



*Your cat  
may look healthy—*

but **VITAMIN-HUNGER** can make a cat's life a misery

A cat needs more than scraps inside him. He needs Whiskas—the food that will supply his body with essential vitamins. Whiskas gives your cat *vitamin-vitality*—the secret of a long healthy life free from all the many ailments that attack an under-

nourished cat. Lovely to look at and full of energy the live-long day—that's a Whiskas-fed cat. Buy your pet a carton of Whiskas *now*. It's very economical. Just mix it with table scraps for the richest, healthiest meal a fortunate puss ever had.

# Whiskas

**gives a cat 'VITAMIN-VITALITY'**

CHAPPIE LIMITED  
MELTON MOWBRAY · LEICESTERSHIRE

12 NOURISHING  
MEALS FOR 1/6<sup>0</sup>



Printed in Great Britain by F. J. Milner & Sons Ltd., Commerce Road, Brentford, Middlesex,  
for the Publishers and Proprietors, A. E. & I. B. D. Cowlishaw, 4 Carlton Mansions,  
Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

# Our Cats

AUTHORITATIVE • INSTRUCTIVE • ENTERTAINING



SPRING IN THE AIR!

*Proving that in the matter of gambolling this lively  
Tschudi Siamese kitten can give points to any frisking  
lamb. Note how the tail is used to aid balance.  
Photo by "Daily Mirror."*

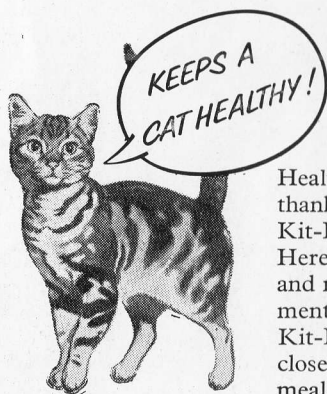
MARCH 1953

1/6

**FOCUS ON KITTENS** (see page 3)



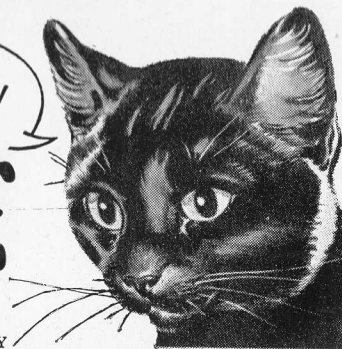
# Kit-E-Kat feeds a cat



Healthy cats, happy kittens, all as fit as fiddles, thanks to the finest, richest food they've ever eaten—Kit-E-Kat. A rich food, yes—and economical too! Here's a good, big tin packed with all the vitamins and minerals a cat must have for complete nourishment. Ready cooked Kit-E-Kat. Ready to serve Kit-E-Kat. What a treat for every puss. Eyes half closed, purring with contentment. Mmm—what a meal! Buy some for *your* cat today.

**KIT-E-KAT**  
THE COMPLETE CAT FOOD

CHAPPIE LIMITED OF MELTON MOWBRAY



## Our Cats

AUTHORITATIVE • INSTRUCTIVE • ENTERTAINING

VOL. 5 No. 3

MARCH 1953

Managing Editor :

ARTHUR E. COWLISHAW  
4 CARLTON MANSIONS  
CLAPHAM ROAD, LONDON, S.W.9

American Associate Editor :  
MRS. BILLIE BANCROFT

Published every month with the best possible features and illustrations and circulated to Cat Lovers of every kind throughout the world. Our editorial purpose is :

- (1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management ;
- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats ;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

**THE MAGAZINE THAT SPANS THE WORLD OF CAT LOVERS**



### HAPPY FAMILIES

As you see, there are many mouths to feed at the Kentish (Bayleys Hill, near Sevenoaks) home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warner, where Fern Warner and her two little brothers are making sure that the Siamese family get fair shares and a little petting at mealtime. Mr. Warner, a comparative newcomer to the Fancy, has achieved a great deal towards the improvement of the Siamese standard through the agency of his fine young stud Champion Clonlost Yo Yo.



## Crinkly Ears are Cured

**C**RINKLING of the ear (cauliflower ear) is a condition frequently met with in cats. It is a sequel to head shaking caused by irritation and ear canker parasites are usually responsible for starting the trouble. The condition is known in veterinary circles as hæmatoma of the ear and according to Messrs. J. J. Yeats and L. C. Vaughan, of the Department of Surgery, Royal Veterinary College, Streatley, the only satisfactory treatment is radical surgery. This view is supported in an illustrated article on "The Treatment of Aural Hæmatoma in the Cat" which they recently contributed to *The Veterinary Record*.

Operative technique is described in detail. The patient is anæsthetized, the hair on the ear is clipped and the ear cleaned. The hæmatoma is punctured and an incision is then made centrally along the whole length of the ear. An ellipse of integument (skin) is then

removed and sutures placed in position.

The silver wire frame is then sutured in position on the inner aspect of the ear and the ear is moulded to its correct position by shaping the frame.

Frame and sutures are removed a week after the operation, at which time the ear will be erect but slightly thickened. Gradually its condition returns to normal.

The method of treatment outlined was described as having been successful in his hands by Professor C. Formston at the International Veterinary Congress 1949. Five cats out of six treated were cured and in the unsuccessful case the concha of the ear crinkled because the cat removed the supporting frame the day after the operation. It is pointed out that the wire frame is extremely light in character and it was not necessary to give sedatives to the cats while they (the frames) were in position.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The address for all communications relating to editorial and advertisements in OUR CATS is 4 CARLTON MANSIONS, CLAPHAM ROAD, LONDON, S.W.9 (Macauley 1462).

OUR CATS is published monthly and closing date is the last day of the month preceding the month of publication. MSS. and photographs submitted will only be returned if accompanied by fully stamped and addressed envelopes. Photographs should preferably be of the glossy type with sharp details.

No responsibility is taken for MSS. and photographs during transmission or in our keeping. In the absence of agreement, copyright of all articles belongs to OUR CATS Magazine, which holds the right to reproduce in any form.

Views and opinions expressed in individual articles are not necessarily those held by the Editor.

Yearly Subscription Rate is 17s. 6d. for 12 issues post free (U.S.A. Three Dollars). Single copies 1s. 7d. post free. OUR CATS Magazine is distributed nationally through the usual trade channels and can be ordered through any Newsagent or Bookseller. Cases of difficulty in obtaining copies should be reported to the above address.

### *This is worth thinking about . . . .*

A Subscription to this Magazine makes the ideal present for a cat loving relative or friend . . . . for the New Year, a birthday or any other occasion. It's a gift that lasts the whole year through.

We shall be pleased to send OUR CATS to any part of the world and, if desired, to enclose your personal greeting or message to the recipient.

Our Subscription rate is 17s. 6d. (which includes postage) for twelve monthly issues. Readers in America should remit Three Dollars (by check or bills) and those on the Continent can obtain an International Money Order through their local post office. The address for subscriptions is OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.



## Focus on Kittens

By KATHLEEN YORKE

**It was in 1950 that we first published this soundly practical article on the care and management of litters. The author, who is so eminently qualified to advise on this timely topic, has kindly brought the matériel up-to-date where necessary.**

**T**HE time is here when your mother cat is expecting or will have had her kittens. Their whole future is dependent on the way they are tended and guarded during the first months of their lives. If you know the mother is capable and reliable, leave the kittens to her care at first, always keeping watch to see they are progressing and that each kit is feeding from the mother and not being pushed out.

Often the stronger ones push a weaker one away and it is necessary then to ensure that the unlucky one gets several good feeds. The little mother will sometimes put her paw over it to keep it close to her whilst feeding and later when cleaning it.

Handling young kittens is sometimes necessary, but let that be done by yourself as the mother trusts you. But remember to handle as seldom as possible.

Have a change of blankets ready for the bed, so that you can put the clean one in as the old blanket is taken out. Thus the kittens need only be put on the

clean blanket and not removed from the box.

If the mother cat goes out into the garden she may pick up a flea or two, which will quickly leave her for the young ones. So sprinkle some well-known flea powder *under* the blanket and take care to use a powder free from D.D.T. Never put the powder on top of the blanket where the kittens can roll in it. The mother might get very ill through cleaning them.

It is a wise plan to pin or fix the blanket to the bottom of the box as this prevents the possibility of any of the kittens getting underneath and suffocating.

I have had cats who liked to roll the kits up in the blanket, making a long sausage of it, when they are going out. They cleverly unrolled the blanket on their return and there was always the danger that one of the kits would be left in the last fold and thus get laid on. So fix your blanket and, if you can, have a count on mother's return to the box to see that none of the kits is missing.

The box itself should be arranged so that the mother can get in and out easily. Place it away from any draught as this is fatal to cats and kittens. Do not have



a direct light falling on them. Kittens' eyes must be protected until they are well opened and for a week or two after. Their eyes do not open until about the ninth day, and when open they are very delicate and must be watched in case they stick up. If this happens, gently bathe the eyes night and morning with warm boracic water and rub a tiny smear of vaseline across the lids last thing at night. I have found the last treatment most effective.

### When Eyes Won't Open

When bathing the eyes use a clean piece of cotton wool each time and see that you dry them gently but thoroughly. If left wet the eyes will most likely stick again. If any of the kittens' eyes are not starting to open on the ninth day, hold the kit gently and bathe each eye in turn, keeping the wet, warm wool over each eye for a minute or two. Use the boracic water mentioned above and gently smear with vaseline after you have dried the eyes.

If by the twelfth day the eyes are not opened and look bulgy, you should consult your veterinary surgeon or telephone to one of the Fancy for guidance, such as the Hon. Secretary of the Cat Club you belong to. You will always find that people are willing to help with pets.

Sometimes kittens' eyes get inflamed after they have opened, and this may be caused by the oozing out of the mother's milk, which dries on the fur and causes it to become matted. One should always see that all is clean and free around each teat.

### Everything Clean

Cleanliness is absolutely essential in everything to do with kittens, just as it is with babies. Never leave saucers about when they start to feed and always see that sanitary pans are washed and dried when they are changed, which should be frequently. A kitten will not use a dirty pan and will run off to a corner; thus

bad habits are formed. When they see their mother scratching in a pan they soon understand what is intended. Cats are by nature very clean animals.

The first time a kitten goes to use a pan without its mother's aid, you will often find it running from one spot to another and crying. If the mother is there, she will croon to it. If not, you should talk quietly to the kitten, who will soon understand that all is well and have confidence to use the pan. Sometimes a kit will run to a corner and start to scratch, and if you say "No" very firmly he will run to his pan.

### At 3/4 Weeks

At about three weeks old, if a big litter—perhaps a little later if there are only two or three kittens—I start to offer them some nourishment. Personally, I always start them on pure cow's milk—goat milk is better if you have it. To this I add a wee pinch of sugar or glucose. Sometimes I start them feeding from a grapefruit spoon, at which they will nearly always suckle, and I gradually lower it on to a flat small butter saucer. If they continue to try to lap, I take the spoon away.

I try one kit at a time, either on my lap or on a low table, and if the milk is not taken after an attempt or two, I try out another kit. Some refuse and others will lap up hungrily. As a rule I do this once a day for a few days, then twice, but the hungry kits I would feed twice a day from the start. Very little milk is given at each feed and I keep it warm by putting it in a jar which I stand in hot water.

After a week the kittens should be lapping well. Increase to three little feeds a day and then to four at four weeks old. Thin Benger's Food or Midlothian Oat Flour of a drinking consistency is excellent for two of the meals. Keep to plain milk for the other meals. If you cannot always get milk, Cow & Gate Full Cream is excellent and kittens thrive well on it.

I am a great believer in Farex for kittens and start by mixing a little with the milk and sugar, stirring it well in. This is offered to them round about the fifth week. After the war, when Madame Gibbon, the well-known Continental fancier, was staying with me, she noticed how well my kittens were thriving on Farex and she has used it ever since with great success.

Well-boiled bread and milk sweetened

is also much appreciated by kittens. Add a little top of the milk to it first before giving it. At first they will lap up all the milk, but in a day or two the bread is also taken. You can do this with cornflakes if you prefer.

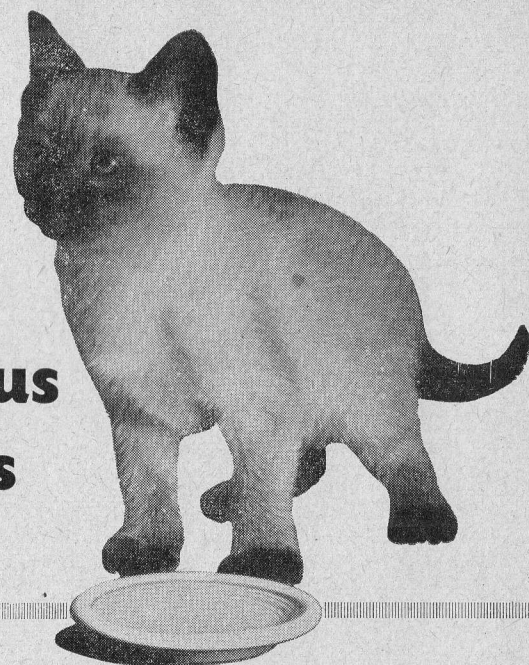
At five weeks I put a tiny sprinkle of calcium powder on the food—about the size of a grain of wheat—and, later on, one drop a day of halibut liver oil.

*(To be concluded next month).*





# Protect against **Feline Infectious Enteritis**



Feline Infectious Enteritis is a very infectious virus disease of cats, sudden in onset and usually fatal. It may be introduced into a cattery following exposure to infection at shows and spreads from cat to cat in a locality. All breeds are susceptible and in some, such as the Siamese, the mortality rate is very high.

To save your cat from this disease consult your veterinary surgeon. He will advise you regarding protection, now possible by the introduction of

**'WELLCOME'**

BRAND

## **FELINE INFECTIOUS ENTERITIS VACCINE**



PREPARED AT THE WELLCOME RESEARCH LABORATORIES  
A BURROUGHS WELLCOME & CO. PRODUCT

## **Correspondence Corner**

Readers are invited to send contributions to this feature and so to join in the useful exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge. Letters should be concise and deal preferably with items of general interest.

### **WHERE PETS ARE WELCOMED**

Just a few lines to let you know how much I enjoy the feature "Tail-pieces" each month. I was particularly interested to read the paragraph about the relaxing of the "No pets" rule in hotels and guest houses.

Any reader who wishes to receive a list of addresses of hotels and boarding houses where dogs and, in some cases, cats and other pets are accepted, should write to Canine Defence, Leaflet 515, 10 Seymour Street, London, N.1. I also know that a stamp to cover postage would be appreciated.

Mrs. J. Hough,  
Palmer's Green, London, N.13.

### **THOSE GIN TRAPS**

I have a feeling that I shall not be the only one of your readers writing to commend the fine action of Mrs. Lorna Hill, who, as reported in your last issue, dumped a number of those terrible gin traps in a nearby river. The continued use of these instruments of torture is a blot on our so-called civilization and whenever I hear them mentioned those lovely words written by James Stephens run through my mind:

I hear a sudden cry of pain!  
There is a rabbit in a snare:  
Now I hear the cry again,  
But I cannot tell from where.

But I cannot tell from where  
He is calling out for aid;  
Crying in the frightened air,  
Making everything afraid.

I have just read that the Ministry of Agriculture are taking a first delivery of a new type of rabbit trap, supposedly

of the humane variety. Will their use bring some relief to the long suffering owners of cats and dogs? I wonder!

G.B.L., Salford, Manchester.

### **A TESTIMONIAL**

I am sending my subscription renewal for the next two years and do please make sure that no issues are omitted. I find OUR CATS so interesting and helpful and I am sure you will be interested to know that through its articles I have followed up the crosses for Red Point Siamese and have got two beautiful males.

My first litter was 1 Black, 1 Royal Seal, 1 Tortie and 1 Red Point and the next litter 2 Blacks, 1 Tortie, 1 Royal Seal and 1 Red Point. Now I have to go on and get the queen.

A South African breeder  
(name and address supplied).

### **CAPONIZING AND STERILITY**

I was most interested in Mrs. Joan Rudd's letter in your last issue because up to a few weeks ago I had no idea that such a thing as chemical caponization was being practiced in the poultry world. Then a letter from a friend who breeds cats in America mentioned the danger of sterilization and I had begun to make some enquiries into the subject. I shall therefore be particularly glad to read your own observations.

P.P.W., Preston, Lancashire.

*Editorial Note:*—I am sure we can all recall the days when the capon, or surgically castrated bird, was popular for the table on account of its plump appearance and greater tenderness and size. The taste to-day is for a smaller





## Out of the bottle . . . into the mouth

**MR. P. BANHAM** of Per Ardua, 25 Larkman Lane, Norwich, writes:—

*"In one of your recent advertisements it was stated that Bruin, the featured cat, 'tries to get Kit-zymes from the bottle.'*

*Down with Bruin! Here are two photographs of my Derry, who not only tries but succeeds in getting his rations out . . . and gets them for his pal Tom as well, if allowed!*

*Tom does not appear in the photographs but he, like Derry, is a 'ginger' and almost a gentleman. They have no claims to pedigree, but Kit-zyme has been just as beneficial to them as to any of your much photographed prize-taking lovelies. Their coats have a healthy gloss and their appetites never leave them!*

*Derry, as you see, helps himself . . . from paw to mouth! Tom, a more conservative cat, has no truck with self-service and takes his tablets from the hand. Both would take more than the suggested ration if given the opportunity and I would not hesitate to recommend Kit-zyme to other owners of ordinary household cats."*

**KIT-ZYME WILL BENEFIT YOUR CAT TOO . . .**

**It is a natural Tonic and Conditioner—NOT a purgative**

## Kit-zyme

**VITAMIN-RICH YEAST**

Promotes resistance to: **LISTLESSNESS, FALLING COAT, LOSS OF APPETITE, SKIN TROUBLES**  
50 (7½ gr.) Tablets 1/6, 250 for 4/-, 750 for 8/-  
**KIT-ZYME is sold by Chemists and most Pet Stores**

Literature Free on Request

If any difficulty in obtaining, write to:

**PHILLIPS YEAST PRODUCTS LTD., Park Royal Road, London, N.W.10**



Reference No. 68

bird and with this change there has been a steady decline in surgical caponization, an operation which called for a great deal of time and skill. In place of the knife we now have chemical caponization for both sexes and there is no doubt at all that there is a real danger of sterilization when the heads of these treated birds are fed to cats.

The synthetic oestrogens (or chemical compounds) which are given to the birds to restrict or reduce their sexual activity can be administered in a number of ways—by incorporation in the food, by injection or by implantation. Pellet implantation is the method most commonly used in this country to-day because it is the easiest and cheapest. It consists of inserting a pellet or tablet containing oestrogen under the skin with the aid of a special injector.

W. M. Allcroft, B.Sc.(Agric.), Ph.D., National Agricultural Advisory Service, writing in an official journal of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, describes how the injector is inserted through a pinched-up fold of the birds' skin at the base of the skull. The pellet is left *in situ* under the skin when the needle is withdrawn. The implant is made as far up the neck as possible.

Mr. Allcroft continues: "Where poultry waste including heads and necks is used for the feeding of animals it is

important that the site of the implant should be carefully examined and all trace of residues removed. If this is not done there is a grave risk that the unabsorbed portions may cause serious effects among animals. There have been cases in the U.S.A. where failure to pay sufficient attention to this has led to outbreaks of abortion on mink and fox fur farms. It is easy to see that when this occurs the farmer loses the whole of his pelt crop for the season. The seller and purchaser of offal from chemical capons should take all precautions to eliminate this sort of disaster, though the onus is more squarely on the purchaser."

There is the warning and the precautionary measures to be taken by cat breeders who are in the habit of feeding chicken heads if they wish to avoid the risk of sterility among their stock.

---

**About that letter you were going to send us. Why not sit down and write it NOW? Correspondence Corner is YOUR feature. Please help to keep it interesting and of value to other cat lovers.**

---

## LAURENTIDE SEAL & BLUE POINT SIAMESE & RUSSIAN BLUES

*Excel as Pets*

Scientifically bred for stamina and other desirable qualities

Kittens usually for sale from prize winning Queens

Seal Point Siamese and Russian Blue Studs available to approved Queens



LAURENTIDE JADE

**MRS. A. HARGREAVES, F.Z.S.**  
NETHERTON HOUSE • DREWSTEIGNTON  
NR. EXETER, DEVON • Drewsteignton 232



## Victims of the Floods

By THE EDITOR

THE countrywide concern evinced over the sufferings of domestic animals in the great flood disaster of February 1st was the latest shining example of their established and secure place in our national life. As the grim picture was revealed in print, over the air and on the television screen and as bit by bit we learned of the terrible toll of human life and property taken by the angry waters as they surged over our East Coast defences and the dyke walls of Holland, it became apparent that many hundreds of domestic pets had shared the fate of their unfortunate owners. Many were swept away to instant death, some experienced alarming adventures before they were rescued and others were left dazed and bewildered by the suddenly-changed world around them.

Our humane organisations were quickly on the scene to render aid and assistance. The work of their officials in the face of deplorable weather conditions was truly magnificent and it should go on record that in many instances they received valuable assistance from the military and voluntary helpers.

### Many Offered Homes

The R.S.P.C.A. alone rescued over 10,000 animals from heavy farm cattle to white mice and hibernating tortoises that were utterly oblivious to the seriousness of the occasion. Many homeless cats were collected by the P.D.S.A. and taken to their Ilford sanatorium, where, as you can see from the picture on the opposite page, they were provided with comfortable quarters while they waited for their owners to claim them. People wrote from all over the country offering homes to these evacuees but, of course, there could be no question of adoption while any hope remained alive that they would eventually be claimed or able to return to their old homes. Some of these cats,

alas, are still waiting for the sound of a familiar voice.

The Cats' Protection League rushed food and bedding for the cats brought to the evacuation centre for the Canvey Island district. It was on Canvey Island that I heard of food and water being passed through the letter boxes for stranded pets.

### A "Gentleman Cat"

At Jaywick, where the sea struck with tremendous force, a rescue party heard the cries of 65-year-old nursing sister Louise Kemp. She had been trapped in the windowless loft of her bungalow for 31 hours with her tabby cat Tiger. She had had no food or drink and was only lightly clad. After she had been rescued and taken to hospital, Sister Kemp said: "I was in a deep sleep when my Tiger—he's a real gentleman cat—pawed me and I saw the water swirling around in the room. As it rose, I climbed on to the top of a wardrobe and made a hole in the ceiling with a clothes hanger. I bundled Tiger through the hole and followed him into the loft."

Tiger was subsequently rescued and labelled "Sister Kemp's Cat" to await a grateful owner's discharge from hospital.

### Official Heart Melted

Then there was the amazing story of Mrs. Rosemary Allen, an old-age-pensioner living on Canvey Island, who sat on the top shelf of her dining room sideboard for four days and nights without food, water, light or heat. She was not completely alone for when this very brave old lady was eventually rescued and taken away in a police car for treatment, she had with her the cat who shared her terrifying experiences.

(continued on page 12)

## A page for the proletarian puss No. 33



Keystone Press Agency

### PATIENT EVACUEES

These are a few of the 199 cats rescued from the floods, mostly in the Canvey Island area, and taken to await reunion with their owners at the P.D.S.A. Sanatorium at Ilford.



One of the lighter stories of the disaster concerns the young R.A.F. National Serviceman stationed in Suffolk who for two days had been worried about his black-and-white cat. His C.O. granted him special leave to see if it was all right. The young man made his way to Canvey Island, waded through the waters at considerable risk and discomfort to himself and eventually found his pet. He was later seen by a newspaperman walking back along the high road with the cat nestling in his arms.

## Front Line Reports

Many of the reports filed at the headquarters of the various humane organisations provided a vivid picture of the appalling "front line" conditions with which the rescue units had to contend.

For example, a report to P.D.S.A. head office from the Canvey Island area ran: Unspeakable chaos. Vast areas flooded to depth of 4ft. and more. Hundreds of animals drowned, others starving and in pitiable state. Reception centre established opposite Haystack Inn. Empty bungalow lent by resident for animal rest centre. Many animal owners fighting their way back through flood to find their animals. Numerous bodies of both humans and animals floating in the flooded streets... Boats hired or borrowed to rescue isolated animals. Saw cat crouching on roof by a broomstick to which white handkerchief attached. Entered house by upper window and found bodies of

occupiers, including boy of seven. Rescued the cat.

From Whitstable: Saw several cats looking out of top windows apparently unperturbed. As they were safe and comfortable put supplies of food through the windows and left them there. ... Treated large numbers of cats suffering from results of sea water immersion.



**We are indebted to one of our Dutch readers, Dr. B. W. Kroon, for this graphic picture of a family of evacuees from one of the flooded districts of Holland. A dishevelled and worried mother nurses the youngest of her three fine sons, one of whom, Henny, holds on tight to the treasured pet he has saved from death in the rising waters.**

## All fanciers should read

### "THE CAT FANCY"

A monthly journal devoted entirely to Pedigree Cats now in its sixth year

- JUDGES' FULL REPORTS ON THE SHOWS ● BREEDERS' NEWS
- THE FANCY OVERSEAS ● CLUB MEETINGS AND REPORTS
- STUD AND SALES ADVERTISEMENTS, ETC., ETC.

Single copies 10d. Post free. Yearly Subscription 10s.

Obtainable only from . . THE EDITOR (KIT WILSON)  
"THE LOFT" 18 SOUTH END KENSINGTON W.8

## Skin Diseases — More about Eczema

By P. M. SODERBERG

Author of "Cat Breeding and General Management" and other books.  
Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club.

AT the conclusion of last month's article on eczema it was assumed that the veterinarian would first regard this disease as one dependent upon diet and the consequent digestion of the food which had been given. In a way that was definitely an over-simplification of the situation, but it was nevertheless essentially true. It did, however, neglect certain other possibilities.

It is now recognised that disease of certain organs and glands in the body may produce eczema in cats. Naturally this is a subject in which I am completely out of my depth. How far disease of the liver or pancreas is responsible for eczema in individual cases is something about which I know nothing at all. But this one fact is clear, that with the development of veterinary science it is not beyond the bounds of probability that even surgical treatment may be resorted to in cases which have long proved intractable to what one would consider to be more normal treatment.

The next point of interest to the cat owner who suspects that his cat is suffering from eczema is to know something of the symptoms which are apparent to the eye, for, although he will obviously seek professional advice for both diagnosis and treatment, some elementary knowledge will be of use and interest before the cat is taken to the veterinarian.

The first fact to be recognised is that there are two distinct types of cat eczema. The terms commonly used are wet eczema and dry eczema. Whether or not this is an indication of a different form of the disease in fact, or whether it is merely that the complaint affects different individuals in a different manner is not really

a matter which can be discussed in any detail here.

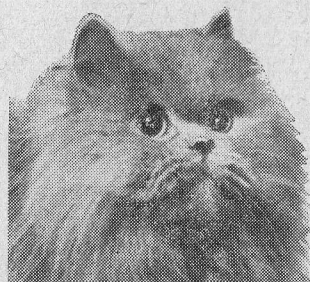
Ruling out for the moment those cases which result from diseased organs, we can consider the subject from the point of view of the cat's blood. If this blood is carrying toxins, they may affect different parts of the skin surface in definite ways. It may be that this toxin-laden blood stream affects the nerves and produces an inflammation which is carried to the nerve ends found on the surface of the body. On the other hand, the nerves may not be obviously affected and the significant signs of trouble may occur at those places on the skin where the smallest of the blood-carrying vessels are situated. I just do not know, so it is no use pretending that I do, but I must make the one point here that nervous affections can influence eczema.

## The Wet Variety

Wet eczema, as its name implies, shows on the skin patches which are moist. The amount of fluid produced to cause the irritation is too copious to be quickly absorbed and thus there are wet or sometimes even blister-like patches. Some years ago I had a dog which periodically suffered from this form of eczema, and the amazing thing about it was that the dog would be perfectly fit early in the evening and yet a few hours later would scratch violently. Inspection showed a number of wet patches which had appeared in a short space of time.

The most remarkable thing about this case was that the patches always appeared on the outside of the back legs and never anywhere else. I have never had a cat with wet eczema, but I have heard of cases in which the lesions were always confined to a comparatively small





## “Film Stars envy my coat”

says prize-winning Blue Persian Eireanne Apollo, bred and owned by Mrs. E. Marlow, Eireanne Catterie, London, W.14.



PEOPLE often ask Mrs. Marlow how she wins so many prizes. Good breeding and good feeding is her answer. She gives her stock 'Tibs' tablets regularly and recommends them as a source of the vitamins and minerals that help to keep a cat in show condition.

*famous breeders say:*

**TIBS**  
KEEP CATS  
KITTENISH



10d. and 2/-



area of the body and were never widespread.

Dry eczema produces far less fluid and this is quickly absorbed to leave dry, scaly patches of skin. I have had a cat with this form of eczema. The first sign of trouble is often violent scratching and the immediate supposition was that the cat had an unwanted guest which must be caught and destroyed. Careful examination, however, showed there were a number of slightly raised red patches varying in size on the back. By the next morning, even without any form of treatment, the redness had largely disappeared and the affected parts were covered with dry scales.

### Eczema—Wet and Dry

I cannot say which form of eczema produces the greater irritation, but both lead to considerable scratching and it is for this reason that treatment should be immediately applied.

As one form of eczema is wet and the other dry, it seems quite clear that the substances applied to the skin cannot be the same, for the wet eczema should be dried by the application of powders rather than lotions. This must be a matter which can safely be left to the veterinarian, but, if you are one of those people who insist on doing your own doctoring, and there are such people, then do remember that there are two different conditions which need different treatment.

The first thing to do is to alleviate the irritation, for constant scratching will only make matters worse and may produce wounds which could become infected. It takes a little time to look for new patches and to treat them at once, but from the point of view of the comfort of the cat the effort is well worth while. There is just one further point to make with reference to external applications for eczema; it is that cats are definitely allergic to coal tar derivatives. What may suit you who are not in the habit of

licking yourself may be entirely unsuitable for your cat.

External treatment alone is not enough to effect a cure unless the cause is so simple that it can easily be removed by a change of diet. Rarely is the cat owner so fortunate as to find the simple case. There are a number of stock prescriptions which have been used by veterinary surgeons for a number of years, but more recently it has been increasingly realised that these prescriptions do not always meet the individual case and that the very particular nature of the disease may mean that a number of medicaments must be tried before the right one is found.

### Aids to Digestion

It may be necessary to provide extracts such as pancreatin which will help in the more satisfactory digestion of food. On the other hand, the veterinarian has at his disposal many other glandular extracts which he may wish to try. Such matters must be left entirely to him, and the only wise precaution that the cat owner should take is to see that the veterinarian he consults is one who knows cats. To-day, far more attention is paid to the needs of small animals such as cats, but it is not every veterinary practitioner who has either the same opportunities or the same interests with regard to small animals.

Well, this is all I have to say for the present on the subject of eczema, and it may be more than enough. If, however, it has banished the bogey of ringworm for some of you, and led others to investigate the causes of scratching with a more intelligent eye, what I have written will not have been entirely useless.

### IMMUNISATION

Cat Flu  
Feline Enteritis  
Sera and Vaccine for  
prevention and cure

Details from: VETRINAID PRODUCTS  
122 SUNNINGFIELDS ROAD, LONDON, N.W.4



# Cats in Shakespeare

By BRIAN INGRAM

THIS title is quite unequivocal, and, fortunately, we are not concerned with the claims of Bacon, Marlow or Edmund de Vere to the authorship of Shakespeare's plays. Neither is Will's attitude to cats of any importance at present as we are more interested in clarifying the position and influence of the cat in the late 16th century as seen through the eyes of our greatest dramatist.

The first Elizabethans were a lusty, practical people who reserved any sentiment for each other. All other forms of life were only tolerated so long as they proved useful to man. We have no fireside sphinx, no homely puss in Shakespeare's world. There are two doubtful exceptions, but both are in the nature of flippant asides: Launce, servant to Proteus, one of the Two Gentlemen of Verona, bewails a misfortune so great that he saw

*"Our cat wringing her hands."*

Hotspur counters Glendower's boast that the earth trembled in fear at his birth with:

*"Why, so would it have done,  
At the same season, if your mother's cat  
Had but kittened . . ."*

Most of the references are inspired by popular superstitions and Shakespeare had little affection for

*"... creatures vile, as cats and dogs,  
Of no esteem . . ."*

Ailurophobia was a recognised complaint, though certainly not by that name, and Shylock recognised it as an incurable allergy by referring to

*"Some that are mad if they behold a cat."*

Bertram (*All's Well that Ends Well*) is another sufferer who

*"... could endure anything . . . but a cat . . ."*

Bertram shows his aversion to Parolles by likening him to a cat. In Shakespeare's day dislike of cats indicated bad temper, baseness and cowardice, faults very noticeable in Bertram's character. The Rev. Edward Topsell gives a quaint account of this allergy in his contemporary *Historie of Foure Footed Beastes*:

*"There is in some men a natural dislike and abhorring of cats, their natures being so composed that not only when they see them, but being near them and unseen, and hid of purpose, they fall into passions, fettings, sweatings, and pulling off their hats, and trembling fearfully, as I have known many . . . ; and therefore they have cried out to take away the Cats."*

## Witches and Wizards

To the eternal shame of mankind cats have been made to suffer until very recent times, through their natural preference for the company of solitary social outcasts. These witches and wizards, so-called friends of the devil, were a real and frightening factor of the English scene three-hundred-and-fifty years ago, and there are numerous references to them and their feline companions in Shakespeare's plays, the cats figuring as accessories in their incantations.

*"Thrice the brinded cat hath mewed"* chants one of the three hags in *Macbeth*—a sure sign that the oracle was about to be "worked." Edgar, disguised as the madman "Poor Tom," rounds off his crazy speech with:

*"Pur, the cat is grey"*

which appears to be the equivalent to the more familiar "abracadabra."

Proverbs and figures of speech occur throughout the plays, and are often deliberately altered or punned upon. Cats are frequently the subjects of these sayings and throw light on some of the customs of the late Tudors. Many are obvious

similes and still current to-day, such as Claudio's

*"What though care killed the cat,"*  
and

*"They'll take suggestion as a cat laps milk,"*

says Antonio in *The Tempest*. Others are less familiar, and require some explanation like Stephano's remark on offering Caliban a drink:

*"There is that which will give language to you, cat,"*

referring to the saying that "good liquor will make a cat talk." This has a double meaning if we remember that Stephano is described as "A drunken butler" in the list of *dramatis persone*—only the best for a toper.

Rather an unpleasant note is struck by Benedick's

*"Hang me in a bottle like a cat, and shoot at me,"*

which refers to the revolting practice of forcing a living cat into a bottle or wicker-work basket thus forming a target

for archery practice. This is reminiscent of the St. Bartholomew's Eve "sport" of the French who filled a wicker basket with live cats and then flung it onto a bonfire, the screams of the unfortunate animals depicting the agony of souls in torment.

That foolish Athenian, Bottom, boasting of his acting prowess asserts:

*"I could play Ercles rarely; or a part to tease a cat in,"*

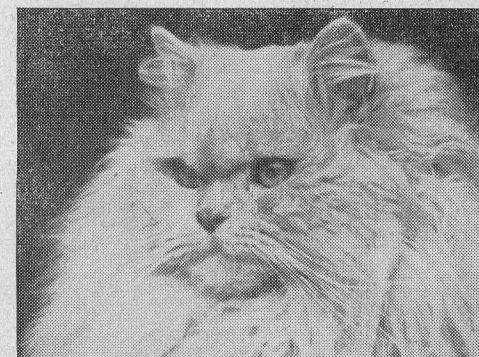
which again, sounds rather barbaric, but it is only a figure of speech for a ranting performance, perhaps originating with a burlesque of Hercules' struggle with the Lion of Nemea. In another contemporary play, Tom Middleton's *Roaring Girl*, there is a character called Tearcat, whose behaviour well justifies this interpretation.

There are more such examples. Cats occur about fifty times in Shakespeare's plays and perhaps I may have the opportunity to pursue the theme in some future issue.

## DANEHURST CATTERY

Owner: Gordon B. Allt, F.Z.S.

BLUE, CREAM & CHINCHILLA PERSIANS



CHAMPION DANEHURST PRINCESS (Cream Persian)

Prize Stud Cats available. Kittens by prize-winning stock usually for sale—to approved homes only.  
Can be seen by appointment.

OLD LANE, ST. JOHNS, CROWBOROUGH, SUSSEX  
Crowborough 407



# AMAZING NEW DISCOVERY BANISHES CAT SMELLS INDOORS



Let's be frank! Keeping a cat or kitten indoors has its unpleasant moments—someone has to empty kitty's toilet box every day. That is why you will be so delighted with KITTY-PAK, the amazing new deodorant.

**KITTY-PAK** is a scientifically prepared material for your cat's toilet box that completely dries, deodorizes and absorbs all waste matter, making daily cleaning quite unnecessary.

**KITTY-PAK** does not adhere to fur or paws, and it is absolutely harmless.

**KITTY-PAK** is so economical too, one 7 lb. carton will keep your home sweet and clean for weeks, and it costs only 3/6d.

Take advantage of this great scientific achievement to-day. Once you have used KITTY-PAK you will wonder how you ever managed without it.

## Kitty-Pak

Manufacturer Prov. Patent

Please send me a 7lb. carton of KITTY-PAK  
I Enclose a P.O. for 4/6 (3/6 & 1/- Part cost of postage)

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

ADDRESS



Buy a carton of KITTY-PAK from your pet shop to-day or post this coupon direct to the manufacturers.

**New Milton Supply Co. Ltd.**  
Milford-on-Sea (Hants.)



## Tailpieces

A regular newsy feature with a selection of the best items from home and overseas



A VISITOR to this country from Malaya was talking over the air about the living conditions she had left behind. She was greatly puzzled to know where the daily milk supply was going. The answer was supplied by a Malay servant who explained that a cat purring was interceding with the gods.

A cat who managed to get himself trapped on the water tower at a Poplar power station caused a lot of commotion. Firemen with a turntable ladder were called in and a searchlight lit up the scene as they climbed 100 feet to the top of the tower. After two hours work they had to give up and a fish-baited trap was prepared and laid. Puss was tempted and brought down on the following morning.

The R.S.P.C.A. prosecuted a woman at Bootle for dropping a kitten out of a window. During the hearing of the case she was said to have told the police: "I admit throwing the cat out of the window. I thought it was a stray." The kitten's injuries were not serious. When told she would be fined £1 with £1 costs the defendant said: "I will have to use a cosh to get some money."

Mrs. Dorothy Horlock, joint licensee of the Bricklayers' Arms, Bermondsey, found the boiler room a mass of flames. She called the fire brigade and then rushed back to rescue her two cats. Firemen using breathing apparatus very soon had the outbreak under control.

The London *Star* newspaper is running an interesting series of stories on the

mother theme which are contributed by readers. A recent prizewinning effort was submitted by an ex-staff nurse at a busy London hospital. She recounted how one day, the big day of the week when "the Chief" did his clinical round and gave bedside lectures to the medical students, one of the stray cats with which the hospital abounded had her kittens in the linen cupboard. The family was hastily removed to the porter's lodge. But some time later, again on the day of the Chief's round, the cat struggled back up two flights of stairs with a kitten in her mouth. Everyone held their breath and waited for an explosion from the Chief. Instead, he looked at the cat and said quietly to the assembled students: "And there, gentlemen, goes the eternal miracle which puts to confusion all that medical science can teach you—the triumph of the mother instinct over apparently insurmountable difficulties."

The 1953/54 show season will open in London as is usual with the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show in July. The date and venue have now been fixed—31st at the Royal Horticultural Hall. Entries will be restricted to kittens and neuters with classes for brood queens and studs. Mrs. A. Vize will be the new show manager and Mrs. Aitken has succeeded Mr. Frank Williams as the Club's hon. secretary.

Katherine Terrot, Chairman and Secretary of the Bexhill Cat Club, has hit on a novel idea for the entertainment and instruction of members at their social gatherings. She has purchased an Episcope, a form of magic lantern, and with



its aid she projects cat news and pictures on to a screen. And from where does she get many of the fine pictures for this feline Movietone News? From this magazine, of course!

Two young mineworkers—Roy Pottle (17) and Brian Edwards (18), both of Herne Bay, Kent—were found guilty at Canterbury of an act of deliberate cruelty to a cat by setting fire to its tail. Each was fined £22 10s. 0d. for what the prosecutor for the R.S.P.C.A. described as a wanton and sadistic deed.

Some interesting figures are disclosed in the R.S.P.C.A. review of their operations during 1952. Their inspectors investigated 30,750 complaints of cruelty to animals which led to 962 convictions, 23 prison sentences and 11,559 verbal cautions. Although the Society is always reluctant to take children to court, 151 convictions were obtained in juvenile courts for cruelty to animals, a serious state of affairs. Dogs are the animals most frequently the victims of convicted cruelty. They featured in 288 cases, cats featured in 110 cases. About 400,000 patients were handled and 103 awards were presented for animal life saving.

Financial aid is sorely needed to extend the work of the R.S.P.C.A. overseas. In Singapore, for instance, where religious belief forbids the taking of animal life and unwanted cats and dogs are put in sacks and left on the roadway to be run over by passing vehicles. Gifts in envelopes marked "Overseas Fund" will be welcomed by the General Secretary, R.S.P.C.A., Jermyn Street, S.W.1.

A news item from Melssetter, Rhodesia, gives details of an unusual fight between an eagle and a cat. The cat was playing with her kittens when the big bird swooped down and carried her off. But the cat was more than a match for the eagle. She forced it to earth and continued her attack until the eagle was dead.

A 4-year-old black and white cat named Snooty has arrived back at his old home in Windermere after walking 120 miles from Sandbach, Cheshire. Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson took Snooty with them in the back of their car when they moved to their new home in Sandbach in September. Three days later he disappeared only to turn up five months later—rather wild but otherwise in good condition—at the house of the Richardson's former neighbours in Windermere.

An unusual claim was settled by Judge Kingsley Griffith at Bridlington County Court, where the ownership of a stuffed two-headed cat was in dispute. The licensee of a local hotel sued another local licensee for the return of the cat or its value—£20—and £20 derived from the hiring out of the cat on exhibition. Judgment was given for the hotel keeper in whose premises the curiosity has been left for three years. He said after the case had been settled that he intended to give the cat to a museum.

MICKEY.

## WILL YOU PLEASE HELP

BY

1. **Recommending OUR CATS to your friends at home and overseas.**
2. **Renewing your subscription on the first application. Tell us should you not be able for any reason to renew.**
3. **Using our advertisement pages as much as possible.**
4. **Sending us good pictures and news items from local papers.**
5. **Providing names and addresses of customers and cat-loving friends whom you would like to receive a specimen copy of OUR CATS. This information will be treated in strictest confidence.**

## Quiz!

In which "thirsters after knowledge" are handed over to our panel of experts. Readers are invited to submit their questions—by post, please, marking their envelopes "Quiz" in the top left-hand corner.

### An Old Book

**When I was a small girl I used to look in a book in which there were a number of cat pictures. I was not old enough at the time to read the book, but I still remember well a picture of a kitten called Banjo. Do you happen to know this book?**

We only know of one book in which a kitten called Banjo was one of the illustrations. Banjo was a poorly marked tabby with a very white chest and a particularly snipey face. The book was the life story of Henriette Ronner and was illustrated with many of her cat pictures. It was published by Cassell & Co. somewhere in the 1880's at 50s., but there was a cheap edition which appeared in 1892. Henriette Ronner could certainly draw, but all her cats seemed to be singularly lacking in character. Many of the paintings were pretty pictures, but that was all that one could say about them.

### On Telegony

**I have been told several times that if I allow my Blue Persian queen to run wild she will be mated by a stray tom, and that if this happens she will be useless for breeding pure-bred kittens afterwards. Is this true?**

It depends upon which part of your question you are referring to when you say, "Is this true?" If you allow any queen to run wild all the time, she will undoubtedly have kittens which will be sired by some marauding male. Cats are made that way as you may have noticed

when your sleep has been disturbed by the singing on the roof or beneath your bedroom window. With a little experience you will sense when your queen is coming into season. That is just the time to keep her away from any gallant strays and to send her to a pure-bred stud cat if you desire to breed pedigree kittens. The second part of your question is sheer rubbish from a scientific point of view. It was believed for a long time that the mismating of female cats or dogs had an effect on all succeeding litters. This was called telegony, but it just does not mean a thing scientifically. One mating can only affect the litter that is produced from that mating. So, if the lady mismates, be more careful the next time she calls, and send her to a Blue Longhair stud. All the kittens will be Blue Longhairs if the parents have been bred that way.

### A Feline Dribbler

**I have a neutered marmalade cat who dribbles whenever he sees food. He also tries to rub away the saliva from his mouth. Can you tell me how to cure this objectionable habit?**

If it is a habit, we do not know what you can do about it. But we doubt very much whether it is a habit at all. Some dogs are notorious dribblers when there is food about, and, although cats who do this are not unknown, they are extremely rare—so rare, in fact, that breeders of long experience have never seen one. It is much more likely that your cat's teeth are causing the trouble. The fact that he rubs his mouth with his paw points to this. Look at the teeth and if they are



brown round the gums let your vet. carry out a more thorough inspection. If our guess is correct, the removal of tartar and the extraction of any decayed teeth should put an end to the dribbling.

### Hardy's Poem

**I have had an argument with a friend about two lines of poetry which I happened to quote. The two lines are :—"Never another pet for me! Let your place all vacant be." I said that the lines referred to a dog, but my friend was equally certain that the pet referred to was a cat. Neither of us know the poem or its writer.**

Your friend was right as the two lines do refer to a cat which actually belonged to the great Victorian novelist, Thomas Hardy. Hardy lost his cat as the result of an accident and was so upset that he made up his mind never to own another; a determination which he adhered to for many years. The title of the poem is "Last Words to a Dumb Friend." The poem is too long to quote in full, but here are the first four lines :—

"Pet was never mourned as you,  
Purrer of the spotless hue,  
Plumy tail, and wistful gaze,  
While you humoured our queer ways."

### Meals or Mice

**Some people say that a well fed cat will never be a good mouser; others that the best mousers are those which are well fed. What am I to believe? My cat is well fed yet she makes no attempt to catch mice.**

The catching of mice and other small creatures is instinctive to cats and has little relationship to feeding. There may have been a time when cats had to catch mice to feed themselves, but surely that was before the days of real domestication. An active, intelligent cat is always a good mouser and will remain one even if it is well fed. More often than not cats treat

the catching of mice as though it were a game and a test of agility. It is cruel to keep any cat short of food in the hope that it will become a better mouser. If you feed to produce fitness, you should have no cause for disappointment. On the other hand, overfeeding makes a cat fat and sluggish and it has little interest in anything but sleep. The emphasis must be on feeding for fitness. Most young cats are good mousers, but some become less interested when old age creeps on, as it inevitably will.

### Vitamin C

**Do cats need vitamin C in their diet? I have read that the cat has no need of this substance.**

This is one of the questions that we like to get for the simple reason that we do not know the answer! It has been said that cats can produce internally their vitamin C from other foods which are given to them, but that statement would lead us into the realms of veterinary science and research into the nutritional needs of the cat. A balanced diet for a cat should certainly contain some green vegetable, and in that case, if the greens have not been cooked to death, vitamin C will be present to satisfy any need a cat may have for this substance. We do not suggest that it is necessary to feed fruit juices to a cat, but we are convinced of the value of green vegetables. There was a useful tip in a recent issue of this magazine concerning the growing of garlic and the feeding of the green shoots to cats. It is not always easy to convince a cat that greens should be eaten.

### BO'SUN!

**We regret that the adventures of our Sailor Siamese are missing from this issue. It is hoped and expected that we shall hear again from Dee Blackburn (on board the yacht "Mary Hillier" in the Mediterranean) in time to catch our next (April) issue.**

## Our Hunt for a Home

By EDWARD MUNRO

**W**E have just moved into a 450-year-old cottage and with electricians, plumbers and other craftsmen all over the place, we decided to board out six of the cat family for a week or two, taking with us only the two queens, Blue Belle of Scotland and Queenie, each with a week-old litter.

So it became a question of finding a suitable boarding kennel where we could leave them for a while. In the urgent interest of all cat lovers, I must reveal that our hunt for a suitable temporary home for the cats turned out to be an adventure. I visited no less than seven boarding kennels; all either advertise themselves as such or show notice boards for the passing motorist.

I did not inspect the boarding arrangements for dogs. For all I know, these may have been the last word in comfort and luxury. But as for boarding cats...! Well, here is an untarnished description of some of the places. Naturally, I telephoned before planning to call to ask if they could board cats and was told they did take cats as well as dogs.

### Among the Rabbits

In kennel No. 1 I was taken to a shed in a small field behind the house. It had a flimsy corrugated iron roof, a concrete floor in bad state of repair and it was open on one side. Inside were a dozen or so rabbit hutches, some containing rabbits, and another row of newly-made hutches, size 2-ft. wide by 16 inches high and 20 inches deep.

*These, I was told, were the kennels for the cats and "I should consider myself lucky the kennel could help me as they had just had four cats for several weeks, but the owner had just had them back."*

I managed to find out that the owner

of these four unhappy cats was a dear old lady who had never been to the kennel. The kennel owner had collected the cats and returned them to their home when the old lady returned from holiday.

When I pointed out that our cats were rather valuable and were pets we were very fond of and the question of exercise was rather important, the kennel "expert" suggested he could "nail a bit of chicken fencing wire along the open side of the shed and the cats might then disport themselves among the rabbit hutches at set times."

I then asked if he did not think that an open shed with its open side facing the North might not be a bit risky for cats, but the idea was pooh-poohed in light-hearted manner. The charge for boarding six cats would be 2s. per day each, 14s. per week for each cat.

### Cold and Miserable

In kennel No. 7, the building set aside for cats was, as the owner pointed out, quite a distance from the dog kennels. This showed that at least he did know something about cats.

Here again it was a long shed with a corrugated iron roof, but with wooden walls, a concrete floor, double door on one side and windows along a passage into which the cages for the cats opened. The cages were 6ft. x 6ft. and two of them were occupied. Some straw was strewn on the concrete floor. In the corner of its cage, the miserable occupant was crouching on top of the box he was supposed to sleep in. I handled both cats; they were thoroughly cold and miserable, dispirited and decidedly underweight.

In this brief survey, I have described the worst and the best of the seven



## DIRECTORY OF LONGHAIR BREEDERS

FOR RELIABLE STUDS AND STOCK (Arranged alphabetically)

### BOURNESIDE CATTERY

Black, Cream and Blue-Cream Persians

At Stud:

Ch. **BOURNESIDE BLACK DIAMOND**,  
Sire of Champion cats and Winning Kittens.

MRS. E. G. AITKEN, BOURNESIDE,  
2 COMMONFIELD ROAD, BANSTEAD, SURREY  
Tel.: BURGHEATH 2754

### GORDON B. ALLT, F.Z.S.

#### DANEHURST CATTERY

DANEHURST, OLD LANE  
ST. JOHNS, CROWBOROUGH  
Crowborough 407

Enquiries invited for the popular  
Danehurst Longhairs — Blue  
Persians, Creams and Chinchillas

See displayed and Stud advertisements in this issue

### I SELL BY COMPARISON

#### WHITE PERSIANS, CREAM & BLUE-CREAM PERSIANS

Only Champions for Export  
None for resale

BILLIEBANCROFT, "CLOUD TOP,"  
BOX 240, ROCKAWAY 1, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

### DEEBANK BLUE & CREAM PERSIANS

Kittens of outstanding  
quality usually for sale

At Stud **MALMARY TAFETACE** } Blues  
**SNAB HORNBLLOWER** } Cream  
**DEEBANK TOBY**

Queens met at Liverpool or Birkenhead

Enquiries to MISS BULL, ELM COTTAGE  
THORNTON HOUGH, CHESHIRE  
Thornton Hough 214

### PRIORY BLUE & CREAM PERSIANS

At Stud: **GEM OF PENSFORD**

Excelling in type and wonder-  
ful pale colour. Sire of Woburn Sunshine and  
many other winning kittens. Fee 2½ gns.  
Also at Stud: **ELMWOOD CAVALIER**. Lovely Cream,  
Challenge Certificate winner, Southern Counties  
1952. Fee 2 gns.

MRS. L. DAVIES, "THE JOLLY FARMER,"  
GOLD HILL, CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.  
Gerrards Cross 2464

### LENDREENA CREAM AND BLUE PERSIANS

At Stud: **CH. TOLLERTON TALISMAN**  
(ex Parkwood Nerika and Walverdene Major)

Pure Pale CREAM, excellent type, deep copper  
eyes, siring strong healthy kittens. Enquiries to

MRS. L. DYER, 37 OAKFIELD ROAD  
SELLY PARK, BIRMINGHAM (Tel.: 1465)  
Queens met New Street Station

### BARWELL RED TABBIES

At Stud: **BARWELL DERRY**

1st Ch. Notts & Derby, 1952. 1st Ch. S.C.C.C., 1952

Young Stud, good deep colour and clear  
markings, excellent in type and eye-colour

Beautiful Red and Tortie Kittens  
may be booked in advance

MRS. DENYS FAWELL, THE LAWNS  
SALHOUSE, NORWICH Tel.: Salhouse 226

### REDWALLS CHINCHILLAS & CREAMS

Export a Speciality

Exquisite kittens sometimes  
for sale

MRS. E. M. HACKING, RED WALLS,  
LIPHOOK, HANTS. Liphook 3204.

### BARALAN PERSIANS

At Stud—Ch. **BARALAN BOY BLUE**

Sire of many winning Kittens both at  
home and abroad

Young son of Ch. DEEBANK MICHAEL

MRS. E. L. HENN, SEVERN HOUSE  
EARDINGTON, BRIDGNORTH, SALOP  
Tel.: Bridgnorth 2285

### THE ALLINGTON BLUE PERSIANS & CHINCHILLAS

Renowned throughout the world for type,  
colour, coat and wide-awake eyes

Enquiries for CATS AT STUD or  
YOUNG STOCK FOR SALE to

MISS EVELYN LANGSTON  
8 CRAFTON RISE, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS  
Tel.: Maidenhead 813

### POLDENHILLS CHINCHILLAS

PRIZE WINNERS

At Stud: **POLDENHILLS HYPERION**  
(Proved Sire)

MRS. CHAS. POLDEN  
MARKET HOTEL, REIGATE

Kittens may be booked in advance to  
approved homes only

### MRS. JOAN THOMPSON'S PENSFORD BLUES, CREAMS AND BLUE-CREAMS

Breeder of Ch. **ASTRA OF PENSFORD**, Ch. **DANDY OF  
PENSFORD** (Denmark), Ch. **ROYAL OF PENSFORD**  
(New Zealand), Int. Ch. **TWINKLE OF PENSFORD**  
(Denmark), Ch. **TWILIGHT OF PENSFORD** (Italy).  
Ch. **DAWN OF PENSFORD** and many other winners.  
130 WICKHAM WAY, BECKENHAM, KENT  
Beckenham 6904

kennels I visited. The charge at all of  
them was the same, 2s. per cat per day.  
I shall not repeat what I said to the  
kennel owners.

However, while this sorry tale may,  
I hope, wake up all cat lovers to the  
obvious necessity for good, hygienic and  
comfortable boarding kennels for cats,  
I must also relate how by chance we did  
eventually find an ideal place.

It was a very old, large house which  
very modestly describes itself as "an  
animal lover's home," and indeed it was.  
There I found a family of animal lovers  
who for a very modest fee will look after  
any animal or pet. Our family of cats  
was given a large airy but warm room in  
the "animal wing" of the house, and  
within minutes they were on the best of  
terms with their hostess and her children.  
When we finally took them home we  
could tell at a glance that everyone of our  
family was in the best of physical and  
mental condition.

## A Hotel for Siamese

At LOW KNAP Siamese Cats  
are boarded in ideal conditions  
and looked after by Dr. and  
Mrs. Francis who love and  
understand them.

Stringent precautions are taken  
against the possible introduction  
of infectious disease and no cat  
can be accepted without our  
own Certificate of Health,  
signed by the owner.

Photographs and detailed Pros-  
pectus from

DR. and MRS. FRANCIS  
LOW KNAP, HALSTOCK,  
Nr. YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

Tel. Corscombe 250.



Nema Worm Capsules  
soon put us right! No nasty  
after-effects either. A  
single treatment is effective  
in removing hookworms  
and roundworms.

**NEMA**  
WORM CAPSULES  
A PARKE-DAVIS PRODUCT  
From all Chemists





*Dagens Nyheter*

**This lovely Cream female Champion AVIARY BLOSSOM was Best Cat at the Stockholm Show last month. She is being displayed by an expert in display—the Swedish star model Kim Söderlund. Blossom was bred in England by Mrs. Todd from Ch. Bayhorne Minton ex Aviary Creme Belle and exported to her present proud Swedish owner Mrs. Lilly Westerlund. A brief report of the Stockholm Show appears on page 30.**



Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

**M**RS. JOAN THOMPSON — popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

#### C.P.L. at Floods

**M**ANY letters I received from abroad expressed concern about the welfare of animals in the tragic floods of early February. So I wrote to Mr. Steward, Secretary of The Cats' Protection League, knowing he would be second-to-none in his solicitude for the cats in the affected areas. He kindly sent the following reply:—

"We cannot but express a sincere and deep appreciation of all that has been done by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The Dumb Friends' League; The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals; The Canine Defence League and other less well-known animal welfare organizations who have not spared any effort to relieve distress amongst the animal victims of the recent floods. Press comments and pictures tell their own story so there is no need to stress the point further.

"Subscribers and friends of The Cats' Protection League will naturally like to know what their Society has contributed to the need. Had our members been anywhere on the route between Slough and the domestic animal evacuation centre at Hadleigh on Thursday,

February 6th, they would have seen the black van of the C.P.L. speeding along in response to a request from the officer-in-charge at the Salvation Army Industrial and Farm Colony for food for the cats and dogs that had been coming to the centre since the previous evening. Previously a series of telephone calls from C.P.L. Headquarters to the various rescue centres were made offering help but strange to relate with one exception the reply was that nothing was needed, but grateful thanks for our offer was extended. At South Benfleet we were told that the domestic pets were being cared for temporarily at one of the schools and if we cared to leave our telephone number we would be contacted when the position was clear and if our help was needed.

"The anxiously awaited call came through in the late afternoon of Wednesday and a promise was made to get food and anything else that we felt would be helpful to the evacuation centre as soon as possible. A check was made of our stocks of tinned food at headquarters and telephone calls were made to the corn-stores in the town and despite it being their early closing day we were fortunate enough to find someone on the premises and promises of food were spontaneously given. Wednesday evening was devoted to packing the stocks of food into portable cases; making up "cat-beds" and cutting up cat blankets. Beds were made by using oval and square tomato and fruit boxes lined with thick brown paper padded with wood-wool and covered with a blanket. Twenty-six of these "beds" were made up and by late evening everything was ready. Loading



the van and collecting promised contributions was speedily under way early next morning and apart from the food (which included Kit-E-Kat, Whiskas, and Felix) we were able to take a variety from the local stores.

"The proprietor of the local pet shop contributed 2 cwt. sacks of dog meal and biscuits; and at least 1 cwt. of fresh bones were hastily obtained from a local butcher. Our chemist contributed tins of dried milk and when the C.P.L. van got under way it was full to capacity. The officer-in-charge at the animal evacuation at Hadleigh was obviously delighted with our contribution.

"This effort sounds quite a lot in the telling, and whilst it is just a 'drop in the ocean' by comparison with what has been done we are happy in the knowledge that we have contributed our mite. Our resources are limited but we are always ready to help when the need arises."

### A Champion Beggar

The C.P.L. continues to receive the valuable support of Mortimer, Miss Adele Rudd's well-known stray, whose fame is now world-wide. Mortimer has collected well over £1,000 in the last two years: £420 in 1951 and £600 in 1952 for the C.P.L. The League hope soon to have their new £1,000 ambulance and when they do it will be largely through the efforts of Mortimer and his ingenious money raising schemes. Miss Rudd gives, in a contemporary cat journal, a witty account of a box addressed to Mortimer. She writes:—"It was a box of quite sinister aspect with iron bands round the edges secured by iron clips.... I spied in ye very olde English lettering a word which might be 'vintners' so I got out my push cart and trundled it to the local wine shop... he assured me it was definitely no bomb but booze. Arrived back, I attacked it with hammer and screwdriver and discovered two bottles of Scotch whisky sent from America (a sign of the times!)

Inside a charming note: 'To Mortimer to use for his wonderful work'."

The C.P.L. is the only Society in Britain exclusively devoted to cats and if any reader feels inclined to send a donation I know it will be gratefully received by Mr. Steward, The Cat's Protection League, 29 Church Street, Slough.

### A Novel Exhibition

From Mr. Sidney Denham, hon. secretary of the newly formed International Association of Abyssinian Cat Owners, I have been hearing about what promises to be a novel exhibition that will interest every cat lover. It will be staged at the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, 26 Conduit Street, W.1, for a fortnight in July and is to be called "Cats Through the Ages."

The relationship of cats during the last 3,000 years will be shown by original paintings and drawings of cats by old masters and contemporary artists, bronzes and old china, etc. It is hoped that the exhibition will include part of the famous Langton collection of cats from Ancient Egypt, probably the finest in the world and never previously shown to the public. The exhibition is being presented by the I.A.A.C.O. and Mr. Frank Williams has kindly consented to be honorary exhibition manager. The only living cats on view will be two or three different Abyssinians each day. It is widely believed that Abyssinians are the nearest approach to the cats originally domesticated in Ancient Egypt and it will be interesting for the public who know little of this charming breed to see examples in this setting and the exhibition will do much, I feel sure, to increase public interest in all breeds. It will not be a cat show in any sense and the cats will not be judged.

The I.A.A.C.O. is anxious to make this clear and also that it does not propose to concern itself with shows in the ordinary sense. The profits of this exhibition are being divided between the Soldiers,

Sailors and Air Force Families Association and charities devoted to the welfare of cats.

Sidney Denham (148 Elsworth Road, London, N.W.3) tells me he would be very glad to hear from anyone who knows of interesting or unusual items that might be exhibited. No exhibition of this kind has previously been held in Britain and July 14th to the 26th should be marked prominently in the diary of every lover of cats and pictures.

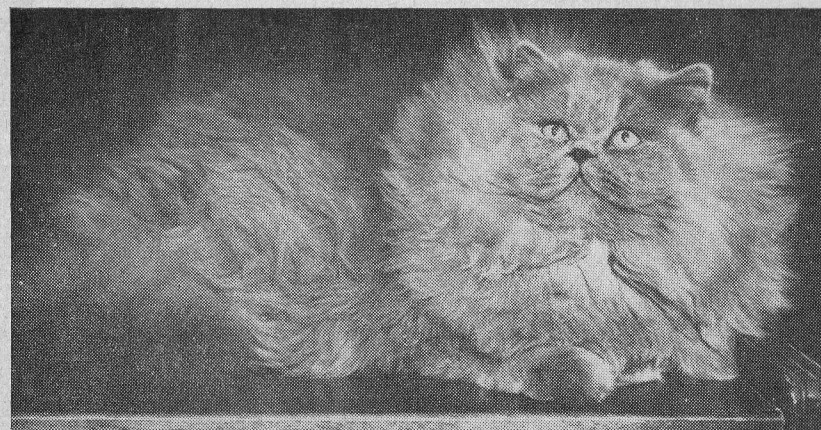
Lady Welby is President of the International Association of Abyssinian Cat Owners and Mr. R. N. Oswald Vice-President.

### Cats Afloat

Miss E. Von Ullman, so well-known for her Shorthairs and intelligent interest in experimental breeding, has solved her housing problem by renting a boat in London. She writes:—"I hope you will come one day to see for yourself how comfortable one can be on a boat. My cats love it as there is always something to watch, either other boats passing, birds, or rats and mice to stalk. They have a lot of ground to play in and some

nice trees to climb and are having a very good time. My two-year-old Blue Shorthair male, Roof Springer Nicklaus, was absent without leave for four weeks but eventually returned just as fat as he was when he left me. I was very anxious about him and had the whole district looking out for him including the road cleaners. He went away a few days before the Southern Counties show so, of course, I had to go without him, which was very disappointing.

"I have eight cats and five kittens on board at present but find it too many as every bit of food, milk and fuel has to be carried quite a long way. I have reluctantly decided to part with almost all my lovely British Shorthairs including the Black Ch. Roofspringer Melisande if I can find satisfactory homes for them. I only want to keep my old Black Maximilia Unterkatze (who is my special pet and as naughty and amusing as ever) and her experimental-offspring; Mascot and Mazurka, who are quite the nicest cats I have ever owned. They are black and like very typey Siamese in shape and both have very sweet dispositions. The fourth I want to keep is



**ANSON EROS** (bred by Miss I. Statman) and owned by Mrs. E. M. Denton, of S.E. London, has by achievement staked a strong claim to the title of "Best Young Blue Longhair of the 1952/3 Show Season." He started an extraordinary run of successes with a win at the Festival Show last summer. Subsequently, Eros was never beaten in his Open Class at any London show; he was always voted Best Longhair Kitten or Best Male Kitten. His "bag" for the season is 21 first prizes and 2 silver trophies.



Laurentide Artu Petra, also black and Siamesey. I want to breed from these three and hope to produce the perfect pet. I have also Mrs. Kay's Russian Blue kitten Combermere Carousel, whose owner has gone to Assam to be with her tea planter husband. The intention is to mate Carousel, show her next season, and eventually for her to be flown to Assam, if possible when she is in kitten.

"The cats are popular with my water-borne neighbours as they are excellent ratters and have decimated these pests since we have been here. Petra caught her first rat when only six months old. From time to time the cats fall into the canal but they always swim out and appear to feel very self-conscious because they are wet. I wipe them with a towel and put them on the cosy stove to dry them. They are given a few drops of whisky and some of them really like it. Mascot takes his like a man and Petra who fell into the water as soon as she arrived would make a habit of it. The only one who has never been in is Maxi, who is too wary to take risks. I have not been lucky with Siamese although I like them best of all.

"I am hoping to buy a boat of my own, just a hull and have it converted to my own requirements with a compartment for visiting queens and a kitten nursery where they can play without getting into trouble. I intend to live permanently on a boat as it is the cheapest home I can find in London."

### Show at Stockholm

From Mrs. Magnusson comes news of the Swedish Cat Club Ch. Show held on February 6th, 7th and 8th. Over 10,000 visitors attended in spite of very cold weather and a lot of snow. She writes:—"It was nice to have Mrs. Kent from England. I thought her a very quick and sure judge and we all liked her very much. Miss Ada von Bach, from Denmark, who judged all the Longhairs, was excellent also. Mrs. Westerlund was awarded Best Cat in Show with her Cream female Aviary

Blossom, who became a full Champion and Blossom's Blue Cream daughter Krokholmens Jasmine was Best Longhair Kitten. My Ch. Sabukia Sinbad was Best Siamese Cat and Waldo Precious (by Morris Padishah) was awarded her second Challenge Certificate. I am mating her to Sinbad, also Quantocks Gossamer, and have several kittens booked.

"Best Longhair male was Ch. Gippeswyck Darby and Int. Ch. Ronada Onaway, alone in her class for Champion Blue females, was awarded C.A.C.I.B. Best Blue female was Myowne Grace, bred by Mrs. Vize. Grace is Champion Myowne Gallant Homme's litter sister. Best Blue kitten was Foxburrow Firefly, bred by Mr. Soderberg, so again it was a wonderful show for British bred cats and kittens.

"We had only one exhibit from Denmark, Mrs. Karen Smith's famous Red Ch. Gay Pinky, who was awarded C.A.C.I.B. I hope to see your Coronation Ch. Show and Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show next October."

Mrs. Saeter, who travelled all the way from Norway to Stockholm with her lovely Blue male kitten Foxburrow Firefly has written me by way of post-script to the Swedish Show:—"I so enjoyed stewarding for Mrs. Kent. We were staying at the same hotel and she helped me to smuggle Firefly into the hotel each evening after the show. He quite enjoyed himself and lots of people fell in love with him; he is so nice natured. I had to be sure to awaken before my breakfast was brought in so I could put him under the bedclothes. Then came 8.45 when the maid fetched the tray, so it was under the clothes again! To get Firefly in and out of the hotel I put him into a shopping bag and zippered him in. He was as good as gold, keeping quite quiet and purring madly on being released. He is very happy to be home and none the worse for his experience. The Swedish Cat Club is to be congratulated on making everything so pleasant and cheery for us all."



## BLUIE

(Bred by Mrs. M. E. Kirkus, owner of the "Suncroft" cattery)

MISS E. SMITH  
of Orme View,  
Roseberry Avenue, Old  
Colwyn, North Wales,  
writes:—

*"I can't describe how grateful I am for your discovery of Kit-zyme tablets.*

*Bluie, my blue persian cat, had suffered very badly from skin trouble for over three years. I had tried a great many 'remedies' but all were useless and it was not until I used Kit-zyme that his trouble improved. Now, after a remarkable recovery, he is a picture of health and vigour.*

*And Bluie loves the tablets which he 'paws' out of the bottle himself.*

*I think Kit-zyme is wonderful and my thanks go to Phillips the makers."*

**KIT-ZYME WILL BENEFIT YOUR CAT TOO . . .**

**It is a natural Tonic and Conditioner—NOT a purgative**

## Kit-zyme

**VITAMIN-RICH YEAST**

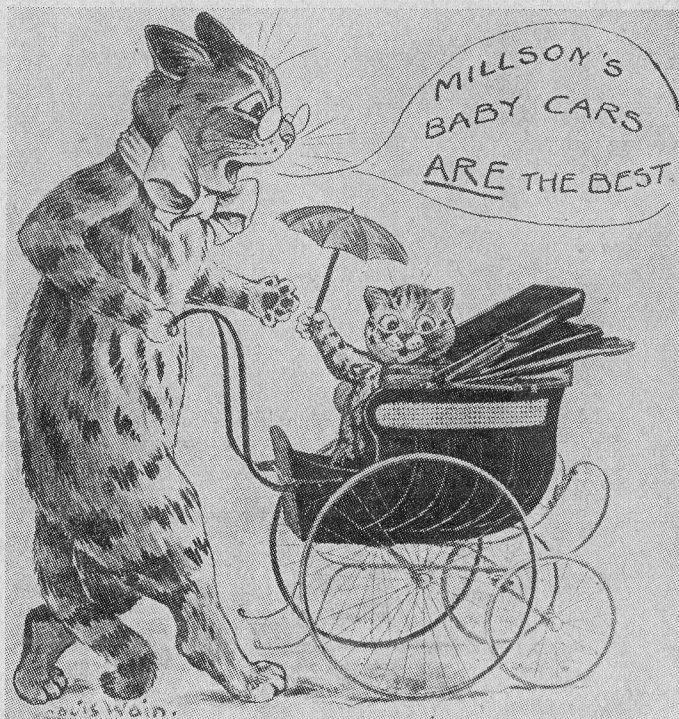
Promotes resistance to: **LISTLESSNESS, FALLING COAT, LOSS OF APPETITE, SKIN TROUBLES**  
50 (7½ gr.) Tablets 1/6, 250 for 4/-. 750 for 8/-  
**KIT-ZYME is sold by Chemists and most Pet Stores**

Literature Free on Request

If any difficulty in obtaining write to:  
**PHILLIPS YEAST PRODUCTS LTD., Park Royal Road, London, N.W.10**







Round about 1908, Louis Wain was at the height of his popularity. His quaint cat caricatures were to be found everywhere, in the press, periodicals, on postcards and greeting cards and in advertisements, and he was undoubtedly a most prolific artist. In those days, for a modest shilling, you could buy an annual packed with a hundred and more of his sketches, some of them page plates in colour. One such annual carried an advertisement which announced: "Jackson's Famous Poster in black and white by Louis Wain. The appearance of this Poster all over the country has been a delight to both young and old." It is interesting to record that in this advertisement Wain depicted a row of ten cats wearing a varied assortment of headgear. The caption below reads: "Ten little pussy cats been out to dine, everyone wearing a Jackson's 3/9." Happy days!

The amusing sketch reproduced above also appeared in an advertisement in 1908 and it was drawn by Wain for his friend Arthur C. Millson, "a baby car builder" of Oxford Street, W.1. The Millsons continue to make and sell baby carriages in the West End of London and the original of our sketch is preserved in their offices to this day.

## AMERICAN NEWSLETTER

# Paws across "The Pond"

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

NOW that the shows are almost all finished the breeders are turning their attention to the new kitten crop. Many and varied are the experiments being made. One very well-known breeder from the middle-west tells me that she expects at least fifty kittens from the various queens her one sire has bred. That, I'm thinking, is some kind of a record.

The Magic Valley Cat Club (Texas) held their first annual championship show last month. For their first venture this little party of energetic workers certainly made a wonderful showing. Mrs. John Revington was the All-Breed judge and no greater gate-attraction can be found. The Best Cat in Show was a Chinchilla female, Merald Hoag's Grand Champion Arlington's Sensation II, six years of age, bred by Mrs. Orville Stewart, who was internationally known as a breeder. Best Novice was Dixie-Land's Ali Bey of Mission City Cattery (bred by Mrs. John Revington) and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marshall. Best Kitten was July Valentine, a Blue female, bred and owned by Jeanie Coughlin. There is something very wonderful when an owner sees her own stock go up for winners. It is payment in full for all the work and worry that has gone before. The Best Shorthair was claimed by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Krampert, of Casper, Wyoming, with Grand Champion Kewalo Lei Krampert, a Blue Point Siamese bred by Mrs. P. F. Alexander. This Magic Valley must have been a wonderful show to attract entries from such great distances, 152 entries from as far away as Wyo., Colo., Minn., La., N., and N.J. It has been said that the whole state of Texas is

novice. Well, if such be the case, you breeders in the Fancy had better look to your honors!

Quite a few "gripes" have come in recently regarding the various Grand Champions that are being shown. Really now, can you blame an owner for wanting to show off this kind of a cat? Personally, I'd want to stand on the house-tops and shout the glad news to the whole world but there is a limit. The first year, yes, he should make the rounds of all the shows possible. The second year—well, that would be up to the sportmanship of the owner—and what price sportmanship?

I have read with much interest the article by P. M. Soderberg, "A Close Season for Breeding" in the January issue of OUR CATS. It is wonderful; a banner-cry to every worthwhile breeder in the Fancy; it should be in every owner's lexicon. I have had some long distance telephone calls regarding this article; I have copied it and given it to three beginners, who were very appreciative. It is the kind of an article that I would have liked to have written—but didn't think of it. I can offer no greater praise to Mr. Soderberg.

I had two judges in for luncheon last week. Looking out the window we saw Music Box, a wee, small kitty, playing with something that looked like fur. I investigated and found it was a rabbit-foot, evidently brought in by one of the German shepherds from out on the range. How this little mite of a kitten found the foot I'll never know. One of my judging friends remarked, "I told you Music



Box was championship material. Maybe you will believe me now ! ”

\* \* \*

The Solid Color Club of The Cat Fanciers' Federation elected their new officers for the coming year. Helen Jean Hildebrand was again made President without any opposition.

\* \* \*

The Atlantic Club, one of the outstanding clubs in New York City and the oldest club in Cat Federation Fanciers, is holding the most important meeting of the year — show report and election of officers. Mrs. Ralph Wilkinson is the present President.

\* \* \*

The poetry page in Cats Magazine is attracting wide attention under the capable management of Assistant Editor Anne Metcalf. It is to be suspected that the poetry files are rapidly piling—and this charming little lady started from scratch, too.

\* \* \*

The All Sectional wins are being talked about—prayed about—and hoped for—with wildest longing. The coveted honor of being the Best All-American is anticipated with calculated show points in mind. The announcement of this award will bring great joy to one—for all the rest it will mean anti-climax.

### *American Personality*

MRS. ARVID G.  
(MARY) OHLIN

ONE of the top-ranking breeders of Blue Persians in America is Mary Ohlin, of “White Gates,” Westerly, Rhode Island. Shy, demure personality that she is, she has effortlessly created a niche in the Fancy that she alone can fill. I found it quite difficult to get her to talk about herself. Finally she broke down and gave me the highlights of her cat career.

Mary Ohlin was raised in the country. She has always loved animals and when she moved to Boston she was heart-sick for a pet. The Boston newspapers were writing a lot of publicity for the 1933 Cat Show, so she went, she saw, she was conquered. She loved the Blues, especially the Maltese, which were the favorite colored cats of her youth, also the Blue-type snub noses and copper eyes. These two features were a revelation—she had never witnessed such wonderful coordination of type. Also, she was stricken with admiration for the Chinchillas.

The result was that a granddaughter of Grand Champion Dante of Allington (imp.) from the home of Judge Doris Hobbs's famous Pequosette Cattery, went to live with the Ohlins. This little beauty was Delicia of Pequosette who later became one of the founders of Mrs. Mood's famous Delphi line. Much as Mary Ohlin hated to part with Delicia, it had to be done—the Blues called to her with a strong urge.

After having one or two Blue Persians, Mrs. Ohlin happened to see lovely Champion Melisse of Allington. That was back in 1937. Sitting herself down, she wrote a long letter to Miss Evelyn Langston, of Maidenhead, who ever since has been her “good angel” of the Fancy and the best friend a novice ever had. The first import from Miss Langston was the beloved old Double Champion Hesperus of Allington, who gave Mary Ohlin the thrill of all thrills when he went Best Cat in the big World's Fair Cat Show in 1940. Since Hesperus, she has had many English cats of Allington breeding, all of them good.

Grand Champion Wimauma Masterpiece of Chalsu, who went to California, was a grandson of Hesperus ; Champion Serena of Wimauma was a lovely female, and Mary was pleased no end when Miss Hydon gave her Best Kitten in a large Empire show in New York City. Champion Wimauma Wilful, and many others have represented Wimauma Cattery throughout America, which means that this popular breeder has made many

good and enduring friendships through her cat-children.

After going overboard for cats, Mrs. Ohlin joined the Boston Cat Club where she learned many useful things regarding her hobby. For a time she was Secretary of the Club and also Secretary or Manager of many of its shows. Mary Ohlin is one of the founders of the Solid Color Club of the East, being the Secretary-Treasurer for the first ten years. She is now Vice-President of the Blue Cat Society of America. Many times she

has been approached on the subject of judging but she feels she is not equipped with the necessary “intestinal fortitude” for such an office ! It was fun managing shows, she says, but she is definitely going to leave the judging to others.

In recent years she has moved to her farm at “White Gates.” Her much-loved cats are her number one hobby and roses (the best of hybrid teas) are rated second. Each year she is honored by the Garden Clubs and other neighboring clubs, who visit her beautiful display and



Mrs. Mary Ohlin with Grand Champion Myfanwy of Allington.

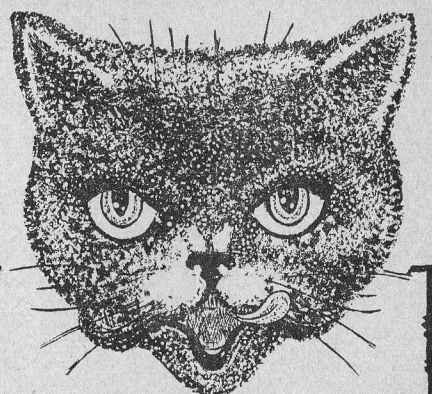


# CATS are contented on WILES!

Every tin of WILES Cat Food is concentrated goodness, a blend of fresh fish, protein and vitamins, designed to keep cats fit and playful. Economical, too, because WILES is so packed with goodness.

## WILES CAT FOOD

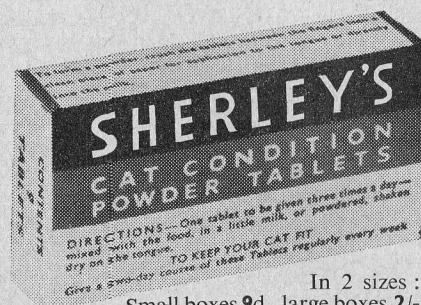
WILES • WOODMANSEY • BEVERLEY • YORKS



NOTE THE PRICE!  
10½d - ½ lb.  
1/8 - 1 lb.  
in sealed tins



## SHERLEY'S FAMOUS TONIC AND CONDITION POWDERS *now in* **TABLET FORM**



In 2 sizes:  
Small boxes 9d., large boxes 2/-

Obtainable at Chemists, Pet Stores & Corn Merchants

A. F. SHERLEY & CO. LTD., GT. WEST ROAD, BRENTFORD, MIDDX.

for bright eyes  
silken coat  
perfect condition

SHERLEY'S CONDITION POWDER TABLETS will do all that Sherley's Tonic & Condition Powders ever did—and they are much easier to give. These tasteless tablets maintain a pure bloodstream, perfect condition, vitality, and the ability to resist contagious disease. And they are safe for the smallest, most delicate kitten.

there is a twinkle in her eyes when she explains that her number two hobby gives her a good chance to show off her cats.

There was a pensive look when Mary Ohlin stated: "One thing I have learned about the Cat Fancy—if one tries to be fair and honest and helpful, one gets it returned a hundredfold through the years. I have made so many wonderful friends through my cats that I consider it one of the nicest things about raising them."

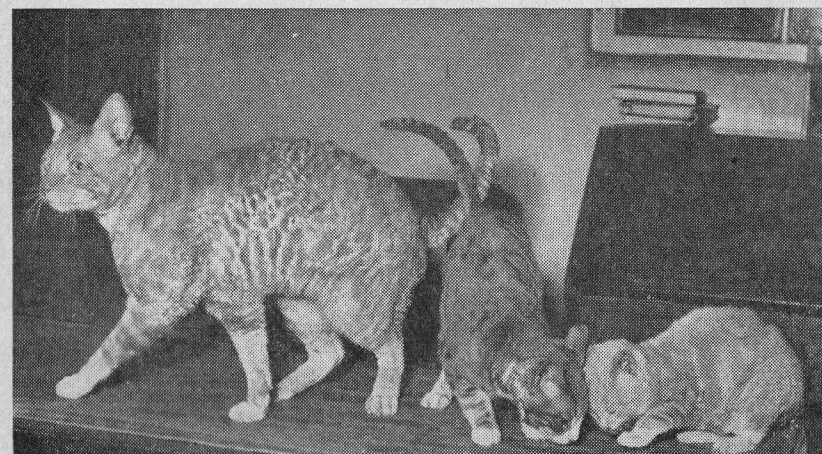
"Apropos of friendships," she continued, "consider that of the famous Dutch breeder, Miss Posthuma. When the Germans went into Holland, Miss Langston was much distressed about her friend, Miss Posthuma, and so I took over the pleasant task of go-between. Miss Langston would write all the news to me, which I would relay to Holland. Then the reply to America was forwarded to Miss Langston. When the war was over it was a great joy to hear Miss Posthuma was all right after many tribulations."

"Right after the war started, one of the honor students of the Royal Academy of Music had to return to Canada and he kindly brought four cats over from Miss Langston, thus starting a long friendship with William Waterhouse, violinist, now one of the Boston Symphony's leading lights. These are just two cases of the many fine friendships into which cats led me!"

May Ohlin said to me in a very humble voice: "Each time I lose, I pray for myself that I may be a good sport about it. And each time I feel that I have not succeeded too well."

I do not feel that I can close this profile without a mention of a wonderful Blue male at the Wimauma Cattery. I refer to Ahoy. I have seen many Blue Persians, many of them Grand Champions, but nothing, absolutely nothing compares to this boy. He is breathtakingly lovely, dignified and lovable.

It is a by-word in our Fancy that an Ohlin cat is a show cat—if you can get one.



### CURLY COATS

In our July issue last year Mr. A. C. Jude, our well-known contributor on genetics, reported the appearance of an entirely new coat variation in cats—a male cat with a distinctly waved appearance. We feel sure our readers will be interested to see another picture of this rare cat, this time with two of his kittens who have inherited the strange coat of their sire, whose name is Kallin. Mr. Jude reports that the kittens are males (one is blue, the other lynx coloured) and their coats are real rex, short and plush-like, of the kind so well known to rabbit breeders. Are we looking at a new breed?



## DIRECTORY OF SHORTHAIR BREEDERS

FOR RELIABLE STUDS AND STOCK (Arranged alphabetically)

### COCKHEDGES SEAL POINT SIAMESE CATTERY

#### 3 STUD CATS

Cats and Kittens for sale to approved homes only. Delivered free within radius of 50 miles. 6 guineas Males, 4 guineas Females.

Inspection of Cattery any time by appointment.  
MRS. R. F. ARMITAGE, COCKHEDGES, MERE,  
CHESHIRE. Tel.: Bucklow Hill 3255

### SIAMESE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

At Stud: **CH. HILLCROSS SONG**

Winner of many awards and sire of  
Champions.

#### HILLCROSS RASMI

Kittens sent by air to many countries  
MRS. S. DRUCE, P.O. BOX 454,  
NICOSIA, CYPRUS.

### PRESTWICK SIAMESE

Noted for type and brilliant eye colour  
At Stud: **CH. PRESTWICK PENGILMA-PERTAMA (S.P.)**

**PRESTWICK P00-T00 (S.P.)**

**CH. BLUE SEAGULL (B.P.)**

**PRESTWICK BLUE CRACKERS (B.P.)**

Breeder of Ch. Prestwick Mata-Biru, Ch. Prestwick  
Pertana, Ch. Prestwick Perling, and many others.  
MRS. DUNCAN HINDLEY

HIGH PRESTWICK, CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY  
Chiddingfold 60 Station - Haslemere

### PINCOP SIAMESE

At Stud to approved queens:

**CH. PINCOP AZURE KYM (B.P.)** Winner  
of 7 Challenge Certificates and Best Exhibit  
Siamese C.C. Ch. Show 1948. Sire of Champions.

**CH. MORRIS TUDOR (S.P.)** Winner of 7  
Challenge Certificates. Best S.H. Nat. C.C. Ch.  
Show 1948, and Midland C.C. Ch. Show, 1950/51.

Particulars from MRS. O. M. LAMB  
"TWYLANDS," GRANGE HILL, HALESOWEN,  
NR. BIRMINGHAM Tel.: Halesowen 1226

### GRACEDIEU SIAMESE

At Stud: **MYSTIC DREAMER**

1st & Ch. 1945 & 1948, 1st Prize Stud 1949,  
1950 & 1951. Specials for Pale Coat & Best  
Eye Colour. Also his son **GRACEDIEU YAI**  
Siring KITTENS excelling in type, whiptails  
and sweet disposition.

MRS. G. E. MATTHES, ALTON LODGE,  
NANPANTAN, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.  
Tel.: Nanpantan 258

### FERNREIG SIAMESE

At Stud: **MAIZ - MOR - MARQUIS**

Best Shorthair Kitten at five 1950/51 C.C. Shows.  
Best Kitten at S.C.C.C. Show 1951. 1st & Ch.  
Herts & Mdx. Sept. 1952. Other wins include 50  
Firsts, 13 Cups. Fee: 2½ guineas r.c.p.

Particulars from MRS. EDNA MATTHEWSON  
LINDRIDGE HOUSE, 917 HAGLEY ROAD WEST  
QUINTON, BIRMINGHAM 32. Woodgate 2353

### DEVORAN SIAMESE CATS

#### EXCEL IN TYPE

At Stud: **PRESTWICK PRITHIE PAL**

Fee £2 - 2 - 0

#### DEVORAN DONALD

Fee £2 - 12 - 6

Kittens usually for sale

Particulars from - MRS. PRICE, THE GABLES  
HEATHFIELD ROAD, BUSHEY, HERTS  
Phone - Watford 5624

### THE MISSEFORE STRAIN OF BLUE POINTS

For Type and Pale Coats

Breeders: MAJOR & MRS. J. C. S. RENDALL  
SEdge COPSE, BURLEY, RINGWOOD, HANTS  
Burley 2160

### MORRIS SIAMESE

At Stud: **MORRIS PADISHAH**

Best Exhibit K.K.N.C.C. 1950

Best Shorthair Kitten, Olympia, 1950  
Winner of 14 Firsts and many other awards

MRS. M. W. RICHARDSON,  
GRINSTEAD, OTTWAYS AVENUE, ASHTEAD,  
ASHTEAD 3521 SURREY

### PETROZANNE CATTERY

(MRS. C. J. ROBERTS)

Abyssinian & Siamese

At Stud:

**HEATHERPINE HERODOTUS**

Kittens usually for sale

Temporary Address:  
32a MOUNT STREET, WALSALL, STAFFS.

### MOWHAY SIAMESE

B.P. & S.P. SIAMESE AT STUD

**MOWHAY SONGFRANI** Maa Chapolyphemus  
Singki

**CORNUBIA** Dopey  
Mowhay Petruscha

**CHINA BLUE BOY** Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo  
Nina Non

MISS D. L. M. THOMAS  
ORCHARD HOUSE, CATSFIELD, NR. BATTLE,  
SUSSEX. Tel.: Ninfield 434

### HILLCROSS SIAMESE

At Stud - **HILLCROSS SHENGSON** and  
**HILLCROSS PICOT** (Sire of H. Topaz,  
1st & Ch. S.C.C.S., 1951).

Hillcross Stock have won over 300  
awards, including many Firsts and  
Specials 1945-52. Kittens noted for type,  
eye colour & light coats.

MRS. E. TOWE, Flat One, DANEHURST,  
OLD LANE, CROWBOROUGH, SUSSEX

**DONERAILE SIAMESE** have a world-wide reputation for Type, Eye Colour  
and Gentle Temperament. EXPORTED KITTENS constantly attain the highest awards  
at shows in U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other countries.

Studs: **DONERAILE DEKHO** Larchwood Clover  
Tostock Loona Chin

**SALEWHEEL SIMKIN** Afka Khan  
**SUKIANO SIROCCO** Saffire of Sabrina  
Best Kitten S.C.C.C. 1952 Ch. Clonlost Yo Yo  
Foxburrow Runlie

Inquiries for Studs, Kittens and my book  
"The Breeding and Management of the  
Siamese Cat" to:-

**MRS. KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS,**  
92, CHILTERN ROAD, SUTTON, SURREY.  
VIG 1389

### SUKIANGA SIAMESE Seal Point Kittens

Noted for Type, Pale Coats and Character.  
Prize-winning whenever shown. Awards  
include three 1st prize litters, a Best S.H.  
Kitten and a Best Female Kitten.

MRS. J. VARCOE, LITTLE BIRCHES,  
GREENHILL ROAD, OTFORD, KENT  
Otford 180

PEDIGREE FORMS at 2s. per dozen  
(post free) are obtainable from "Our  
Cats" Magazine, 4, Carlton Man-  
sions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.  
Larger quantities available at pro-  
rata rates.

## Kathleen Yorke reports on Mo-Kan Show

**A**FTER the Garden State Show, I  
had a little time in which to look  
at some of the magnificent New  
York shops. Then, on January 1st, I  
travelled by air to Kansas City to judge  
the two-day show of the Mo-Kan Cat  
Club, one of the numerous clubs affiliated  
to Cat Fanciers' Association Inc. Here  
also I received great kindness and the  
welcome they gave me was truly grand.

Mrs. Edward Stack is the President  
and Show Manager of Mo-Kan and I  
was much impressed by her gift for  
organization down to the smallest detail.  
Her young son Dennis is very keen on  
exhibiting and I found him athirst for  
knowledge about grooming and mating.  
My stewards and secretaries, Mrs. Porter  
and Mrs. Wolfgang, were tireless in their  
efforts on my behalf.

I found a grand lot of cats here, not  
quite so many really good Siamese as at  
Garden State. But my Best in Show was  
one of the loveliest Blue Pointed I have  
ever seen for grace, elegance and charm.  
He was Grand Champion Kewalo Lei  
Krampert, shown by Mr. and Mrs.  
Krampert. I understand he is the first  
Blue Pointed Siamese to win this premier  
honour at an all-breed show and he is  
also the first Grand Champion of the  
breed. His son Ch. Krampert's Ace  
won Best in Champion S.P. class and also

Best Champion, Opposite Sex.

The Best Champion was a perfect  
Black female Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of  
Concordia, owned by Mrs. John Porter  
and bred by Mrs. Ada May Miles, who  
is well known for her beautiful Blacks,  
Smokes and other colours. My Second  
Best Cat in Show was a Blue of fine  
quality, Grand Champion Great Lakes  
Timothy of Rose Mont, shown by  
Mrs. Kosierowski. I was told that this  
grand pair are to be mated. A Black  
male I greatly admired was Mrs. C. F.  
Rotter's Briargates Satan and I feel sure  
this popular judge has a future Champion  
in this exhibit, with his dense colouring  
and wonderful copper eyes.

I thought the Blue-eyed and Orange-  
eyed Whites at this Show were particu-  
larly lovely, Mrs. Blanch Rice, Mrs. Paul  
Swan, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. Frances  
Franklin and Mrs. Willard Shy benching  
some really outstanding cats and kittens.  
Shaded Silvers, Reds and Silver Tabbies  
were strongly represented but Abyssin-  
ians and Manx were fewer in number  
than at the Garden State fixture. At  
the end of a strenuous judging pro-  
gramme, it was particularly gratifying  
to me to find that so many of my decisions  
harmonised with those made by my  
popular and efficient fellow judge, Mrs.  
Lester O'Neil.



## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

The rate for prepaid advertisements under this heading is 3d. per word per insertion (minimum 12 words) and instructions must be received by *not later than the 7th day* of the month of issue. Please write "copy" clearly and

post with appropriate remittance to OUR CATS MAGAZINE, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W. 9. Use of Box No. costs 1/- extra.

### At Stud

SCO-RUSTON RAVISANT (Blue Persian), sire Int. Ch. Southway Nicholas, dam Sco-Kalisa. Fee £2 2s. and carriage.  
DANEHURST GORDIE (Blue Persian), sire Sco-Ruston Ravisant, dam Hendon Lady Griselda. Fee £2 2s. and carriage.  
CH. REDWALLS JACK FROST (Chinchilla), sire Ch. Foxburrow, Tilli-Willi, dam Redwalls Snowstorm, prizewinner every time shown 1948/52. Fee £2 2s. and carriage.  
MOLESEY ALI BABA (Cream Persian), sire Tweedledum of Dunesk, dam Molesey Mischief. Fee £2 2s. and carriage. Registered queens only.—Gordon B. All, F.Z.S., Danehurst Cattery, Old Lane, St. Johns, Crowborough. Tel.: Crowborough 407.

BOURNESIDE CATTERY, Aitken, 2 Comptonfield Road, Barnstead, Surrey. Tel.: Burgh Heath 2754. CH. BOURNESIDE BLACK DIAMOND (Black Longhair).

PROUD MANDARIN (Seal Point Siamese), proved sire. Sire, Slades Cross Shahid, dam, Tschudi Nun. Prize-winner every time shown 1949-51. Fee £2 10s. 0d. plus carriage.—Kapp, "Cardole," Stanhope Rd., Croydon. Tel.: 6711.

### For Sale

FOR SALE. Haden Tang-Ling, S.P. SIAMESE Male, 4 months, regd., splendid body and eye colour, prize winning ancestors, reasonable.—Mrs. R. N. Plant, Glatton, Huntingdonshire. Tel.: Sawtry 321.

CHINCHILLA Persian Kittens, born September 21st, sire Champion Stourbank Silver King (pictured January issue). Beautiful pets. From £4 4s. 0d.—POP 3933 or Box No. 36, OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, S.W.9.

SIAMESE Seal Point Kittens, excellent pedigree, born February 16th, sire Salewheel Simkin, dame Behenta Jin.—Henton, 44 Park Road, Woking, Surrey. Tel.: 2568.

PEDIGREE Seal Point SIAMESE Kittens, males, 5 gns.—Mrs. Boulton, 3 Howard Road, Westbury Park, Bristol.

### NEXT MONTH ?

More Quiz Questions and Answers.

Refugee Cats from Mau Mau Land.

Cats in the Government Service.

On Cat Shows, by P. M. Soderberg.

Siamese in Russia ? by Sidney Denham.

Focus on Kittens (second instalment), by Kathleen Yorke.

### Miscellaneous

DENES VETERINARY HERBAL PRODUCTS LTD., of 24 HOLBEIN PLACE, SLOANE SQUARE, LONDON, S.W.1 (Sloane 7454), offer PROFESSIONAL ADVICE on NATURAL REARING and TREATMENT of ALL FELINE AILMENTS. Give RASPBERRY LEAF to QUEENS IN KITTEN and WEAN KITTENS on TREE BARK FOOD. GARLIC is EXCELLENT as a DISEASE PREVENTATIVE and FOR WORMS. GREEN LEAF is UNSURPASSED AS A BLOOD PURIFIER.

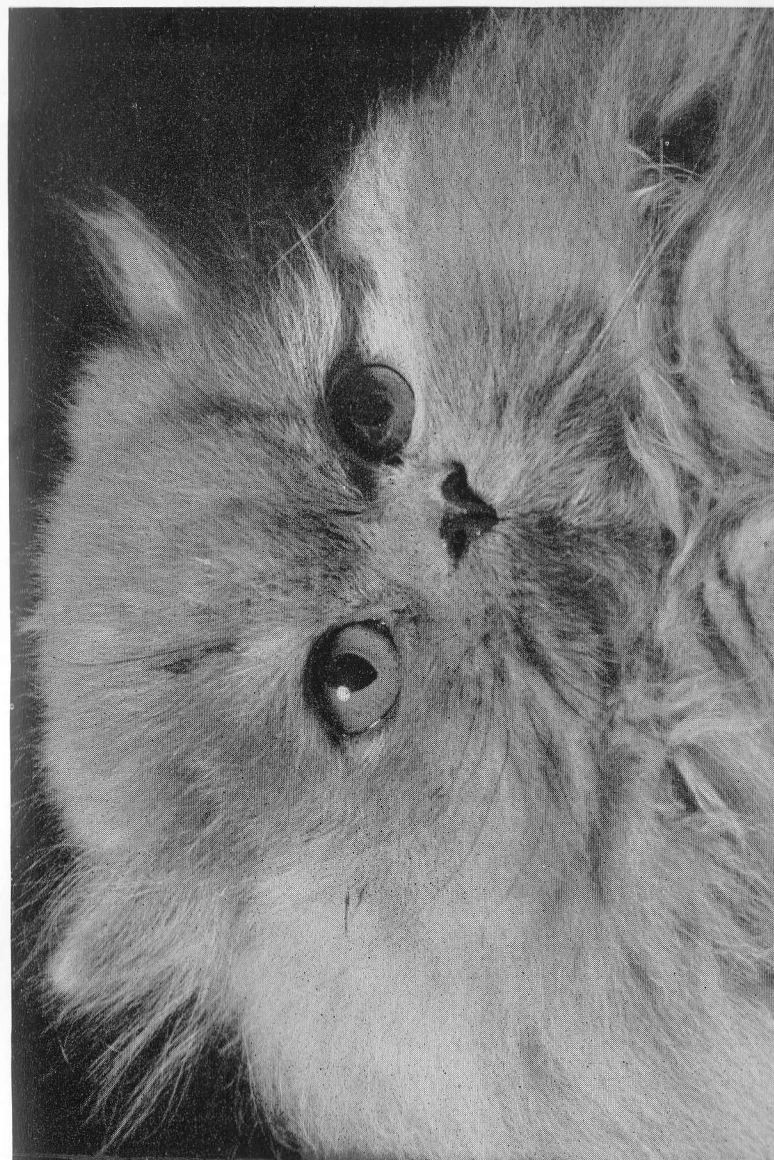
THE TAIL-WAGGER MAGAZINE, the monthly British Dog Magazine for dog owners and dog lovers everywhere. Fully illustrated and complete with informative features and instructive articles. Annual subscription 11s. (inc. postage) for twelve issues.—The Tail-Wagger Magazine, 356-360 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

BEAUTIFUL NYLON HARNESS/COLLAR/LEAD Cat sets 12s. 6d., rayon Kitten sets 10s. All colours. Siamese coats, coloured blankets, toys.—Collier & Collier, 9 Dene-wood Road, Bournemouth.

HOLIDAYS in lovely North Wales, Rooms to let (with or without service) in private house with garden and car-run. Pets and children welcome. Ten minutes from beach. Bathing, boating, golf, excursions or just a rest in beautiful surroundings. Terms and details on request from (Miss) H. Isambard-Owen, Clyn Melin, Abersoch, Pwllheli, Caerns.

FOR SALE. RAIL TRAVELLING BOXES for Cats and Kittens, draught proof, inner lids, in 5 sizes. List, s.a.c., Box No. 37, OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

PEDIGREE FORMS of excellent quality can be supplied at the rate of 2s. per dozen post free. Larger supplies at pro rata rates. Send order and remittance to OUR CATS Magazine, 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, S.W.9. These forms provide ample space for four generations.



Francois Rousseaux

WIDDINGTON LENDA is a grand young Blue-Cream Longhair with a future of great promise. Bred by Mrs. M. L. Sheppard, of Gt. Canfield, Essex, from Ch. Astra of Pensford ex Widdington Whimsical, Lenda was purchased by Mme. M. T. de Bovet and very soon after her arrival in France was voted Best Exhibit at a Paris show.