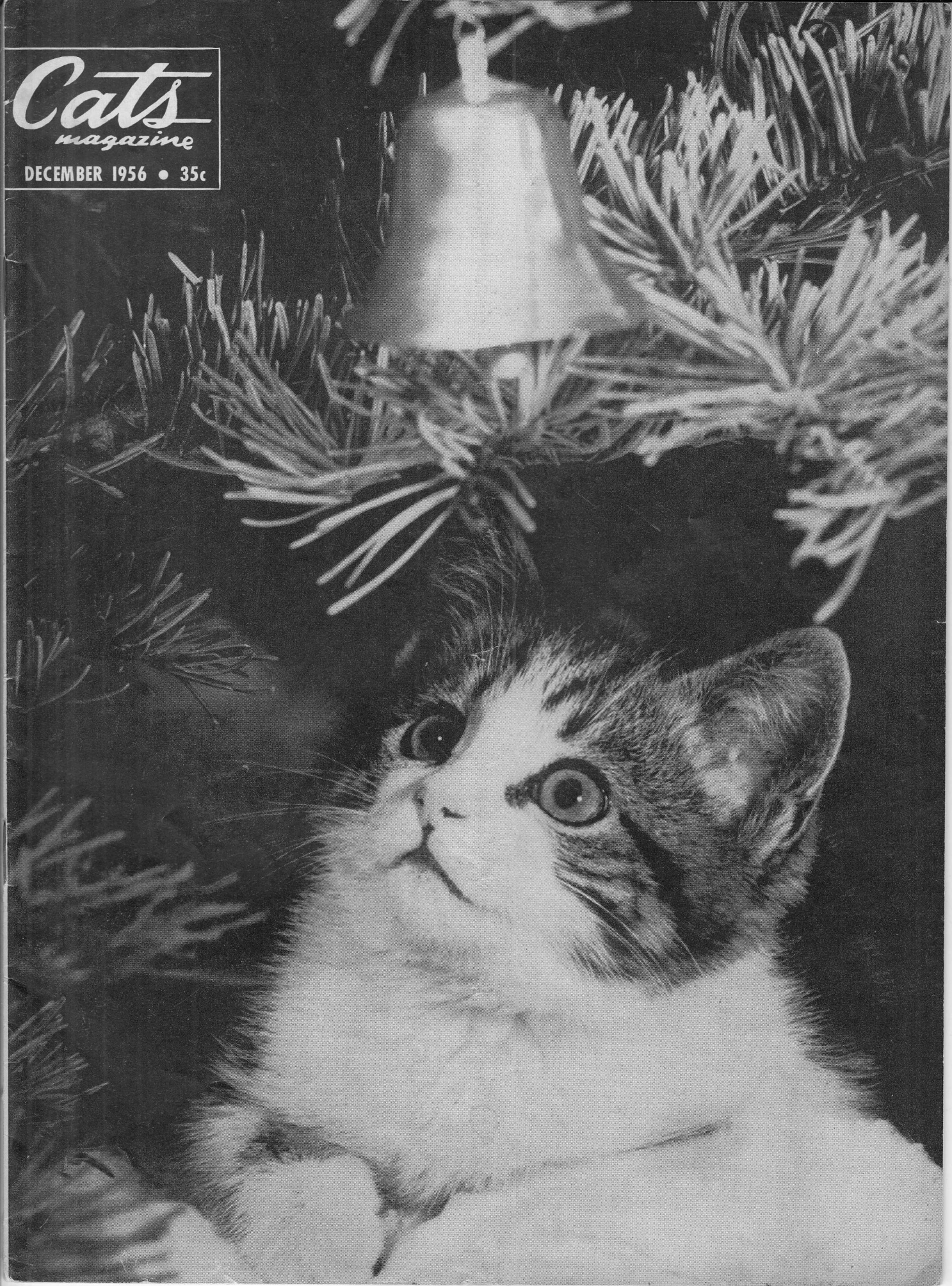


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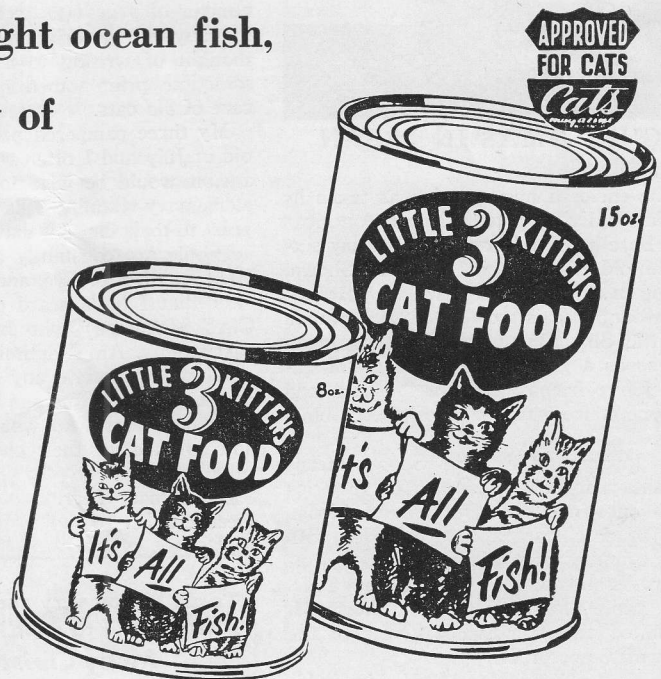
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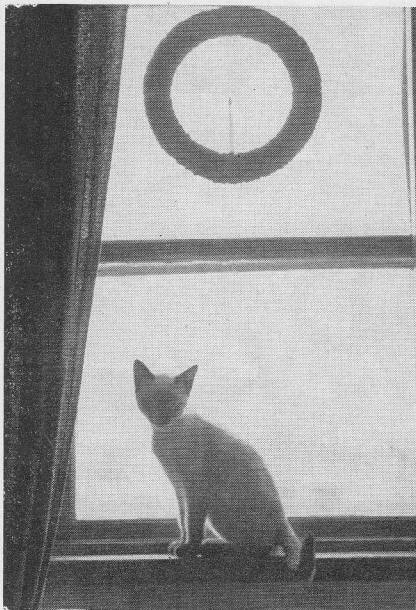
Dear Editors:

I have a Siamese Queen who has mated with domestic cats and one of her litter is black—exactly like Lucretia, the All-America DSH. What is a Black Domestic Shorthair? Some people do not know, that is why we subscribe to CATS Magazine. This kitten is very long, has a long tail, a head shaped exactly like his mother's, and deep golden eyes. Would Domestic Shorthairs be just our everyday domestic cats? Why a champion, if no particular breed?

I would thoroughly enjoy reading an article about the place the domestic has in the purebred show cat category.

Mrs. M. G. Ludlow

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CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

Dear Editors:

The enclosed photograph was taken by me in our living quarters on an American Air Base here in Japan. It shows my six-month-old Siamese kitten, named Showa, sitting in our living room window. Beautiful Mount Fuji is seen in the background.

Little Showa was born here in Japan and sends a greeting to his CATS Magazine feline friends, both in America and elsewhere, from this land of cherry blossoms.

In Japanese, the word Showa means "in the year of." While we of America count our time from the birth of Christ, the Japanese start a new calendar with the beginning of the reign of each emperor. As an example: we would say A.D. 1956, while the Japanese say "Showa 31, Hirohito," meaning the 31st year of the reign of Emperor Hirohito.

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IT'S MY HAT!

Dear Editors:

We subscribed to your magazine because we have a house full of cats—eight of them and expecting more. Our other hobby is photography and we spend most of our time taking pictures of our cats.

We just acquired a new electronic flash unit and after a particularly trying session, the net result is this lucky exposure.

The subject is a by-product of Smokey, a most lovable and perfectly behaved mother, and Misty, a beautiful long-limbed father. Her ancestry could be anything, as the parents were both storm orphans. She was exactly one month old when picture was taken. You will likely be bombarded with pictures from now on.

Melvin N. Hess

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TENDER LOVIN' CARE

Dear Editors:

Have been a CATS subscriber for a number of years (as well as having sent in many gift subscriptions) and have often thought of writing to ask if you would sometime print something regarding the care of *old* cats.

My three pampered pets were 13 years old in July and I often wonder if, at their age, it would be wise to give them supplementary vitamins. I have added brewers yeast to their diet but that is all.

People are constantly asking how long I expect them to live, and I hopefully answer that I have heard of cats (through CATS Magazine) who have lived to be past twenty. Am I optimistic?

Would appreciate any information you may be able to offer and I feel sure there must be others who would like to know how to care for their cherished old cats.

Ruth K. Otter

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To all of you very special Cats and Kittens—and to your lucky owners:
Merry Christmas!
from the Staff of CATS



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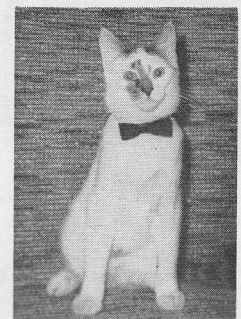
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COVER

It's too bad that all of the delightful Christmas-theme photographs submitted could not be used for our cover this December. Some of them have been included in the Holiday page later in this issue—and for the cover we've John F. Moore's simple, but searching inquiry into the wonder, the beauty, faith, and joy revealed in his own kitten's face in this holiday setting.

Mr. Moore, who was also one of the 1956 Picture of the Month winners, lives at 745½ North Genesee Avenue, Los Angeles 46.



BLACK TIE AND TAILS

Dear Editor:

One Sunday night, about a year ago, there was a sound outside the window. Upon investigation we found a poor little kitten, whiskers broken, ears scratched and sore, and so starved its ribs were showing. Of course, we took in the orphan, named him "Pepper," and he became one of the family.

Our pet cat had a heart attack several weeks previous to this and had passed away, so it seems to us that Pepper had been sent to us at this time.

Now he is king of our home and as you see him here, he has turned out to be quite a gentleman.

Mrs. Herbert D. Fronseiser

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NATHAN AND THE KING CAT

by Constance Grosvenor Dyar



Once, far back in the green world of summer and the white world when the snow lay all around us, lived Nathan, the gay, and The King Cat with his golden, glowing eyes.

It was here to Sharon that Little Nay came, in the heyday of his kittenhood, a thin scrap of a cat, black ears immense, sooty coat covering frail bones and a white star shining upon his small and boney breast.

It was here that in the days of Nathan's prime the King Cat came to live across the way.

It was here, at Sharon, that Little Nay fought his strange battle, and the King Cat his, in those flower-lit summer days of long ago.

Who could forget Little Nay, and the King Cat, with his golden, glowing eyes?

Nathan was born to the green world, and, until he came to us, had never known house walls. He had lived behind hedges, enclosing an acre of land, and the world must have seemed to him a vastly fair and sunny place. His people were experts in growing plants, and the little black cat grew among the green things. When we came to know him, he was his mother's last, lone kit.

It was on the afternoon of my tenth birthday that we went to get him. He was about four months old and very wild and fearful. I held the little cat on my lap and tried to comfort him, as my sister, Trina, turned the car toward home. I had to snuggle him into my coat to hold him fast. He was little and light and I could feel the delicate structure of his bones.

Presently he lay still, but I could feel the wild beating of his heart and my heart ached for him.

The first days at Sharon were very hard for Nathan. He crept about the kitchen, and the cool, smooth floor was strange to feet used to the sun-warmed velvet of the grass. He hid in dark corners and refused to eat. He disdained the snug security of the porch, at night, and wailed for his mother. It seemed that he would never grow used to a house.

After a time, the freedom of the lawns was his, but the night world of moon and dew-fragrant clematis, must have seemed too large and lonely. One evening he climbed the pine tree to the porch roof

and called at my window. After that he slept off my bed. He soon became the kitten of the house and all Sharon was his.

The little black one was to be called, "Nëro," but seemed to need a cozier name, so he became, "Nay," and finally, "Nathan."

He was always pulling at my heart-strings. In August the puppy next door sickened and very quickly died. Not long afterwards Nathan refused to eat. His black nose was hot and dry and he moved with difficulty.

Oh trip of many trips that I have taken to the veterinarian! A small, limp body rested on a cushion on my lap, eyes closed, breath coming fast and light. It was the first of such journeys for both of us.

He lay bewildered and frightened on the white enameled table, trying to gather his strength to struggle, yet quiet as the needle went in.

He lay still, all too still, on the cushion, during our homeward trek, but, miracle of many miracles of medicine, the next evening he was out catching moths again.

We often went down to the bluff, to view the wide ocean of the lake. Nathan would scamper along on the rail-fence and jump to the path ahead of me. Then began a race which I always enjoyed, but never won. He would skitter and leap, in the ebullience of his youth, and I would fling out my arms to the wind and laugh and run and leap too.

In those days there were big oaks by the cottages. I would tumble to the ground in their shade, to watch the waves roll up, in their endless blessing of the shore. Little Nay would be busy exploring. In the end, I would have to catch him and carry him home.

The little black one would never retrace his steps across the green meadows alone. I think that his mother must have taught him to stay where she left him, when they went roaming together in the green world of his early kittenhood. Perhaps, when she had gone bounding off after a rabbit or a mouse, she had admonished him:

"Now, don't dare come! I'll be back for you."

At any rate, he always stayed where one left him.

Once, when I went home without him, evening came and no Little Nay. When I came from the school the next afternoon no little cat frolicked by the driveway.

I hastened to call by the cottages and a lonely little figure sauntered out to meet me, under the oak tree where I had last seen him.

It was always thus, so that the catching of the little cat and bearing him home became part of the game.

Nathan became sleek and beautiful that winter. His fuzzy kitten coat grew long and thick. His three-cornered face lost its look of being all ears and assumed dignified proportions. His body remained rather small. His Roman-nosed leopard's profile gave him a grown-up look, very often belied by his actions. He was as wild and frisky as a young colt in a June meadow.

The young cat loved the snow, and when the pines of Sharon dipped with its white weight, he would jump and scamper like mad to catch the whirling flakes. If I threw a snowball, he would spring to strike it with a snakey swift black paw.

We were very snug and happy together that winter, Trina and Nathan and I. As I look back, it seems that our joy was the quiet kind, which treasures the minutes while they last.

When our summer neighbors had gone, there were no other pets about and Nathan was monarch of all he surveyed. It was a sight to see him pacing along the snowy paths under the pines, the only living thing in the wide, winter world. He must have felt ten feet tall, by the look of him.

There was another halcyon summer for Little Nay, and one more snug winter, when the snows closed down around Sharon. Then, with the slow, inevitable march of the seasons, came the June of Nathan's third year, breathing of clover and fair with daisy-patterned meadows.

It brought the annual refugees from hot city apartments. It brought a new family to the house at the foot of the slope and across the drive.

There were two little girls and a small boy. There were pets, a beautiful, young collie and the largest black cat that I

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Photos—Olive Barnes and Carole Monroe

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

YELLOW KITTEN

He stretches fore and aft, then arches,
yawning;
And thus alerted spies his tinkle-ball;
With tensely-switching tail he stalks his
quarry,
Advancing with a sinuous creep and
crawl.

His golden eyes are glittering as he
pounces
And whirls the scarlet sphere with
juggling feet;
He double-somersaults—and ball and
kitten
Land in a wild finale, tinkling sweet!

—Pearl Riggs Crouch

True calendars as Pusse's eare
Wash't o're to tell what
change is neare.

—Robert Herrick

Cats are a necessary element in every
child's life as examples (inspiring to
children, hard beset by adults as they
are) of how to live with creatures
physically more powerful and yet pre-
serve self-respect and dignity.

—Dorothy Canfield Fisher (quoted in
"Science and Mystery of the Cat"
by Ida M. Mellen)

THE CATS OF CLARIBEL

Many and many a cream or Cheshired
cat
has the widow of an Admiral of the
Fleet,
each named for a specific
island of the Pacific.
These catkins coated with a thick, slick
pile—
like silk scraps blowing down old box-
wood aisle;—
lissome, round fat Midway;
Iwo Jima's shape
winds like vine of grape.

Bikini's gone, this Burning Bush his
R.I.P.,
Okinawa may be let come in to tea.
Long-limbed, gusty Guam
still sucks on his mom;
Saipan's Wake wears tiny, sand-bur paws
(soon to sprout inch-mean claws);
and in by ten o' the clock.
friend-in-need, foot-warming Eniwetok.

Most Atlantic cats raise rows terrific,
but the cats of Claribel are all pacific.

—Eve Hall Cowgill

TEA PARTY DISTINCTION

Tall in their Asian dignity, the two
Great cats were clothed in miniver and
seal;
Their leaps were effortless, they passed
as through
Invisible hoops on bones ethereal
As those of phantom cats; their eyeballs
shone
But had their voices lifted, to the roof
Those notes had risen in an ecstatic tone
Shrill as the master flute and audible
proof
That they were cats indeed but silent,
sleek
They moved; the artist at his instru-
ment

Ensnared all sound; the floorboards
ceased to creak.

Onlookers, listeners, we were well con-
tent,

Our room enlarged by these aristocrats:
A grand piano and the Siamese cats.

—Eleanor Glenn Wallis

QUEEN AND USURPER

The rocking chair within my room.
"Frisky" claims is hers, alone.
And no one else can scarce approach
Or far less touch that queenly throne.

Yet once, I thought that I might rule
The household from this sacred place,
But my one subject looked at me
With unbelieving, scornful face,

I could not match the regal air
With which she ruled serene, sedate;
For me, there was one thing to do:
Renounce the throne—and abdicate!

—Ralph W. Seager

ANIMAL HAVEN

I'd like to have a forest home,
With brook and many trees,
Green grass and flowers blooming
'round . . .

Song birds and humming bees.
To this I'd bring the homeless waifs,
The little ones that fear
And only wander forth at night
When mankind is not near.

With timid paws and frightened eyes
They wander round the street,
Seeking a morsel here and there,
Wary of passing feet.
Their hunger pangs are hard to bear . . .
So tired are their feet,
Poor weary ones that have no home,
Outside in rain and sleet.

—Ada Mae Hoffrek.

HUNTING SEASON SONG

Poor Thomas! You will never stretch
again

Along the sunny ledge beneath my pane,
Nor tap with plaintive paw against the
glass

Urging admittance when the cold winds
pass.

No more your courting song shall pierce
the night

Till shoes and imprecations prompt
your flight.

To me your song were easier to bear
Than gnawing rats within some pantry
lair.

We miss you when we seek our favored
chair

No small recumbent form our fancies
share;

Nor yet before the hearth-fire's cheerful
place

Replete with warm sweet milk to wash
your face.

A mighty hunter too, you proved to be.
The rodent tribe your forsworn enemy.

We blame you not that you drew no
distinction

'Tween bird and beast—'twas Nature's
dereliction.

For every trophy born from field and
tree

How many rats and mice paid penalty.
Oh rank ingratitude, that bitter pill,

Man kills to save that he alone may
kill.

And yet poor Thomas! You were better
dead

Than living with a price upon your
head.

Ranked with the lowly snake, the loath-
some rat,

Harried and hunted like some witch's
cat.

Remember how in storied Killingworth
The birds were all condemned to die,
not worth

A bit of grain or fruit? Then everywhere
A horde of insects swept the country
bare?

So might we learn from this before too
late,

Lest we, like Hamelin, share the same
fate.

May those who sought your death, be-
sieged with mice

Dance to the Piper's tune and pay the
price.

—Jo Deardorff

For Children—

A Page of Poems and
Christmas Pictures

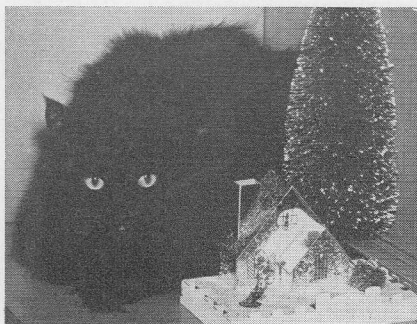
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CLOUDS

The raindrops sigh
While clouds, like wet angora kittens
With gray gray cloaks and hoods and
mittens,
Huddle against the sky.

But when the sun climbs high
They shed their cloaks and hoods and
mittens
And, brushed and white, like playful
kittens,
Romp gaily by.

—Bonnie May Maldy



NAMING THE KITTEN

We might name her "Greyling"
For her soft, striped fur.
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For her vibrant purr.
And her eyes are "Topaz" . . .
She has "Mitten" feet . . .
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Fastidious to "Neat" . . .
But this gay explorer
Underneath the bed
Came out, oh, so "Dusty"
We called her that, instead!

—Milli Harris



OUR KITTY

Our kitty's fur is soft as silk;
His eyes are big and wide.
He has a pink-eraser nose
With whiskers on each side.

Our kitty has a lot to do,
With sleeping and with play.
He naps awhile and then he romps.
He's busy all the day.

He trots beside me down the hall
And helps with household chores.
He hides inside each bed I make
And jumps in open drawers.

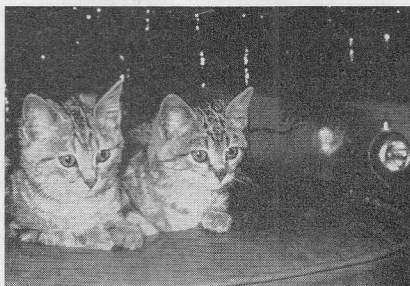
He keeps a watchful eye on us
To see we don't forget
To feed him when it's four o'clock.
(We've not forgotten yet!)

Our kitty is a loving cat,
But he's most loving when
He wants a bite of meat and rubs
His cheek against my shin.

Our kitty likes to sit in laps,
If we sit very still.
Sometimes he won't—we never know
And then, again, he will.

Our kitty won't sleep in his bed
After his good-night cream
But kneads a nest on sister's spread,
And snuggles down to dream.

—H. F. Twichell



THE SECRET KEEPER

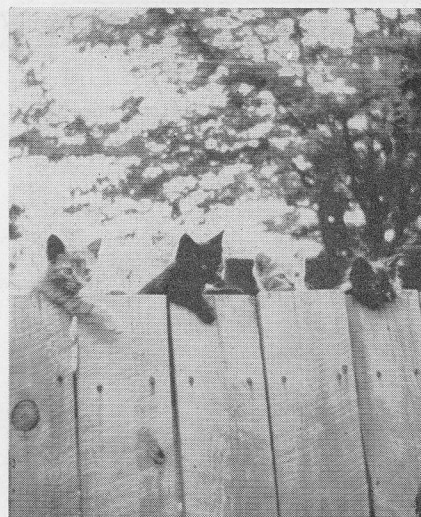
He is a little roamer,
This kittie cat of mine,
He goes to see the neighbors,
And spends a lot of time.

When he comes home from roaming,
He will not tell a thing
Just sits around and dozes,
Or plays with balls and string.

He will not gossip with me,
Or drop a hint or two,
And tell what folks are planning,
Or what they say and do.

I think a lot of people
More peacefulness would know,
By being secret keepers,
As through the world they go.

—Eileene S. Crinklaw



FOUR LITTLE KITTENS

Four little kittens one fine day
Decided that they must survey
The neighbor's yard. They climbed the
fence.

My, What a great experience!

And then down there upon the ground
They heard a really dreadful sound,
It was the neighbor's noisy pup. . . .
But, he was *down* and they were *UP*.

And so quite tranquilly they sat
And looked at PUP, and that was *that*!
They seemed to say, "Go on you clown,
For we are *up* and you are *down*."

—Georgia Moore Eberling

KITTEN SAFETY RULES

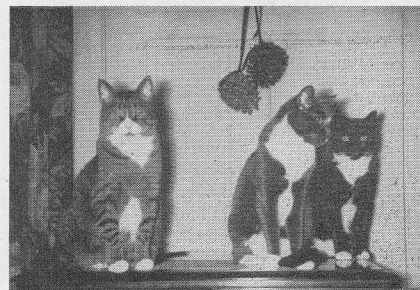
When you go out some moonlight night
To scamper 'round with glee,
If you should hear a doggie bark
Go climb the nearest tree!

When strolling out on sunny days
Don't let a stranger pet you,
He will appear the friendly type
But may be out to get you.

And don't go near the road, dear cat,
For there the cars speed madly,
And I would grieve if they hit you,
And miss you very sadly.

—Elsie Simon

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SELLING YOUR KITTENS

'Tips to
the Novice'

by

Blanche
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Is there some deep secret about selling ones kittens? No. At least, I do not think so. Well then, how does a breeder go about selling the kittens she has on hand? This has been asked over and over, so I believe that now would be a good time for us to get together and talk about it.

To begin with let me ask you, how many times have you heard the phrase, "It pays to advertise"? I am a firm believer in this quotation for how else can the public know you have kittens for sale. Let's consider CATS Magazine for instance. Now here in my estimation is the best possible means of advertising. I am not saying this because I am a writer, but because I have tried all means of advertising. The best results come from it and the cost is quite low when measured against the value of your sales. Here, and in magazines like *All-Pets*, you should advertise your top-quality kittens, for people who do want the finest cats will refer to this type of magazine.

Another excellent means of advertising is through the shows. You can either take space in the catalog or you may take the kittens directly to the shows and sell them there. A show is a means of placing the cats before the public to acquaint them with fine cats. Visitors to the shows will see your fine cats and will contact you with desire to buy. Many contacts can be made in this way which will later turn out to be sales. Make sure you present your cats at their best so that they may sell themselves, and so that their appearance will enhance your reputation for fine cats. For those kittens that are not up to show quality, it would be wise to advertise through your local newspapers or those in towns close by. It is this type of kitten that supports a cattery. You need some low-priced stock for the general public to buy. Many folks just want a nice pet and are not interested in showing or pedigrees, but they do like to know that their kitten came from registered pedigreed cats. It helps, too, to give them one of the commercial forms that list the ancestry of the kitten rather than a bona-fide pedigree form. It is this type of sale that brings in the necessary money to help support the others. I find it is best to use the Sunday editions for newspaper advertising as more people will read the ads on Sunday. When making up your ad try to word it appealingly, so that the public will want to buy.

Next we come to the prices that may be asked for the kittens. This is a little

difficult, for there are many things that may enter into the final price. One very important thing to remember is that cat breeding is for the most part a pleasant hobby. It is not a get-rich-quick scheme by any stretch of the imagination. Take, for instance, my own case. It costs me \$2750.00 a year to keep my cattery in operation. Now this is a sizable sum, and it does not take into consideration my time or my labor. I am sure there are others who have even more expense than I. Now I count very heavily on selling the pet stock to help defray my expenses. These kittens are sold for a low price without papers, the customers are given a kitten that will please, and they are well-satisfied knowing that the ancestors are champions and winners. No kitten should be sold for less than \$30.00, and this is without pedigree papers. If papers are desired an additional fee should be charged.

Next we have the breeding stock, which is a better class of kittens. These are kept for sales through magazine advertising, for they must satisfy the customers who are a long distance away. They can be used as pets, for breeding or possible showing, and must be a very promising type of kitten.

After these comes the top-quality stock which demands the premium prices. These are your very best and can be used for showing and the breeding of fine kittens. Because they do not come in quantity they must of necessity be priced higher than any other kittens. If you have a good reputation, those people who want the very finest will pay your price, for they know the best is well worth it.

In establishing prices you must take everything into consideration and maintain some semblance of balance or you will find it to be too expensive to continue in business.

Selling kittens in the final analysis depends upon you. Your ads will present to the public the fact that you have kittens for sale, but the ads do not actually sell them. No, you must carry on from there with the complete story of your cats. When answering the inquiries that come through the mail, be sure to answer in such a way that you will be clearly understood. First of all begin by stating what is for sale. Give the breed of kitten, the color, the date of birth, the parents, and the price. Explain all the facts as you know them and tell why in your estimation the kitten is worth the price asked. You should also give a close estimate of the cost of transportation and insurance. In connection with shipping, it is wise to explain that if any doubt exists in the minds of the buyers that the kitten is not in the best of health at the time of arrival they should immediately have it examined by a veterinarian. Since the customer

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THE CAT THAT DISCOVERED UTOPIA

By Norman B. Wiltsey

Our trailer-burdened car heated up a bit climbing Virginia's Blue Ridge over-looking Draper's Valley, so we stopped on the summit at a little roadside park to let the engine cool. I dug out the binoculars to better enjoy the autumn mountain scenery, while my wife set up lunch. She had produced sandwiches from the picnic box and was pouring coffee from the thermos into ridiculously tiny plastic cups when she suddenly stopped, exclaiming in surprise, "I hear a cat crying!"

I lowered the glasses and gazed at her in lofty disdain. "Cat? Up here in the mountains in November? Darling, you need your coffee!"

"I heard a cat," she insisted. "Look—there it is! Up near the woods."

Thirty yards away the snow-speckled woods began. There, at the edge of the parking area, crouched a cat. I put the binocs on him while Audrey unlimbered her camera and took a snapshot.

Through the seven-power lenses it was strikingly evident that this was no ordinary cat. His broad chest was pure gleaming white, his eyes wide and yellow, his snowy whiskers long and luxuriant. The dark, mottled fur on his back was sleek and lustrous as that of a mink. Clearly, this was the most radiantly clean and healthy-looking cat I had ever seen. In other circumstances, he might have adorned the fanciest cat show in the country. The only incongruous note about this splendid creature was the disturbing fact that he was mewling piteously.

"He's hurt!" I exclaimed excitedly, flinging open the car door to fly to the rescue. *Whisk*—the cat flashed up the bank into the woods.

"Close the door and be quiet," commanded Audrey in that icy-sweet tone reserved by wives for especially exasperating husbands. "That cat was simply begging us for wood. He'll be back to try again—if you'll sit still and not frighten him."

Audrey was right, as she nearly always is. In one minute by my wristwatch the cat was back, mewling more piteously than ever. He got his handout—in fact, he got more of our lunch than we did. That wild mountain pussy was by far the most accomplished panhandler I've ever encountered. He was also a feline gourmet. He ate only meat, daintily, with eyes closed in exquisite appreciation. Bread and cheese he spurned as though they were poison. We deliberately withheld our last piece of meat as a stratagem to lure him close enough to the car for a good photograph. The ruse worked—but the click of the camera shutter sent him scampering into the woods again, to be seen or heard no more.

I had an uncomfortable, half-angry feeling that we had been "taken" by a mighty

slick operator. I knew we'd never see that beautiful cat again—we'd fed him, he was through with us.

Nonetheless, this woodland mystery intrigued us so that we determined to solve it if we could. There *had* to be a reason for a cat behaving like that. Accordingly, we visited the nearby forest ranger's station in an attempt to learn the answer.

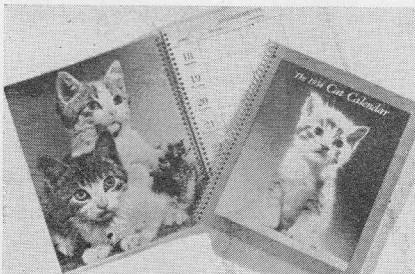
The ranger, a lean, leathery man of fifty or thereabouts, chuckled at our questions.

"I know that feller," he said. "That cat's the smartest critter in these mountains. I see him 'most every day—at lunch-time. He's a wonder, that cat is. Got his life all planned out systematic-like, so he can live exactly as he pleases. You and me can't do that, nor no other human being I ever heard tell of."

The ranger took a battered pipe from the pocket of his flannel shirt and began reflectively to stoke it with tobacco.

"Way I figure it," he continued, "that cat got plumb disgusted livin' with noisy humans down in the valley and come up here on the mountain searchin' for peace and quiet. Then he found it tough livin' by huntin' alone up here in these high woods. Didn't take him long to study out an answer to *that*. He'd deserted humans—but he'd got dependent on 'em for food. He learned quick that three out of four cars stop on top of the mountain at that little roadside park—and that most of 'em have food aboard. He can hear a car stop at the park when he's a quarter of a mile deep in the woods—then he'll scoot like blazes to get there before the grub is all gone! Many a time I've seen him streakin' through the brush like Ol' Nick's pitchfork was blisterin' his tail—and knew he was just hurryin' to beg some tourist's lunch before the sucker et it all up."

The ranger struck a match on the sole of his boot and lit his pipe, cocking a quizzical eye at us through the puffing smoke.



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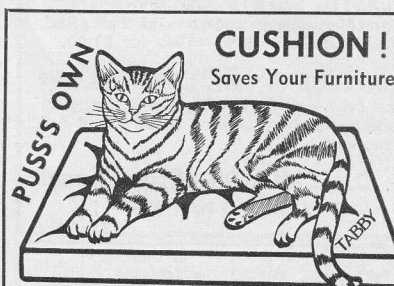


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Mrs. Norman B. Wiltsey

"Bet that ol' woods pirate hooked you folks too, with that dod-awful wailin' of his. A body'd think he was starvin' to death—but the durn cuss won't eat nothin' but meat."

"So we discovered," I admitted ruefully. I looked at Audrey and grinned. "Come on, sucker! Let's get going."

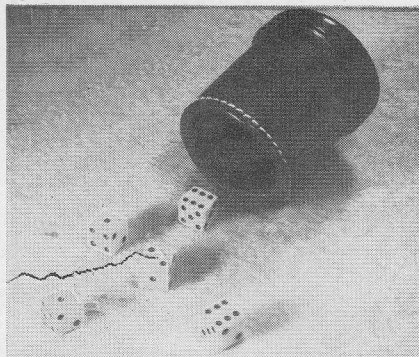
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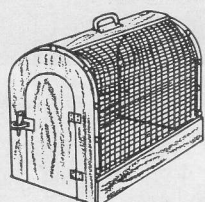


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We also want to thank everyone for sending in your photographs for the Picture-of-the-Month contest for 1956. Al-

though they all may not have made the contest page, our readers have seen many of them elsewhere in the magazine.

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation for those very fine drawings and sketches the artists among you have submitted. We do wish we could have rewarded all of you readers who sent us entries, but . . . that is the way of a contest.

The king is dead—long live the king! So start in right now and send your pictures and art work to be considered for prize money in the 1957 contest. Here we go again—the boxed rules below will still apply next year, and we are anxiously awaiting that entry of yours.

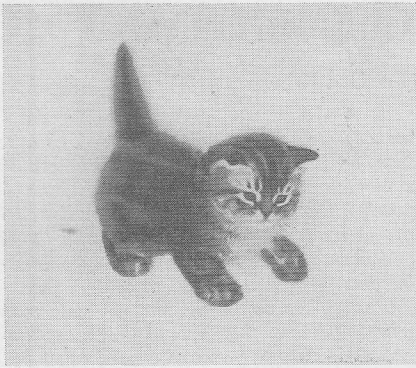
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4. Contestant's name and address and title of picture, if any, must be firmly affixed or printed lightly on the back of entry.
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6. CATS Magazine can not enter into correspondence with contestants. No entries will be acknowledged or returned, and all become the property of CATS Magazine. Judges' decisions will be final.
7. Contestants agree to give CATS Magazine permission to use names and photographs for editorial, publicity, and advertising purposes. However, any non-winning picture which is subsequently used by CATS Magazine for such purposes will be paid for at our regular rates.
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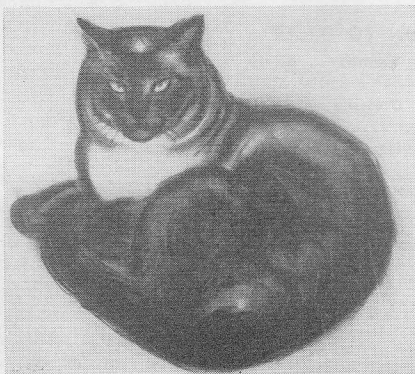
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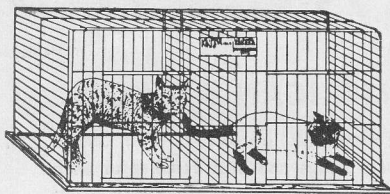
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MORE ABOUT CLEMENTINE

by Muriel Martin Goodwin

Remember Clementine? The cat who sniffed for mice beneath a stack? Clem never counted time there, wasted. For oh, how good those rodents tasted. Besides, 'twas really lots of fun to catch the varmints on the run.

One morning, Clemmie waked up, early. While still the grass with dew was pearly. "Oh, dear, the family hasn't stirred and I'm a hungry puss." she purred. "If I went hunting in the field, perhaps the stack a mouse would yield."

Lightly, she leaped up on the sill in hopes her "tummy" she might fill. Then, acting quickly on her hunch, she started out to stalk her lunch.

The sun had just begun to lift when Clemmie started in to sniff. The scent of mouse was everywhere. On weeds and flowers and in the air. Then to her right, she heard the sound of mouse feet scampering around. Clem braced herself, without a wriggle when a grass clump com-

menced to jiggle. She pounced. There was a startled squeak. And something squirmed beneath her feet. "Ah, hah," yowled Clem, triumphantly. "You'll never get away from me. I'll grind your bones and flesh and fur till you become a mouse-burger."

The mouse spoke up, though stiff with fright. "Now, that would be most impolite. It's clear you are a well bred cat. Most anybody could see that."

Such nerve Clem couldn't quite ignore. No mouse had dared talk back, before. "You have a fluent tongue," Clem said. "But blarney will not save your head. In just a jiff . . . I'll tell you that . . . you'll find yourself inside a cat."

The captive spoke again, in turn. "Your manners are your own concern," she said. "But please don't act in haste. Allow me to present my case."

"That's fair enough," said Clementine. "Hurry and put it on the line."

"Ah, that I will," the mouse replied. "There's much of logic on my side. My family numbers twenty-nine and more are due at any time. Eat ME and you'll feel like a wretch. There'll be less mice for you to catch. Why not pick out a mouse that's single if for a tasty snack you tingle?"

"Well, that makes sense. It's not half bad. Plenty of mice are to be had. So skip along," said Clementine, "before I up and change my mind."

Next day, when Clem approached the stack, something seemed to hold her back. A warning voice within somewhere kept urging, "Clementine, Beware!"

Clem sat right down amongst the stubble. "Oh, dear," she mewled, "Can this mean trouble?"

"Exactly that, you foolish thing. A fact you'll keep remembering," said a familiar voice. And then Clem turned and saw that mouse. But this time she was not alone. Mice hid behind each stick and stone. Why, all the field mouse population was present in the congregation.

Clem felt her hair commence to rise. Hostility was in their eyes. If she was any judge at all, she . . . Clem . . . was riding for a fall. She did her best to bluff it out. She growled, "Say, what's all this about?"

A second mouse stepped forward, then. "This field's reserved for mice and men. We want no cats and as a sample, we'll make of you the first example." They bit Clem's tail. They chewed her ears. They pulled her fur with gleeful cheers. And when she bolted on the jump, they nipped her on her fleeing rump.

When she got home and in the house, Clem thought of that ungrateful mouse. And sadly licking each contusion, she made this solemn resolution.

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

Could you give me a reason why a cat would shed its fur about once a year? This kitten was hand-fed from the time it was one week old. At seven weeks of age, all the fur on his tail and body came off. It grew back, however, and was black and long. But, at least once a year the cat again loses all his fur and looks awful. The fur once came in a silver gray and the veterinarian could offer no explanation. Today the cat looks like a purebred and it is hard to believe that it is really the offspring of a short-hair—but for how long will it last?

—Vivian Kaulick

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Apparently this is a congenital condition and is due to some glandular disturbance. It may be difficult to relieve but I would suggest that a preparation with thyroid activity be given. Protonuclein Reed and Carnick is one such. It, and any like drug should be supervised to avoid overdosage.

I have a neutered Persian male, who, a year after his operation, is starting to spray again. He was neutered at nine months. His pan is kept unusually clean and his indiscretions are generally at night. His father has never been guilty of spraying since he was neutered and so, naturally, we find it unusual for the younger one to fall back into this habit. He doesn't seem to have any urinary trouble, but would you suggest we take him for a check-up?

—Mrs. J. A. Heisler

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It may help if it would be possible to put him in different surroundings for awhile. The use of urinary antiseptics or hormone treatment may also be of assistance.

We have a two-year-old Red Persian who from the time we have owned her has had "weepy" eyes. (When she was given a shot for enteritis, the eyes cleared up for about a month and were beautiful.) Could you offer any solution? She comes from good stock and none of her kittens are so afflicted.

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It would appear that there is some systemic condition contributing to the eye condition. The use of vitamin A and riboflavin may help. The tear ducts may need to be flushed if they are closed.

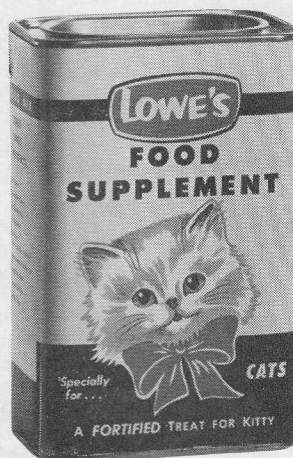
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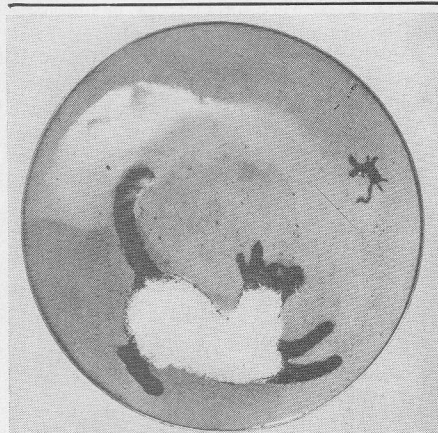
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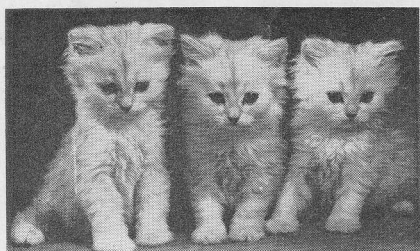
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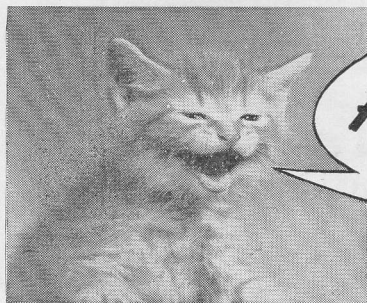
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FELIZ NATAL

by **Gretchen Butrick**

It was a little more than a year ago since my four ingenious cats made their famous air flight from Montreal to São Paulo. Their names have appeared before in CATS Magazine and I venture to say could be added to the list of foreign diplomats—at least, whenever my husband and I are transferred, they soon follow and establish their position with dignity and grace.

I recall how they braved Canadian winters. They were kittens then and often when playing together in the deep snow I was frightened to see them sink out of sight; then, to my astonished admiration, leap from its swirling surface as graceful as ballet dancers. Equally as well, they now know how to enjoy Brazilian sunshine.

I would like to take a few seconds to recall to you Kelly, Sweetie Pie, Peter, and Swifty. The latter spends most of his sleeping hours in our tall green hedge. He likes this because he can completely hide himself among its foliage but in more outgoing moments he will stick his large black head from the bushes displaying a pair of fierce slanting eyes with the rest of his body invisible, reminding onlookers of the mythical cat in Alice in Wonderland.

Kelly, the lovable, playful kitten, has never grown up—at least, he never will in my heart. I hope you have not forgotten Kelly's red and white brother. Peter, who enjoys chasing dogs that do not know their place, or Sweetie Pie, also of the same family but a few months older. He has always been a faithful friend and protector to Peter and Kelly. There will never be any real fights between these three. They have performed the solemn ritual of touching noses, their differences can be settled through diplomatic negotiations.

In June of this year, my husband and I went on a three-month trip to the United States. As much as I looked forward to

The
Author
with
Swifty



being in my own country again, I was naturally concerned about my household in Brazil and asked myself, perhaps a little selfishly, will they still love me when I return? Had I fallen into the cynic's trap of believing that cats only love their home and not the people they own?

I should have had no worries. When I returned after my long vacation and walked into my house, maybe a little apprehensively, there they were relaxed on the back porch stretched full length in the sun with their bellies to the warmth. Indeed they had not forgotten me. They just considered my being back perfectly natural. Finally, Peter yawned, blinked knowingly at me, then slowly walked toward the ice box. It was not time for his meal but he remembered my weakness. I could never resist his "meow". Gradually the others followed in Peter's footsteps, but not before a gentle nip at my ankles and an affectionate rub against my skirts. They were welcoming me back to Brazil the country that had become their land, their home, their skies.

I wish I could make up to them all the happiness they have given me and the things they have taught me.

This year, our Christmas tree will be outside, vivid and alive with other trees and flowers and beautiful in tropic sunshine. If I were an artist, I would paint a picture of my cats, curled lazily and happily there under its branches. I shall say to them in Portuguese "Feliz Natal" and they will purr their contentment. Were it not for them, I might be thinking back, perhaps too longingly, of other Christmases with memories of ice and snow and sleigh bells, like Grandma Moses has expressed so well in her immortal painting *Home for Christmas*.

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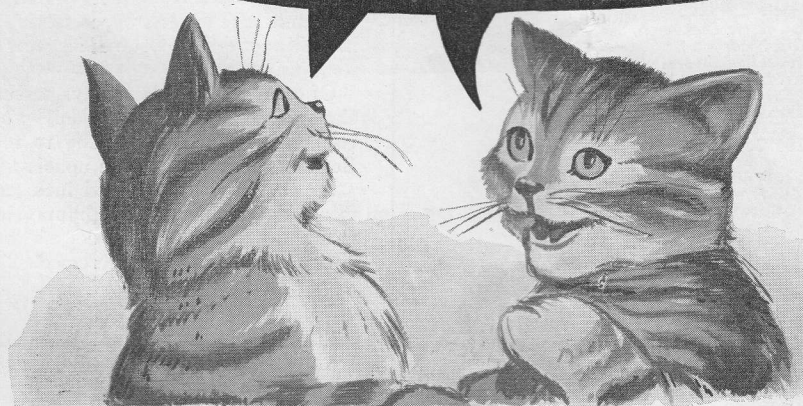
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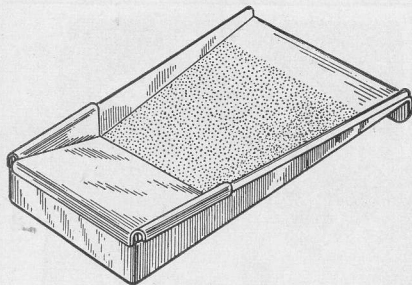


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Training of Servants—Part III

By Jean Estabrook

It is a miserable, but unquestioned, fact that everyone must have attention paid him, and that includes, let's face it, even the best of us. None goes his way alone forever.

Have you a garden where you live? There are two ways, if there is a window-box, for example, to get the instantaneous and undivided attention of your servant. The first way is to sit and nibble on a blossom. Many blossoms are hard to stretch up to and nearly all are poisonous, but keep your goal in mind, and attention you will get. The second way is to tread through the growing flowers as though walking on eggs, then, at a carefully prepared moment, dig a hole. Nothing, absolutely nothing, can equal their look of agonized frenzy as they lunge to-

ward you, and of course you will have disappeared by that time. Like sleuths they will inspect the earth to reassure themselves no damage has come to their precious stupid flowers, and giving each a motherly pat, they try to get back to what they were about. But really they are shot to pieces. Even as I write I can feel the sides of my mouth curve upward.

Another way to get attention, and, by the way, to make a point, is to remove one's food carefully and with infinite system from its dish in the kitchen to the center of the livingroom rug. Your servant, you will find, becomes perverse about this, and will take your food from the rug to the dish as many times as you yourself have made the trip; that is, ALMOST as many times. Their persistence will astonish you. But if you want attention and if you want your food on the rug, and who does not, just simply keep taking it there. This method may take longer in some cases than in others, but, as I have indicated elsewhere, it has never been known to fail.

Now then, at night, when loneliness steals through you and your soul is all but absorbed by the need for attention, here is how to get it. Walking up and down your servant in bed may have failed. But—going into the kitchen and dropping something off the shelf does much. Sit there and look patient, and in a little minute or two your servant, groping and inquisitive, will leave into sight. No harm has been done, and again your point has been made.

My last suggestion may not always work out. I had a simply grand day once—constant attention but at a distance—when I began the morning by placing beside my servant's saucer a nearly-dead mouse. She spewed her coffee back into the cup and left the table, and I thought for a moment I had overplayed my hand, but soon she returned, and throughout the day, although ill, she never stopped talking about it. Often one does not realize how much some things mean.

Of course there is always a chair to claw, but I resort to this only when all else fails, for it is beginning to tire me. Besides, there's very little upholstery left.

So, here it is. . . . Good luck, and remember: loneliness, though prevalent, is never necessary. There doesn't exist a situation that can not be remedied.

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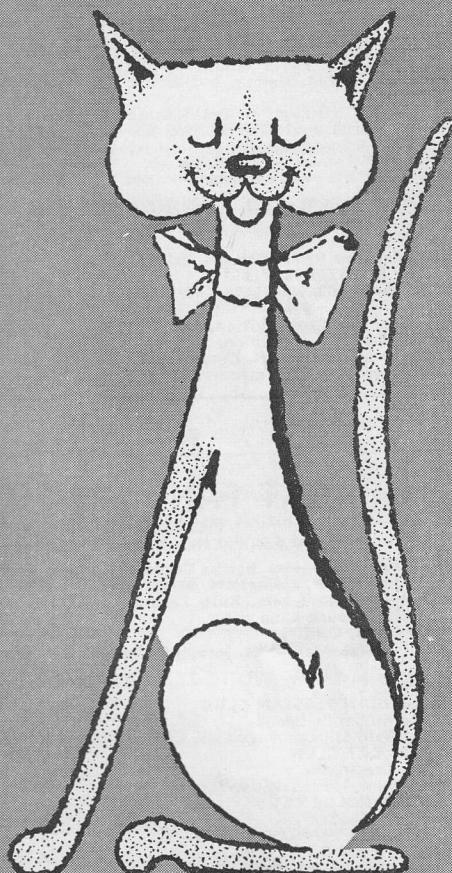
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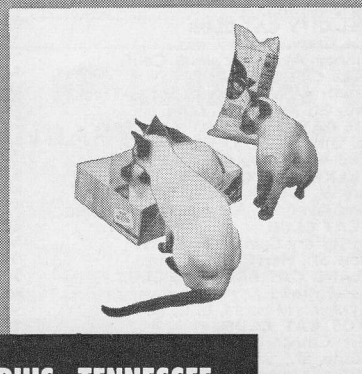
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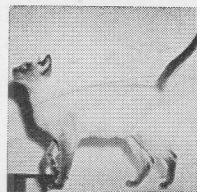
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I have been reading with great interest the past few months the comments of a few breeders concerning the size of present day winning Siamese. I have a neuter, weight twelve pounds, whom I adore, and would probably keep should I be allowed the privilege of keeping only one Siamese. But I would keep him, not due to his size, but for his being such a lovable thing, and this certainly has nothing to do with his size.

I admire a large Siamese just as I admire a large, healthy woman; say Helen Traubel. But who among us can say that he doesn't also admire the small, dainty Lily Pons. They both have beautiful voices and their size doesn't matter one whit. It's a matter of personal taste.

I, personally, admire, the slim, svelte Siamese. It gives me such a feeling of being near the ultimate in beauty when I see a tall, slim Siamese pace, that I almost want to cry. The only feeling I get when I see the big, clumsy twelve pounders is a sense of the ridiculous, especially when they play with a ball. It's amusing, and gives you the pleasure that comedy always gives one, but certainly not beautiful. On the other hand, when a slim, dainty foot smacks at an object, it's like watching something ethereal. But, as I said before, this is a matter of personal opinion.

I cannot say those people are wrong who like large Siamese. I can only say the majority is against them inasmuch as the small ones are winning, and you ladies must bow to the fact that because they don't agree with you doesn't mean that they are wrong. You know as well as I that should Venus de Milo, as beautiful as she was considered in her day, with her ample proportions, enter the Miss America contest today, she would be laughed out. So it goes with everything, including Siamese cats. Times do change!

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Dear Editors:

I have long wanted to express my feelings on the way some exhibitors treat their cats at cat shows. I attended a show last year, and watched the owner of some beautiful Longhairs grab them by the scruff, yank them around, comb them viciously and powder them furiously, and then practically slam them in their carrying cases prior to moving them to the judging tables.

The poor cats crouched down as though they had been beaten, as, indeed, they had been.

I always thought people who raised cats loved them as I do, but this, and similar incidents changed my mind. I felt sick for the poor animals, and in fact, as greatly as I love cats, I couldn't bring myself to go to this year's show.

Another thing that happened made my disillusionment complete. I once owned a female whose papers carried the name of a famous cat as great grandsire. However, when I mentioned this to the owner of the stud, she said, "Oh, yes, I know she (the woman who sold the cat to me) claims to have had kittens from my cat, but those papers don't mean a thing!"

It certainly made me wonder how pedigree papers can be of any use whatsoever when one breeder can say such things of another.

I still treasure my long-gone girl's pedigree papers just the same, since it is all I have left of her; and the lady who bred and sold me my cat was a very responsible person and raised cats because she loved them. But . . . what great harm a few careless words by supposedly leading breeders can do.

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SAN FRANCISCO CAT CLUB (ACA). San Francisco, Calif. August 26, 1956. SHORTHAIK SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Virginia Sweem. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sia—Lamar's Avatang, SP m, Mrs. Polly Jones. 2nd Best Cat—Ch Encore Giselle of Elo-Yse, BP m, Eloise & Frank Magman. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Sia—Lamar's Chili of Kwan Yin, CP f, Bill & Adele Deeths and Gene & Ione Wilson. OS to 2nd Best, Best Nov—Lamar's Deborah, SP f, Mrs. Polly Jones. OS Nov—Delta's Ramu, Aby m, Bill & Vera Forrest. Best Open, Best RB—Lamar's Bogarty, m, Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Thompson. OS Open—Best Burmese—Gambol's Finesse of Me-Bel, f, Dolores Meek & Veva Goembel. Best Aby—Bograe's Seb, m, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Aby—Bograe's Abessa of Delta, f, Bill & Vera Forrest. Best DSH—Purple Sage Zita of Kiva, Sil Thy f, Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Thompson. OS DSH—Me-Bel's Sno-Man of Casa Bianca, BE Wh m, Mrs. Betty Armstrong. Best Manx—Finlo's Kirree, Blue f, Barbara & Henry Varga. Best Neuter—Post Script, Brn Thy DSH, Mrs. Vicki McDonald. Best Spay—Kelang's Dawn Flower of Star-Lotte, BP, Mrs. J. T. Strom. **ALL BREED KITTEN SHOW—Judge, Mrs. Ruth Fisher.** Best Kit, Best LH—Rania Jacinto, Blue m, Marie L. Rania. 2nd Best Kit, Best SH—Tempurra's Handsome, SP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS Kit, OS LH—Cal-Iwa's Jodette, Red Thy f, Mrs. Emma Grant. OS SH—Kushian Queen, Aby f, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Forrest.

MICHIGAN ALL BREED CAT CLUB (ACFA) 1st Ch Show. Detroit, Michigan, September 22-23, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Lillian Limpert. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SH, Best Sia—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Mrs. Virginia Daly. 2nd Best Cat, Best LH, Best Open, Best SC—Wheeler's Lord Buff, Cr m, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Wheeler. OS Cat, Best Nov, OS SH, OS Sia—Medicine Lake Nia Wolfgang, SP f, Mrs. Loula Corlis & Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang. OS Gr Ch—Lee's Hi-Hat Cheri of Rosemont, Cr f, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Ch—Milbrook's Mio of Siam, SP f, (Continued on page 20)

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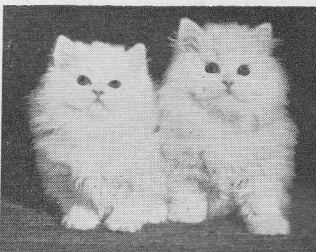
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- 1- 2—Long Beach, Calif.—Long Beach Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed and Specialties.
- 1- 2—Louisville, Ky.—Ohio Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH and SH Specialties (Hope Johnson).
- 1- 2—Chicago—Beresford Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. E. F. Hamaker).
- 1- 2—East Orange, N. J.—The Garden State Cat Club of N. J., Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Robert Martin); SC Specialty (Mrs. John Swenson); T&T Specialty (Mrs. Swenson); Silver Specialty (Mrs. Swenson); Siamese Specialty (Sven Nelson).
- 1- 2—Seattle, Wash.—Puget Sound Cat Club (ACFA).
- 8- 9—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walker K. Johnston); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Horace Reed).
- 13-14—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed, Specialties.
- 15-16—Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.—Long Island Cat Breeders Club (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH Specialty (Mrs. J. J. Small); SH Specialty (Alice Dugan).
- 15-16—Los Angeles, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lawrence Pelton); Silver Specialty (Mrs. James Mood); SH Specialty (Mrs. M. E. Farmer).

January

- 5- 6—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter); T&T, Silver, SC Specialties (Mrs. Rita Swenson).
- 5- 6—Burbank, Calif. (San Fernando Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair); LH Specialty (Mrs. Emma Grant); SH Specialty (Mrs. Virginia Lee Sweem); Tabby & Tortie Specialty (Mrs. Emma Grant).
- 6—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Gulf Shore Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Dorothy Keller); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Ralph Mabie).
- 10-11—New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. J. H. Revington); All Shorthair (except Siamese) Specialty (Mrs. Revington); Siamese Specialty (Mrs. Richard O'Donovan).
- 12-13—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH Specialty (Mrs. Michael O'Brian); SH Specialty (Mrs. J. F. Goforth).
- 12-13—Miami, Florida—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Robert E. Martin); LH and SH Specialties (Dorothy Hunt).
- 12-13—Buffalo, N. Y.—Queen City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Frances McCracken); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Max Fiedler).
- 19-20—Las Vegas, Nevada—Lucky Las Vegas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH, SH, Breed and Color Specialties.
- 19-20—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mary K. Carroll); SH Specialty (Kay Thoma McQuillen).
- 19-20—Akron, Ohio—Portage Trail Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
- 26-27—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH and SH Specialties (Lucile Pelton).
- 26-27—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Betty Youngman); LH Specialty (Louise Price); SH Specialty (Mildred Alexander).

February

- 2- 3—Phoenix, Arizona—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. G. E. Hamaker); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Ruth Lentz).
- 2- 3—Fresno, Calif.—Central California Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Isabel Meador); SH Specialty (Bonnie Birkett); LH Specialty (Dorothy Denning).
- 2- 3—Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); SC and SH (Mrs. Lawrence Pelton).
- 2- 3—Memphis, Tenn. Memphis & Mid-South Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (D. Deans-Henderson); LH and SH Specialties (Mars Hanson).
- 9-10—Rockford, Ill.—Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Don Clapp); LH and SH Specialties (Harriet Wolfgang).
- 9-10—Honolulu, Hawaii—Hawaii Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
- 10—Lynwood, Calif. Los Amigos Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (June Williams); LH and SH Specialties (Evelyn King).
- 16-17—Buffalo, N. Y.—Frontier Feline Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH and SH. Specialties (Lillian Limpert).
- 16-17—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. G. E. Hamaker); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Max Fiedler).
- 23-24—Dallas Texas—American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Rollin A. Cable); LH and SH Specialties (Ann Manley).
- 23-24—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. B. Tebbets).
- 23-24—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH and SH Specialties (Beth O'Donovan).
- 23-24—San Francisco, Calif.—Golden West Cat Club (CFA). All Breed, LH Specialty, SH Specialty. (Judges to be announced).

March

- 2—Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club, Inc. (UCF). All Breed—Longhair Division (D. Dean Henderson); All Breed—Shorthair Division (Leila Paterson); LH Specialty (Phyllis Whitney); SH Specialty (Mrs. Richard Birkett).
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Cats Club and Show Reporter

NEW CFA NOVICE RULE EXPLAINED

For the benefit of Show Officials and exhibitors who have expressed some misunderstanding of the Cat Fanciers' Association rule on the entry of novices, the following explanation of the status of "Novices" is given.

TO SHOW OFFICIALS:

A cat that wins a blue ribbon in any CFA show after your advertised closing date of entry, is eligible to remain in the Novice Class in your show.

A cat that wins a blue ribbon in a CFA show prior to the advertised closing date of your entries, is NOT eligible to remain in the Novice Class in your show. The owners of such cats have seven days after your advertised closing date of entry to contact you and have their cats transferred to the Open Class, if they had previously entered them in the Novice Class. If owners do not have such winning cats transferred before your catalog is printed, the cats must be disqualified in your show.

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—Myrtle K. Shipe,
Secretary

"CATKINS", "SANTA CLARA" SHOWS POSTPONED

The Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc., announce that their show has been postponed until January 26-27, 1957. The Catkins show has been transferred from December 8-9 to early in March, either the 2nd and 3rd, or 9th and 10th. In both cases judges and specialty shows will remain unchanged.

BLUE CAT SOCIETY SUSPENDS

The Blue Cat Society of American has decided, regretfully, to suspend all its activities. This action has been brought about by several factors: We are a "paper society"—that is, we have no meetings and hold no shows, and have depended upon our cup list to keep interest alive. Although we have repeatedly asked our members to request Show Managers to send for the Cup List, last year only seven clubs requested it, and of the seven we were able to get back but three marked Cup Lists and Catalogs. It is not fair to any member to allocate wins on such a basis.

We have found, too, that many of the clubs are giving up the Cup Lists as the judges have so much to do that the extra work of marking several Cup Lists is a great burden on them, about which many complaints have been made.

In suspending, it was thought to be a most worthwhile idea to use the treasury money for rosettes to be given for the Best Blue Cat of "Longhill" name or ancestry in memory of our Eastern Vice President, Anthony DeSantis. Anthony will be sadly missed at our shows this year and for many years to come. However, we hope to see many of his lovely cats at the

shows, so have offered this Blue Cat Society of America rosette in his memory to each club where he held membership.

—Mary E. Ohlin
Secretary

SEVEN NEW CLUBS JOIN CFA

The Cat Fanciers' Association has taken into membership seven new clubs as follows: All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast, Secretary Mrs. Mahala Vaughn, 14 Sand Pond Road, Norwood, R. I.; California Solid Color Fanciers, Secretary Mrs. Charles E. Gillies, 858 South Bedford St., Los Angeles 35, Calif.; Fireside Tabby and Tortie Club, Secretary Mrs. A. M. Nihill, 16370 Citrus Tree Road, Whittier, Calif.; The Camelia Solid Color Club, Secretary Mr. Val Malstrom, 4210 Moss Drive, Sacramento, Calif.; Pittsburgh Cat Club, Secretary Mr. Carl R. Soderberg, Box 371, Beaver Falls, Penna.; North Bay Cat Fanciers, Secretary Mrs. Eileen Anderson, 970 Fifth St., Novato, Calif.; The Virginia Cat Fanciers, Secretary Mrs. Alberta Mellott, P. O. Box 104, Louisa, Virginia.

GOLDEN WESTERNERS FETE CFA PREXY

Members of the Golden West Cat Club held a reception in honor of Robert Bruce, CFA President and native Californian, when he was vacationing on the coast recently. The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Spencer Smiley, and was followed by a dinner at famous Sabella's of Marin. Guests included officers and members of nearby CFA Clubs, Roy Easterly, CFA Regional Vice President, and Mrs. John Porter of Concordia, Kansas, who was in San Francisco as delegate to the Republican National Convention.

DOMESTIC BEST AT AUSTIN KITTEN MATCH

Judge Helen Mueller chose Tessa Texian, Silver Tabby Domestic Shorthair female owned by Price Cross as her Best Kitten at the Austin Cat Club's Kitten Show held on September 30. Best OS Kit and Best Longhair was Sally B. Kisler's Castilla Cadet of Chateau Chat, Blue male, Mrs. Charles Beyer's Clover Ridge Blue Duster, Blue female, was Best OS Longhair, and Mrs. Whiney Dolandson Abt's Black Smoke male Gray Horse Farm's Odd-One was Best OS Shorthair. Best Foreign Shorthair was Techichi Mapache, Burmese female owned by Emmett Streetman.

55-56 SHOW SEASON CORRECTIONS

At Sunshine City Cat Club Longhair Specialty Best Neuter was Smokey Kim, Shaded Silver owned by Mrs. Gertrude Baker.

At Dixie Cat Club Longhair Specialty, BOX Kitten was Kitty Cove Coquette, Shaded Silver female owned by Mrs. E. E. Spencer.

The AA record of Grand Champion Siesta Barney Google was incomplete as shown in the September 1956 listing. Barney Google was All-Midwestern in 1950, 1951, 1953 and 1955. He was All-American in 1951, 1953, and 1955, and gained Midwest Honorable Mention and American Honorable Mention in 1956.

CAT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

The second Pittsburgh cat group to be organized in recent months had its initial meeting on October 2nd with more than 200 felinophiles present.

Officers elected are: President, Rollin A. Cable; Vice President, Melvin A. Carr; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Perry; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lois Harper, 6931 Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh 8, Pa.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ann Bieneman. Directors: Lawrence R. Chuha, Mrs. Elizabeth Kleinhample, Max Mandelbaum, Mrs. Clay Meritzer, Mrs. Jean Ryan. Association affiliation has not yet been announced.

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NOVICE

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pays for the insurance he is entitled to know what he must do for his own protection, for the company will not honor any claims after a twenty-four-hour period has elapsed. Keep in mind that you are not just talking to the customer but that you are using words to tell about your cats. After all, they are your cats and you are genuinely proud of them. Put your exuberance into words when contacting a customer, and I am sure you will be rewarded with a sale.

When answering the local phone inquiries be sure to do the same thing and place your emphasis on their beauty and lovable qualities. Keep in mind that folks want a kitten to be trouble-free, well-behaved, and compatible. This is of prime importance.

At the shows, never fail to answer all questions asked, and even go out of your way to be nice to the visitors and other breeders who show an interest in your cats. Always do all you can to promote future sales.

Under no circumstances, speak unkindly of another breeder's cats for it may come home to plague you. Even though letters come to me stating that somebody somewhere has been badly treated, I try to explain that perhaps there was a misunderstanding on what was actually bargained for. Then too, there will always

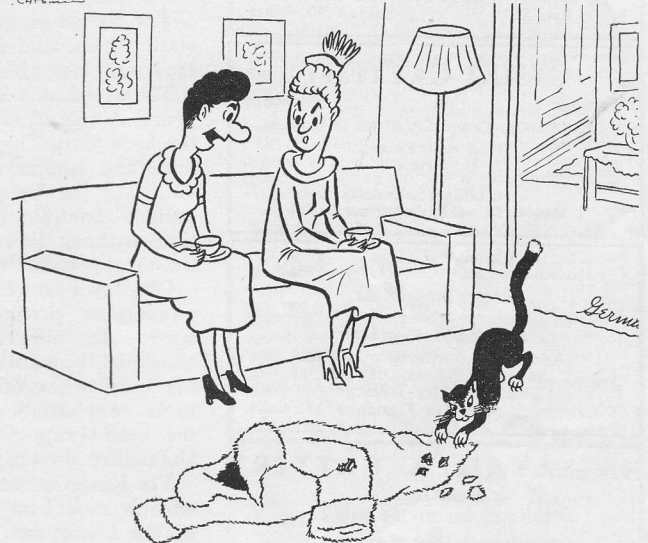
be that disgruntled customer, so you should do all you can to try to correct a situation of this kind.

In conclusion, let me say that it is the customer who must be satisfied, and a satisfied customer is a booster. Many times repeat sales will be made or you will be highly recommended to others simply by making the extra effort to please prospective customers selling the right kitten for them.

Do not despair if your first efforts do not sell the kittens, there will be other opportunities and you *will* sell them if

you follow the right practices.

Keep in mind you are breeding a beautiful animal which is desired by many. Yes, a kitten is one pet that is sure to please and is the only lovable, affectionate and well-trained animal that can become a constant member of a household. Your customers will thank you for sending so beautiful a kitten and will always be grateful to you for your kindness. It is you who will make a home happier for a lovely kitten, and the satisfaction you gain from this is the most pleasant aspect of breeding.

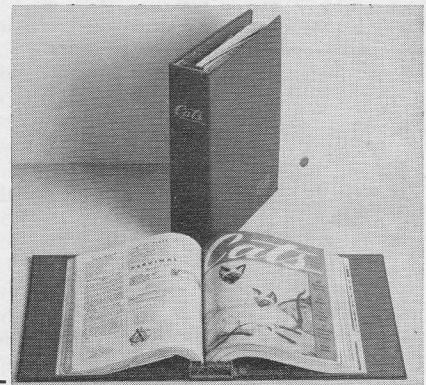


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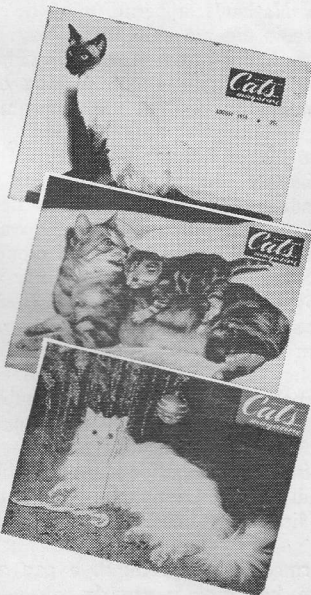
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NATHAN

(from page 5)

have seen. When the newcomer sat erect he seemed well over a foot tall. The still gaze of his round, yellow eyes was overwhelming. The children called him, "Boots," because of his snowy paws, but, to me, he was always, "The King Cat."

The King had been born to city streets and had never known the stillness of our green meadows. He was kept indoors, and, for a time, Nathan did not seem to know that he existed.

The big cat loved to sit at the window, staring at the road where the cars whizzed by, his strange eyes wide and unblinking.

The new family began to remodel their house. A pile of old lumber appeared in the back yard. This became a shelter for mice and Nathan began to hunt there. Gradually he became more and more curious about the place and spent much time roaming through the tall grass of the nearby meadow.

One day I noticed the little cat making a complete circuit of the King Cat's house. He sniffed leisurely around the woodpile, then made his way slowly into the meadow beyond. Presently he was to be seen strolling nonchalantly across the neighboring front yard, black tail aloft, gaze preoccupied.

The King Cat sat on his cushion by the window, and I all but held my breath. Maybe I only imagined that the big fellow drew himself up to an even greater height. At any rate, he kept his unwinking, yellow eyes turned to the highway.

The carpenter father of the new family was, at that time, in the process of replacing the old, rotted floor of the cottage. The people went to sleep one night with a gaping hole, where the old boards had not yet been renewed. They awoke to the sound of yowling, spitting battle music. Little Nay had crawled under the house and come up through the floor.

No one knew exactly what happened, in the darkness. The children said that big Boots drove Nathan out of the house. Neither cat had a mark of tooth or claw.

The next day Nathan circled the neighboring house again. The King Cat sat on his cushion and looked at the road, as if nothing had happened. Little Nay sat himself down and wet a paw. He began to wash himself with great care, and without looking at the window. The King Cat did not shift his gaze from the passing cars.

Thus it was that the silent battle began.

Day after day Little Nay circled that house. Day after day The King Cat took no notice of him.

I, who had always loved all cats, tried to make friends with big Boots. I went to call, and sitting in a chair beside him, began to stroke his plush-like coat. He turned his wide eyes toward me, for an instant, then silently dropped to the floor and walked away.

The little collie came to nuzzle at my

hand, as if in mute apology. I began to be a little awed by The King. His strange yellow eyes were so wide and unblinking. There had been no yielding nor response to the touch of my caressing hands.

He did allow the oldest girl of the family, whose special pet he was, to touch him at times, but soon would have enough of it and stroll away to his lonely seat at the window.

As the days went by, I too observed the big cat. I grew to feel that there was something haunting about his staring eyes. Sometimes I felt an inward shivering when I looked at him.

"The witch of Endor, she had a familiar spirit"—

In fancy, I played with the idea that The King Cat was a wizard and a wizard king. I pictured him turning himself into a man, with piercing eyes and a great cloak swinging from his shoulders. I fancied that he held Little Nay in his power, and along with my fear of the big beast, something very like hatred grew in my heart.

In truth, Nathan was plainly much disturbed. His strolls in the yard next door grew longer. He was seen to walk around the house as many as five times, scarcely stopping. He measured himself repeatedly on the lilac bushes by The King Cat's door, stretching up rabbit-wise, as far as he could go, to show what an immense cat had been there. In time, he sat in The King Cat's yard hour after hour, but The King Cat paid him no heed.

It was beautiful that last summer of Little Nay's life at Sharon. The fields were gay with Black-eyed Susans and Queen Anne's Lace. Tall hollyhocks nodded in the dooryard. The perfume of sweet clover filled the air.

Nathan, however, was thin and gaunt. I teased Trina until she took us on a ride to the veterinarian's. The doctor examined him carefully, but could find nothing wrong. He prescribed a tonic to sharpen Nathan's appetite.

The tonic did not help Little Nay. He slept long hours in the wing chair, in the corner of the living room, waking only to redouble his vigil at the house next door.

He no longer hunted for moths, in the dusk of early evening, and the mice ran unnoticed, in their runs and grassy nests. When I went down to the bluff to watch the blue water, I usually walked alone.

One Sunday morning I arose early and stole down into the yard to feel the dawn wind on my face. Little Nay came to meet me, from the shade of the clematis bushes, where he had frolicked so often. He rolled in the grass at my feet and rubbed against my shoes. There was something of the old gay light in his eyes.

I sat in the grass beside him and rubbed his head. A purr rumbled in his throat and he licked my hand. He was pitifully thin.

I warmed a little milk in a pan and, for once, he drank it eagerly.

I could hear a Bobwhite calling, from the meadow above the lake. I carried Nathan in my arms, as I walked down the path.

He did not even turn his head, as we passed The King Cat's house, but tensed for a spring, as we approached the rail fence.

I sat him down gently on the top rail and he dug in his claws to sharpen them, as he had in the old days.

I walked slowly along the path, and, lo and behold, a small, black figure shot ahead of me and skittered into the tall grass.

Oh Nay, Little Nay, I hold that childhood image in my heart. Perhaps, in far celestial fields, an ever young black cat plays among the daisies, as gay as a young colt in a June meadow.

Perhaps, some day, I shall again discover the child who played with him there, and my sister, Katrine, a girl again, in the fields where the woodbine twineth.

Presently I carried Nathan back to the house. He seemed tired from his outing, and speedily ensconced himself in the wing chair and went to sleep.

Trina and I went swimming, at a nearby beach, that morning. I gave Nathan a pat, as I went down to the car, but he did not rouse from his slumbers.

I never saw the little cat again.

I searched the fields, the bluff and even the sandy shore, below the bank. I inquired at the neighboring houses and at the farms across the fields on the river road. I took money from the bank and put an advertisement in the paper. I received numerous phone calls and offers of kittens of all sizes, shapes and descriptions, but got no word of Nathan. I never knew what happened to him.

I do know that The King Cat changed his ways. I began to see him, walking slowly about the yard. Presently he was to be seen sniffing at the mouse holes in the woodpile. The time even came when he went walking on the rail fence, where so many generations of cats had sharpened their claws.

"I know why your cat went away," said the small boy of the new family wisely. "Boots made him go."

"They didn't fight?" I queried.

"No," stated the little lad thoughtfully, blue eyes earnest. "He just made him go."

That is all that the youngster would say. He was five years old and I did not know whether his tale were fact or fancy, but, as the days went by, I pondered Nathan's passing more and more. My bitterness grew, and I, who had known so much love, was taken possession of by sometimes very like hate.

I dreamed, one night, that I beat the big cat with a willow switch and awoke, sweating and trembling, at the thought.

The next day I found The King picking his way gingerly along the rail-fence, by the garden. I stooped to cut my bouquet

and the big cat sat still on the fence, seeming to watch the snip-snap of my shears.

My pent-up feelings burst into words, at last.

"You mean old creature!" I cried. "Where is Nathan? Why did he go away? Did you hurt him? Did you— (The terrible words stuck in my throat.) Did you kill him? I could hit you, you old witch cat!"

A soft voice spoke from beyond the maple tree, by the drive:

"Boots wouldn't hurt anything."

It was the small, brown-eyed girl of the new family. She was a quiet child and I had seldom heard her speak at all.

"But he's so big!" I cried. "His eyes shine so! He seems to be always looking at something that isn't there."

"Maybe he is," said the quiet child. Boots can't see what really is there. He's blind."

The daisies dropped from my unheeding hand and my knees felt weak, so that I sat down on the ground, in the garden row.

Never to see the fields of Sharon, starred with the pale pink of the Wild Rose and lit with the flame of the Black-eyed Susans. Never to see the wide, blue waters of the lake and the still, white winter world!

The ice of hate in my heart melted and love came back into my being in a warm flood. I ran toward the big cat, tears blinding my own eyes, but he had silently dropped from the fence and was walking away with the quiet child.

That was the summer when I began to grow up, at last. I can recall sitting long hours beside a proud old cat, stroking his wide head and talking to him, as he sat at the window, patient eyes turned toward the road and the city sound of the passing cars.

So The King and I learned to be friends. In time, he accepted my caresses graciously and even came to sit companionably near me in the garden, as I sat doing my stint among the flowers.

I think that he learned to be happy, here at Sharon. True, he was never able to see the daisy-patterned meadows of the green world or the grandeur of the snows. I was sure, however, in my new-found wisdom, that he gazed on the still more beautiful sights of a world unseen by those whose eyes can see.

I was able, at last, to think peacefully of Nathan, roaming the green meadows of the ever young.

This all happened long ago, but, if I close my eyes, it is easy to imagine the green world of my childhood and my two friends, Nathan and The King Cat.

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One reason Mr. Runyon has tolerated this usurper is that he depends on her to forecast the weather. When Pat stretches out, her front paws behind her head, and looks dreamily toward the sky, you can bet it will rain. Of course, "not snow, nor rain, nor heat . . . stays these couriers from . . . their appointed rounds," but it helps to know when to reach for an umbrella.

Further, should anyone complain about the irregularity of finding a cat on a table marked "Rest Parcels Here", the postmaster of Elizabeth can proudly state there are no rats in his department, nor mousey letters being sent out.

The instinct of cats to catch things made the pages of the *Washington Post* and *Times-Herald*. Sooty, a three-month-old cat, caused entomologists in that area to be very happy with her lepidopterous retrieval. (Don't bother with Webster—it is all explained in the next paragraph).

Sooty caught a banded Monarch butterfly from Canada. The cause for celebration is that out of thousands of moths banded, only two have ever been traced. William Field, Smithsonian Institution lepidopterist (student of butterflies and moths), said that the cat's find is very significant, as it confirms the flight from Canada to the South.

Doubtlessly because of her youthful enthusiasm, Sooty almost robbed the world of this scientific knowledge, for she had eaten most of the wings before her owners separated her from her research. They saved the band that had been pasted under the right wing asking the finder to send it to the Museum, Toronto, Canada.

The Lepidopterists of America would appreciate your checking your cat's field and lawn diet.

Medically, the fame and fortune of cats is rising high in the scientific world, too. The *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, has pictures and praises of Butch, a cat who rose from a corn bin mouser to a hero of no small stature.

Dr. James Manning tells of a cat who was dying of distemper. Her blood count was 560 instead of the normal 5000 to 8000. She had to have a transfusion. Dr. Manning drove out to a farmer who had large corn bins and a yard full of cats to

keep the mice out. Asking the farmer to lend him a healthy cat to give blood to the dying one, he was given this large grey cat.

"A few minutes later I had Butch under anesthesia and on the operating table.

"I put the dying cat alongside him. I pushed a needle into Butch's heart. He began pumping his blood straight across into the veins of the cat lying beside him.

"The next morning Butch was up and strong, and the other cat? She was in perfect health again, hungry as a horse. She had a miraculous recovery. I have never seen anything like it before," said Dr. Manning as he rubbed the purring Butch's ears affectionately.

On that same operating table, Butch has twice since given his blood to save the lives of other cats. His days as a corn bin mouser are definitely past and he will reap his reward as a benefactor many times over.

Indeed, we have all sorts of merit awards for felines this month. Internationally, too. His Royal Highness Abdul Ilah, Crown Prince of Iraq, now owns two little kittens, pure white with dark blue eyes, that once belonged to Mrs. Rita Swenson of North Adams, Mass.—writer for CATS and regional vice president of CFA.

The Prince wrote Mrs. Swenson last winter that he has been looking virtually all over the world for such a kitten. This summer, when such perfection was born to one of her cats, Mrs. Swenson notified the Prince.

The pets accompanied by a member of the Iraq U.N. delegation in New York went by air to the Royal Palace at Baghdad. They were insured for several thousand dollars, and although Mrs. Swenson hated to part with them, she feels it is quite an honor for an American breeder to be so chosen.

Truly, the old adage, a cat may look at a queen, may well be true in this case. But—to get back to the actual, a cat may not only look at a refrigerator, but may get in same. Henrietta Hitchcock, noted columnist of the New York World Telegram & Sun, devoted a column to such situations recently.

When that first panic of "can't find the cat" hits you—and you are certain he hasn't gotten out—please be advised to check your refrigerator. Sounds silly, but it has happened. He will also adore being called when he is lying in a dresser drawer on top of your clean lingerie or table linen.

Henrietta mentions a fact that we who own more than one cat have encountered. Rarely will a cat help you to find a missing confrere. He may pretend to, but it generally depends on you to locate the lost one.

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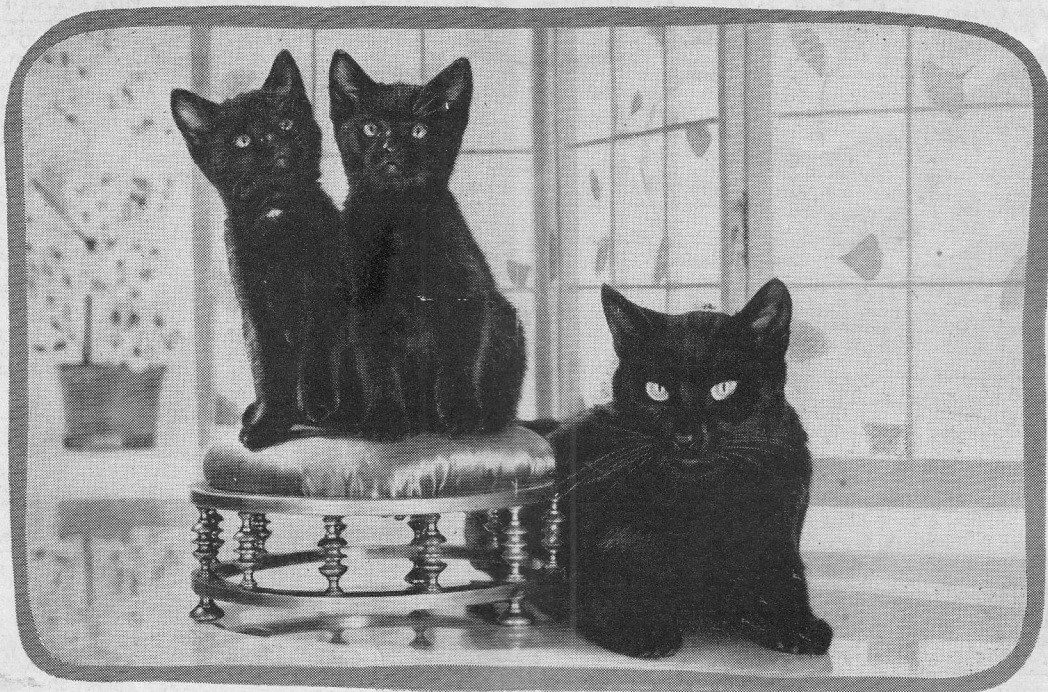
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