

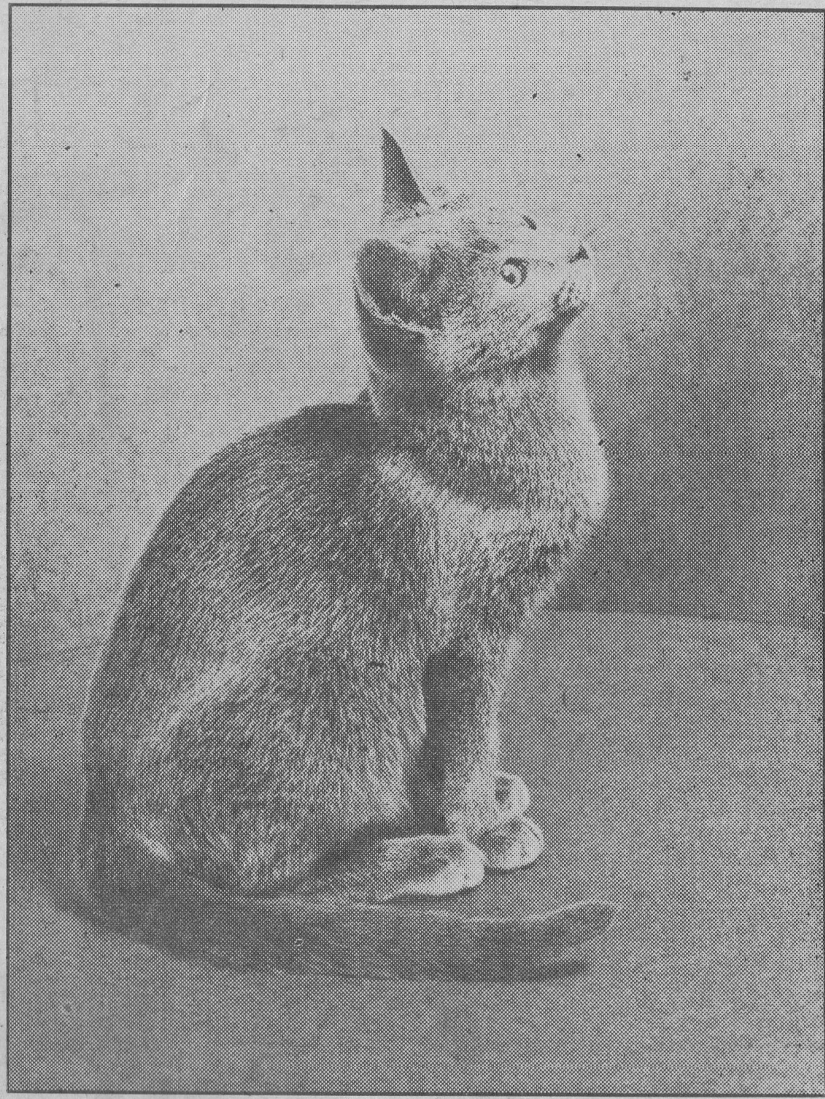
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## Cats and catdom

### Russian Blues for the novice

JOHN and NATASHA FISKE

IN WRITING this article on Russian Blues for the novice we have decided to keep off all general points about care, feeding, etc. These have been adequately covered in past issues of FUR AND FEATHER and also in a host of books, pamphlets, articles, leaflets and advice columns in women's magazines. We shall confine ourselves to matters relating specifically to the Russian Blue.

#### CHARACTER

The Russian Blue is a quiet, placid animal, homely and soothing to have around the house. Little disturbs its equanimity, though our old patriarch, Roman, terrifies every dog in the neighbourhood (including our own, given the chance). However, in general the Russian Blue gets on well with other animals. It is affectionate and human centered; we have one neuter queen who insists on accompanying us when we take our Dalmatian on country walks. This little grey cat trotting along the lanes behind a big spotted dog has made us the talking point of the village. A friend has a sixteen-year-old queen, Ch Dunloe Blue Cap, who sits calmly in her bicycle basket surveying the life of her small sea-side town, and loves playing with the Chihuahua puppy she was given for her birthday this year. We could go on and on about the breed's individuality—like the queen who would only drink running water, and consequently had to stir the water bowl before she could bring herself to drink its contents—but this article is not meant to be about the joys of owning Russians, but how to evaluate the breed once one has got it.

#### BREEDING

Russian Blues have few breeding problems. They have medium sized litters of three to six, though litters can number up to eight. Any breeder must take care not to perpetuate the two cardinal sins of Siamese and white spots. Luckily, there are few Siamese turning up in Russian litters today, and provided no more Siamese blood is introduced we should have this problem beaten very soon. The incidence of white spots or hairs on the chest or lower tummy, however, is a problem to watch carefully.

#### SHOWING

Russian Blues are easy cats to show in that they need very little, if any, special preparation. All cats, of course, whether shown or not, require regular grooming. All we do in addition to this, is to powder them a couple of days before the show. Brushing out the powder removes all excess grease and dirt, and gives the coat a healthy shine. Just before judging starts, we give them a quick brush over with a nylon brush or silk handkerchief. The static electricity produced by this makes the coat stand up just that little bit further that may make all the difference.

One extra point to make about showing is the importance of keeping the cat (as far as possible) in an even temperature. Russians, being thick coated cats, are comfortable at lower temperatures than any other foreign cats. Too much heat produces an uncomfortable cat and an open coat. We find it more of a problem keeping them comfortable at the warm shows than at the cold ones. The queens, who live indoors, are more used to warmth than the studs, but even so, we find that they are more likely to suffer from heat than cold. Draughts, of course, as with any breed, must be avoided.

While on the subject of temperature, we must mention that Russians' summer coats are but thin imitations of their winter ones—often rusty imitations too, for the sun will give blue cats a ruddy tinge, as it will black, for blue in cats is a dilution of black. The climate has a marked influence on Russian coats: few Russians show well at either end

of the season; their coats are at their peaks from November to March.

#### THE HEAD

When it comes to interpreting the standard (which is printed at the end of this article) we find that many of the problems are semantic. The standard says the head should be a short wedge, but what does 'short' mean? It obviously rules out a head as long as a fox's, but the word 'wedge' shows that the head must be at least as far from the British as from the Siamese. Wedges are angular and the round headed, round-eyed look is as misplaced on a Russian Blue as is the sharp foxy one. The top of the head must be flat, with the ears standing up vertically and facing forward, giving an alert appearance.

The eyes should be almond shaped, set on a slant and a vivid green. This greenness can cause problems—it appears to have reinforced, if not actually produced, by interbreeding with Siamese in the past. Breeders are now eliminating the Siamese influence. Another point to make is that often the vivid green goes with a darker coated cat, and the movement in Russian Blue breeding (as the revision of the standard recognises) is toward a lighter coat. We are thus breeding away from two factors that often go with good eye colour, and must be careful to see that we do not throw out the baby with the bath water, and end up with pale, pure Russians with pale, pure eyes. Unfortunately, eye colour is rarely constant—particularly it seems to be improved by the first litter in females and by the first season's stud work in males. It often fades after six or seven years, though we do know a sixteen-year-old queen whose eyes are as green as they must have been in her salad days.

The most distinctive feature of the Russian Blue is the whisker pads. These must be full and firm, forming a blunt angle at the nose. The size and shape of the whisker pads often reflect the mood of the cat, and an insecure or unhappy cat will often draw its pads in: cats who do not enjoy showing rarely display good pads on the show bench.

#### THE COAT

The other unique feature of the Russian Blue is the coat, and this is where we meet more problems in interpreting the standard. The standard compares the coat to sealskin, and this is quite a helpful analogy—provided one doesn't do as one breeder did who went to her local furriers to ask for a sample of seal skin. She was given five, none of which bore any resemblance to another, and very little resemblance to a Russian Blue coat.

The words of the standard are: 'Coat: short, thick and very fine, standing up soft and silky like seal skin'. Here the problem word is 'up'; it obviously does not mean that all the hairs stand vertically to the body, although on some areas, the chest and shoulders, for instance, they are not far off. The point of the word 'up' is to emphasise that this is not a flat coated cat; even on the lower spine and flanks, which are the danger areas for flatness of coat, the hairs should lie at not less than a forty-five degree angle to the skin. If the coat is dense enough, the hairs are unable to lie flatter than this, for, as tube travellers know, it is impossible to fall down in a crowd.

The coat should be so dense that when one brushes it against the lie, one should not be able to see the skin, but only the soft, thick undercoat.

This undercoat is important, for it is this that makes the coat 'double' and gives it that lovely soft, firm feel to the stroking hand.

Finally, the coat should be short. How short is 'short'? We suggest the thing to breed for is texture, for if this is right, ie if we get the silky hairs, densely packed and standing up, then the right length must inevitably follow—



or we would get something like an angora goliwog and perhaps be able to sell it to the Duke of Bedford and make our fortunes!

#### COLOUR

The colour should be a medium, clear blue and should shade to silver on the face and on the neat oval feet. There should also be a silvery sheen over the whole coat, an effect difficult to describe, but unmistakable when present. One much admired cat, very successful a few years ago, had this sheen perfectly, and a close examination showed that many of the guard hairs were just tipped with silver. This was not definite enough to be called ticking, but it was there, and was one of the ingredients that gave her such an outstanding coat.

Another fault is tabby markings which most commonly appear as rings on the tail, though occasionally faint bars can be seen on the flanks. Many kittens are born with clear tabby markings and some breeders have told us that they find that kittens with the clearest stripes at birth turn into those with the purest coats later on. This is undoubtedly often true, though we doubt if it can be called a general principle, and we doubt even more if the converse is also true. Tabby markings often fade with maturity, though it may take eighteen months or two years for the rings on the tail to go completely.

#### THE BODY

The body type should be long and graceful—and here long must be interpreted to mean not the slinky length of the Siamese, but something between this and the cobbyness of the British. The legs must be long: we have never heard of a cat being criticised for being too long in the leg, though short legs are clearly a fault. The tail should be about the length of the body and tapering, but not whip: this means that it should have a similar texture to the rest of the body, and certainly not a flat, hard texture.

Let us give the impression that Russian Blue breeding is nothing but problems we hasten to point out that just as there is as yet no such thing as the perfect Russian, so there are no cats who have no good points. Most approximate closely to the standard and are well worth showing and breeding from.

All in all, the Russian is a unique cat. It differs markedly from any other breed, foreign or British, although it is classed with the foreigners because of its type and bone structure.

[The standard of points and scale of points for Russian Blues appears under Governing Council of the Cat Fancy notes on the facing page.]

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CAT CLUB NEWS

SOUTHSEA CAT CLUB

Will members of the Southsea Cat Club please note that my address (secretary and treasurer) is 105 Chavlington Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants.

Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 7s 6d became due on April 1. Club classes at the various shows are only open to fully paid-up members. M SANSON (hon secretary/treasurer)

SURREY AND SUSSEX CAT ASSOCIATION

Would club secretaries and members please note that I am the hon secretary of the Surrey and Sussex Cat Association for the coming year. All future correspondence should be sent to me, Miss M Gamble was unanimously re-elected as honorary treasurer for 1969-70. (Mrs) H PHILLIPS (hon secretary), Flat 8, Lorelei House, 31 Avenue Road, London N6 (telephone 01-348 3478)

CHESHIRE AREA CAT CLUB

Will any person who exhibited at the Cheshire Area Cat Club's last championship show who has not received his prize money please notify me as soon as possible. (Mr) P JONES (hon sec), 6 Oakland Vale, New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire

PRESENTATION TO MR AND MRS KNIGHT

At a private luncheon, held at the home of Mrs M G Baxter, the committee of the Yorkshire County Cat Club presented Mr and Mrs Knight with a set of cut glass drinking glasses, as a token of appreciation from club members, for the loyalty and years of hard work which they have devoted to the club. NORMAN WINDER

SOUTH WESTERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB

The South Western Counties Cat Club's stand at Paignton Dog Championship Show aroused considerable interest and was visited by many people, both exhibitors and holiday-makers from all over the country. New members were enrolled and many handbooks sold. A number of people expressed surprise to find cat shows were held in their area annually, as they had not seen them advertised and it would seem other clubs might well consider the medium of the large dog show for promotion purposes. Our thanks to Mr Paddon for allowing us to use his caravan and to Mesdames Paddon, Fenn and Pring for their help in manning the stand (Mrs) M ROBINSON (hon sec)

SIAMESE CAT ASSOCIATION

The Siamese Cat Association's autumn social event will be held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, London, on October 11. The officers and committee hope all members and friends will give the pleasure of their company. As before, the social will be divided into two parts to accommodate those who have trains to catch or other commitments as to time, and we hope as many as possible will be able to come to luncheon and/or tea. The charge for luncheon will be 30s, and for tea 10s. We do hope you can come to one or both. There will also be a licenced bar.

During the interval, between luncheon and tea, the association's cups and trophies will be presented to those members who won them at our Hastings show in June. This is in accordance with the decision reached at the annual general meeting in April when it was agreed that subject to replies received in answer to a notice in FUR AND FEATHER of May 15, winners would be allowed to hold cups for one year. Two negative replies were received from donors. The Gainsborough Midge silver trophy will not be awarded, neither will the Katrine Butterfly silver trophy and the Katrine Silver Princess Christening Cup. Miss K Tilby will award a hand painted certificate in lieu of the Katrine trophies.

The committee very much regrets that due to the prohibitive charges for registered post, these valuable cups and trophies cannot be sent by post and will be available for personal collection only. Will those members who are eligible for any of the cups please check with Mrs Jean Burton, 20 Marlborough Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex, and state whether or not they will be at the presentation.

There will be a small prize for the lucky numbers on the luncheon and tea tickets.

All applications for tickets (as early as possible please) should be made to me. (Mrs) A FERGUSON, (hon secretary), Alfriston, Windmill Lane, East Grinstead, Sussex.

The HERTS & MIDDLESEX CAT CLUB

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Entries close July 26 (postmark). For Schedules and further information apply Show Manager, Mrs M ECRICKMORE, 156 The Avenue, Lowestoft. Phone: Low 4824.

Governing Council notes

AT the electoral meeting of Council held on June 11, 1969, Mrs Duncan Hindley was elected president. Vice-presidents are Miss E Langston and the Rev B Rees. Mr J Trevor was re-elected as chairman, and Mrs M Brunton was re-elected as vice-chairman; Mr W Lamb continues as treasurer. The following delegates were elected:

**Executive Committee:** Mesdames Barron, Merry, Philpot, Pond, Price, Saunders, Speirs, Thompson, Towe, Wilson. Messrs Bullock, Clarke, Raleigh, Shewbridge, Stanley.

**Disciplinary Committee:** Mesdames Hardy Towe, Messrs Bullock, Clarke, Macalister, Raleigh, Shewbridge.

The Executive Committee have noted the very large increase in the number of applications for prefixes, which are intended for bona fide breeders only. They have decided to reserve the right to cancel any prefix when this is, in their opinion, desirable.

Anyone exhibiting cats registered with the GCCF at the Guildford Town Show will be subject to disciplinary action by the GCCF.

All claims for champion and premier status for 1968/69 which have not already been sent to the secretary, should be sent without delay, giving full details—name of cat, breed number, sex name of breeder, the dates, shows and judges' names when the awards were made.

The office of the secretary of the GCCF will be closed from 9 August, 1969 to 25 August, 1969 inclusive.

Entry forms for the Annual list of cats at stud No 27 1970 are now available from the

secretary or registrars. Please enclose a foolscap stamped addressed envelope with your request for forms—one form for each entry. All entries must be received by August 30, 1969, and applicants are reminded that the application must be signed by a proposer and secondor who have inspected the premises within the last twelve months.

STANDARD OF POINTS—RUSSIAN BLUE SHORT-HAIRS (Breed 16a):

**Colour:** Clear blue, even throughout and in maturity free from tabby markings or shading. Medium blue is referred.

**Coat:** Short, thick and very fine, standing up soft and silky like seal skin. Very different from any other breed. Coat is double so that it has a distinct silvery sheen. The texture and appearance of the coat is the truest criterion of the Russian Blue.

**Body and tail:** Body long and graceful in outline and carriage. Medium strong bone. Tail fairly long and tapering.

**Legs and feet:** Legs long, feet small and oval.

**Head:** Short wedge, with flat skull; forehead and nose straight, forming an angle. Prominent whisker pads.

**Eyes:** Vivid green, set rather wide apart, almond in shape.

**Ears:** Large and pointed, wide at base and set vertically to the head. Skin of ears thin and transparent, with very little inside furnishing.

**Faults:** White or tabby markings. Cobby or heavy build. Square head. Yellow in eyes. Siamese type is undesirable.

**Scale of points:** Colour 20, coat and condition 25, body, build and tail 25, eyes 15, head and ears 15; total 100. (Mrs) V DAVIS (secretary), Dovefields, Petworth Road, Witley, Surrey.

Readers write . . .

NEVER DESPAIR

I WOULD like to tell you of my experience regarding my once lost cat, in response to Mrs P H Absalom (May 22).

I have a pedigree Cream Persian aged three years. One Sunday I went out hurriedly and left him about the garden. (As a rule I never did this, but always shut him in the house when I left it.) On my return home I was unable to find him anywhere. For months I never gave up hope. I sought the help of the police and advertised in shops and local papers.

One day a gentleman knocked at my door and said 'Are you the woman looking for a cat?' After giving him the description, it all tallied with the one he had seen, about twenty minutes walk from where I lived in his road. I went down to his road and knocked at one or two doors. People knew him, had seen him. A woman who had cats of her own, said 'He comes after my cats, and I'll catch him for you', but all in vain—no one could hold him. However, the residents said they would feed him until I could get him. He was full of fright, and evidently had been living in a sort of spinney between two sets of bungalows. Fortunately there was a stream of running water, so what with that and bits given to him, he was in fairly good condition.

After nine months I was able to take a basket and a woman held it while I slipped him in. I could hardly believe it.

Never despair. (Miss) A B LANE, Gillingham

MY Champion Black Persian Goreavon Virginia was sent to be mated with Miss M Bull's Champion Deebank Mascot, at Thornton Hough in Cheshire. She was there one week and on July 8 Miss Bull put her on the train at Lime Street station, Liverpool at 8.40 am for her return home. I met the train at Bristol at 1.11 pm only to find her basket empty but still tied and strapped.

I ask to be allowed to search the guard's van but was told that as the train was about to leave this was impossible. I was then sent to the railway police, who had the train searched three times between Bristol and Plymouth. I was then assured that Virginia was not on the train. I then alerted the RSPCA in all the towns the train had stopped in from Liverpool to Plymouth, and arranged radio, TV and press coverage on her disappearance.

I was told by British Rail that this train did not go beyond Plymouth, but that evening at St Austell a guard returning home, heard a noise in the guard's desk cupboard and found a black cat. On reaching Penzance, he and two railway men tried to feed her before putting her into a basket. But, being so frightened she ran away into the station yard. It wasn't until they read in the daily papers on Thursday that a valuable black was missing that they realised that this was the one, as the front of the train was the one that Gini left Liverpool on.

I went down to Penzance myself to lead the search. I was greatly helped by Mr Grif-

fiths of the RSPCA, and the rail staff. We searched for two days and nights and finally Virginia was sighted by a shunter at 10.30 pm on Saturday night. He left two friends to watch her while he went to contact me. I raced round and finally managed to reach Virginia among the rocks on the foreshore.

The strangest thing of all is that the place she came up onto the sea wall was only about 100 yards from the place she got off the train on Tuesday, and also immediately opposite my hotel bedroom window.

I'm so happy and feel so lucky to have found her so soon, if at all, and no-one is happier than Gini herself to be home.

The help I received from the general public, and letters received have been quite overwhelming; it is impossible to thank all concerned personally. ANGELA M WESTON ABBOTT, Clifton, Bristol

WHITE SPOTTING

RECENTLY I have had occasion to examine fifty-five white spotted cats. The extent and allocation of white in these varied from the almost fully black to the pattern sometimes described as Harlequin and including the pattern known in the British cat Fancy as Bi-colour.

One interesting result of this survey is that the allocation of pigment in areas of skin is found to vary even within each grade of pattern and that on the lips, gums, nose leather and pads it is not always related to the coat colour surrounding it.

To give an example: A black/white cat with white feet may well have pink pads, black pads or black and pink patched pads.

There are several conclusions that can be drawn from the present evidence and as breeders of Bi-coloured cats will know the inheritance of white spotting has been a matter of interest to both the cat breeder and the geneticist for some time. Both Ray Robinson and Philippe Dreux have drawn up charts which give scales of gradings of white spotting and it has been suggested that the combination of two animals with perhaps a quarter of the coat area white is likely to produce progeny higher up the scale, ie with more white.

It has been shown that the deposition of spotting follows a definite pattern—one of the lowest on the scale being the black cat with a white locket—moving up to the cat with a white chest and feet and so on.

One definite conclusion published is that white spotting (denoted S) is due to a single dominant gene and thus one parent of any white spotted cat must itself be either white spotted S or white spotted S masked by dominant white (W)

The cats I examined have been classified for coat colour, coat pattern, allocation of white spotting (using the Robinson scale) colour of nose leather, colour of pads, colour of skin, colour of lips and gums, and eye colour (using my own scale). Orange (red, cream, tortie, blue/cream, etc) and orange cats masked by dominant white have also been classified for factors occurring with that colour.

Since there are so many grades of white

spotting it is necessary to have details of many more cats than I have at present before any firm conclusion can be reached.

If there are any readers interested in this subject who own or have the opportunity to examine cats with areas of white in the coat I will be pleased to send them diagrams giving the scales on which the white spotting and the eye colour are being classified.

Details of breeding results from white spotted cats with known mates will also be of interest.

The term white spotted denotes any cat with areas of white in the coat and does not refer only to registered pedigree animals. PATRICIA TURNER, Te Whare, Little London Road, Horam, Heathfield, Sussex

CFFR

MRS JUDD should practise what she is preaching. It is five months since Mrs Hudson's resignation. A new honorary appeals secretary for the Central Fund for Feline Research should be appointed. Get things going again and let those of the Fancy who are still interested know if CFFR is still in existence, what is required of them and where to send it.

We were once paid the compliment of being 'a well organised publicity firm'. All this is achieving is bad publicity, harmful in the end to the cats we profess to love, and not fooling anyone. ANN EMMOTT (Agamemnon Siamese), Bishop's Stortford

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# Kentish Cat Show winners—continued

## Mrs M Brunton's classes

Mrs Johnson deserves many congratulations for a very happy and enjoyable show, as do her wonderful helpers, including Mr and Mrs Philpot and those who worked all day on the table.

Although this is a difficult time for Long Hairs there were some lovely cats.

Many thanks to my excellent steward, Mrs Palmer, who came at the last moment to help me.

**LONG HAIR CREAM Cat 1:** 1 Colville's Casimir, handsome male, very nice pale unmarked coat, excellent type and nice eyes which could be deeper in colour. **LONG HAIR BLUE CREAM Cat 3:** 1 Wade's Camella of Dunesk, very nice Blue Cream, in fine condition, good type and intermingling, one cream foot, lovely deep copper eyes, coat not very long today. 2 Orpin's Ch Fojambe Fairy Moonshine, good coat for length, nice eyes, cream patch on tail, good type, will be very nice later when in full condition (abs, Edwards). **BIRMAN Cat 1:** 1 Fishers' Gandi Von Assindia, Blue Point Birman, good front and socks, back not so good, nice type, eyes pale, in lovely condition. **LONG HAIR AC Breeders cat 3:** 1 Ford's Haising Sweet William, very nice type Seal Point Colourpoint male, body colour rather patchy but good coat for time of year, snub nose, pale eyes. 2 Stephenson's Ashdown Rosemary, very tiny little cat, twelve years old and looking wonderful for her age, large round eyes, paled by age (abs, Hurford). **Veazey AC Junior cat 13:** 1 Silverman's Camber Valiant, beautiful White male, lovely type, snub nose and very nice eyes, in lovely coat and condition and beautifully shown. 2 Kent's Sonata Carissima, lovely Smoke with gorgeous eyes for size and deep copper, in fine condition, very good body contrast but mask could be denser. 3 Elliott's Bonavia Selena, very pretty Chinchilla but coat rather heavily ticked though long, will improve when undercoat comes in, nice condition, sea green eyes, good tail. 4 Camella of the Elliot's Ivelholme Louvalne, Chinchilla lacking in ticking, short of coat, eyes slightly yellow (abs Mulcahy, Cordell, Hurford-Veazey, Willis, Edwards, Daryl (two), Mills). **AC Breeders kitten 3:** 1 Rodan's Sonata Pierla, sweet little Blue, pale and sound, sweet expression, neat ears and nice eyes, more chin needed, lovely condition. 2 Harrison's Milyndas Snowstorm, shorter face than third, better type, shorter fuller tail, eyes turning, very nice condition. 3 Harrison's Milyndas Snowdrift, lovely condition, medium type, ears rather big, nice coat. **NEUTER AC LH SELF 3:** 1 Wright's Helvetia Ronnie, lovely White, good type, excellent coat, needed more show preparation. 2 Stephenson's Ashdown Mimulus, very nice Cream, in lovely condition, coat colour warm but even. 3 Stephenson's Ashdown Muffin, Blue, good coat but brown on top from ticking, good type and eyes. **Long Hair or Short Hair Novice exhibitor's cat 2:** 1 Mills's Beauvase Sheba, Smoke, good coat contrasts, rather brown on top today, more preparation. 2 Radley's Lynsiva Blue Nicklaus, Blue Burmese in nice condition, eyes green. **AV Long Hair or Short Hair owner resident in Kent 12:** 1 Barrett's Pasha Sheba Jason, very nice Chinchilla neuter, very good green eyes, type and ears medium. 2 A Mimulus 3 Moon's Jezreel Jokyl, very nice British Blue, excellent coat and condition, good type. 3 Huhtwalle's Seathwalte Bamber Boy, very nice Burmese, lovely body colour, in fine condition, nice eyes. **vhc Higgins's Gatus Julius Caesar**, big Brown Tabby with excellent markings, good tail rings, very good condition, could be warmer in colouring. **h Haves's Finnegan**, Seal Point Siamese, tall could be longer and more whip, lovely colour eyes but rather round, good type (abs, Mew). I must mention the Kentish Cat Society class of AV Long Hair or Short Hair neuters

(Inc Siamese) in which there were twenty-three cats including a very nice British Blue (Richards's Pensylva Cheryham Charmer) a fine Black Devon Rex (Hilliard's Solen Lysander) and several other lovely neuters. It was impossible to do them justice in such a big class. I also liked a very pretty Birman kitten, Fisher's Praha Kraping and a very tiny Colourpoint kitten, my best kitten (Beaumist Shaneen, Seal Point). **M BRUNTON**

## Mrs M Boulton's classes

Congratulations to Mrs Johnson and the show committee of the Kentish Cat Society for a very happy and well run show. The day was ideal for weather. The two halls were very good indeed for lighting and there was plenty of room to move about. My thanks too for the delightful little guest towel. Naturally one doesn't expect to find a large entry of long hair cats and kittens at this time of the year.

**LONG HAIR BLUE Male cat 2:** (one abs) 1 Stephenson's Willanbet Andy, nicely balanced all round cat, good chin and muzzle, level coat, good tail, lovely eyes for shape and colour, very good type and short nose. **Female cat 4:** (two abs) 1 Wright's Raindrop Topsy, lovely type, good chin, short snub nose, large round eyes of excellent colour, coat a little shady today, nice tail, a cobby little girl. 2 Stephenson's Ashdown Rosemary, in wonderful condition, considering she is twelve years old, short nose, good chin and muzzle, very good coat, eyes large and round but a little pale now, nice tail and short legs. **LONG HAIR AC Novice cat 10:** (six abs) 1 Kent's Sonata Carissima, one of the best Smokes I have ever handled, her contrasts were perfect, her undercolour was ash-white and the tips were dense, lovely type, gorgeous large eyes for shape and colour, coat of excellent quality and tail bushy, later best long hair cat in show, congratulations to her owner and breeder, an outstanding exhibit which will go far. 2 Silverman's Camber Valiant, an Orange-eyed White male in lovely condition, his pure white coat was sparkling, excellent type, short snub nose, very good tail and lovely round eyes of good colour, bad luck to meet the winner of this class. 3 Brown's Ryarsh Moonglow, very nice Colourpoint, good type, dense points, good coat and tail, nice round eyes but a little pale, quite young yet. 4 Wade's Camella of Dunesk, Blue Cream, excellent eyes, nice type and short nose but a little too much cream on face, one cream and one blue foot, ears a little tall, good quality coat and back well intermingled. **LONG HAIR BLUE Kitten 11:** 1 Rodan's Sonata Pierla, pretty kitten with an excellent coat for colour and texture and very level, good eyes and tail, but nose a little straight, good chin and muzzle, well shown. **LONG HAIR AC Litter 2:** 1 Brown's Chinchillas, a lovely female litter, well grown, in immaculate condition, all have good type and excellent eyes, a very promising litter. 2 Orpin's two Blues, one Blue Cream, all very well grown kittens with good coats, eyes turning well, all in very good condition, one Blue male has a very nice short nose. **AC Novice kitten 8:** 1 Fisher's Praha Kraping, an outstanding Birman with beautiful type, gorgeous eyes for shape and colour, excellent coat with very good contrasts, lovely tail and the correct gauntlets, my best kitten and later best Long Hair kitten in show, congratulations to her breeder-owner. 2 Harrison's Milyndas Snowdrift, an Orange-eyed White in lovely condition and pure white coat, nice type, good eyes, good tail, well shown and very sweet disposition. 3 S Pierla r Hughes's Beaumist Shaneen, Colourpoint, quite good type, nice colour and good dense points, eyes round but a little pale yet. **NEUTER AC Longhair novice 1:** 1 Mills's Beauvase Sheba, Smoke, quite nice type and head, fairly good eyes, contrasts not sufficiently defined but coat good and good quality and nice tail. **LONG HAIR or SHORT HAIR Grace (inc Siamese) 5:** (one abs) 1 Stephenson's Ashdown Muffin and Mimulus, Muffin a blue LH, a huge chap, eyes a little pale, nice type and condition, coat a little shady; Mimulus a cream LH, coat very even and full, very good eyes though a little pale, nice type, again a huge chap. 2 Richards's P. Bambi's Mischief and Pensylva Cheyham Charmer, Mischief a Cream British SH, now ten years old, a good level coat but slight bars in legs, in wonderful condition, quite nice type and eyes slightly pale now, but still very attractive; Charmer a British Blue SH, lovely soft silky coat, so level in colour, nice type, a big cat and sweet to handle. 3 Otto's Oleander Merry Scamp and Ordino Skadi, Merry Scamp a Chinchilla, very white coat, lightly ticked, nice type, good tail, fairly good eyes; Skadi a BP Siamese and quite nice too, good eyes, nice points, long whip tail, coat a trifle dark. 4 Dodgson's Sirisiam Soldier Boy and Sarabande, a brace of Blue Point Siamese, two huge litter brothers, both were attractive and affectionate. The rest of my classes were club classes. My most grateful thanks to Miss Marshall for all her help and companionship throughout the day and for coming all the way from Hampshire to help me. She is the most perfect of stewards. **MARJORIE BOULTON**

# EXCELLENT ENTRY AT HAZEL GROVE

ONCE again we were fortunate in having a fine, warm day for the North East Cheshire show at Hazel Grove, near Stockport on July 5; particularly fortunate this year in view of the long delay in the vetting in. I thank all the cats and their exhibitors for their good humour and patience in the face of this. Mr Hunt had two casualties to deal with at his surgery and his late arrival was quite unavoidable.

My most grateful thanks to the judges and their stewards who worked so hard to try and catch up on their very late start, and a special thank you to Mrs Enid Burrows who stepped in and took over some classes when Mrs Newton was so unfortunately indisposed.

To all the committee, table stewards, and everyone who worked so hard to make the show a success, a very big thank you. You were all wonderful. We had an excellent entry of 130 cats representing a wide variety of breeds with an increase in the long haired exhibits this year. There were some really lovely cats. I only wish that I had had time to see them all. **ANNE RICKSON** (show manager)

## CUP WINNERS

Cheshire Cup: Mrs A Lucas's Joyda Vanessa Cheshire Neuter Cup: Mrs M Young's Sharrol Lancer.

Lees Cup: Mrs I Trickett's Petrvian Black Panther.

Rycroft Cups: Mrs M Rides's Kralasse Jaimie.

Kurulina Patrick Cup: Mrs M Young's Sharrol Lancer.

Lowenhaus Cup: R Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Melanction.

Jaydees Cup: Mrs J Crockart's Beaumist Angelo.

## PRINCIPAL WINNERS

Best LH cat and best LH exhibit: Mrs Trickett's Petrvian Black Panther.

Best LH kitten: Miss C Hopkinson's Bonavia Cassandra.

Best SH cat: Mr R Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Melanction.

Best SH kitten: Mrs A Dent's Crosscrake Claytonia.

Best Siamese cat: Mrs M Burtonwood's Leafar Bambi.

Best Siamese kitten: Mrs H Bennett's Rushcroft Ral Iatoo.

Best LH neuter: Mr J Greenlees's Deebank Tahbiz.

Best SH neuter: Miss M Alcock's Bernina Red Dorian.

Best Siamese neuter and best in show: Mrs M Young's Sharrol Lancer.

Best household pet adult: Master I Crockart's Melody Magpie.

Best household pet kitten: Mrs L Schofield's Puffin.

## Mrs G A Genty's classes

Thank you, Miss Rickson, for asking me to judge at Hazel Grove. This was my first time out as a Short-Haired breed judge. It was a lovely show and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. We had some lovely cats.

I also thank my young steward, Miss Susan Crockart, bounding with energy, she really made light work of things and handled the exhibits so carefully.

**SHORT HAIR AV Breeders cat:** 1 Pearson's Lowenhaus Silver Jonathan, Silver Tabby male, very good cat, wonderful type, good clear markings on silver background, splendid head, good green eyes. 2 Ryland's Celtic Rogue, British Blue, very good sound coat, wonderful head, full cheeked, good cobby body and short tail. 3 Bewley's Stormy Strangeways, Devon Rex male, good type, nicely rexed coat, well furred all over, good eye shape, nice stop to nose, very friendly boy. **SH TABBY Kitten:** 1 Pearson's Lowenhaus Fingal, Silver Tabby, very pretty kitten, nicely ringed tail, clear markings, very promising. **SH FOREIGN Kitten:** 1 Dent's Crosscrake Claytonia, Burmese female, large, well-grown kit, good all round, nice short wedge, good eye colour and coat, no white hairs. 2 Threadingham's Bernina Red Hansel, male red Abyssinian, nice coat, lovely head but chin rather pale. 3 Siddall's Peerless Sarala, Burmese female, lovely coat, nice short wedge, beautifully presented. 4 Baxter's Embae kwaleik Tam, male, good coat, nice tail, green rim to eyes today. **ANY VARIETY Trace cat:** 1 Trickett's Petrvian Diane and Petrvian Black Panther, two lovely exhibits. 2 Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Melanction and Lowenhaus Juno 3 Bewley's Annelida Georgina, Cornish Rex, and Clybets Stormy Strangeways, Devon Rex. 4 White's Wildfell Peter and Joyda Shileena. **Novice cat:** 1 Burtonwood's Leafar Bambi, Seal Point Siamese, male, lovely type, nice long body, good ear placement, long whip tail, eye colour good. 2 Lucas's Joyda Vanessa, LH Blue, very good type, good eye colour, lovely brush, could do with just a little more chin. 3 Ryland's Celtic Rogue, British Blue. 4 x Broadhurst's Helenian Leessah, chocolate point Siamese, female, nice cat, good coat, paws

need more colour, good tail, eyes pale. 5 Pearson's Lowenhaus Juno, spotted Silver Tabby. **SHORT HAIR AV Novice Kitten:** 1 L Fingal. 2 B Red Hansel. 3 E Kwaleik Tarn AV. **Visitors kitten:** 1 Hopkinson's Bonavia Cassandra, Chinchilla, very pretty girl, good type head, nice coat, green eyes. 2 Haggard's Sharrol Silver Jade, excellent head shape, oriental eyes of good colour, lovely coat, nice tail. 3 C Claytonia. 4 Haggard's Sharrol Pandora, SP male, very good kit, pale coat, good wedge, front paws rather pale, good eye shape. **G A GENTY**

## Mrs J A Hogan's classes

This was my first visit to an exemption show, and I enjoyed it. I was pleased to be invited to judge. I do hope the show was the success it deserved to be. The Hazel Grove Society is fortunate to have someone as capable and experienced as Miss Anne Rickson to manage the cat section. Everything seemed to run smoothly as I had expected it would under her excellent supervision. The only committee member in the cat section was Mrs Jean Crockhart, but as she is very capable and reliable what the committee may have lacked in numbers it made up for in efficiency. Thank you very much to Mr Crockhart and Mr Williams who provided me with transport.

To Mrs Pat Jones, my steward, I am especially grateful for her efficiency and attentiveness. She handled the exhibits beautifully. I could not have had a better steward.

**LH WHITE, BLACK or SMOKE Cat 5:** 1 Trickett's Petrvian Black Panther, excellent Black male, I liked the width of his head and face and very neat well tufted ears set so well apart, lovely wide awake eyes of good colour, no green rim, full cheeks, short very broad nose, excellent muzzle and chin and surprisingly sound coat, something it is so difficult to achieve and maintain in this breed, just one small light patch on his tummy, my best cat, I see he won first in all his classes. 2 Bagnall's Deebank Fairy, Orange-eyed White female and a very lovely one, I congratulate Mrs Bagnall on Fairy's really excellent show preparation, her sparkling white coat was eye-catching, ears appeared just a little tall due to the shortness of her summer coat but very good top of head, would like eyes a little bolder, but the colour is excellent being a lovely deep copper, wee short nose, excellent firm chin, a lovely exhibit, should be even lovelier when more mature and in full coat. 3 White's Joyda Shileena, Orange-eyed White female, outstanding show preparation on which I congratulate Mrs White, most beautifully groomed, pure white coat, I liked Shileena's round broad head which was well placed, well tufted ears and particularly her large round wide awake eyes, would just like eye colour to be deeper, nice short nose, chin could just be a little stronger, an easy cat to handle, she gave me the impression she liked being judged. 4 Hepburn's Springheels Voodoo, Black male of really excellent physique, excellent top of head and very neat ears, eyes just a little deepset but colour good, coat sound on the back, just unfortunate to be light on trill and tummy today, would like chin a little stronger, lovely temperament, very easy to handle. **AOC LH Cat 1:** 1 Critchlow's red Self male, Joyda Hadrada, good head with neat well tufted ears, very good long coat of rich colour, unfortunately a little shady, lovely wide-awake eyes of good colour, short nose and lovely expression, should like chin a little stronger. **another very good natured cat, nice to handle. LONG HAIR AC Breeders cat 4:** (one abs) 1 Critchlow's Foxmine Fairy Princess, beautiful Blue Cream female of very good type, nice eyes, colour fair, excellent chin, beautiful coat, well intermingled on both face and body, colour a little more pastel on face than body, very well groomed—another LH breed where it is so difficult to achieve all that is required by the standard of points. 2 J Shileena 3 S Voodoo LH SELF Kitten 3: (two abs) 1 Philpston's Davindos Dollwyn, Blue female kitten with a really gorgeous long soft coat, very well groomed, nice broad head with very neat ears, excellent type, would like eyes a little larger, colour not yet set, she is only 3½ months old, lovely to handle. **AOC LH Kitten 3:** 1 Hopkinson's Bonavia Cassandra, Chinchilla female, a beautiful exceptionally long profuse soft coat very lightly ticked, pure white chin and tummy, nice top of head with neat ears furnished with long white tufts, very good type with the correct brick nose, good chin, very cobby, lovely to handle, very well shown, my best kitten. 2 Fogden's Akebia Hortense, nice Colourpoint female with good top of head and lovely bold eyes, just a little pale in colour, dense points providing excellent contrast to her beautiful long soft coat, very well groomed. 3 Stormer's Deebank Marietta, Blue Cream female, coat fairly well intermingled and of nice texture, nice cobby body, seemed rather sleepy when I judged her and did not want to open her eyes, good top of head, and good chin. **NEUTER AC Long Hair 4:** 1 Green-

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Jeess's Pr Deebank Tahzib, very beautiful Red Tabby, coat of rich colour, excellent broad head, neat well tufted ears, wonderful large bold eyes, really superb type, short broad nose and good chin, short of coat today, very thoughtful expression, he gave me the impression he was summing us all up. I hope he approved of me 2 Rae's Nicki Ray, massive Colourpoint, type fair, superb coat, excellent mask and dense points, lovely eyes, very short full brush, very well exhibited and in very good condition 3 Ashurst's Powderpuff Paladin, massive Blue, ran second very close, very unfortunate that his coat was so shady today, very good type and really superb bold eyes of good colour, very neat well tufted ears, short broad nose, short full brush, very well shown r Ebdon's Joyda Ilyya Adventurers, Blue of nice type and good head, coat rather shady but long and very well groomed AV Visitors 6: 1 Pr D Tahzib 2 Gardner's Paleobos Blue Georgie, Blue Point Siamese, good type and chin, very good eye colour but not oriental in shape, coat rather dark, good long tail 3 Pearson's Amberley Silver Sylvester, good head, ears and type, markings could be more dense and clearly defined r Lawton's Sumfun Petri, Seal Point Siamese, good mask and points, fairly good wedge, very good eye colour and nice long tail. All these cats were in good condition and very nice to handle **ANY VARIETY** Brace kitten 3: (two abs) 1 Haggard's two delightful Siamese kits, Sharlroi Pandora, a Seal Point Siamese babe with nice coat, head and type and very good eye colour, and Sharlroi Silver Jade, Tabby Point kitten, nice head, coat and type, eye colour not so vivid as Pandora's. I congratulate Mrs Haggard on exhibiting these two kittens in such lovely condition. They were so well presented and comfortably penned **LONG HAIR** AC Novice

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kitten 5: (two abs) 1 B Cassandra, 2 D Dollwyn 3 A Hortense AV Novice exhibitor 4: 1 Joyda Vanessa, Blue female, congratulates to Mrs Lucas on Vanessa's excellent presentation, very good Blue of excellent type, good broad head and neat ears, would just like her eyes larger and bolder but colour good, very long soft coat, beautifully prepared, colour even on top, unlucky to be shady when parted at the sides 2 Broadhurst's Helenian Leesah, Chocolate Point Siamese female, good eye colour but eye

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shape too round, good head and chin, nice limbs and good long tail 3 A Hortense r Hickson's Foxmine Myabella, Colourpoint female, fair type, eyes rather pale, coat rather dark but of nice texture, nice to handle Radium kitten 4: (one abs) 1 D Dollwyn 2 Bennett's attractive Seal Point Siamese kit, Rushcroft Ral-latoo, nice close lying coat of soft texture, nice head, type and eye colour but eyes not of oriental shape, a lovely kitten to handle 3 Brad-

**Specialist club activities**

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of the year book. Will anyone who has not please let me know.

I am receiving a number of letters from non-members who request information but do not include a stamp for the reply. It is not fair that members' money, or mine, should be used for replying so I hope people will include a stamp. For some reason a number of offenders are schools.

A stamp should also accompany all applications for support and these applications must be in my hands three weeks before the show. C of M numbers should be advertised in the schedule, not the words 'Specialist Club support applied for'. Will secretaries please return forms I send to them as soon as possible after the show. A number of these are outstanding already this year.

The YSS will be at Sandbach Original, Cheshire (a very handy venue, about three miles from the M6) on September 20. Jeff Heap will judge. The ASS will be at Aylesbury on November 15 with Miss Radeaglia and K Ashford as judges. At both shows G Spooner will be doing our hosts' classes. Do please support the staging club's classes, they do help us.

At the moment membership is 278. Come on, members, help to increase this. We are a long way short of a possible membership. We have one member from the USA and one from Canada.

The club tie is now in the course of being made, I understand. It has been drawn out over a longer period than anticipated through the original firm to whom the order was placed going into liquidation.

Don't forget your donations to the F G Woodgate Memorial Trophy. I should like to see this offered at a show next year.

Also, don't forget entries for stock shows; help us to show a profit on them this year.

Will a few more members get started on articles for our year book next year, we can do with more of these, also advertisements. I was disappointed to see so few. I have had copies of the South West and also the Northern and they have done exceptionally well. Why not the National. It is not so expensive now at 17s 6d full page, 10s half page, 6s quarter page, and a breeder's card (one-eighth of a page) at 2s 6d; get going now. POP CAGE, 7 Eastleigh Road, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 3QR.

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The Northern Area Dwarf Club's first show of 1969 was held at Pudsey on July 12 and provided Mrs Wainwright, the judge, a total entry of 186. There were thirty-nine exhibits in the under fourteen weeks class which gives cause for optimism for the YSS at Bingley on August 13. Here, two club judges will be making their debuts, Mr T O Stratford and Mr J Hargrave. Both are experienced breeders of the Dwarf and I hope all fanciers will support them. There is a £1 special for best coloured.

At the F G Woodgate show at Pudsey John English, a juvenile member, took over the reins of show secretary for our section because I was engaged judging the Pudsey Section. Unaided, he did the lot. Surely here we have a future secretary for the Fancy. Thank you, John, for a first-class job.

Year books now to hand. Will any paid-up member who has not received a copy please let me know.

To any show secretary who has applied and not received show support, I apologise. I have been waiting for Cs of M from the printers. These have now been supplied so there should be no more delay.

I shall be attending the YSS at Bingley. Any member in hull who wishes to exhibit who can get his stock to my house, I will take and return it free of charge. There is still time for any member to donate a special but most of all let us have your rabbits at Bingley. Entries close on July 31. The full classification appeared in FUR AND FEATHER of July 17. KEN BEECROFT, 272 Boothferry Road, Heslle, E Yorks.

stock's Merlewood Tham-Sing, Tabby Point male kitten, nice head, type and eye colour but again eyes too round in shape, short coat of nice texture. I also judged the Long-hairs only in the Radium Cat Class No 160 instead of Mrs Newton, who, unfortunately was not well, and had to leave early **LONG HAIR** Radium cat 5: (one abs) 1 White's Wildfell Peter, attractive Cream male of gorgeous type, very good top of head with exceptionally neat well tufted ears, would like eyes a little bolder but of a gorgeous deep copper colour, excellent muzzle and chin, coat rather short and shady at present, beautiful temperament, a lovely cat to judge 2 J Vanessa 3 Shaw's Spring Heel Phoebus, Cream male with long very well groomed coat, unfortunately shady today, very good top of head and neat ears, good broad nose, would just like stronger chin r F Myabella. All my other classes were club classes. JEAN A HOGAN

**TAN DECISIONS**

THE NATIONAL TAN CLUB's young stock show was held at Aylesbury on June 21. Although we could have done with more entries it is nice to know we came out on the right side and made a small profit. Many thanks to the two judges, Jack Edwards and Ken Lettington, who gave their services free.

I have realised that several Tanners did not enter but were showing at other shows on the same day. The blues and lilacs once more had a bad entry and in two classes not enough entries to pay out the three prizes. If this goes on, the club may have to think about cutting them down to one class of each colour. The blacks always look after themselves and chocolates to a certain degree, but unless we get more entries in blues and lilacs at club shows something will have to be done. I have been against cutting them down to one class so we shall have to try to improve on the entries.

We had a good number of Tanners present, among them being C Berry, F Barton and John Davies (Manchester), Mr and Mrs Humphries, Glyn Johnson (Cinderford), H B Whitney, G Short and Bill Smith (Leighton Buzzard), Burton and Furnell (Northampton), Ken Lettington, Jack Edwards, Mrs King, Chas Morgan (Kent), Terry Allen and John Vivian (Cornwall), A E Williams (Essex), Miss Gillam Webb-Bailey (Luton).

Since my last list of donations for the Cyril Watson Trophy I have received £7 15s from Geoff Waite who received this amount from: Mr and Mrs W Faint £1, Peter Paint 5s, J Cliff 10s, H Grundy 10s, W Clipsham and Boys £3, Vic Eldridge £1, Messrs A and G Wearmouth 10s, Mr and Mrs J A Bluff £1. The following have sent me donations: Glyn Johnson £1, Ken Lettington £1, Fred Fuller £1, G Myers 10s, Mr and Mrs H Critchlow £1, H B Whitney £1, John Davis £1, E Spencer £1, Frank Howden £2 10s, Vauxhall (Luton Rabbit Club) via secretary £10. The total now stands at £65 12s. On behalf of all members, many thanks.

Next club show will be the All Tan at Bedford on August 9, followed by the adult show at Buxton.

The annual meeting was held at Aylesbury on June 21 with the president, C Berry, in the chair. The meeting started with all the members present standing for a minute's silence in memory of two past members, F G Woodgate and Cyril Watson. Apologies for not being able to attend the meeting came from Bernard Freestone, C W Holmes, G Watson and G Waite.

The following decisions were agreed on: The club will try to obtain badges.

The secretary will write to the secretary of Bradford championship show offering to pay expenses of the judge for Tans, provided members may choose the judge for this show through a ballot of National Tan Club members.

For future wins to qualify for a National Tan Club Championship there must be three exhibits in the Tan class, but if a Tan wins best fancy at any show where there are fewer than three in the class, the win will count toward a championship.

The word 'standard' will be added to the title as in the National Tan Year Book, to read 'Description and Standard of the ideal Tan Rabbit'.

The word Dutch will be removed from the Tan standard.

The following will be placed in the standard instead of 'Dutch', 'short and cobby, 10 points'.

A proposal that the weight of the Tan rabbit be 5 lb was lost, as was a proposal that a Tan weighing over 4½ lb should lose a number of points instead of being disqualified.

The London Championship Show was discussed and it was felt that it would not be fair to one of our regional clubs which had already fixed its date for 1969 to do anything about the show this year, but that the secretary write to the organisers to say the National would be interested in future years.

One guinea has been sent as a donation to the London show.

The president informed the meeting of the donation of £10 that the Luton Club had handed over for the Cyril Watson Trophy, being the proceeds of the show they had held when they had a special class on. The members present passed a vote of thanks to the Luton Club for their help.

The usual honorarium was granted to the secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Aylesbury Club for holding the show for us. BRYN JONES, Bushbury, Pendraw Place, Cyncoed, Cardiff.

**POLISH IN THE SOUTH**

DUE to the lack of publicity for the Southern Polish Club of late I offered my services as press representative, my offer has been

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