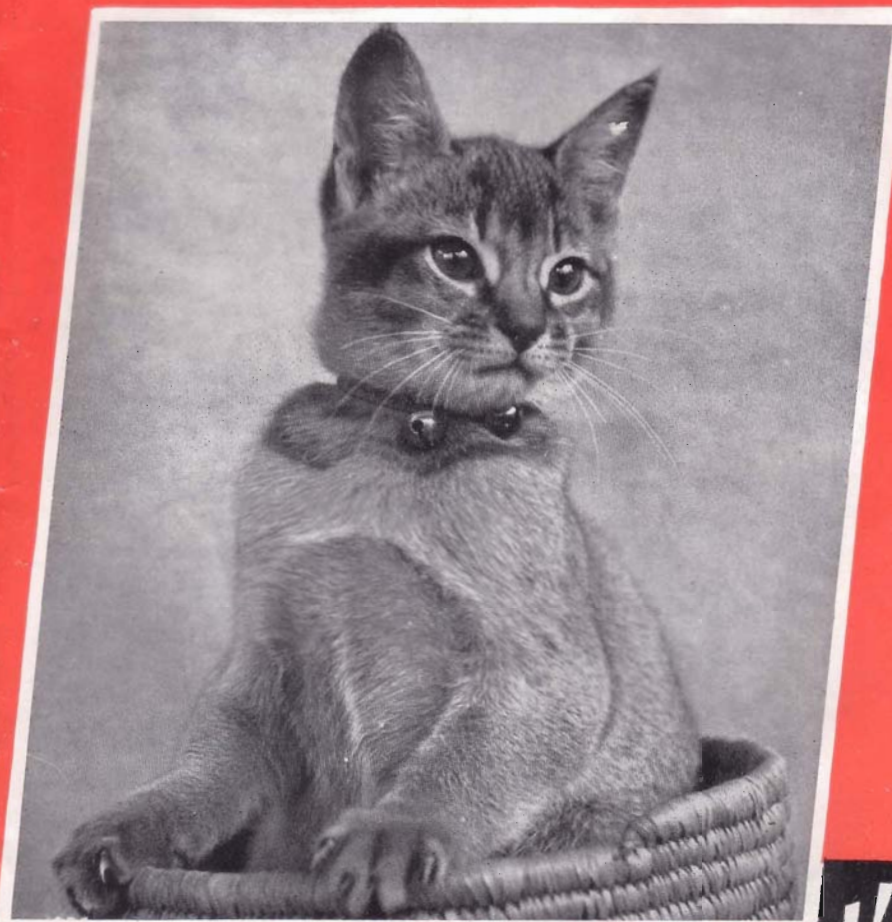


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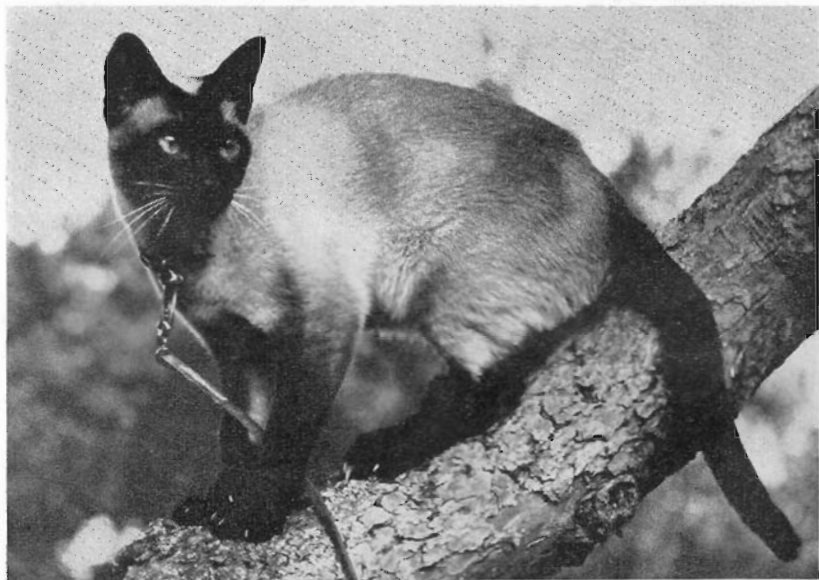
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TILDEN TALLY, bred by Mrs. H. Lowe, is a Siamese neuter of quality and our photograph of him tree climbing was taken in a famous spot—the garden of Ann Hathaway's cottage near Stratford-on-Avon. Tilden Tally did well when shown as a kitten and he now belongs to Mr. T. Singleton, of Audenshaw.

Let's go to a Show

We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1957-58 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1957	Promoted by	Venue
2 November ...	Preston and District Cat Club ...	Preston
13 " ...	*Croydon Cat Club ...	London
28 " ...	*National Cat Club ...	London
7 December ...	*Yorkshire County Cat Club ...	Leeds
14 " ...	The Northern Counties Cat Club ...	Newcastle
17 " ...	*South Western Counties Cat Club...	Bristol
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11 January ...	*Notts and Derbyshire Cat Club ...	Nottingham
28 " ...	*Southern Counties Cat Club...	London
1 February ...	*Scottish Cat Club ...	To be fixed
8 " ...	*Lancashire and N.W. Counties Cat Club ...	To be fixed

* Denotes show with Championship status. A detailed list of these shows may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey. We hope that many of the shows will be advertised in OUR CATS during the course of the 1957/8 Season.



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Alison Aitken, a familiar young enthusiast at the shows, with her trio of White Manx—Noend Snowman, Greeba White Iris and the kitten Noend Sweet Alyssum.

School Cats

Everybody's pets — but no one's responsibility

By N. B. MEGGS

ANY animal belonging to a group rather than an individual is in danger of too much attention on some occasions and too little at other times. This is especially true where the group is large, consisting perhaps of several hundred people, sub-divided according to their various functions. An example of this is a school which has its teaching staff, domestic staff in kitchen, boiler room or garden and its pupils. Thus it is that school cats although they may be everyone's pets, may equally well be no one's responsibility.

This is not necessarily so if one person has brought the cat into the school, but often this is not so and the origin is difficult to trace. Many school cats were strays or came from unsatisfactory homes to what at the time seemed something better. In the school was warmth, particularly in the kitchen, boiler room and staff room, plenty of food and hundreds of attentive people, all welcoming the unsuspecting strayer. From nine o'clock to four o'clock during the term a school must in fact seem to a cat a pleasant place in which to live. It is after the school is locked up for the night that this adopted home becomes far from ideal. It is even less so at the week-ends and the holidays may well result in the cat again becoming a stray.

The life of a particular cat in a girls' grammar school is typical of that of many school cats. He is a ginger tom, now commonly called Ginger. He appears to have come from a nearby house as a kitten and gradually to have

adopted the school so that it has become his home. It was the caretaker who first befriended him and he was content with his boiler room status until lured into the staff-room by some of the female staff. Quick to appreciate the added comforts here, it is in this room which he now lives while the school is in session. He has become literally teachers' pet. During the day, there are always some members of staff not teaching but marking or preparing work in this staff-room. Ginger digs himself in on any lap which will receive him, moving from one to another with the least possible disturbance to himself each time the bell goes.

Attitudes vary

The attitudes of his thirty mistresses differ, of course, ranging from the fanatical cat lover to the fanatical cat hater. Ginger must be puzzled at the arbitrary treatment of beings of apparently the same species and uncertain whether he will be received as an honoured guest or rebuffed as an outcast. A small section is in favour of completely banishing Ginger from the room. Of these some dislike all cats perhaps to the point of allergy; others object to Ginger as being unhygienic and not above helping himself to milk from the tea trolley, brushing himself against the cups as he does so. The majority like Ginger around, as they like pets in their own home, but do not regard themselves as in any way responsible for his welfare. He doesn't belong to them but to that impersonal non-provider for cats—the school.

There must, of course, be those who realize that feeding and caring for an animal must be done by individuals who see that unless they are willing to do this Ginger should not have been lured by insidious means such as fish dinners and receptive laps from his original home, and that now this has been done, those who were anxious to have him should see that he has the maximum care, not casual attention when they happen to want something to stroke.

They have, however, a ready answer to this voice of conscience—that one member of the staff enjoys ministering to Ginger's practical needs so that any effort on their part would be interference. True, this elderly lady, who appropriately teaches Religious Knowledge, does do a great deal for Ginger's welfare. Each morning she comes early with a succulent breakfast which she carefully transfers from its grease-proof paper bag to his saucer. At lunch time she brings the most suitable left overs from the school lunch from the dining hall to him in the staff-room. Throughout the day, she replenishes his stock of milk. She considers whether Ginger needs veterinary attention, takes him to the surgery if necessary and pays the bill. She tries to help out with the problem of week-ends, half-term and the long holidays, by offering to reimburse the caretaker if he spends money on food for Gineer. In this she is prompted purely by her natural kindness and love of animals.

Despite the provision made in feeding him, Ginger does not continue to live in the school when the staff-room is empty, as he undoubtedly would have done had the boiler room remained his headquarters. His room is now cheerless and companionless without fire or company, and he is rather in the position of a cat left behind in an empty house. Rather than live there alone, he becomes a stray and hunts or scavenges for food. When the term starts he reappears—a thin, disreputable looking object which again excites varying degrees of sympathy and antipathy, his rehabilitation repeated by his friend, the scripture teacher.

The question arises whether schools who cannot offer cats the security of a settled home should have or adopt cats. However adequately they can be looked after while the school is in session this is only for a comparatively short time and with many different people involved they are in danger of falling not between two but between hundreds of stools.

A school is not a satisfactory home for a cat unless there is a person such as a resident caretaker who is willing to be responsible for the cat while the rest of the school is not there. It is up to the true cat lovers to see that unsuspecting animals are not bribed into becoming school cats if this means being the victims of periods of over-attention alternating with periods of none at all.

Your Last Chance!

Our second SPECIAL GREETINGS NUMBER is now well under way for publication in the early days of December. This being the last opportunity we shall have to remind you about this attractive issue, please remember that all Greetings Messages must be received by not later than 7th November, at 4 Carlton Mansions, Clapham Road, S.W.9. Please "come in" this time—a small space is just as welcome as a full page.

OUR SAMMY

By J. S. WILMAN

I WOULD like to tell you about what is probably the sleekest and best looked-after cat in the country! He is Sammy, a black tom, and although no-one would ever guess it, he is a stray.

We live on a very busy main road. Lorries and buses speed constantly up and down, yet Sammy crosses and recrosses it at least ten times a day. I think probably that when providence handed out nine lives to each cat, Sammy must have joined the queue twice. He sits on the edge of the pavement for about five minutes carefully washing himself. He is obviously determined that if he is to meet his end it would be more respectable to be found clean.

Then, tail at "attention," he strolls very slowly and with great nonchalance into the middle of the road where he sits on a white line to rest. Up again, he strolls across the other half of the road, always arriving safely. Shouts, curses, screeching brakes, motor horns and wildly swerving vehicles, affect him not at all.

He calls on us at 7.30 a.m. promptly every morning, sitting on the kitchen window-sill and making fearful noises to be let in. He eats his breakfast of left over porridge and whatever fish or meat we happen to have, finishes off with a saucer of milk and goes through the washing routine. Then he makes a fuss of the children, offers his back to the baby that she might grab a handful of fur, and settles himself contentedly in the most comfortable chair.

At about twelve noon he rouses himself, has a good stretch and howls to be let out. Then he goes back across the road in his usual manner to see Mrs. Brown. In her house things go much the same. He eats an enormous dinner, washes, fusses the children, and settles down to rest in her best armchair.

At about five p.m. he shakes the dust of her house from his feet and strolls up the road to the grocer's shop where his lady love dwells. He plays about with her for a while then goes

into the shop making plaintive, half-starved miaows until he gets half a tin of patent cat food.

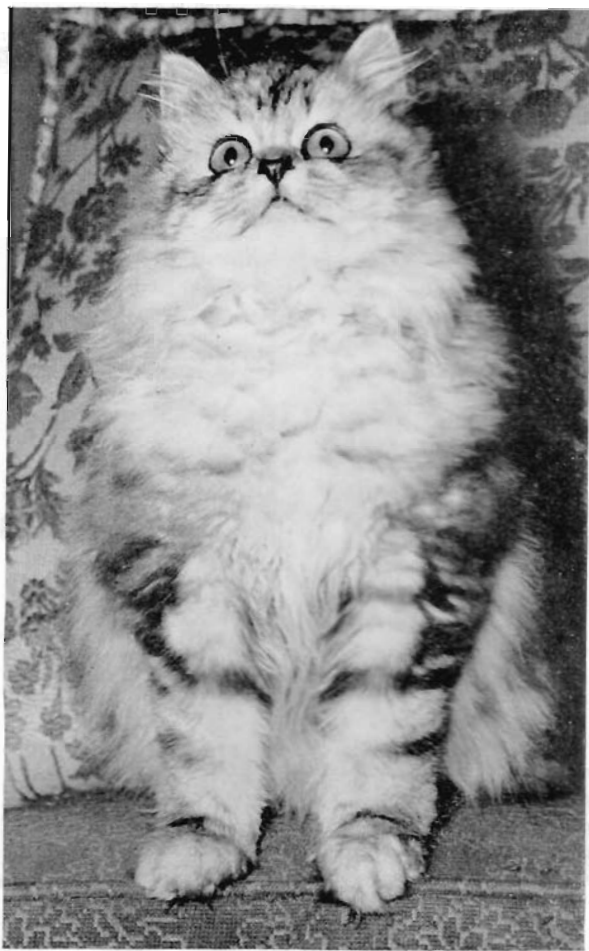
After that it's serious courting until one or other of our neighbours decides to have fish and chips for supper and goes out to the shop. Like magic, Sammy is at their heels, sticking by them like a shadow until he gets what he judges to be his fair share. Then it is bed-time.

For all he is a stray, our Sammy doesn't get left out on the tiles. Oh dear no! He has a tiny tent with a ground-sheet and a cushion to lie on. That ends Sammy's day and if anyone knows of a more spoiled, pampered black tom cat stray, well, I would just like to hear of it!



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Mme. Esteve's perky little Blue Longhair FAYEDOLLY DE BOIS CLARY, who has three English grandparents, is likely to become a favourite in French circles.



Miss S. M. Tasker, who is prominently associated with the Fancy in New Zealand, sends this delightful picture of her Longhair kitten FAMELEIGH MYOSOTIS, who answers best to the name of Fleur. Bred by Mrs. F. E. M. Hedley, of Wellington, Fleur's grandsire is English-bred Ch. Seth of Allington. At the Wellington Championship Show in July, Miss Tasker was "surprised and thrilled" when this smart youngster was placed 1st in four classes besides winning the Longhaired Kitten Sweepstake and the prize for the best White, Silver Tabby or Red Tabby.

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

IT is probably reasonable to select six main classes of factors upon which successful reproduction depends. These are fertility, fecundity, lactation, maternal care, growth and viability. Success in reproduction depends on all of these, and failure of any one may cause disaster.

The first main category of factors affecting reproduction efficiency is fertility. Fertility depends upon the ability of the male and the female to produce viable sperm and ova, upon the normal functioning of the ducts through which these pass, and on a normal endocrine balance.

It may be as well to explain that many functions of the body are controlled by chemical substances known as hormones, which are produced by so called endocrine glands. If the production of these hormones or the functioning of the glands is interfered with in any way, or is abnormal, the endocrine or hormone balance will, of course, be disturbed. A normal endocrine balance therefore means that the glands are working properly, and producing the correct amount of hormones.

Sterility, or lack of fertility, has two main sub-categories which are (1) primary in which the males and the females cannot produce viable sperm or ova, and (2) the inherent low viability

of the embryos, or an inherent maternal character, which causes loss. It is useful to note that it may be possible to correct some sterility which is due to an incorrect endocrine balance by the injection of certain hormones.

The next main category of factors is fecundity or litter size. This depends upon the egg capacity of the ovary or ovaries, the viability of the fertilized egg or eggs, the physiology of the fallopian tubes and uterus, and again the endocrine balance of the uterus. It has been shown that there are distinct inherited trends in litter size.

A very interesting report has been made dealing with this matter, in which it is shown that a strain which was prolific, declined by about a half in ten years. Then a start was made to select from the stock for increased litter-size by selecting for breeding-stock those animals only which came from the largest litters. By this method, the report records that the litter size was doubled in eight years.

A similar strain, which was managed under identical conditions, but which was not selected for litter size, did not change its litter size during the eight years, which shows that the increase was entirely due to selection. One further point which is brought out is that in one race, although the race had low fertility, it had high fecundity, which is not a common state of affairs,

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The third category of factors affecting successful reproduction is that relating to milk production. Here again, some inherited variation is found to exist between different races studied although litter-size, relative vitality of the individual litter, the mother's age and current state of health, and possibly other factors, may enter into the final determination of the milk production pattern.

Maternal behaviour—the behaviour of the female during and after giving birth—is the next category of factors. The category splits up into various subsidiary functions such as parturition, protection of young, and so on. With regard to one of these subsidiary functions (the time of nest making), it is found that there is a definite difference between different races. In one race it was concluded that there is definitely some influence which caused females of that race to build their nests earlier than females of other races.

Maternal interest

Interest in the young, and the aggressive nature of females has been studied, and it has been concluded from the study that interest in the young (a good maternal characteristic), and aggression (which, of course, is not so satisfactory) need not be associated, and therefore probably are independently determined. That is to say, suppose these two characteristics were inherited independently, one could produce a strain with good maternal interest, but little or no aggressive nature.

The worst abnormal characteristic of females coming under the heading of maternal care is where, in some forms of small livestock, there is a scattering of youngsters, and/or cannibalism. Fortunately, this is not often encountered in cats. With regard to scattering, there appears to be a definite difference between races, leading one to suppose that the tendency to scatter youngsters is an inherited character.

With regard to cannibalism, a difference between races does seem to exist, but the amount of difference is not so great as the difference between races in regard to scattering. However, the tendency to cannibalism also seems to be an inherited character. The individual female who carries this out with one litter usually repeats the process with subsequent litters.

Disease resistance

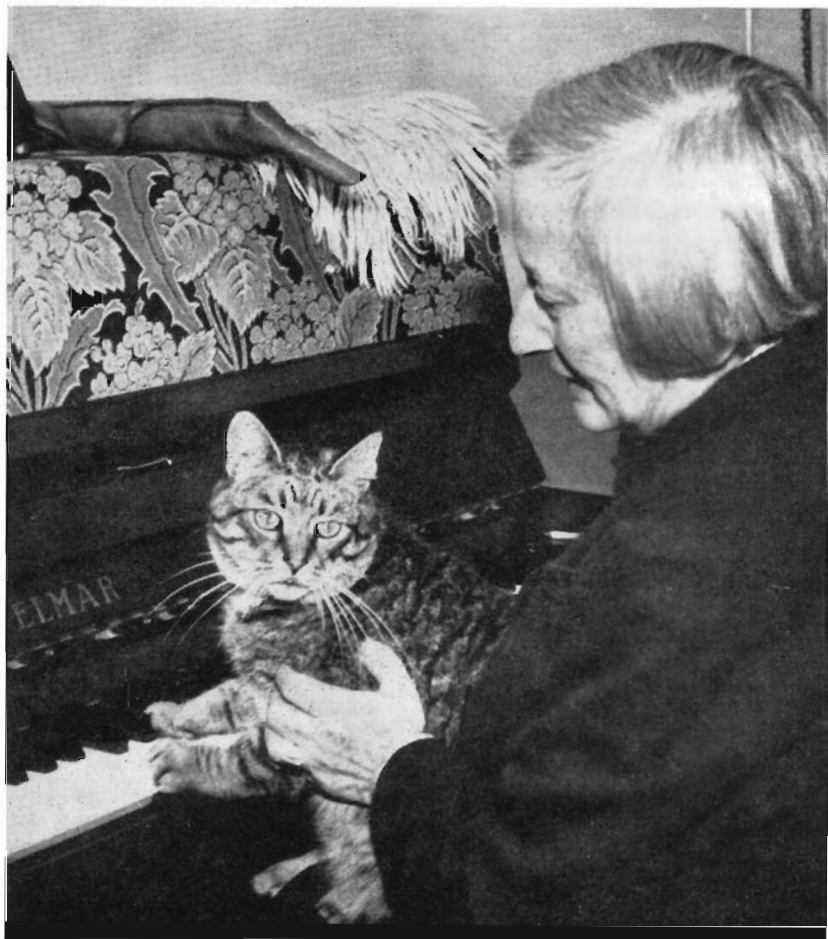
Probably the major factor in efficient reproduction, as mentioned before, is the viability of the stock, that is, its resistance to disease. In most studies, this section is given in considerable detail, and is undoubtedly of the utmost importance. Unless there is a complete viability in stock, it seems rather useless and pointless to aim for a perfection of colour pattern or form. What is the use when loss of time and money, and perhaps more important still, often much suffering to the animals is involved?

The specific genetical defects, for example the lethal characters, do not explain all the genetic mortality observed in any species. There is always a certain residuum of mortality which, usually, can be decreased by hybridization, and tends to increase with close inbreeding unless carefully discriminated against, and which therefore, is probably polygenic.

Three points may be set out :—that there are racial differences in mortality (that is, some resistance at least, is inherited) ; that there are possible environmental and genetic factors which may alter the expressions of differences in mortality ; and the reasons believed that genetic aspects of mortality should be given further study.

From the evidence which has been summarized above, although it is, of course, impossible to give it in greater detail here, it is quite obvious that

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J. Duckworth Wood

CLASSICAL CAT

By Paula Kelly

PUSSY LOHENGRIN has never heard the song "*Kitten on the Keys*" —her tastes are strictly classical. Mrs. Anna Wilensky of Malvern, Links, owner of this delightful tabby, teaches music and she's given Pussy Lohengrin a taste for it too.

Every day, when the pupils come

along with their violins, or to study voice production, Pussy Lohengrin sits and listens. When they hit the right note, she purrs happily and closes her green eyes in bliss, but when they don't, she gets very cross and hides behind the piano.

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Listening to the radio is something else that Pussy Lohengrin likes—when there's a good symphony on. Then she curls up on her mistress's knee and is perfectly content to be a stay-at-home girl. The other cats may prefer to sing 'neath the light of the moon, but they, poor things, have been denied a good musical background.

Quiet and studious

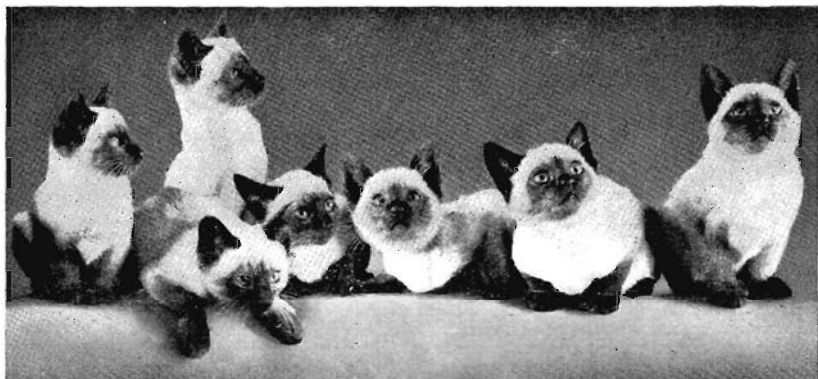
Of course, there was a time, before she came to her present owner, when Pussy Lohengrin was a flighty young thing, with no thought at all for the higher things in life. That was when she got herself lost. For days and days she wandered around, getting thinner and thinner, until she happened, by chance, to wander to the house of Mrs. Wilensky.

That was six years ago. To-day, the shy little stray has grown into a buxom tabby with very soulful eyes. A singular feature about her is the fact that she seldom, if ever, miaows and has never once fallen in love—despite the attentions of a handsome Ginger tom who fancies himself as a tenor.

The name, Pussy Lohengrin, was given to her because, like the hero in Wagner's Opera, she didn't say where she came from or disclose her identity when she arrived at Mrs. Wilensky's house, and it suits her remarkably well.

At the moment, she's only on the five paw exercises, and gets rather confused over her scales—apart from fishy ones.

Pussy Lohengrin takes her music *seriously* and intends to master the Masters. She has no intention, whatever, of becoming a "hep cat," preferring Bach to Boogie and Handel to Haley.



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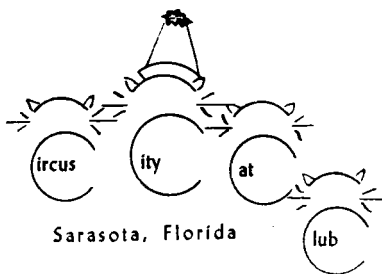
I HAVE just been looking at some fascinating pictures of the white cats who live 300 feet above ground on the famous Harbour Bridge at Sydney, Australia. They belong to the proprietress of the pylon lookout and all were born on the pylon roof. They never show the slightest inclination to leave their lofty home nor do other cats attempt to visit them. Six years ago Mrs. Rentoul installed a pair of white cats and from this original pair hundreds of pure white kittens have been bred. They are usually given away to good homes in exchange for a charity donation. Of the present residents, only one, Sydney II, has been off the pylon. He went to a show in New Zealand in 1955 and after winning a first prize returned to the bridge.

The first of a number of mobile animal surgeries which will eventually replace the static clinic has recently been delivered to the Blue Cross. Built and fitted out by Coventry Steel Caravans Ltd., this unit is claimed to be the finest mobile animal surgery in the world. It contains all the latest surgical and portable anaesthetic equipment and specially constructed compartments stop it from rolling about inside the unit. There is a waiting room for pet owners and a special room where hopeless cases can be put painlessly to sleep. The Blue Cross aim to put a number of these mobile surgeries on the road during the next five years.

Culled from *The Sydney Morning Herald*: "What's happened to our alley-cats—those spitfires which, once

upon a time, would take on a bull terrier before breakfast? In Lang Park two peewits with a willy-wagtail for a pathfinder were dive-bombing one and had it shivering with fright. With no trouble at all they drove it out of the park and then the peewits returned to a nearby tree and kept squawking: "Bring out some more of your alley cats."

I couldn't resist reproducing the symbol (see below) of the newly-formed Circus City Cat Club of Sarasota, Florida, U.S.A. You will appreciate it all the more when I explain that the



famous Ringling Brothers Circus has its winter quarters in Sarasota, which is nationally known as the Circus City. The Club has the distinction of having the largest initial or charter membership (69 members) of any belonging to A.C.F.A.

All the sights of Blackpool are not confined to that wonderful front which faces the golden stretch of sands. Go to Stanley Park on some nice day and you might see a pair of nice Siamese taking

an airing with a former Mayoress of Blackpool at the other end of the leads. Mrs. F. W. Parker is an enthusiastic new member of the Fancy and since she began to exhibit her Franji and Suki have won Challenge Certificates and silver trophies. She admits to getting a lot of interest and fun out of her new and exacting hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Burns of Walsall have found Tinker Bell, their much loved tabby cat, after a year of anxious

searching. To recover him they motored 240 miles to Penzance and back over the week-end.

That newsy little item about cats you have read in your local newspaper or in the magazine you have just put down . . . will you be kind enough to clip it out and post it to me in an unsealed envelope? Cuttings from overseas publications are particularly welcome. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.

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Cape Times

From South Africa comes this nice picture of Mrs. I. Hunter, well known Western Province breeder of Blue Longhairs and Chinchillas. The cat she is showing is WESTRIDGE BEAUTIFUL, who recently became a full Champion, the first to achieve this premier award in the Cape. He was bred from Ch. Westridge Woldigne Wolseley ex Ch. Westridge Harpur Blue Orchid.

News from "Down Under"

A VERY happy and successful show season has concluded and the hard working secretaries and other officials may sit back and relax a little and give their hair a chance to grow again.

The Cat Fanciers' Association are staging an exhibition at Sydney's largest departmental store (Anthony Hordens). Thirty-five felines are to be on show on each of the two days and although coats are now being discarded for the warm weather, it should be an interesting item for the shoppers. The firm is arranging some publicity and there will be prizes for the winners.

A month later (October)—readers should remember that I am writing these notes in early September)—the same Club is staging an exhibition at the lovely Trocadero in George Street, Sydney. This should be "a meow" of a one-day fixture, even allowing for the sires and the dams appearing in their "chesty bond" singlets only.

As promised earlier, here is a list of New Zealand cat club secretaries and their addresses. It is to hand from that live wire Auckland Secretary Hayden Pollock, so I shall list him first :

Auckland Cat Club—Mr. H. Pollock, 696 Great South Road, Penrose.

Southland Cat Fanciers—Mr. J. Buchanan, 351 Ettrick Street, Invercargill.

Wellington Cat Club—Mr. G. Gordon, 91 Grafton Road, Wellington.

Palmerston North Cat Club—Mrs. E. Bruce, 31 Moheke Avenue, Palmerston North.

Otago Cat Fanciers' Club—Mr. A. McNamara, 39 Oates Street, Dunedin.

Hamilton Cat Club—Mrs. A. McGregor, 10 Hakanui Road, Hamilton.

Gisborne Cat Club—Mrs. A. Baker, Kupenga, Gisborne.

Official Siamese Cat Club Inc.—Miss S. Tasker, 194 Onepu Road, Lyall Bay, Wellington, E.3.

I have news that Hamilton C.C. staged its 7th Annual Show towards the end of July and that everybody had a very happy and successful day. Very nice to hear this. Keep the old chariot rolling along, Hamilton ! Although I received a marked catalogue, the section and Championship winners were not picked out, so I cannot refer to the award winners.

A copy of *Newsletter No. 2* has been received from Mrs. Thurmer, that energetic Secretary of the new Adelaide Cat Club, South Australia. It is very bright and cheerful and gives members a good account of their first show, held recently. It was a mighty effort and much appreciated by all. Your scribe has been honoured by having the Club's first life membership conferred upon him. They certainly do things very nicely there as I notice in the next *Newsletter* that a basket supper is listed for the next general meeting, to be followed by a country barbecue. Lubrication is also mentioned ! It augurs well for the Club's future that it has a secretary with bright ideas and the enthusiasm to put them to work.

Show dates ahead for New South Wales are as follows : Southern Cross Siamese Club—2.11.57, 1.3.58 and 12.7.58 ; St. George District Club—16.11.57, 19.4.58 and 29.11.58 ; Federal Cat Club—22.6.58 and 8.11.58 ; Cat Fanciers' Association Club—31.5.58 ; R.A.S. Cat Club—Easter Show : two days' judging during Royal Show ; opening Saturday and Easter Monday.



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.

CALAMITY! My notes for this issue disappeared! Readers will have realized that, like every other monthly magazine, the material for OUR CATS has to be with the Editor the month previous, and for this issue I had made up my mind to be well on time. What happens? In a general tidy-up the notes have disappeared, and I must get something off very quickly.

The first thing that comes to my mind is to deal with some of my letters, for they usually contain something of general interest.

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Let us start with shows. People write every year wanting to enter their cats at the very last moment. While no show could be put on if the closing date for entries was strictly adhered to, once the catalogue has gone to the printer entries cannot be accepted. One of the letter writers was insistent that it was a simple matter to put up another pen and as this thought may have occurred to others perhaps it would be a good idea if I explain.

(1) Rule 28 of the Governing Council says "Full particulars of the entry of each exhibit as given in the entry form by the exhibitor and the names and addresses of all exhibitors as given on their entry form must be published in the catalogue of each show held under the Council's rules." (Please don't deluge me with letters saying that this has not always been so. The past is the past, and for the future the Council has made it quite clear that this rule will be strictly adhered to.) (2) Most halls at which shows are held are governed by local bye-laws and a complete plan of the penning has to be submitted before the show so that you will see that the exact position of each pen must be prepared well before the show day. These plans are submitted in order that the well-being of the exhibits and the public is considered. There must be a certain amount of space between the gangways in case of fire, etc.

Basically, we are I think, all reasonable people and if one stops to think, it is much easier for everybody concerned if entries get to the show manager not

later than four days after the closing date, always bearing in mind that the closing date is the perfect date from the show manager's point of view. It is of course impossible to accept any cat *on the day of the show* that has not been entered. Last year somebody arrived with a cat and had to be turned away. Fortunately she was a very reasonable person and understood the position.

When one arrives on show day, how simple it all looks, but how much work has gone into the organized and calm effect that is evident on show day. Months of organizing on the part of the show managers and their helpers builds up to "the day." Exhibitors depart for home disappointed or delighted as the case may be, but what of the show managers? For them the work starts over again.

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One of the first jobs is the checking of the judges' slips into the book, and perhaps it would be well to stress here that prizes are paid out on the judges' slip, so that if an error is made on the day of the show (and after all we are all human—mistakes do happen) and you go home with a second prize card which has been made out in error for a third then this will show up when the checking is done.

A final check is made by the two secretaries to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy who have the task of checking all the details of your entry forms and should there be an error these forms are "called in" and the prize money held up, which leads me to those of you who sometimes write about four days after the show and wonder if your prize money has gone astray. The checking by the G.C.C.F. ensures that the cats and kittens exhibited are as represented and is a vital part of the show system. Prize money *cannot* be paid out earlier than three weeks after a championship show in accordance with rule 22.

Several exhibitors have been concerned that they have entered their cats or kittens in novice classes and at a show which has intervened between the time of sending in their entry and the show itself they have won a first prize. Here again, the Governing Council rule is quite clear. Rule 12 states "all wins previous to the midnight preceding the day specified in the schedule for closing entries shall be counted when entering for any class."

Therefore the wins after that midnight date and the date of the show do not count, for the entry has been made for the cat or kitten as it was at the closing date for entries.

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Another problem has been put to me: Can I enter my neuter and my brood queen in the pairs? No, you cannot, neuters can only compete against neuters. While writing of pairs, remember when making your entry that they are judged on their similarity to each other.

Do you think before entering your exhibits in A.V., L.H. or S.H. classes? There can be no real comparison. What happens should the best L.H. and the Best S.H. be in the same class? Personally, I agree with the breeder of Longhairs who said she wanted the opinion of judges who are breeders of Longhairs. I do feel that whether L.H. or S.H., one develops an indefinable something which cannot be put into words about the cats one actually breeds. It comes from seeing the full cycle of life from birth to maturity.

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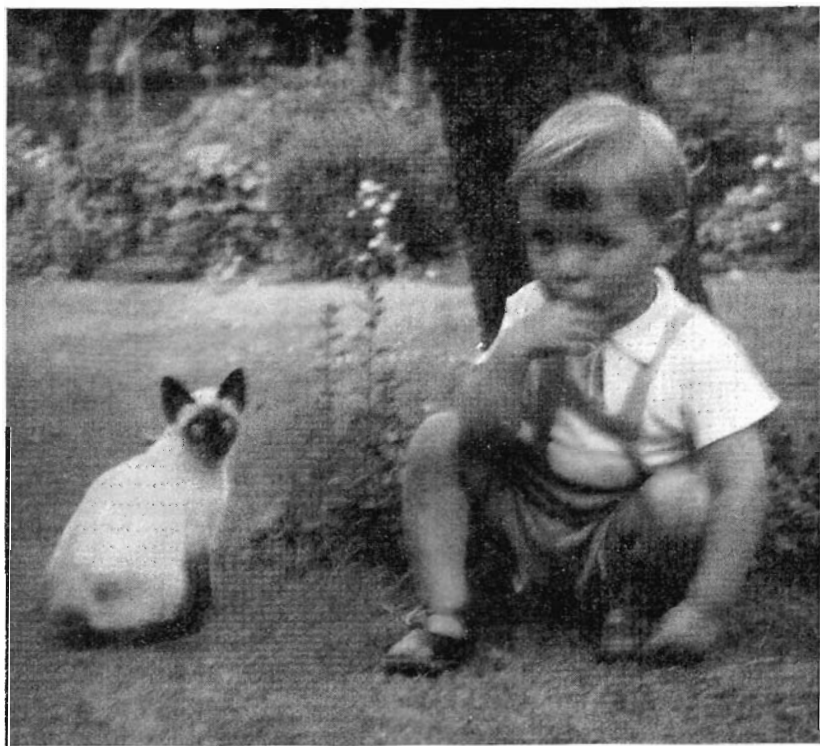
The Herts. and Middlesex Championship Show had a record entry this year and Siamese, as usual, were the biggest one-breed entry. There were some promising kittens, a number following

up their K.K. and N.C.C. Show successes. Best Seal Point kitten was Mrs. W. Parker's Seax Zephyr. I did not actually handle this kitten as I was judging males, but shall look forward to seeing her later. Other promising kittens were Mrs. Watson's Milori Tarquin, Mrs. Burlton's Gay Donald, Mr. Warner's Spotlight Melchior and Mrs. Orton's Summerfield Remus. In Blue Points Mrs. North's Chilton Cantico was a winner in the Open class.

I had a few Chocolate Points in the side classes, but this variety has still a long way to go. A promising kitten was Mrs. Ferguson's Sayam Traviata. It had excellent type, was very well balanced. Points need to darken, but this is where, at the moment. Chocolate

Points fail. Let us hope the winter months will do the trick; the summer has been a trying one for cats and many Seal Points have nearly chocolate masks at the moment. Mrs. R. Channing's Premier Bradgate Punchinello (breeder Mrs. I. Lapper) won his fourth Premiership in a very large class—a beautiful cat. Mr. and Mrs. Glover were very excited over their win with Southwood Marcus, born in 1953. Marcus has nearly always been in the running but the coveted Certificate had eluded him until that day. They also showed a queen, Sans Souci Copellia, a very promising young female.

Did you see Sir Compton Mackenzie on T.V.—the B.B.C. paid a visit to his home in Edinburgh? Sir Compton,



WHAT SHALL WE PLAY AT NEXT ?

A charming summer-time study submitted by S.W. London Siamese breeder Mrs. A. M. Flint.

who is president of the Siamese Cat Club, mentioned our Show and two of his pet Siamese put in a brief appearance.

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Mr. A. Carian, of New Zealand, sent me an interesting cutting from the local paper under the heading "Siamese Cat as a Foster Mother." It runs :

"It is an unusual association for a cat to adopt puppies and foster them as if they were her own kittens, but two miniature Pomeranian puppies have joined the twin family of a Siamese cat at Mr. A. Carian's kennels. When a reporter from *The Times*, Palmerston North, visited Mr. Carian's home, it appeared that the Siamese was making more fuss of the little balls of canine fluff—the puppies weigh only a couple of ounces and, as adult dogs are a little more than three pounds—than her own kittens. More venturesome, the kittens roamed freely in the spacious yard, but the puppies, after early morning exertion were content to be left alone."

"Born of a caesarean operation on a valuable imported Pomeranian bitch, the puppies were introduced to the Siamese when her own kittens were two days' old. Since then it has been a successful association, with the Siamese proving the ideal foster mother."

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Some time ago I was asked for advice *re* a queen who, after having two litters (milk drying up at both kittenings) just did not conceive, although mated to several studs. The queen was a good old fashioned size brood queen and this query came to mind when I was recently asked if I thought small queens have stamina.

First, let us be quite clear in our minds what we mean by a small queen. Small bones do *not* mean small cats and as one must start with the kitten, let us

see if we can decide on the sort of kitten that makes a good size cat. We have heard of "ratty and sharp-faced kittens." These kittens, if not too fine, give promise of a good future *provided* they have a good structure and room for growth.

A kitten must have a reasonable length of jaw and balance of body. Many people look only at a kitten's head and forget the important factor of ribs, etc. Now to stamina. I can think of a kitten which carried all before it in the not-too-dim past. Now an adult, this cat is an excellent specimen and winning still. As a kitten he was "rat like."

One of the smallest queens I have seen was out for a fortnight—could hardly stand when found—but produced a litter of crossbreeds in due course and was none the worse for the escapade. Yes, Siamese cats have stamina in abundance.

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Returning to the drying-up of the milk supply, I have never known Lactocol to fail. Give this before the kittens are due and during the nursing period. Give calcium with Vitamin D during the carrying period and after. In regard to queens not conceiving, this is not new. These things seem to go in cycles and will I imagine always do so. I recently read an article on the toxic effect of drugs. Now if anything might affect our cats I think there might be something in this. In these cycles something upsets the metabolism of the female organs. When things balance out, all is well. Don't use drugs if you can help it—and be patient.

Mark very carefully that in the fine boned structure of kittens with long heads, the top of the head *must* have width. It is not the aim to have a long narrow wedge, but width at the top which forces the wedge to have a

good jaw. When width between the ears is narrow there is less room for the brain and the jaw line is spoilt.

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Lastly, those of you have asked my views on (a) the Blue Point Siamese having a standard which allows for a heavier cat than the Seal Point. There can surely be only one standard; if a difference is made in any one colour it makes nonsense of the basic Siamese. (b) The suggested Self-Coloured Siamese. To me, this is even more absurd. Once a cat is self coloured it is NOT a Siamese, for they must essentially have points.

REPRODUCTION

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racess which have been studied differed in their pattern of reproduction.

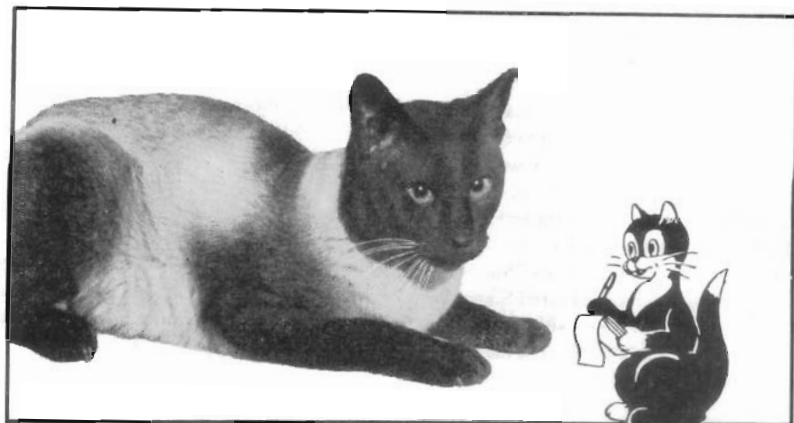
There is evidence to show that genetic factors may be fundamentally the cause of variation in every one of the six factors concerned in effective reproduction, and development of a high level of reproduction in inbred races involves rigorous and continued selection for six major factors, namely, fertility, milk production, maternal behaviour, growth rate, and viability during the course of inbreeding.

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MEET SABRINA OF THE WHITE MOON—"FACE" FOR SHORT !

Pretty Jill Ireland, recently married to actor David McCallum, loves cats—and so does her husband. David asked Jill to give him a tough tom cat for his birthday, but Jill had other ideas. She brought home this seven weeks' old kitten named Sabrina of the White Moon and David soon grew so fond of her that he was prepared to overlook the fact that she was a lady. These two young Rank Organization contract artistes appear together in a new film called "Robbery Under Arms."



INTERVIEW WITH A WELL KNOWN BEDFORDSHIRE GENTLEMAN

*'He was inclined to be a little brisk with the press,'
said Tibby, the Tibs reporter, 'until he found that
I shared his high regard for Tibs.'*

Mrs Burlton's Siamese hasn't a lot of time to spare for press-interviews.

Such a fine figure of a cat (and the only Siamese stud in Bedfordshire) is naturally highly respected. At last year's Siamese Show, judges and public alike were impressed by his fitness and excellent condition—for which, Mrs Burlton says, Tibs are largely responsible. Mrs Burlton's queens, and their kittens, are stars of film and television—and of course they are all Tibs devotees.

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ities, both human and feline.

First Ch. Show

AN ideal day greeted the first Championship Show of the season, the Herts. and Middlesex Cat Club fixture at the Royal Horticultural Society Hall, London, on September 17th. It was organized with Mrs. Towe's usual efficiency with much clerical help, I suspect, from Mr. Towe, who was also superintending many items on the day.

The Committee were beaming with pleasure at the wonderful "gate." They had every reason to as the attendance figures and also the entry of over 450 exhibits established records for the Club.

Best Longhair Cat in Show was Mrs. L. Spier's Chinchilla female Marilyn of Brentside, by Ch. Mark of Allington. This was an exceptional honour as about 90 per cent of Best in Show Longhair adults are usually males. Other major awards were: Best L.H. Kitten—Mrs. Crickmore's Blue female Thiepval Persephone by Ch. Thiepval Paragon; Best L.H. Neuter—the Misses Marshall's

Blue spayed female Premier Trenton Verity, a great credit to her owners as she is over eight years old; Best S.H. Adult—Miss Rochford's Russian Blue male Dunloe Silvervitch by Ch. Dunloe Silver Toes; Best S.H. Kitten Mrs. Parker's S.P. Siamese female Seax Zephyr by Tornado; Best S.H. Neuter—Mrs. Channing's S.P. Siamese Premier Bradgate Punchinello by Maiz Mor Marquis.

The perennial Blue Ch. Thiepval Precocious was Best Blue Adult and Mrs. Brine's male Sheepfold Casanova was awarded his first Challenge Certificate. Both were in excellent coat so early in the season.

Mrs. Beedell's Black Ch. Sarisbury Sacharissa by Ch. Harpur Blue Boy was 1st in an amalgamated Open class of Blacks and Mrs. Balls' lovely White female Ch. Lisblanc Azalea by of Blacks and Mrs. Balls' lovely White female Ch. Lisblanc Azalea by Ch. Harpur Romeo first in hers. She was one of the four L.H. adults brought out for Best in Show, the other two being Ch. Thiepval Precocious and Mrs. Jewell's Blue-Cream Jewel of Pensford, a young queen by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous who was awarded her first Challenge Certificate. The L.H. females had a field day in the side classes probably because nearly all the Champion males were conspicuous by their absence which is not unusual at early championship shows, as the fashionable stud cats take longer to come into winter coat. An exception

was Miss Sheppard's Cream male Ch. Widdington Winterstar who was looking lovely. The winning Cream female was Miss J. Sterman's Ch. Hendra's Cassandra.

Mrs. Turney and Hon. Mrs. Haden Guest's young Chinchilla male Bonavia Contenta was competing for and awarded his first Ch. Certificate ; he is by Ch. Mark of Allington.

Space does not permit mention of all the winners in the Open Kitten Classes, but Mrs. Stephenson's award of Best Blue male kitten to Ashdown Robin was an excellent win in good company. Especially meritorious in the largest Open L.H. Kitten Class composed of both sexes was Mrs. Barron's win in Creams with the litter sisters Dalan Serena and Dalan Susan by her Cream male Paul of Pensford. There were fifteen in this class and one wonders why it was not divided into sexes. The males did not get a "look in" as third was awarded to Mrs. Jewell's Sunnyvale Topazalite. In Blue-Creams Mrs. King was first with Startops Spangles by Ch. Hendra's Benedict. In Chinchilla kittens Mrs. McLeod's male and female Tarquin and Spin of Thame by Bluecroft Day were first in their respective Open Classes.

Siamese classes

Seal Pointed Siamese outnumbered any other variety and the 14 adult males were headed by Mr. and Mrs. Glover's Southwood Marcus (by Ch. Killdown Jupiter), a splendid win for a Siamese nearly four-and-a-half years of age. Mrs. Watson's Milori Lili (by Chinki Rana) was the winning female. She was slightly older than the male. Congratulations to both owners on keeping these adults in such fine fettle that they were able to win Challenge Certificates against many younger competitors.

Ten Blue Pointed Siamese were headed by Mrs. Biggie's Linton Leprechaun and Mrs. Sheen's Misselfore Myka. It was a feather in the cap of Major and

Mrs. Rendall that they bred Myka, also the sires of both : namely Ch. Misselfore Pan Print and Ch. Misselfore Ryken. In an amalgamated Chocolate Pointed class Mrs. Lapper's Camley Fudge (by Ch. Craigiehilloch Chozaro) was first.

Seventy-eight S.P. kittens in four Open Kitten Classes provided keen competition. The four first prize winners were Mrs. Watson's Milori Tarquin by Ch. Clonlost Yo-Yo ; Mr. Burlton's Gay Donald by Ch. Bluehayes Foxy ; Mrs. Keene's Sabukia Sharayar by Ch. Sabukia Sir Galahad and of course the Best in Show S.H. kitten Seax Zephyr. In a class of thirteen Short-hair stud cats judged on progeny Mrs. Parker's Tornado was first. He, by the way, is by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour, the latter bred by Mr. Richard Warner.

Overworked judges

The Longhair judges finished their classes comfortably as they had a reasonable number of exhibits to judge, well within their capacity, but it was obvious more Siamese judges were needed for the Open Kitten Classes. Two judges had to cope with 110 Seal, Blue and Chocolate Pointed exhibits and then proceed to various very well filled side classes. No wonder exhibitors were hovering round the award board at tea time anxious to know how their kittens had been placed !

Breeders and exhibitors have given practical proof that they approve of side and club classes and there is no reason why they should be deprived of them especially as they are such an essential source of revenue in these days when it is becoming more and more expensive to organize a show. I have judged in many countries and one cannot compare European shows with ours, especially our London Championship fixtures which of ten attract over 400 exhibits. Shows abroad are decorative and some lovely cats and kittens are exhibited but the breeders are fewer and more widespread than in England. In

some countries only one championship show is held a year, at which the exhibits may be fewer than 200. There are few cat clubs and specialist societies catering for the interests of one particular breed (with the possible exception of Siamese) are almost unknown.

Each country has evolved in the course of time a classification suitable for the number and requirements of its breeders. I am all in favour of the freedom which our present-day cat clubs enjoy, viz., putting on a classification for their respective shows which they know by experience is suitable and pleasing to their members and offering classes at other shows. One of the principal reasons one joins clubs is to exhibit under judges whom one prefers when the season comes round again. The number of mixed L.H. and S.H. classes are gradually becoming fewer. These are a legacy from the days when

championship shows were much smaller than they are to-day.

Out of 218 classes at the Herts. and Middlesex Ch. Show there were only eight of these mixed Longhair and Shorthair classes—one for Adults, three for Neuters, four for Kittens.

The solution of the problem of late judging is obviously more judges! One has only to peruse the official 1957 List of Judges to realize the anomalies. The difference in opinion among the committees of the specialist societies as to how many judges they consider it is necessary to have available to officiate for their respective breeds is remarkable. At the H. and M. Show Siamese adults, neuters and kittens numbered 172, more than a third of the total for the whole show, a proportion which will probably be fairly consistent for the rest of the season. A choice of twenty-six judges is available for this variety.



In May last an unusual show of over 80 household pets, office, shop, farm and warehouse cats, all non-pedigree, was visited by 700 people in Bradford. The organizers were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bryant, a remarkable pair of cat lovers who have converted their home into the Stray Cats' Shelter and Sanctuary. Our photograph taken at the show presents four of the entries with the Dowager Lady Mowbray of Stourton and the Hon. Charlotte Stourton (patrons) and Miss A. Bartle, Miss A. Tillson and Mr. Bryant. Film star James Mason sent 15 gns. from Beverly Hills, California, to help swell the funds of this worthwhile organization. Another show has been fixed to take place in May next year.

In addition there are three who are eligible only for Blue Points. The most popular L.H. variety, the Blues, numbered 40. There will probably be an increase in the winter as the adults come into coat but it is doubtful if the total of exhibits will exceed 50 except perhaps at the Blue Persian Specialist Ch. Show. For this variety thirty-one fully fledged judges and eight probationers are considered necessary.

For Creams and Blue-Creams there is a choice of twenty-two judges ; for Chinchillas, Silver Tabbies and Smokes twenty-five ; Blacks and Whites sixteen ; for all British Shorthair varieties, Russians and Burmese fifteen ; Abyssinians twenty-two. Some specialist societies have an extra judge eligible for only one variety.

When one considers that through residence abroad, age and infirmity, or the wish to be free to exhibit, some of these judges seldom or never officiate it is obvious some varieties need more judges.

Screen stars

The publicity before the Herts. and Middlesex Show on television and in the national press was exceptionally good. In early August Miss Ann Shead, B.B.C. television producer of the women's programmes, had invited me to take some of my kittens to appear on a programme in mid-September. Happily when the date was fixed it was the 12th (five days before the Show) and Miss Joan Gilbert who compered the programme mentioned the date and venue.

As I had the interesting experience of having three dates with I.T.V. last year, I decided to leave my little poppets at home, so the kittens chosen to appear were Mrs. Jewell's lovely Cream Sunnyvale Topazalite, a variety which looks so outstanding on T.V., and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby-Smith's Colourpoint Longhair Chatelaine Alipur and their two Blue males Camber Frivolity and Camber Charles. All were charming except

that Frivolity decided it was time for a game of "shut eye." He was probably bored with rehearsals and liked the soothing warmth of the brilliant lights.

Miss Dukes brought an interesting trio : her Brown Tabby queen Jetsam and her two dear little kittens, one Black and one Silver Tabby by the Silver Tabby Believer Calchas D'Acheux. When Jetsam was a kitten she was rescued with her sister, subsequently named Flotsam, from the conveyor belt leading to an incinerator ; both discarded to this cruel fate by some unknown person.

En route to the studios we noticed in a pet shop window in a poor neighbourhood a notice offering kittens at sixpence each ! It is horrifying to think of the eventual fate of some of these kittens, probably playthings for children whilst they are young and discarded when they lose their infantile prettiness.

On the Friday before the Show another boost was provided by Miss Statman appearing on I.T.V. in Children's Hour with her Pekingese puppy Drayton Green Princess Honey and two Blue kittens by Camber Algernon. I did not see this programme but I hear it was excellent and the trio rose to the occasion splendidly.

A gate-crasher !

On Sunday, Mr. Brian Vesey-Fitzgerald in an article in *The News of the World* with the caption "This Puppy Will Gate-crash a Cat Show" mentioned them again and among other items he wrote : "I imagine this is the first time a Pekingese puppy has been exhibited at a cat show. Indeed, I imagine it is the first time a dog of any sort has been exhibited at a recognized cat show in this country.

"And I think that, every now and again, a novelty of this sort is an excellent idea. For it will help to convince people that cats and dogs are not inveterate enemies.

"An astonishing number of people still believe they are : that it is the

natural instinct of every dog to chase every cat it sees and, if possible, kill it.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. Of course, a dog will chase a cat if it is encouraged to do so—it will also chase a ball or anything else that moves—and will continue to do so, if its owner does not restrain it. But there are very few dogs that will press home the attack."

It is remarkable that with all this and other publicity that the gate was not an all-time record for a cat show but, although good, it was less than the Kensington Kitten Show on July 20th. One wonders if it is the kittens which are so attractive to the public or is a Saturday show the essential for really record gates?

Cat lovers will rejoice at the appreciation and increasing tributes which our pets are eliciting. Miss Kit Wilson, so well known as a judge and so admired for her unceasing work on behalf of the Cats' Protection League, sends me the following delightful true story entitled "*From Ditch to Drama.*"

"Those readers who read about Mirabel, the kitten tied up in a box and thrown away in a ditch (OUR CATS, page 20, June, 1956) will be interested to know that she is now a film star.

"At the Kensington Kitten Show this year in 'Career Cats Corner,' Mirabel advertised 'Coalite,' rather fancying herself as a model. She caused quite a lot of interest as she played about in the pen with her toy mouse. Then one of those things happened which so many budding Sabrinas and Tommy Steeles dream of—she was seen by a film agent! Not only was she seen but she conquered.

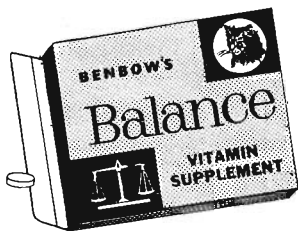
"A few weeks after she was engaged for a film 'Orders to Kill,' directed by Anthony Asquith (a great cat lover) at Shepperton Studios. Mirabel had her own dressing room, a most comfortable caravan in the grounds. She was taken on set after the scenes in which she was to appear had been rehearsed. On her arrival complete quiet was demanded by the director and with the warmth of the lights and

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the affection with which she was surrounded from all the studio personnel she acted true to theatrical tradition.

"Then one black Friday she decided to live her own life. Although she is, thanks to modern veterinary science, unable to have a love life she sees no reason why she should not have an admirer, the one of her choice being a really thug-like black monster who climbs up on to her pent house and croons over her. She thinks he is Adonis personified. There he was when she returned from the studio and oh dear, there was so much to tell him that dawn was breaking when he left. It was a beautiful morning and Mirabel slept.

"Came the time for her to go to the studio, she was missing. Frantic searching failed to find her, everyone was notified, including the police. The studios faced with £2,000 worth of film useless unless she could be found were desperate. Her adoring owner was verging on a nervous breakdown, when suddenly quite unabashed Mirabel appeared from a small parapet on which she had been sleeping completely hidden on the next door roof. A car was rushed from the studios and she was soon on the set. Her escapade had made headlines; she was front page news. The small cat rescued by The Cats'

Protection League had achieved star publicity."

America's Best

Congratulations to Miss Evelyn Langston on breeding Faustino of Allington, the sire of U.S.A. Best Opposite Sex Cat of the Year 1957: Grand Champion Nor-Mont's Silver Jewell a Chinchilla female owned and bred by Mrs. Merald Hoag of Rochville, Maryland. Mrs. Hoag also owns the 1957 Cat of the Year, Grand Champion Dixi-Lands Sir Gai of Nor-Mont, a Blue Longhair male bred by Mrs. John Revington. For the first time since this award was instituted one person has the honour of owning the Best Cat and the Best O.S. Cat of the Year in America. On the cover of the issue of *Cats Magazine* U.S.A. announcing these awards appears a lovely photo of one of Mrs. Blanche Wolfram's beautiful White Longhairs.

Mrs. Joan Thompson will welcome news items and photographs suitable for inclusion in "Just Fancy" particularly from clubs and fanciers overseas. Contributions—as brief as possible, please—may be addressed to her at 130 Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent.



Mrs. Redfern's KIMMIE has good reason to be looking so proud and dignified—he was Best Household Pet at the recent Sidcup Show.

Feline Fragments

By IVOR RALEIGH

IN determining the value of a new rule it may often be an act of wisdom to try to visualize how it would apply when deliberately used under conditions and for ends different from those for which it was intended. The danger inherent in many types of restrictive legislation lies in the fact that such legislation may be effectively complied with by means of deliberate acts of heartlessness or even cruelty, thus making a mockery of the intentions of the legislators.

It has recently become a rule that nursing queens may not be shown other than in litter classes and no one could doubt that the intentions of the Governing Council were wise, benevolent and inspired by the highest possible motives. Unfortunately, the rule is wide open to abuse.

We all know how difficult it is to obtain a Championship with a female cat, particularly with breeds of cat which, like the Siamese, spend a lot of their time in operations either leading to or resulting from the birth of kittens. Most cats of such breeds will continue to nurse their litters for long periods if allowed to do so and, by and large, there is a lot to be said for the practice which not only bestows health and contentment on the kittens but also tends to delay the calling cycle of the mother cat.

Under the new rule the owner of a queen is obliged to wean his litter at the earliest possible moment in order to have a chance to get his queen completely dry of milk. An conscionable

owner could, for instance wean his kittens at three or four weeks, or even at two weeks ; continuing the feeding process with a teaspoon or dropper bottle. By this means he could get his cat dry of milk fairly soon after kitting and proceed to show her in full compliance with rules and regulations and without regard either to her mental health or to the vigour and happiness of the kittens.

An even more unscrupulous owner of a likely champion queen might even go further by putting the babies to sleep at birth, in order not to miss any shows at all.

It is my considered opinion that the old rule imposing an eight weeks rest upon the mother cat as far as being shown in individual classes was concerned, was quite adequate. If any modification was needed, then surely the thing to have done was to have imposed, or rather extended the rule to apply to a mother cat even if her kittens had died at birth ; thus assuring her an eight weeks rest after littering, no matter what the result may have been.

In the face of the undeniable truth of this exposition, may we hope that the Governing Council review the position with no less sentimentality but with a little more understanding of the frailties of human nature.

Judges at school

Miss Kathleen Yorke has been doing a wonderful job by organizing classes for would-be judges. There is a great

deal of opposition to the appointment of judges by examination in spite of the obvious value of such a method. Most of our present judges are good but not all of them ; those in the latter category had better look to their medals. Thanks to Miss Yorke there is a growing body of capable and informed critics who will not hesitate to give their honest views in cases where judging has not been up to the high standard which we demand and expect in this country.

Bird language

In one of my earlier articles I dealt with the question of treating cats as if they were human beings and many humorous comments were sent in by readers. There is, however, a serious and interesting side to this question which was recalled to my mind by a book called *Solomon's Ring*. This book should be read by every animal lover and I can promise the reader a truly wonderful experience.

The author, a famous naturalist, describes his experience with wild birds for which he cared without depriving them of freedom and of which several species would migrate in the

appropriate season only to return and walk or fly into his sitting room upon their return to these shores. Each of the species of birds dealt with has its own language which could be learnt and reproduced and so expert did the author become in this task that he was not only able to call down his friends from the sky but was even able to make them change their direction of flight.

There is no reason to think that more intelligent animals such as cats (no funny remarks please !) would be less responsive to this kind of effort. I feel quite certain that it is much simpler for a man to learn to talk like a cat than for a cat to talk like a man.

Exports

Ch. Bayhorne Adam has been fortunate in siring a number of good kittens this season and one of them, a female, has been purchased by Mrs. Kingsland for her American cattery. Another of Adam's kittens, a male, will go to Madame Ravel. The mother of the kittens is Foxburrow Fleur, bred by Mr. Soderberg out of Herries Helga and sired by Ch. Dylan of Allington, Miss Langston's wonderful stud.



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MAN'S INHUMANITY

It is regrettably never a difficult task each month to unearth material for this heading. Such is the behaviour of predominant man to the lesser creatures who serve and entertain him.

Two cats named Blackie and Smirkey were the pets of a malthouse, where they were fussed and fed by the employees. Suddenly they vanished. The terrible truth came to light later on and it was a stunned court at Cirencester that listened to an R.S.P.C.A. solicitor as he told the story of the poor animals' deaths. "They were put into a chute feeding a barley-crushing machine," he said. "It was like putting them into a mincing machine and turning the handle. There was no way out for them."

Before the court stood a 17-year-old

labourer Anthony Samuel Gibson, who told what happened on his second day at work at the malthouse. "A cat came into the room. I picked it up and stroked it, but it scratched my arm. I lost my temper and threw it into the chute and went on shovelling barley into it. An hour later a second cat came in. I picked it up and threw that down the chute. I did not realize what was going on until afterwards. If I had known I wouldn't have done it."

Gibson was fined the maximum £50 for causing unnecessary suffering and put on probation while he pays the fine by weekly instalments. He was given a year to pay and the chairman expressed the hope that no one would interfere with the decision by paying the fine. Gibson's action he described as "terrible, wicked and horrible."



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By M.R.C.V.S.

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A Suffolk reader writes : *I should be glad if you will give me some advice about my Blue Persian. He is 6-7 years old but at present he is suffering from persistent diarrhoea. I give him arrowroot to drink and boiled rice with his fish, also raw meat. But nothing seems to help.*

M.R.C.V.S. replies : If there are no obvious reasons for the diarrhoea (such as catarrhal distemper) then the cause must be ascertained by microscopical and other tests of the faeces. In the search for coccidia, tuberculosis or worm ova, etc. Also of the urine for albumen, as nephritis can be a cause. Your local veterinary surgeon could send samples away for examination. Diarrhoea may also arise through stagnation of the circulation from heart disease.

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