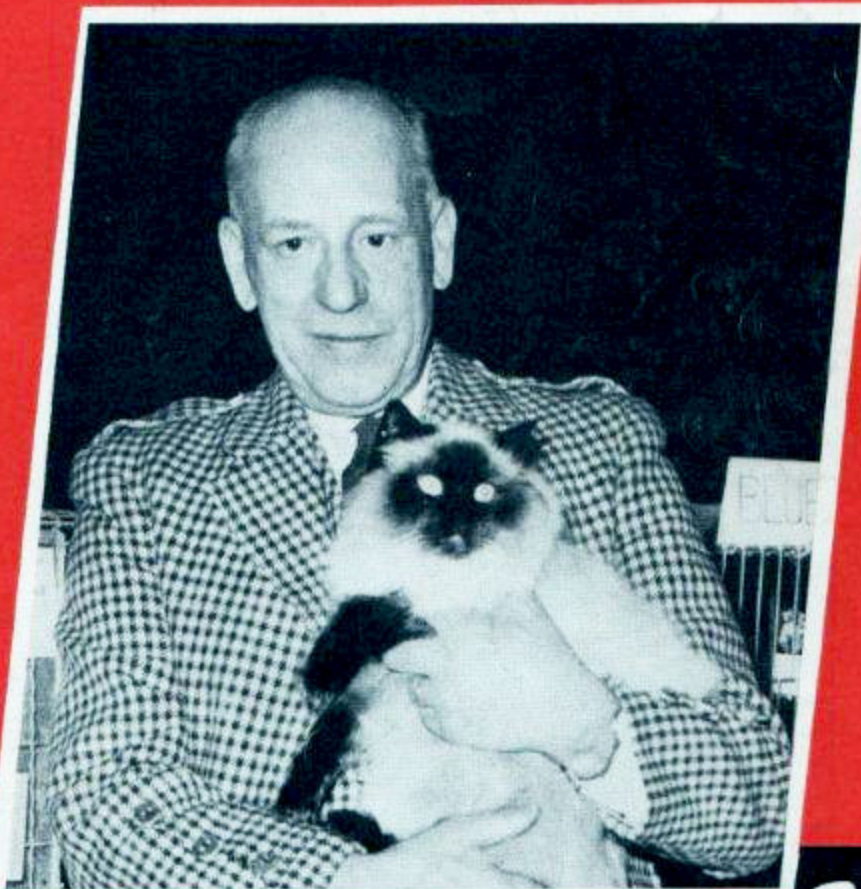


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Mr. W. S. Steele, President of the Scottish Cat Club, with CHAMPION MINGCHHU MANDARIN, a Colourpoint of outstanding quality bred by Mrs. S. M. Harding. Mandarin is now owned by Mrs. Brearley, of Eaglewood, New Jersey, U.S.A. A feature in this issue will tell you more about him and the breed he so worthily represents.

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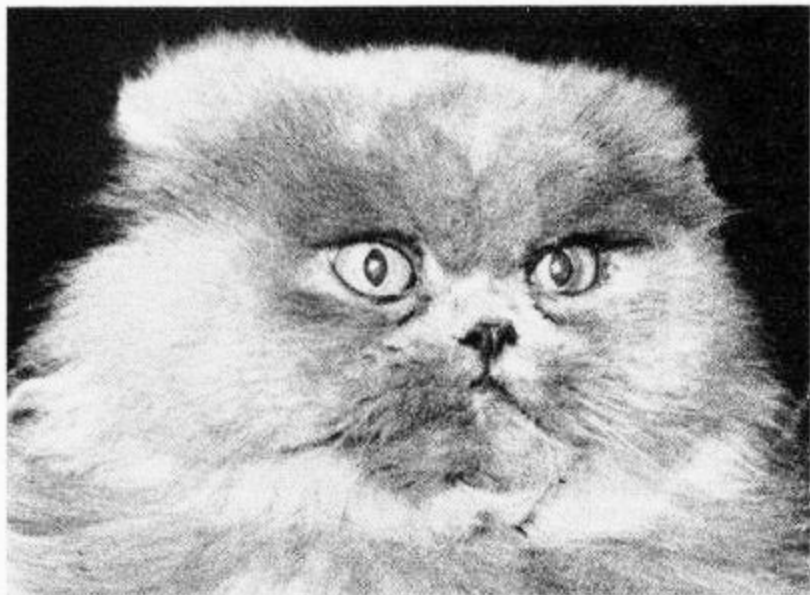
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## **BORROWDALE PLAYGIRL**

A lovely Blue Longhair at 8 months bred by Mrs. E. V. E. Burrows from Ch. Orion of Pensford and Ch. Borrowdale Suzette and now owned by Mrs. Doris Brice-Webb, of Bramcote, Nottingham. Playgirl was Best Longhair Kitten at the two shows she has attended—Preston and the Southern Counties.

# SHOWS FOR THE 1965/6 SEASON

Brief details of the remaining show fixtures for the 1965-6 season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers. A list giving fuller information may be obtained (price 6d.) from the Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mrs. S. Berliner, 146 Western Avenue, East Acton, London W.3.

1965	Promoted by	Venue
5 June	Lurgan & District Show Society	Lurgan, N. Ireland
26 "	Kentish Cat Society	Canterbury
3 July	Hazel Grove Agr. & Hort. Society	Hazel Grove, Cheshire
10 "	Three Counties Cat Society	Salisbury, Wilts.
17 "	City of Liverpool Cat Show	Wavertree, Liverpool
31 "	Hull Show	Hull, Yorkshire
31 "	Kensington Kitten & Neuter C.C.	London
11 August	Airedale Agr. Soc. (Bingley Show)	Bingley, Yorks.
14 "	Halifax & District Agr. Society	Halifax
21 "	Northern Siamese Cat Society	York
28 "	N. East of Scotland C.C.	Aberdeen
8 September	Macclesfield & Dist. Agr. Society	Macclesfield, Cheshire
11 "	*Herts. & Middlesex C.C.	London
2 October	*Yorkshire County C.C.	Harrogate
7 "	*Siamese Cat Club	London
23 "	*Midland Counties C.C.	Smethwick, Staffs.
4 November	*Blue Persian Cat Society	London
6 "	*Preston Cat Club	Blackpool
20 "	*Cheshire Area Cat Club	Chester
4 December	*Siamese Cat. Soc. of the British Empire	Newbury, Berks.
4 "	Northern Counties Cat Club	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
16 "	*National Cat Club	Olympia, London
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8 January	*Notts. & Derbys. Cat Club	Nottingham
22 "	*Southern Counties C.C.	London
5 February	*Scottish Cat Club	Glasgow
12 "	*Croydon Cat Club	London
19 "	*Lancs. & N.W. Counties C.C.	Stockport, Cheshire
26 "	*Coventry & Leicester C.C.	Coventry
3 March	Suffolk & Norfolk Cat Club	Ipswich
23 "	*Wessex Cat Club	Bournemouth
21 April	Hull & Lincs. Cat Club	Scunthorpe, Lincs.
23 "	Ulster Siamese Cat Club	Belfast, N. Ireland

\*Denotes show with Championship status

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The appeal of the Colourpoint is strikingly illustrated by this trio of lively Mingchiu kittens.

## ***Advance of the Colourpoints***

By S. M. HARDING

THE Colourpoint Longhair was first recognized by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy in 1955 after 8 years of preliminary breeding in this country. Since then advances have been made both in the improvement of type and in the number of individuals which have been raised.

From small beginnings we have seen as many as eleven kittens competing in their Open Class at the National in 1963 and in 1964 at Olympia ten females and four males were entered in their respective classes. Such numbers exceed those in other classes of Longhairs except for the Blues and Creams. A separation of male and female Colourpoints is

now starting also at some provincial shows and the time is not long distant when the seal points may be separated from the blues. The first lilac points have already been shown and the chocolates will soon make their appearance.

Champion Briarry Morena, a blue point, was the first Colourpoint to gain the distinction of Best Longhaired Kitten in Show (Kensington C.C. 1958). In recent months the Best in Show judging usually has included Colourpoints. The kitten Mingchiu Souk has been Best Longhair Kitten in Show three times and at 8 months of age she was Best Longhair Exhibit (Cardiff, 1965). The *American Cats Magazine* chose an English bred Colour-

point as Best Male Blue Pointed Himalayan of the year (1964), Champion Mingchiu Tal of Harobed.

Champion Mingchiu Mandarin, a male so large and round at 8 months that he was nearly thrown out by a show steward who mistook him for a pregnant female best left at home, gained his four winners ribbons under four different judges at Atlantic City a few days after his arrival in the U.S., making him the first

intelligent as Siamese, but much less violent about it.

Each individual develops his or her own peculiarities, either about the house and garden or in relation to the owner. One insists on a daily display of rolling, which must be watched attentively; another specializes in washing the owner's (or judge's) ears and in "tidying" the hair, or beard; a large full grown male digests his dinner flat on his back with feet in the air by his



**The author's MINGCHIU SOUK was Best Longhair Kitten in Show three times and at 8 months she was adjudged Best Longhair Exhibit at the February Show of the West of England and South Wales Cat Society.**

Colourpoint with a championship from both sides of the Atlantic. At eleven months of age he tumbled to it that he was no longer a growing boy, curbed his appetite and improved his figure.

Most Colourpoint kittens are destined to be pets, although the demand from all over the world for good breeding stock is increasing. The popularity of these beautiful creatures resides not only in their looks but in their delightful temperaments. They are just as affectionate and

master's chair; and there is always the endless nose rubbing when they jump on a bed to say good morning. A number of Colourpoints will live together amicably, but each demands an individual cuddle and opportunities to indulge in particular fads.

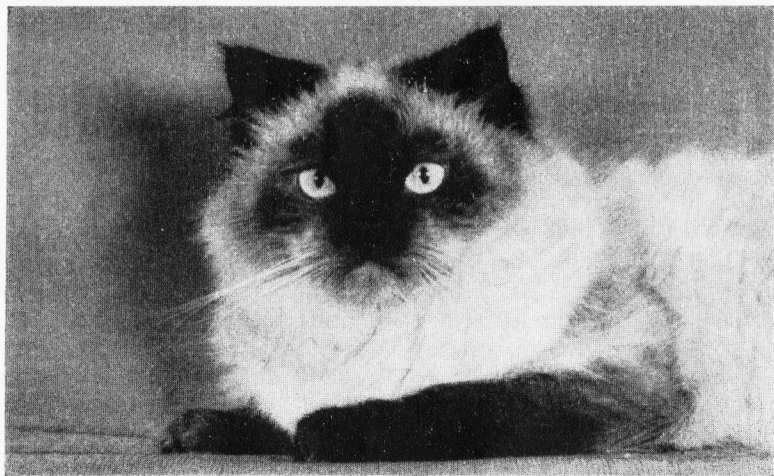
For breeding, much use is still being made of the best type of self coloured cats, either as complete outcrosses or as carriers. Most, but not all, of our finest Colourpoints have been bred in

this way. Neither parent of Mr. Stirling-Webb's beautiful Champion Briarry Euan was a Colourpoint. In recent years blue and black self coloured carriers have produced Colourpoint kittens with progressively shorter noses and better ears, but the blue eye colour, as might be expected, is improved by Colourpoint to Colourpoint matings.

Individual fertility varies greatly. Some males are very slow maturing, others sire vigorously at 13 months of age. Some females are very difficult to get into kitten, others will have two or even three litters a year when their lives are particularly happy. Litter size is variable also and seldom large. Progress is

being made in the improvement of type generally, in eye colour in particular, and in greater variety in the colours of the points.

Throughout the breeding programmes now under way, the inbreeding practiced in some parts of the world in parallel breeding work has been avoided, because sufficient outcrosses have been made to self coloured cats of widely different ancestry. In another ten years we expect that all well bred Colourpoints will be up to the standard of our few very best of to-day. Such progress during the past ten years from Mr Stirling-Webb's basic breeding of the previous eight years is a notable achievement.



**This picture of CH. MINGCHIU POLO, a Colourpoint male at fifteen months with an excellent show record, shows fine type, particularly for the ears. It is interesting to note that the prefix Mingchiu is Arabic for "Good health, great riches and warm feelings among friends"—quite a bit for a single word! It is also worthy of note—before we leave the interesting Colourpoints in this issue—that Mrs. Brearley, the American breeder who purchased Ch. Mingchiu Mandarin (see front cover) is also the proud owner of a pair of young Mingchiu females.**

*Photographs on pages 3, 4 & 5 by Dr. J. P. Harding*



# Tailpieces

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



**A** MINISTRY OF LABOUR report on the year ended last June disclosed that the average family in the United Kingdom spends more on pets and animals (2s. 6d.) than on education, training, medical, nursing and dental fees combined (2s. 3d.).

Three hundred veterinary surgeons from all over the country met last month in London for the occasion of the Annual Congress of The British Small Animal Veterinary Association. The subjects discussed included the treatment for broken legs in pet animals, unhappily a common cause of road accidents these days. Broken bones can now be repaired with metal plates, pins and screws similar to those used in human surgery. Other papers dealt with diseases and treatment of ulcers on the surface of the eyeball.

From the Cat Club de Paris, I have received details of shows to be held in France during the remainder of 1965. On May 27th there will be a cat section staged at the big Foire de Paris. On July 17th and 18th there will be the International Show at Vichy and on October 22nd, 23rd and 24th there follows the Club's 3-day fixture at the Hotel Continental in Paris, which is always attended by visitors and exhibitors from many countries.

The journal *Dance News* is running a weekly Cute Cat Competition. A prize of £5 goes to the picture which in the editor's opinion best portrays the theme of the contest. Obviously, kitten pictures will have the strongest appeal.

Many of the national newspapers carried the fantastic story of Anna, the Siamese who didn't like her new home in Warwickshire and decided to set off on the long hike back to her old home in Edinburgh. She was missing from Henley-in-Arden for five months and it is estimated that she travelled north at a rate of over two miles a day. The distance between the two homes is roughly 320 miles. Anna belongs to Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and her "favourite" was their son William, who stayed in Edinburgh when his parents moved south. The astonishing thing is that Anna got lost only when she reached Edinburgh after her long trek. By this time the Thompsons themselves had returned to their old home. Mrs. Thompson then saw an advertisement that a Siamese cat had been found in the Silverknowes area. It turned out to be Anna. Her paws were sore, she was in poor condition, nervous and very timid. The family have now nursed her back to full health.

The jungle cat pictured in our March issue escaped from Chessington Zoo last month when an elm tree fell and damaged its cage. I understand that it was caught very soon afterwards. Police were told that the cat was not fierce unless cornered and it might attack poultry in the district.

It is encouraging news that membership of the Shorthaired Cat Society of Great Britain is growing steadily. Miss Kit Wilson, chairman at the recent annual general meeting, disclosed that the Society now has 115 members and

with many new breeders of Shorthairs now exhibiting, she expected that the number would be higher next year. A discussion took place on the cross breeding of British type and foreign type cats. It was agreed that such crosses could irretrievably damage the existing British breeding stock. A breed really in need of support at the present time was the Shorthair White, both blue-eyed and orange-eyed. Mrs. Phyllis Hughes, Caen Wood Lodge, Ashted Woods, Ashted, Surrey, continues as honorary secretary of the Society.

A three-month-old baby died after being dropped by his mother when she tripped over the house cat. A verdict of accident was brought in at an inquest held at Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

An Essex letter writer to the national press: "We have a border collie and a half Persian cat who sleep together in the kitchen. The other night about 2 a.m. the cat obviously wanted to go out. The dog opened the hall door, came upstairs, opened our bedroom door and woke me with his paw. I went downstairs and let the cat out".

A reader in California writes to tell me about a small animal shelter near San Diego which has helped thousands of homeless and ill-treated cats and kittens. It is now striving desperately to stay open after a long period of operating on a shoe string. Donations, however small, will be welcomed by the Maude Ewin Foundation for Cats Inc., 4017 Bonita Mesa Road, Chula Vista, California, USA.



The Blue Point Siamese making friends with the kinkajou is CALYPSO OF CHEENG-MAJ, who lives at Delft, Holland, with Mrs. A. de Zwaan-v.d. Werff. Calypso was bred by Fru A. Fricks, of Denmark.

According to the *Financial Times*, major American tobacco companies are taking an interest in the pet food industry. Perhaps this is not surprising when the manufacture of cigarettes has been getting a lot of unfavourable publicity. To-day, there are estimated to be 20 million cats in America consuming £40,000,000 annually. This is the market which has stimulated the tobacco giants to diversify and take an interest in the catering arrangements for both cats and dogs. There is a bigger market for cat and dog food than there is for baby food—a market actually twice as large. Apparently the accessories trade, veterinarians and boarding establishment are also thriving and household pets in America have "never had it so good".

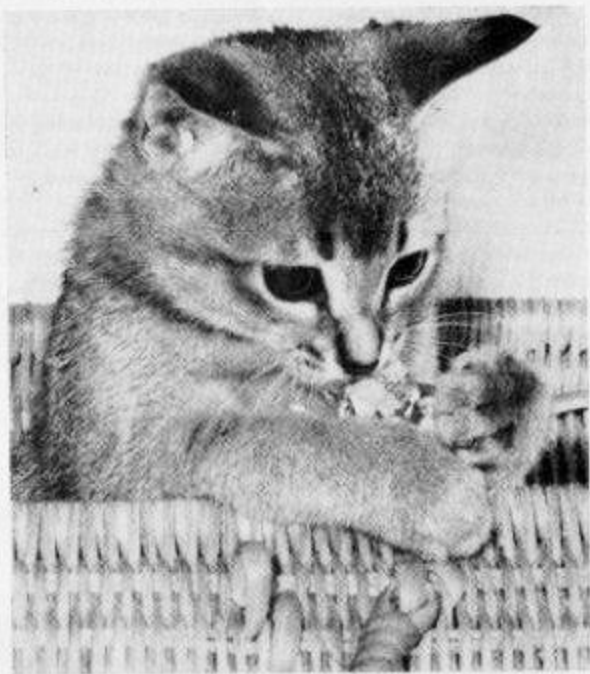
The illustrated article in our March issue portraying cats on Polish stamps seems to have attracted much attention. I am advised by Cats Accessories Ltd., 1 Newnham Street, Bedford, that not only are they able to supply complete sets of these interesting stamps but also another issue of cat stamps by the Roumanian post office.

This answers some enquiries. The little Rex kitten belonging to Mrs. K. Vickers whose picture appeared on page 16 of our March issue is a Gene 1 kitten by Belhaven Nectarine ex Broughton Mrs. Simpkins. Her name is Cathiss Reecen ("Popcorn") and she has amber eyes, a curly ginger coat with white feet, chest and nose.

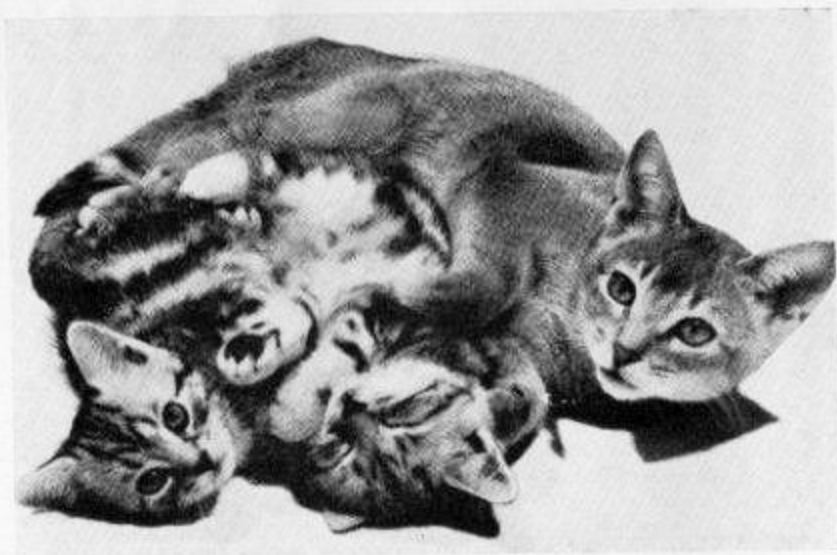


*Hugh Smith*

Miss Bridget Hudson with KINTARA DALRIADA at the 1964 Olympia Show. Bred from Craigleiloch Royndie ex Sabukia Saina by Mrs. P. Clancy, Dalriada was purchased as a pet by Mr. Clive W. Davies, of Wickford, Essex. After a brilliant start to a show career (awards included Best Kitten in Show, Best Siamese Exhibit and 14 firsts), it is most unfortunate that he has since been neutered as Mr. Davies has no facilities for keeping a stud cat. However, "Dali" may be appearing next show season as a contender for the Premier award.



A happy Aby. from 'Appy' Hampstead! **FLIXTON RUTH**, bred by Mrs. Mary Johnson, of N.W. London, flew out to a new home in Boston, U.S.A., last summer.



**FLIXTON FREDERICO** is another Abyssinian bred by Mrs. Johnson in Hampstead and the Silver Tabby kittens are her **FLIXTON LISA** and **FLIXTON JENNY**.

An American psychiatrist Dr. Ross V. Speck, in a study reported in *The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, wrote that pets mirror the neuroses of their owners. Stressing the growing importance of family therapy when one member is mentally ill or disturbed, Dr. Speck said that in his work with psychotic families pets are regularly in the session, since he held the therapeutic session within the family's home. He continues: "The pets often seem to reflect the feelings of the family members. For instance, if the family is angry with me, the pet is apt to be unfriendly also; or if the family is friendly, the pet's behaviour tends to be friendly. Furthermore, the pets seem to play an important role in family life. It is not uncommon for the pets to become ill when significant human members of the family become ill. Pets probably played an important role in the development of the child's personality in terms of his understanding of life".

Lady Cadman of Silverdale is the owner of Sukey, a Siamese who has reached the ripe old age of 19 years. When interviewed at her Bedfordshire home Lady Cadman said that Sukey was "still beautifully healthy". I am wondering if any of my readers know of Siamese who have had more birthdays than Sukey.

A new tablet marketed and developed by Burroughs Wellcome & Co. will free cats from tapeworm without the purging that has been a characteristic of previous treatments. In most cases one dose—a half to three tablets according to the size of the animal—will suffice to clear up the trouble. Under the name of "Scolaban" the tablets are available for prescription by veterinary surgeons. Cats are subject to the mouse-borne tapeworm (*Hydatigera taenifurmis*). Segments of tapeworm detected in the droppings of the cat give evidence that a tapeworm head is embedded in the tissues of the animal. "Scolaban" destroys the tapeworm head within the body without harming the cat and it has been administered to young and to pregnant animals in up to many times the recommended dose without ill effect. The medicine has no known contra-indications.

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*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 but it should be remembered that we cannot reproduce direct from newspaper illustrations. I send best thanks to all who have helped in this connection.*

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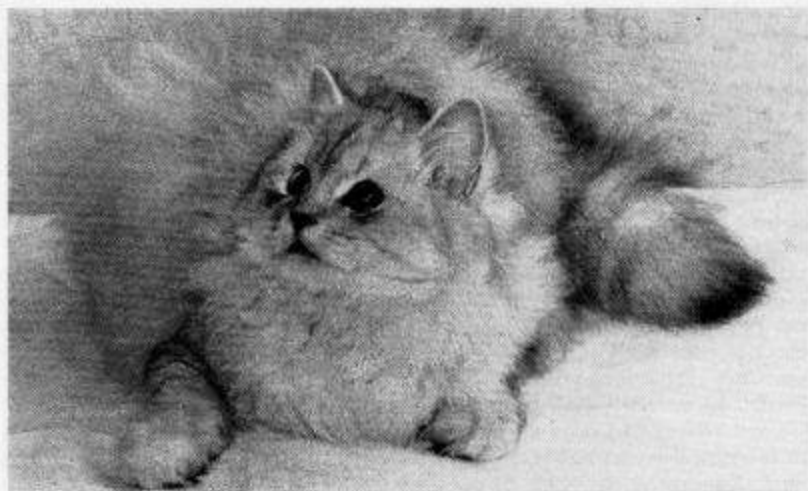
## Reports on Swedish Shows

THE 2-day 1st International Ch. Show held at Vasteras, Sweden, by the Vasteras Kattklubb (F.I.F.E.) last month was a beautifully organized event and I was very honoured at being chosen to judge. The judge for Siamese and Shorthairs was Dr. Phil Rosemary Wolff (Germany) myself for the Longhairs. I was really asked to go at the eleventh hour as the other judge from Germany was unable to get a pass to get through the Berlin Wall!

At Stockholm I was met by Dr. Wolff and Fru Charlotte Bylund. We then had a two-hour car ride to Vasteras, where we were so kindly welcomed into a really lovely open-planned Swedish home. A sumptuous supper had been prepared for us by many kind ladies. To my two patient stewards Fru Valdy Holmquist and Fru Edel Ringsted; to my interpreter Mrs. Vis Malmberg; and to the hard working and always smiling Show Manager Fru Gullan Ekdh, I extend my grateful thanks.

At dinner on Saturday night I was presented with the Club's golden medal; also I was given two to bring back for the Notts & Derbys Show. These will be awarded to the Best L.H. Cat in Show and the other for the Best S.H. Cat next January.

The Best Cat in Show was a really beautiful L.H. White Tallbackens Camilla, by Int. Ch. Vigilant Johnathan, a son of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous. The Best Kitten in Show was a truly elegant S.P. Siamese Kashmir Camillo (not English bred). The Best L.H. Kitten was an appealing Tortie-and-White, who was also the most attractive kitten by public vote. Her name was Rusty Flower of Verville and her mother is Ch. Pathfinders Stardust, bred by our own Miss Woodfield. Rusty Flower was all that a good Tortie should be, colouring bright and well patched, with the desired white on her back. The Best S.H. Adult was a very good Tabby Manx Maja av Grass.



*Photo by L. W. Lever*

Shaded Silvers are not frequently met with on the Continent. This is a particularly fine study of a Dutch-bred member of the breed—ESTERGOM ROSITA, belonging to Mrs. M. Verhey-de Hoog. Bred by Mr. van Eck, Rosita won a popularity poll when she appeared at a show in Paris.

The White Longhair cats and the Blacks were very good. I also handled some really beautiful Creams; some were so pale and sound. The Blues were rather disappointing in type and I should think a really good Blue stud would help to put this right. The Reds were of wonderful type but sad to say I had to withhold a C.A.C. owing to the cat having a white tip to the tail. It was already a Champion but a white tip to the tail is a really bad fault. This little cat was presented beautifully, but many of the Reds who did win could have been shown a lot better. The other coloured Longhairs were all presented beautifully, which does make such a big difference to winning or losing!

DORIS BRICE WEBB

IT was a great pleasure to judge Longhairs at the two-day International Championship Show held by Sydkatten in Malmö, Sweden, on 20-21st March. There was a big entry of all breeds. The show was staged in a large modern hall with a wonderful light; so that the exhibits showed to advantage. Due to the time of year, nearly all the cats I judged had shed some of their fur and so were not in full coat. This was only to be expected, and great credit is due to the owners who groomed the exhibits so well.

My Best Longhair Cat was Havsstjärnans Heidekind, a Tortoiseshell of really excellent type and eyes; a cobby body and short thick limbs. Her coat was thick and soft and well patched. This cat came second to Suzzi of Trolleås, a Seal Point Siamese who achieved the honour of being Best Cat in Show. The Best Kitten exhibited was Columbine of Verville, an extremely pretty Tortoiseshell and White Longhair, well patched and brightly coloured, who had an exceptionally long coat.

Ch. Bluemine Mascot, who is owned by Fru Kerstin Johansson, gained his final C.A.C.I.B. This massive well-formed male with excellent type and

eyes would have been my choice for Best L.H., but he is rather short of coat at present. Ch. Harpur Goldilocks owned by Fru K. Holtermann was awarded her first C.A.C.I.B. This nice female is well shaped, and has good eye colour and type.

Two beautiful Whites Int. Ch. Sapinette Kalow and Int. Ch. Margurite av Hagevik showed well. Both have real purity of coat colour. Two very good Blacks were exhibited Ch. Singoalla av Östergyllen and Tussi of Bishop with C.A.C.I.B. and C.A.C. Toftgårdens Candy and Sättravallens Lill Sussie were awarded a C.A.C. Both had been very well prepared.

The show was splendidly organized by Fru Persson and Fru Björnberg and their Committee. Fru Holmer and Fru Bonning were my efficient stewards. The judge for all Shorthairs was Fru Ulla Magnusson.

Many Danish fanciers and exhibitors came across from Copenhagen to visit the show and among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Lorentzen and Herr Hilling-Olesen who acted as my steward some years ago in Denmark. He has now become a judge himself and made the trip across the Sound to renew our acquaintance.

A very happy evening was spent after the show at a dinner given by the Club, and I should like to say how much I appreciate all the kindness that was shown to me on this occasion and to wish Sydkatten all success.

J. M. NEWTON

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The Stockholm Press Photographers' Club annual award went to Roland Jansson for his picture of Bishop Ragnar Ashmark congratulating Mrs. Emma Gustafsson on her 106th birthday. Prominent in the picture is the grand old lady's handsome tabby cat.



## 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.



### British Burmese in America

Upon reviewing Mrs. Lentaigne's article in your January issue, I find it to be no more than a well meant suggestion to British breeders of Burmese.

The purpose of Mr. Watson's letter in your March issue therefore escapes me.

Surely, his intent is not to take issue with Mrs. Lentaigne on the advisability of exporting British-bred Burmese to the States, since the last sentence of his letter reads: "The Americans have tended to favour a rather cobby cat whereas we have wished to retain the foreign type of our original imports". However, earlier in his letter he states, "I can tell her (Mrs. Lentaigne) that quite a few British-bred Burmese have gone to American Service family owners and whenever they have been shown in America they have taken top honours". I am sure that neither Mrs. Lentaigne nor the American breeders have any objections to Mr. Watson's, or any other British Burmese breeders' selling of British-bred Burmese to American Service families or any others unless, of course, the stock is represented as show breeding stock according to American show standards.

I have never seen any of the British-bred Burmese taking "top honours" at any of our sanctioned shows, but I respectfully invite Mr. Watson to correct my impression by naming the shows at which the British-bred Burmese have taken "top honours". Is it possible that these cats were shown in some of our many hometown non-sanctioned pet shows? I ask this since as Mr. Watson points out, the standards are quite dissimilar between our two countries.

My transactions with British breeders have been most rewarding. Were this

not so, or had I had no previous associations, Mr. Watson's letter would make me most reluctant to negotiate with our British breeders relative to the acquisition of British-bred cats.

Although I am not a Burmese breeder, and will leave the answering of Mr. Watson's comments on this breed and its standard to the Burmese breeders qualified to do so, I feel that I must take issue with Mr. Watson's statement, "I understand our Blue Burmese are now much in demand". There are always a few who seek out the "new", the "different" or the "easy win", but these are not the majority of our serious breeders. My personal opinion (and it is just that) is that this is the status of the Blue Burmese in the United States Fancy at this time. As for the future, that remains to be seen.

The intent of my letter is certainly not to "jar" Mr. Watson, but rather to try to be constructive and to view our aims as breeders and members of the Fancy in the proper perspective. However, since I am sure that many of the American breeders respect and appreciate Mrs. Lentaigne's interest in us and the American Fancy, I must say that it is upsetting to have her "taken to task" by her fellow countryman when she is speaking on our behalf at our request.

KAY KOHL (Mrs.)

Livingston,  
New Jersey, U.S.A.

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I was very interested in reading Mr. Watson's comments in the March issue of OUR CATS, pertaining to the Burmese. As an all breed judge, I have had the honour of judging most of the top Burmese cats in America. None of these

## IN ONE MONTH YOU CAN BE ADDING TO THESE LETTERS—

... I bought my first drum of seaweeds after seeing it advertised in *OUR CATS*. My *Siamese* has improved. She has suffered from eczema for a long time and this is clearing up and her coat is thickening. I also give it to the *Tabby* who has a lovely coat, just to keep her in good condition. I recommended it to some friends and they tell me that one of their *cats* is improving after suffering from eczema for a long time.

... I was delighted to say that your seaweed far exceeds in value any other kind. I must tell you that I started my *White* and *Blue Persians* with a saltspoonful of your powder for supper that night. As a rule the queens with kittens are inclined to be tatty and tired, but after one week their eyes were bright and coats full and glossy. The young cats have been inclined to have diarrhoea after any milky food, but after two days on your seaweed I have been able to feed them all on ordinary cow's milk without any ill effects and every cat shows a marked improvement in the lustre and thickness of coat after one week. These statements are not due to bias as my neighbour's *cat* has also had your seaweed powder and also shows a great improvement and brightness.

... I have noticed a definite improvement in the general condition of my *cats*. They seem happier and livelier since taking your seaweed.

... I am pleased to report a marked improvement in the condition of our *cat*, even after such a short time. Already the eczema is beginning to clear and new fur is growing on the bare places. She seems more alert and her eyes are brighter. I have every confidence that within three weeks she will be completely well again. I shall certainly recommend the seaweed to all my friends.

... I find it has had an effect upon both my *English Setter* and my *cats*, improving their appetite and nerves.

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It is unfortunate that perhaps the Burmese sent to England were not perfect. Many years have passed since that time, and surely the breed has progressed from the types we started with, just as White Persians do not look anything like they did ten years ago. One does not begin with the "perfect cat", the idea is to try to breed one.

RICHARD GEBHARDE,

New Jersey,  
U.S.A.

### Australian Susukis

I am writing to prevent any wrong impressions which may arise from the comments made by Mrs. Davies in your January issue concerning our Susukis. Fanciers everywhere are likely to get the idea that the Susukis are the result of a mismatching which some opportunists decided to name and give breed status. Such, believe me, is not the case. Eight

years of careful, planned and selective breeding was undertaken to produce them.

Mrs. Davies says they are not unattractive. They are indeed attractive with their almost fluid sleekness and grace. She also got the Susuki breeders wrong—they should be Hijoy Cattery (Mrs. Van der Spek and Miss Holding), Suzeraine Cattery (Mrs. Carmichael, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Buck, myself and Mr. Hartnell) and Rothesay Cattery (Mrs. Matheson). Mr. Greening, who bred the original stock, has retired.

I would also like to make clearer Mrs. Davies' statement that experimental cats are exhibited and judged. These cats are not included in proper classes with other cats. They are shown as experimental and the judge is advised as to the breed being bred for and the number of generations towards that (of the exhibit).

Lilac Point Siamese are growing in popularity at such a rate here that plans are under way to form a club.

BERYL CHANDLER (Mrs.)  
Camberwell,  
Victoria, Australia.

*[I hope that Mrs. Chandler can arrange to let me have a picture or two of Australia's interesting Susukis.—Editor.]*

### Advice sought

For some weeks now, one of my British Blues has had an inflammation of the mouth. The part mainly affected is the soft flesh at the back of the mouth between the jaws on either side. This is very puffy and red, and bleeds occasionally.

Our vet. cannot diagnose the trouble and thinks it may be a virus infection, but no treatment has effected a cure so far. The cat is able to eat quite well, but has lost some weight.

If any of your readers recognize the complaint and can help me in any way, I would be more than grateful and would gladly refund any postage involved.

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#### Miss Yorke retains chair

**M**ISS KATHLEEN YORKE was re-elected Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy at the Council meeting on April 28th at the Grosvenor Hotel, London, so she entered her 16th year in this capacity. It is an arduous and exacting position; it means sacrificing other interests to find time for the meetings, much correspondence and other calls on her time.

The delegates who realize this will continue to give Miss Yorke their loyal support. We all would like to express our gratitude for the contribution which she has made to the Fancy over so many years.

Mrs. M. Brunton was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Although other nominations were made and a paper ballot was taken, the previous members of the Executive Committee were re-elected: Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Grace Pond, Mrs. Speirs, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Miss Evelyn

Langston, Mr. C. G. Dugdale and Mr. Brian Stirling-Webb.

The 39th Annual General Meeting of the Croydon Cat Club on May 5th in London was well attended. It was an excellent idea to have it later in the season, especially when so many A.G.Ms this year were arranged so closely together in February and March, with two at least in London on the same day.

The decision of the Committee to have the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, as the venue for their Ch. Show on February 12th 1966, will be very popular. Their last one at this venue was in November 1957.

The theft of the gate money in the closing hour of the 1963 Show was a disaster for the Club. But now the future is brighter, as the G.C.C.F. have made a gift of £50 and in addition members have supported a sweepstake making a total of £100. This improvement in the financial position made the meeting a cheerful and optimistic one.

Mrs. E. Towe (Honorary Secretary) who has worked so unceasingly for the Club since it restarted its activities in 1945 after the war will again be Show Manager. She richly deserves all the support we can give her.

Mrs. Towe and Miss Ann Codrington are the elected delegates to the G.C.C.F. Dr. Groom was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. Wooster Hon. Treasurer in place of Mrs. Groom who wished to retire but who will be taking just as much interest in the affairs of the Club.

After this past Championship show season, which has probably been one of

the most successful in quality and quantity the British Cat Fancy has known, it is interesting to recall the wonderful progress our cats have made since the long hiatus caused by the War.

In U.S.A. there were many Ch. shows, as apart from life being almost normal there was no food rationing to contend with such as we had here.

No licences were granted by our G.C.C.F. in England to hold anything except a very few small sanction shows from 1939 to November 1945.

The last pre-war Ch. Show in London was the Southern Counties Cat Club fixture in January 1939. Although another one took place, at Sandy, Bedfordshire, in August it had a very small entry as everyone was too concerned with the ominous world situation to have any enthusiasm for exhibiting.

## After the war

The first all-breed post-war Championship show was sponsored by the newly formed Notts and Derby Cat Club at Nottingham in November 1945. The late Mr. A. C. Jude was show manager and it had an excellent entry of 189 exhibits and exhibitors had a subdued air of relief after the grim realities of the war years.

Writing in *Cats and Kittens Year Book* in an article entitled "Post-War Parade", I had this to record of this show:—"The eager interest everyone displayed was a happy augury for the future and all present at the first post-war Ch. show

will remember the avalanche of visitors when the public were admitted at 2 p.m. I am sure we (the judges) shall all remember the scramble after lunch to get near the pens to judge a few remaining side classes. I remember having one class of 31 Any Variety Longhair Female and the buttons were literally torn off my kennel coat as I pressed through the crowd with my gallant steward Mrs. Iris Hancox.

"Who cared as long as the Show was a success and our beloved cats were on view again!"

It is interesting to record that an entry of 37 Blue adults were judged by Miss E. Langston and 34 Blue kittens by myself. Miss Kathleen Yorke and the late Miss Adams judged all other Longhair varieties.

Twenty Siamese adults were judged by Miss Gold and 17 Siamese kittens by the late Miss Wentworth Fitzwilliam. Blue Persians and Siamese comprised about two-thirds of all cats and kittens registered between 1939 and 1945.

Mrs. Brice-Webb, so well known now as an all breed Longhair and British Shorthair judge, organized a sanction show at Beeston, Nottingham, in 1943; also the first post-war Blue Persian Cat Society Ch. Show in Nottingham in January 1946. This was for all varieties of Longhairs and it was a great success.

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Ch. show confined to Longhairs as it is a debatable point whether about fifty Blue Persians are sufficient to make an interesting Ch. show except to breeders. However, a referendum was organized by the Hon. Secretary of the B.P.C. Society (Mr. Dugdale) and a majority voted for Blue Persians only at the next show which will take place in London on November 4th.

Four of the first post-war Blue Champions were Ch. Southway Nicholas by Dickon of Allington; Ch. Deebank Michael by Ace of Pensford; Ch. Dream of Dunesk by Colneside Bright Angel; and Ch. Mair of Allington by Ch. Deebank Michael.

Four of the breeders of these cats are still taking a very active part in breeding Blue Persians. Miss Evelyn Langston of Allington fame has always had superb Chinchillas as well as Blue Longhairs and the other three breeders also have Creams and Blue-Creams.

## Siamese—17 years back

Mrs. Elsie Hart who was Hon. Secretary of the Siamese Cat Club during and after the war wrote an interesting article in *Cats and Kittens Year Book* entitled "Report on Siamese" and again we note continuity among the really enthusiastic breeders.

Mrs. Hart, who has since become Mrs. Kent, and has always been so active in everything appertaining to Siamese, reports on one of the first post-war Ch. shows thus:—

"Siamese highlight of the show season, the Siamese Cat Club Ch. Show. The cream of the Siamese world on view. Nineteen males in the adult Ch. class and twenty three females.

"The winning male was Mrs. Hetherington's Sealsleeve Petit Laid by Penybryn Mont and Sealsleeve Shah-Petite. Second to him was Sco-Ruston Galadima by Prestwick Prithree Pal. Galadima at five years of age and plenty of stud work has not jowled in the slightest".

Mrs. Kent recalled that she had seen only one other Siamese male with this asset, namely Ch. Angus Silky and she praises Galadima for his perfect head and brilliant eye-colour.

The winning queen was Parkhill Nigella by Puxon Bahol and second to her came Mrs. Wridgeway's Sapphire of Sabina. In Blue Point adults two very well known breeders stock came to the fore and the winners were Mrs. Lamb's male Pincop Azure Kym by Zy-Azure Taio and Major and Mrs. Rendall's female Misselfore Panya. At this show the sensation was Mr. Pope's S.P. kitten Pagan Goddess by Salween Conqueror who was awarded Best Exhibit. A superb kitten well remembered by all of us.

## Seven of the best

Summing up the first post-war really competitive Ch. show season when so many difficulties regarding venue and penning had to be overcome, Mrs. Kent concludes:

"The season's winners are coming from exactly the same strain as the pre-war days and those were Ch. Angus Silky, Ch. Jacques of Abingdon, Ch. Prestwick Pertana, Perybryn John and Hoveton Emperor".

The first post-war outstanding winners she considered were Ch. Sealsleeve Petite Laid, Ch. Chirmon Lon, Sealsleeve Petit - Fey, Sco - Ruston Galadima, Oriental Ting-San, Pagan Goddess, and Parkhill Nigella who became a Champion the following season.

It is regrettable that a similar publication to the *Year Book* was not repeated as it contained many other items of interest such as a list of our judges, show calendar 1948/9 and articles by Miss E. Langston, Miss Kit Wilson, Mr. Soderberg and the late Mr. Cyril Yeates.

Mr. Charles Kenny, who was then Editor of U.S.A. *Cats Magazine* wrote an interesting article about the Cat Fancy in America and two full page photos of U.S.A. Siamese and Burmese illustrated it.

## GRACE POND REPORTS ON A FRENCH SHOW

THE Association Feline D'Auvergne held an International 2-day show in March in the Salle des Fêtes Gaillard, Clermont-Ferrand, under the able organization of Monsieur René Mignon and his Committee. All seemed to go very smoothly and I found it most enjoyable, reports English judge Mrs. Grace Pond, F.Z.S. Signora Garon-Campesuto (Italy) and I judged the Longhairs, with Mr. A. Damsterg (Holland) judging the Shorthairs. The hospitality shown us and the arrangements made for our well-being were much appreciated, as also was the hard work put in by our stewards.

All the cats and kittens I judged were in excellent condition and the majority were very well prepared indeed, although many had travelled great distances from all over France, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland. The hall was warm and the lighting good.

In spite of the very cold weather, with wisps of snow floating in the air, the show aroused much local interest and the gate appeared to be very good. In the early morning on the first day I was intrigued to see about twenty small children, all about 5 years old, accompanied by two adults, walking around the show. Very quietly, almost reverently, they paused in front of each pen. On enquiry, I discovered they were from a local school and were having a lesson on cats. Afterwards they sat in a circle on the floor in a corner and answered questions put by the teachers. They certainly knew their breeds!

As my French is about their age-level, they were able to ask me about the English cats and were interested to hear about our big cat shows, too. I thought taking them to the show was an excellent idea and one that could well be copied over here. It's one way of catching them young!

Many of the prize-winners were British or from British stock, but there were also many home-bred prize-winners that were very good indeed. It is essential that any British breeders exporting to Europe should export only the best stock to stand up to the stiff competition there is now, with cats also being imported to Europe from America.

The Best Longhair in Show was a White Persian Ch. Manoel de Saint Witz belonging to Madame Bacquet. The Best Opposite Sex was Ch. Camber Frivoleen, a worthy daughter of Ch. Foxburrow Frivolous, bred by Mrs. Denton and owned by Madame Estève, while the Best Longhair Kitten was the very sweet Blue Camber Belina, also bred by Mrs. Denton, and belonging to Madame Ratier Belfer.

It was a difficult task to pick out the Best Longhair in show with several exhibits running the winners very closely, including a beautiful Smoke from Switzerland. I gave a CACIB and 1st to Ch. Parka Tobia, a son of Ch. Camber Mario, bred by Miss Wash and belonging to Madame Bacquet. Although absent, Ch. Melisande of Dunesk was well represented by several of her progeny—all bred by Madame Lochet, including the 1st prize and CAC winning Blue male Nicky de la Nourree, and the 1st prize young Blue female Batalie de la Nourree.

The Best Shorthair was Mali de Surabaya, a Seal Point Siamese owned by Monsieur Mordasini (Switzerland). The Best Opposite Sex was a Blue Point Siamese No Lah du Mont-Chalusset belonging to Monsieur Mignon. The Best Shorthair Kitten was also a Blue Point Siamese Nausicaa de Surabaya owned by Monsieur Mordasini.

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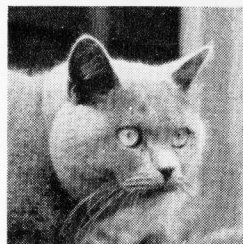
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