debutante his best in the L.H. Specialty and gave Mrs. Lovett's Bwn Tby m. Marleone First Mate the O.S. award. In the S.H. Specialty, Judge Mrs. Howard Stackhouse placed her Best in Show on Vanar's Morocco, CP Siamese m., owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper. Her O.S. kit was Mrs. Rex Naugle's Green Lane Bonnie, BP Siamese female.

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SALES TAXES—ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR BREEDERS

by Ann Manley

Last summer a pair of cat fanciers in northern California took a booth at a county fair and exhibited some cats. One of the fanciers had many breeds and a registered cattery. During the course of the week, a California State Board of Equalization representative posed a few questions. What he outlined to her was something which had never occurred to her, nor, in fact, to dozens of other California breeders. Nor, I am sure, to breeders in other states which may have sales taxes, and to whom much of the following may also apply.

In eight years of breeding, magazine reading, and club memberships, neither my husband nor I had heard any mention of collecting and paying state sales tax on cats. Apparently those people who have sales permits just don't discuss the subject.

The fact is, however, that if you sell or trade two or more cats during any twelve month period in California, you must have a sales permit, you must report sales, and you must collect tax on taxable sales and transmit it to the State Board of Equalization.

Out-of-state sales are tax exempt but you must still have a permit, report out-of-state sales and take the exemption for them. You should keep accurate books on your cattery activities, of course, to back up your reports. Reports can be made monthly or quarterly or even yearly depending upon varying circumstances. You may be expected to make a deposit of an amount sufficient to cover possible taxes if you report once a year. The fee for the permit is only one dollar however. Complete information is obtainable from the nearest State Board of Equalization office and I am told that there is one in nearly every county seat in California.

I rather gather the handling of individual cases depends upon the humor of the agent in charge. Of the men with whom I have had contact, one seemed to feel it was more important to see that the law was enforced and that the sellers comply with it while the other, the man of the fair episode, is ready, if not eager, to catch violators and prosecute them to the letter of the law. The old saw, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse," is only too true. This man threatened the fanciers at the fair with arrest at the time and has stated recently that he would arrest the cattery owner if he caught her making a sale.

It would appear that the State Board of Equalization normally has other, bigger "fish to fry" and that the fair contact was a random check, possibly on the agent's own time. However, as things of that nature sometimes work, the Board soon may initiate a concentrated effort to enforce the law among all animal breeders.

Only animals raised for food and animals sold for resale (wholesale, such as to a pet shop) would be exempt. Services such as boarding and stud work would not be exempted. Remember, there is no cost (except the permit fee) to the breeder. The sales tax is added onto the sale price of the cat just as sales tax is added on most things bought in retail stores every day. The general public is accustomed to pay sales tax and won't balk. The sight of your permit should convince any doubting Thomases that you do transmit taxes to the state.

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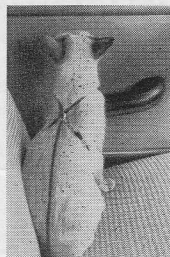
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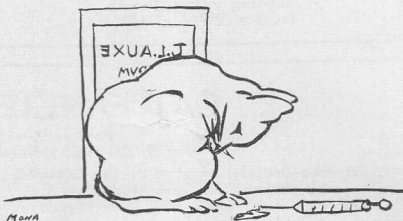
FROM BRAZIL

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What surprised me though was that Sweetie Pie, Kelly and Peter knew me right away. I am not sure about Swifty. He was not at all contented until he found his old blanket that he used to sleep on in Montreal. Sweetie Pie and Kelly, the imps, ran right in the living room and began sharpening their claws on my best sofa, a typical cat manner of making oneself at home. In a short time they followed Swifty to his blanket and then great licking went on. I sat beside them for a while and talked and petted them and sympathized—soon, the four were stretched out, purring.

How happy I was that I had sent for them but how foolish I was to think I could lock them in. The walls were only a challenge and Sweetie Pie, looking more than ever like a young lion, would leap the roofs and balconies as swiftly and deftly as a squirrel.

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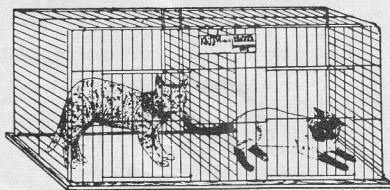
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time of day when we ourselves prepare various forms of cereals for our family use and a little more can easily be added in any preparation. These cereals are mixed in with the meat or canned food and in place of any mentioned above, oatmeal, cornflakes, cream of wheat and many others can be substituted. The evening meals can be further varied by using canned salmon and other kinds of fish. When fresh fish is to be used make sure that it is thoroughly cooked. If your basic food is fish, include ground meat or horse meat occasionally for variety. Left-over vegetables can be used in the evenings, mashing them for easy digesting. In any feeding it is advisable to use any of the commercial preparations containing minerals and vitamins as well as brewers yeast or bone meal which may be sprinkled on from a salt shaker. We have mentioned a few variations. With a little imagination many more can be found and you will soon find out what ones are relished the most.

If you have been careful in your observation of the listed diet, you have noticed the absence of milk and other dairy products. This has been a purposeful omission in that some cats are adversely affected by the use of them. However, if your cat is in no way bothered with their use, we would recommend them as a diet supplement. Milk and meat should not be fed together as frequently they form an acid condition in the stomach. Milk can be fed in place of water but do not let it remain in the air too long. Be sure to remove from the cat any food that it does not devour within the hour after feeding. By doing this you can prevent food poisoning and any nibbling.

While you may consider yourself a neophyte in cat breeding, you should certainly be an expert on the matter of feeding and of a balanced diet. Go back over the articles in which we talked about vitamins, minerals, proteins, etc. You will notice several foods continuously listed among them; namely, egg yolk, meat, liver, milk, fish, cereals, vegetables, and others. These contain most of the essential nutrients and by their use you will find you are feeding your cat a diet that is sound in balance and that your cat will be healthy, beautiful, full of vim and vigor and all-round well being. Should you desire any more information on this diet, write to me in care of CATS Magazine and I will be only too glad to oblige. I have as much of a personal interest in your cat as do you.

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GOLDEN GATE CAT CLUB (UCF) All Breed Kitten Show, Pleasanton, Calif., Sept. 18, 1955. Judges—L.H. Dorothy Denning, SH. Mr. Leigh Manley. LONG HAIR DIVISION— Best Kit, Best Sil—Wee-Wah, sh sil m, Mrs. Latina M. Nielson. OS Kit, Best SC—Rania's Su Wannia of Prieta, OE Wh f, Mrs. Marian Beller. OS Sil—Spring Mountain Yum Yum, smoke f, Cecil Hale. OS SC—Rania's Pamper of Prieta, blue m, Mrs. Marian Beller. Best T&T—Jerry, red tby m, Margaret Goff. OS T&T—Fiddler's Green Precious, bl cr, Jack & Althea Wedel.

SHORT HAIR DIVISION— Best Kit, Best FSH, Best Sia—Bon Bon Bebe, CP m, Mr. & Mrs. Joe French. OS Kit, OS FSH, OS Sia—Miss Blue Toy, BP f, Mr. & Mrs. James Miller. Best DSH—Shannondown's Miss Copycat, sil tby f, Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Thompson. OS DSH—Shannondown's Zaca II, sil tby m, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—(Sponsored by Northwestern Siamese Breeders) Judge—Mrs. Anne Manley. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Encore Giselle of Elo-Yse, BP m, Eloise & Frank Magnum. OS Cat, OS Nov, OS Sia—Elo-Yse's High Volt-Age, SP f, Eloise & Frank Magnum. 2nd Best Male, Best Nov, Best Aby—Bograes Seb, m, R. D. Forrester. 2nd Best Female, OS Open, Best DSH—Purple Sage Zita of Kiva, sil tby f, Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Thompson. Best Ch—Mau Tien's Little Moses, BP m, Arthur V. Fisher. OS Ch—Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS DSH—O-Mar, Odd E Wh m, Miss Diane Leubker. Best Manx—Ch Iliam's Dhone, brn tby m, Mr. & Mrs. Lee B. Williams. OS Manx—Pamela of Truantail, Odd E Wh f, Linda Louise Yearin. Best Burmese—Ch Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS Burmese—Ch Gerstdale's Mulkray II of Ruboe, m, Mrs. Ruth Larson. OS Aby—Bograes's Teta, f, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrester. Best R blue—HRH Marin Mikail, m, Mrs. Spencer Smiley.

TWIN CITY CAT FANCIERS (CFA) 20th Ch Show, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 17-18, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. C. F. Rotter. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SH, Best Sia—Wallman's Tikita Kittl, SP f, Mrs. Wesley Novak. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best SC—Blue Ridge Twinkle III of Blu Ace, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Ch—Oakwood's Glamour Boy, OE Wh m, Mrs. Alfred Hoff. OS Ch, OS LH, OS SC—Miss Minnesota, BE Wh f, Mrs. Vivian Nord. OS Nov—Ups 'N Downs Robin Wen Lu, SP m, Margaret Hill Downs. OS Open—Briargate Dezara of Samdur, BP f, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Sil—Banavia Prudence of Helena Coy, chin f, Martha M. Adams. OS Sil—Danehurst Ronald of Helena Coy, chin m, Martha M. Adams. Best T&T—Briargate's Little Tinker, tortie, Mrs. Leone Rystedt. OS T&T—Red Top's Pecky Dear, Peke Red tby m, Mrs. B. Walenty. OS SH, OS Sia—Medicine Lake Cha-Dah, SP m, Mrs. Adolph Olson. Best DSH—Ch Chirn Sa Hai Tabitha, brn tby f, Don Clapp. OS DSH—Clapp Red Man, red tby m, Don Clapp. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Regalia of Samdur, f, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Sample. OS Aby—Crago's Obede of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best R blue—Ch Mission City Terrilita, f, Don Clapp, lessee. OS R blue—Troika's Prince Cobalt, m, Don Clapp, lessee. Best Kit—Lynwood Crusader, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Wallman's Charmin Blossom, SP f, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. Best Neuter—Kittl Chaiya, SP, Mrs. Wesley Novak. Best Spay—Ch Viking Gibson Girl, red tby, Mrs. Archie Stray.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Frances Herms. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Lavender Lyric of Bloemhill, blue f, Mrs. John Bloem. 2nd Best Cat—Ch Miss Minnesota, BE Wh f, Mrs. Vivian Nord. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Lynwood Chu Chu, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Best Nov—Bloemhill Lorelei, bl cr, Mrs. John Bloem. OS Nov—Longhill's Wonderful of Red Top, cr m, Mrs. B. Walenty. Best Kit—Lynwood Crusader, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Sunny Gale of Ben Hur, OE Wh f, Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Clark. Best Neuter—Cream Lover Boy—cr, Meredith D. Schrumm. Best Spay—Loveland's Fluffy, OE Wh, Miss Eva Volkert.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Frances Herms. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Sia—Wallman's Tikita Kittl, SP f, Mrs. Wesley Novak. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Samdur's Jill Kittl, BP f, Mrs. Wesley Novak. OS Cat, Best Open, OS Nov, OS Sia—Ups 'N Downs Robin Wen Lu, SP m, Margaret Hill Downs. OS Ch—Chirn Sa Hai Velbo of Livingston, BP m, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best DSH—White Flash of Bur Mur Farm, OE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burrell Finch. OS DSH—Wright Blue Monday of Clapp, blue m, Don Clapp. Best Aby—Ch Malikah of Harmonie Acre, f, Mrs. Waldo Schulz. OS Aby—Crago's Obede of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best R blue—Ch Mission City Terrilita, f, Don Clapp, lessee. OS R blue—Troika's Prince Cobalt, m, Don Clapp, lessee. Best Kit—Wallman's Charmin Blossom, SP f, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. OS Kit—Rystedt's Hassy Jr., BP m, Mrs. Leone Rystedt. Best Neuter—Kittl Chaiya, SP, Mrs. Wesley Novak.

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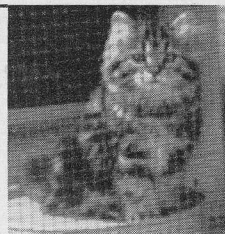
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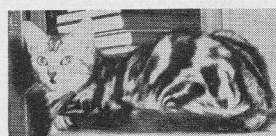
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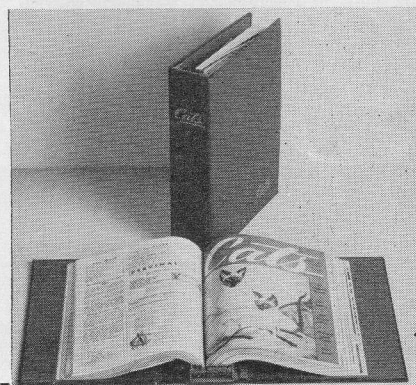
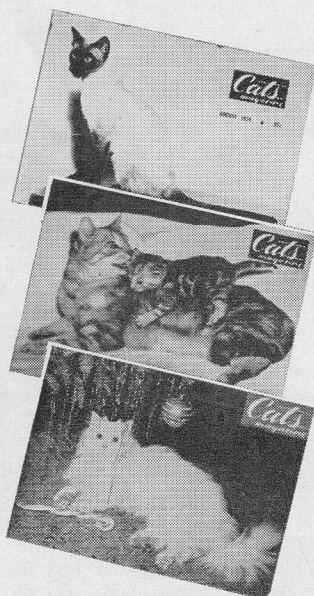
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The Back Fence . . .

We'd like to hear how Dr. J. B. Rhine's Duke University experiments with homing instincts in animals are coming along. He's doubtless added the case of Tommy, a fourteen-pound yellow cat, to his case history files. You may have read how Tommy was moved from Bexley, Ohio, to 5670 Taylor Road, Columbus—his owners' new residence ten miles from their old home. Tommy moved at night, on the floor of the car, where he remained throughout the trip. But ten days after Tommy had settled, to outward appearances, he must have remembered unfinished business. He disappeared, and six days later former neighbors phoned to say that Tommy had returned to Bexley. He was footsore and had lost several pounds. What most mystified his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Mohr, was the fact that to reach his old home, Tommy had to cross Big Walnut Creek (which he had always stayed away from before) and to survive heavy motor traffic at Broad and Main streets. Tommy, pictured back home with his mistress, is cuddled up to her cheek and obviously glad to be with her again.

A little further west in Illinois we find another mystifying feline case. Butch is a shared cat. His original owners are Mr. and Mrs. John Struggles, 2120 Washington Ave., Wilmette. But, sometimes through sleet and snow, Butch comes as the spirit moves to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thor Norberg, two miles distant at 2415 Lawndale Avenue, Evanston. This love affair with the Norbergs all started one day when Butch wandered into their neighborhood. Mrs. Norberg, feline fancier *extraordinaire*, called him in for chicken livers. He had the run of the house. Eventually, through a newspaper ad his owners were located and claimed Butch, but have been mortified (at least, *we* would be) ever since by their wandering boy. Last year, the day after Christmas, having been showered with gifts, Butch appeared at the Norbergs—wanted to see if he could work a double-handout, perhaps. Mrs. Norberg sympathized. "I know I wouldn't like it if I had sat up all night sewing sequins on a stocking for a cat who left the next day."

While we ponder what quirks make two well-cared for cats leave their owners at intervals, the rest of the feline world wonders what gives with Westbury, New York. Westbury, Long Island, you remember, is the community of 7000 which passed a cat-curfew law last July. The ordinance makes it illegal for cats to prowl or meow at night. Owners of noisy cats are warned twice, then the third offense calls for a \$25 fine. If the third offense comes within thirty days of the first, and the cat owner cannot be found or is unwilling to pay the fine, the animal may be put to death. We've heard very little of how this law is being enforced. We imagine, though we hate to, that a number of homeless cats as well as several with second- or third- or fourth-rate homes have gone to their reward these past months. We know that any of these cats, from the oldest battle-scarred tom down to the youngest helpless kitten crying for food *could* have become with the right kind of attention a clean, hearth-loving, gentle and affectionate pet.

A happier story on Long Island. The *Jamaica Press* is responsible for the reappearance of sweet Tweedy. Tweedy's owners, Jean and Peter Terranova of Southampton were especially concerned when Tweedy became lost, for the cat, a gray and white tiger, was born with only three legs. Four weeks after the *Press* ran an appeal for help and the Terranovas had about given Tweedy up, a reader called the paper to say she had seen a three-legged cat hovering around a nearby bungalow. Mrs. Terranova headed for the scene, and there was Tweedy, still waiting for his mistress to rescue him from a bewildering world. As a warning to readers, may we say that Tweedy first became lost at a boarding kennel, where he had been taken out on the lawn to be combed. He tried to get home, but didn't make it . . . Not without help.

Sorry that Minnie, a black and white stowaway and her two kittens born aboard the Cunard liner *Britannic* were not allowed ashore at Southampton. The little family, returned to New York under care of Chief Butcher John Johnson, was confined to a small room where ship bartenders stored empty whisky bottles. So alas, one more sailor's dream of a beautiful voyage turned out less rosy than his visions. We wish Minnie could become a permanent member of the crew, and have those happier trips, running the decks with the salt-air ruffing her fur, trips we're sure she is entitled to. Couldn't one of you New Yorkers who love that exciting pier atmosphere anyway run down to the *Britannic's* berth and inform Chief Johnson or someone about modern ways of caring for cats, altering, plumbing facilities, etc.? If not, we sincerely hope Minnie and family find a nice land-lubbers' home their big present under the Christmas tree this year.

Well, cat lovers, if you think it impossible to instruct ocean liners to care properly for cats, we'll tell you a story that illustrates just how far cat lovers will go to champion their favorite pets. One of our avid correspondents down Philadelphia way has sent a clipping from the *Philadelphia Bulletin*. It reads: "The mysterious stone cats chasing a stone mouse around the entrance of the south side of City Hall have puzzled Philadelphians for generations. Every so often, someone notices them in the jungle of sculpturing that hangs like bananas around the great building, and the puzzle breaks out anew." The clipping goes on to say that a story on City Hall in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, attributes the presence of the felines to *gratitude*. The gratitude was extended by John McArthur, Jr., architect for the building, to Samuel C. Perkins, eminent Philadelphian who championed McArthur's plans against a sea of criticism and ridicule until they were finally adopted. Perkins, who died in 1903, was a lawyer, a member of the Union Club, and for many years president of the Commission for the Erection of Public Buildings in Philadelphia. As such, he naturally had a lot to do with the new City Hall. His long years of service, marked by continuous and bitter controversy, were faithfully recorded by him in 30 numbered scrapbooks which

he later presented to the Society. Perkins was a cat lover, and when not embroiled in controversy about the City Hall, was likely to be found at home surrounded by his cats. It was Perkins who pushed through McArthur's plans for the Hall, and that is why today one can see on the South Side of the Hall Perkins' cats—eight of them—carved out of stone around the walls of a chamber which bears above it the single word 'JUSTICE.' Well, would we say in this case, justice was done.

Speaking of law and justice, the Legislature of Delaware is the first we've heard of since summer which has been asked to put through a bill providing for either licensing of cats or exterminating those found running at large. The bill did not materialize, but thought you people in Delaware should know there's someone down your way who wants Charny's \$1000 (offered to first person introducing successfully a cat-licensing bill into a state legislature).

Things are sunny out in Kansas City, Mo. for Bimbo, pet of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Stewart, 8719 East 77th St. Terrace. Bimbo may not "go down the street to see his little girlie-oh" like the boy in the popular song, but it's dollars to doughnuts the girlie-ohs all have their eyes on *him* when he goes strolling. Bimbo is a 32-pound tigrillo, or variation of Venezuelan leopard cat, a little brother to a jaguar. Seventeen months ago, a family friend who had been with the army in Venezuela brought Bimbo back as a two-month old kitten. Since, he has grown to about three feet, nose to tail tip, and looks like a beautiful miniature ocelot in the picture we saw. He sleeps in a cage in the Stewart's garage, and in the daytime is chained to a clothes-line in the backyard, or goes walking on a chain with Mrs. Stewart. *He walks her*. He eats two cans of horsemeat a day, and five pounds of whiting a week. He's fond of playing in a tub of water put out for him, and will not go to sleep until Mrs. Stewart holds him on her lap. And *that's* what we'd like to find under *our* Christmas tree, a two-month-old tigrillo!

What wonderful gifts cats have received from friends who have loved them. Six different bequests to felines came to light this past week. The first was left to the nine pets of Byron Dickson, Philadelphia lawyer who died last June 25. The cats will receive the best of care under the terms of the will, admitted to probate at Norristown, Pa. Dickson devoted five pages of the will to minute instructions on how to care for the cats, how to feed and shelter them, how to arrange for veterinarian services, etc. The will specified that "sufficient" funds be set aside for this purpose, but the amount was not disclosed. The residue of the estate, \$23,000, was left to friends and a niece.

The two dogs and 38 cats of Ferdinand Lighte, Jersey City real estate dealer, were named his beneficiaries when he died last June 28 without heirs. The pets are to be cared for at his house, and when they die, the estate is to be divided into thirds between a friend and two churches.

Red, pet cat of Mrs. Marion L. Richmond, is to be provided for during the remainder of his life, according to terms of a will naming a daughter and foster-son as other beneficiaries. A retired

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school-teacher Miss Dora H. Pitts, who died in Detroit at the age of 83 this past summer, left \$100 to each of her four cats, and the rest of the estate, valued at \$20,000, was divided among 83 friends, one for each year of her life. She had no close kin.

Two more bequests, by ladies, we find. The first to Susie, a Silver Persian owned by Mrs. Anna B. Rose of Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y. Mrs. Rose, a widow with no close relatives, passed away this summer at the age of 60. Her will stipulates that Susie, who is 12, will get \$60 a month as long as she lives. The money will go for Susie's room and board with a friend of Mrs. Rose, named executrix of the will. If Susie dies before her trust fund, totaling \$5,000, is used up, the balance will go to a church, a State normal school, and the Bide-a-Wee Shelter in Wantagh, L. I. Mrs. Rose, a former principal of P.S. 92, Corona, L. I., also left a \$10,000 trust fund and all household furnishings to her housekeeper, Mrs. Anne Grothman, and the remainder of her estate to be divided among friends. The last bequest was left by a doctor, Riva H. Lipsics, of Santa Monica, Calif. A holographic will, it said \$1,000 was to go to Domino, a gray and white altered Persian; \$300 to Mona, Domino's two-year-old daughter and \$300 to Calico, a half-Siamese. The balance of Dr. Lipsic's \$50,000 estate may go to her sister, her only relative, with provisions that upon her death the remainder is to go to a Heart Association. Dr. Lipsic's will, drawn up without a lawyer, is incidentally the only one of the six discussed whose future must be determined by court action.

From which discussion we see 1) the benefit of consulting a lawyer before making major moves, and 2) the fact that cat lovers, even those who go to what some people refer to as extremes (we can't agree) in providing care for pets after they themselves have gone, these cat lovers seem to have been pretty nice people. Respected people. Decent people. So don't let any smart talkers full of hot air convince you only "stupes" love cats. Yes, we have actually heard such vapid arguments as this one extended against cats and us.

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