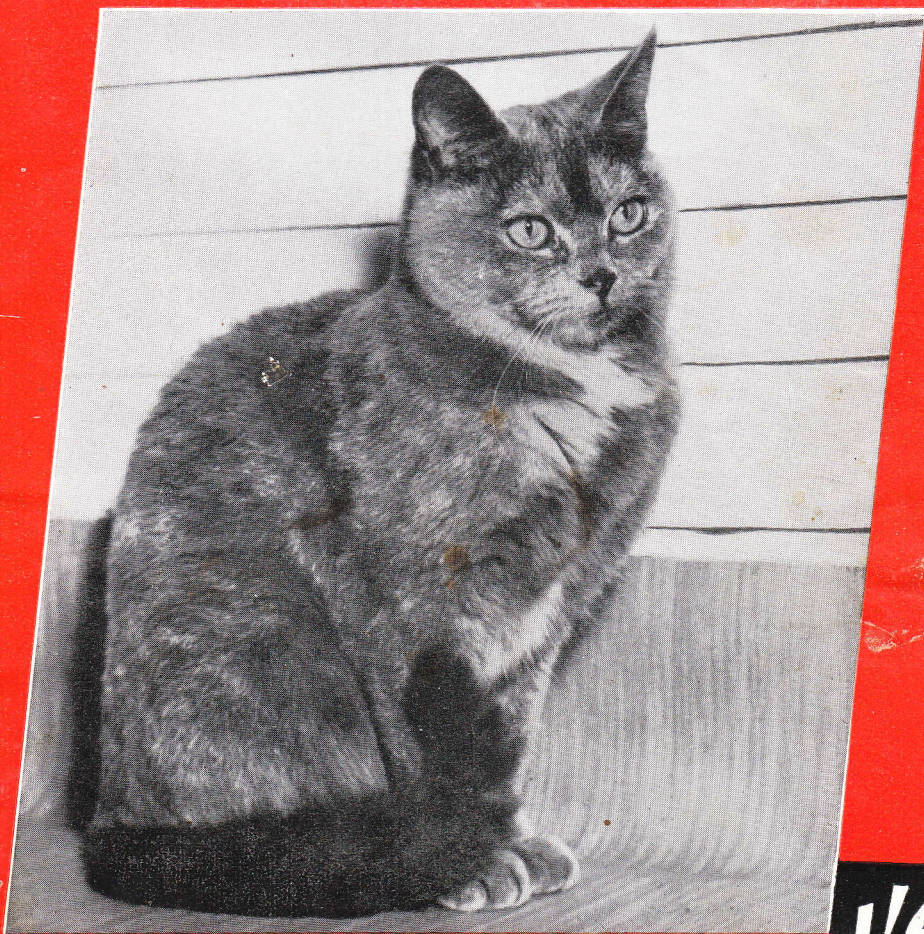


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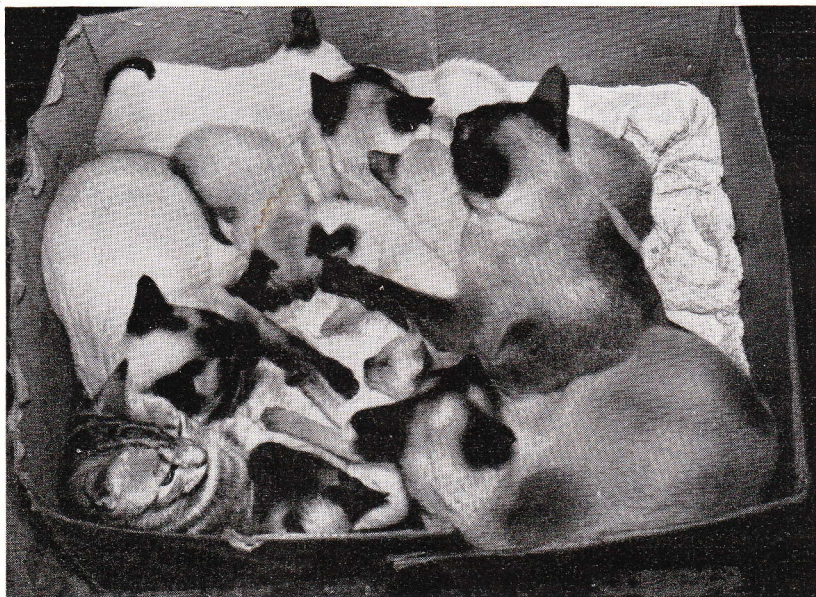
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## ***This Show Business***

By RICHARD POND

**H**USBANDS of show managers in common with linesmen, ballboys and sceneshifters often see and hear more of the show than the participants or those who come by way of the box office. Although almost an outsider, I feel this touchline position gives me some authority to answer the criticisms contained in an article in last month's issue on the National Cat Club's Show at Olympia in December.

Faults there were none can deny, but few critics. This I think stems from the fact that with a little intelligent introspection on the lines of "What could I have done that would not have given more offence than the fault—or have brought the spectre of bankruptcy in with the New Year's bills?" plunges most would-be critics into such a sea of doubts that their objections never get into print.

May I, before answering the criticisms, draw attention to two factors which must influence all decisions when planning a championship cat show in this country. Firstly, the opposition from the majority of cat-lovers to any show necessitating their cats being caged for more than one day. Secondly, the many-times affirmed decision of the Fancy that outside commercial interests shall be kept within bounds where they can in no way influence the character and conduct of the show.

Bearing these points in mind, let us consider the merits and demerits of holding one-day championship shows at Olympia. It has been said "sordid little economies were exercised." Econo-

mies yes, but how "sordid and little" is over £150 more to provide the next size stage with "flags, brass, bunting and potted palms?"

"Shortage of catalogues for press representatives?" No newspaper reporter was refused a copy, but some of their photographers and assistants had to do without, as we were running short. "Sordid economy"—one thousand catalogues—a gamble which more than came off and where was the experience of a one-day show at the Olympia to be drawn from—remembering that it was not a commercial enterprise or a show with a backer, but a club show run with the members' monies.

"Economy in heating?" No, sir! Full heating was started at noon on the day before the show, and with it, unfortunately, the inseparable draught from the ever-opening doors to the centre of the hall where exhibits had to be grouped under daylight.

### **Could have lost £1,000**

With eyesight keen enough to detect the litter which had accumulated since the hall was most efficiently swept by the Olympia staff in the morning, also the many hundreds of chairs always far from being fully occupied should have been observed. It was the single chairs perhaps which were missing which could have been carried by the exhibitors into the gangways or the "ambition and courage" to ignore the strict L.C.C. regulations on gangway obstructions.

While some would like to take their "bread and circus" together—others, particularly judges, understandably pre-



fer them separated. How they must have longed for the day-long cloistering of judges at shows abroad, and after a day's judging which was too long, with too many classes and too many cats, say "Was it all worth while?"

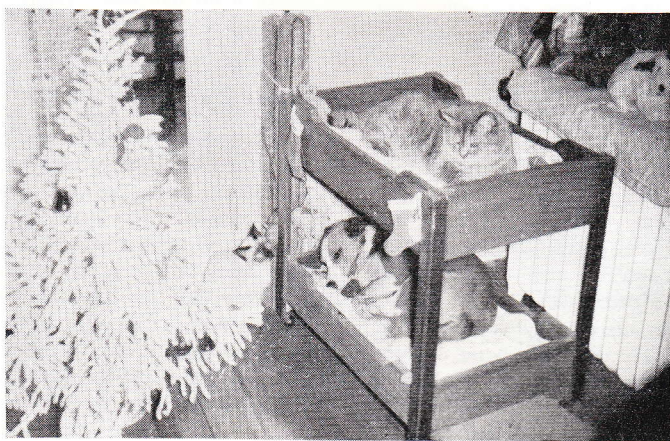
One finds it hard to reconcile these two aspects of Olympia, i.e. "more brass, bunting and crusading spirit needed and hang the cost," with "Keep the intimacy and calm dignity of the smaller shows."

Perhaps it is not generally realized what with the serious international situation, petrol rationing just about to commence, and the bad weather, the Olympia show could have gone down a cool £1,000

The governing principles referred to earlier were maintained—a large section of the public introduced to the Fancy for the first time, and the Club will have no bill to foot. This Olympia show made a small profit. Should we throw over our principles and move into the commercial entertainment business? I think not.

To run a one-day championship show at Olympia from which the public were excluded until after mid-day, without a large pet-cat section and its attendant pre-show press publicity, with the purse strings removed from the restraining hand of the show manager, so that others may be given a free hand rein to exercise their artistic talents in a hall the size of the Olympia, would, I am afraid, bring financial difficulties that even a combined clubs show running on Governing Council lines could ill-sustain.

It has been suggested that exhibitors might pay a higher entry fee, but any gain here might be offset by a drop in entrants which seem for the time being to have reached an optimum of just over five hundred pedigree cats. Bearing all these things in mind, judges and management might well be excused in saying "Is it all worth it?"—to which I would reply—"If Olympia shows help to increase interest in the care and well-being of cats in this country, most definitely 'Yes'."



**A specially constructed double-decker bed is shared by the pets of Miss Illy McFall, of Darlington, S.C., U.S.A.—Yum-Yum, a spirited young Siamese, Dusty, a 15-year-old half Persian who is seen occupying the top berth, and Fudgie, a 5-year-old dog.**



# Cats in Paint & Print

By SIDNEY DENHAM

Sidney Denham is the author of "Cats Between Covers" and with Helen Denham collected the exhibits for the "Cats Through The Ages" Exhibition of pictures, ceramics, books, etc., in London in 1953. Under the title "Cats in Paint and Print" he will write periodically about cats in books and the arts and will welcome interesting items from readers or answer their questions.

ONE of the world's most travelled cats must be Sylvester belonging to Mr. Norman Tremearne, who gave a talk in a recent Blind Edition of radio's "Woman's Hour." To give simple treatment to aborigines in Australia suffering from eye disease, Mr. Tremearne travelled some 30,000 miles and everywhere he went, he was accompanied by Sylvester. His journeys took him into some of the most remote parts of the island continent.

The aborigines, Mr. Tremearne told his listeners, were fond of animals, including cats, and made pets of them. But domestic cats which had "gone wild" had bred and produced a race of wild cats. These the aborigines hunted for food, although they would not have dreamed of eating one of their domestic cats. Evidently in the past there must have been unfortunate accidents as a result of somebody's pet being mistaken by a hunter for a wild cat. To avoid them, the aborigines devised a simple but effective rule. All pet cats were to have their tails docked. In the great open spaces any cat with only half a tail is tame. Any cat with a full length tail is wild.

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Speaking of much travelled cats, the opening to the public for the first time next May of Shugborough Hall, near Stafford, the seat of the Earl of Lichfield, will be of special interest to cat lovers. In the garden is a very fine memorial to a cat. A large column

supports a highly decorated urn on which is seated the figure of the cat which belonged to Admiral Lord Anson and accompanied him on his most famous voyage which eventually took him round the world.

The voyage began in 1740 and lasted four years during which the six ships which set out under Anson were reduced to a single one, the *Centurion*.

The cat which survived a journey round Cape Horn, to the Philippines and then home via the Cape of Good Hope in those days of hard tack and salt meat must have been an exceptional one, well deserving the fine memorial put up to him. The memorial is the more remarkable when it is remembered that the Age of Reason did not indulge in sentiment about animals. Dr. Samuel Johnson felt he had to apologize for being so fond of his cat. Admiral Anson's cat was a worthy predecessor of Simon of the *Amethyst* and, more than two centuries before him, visited China where Anson sold his richest prize taken in battle.

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Mr. Raymond Moley, the distinguished U.S. political commentator, told recently how a notice appeared on a tree near his home, obviously printed by a youngster. "Lost! A black cat with white spots. Reward for return to . . ." read the notice. Under the name and address, the child had written as an afterthought: "P.S. If you want to keep it, all right. But let me know, so I will stop looking."

Mr. Moley's interest in the story was that it admirably illustrated the attitude

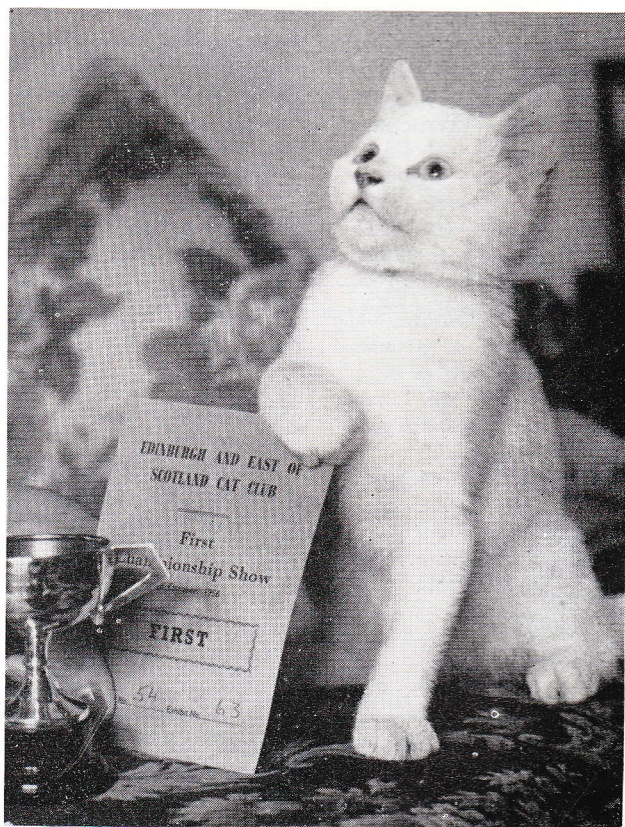


of electors towards politicians who every time they came up for election promised tax reductions, but as soon as they were elected, dashed all hopes. But the child who wrote it evidently knew his cat. I suspect quite a number of "lost" cats have, in fact, just moved on to more luxurious quarters. A correspondent in *The Times* in January told of coming back from holiday to be met with the sad news that his cat had been missing for a fortnight.

He immediately began one of those house by house enquiries which any of

us who have lost cats know are as hard on the heart as on the feet. In this case, he soon got a clue. A lady had for some time been visited by a little black cat at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day. He seemed well-fed and, it was suggested, got the food from the vicarage next door. Enquiry at the vicarage revealed that indeed he was fed there regularly, but never stayed, always coming from the children's home next door.

Although his regular meals had been put out for him in his own home, it is clear the cat had spent his holiday



### LOOK WHAT I'VE WON !

*Aberdeen Journals*

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arranging a series of restaurants where he could dine out. "So far as I know," wrote his owner, "my cat was fed regularly in four houses, but there may have been a lot more."

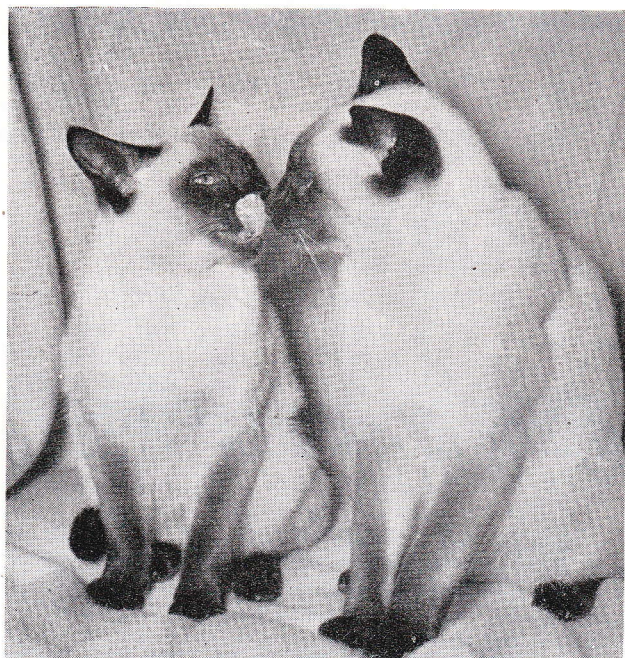
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In Paris they tell a classic story of a man being brought the sad news that his much-loved cat had been run over. When he rushed to the scene, he found another man bending over the body in tears, mourning his beloved Minou. "But he was my Minou," protested the bereaved owner, "there is, alas, no mistaking his identity. It is true he would stay out every night, but I loved him dearly. . . ."

"No, he is mine," asserted the other, "It is true that he was rarely around during the day, but he always came in for the night." Yes, you've guessed it. After mutual explanations both owners still mourned their lost pet, but perhaps were only half as sorry as previously.

*(to be continued next month)*

**TARQUIN and TANYA**, the two young Siamese pets of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yate, of Newton Abbot, Devon, appear to be discussing the points of their last good meal. They were bred at the Low Knap cattery of Dr. and Mrs. Francis.



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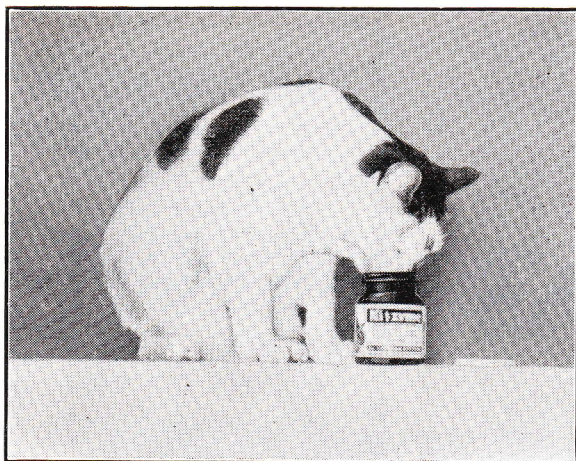
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## ***How Many Kittens?***

By IVOR RALEIGH

**I** AM often asked by novice breeders how many kittens they should allow their queen to bear in a year. Before giving a firm answer to this important question one must give consideration to the various factors which are involved in it.

To begin with, it is obvious that the bearing and rearing of kittens imposes a measure of stress upon the mother cat. This stress, together with the corresponding strain, depends in part upon the number of kittens in the litter, and in part upon the condition of the queen. Furthermore, hereditary factors also play a significant role.

It would appear from the foregoing that no general rule can be stated and that each case should be considered upon its individual merit. A mongrel female cat will, if left to her own devices, bear two to three litters a year with no harm either to herself or to her babies. There is likewise no reason to suppose that a thoroughbred queen would fare or do worse, providing she is well and suitably fed and cared for.

On occasions a queen will rear six, seven or more kittens in a litter and in such cases, prudence will suggest no further mating for five or six months. On the other hand, there is nothing to make us believe that a couple of consecutive litters of two or three babies would mitigate against a third healthy litter within the year.

In certain breeds, particularly in Siamese, the psychological distress caused by holding back a calling queen may do more harm than the bearing of another litter.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, sentiment plays too great a part in this problem. If a queen has a large litter it is more than likely that some of the kittens will be less sturdy than the others. Most breeders will go to a lot of pains to keep these weaklings alive and this practice not only imposes a greater strain upon the mother but tends to perpetuate weakly tendencies in the offspring. Weakly kittens only too often become the parents of further weakly kittens. I must admit that I am an offender in this respect, as nothing on earth would make me destroy a kitten which could be saved.

The feeding of pregnant and nursing queens is of the greatest importance and reinforced milk foods should figure largely in the diet. There is now evidence for believing that yeast products are beneficial, while meat, and particularly raw or par-boiled liver provide the required animal protein and hormone requirements. It should be noted that meat and milk foods must never be fed together. The reason for this is scientifically complex but nevertheless, absolutely proven.

A healthy, sturdy and properly fed queen should have no difficulty in raising two and at times three litters in a year providing they are not large litters for that particular breed. It goes without saying, that these remarks do not apply to a queen in her first adult year. In her case, only one litter is advised.

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Spring litters will soon be with us again and it is perhaps as well to remind breeders to inoculate kittens at six weeks against infectious feline enteritis.

Many breeders find that kittens born in early spring tend to suffer from weepy eyes. The best way to prevent this trouble is by rearing the babies in an even temperature in an environment free from draughts. Where the trouble tends to persist, streptopen ointment placed in each eye morning and night, will soon effect a cure. In applying ointment into an eye the nozzle should not be used. Instead, a drop of the ungent should be squeezed on to the inner face of the little finger of the right hand (if you are right-handed) and transferred thence into the corner of each eye. The eye should be held open with the thumb and first finger of the left hand, while the remaining three fingers grip the loose skin behind the head. This method is very safe and makes damage to the eye impossible.

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Men are men and cats are cats and to infuse the personality of one into the other is both childish and foolish. The sight of an ardent cat lover drooling to her Tiddles in what purports to be pidgin English always strikes me as being a little pathetic. Cats have a great measure of dignity and to besmirch them with an injection of pseudo-human personality speaks little for the perpetrator and hardly flatters the recipient.

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I recently bought my daughter Virginia a miniature poodle. The little black bundle of mischief adores cats and has been brought up with a litter of five Siamese babies whom he picks up in his gob and carries round the

room, to the delight of both the kittens and himself and to the terror of their mother, who sits and howls with just that sort of dreary persistence which makes it quite obvious that she is merely living up to tradition, and is not in the least worried about her babies. She knows they will inevitably finish their journey right side up and free from harm. When those kittens go to their new homes, they will immediately make friends with any dogs the household might boast.

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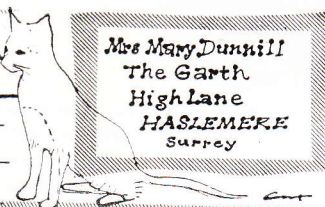
An advertisement in *Fur and Feather* recently evoked the following letter: "I saw your advertisement and would like a she tom from two queens, if you have them please." My reply read: "Dear Madam, A she is a female cat and a tom is a male, a queen is a mother cat. In spite of the recent publicity in the popular press, virgin births are not recognized by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. For mercy's sake explain what you want."

Tough 15-stone Harry Humphreys, a Welsh visitor to Edinburgh for the rugby international, looked through his hotel window and saw a tabby cat swaying perilously on a slender branch of an 80 ft. tree. Harry called his fellow football fans and announced that he was going up to fetch the cat down. They watched breathlessly as he effected a very tricky rescue. So a worried owner got her pet back and Harry was given a huge box of chocolates to take home to his young son.

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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-eighth article in a fine new and exclusive series to help and encourage our readers all over the cat world.**

SOMETHING of the genetics of the Tortoiseshell cat, with special references to the elusive male and the still more elusive fertile male, has been included in these articles from time to time.

Tortoiseshell males have always made an interesting topic for discussion in the Fancy. For scientists, they provide an even greater interest. Various theories have been considered and offered in the scientific literature to explain the occurrence of tortoiseshell and dilute tortoiseshell (blue-cream) males, and the fact that on very rare occasions indeed, a fertile male appears. So far, no satisfactory solutions have been found. The difficulty has been in the scarcity of specimens with which to work, thus preventing enough of systematic research and recording.

A few years ago, during some investigation for Professor Komai, of Japan, I traced a Tortoiseshell male in Wales. The owner informed me that it had just been borrowed by Professor Haldane for test matings, as it was thought to be fertile. Unfortunately, the cat met with an untimely end and no breeding records were obtained.

Further back still, Sir Claude Alexander owned a number of Tortie males, two of which were also considered to be fertile. These were passed on to L. Doncaster for research, and he reported

in *Science* N.S. 36; 144—1912, that litters had been born. Unfortunately, details of sex and coat-colour of the kittens born are incomplete and somewhat uncertain.

Another fertile male was brought to my notice, and this I recorded in my *Cat Genetics* (Bailey Bros. & Swinfen). It belonged to a breeder in Luton and produced one litter—"one kitten very like its mother; one something like the mother only darker; and a third which was black with a ginger tint." The father was unknown, and no other litter was reported. The mother was not available for controlled breeding operations.

## America's "Tortie Man"

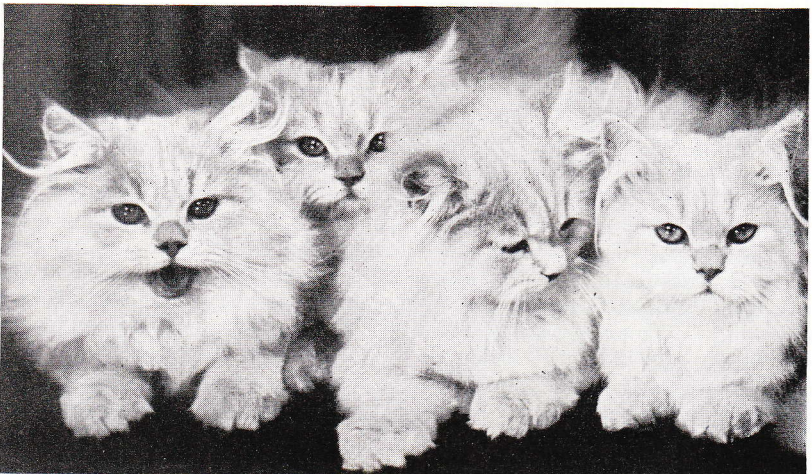
In America, too, one fertile male has been recorded. This belongs to Mr. Middleton, and has sired several litters. It is known as Tortie Man, and when mated with his Cream daughter produced a Cream female and a Red male. When the Cream grand-daughter was mated back to Tortie Man, she produced a Tortie female and two Red Tabby males. No male Torties were sired.

It is well known that in the domestic cat the gene for yellow coat-colour is sex linked. It is also well known that Tortoiseshell cats are almost always females, and experiment has shown that they are the heterozygous form of black  $\times$  yellow. When a yellow female is mated with a black male, the male



*Chas. Bird*

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*Trevor Crozier*

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kittens are yellow, and the female are tortoiseshell. This may be explained by saying that yellow is dominant in the male, but incompletely so in the female. When this generation is bred together, such animals give a generation consisting of yellow and of tortoiseshell females, together with yellow and black males in approximately equal numbers. In the reciprocal cross—yellow male  $\times$  black female instead of yellow female  $\times$  black male—the results are, of course, different. The  $F_1$  gives black males and tortie females, and these two bred together give yellow males, black males and females, and tortie females.

The breeding of Torties (black  $\times$  yellow) and their dilutes (blue  $\times$  cream), follows normal lines as indicated above, but produces torties only of female sex as the general rule. How then come the males—sterile and fertile?

### Most favoured theory

The yellow mutation of cats is one of the exceptional cases of a sex-linked character in mammals other than man. The mutant yellow gene is carried on an X chromosome. It results, as in most mammals, from a mutation in the gene for extension of black pigment throughout the coat. The peculiarity of the cat is that the extension gene is carried in the X chromosome, not in an autosome as in other mammals. The yellow mutation is incompletely dominant—the heterozygotes occur only in females, since they alone may carry the yellow gene in one X chromosome, and black in the other.

Explanations of the probable genetic constitution of the Tortie male have been varied, with the following as the most highly favoured so far. This particular theory claimed that a Tortie male is a genetically-determined female which, under the influence of male sex-hormone from another embryo of the same litter has become an intersex, hence its usual sterility. But if the

influence of male-sex hormone is unusually strong, spermatogenesis may occur in the testes, with subsequent fertility.

In the breeding of the recently discovered Rex gene in cats, the original mutant was the son of a Tortoiseshell mother. Hence, in the breeding which followed, and which for obvious reasons had to be on the family inbreeding scale, the usual tortie-involved phenotypes were produced. With only the mode of inheritance of the rex gene in mind at the time, colours produced were then relatively unimportant.

When the experimental breeding was concluded, Dr. Searle and I decided that we should compile the complete breeding records—names of cats mated, numbers in litters, sexes and colours—in order to draw all possible conclusions in all directions. From all the details passed on to us from Mrs. Ennismore's notebook, we at once noticed some rather startling facts. These were tied up for us through Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb's visit to Mrs. Ennismore in order to purchase his two Rex kittens. These were sired by a male known as Blue Boy and Mr. Stirling-Webb confirmed for us that this male was indeed Blue Cream.

### Discovery in Japan

We were now able to make true analysis of the completed records. *Eleven further Tortoiseshell males have been recorded among Blue Boy's sexed offspring. Three of these males have reached maturity, but so far, none has been proved fertile. There have been no previous records in the scientific literature of Tortoiseshell males siring further Tortoiseshell males. Blue Boy was mated to six different Tortoiseshell females, all related to him.*

From the investigation of the results we have agreed that the most likely hypothesis is that in Blue Boy the gene for yellow has become partially sex-linked, instead of being completely so. The gene would then, in this case, be

present in the pairing segment of the Y chromosome, instead of being unrepresented in Y.

By using  $y$  to represent yellow coat-colour, and  $y^b$  to represent its black allele, then, on our hypothesis, Blue Boy's genetic constitution would probably be  $\frac{y^b \dots \dots \dots X}{y \dots \dots \dots Y}$  where X and Y represent particularly the differential segments on these chromosomes, presumably containing the sex-determiners.

Because Blue Boy's father was a yellow male, it makes it probable that the  $y$  gene would be on the Y chromosome rather than on the X. A Tortoiseshell male of the above constitution, when mated to a Tortoiseshell female, would produce yellow males, tortie males and females, and black females as non-recombinant types; and black males, tortie males and females as recombinant

types. Thus, the production of all three genotypes in both sexes becomes theoretically possible. And this agrees with our observation. On the hypothesis, those of Blue Boy's sons which are yellow or black with regard to the  $y$  locus, should also be capable of producing Tortoiseshell sons.

We are fortunate in that at the present time, Professor Komai has discovered a Tortie fertile male in Japan. Notes will be compared. In the meantime, the present facts will be reported in *Nature*, to be followed with full report in due course by a paper in *Journal of Genetics*.

A paper entitled "The 'Rex' Type of Coat in the Domestic Cat" by A. G. Searle and A. C. Jude has been published in *Journal of Genetics*, Vol. 54, No. 3, pp. 506-512, Nov., 1956.

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# INFECTIOUS ENTERITIS & PNEUMONITIS IN CATS

MARK STERNFELS, D.V.M., Mount Vernon, New York

(Reprinted from "Veterinary Medicine")

**F**ELINE infectious enteritis, cat fever, distemper, or plague is a single viral disease of cats. It affects all cats regardless of age, sex, or breed. Permanent immunity can be established by means of two doses of vaccine administered to healthy kittens.

## Symptoms

*Infectious Enteritis.* The symptoms of infectious enteritis usually consist of severe, acute, and constant retching, accompanied by watery diarrhea, elevated temperature, dehydration, loss of appetite, roughened hair coat, debility, and death. Morbidity lasts from a few hours to a few days.

*Pneumonitis.* Equally distressing and difficult is a disease of cats referred to as pneumonitis, sinusitis, infectious rhinitis, or head catarrh. This disease is caused by a virus, is not so acute, but is highly contagious and spreads like wildfire through an entire cattery with the introduction of but a single case. Symptoms are watery eyes, reddened conjunctiva, constant sneezing, lack of appetite, beaded, watery drooling discharge from the closed mouth, roughened hair coat, but only slightly elevated temperature. Pulmonary rales or increased vesicular murmur are absent. In general, the attitude is one of an animal with a severe affection of the upper respiratory tract. Faeces are normal or scanty.

No preventive vaccine exists. Morbidity reaches 85% or more in catteries. Few deaths result if the disease is recognized early. An attack does not simulate permanent immunity. It is believed that the infective agent is carried by attendants or visitors.

## Treatment for Enteritis

Treatment with homologous antiserum has had mediocre success. The

writer has treated several outbreaks both in private homes and in catteries involving over 50 cases during the past year in the following manner: Affected patients are handled with care. A solution of chloromycetin is diluted so that each cc. will represent 200 mg. of the antibiotic. Initial dose is 25 mg. per lb. of body weight given intramuscularly. Treatment is repeated in 24, and if necessary again in 48 hours. Owner is instructed to give  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. of blue label karo syrup mixed with  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. of orange juice every two hours for six doses. Milk of bismuth (1 tsp. every two hours for four doses—alternately with syrup) is also recommended.

If procurable, the juice from crushed beef liver is given with an eye dropper in  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. amounts two or three times in the course of the day.

Curative effects have been good. Affected animals cease vomiting. Body temperature drops gradually, the severe craving for water ceases, and the patient goes on to complete recovery.

## Treatment for Pneumonitis

Chloromycetin solution is diluted to contain 200 mg. of the antibiotic per cc. Inject intramuscularly 25 mg. per lb. of body weight on the first, second, and third day of treatment. Supportive treatment as follows is important: Polyotic eye ointment is applied twice daily. Bland nose drops of argyrol are administered also twice daily. Karo syrup and orange juice mixed together are given three times; milk of bismuth twice daily. Beef liver extract is also recommended. Liver and B complex injections are administered daily intramuscularly.

Complete recovery in two to three weeks is to be expected when treatment can be started early in the course of the disease.

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## Differential Diagnosis

Infectious enteritis	Pneumonitis
1. High temperatures followed by sudden sub-normal temperature.	1. Slightly elevated or normal temperature.
2. Onset — peracute or acute. Incubation period — 1 to 7 days.	2. Onset — gradual. Occasional sneezing, lacrimation, loss of appetite gradual. Condition can exist for almost a month before final recovery or death. Incubation period — 4 days or longer.
3. Pathognomonic — abnormal thirst, constant retching, severe diarrhea, rapid dehydration.	3. Pathognomonic — severe conjunctivitis, beady, watery drooling from mouth, loss of appetite, lethargy, scanty or absence of bowel movements.
4. Preventible — permanent immunity can be established by (a) exposure and recovery, or (b) vaccination.	4. No known immunity established even after exposure and recovery.

### Comment by M.R.C.V.S.

For many years the term distemper has been applied to the head catarrh condition. The two have been synonymous and had better remain so. I cannot agree that watery diarrhoea is a constant symptom of infectious enteritis. Quite often the patients are actually constipated, or may pass nothing whatever. Discharge emanating from a closed mouth is not strictly correct as the nostrils are so frequently clogged that the

cat has to breathe and dribble from an open mouth.

Mr. Sternfels states that an attack does not *simulate* a permanent immunity. Presumably, the operative word should have been “stimulate.”

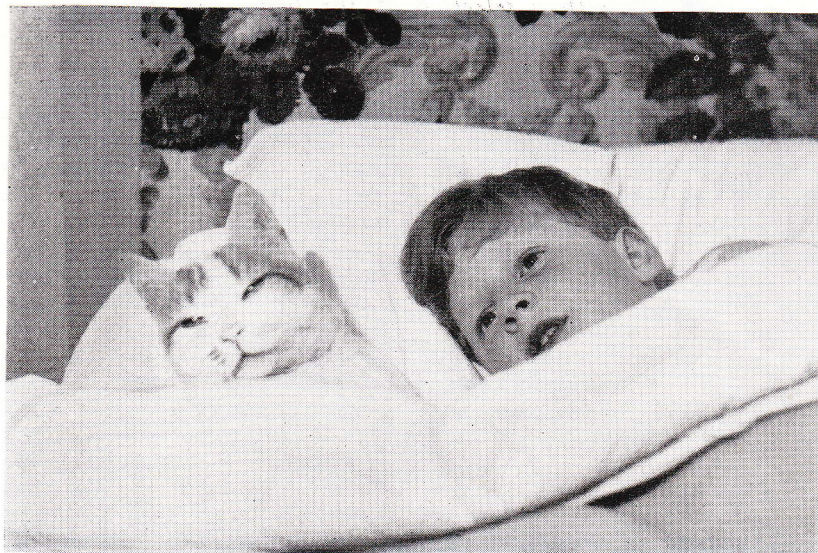
As to how the infection is carried, one should never forget the great importance of flies, and also the passage through the air of fine droplets expelled in the act of sneezing and inhaled by a healthy cat. Chloromycetin is probably the best curative available.

**Mrs. McLeod's  
well-known  
Chinchilla  
male RAB OF  
THAME, by  
Ch. Mark of  
Allington.**





# A page for the proletarian puss No. 71



COMFY—THAT'S THE WORD !

A goodnight picture of Rinsey Mills and his pet cat William, taken by John Mills, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight. Note the similarity of pose and expression !



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# Tailpieces

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

**S**ENIOR Inspector Archie Smith, R.S.P.C.A., was called late one night to the rescue of a Sevenoaks (Kent) cat who had managed to get his head wedged in an empty salmon tin. On his arrival he managed to prize open the bottom of the tin so that the cat could breathe but he was unable to extricate its head. So off he went with his patient to the local fire station where a suitable tool was available for a can-opening operation without harm or injury to the "contents."

And now let's have a cheerful item ! Mrs. Mabel Homer, who runs "Molly's Transport Cafe" on the Horley Road, Earlswood, Surrey, is a lady with some nixity of purpose. She was distressed when one by one the kittens born to her Blue Longhair queen died. The fifth and last kitten looked dead when one morning she decided to revive it with nips of

brandy. When bedtime came round it was still alive, so she set the alarm for 12.30 a.m. so that she could give the kitten a milk powder feed and refill its hot water bottle. Then Mrs. Homer retired after setting the alarm for 2 a.m. and throughout the night she was up at intervals of 1½ hours. The weakling kitten was given this attention every day for a fortnight and to-day . . . ? Well, he hasn't been christened Lively for nothing !

Extract from an Australian newspaper which a subscriber has thoughtfully supplied : "Into Tom Richardson's Orana Service Station at Potts Point yesterday morning drove well-known turf identity Mr. A. R. Morrisby in his Armstrong-Siddeley Sapphire car. He told Tom that all the way down to Kembla Grange races and back the day before, he had heard an unusual squeak-



**A remarkable mealtime scene at the Bearsden, Dumbartonshire, h  
Fox-Yawlat Cheronisi ("Sherry"), Siamese winner of four 1st awar**



ing at the rear of the car. The squeak was still there yesterday morning. Close examination revealed the cause. Wedged between the petrol tank and the body of the car was a cat. They had to remove the tank to get the cat out, but after a rub down, a drink of water and some food, it ran about as lively as could be."

Just before she died in a gas-filled bedroom, 12-year-old Joan Pulham, Reigate schoolgirl, wrote a poem about her kitten Sooty who had died the day before. The poem said they would not be parted for long. Police found the verses when they broke into Joan's home to find her, with her mother and elder sister, all dead from gas poisoning.

Mr. John Hall, the new Chief Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. in succession to Mr. Arthur Moss, who recently retired after nearly fifty years of valuable service, was the Society's Legal Secretary for eight years.

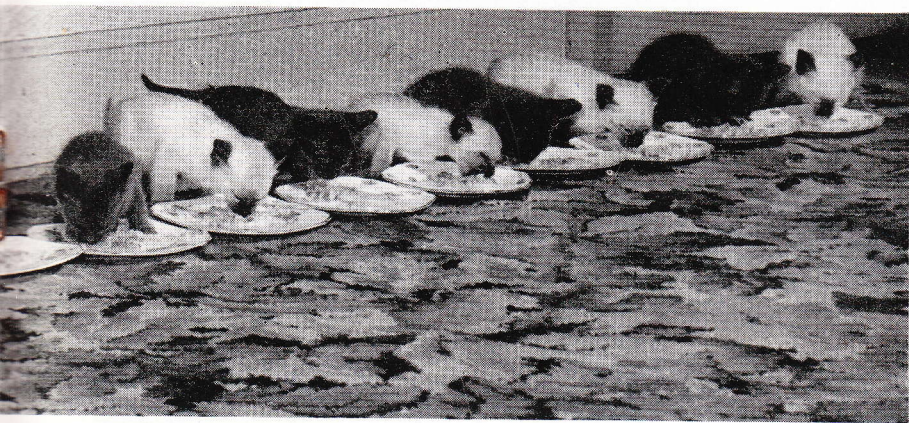
Noel Whitcombe of the *Daily Mirror* gives his version of a story which has been "going the rounds" of late. A man employed in a big factory where there were a number of Italians shared sandwiches with one of his fellow workmates. He thoroughly enjoyed the

meal and, thinking he had eaten some special kind of imported sandwich filling, perhaps salmon, he asked the Italian if he could get him a couple of tins for future use. In due course the promise was kept and the English worker smiled his thanks as the Italian handed over the tins. But the smile soon faded—they were tins of cat food !

Mrs. Lottie M. Conklin, of San Leandro, who died last November at the age of 76, left 6,000 dollars in the Susie Trust Fund to ensure the care of her pet cat. Her sister was given custody of Susie and is to get 50 dollars a month from the Fund from which she is to give Susie three prawns for breakfast, beef kidney for lunch, beef liver for dinner, milk and water for the daily drink.

Mr. Patrick Kennedy, an Australian living at Kempsey, is letting all and sundry know that he owes his life to his pet cat Twinkle, who seized and held a 4' 6" tiger snake. Mr. Kennedy nearly trod on the snake which was curled up on his back doorstep. The snake bit Twinkle but the cat didn't let go until Mr. Kennedy broke its back with a stick. Twinkle recovered from the bite.

MICKEY.



me of Mrs. Wilma Hipwell. The mother of this fine mixed litter is  
s and Challenge Certificate at the Edinburgh C.C. show last October

Glasgow "Evening Citizen"



## ***Montreal Cat Fanciers have . . .***



**Mrs. Erik Stocker, Show Manager for the Montreal Cat Fanciers' Association, presents trophies to Mrs. E. R. Pringle, whose Seal Point Siamese female SHAN LING POO YIN (bred by Mrs. Elliott, of Toronto) was second best cat in Show and a notable winner in several classes.**

**Mrs. John Warwick, from Ontario, proudly presents her CH. ROSALIE OF ALL-INGTON, imported Blue Longhair, who was voted Best Champion in Show by American judge Mrs. Max Fiedler.**





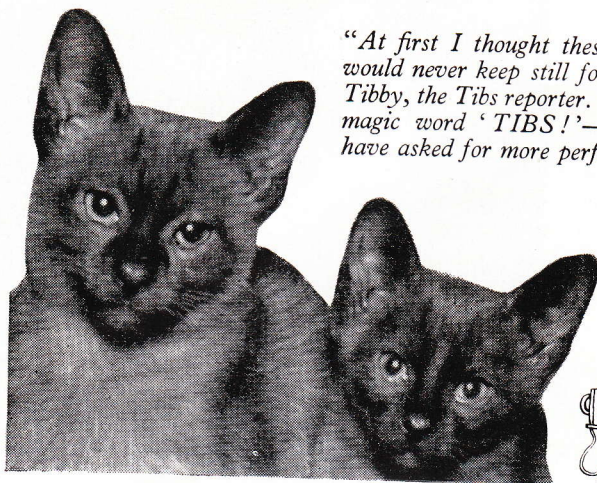
## *. . . their second "smash hit" Show*

Mrs. Hazel Hill, of Toronto, owner and breeder, with **CHAMPION CUDDLES** (Blue male) who was Best Cat in Show.



Mrs. Hill is seen here again with another of her successful home-bred entries **FROSTIE**, a lovely Silver male who was placed Best Cat in the Longhair Specialty Show. We learn that this Second Show of Montreal C.F.A. was another tremendous success, with an entry of 170 cats and kittens and a record attendance. The Association is once more looking for a larger hall for its next fixture! We must not omit to mention that the Best Kitten, a really outstanding exhibit, was an English import, **Prestword Mignonette**, a Blue Longhair female bred by Mr. E. H. G. Parker and owned by Mrs. M. Martin, of Buffalo, New York.

## MODELS OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR



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Mrs. Watson, of the Old Nursery House, Tansley, Matlock, Derby-

shire, used to give her cats separate concentrates of vitamins and liver extract. Since she began to give them Tibs as a more convenient method of achieving the same purpose, she has found a very marked improvement in the vitality of all her cats. There has also been a great improvement in the quality and softness of their coats. One Tibs a day keeps them all in championship form!

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#### Winners at Oslo Show

**M**RS. JUDITH SAETHER sends news from Norway of Norak's Ch. Show on December 14th to 16th.

"I was so sorry to miss the Olympia Show in London," she writes, "but the date coincided with our Championship fixture which I wanted to attend. Our show was very successful and a pleasure to partake in from beginning to end. We had nearly 9,000 visitors so it was also a financial success but quite as important the atmosphere was so friendly. Several times on Sunday we had to lock the queues out from the hall so that those inside had a chance to see the cats before being pushed away. We really needed a much bigger hall but Handverkeren is the only one we have.

"Mrs. Svenningsen, our President and Show Manager, richly deserved the praise she received from so many in appreciation of Norak's best show to

date. Our one judge for all breeds was Madame Pia Sandoz from Zürich, Switzerland, and we all hoped she was not too fatigued after all the hard work. One hundred and fourteen exhibits and allocating all the special prizes is a lot for one judge, especially as you know our Scandinavian custom of a written judge's report for each exhibit, which is tied onto the pen with the translation, as soon as possible after each class is judged. We were much indebted to Madame Sandoz she was most helpful and understanding ; especially when we had to keep her waiting sometimes owing to the press of spectators round the cages.

"We were glad to welcome several visitors from Denmark and Sweden, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Juul Hansen from Denmark, and from Stockholm, Mrs. Britta Axelsson, Secretary of F.I.F.E., and Miss Ragnhild Larsdotter, Secretary of Stockholm Cat Club.

"Miss Larsdotter had the honour of owning the Best Exhibit in Show, Vigilant Jonathan (by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous and Ch. Jewel of Dunesk) ; he also completed his Championship. My Champion Laetitia of Allington (by Ch. Scamp of Allington) became an International Ch. and was awarded F.I.F.E.'s Cup for Best Norwegian Exhibit.

"Other awards were : Best Short-hair—the Blue Pointed Siamese Int. Ch. Banchor Blue Mai (by Ch. Wypjerri Blue Prince) owned by Mrs. Helge-Jensen, Denmark ; Best Kitten in

Show—a lovely Chinchilla Malagiera au Teheran bred by Mrs. Haldis Rohlf; Best Neuter—my Premier Foxburrow Firefly who displayed himself to the public as usual.

“Ch. Broughton Primrose, the Cream female bred by Mrs. Hughes and owned by Mrs. Sorvik-Jansson, Sweden, is now an Int. Champion; also the B.P. Siamese Ch. Banchor Blue Thor. Mrs. Lakshoel’s (Norway) Blue female Bircotte Modest Maidie by Ch. Dylan of Allington and bred in England by Miss Sherlock completed her Championship. The Blue-Cream Copthorne Liebchen bred by Miss Aitken was awarded a Challenge Certificate.

“There were several other lovely exhibits but the above I expect are of most interest to your readers as all with the exception of Mrs. Rohlf’s kitten were bred in England. Owing to the crowds there were very few photos taken, the newsreel camera personnel came and took one look at the mass of spectators and vanished as there wasn’t room for their equipment. Just before the Show closed I put Laetitia on top of her pen and Rostad just managed to snap her, and myself to

rescue her before the crowd obliterated his view. As you see, her coat is short but very thick and when it lengthens she looks wonderful.

We spent Christmas eve with Mr. and Mrs. Wittman, Vigilant Teddy Boy and Robert of Thame, both looking beautiful and such a loss as prospective sires of lovely stock with their splendid breeding. It is appalling to think these two and my Premier Foxburrow Firefly, the Cream Dorian de la Viamala and the Chinchilla female Redwalls Celeste have all been neutered but as we have no catteries here and as all our pedigree cats are pets (no one will put up with the odour of male cat) so as far as I can see all Blues will have to be sent to Sweden to Vigilant Teddy Boy’s litter brother, Int. Ch. Vigilant Jonathan to be mated. Mrs. Pullen of Worthing who bred this handsome pair must be proud of their record. The cat breeders in Sweden appear to be much cleverer than we are in solving the problem of keeping male cats.”

### Comfort for boarders

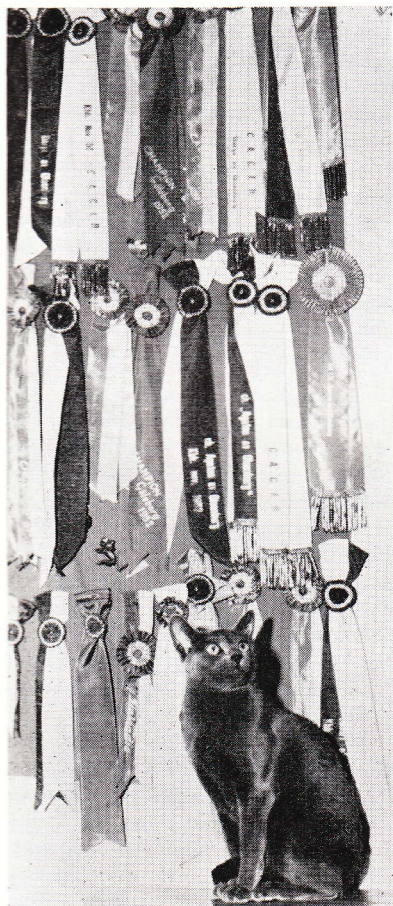
A delightful brochure arrived from Mrs. Mollie Turney of Old Beams,



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Forest Green, near Maidenhead, entitled "The Cat's Inn." On the cover there is a charming line drawing by Maisie Seneshall of a White (or it could be a Chinchilla !) reposing on a rose pink hot water bottle. I am always favourably impressed by proprietors of boarding establishments who are particular about their prospective boarders.

All owners are required to sign a certificate of health and to certify that "neither he nor any other cat on my premises has had any illness during the past three months" and a wise precaution on the part of Mrs. Turney is the request "I further certify that he has not visited (a) a cat show, (b) a veterinarian's surgery, (c) a boarding establishment, (d) a stud cat during the past twenty-one days."

Each cat has its own house made of Canadian cedar with window and window seat and standing in its individual ten feet by five feet garden, protected by chain link. Each garden is also separated from the next by a double row of chain link so that no two occupants can come into direct contact with each other except of course when owners have expressed a wish for their cats to be together.

The charges are reasonable when one considers the initial cost of accommodating boarders under such conditions, the individual service, and the choice of food specified. It is not too early now to book accommodation for the summer holidays. Each summer I receive sorrowful letters from owners returning to find their cats ill or no longer here and I must say it surprises me that they are optimistic enough to risk the conditions which exist in some boarding kennels. The tendency for owners to take cats on holiday whenever possible appears to be growing and I hear of cats in caravans, on the Norfolk Broads, and even touring, but one has to risk hearing "No Room at the Inn," at least not for cats if one takes them on tour.

Mrs. Turney is rightly proud of her lovely Chinchilla female Sarisbury Aphra

by Ch. Foxburrow Tilli-Willi, born in 1950. She writes: "Aphra has bred a Best Chinchilla Kitten in Show from each of her litters and she has had kittens by Ch. Flambeau of Allington, Jamie of Thame and the U.S.A. imported male Kutekit Silver Flyer. In May she had a lovely trio by Ch. Mark of Allington—the two males Bonavia Fantasia and Bonavia Contenta and Bonavia Marietta who has never been beaten in her breed class and has been Best Chinchilla Kitten at all shows except Croydon where she was Best Longhair Kitten. I have heard from Mrs. Warren, breeder of Sarisbury Aphra, that she is seriously thinking of breeding Chinchillas again. I do hope this materializes and that she will have a daughter of Aphra's. I can never thank her enough for letting me have such a lovely cat, the foundation of all my Chinchillas and such a source of pleasure to me."

### History is made

Mrs. Hughes has the honour of breeding the first Blue-Cream Shorthair Champion, Broughton Jane. This variety was only granted Championship status in 1955, although Longhair Blue-Creams were eligible for Challenge Certificates for some years before the war, an honour which was debated for some time before it was conceded. Ch. Broughton Jane's Cream son Broughton Champagne (born May, 1956) is by another cat of Mrs. Hughes' breeding—a British Blue Shorthair Ch. Broughton Nimrod, sire of many winners. Champagne has excellent type and will be competing for Championship honours next season. His owner is usually to be seen at the London shows and is always agreeable to help where she is most needed.

Mrs. Thake sends me a kindly reminder that Mrs. Gurney's Longhair Silver Tabby Dorstan Darrall, completed his Championship at Croydon Cat Club Ch. Show in November. Apologies for referring to Mrs. Thake's

Silverseal Sekhmet as a male. This young queen became a Champion at the Yorkshire Cat Club Championship Show when she was just under eleven months. Congratulations to both owners. Sekhmet was flown to Boston, U.S.A., just after Christmas to become the property of Mr. Neil Todd. Many readers will remember him as he was stationed for some time in England.

### Nottingham Show

The Notts and Derby Cat Club held its twelfth Championship Show at Nottingham on January 5th. Mr. Jack Martin was sadly missed by his many friends but they carried on the Show as cheerfully as possible which would certainly have been his wish as the welfare of this Club meant so much to him. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bastow, was Show Manager and I hear everything went very smoothly. The entry of 163 exhibits was as usual considerably less than the London Ch. Shows and many classes were cancelled and others had only one entry.

Best Longhair Adult—Miss Langston's Chinchilla male Ch. Fidelio of Allington; Best S.H. Adult—Mr. Lamb's S.P. Siamese male Ch. Causeway Pita; Best L.H. Kitten—Mr. Palframan's Blue-Cream Furgies Gift by Ch. Ousedale Maximillan; Best S.H. Kitten—Miss Allaun's S.P. Siamese Killdown Lewis by Lindale Simon Pie; Best Longhair Neuter—Mrs. Dawson's Chinchilla Lady Mimi by Ch. Redwalls Jack Frost.

The winning adults were each 1st in their respective Champion of Champion classes and Mrs. Molloy's Blue L.H. Premier Moonraker was Premier of Premiers.

The following Longhair cats were 1st and awarded Challenge Certificates: Mrs. Aitken's Black Bourneside Black Orchid; Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh's Blue male Bayhorne Adam; Mrs. Crickmore's Blue female Ch. Thiepval Precocious; Miss Sheppard's Cream male Widdington Winterstar; Miss



Langston's Chinchilla pair Ch. Fidelio and Marella of Allington ; Mrs. Newbigging's Red Self Syke Amber and Miss Woodfield's White Lisblanc Adonis.

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## London Season ends

The last London Ch. Show of the season was ushered in with pleasant weather. The Southern Counties Cat Club Committee chose the Seymour Hall for January 22nd. The light was excellent and the catering arrangements better than usual nowadays. The Show attracted a fine entry of about 300 exhibits and was very well organized by Mr. and Mrs. Dunks.

Some of the Longhairs were just past their best which is usually so at the end of January and as a number of them have been on parade since the first Championship Show on August 22nd it is not surprising to find their coats lacking the bloom of early autumn. However, the Best Longhair Exhibit in Show, Miss Langston's Ch. Fidelio of

Allington, looked very lovely and at the peak of his form.

The Best Longhair Kitten—Miss Bryce's Blue Female Glenbury Blue Cloud by Roddy of Dunesk, born the end of August, is a gem. Best Short-hair Cat—Mrs. Worsley's S.P. Siamese male Jonny Puss by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour ; Best S.H. Kitten and Best S.H. Exhibit Mrs. Watson's S.P. Siamese female Milori Anya by Milori Linko ; Best L.H. Neuter—Mrs. Flury's Blue Gay Guy of Dunesk by Ch. Gaydene Rudolph ; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Montgomery's S.P. Siamese Purland Som Phong by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo.

Mrs. Crickmore's Blue female Ch. Thiepvall Precocious was awarded yet another Ch. Certificate and her owner told me it was her fourteenth. Surely this is an all time record for a Blue adult ! It was interesting to judge the Longhair Colourpoints exhibited by their breeder Mr. Stirling-Webb. Considering they are bred from L.H.'s crossed with Siamese which for head and type are the antithesis of all we aspire to in Longhairs, remarkable progress has been made and the winner Briarry Gohar was a dainty seal pointed female with a cobby body, short tail, neat ears, excellent type, good muzzle and a silky coat, a charming exhibit. Second to her came Briarry Zahrat, a Blue point by the same sire Kala Sabu ; she also was pleasing. The remaining two had more Siamese characteristics. All were females and have considerable possibilities for the future.

## New Champions

Congratulations to the following owners on their cats becoming Champions : Miss Woodfield with her White L.H. male Lisblanc Adonis (litter brother to Ch. Lisblanc Azalia by Ch. Harpur Romeo) ; Mrs. Alexander's Blue male Lavengro of Dunesk by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous ; Mrs. Keir's Cream female Hendras Cassandra by Ch. Twilght John ; Mrs. Brind's

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## London Season ends

The last London Ch. Show of the season was ushered in with pleasant weather. The Southern Counties Cat Club Committee chose the Seymour Hall for January 22nd. The light was excellent and the catering arrangements better than usual nowadays. The Show attracted a fine entry of about 300 exhibits and was very well organized by Mr. and Mrs. Dunks.

Some of the Longhairs were just past their best which is usually so at the end of January and as a number of them have been on parade since the first Championship Show on August 22nd it is not surprising to find their coats lacking the bloom of early autumn. However, the Best Longhair Exhibit in Show, Miss Langston's Ch. Fidelio of

Allington, looked very lovely and at the peak of his form.

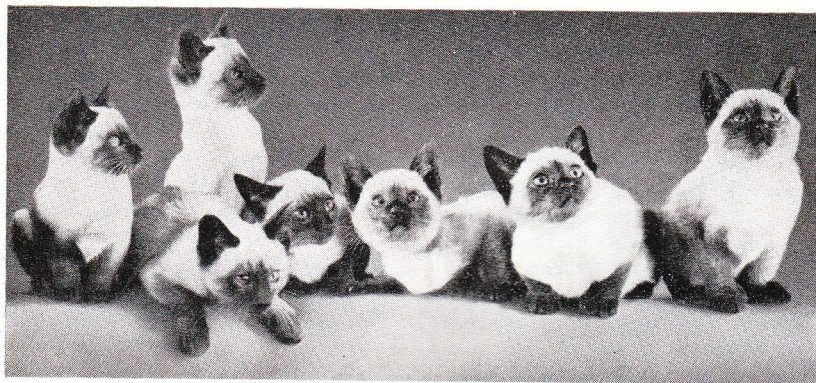
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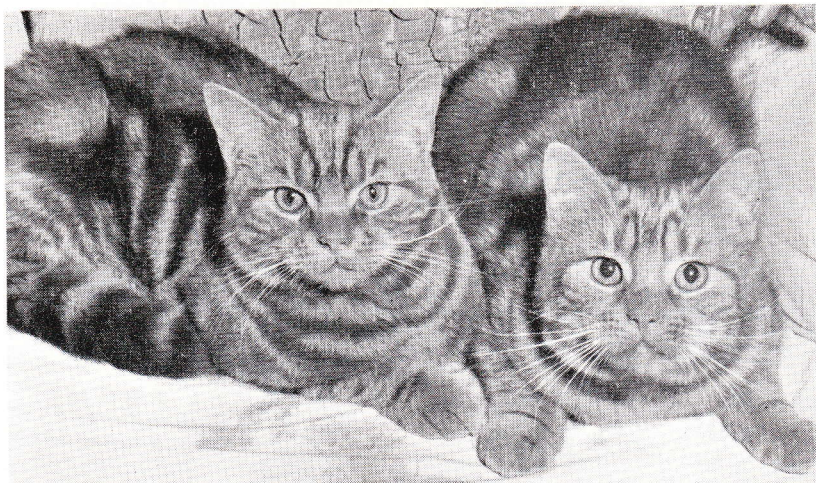
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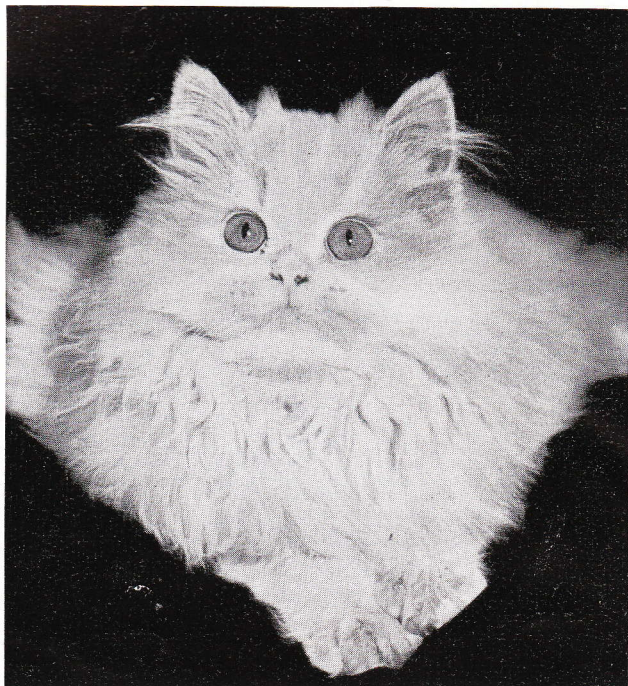
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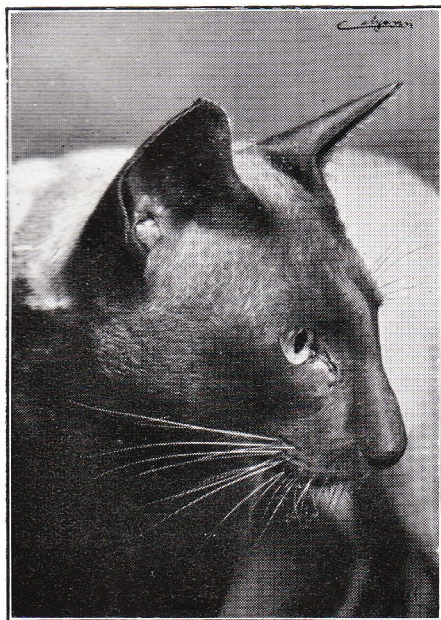
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