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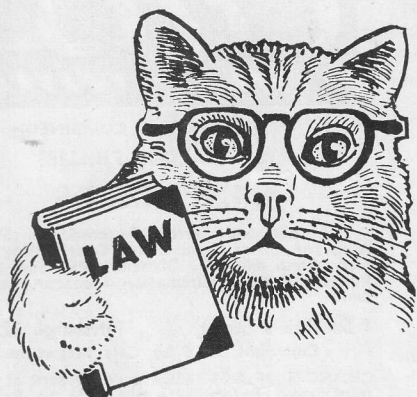
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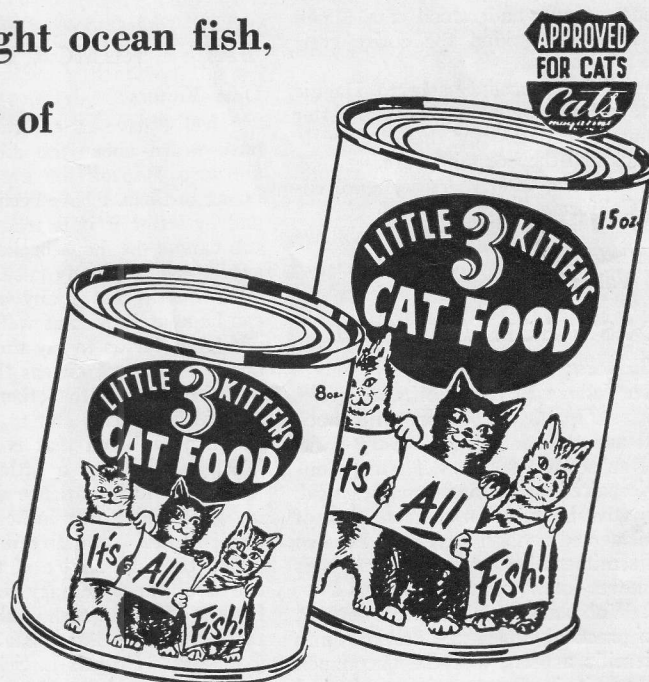
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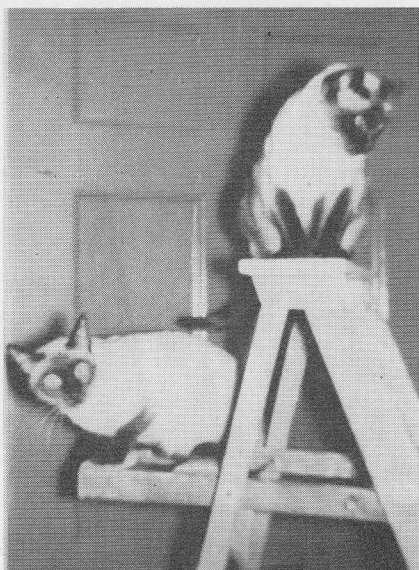
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WOMEN'S WORK

Dear Editors:

Here are my two Siamese cats, and I, like every other owner, think mine are the smartest and most beautiful cats in the world. Rosedere Nei Heng (Daggie) is the one on the top of the ladder and Sylvan Seal (Shasta) is beneath him.

They have both traveled quite a bit by air. Daggie made the trip to California by himself a few years ago, but Shasta and I flew from Washington, D. C., to California together, and I mean that literally. TWA will get a vote of thanks from me any day. I held Shasta on my lap and had a most pleasant trip . . . thanks to a hostess who understood cats. I will never forget how kind the entire crew was.

When I introduced Shasta to Daggie they started talking to each other. After two hours of conversation they decided to be friends and they certainly are.

They are two Easterners who are enjoying California living.

Mrs. W. G. Wallace

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BOOST FOR BLANCHE

Dear Editors:

I have followed Mrs. Wolfram's series of articles *Tips to the Novice* with much interest and look forward to every issue. Until I subscribed to CATS, I had practically despaired of finding any practical, authoritative information on cats. Most of the articles and books I have found are so full of sentimentality and old wives' tales that I never knew what to believe.

Mrs. Wolfram's articles reflect a great store of practical experience, research into the scientific aspects, and the uncommon ability to write in clear, concise and logical sequence. Above all, she is readable. She is truly doing a remarkable job.

May I compliment her for writing and CATS for publishing these articles which are unique in being really worthwhile and which are so far superior to the information which one generally comes across in books and magazines.

Charles W. Cook, Major Cml. C.
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EUTHANASIA?

Dear Editors:

I have a problem and would appreciate the advice of yourself or readers in helping me solve it. This involves a kitten (now almost a grown cat) that has been terribly crippled almost from birth. Some disease took the mother and the rest of the litter, but this little fellow managed to survive.

He has no control over his hind legs apparently, but struggles to stand, then throws himself forward to move around the back yard where he spends most of his time lying under the protecting branches of bushes and shrubs.

Some people think we are cruel not to put this cat to sleep. We can't help wondering if that would be right. He doesn't seem to be in any pain, but I must admit it is a terrible struggle for him to move about.

I'll admit that horses and many other animals would be done away with in this condition, but we aren't sure what we should do. Would you please advise us.

Edith Anderson

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Phoenix, Arizona

FALSE RUMOR REBUTTED

Dear Editors:

I feel I have to contradict a rumor I have heard about the Abyssinian cat. I am sure I speak for every breeder and owner of them. I have been asked at shows and by letter if it is true the Abyssinian cat cannot be housebroken. This is absurdly and absolutely false. An Abyssinian is as intelligent as any other breed and can be housebroken as well as any. I shall not go as far as to say there could not be one in a litter of kittens that is harder to housebreak than the others for this happens in all breeds. But to class the Abyssinian as a breed that is hard to housebreak is putting it a little strong.

I feel a little patience and understanding goes a long way in housebreaking any small kitten. I am sure if the new owner would take the advice of the breeder and use the same sanitary facilities as the breeder has used to housebreak the kitten there would be less mistakes.

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COVER

A Norwegian girl this month—Bir-cotte Modest Maidie, Blue Longhair of Fru Maien Svenningsen, Box 166, Hovik, Norway, taken by her owner.

Fru Svenningsen is one of Europe's most active and best-known fanciers, president of Norsk Rasekatt Klubb, Norway's cat society, and editor of the magazine, "Vare Katter."

WHY WAYWARD EATERS

Dear Editors:

In the April 1956 issue of CATS Magazine, a letter from a reader mentioned that her cat had developed the worrisome habit of eating socks and sweaters and inquired concerning a means of breaking the habit.

Medically, we refer to a perverted or depraved appetite as *Pica*. In fact, diagnosis of pica is prudent whenever there is a desire for substances not considered as food. Pica is often observed in animals of all ages when suffering from chronic gastritis. In some animals, apparently the depraved appetite is a perversity which develops as a result of inactivity or frank boredom. This condition may be associated with a dietary lack of calcium, phosphorus, salt or trace minerals and vitamins—especially the water-soluble vitamins B and C. Pica is sometimes observed in young, growing animals during the teething period.

Treatment of pica is symptomatic according to the findings of a careful clinical examination and survey of the diet. If the findings are inconclusive, it is usually prudent to attempt assistance by advising the addition of a vitamin-mineral-protein supplement to the diet. Whenever the cause seems to be psychogenic, appropriate measures should be taken to provide relief of boredom by new playthings or a companion animal.

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OUR "PREMIE" AND HOW SHE GREW

By Grace Shults Davis

Tiddle Dee certainly wasn't much to start with. The first glimpse I had of the little creature was on that day when Valerie, my ten-year-old daughter, ran into the house, holding something in the palm of one hand.

"Mother, what do you suppose this is?"

I turned from my work and took a perplexed look at the small object. It appeared to be completely lifeless, resembling a drowned mouse more than anything else.

"Where did you find it?" I inquired.

"It was out in that rabbit hutch where we had the hurt stray cat," she replied.

"It probably started out to be a kitten," I observed, and then added, by way of an answer as to what to do with it, "can you bury it yourself?"

The little girl looked stricken. "Mother," she whispered. "The little thing has a spark of life in it. I can even feel a tiny wiggle of its heart beating against my hand."

The prematurely born kitten was not over two inches in length. It was entirely clawless, the small round flaps of ears were still fastened down, no fur was yet visible, and it scarcely resembled the makings of a cat. Any hope that the clammy-cold, naked bit of animal could have its feeble flicker of life coaxed into continuing was pretty strained.

But Valerie wanted to try. She put together an "incubator" out of a small box, a piece of woolen cloth and an electric heating pad turned to lowest. Mixing a "formula" of diluted canned milk and a few grains of sugar, she managed to get a fraction of a drop of the liquid into the miniature gullet by means of a twisted point of cloth.

Remarkable Nature responded to this weak bit of assistance. On the strength of that piece of a calorie provided by the half drop of formula, the astounding kitten surprised us two hours later, not only by remaining alive, but by emitting a relatively strong "mew". We, the entire now-interested family, rushed to help administer another half-drop of nourish-

ment. And Valerie bestowed the name Tiddle Dee upon the infant.

Now, five years later, as I write this, Tiddle Dee, healthy and beautiful, is curled in my lap. She is crowding me a little, making typing somewhat awkward, but we are all used to this small character getting mixed into whatever we happen to be doing around the house, and any complication she causes just doesn't bother us.

She still considers herself a baby—human, of course. In fact, during the first several weeks of her life, she was handled with almost hospital care. Each morning Valerie hung a row of carefully washed white squares of cloth on the clothesline. These served as combination wrapping blankets, diapers, and bibs. One of these squares wrapped around her and held taut about her neck absorbed some of the formula and cereal that escaped her mouth during the feeding process. Also it kept her "hands" out of the way. Even with this precaution, the "baby" needed to be bathed after each feeding. Then, patted dry with a soft piece of woolen cloth, and wrapped in a clean cotton square, she would be tucked into a woolen stocking cap for a nap. Of course every one warned us that bathing the kitten would surely kill her, but we knew Tiddle Dee well enough by then to know that she wouldn't consider dying over a dunking in warm water.

During the early days of her life we carried the kitten with us wherever we went—even to church—and once to a dinner party. On these occasions it fell to my lot to transport her in a small woolen sack that resembled a handbag. For six Sundays, all during the singing and the sermon, Tiddle Dee slept peacefully in her improvised "baby bunting." The minister did not once suspect that there was a kitten in the congregation, and the people sitting near us did not happen to notice the inaudible baby-kitten snores sifting through the extra handbag I carried.

The little creature cried only on very



rare occasions. Whenever possible we fed her on schedule, but she never fussed or tried to remind us even when her mealtime was missed by several hours. Feeding her was really a pleasure. It could not be hurried. So, sitting by the radio, even with disturbing world news being broadcast (the Korean War was then in progress), I would find myself relaxing, too, as the determined mite sucked peacefully and leisurely at her formula, unaware of the miracle of her being alive.

Tiddle Dee was over a month old before her eyes opened. The eventual unveiling of those two little dark pools was quite an occasion. Each pool had its wandering black dot of a pupil, and we wondered if they would ever line into focus. Eventually they did.

We also speculated as to whether or not this kitten would ever have padded paws the way cats are supposed to. Each of her miniature fingers, about one-third of an inch long, complete with its three knuckles, was separated from the other fingers as on a human hand. The thumb was distinct, too, convenient for sucking, and the kitten often went to sleep with her thumb in her mouth. She used her hands and fingers to cling to whoever was holding her, and later as her strength increased, to pull herself around over her blanket. Luckily the padding formed very gradually so that she grew accustomed to getting along without fingers before they turned into paws.

By the time Tiddle Dee was six weeks old she began to crawl around on her stomach. We put a clean sheet on the floor so she would not pick up germs while taking her crawling exercises. She still did not look like a cat. People, seeing her for the first time, asked if she were a hamster.

At the age of two months she was the size of a normal new-born kitten and she was trying to walk in a very wobbly way

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The illustrations, showing Tiddle Dee as a youngster, are by the author, Mrs. Davis.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

CATS IN A STORM

*Storm from the northwest out of Canada,
over the Great Lakes, hits Manhattan,
bringing
heavy rain and wind at the quick-slammed
windows,
the fireplace lighted and the two cats
singing.*

*Were this atomic rain, what would I do?
Run five flights down with mother cats
and kittens
to a cellar where we would have landed
faster
if we'd stayed home? O strong and furry
mittens
tugging my shirt, I think we'll take the
heavens
from this warm room where we are all
together,
and let the walls cave in on happy
whiskers
certain that I can stop such crazy weather.*

—Frances Frost

*It is a comment on the cat's subtlety
that where a dog and cat are pets, the
dog follows the owner, and the owner
follows the cat.*

—Ann H. Morgan,
"Kinship of Animals and Man".

MITTENS

(PHILOSOPHER, DIPLOMAT,
ANGORA)

*That Mittens is of noble feline birth,
One must conclude who even once has seen
With what a calm and condescending
mien,
He sanctions homage from a vassal earth;
Or with indifference supreme, he takes
His bored and gorgeously bewhiskered
self
To some remote, and well screened couch
or shelf,
And deaf to stranger's lures—his exit
makes.
Yet Mittens, I suspect your guile! Fie!
Fie!
Your gentle eyes all haughtiness belie,
As does your purred content, when in
the arms
Of a loved mistress, cuddled safe from
harms!
Long wave your handsome, diplomatic
tail,
To tell the world true love is not for
sale!*

E. J. Ritter, Jr.

TIMOTHY TIGER

*My Timmie is young, and full of fun;
A miniature tiger,
Mercurial,
Adorable.*

*Sure of my love, he rushes into my arms
Crawls onto my chest, and butts me with
his nose.
Curled into a crescent moon
He gives me a whisker kiss,
Then pleads for soft kneading of his
belly.
His purring is quickly staccato,
As paws pincushion my dress.
But slowly the rhythm grows longer,
Serenely, contentedly slower,
To end in the silence of sleep.*

—Cynthia Davril-Holding

IF YOU'VE LOVED A BLACK CAT

*Have you loved a black cat
With eyes of jade-green
Eyes that bored through
To where the real You
To him, showed true?*

*Have you loved a black cat
Whose home was your heart,
His every expression
Reflecting your own,
His heavenly zone
Being You, You alone?*

*If you've loved a black cat,
If he has loved you,
And you think you're forgetting
Since he's gone for good,
He'll come back—every mood
You'd forget if you could.*

*If you've loved a black cat
His sane eyes will probe yours
In the sweet of the evening
When the flowers sleep;
His sweet eyes bore deep
To make a heart weep,
If you've loved a black cat.*

*If you've loved a black cat,
In the night you will hear
Your bedroom door shaking—
You will raise up—and listen,
Seeing jade eyes that glisten,
And your own eyes will moisten,
I can tell you that—
If you've loved a black cat.*

—Ida Elaine James

ONCE A KITTEN

*My little cat is growing up,
His head is in a cloud,
He will not dance, or make-believe,
But seems so very proud.*

*And when I try to talk to him,
Or try to make him play,
He gives me that sedate "Mee-ow,"
And turns and walks away.*

—Kim Worthington

*My father used to say,
"Superior people never make long visits,
have to be shown Longfellow's grave
or the glass flowers at Harvard.
Self-reliant like the cat—"*

—From "Silence", Collected Poems
of Marianne Moore, Macmillan Co.

CAT WISDOM

*Four stories up
He sweeps the whistling air,
Four stories up I see
Him sickling sheer;
He clings, he gains,
By all of one slim hair.*

*Now tall to sky
Four stories up
He still wears no man's law;
He sits and licks
The learning of his paw.*

—Vi Gale

YES, WE HAVE CATS

*Yes, we have cats—Mister Pickwick, a
smug-stomached rapsallion—Hands-Off,
in time past an Arabian stallion;
Reuben the Ring-Tailed, and Simpleton
Susie, too free in her love-life not to
have been anything else than a first-class
floozy, or however you spell it, in her
last incarnation, and, since she is a men-
tal relation, named after a friend, though
you know what will end should I tell it.
And there's Inky-my-Stinky, Arabella
One-Eye, Plush-Shoes, the darling, and
Pussy-Cat-Pie, and how we weep when
we lose one; we love 'em because one
can't shove 'em around. There's Lavender
Lovely, the proud and the beautiful, and
thank goodness not a one is fawningly
dutiful. Each cat in its arrogance, grace
and delight, is a heartful of miracle.
Though at times we admit it a bit of a
chore to endure their nocturnal chansons
d'amour, which is, truth compels, a bit of
a bore, there could be worse features, and
the end of my verse—of all four-footed,
fur-covered creatures, they are our pick,
through thin or through thick.*

—Martha Sherwood Johnson

ALL OF MAM CHA

By Edna Holloway Jones

PART II

Mam Cha had been married, but she had long ago forgotten her husband, who left her without a word of love, after a three-day honeymoon. She had been dreaming in a sunny window most of the time lately. One day, as I sat sewing near by, she jumped to her feet, looked at me with her blue eyes a little frightened, and said, "I'm all of a shiver!"

I took her in my arms. It would be all right, I assured her, and I put her into a softly lined box I had prepared for her. For you see, I had known all along what she was dreaming about in the sun.

Later, when I came back to see if all was well, there were three babies beside her. She washed them thoroughly. Then, with that wonderful knowledge animals have, she lay down on her side and offered dinner.

After another hour I looked in again, and to my surprise saw two more little kittens crying in a corner of the box. "Why, Mam Cha," I said, "these babies want their dinner, too."

Mam Cha stopped purring long enough to say, "Those are extras. You can have them."

Shocked, I put the two kittens beside her. Grudgingly, she fed them, then pushed them away. "Yours," she said, closing her eyes and softly singing to her three darlings.

As well as I could, I took care of the little orphans, taking them to their mother often to be fed and leaving them with her at bedtime. For several nights I woke in the darkness, feeling something furry against my face. Mam Cha had brought me my kittens.

One day, Mam Cha refused to feed any of her babies. She lay quiet, with her eyes closed. Alarmed, I took her to her doctor.

"Penicillin, right away," he said. "Feed the kittens with a medicine dropper, or you will lose them, too."

What a heartache was caused by that little word, "too!"

I fed the kittens for four days—all crying at once, all mouths reaching for food. Three drops for this one, three drops for the next, then the third and the fourth and the fifth, over and over until they were satisfied.

Happily, Mam Cha had a good doctor. At last he telephoned that she was ready to come home. I don't know who was happiest that day, we or the kittens or Mam Cha herself.

After her return from the hospital she had forgotten that she had favorites. She was a happy mother, and she washed them all and fed them and sang them lullabies.

The kittens lived in a large carton, and one day a daring one climbed to the top

and fell out. His mother picked him up in her mouth and dropped him in again. But the other four had taken note of this derring-do. "If he can, we can," they said, and did. Mam Cha was in a flurry of anxiety from then on. She and I were continually picking up kittens and putting them in their box, until we both finally realized that all this was a trick of Nature, who insists that her creatures progress.

Our house was built on a hill, so that the living room and kitchen were upstairs, and the room where Mam Cha and the kittens lived was downstairs. One evening we were reading in the living room and our cocker spaniel, Rojo, lay beside me. We had worried a good deal that Rojo might do some harm to the kittens, so we had kept her away from them. Mam Cha chose this evening for a great adventure. She came proudly up the stairs with a kitten in her mouth. Before we could move she had dropped it directly

under Rojo's nose. I don't know what awful thing we expected, but what happened was that Rojo wagged her tail madly and bent down to kiss the tiny kitten. Embarrassed by this show of affection from a stranger, the kitten ran under a chair. Mam Cha started after it, but Rojo stopped her with a forbidding growl and said, giving her a push, "You leave my kittens alone!"

The kittens grew fast, and Mam Cha did not notice that one by one they were sold or given away. All but Flannigan. Flannigan has bright blue eyes, very dark points, almost black. He is the image of his father. Mam Cha adores him. But I do not think she has any memories of that masterful cat called Ching. She loves Flannigan for his own gay, affectionate self. Now they are playmates. They box and roll and tumble and leap through the air and play hide and seek. Mam Cha has found her youth again.

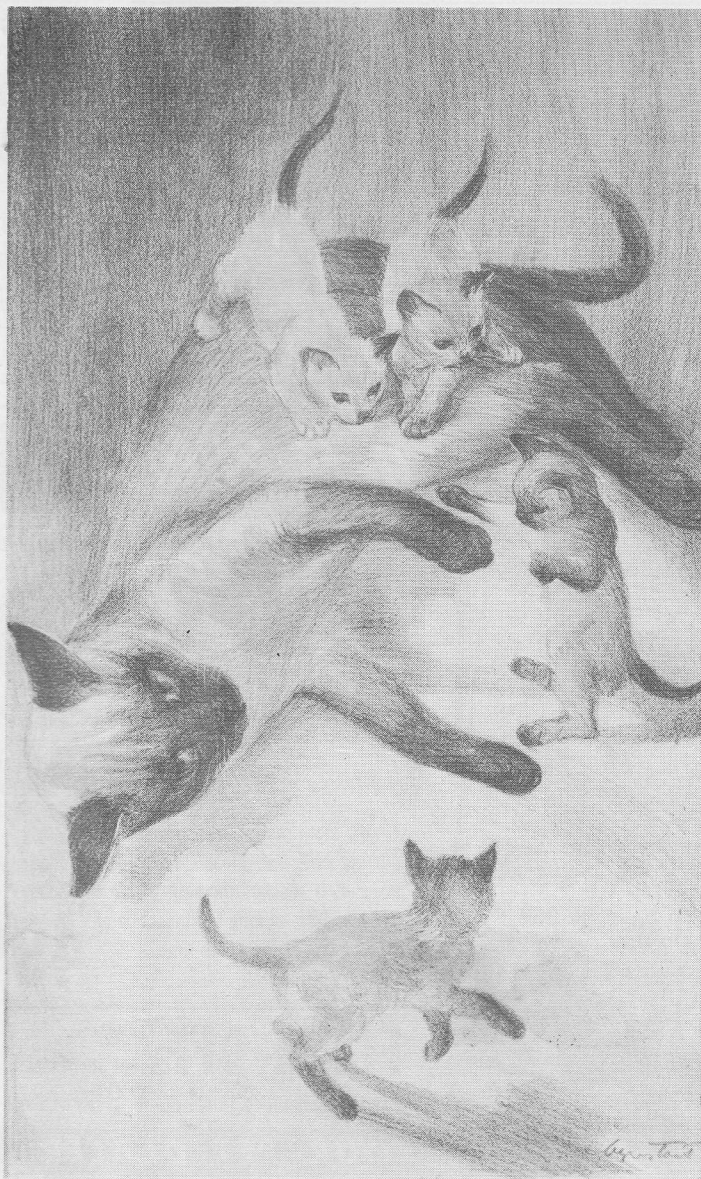


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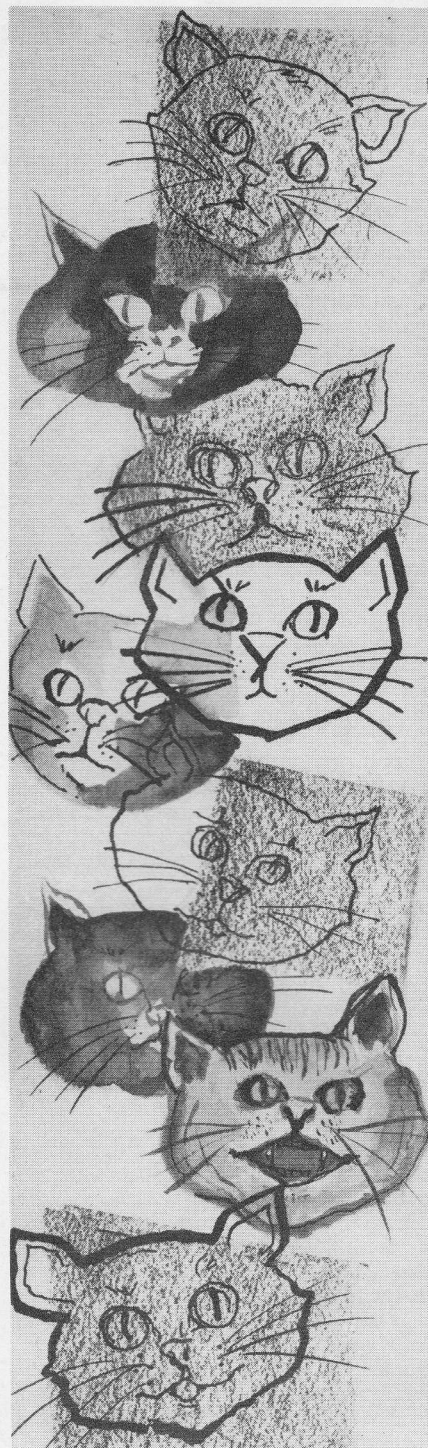
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LONGHAIR BREEDING POSSIBILITIES

By James D. McCrae

II LH "BURMESE" and "VARYING" CATS

The "Longhair Siamese" procedure discussed last month would be standard in the creation of any new type—it would not be so involved in every instance though. Requirements would determine the approach. Assume the fancier only wished to transfer the color of the Burmese to a show-type Longhair. This would be much simpler. Use the animals originally selected for the LH-Seal Point trials as indicated; then, selecting a kitten of this trial the same sex as the Burmese parent, mate this to another Burmese. From these F-2 hybrids you would select the best seals and proceed to breed for color, type, and coat. And an LH with this coloring would be very attractive.

The varying reaction of the colors to the influence of the T-factor serves to give a definite pattern when a number of colors are combined in the right proportions—this breaks the body contour so that a solid shape will not appear against a broken background. Another combination will serve to make the appearance conform to a white background. You will hear many stories concerning the cat—some of which have to be taken with a grain of salt.

There is for example the often told tale of the manner, when in a wild state, in which the cat will rid himself of fleas or other vermin. It seems that the animal will take a suitable stick in his mouth and, starting with the rear legs, gradually lower himself into the water until only the small branch marks his locality. The idea being that the vermin will move away from the water to the drier portions of the anatomy, until the only place left for retreat is onto the branch. Leaving his fleas in sole possession of the stick, the cat then swims away under water.

And many claim that the cat is a clean animal because he is always washing. It seems that the animal washes most vigorously during the hotter weather—even to the extent that many portions of the body become soaked. It may be that this is done because the evaporation of the liquid carries away much heat and serves to cool the pet. Many times I've heard my wife remark vexedly, "Ramie, you got yourself all wet again! Why do you persist in washing so much during this hot weather!"

And it is only with the greatest difficulty that I keep the response silent, "It's cooler this way, baby, it's cooler." The cat lacks sweat glands and employs this device to endure the hot weather. And then you've all observed that the cat curls into a ball as the weather starts to turn—and the colder the weather becomes, the smaller the ball becomes. The nose and pads are placed away from the air, snug

against the belly. This ball presents less surface area for the radiation of heat so that this plus the absence of sweat glands permits the feline to endure frigid weather.

It's doubtful if we will ever be aware of all the mechanisms which serve to protect the cat. A motionless object is very difficult to see—even when you are looking for that one item and have a general idea of the area. The habit of remaining motionless for long periods is built into the animal; and this one trait plus a certain combination of weather conditions will render a dark object nearly invisible against a white background. On a dry, calm, extremely cold day the breath of an animal will fog—and, with a lack of wind to disperse it, the fog will generally accumulate about the source. The animal will be completely blended with a snow and ice background in a very short time. These conditions are normal throughout great areas of our Northern Hemisphere. And if the fog device is not enough there is another method available to the feline which a suitably dedicated breeder might develop.

First, let's compare the cat with some of the animals which are known to employ this method. While there are many, only those near the size of the cat will be considered:

	Summer Coat	Winter Coat	Weight (lbs.)
Arctic Hare	tawny	white-black-tipped	8-14
Arctic Fox	blue-gray	white	8-14
Domestic Cat	varied		7-16

The coats of these animals do not turn dark in warm weather. The white coat is shed when warm weather arrives and is replaced by the darker coat which does turn white when cold weather sets in. And cats do shed in the spring—believe me.

Referring again to the table of apparent dominance under influence of the thermal factor (last month's CATS), you'll note that there are three distinct possibilities in connection with the white—these are black and white, blue and white, and reddish-brown and white. Black and white (in the right combination) would show silver and white during extreme cold, blue and white would appear almost completely white. So that the feline is not limited in approaches to this goal; a varying coat which will match the snow background in winter and a darker background in summer.

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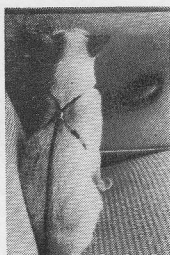


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By Henrietta Hitchcock

"My cat eats rubber bands. What makes him do that?" a cat owner asks me.

He does that because the owner carelessly left the rubber bands where the cat could get them. With a cat in the house you *must* take intelligent precautions or you will run into trouble. Cats will swallow not only rubber bands, but thread with a needle on it. Then you may have a dead cat, or a large vet bill.

Dr. Raymond J. Garbutt, at the January Empire Cat Club show, told of a modern method of retrieving a needle from a cat's throat by means of a small flex with a magnet on it. This device prevents the breaking of the needle in the throat but does not save your pet from hours of suffering, as a little common-sense precaution would.

I was surprised, in talking to people at this show, to hear so many cat owners say they could not clip their cats' claws, even with those claw clippers sold in most pet shops.

"He just won't let me clip them," said these cat lovers helplessly.

Well, he would if the proper relationship of trust and affection existed between cat and owner. So many people, even those who love cats, still have an idea that all cats are unreliable and will scratch. They will not bite or scratch a human being they love and trust unless they are in a panic of fear or rage. They will squirm and protest a bit while having the claws clipped, and you may have to clip only two or three claws at a sitting if the cat is too nervous. A cat treated affectionately in a home where he is happy will not be extremely nervous.

"How long do cats generally live?" is a frequent question. At 9 or 10 years a cat may be considered old, although many live much longer than that. Dr. H. J. Deutsch was inclined to believe that, with more research and increased knowledge of cats, the life span might be extended to possibly 20 years.

All veterinarians feel that more research is needed in this field. Much more is known about dogs, horses and other domestic animals than is known about cats, because of the stupid antagonistic attitude toward cats that has prevailed in the past. Fortunately, a more enlightened regard for cats, and greater understanding of these timid, helpless creatures has been growing in recent years.

Because of the lack of scientific knowledge about cats, no veterinarian will make the positive statements about what is good or bad for cats that you hear made by cat owners! The owners just know cats should eat olives and canned corn and cantelope because their own Snookums loves these things and so did Tweetie and Sugarpuss, who, alas, died at the age of 5. Well, facts are one thing and the ability to draw logical conclusions from the facts is something else.

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MIKE—A LIFE

By Hettie Gray Baker

Mike was four months old when I saw him for the first time. It was on a December day in 1938. He was in a loosely woven, wicker carrier, on the Cunard dock in New York, waiting to be put thru the Customs with the rest of his master's luggage. Someone had placed the carrier with the partly opened gate facing the north wind that was sweeping the pier. He was crouched, his gray fur ruffled against the winter gale. His great blue eyes were wide with discomfort and apprehension.

I promptly moved the carrier to a more sheltered spot and turned it away from the freezing wind. If, by doing this, I saved him from a fatal illness that would have ended his little life before it had hardly begun, what a very good turn I did for myself. For within a year, Mike had come to live with me, to be the key-stone of the arch, the prop and diversion of my daily life.

For sixteen years we were rarely separated, and at the end he died of old age, without suffering, and of course in my arms.

A few days later I met an acquaintance on the street who said, with every appearance of sympathy: "I hear Mike has died." "Yes," I answered, and tried to tell him something of what Mike meant to me.

"Ha, ha," he chuckled. "A cat!"

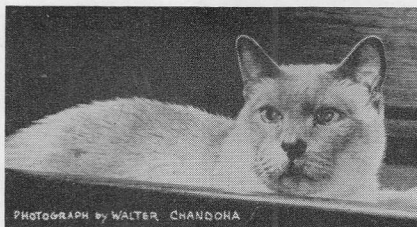
We'll meet in Hell, which will be soon enough.

Mike was a blue-point Siamese, bred in Mrs. Grace Cox-Ife's famous Fleet Cattery, named in memory of her London newspaper experience. His registered name was Mikado of Fleet.

I really don't think I am much of a snob, but when it comes to Mike's pedigree, I am unbearable. Some of the best Siamese cats in the world are bred in England and an impressive number of them pop up in Mike's line.

Shortly before Mike died, I received a flattering letter from a well-known English calligrapher, Frank Taylor, offering to "do" Mike's family tree. It was bound by an American friend of Mr. Taylor's, Robert Andrews, and the result is altogether something to see.

Mike bore his honors modestly and adapted himself to life in my small apartment philosophically. But finding another male Siamese cat already there was a shock. Naturally he and Tam (short for Tamerlane) regarded each other as mortal enemies. A friend, spending the day at my home, solved the problem by a method which may be a help to other cat-owners. We each held a small Turkish towel and at the first sign of an attack, the nearer person dropped her towel between the two snarling combatants. Their claws were caught in the little loops of the towel and the ensuing effort to free them took



enough time and effort to spoil the fun. Within a few hours there was no more fun or zing in it and by the next day they were eating out of the same dish.

Mike made no audible protest over his change of environment. But the adjustment was severe nevertheless. The windows of my apartment overlooked a formal garden to the apartment house opposite. For a week or more, Mike sat on the window-sill by the hour, his noble head tilted back, his eyes fixed immovably on "that little tent of blue we prisoners call the sky" and on his cheeks tears.

I had never seen a cat shed tears before and cannot bear to think of the agony of spirit and homesickness in Mike's heart as he adjusted to the strange surroundings.

To share an apartment, in fact to share any home, with a full Tom is simply impossible. So Mike "became without hope of posterity" as Michel Joseph described a similar decision in his incomparable biography of his Siamese cat, "Charles: the story of a friendship."

As I recall the quiet, placid years of Mike's life, it seems as though nothing dramatic happened. Within the limits of my apartment, he did exactly as he pleased, slept where he wanted to, was never thwarted and found his high protein diet much to his liking. And what flattery, praise, admiration and love could do for his contentment and morale were poured out on him in ample measure.

But his great pal, of course, was Tam and his determination to protect and nurse him during Tam's last, dreadful illness had to be seen to be believed. He slept cheek to cheek with Tam, one paw around the invalid's neck; and watched over him constantly.

One day I suddenly realized Mike was growing old. His favorite walk down the hall to the elevator grew too long and half way down he would turn back. He slept a great deal and played not at all. He accepted the advent of two little girl kittens with indifference. And accepted our move from New York to New Hartford with indifference and with the dignity so characteristic of him all his life.

He died in my arms, as I have said; but except for one long, earnest look when I moved him to my bed, I do not think he was conscious for the several hours before the end.

I have tried not to attribute to him qualities of charm and character that perhaps he did not possess. But it is the merest truth that he was gentle, unselfish, with integrity, dignity and serenity. I shall not look upon his like again.



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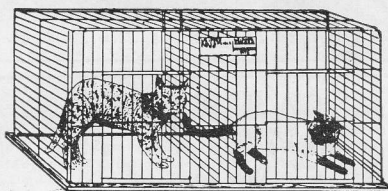
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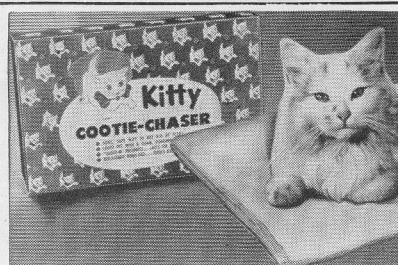
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WHY DO I LIKE CATS?

'Tips to
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by
Blanche
Wolfram

I wish I had a dollar for every time I have been asked that question. It is a pleasure to answer those who have a genuine interest in cats, but those who do not are the ones who really irk me. Isn't it strange how some people can condemn the cat because through their ignorance or lack of understanding they know not the true worth of one in the home? Why do some people hold such a hatred for them, when a cat will do all that it can to bring happiness to their household?

Usually those persons who cannot be bothered with cats are those who are afraid of them or who hate them because of the cat's independence of man. We are well aware of people in this world who try to break everything to their will. People of that sort have an intense hatred for the cat because they cannot subjugate it. Try what they may, a cat demands to be treated as an individual—not as a slave. Generally, the cat will make fools out of such persons with the result being an intensification of their hatred. If only they could learn to treat a cat with the respect due it, they would find an animal of gentleness and devotion.

I cannot understand those people who despise a cat because in their mind they believe them to be "sneaky". I wonder if they have ever given any thought as to why cats appear to be this way? It is a very simple reason and is one of self-preservation. When cats are frightened or unsure of their surroundings they will walk in a sort of half crouch which then gives them the appearance which some call "sneakiness". This allows each and every muscle to be in readiness to leap in any direction to avoid bodily harm. Cats somehow know that not all people are kind at heart and that there are some who take great delight in torturing not only cats but all other animals as well. It is a shame that there must be individuals like this in our lives but I suppose we will either have to put up with them or, educate them to be kind to all animals.

I have heard some people say that cats are thieves and would steal the food from the table if they weren't watched. Remember, cats must eat to survive, and if they are not properly fed will resort to any means to obtain food. A cat that is properly fed will have no need to forage for food and will have no desire to steal. It may be well to state also that a cat will be a better mouser if kept in a well-fed and thereby healthy condition. It is a fallacy to think that a diet of milk, only,

will increase a cat's appetite for mice and will make them better hunters. Cats so fed lack stamina and will not do as good a job as those full of health and vigor. Mouse hunting should be a sport, not a livelihood.

What can we do with the neurotics who at the mere sight of a cat will go into tantrums, imagining all sorts of terrible things happening to them? My heart goes out to them for they know not what they do. Perhaps somewhere way back in their lives, they were scared by a cat and they will carry this fright with them as long as they live. I feel sorry for them and hope that someday they may eventually be straightened out, but I doubt the possibilities very much.

Many, many, times I hear of people hating cats because they believe them to be sworn enemies of birds. Personally, I am a lover of all forms of bird life and I do all that I can to help them in their battle for survival. Seeds and bread are sought for the express purpose of feeding them, and my birds come for their rewards, snow or sun. I wonder how many of the so-called "friends of birds" will go out of their way to help them and see to it that they are fed. Do they take the time and effort to clear a portion of ground from the deep snow so that the birds can be fed, or do they just talk about it and do nothing? Yes, I like cats and I like birds, too, and it is my belief that nature looks after both. Birds are too agile to normally fall prey to cats and it is only those that are sickly and about to die who are actually caught. In one way or another nature provides for a quick end to suffering and for the elimination of lingering deaths in her animal kingdom. We think this to be cruel, but there are even some humans who think it would be much more merciful if many of our long-suffering hopeless invalids could somehow meet with sudden death rather than prolonged pain? It has been proven from time to time that the percentage of bird deaths due to cats is very small indeed and that humans constitute a much greater menace to bird life. It may be, too, that there is truth in the belief that feathers in some way act as a medicinal agent for cats. Perhaps nature deems it necessary for them to consume some feathers for health? Somehow, every time we try to upset the balance of nature we always come out second best.

I suppose you all at one time or another have heard that tale about a cat smothering a baby in its crib. This has been rumored around for years and years and I have often wondered if there is any truth in that story. We all have experienced our cats falling asleep on some part of us from time to time because they do love to be near us. It also gives them a sense of safety inasmuch as they feel free

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Cats Question Box

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

Our female cat is treated very gently and loved by all of us, but nevertheless she is quite wild, given to sudden wild outbursts of running about and practically flying over the furniture. If she should not want a pat on the head, she will scratch wildly. Only occasionally will she allow someone to pet her and pick her up. I don't understand why a cat who has been loved and catered to since birth (she was a bottle-baby) should act like a homeless wild cat? Would spaying help? How would she act at the animal hospital? Would she have an emotional problem?

—Amelia Polcaro

60 Raymond St., New London, Conn.

The way your cat is behaving is well within the realm of normal behavior for a cat. There is nothing wrong with her except that she has her own ideas concerning behavior and attention. There would be no pain connected with spaying her, and in many instances some of these "individuals" will be quite meek and mild when away from home. There would be no "emotional" problems concerning the surgery.

We have a beautiful snow-white male cat six years old, apparently always in the best of health, playful and happy, until about three weeks ago. He became restless and seemingly itchy, washing and scrubbing almost continuously. Sores developed on and around his ears which he scratched until open and bleeding. A veterinarian provided a wash to touch these sores and drops for his ears (they did not seem sore inside), but the cat became worse, developing heavy scabs and sores also on the inside of his hind legs. We stopped the treatment and now the sores seem somewhat drying up, but apparently the spots on the inside of his legs where the hair is off annoy him so he does not like to walk around much. The spots there are quite large and the skin looks very red.

—Kathleen B. Hester

931 Sherman Court, Ypsilanti, Mich.

The condition is probably a fungus infection or chronic dermatitis and can be most difficult to clear up. There are a number of preparations that you could try; lime-sulphur dip, Desenex powder, or Seleen bath.

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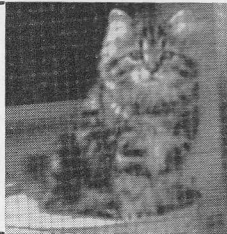
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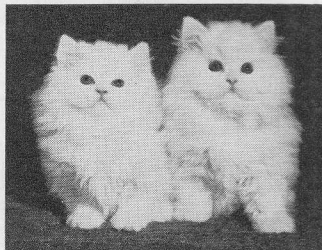


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GENETICS

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ant coat would all favor such a goal. It may be that such a type exists among the LH's today but has just not been observed; this may be due to the need of extreme temperatures to produce the condition.

In most cases the only natural enemy of the feline is the canine clan. And only in isolated instances is the hand of man turned against the domestic cat with the intent to exterminate the breed from that area. Instances are many where there has been a concentrated drive to rid an army post or station of dogs. This may be instigated by any number of circumstances such as nuisance, drain on supplies, out-right viciousness, etc. But, to my knowledge, there is only one instance where the service has attempted to exterminate the cats in the area. And that place happens to be in Greenland. A detail is charged only with the duty of destroying cats. And the members of the detail claim its getting more difficult all the time. The cats are warier and very difficult to see. So that in some future time a naturalist may observe a yearly color change in the cats of this area. He may become quite elated and believe he has discovered a "new" type designed for survival in arctic areas.

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Cats Club and Show Reporter

CFA REGISTERS 7,242 CATS— ELECTS OFFICERS, NAMES 1956 CHALLENGE AWARD WINNERS

The 1956 annual meeting of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. was held March 30-31 in Washington, D. C., with representatives from sixty clubs attending.

Accepted into membership were five All Breed Clubs—Mt. Diablo Cat Club, Concord, Calif.; Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Chattanooga Cat Club, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Nevada Cat Fanciers, Sparks, Nevada; Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers, Sacramento, Calif.—and one Specialty Club—The Camelia Short Hair Society, Sacramento, Calif.

CFA sanctioned 28 All Breed Shows and 58 Specialties during the 1955-56 season, and twenty All Breed dates have already been reserved for 56-57. Longhair Specialties and Shorthair Specialties which include all of their respective breeds and colors will retain the \$10.00 license fee, but for all other Specialty Shows, the amount will be reduced to \$5.00.

The Treasurer reported total receipts of \$11,306.62 for the year ending January 31, 1956. Total disbursements were \$14,160.62, leaving a fiscal year deficit of \$2854.00 with a balance at the Association's New Jersey bank of \$8434.02.

The registration of 7,242 cats was reported by the Recorder, with total fees amounting to \$12,303.00. Seven double-volume Stud Books were printed.

The CFA Challenge winners were: Mrs. Merald E. Hoag—Best Cat, Best OS Kitten, and Best Longhair; Mrs. Ethel Glassman—Best OS Cat, Best OS Longhair; Mrs. Foster Prather—Best Novice (tie); Mrs. F. L. Lindsay—Best Novice (tie) and Best Kitten; Mrs. Virginia Daly—Best Shorthair; and Mrs. C. G. Learn—Best OS Shorthair. Best OS Novice was not named.

Robert R. Bruce was elected President; Mrs. Myrtle K. Shipe, Secretary; and Miss Lillian M. Goodwin, Treasurer. Board Directors elected were: Mrs. Merald E. Hoag, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie, Mrs. John J. Hunter, and Mrs. Lucille Pelton.

A fall Executive Board meeting to which all clubs will be invited is scheduled for Chicago. An award of Best Domestic Shorthair will be added to the list of CFA Challenge Awards for next Show Season.

Proposals discussed and referred to the Show Rules Committee were: 1) That Abyssinians and Calicoes be registered to make them eligible for entry in shows. 2) That the "orange and hazel eye" requirement be deleted from the Standard for Silvers. 3) That a minimum of one point be allowed for any show. 4) That championship points be awarded on a basis of competition in each class. 5) That the rule against kinks in tails be reestablished. 6) That the number of counters for a four-point show be raised from 100 to 125. 7) That Show Managers and Veterinarians give more consideration to skin trouble and ear mites. A black lamp was recommended to show up ringworm which is highly contagious. 8) That more consideration be given to neuters and spays.

The meeting opened with a prayer for recently deceased member Anthony DeSantis followed by this resolution:

Be it resolved, that the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., through the passing of Anthony DeSantis, has lost one of its most admired and valued members.

Anthony was a person of high integrity. One of CFA's most able and just judges, a valuable member of the Board. His loyalty and sense of fair play and friendliness endeared him to all. Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of CFA.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Anthony DeSantis.

CFA's next annual meeting will be held March 29-30, 1957 in Dayton, Ohio.

ACA ELECTS OFFICERS, AND BOARD MEMBERS, APPOINTS JUDGES

The American Cat Association, Inc., held its 1956 Annual Meeting on March 22. All of the present officers were reelected, new judges were appointed, new Directors added, and changes were made in Show Rules, fees and clubs.

Mrs. Max Fiedler, Media, Pa.; Mrs. George Grimson, Montreal; and Mrs. C. N. Powell, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, were added to the Board of Directors.

The Nutmeg Siamese Society of North Haven, Conn., and the Reno Cat Fanciers of Reno, Nevada, were taken into membership.

Eighteen shows have already been scheduled for the 1956-1957 show season, starting with the Canadian National at Toronto in August.

New judges to appear on the forthcoming list are: Mr. William J. Woods, Mr. Everett Paul, Mrs. Alice Hahn, Mrs. H. F. Bode, Mrs. Miner Cray and Mr. Wayne Park.

Several additions to the show rules will be published as soon as released by the printer.

Changes regarding registration of cats and kittens are: 1) Standard litter registration form is to be used. 2) Registration fee is \$2.00. 3) Cattery registration is \$10.00. 4) Certified three-generation pedigree is \$2.00.

Place and date of next year's meeting will be announced later.

MIDWEST FANCIERS SPRING MEET

The Midwest Feline Fanciers held an action-filled March meeting at the home of Mrs. Lila Rippy, Huntly, Ill. Guest of honor was Mrs. Rippy's Grand and Triple Champion Van Dyke's Miss Bob White, Blue-Eyed White Longhair female who completed her Grand Championship; this past show season.

The members decided on November 3-4 for their show to be held at the Milwaukee, Wisc., Armory. All Breed Judge will be Doris Hobbs, and Jasperine Hedrick will handle the Specialties, with Mrs. Silas Andrews as alternate judge. It was also decided to hold a kitten match this summer, and it was voted that the following motions be made at the CFF National Meeting this spring: 1) the required points for a CFF Grand Championship be raised to fifteen. 2) That CFF adopt the system of litter registrations.

The club is happy to announce that it has now reached the total of 53 members in five states in the Midwest. It is happy to state that feature articles written by two of its members—Muriel Morton Koenig and John R. Thompson—have appeared in CATS Magazine this year, and suggests that members of other clubs also submit articles to give other breeders and pet owners the benefit of their experiences.

All Midwesterners interested in cats are invited to join the club. Write either Mr. James Craze, the president at 108 Keith Avenue, Waukegan, Ill., or the Secretary Mrs. Laura Jamison, Box 434, Route 3, Kenosha, Wisc.

THANKS FROM DELAWARE VALLEY

Members of the Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers extend to the exhibitors at our recent Edgely show our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the manner in which our club's efforts were received. Your letters of praise will become a treasured part of our club records. ACA has advised us that all three shows were credited with three points.

—Mrs. Howard Thoman, Secretary

MIAMI SHOW DATE

Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA) will hold their 1957 show January 19-20. Judges and specialties will be announced later.

NEW OFFICERS

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CAT FANCIERS —President, Mrs. Ruth Larson; First Vice President, Mrs. Louise Price; Second Vice

President, Mrs. Lolita Hanson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Nadine Thompson, 16031 Shannon Road, Los Gatos, Calif.

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Fanciers Forum

ETHICS QUIZ

by Alice Hahn

Defining ethics as principles of conduct, and with the objective of improving the welfare and breeding of cats in mind, determine your result. Answers will be found below.

TRUE OR FALSE?
1. Breeder X has had an unfortunate selling experience with Breeder Z. When asked an opinion as to Breeder Z's ability to pay, Breeder X should suggest payment before delivery to Breeder Z.

2. Show rules state that entries must pass veterinarian's inspection before being caged. A kitten or cat which is brought in to sell or to give away and which is not competing, should not be subject to the ruling.

3. There is no positive proof of identification of cats, so it is possible that another cat could be substituted for a champion, which has died, or been destroyed, or sold as a pet, and if the owner is careful about it, the substitute cat can keep the championship, and can even go on to become a grand champion.

4. Banks and department stores carefully identify signatures, but cat breeders are all so reliable that it is unnecessary for the Associations' recorders to check signatures on pedigrees.

5. Club officers should be dedicated to the welfare of the club and its members, rather than their own personal advancement.

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6. Undercutting prices of competitors:
a. is desirable and smart.
b. cheapens the stock.

7. If a cat's genes carry serious heredity defects appearing in every litter, it should be:

a. bred as often as possible, hoping for one standard kit, destroying or giving away the malformed.

b. neutered.
c. outbred until the right combination is found to eliminate the faults.

8. The known color factors in the background of a winning Silver Longhair are such that it can not breed true:

a. sell it as a pet.
b. sell it as a breeder and say nothing.

9. A club member:

a. should state his opinion.
b. always agrees with the officers, or with the majority.

10. A judge is disinterested in a certain breed:
a. He should judge the class anyway and say they all have faults.

b. He should not take assignments to judge that breed.

c. Stick to the standards regardless.

11. There is sickness in a cattery, but the stud has shown no symptoms:

a. Say nothing and collect stud fees.

b. Take no stud service until twenty-one days have past and all cats are well.

12. A judge has made an obvious error affecting final wins.

a. Remain quiet about it.

b. Weeks afterward write a letter to the show manager, and others to organization officials, complaining.

c. Speak up then and there to avoid complications over awards.

13. WAS SHE RIGHT OR WRONG?

a. A longhair breeder remarked, "The alley cat of the future will be a Siamese."

b. A Siamese breeder said, "The Persian cat went out with the horsehair sofa. The Longhair breeders missed the bus and don't know it."

ANSWERS

1. True.

2. False. Such an animal may carry disease to the whole show.

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SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS (CFA) 9th Ch Show, San Diego, California, Jan 28-29, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best SC—Kitten Kat's Puff Junorette, OE Wh f, Mrs. Edith Schulte. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS LH, Best Silver—Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. Best Gr Ch, Best SH, Best Sia—HRH Marin Princess Always, SP f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS Ch, OS Silver—La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, chin f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. Best Nov—Angelita's King Cole, blk m, Mrs. Pauline Frankfield. OS Nov—Candy Lu of Blue Seal, SP f, Mrs. M. E. Farmer. OS Open—Kerry Lu Chris Boy, sh sil m, Robert & Mrs. Muriel Morse. OS SC—Ch Dixiland Queed of Azulita, blue m, Mrs. Walker Johnston. Best T&T—Ch Lanny Lea's Moon Dust, bl cr, Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Coons. OS T&T—Azure's Ahirman, brn thy m, Mrs. Woods. OS SH, OS Sia—HRH Marin Marquis, SP m, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best DSH—Purple Sage Zita of Kiva, sil thy f, Mrs. Nadine Thompson. OS DSH—Reene's Nikki, sil thy m, Mrs. Gladys E. Smith. Best Manx—Ch Senza Coda's Silver Paws, sil thy m, Mrs. Evelyn Clark. OS Manx—Ch Xantha Velda, blk f, Mrs. Donald J. Cockeram. Best Aby—Amelita, f, Miss Alice Archibald. OS Aby—Arosa, m, Miss Archibald. Best Burmese—Ch Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best RB—Ch Lamar's Karen, Comdr. & Mrs. Charles Jones. Best Kit—Azulita Pavlova, blue f, Mrs. Walker Johnston. OS Kit—Kosack's Lu-E-Lu, FP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. Best Neuter—Lanny Lea's Trick Cat, chin, Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Coons. Best Spay—Flagstone's Susan Girl, sh sil, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Frances Herms.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Dixiland Queed of Azulita, blue m, Mrs. Walker Johnston. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, OS SC—Kitten Kat's Puff Junorette, OE Wh f, Mrs. Edith Schulte. OS Ch—Lellan's Liliukalani, blue f, Jack & Althea Wedel. Best Nov—Dearheart Lady Lorelei, sh sil f, Mrs. Adeline Thomas. OS Nov—Barrett's Don Carlos, chin m, Mrs. Barrett. OS Open—Silver Son, chin m, Mrs. Gladys Smith. Best Silver—Ch Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Silver—Ch La Chatta of Chatta of Beverly Serrano, chin f, Mrs. Peterson. Best T&T—Azure's Ahirman, brn thy m, Mrs. Wm. Woods. OS T&T—Azure's Ayesha, brn thy f, Mrs. Wm. Woods. Best Kit—Azulita Pavlova, blue f, Mrs. Walker Johnston. OS Kit—Beverly Serrano Roger, sh sil m, Dr. & Mrs. P. N. Ramsdale. Best Neuter—Lanny Lea's Trick Cat, chin m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Coons. Best Spay—Flagstone's Susan Girl, sh sil, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Roy Easterly.** Best Cat, Best Open, Best Aby—Sha Lin's Lady Phat Ping, SP f, Lillian Wood. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Burmese—Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sia—HRH Marin Marquis, SP m, Mrs. Smiley. OS Ch—Kosack's Choco Ching Ling, CP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. Best Nov—Dara's Sawatti, BP f, Miss Barbara Olson. OS Nov—Boreen's Blue Kaeo, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Fred T. Sinnott. Best DSH—Tortie Queen, tortie, Holly & John Chapin. OS DSH—Shannan-down's Zaca II, sil thy m, Mrs. Nadine Thompson. Best Manx—Ch Goforth's Feisty No End, blk m, Joseph F. Goforth. OS Manx—Ch Senza Coda's Tizabu of Sunni Slope, blue f, Mrs. Evelyn Clark. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Dino of Sea Change, m, Mrs. Hyland Hayes. OS Aby—Sea Change Eosin of Cal Sun, f, Mrs. Albert C. Thatcher. Best RB—Ch Lamar's Karen, f, Comdr. & Mrs. Charles Jones. Best Kit—Kosack's Lu-E-Lu, FP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. OS Kit—Blue Seal's Cover Girl, BP f, Mrs. M. E. Farmer. Best Neuter—Sam-E E, BP, Miss Gwynn Murrill. Best Spay—Toi Toi, SP, Mrs. Joanne Burwell.

CANYON STATE CAT CLUB (ACA) 8th Ch Show, Phoenix, Arizona, Feb 4-5, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Doris O'Connell. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Lellan's Liliukalani, blue f, Jack & Althea Wedel. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best SH, Best Sia—Pomona's Saravane, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Berry. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS LH, Best Sil—Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. Best Gr Ch—Lightwing Black Baron of Casa Verde, blk m, Mrs. Jeannie Holsinger. Best Nov—Capri's Princess Val, sh sil f, Mrs. Ruth Lentz. OS Nov—Pomona's Som Phong, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Berry. OS Open, Best T&T—Azure's Ahirman, brn thy m, Mrs. Wm. J. Woods. OS T&T—Azure's Ayesha, brn thy f, Mrs. Woods. OS SC—Ch Bulldozer Bear, blue m, Mrs. T. R. James. OS Silver—Ch La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, chin f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS SH, OS Burmese—Regal Manipur of Hassayampa, m, Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Burmese—Ch Casa Gatos Mae Hao, f, Mrs. Pyle. OS Sia—Ch Sha Lin's Pra Ping Thai, SP m, Mrs. Miriam Williams. Best Aby—Casa Gatos Tigre, m, Mrs. Elizabeth Segerstrom. Best Kit—Lynwood Tommy Tucker, blue m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Kit—Capri's Can Dee, SP f, Ruth Lentz. Best Neuter—Camelback's Cobalt of Lilliput, blue, Hampton & Callen. Best Spay—Midnight, blk, Hazel Linsenmeyer. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Dr. Fern Smith.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Silver—La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, chin f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. 2nd Best Cat, Best T&T—Ch Lanny Lea's Moon Dust, bl cr, Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Coons. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Sil—Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. Best Gr Ch—Lightwing Black Baron of Casa Verde, blk m, Mrs. Jeannie Holsinger. Best Nov—Camelback's Melissa of Lilliput, blk f, Hampton & Callen. OS Nov—Harris Prince Gaiter, red thy m, Mrs. T. B. Harris. Best Open—Azure's Ayesha, brn thy f, Mrs. Wm. J. Woods. OS Open—Starlight Silver Moon, sh sil m, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Hoffman. Best SC—Ch Camelback's Truly Fair of Casa Verde, blk f, Mrs. Jeannie Holsinger. OS SC—Ch Happy Huntings Trumpeter, blk m, Mrs. Yvonne Leifermann. OS T&T—Azure's Ahirman, brn thy m, Mrs. Wm. J. Woods. Best Kit—Lynwood Tommy Tucker, blue, blue m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Kit—Miss Muffet, smoke f, Sharon Strotz. Best Neuter—Camelback's Cobalt of Lilliput, blue, Hampton & Callen. Best Spay—Midnight, blk, Hazel Linsenmeyer. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Dr. Fern Smith.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Burmese—Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Pomona's Saravane, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Berry. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Manx—Tyoh Hoptee of Hassayampa, brn thy m, Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Nov—Chao Fei Yen, SP f, Delphine Bloomquist. OS Nov—Hassayampa Who Wong, Burmese m, Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Berry. OS Open—Hassayampa Smog, smoke DSH m, Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best DSH, Best SC—Ch Sean O'Toole, blue m, Hampton & Callen. OS DSH—Hassayampa Holy Smokes, smoke f, Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. OS Manx, OS SC—Ch Dhu Lleo Cholla of Hassayampa, blue f, Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Aby—Casa Gatos Tigre, m, Mrs. Elizabeth Segerstrom. OS Burmese—Regal Manipur of Hassayampa, m, Mrs. Nathalie Pyle. Best Kit—Lao Ningpo Tete a Tete, CP f, Leslie Padgett. OS Kit—Pontaco's Arao, SP m, Mrs. Nellie Van Schaick. Best Neuter—Capri's Tyke, SP, Robert & Diane Mulkey. Best Spay—Navajo's Orphantina, blk DSH, Mary Jo Shakespeare.

NEW ORLEANS CAT FANCIERS (ACA). New Orleans, La., Oct. 14-15-16, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Miss Floy McGill. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best Silver—Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open. Best T&T—Tropic Isle Teenah, bl cr, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SC, OS LH—Silver Moth Prince Necho, cr m, Mrs. Rathburn. Best Nov—Chirn Sa-hai Image, BP m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS Nov—Sable, blk f, Mrs. G. H. Manning. OS Open—Great Lakes Boots, blk m, Mr. W. W. Rabbitt. OS SC, OS FSH, Best Burmese—Ch Dobys Boki Tyf, f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best FSH, OS T&T, Best Manx—Ch Floridanus Tangelo, red thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. Best Sia—Ch Lemling Pym of Dobyns, SP m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. OS Sia—Ch Inwood Shooting Star of Dobyns, SP f, Mrs. Dobyns. Best DSH—Lucetia, blk f, Mr. & Mrs. V. A. de Fleron. OS DSH—The Willows Silver Dust, blue m, Mrs. J. Kelly Bailey. OS Manx—

Ch Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Maud Barney. Best Aby—Ch Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS Aby—Ch Mao Ovi Vive of Chirn Sa-hai, f, Mrs. O'Donovan. OS Burmese—Ch Casa Gatos Marajah Anawrahta, m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Kit—Flagstone's Freckle Face, bl cr, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. OS Kit—Mon Pharo Prince Komalat, BP m, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. Best Neuter—Rizzuto Prime, BP, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. Best Spay—Su Lynn, SP, Mrs. V. A. de Fleron. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Dimas Blanco.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Silver—Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open—Great Lakes Boots, blk m, Mr. W. W. Rabbitt. OS Ch—Silver Moth Igloo of Tropic Isle, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. Best Nov—Gar Le's Persi of Neal, sh sil m, Mr. R. Neal Tadlock. OS Nov—Magnolia's Dusky Miss, blk f, Mrs. G. H. Manning. OS Open, Best T&T—Tropic Isle Teenah, bl cr, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. OS SC—Ch Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Sil—Kitty Coe Klick of Oaza, chin m, Dr. Elizabeth Mee. OS T&T—Gommel's Gay Rusty, red thy m, Mrs. Harry Gommel. Best Kit—Flagstone's Freckle Face, bl cr, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. OS Kit—Powder Cahn, blue m, Mrs. Sam. Cahn. Best Neuter—Admiration of Blulace, blk, Miss Jane C. Bright. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Blanco.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Aby—Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Sia—Chirn Sa-hai Image, BP m, Mrs. O'Donovan. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Manx—Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Maud Barney. OS Nov—The Willows Regina Lee Soo, Burmese f, Mrs. J. Kelly Bailey. Best Open, OS Sia—Chirn Sa-hai Lillie, SP f, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS Open—The Farm's Martini's Onion, SP m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best DSH—Ramayana Jenna, sil thy f, Whitney D. Abt. Best SC, OS DSH—Gray Horse Farm's Ebon-Al, blk m, Mr. Abt. OS SC, OS Burmese—Ch Dobyns Boki Tyf, f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. OS Manx—Ch Floridanus Tangelo, red thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. OS Aby—Dobyns Fancl Pants, f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Burmese—Ch Casa Gatos Marajah Anawrahta, m, Mrs. Dobyns. Best Kit—Mon Pharo Prince Komalat, BP m, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. OS Kit—Dobyns Wee Winnie, SP f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Neuter—Rizzuto Prime, BP, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. Best Spay—Su Lynn, SP, Mrs. V. A. de Fleron.

HOUSTON CAT CLUB (CFA) 6th Ch Show, Houston, Texas, Jan. 21-22, 1956. ALLBREED—Judge, Mrs. Lester O'Neill. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC, Best LH—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr Ch—Dixiland Banner of Windbank, BE Wh m, Mrs. F. L. Tebbets. OS Cat, OS Gr Ch, OS LH, OS SC—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, cr f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best Ch—Lynwood Chu Chu, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Ch, Best FSH, Best Sia—Ladi Ann, BP f, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. Best Nov—Lynwood Melody, blue f, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Nov, OS Sia—Prince Thongkin Yai, BP m, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. Best LH Silver—Gr Ch Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS LH Silver—Ch Shy Pine Flagstone Shy Lad, sh cil m, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. Best LH T&T—Ro-Va's Aurora of Pensford, bl cr, Mrs. G. R. Myers. Best SH, Best DSH—Ramayana Jenna, sil thy f, Whitney D. Abt. OS SH, Best Burmese—Ch Casa Gatos Marajah Anawrahta, m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. OS DSH—Wee Willie Winkie Woodside, OE Wh m, Mrs. Vernon Woodside. Best Manx—Mayhew's Ben My Chree, blk m, Mrs. H. W. Mayhew. Best Aby—Dobyn's Fanci-Pants, f, Thomas A. Dobyns. OS Aby—Chirn Sa-hai Tom Tom, m, Thomas A. Dobyns. OS Burmese—Osana Than, f, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. Best Kit—Lynwood Flambeau, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Lynwood Treasure, blue f, Mrs. Lindsey. Best Neuter—Navajo's Copper Blaze, red, Mrs. E. B. Myrick. Best Spay—Simi's White Jasmine, BP, Delores & Jack Rick. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SC—Dixiland Banner of Windbank, BE Wh m, Mrs. F. L. Tebbets. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Lynwood Chu Chu, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Cat, OS Gr Ch, OS SC—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, cr f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. OS Ch—Bentveld Rosemary of Flagstone, blue f, Mrs. Mueller. Best Nov—Lynwood Melody, blue f, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Nov—Ro-Va Phoebe, cr m, Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Woolman. Best Open—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Open—Misteen Christmas of Mario, OE Wh f, Mrs. Louis N. Stivers. Best Sil—Gr Ch Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Sil—Ch Las Montanas Silver Thistle, chin m, Mrs. Harry Garrison. Best T&T—Ro-Va's Aurora of Pensford, bl cr, Mrs. G. R. Myers. Best Kit—Lynwood Flambeau, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Lynwood Treasure, blue f, Mrs. Lindsey. Best Neuter—Pinky, OE Wh, Mrs. A. Griehuk. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan.** Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Sia—Wah Lee Ya Chal, SP f, Mrs. William Egan. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Ladi Ann, BP f, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Marajah Anawrahta, m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. OS Nov—Wah Lee Nai Tiki, SP m, Mrs. M. Porter Walley. Best Open, Best Aby—Chirn Sa-hai Tom Tom, m, Thomas A. Dobyns. OS Aby—Dobyns Fanci-Pants, f, Mr. Dobyns. OS Open, Best DSH—Ramayana Jenna, sil thy f, Whitney D. Abt. OS DSH—Wee Willie Winkie Woodside, OE Wh m, Mrs. Vernon Woodside. OS Sia—Cuthpa Nuzano, SP m, Price Cross. Best Manx—Mayhew's Ben My Chree, blk m, Mrs. H. W. Mayhew. OS Burmese—Pongi, f, Don Thompson. Best Kit—Ramayana Skeeter, red thy Manx m, Mrs. J. D. Elliott. OS Kit—Ca Pu Chin's Millie, BP f, Mrs. George Mitchell. Best Neuter—Highway Man, Belle Pendleton.

PORTAGE TRAIL CAT CLUB (CFA) 1st Ch. Show, Akron, Ohio, Jan. 28-29, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Naomi Favors. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Longhill's White Hope, OE Wh m, Mrs. C. P. Ripley. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Don Quixote, blue m, Mrs. Ruby Ondrik. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS LH, Best Silver—Ahmaq of Kathip Korner, chin f, Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Small. Best Gr Ch, OS SC—Sunni June of Dawn, cr f, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. OS Gr Ch, Best SH, Best Sia—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Mrs. Virginia Daly. Best Nov—Normont Silver Jewel, chin f, Mrs. M. Hoag. OS Nov—Jan Nor Michael Angelo II, cr m, Janice Tuttle. OS Sil—Ch Marleon Kile, chin m, Leon A. Lovett. Best T&T—Ch Gay Boy of Floradora, red thy m, Mrs. Leo Barstis. OS T&T, Best DSH—Lavender Silver Belle, sil thy f, LaVerne Chapman. OS SH, Best Manx—Ch Mrs. Kelly of An Sil, blk f, Ann Beneman. OS Manx—Mar Manx Blue Joe of Tra Mar, blue m, Mrs. Marion Tracy. OS Sia—Vee Roi's Jarodi of Ell Mar, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Sykora. OS DSH—Ch Cool Morning Red Sungle, red thy m, Liz & Wally Kollmorgen. Best Aby—Selene's Cairo Ken of Ell Mar, m, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Sykora. OS Aby—Rosa Mona Rene, f, Angie Boughman. Best Burmese—Ch Kalyan Princess Kal Lee, f, Sandra Slaughter. OS Burmese—Kalyan Kee Ko, m, Eleanor Hamling. Best RB—Casa Gatos Zarena O'Bogrea, f, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. OS RB—Ch Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Mr. & Mrs. Schuler. Best Kit—Chautauqua's Little Minix II, sil thy f, Mrs. Oliver Johnson. OS Kit—Joyat's Row Dee, SP m, Mrs. Hattie Graetsch. Best Neuter—Golden Crescent's King or Iran, sh sil, Mrs. Ruth E. Swan. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Kay Thomas McQuillen.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Longhill's White Hope, OE Wh m, Mrs. C. P. Ripley. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Nov, Best Sil—Normont Silver Jewel, chin f, Mrs. M. Hoag. OS Ch, OS SC—Nigrette Azurea of Normont, blue f, Mrs. M. Hoag. OS Nov—Jan Nor Michael Angelo II, cr m, Janice Tuttle. OS Sil—Ch Buzzle, Jr, sh sil m, Mrs. W. K. W. Hansen. Best T&T—Ch Blue Gables Glamour Girl, bl cr, Mrs. Marie Wilcox. OS T&T—Ch Gay Boy of Floradora, Mrs. Leo Barstis. Best Kit—Nigrette Topsy II, blue f, Mrs. W. E. Limpert & Mary Louise Fix. OS Kit—Karen Hills White Rain, OE Wh m, Karen Hills. Best Neuter—Golden Crescent's King of Iran, sh sil, Mrs. Ruth Swan. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Kay Thomas McQuillen.** Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Vee Roi's Jarodi of Ell Mar, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Sykora. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Rockdene's Kannaika, BP f, Mrs. John R. Pruet. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sia—Siama Cyrio, SP m, LaVerne Chapman. Best Gr Ch—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Virginia Daly. OS Gr Ch—HRH Mystical of Cebourg, sil thy DSH f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Ch, Best Sil, Best DSH—Springbrook

Kitali, sh sil m, Mrs. C. F. Kunkler. Best Nov, Best T&T, OS DSH—Lavender Silver Belle, sil thy f, LaVerne Chapman. OS Nov, Best Aby—Dali Deta Tim of Selene, m, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. OS Aby—Rosa Noma's Rene, f, Angie Boughman. Best Manx—Ch Mrs. Kelly of An Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. OS Manx—MarManx Blue Joe of Tra Mar, blue m, Mrs. Marion Tracy. Best Burmese—Ch Kalyan Princess Kal Lee, f, Sandra Slauter. OS Burmese—Ko Ko Prince Boy, m, Mr. & Mrs. Alberten Slauter. Best RB—Casa Gatos Zarena O'Bohrae, f, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. OS RB—Ch Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best Kit—Sylvan Blue Whing Chy, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. MacEachen. OS Kit—Eli Mar's Abydos Samia, Aby f, Mary Popiel. Best Neuter—Michael Patrick, Joan Svehla.

HAWKEYE STATE CAT CLUB (CFA) 3rd Ch Show, Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 4-5, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Kay Thoma McQuillen. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best Silver—Normont Silver Jewell, chin f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch, OS LH, OS Sil—Shy's Castle His Royal Shyness, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS Ch—Gaymoor Misha, blue f, Marie Stodden. Best Nov—Blu Acre Mr Bif, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. OS Nov—Les Cygnes Dixi Delle, OE Wh f, Mrs. Paul Swan. Best SH, Best Sia—Medicine Lake Texas Rose, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS SH, OS Sia—Livingston's My King, FP m, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best DSH—Ch My Silver Girl of My Lo, sil thy f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. OS DSH—Ch White Flash of Bur Mur Farm, OE Wh m, Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Finch. Best Aby—Samdur's Rebel Gold of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Regalia of Samdur, f, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Lu, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS Kit—Medicine Lake Boy, SP m, Mrs. Olson. Best Neuter—Witty Winkle, red, Mrs. O. R. Schoonover. Best Spay—Blue Bell, bl cr, Mrs. J. A. Randles. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Lester O'Neill.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Silver—Shy's Castle His Royale Shyness, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SC—Normont Applause, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Cat OS Sil—Normant Silver Jewell, chin f, Mrs. Hoag. OS Ch—Nigrette Azurea of Normont, blue f, Mrs. Hoag. OS Nov—Les Cygnes Dixi Delle, OE Wh f, Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Kit—Golden Flare of Normont, cr m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Kit—Blue Ridge Snow Bunny, OE Wh f, Mrs. Beula Biederman. Best Neuter—Gaymoor Blue Rajah of Fantasia, blue, Meredith D. Schrumm. Best Spay—Blue Bell, bl cr, Mrs. J. A. Randles. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. O'Neill.** Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Medicine Lake Texas Rose, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Briargate's Little Elizabeth, BP f, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sia—Livingston's My King, FP m, Ruth C. Livingston. OS Ch, OS DSH—White Flash of Bur Mur Farm, OE Wh m, Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Finch. Best Nov—Bur Mur Farm Ko Ko Bel Bee, CP f, Mr. & Mrs. Finch. OS Nov—Ju Ja Bee of Bur Mur Farm, SP m, Mr. & Mrs. Finch. Best DSH—Ch My Silver Girl of My Lo, sil thy f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Regalia of Samdur, f, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Sample. OS Aby—Samdur's Rebel Gold of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Lu, SP m, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS Kit—My Lo's Pride, sil thy DSH m, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr.

DUKE CITY CAT FANCIERS (ACFA) 1st Ch Show, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 11-12, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Dr. Ralph Boren. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr m, Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch, Best SH, Best Sia—Green Lane Vanessa of Livingston, CP f, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Gr Ch, Best DSH—Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS CH—Cuthpa Nuzano, SP m, Price Cross. Best Nov—Van Dyke's Chief Sky Cloud, BE Wh m, Ruth Coleman. OS Nov—Babette, BP f, Mrs. Philip Parker. Best Open, OS LH, OS SC—Light wing Muzza of Redhaven, blk f, Mrs. E. Maree Gathmann. OS Open—Redhaven Sweetie Pie, BE Wh m, Mrs. Gathmann. Best Silver—Kakela Ko Awau III, chin f, Mrs. R. D. Grier. OS Silver—Gale Knoll Little Joe, smoke m, Mrs. H. D. Perdue. Best T&T—Miltie of Rocking L, tortie, Mrs. Harold D. Lau. OS SH, OS Sia—Gr. Ch. Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. Best Aby—Livingston's Flame, f, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Aby—Ch Obeda of Livingston, m, Mrs. Livingston. Best Kit—Mr. Wee Toy, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. William A. Friend. OS Kit—Ydana Nikolette, SP f, Brenda Griffin. Best Neuter—Suti, SP, Mrs. Irene L. Zengel. Best Spay—Tanja Tinker Belle, BP, Norbert F. Johnson. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. LaVona Wright.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SC—Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr m, Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Silver—Bubblen of Shanna Groith, smoke m, M/Sgt & Mrs. Robert J. Rasmussen. OS Cat, Best Nov, OS SC—Spoon River Meadow Beauty, red f, Mrs. C. E. Cruson. OS Nov—Rocky Mt. Autumn Gold, cr m, Sami Hersig. OS Open—Lucky Bunny, OE Wh f, Joyce Welch. Best T&T—Miltie of Rocking L, tortie, Mrs. Harold D. Lau. Best Kit—Kee Kee, bl cr, Mrs. Lois M. Slavens. Best Neuter—Chico, OE Wh, Mrs. Theodore M. Schuster. Best Spay—Priscilla, blue, Carolyn & Donna Dalbey. **SHORTHAI R SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. LaVona Wright.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best Sia—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, OS Sia—Wah Lee Cuti Pi, SP f, Mrs. Lloyd G. Miller. Best Ch—Cuthpa Nuzano, SP m, Price Cross. OS Ch—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, Aby f, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best Nov—Sir Speedy Gonzales, SP m, Eddie D. Neville. OS Nov—Cocoa, SP f, Mrs. W. D. Frymire. Best DSH, OS Gr Ch—Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best Aby—Livingston's Flame, f, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Aby—Ch Obeda of Livingston, m, Mrs. Livingston. Best Kit—Cacciatore SP m, Vern & Kiku Kennedy. OS Kit—Ydana Nikolette, SP f, Brenda Griffin. Best Neuter—Trigger, brn thy DSH, Mr. & Mrs. Dan S. Brozier. Best Spay Tanja Tinker Belle, BP, Mrs. Norbert F. Johnson.

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NOVICE

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from harm because of our nearness. But I have yet to hear of a factual case of a child losing its life from this cause. Scientists have now proved that fatality cases where children have apparently been smothered by their bed clothes, actually have been caused by a sudden physical illness, and this same scientific explanation will fit any situation where a cat might seem to be to blame.

I wish now that I had kept an accurate account of the many times a customer has come to me to buy a cat and has told me her husband had no use for cats because he liked only dogs. Many kittens have been bought with the stipulation that if the husband would not allow the newcomer in the home it could be returned to me. I have never been afraid of an arrangement such as this, for I knew the man didn't stand a chance against a small kitten. Yes, show me anybody who can resist the playful romping of a kitten in the home. In a very short time the kitten is his kitten and nobody can buy it even for a million dollars, it always happens.

I recall to mind one very impressive incident. A lady wanted to buy a grown cat, not a kitten, and the husband was so indignant he wouldn't even come in to see her make the purchase. At that time we had a young male that my son had trained to a leash. The woman saw this and insisted on having that cat. With some reluctance my son agreed to the sale, but only if the lady promised a good home for the cat. This she did and took the cat home with her. Subsequently she told me that the next night after dinner she put the leash on the cat and took it out for a walk; her husband sat there nonchalantly reading the newspaper but fully observed what was going on. The following night she did not have a chance because he was there first! Yes, they are inseparable pals now and it is a nightly occurrence to see him walking along with the cat and stopping to chat with the neighbors telling them all about his Baron. All you have to do is take a kitten home and watch how it will worm its way into the heart of a man no matter how much of a so called he-man he may be, for the bigger they come, the harder they fall.

Last, but not least, are those who have never lived with a cat. These are the people I enjoy teaching the most for it gives me great pleasure to introduce them to joy and happiness. It is remarkable how a tiny kitten can change the life of a household. There it is—all cuddly and soft, trying with everything in its little heart to make them love it: going through all its cute little antics and falling asleep in their arms. Who is there, who can resist a kitten's invitation to play; to join it in its games of make-believe; to romp around without a care in the world? Who is there who can say he

has never felt the pangs of sorrow when the kitten falls ill to one of its little sicknesses; who never stays awake nights to nurse it back to health; who never feels joy to know it is once again healthy and happy? Watching it grow day by day, leaving its cute little kitten stage and then going through the awkward stage. Watching it emerge into adult-hood and its full beauty.

Then along comes the great decision to mate her or not to mate her. Finally, the cat decides it herself by making it known in no uncertain terms that it is her wish to have babies. Days of anxious waiting drag by and then the blessed event. There she is with her babies and each and everyone a little image of your beautiful doll. Then, not only do you care for your mother cat but you do double duty and care for the kittens also. This then brings you right up to me and from then on you are a part of the cat fancy. Why do I like cats? Well, I don't—I love them—

Yes, I love them because each and everyone is like a cherished friend ready with a cheery hello and always willing to help make my day a better one. They bring me joy and happiness that knows no bounds. Each and everyone tries to outdo the other in showing its affection. Yes, to me my Blue-Eyed White Persians are beauty personified and I never will regret the day I first had one for my very own. Each and every day since has been one of joy and expectation—expectations of better things to come.

ANSWERS FOR THE NOVICE

I. B., New York—Is it necessary that a person with a sick cat stay away from other cat-owners? Yes, don't mingle with other cat people if your cat is sick, since many cat illnesses can be transmitted this way. Perhaps, if more people were aware of this danger, there would be fewer cats getting communicable diseases.

J. T., Nebraska—Where can I find a good design for building a cattery? The one I would recommend is that shown in the Fairchild's book *Cats and All About Them*. (Fairchild, Box 26, Carlsbad, Calif. \$3.00 pp.) We are gathering data for an article on this subject, but it will be several months before it is ready.

To the many of you who write that you can not buy lime-sulphur and ask if there is anything which can be substituted for it in the treatment of fungus. Yes, there is. Potassa Sulfurated Merck (liver of sulphur) can be purchased in your drugstore and has the same effect. Buy the bottle containing one-quarter pound and mix this with one gallon of warm water. Bathe the cat first and rinse, just as with lime-sulphur. Then dip in the liver of sulphur and water mix and allow the cat to drip dry in a warm draft-free spot. (Full procedure is the same as that in my February 1956 article which should be followed.)

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with her stomach dragging. Her shape was somewhat like a pear, her eyes were too big for her face, making her look like a bug, her fur wasn't much longer than a mouse's, and all in all, she was far from beautiful. People looked at her and shook their heads, and then shook their heads at us for trying to raise such a hopeless looking specimen when there were so many cute cats in the world. There were all kinds of dire predictions about her—did we think the queer-looking runt would ever be anything but a midget—would she have a normal cat's mind—would she live very long? We were not offended. Even if Tiddle Dee's future didn't show too much promise, she had developed enough personality to endear herself to us, and the fact of her vigorous survival through such impossible odds, made her seem something special. Confidently we continued the daily routine of formula, pabulum, strained meat and cod liver oil.

Then, at three months of age, this remarkable kitten started blossoming out. Her fur became thick and soft, her face took on a belated kitten beauty. And her delayed kitten playfulness burst forth with sudden vitality. She tried climbing trees—successfully—and in a very triumphant manner. Unafraid, because she had never been hurt, she wrestled not only with the full-grown cat on the place, but with our wooly dog, Shaggy. With a special technique she would jump at their heads and throw them with a jujitsu twist. Both the larger animals gave the lively kitten a good work-out whenever she started a romp, but they were very gentle.

Tiddle Dee had a collection of playthings, including a ball, a marble, a little bell, and whoever's fountain pen she chanced to find lying around unprotected. These various objects she swatted about wildly or carried from place to place in her mouth. She had pack rat tendencies and was always leaving a trail of trinkets where she had exchanged them for something new that struck her fancy. Once, we found a garter in the candy dish, and the piece of hard wrapped candy turned up in the mending basket, a spool of thread on the dining room table, and when we finally caught up with Tiddle Dee, she was hiding under a bed, curled up asleep in a house slipper, with a partially-eaten piece of bread for a pillow. She never acts hungry, but the bread just incidentally turned out to be edible, so she made the most of the situation.

Her chief delight was a sugar bowl. She would tip the bowl over and then skate and slide in the nice white stuff as far as the sugar could be scattered. After several sessions of cleaning the floor and the table, we finally learned to always put the sugar bowl away. On one of the rare occasions when we had snow in this Southern California locality, the kitten dashed outdoors, excited over the worldful

of sugar. She soon discovered that it wasn't as nice to play in as the kind in the sugar bowl.

One surprising characteristic of Tiddle Dee is that she never asks for food. Even when she has missed a meal and is definitely hungry, she waits quietly while her dish is being filled, and then she eats slowly and daintily. Should our other cat, having finished first, come up and begin to help herself at Tiddle Dee's dish, Tiddle Dee will step back politely, give her friend a kiss or two on top of her head, and then very gently try to get her mouth back at the food. Failing to accomplish this, she will retreat without protest and leave the meal to the ruder one. Neither would she trouble us by asking for more. We watch to be sure she gets her share.

The one item Tiddle Dee will cry over is loneliness. Shut away by herself, she will cry almost like a baby. When the door is opened, she runs to us, stands on her hind legs and reaches up her "arms" as a child would, wanting to be held. When one of us picks her up, she makes little musical noises, puts her arms around our neck and kisses our face until we almost tire of it. When we have been gone all day, she is so glad to see us that she will cling to our necks as long as we will hold her, content to be loved indefinitely, even if an overdue meal is waiting for her.

Afraid of strangers, she lavishes most of her affection on members of our immediate family, as well as on the other animals on the premises. A long time ago she gave up trying to wash Shaggy's wooly coat, but she washes Ginger Snap, the other cat, to the neglect of her own toilette. Never having had kittens of her own, she shares in caring for and loving the repeated broods produced by the neighborhood mother cats. She cuddles them, "sponge-bathes" them and romps with them. It is not unusual to see her returning from a neighbor's yard with an adopted kitten in tow, talking soft talk to it, and all but leading it by the hand. Especially sympathetic toward the frustrated "tween-age" kittens that have been recently thrown out of board and room by their weary biological mothers, Tiddle Dee becomes their devoted foster mother. A common sight around our place is Tiddle Dee holding a kitten down determinedly with one paw while she washes its ears, or her putting one lovingly to sleep in her own private basket. She sees that her charges behave, and administers both a cuffing and a scolding if they do not. Her scoldings are real "fish-wife" shrieks, too, no soothing, "Now you musn't do that darling".

Although reasonably well-behaved for so spoiled a child, Tiddle Dee sometimes resorts to naughtiness, especially if she thinks she can get away with it or if she happens to be in an impish mood. Whenever one of us apprehends her in the middle of some mischief, she invariably begins to yell in protest, even before we scold her. One day she was clambering over a desk, wild and reckless. She

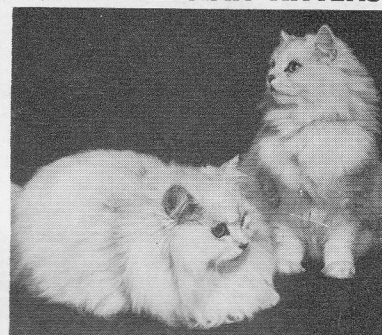
knocked over a lamp which toppled with a clatter, felling other objects in its path. She scampered frantically away and hid in a closet. We thought the little deer might be frightened, and hurried to comfort her. However, she seemed to be suffering more from a guilty conscience than anything else. When we came near her, she began to yell in an argumentative tone. It seemed as if she were saying: "Go away! Leave me alone! I didn't do it! And besides it was an accident!"

As far as Tiddle Dee is concerned, we somehow feel that she herself is definitely not an accident. Her indirect, yet significant, way of coming to us; her remarkable tenacity in hanging onto so little a spark of life; the blessing she has been to us in her innocent way, makes us believe that the Loving One who cares for human beings, also takes time to watch over His more humble animal children, even a little cat.

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The Back Fence . . .

June is prophetically, the most romantic time of the year and your cat lovin' old maid back fencer is hard put to find phrases—fact or fiction—suitable to the rather heady aura of the bridal month. Even those allegedly cold Norsemen found time to photograph friend kitty in appropriate garb. Sort of puts the controversial nuptials of Miss Kelly properly in place, for even she didn't make the cover of an international magazine as did Norway's Maidie, the cover girl of CATS this month.

Apropos all this, the morning mail brought us our copy of *Vare Katter*, the Norwegian cats magazine. Here is a sample of humor, a la Scandinavian (of course, we use the international and proverbial excuse—a little something may have been lost in translating):

The owner of a very smart little "katt" sent it to school. After a day or so, her mistress asked, "What did you learn in reading?"

"Meow."

"And what did you learn in writing?"

"Meow."

"Did you learn any foreign language?", asked the mistress.

"Bow-wow"

There must be a universal connecting of dogs with cats—like ham and eggs. Although Mr. Kizer, in the Easton, Pa., *Express* expounds on the principle that any dog of wisdom is, or should be, afraid of a cat.

Running, a cat is defenseless, but using a seventh sense that advises him that the danger is too close to his heels, he stops. Then he is either a stationary arsenal or an impregnable aerial fortress.

When in a true combatant role, the front feet, although on the ground, are the artillery used to attack the vulnerable nose d'chein. Ears back, teeth bared, back arched and tail, full flown—any dog, worthy of the word intelligent, will pretend the presented object is no affair of his and promptly angle off—casually and as though he just decided to go home and read for a while.

Mr. Kizer's Chow, Buddy Chang, was wont to chase cats joyfully, but always at a respectful distance. Once the cat stopped running, so did Chang. Mr. Kizer also makes note of the fact that when Petey, a large cat, moved into the neighborhood, a German Shepherd's attitude "that in size there is strength" changed after just one encounter. In a very short time, the entire canine populace seemed to have previous engagements somewhere else when Pete took his evening stroll.

The parapsychology researchers at Duke have conducted experiments which indicate, they say, that some sort of psychic relationship may exist between animals and humans. Mr. Walter Bazar has been running a series of authoritative

articles in the New York *Journal-American* dealing with the scientific research reports on the psychic rapport dogs and cats have with man.

A cat belonging to a teen-age girl in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was lost enroute to the family's new home in Memphis, Tenn. They were surprised when they learned that he had turned up at the old home in Tulsa where neighbors took care of him. Then he disappeared. A year later, the cat appeared at the Memphis home—a place where he had never been before. The family and the girl are certain it is the same cat.

Another experiment (CATS, October 1952) was conducted to test telepathy between a feline and a human. A man sat in a room looking at an ESP card chosen at random. A red card meant to concentrate his thoughts on a cup of food on the right of the cat's obstacle course. The cat was to head for that dish. If the card was black he concentrated on a food cup on the left. Apparently the cats did fairly well for the researchers declared:

"There is evidence that PSI (psychic ability) occurs between man and the cat."

They also tested clairvoyance in cats. Only one of the two cups had food in it. Which cup had the food was kept secret from the cat and the experimenter who acted as observer. The cat was to "tell" by himself.

Again the cat did better than researchers considered "pure luck". It was concluded that: "Clairvoyance in cats seems the most likely explanation."

Dr. J. G. Pratt of Duke has no explanation of the eternal "why" of animals' strange behavior at times. Some think the "PSI" is a substitute for lack of speech, others say it is just basic instinct which man has lost in the process of civilization. Whatever it is, *Careful!* Fluff or rover just may be reading your mind.

Here is one case where it seems more likely that Major Greenburg read his cat's mind. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* retells the story of Ting-a-Ling, the Hoosier cat who moved to Germany with the family of Major Greenburg. Things were rather tense in the home for Ting refused to dig in German soil. The good Major did what any well trained owner of a cat would do—ordered some soil from Iowa and now Ting is happy—so is the rest of the family.

Mind reading—or just the daily news, most cats wish their people would peruse Henrietta Hitchcock's column in the New York *World-Telegram and Sun*. She generally gives excellent advice to cat owners. Recently she devoted space to people just adopting a kitten or cat for the first time.

She suggests that you make certain your new kitten is a healthy one about two months old . . . no running eyes, no swollen stomach, thank you. Give him five meals a day, two of the solid food and

the rest warm milk ones. It becomes increasingly difficult to break a kitten once you start feeding him from a nursing bottle for you find yourself encouraging the nonsense. She admits she did.

If your impulses lean to picking up strays, be true to your other cats and first take your orphan to a veterinarian for examination. Don't expose your cats to any possible ailment or infection.

Quite frequently—a "turn about" happens in the cat world. Suddenly you will find you are adopted by a kitten or a cat . . . sans any decision on your part. According to the clippings lately . . . you are apt to be adopted by a basketful of said animals.

The Westchester Square Hospital, New York, made the New York *Mirror* columns when a mother cat chose the maternity ward's waiting room as the spot to present the world with her kittens. Demanding the services of no less than the superintendent of nurses to see that she was comfortably settled in box with nourishment close at hand.

A rather interesting aspect of maternal instinct was reported in the London, Ohio, *Madison Press*. A local resident, awakened at five A.M. by the ringing of her doorbell, was really amazed on opening the door to find her neighbor's expectant cat the only creature asking for entrance. She forthwith proceeded to turn the house into a nursery and three kittens later, the kind lady was still wondering how the cat knew to ring the bell!

Another clever and persistent pussy finally found a good home with nice people. The Salina, Kansas, *Journal* shows photo of a mother and her kittens nicely ensconced in the Salina public library. For days this cat tried to get into the library, but someone always noticed that her card wasn't signed. One evening, though, the circulation librarian called the head librarian and informed Mr. Cushman someone had "goofed" and now instead of one trespasser there were five. The library—great respectors of motherhood and the inevitable—supplied a box, food (private funds, of course) and resolved to see the family through her days of crisis. The owner may have Tabby back anytime and rest assured there will be no fee for room and board.

Cat ownership was solved rather neatly by a patrolman of the Owosso Police, the Detroit *Free Press* reports. A woman called and said another woman had stopped her car, picked up her pet and drove away. She did get the license number and had the police trace it until they located the cat. The lady driver of the car insisted the cat was her cat, but agreed to take it back to the home of the woman who claimed it.

The patrolman then took the cat up the street—half of a block or so and turned it loose. It headed for the first lady's house and made itself at home in the kitchen.

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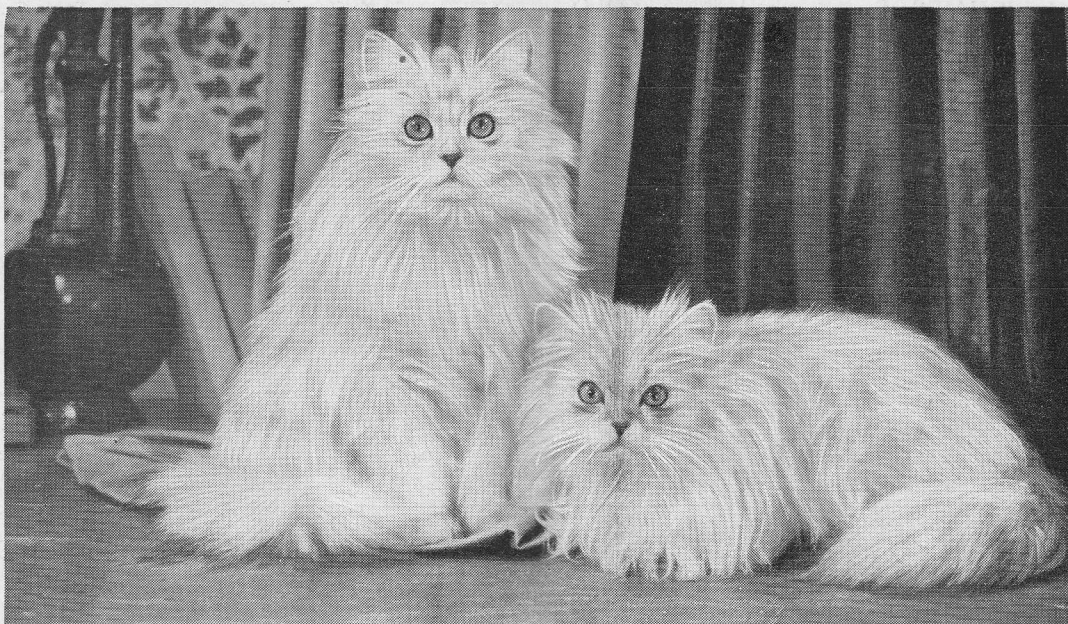
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