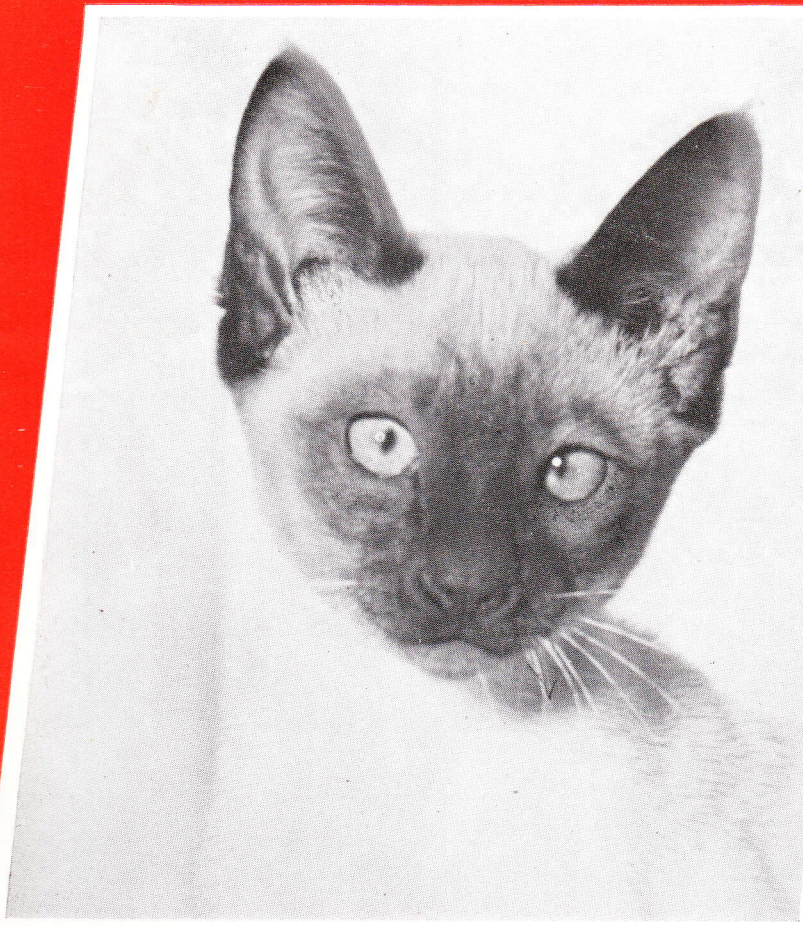


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All nice and comfy ! The camera has caught a happy moment at the home of Mrs. Frank McPhee, Houston, Texas, U.S.A., where her two little girls are nursing a pair of young Blue Longhair males. Mrs. McPhee is a keen fancier who recently imported Ashdown Scilla, a Blue L. H. female bred by Mrs. Stephenson, of Tunbridge Wells.

CHAMPIONS OF 1958-9

<i>Name of Cat</i>	<i>Breed and Sex</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Breeder</i>
ANASTASIA OF DUNESK	Blue L.H. (F)	Mrs. S. Knight	Mrs. M. Brunton
BLUEBELLE	British Blue S.H. (F)	Mrs. I. Johnson	Owner
BLUEMINE MORRISON BUSTY	Blue L.H. (M)	Mrs. Jessop	Mrs. L. M. Williams
BONAVIA MARIETTA	Chinchilla (F)	Mrs. Turney & the Hon. Mrs. Haden-Guest	Mrs. M. Turney
BOURNESIDE BLACK POPPY	Black L.H. (F)	Mrs. E. G. Aitken	Owner
BRADGATE BLUE VISION	S.P. Siamese (M)	Mrs. I. Lapper	Owner
BRIARIC BEAUTY	Blue L.H. (M)	Mr. Reid	Owner
BRIARRY FAIRMAID	Colourpoint (F)	Miss Watts	Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb
BRIARRY ZAHRAH	Colourpoint (F)	Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb	Owner
BROWNDREYS MARINNE	B.P. Siamese (F)	Miss Ellias	Owner
BRYNWOOD AURORA	Blue-Cream S.H. (F)	Mrs. Brind	Owner
BRUTON ORANGE FLOWER	Red Tabby L.H. (F)	Mrs. Rosell	Owner
CHATWYN JENNY	B.P. Siamese (F)	Mrs. Porter	Mrs. J. Tancock
COOHVOY PINUP	B.P. Siamese (F)	Mrs. R. M. Brown	Miss J. Hoyland
CRAIGIEHILLOCH CHORITA	C.P. Siamese (F)	Mrs. Clarke	Owner
CRAIGIEHILLOCH MINTA	S.P. Siamese (F)	Mrs. Clarke	Owner
DALMOND SPARKLER	S.E. White L.H. (M)	Mrs. Sparkes	Mrs. M. Dallison
DEEBANK ORANGE BLOSSOM	Cream L.H. (F)	Miss M. Bull	Owner
DONNACHAIDH KIRSTY	Cream L.H. (F)	Mrs. D. Brice-Webb	Mrs. D. Robertson
FISHERMORE HELIOS	Chinchilla (M)	Mrs. Lodge	Owner
GAY SONG	Manx (F)	Mrs. Earnshaw	Mrs. E. Rollo
GODFREYS ANEMONE	Abyssinian (F)	Miss Bone	Mr. R. Leng
GRACEFIELD POSY	Tortie & White L.H. (F)	Miss M. E. Grace	Owner
HATHAWAY ANTONY ROLY	Cream L.H. (M)	Mrs. R. Ross	Miss L. L. Elliott
HELSEY PITOU	Burmese (M)	Mrs. Crowther	Mrs. J. Jackson
KILLDOWN KERRY	S.P. Siamese (M)	Mrs. H. Dadd	Miss J. Chapelle
KILLINGHALL BLACK PANTHER	Black S.H. (M)	Miss G. L. Hardman	Owner
KILLINGHALL RED CAP	Red Tabby S.H. (M)	Miss G. L. Hardman	Owner
KILLINGHALL RED LION	Red Tabby S.H. (M)	Miss G. L. Hardman	Owner
KINGSPLAY COQUETTE	Burmese (F)	Mrs. Priestley-Williams	Mrs. J. Merry
LAPIS ATABI	Brown Tabby L.H. (M)	Mrs. Beedell	Mrs. I. Boddis
LAURENTIDE COMETES	B.P. Siamese (M)	Mrs. North & Mrs. Murray	Mrs. A. Hargreaves
MARIO OF ALLINGTON	Chinchilla (M)	Mrs. Emslie	Miss E. Langston
MILADY	White S.H. (F)	Miss A. Codrington	Unknown
MINGSWYK APOLLO	Cream S.H. (M)	Mrs. Cattermole	Owner
NOEND SNOWMAN	Manx (M)	Miss A. Aitken	Mrs. J. Twining
PATHFINDERS MISS MUFFETT	Tortie L.H. (F)	Miss N. Woodfield	Owner
PEKEHOLM PEACOCK	Tortie L.H. (F)	Miss L. Fraser	Mrs. E. H. Tomlinson
REGINA OF PENSFORD	Blue L.H. (F)	Mrs. J. Thompson	Owner
SALTMARSH SABINE	B.P. Siamese (F)	Mrs. Philpot	Mrs. K. Bowman
SHAPUR ANTONIUS	Cream L.H. (M)	Mrs. R. Ross	Owner
SHAPUR SASHA	Blue-Cream L.H. (F)	Mrs. R. Ross	Owner
SHERRY OF PENSFORD	Cream L.H. (M)	Miss M. Bull	Mrs. J. Thompson
SPOTLIGHT MELCHOIR	S.P. Siamese (M)	Mr. R. Warner	Owner
SYLPHIDES AMARYLLA	Russian Blue (F)	Mrs. McPherson	Mrs. M. Read
TREETOPS ZEPHYR	Smoke (F)	Mr. Leving	Mrs. D. Fletcher
WALMUR PRETTIKIN	White L.H. (F)	Mr. & Mrs. Gaskin	Owners
WATERMILL LADYWITE	White S.H. (F)	Mrs. Martin	Miss A. Codrington
WHISTON TIBERIUS	Brown Tabby S.H. (M)	Miss Stubbs	Owner
WIDDINGTON STARDUST	Cream L.H. (F)	Miss Sheppard	Owner

The grand total of 50 Show Champions compares with 45 in 1957-8, 48 in 1956-7, 37 in 1955-6, 31 in 1954-5, 35 in 1953-54 and 26 in 1952-3. Females have again scored over the "mere males" with 30 Championship wins against 20. A feature of the 1958-9 List is the six wins notched by the Cream Longhairs.

PREMIERS. Neuter exhibits continue to improve in number and quality. Winners of the coveted Premier Award for the 1958-9 Season were Mrs. M. Halford's Briarry Clouded Yellow (bred by Mr. B. A. Stirling-Webb), Mrs. R. E. Channing's Bradgate Punchinello (bred by Mrs. I. Lapper), Mrs. M. M. Calder's Brocton's Margaret (owner bred), Mrs. B. Dinwiddie's Bayhorne Genista (bred by Mrs. D. Benbow), Mrs. E. M. Walker's Gallbraes Sandy (bred by Mrs. B. Dinwiddie), Mrs. M. Thake's Kachin Mandy (bred by Miss J. Watson), Mrs. M. Giles's Pegasus (owner bred), Miss J. C. Hannay's Supi-Yawlat Yodrak (bred by Mrs. W. Hipwell), Mrs. M. Horwood's Samarkand Johnny Gurkha (owner bred), Mrs. V. Parry's Tunku Sinbu (bred by Mrs. Squires), Mrs. Clapp's Ufcombe Simon (bred by Mrs. C. M. Douglas).

News of exports

(continued from our April issue)

By ELLA B. MARTIN

IN last month's issue, I was only able to take you to a few corners of the cat world outside the United Kingdom in which many of our home-bred cats and kittens are happily installed. My ration of space enabled me to take you, in alphabetical order, to America, Australia and Canada. This month we can look to the East.

France. At the request of Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb, Briarry Hester was sent to Mme. Poirer, of Paris. Hester is a Colourpoint Longhair and she was looking lovely at the time of her departure. Colonel Cook, of the U.S. Embassy in Paris had to wait a very long time before I found just what I wanted for him, but eventually Raymond of Dunesk, a Blue Longhair bred by Mrs. Brunton

went off with a flourish. Two future wives were awaiting his arrival—with some impatience I hope! Colonel Cook should soon have some lovely kittens.

Italy. At the request of Miss Hunter, Truro, her Blue Point Siamese neuter Willow Po-Sein went to Mrs. Bacchiani, of Rome, to replace a former pet kitten of Miss Hunter's breeding. Sein was an older kitten and very disturbed by all the activities and noise at London Airport. He did settle down later tho' and I was pleased to hear that he was fit and happy in his new home. I had cause to remember this departure specially well for I missed the last train home, and as the Motor Show was on in London, it was not until 2 a.m. that I was able to find a hotel with a vacant room! The Rome flight was one of those late departures and I'm



Photo by "N.Z. Free Lance"

Mrs. Pollock of Auckland, New Zealand, with some of her son Hadyn's Burmese imports from the United Kingdom.

afraid I lingered a little too long at the Airport !

New Zealand. When I wrote my export news a year ago, Mrs. Tancock had just left England and I had been entrusted with the shipping arrangements for two adults and two kittens, which I hoped would arrive in New Zealand at about the same time as Mrs. Tancock herself. The adults were Ch. Blackthorn Marsale, an Abyssinian female, and Mystery Maid, a Blue Point Siamese. The kits were Taishun Tamara and Fernando, brother and sister Abyssinians. This little family made the voyage very well and all arrived in good shape after their five weeks at sea. I can well imagine the joyful reunion that took place.

Mr. Haydn Pollock added another Burmese to his Auckland cattery, taking Merrick Viking, by Scottish breeder Miss Watts. Mr. Pollock had purchased Merrick Apollo in 1956 from the same source.

Several other New Zealand enquiries and orders fell through because of the import restrictions imposed by the new Labour Government and the difficulty in transferring monies. N.Z. breeders should note that Boots Ltd., of Wellington, are able to supply Kitzyme tablets. I have sent many packages of the tablets off but now I gather payment can only be made in instalments not exceeding 5s. per week. I approached Boots of Nottingham and they contacted Phillips Yeast Products Ltd. As a result I hope our friends in New Zealand will be able to get supplies of the tablets without further trouble.

South Africa. Mr. E. J. Anderson, of Bellville, Cape Province, has had a lot of fun already out of his two imports Killdown Dara (bred by Mrs. Keene) and Roundway Lucinda (bred by Mrs. Maconochie), both Chocolate Point Siamese. He decided to have them sent by sea. They enjoyed the voyage and were given a great welcome on arrival



South African cat lover Mr. E. J. Anderson, of Bellville, Cape Province, enjoys the company of his imported Chocolate Point Siamese, Killdown Dara and Roundway Lucinda, who has a tail 11½" long.

at Cape Town. It was a lovely surprise for me to have a telephone call within an hour of the kits' arrival at their new home and to speak to both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who were very pleased with Dara and Lucinda.

Sweden. Mrs. Linder, of Rimforsa, received two Colourpoint Longhairs and these I sent off at the request of Mr. Stirling-Webb. I must add a special word of thanks here for the help I was given by Mrs. Brita Axelsson with the language difficulties.

In conclusion, I would like also to thank all the English breeders for their help and co-operation with departure arrangements. It lightens my own work very considerably when I have this kind of assistance. The various specialist judges, too, have been most helpful in giving their expert appraisal of kittens at shows.

There are risks

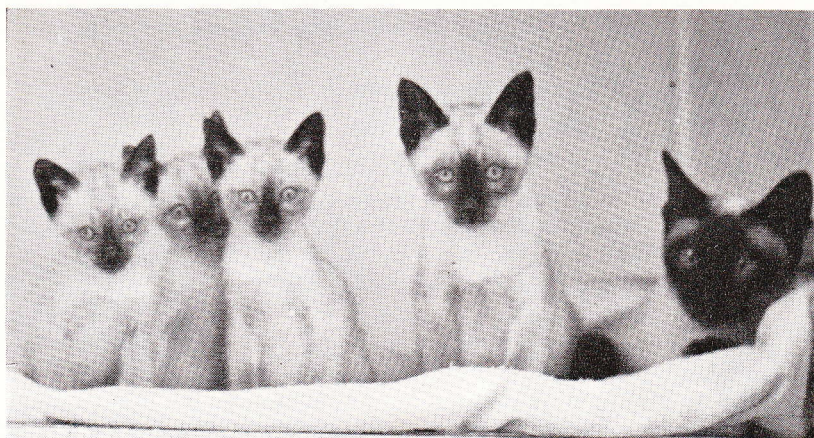
Prospective buyers should note that while the greatest care is taken when making selections for overseas, neither I nor the breeder can guarantee how a kitten will develop or how it will fare when shown at a later date. Most of the kittens chosen during the show season are prize winners on the English bench

but this fact is no surety that they are destined for further show honours overseas.

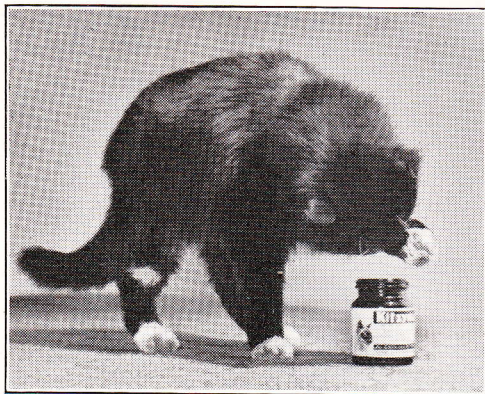
Should a female kitten fail to produce offspring when it becomes an adult, this is unfortunate, but a risk that all purchasers of young stock must be prepared to take. Every kitten exported is accompanied by a Certificate of Health issued by a fully qualified veterinary surgeon in this country. It undergoes a further examination by a qualified veterinarian appointed by the Government of the country into which it is entering. If any physical deterioration occurs later, there can be no claim on the home breeder or exporter. I suggest that costly kittens should be fully insured by the purchaser for a year or longer. This service can be arranged for overseas purchasers by a specialist firm of insurers in the United Kingdom.

In last month's instalment I wrongly referred to Ashdown Shamrock (the Blue Longhair bred by Mrs. F. H. Stephenson and exported to Mrs. A. E. Vize, of Australia) as a female. My apologies to all concerned for this mental aberration—Shamrock is a thorough gentleman!

Editor's Footnote : *We thought it would be interesting to readers if we published the official figures showing the number of cats*



These bonny Siamese kits were bred by Mr. J. Reed, of Heide, Melbourne, Australia. Lollabrigida, on the right, is the mother of three of them. Mr. Reed has English bred stock and hopes soon to import an outstanding male.



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MRS. L. KENSETT of 20 Draycot Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey,
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“ And to make Shandy’s recovery more interesting is the fact that he goes crazy when he sees the bottle of Kit-zyme ! He sits up like a dog if you offer him the tablets by hand and, as you will see from the photograph, he even likes to help himself. We get no peace until the bottle is safely out of sight.

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exported from the United Kingdom over the past two or three years. The statistics for dogs appear from time to time and we were very surprised therefore to learn from the Controller of Customs and Excise that "separate details of the number of cats exported from this country cannot be supplied." The explanation given is that statistics of exports are compiled in accordance with the classified descriptions contained in the Official Export List. As cats are not classified and given a separate heading, no export figures are available. Our view of this is that it's high time the List was revised and we have conveyed this opinion to the appropriate Department.

The numbers of cats entering Great Britain and detained in approved quarantine kennels for each of the past three years are shown below. The figures, kindly supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture, do not include a small number of cats landed for direct transit through the country. The numbers in brackets indicate the cats exported before completing the period of six months' quarantine.

1956	1957	1958
232	271	285
(14)	(15)	(23)

HOLIDAY PROBLEM

DADDY, where are we going for our holidays?

First of all, my girl, what are we doing with your cat?

Mrs. Harris might take him again.

Mrs. Harris had to buy new curtains last time. And she doesn't send us Christmas cards any more.

Old Miss Foster has nine cats. She could manage one more.

It's not easy to get cats back from Miss Foster. Lots of people have tried.

Mrs. Green once said she'd take him, if she didn't have to squirt powder in his ears.

Mrs. Green has a new baby. She'll be busy enough squirting powder on that.

If we left fourteen tins of cat food in the shed, and a tin opener, do you think Major Clarke would open one every morning on his way to the station?

No.

Not even if you promised him some cigars?

No. Doesn't your friend Alice like cats?

They give her a rash. What about your secretary?

I want to keep my secretary.

You could fetch Grandma down from Scotland to stay in the house while we're away.

That's not what grandmas are for. You'd better start ringing up some cat homes.

I have. They're all booked up, except that posh cattery on the by-pass.

Oh, that! They'd want too many references.

I know—I'll ask the fire brigade to take him. That fireman who gets him down from trees is very good with cats.

Nonsense. You might as well ask the army.

Well, Sybil says the camp up the road is simply full of mice. I'm sure the cooks would like another cat. Suppose you write nicely to the War Office. . . .

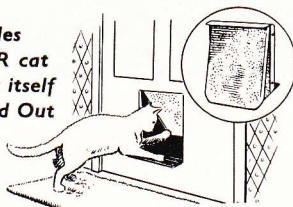
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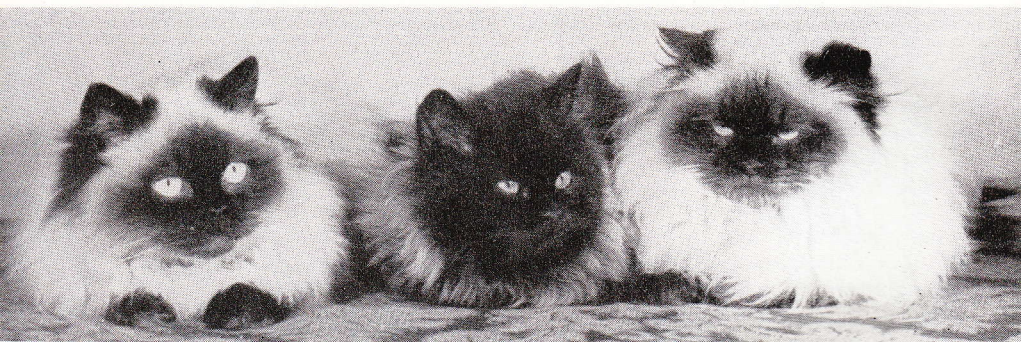
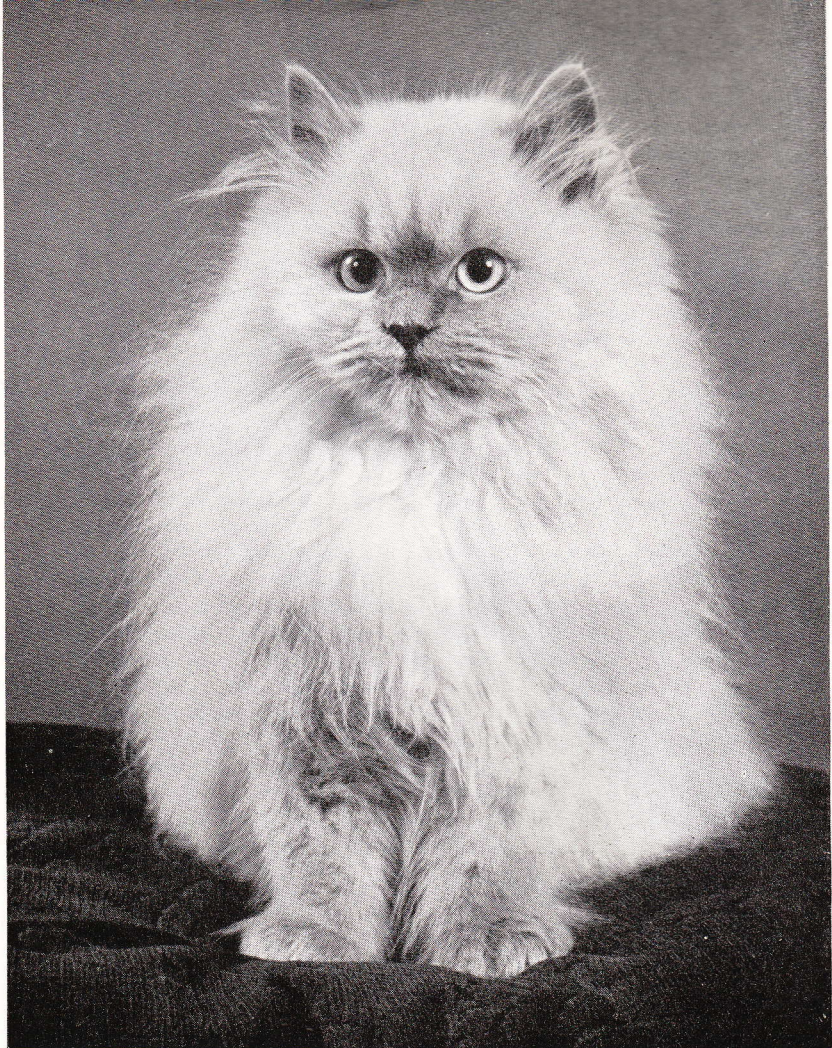


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See foot of opposite page for details of these Colourpoint youngsters.

Reproduction (No. 55)

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. Readers who have problems they would like to submit to Mr. Jude should address them to him c/o this Magazine.

WHEN a show season ends and breeding once more becomes the main attraction, problems are bound to arise. For some there will be no headaches at all; for others there will be worries and disappointments. However, failure is not always as bad as it first seems. It may well make a way for a gathering of greater knowledge.

Some of course are content to find excuses only for a particular failure; others are not satisfied until things are sorted out and solved. It is the latter who will have most success in the future.

Sometimes a reason for a failure is difficult to fix, and it is then that one looks for a really outside cause. For instance, I have on several occasions been asked to give opinion about the effects of exhibiting on breeding queens.

This question is an interesting one, but we should take more into consideration than the question seems to cover at first glance. As a matter of fact, I

am not at all sure that these queens get any particular bad-breeding fault simply by being exhibited. Going through my correspondence, I cannot find that more bad breeding is reported by breeders of exhibited stock than by breeders who do not exhibit at all. This does not of course take into consideration matters of infection at shows. That is entirely a different matter.

It has been said many times that fanciers of some small livestock are against exhibiting with breeding stock, especially the females. But there are qualifications about this, and I don't think the parallel runs quite true when the comparison with cats is made with the smaller animals such as rabbits, cavies, hamsters, or mice. Shows for the latter animals are very numerous indeed, and take place throughout the whole of the year.

On the other hand, cat shows are quite restricted in number, and as a rule, are held during the months when least breeding is taking place. With the smaller animals there is therefore, the opportunity and temptation to *over exhibit*, especially with animals

Colourpoint Youngsters (see opposite page)

The Colourpoint Longhairs are steadily gaining new friends all over the cat world. Both the appeal and the considerable potential of the variety are exemplified by these four youngsters from the pioneering cattery at Richmond, Surrey, of Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb. The larger study (by Kenneth Scowen, F.I.B.P., F.R.P.S.) presents Briarry Femme Fatale, a Blue Colourpoint who is now with other Colourpoints at the Canadian (Calgary) home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Borrett. The trio below (photographed by J. P. Harding) show (left to right) Briarry Euphemia, a Seal Colourpoint at 8 months, Briarry Bon Diable, a Smoke Colourpoint at 5 months and Briarry Jasper, a Seal Colourpoint at 8 months.

that have been winning or who have been previously well placed. I have known many of such small animals spend quite a fair proportion of their time week by week away from home, travelling from show to show. Quite apart from the strain imposed, regular feeding is impossible, and the general attention of the owner fancier is missed. But the cat fares differently. Five or six, or even less shows attended during a season, and accompanied by the owner is a very different matter.

It may be said, of course, that perhaps the cat reacts to the bustle and strain of a show rather differently from some other animals, but I have to feel by experience of these things that even this is only a "perhaps." But certainly some individual animals suffer far more than others from nervous strain, and it is these that are likely to sustain ill effects, at least from *over exhibiting*. And breeding is certainly affected by any severe nervous depression.

Not over-shown ?

If, then, we can feel that poor breeding performance comes to queens through exhibiting, the obvious thing to do is to make sure that our animals are well suited to the exhibition side of their lives. I have always contended that environment, and all it implies, especially in the earlier days of an animal's life, greatly affects its future temperament. Even one little shock to a young kitten may create a permanent nervous disposition, and in any case, the cat that is kept under any but normal conditions may be unsuited for either breeding or exhibiting without showing some signs of adverse reaction.

But apart from all this, I must feel that the exhibiting of queens on a reasonable scale should not have sufficient effect to cause any degree of poor breeding performance. There may be the exception, but are we satisfied that these queens which have been exhibited

and then proved to be bad breeders, would not have been bad breeders had they not been exhibited ? To my way of thinking, I fear that quite a number of exhibited cats which have proved to be poor breeders would have been so in any case. I am not referring to any particular exhibits, but pass the opinion in a general way.

This is more or less an evergreen question and brings us back to many years ago when Dr. Nora Archer, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Mr. Felix Tomlinson and I wrote in a contemporary journal about this question of poor breeding performance.

A guide for us

I remember once overhearing a conversation between a farmer friend of mine and a sheep farmer from New Zealand. The sheep farmer pointed out that his breeding operations were of three kinds. One was used to produce show animals, another to produce ideal carcasses, and the other specially to produce the most suitable animals for breeding purposes. The first and third should be a guide for us.

I know that some cat fanciers who are intent on producing a winner will fly to a winning male as a mate for his or her queen regardless of everything else except that it just is a winner. And if the fancier has a really outstanding queen, this fancier will, even though he or she knows it to be a poor breeder, be quite content even if after a year or two the queen will produce even one kitten. But this method may lead to a blind alley, and in the endeavour to produce the winner, the Fancy and the fancier could suffer.

This is how I seem to feel about the question we have had to consider, but if when considering we bear in mind the words of the New Zealander, we will have something to ponder over, and maybe we shall profit by it.

(to be continued)

Care of the Siamese babies

By KATHLEEN R. WILLIAMS

(Author of "The Breeding and Management of the Siamese Cat")

THE chief ingredients for rearing healthy kittens are:

Sunlight and fresh air,
Warmth, sleep and exercise,
Cleanliness

and, last but not least,
Commonsense.

The rearing of kittens really starts when the queen is in kitten, for the foundation of a healthy litter lies in the proper feeding of the mother. Once the kittens are born, do not handle unduly; see that all is well and leave them. All they need for a while besides their mother's milk is warmth and sleep. If you are anxious to know the sex, be patient! If you want females and they are males, you cannot alter the sex. As the song says: "There is nothing you can do about it!"

At 14 days or so the kittens will become more active and at three weeks it is wise—even essential with a litter of five or more—to relieve the strain on the queen by giving the kittens Lactol, or one of the recognized baby foods. Personally, I find Lactol ideal as it is easily mixed and specially prepared for young animals. Feed with a pipette or hypodermic syringe; the kittens will soon learn to take the food this way.

At a month to five weeks they will probably show interest in their mother's food. It is time then to introduce fish in the form of steamed plaice. At six weeks raw scraped meat can be given. There has always been a difference of opinion amongst breeders as to the best age to feed raw meat. Experience shows that kittens invariably make forward strides once raw *scraped* meat is introduced to their diet. But do not overdo this—and the meat *must* be scraped.

Large meals do not necessarily promote growth. If overfed, kittens will

have upset digestions and this can mean setbacks. From Lactol, progress to Robinson Groat or Farex, add a little glucose. For kittens that are backward, there are a number of modern remedies. Amongst the best are Abedex and Radiostol.

Once weaned, kittens need four meals a day at least, until six months. Three meals should be given until twelve months, then two. The right amount of food for a three months old kitten is a good tablespoonful. Water should be at hand at all times and it should be fresh each day.

Your kitten is now ready to go to its new home. Its mother will have taught him to be clean. Should he make any mistakes, be sure it is not *your* fault. Did you move his toilet tray from its usual place? If so, he did not know he was doing wrong. He expects to find his tray in the correct place!

Do not encourage the fascinating habit of kittens to run up your back. In a kitten this is an adorable habit, but when 6 lb. or more of adult cat tries to do it, particularly when you are unprepared, the effect is not so amusing and can be quite painful!

Siamese will quickly adapt themselves to the arrangements and routine of their new homes. It is wise, however, to make any change over carefully. You should keep to the diet and times of feeding to which the kitten has been accustomed. Do not let little tricks of jumping on the table at meal times pass unnoticed—you will not be able to stop him as an adult, when *you* think he should know better. *He* reasons that he has been allowed to do this and *you* are unreasonable to suddenly change your mind.

Don't you agree with your cat's reasoning?

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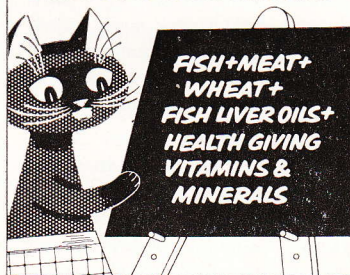
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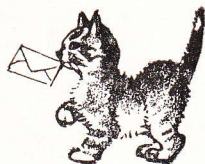
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Correspondence Corner

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



Osteogenesis imperfecta

IN the latest issue of OUR CATS to hand (February, 1959), A. C. Jude describes the condition termed, by some, "osteogenesis imperfecta," and lends his authority to the view that this is an inherited malady peculiar to the Siamese.

A recent paper by J. P. Greaves, M. G. Scott and P. P. Scott read to the Physiological Society and published in their Proceedings (in the Journal of Physiology, 1959) describes the same defect which was produced in the ordinary domestic kittens maintained in their experimental colony by a simple calcium deficiency. These workers give figures for the calcium/phosphorous ratio, which is critical, and show how an apparently normal all-meat diet can be inadequate in this respect. The cat in nature eats bones and all and therefore the domestic cat should receive some substitute for this source of calcium when fed a bone-free diet.

The same authors discuss the contention that the condition is hereditary in dogs and cats, and while noting the greater susceptibility of Siamese, reject the theory of genetic origin.

This condition of fragile bones in kittens, often thought by breeders to be rickets, is quite common in Sydney, N.S.W. (I cannot speak for other parts of Australia), where it can be seen in any kind of cat. The tendency to associate the "disease" with Siamese seems therefore misplaced, and it may only be the greater value and interest in the pedigreed animal that has brought more cases in this breed to professional notice.

As Greaves *et al.* state, the defect is usually readily countered or prevented

by appropriate calcium supplements (e.g. calcium gluconate, or lime) at the required level. One suggestion I have received is that bone meal would be a suitable and economical source of the necessary calcium and phosphorous too, should this also be deficient in some diets.

In view of this contrary evidence I feel it is unfortunate that Mr. Jude has seen fit to put his tentative view in print at this time. Unless he has much more information available than has been published, there would surely need to be some extensive and controlled experimental breeding before a genetic factor could be incriminated. Certainly this is a matter that requires the attention of breeders, but may it not be in the diets of queens and kittens rather than in the selection of breeding stock that the correction should be made?

GEOFFREY G. ALLEN, M.A.

(President of the Siamese Cat Society
of N.S.W.)

Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia.

Mr. Jude's comments on the above letter are as follow: "Since I made the reference in the February issue my enquiries have been extensive. I have gathered a good deal of very helpful information and am now waiting for a report from America, where several cases have been recorded.

"As in all cases of this sort, I feel it is a duty to warn a fancy. So far, that is all I have done in OUR CATS. Quite a lot has been reported from time to time in the medical journals concerning O.I. in Man, but that can only be helpful to a point. And even between other animal

species, modes of inheritance can differ. It has been reported that in Man, O.I. is hereditary. But even so, I am not sure. I contacted a case which *seemed* to prove otherwise, but one needs to study *many* cases for any decision. And so it is with cats. But so far, there have been few reports about O.I. in cats, so still we will have to rely mostly on the help of fanciers and this help is not always easy to obtain. It is interesting to record that Prof. Dent of the Medical Research Council in Inherited Diseases has now given up the use of the name osteogenesis imperfecta in Man for it covers a multitude of different conditions.

"I object to Mr. Allen's statement that I have suggested the malady is 'peculiar' to Siamese. What I did say was that the only breed so far affected is Siamese. And so far as the Fancy is concerned, this seems to be perfectly true. A paper presented at the 1958 Veterinary Conference, University of Pennsylvania, stated that the condition may once in a while be met with in pure-bred puppies, but generally it is the cat among the domestic animals that is most affected, occasionally shorthaired domestic kittens, and most often, pure-breds, especially the Siamese strains. It has also been reported from elsewhere that the disease is passed on by the female (I have no proof of this) and also that affected kits suffer from constipation (again there isn't any proof).

"There is great concern in U.S.A. and it is well there should be until we know enough about the disease to be able to give a definite instruction. I repeat again, fanciers, especially of Siamese, should make strict enquiries before using any particular stud. Indications are that some of the cases over here are traced to one particular source—exactly the same thing applies in the U.S.A.—A. C. JUDE."

A Point about Quarantine

I would be most grateful if you could give me some information concerning cats in the United Kingdom.

I intend visiting Dublin later in the year and as my Siamese cat is used to

accompanying me on my travels on the Continent, I am wondering if there would be any arrangement possible if I took him with me to Ireland, but passing through England.

I know you have very strict laws regarding quarantine, but would be glad to know if it is possible to take a cat "in transit" without too many formalities to be gone through.

MRS. Y. T.

Cannes, France.

This question was submitted to the appropriate section of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The official reply advises that under the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order of 1928, the Ministry would be able to issue a licence authorizing the transit of the cat through Great Britain. But on application to the Irish Department of Agriculture, Dublin, Mrs. T. will find that she will have to obtain an import licence authorizing the landing of her cat into the Republic. As the Irish quarantine regulations are the same as ours, this would mean that her cat would have to be accommodated in quarantine kennels during her visit to Dublin.—EDITOR.

Cho-Cho goes to School

I thought you would be interested to hear about my life at school. To be quite honest, I do not attend every day, but only on those bright dry mornings when I can travel comfortably in my basket. I go by bus and when we are held up by traffic at Castle Street I just let Glasgow Corporation know what I think of their transport. You see, I am Siamese and have a very good voice for registering complaints.

I like to supervise the children when they are changing into slippers. Sometimes for fun I hide one behind a pipe or cupboard. I enjoy singing time best of all, for then I sit on top of the piano and try to keep those five-year-olds in tune. Reading time bores me for they will not let me tear the books, so I just go to the doll's bed and have a nap. When "elevenses" come round the children give me titbits and this annoys my mistress for I would not eat such things

at home. But one cannot hurt the feelings of girls and boys.

I was insulted the other day. Someone put upon the wall a picture of one of these modern-type Siamese cats—you know, straight in the eyes and tail. I am an old-fashioned girl myself and everyone tells me they adore my squint and kink. I may give you another report of my school life at some future date.

CHO-CHO.

[*Cho-Cho's letter was received via Mrs. Barbara C. Peacock, of Glasgow.*—EDITOR].

Chinchilla Breeding

I was very pleased to read in the April issue of OUR CATS that Mr. Stirling-Webb was gracious enough to correct his previous erroneous statement regarding the status of the Shaded Silvers in America.

If letters are to be quoted, however, I must ask for them to be quoted correctly. Mr. Stirling-Webb writes : "Two Blue-Chins mated together can and often do produce mixed litters. Mrs. Turney finds this odd and calls it 'not breeding true.' Has she never heard of dominant and recessive genes ?"

I wonder where Mr. Stirling-Webb gained this statement ? In my letter of January I wrote : "The Shaded Silvers of America breed true ; here the Blue-Chins do not, so obviously they must be graded A.O.C." His statement on my reactions to this, also my knowledge of dominant and recessive genes are entirely unknown to him. Regarding his other comments on Chinchillas, I think the cover picture of your April issue speaks for itself.

MRS. MOLLIE TURNEY.
Holyport, Berks.

Siamese Origin

I am always taken a little aback when I read in OUR CATS (January issue) and in British cat books generally that "the first recorded Siamese were brought to England in 1884 by Mr. Gould, etc., etc."

The catalogue of the Fourth National Cat Show held at Sydenham, England, October 26th, 28th and 29th, 1872, lists on page 15 under the heading "Class 21—Short-haired Unusual Colour She-Cats" the entry "127 Lady Dorothy Nevill, Pure Siamese 'Mrs. Poodles'." I lack the catalogues for 1873 and 1874, but page 12 of the 1875 catalogue carries under the same heading the entry : "112 Mr. J. Walter, Siamese, 'Mymie,' aged five years. Winner of First Prizes Crystal Palace 1873 and 1874."

I take it that these cats are assumed not to have been marked as our Siamese cats are or that there is some other good reason for their being ignored by your writers. But I would appreciate it if you could let me know what the background is so that I can straighten myself out.

RAYMOND D. SMITH.

Editor, *Cats Magazine*,
Pittsburgh, Penna, U.S.A.

EDITOR'S NOTE : *Being aware that the most complete records were in the possession of our old friend and contributor for many years, Mr. P. M. Soderberg, one-time Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club, Miss Kathleen Yorke, to whom I applied for information, kindly re-directed Mr. Smith's appeal accordingly. Mr. Soderberg very kindly forwarded the following reply, which I trust will "straighten out" my esteemed colleague Raymond D. S. for all time and satisfy his understandable curiosity about the origin of the world's most popular cat :*

"The cats sent to this country by Gould in 1884 and shown the next year at the Crystal Palace were the first two recognized as Siamese pattern. Whether there had been any others in this country at an earlier date is open to doubt because at the early shows names of this sort had a geographical rather than a particular type significance. For instance, I know from my reading of early catalogues that there were Chinese cats and Japanese cats as well as Siamese and Abyssinian. I should suspect, although I have no proof for it, that the so-called

Siamese cats before 1884 were different to look at and different in marking from English cats, and that the name Siamese was merely added because they had been brought over from that country. That, as you know, was before the days of quarantine.

"In the 1872 list, I should suspect (though again without proof) that the 'short-haired unusual colour she-cat' was the dark brown Burmese cat which has been known to exist for a very long time, in fact, it may have been one of the progenitors of the Siamese.

"I have done a lot of research work on Siamese, and the earliest indication I can find of what might have been the beginning of Siamese pattern is an actual Siamese poem of 1835, I think. This information was obtained for me over the past few years by a senior member of the British Embassy in Bangkok.

"You see, the Siamese pattern breeds true for colour, and I should not have expected Gould or anybody else to have referred to the extreme rareness of this marking in 1884 if such cats had been seen in this country earlier.—P.M.S."

Blue Burmese

I have been most interested to read about Blue Burmese in recent issues of OUR CATS.

I have the background of almost all Burmese going back to the original Burmese and Siamese in this country. If any of your Burmese breeders are lacking information of this kind I would be glad to supply it and to correspond with them.

My own theory as a breeder is that the blue gene carried by the Burmese is a carry-over from a BP gene acquired from the Siamese used to develop the breed in this country. Su-Ryan Ma Hone Lin of Dalai produced Blue Burmese in Detroit, Michigan, when bred back to her paternal grandsire Gerstdale's Suddrudin Khan. There were three Blue Burmese in the litter, one of which is still living.

MRS. JAMES F. BRODIE.

Usaf Cattery, 643 Sulphur Street,
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Readers' contributions to this feature are always welcomed. . . . We could do with many more! *Editor.*



Photo by "Muzzie"

On the judges' table at the Ottawa Show of the Canadian National Cat Club. Mrs. H. Bode, the Specialty judge, is handling a nice young Abyssinian exhibit.



Tailpieces

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Kathleen Yorke, who has been unanimously elected for another term of office as Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. May the year be one of harmony and progress !

Speaking at a furnishers' conference in Edinburgh recently, Mrs. W. H. Hamp-Hamilton presented the woman's point of view. She said that at last she thought she had found the perfect advertisement: Kosset carpets, popularly known as "the pussy-cat advertisement." It was lovely to look at as well as being to the point. It featured the best judge of luxury—a cat. And it had persuaded lots more people, especially children, to buy more cats, white ones, to sit on their new carpets.

Brigadier Philip Saint Barbe, of the Riviera, Sandgate, Kent, was fined £10 with £5 5s. 0d. costs at Folkestone for unlawfully killing a cat. He said that the cat had scratched up bulbs in his garden, on which he had spent £100. He did not aim deliberately to kill it, only to frighten it away. It was stated in court that the cat was a valuable Russian Blue valued at 25 guineas by its owner Mr. William Walfers.

The Three Counties Cat Society held an "Any Questions ?" session at the Bournemouth Town Hall last month. The question master was Mr. T. W. S. Garnham and the members of the panel who successfully dealt with a barrage of questions were Mrs. K. R. Williams, Mrs. E. Kent, Mr. J. Mitchell-Lewis and Inspector Lanning, of the R.S.P.C.A.

A lonely and elderly widow living alone in a tiny terraced house in a district of Liverpool was believed to be almost penniless by her neighbours. She was Mrs. Elizabeth Osborne who for many years spent a lot of her time in caring for the homeless cats in the city. She had only one cat of her own but brought in hundreds for a feed in her home. Her pockets were always bulging with scraps of food for them. Mrs. Osborne collapsed and died in the street whilst engaged in her labour of love. Her will showed that she had left a fortune of just over £12,000 and every penny of it is to go to the Liverpool branch of the R.S.P.C.A. The Society will use the money to help their cat shelter work.

Judges at the 3rd Annual Double Merit Championship Show of the Calgary Cat Show in September will be Mr. David Deans-Henderson of Toronto (All Breeds) and Mr. Richard Millhouse of Las Vegas, Nevada (Longhairs and Shorthair Speciality). I hear that the World Championship Mouser Competition is going strong, even at this early stage. A mouser named Headline will be entered by the local newspaper and a printing establishment is training a young lady named Miss Print who, they say, will not "miss out" on any mousing.

We mustn't let ourselves get too depressed or discouraged by what some of the medical profession are saying about the dangers of keeping pets. A recent issue of *The Lancet* carried an annotation which opined that "the more we know the more dangerous does

the keeping of pets seem. They claw and bite us . . . infect us with organisms such as *Haemophilus bronchisepticus* and the unidentified agent which causes "cat scratch fever." They give us psittacosis . . . and the association of tuberculosis in the pet and its master is fairly common." It concludes: "Considering the intimacy allowed to their pets by many families, it is surprising that infections are not more frequent. Those who let the dog sleep on the bed or get the cat to lick the plates are asking for trouble." Tibby, will you *please* get off the table !

Extract from the *Scottish Sunday Express*: "A trap baited with a dead lamb has caught the mystery killer which caused a £200 trail of destruction



All dressed up, maybe, but this heavyweight Shorthair (23 lbs.) isn't particularly anxious to "go places" because he has much too comfortable a home with Mrs. Ralph Wilkinson and Miss Doris Hobbs (seen in our picture) at Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A. Miss Hobbs tells us that this "buddy" came to her as a stray eight years ago. He just eats and eats, steals a bit now and then, and is now on a diet ! Mrs. Wilkinson has recently taken over the Presidency of the American Cat Fanciers' Federation and Miss Hobbs (well known as a judge) has been elected Vice-President.

at Meikleour, Perthshire. The lamb-killer was a large white cat. It was hunted for over a fortnight by shepherds and gamekeepers on the Marquis of Lansdowne's estate. Hallhole Farm manager, Mr. James Buchanan, who lost 15 lambs, said: 'It was probably a domestic cat turned wild.' "

According to one of our leading geneticists, Sir Ronald Fisher, President of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, scientists will eventually increase the intelligence of cats, dogs and monkeys. He told an Australian audience that surgery on the brain, followed by intensive training, should enable these animals to speak simple sentences. Monkeys might be taught to work in factories. Should you feel inclined to scoff at Sir Ronald's prophecy, perhaps you will agree with him when he says that the intelligence of human beings is falling steadily !

A little lady with a tray of home-made toy mice is a familiar figure at London cat shows. She is Miss D. Ruxton from Sussex, who makes and sells the mice for the benefit of the Cats' Protection League funds. She has collected the amazing sum of over £700 through the years and hopes soon to sell her 8,000th mouse.

Mr. Harry Wynne has been the recipient of a cheque for £25 and a special anniversary cake in recognition of his 25 years' loyal service as Secretary of the Australian Cat Fanciers' Association. The presentation was made by the President, Mr. E. J. Lonsdale.

A middle-aged Italian farmer is reported to be under observation by the health department. A cat bit him on the hand and promptly died.

Apparently Selwyn Hopkins, a 21-year-old Glamorgan dustman, has been receiving an unusual kind of "fan mail." It started shortly after he had been acquitted by the local magistrates for an alleged cat killing. He denied

pouring water and boiling fat over a neighbour's cat, hitting it with a shovel, stabbing it with a table fork and finally throwing it on the fire. His mother gave evidence against him. Letters of protest at Hopkins' acquittal reached him from animal lovers all over the country. Some were signed, some were anonymous and most were abusive and threatening. Comment by Hopkins: "It doesn't worry me. I am innocent."

The cats of Prince Edward Island, N.B., have recently been reprieved after a very narrow squeak. They had been classified as predators (liable to be shot on sight when caught away from their homes by any game warden) by an already approved section of the new Fish and Game Protection Act. The cries of protest reached a climax when President Matheson recalled the Island Legislature and asked for the deletion of the section. He added that some members must have been asleep at the time this section of

the Bill was approved. This brought a few protests from a few members who maintained that cats were responsible for the destruction of grouse, partridge and duck eggs. It's nice to know that the Island's cats have such a worthy champion in the person of the President.

Pendennis Castle, Falmouth, is the home of a colony of cats over two dozen strong. They are fed by residents and visitors but hold on strongly to their independent existence.

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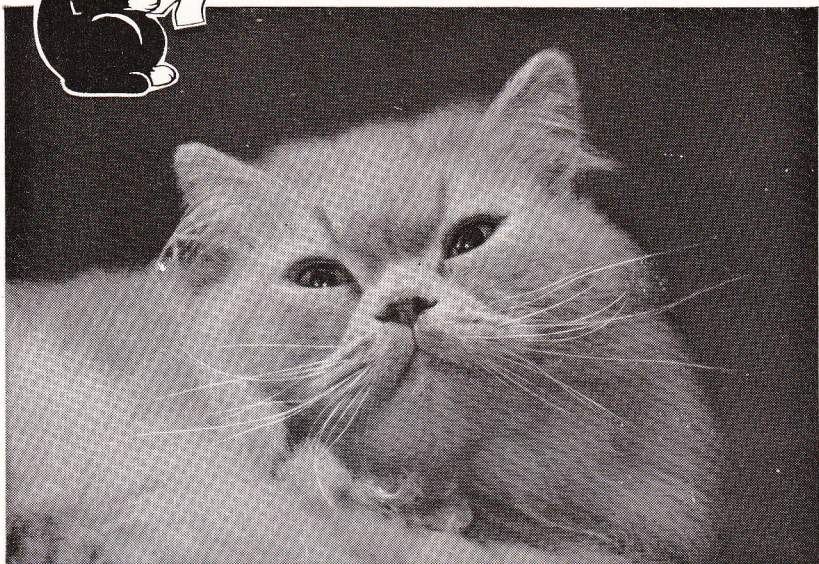
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MRS. JOAN THOMPSON —popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge — turns the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

On a visit

MRS. LUCILLE DAVIES is having a wonderful holiday in U.S.A. Her first visit was to Miss Harrison of New York, owner of the Blue Brynwood Jason (pictured in October OUR CATS). He travelled with her in the liner *United States* when she left England the beginning of August. Mrs. Davies tells me he has grown into a big cat with exceptionally lovely eyes.

Old friends remembered

Mrs. Irene Brittlebank, writing from Maryland, U.S.A., to Miss Langston, appears to have quickly settled down and as I imagined, she is contemplating staying there. She hopes to visit England every two years to see her aged parents and to know how all her friends are faring. We shall miss her enthusiasm and abilities also her Blue and Chinchilla cats and their kittens which are with Mrs. Lamb

in Somerset for the time being. We cannot afford to lose capable Longhair breeders.

In her letter, Mrs. Brittlebank writes : "Washington, D.C., is certainly a delightful city, there are so many trees and green plots among the office buildings. No industry is permitted within its confines so consequently it is very clean and the white buildings remain white. With the longer days I hope to go around the famous buildings. I have yet to visit the White House, Smithsonian Institute, Archives, Arlington National Memorial, etc. The Lincoln Memorial is really impressive, particularly when floodlit at night. If only I could have you all with me I should be well content to remain here."

Mrs. Brittlebank visited the Championship Show at Washington but did not comment on the exhibits. This coming winter it will be interesting to hear her impressions of those shows she has been able to visit.

U.S.A. Champion

Mrs. Arvid Ohlin of Rhode Island, U.S.A., has a Blue female by Gwynn of Allington, bred by Miss Langston. Eirlys of Allington is now a Champion. She has been awarded 15 points under four judges. Twelve points under three judges are required to complete a Championship under Cat Fanciers' Association rules. At Washington Eirlys was entered and won in both Shows, which meant eight points.

Breeder "goes West"

Miss D. M. Collins, breeder of the Perivale Blues and Kala Smokes and Colourpoints, after living in Harwell, Berkshire, for five years has found a new home in Dorset.

She writes :—" I spent most of last summer house hunting in Herts. and Bucks. There seemed to be more snags than advantages in the places offered to me so I decided to try the West Country. Dorset had always appealed to me and as it was possible during the summer months to go direct to Bournemouth from Harwell village, I eventually found what I wanted in West Moors, eight miles north of Bournemouth.

" The new Pixiewood is a roomy bungalow with an attractive garden with lots of fruit and flowering trees, bamboos and shrubs, and open spaces on two sides and a small orchard on the third ; ideal for the cats. West Moors is a quiet village and we have a good lady veterinarian who has pedigree cats of her own (a useful asset in a vet.).

" I have fresh meat delivered weekly from Bournemouth. My cats have spent most of the winter in two bedrooms fitted up for them until the stud houses and outside runs were erected. After my cats, a flower garden is my great joy and the spring has been beautiful here with a profusion of daffodils, polyantheses, crocuses, primroses, cydonia and forsythia. The journey to London is long and tedious so I may do most of my future exhibiting in the West."

Black Longhairs

I was sorry to hear that Mrs. Jones (of Lancashire) has had the very lovely Black male Pearlbrook Louie by Vigilant Mark neutered. I was very impressed with him when I awarded him Best Black Kitten at the Lancashire and North-Western Counties Cat Club Ch. Show last year. His type, physique and large brilliant copper eyes were superb. He is a great loss to the Blacks.

Mrs. Aitken, who specializes in this variety, was equally impressed ; so much so she has sent her Black queen Ch. Bourneside Black Poppy to Miss Bull's Vigilant Mark to see if she can breed an equally good cat. Meeting her at a Committee recently she told me her young Black male Bourneside Black Onyx by Broughton Marvo has sired his first litter—two Black males, one Black female and a Blue male.

Mrs. Aitken and Miss Rodda have done much to keep this lovely variety to the fore and it was the latter who bred Chadhurst Grey Lady the dam of Ch. Slapton Black Magic, who has had such outstanding success in New Zealand. He is owned by Mrs. Downey of Auckland and on numerous occasions has been Best Exhibit in Show, including this award when I judged in New Zealand in 1953 and under Miss Kathleen Yorke in 1956. Mrs. Aitken bred Black Magic's sire, Ch. Bourneside Black Diamond.

Period of gestation

At this time of year telephone calls are fairly frequent from worried novices whose queens have exceeded the period of gestation. This concern is sometimes due to reference to books about cats, some of which have been written since the War by authors with too little practical knowledge of breeding. For example, in one book appears the statement : " The period of gestation in cats is very variable. It may be as little as 57 days ; it may be as much as 69 days. . . . The most one can say is that it should be about 62 days."

From statistics kept for over thirty years I should certainly regard all kittens born before the 63rd day of gestation as premature and their chance of survival if born before the 62nd day as negligible. A gestation period of 63 days for domestic cats is the agreed period among veterinarians and the breeders with long experience, on which day and for a very few days after one can expect living

kittens if there are no complications. The average, however, is more frequently the 64th or 65th day. Large litters are more inclined to arrive to time, and one kitten or twins to linger a little longer within the mother.

This spring my Blue queen Berrett Honeysuckle gave me a surprise. She had twins on the 68th day, one day more than she had ever been before and two days longer than her average. Naturally, if novices are on the *qui vive* expecting their cat's kittens to be born from the 57th day, the time seems endless to the day when they can really be expected. To obtain reliable data I have not only kept records but discussed it with other Longhair breeders who have several queens and they agree with the average. Since I have had my own male my queens have frequently been mated only once so that the period could be accurately verified.

Off to Australia

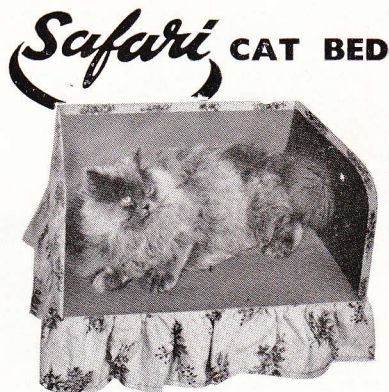
I was very favourably impressed with the provision for their welfare when I went to King George Vth Dock on April 2nd to see two kittens off on the first stage of their voyage on the S.S. *Port Jackson* to Melbourne, Australia. Their future owner Mrs. Lorraine Picken spared no expense to see that they had every comfort. Their own little cat house was very well built to the specification of a well known firm who have had years of experience in exporting domestic animals. I liked the two wide shelves half-way up each side. Nearly all cats prefer to be off the ground when they settle down to sleep. The sanitary arrangement was excellent and their food containers on the opposite side well away from it.

In addition, they had a substantial playpen 6' by 4' with a wooden roof to provide shade, which was made to be attached to the front of their house so they would have ample exercise. Fresh meat especially for these kittens was sent on board and the diet they have been accustomed to will be followed as nearly

as practicable although it will have to be supplemented with tinned meat which I only regard as emergency food at home.

As change of diet is inevitable on a long sea voyage, and the heat has to be experienced to be appreciated I consider all kittens should be very well established and have been accustomed to a fully adult diet for several weeks before they leave this country for Australia or New Zealand. These two kittens, a Blue male and a Cream male both by Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous were strong hefty kittens which had never given a moment's anxiety from birth. The Blue was just seven months and the Cream six a half.

Naturally one counts the days until their safe arrival but two kittens of a similar age who have been accustomed to having high jinks together before they



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It was heart-warming to see the ordinary little domestic pet cats each in their smaller houses grouped round the office on that vast covered dock waiting to be transported on to the ship. They belonged to emigrants who felt they just could not go without their pets. The S.S. *Port Jackson* had a few passengers so some of these pets would have their owners with them. I saw two dear little Black and White Shorthairs with spotless white shirt fronts looking very unconcerned.

About a dozen officials from the office came to see the cats from time to time and a veterinary surgeon approved by our Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was there all the while I was there. A Maltese Terrier had his top knot tied with a smart blue bow and colourful leads tied to his little house. Nearly all had toys. I certainly had the impression the animals were top priority and every precaution taken for their welfare.

Owing to the length of the journey, I have only sent one cat previously to Australia—Jasper of Pensford in 1951 to Mrs. Price of Victoria, Australia. He is

very flourishing and now a Grand Champion. Jasper spent much of the journey in the cabin of one of the cadets who became so fond of him that he visited Mrs. Price on subsequent voyages and when Mrs. Price's daughter came to England she stayed with his mother for several weeks.

The Stud List

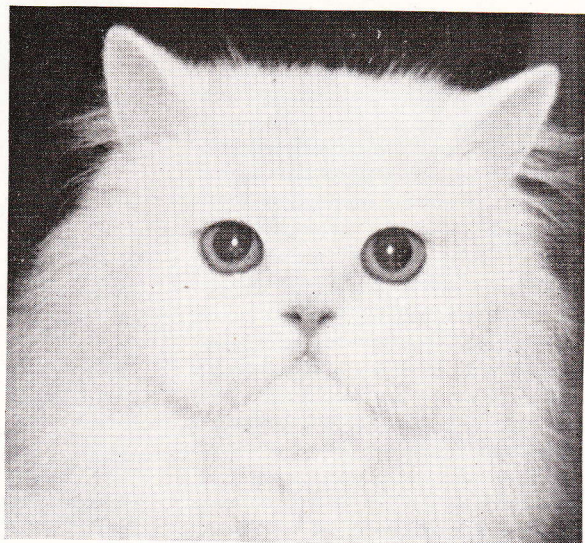
The 16th List of Cats At Stud reveals a regrettable decrease in Longhair males and one wonders if this is partly due to so many of our best male kittens being exported.

Twenty Blue males listed are six more than last year but if one refers to the first list published in 1943 one finds forty five Blue males and in 1944 fifty three. They have since gradually declined in numbers. All the other Longhairs numbered twenty three in 1943, twenty one in 1959.

Fortunately, there are several more Blue males which their owners have not listed for various reasons, some of which are only available for approved queens and as they are mostly celebrities the demand for their services is probably

CH. FLOSSY, an outstanding Orange-Eyed White Longhair bred by Paris fancier Mme C. Sarrazin from her Int. Ch. Cady de Padirac. Flossy has won at several Continental shows, including Munich.

(Photo by Serafino).



adequate without advertising. Among these are Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, Ch. Bayhorne Adam, Ch. Thiepval Paragon and Ch. Briaric Beauty, the youngest of the quartette and now a proved sire.

It is some time since I had news of Mrs. Alexander, owner of Ch. Lavengro of Dunesk but he has never been on the Stud List. None of Miss Bull's four males appears, one of which is the well bred Blue Vigilant Mark, and two of her Cream Champions, Beamsby Sunbeam and Sherry of Pensford, all available to approved queens.

Siamese studs

The number of S.P. Siamese at stud in the latest list is astonishing, no less than 76. This is not a record as there were 92 in 1956, 88 in 1957, and 91 in 1958.

Some which became Champions after the List went to press are Mrs. Dadd's Killdown Kerry by Ch. Killdown Sultan, Mr. Richard Warner's Spotlight Melchoir by Ch. Spotlight Troubadour, Mrs. Lapper's Ch. Bradgate Blue Vision by Tiane Taianfu, and Mr. and Mrs. Glover's Southwood Marcus, listed without his title, became a Champion the previous season.

On the first list in 1943 there were 33 S.P. males. For the first time a Chestnut Brown Foreign appears—Miss Jury's Roofspringer Periwig, a variety now granted a breed number and eligible to compete for Challenge Certificates.

The List of Cats At Stud can be obtained, price 1s. 0d., from Mr. W. A. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey.

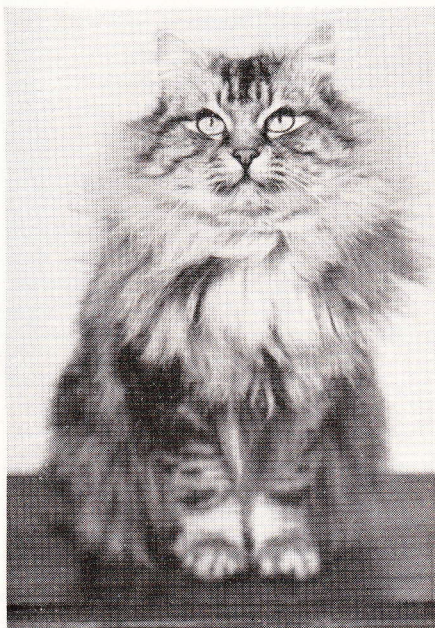
G.C. re-elects Chairman

Miss Kathleen Yorke has been elected unopposed as Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. She commences her 10th year in this Honorary position.

We are very fortunate to have her gracious personality and her extensive

knowledge, which we have seen maturing with the years, of the Cat Fancy and all its intricacies, its Constitution and Rules. The Chairmanship involves a considerable sacrifice of leisure and other personal interests and she richly deserves the loyal support of each one of us interested in cat breeding.

From time to time it is inevitable that some of the decisions made by the delegates will be challenged but the crucial test is that under the ægis of our Governing Council we have evolved a Cat Fancy which on the whole is the admiration of many countries. Those of us who have been privileged to judge abroad have received many tributes to the soundness of our G.C.'s constitution and the excellent example it has given to the rest of the world. Congratulations Miss Yorke, we all salute you !

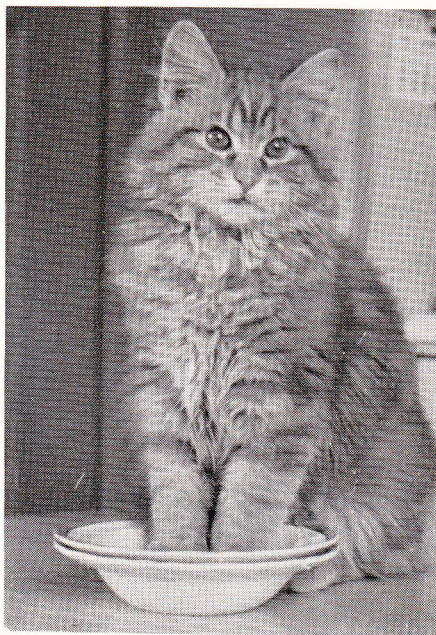



Splendidly groomed for his appointment—CH. DORSTAN DARRALL, a Silver Tabby Longhair stud bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gurney, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. Darrall won 8 Challenge Certificates under seven different judges. Mrs. Dorothy Gurney will be managing the Sanction Show of the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club this summer.

To fanciers overseas . . .

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A heat wave in May! You can hardly blame a fellow for wanting to keep his paws cool! Sandy belongs to Mrs. V. Tarry, of Chessington, Surrey.



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News from "Down Under"

HERE we are again, with Easter astern and Christmas coming up fast ! I have the March *Newsletter* for the Siamese Cat Club, Melbourne, from the new Secretary, Mr. L. A. Wilson, 48 East Boundary Road, East Bentleigh, Victoria. Col. Cole is President again and Mr. W. Walsh Vice-President. Committee is Mrs. Patterson (who is also Registrar for Siamese cats), Miss Saker, Col. N. B. Scott, Mrs. P. Kenny, Mr. V. Bumack, Mrs. Y. Frank, Mr. J. Houlihan, Mr. A. Cosgrove and Mr. D. J. Greening. Congrats to these people. The Club's official address is P.O. Box 15, Brighton, Victoria. I would like to add that Col. Cole is the Foundation President of the Club.

The Melbourne Cat Club have held a very successful annual meeting and Mr. J. Masters is the new President as Mrs. Matheson did not seek re-election. Mrs. A. P. Williams is again Secretary and after the meeting a happy little gathering made a presentation to these two ladies. Mr. Masters has been a successful show manager and the experience should help him now in his higher position. Mrs. Matthews, who is Registrar for the Governing Council, Victoria, has been a cat club worker for many years, filling every position, including judge, with charm and distinction.

Adelaide items

Whacko ! Another *Newsletter* from Tom and Jerry at Adelaide. The Cat Fanciers' Society is preparing to include a cat section at the big show in September, by invitation of the Royal Agricultural Society. Everybody is keeping their fingers crossed and we all say : "Good work, Adelaide, keep it up. Maybe you

will be disappointed at no classes for domestic pets—as we are—as R.A.S. only provides for pedigree stock. It will provide another shop window for you and lots of publicity."

Mrs. Chandler has resigned as Council delegate and Mrs. Patterson has accepted the position. A tentative date for the winter Championship Show is June 27th. Adelaide Club has now purchased a duplicating machine and so is able to do its own printing, which is a costly item to any club. Mrs. St. George, who has bred so many lovely kits, has purchased the block of ground next door, as well as building another three rooms on the house. A big cheer for 22-year-old Smoky and Napoleon II, who thrives on a diet of tomatoes and rock melon. They breed them tough over there !

Brisbane Show winners

Brisbane. Mrs. Henry, Secretary, and her hardworking team are to be congratulated on a very successful 2-day Club Show in March at the City Hall. Record entries, record gate and weather. I should say 165 cats was an all high, and 13 litters was an excellent entry. Litters are always a great attraction for visitors, particularly children, our exhibitors of to-morrow. The Show was opened by the "Sun Girl," Miss Nancy Knudsen. Major awards were : Best L.H. Exhibit—Mrs. Manson's Ch. Regent Radiant ; Opp. Sex—Mrs. N. Shead's Spada Alice Blue Gown ; Kitten—Mrs. Bamford's Karma Maylin Lona Lisa ; Opp. Sex—Mrs. Woodrow's Banaka Royal Salute ; Neuter—Mrs. E. Good's Touchstone Dominic. Siamese: Best Exhibit—Mrs. M. Tow's Coochie Subba ; Opp. Sex—Mrs. Gillingham's Rathglass Sughi ; Neuter—Miss Batten's Rathglass Peter

Pan. Best British Blue—Mrs. E. Manson's Dellmon Blue Boy. Some very fine newspaper reports and pictures are to hand. I have received a letter from one of the Committee members, Mrs. Tasker, en route to Hong Kong and later Japan.

New Zealand news

New Zealand. *Newsletter No. 72* for March arrived from Miss Menzies, O.B.E. I would repeat that I can supply names of clubs and officials in New Zealand to anyone requiring this information, also show dates. Hutt Valley Show has taken place in Waterloo School Hall, which is considered very good for natural lighting. Awards were: Open Male (S.H.)—Mrs. Taylor's Chalvey Shikari (Seal Point Siamese); Open Male—Miss Moran's Ch. Valbert Blue Pilot (Blue Point Siamese); Open Female—Mrs. Archibald's Eastwood Kandi (C.P. Siamese); Junior Male Class—Mrs. Archibald's Ch. Eastwood Prince Niki; Female Kit—Mrs. Maher's Seabury Sang Chandra (also Best Kit in Show). Longhairs: Best Kit—Miss Lovejoy's Highland Harmony; Best Female Kit—Mrs. Rumin's Kia Ora Blue Gem; Best Chinchilla Kit—Miss Lovejoy's Highland Silver Gossamer; Opp. Sex Kit—Miss Patterson's Glen Esk Blue Mist.

No report yet re the Auckland Show, but I understand that C.C. winners in the Shorthair Section were Mrs. Downey's Ch. Spotlight Pride (imp.), also Best S.H. in Show for the 16th time, a lovely S.P. Siamese; Mrs. Downey's female Lindisfarne Ma'amu; Mrs. E. Crook's neuter Pit-na-cree Pinnochio; Mrs. Sunderland's spey Glammis Lady Soo Soo; Mrs. H. Arthur's Abyssinian male Hillsboro Alimid; Mrs. Curran's neuter Finisterre Jeki; Mr. H. Pollock and Mrs. Sedcole's imported Burmese male Ch. Merrick Apollo.

A very interesting letter, *Newsletter*, press reports and photos are to hand from Miss Tasker in Wellington, reporting the inaugural meeting of the Pedigree Persian Cat Fanciers Incorporated. Hearty con-

grats., Miss Tasker, I am sure the new body will meet a need and become very popular. The new specialist society came into being on February 17th and the office bearers elected are: President—Mrs. Hedley; Vice-Presidents—Miss Lovejoy and Mr. Roberts; Secretary—Miss S. Tasker; Committee—Miss Pinkerton, Mr. Thom, Mr. Surgenor, Mrs. L. Lidgard, Mrs. Thornley and Mrs. Jackson. I like the idea of a club badge and distinguishing colours.

Sydney's big Show

Sydney. The Royal Agricultural Society Cat Club Show was staged on two days as usual. Although the weather generally over the ten days was unkind, the two days devoted to cat exhibition were fairly good on the Saturday and fine on Easter Monday. A record entry was benched, including a team of about seven from New Zealand, but the Brisbane entries failed to arrive, sad to say. On the Saturday all Longhairs, mixed colours, were done by one judge and on the Monday all L.H. self colours. For the first time since 1928, an assistant was appointed and Mrs. Whyte did the Shorthairs on Monday. It is a very popular rendezvous for all interstate and New Zealand visitors, as well as overseas friends. Some very fine stock was benched in great condition, which augurs well for the future. Two things impressed me—the new young exhibitors who were “in” the tickets and how well the stock handled. I only met a couple of Greta Garbos!

Best Cat in Show and winner of the major trophy was exhibited by Miss D. Hore, of Palmerston North, a Cream male Bayhorne Ariel (imp.), bred in England by Mrs. Dulcie Benbow. Awards were as follow: *Longhairs*: Best Male Cat and winner of the F. W. Pearce Gold Trophy—Miss D. Hore's Ch. Bayhorne Ariel; Best Female—Miss M. Haswell's Miowera Royal Keepsake;

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SUCCESSFUL STOCKHOLM SHOW

THE 14th International Championship Show held over three days last month in the Kings Hall, Stockholm (reports English guest judge Miss Kit Wilson) was, I should imagine, an unqualified success. On the last day thousands of people visited the hall and admired the many lovely exhibits.

The well-known Dutch breeder and judge Miss H. L. Posthuma judged all the Longhair classes and I judged all the Shorthairs. Prominent breeders came from all over Scandinavia and it was a great pleasure to meet old friends once again. Mrs. Ellen Lorentzen, of Denmark, acted as referee judge and with Mrs. Svenningsen from Norway and Baroness von Bach from Denmark judged the Novice Class with me, from which two beautiful Tortie and Whites were admitted to the stud book.

Russian Blues were very good and it was a real pleasure to see these beautiful cats true to type. Best was Ch. Blue Bell of Finlandia, bred by Mrs. Landberg of Denmark and shown by Miss Sandstedt, a lovely exhibit with grass green eyes and a real blue coat of correct texture. Burmese also were good and with one exception were all sired by Int. Ch. Nilgiris Bura Turca.

Abyssinians all had the excessive white, which is such a fault here. Best was Ch. Tranby Kheuti, bred by Mrs. Winsor and shown by Mr. C. Nilsson. All the other winners were sired by Int. Ch. Nigella Constantine. In Silver Tabbies the Championship went to a nice mackerel tabby of good type and colour, Ch. Karolina. Brown Tabbies were disappointing with the exception of a male kitten penned by Mrs. Oscarson.

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Blue Point is Best

Best Cat in Show was a magnificent Blue Point Siamese Champion Brown-drey's Scamp, bred by Mrs. Ellias and exhibited by Mrs. Ulla Magnussen. This cat is difficult to fault, being beautifully balanced with clear blue markings, the desired glacial body colour and wonderful type. He also won the award for Best Stud being the sire of the winning male Blue Emir av Toreb, shown by Mrs. Linder, and the winning kittens, all excellent. The 1st and C.C. Blue Point Female was Suline Blue Mink, an outstanding exhibit bred by Mrs. Porter and exhibited by Mrs. Lans. The Seal Point C.C. winners were both sired by Milori Bon Viveur and were shown by Mr. Astrom and Mrs. Friberg respectively. Mr. Friberg also exhibited a very nice Seal Point neuter sired by Ch. Sabukia Sinbad. In Chocolate Points, the winner was Chocolate Chap sired by Ch. Browndrey's Scamp and exhibited by Mr. Holmstrom.

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A nice thought

Finally, Mr. Editor, I think I may be pardoned by her for quoting a few lines sent to Tom and Jerry, Adelaide, by Mrs. Kath Gebhardt. Headed "Between Ourselves," they run: "Why do insurance companies when they want to describe an act of God, pick on something which sounds more like an act of the Devil? One would think that God was exclusively concerned with making hurricanes, smallpox, thunderbolts and dryrot. They seem to forget He also manufactures rainbows, apple blossoms and Siamese kittens." I hand a blue certificate to K.G.!

I have received a lovely little letter from Anne Hamer of Liverpool, aged eleven, asking lots of questions about cats at the Royal, which I answered. Have been invited to call and see her and I shall invite her to be my guest at a show coming up. She seems to be a true lover of cats. I get quite a few letters but Anne's was particularly bright.

STOCKHOLM SHOW *(continued from page 29)*

In Longhairs, all were at a disadvantage of being between coats. Best Kitten was a Brown Tabby Lyckas Asynia shown by Mrs. Enemalin, a most promising exhibit of good colour and type. Best L.H. Adult was Ch. Gloria av Natess, a very pure Cream and the runner-up was a Smoke Skarpaugeus Susette. Two Colourpoints were greatly admired by the visitors.

As usual when we go abroad to judge, we received wonderful hospitality and my very grateful thanks are due to Mr. Kahn, the Chairman of the Club, Mrs

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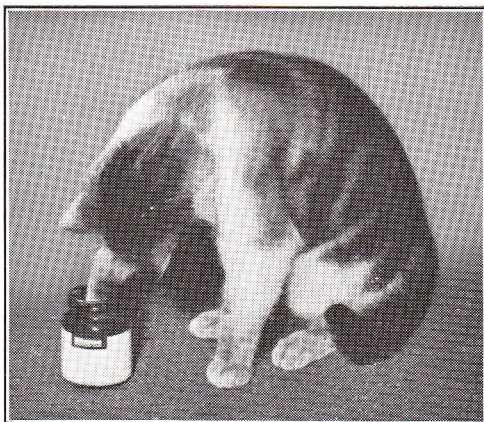
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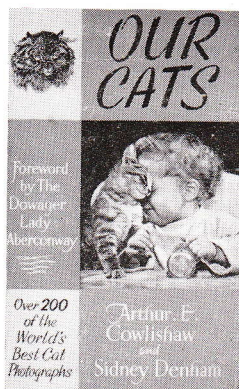
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