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HER BIRTHDAY PRESENT

In this month's "Just Fancy"—see page 28—Mrs. Joan Thompson reports the arrival of an exceptionally fine first Siamese litter of 8, all of whom survived. They were born to Hollie Griselda, who was a birthday present to 2½ years-old Nicola, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Noble, of Stamford, Middlesex. Our picture shows Nicola with one of her young charges. Photo by Kodak.

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'FIOVAX' FOR PROTECTION



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

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

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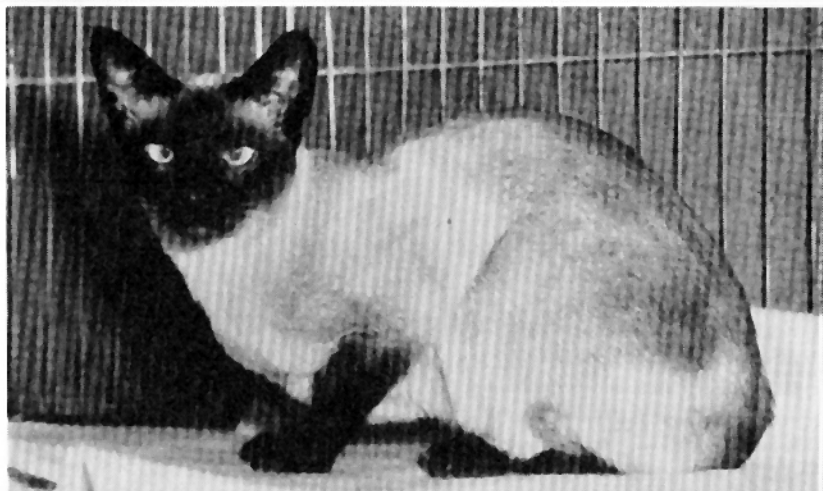
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F. W. Simms

The quality of our neuters appears to improve with each new show season. Here is Premier BRADGATE PUNCHINELLO who won handsomely at last year's Siamese Show and again at the recent Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show. Owner is Mrs. R. E. Channing, of N.W. London.

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Let's go to a show

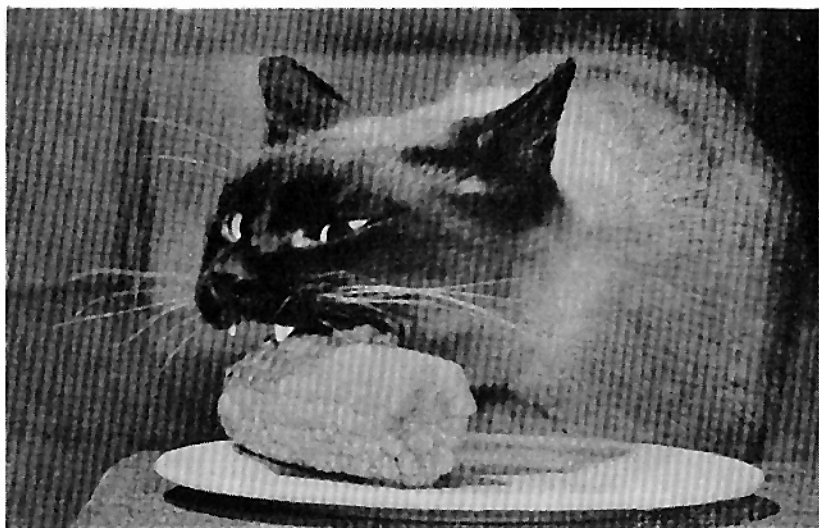
We urge our readers to attend as many cat shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management, from experienced fanciers and exhibitors. Brief details of the show fixtures for the 1958/9 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

1958	Promoted by	Venue
20 September	*Herts and Middlesex C.C.	London
27 " ...	*South Western Counties C.C.	Paignton, Devon
7 October	*Siamese Cat Club (See displayed advertisement in this issue)	London
9 " ...	*Blue Persian C.C.	London
18 " ...	*Edinburgh and East of Scotland C.C.	Edinburgh
25 " ...	*Midland Counties C.C.	Birmingham
15 November	*Croydon Cat Club	London
29 " ...	*Yorkshire County C.C.	Leeds
16 December	*National Cat Club	London
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10 January	*Notts and Derbyshire C.C.	Venue to be fixed
17 " ...	*Scottish Cat Club	Venue to be fixed
27 " ...	*Southern Counties C.C.	London
7 February	*Lancs. and N.W. Counties C.C.	Venue 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 1958/9 Season.

This enthusiastic student of the ballet is OMAHEENI BELLA, a Burmese female who was Best Kitten at the last Oslo Show. Bella has since had a nice litter of four, the first of the breed to be born in Norway. She belongs to Mrs. M. Svenningsen, who purchased her from English breeder Mrs. M. E. Bastow, of Nottingham.





The Chattanooga Times Staff Photo by W. M. Hudson

“The tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth”

WE just couldn't hope to surpass the journalese of the American reporter Marion Peck, who provided the supporting text for the Siamese picture reproduced above in *The Chattanooga Times* under the heading “Dentist to Rescue after Big Cavity Threatens Gustatory Hobby of Pet.” So here we give—with due and respectful acknowledgment—a few extracts which we feel sure will interest and amuse our readers in every corner of the cat world :

“Robert, a short-tailed Siamese, may well be the only cat in the entire nation, and maybe in the whole world, whose tooth was filled by a dentist so he could eat corn-on-the-cob.

“The circumstances are as complicated as they are unique. Robert is 7½ years old, the pet of Mr. and Mrs. David Tweet of Signal Mountain. They've had him since he was a kitten and they think highly of him.

“About two years ago Robert had an ailment which caused him to lose all his lower teeth and most of his upper ones in a gradual process. He got along very well on his uppers, even after he became a corn-on-the-cob addict. By accident he discovered that the golden nuggets of an ear of boiled fresh corn are tasty, indeed. In fact, Robert reacts to corn-on-the-cob as most other cats do to fresh raw liver or catnip. . . .

“But one morning tragedy loomed for Robert. Mrs. Tweet discovered that one of his two remaining canine teeth had a large cavity in it. Mrs. Tweet consulted Robert's veterinarian, Dr. Walter L. Martin. Veterinarians clean cats' teeth and pull cats' teeth but don't drill and fill them. Dr. Martin talked the problem over with a local dentist. ‘I like corn-on-the-cob myself,’ the dentist said later.

“At any rate, he agreed to fill Robert's tooth. Dr. Martin acted as anesthesiologist, putting Robert under a general anesthetic and taking him to the dentist's office. The offending but important tooth was drilled and filled in less than half an hour with regular silver filling.

“It was an interesting experience,” the dentist said. “It was the first time for both of us—Robert and me—but

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A page for the proletarian puss No. 82



Associated Newspapers

Everything's going to be all right—the Navy's here ! Whilst a cargo vessel was tied up at London Docks the ship's cat met with an accident and lost her life. She was nursing a family of four at the time. As you can see, the Navy met the crisis with characteristic promptness and efficiency. The orphans were successfully reared by hand and we understand that good homes were eventually found for them all.

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.

I THROW my phrases into the air like cats. I know they will always fall on their paws. It's very simple, you only need good syntax."

So Joanna Richardson in her new biography of Theophile Gautier records the 19th century romantic explaining how he managed day after day to produce thousands of words of theatrical and literary criticism, as well as poems, novels and plays. It is not surprising Gautier used the feline simile, for the enjoyments of cats along with "women, perfumes and light, lovely flowers, good wines, lively horses and greyhounds" he proclaimed was the purpose of life. God who had given us eyes looking upwards to see the light, he wrote, gave us sensitive hands so that we could caress the velvet backs of cats.

Gautier's output of words and social activity was prodigious. It is perhaps not surprising therefore that there are only a few glimpses of him with his cats in Joanna Richardson's study of his life and times. But it sent me to read again his *La Menagerie Intime* published in 1869 wherein he described his cats. Ninety per cent of Gautier's huge output between 1830 and 1872 is now forgotten and the ballet *Giselle*, for which he wrote the story, is probably the only one of his works now generally familiar.

But *La Menagerie Intime* will surely always remain a classic of cat literature. Gautier's description of the meeting between his red cat with a pink nose and blue eyes who "lived with me on a footing of conjugal intimacy" and a friend's parrot is a delight.

Gautier has been asked to board the parrot while its owner was on holiday. Madame Theophile, the cat, having never before seen a parrot, examined it carefully and concluded it was undoubtedly a chicken. Green, perhaps, but nevertheless a chicken. She settled down to wait for the exotic dish to come down from its perch.

Suddenly the parrot, sensing the danger, said: "Have you had your breakfast, Jack?" Madame Theophile leapt as if she had been shot. She had no time to adjust her ornithological ideas before the parrot shouted: "And what did you have—a royal roast?"

"The cat's expression clearly meant: 'This is not a bird, it speaks, it's a man'" wrote Gautier. The parrot, seeing the terror it caused, followed up with a couple of lines of a drinking song fortissimo. Madame Theophile looked at her owner for an explanation and, getting none, retired under the bed where she stayed for the rest of the day.

Having thought the matter over, the cat tried again next day, was defeated by the parrot in the same manner and became convinced the bird must indeed be a man, even if it looked so little like Gautier.

Gautier gave his cats names that roll off the tongue as sensuously as they themselves rolled in the sunlight—besides Madame Theophile, there was Childebrande, Don Pierrot de Navarre, Seraphita, Zizi and others. None of them figures in Joanna Richardson's index but they were, I am sure, as distinctive personalities to their owner as many of the human beings he met. They are mentioned frequently in his letters to the lady who, like Madame Theophile, "was on a footing of conjugal bliss." Gil Blas has chosen the top of the cupboard as his home to keep out of reach of the children, he tells her in one letter. The white cat grows as you look at him and has his face washed regularly by Gil Blas, he records in another. The health and activities of the cats are recorded as fully as those of the children and one feels almost more sympathetically!

Survived the siege

Joanna Richardson thus describes the *menagerie intime* at 32, rue de Longchamps, which was one of the literary centres of Paris: "Don Pierrot de Navarre, that white grandee among cats, would interrupt their conversation as if he wanted to express his own literary opinions . . . Seraphita . . . posed coily on the most becoming cushion and sniffed scented hankchiefs. A cageful of white Norwegian rats devoured the nuts and raisins at dessert, or swarmed up the bannisters at their master's whistle and hid themselves in his warm pocket . . .

"There was Enjolras, who was shaved all but a mane and a fur tip on his tail and looked less like a cat than a Japanese chimera. There was Gavroche, the kindly, who invited starving from the streets to share his meals. And there was Eponine . . . the dearest of all the menagerie, whose place was laid beside Gautier at table. Eponine would arrive at the first tinkle of the bell, settle herself

on her chair, push her forepaws on the table, and eat her way through dinner dish by dish."

Gautier, the romantic Frenchman, voluntarily went through the siege of Paris. At a time when roast rat was an expensive luxury for human beings, he somehow managed to share what he had with his cats and when, after the Armistice, Edmond de Goncourt found him "in a Venetian cap like a doge in distress," the cats were famished, but still alive. Manet, who painted Gautier, also went through the siege and like him was a cat-lover, but this did not prevent his landlady suspecting the great painter when her cat disappeared. The siege sapped Gautier's health, but a friend who visited him two years later when he was slowly dying noticed that a white cat and a black cat shared the bedside vigil with his sisters.



The tooth, the whole tooth

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we got along very well. He was an excellent patient, being asleep. The cavity was a very large one. But I still don't see how Robert can eat corn-on-the-cob with just the few teeth he has left."

"But Robert does eat his corn-on-the-cob. He puts a paw on it to hold it down and apparently sinks his canines into it and gums it with his lower jawbone. It takes him about 15 minutes to clean half an ear, after which he licks up all the bits and pieces which might have escaped. Then he eats his vegetables.

"Robert's story may be corny, but it's the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth."

Reproduction (No. 48)

By A. C. JUDE

This popular series of monographs has brought added interest to breeding operations throughout the cat world and has helped fanciers by supplying information concerning both inherited and all other factors. Each article has a direct bearing on the genetic basis for the likenesses and differences between cats.

SINCE the ruling by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy that cats which are not entire shall be disqualified, there have been numerous enquiries about the genetic background to this condition. May I make it quite clear to my correspondents that I cannot discuss in article form, any decision or ruling made by the G.C.C.F.—I am only concerned with genetics of animals, and not the domestic affairs of any particular fancy.

On the show bench, a fancy concerns itself with what an animal looks like, and is compared with a written standard of excellence which is laid down in the fancy's standards. Roughly speaking, the faults which may be noted fall under two headings—those which are definite, those which may be termed indefinite.

The definite faults are the ones where some normal characteristic is absent, or where an additional feature is present. Such faults should not be tolerated on the show bench, and therefore disqualification must be made.

The indefinite faults include such things as incorrect variations of markings, colour, or other features peculiar to a special breed or variety. Such faults call for reduction of points allowed, and not for penalization by disqualification. In any fancy, it is usual that some special ruling may be made about some par-

ticular characteristic which has become a common fault, and is therefore particularly undesirable (possibly, for instance, "kinky tail.")

The abnormalities of cryptorchidism (or cryptorchism) and monorchidism (or monorchism) have received a great deal of attention, particularly in Germany, and to a lesser degree in America. Cryptorchidism is a form of delayed or arrested development, and it is reasonable to suppose that it can be caused by conditions operating only during pregnancy, as well as by hereditary factors. The condition has been declared hereditary in many instances where the evidence was quite inadequate to prove anything. Continental judges—particularly of dogs—have been known to condemn animals as cryptorchid or monorchid when they were, in fact, perfectly normal.

The monorchid differs from the cryptorchid in that one testicle has descended whereas in the cryptorchid, neither testicle has descended. There is assuredly strong evidence that the condition runs in families, but inheritance is irregular and uncertain.

Generally speaking it is found that cryptorchidism occurs to a greater extent in small breeds of an animal, and in breeds with short skulls. This has been particularly noticed in dogs. The tie-up between different characteristics is, of course, quite common in animals, as has already been indicated in this series of articles. When inherited,

the states of cryptorchidism and monorchidism are recessive to the normal condition, and this can be taken to be the case in the cat even though no separate studied investigation has been made.

The probable cause of the failure of the testes to descend is a defective functioning of the anterior pituitary gland. Cryptorchids are sterile because the sperm cannot develop at the temperature within the body, but require the lower temperature of the scrotum. Although cryptorchids cannot pass on their condition, even if this has been due to hereditary cause, on the show bench they are incomplete animals, and therefore a fancy can be right in directing disqualification. For the same reason it would be right for monorchids to be disqualified, even though in their case, successful matings occur.

A breeder's problem

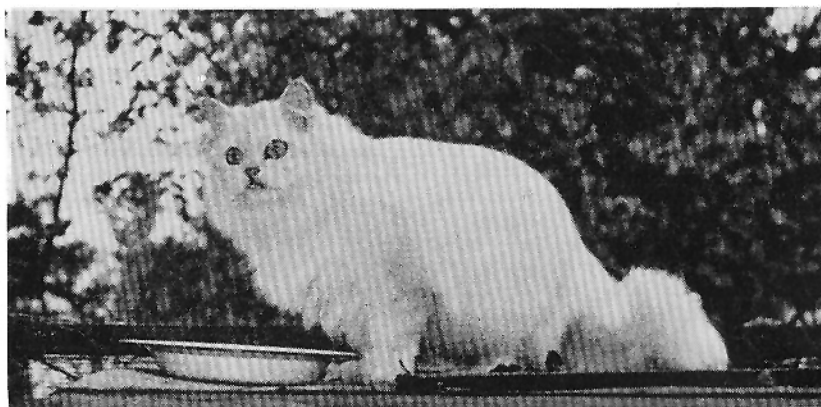
Examination of such scientific information as is available on the subject suggests that it would be more logical to refrain from breeding from the dam of affected animals than from the affected animals themselves; but the mode of inheritance is so uncertain, and the operative treatment so simple, that the state of the abnormal condition of monorchidism would appear to be not

worth the effort and sacrifice involved in genetic methods of elimination.

It is found that in some kinds of animal, cryptorchids have a strong tendency to neoplasms, and are often of uncertain disposition. These objections are overcome by operative removal of the concealed testes.

Genetical methods of elimination are always costly and difficult, even where a genetical factor behaving in a simple Mendelian manner is involved. Where less clear-cut inheritance is manifest, methods are even more difficult and uncertain. In withholding an animal from breeding because it can pass on a known defective tendency, all the desirable qualities of the animal are also sacrificed. Therefore, it may at times be desirable to breed from such an animal if it is otherwise of outstanding merit, and especially if its good qualities are not widespread in the breed. This course is only advised in special cases. The decision has to be made at the wise discretion of the experienced breeder.

The decision to apply genetical methods for any elimination is therefore one which should only be taken in cases where the mode of inheritance is very clear, where the defect is itself of a serious nature, and where there seems to be no likelihood of finding a simple



Champion BENTVELD GYPSOPHILA (by Sarisbury Simba ex Bentveld Fleur), a prize-winning Chinchilla at the well-known Dutch cattery of Miss H. L. Posthuma, Haarlem.

and inexpensive method of veterinary cure. Serious abnormalities should not be tolerated in breeding stock, but where these exist, genetical elimination should be planned in collaboration with the veterinary profession, as proper diagnosis and a knowledge of scientific breeding methods are essential.

It is always difficult to assess to what extent some particular fault is present in a breed or in a fancy as a whole, more especially when the fault or tendency to the fault is known to be uncertain in its inheritance. Even in cases where colonies of animals are kept much the same applies, for unless sufficient number of colonies are investigated, wrong assessments can be made—a colony may be built up from original stock which is free from the fault concerned; it may be built up from stock in which the fault is present.

A case has been reported where a monorchid has sired three litters to three different queens this year, and one or two last year. All this however,

applies to only one monorchid, and does not generalize.

Similarly, a sister to a monorchid (stated to be a good sire), has never bred. But this cannot in any way itself prove that monorchids are likely to produce sterile queens. It has always been assumed on evidence available, that the number of cryptorchids and monorchids in any kind of animal is in small proportion—there are, of course, periods in which more than a usual number of cases are brought to light, and then one is apt to make a false evaluation.

It would be a very great help indeed, especially in face of the uncertainty of the inheritance of this abnormality, if breeders would kindly let me know of any monorchids they may have or have had, and of the breeding results obtained. Any information will be received and treated strictly in confidence.

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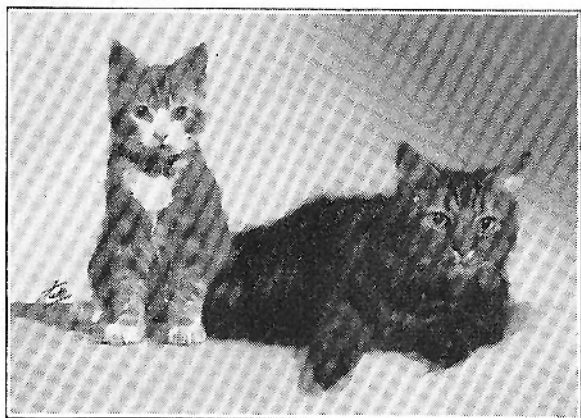
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MRS. WANDA SCOTT (Independence, Missouri)

MRS. WANDA SCOTT of Independence, Missouri, is one of the few breeders in America who concentrate on breeding one particular colour and breed of cat. The result of this specialization is to be found in the numerous beautiful Blue

Persians who carry the name of Blu-Acre so proudly. It would be well for some of our novices to follow her example for concentration on one particular colour certainly simplifies matters immensely.

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Arthur Bauch

Mrs. Wanda Scott with one of her favourite Blue Longhairs.



Arthur Bauch

Great hopes for the future are reposed by Mrs. Wanda Scott in her fine Dble. Champion Blue Longhair male so aptly named **BLU-ACRE DREAM OF FAME.**



Arthur Bauch

Champion BLU-ACRE FANCEE.

Mrs. Scott, a member of the Kansas City Midwest All Breed Club which is affiliated with the A.C.F.A., is also an active member in the Mo-Kan Club, a C.F.A. organization. She enjoys her club activities because of the many friends who also are members.

Her first cat was a black domestic Shorthair named Blackout. In 1948, her husband (thinking that at 8 years old Blackout was hardly likely to live much longer) purchased for her as a Christmas present a lovely Blue Persian female from Mrs. Ben Kendrick, a well known Kansas City breeder of Persians. The cat was appropriately named Kansas City Christmas Doll.

It was not long before Christmas Doll decided she would like to have a family of her own. She was mated with one of Mrs. Kendrick's fine males and the resulting litter consisted of two males and one female. One of the males was retained by Mrs. Scott and he is now known as Ch. Blu-Acre's Beautiful Blue Baron, sire of some of her finest Blue Persians. Another Blue female was later purchased from Mrs. Kendrick and this gave her cattery a really fine start.

In 1952 the Scotts obtained an acre of ground in Blue Ridge Acres on which to build their home. The name of the place and the colour of the cats decided the choice of "Blu-Acre" as a prefix for the cattery. After the house had been completed serious breeding began, for Mrs. Scott then had a suitable environment for her cats.

Later in 1952 she attended her first cat show in Dallas, Texas. As a result of a mating between one of her Blue females to an Orange-eyed White male owned by Mrs. Paul Swan, two of the kittens had shown much promise. Mrs. Swan took the female kitten which was thought to be the better while Wanda went along with the male kitten in order to have something to show, too. Well, the male took Best Kitten in both shows and she was very thrilled to see one of her cats do the winning. Wanda and Mrs. Swan have

since had many a chuckle over that incident.

The show was very interesting to our novice exhibitor and it was a delight and surprise to her to see so many beautiful cats. It was so enjoyable meeting so many nice folks from all over the country and to this day, many of them have remained her good friends. This first show was a turning point in Mrs. Scott's life for it sparked off the ambition to breed beautiful cats that would take their place among the best in the country. Her love for the shows is a very important part of her life.

A strong cattery

To-day, Blu-Acre houses sixteen cats. There are fourteen Blue Persians, one Black Persian female and, yes, the black domestic Blackout is still alive and happy. Among the seniors is Ch. Blu-Acre Beautiful Blue Baron, who has very good type. He possesses the small, round, wide apart ears so desirable in the Persians. Ch. Blu-Acre Fancee is a Blue Persian female of excellent body type, fine head, small ears, good muzzle and short nose. Dbl. Ch. Blue-Acre Dream O'Fame, who has the body type Mrs. Scott has always wanted in a Blue Persian, could be likened to a Hereford bull. All her hopes for the future are being built around this fine boy. When shown as a kitten he was Best Kitten seven times, Best Opp. Sex Kitten once, and was Honourable Mention All-American Kitten as a result of these fine wins. Blu-Acre Lil Winnie, a Blue Persian female with well rounded head and lovely big, round copper eyes, is the personality girl of the cattery.

One of the finest cats she ever owned was Dbl. Ch. Silver Moth Macbeth of Blu-Acre, a truly fine Blue Persian male who was everything a Champion should be. It was a very sad day when Macbeth passed away because of bladder trouble. Everything possible was done

to save his life but it was all to no avail. He will always be remembered at Blue Acre and by his many admirers.

To those who wish to become breeders of fine cats, Wanda Scott advises consultation with an experienced breeder. She has never found any who were not willing to help in every possible way. Make sure, she adds, to attend as many shows as you can, for in this way you can learn many things of value. Heed the advice you get—experience is the best teacher. Make sure your cats receive an ample diet and always keep them clean. By giving them your

loving care you will do much to help them along the road to success.

It is Mrs. Scott's opinion that the Fancy as a whole is made up of some very wonderful people who work unselfishly for the common cause. She realizes that as there are so many fine cats being presented in the shows each year she will have to work harder to meet this competition; she will have to breed even better cats if she is going to continue to win. But this is all in the game. She believes in friendly competition and will do all she can to promote this ideal at all times.

ENTER THE BROWNS

THE Governing Council of the Cat Fancy at their last meeting granted recognition to Chestnut Brown Foreign Cats. Their Breed Number will be 29 and the following Standard of Points was adopted :

Chestnut Brown Foreign cats are self coloured brown cats of foreign type. They are fine in bone, lithe, sinuous and of graceful proportions. The coat is a rich brown, even and sound; whiskers and nose to be of the same colour as the coat. The pads of the feet are a pinkish shade. The eyes are green.

Coat : Any shade of rich chestnut brown, short and glossy, even and sound throughout.

Head and Ears : Head long and well proportioned, narrowing to a fine muzzle, ears large and pricked, wide at the base with good width between.

Body, Legs and Tail : Body long, lithe and well muscled, graceful in outline. Legs slim and dainty, hind legs slightly higher than front legs.

Paws oval and neat. Long whip tail, no kink.

Eyes : Slanting and oriental in shape. Decidedly green in colour.

Scale of Points :

Coat	30
Head	15
Body	15
Legs	15
Tail	5
Eyes	10
Condition	10

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Remarks : Faults : Tabby or other markings, dark points, white spots or hairs, cobby shape, round head, short thick or kinked tail. Kittens frequently show tabby "ghost" markings when changing coat. This should not be held against an otherwise good kitten exhibit.

If any reader can supply us with a good photograph of a worthy representative of the new breed we shall be pleased to publish it.

FRED W. PEARCE—Australia's leading judge—sends

News from "Down Under"

HELLO everybody! It has been very cold here, good porridge weather and a nip in the air, which makes all the Scotties grin.

I have now received from Mrs. Henry a report and catalogue for the June Show of the Queensland Cat Club held at Brisbane. She says the fixture was a financial success and will help the Crèche considerably. Awards were: *Persians*: Best Longhair—Mrs. Woodrow's Spada Ambassador Duke, a Blue male; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. Herbert's Musetta of Allington (imp.); Best Black Kitten—Mr. Gleed's Archdale Rosette; Best Chinchilla Kitten—Mrs. Goode's Touchstone Dominic; Best Litter—Mrs. Presling's Roxberry Phelma and kittens; Best Neuter—Mrs. Stock's California Golden Boy. *Siamese*: Best Exhibit—Mrs. Henry's Coochi Dominion Monak; Best Opposite Sex—Mr. Allen's Westwood Blue Lady; Best Neuters—Miss A. Towe's Coochi Peregrine and Mrs. Batten's Rathglass Maranda; Best Litter—Mrs. Henry's Lindisfarne Yu-Phin Seal Points.

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On July 12th a very nice show was staged at Chatswood by the Southern Cross All Breeds Club. A very good entry filled Dispensary Hall comfortably and still catered for a large number of visitors. Three judges, six stewards plus chief steward Mr. Mullins had the job completed in time for a nice hot lunch. I congratulated Secretary Holden in being ready to start judging on time and also for such a nicely-organized

fixture. The opportunity was taken to give some of the student judges some practical work under actual show conditions, preceding examinations.

Major awards were: *Persians*: Best Exhibit—Mrs. Baxter's Chinchilla Male Honky Tonk Jai-Son; Best Opposite Sex—Miss Haswell's Ch. Miowera Fantasy; Best Litter—Miss Rapley's Shaded Silvers; Best Brood Queen—Mrs. Mullin's Minaloo Zoga; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Taylor's St. Chads Danny Boy; Best Female Kitten—Miss Rapley's Mayfield Precious. *Siamese*: Best Male—Mrs. Donmall's S.P. Mystic Merry-maker; Best Female—Mrs. O'Donoghue's Kaylee Pandora; Best Brood Queen—Mrs. Tchan's Temple Tiki; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Carlisle's Rama Liberace; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Donmall's Mystic La Femme Fleur.

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On July 26th the Cumberland Cat Club staged their first show (Championship status) at the Paradance Ballroom, Lidcombe, with three judges, six stewards and chief steward Mr. K. Armit, who was doing his first job and doing it very well. This is a splendid venue with every amenity and fine light. What a pity all shows are not like this one! It was the happiest and smoothest show this year and wonderful for a first effort. The Secretary, Mrs. Paris, is most capable and keen on the smallest detail. The opening ceremony was performed by Keith Smith, of wireless fame among the kiddies, who enjoyed a tour round afterwards with President Mrs. Donmall.

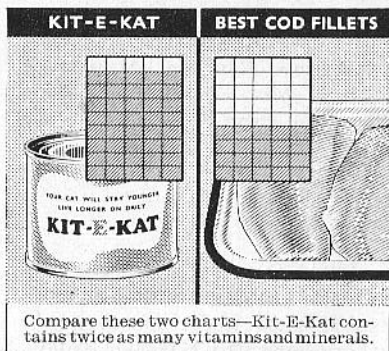
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Awards for this our (N.S.W.) last show of the season were : Best Exhibit—Miss Haswell's Ch. Miowera Fantasy. *Persians* : Best Male—Mrs. Walkom's Olgan Timothy ; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Dolbell's Hycrest Sunshine (also Best Kitten) ; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Robinson's Mayfield Jeanette ; Best Neuters—Mrs. Welsh's Woodlin Pixie Royal and Miss Bruce's Cobbity Campbell. *Siamese* : Best Cat—Mrs. O'Donoghue's S.P. female Kaylee Pandora ; Best Male—Mrs. Paris's B.P. Coochi Blue Capri ; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Carlisle's S.P. Rama Liberace ; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Donmall's S.P. Mystic Le Femme Fleur. Best Neuters—Miss Cunningham's Mai Tai Tup Tim and Mrs. Young's Tarantil Sue Trong. *Burmese* : Best Cat—Mrs. Allen's female Calypso Pall Athene (imp.) ; Best Male—Mrs. Allen's Tomahawk (imp.).

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Mrs. Pearce and myself were privileged to receive an invitation from Miss Haswell to visit her famous Miowera Cattery and see her stud from America Kute Kit Silver Flyer. After a nice afternoon tea we inspected the very comfortably housed Champions, with special attention for his highness. He was pleased to see us and we liked him. He should be very happy as he is surrounded by a lovely lot of beauties. I hope Miss Kathleen Yorke and Mrs. Turney notice this mention as my last visit to Miowera was with Miss Yorke in 1956. Thank you, Miss Haswell, for a nice afternoon ; nice to know you have Best Cat of the Year, Miowera Fantasy.

I have received from Hamilton a very nice letter from Miss Menzies, O.B.E., Secretary of the New Zealand Governing Council, with a promise to keep me posted with news for our readers from the Dominion. This tickles me greatly as with this lady and Mrs. Patterson in

Victoria to keep me supplied with news, we shall be doing a better job. If I can get Brisbane to come in, the circle will be almost complete, as Mrs. Thurmer is a good correspondent in Adelaide. A big thank you to these ladies. The show season in New Zealand is nearly over and things look bright for next year.

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The Championship show season ended for us with a flying trip to Brisbane on August 6th. What a lovely spot it is at this time of the year—balmy air and a real shirt-sleeve job. Arrived Thursday, judged 104 on Friday, and they were on view to the public on the Saturday for nine hours. This annual Royal National Assn. Agricultural Show with its cat section is a splendid fixture. The committee of the Cat Club did a great job and were complimented by Secretary Mr. Kennedy and Chief R.N.A. Steward Mr. Davies. Main awards were—*Persians* : Best Cat—Mr. Woodrow's Blue male Spada Ambassador Duke ; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. Shead's Shaded Silver Langbank Melody ; Best Neuter—Mrs. Stock's California Golden Boy ; Best Blue-eyed White Female—Mrs. M. Tidey's Blue Eyed Mitzi ; Best Cream Male—Mrs. Deering's Riza David ; Best Black Male—Mrs. A. Glead's Delhi Kismet. *Siamese* : Best Cat—Mrs. Henry's B.P. Female Nunbourne Wendy ; Best Opposite Sex—Mrs. Henry's Ch. Coochi Dominion Monak ; Best Male Kitten—Mrs. Henry's Coochi Royal Blue ; Best Female Kitten—Mrs. Litchfield's Eastern Blue Mask ; Best Neuters—Mrs. Batten's Coochi Blue Cameo and the same owner's Rathglass Maranda.

There were no entries in Longhair kittens, which is strange. I would like to mention Mr. Woodrow's very beautiful Blue male Spada ; it is a long time since I saw a better one. On the Sunday I was given a delightful dinner on lovely

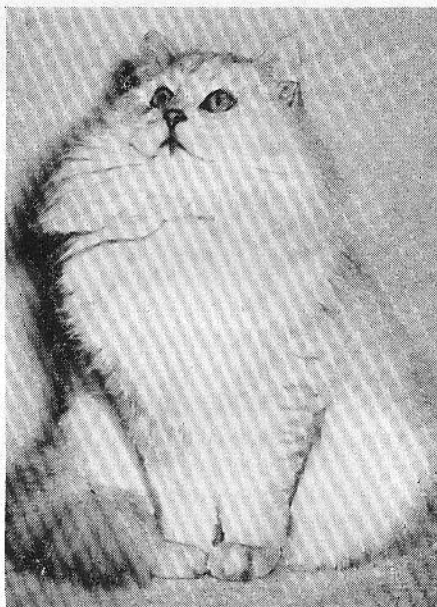
Mt. Cootha and responded to a toast by President Shead, after which all fourteen Committee members saw me off. A very friendly "live wire" lot of folk whom it was a pleasure to visit and assist. I send them greetings.

I have just had two nice letters from New Zealand—from Mr. R. Marshall and Miss Pat Powell.

And now to finish on a very sad note.

While in Brisbane I heard that Phil Brown, one of our two men judges, had passed away suddenly in Hamilton, New Zealand, where he had just judged their show. I have worked with Phil since World War II and would like to pay sincere tribute to his memory. We shall all miss him sadly and I send sympathy to his people from cat lovers Down Under.

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In the Siamese World



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

MRS. M. SMITH, of Otley, Yorkshire, reading my notes in the June issue of *OUR CATS*, wrote of her experiences with a Blue Persian queen. I quote: "She started labour during the morning, and by 4 p.m. as nothing had happened, I phoned the vet. By 8 p.m. nothing had happened so I filled a 'clinitest' pipette with olive oil. The queen must have known I was trying to help; she stood with her hindquarters facing me. It was easy to pop the olive oil in. I then got a piece of towel to hold the kitten, and a fine boy was born alive within seconds of the treatment. Three more kittens followed and are now ten weeks old." This will no doubt help a great many readers, and I am grateful to Mrs. Smith for writing so fully.

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Have you received the notice of the Pacific Cat Fanciers' 10th Annual Championship Show to be held next month? It is to be a Coronation Show. It promises, the letter says, to be the biggest cat show held in the United States. "Would you like to have your cat crowned King or Queen???" runs the smart

promotion piece which has come through the letterbox. I shall be very interested to have the results of this show.

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From New Zealand comes a long letter from Mrs. M. Davies. Her Wenvoe stock have done extremely well at shows. The perfect picture of Wenvoe Nim Nuam, now owned by Mrs. J. Mackay, makes an excellent study on the next page.

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Mrs. Barbara Alloy will be visiting England next year. She is already looking forward to seeing her friends this side of the Atlantic again and we her!

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Over recent months I have heard of quite a few "string episodes" which in one case was nearly fatal. So do please take care not to leave string or rubber bands lying about. To give you a picture of what can happen, I quote from a letter received from Mrs. Reynold, of

Northumberland, who purchased a toy mouse for her Siamese : " Unfortunately she liked the taste of it so much that she pulled it to pieces. I mended it for her, by binding with string. After a couple of days, I lost the mouse altogether, and thought perhaps she had hidden it. But the next night, after going to bed, I heard such jumping about, I wondered what was wrong. I got downstairs to find her sitting on top of the window looking down at a long piece of string. The binding of the mouse had passed right through her. No wonder she was frightened."

This is the most happy ending—others have had greater difficulty in removing lengths of string. So be warned ; do not give your pet a plaything that could if eaten cause harm.



WENVOE NIM NUAM

A handsome Seal Point Siamese bred by Mrs. Margaret Davies, who takes a prominent part in the affairs of our Fancy in New Zealand. He now lives with Mrs. J. McKay at Barretts Hotel, Wellington, with whom he shares many and varied travelling experiences by road and air. He has a penchant for unlocking the door of the cocktail cabinet!

When you read these notes the Siamese Championship Show will be a matter of a week or two ahead. Do make a point of coming to see the exhibits, meet your friends, and tell others of the date. I am looking forward to seeing a great number of my readers at the Show.

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A very encouraging letter arrived from Italy. Mrs. Barker writes that "Animals in general are well treated here in Italy. There are a lot of stray cats in Rome, but most attach themselves to the numerous restaurants or markets. There is a large market in the centre of Rome where the stalls are arranged round a central grassy square, in the shade of the trees. At mid-day the food stalls are cleared away, leaving only the flowers. When I went the other day to buy flowers, I saw there, sitting on the grass peacefully together and washing their⁴ faces, about fifty cats. They looked well nourished and were obviously having a good time tidying the meat market.

A newspaper clipping and a photograph from an American subscriber are of exceptional interest. They record the details of an amazing friendship between Tom, a stray cat, and Topsy, a blind cocker spaniel, which has recently ended through the death of the old dog. When Topsy became blind, she rarely ventured out-of-doors. Then one day Tom showed up. He made his home in a shrubbery near the front door and would emerge to greet the dog whenever she appeared. Gradually the friendship ripened, the dog learned to trust the cat and eventually adopted him as her " seeing-eye."

Attention has been drawn to risks to both animal and human health from imports of liver from New Zealand. Any danger to cats can be obviated by the simple process of cooking the liver before it is served.



Tailpieces

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



THE magistrates at Hull juvenile court were faced with a poser when a mother told them that she wanted someone to take care of her baby as she much preferred animals. An inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. said she found the woman's baby in a distressed, hungry and neglected condition. The mother, who was 23, had no idea how to feed it, but she knew how to feed her cat, which had its milk from spotlessly clean saucers.

Little 3-year-old Nettie Angevine, of Detroit, U.S.A., is having the mysteries of the postal system carefully explained to her. When her grandmother was recovering from an operation Nettie decided to send her a present. She decided that the gift for the occasion was her kitten, Blackie. So she found a post box with a wide opening for parcels and dropped the kitten in, without any address or stamps! Fortunately, her action was noticed and a neighbour telephoned Nettie's father. The postal authorities were notified, the box was opened and Blackie was there awaiting collection—asleep on a pile of letters and packages.

A correspondent in a London newspaper comments on the occasion when her grandson went to London on a school outing and visited the Horse Guards in Whitehall. As they stood looking up at the mounted sentry, one of the boy's classmates cried out: "Cor, look at the pussy cat on his head!"

Which brings me to a news item concerning the strange behaviour of a

sentry in the military centre of Aldershot. He was observed on duty outside an armoury, seated comfortably in an arm-chair with a red leather seat. His rifle leant against one arm of the chair and to complete the picture of unsoldierly relaxation, he was stroking a ginger kitten sitting on his knee. It was explained that the sentry, a National Serviceman, suffered from flat feet which excused him from all duties. He volunteered for sentry duty because there were a lot of men away on leave.

Mrs. B. Lovegrove, of Durban, South Africa, owes her life to the vigilance of her 12-months-old cat Jeannie. In the early hours of the morning she awoke to find Jeannie scratching at her face. The flat was filled with fumes from the refrigerator, which was red hot from a burnt-out motor. Mrs. Lovegrove rushed into the kitchen and switched off the refrigerator and when the firemen arrived they found her badly shaken and dazed . . . but more than a little grateful for Jeannie's warning.

The Standard of Points for the Silver Tabby Shorthairs has been revised and eye colour may now be green or hazel. Previously, it demanded plain green.

The Jewel Room at the Castle, Edinburgh, has a guardian who may sometimes be seen in the sentry box. He is a fine black cat named Lucky, who belongs to the Warden of the Scottish Regalia.

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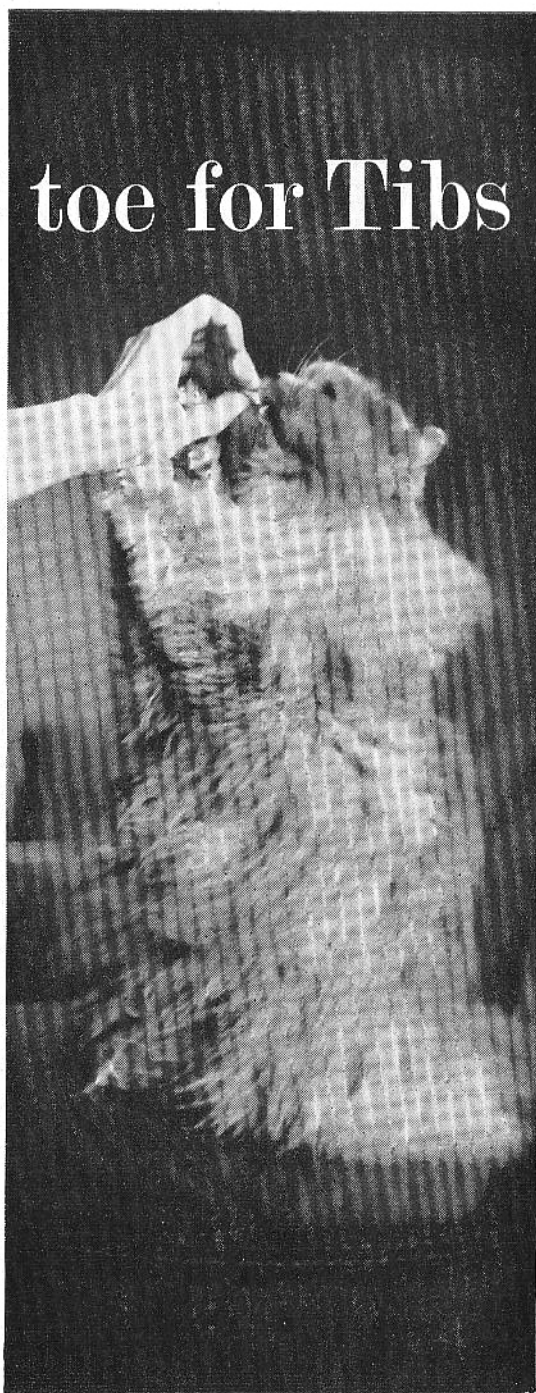


Mrs. McVady's lovely blue persian, Champion Gaydene Candy Kisses looks a perpetual prize-winner. And so she is. Dam and Grandam of other famous Gaydene Champions too, Candy Kisses has won a cupboardful of cups. "Judges are always impressed by the superb fitness and condition of my cats," says Mrs. McVady. "And for this they owe a great deal to TIBS." One TIBS tablet every day gives cats the balanced vitamins and minerals their diet needs. There's nothing like TIBS for encouraging good bones, good teeth and tip-top Tibsical condition.



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Parade of the kittens

THIS long wet summer relented and gave us a lovely cool sunny day for the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show at London's R.H.S. Hall last month. It was ideal for the exhibits and no doubt helped materially in ensuring an excellent gate of approximately £200.

Mr. Kirby-Smith made a very successful début as Show Manager. He certainly gave himself plenty to do when he accepted an invitation to organize this major London fixture. There were nearly 400 pedigree exhibits and 28 household pets.

The K.K. & N.C.C. is unique because it is the first show for nearly every kitten and it is so interesting to see some of the results of the breeding season. Many lovely kittens were presented and the Best in Show Longhair Kitten made history. Mr. Stirling-Webb's B.P. female Briarry Morenna is the first

Colourpoint Longhair to achieve this honour. She is an outstanding advance on any exhibit we have previously seen in this variety. Apart from her obvious qualities, she has the more subtle characteristics of Longhairs which it must be so difficult to breed when Siamese—the antithesis of Longhair—have had to be so frequently used.

Morenna's lovely round eyes set well apart and such a pleasing shade of blue; her broad head with well set ears, her firm chin and delightful colouring were a joy. She *looked* a winner as I gave a glance at the Colourpoints in their pens preliminary to judging them. Morenna is sired by Kala Sabu who is a son of a Blue male Perivale Masterful and a Smoke female Kala Dawn, bred by Miss Collins. She was followed in her Open Class by another gem Briarry Hester, a Seal Point by Briarry Malachite. Congratulations to Mr. Stirling-Webb, breeder and owner of both these winning Colourpoints.

Best S.H. Kitten was Mrs. H. Martin's White, Watermill Ladywhite by Pinewood Powder Monkey bred by Miss Ann Codrington; another lovely kitten.

Best L.H. Neuter went to Mrs. Trevor's well-known Chinchilla Premier Arctic Snow (of unknown pedigree) who intrigues so many L.H. breeders by his lovely appearance. Best S.H. Neuter was Mrs. Moore's Black Asplin Othello by Ch. Barwell Pedro and Ch. Asplin Jessica, a lovely cat with jet



Hugh Smith

Those popular TV personalities Armand and Michaela Denis paid a surprise visit to the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club Show last month. They spent several hours chatting with exhibitors, admiring the exhibits and finally presenting the awards. Michaela could not resist the temptation to fondle a number of the kittens on show. She admitted to leaving behind a much-loved cat family of her own at their home in Kenya.

Preliminary Notice !

Christmas is coming !!

Our forthcoming December issue will again be

A SPECIAL GREETINGS NUMBER

following the pattern of those which proved so popular in 1956 and 1957. Full details will appear next month. Meanwhile, club officials and fanciers at home and overseas are invited to make a note of the occasion.

black glossy coat and glorious deep copper eyes.

Some of the other outstanding best of breed L.H. kittens were Miss Rodda's Black female Chadhurst Molly by her Cream male Chadhurst Golden Monack and a Black dam Chadhurst Sally Ann ; Mrs. Aitken's White Bourneside White Crusader by Ch. Lotus Atlas ; Mrs. Parker's Blue female Prestwood Freesia by Ch. Bayhorne Ajax ; Mrs. Jewell's Cream Sunnyvale Exquisite by Ch. Widdington Winterstar ; Mr. and Mrs. Gurney's Silver Tabby Dorstan Diaphemia by Ch. Dorstan Darrall ; Mrs. Beedell's Brown Tabby Magyar Chandra by Jungle Dragonfly, one of four Brown Tabbies ; Mrs. Fawell's Red Tabby Barwell Perky by Ch. Barwell Pedro ; Mrs. Brittlebank's Chinchilla Hazeldene Princess Flavia by Ch. Fidelio of Allington ; Miss Rodda's Tortoiseshell Chadhurst Patch by Chadhurst Golden Monack. Patch was also first in a class of sixteen confined to the Red, Cream, Tortoiseshell, Blue-Cream and Brown Tabby Society members. Best Blue-Cream, Mrs. Fawell's Barwell Psyche by Ch. Oscar of Pensford, with her Blue-Cream litter sister Barwell Pandora, was first in a class of nine Any Colour Pairs except Blue, judged by Miss Lelgarde Fraser. In Blue Pairs Mrs. Burnand's Punch Silver Mist and Punch Silver Paws by Ch. Bayhorne Adam were first.

A nice Blue-Cream

Another little gem was Miss Shepard's Blue-Cream Widdington Rosette by Ch. Widdington Winterset. She has lovely type and exceptional eye colour but did not win her Open Class because of the small cream patches on her face. She is nearer to the U.S.A. Standard where Blue-Creams are acknowledged as Blue Tortoiseshells. This is a very sensible classification as it is almost impossible to breed a Blue-Cream intermingled all over. One can only hope that if they do have solid patches

of colour they will be blue as they are much less obtrusive than cream patches.

The National Cat Club Special for Best Siamese Kitten was awarded to Mrs. Paul's female Whitcoaks Gemel by Lancy Palladin. She won well under all her judges.

The Siamese Cat Club Rosette for Best B.P. Kitten went to Mrs. North's female Chiltan Diadem by Laurentide Cometes and for C.P. Siamese to Miss Lant's female Beaumanor Milli by Ch. Briarry Macsuch. Best Siamese Neuter was Mrs. Channing's Premier Bradgate Punchinello.

The Burmese Cat Club rosettes were awarded to Best Male Kitten Mrs. Merry's Kingsplay Fei-Fo by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee ; Best Female Kitten Mrs. Dyte's Arboreal Penguinia by Lamont Patrick and Best Neuter Mrs. Parry's Tunku Siabu by Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee.

Shorthair winners

* The Short Haired Cat Society offered seven specials to its members and on going to press these are the only results I have :—Best Blue S.H. Kitten—Mrs. Johnson's Flixton Fred by Ch. Jezreel Jake ; Best Manx Kitten—Miss Aitken's White Noend Brumas by Noend Snowman ; Best Foreign Kitten—Miss Bones' Abyssinian Godfreys Anemone by Ch. Nigella Sascha. The two Best in Show S.H. winners Asplin Othello was awarded one and Watermill Ladywhite two specials. Mr. Paddon of Moreton-hampstead, Devon, exhibiting for the first time was awarded Best S.H. Litter with his Abyssinians and Best S.H. Brood Queen with their mother Selborne Felicia. Congratulations ! Mr. Paddon is well known as an exhibitor of beagles and corgis.

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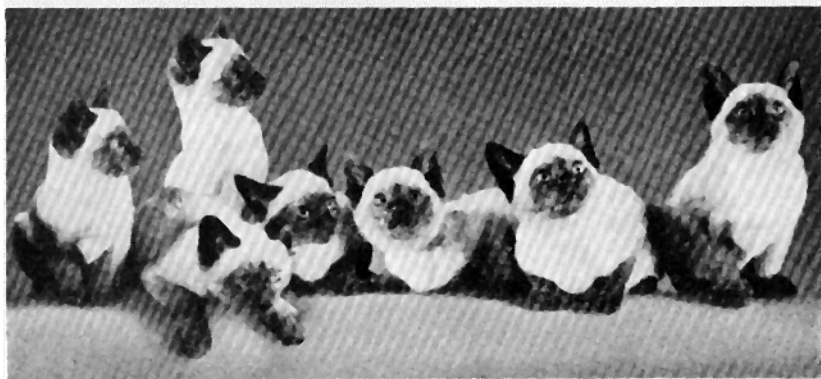
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Burmese progress

Later in the day I had an opportunity of talking to Mr. Watson, Hon. Secretary of the Burmese Cat Club. He has every reason to be proud of the remarkable progress this breed has made since its comparatively recent introduction into this country in 1949 when Mr. and Mrs. France imported an unrelated pair from Mrs. Blanche Warren of California. The Club is fortunate in having a Secretary who is taking a very active interest in breeding and enthusiastically promoting its interests. The rapid increase in numbers is evidence of the appeal Burmese have for breeders and the public who are buying them. Being sure that Mr. Watson's opinions will be of general interest he has kindly sent the following notes at my request :

"Burmese as a breed are going steadily ahead and they are much in evidence at shows and are now fully accepted by the cat-loving public. Much of this popularity is, of course, due to the cats themselves for they so easily collect friends and admirers, but in its three and a half years of existence the breed Club has, I think, effectively preached the gospel of Burmese by spreading truthful and correct information about the breed and its origins, by advice to prospective Burmese owners and breeders and by helping any who run into difficulties.

"One of the wisest things which was ever done for Burmese was the importation of Ch. Casa Gatos Darkee. In my opinion, his effect on the breed has been profound. It is significant that as his influence, directly and through his offspring, has become more widespread, faults like kinks and hooks have almost disappeared, white spotting has been greatly reduced and eye colour much improved. Health, also, has improved, the original weaknesses having now virtually disappeared, so that Burmese can truthfully be claimed to be amongst the toughest and healthiest of cats. At every show now there are

many beautiful and elegant cats and kittens—all free from major faults, so that judging is now no sinecure.

"I was particularly thrilled when at Kensington you nominated a Burmese male as your best Shorthair neuter. He was a really beautiful specimen, and, as a matter of interest, was the son of a Burmese father and a Burmese/Siamese hybrid mother. Burmese are particularly suitable for neutering because of their dispositions and the fact that they do not tend to become gross.

"This should be an interesting season for the breed as the effects of the latest importations will begin to be seen. If, as I naturally hope, Ch. Darshan Khudiram's contribution turns out to be as great as that of Darkee, then there is a very rosy future for the breed. The present indications are that he will confer vitality, will correct the tendency to slightly droopy ears, and will give body length which should counteract the suggestion of slight cobbiness in some Burmese.

Blues are coming

"Blue Burmese are also likely to be in the news this season. There are now two blue males and two litters of all blue kittens have been produced from blue parents. It looks likely therefore that the predictions I made about the genetical makeup of Blue Burmese will be proved correct. I would, however, offer a word of warning ; since all the blue in Blue Burmese is at present derived from Darkee it will not be wise to carry on indefinitely mating the present Blue Burmese and their offspring together, but it will be necessary to bring in new blood by outcrossing to B.P. Siamese and then mating the hybrids back to Blue Burmese. A cross on these lines has been made and the results are awaited with great interest.

"At present there is more variation than I think there should be in the coat colour of Blue Burmese. It is

reasonable to expect that the colour should be that of the points of B.P. Siamese, but some Blue Burmese which have been shown have been browner than this. Here too, outcrossing might help.

"Finally, what have Burmese to say about the newly recognized Chestnut Browns? Well, fairly obviously, we would have liked it better if the experimental breeders had set out to produce a green or a pink cat, but they didn't and we must be realistic and face the situation as it is. There is an obvious danger of confusion between the two breeds, especially with the show-going public, but there are very real differences to a breeder's eye, and of course fundamental genetical differences. I am sure that with goodwill and co-operation between breeders the two breeds can be kept intact and on their own separate lines. I would plead that all should

resist the temptation to perform the genetically interesting experiment of crossing the two breeds, at least for the time being, until things have settled down."

A remarkable litter

Apropos large litters Mrs. Price, Chairman of the Herts and Middlesex Cat Club, gives me news of the first litter bred by Mr. Noble, of Stanmore, Middlesex, from his S.P. Siamese, Hollic Griselda. This queen had eight kittens and has reared them all herself, a remarkable achievement!

Mrs. Price was especially interested in them as the mother is by Devoran Aristocrat her S.P. male and Devoran Flora, both bred by herself. She saw the kittens three times and was always available to give Mr. Noble advice when he needed it. At all stages the kittens were robust and well up to the average

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Danish pleasures

From Mrs. Rudy Eisenhuth, President of the Racekatten Cat Club, Denmark, comes news of their forthcoming Show on October 3rd, 4th and 5th in the lovely Music Hall of world famous Tivoli, Copenhagen. The judges will be Mrs. K. R. Williams (England) for Siamese, Russian Blues, Abyssinians and all other Shorthairs, and Doctor J. Doeksen (Holland) for all Longhairs. An excellent entry has been received from all parts of the Continent and Mrs. Eisenhuth expresses the hope that one

day it will be possible to receive exhibits from England. Our six months quarantine on their return would prevent this at present. She is looking forward to the show and to meeting Mrs. Williams and Dr. Doeksen, and concludes her letter :

"The 15th anniversary of Racekatten was celebrated in the beautiful gardens of the Royal Danish Horticultural Society in Copenhagen on July 18th. More than 100 people attended the festival and had at first a look round the gardens, which are at this time of the year most beautiful with all the magnificent Danish and exotic flowers. Afterwards a fine supper was served in the cosy rooms of the tea-saloon, the tables of which were beautifully decorated with flowers and cats figures of all breeds.

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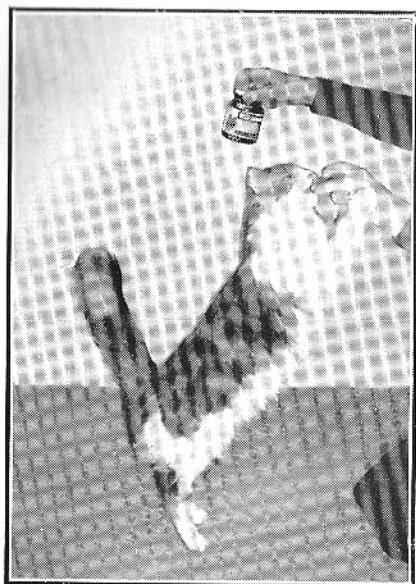
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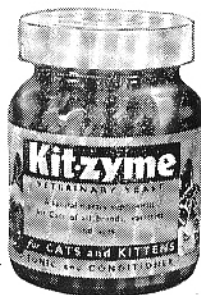
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