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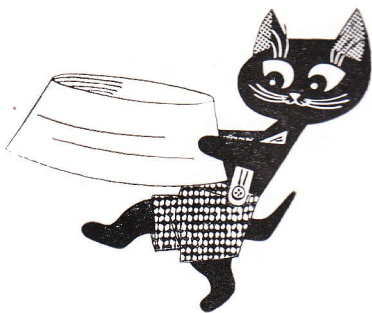


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- (2) to encourage in every way the breeding, handling and showing of pedigree cats ;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats ;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts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

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\*Denotes show with Championship status

A detailed list of shows can be obtained from the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey. Don't forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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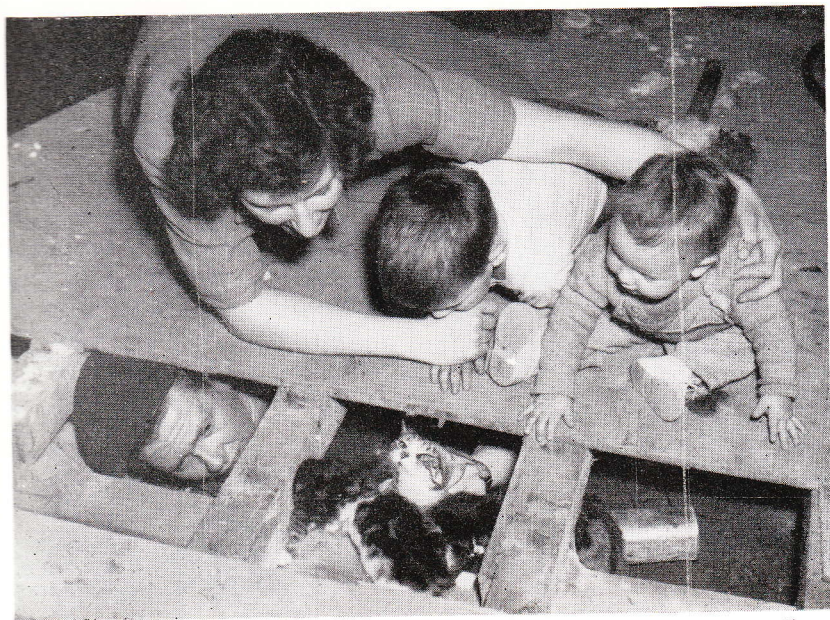
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## A page for the proletarian puss No. 68



Keystone

For three days Inspector Kneeborn, of the R.S.P.C.A. tried to locate a cat and her kittens underneath the floorboards at the home of Mrs. Edith Lewis, of S.E. London. It was known that mother puss had disapproved of the attentions of a dog in the same house. She decided to evacuate and disappeared under the floorboards. Here you see the Inspector at the point of rescue with Mrs. Lewis and her youngsters as interested spectators.

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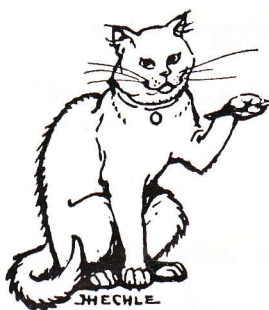
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# Private Entrance

By PAMELA SYKES

OUR house has three entrances—front door, back door and cat door. The latter is for the exclusive use of Willow, our three-year-old cat.

When large armies of militant mice forced us to adopt a kitten, we were faced with the problem of what to do with him at night.

The traditional idea of shutting the poor thing out all night, and in all weathers, was obviously too cruel to consider.

On the other hand, shutting him *in* would also have its complications. In this case we would either have to harbour a box permanently, or become accustomed to getting up at all hours of the night to let the prisoner out when necessary. We were not enthusiastic about either alternative.

"If only he could let himself in and out whenever he wanted to!" sighed my husband, wistfully.

And then, of course, the idea of the private entrance was born.

The actual construction of the little door was simplicity itself. The 9" x 6" opening was cut near the foot of the back door, and neatly framed with plywood. The "door" is a wooden flap, hung from the top, so that it swings freely both inwards and outwards. The finished whole—the making of which took just over an hour—was given a coat of paint to match the back door, and is almost indiscernible.

At first Willow deeply distrusted his private entrance, and would have nothing to do with it. We had to show him how he could

lift the flap by gently pushing the base of his door with his nose. After a good deal of coaxing and bribing, he got the idea. To begin with he was a little slow and the flap would swing back and nip his tail. He soon learned to whisk it smartly out of the way, and became a very proficient user of his private entrance.

As soon as we were sure that he was perfectly confident about his exits and his entrances, we made him up a warm bed in the kitchen and left him to it. The system has worked with perfect satisfaction both to him and to us ever since.

## Useful "bolt hole"

At first we were afraid that followers might be tempted to use the door, and we had visions of a kitchen full of hilarious cats, but feline neighbours have remained baffled by, and suspicious of the mechanics of it. In fact, Willow had found it a most useful line of retreat. Several times we have seen him, when chased, take a sort of power dive through his semi-concealed entrance, leaving an irate and puzzled pursuer forced to a skid-stop outside.

Cats are naturally cautious, so Willow rarely goes *out* of his door quickly, preferring to stick only his nose and whiskers out first for a brief reconnaissance. If all is well, his body soon follows. If it is raining harder than he thought, or he spies an enemy in ambush, he withdraws hurriedly.

No groping human hand from without can reach the catch of the door proper, so the cat door is as burglar-proof as is reasonable. Very convenient, though, for the milkman to slip the milk through if we are out on a hot day !

The only improvement we made on the original version of the cat door was to add a small bolt on the inside, so that if we want to keep Willow inside the house, we

can. We never, never bolt him out.

If you have a cat that is young enough to train, or if you are thinking of having a kitten, and the house is your own (though what landlord would object ?), I do beg you to consider a Private Entrance. You will then have no worries about your cat at night, and he will enjoy the sense of freedom and independence so beloved by cats.



## At the Siamese Championship Show . . .



*Hugh Smith*

(Top picture). Mr. P. M. Soderberg, Chairman of the Committee of the Siamese Cat Club, announces his retirement from all future activities within the Fancy, a decision which was received with universal regret. For many years Mr. Soderberg has served with distinction on the Governing Council and his books and writings have contributed substantially to a better understanding of the cat throughout the world. His articles have appeared regularly in this Magazine from our first issue in January, 1949, and his enthusiasm and interest will be greatly missed. Recent ill-health has caused him to curtail some of his many activities.

(Lower Picture). The Show Manager, Mrs. Kathleen R. Williams, with the President of the Siamese Cat Club, Sir Compton Mackenzie, who in his address revealed very clearly that he is second to none in his admiration and affection for the breed.

←Here is the promised picture of an All-American Calico Persian Champion JAY-KAY'S LOU ANN, bred by specialist fancier Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Anderson wrote about this fascinating variety in our August issue.

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# Reproduction

By A. C. JUDE

**Our popular contributor on genetics responds here to the many requests he has received—mostly from novice breeders—for more information about the various aspects of reproduction. This is the twenty-fifth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.**

WE have seen that the mutation "albino" came about through the loss of factors whose co-operation is necessary if colour is to appear, and that normally this mutation, when mated with its like, will only produce albinos. We cannot forecast when or in what form a mutation may occur, but seeing we are dealing in these articles with reproduction as a whole it may be interesting to note how, through a mutation, it might be possible for albino  $\times$  albino to produce colour in display by the progeny.

Sometimes, even when the inheritance of a character is known to follow Mendel's law, most unexpected results appear from certain matings. In rabbits, for instance, the wild agouti colour is known to be dominant to black, so that black cannot carry agouti. In rabbits, black is also known to be dominant to white. In most crosses between the blacks and the whites the offspring are all black, as would be expected; but sometimes, all of them are agouti. This seems a departure from Mendel's law.

The agouti character, however, appears to be the result of the interaction of three different kinds of determiners or factors, two which together produce black, and one which causes the ticking of the hairs and so changes black to agouti. Now, if the factors for black are present without the ticking factor, the animal is black;

if, however, the ticking factor is also present, the animal is agouti.

Now these factors behave quite separately in inheritance; they may be together, or any one may be present without the other. The ticking may thus be present in an albino animal, but, naturally, in the absence of colour, it has no visible effect. But if the black rabbit is mated with a white one which carries the factor for ticking, then the black factors and the ticking factor may come together at fertilization, and so produce an agouti instead of the expected black. An even more surprising result is obtained when two pure-bred albinos give coloured progeny. This sometimes—but not often—happens with rabbits, cavies, rats and mice.

Occasionally, both in plants and animals, individuals with new characters arise, and these new characters often seem, as we have seen above, to be the result of the loss of one or more factors from the germ cell of the parent. In this way black has almost certainly arisen from the wild grey by the loss of the ticking factor. And black itself seems to be the result of the interaction between a factor which gives rise to a colour base, and one which gives rise to a colour developer.

A strain of albinos may arise from a strain of blacks, therefore, by the sudden loss of the colour developer; and these albinos will still carry the factor for the colour base. Bred amongst themselves,

however, they will remain perfectly true—breeding for albinism, for the whole strain will lack the colour developer. Similarly, another strain of albinos may arise from black by the loss of the colour base; these will retain the colour developer. They will breed true generation after generation if bred amongst themselves, for none of them possesses the colour base.

If now, members of these two different true-breeding albino strains are mated together, they will give black offspring, for at fertilization the factor for colour base and the factor for colour developer will be brought together, and colour will consequently develop in the resulting individual.

## Albino Crosses

One of the facts which emerge from all this is that, whether mice, rabbits, rats, cats or other animals, the albinos may be of different sorts in their genetic colour constitution, so that, in fact, there are exactly as many kinds of albino as there are colour varieties. And all these different kinds of albinos may breed together, transmitting the various colour factors according to the Mendelian scheme of inheritance, and yet the visible result will be nothing but albinos. Under the *mask* of albinism is all the while occurring that segregation of the different colour factors which would result in all the varieties of coloured forms, if only the essential factors for colour development were present. But put in the developer by crossing with a pure coloured form, and their variety of constitution can then at last become manifest.

There is a belief held by some fanciers that because albino is white the whiteness will, in crosses with a coloured animal, reduce that colour in the coats of the offspring. Such crosses are a sheer waste of time and material, and cannot be justified. The albino crosses may even darken colour instead of the reverse.

It is true that in some animals albinos may be built up into a strain in which the individuals may be almost ideal in type and size for that particular kind of animal, and in that case, such individuals are often used to improve both type and size in the coloured breeds. However, unless test matings with the albinos are made first, to ascertain their genetic colour make-up, results from crosses may well give only upsetting results.

## Pattern is there

It may be of interest that one other fact is given about albinos. We must not forget that although true albinos are without colour, they still can show the pattern on which colour would have appeared if it had been produced. Certain albino rats, for example, have longer and thinner hairs revealing the pink skin beneath them and arranged according to the colour pattern shown by their coloured relatives. In the same way the white tail-feathers of an albino peacock may show the eye-like markings of the coloured bird. We must conclude, therefore, that a separate gene exists for colour pattern, and that this is inherited quite independently of the colour-producing factors.

In the next article we shall describe white coat with coloured eye as distinct from albino, and note likenesses and differences in the inheritance. White "spotting" will also be discussed.

*(to be continued)*

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## ***In the Siamese World***



**An exclusive contribution by KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS, breeder, judge and show organizer of many years' experience and Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club, which is probably the largest specialist cat club in the world.**

THE show season is now in full swing. In August the Herts and Middx. Show drew a good entry. Mrs. Swift's male S.P. Chancery Rupee gained his second Challenge Certificate and Mrs. H. Martin's female Nonpareille Mirabel her first, with the rest of the show season before her to collect the other two. The Blue Point combined entry was seven, Mr. E. Russell's Ruselon Zi gaining his second Certificate. One Chocolate Point entry, Mrs. D. Orton's Summerfield Cherry, gained her first Certificate. Mr. Stockbridge's Randal Rama, a newcomer to shows, was awarded the Premier Certificate.

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On September 12th came the Kentish Cat Society's Show, held at Tunbridge Wells, which was a great success. It happened that the spa was holding a centenary celebration which brought an added festive atmosphere to the Show. Mr. and Mrs. D. Hooper, who were making their debut as organizers, are to be congratulated on a splendidly presented Show.

Best S.H. Cat was Mr. and Mrs. P. Glover's Seal Point Siamese male Southwood Marcus; Best S.H. Kitten, Miss

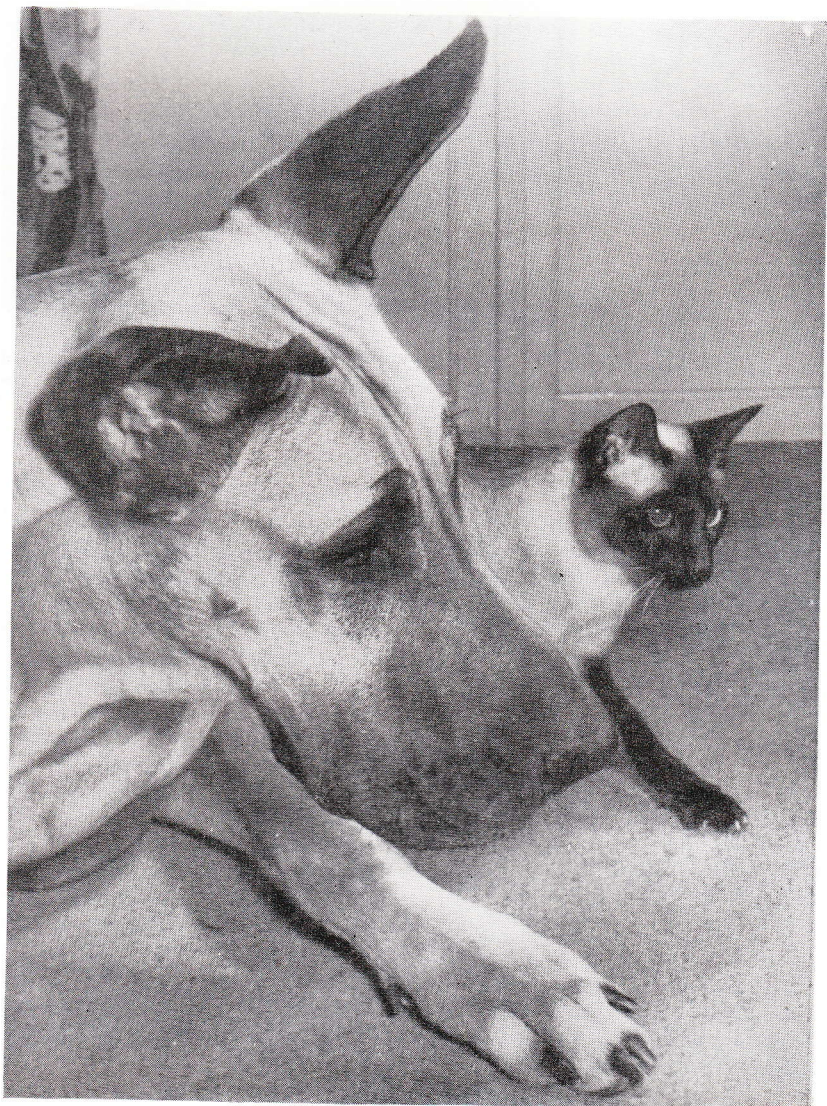
Ann Codrington's Watermill Trudi Lu; Best Male Kitten, Mrs. J. Varcoe's Sukianga Jiminy Cricket; Best S.H. Neuter, Mrs. M. Montgomery's Purland Som Phong. Mrs. Montgomery, who enters three to five neuters at most shows, is to be congratulated on their presentation. A truly delightful and enjoyable day.

A little while before her last illness, Mrs. C. Burns, who was a founder member of Kentish Cat Society, and for some years treasurer, wrote me enclosing a photograph of her neuter pet Squire "contemplating his past." She wrote "perhaps this may find a place somewhere?" With my notes on the Kentish Show seemed a most appropriate place—so here is Squire's picture together with last year's winning L.H. kitten, Mrs. P. M. Jones's Dainton Castor.

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Still in September, the South Western Counties Show held at Paignton, drew a marvellous gate. Miss Cathcart, the Club's secretary and Show manager, was delighted at the success of the Show.

Mrs. Foxwell's Selbourne Prairie Wolf gained his first Challenge Certificate and her Firesprite Cheta her



*Karl G. Kristofferson*

**A charming study of Mrs. U. Magnusson's Seal Point Siamese MILORI BON VIVEUR with his Great Dane friend Duysters Euclid. See notes on opposite page.**

final. A number of the cats were very brindled; the bad summer has had its effect on Siamese. The Blue Point Challenge Certificate went to Miss L. Willoughby's Laurentide Chalcedoney, a very nice B.P., which I hope we shall see again. I withheld the Chocolate Point Certificate.

There were several promising youngsters shown in adult male and female classes, amongst them Miss Purtell's Avonside Tudor Prince and Dayspring and Mrs. Dadd's Killdown Cordelia.

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There have not been a great number of quality kittens at the shows. A consistent winner has been Mrs. H. Porter's Chatwyn Jenny, a delightful Blue Point bred by Mrs. Tancock. A litter sister Chatwyn Clarette was shown by Major and Mrs. Rendall once only at the Siamese Show, and is even better than sister Jenny. In Seal Point kittens Mrs. I. Keene's Killdown Lewis and Killdown Iona show great promise—my preference is for "Lewis." Miss M. Lant's Beaumanor Topsy, Mrs. Martin's Whiteoaks Pheasant and Mrs. W. Carter's Gainsborough Bahadur are also worthy winners.

You will think that there should be more good kittens considering the number bred. The fact is that there are quite a number of good kittens that have not been shown. It is a mistake to take it for granted that all good kittens are to be found in the show pens. There does seem to be a dearth of good male Blue Point kittens in the four to six months age group, but I hear there are several good litters coming along.

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Speaking of Blue Points, I am sorry that Mrs. Priston is giving up breeding. She is heartbroken at having to part with most of her cats, but her husband's health is not good, and at the moment, to continue breeding is too much for her. Mr. and Mrs. Baines have Ch.

Pristine Bandolo and Pristine Petula, also some of the kittens. All are settling down well.

At such a sad time it is cheering to hear that Pristine Petaling is now a full Champion. Bred by Mrs. Priston, Petaling is owned by Mrs. Ulla Magnusson of Stockholm. Mrs. Magnusson is a well known visitor to the London shows. Her Milori Bon Viveur (bred by Mrs. C. F. Watson) has gained his second Challenge Certificate. He is pictured in this issue with Duysters Euclid, a Great Dane imported from U.S.A. Bon Viveur is a son of my Foxy and was one of the kittens pictured in the October issue of OUR CATS. From Miss Eytzynger comes news of International Ch. Doneraile Leo's further success—Best S.H. Cat at the Cat Club de Paris Show.

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Several books have come my way. Some time ago I received from America James D. McCrae's *Experimental Breeding*. This is a most informative book, not too technical, easy to read by those not deeply interested in experimental breeding and genetics and yet who wish to have some knowledge of the subject.

Recently Miss Irene Holdsworth's book *Little Master* (published by Seeley Service & Co.) was sent to me by the author. It is a charming book, which tells of the author's loss of one Siamese and the introduction of another. A delightfully written true story presented in a style that makes one feel one is actually with the writer. The pictures are first class.

Lastly, I have been reading *The Cats' Medical Dictionary* by Hamilton Kirk, M.R.C.V.S., with foreword by Miss K. Yorke. This is a book that every cat owner should have. In his preface the author says, "I regard it as a dangerous procedure to encourage amateurs in the belief that they can grasp the intricacies of diagnosis and therapeutics from a short treatise in a book. It is my intention rather to warn readers where

particular danger exists, and to urge the summoning of veterinary aid in all cases which could have serious complications."

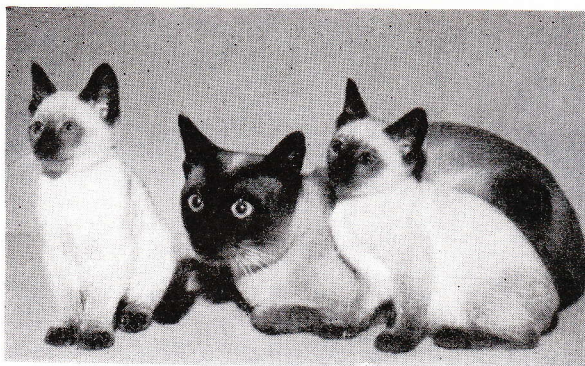
These principles have my strong support—and summarized are "Don't think you know the treatment. It is better to call in your veterinary advice too early than too late."

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Miss B. Saker, of Melbourne, Australia, sent me such a delightful study of stud Bluemead Chaminade with two of his kits by Talbingo Tiente. Early this year, she and her mother took a three weeks holiday in Sydney. She

Miss Saker, having sold five of her kittens to Sydney breeders, had the splendid idea of visiting them. One had gone to Mrs. Donmall, and was nursing a litter by her stud Grace-Dieu Da Yook. Mrs. Dommall took Yook out with her. She is now eight years old and very beautiful. Miss Saker also describes a visit to Mrs. Vize, who took a young male Hillcross Rondo with her last year. He should prove a good outcross for Australian breeders.

A delightful description in this letter reads: "My male was bred in the Blue Mountains, about 60 miles from Sydney. Vivid are my recollections of his piercing and prolonged indignation at being put in a travelling basket, bereft of mother and sisters. Talking to him was



**Miss Saker's Australian-born Siamese to whom reference is made on this page.**

writes "The four leggeds had to precede us by plane—travelling de-luxe in the captain's cabin, only a couple of hours journey (whereas in our A30 it took us a couple of days by road). There they were met by a very kind friend and taken to a highly recommended boarding establishment. On our arrival it was evident already that our cats were approving of the loving attention they received there. Our holiday would have ended then if they hadn't. We visited them often."

useless; he shouted me down! His protests ensured me of an empty carriage at every station of the crowded train journey to Sydney and intrigued the air hostesses on the plane home to Melbourne. So large and fearsome a noise from so small and sweet a kit! He is by the way a son of an imported sire, a son of Ch. Clonlost Yo Yo and Ch. Inwood Shadow."

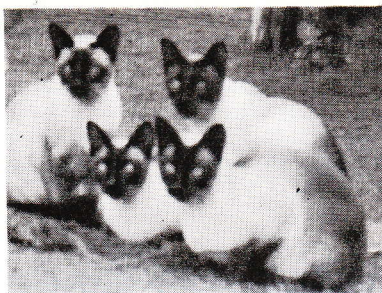
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Lately I have had many queries as to the reason why the third eyelid

appears over the eyes, and it is suggested that it is becoming more prevalent. I will write more fully about this next time. In the meanwhile a recent experience of mine may help you.

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One of my queens vomited her breakfast, became listless and very quiet. I took her temperature which was normal—nose quite cold and moist. By the afternoon she had brought up two lots of bile and sat obviously trying to swallow the liquid which kept rising in her mouth. As humans suffer from a form of biliousness which causes water to literally run from the mouth, and I have found a certain cure—a dose of Eno's Fruit Salts—I mixed some and gave it to her from a hypodermic syringe. She did not want food for the remainder of the day, neither did I attempt to tempt her. I followed with another dose of Eno's, and the following day all was well.



An outstanding quartette of Siamese neuters belonging to Mrs. M. Montgomery, of Thundersley, Essex. Their names are Daybreak, Purland Som Phong, Purland Thong and Devoran Diplomat. In a strong neuter class at the Siamese Show, Daybreak was placed First, followed by Som Phong. Judge Mrs. Elsie Kent reported on Daybreak as follows: "This Cat made me sigh for irretrievable losses. He is a Siamese breeder's dream come true, and those who are unable to interpret the Standard of Points should take a look at him."

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THE Danish Club Racekatten held their big International Championship Show in Copenhagen on October 19th, 20th and 21st in the famous Music Hall of "Tivoli" and Miss Prentis and I were invited to judge Shorthair and Longhair cats and kittens respectively. Mrs. Lorentzen of Denmark judged the Abyssinians.

Anyone who knows Denmark and the Danes will know what a wonderful time we both had and how heartily we can echo the words of the song "Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen!"

Friday morning, bright and early, we began our judging. I found this most enjoyable as we judged in comfort and in good light. The quality of most of the cats was high and it was difficult to decide on the best Longhair. I had to look for the smallest faults in order to arrive at the almost perfect. This was Vigilant Jonathan, a Blue owned by Fru. Larsdotter of Sweden and bred by Mrs. Pullen of England. Twinkle of Pensford, a lovely Blue Cream, ran him very close, for she is an exquisite, beautifully mingled and typy queen. She is owned by Fru. Ruusunen of Denmark and was bred by Mrs. Joan Thompson.

The Best Longhair Kitten and Best Kitten in the Show was a Black female Nulle of Knorre, with a perfect black coat, glorious copper eyes and excellent type. She is seven months old and I anticipate a good show future for her. She is owned and bred by Fru. Rathje of Denmark and has a Danish sire and dam. I was interested to discover on looking through the catalogue that the sire's dam is Chadhurst Linda, who was present and looking lovely and so gained her C.A.C.I.B. Linda is bred by Miss Rodda and is one of Ch. Bournside Black Diamond's many famous children.

There were winning cats from Norway. Mrs. Saether's Laetitia of Allington was the best Chinchilla and her Blue

Foxburrow Firefly was Best Neuter. What a grand cat he is.

Among the cats from Sweden who were winners were Mrs. Axelsson's grand Brown Tabby Derry de Padirac and her Blue female Thiepval Enchanting.

A fine Blue Cream, Copthorne Lieben, owned by Fru. Brijit Bjork and bred by Miss J. Aitken won her first C.A.C. My best Cream was Drevvikshofs Sabina owned by Fru. Ljungstrom and bred by Fru. Tingwall, both of Sweden.

From Germany there was Paragon of Pensford, a grand Blue male who won his C.A.C.I.B. He is owned by Hr. Werner Bierhoff and was bred by Mrs. Thompson. A beautiful Chinchilla Nitouche owned by Fru. Lenders won her C.A.C. and her Blue Longhair kitten Tamara van Frisia State was first in its class. There was also an excellent Brown Tabby kitten owned by Fru. Wagner.

Although I must leave the Shorthair winners to Miss Prentis, I must mention the Best Cat in Show. He was that very fine Siamese Morris Sable, owned by Fru. Poulsen and bred by Mrs. Richardson. He was looking superb and richly deserved this honour.

I was very attracted by the litters of kittens. The best Longhair litter was that owned by Fru. Vestertjele and consisted of three spotless Whites, an excellent Red Tabby and a Tortie.

My stewards, whom I found most helpful and capable, were Fru. Kirsten and Fru. Schulte, both from Germany, and to them I express my sincere thanks.

May I here express my thanks to Mrs. Eisenhuth who, although she was kept so busy at the Show, found time to arrange everything for our entertainment and comfort.



## WINNERS ON THE CONTINENT

*Report from Mrs. E. Towe*

THE Association Feline de France held a very successful show at the Galerie Royale, Paris, on October 5th, 6th and 7th.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to this Club and was very impressed with the lovely cats on show in beautifully cream enamelled pens, the trestles covered in rose coloured rep and bowls of lovely flowers about the hall. The show was televised and shown in London where it came in for a lot of favourable comment.

I judged the L.H. Blacks, Whites and Brown Tabbies and all the Shorthairs. The best L.H. Cat in Show was Madame Guidon's Winsome of Dunesk, a lovely Blue, Best Opposite Sex was Madame Briault's Cream Male, Emir de Clair de Lune, another grand cat. Best L.H. Kitten was an enchanting Birman, Fabienne des Muses, owned by Mlle

Briquet; Best S.H. Cat Madame d'Alleizette's Ch. Pristine Pompey a really lovely Blue Pointed Siamese bred in England; Best S.H. Kitten was his daughter, Madame d'Alleizette's dainty Blue Point, Flika des Monts Dores; Best Neuter, a magnificent L.H. White, Dado, owned by A. M. Barthelemy.

Two Blue Pointed Siamese had travelled from Florida via Germany to compete at the Show—both were Champions and beautiful cats. The older, 8 years' old Champion Blu Lei, winner of another Certificate, was owned by Mrs. Phyllis Alexander, U.S.A. All the cats and kittens shown were in excellent condition, well presented and a great credit to their owners.

I was pleased to meet M. l'Abbé Chamonin who judged L.H. Blues, Chinchillas, Creams, etc. Mlle Coste was referee judge.



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### Siamese Big Day

**T**HE 26th Ch. Show of the Siamese Cat Club on October 9th at the Seymour Hall, London, was very successfully organized by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. K. R. Williams and, may I add, her husband Capt. F. B. Williams. I know they work well as a team and the result was gratifying to devotees of the breed and all cat lovers.

Directly one entered the show hall one had an impression of serenity and brightness. Undoubtedly, the Seymour Hall has the nearest approach to perfect lighting of any venue except the New Horticultural Hall in Westminster and it was pleasing to see the exhibits in their true colours.

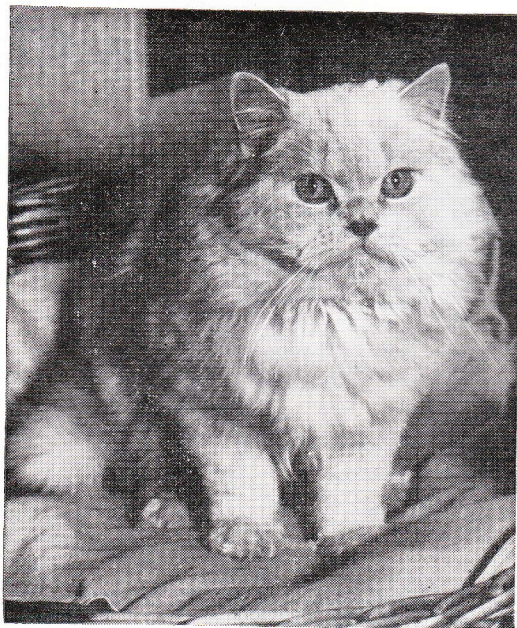
At Mrs. Williams' suggestion the coloured pennants which usually depend from the roof had been removed. They may add to the gaiety of the scene but they sometimes play tricks with coat and

eye colour, especially when the sun filters through them.

Mr. Soderberg, the Club Chairman, introduced the guest of honour, the President, Sir Compton Mackenzie. Members appreciated his kindly interest in coming all the way from Scotland to be with them and to see the exhibits. He made an interesting and amusing speech during the course of which he revealed that his first Siamese was a Tortoiseshell Point. Later his Siamese cat family increased and when living on the island of Jethou (in the Channel Islands group) he had fourteen. He stressed the pleasure he derived from the charming company of Siamese.

Two hundred and forty-six Seal, Blue and Chocolate Points competed, and on exhibition there were six Lilac, Red and Tortoiseshell Points. Mrs. Duncan Hindley had the unusual honour of being awarded Best Exhibit in Show with her Seal Point male Silken Faun (by Silken Domino) and also owning the Challenge Certificate winner in Seal Point females, Ch. Silken Jacaranda by Bynes Romeo. Both were bred by Mrs. Highton of Tenterden, Kent. Congratulations on Silken Faun attaining his full Championship. Competition was formidable in these two classes with 25 males and 30 females.

Best Blue Point Adult was Dr. and Mrs. Groom's handsome and so well-presented male, Nilgiris Blue Antonio. First in Blue Point Females came Doneraile Blue Juliette by Doneraile



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Dekho. In Chocolate Point Adults Flight-Lt. Wilson's female Careless Chloe was best and in C.P. Males Mrs. Hampden-Smith's Pettysha Beelzebub. In a class of 10 Brace Miss Purtell was first with Avonside Tudor Prince and Avonside Dayspring.

Other winners were :—Best Kitten in Show, Major and Mrs. Rendall's Blue Point female Chatwyn Clairette (by Misselfore Ryken); Best Male Kitten, Mrs. Keene's Seal Point Killdown Lewis (by Lindale Simon Pie). With his litter sister Killdown Iona, he recorded two excellent wins by being first in a class of 15 pairs—judge Mrs. Holroyd—and in a class of 10 Brace—judge Mrs. Varcoe. In a lovely class of 19 neuters competing for the Premiership Mrs. Montgomery was 1st and Premier with Seal Point Purland Som Phong, later Best Neuter in Show. Mrs. Channing was second with Bradgate Punchinello. Mrs. Montgomery was also third with her Daybreak not yet at his best but oh ! what a lovely cat ! Far too good to be neutered from a breeder's point of view but a joy to possess.

The Best in Show winner was announced pleasingly early, just after 3 p.m., and was made possible of course by having an adequate number of judges, ten in all. The new cream painted judges' tables were thoroughly hygienic and a nice size.

Altogether an enjoyable show with a wonderful array of Siamese, lots of spectators to see them and a pleasant mild autumn day to add the finishing touch.

## At Birmingham

The Midland Counties Cat Club Ch. Show at Birmingham on October 20th attracted 219 exhibits.

The Longhair entries have greatly improved in coat since the first Ch. Show of the season in August. It was nice to see three lovely Orange-eyed White females, the winner being Mrs.

Ball's Lisblanc Azalea with Miss Bull's pair, Deebank Wild Rose and Deebank Marguerite, the runners up. They excelled in purity of coat and all three were well presented. Miss Bull also won with her Cream male Beamsley Sunbeam, a winning kitten last season. Blue-Creams numbered seven, only one less than the Blue females. The winner, Mrs. Kirkus's Suncroft Nefertiti was born in July, 1951, and looked very bonny. Other winners were :—Best Longhair Cat, Mrs. Benbow's Blue male Ch. Bayhorne Ajax by Ch. Baralan Boy Blue ; Best Longhair Kitten, Miss Elliott's Cream male Tweedledum of Westavon by Ch. Tollerton Talisman ; Best Shorthair Cat, Mr. Lamb's Seal Point Siamese Ch. Causeway Pita ; Best Shorthair Kitten, Mrs. Porter's Blue Point Siamese Chatwyn Jenny.

Mrs. Norris's Blue Trenton Raffles became a Premier Neuter and was Best Longhair Neuter. Mrs. Budd's British Blue Ch. Nidderdale Bumble was Best Shorthair Neuter. Now we are beginning to see the long term effects of granting Premier Certificates to neuters, which is the equivalent for them of Challenge Certificates. One begins to wonder if they are as beneficial as we at first supposed. Many judges are commenting on the lovely quality of some of these former entire males.

Mrs. Budd's Ch. N. Bumble is a fine example of a British Blue and a great loss to breeders as he excels in type and colour, but as so few queens visited him Mrs. Budd reluctantly decided to have him neutered. The winning Blue Longhair queen was the ever-successful Ch. Thiepvall Precocious.

Congratulations to Mrs. Foxwell on her Seal Point Siamese female Firesprite Cheta by Chinki Ranya becoming a Champion. Dr. and Mrs. Groom's Blue Point Siamese Nilgiris Blue Antonio was awarded his second Ch. Certificate and Mrs. Hoskin's Laurentide Cirrus was the winning Blue Point female. Mrs. Attwood won first with her Cream Shorthair kitten Aldra's Cream Bunne

(pictured in OUR CATS August issue) and his Blue-Cream litter sister Aldra's Pansy Face. Mrs. J. M. Newton, whom we seldom see exhibiting nowadays, was first with a Tortoiseshell Longhair kitten, Chintz of Carne.

Mrs. Lamb, Hon. Secretary of the Club, organized the show which was interesting and enjoyable.

We were very pleased to see Miss Kathleen Yorke among us once again ; she has recovered well from her recent indisposition and we hope to see her at all the remaining shows of the season.

### Winners at Edinburgh

Owing to the distance I did not attend the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Ch. Show at Edinburgh on October 6th, organized by Dr. Sheina Watters. But I hear it was a success and the Southerners were very appreciative of Scottish hospitality. I have a few details of awards and must congratulate Major Dugdale on his Best Longhair Cat win with his Blue Ch. Foxburrow Fairy (by Ch. Harpur Blue Boy) and on his Blue male Harpur Romeo (by the same sire) becoming a Champion. Also congratulations to Miss Chapman, whose Cream male Ousedale Maximilian (by Royal Blue) completed his Championship, as did Mr. Swift's Seal Point male Chancery Rupee (by Silken Tassel).

### Enthusiastic Danes

Mrs. Aitken who judged all the Longhair exhibits, writes elsewhere in this issue concerning the recent Racekatten Club Show in Copenhagen.

Mrs. Saether, of Oslo, Norway, writes: "Racekatten held a most beautiful and well-organized show. The hall was built a year ago so is large, light and colourful. It really was a magnificent venue and how I wish we had something similar in Norway !

"The gate was very good and there were queues waiting to get in ; about 10,000 visitors altogether during the

three days, although thanks to the spaciousness one never had the impression of a packed hall. Those two perennially lovely cats, Mrs. Anna Poulsen's Seal Point Siamese International Champion Morris Sable and Miss Ruusunen's Blue Cream Int. Ch. Twinkle of Pensford are really fantastic. Year after year they appear looking as attractive and young as ever. It was a stiff contest between them and Vigilant Jonathan, the Blue bred by Mrs. Pullen. Jonathan was the eventual winner. Best Exhibit, Int. Ch.



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**Another delightful study of a pedigreed Shorthair kitten bred by Mrs. Attwood, Cheam, Surrey.**

Morris Sable ; Best Longhair, Vigilant Jonathan ; Best Longhair Female, Int. Ch. Twinkle of Pensford. The British-bred cats already Champions and competing for and awarded an International C.A.C.I.B. were Mr. Werner Bierhof's Blue male Ch. Paragon of Pensford, Mrs. Ruusunen's Black Ch. Chadhurst Linda, Mrs. Ulla Magnusson's S.P. Siamese Ch. Pristine Petaling, my Ch. Laetitia of Allington, and Morris Sable. Twinkle of Pensford, and the Abyssinian female Nigella Fern all added yet another C.A.C.I.B. to their awards.

My Premier neuter Foxburrow Firefly had the time of his life, he was once more Best Neuter. Every time I came into the hall someone was photographing him so he really played the film star and revelled in it ! He was on television, the news-reel, private film reels, and photos in the papers, in fact everything.

The Show was so well organized by the President Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth and her Committee. Everything was done for the comfort of our exhibitors and ourselves. Mrs. Aitken and Miss Prentis told me how much they enjoyed the Show and seeing Copenhagen."

Int. Ch. Morris Sable (a 1951 son of Ch. Hillcross Song) was bred by Mrs. Richardson. He has been Best in Show several times and has sired numerous winners. Ch. Hillcross Song was bred by Mrs. Towe, and after quickly achieving his Championship went to live in Cyprus with Mrs. S. Druce.

Int. Ch. Twinkle of Pensford (a daughter of Ch. Astra of Pensford), was born in 1951, one of the first litter of my first Cream queen Anchor Felicity. Four out of five kittens in this litter were

destined to become Champions—Ch. Dawn of Pensford (the one I kept), Signora Paganini's Int. Ch. Twilight of Pensford (three Blue-Creams), Champion Sunbeam of Pensford, a Cream, also owned by Signora Paganini.

Vigilant Jonathan is a babe in comparison, born in September, 1954. He is a son of Mrs. Pullen's lovely queen Ch. Jewel of Dunesk and with his immaculate breeding should be an acquisition to Scandinavia. His litter brother Vigilant Teddy Boy was exported to Norway and after winning two Challenge Certificates and being Best Longhair Exhibit at Oslo last December was neutered as there were too few queens for him in Norway.

## Manx on the Screen

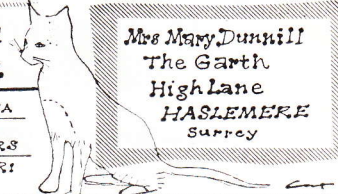
Two of Miss Sladden's famous Stonor Manx and a trio of kittens were on Mr. Macdonald Daly's ITV programme "*Animal Crackers*" on October 18th. The kittens were charming and the Red Tabby has gone to a loving home as a pet for children, who are quite intrigued to know they have the kitten which they actually saw on television.

Stonor Minnie, a Black (winner of two Challenge Certificates) behaved so well and even resisted the great temptation to jump at a white mouse on a pedestal about three feet away from her. Mr. Frank Blake informed the viewers that the mouse was the turn previous to Minnie and as she had to be *in situ* and ready for the camera they couldn't avoid having them near each other for a while.

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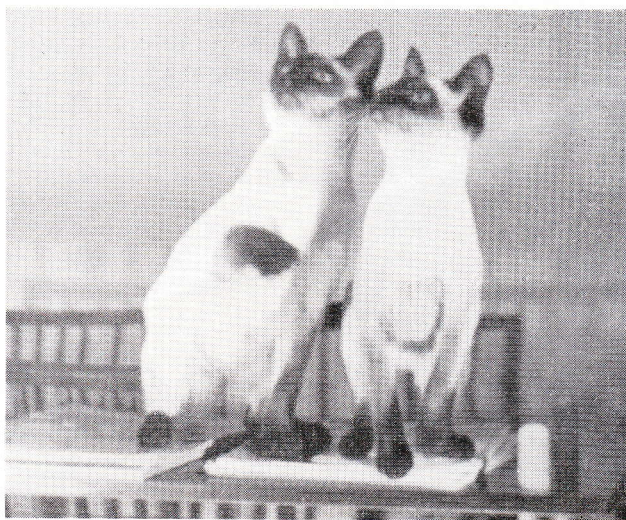
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get her in when she is at her country home at Henley-on-Thames. She comes and nudges Miss Sladen directly she taps an egg with a spoon. We rehearsed her at the studio but we could see she wasn't feeling confident enough to do her act serenely so it was cut out and a short dissertation given on her show points. She stood well to show her shapely body and nice round posterior.

Miss Rodda's lovely Black female Chadhurst Ebony Princess (by Chadhurst Solitaire) is travelling to Miss Ruby Lovejoy of New Zealand and the Cream female kitten Chadhurst Mimosa (by Chadhurst Golden Monark) to Mrs. Downey of Auckland. The latter is intended as a mate for the Cream male Ronada Rendezvous (by Pennhome Pierre) bred and exported by Mrs. Brice-Webb. He is maturing well I hear

and will be shown next season as he should by then be acclimatized. It usually takes a year or two for our cats to grow their coats in the New Zealand autumn which, of course, corresponds to our spring and the time when their breeding activities here would be paramount.

Miss Rodda is famous for the all-round quality of her Blacks. She bred the Copenhagen winner Int. Ch. Chadhurst Linda, and one of the loveliest post-war Tortoiseshells for type one could wish for—Chadhurst Juliet. Her head was beautiful and she had such perfect little ears. Miss Rodda is in great demand for judging so has not done much exhibiting during the last two or three seasons. However, she is still as interested as ever in breeding Blacks, Tortoiseshells, Creams and Blue-Creams and will be exhibiting this winter.



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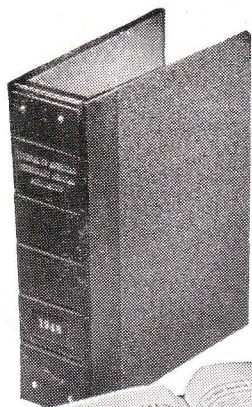
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