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# Cats and catdom

## WINNERS AT KENSINGTON

(Continued from last week's issue)

### Mrs M Giles's classes

The Kensington Kitten and Neuter show was as always beautifully run by Mrs B Barron, and attracted a huge entry. Congratulations to the show manager and committee for an excellent show despite the very hot day the exhibits looked cool and happy.

My grateful thanks to Mrs H Roberts for coming to steward for me. Without her help I am sure I should not have got through my large classes in such good time. It is always a pleasure to work with her.

**BURMESE BLUE MALE 2-5 mth 8:** (two abs) 1 Grant and FitzSimmonds's Sabra Blue Jasper, excellent type, good head and eye colour, well set ears, coat a little dark but a definite blue, good muscle, correct tail 2 Laurent's Dinham Damien, nice short wedge, good over all type, very good head and eye colour, coat a little dark, good tail 3 O'Brien's Oberon Shan, good head and eye colour, ears could be larger, slight pinch, probably due to teething, coat dark, good tail r Mack's Delcanto Blue Hamlet, very nice type, good rounded top of head, good eyes, coat a good colour, but appeared thin in places, good tail Female 2-5 mth 7: (four abs) 1 Every's Bosinver Lavender, very good type, lovely head and eye colour, best coat colour in the class, excellent tail, a promising kitten 2 Dell's Kupro Blue Kourra, this kitten was very nervous, so did not show to advantage, good top of head and eyes, ears a little small, coat rather dark, good tail 3 O'Neill's Morningstar Silver Shadow, young kitten of good type, good wedge and well placed ears, coat a little fawn, eyes still changing, tail fair Kitten 5-9 mth 5: 1 Horne's Baskins Blue Kotan, female, excellent type over all, lovely head and very good eye colour, lovely coat colour and texture, good tail 2 Holmes's Craigland Blue Mist, female, another very good kitten, nearly adult, nice body length, lovely head and ears, coat just a little fawn today, good tail, just lost to winner on eye colour 3 Gaffney's Panorama Ping-Pong, male, good type generally but ears a little on top of head, good eye colour, coat too fawn, good tail r Dell's Blue Dandi, male, good length body, good eyes and ears, jaw pinch today, coat too dark, good tail. I found that the coat colour of the Blue Burmese generally too dark, some in fact with a definite brownish tint. **SHORT HAIR AV Maiden Foreign male kitten 24:** (seven abs) 1 Laurent's Dinham Nadaloo Tyuang, Brown Burmese of excellent type, the best eye colour I have seen for some time, coat of lovely colour and texture, should have liked his tail to be a little longer for perfect balance 2 Wiseman's Madrigal Dougal, Red Abyssinian, good type, lovely coat colour, very well ticked, good head and lovely jaw shape, a little white round mouth 3 Mack's Delcanto, Andrea Chenier, Brown Burmese, good coat colour and texture, good head and eye colour, tail could be longer r Farguharson's Hatchgate Barley Sugar, Devon Rex of good type, lovely head and ears, coat quite thick and excellent tail AV Maiden Foreign female kitten 19: (eight abs) 1 Boal's Freefolk Tonya, Brown Burmese, excellent glossy coat of good colour, very nice head and ears, good eye colour, dainty paws, good tail 2 Innocent's Procul Koko, Brown Burmese, excellent coat colour, good head and ears, eyes a little green, correct tail 3 Cutter's Rojodance Amberwood, Abyssinian, good type, well ticked coat, nice ruddy undercoat, but necklet and rather too white on chest, good tail r O'Neill's Morningstar Isadora, Brown Burmese, young kitten, good coat colour for age, a little fluffy at present, eyes turning, good head and tail **NEUTER AV Foreign (ex Siamese, ex Premier) 28:** (five abs) 1 Middleton's Hellborus Niger, Brown Burmese, lovely young cat of excellent type, beautifully shaped head and ears, good eye colour and shape, close lying glossy coat of solid colour, correct tail 2 Mumford's Lohteyn Golden Boy, very attractive Cornish Rex, cream in colour, good type, nice head and eyes, good wavy coat and tail 3 Marshall's Andania Black Opal, Brown Burmese, nice head and eyes, lovely glossy coat but a little dark, good muscle and tail r Mumford's Burdach Maca, Cornish Rex, fair type, good head, quite good coat and excellent tail. MARGARET GILES

### Mrs M E Bastow's classes

Congratulations to the show manager and all her helpers for a wonderful show of kittens and neuters. I am sure it was a huge success. Many thanks also to Miss Spencer for stewarding again for me.

**TURKISH Kittens 6:** (Halliday and Martin abs) 1 Jarman's Kastamouhou Yalali, pure white coat, auburn markings on head with white blaze and two small patches on back, nicely rounded paws, ringed tail, ears upright and shell pink inside, nice round eyes, straight nose 2 Siddon's Tatvam Gulbin, another nice kitten but colours not such a rich auburn on a white coat, good shaped head, upright ears, ringed tail, nicely coloured

eyes changing colour 3 Lushington's Van Sisi pure white coat, pale markings on face and ringed tail, good type, nice round eyes, ears upright r Martin's Gelidonya Karides, white soft coat, small auburn marks on back and one side of head, ringed tail, type good, also ear placement **LH AOV Kitten 7:** (Britton and Ellis, Harris abs) 1 Ashton's Donbank Perigrine, attractive Blue Chinchilla, delicately ticked coat, nicely marked on face, small neat ears, round eyes, lacks muzzle and chin at present 2 Harding's Mingchui Bonzo, Self chocolate, coat fairly sound except a little paler on frill, good shaped head, neat ears, nice eyes for colour and shape, nice short tail 3 Joslin's Beverley Chocolate Poppet, a wee kitten, chocolate coat was fairly sound, neat little ears, nice eyes, short little tail r Harding's Mingchui Osari, Self chocolate but coat changing colour, round open eyes, small ears, nice typed kitten **LH BLUE Pairs 2:** 1 Dexter's Exhuma Blue Peter and Proud Penny, both had pale blue coats, Peter showed a slight temperamental mark, nice ears well placed, round open eyes cobbily built; Penny very similar but sounder coat, and better kitten of the two 2 Williams's Willanbet Ivan and Imogen, older kittens, coats were fairly sound, neat ears well set apart, nice eyes, again very similar in type **LONG HAIR AC Novice (ex Self) male 12:** (Stone abs) class split 1 Harding's Mingchui Mola, very nice SP Colourpoint, soft textured coat, points well defined, good type, short little nose, full cheeks, firm chin, pale eye colour 2 Newick's Khranwick Iceburg, Chinchilla kitten with very softly ticked coat, good shaped head, nice round eyes, short little tail, brick tip to nose 3 Wright's Osiris Timothy, SP Colourpoint, rather dark down back but soft silky texture, good contrasts, very neat ears, eyes round but pale in colour r Taghioff's Khranwick Doncella, an attractive Chinchilla, long flowing coat, delicately ticked, wide open eyes of good colour, nice type, brick tipped little nose AC Novice (ex Blue, ex Self) female 30: (Lambert, Galloway, Sharp, Wright, Bentinck, Rolls abs) 1 Ashurst's Cargoe's Miss Goodytwo shoes, pale coated Blue Cream, well intermingled even her feet, type excellent, neat ears, well set apart, good round copper eyes, firm chin, full cheeks, cobbily built, well presented 2 Rolls's Pasha Sheba Starlet, sweet little Chinchilla with nice soft coat lightly ticked, very good type, neat ears, round shaped head, nice eyes changing colour 3 K Yalali 4 Howe's Honeyist Tiamaria, Blue Cream with well intermingled coat including paws, neat ears, short nose, round copper eyes, cobby 5 Hughes's Beaumont Shaneen, SP Colourpoint, coat a little brindled down back, points dark and well defined, short nose, round head, neat ears, good type, but pale eye colour 6 Absalom's Brynbuboo Easter Girl, Brown Tabby with soft coat, very nicely marked, a little shady on side, but very attractive exhibit, round head, full cheeks, appealing eyes r Clark's Tabask Desert Flower, sweet little Blue Cream, well intermingled coat, neat ears, short little nose, firm chin, full cheeks, excellent type **NEUTER AC LH Special limit 19:** (Hayes, Shepard, Jones abs) 1 Green's Georgian Eowyn, Blue with rather shady coat but has excellent type, good top of head, neat well placed ears, full cheeks, short broad nose, strong muzzle 2 Pither's Bonbon Rajah, lovely SP Colourpoint, excellent type, soft textured coat, rather dark but points well defined, good eye colour, strong chin and muzzle 3 Whitley's Sonata Titus, dense blue sleek coat, very good type, round copper eyes, neat well placed ears, would like a firmer chin 4 Graham's Van Bayan, Turkish Cat, coat rather coarse down back but white with auburn markings on head and ringed tail, ears held upright, straight nose r Shepard's Willowglen Tiger Tim, Red Tabby, very nicely marked head but solid down back, a rich coloured coat, full cheeks, round shaped head, nice eyes for colour and shape. MARGARET E BASTOW

### Mrs M Mackenzie's classes

My congratulations to Mrs Barron, committee and helpers on a superb show. My grateful thanks to Mr Trevor, who is a wonderful steward.

**LH BROWN TABBY 2:** 1 Absalom's Brynbuboo Easter Girl, good type, good chin and full coat, but at the moment colours not defined, when coat clears should do well (abs, Lambert) **LH RED TABBY 2:** They were very disappointing—more like red Sells, 1 Chetwynd's Wymmoor Melitia, coat quite a good colour, nose could be shorter, lacks chin 2 Baker's Opus Goldie, coat too pale, type fair (abs, Bruton) **LH TORTIE or TORTIE and WHITE 3:** 1 Robinson's Lambear Easter Bonnet, well patched coat but needs more red, excellent type, good chin, eyes turning, short broad nose, one solid paw 2 Rosell's Bruton Carnival, Tortie and White, good patches but more white needed, nice type 3 Chetwynd's Wymmoor Fleur, Tortoise-



Crookes Trophy winners at Kensington Kitten and Neuter Show (left to right): Mrs C Ashurst with Cargoe's Miss Goodytwo shoes (best long-hair award); Mrs B Burlton with Bru Bur Marmora (best Siamese kitten); Mrs M Laurent with Dinham Nadaloo Tyuang (best short-hair trophy)

shell, coat much too dark, fair type **AOC LH (EX SELF) PREMIER 16:** A superb array of neuters. Nearly all worthy of prizes. All of them well groomed and shown to perfection, 1 pr Whitley's pr Bonavia Balthazar, well known Chinchilla with a wonderful winter coat, full long and sparkling, he looked so hot too with it 2 Shepard's Willowglen Tiger Tim, deep rich red coat, excellent type, short nose, good chin, good eye 3 Pither's Bonbon Rajah, Seal Point Colourpoint, excellent type, neat ears, broad nose, good muzzle, superb coat, deep blue eyes, full brush 4 Graham's Van Bayan, Turkish, beautiful coat with correct auburn marks, pink nose, ears and ringed tail r Pullen's Chadhurst Red Charmer, excellent type, good chin, neat ears, good eye for shape and colour, deep red coat (abs, Hubbard, Jones, Anderson). The rest of my classes were club ones but I must mention a beautiful British Blue, Pr Blue Joss, a Turkish, Van Coulbin, a Blue, Peela Fiona, and an enormous White, Osiris Apollo with blue eyes. (Mrs) M MACKENZIE

### Mrs H Dadd's classes

Mrs Barron and her show committee are to be congratulated on a very successful show. Everything ran smoothly and to time in spite of the heat, which was excessive for the cats. Among Siamese once again the Blue Points were ahead in quality—a class of Blue Point male kittens were superb and I would have liked to have given three firsts. There were a few bad cases of ear canker. I consider this to be quite inexcusable as it is simple to clear up but so painful to the cats who have it. Many thanks to my steward, Mrs Dessauer. I hope she enjoyed the day as much as I did.

**SIAMESE LILAC POINT male 3-9 mth:** 1 Appleby's Tamaris Apollo, lovely condition, good straight head, very good eye shape and colour, firm jaw, good whip tail, lovely temperament, best Lilac kitten, good coat colour and texture 2 Follett's Joylongdee Dorchester, good long body, lovely coat colour and texture, good wedge head, eyes could be a shade deeper and tail a little longer 3 Voght-Chapman's Procul Kun-shan, good type, good coat colour, long whip tail, eyes rather pale, very nervous indeed r Gregory's Marlyn's Romantic, lovely straight head, well set ears, very good eye colour and shape, good coat colour and texture Female 3-9 mth: 1 Appleby's Tamaris Amartyllis, good body length and whip tail, dainty paws, very good coat colour and texture, good straight profile 2 Clarke's Craigiehillock Petunia, lovely type, wonderful whip, beautiful coat colour and texture, good straight head, well set ears, lovely temperament, eyes rather pale 3 Palmer's Viva Jessie McBeath, lovely coat texture and colour, fine paws, head and tail, both need length r Thompson's Paramount Pixie, good long body, tail a little thick, good eye colour and shape, good coat colour **COLOURPOINT Novice 3-9 mth male or female:** 1 Drury's Druries Marchionissa, good long body and tail, pale coat, good head with straight profile, fine paws 2 Ball's Fangom Silver Fleur, lovely temperament, very good eye colour, straight profile, good type, long whip, good coat 3 Bell's Seawitch Chocolate Cameo, good long body and tail, good coat colour and texture, fair head, eyes a little pale, lovely temperament Humphris's Patrician Lucinda, good type, very good coat colour and texture, good points colour, good whip tail, good eye colour with tendency to squint AC Novice Neuter: 1 Mann's Druries Julius, Blue Point, beautiful head and profile, lovely eye shape, good long body and tail, rather cross 2 Cullen's Patrician Madonna, very good condition, fine, long body and tail, dainty paws, good eye colour but rather round, good wedge head but would like a little more length 3 Wakeford's Seebec Kinky Boy, lovely temperament, very good coat colour and texture, long fine body, good

head and profile, tiny kink in tail, slightly brindled r Shewbridge's Tamruat Alpa Kumara, Colour Point, beautiful coat colour and texture, good whip, lovely eye colour and shape, nice head, long body, mask a bit brindled. HELEN DADD

### Mrs L J A Price's classes

Many thanks to the show manager, Mrs Barron and the committee and officers of the club for a very enjoyable show. The standard was high and I was sorry to have to leave many good kittens cardless owing to the keen competition. It must be very gratifying to the winners to realise that their kittens were of very high standard to win anything. My thanks to Mrs Silson; it was nice to have her working with me once again. Her efficient help enabled me to complete my judging, I am sure I could not have done so without her experienced assistance. Mrs Barron and her helpers are to be congratulated on the smooth running of best in show.

**SIAMESE SEAL POINT 3-6 mth Female 20:** Abs, Dack, Deakin, Hewlett 1 Braggins's Plumé Girraween, lovely head and profile, ears the right size and correctly held, dainty paws, good tail, lovely eye colour 2 Macalister's Kuala Dawn, good head, excellent profile, good tail, dainty paws, a very close second, very well balanced and promising 3 Chambers's Tibaan Damask Rose, another promising kitten, good head and profile, good tail, excellent paws, today tail was rather brindled 4 Phillips's Sulin Tonya, another kitten of good type, very sound and well balanced r Thurman and Hefferman's Seawitch Delilah, good all round type, lovely texture of coat, a little too thin, very promising **SEAL POINT female 6-9 mth 6:** Abs, Chandler, Denny, Sayer 1 Beach's Marshbrook Ming, good head and profile, good points, good type generally 2 Andriez's Physalis Genista, longer head than winner, good type generally but brindling put her down to second place today 3 Hall's Sanskrit Gabriella, good head and profile, nice paws, eyes tend to be rather round **BLUE POINT Breeders male 13:** 1 Froom's Druys Brorup, lovely head and profile, shape of eyes very good, ears very well held, good tail, a very promising and attractive kitten, I found him quite fascinating, he appeared to have so much character 2 Imiach's Chalmi Towkay, excellent head and profile, elegant paws, good tail 3 Haywood's Maytime Blue Perry, a very well balanced kit, I would have preferred slightly larger ears Female 8: Abs, Farley 1 Burliton's Bru-Bur Marmora, very good head and profile, dainty paws, excellent tail, very good texture of coat, beautifully presented in excellent condition 2 Haywood's Maytime Blue Misty, good head, dainty paws, good tail, very well balanced 3 Fellow's Karawong Picotte, very dainty, good type generally, promising. Though I am not supposed to report on club classes I feel I must comment on the outstanding Tortie-point Asuni Ki-sin. I was very much impressed by her quality and her breeders are to be congratulated. L J A PRICE

### Miss I S Sherlock's classes

As usual this show was a pleasant and well managed event. The hall was rather warm in the afternoon, but who grumbles at a summer when we do get one, except perhaps those poor, dreadfully obese neuters who had their tongues out. Why are their owners so cruel as to let them get so monstrous. Generally, I found exhibits well groomed and presented. Here and there was the exception, one or two with grubby feet and hocks, the odd knot, some whose ears had been treated and the surrounding fur not dealt with, one flea, caught and drowned, and one coat which presumably had been allowed to become badly matted and then stripped bare. His new coat was insufficient to cover the erstwhile bare areas. To the exhibitors who gave me such huge entries



many thanks and a very big thank you to my very efficient steward, Mrs Rosell, who must have walked miles and been very tired.

**WHITE, BLUE or ORANGE-EYED** 2-6 mth 11: I think the Blue-eyed should have been separate as all three were worthy of prizes, as it was there were only three between the eleven, a fairly level lot with one exception which I regarded as over typed, and it was definitely slightly undershot, this can be detrimental to the breed, and therefore undesirable. 1 Howe's Honeymist Snow Skier, excellent type, good eye colour, neat well set ears, nice length of tail, profuse fine coat, a nicely balanced exhibit 2 Stevens's Mystral Sir Echoe, well-grown Blue-eyed with good depth of eye colour, good type, nice pure coat, well shown 3 Tapp's Goravon Snow Queen, good type with nice neat ears, excellent coat, good tail, eyes a little pale at present 1 Stevens's Mystral Snow King, not much between him and Sir Echoe, not quite so good all over type, eye colour one shade paler, and furnishings a little shorter 6-9 mth 2: one abs 2 Baker's Opus Celestine, at a rather difficult stage, fair type, medium eye colour, ears rather large and open, needed more care for presentation White odd-eyed 2-9 mth 1: 1 Stevens's Mystral Traveller, good type and well grown, eyes changing but both colours promise to be good. My other seven classes were club ones and I found some very attractive Creams and Blue Creams, especially the babies, also some nice Chinchillas, and one very nice Tortie. On reading the catalogue some of these kits were entered in fourteen or more classes. Is it really fair or kind to them—so much handling by strangers? Ought there to be a limit? Perhaps owners should give it some serious thought. IDA S SHERLOCK

**Miss A Rickson's classes**

**SIAMESE TABBY POINT** Male 3-6 mth: 1 Humphrey's Greenleaf Geronimo, elegant long bodied kitten, fine wedge well carried on long neck, very firm chin, well set ears, oriental eyes of beautiful colour, fine well ringed whip, long legs, spoon feet, well defined points of matching colour, coat a little open, a most promising kitten, and my best exhibit. 2 Duck's Starshine Pancho, another excellent kitten, good wedge, really beautiful eye shape and colour, good ear set, firm chin, long body and legs, good whip, excellent coat texture, points colour rather uneven 3 Palmer's Viva Jupiter Boy, good head length with slight pinch, well set ears, eyes rather round and pale, tail a little thick, good body length, rather heavy bones, well defined points r Yorke's Reoky Jnala, nice head, ears a little small, good eye shape, tail rather short, good points Female 3-9 mth: 1 Ball's Fangorn Silver Flux, very attractive blue with beautiful matching points colour, excellent wedge with firm chin, lovely eye shape and colour, very good ear set, fine legs and feet, very good whip 2 Yorke's Reoky Melody, lovely wedge, good ear set, eyes oriental shape a little pale, long body, very dainty legs and feet, lovely whip, ran winner very close, points not quite so well defined, but a very promising elegant little girl 3 Messer's Abuno, wedge rather narrow at muzzle, excellent ear set, eyes rather pale, long body, dainty feet matching points colour, ears lacked a thumb mark r Wiltshire's Reoky Serafina, good long head, ear set rather high, pale fine coat, points not well defined as yet AOD 3-9 mth: 1 Allen's Starfall Carousel, Tortie/Tabby, good head length, slight pinch, eyes round and rather pale, well set ears, good coat texture, nice whip 2 Wiseman's Contented Golden Hind, Cream Point, much too British in head, lovely coat, rather heavy boned **RADIUS** AC Siamese kitten: 1 Howard's Physalis Hycilla, very good little Blue Point, good wedge with excellent eye colour and shape, ear set a little high, lovely points and coat colour, excellent whip 2 Appleby's Tamaris Apollo, very good head length, slight pinch, eyes a little round, very good profile, good whip, excellent points colour 3 Flynn's Greenleaf Pocahontas, very dainty little CP, very good head with firm chin, well set ears, long neck, points colour a little too dark r Clarke's Sahreen Saltash, nice head, very good eye shape and colour, pale whisker pads, nice whip. My sincere congratulations to Mrs Barron and her committee on the excellent running of this delightful show, and my most grateful thanks to Mrs Shirley Bullock who is everything that one could hope for in a steward. ANNE RICKSON

**Mrs Phyllis Hughes's classes**

Congratulations to Mrs Barron and her committee on another successful show. The New Hall is spacious and although it was a very warm day the kittens did not appear to be distressed. My grateful thanks to Mrs Christmas who handled the kittens so gently and carried out her duties as steward with much efficiency. I hope she will steward for me again.

**REX CORNISH:** 1 Spencer's Chah-Ming Encounter, very nice blue-cream for colour, rexing of coat and head type, straight nose, upright ears, good eyes for shape and colour, slim legs and neat feet, curly whiskers 2 Hilleard's Elan Lady Hamilton, excellent

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**HELENE and IAN HOWARD,  
61 Springfield Drive, Barkingside,  
Essex.**

type tortie, difficult to separate from above, good coat, tail and eye shape, colour could be brighter 3 Hilleard's Elan Lord Nelson, unmarked blue, curly on back, rather flat coated on flanks, very good type head and oriental eyes r Ashford's Annelida Hermes, green-eyed blue, excellent ears, nose, legs and tail, white locket **SHORT HAIR** AV Breeders Foreign 24: 1 Laughter's Jennymay Bayard, Russian, typical head with whisker pads and good wedge, well set ears, oriental green eyes, excellent colour and texture coat, nice body shape with slim legs 2 Hyde's Florentine M'bele, Chestnut, rich colour for so young a kitten, glossy and even, good eye colour, promising type head and ears 3 Marshall's Kogeni Achilles, Burmese, excellent coat colour and texture, correct eye colour, rounded top of head with good ear placement, fair wedge 4 Quinton's Linqunda Quixote, Abyssinian, lovely warm colour, well banded, few marks under arms, sharp ears and expressive eyes, tail could be longer 5 Smith's Magamba Argus, Burmese, attractive colour and texture, lovely body shape and tail, fair wedge **NEUTER** AC British SH: 1 pr Bennett's Pr Brynuboo Blue Joss, excellent British Blue, even in colour and short firm coat, round orange eyes, good width of head, a worthy best in show winner 2 Richards's Pensylva Cheyham Chamer, close second, equal in merit for coat, eyes and head type, slightly barred tail 3 Sutherland's Ch Kita's Dandelion, Tortie of bright colouring, would like more patches on face, excellent type head with neat ears r Richards's Pr Bambi's Mischief, unmarked Cream, perfect for type of head and body, coat a little open and eyes pale, not surprising, considering this cat is ten years old. A very fine exhibit nevertheless. PHYLLIS HUGHES

**Mrs E Menezes's classes**

Many thanks to Mrs Barron for a very happy and enjoyable show. I thank my steward, Mrs Lorna Connor, who came all the way from N Ireland, for her support and whose company I enjoyed so much.

**ABYSSINIAN** Male: 1 Quinton's Linqunda Quixote, very well ticked, chin pale, good eyes and ears, colour good, slight bars on front legs which should fade 2 Chapman's Karnak Kharia, well set ears, good shaped head, nice eyes, good tail, coat colour not ruddy enough, bars on legs Female: 1 Wiseman's Contented Infanta, good ticking and colour, white chin, good head, well set ears, good length tail, dainty kitten 2 Barrett's Philos Cornelian, good colour, ticking very good, very little white, good eyes and ears, head a little short, nice kitten 3 Braggini's Flume Electra, dainty kitten, ticking quite good, head a little short, kink to tail, good ears r Cutler's Rojodanco Amberwood, ticking quite good, short head, very heavy barring on all legs, a bad fault **RED ABYSSINIAN:** 1 Wiseman's Madrigal Dougal, ticking quite good, nice head, very little white, colour could be richer 2 Braggini's Flume Eros, best colour in class, rather heavier type, ticking good, head a little short, white chin, slight bars which should fade, very friendly kitten, good eyes and ear set 3 Treadingham's Bernina Red Hansel, ticking not good enough, back rather self coloured, nice head, good eyes and ears, good tail, colour could be richer. I also liked very much Sayer's Dandyat Hula Dancer, a very nice Chestnut Brown Foreign female of lovely type, beautiful colour; also Hyde's Florentine M'bele, another sweet little Chestnut which I think will grow up to be a beautiful boy; and Higgins's Zephyr Dronysia, lovely Brown

Spotted female, very well spotted and lovely type. EDITH MENEZES

**Mrs E V E Burrows's classes**

This was a beautifully organised show, run by Mrs B Barrow and her willing helpers. Thank you for a most enjoyable day among the lovely kittens and neuters.

Many thanks to my excellent steward, Mrs E Richardson, who handled the kittens like the true cat lover she is.

**LH BLUE** Female 2-3 mth 6: (abs, Sharp) 1 Worth's Rojodanco Little Bo-Peep, very nice babe with really lovely bold copper eyes, small well tufted ears with good width between, strong chin, sound long silky coat, brush good but darker than coat, the physique of this kit was outstanding for age 2 Dexter's Exhuma Proud Penny, very pretty kitten, lovely head, with tiny well tufted ears, good chin and nose, beautifully prepared long silky pale coat, short brush, would like larger eyes, colour yet to come 3 Aiken's Bounside Blue Alicia, another very sweet kitten with a lovely head and small well tufted ears, little broad nose, eye colour yet to come, beautifully groomed long pale coat, short brush r Worth's Rojodanco Cuddly-Babe, lovely eyes for shape and colour, nice head, small ears, coat very sound and well groomed vhc Durbin's Niveveh May Queen, pretty kitten, lovely eyes for shape and colour, good chin, coat very unsound, would like more width between ears Female 3-6 mth 4: (abs, Aitken) 1 Cordell's Moonshine of Dunesk, lovely little girl, grand head, small well tufted ears with good width between, very deep chin, full fat cheeks, good eyes, eye colour turning well, very sound long silky coat of nice shade of blue, broad little nose, my best blue kitten 2 Metcalf's Peela Fiona, another lovely girl, really lovely head, tiny ears with good width between, good broad nose, strong chin, nice eyes for shape, colour coming in well, nice brush but darker than body 3 Williams's Willanbet Imogen, very good chin, nice eyes, coat darker in colour but sound and silky, well prepared, nose rather straight, good brush **LONG HAIR** AC Team (inc Blue): kitten: (abs Sheard, Fawell, Sharp, MacDonald, Harding) 1 Dexter, lovely Blue girl and very good Cream, Blue has a coat of nice shade and even, good eyes for shape and colour; Cream, lovely eyes, eye colour changing well, nice head, good fat cheeks, all in grand condition 2 Clarke's very nice Blue male, very good coat, nice head, eyes turning well, good type; Cream, pale sound coat, good eyes changing colour; nice Blue Cream, fairly well intermingled, short brush, would like larger eyes, fair head and chin 3 Sutton's three Blue babes of good type, all males, medium colour, sound coats, nice eyes, good shape and colour 4 Joslin's two male Colourpoints, one female, lovely condition, nice chubby babes, lovely blue eyes, nice type and points coming in nicely r Stephenson's two Cream females and one Blue Cream, the Creams had lovely pale even coats, short broad noses, nice fat cheeks, good chins, lovely eyes for shape, colour changing nicely; Blue Cream, lovely eyes, one solid blue paw, coat fair, type fair r Stevens trio of White males, two Blue-eyed, one odd-eyed, all had sparkling white coats, in splendid condition, type fair. All the kittens I handled were in good condition and well presented. ENID V E BURROWS

**Dr I Raleigh's classes**

As good a show as one would expect from Mrs Barron and her experienced helpers. The standard of the exhibits was no better and no worse than in most other years but one thing which gave me a lot of satisfaction was the definite improvement in coat colours in the Tabby Points. Breeders have been wise enough to take good advice; and the Jacob's Coat effect is on its way out. My grateful thanks to Mrs Pat Neale, a hard-working, courteous and experienced steward.

**SIAMESE AOC** Kitten 3: 1 Brown's Khan Misty Ling, cream Tortie Point of fair type, good eye colour and good ear placement, well mingled colour on points except on paws which were rather too solid, good tail 2 Allen's Startall Carrousel, similar cat of better type than winner but having an uneven and unattractive body colour and a short tail 3 Wiseman's Contented Golden Hind, another cat of similar colour but nose too short, otherwise of good type, good light coat, even points and good tail **TABBY POINT** Breeders kitten 12: 1 Palmer's Vivav Jupiter Boy, very well grown and attractive kitten, very good head and ears, good eyes, light close coat, good profile, well marked coat pattern correctly placed and of good colour, good whip tail 2 Yorke's Reoky Jnala, chocolate Tabby of good type, very even points of true colour, lovely coat and good tail, ran winner very close 3 Thomas's Earlsmount Pansy Potter, fair type having well placed ears and good eyes but a bit shallow in profile, absence of chocolate in points colouring, attractive thumbmarks and good tail **RED or TORTIE POINT** Breeders kitten 5: (two abs) 1 Rimmer's Suni Ki-Sin, attractive Tortie, good ears and head but eyes a bit too round, points fairly well broken on light coat, dainty paws and good tail 2 Evelyn's Kernow Red Rudhyk, gorgeous Red Point, unfortunately a bit weak in chin but very attractive

nevertheless, points of very good shade and evident on front paws, lovely coat and tail but eyes rather bold for perfection 3 Sayer's Solitaire Red Balas, Red Point of fair colour but weak of chin, good eye shape and colour but kink in tail **BLUE POINT** Novice kitten 25: (four abs) 1 Furber's Careviale Crown Jewel, excellent head and well set ears, very good profile, even points of good shade, lovely light coat and excellent whip tail ex 1 Burlington's Bru-Bur Marson, male of excellent type, points slightly on dark side but excellent close and light coat, very good eye shape and eyes of good colour, good whip tail, in such a large class of diverse ages an extra first was justified 2 Deakin's Sundance Lucille, good head and well placed ears, lovely light coat but points a trifle dark, very good tail 3 name and owner not in catalogue 4 Farnsworth's Honorwood Cleopatra, good type and fair coat, points even and of quite good shade, good tail 5 Imlach's Chalmi Tambi, very friendly and attractive kitten, very fair type and good points but not of uniform shade, good tail 6 Smith's Whitrose Tarkas, nice little male having well matched points but too dark a coat, good type and well placed ears, good eyes and whip AC Maiden kitten 30: I am sorry to see such large classes and such a wide age spread in which the younger kittens stand much less chance than the older ones. No doubt due to shortage of judges 1 Bell's Seawitch Chocolate Cameo, excellent Chocolate Point, good eye shape and colour and generally very good type, lovely light coat and whip tail 2 Furber 3 Warren 4 Wiltshire's Reoky Seraphim, attractive LP, good head and ears, good eyes, good colour throughout and fine whip tail 5 Drury's Druries Jemima, very good CP, good type but slight pinch, fair points colour, good light coat and good tail 6 Sayer's Edwardian Sweet Lavender, fine top of head and good eye shape and colour, good points colour, coat and tail **RADIUS** AV SH Neuter (incl Siamese) 30: (three abs) 1 Hilleard's Elan Lysander, lovely Rex, finely curled coat of excellent colour, lovely eyes of matching shade, tail a bit thin today 2 Middleton's Heliborus Niger, lovely Burmese with excellent eye colour and a most uniformly shaded coat of lovely sheen, dainty paws, overall good type and good tail 3 Gersten's Mayfield Pearl, beautiful Siamese, fine top of head and very good profile, smooth coat and good tail 4 From's Dordon Remus, handsome BP, coat a bit dark but of very good texture, good type with good eyes and whip tail 5 Brock's Pussinboots Sirocco, attractive Burmese, coat rather patchy in places, good type but eyes not of right colour **NEUTER AOC SIAMESE** 1: 1 Wilson's attractive Tabby Point of excellent type, lovely eye shape and colour but coat somewhat patchy **SIAMESE AC** Kitten 6: (abs, Denny) 1 Bell 2 Beach's Marshbrook Ming, good SP female, excellent eye shape and colour and good ear set, well contrasted coat and good tail 3 Strawford's Marshbrook Tiawan, good SP female of good general type but having a rather open coat today, dense even points and good whip. 1 RALEIGH

**Mrs O Ruffell's classes**

Mrs Barron is to be congratulated on the management of what must surely be the largest show for kittens and neuters held anywhere, but she encompassed the record number of entries with her usual efficiency. I thank Miss Brown for acting as my steward at the last moment and for looking after me so well. It was the first time that Miss Brown had stewarded and I certainly hope to have her again.

It was a delight to see such lovely Blue Cream kittens, also the lovely Creams I encountered in my side classes. If they are true to promise there should be some beautiful adults on the show bench.

**LH BLUE CREAM** Kitten 2-3 mth 5: 1 Clarke's Tabask Desert Flower, a sweet little babe, just two months old, beautifully blended coat except for a small cream patch on one side of face, colour broken on paws, lovely head and tiny ears, good round eyes, eye colour not determined yet 2 Howes's Honeymist Tiamaria, another good kitten, ran winner close, well blended coat, not quite such a good head, rather narrow between ears, large round eyes showing great promise of being a good colour 3 Munroe's Mignonette of Dunesk, nicely blended coat, two solid blue legs, good head, just at the age to prick ears, giving a narrow appearance to head, promising eye colour r Stephenson's Ashdown Spring Posy, nice little kitten, coat rather blue today but the cream will show through later, lovely round eyes of promising colour Kitten 3-6 mth 3: (one abs) 1 Ashurst's Cargoes Miss Goodytwo shoes, a dream of a kitten, beautifully blended pastel coat, lovely round well balanced head, tiny widely spaced ears, large round eyes which already show promise of being a deep copper, faultlessly groomed, my nomination for best kitten, an honour which she later won 2 Howes's Honeymist Silver Sequin, coat quite well blended, slight cream frill under chin, head appeared rather narrow, lovely round eyes of promising colour **LONG HAIR** AC Maiden (ex Blue) female kitten 18: (five abs) 1 Tapp's Goravon Melania, Orange-eyed White, beautifully groomed, coat of pure colour, lovely (continued on following page)



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head and bright eye colour, cobby body 2 Clarke's Tabask Wild Honey, Cream sister to Desert Flower with the same good type, coat of good colour, just faint marks on forelegs 3 Sharp's Blyth Honey, little Cream with coat of pure colour, slight marks which should fade out, nice round eyes and promising eye colour 4 Howes's Honeyismist Tanyana, nice little Cream, good head, small neat ears r Fawell's Barwell Flora, another Cream babe, lovely type and good colour, shows faint bars. I was sorry to leave so many good kittens careless AC Maiden (ex Blue) female kitten (split): C Miss Goodytwohoes 2 T Desert Flower 3 Hopkinson's Bonavia Cassandra, well groomed beautifully ticked Chinchilla, cobby body, good head, brick nose, promising eye colour 4 Mignonette of D 5 Siddons's Tatvan Gulbin, Turkish kitten, coat of pure white of nice texture, nice head, white ears and good body markings r Robinsons's Lamber Easter Bonnet, Tortie, nice type and good eyes, quite well patched, shows faint tabby markings on head AC Maiden (ex Blue) male kitten 23: (four abs) 1 Whyte's Bianco Pilot, Smokey, lovely type, cobby body, small ears on a well balanced head, promising eyes, from its colouring should develop into a good adult 2 Taghioff's Khranwick Doncella, well grown Chinchilla kitten with a beautifully ticked coat, quite good type, promising eye colour 3 Wright's Osiris Timothy, Seal Colourpoint, the best I handled today for type, good colour contrast, promising eye colour r Moseley's Khranwick Little Baron, another Chinchilla, litter brother to Doncella with nicely ticked coat, type just not quite so good NEUTER AC LH Spayed female 9: (two abs) a class of lovely cats 1 Staples's Canella Zelah, lovely Blue with a well balanced head, small widely placed ears, strong chin and muzzle, large round eyes of deep copper, good coat for time of year 2 Bull's Pr Snowwhite Camellia, well known White, lovely type, brilliant eye colour, coat not quite at its best today 3 Plews's Ch Tewhit Camellia, well known Cream with a pale coat, broad top of head, neat ears, nose rather short, good eye colour, a pity this is neutered r Green's Georgian Eowyn, Blue, coat a nice medium shade, good type, well balanced head, round eyes of good colour **SUPPORTERS AC LH Kitten 10:** 1 Metcalfe's Peela Fiona, attractive little Blue with a nice pale coat, good head, small ears, promising eyes, well groomed 2 Sharp's Blyth Honey, nice little pale coated Cream, lovely head and promising eye colour, well groomed 3 Brunton's Dainty of Dunask, another Cream, lovely type, good head and eyes r T Gulbin. OLIVIA RUFFELL

**Miss M L Rodda's classes**

The Kensington show was as usual a happy well run event. Congratulations and thanks to the show manager and committee for an enjoyable day. Grateful thanks to my excellent steward, Mr Shewbridge, for his help throughout the day.

**COLOURPOINT** Male 2-6 mth: 1 Cartmell and Singleton's Moonvale Minkus, nice type, young kitten, good nose, neat ears, nice texture and colour of coat, eyes a little pale 2 Wright's Osiris Timothy, nice type, well placed ears, good points, eyes a little pale 3 Harding's Mingchui Mola, good head, nicely textured coat, good points, eyes pale, would have been placed higher but for a small defect at end of tail 4 Harding's Mingchui Nief, good nose and chin, well placed ears, eyes pale, coat a little cloudy Female 2-6 mth: 1 Bubwith's Ryarsh Sunsil, excellent type, well placed ears, good nose and chin, nicely textured coat, good points, short tail 2 Hughes's Beaumist Shansen, good type, neat ears, nice coat, good points, pale eyes, tail could be shorter 3 Harding's Mingchui Nial, nice type, wide-awake eyes, good nose and chin, nicely textured coat r Nicholas and Trevor's Beaupre Chantelle, nice nose, good chin, pale eyes, good coat and points Kitten 6-9 mth: 1 Cartmell and Singleton's Minchui Nola, nice type, good points, very pale eyes, tail rather long (abs, Crockett, Bentinck) **BIRMAN** Kitten: 1 Fisher's Praha Kraping, good type, nice colour and shape of eyes, good head, correct marking on good textured coat **NEUTER PREMIER AOC LH SELF:** 1 Pr Tobich's Osiris Apollo, massive Blue-Eyed White, excellent type, pure full coat, short nose, good top of head, good coloured eyes, short tail 2 Bull's Pr Snowwhite Camellia, excellent type, well placed neat ears, short broad nose, good muzzle, eyes a little deep set, full pure coat 3 Whitley's Sonata Titus, dense black coat, good texture, lovely eyes, neat well placed ears, good nose and chin, tail rather long r Plews's Ch Tewhit Camellia, very short nose, good eyes, neat ears, coat shady, slight bars on legs **LH BLUE** Breeders Male kitten: 1 Foster's Finchfield Vagabond, good type, well placed, neat ears, nice eyes, good nose and chin, sound coat, short tail 2 Orpin's Robhurst Rohan, sound coat, eyes good colour but a little small, good nose, could have stronger chin 3 Knight's Mooncoin Trumpster, good top of head, nice eyes, good nose r Clarke's Tabask Persian Treasure, good type, neat ears, eyes a little small,

nically textured coat Breeders female kitten: 1 Metcalfe's Peela Fiona, excellent type, small well placed ears, nice open eyes, good nose, full coat 2 Dexter's Exhuma Proud Penny, good chin, sound pale coat 3 Worth's Rojodanco Little Bo Peep, nice type, good nose and chin, neat ears, fairly sound coat r Williams's Willanbet Imogen, excellent eyes, ears a little open at base, good nose and chin, sound coat **LH GRANU PREMIER:** T Whitley's Pr Bonavia Bathazar, well known lovely Chinchilla, excellent type, full lightly ticked coat, in excellent condition 2 Pr S Camellia (abs, Shepard) **VISITORS AV LH r SH Neuter:** 1 Bennett's Pr Brynbuboo Blue Joss, excellent type, close sound coat, good eyes, nice head 2 Pr S Camellia 3 Lewis's Arastro, good head, slim legs, good colour, close coat in excellent condition r Rawlings's Ardwyn Cyrus, nice type, well placed ears, good nose and chin, nice eyes. M L RODDA

**Mrs K Vickers's classes**

Once more the Kensington Kitten and Neuter show held in the Horticultural New Hall was a great success. The lighting was good and the exhibits were of a high standard. My thanks to Mrs Barron and her committee for a wonderful show; my gratitude also to my hard working, faithful steward, Tony Pearson.

**DEVON REX** Kitten male: 1 Farquharson's Hatchgate Liqueurice, very good type, nice head in particular, lovely tail and neat paws, coat exceptionally good for a three month old kitten 2 Farquharson's Hatchgate Barley Sugar, litter brother to first, not quite as good a coat; otherwise very similar 3 Clarke's Sahreen Sno Wonder, white kitten, not so well rexed as first two, ears rather too big, rather like the first Butterfly Rex that were shown ten years ago. This kitten will no doubt do much better when older 4 Clarke's Sahreen Penny White, litter brother to third, coat not quite as good as his brother's Female kitten: 1 Rockell's Sirocco Tansy, another well Rexed kitten, no patches or bare places, very good head, nice stop, well placed ears, good tail 2 Farquharson's Hatchgate Aniseed, litter sister to first and second male class winners, very similar, but coat not so good 3 Walsh's Sabrien Georgette, white kitten, coat not as good as first and second, ears rather spoil shape of head r Rees's Hesperian Honey Love, all points quite good but coat as yet smooth and only slightly Rexed **SH AOV** Kitten: 1 Watts's Sirelli Lyric, Short haired Smoke, lovely British type, cobby body, lovely eyes, what a pity this breed is not recognised 2 Wilding's Dandy-cat Ivanhoe, Self Lilac, another beautiful cat, once more deserving recognition, excellent coat 3 Dack's Hihoe Persuasion, Foreign White, very good type, obviously some thought is being put into the breeding of this species r Seal's Hihoe Mystery, another Foreign White, type not quite as good as third **SH LITTER:** Some lovely litters had to go without coloured cards, my apologies to their owners 1 Pestin's litter of Burmese, what a wonderful colour they were, they had the same or similar sized heads, tails and ears, a very even well presented group 2 Fleet's litter of Burmese, almost as even as first prize winner, Blue Burmese, not quite as good type 3 Laut's litter of Abyssinians, lovely warm coloured kittens, even in type and shape, ticking developing well r Bentinck's litter of Burmese, coats rather open today, maybe they didn't travel well, as is the wont of so many small animals. KATHLEEN VICKERS

**FAB awards grant to Dr K P Baker**

THE FELINE Advisory Bureau's Central Fund for Feline Research has awarded a grant to Dr K P Baker, PhD, MRCVS, Veterinary College of Ireland, Dublin.

The diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases in cats forms a major part of ailments affecting the cat yet little research has been undertaken to extend knowledge of this very important issue. Research work so far undertaken has been concerned with the normal histology of the adult skin. (Strickland and Calhoun), Dermatological Allergy (Walton), and Miliary eczema (M C McCusker). Little is known of the development of the cats' skin, hair replacement or the effect of castration on the latter.

Dr Baker proposes to carry out research into pre and post natal development of skin to determine the mode of the development of the primary hair follicles and their differentiation into the hair follicle complex. Part two of his research programme is concerned with hair replacement in neutered and entire cats and part three concerns hair replacement in the adult cat.

During the research programme various other tests will be carried out and also the significance of imbibed hair will be examined.

The CFFR has unanimously agreed to support Dr Baker in this research programme and the fund will be supporting the cost of keeping cats for this project. Donations should be addressed to me. Cheques should be made payable to the Central Fund for Feline

**CLUB NEWS**

**LILAC POINT SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY**

The Lilac Point Siamese Cat Society's annual general meeting will be held on September 20, at 3.15 pm at the Chiltern Restaurant, Baker Street Station, London NW1. Due to the resignation from the committee of the chairman, Mrs Elsie Fisher, the chair will be taken by Mr N Marshall King, the vice-chairman. Four officers of the society have served their three year term of office and are all willing and eligible for re-election. They are Mr and Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Richards and Mrs Baxter. There is also a further place to be filled following the resignation of Mrs Fisher. All nominations for the committee, together with the written consent of the nominee, should reach me by September 13. (Mrs) BRENDA WALSH (hon secretary), 95 Windmill Hill, Enfield, Middlesex

**THREE COUNTIES CAT SOCIETY**

Will exhibitors at the Three Counties Cat Society's Championship show on August 23, please note that owing to the large entry and the shortage of double pens available, it has been impossible to provide all the double pens requested. In accordance with the note on page six of the schedule, priority has been given to litters, LH males and neuters. I regret there will be no double pens for SH males, females or kittens.

Mrs J Merry is unable to judge. Will exhibitors please note that class 115 Burmese neuter, Brown or Blue (Premier class) will be judged by Mrs J M Newton. Classes 93, 94, 95, 96 SP Siamese kittens will be judged by Mrs A Ferguson. Mrs Newton will also judge classes 146, 170, 187, 236, 276 and 292. M A WILSON (show manager)

**LONGHAIR CREAM AND BLUE CREAM ASSOCIATION**

May I remind members that subscriptions became due on July 1 1969 for the current year and should be sent to me, the hon treasurer, (Mrs) OLIVIA RUFFELL, 13 Abberbury Road, Ilfley, Oxford OX4 4ET.

**SIAMESE CAT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

The Siamese Cat Club's championship show on October 4 will be held in the Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London W1. Entries close on Saturday (August 23). Schedules are available from Mrs M Dunnill, The Garth, High Lane, Haslemere, Surrey (telephone HAS 3101).

**YORKSHIRE COUNTY CAT CLUB**

Schedules are now available for the Yorkshire County Cat Club's championship show, to be held at Harrogate on October 4, from the show manager. Entries close on September 3 (postmark) and will be limited to 360. (MISS) LINDA A BOWER (show manager), Glenwood House, Green Lane, Oakenshaw, Bradford, Yorkshire

**CORRECTION**

In Mrs Dadd's report of Bedford show (FUR AND FEATHER of August 7) first in the Visitors AC Siamese kitten three to six months class should have read '1 Beeley's Tamarack Toffy...' not as stated.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

From August 23 my address will be 303A Tamworth Lane, Mitcham, Surrey (telephone 6401785). IRIS JOHNSON (Jezreel Cats).

**PERTINENT POINTS**

**IVOR ENGLISH**

**NEW SIAMESE CLUB**

THIS seems as good a time as any to announce the formation of a new Siamese cat club. It is the Seal-Point Siamese Cat Club; and it was formed at an inaugural meeting of invited persons on August 2, 1969. The club's principal object is to preserve and encourage the pure breeding of Seal-Point Siamese by carrying out a careful study of pedigrees and by giving well considered advice on how to overcome the cumulative effects of some cross-breeding during the last decade.

Breeders and exhibitors of all varieties of Siamese are invited to apply for membership by writing to the secretary, Mrs E Gornal, 35 St Paul's Road, Canonbury, London N1, who will be glad to send details and an application form. Persons who do not breed or exhibit but who are interested in the objects of the club will also be welcome.

**NEW CLUBS IN GENERAL**

The Seal-Point Siamese Cat Club has been formed with a set end in view; and one of its stated objects is to work in close and friendly conjunction with all the other Siamese clubs and with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. The club neither purports nor intends to become a contentious political entity.

In its aims this club differs greatly from some of the clubs which have been formed during the last decade, as a result either of dissatisfaction with then existing clubs or because of the territorial need for new centres of interest.

In this context I was interested to note the announcement in FUR AND FEATHER of August 7 of the intended formation of a new Longhair club. It is proper that people who, say, may feel dissatisfied with a club, should seek to form a new one, rather than attempt to force a coup d'etat in the existing one. Clubs are private concerns and have an inherent right to conduct their affairs in their own way. Some may do things which offend some of their members, but this is not of direct concern to the Fancy, except, of course, when it comes to the election of judges, whose influence extends throughout the Fancy and is not limited to the membership of the particular club. This, inevitably, brings me to my next point.

**LOGICAL TREND IN THE STRUCTURE OF JUDGING**

At the present time, judges are nominated by specialist clubs and approved by the GCCF. They thus become officers of the Council. By and large, clubs appoint judges with reasonable fairness; and cases in which persons are unjustly kept off lists or put on to lists for insufficient reason are few.

What is a much more serious handicap in the development of our Fancy is the great multiplicity of specialist judges, the great majority of whom are fully qualified to judge a large range of varieties, but are precluded from doing so by not being on the appropriate lists for insufficient reason are few.

The Siamese clubs have set the Fancy a fine example of what can be accomplished with intelligent co-operation. It is now open to the rest of the Fancy to do the same. I feel sure that no one who is of sound mind can have any possible doubt but that a Blue Longhair judge is competent to judge a Blue-Cream, Cream, White or, indeed, any other variety of Longhair cat, and the same argument applies in reverse order. Indeed, is it not fair to say that a good judge of any Longhair variety would judge any other Longhair variety equally well?

The formation of the Longhair clubs into a joint judge-appointing entity can be accomplished in two ways, either voluntarily or by the formation of a Longhair Club with powers to appoint Longhair judges. Naturally, the voluntary approach, that achieved by the Siamese clubs, is the preferred approach; but if the individual Longhair clubs lack the desire or the energy to do it in this way, then the second approach will achieve the same end providing the Council is willing to co-operate in and assist such a measure. My own view is that the Council would be sympathetic; and I say this because, to my certain knowledge, many Longhair delegates share my own views. As for the Siamese delegates, they could not very well do anything but support a measure which they have themselves shown to be successful.

Thus, it is virtually certain that in due course we shall have only three types of judges: Longhair, Shorthair and Siamese; surely a much more sensible and logical state of affairs than that which we support at the present time.

The Shorthair varieties fall into two distinct classes, Foreign and British. In the long term it would seem reasonable for the British Shorthairs to form the third major judging class, while the Foreign Shorthairs which are not currently catered for by the Shorthair Cat Society, could either come within its fold or else could be brought in under the authority of Siamese judges. Were the latter course to be adopted, though would have to be given to accepting Abyssinian and Burmese judges into the Siamese classification.

Research, and crossed a/c payee. (Mrs) JOAN JUDD (hon secretary), The Barn Cottage, Tytherington, Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire.

**Mrs HELEN DENHAM**

I WAS deeply shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs Helen Denham. She was a very close and dear friend of mine for many years.

The death of her late husband, Sidney, was a great loss to her. I knew she was lonely, yet she put on a smile.

Dear Helen, how I shall miss you. Another loss to the cat world. A COLIN-CAMPBELL

I know members of the cat Fancy will be shocked to learn of the death of Helen Denham. She was a quiet, unassuming person and a good judge. Over the years she was my frequent companion at judging engagements at home and abroad. I, among others, will miss her greatly. GRACE POND

**BELVEDERE PERSIANS NEW HOME**

MRS BARBARA WILLS and the Belvedere Persians have moved to 91 Ringwood Road, Walkford, Christchurch, Hants, from Bourne-mouth. Mrs Wills writes: 'After three years of no breeding now that I have moved into the country, where I have a large safe garden, I am now enjoying a litter of four, two Blue Creams, one Blue and one Cream. How I have missed the joys of cat breeding. It is truly one of the most relaxing hobbies one can have.'