

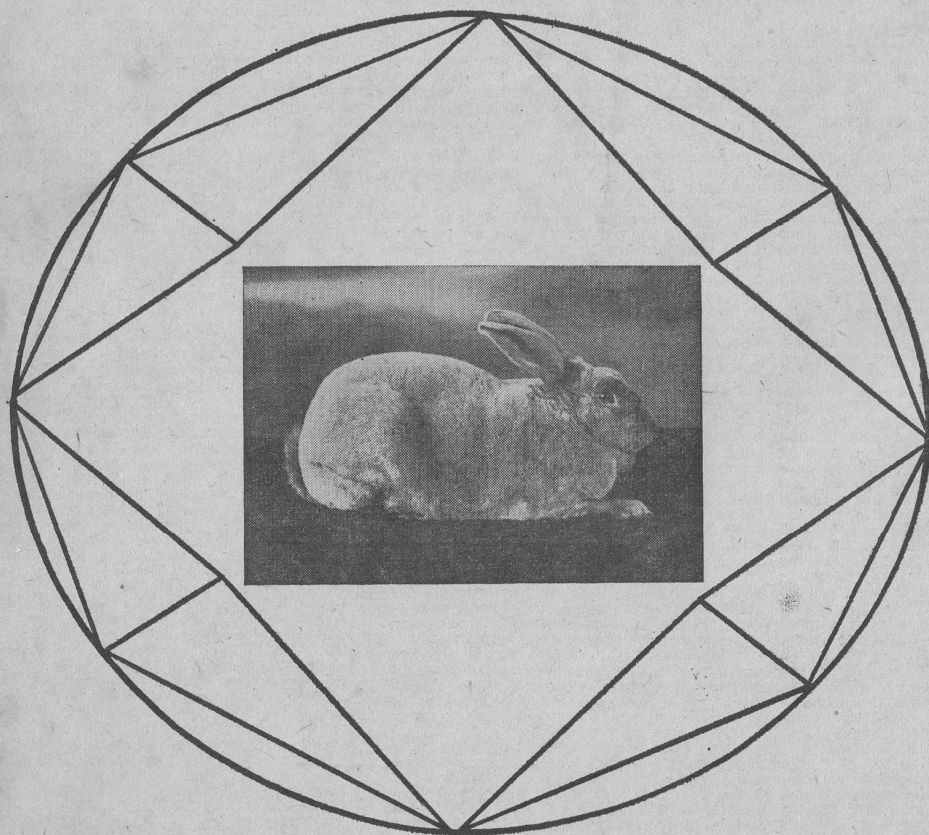
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Cats and Catdom

THE PROBLEM OF CLEFT PALATE AND THE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF BREEDING FOR HEALTH

R G SILSON

SEVERAL lines of pedigree cats are known to show, occasionally, the defect known as cleft palate. Similar defects are known in most mammals including humans and the big cats.

In humans cleft palate is fairly rare, about one in 1,000 or so, and its inheritance is not fully understood. However the effects in humans are similar to those in mice so that it is quite probable that the genetics of cleft palate in cats is similar to that in humans. There are several genetic causes in humans but the most common appears to be both dominant and of low penetrance. In fanciers' terms this means that the defects can appear when only one parent is a carrier and also that most carriers will not show the defect. It also means that there is unlikely to be any close connection between the defect and either inbreeding or outcrosses.

How can the defect be eliminated since it is difficult to know which parent is the carrier. A cat that produces only one such kitten may be blameless. However if any cat, male or female, produces two or more kittens in different litters by different mates showing cleft palate this is strong evidence that the cat is a carrier of the cleft palate defect even if apparently perfect itself.

Suspect carriers should be neutered and it would be best to treat similarly any progeny.

It is particularly important that males who are suspect carriers should not be used at public stud since they can, thereby, produce vast numbers of progeny of which half could be carriers. This aspect is important with ALL inherited defects in any animal. If ALL stud cats were free from inherited defects the number of such defects in each breed would be halved each generation.

On the other hand a carrier stud, if popular, does not just double the defect but may increase it hundreds of times.

For instance, in round figures, a very popular stud might be used once per week, on average, for eight years, 400 litters. If each litter averaged five kittens there would be 1,000 new carriers to spread the defect of which many might again be popular studs. It always seems strange to me that there is such a fuss about cats carrying recessive colours whilst real defects are largely ignored. If a breeder produces a kitten of another colour in a litter it will be of equal pedigree to its litter mates and equally likely to be of good breed type. It could be very useful to a breeder preferring that colour and at worst can be sold as a pet.

On the other hand defective kittens, of whatever kind, have no value and mean

effectively that average litter size is reduced.

While fanciers may wish to avoid the tag of being commercial there can be little advantage in small litters to the breeder who wishes to produce more like her best and to improve her stock generally. Limiting overall numbers is far better done by neutering poor quality stock.

In strains of animals that have been seriously bred for health and fertility amazing figures have been achieved both for litter size and reduction in mortality. In some strains genetic defects have been eliminated. It could be done in all strains if fanciers really wanted to do so.

There is a simple question that all fanciers can ask themselves. What is my average litter size for kittens born and kittens reared? If these figures are different something needs to be improved. In simple terms are any of your kittens born dead or die before maturity. If your management is right any difference is almost certainly due to genetic causes as even disease resistance has a strong genetic basis.

Thousands of kittens are registered each year but thousands more never live to be registered. How many fanciers can say that they have never had a kitten die, never had a runt in a litter. These troubles can be eliminated if the fancy really wants to do so.

READERS WRITE ON TOPICS OF THE MOMENT

KORAT CATS

I WAS interested to read Daphne Negus's description of the Korat cats. Last year Mrs Armitt of Adelaide asked me to look at her pair of Korats which were in quarantine here. They had arrived in England via America and Mrs Lauder and I went to see them about three weeks before they sailed for Australia. They were just as described, even blue coats, rather heavy build, heart shaped faces, wonderfully clear and sparkling green gold eyes, I could only liken them to peridots.

The cats had gone into the Shurrock Row Cattery as kittens, they had grown well and were friendly and happy. I understand that the female had a litter of four soon after arriving in Australia. I imagine they have created great interest there.

I am interested to note that every effort is being made to keep the breed pure. ELIZABETH TOWE, Hove, Sussex.

VETERINARY PANEL

I READ with interest M D Silson's letter (FUR AND FEATHER July 30) on heart defect. I would like to endorse all of it and that we have a panel of well known qualified veterinary surgeons and geneticists as we have in the dog world and these veterinary surgeons are known not only in this country but the world.

Surely the cats are entitled to the same. If we had such a panel it would then be possible to have correct and proper breeding with breeders having their own lines within their cattery.

In this way we would then be able to breed out in the Longhairs such growing abnormalities which we are now getting from cats with the older known pedigrees who are monarchs, cryptorchids, sterile females and liver troubles etc studs being used at too young an age and over used.

I have been very fortunate in having an excellent veterinary surgeon who has helped and advised including post-mortems as to what should be done with our breeding stock which has shown inherited faults.

It is time the welfare of the cats was put first instead of worthless gossip over tea-cups and to who should continue to hold certain positions. ELSPETH E SELLAR, Guildford

'RED' RUSSIAN BLUES

MR MADDICK'S letter regarding the 'First Red Russian Blue' raises a very important point, but it may interest Mr Maddick to know that the Russian Blue Association has been formed precisely with the object of preventing such an occurrence as he has envisaged.

As he says, such dilution has been confined to British and Siamese. In my view, even such dilution, particularly of the latter, has been too much, but we cannot influence the actions of breeders who, for reasons of their

own, wish to remain outside the Association, nor would we wish to do so.

It is my personal hope that with the passage of time, we may be able to place on the show-bench, and for sale, true-breeding, thoroughbred stock, capable of self-reproduction, and able to compete with the best stock in the world.

But it cannot be done in a few short months—or even years, and it cannot be done at all whilst some breeders have this passion for crossing outside a breed.

After more than seventy years of intensive breeding it is futile to expect the same results from any outcross today as would have occurred in the early days of the century.

I have the greatest respect for the erudition of Dr Raleigh, and I would agree with him that to take the mere dictionary meaning of a word is insufficient, whether as a basis for argument or any other purpose. Nevertheless I do think a little more use of an authoritative dictionary, a lot more observation of the behaviour of animals in their natural environments, and an almost complete lack of interest in ill-informed gossip, might result in all of us breeders becoming of much more use to our cats—who knows? We might even be able to tolerate nitts. FLORENCE H LAUGHER, Stone, Staffs.

PROTOCOL

The Bedford show was very enjoyable indeed, but I would take the show manager to task over matter of protocol—not one of the cat Fancy's strongest points.

In the show report no mention was made of the visit of the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford, the visit of the President and the Lady Lieutenant of the County, Lady Luke and the visit of the Chief Constable of the Bedford Constabulary, also a distinguished American breeder. I W PEARSON, Bramley

INOCULATION

The publication of the GCCF's proposals in FUR AND FEATHER last week bring the following points to mind.

Re the inoculation of kittens, some people are against the procedure on principle, and some on the fact that they have had tragic results. The proposed regulation 'that all cats and kittens must have been immunised fourteen days prior to showing' will exclude all kittens under twelve weeks of age, as ten weeks is the earliest for injection.

Many breeders will not want to keep kittens as long as that, as most people like to buy at eight to ten weeks. This will almost surely wipe out that attractive feature—the litter class. Also I would point out that breeders cannot always re-coup the fee paid when subsequently selling the kitten.

People buying a pet will rarely pay the extra £1 10s or 2 gns. I think exhibitors should be 'advised' to immunise, but not 'forced'. After all one exhibits mainly for pleasure, but so much ruling and regulating is taking all the pleasure out of it.

CAT CLUB NEWS

YORKSHIRE COUNTY CAT CLUB

Mr B R Barraclough, show manager for the Yorkshire County Cat Club show to be held at Doncaster on October 3, writes that schedules for this show are now available and have been posted to members, recent exhibitors and all who have already requested copies.

Thanks are extended to all who sent in their requests for schedules at such an early date as this has been of considerable help in estimating the total to be printed.

Anyone else who requires a copy of the schedule should contact the secretary of the Yorkshire County Cat Club, Mrs M G Baxter, c/o Perfect Buttons and Buckles Ltd, 26a Dock Street, Leeds 10.

TABBY POINTED SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY

Club folders have now been posted to all paid-up members of the Tabby Pointed Siamese Cat Society. If you have not yet received yours, please write to me. Members who pay late are eligible for a folder and for any club literature they may have missed. B J PERKINS, Hon secretary, Summerdale, Ersham Road, Hailsham, Sussex.

BLUE PERSIAN CAT SOCIETY

I learned with great sadness, a few days ago, of the death of Major M Bridgeman MRCVS. Major Bridgeman had been an honorary member of this society and our honorary veterinary surgeon for many years, and he had been a true friend of the Cat Fancy for even longer; he will be sadly missed by those who knew him. G C DUGDALE, Hon sec.

SIAMESE CLUBS

It is regretted that owing to an oversight, the following were omitted from the list of Siamese clubs given in our last week's issue: **Chocolate Pointed Siamese Cat Club:** Mrs A Weldin, Netherwood, Middleton Road, Camberley, Surrey. **Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire:** K J Stanley, Welbeck, Oakside Way, Shinfield Road, Reading, Berks.

SEAL POINT SIAMESE CAT CLUB

Due to personal reasons Mrs Gornall has resigned as secretary of the SPSCC. All correspondence concerning club matters should now be addressed to Mr E Towe, 3 Sackville Gardens, Hove 3, Sussex.

CHANGE OF JUDGE

The classes allocated to Mrs Budd at the Northern Counties Cat Club championship show on Sept 12 will be judged by Miss Rodda.

LIVERPOOL SHOW

AS THE report of the Liverpool Show in the 'Daily Express' of July 21 was somewhat misleading I would be most grateful if, through your paper, I may be allowed publicly to correct certain errors.

It is not true that these six cats entered by the RSPCA were 'swept up from the streets only two days before the show'; their entry forms, correctly completed and signed, were dated June 6 and received by Mrs Fiddes, show manager, on June 8.

One of the cats was a registered BP Siamese and entered in four appropriate classes; the others, of course, were entered in the unregistered household pet classes. The total prize money paid out by the Corporation of Liverpool was £4 12s 6d, not £10!

It also helps in obtaining a proper perspective to realise that the twenty-one unregistered cats in the show comprised a small proportion of the total entry of over 150 cats. SYLVIA M LEWIS, Secretary, cat section, Liverpool Show.

BEDFORD CLUB SHOW

In my report of the Bedford Cat Club's show (FUR AND FEATHER July 30), I transposed the names of two kittens, putting Mrs Dickie's Blue Burmese third in the maiden class, and Mr Wakeford's Devon Rex third in the debutante class.

The descriptions of the kittens are as I intended, but the names of kittens and owners are transposed. I apologise very sincerely to Mrs Dickie and Mr Wakeford for this mistake. PHYLLIS LAUDER

HULL SHOW

On August 1 I visited Hull to attend the exemption show, as an exhibitor and as a steward. I congratulate Miss McColm on a very well run show. It was so pleasant to meet so many friendly people, everyone genuinely interested in their neighbour's cat whatever the colour or breed—no cats outside the pens.

It was a long journey, but well worth every minute. I shall look forward to next year's show with great pleasure. It would do a lot of people a lot of good to visit one of these Yorkshire exemption shows, and also makes one realise that one can show for fun, and enjoy a day out, without all the pettiness that goes on in the Fancy. It is a good feeling, like a breath of clean air.

Thank you people of Hull, to those of you whose names I didn't and still don't know, and to Miss McColm and her group of friendly helpers. I hope you will never change. Good luck for the future to you all, feline and humans, may your tails never sag or your curds curdle. E I GORNALL (Mrs)

FELINE INVASION OF MANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW

Best exhibit: Ryder's Siamese, Ryanna Blue Jasper.
Best LH: Trickett's Shareen Eskimo.
Best kitten: Nutter's Witch O' Pendle Ballerina.
Best neuter: Rowland's Sireli Loretto.
Best household pet: Moore's Artemus.

For nineteen years Manchester Parks have been running the Flower and Horse Show and this their 20th year the felines invaded it (for the first time) with all the grace and beauty possible.

I thank all who helped to make the show a success, including the hard working judges and stewards; Arthur Burrows and Christine Nyland, both a tower of strength; Mrs W Rowland, Mrs Stocks, and Mrs Ashurst, who worked so hard at the table.

Manchester Parks did us proud with the superb trophies they presented to the show.

Next year will be a special twenty-first event, so let us make it a big party. HILARY R BENNETT, section manager.

Mrs E Burrows's classes

Congratulations to Mrs H Bennett and her helpers on a really beautiful managed show. Everything went smoothly, and it was such a happy show, the judges were well looked after in every way possible, exhibits and their owners given every care.

I feel sure this section will continue to prosper yearly. Many thanks to my steward Mrs Ryder an excellent help to both myself and the cats with her gentle handling of them, it makes such a difference to tempers. This was a wonderful effort for a first show.

BLUE LH Ad 1: 1 Ashurst's Marmsbury Lysander, only one in class, but a worthy winner, glorious eyes for shape and colour, very good top of head, neat well set ears, very strong chin, broad snub nose, coat very good for time of year, really beautifully groomed, condition perfect, my best cat
AOCLH 1: 1 Fogden's Akebia Hortense, a very pretty Seal Point Colourpoint, lovely blue eyes for shape and colour, would like more width between ears, good chin, in very good condition AC LH Not bred by exhibitor
2: 1 Lysander 2 A Hortense AC SELF AND AOC Kitten 3-9 mth 2: 1 Mollineaux's Cargoes Lianda, a very pretty Blue LH baby, good eyes for shape and colour, good chin, nice top to head with neat ears, well tufted, good brush, very good soft silky coat of nice even colour, very young with lots of time to continue improving AV Senior neuter 4: 1 Hodson's Delbridge Suki Yatsen, lovely Blue Point Siamese, points very good, nice eyes, good whip tail, very good all round condition, a grand lad 2 Ryder's Ryanna Blue Gin, another beautiful boy in perfect condition, lovely eyes and excellent whip tail, good coat 3 Stocks's Fairlie Menelick, grand blue Abyssinian, very handsome lad, glorious eyes, good head and tail, good condition r Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Melancthon, Spotted Tabby boy, fair type, very nice eyes, coat in good condition, but would like markings more distinct Radius neuter 6: 1 D Suki Yatsen 2 Hughes's Vanathan Ming, Tabby Point Siamese, eyes too round, coat in wonderful condition, a very nice boy 3 F Menelick r Walsh's Lee-Far Bambi, Seal Point Siamese female, eyes very round, fair type, very good condition Novice ad 11: 1 Keir's Fishermore Magnifico, male, lovely Black LH, deep copper eyes of very good shape, grand top of head, broad nose, well set ears small, coat in good condition for time of year, well groomed 2 Robinson's Lathom Sung Hsi, a very good Brown Burmese, beautiful well cared for silky coat, nice eyes, a strong fine cat, good tail 3 Pearson's Lowenhaus Silver William, very nice Silver Tabby, well marked, lovely eyes, grand broad head, there were signs of him having had an abscess on his head ex 3 Ryder's Ryanna Blue Jasper, grand Blue Point Siamese, lovely deep blue eyes, coat in very good condition, good whip tail, excellent even paws r Pearson's Lowenhaus Elissa, nice type Spotted, coat rather brindled Visitors 10: 1 Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Silver Jonathon, really wonderful Silver Tabby, excellent type, good head,

lovely eyes, markings very good, condition perfect, beautifully shown 2 F Magnifico 3 L Sung Hsi r Hurst's Lymeekins Kiroto, Tabby Point Siamese, lovely head and eyes of good colour, lacks points on body and legs. The rest of my classes were club classes. One cat I would like to mention is Rowland's Sireli Loretto, a very beautiful male Spotted neuter, beautifully marked, wonderful type, excellent eyes for shape and colour, a really grand Lad. ENID V E BURROWS

Mrs M Eustace's classes

This was the first time that the Parks Department, Manchester, included a cat section during the Flower Show week. In spite of there being so many exemption shows in the Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire area, this event proved clearly that there was always room for another.

It was a great little show, superbly run by Mrs Bennett and ably supported by the dozen of northern show managers, Mr A Burrows.

A splendid team of workers left no gaps in management. The Manchester Corporation presented many handsome trophies, and winning cats had more than their fair share of worldly goods. The show was well supported by the established clubs, so, on the whole, a good time was had by all.

For me personally the experience of being a first class citizen for just one day was most gratifying. Travelling from Euston on the first class Pullman, where I breakfasted in great comfort, and taking just over two hours was an essay in de-luxe travel. Met at Piccadilly by an liveried chauffeur I was whisked away to the marquee, without having even the trouble of asking the way.

It was delightful to see so many handsome cats sitting in readiness for the great moment of their trial. It was a day of great success for the Siamese, Mrs Ryder's Ryanna Blue Jasper, being best adult and Mrs Nutter's Witch O' Pendle Ballerina being best kitten.

I was very impressed with the high standard of Burmese I met in side classes and also, as ever, the shorthair tabbies were well in the fore. I was disappointed at some of the Siamese that were being used for studs, for the Tabby Points on exhibition were of good type but very indefinite in tabby markings and coat colour. For newcomers it would have been better to concentrate on the older breeds. Seal to Seal would be a better bet.

Very few exhibitors were really au fait with show preparation. Quite a few good cats came to the show without even a face wash; also, the feeding of exhibits before the judging was common practice. This had unpleasant results for spectators and judges. It is time that show managers spoke up against this.

SIAMESE SEAL POINT Open m or f: 1 Tully's Alderleigh Tosca, quite a pleasing exhibit, except for pronounced squint, nice light coat, good whipped tail, good head and eye colour 2 Shaw's Bumblebees Buttons 'n' Bows, fair type, very round eyes, tail shortish, well shown BLUE POINT: 1 Ryder's Ryanna Blue Jasper, very slim and elegant male, good wedge and splendid eye colour and oriental in set, coat colour, and texture excellent, points well defined and of correct colour, very slight pinch which he may out-grow, as he matures, very promising CHOCOLATE and LILAC POINT Ad: just two in the class and two good ones. 1 Clank's Merivale Happi-Christmas, beautiful little Lilac, built on most elegant lines, good wedge, good eyes, very nice type 2 Gibbon's Chocolate Souffle, very promising Chocolate, good all round, points excellent colour, nice type AC Kitten 3-9 mth: 1 Nutter's Witch O' Pendle Ballerina, very attractive little BP, elegant paws, good whipped tail, good coat but darkening a little, very promising indeed 2 Gibbons's Richdale Cinnamon, nice little pet, very round eyes, fair type, well presented Breeder's kitten: Repeat Neuter: 1 Hodson's Delbridge Suki Yatsen, very well proportioned, fine looking Blue Point, very good head, nice long nose, good oriental eyes, nice coat for texture and colour, mask a little brindled 2 Ryder's Ryanna Blue Gin, nice neutered pet, some faults, squint, pinch and incorrect ear placement 3 Walsh's nameless, very attractive pet cat, round large eyes, pinch 4 Hughes's Vanathan Ming, another nice pet Tortie, lacking show points Visitors neuter: 1 S Loretto 2 Ch L Melancthon 3 Keir's Katissimo Pussy Velour Radius AV LH or SH cat: 1 Fulton's Torly-Cha, very nice Tortie Point of good Siamese type 2 A Tosca 3 James's Melanin Bimbo, good Burmese Visitors AV LH or SH: 1 S Quilla 2 Peak Shane 3 R Cinnamon AV Cat not bred by exhibitor: 1 Torly-Cha 2 L Sung 3 A Tosca AC SIAMESE: 1 R Blue Jasper 2 W Ballerina 3 Torly-Cha. My other classes were club classes in which my placings coincided with my other judging. I thank my excellent steward, Mrs Elaine Richardson, for her help and kindness during a busy and interesting day. She is an excellent steward, knows her Siamese well, and is not obtrusive. She is quiet and gentle and most companionable as well. MAY EUSTACE

Mrs J M Newton's classes
 The Manchester Flower and Horse Show this year included a cat section for the first time.

The show manager was Mrs Bennett who was assisted in every way by Mrs Arthur Burrows, the event was a great success.

Every exhibit I judged was in fine condition and was presented in comfort. Mrs Benn Steward for me handling all exhibits with care and gentleness and I hope we can work together again.

BLACK WHITE or SMOKE L-H Ad 3: 1 Trickett's Shareen Eskimo, golden-eyed White, profuse pure white coat, very well shown, very good type, cobby body, long dark mask on head, ears a little open at base, my best today and was best Longhair in show by agreement with the other judge of Longhairs 2 Hepburn's Springheels Voodoo, Black, good type and eyes, coat nice texture, broad full face. Coat very sound for time of year 3 Keir's Fishermore Magnifico, Black, type very fair, good eye colour, nice firm chin, unsound coat colour AC LH Breeders ad 2: 1 S Eskimo 2 S Voodoo BROWN or BLUE BURMESE Ad 4: 1 Robinson's Lathom Sung Hsi, very good coat, eyes near standard, good type, flank markings still showing 2 James's-M Bimbo, nice type and shape, coat shades off well, a few white hairs on chest 3 Tolly's L Diamond, very good type, nice colour, too many white hairs at present r Griffiths's P Talana, type very fair, well shaped, eyes too green AV FOREIGN Kitten ex Siamese 2: 1 Ward's Sirelli Quilla, good shining coat, well shaped and nice type 2 Martin's L Vanda, nice colour and type, neat body and feet AOC 4: 1 Fulton's Torly-Cha, Tortie Point with points well defined on head, tail and feet, close smooth coat, eyes a little round otherwise good type 2 Hepburn's Springheels Mojave, Red Point, elegant shape, good colour on ears, slight pinch, lacks colour on feet 3 Hurst's L Kiroto, Tabby Point, nice type, very dark coat colour, markings blurred r Hodson's C Dinky, Tabby Point, coat rather open, tail brindled, eyes too round SIAMESE Breeders ad 1: S Mojave AV LH or SH Litter: 1 Shaw's three very even quality Siamese babies 2 Lowes's five very good kittens, nice type. These two litters were a great credit to their owners. It was difficult to choose between them. Lovely condition, lively and clear-eyed RADIUS AV LH or SH Cat: 1 W Ballerina 2 L Vanda 3 R Tango's Image

AV Novice Exhibitor: 1 Torly-Cha 2 Mollineaux's C Liander, baby blue Persian, very sound, nice colour, good type, eyes well Open and turning colour well 3 L Sung Hsi r B Buttons and Bows vhc V Ming BURMESE CAT CLUB 3: 1 L Sung Hsi 2 M Bimbo 3 P Talana NORTHERN SIAMESE CAT CLUB 4: 1 R Blue Jasper, Blue Point, excels in coat, good type, long whip tail and really blue points, my best 2 L Kiroto 3 D Suki Yatsen r M Happi Christmas NOTTS & DERBY CAT CLUB AC LH 4: 1 S Eskimo 2 M Lysander 3 A Hortense r F Magnifico REX CAT CLUB 1: 1 Georgina SHORT HAIR CAT SOCIETY AND MANX CLUB 2: 1 S Loretto 2 L Melancthon AC LH Ad 3: 1 S Eskimo 2 S Voodoo 3 M Lysander YORKSHIRE COUNTY CAT CLUB AC Siamese ad 3: 1 S Mojave 2 L Kiroto 3 C Dinky. J M NEWTON

Mrs K Vickers's classes

Although the day was far from good the Manchester show committee put on a very good cat section, ably managed by Mrs Mac Bennett. Had the show been on a Saturday it would have attracted more exhibitors no doubt, however the standard of cats exhibited was very high indeed. My thanks to my steward Gladys Genty whose good humour and enthusiasm completed my happy day.

AC SH TABBY: 1 Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Silver Jonathon, a lovely well known Silver Tabby, at his best today 2 Pearson's Lowenhaus Silver William, all points quite good, but markings not as good as those of winner AOV SH: 1 Pearson's Lowenhaus Elissa, rather pale, spots not clear, rather foreign in type, tail long AOV FOREIGN: 1 Shepherd's Fairlie Metahari, quite a good Abyssinian, colour could be warmer, head nicely shaped, well ticked CORNISH AND DEVON REX: 1 Bewley's Annelida Georgina, lovely blue curly coat, nice head and tail AV BRITISH Kitten: 1 Entwistle's Ryelands Tango's Image, lovely type British Blue, colour even, cobby body, eyes good, my nomination for best in show 2 Wheway's Stanton Peak Shane, Silver Tabby, rather foreign in type, tail long, markings clear AOV Neuter: 1 Rowland's Sireli Loretto, a beautiful spotted Silver Tabby, very cobby well marked, eyes good, tail rather long 2 Keir's Katissimo Pussy Velour, cream Cornish Rex, coat very good, head slightly Devon in type, well placed ears, nice tail 3 Stock's Fairlie Melancthon, no standard of points for this Abyssinian, but as such he has a lovely head, nice tail and is very typy r Pearson's Ch Lowenhaus Melancthon, rather brindled markings, not at his best today. K VICKERS



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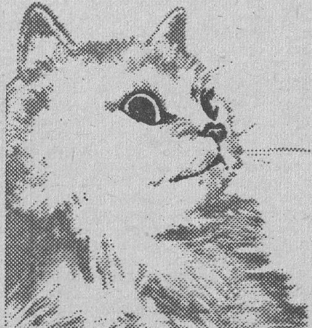
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BEST IN SHOW

Best in show and best SH: Mrs Wilkes's Taishun Pandora.
Best SH Kitten: Mrs Dixon's Burwyn Hespilus.
Best SH Neuter: Mrs Ellis's Blue Feather.
Best Siamese adult: Mrs Benn's Ch Chalmi Towkay.
Best Siamese Kitten: Mrs Richardson's Pendlemist Hachita.
Best Siamese Neuter: Mrs Taylor's Lucifer Lilac.
Best LH adult: Mrs Galt's Hilldew Golden Shadows.
Best LH Kitten: Mrs Galt's Leemor Melissa.
Best LH Neuter: Mrs Williams's Polar Cara Mia.

Mrs M Thake's classes

Many thanks to Mrs Fiddes and Mrs Lewis and their noble hand of helpers, who put on such a splendid show, in spite of unprecedented difficulties, including finding their show tent full of cows instead of cat pens on the evening before! They came up smiling and made us all feel so welcome and happy all day and ensured that we caught out train home. A very good entry with long classes which made rather a hard day's work, but I was very fortunate in having such a capable steward as Mrs Galt, who took an exceptionally keen interest in the book and helped me avoid confusion over so many repeats. Thank you Barbara.

BRITISH SH 5: All good 1 Davis's Sweethope Black Magician, very good British Black, lovely head and eye, dense black coat a little long very good type 2 Grayson's Sweethope Zilla, charming Blue Cream baby, superb coat, very plushy, excellent round head and eye, neat ears, good tail 3 Grayson's Sweethope Zilla, Black baby, dense coat, short tail, round head and eye r Gentry's Cathiss Tortie Queens, Tortie, excellent head and eye, short tail, excellent coat texture, good type; Waring's Arjaze Breadnought, large blue cat, superb head, dense coat, rather patchy tail, super eyes, unfortunately bright green **BURMESE Ad:** 1 Bidston Santhone Sherpa, lovely type male, well shaped head, good coat colour and texture, tail a little short 2 Mallinson's Peerless Khudirane, Brown female, excellent type, lovely coat colour and texture, correct head shape, nice tail, eyes greenish 3 King's Youtha Yassin, lovely type, excellent head, lovely profile, unfortunately bright green eyes in a lovely setting r Benyon's Arundina Juniper, fair type, excellent texture, coat some barring, head a little narrow, well set ears. Unfortunately Mrs P Williams Ch Sanela Shamsi, who appeared such a beautiful cat, refused to allow us to handle her **AV SH FOREIGN Cat:** A most difficult class, only two cats, but both so good, I had a terrible job to decide which to put first. 1 Wilkes's Taishun Pandora, lovely type Tabby, very good colour, no bars or necklaces, very little white indeed, beautiful head shape, lovely eyes 2 Roberts's White Sapphire, a really beautiful Foreign White, shown in perfect condition, lovely type, superb head, beautiful eye colour and setting, very well worth a first prize Kitten: 1 Dixon's Burwyn Mezereon, Brown Burmese male, very good type, superb eye colour and setting, lovely coat colour, excellent tail 2 Aherne's Melenin Blue Crystal, Blue Burmese male, very good head shape, lovely type, lovely expression, excellent coat colour and texture 3 Mallinson's Dharma Brown Velvet, Brown Burmese, excellent head and eye, well set ears, good coat, excellent type Breeders: 1 Zilla 2 Brown Velvet 3 Williams's Dainor Sancheri, very nice Brown Burmese female, good colour, excellent type, lovely head, eyes rather green **AV SH NEUTER** six beautiful exhibits 1 Ellis's Blue Feather, Blue Burmese, excellent colour and type, lovely head, unfortunately he was rather upset by the Abyssinian next door and the children crowding round the table 2 Connor's Latham Darkguy, well named, beautiful coat colour, well developed cat, excellent head 3 Carryette's Morningstar Sweet Sheba, Abyssinian, excellent type and colour, slight neckless, lovely head, beautiful alert expression, what a pity she had to be neutered r Broadbent's Darling Clementine, Brown Burmese, excellent head and eye, good type, excellent colour, tail short vhc Brynbuboo Blue Joel, magnificent type, British Blue, lovely round head and round yellow eyes, unfortunately coat rather shady at present hc Anderson's Bernina Red Kara, lovely red Abyssinian, superb type, slight neckless and barring, some white under. **MONICA THAKE**

Mrs M Bastow's classes

Congratulations to Mrs Fiddes and Mrs Lewis on a very well run show. There were some excellent exhibits, and I hope that everybody enjoyed the show as much as I did. Thanks once again to my steward and companion Miss J Spencer.

BLUE LH Cat: 1 Doherty's Dainty Maid Lisa, nice female, coat fairly sound for time of year, but short round frill, ears well set apart and neat, very deep eye colour, would like a squarer muzzle **COLOURPOINT Cat:** 1 Peck's Mingchiu Nynyas, Blue Point, very good type, pale soft textured coat, well defined points, good muzzle and chin, full cheeks, round awake eyes but pale in colour **AOC LH Cat 8:** 1 Galt's Hilldew Golden Shadow, Blue-Cream with really intermingled coat and feet, excellent type, short broad little nose, lovely round copper eyes, full cheeks, neat little ears groomed to perfection, stood out from all the rest in this class 2 Franks's Polar Valerio, another ex-

cellent exhibit, very good type, good head neat ears, lightly ticked coat but a tinge of brown down back, gorgeous eye colour ex 2 Houghton's Joyda Masquerade, Smoke of excellent type, good firm chin, full cheeks, neat ears, pure white undercoat but lacks white frill at present, wide awake copper eyes 3 Phillipson's Davindo's Darquell, Cream of good type, good head, strong muzzle and chin, neat ears, round copper eyes, coat a little hot in colour, and a few bars on legs r Harris's Broomhill Hamish, Chinchilla of good type, neat ears well set, good eye colour, lightly ticked coat, good muzzle and chin vhc Elwell's Tandle Eirlys Princess, Blue-Cream, good intermingled coat, three solid feet, good eyes for colour and shape, would like a firmer muzzle and chin **AV LH Kitten 7:** 1 Galt's lovely Cream kitten Leemor Melissa, pale flowing coat, short broad nose, full cheeks, firm little chin, nice copper eyes, well presented 2 Crockart's Jaydees Vanity Fair, sweet little orange-eyed White of excellent type, round awake eyes, neat ears, well presented 3 Blood's Deebank Roselle, another orange-eyed White, pure coat, good muzzle and chin, deep copper eyes ex 3 Challenger's Jessamy Michelle, Blue female, very good type, with neat ears, well set apart, strong muzzle and chin, coat fairly sound, deep copper eyes r Roberts's Honey mist Cream Popette, Cream of excellent type, but would like better show preparation, had a few bars on legs, lovely eye colour vhc Dalley's Teonola Teun, Black kitten of very good type, but coat not up to show standard at present, too many white hairs Neuter 4: 1 Williams's Polar Cara Mia, Chinchilla with lightly ticked coat, good type, short broad nose, well placed ears, good eye colour 2 Roberts's Honey mist Blue Robert, Blue

of excellent type, good chin and muzzle, eye colour good, full coat but very shady 3 Williams's Deebank Fluffy, Blue-Cream, very good type, coat rather more patched than intermingled, has lovely round copper eyes r Rennie's Chantelle Hamurabi, Cream, very shady today, broad top of head, firm chin and muzzle, good eye colour. The rest of my LH classes were repeats of the above. **MARGARET BASTOW**

Miss W A Baines's classes

I was happy to judge the household pets at the Liverpool Cat Show at Wavertree on July 18. The cats were all, as usually, quite beautiful and in good condition for the time of year.

AV LONGHAIR Ad: 1 Davies's Snowwhite, odd-eyed white, well named, very friendly, just a little thin, especially tail 2 Dovey's Saffron Susie, dark blue cream, beautiful head, copper eyes, good condition but spoiled by poor tail 3 Dovey's Silver Shadow, another appropriate name, beautiful green-eyed silver with white bib. These first three cats all had overlong thin tails r Rowland's Loupy, beautiful black and white, lucky smut on his nose but unlucky on day to meet fore-going, good condition, best tail in class Liverpool resident: 1 S Susie 2 S Shadow 3 Danher's Mr Poggins, very nice cream short-hair with some tabby markings, didn't want to be disturbed r Dovey's Marmaduke, handsome red and white, very good tempered and good condition Jun: 1 Cox's Glooty, large well grown, all black, good golden eyes, good condition, later best HP 2 Franks's Patsy, a really beautiful well marked striped tabby with white feet and front, a little wavy but good tempered and the one I'd most like to take home 3 Poggins's r Agombar's Blue Boy, good type British Blue with very good short coat, even colour but ringed tail Veteran: 1 S Susie 2 Coppell's Woodend Kitty, a very nice tabby, good condition believes her nine years Visitors: 1 Snowwhite 2 Patsy 3 Coppell's The Tina, a very good tortoiseshell, one solid black hind leg, very good tempered r Coppell's Woodend Kitty. I thank Mr Taylor my steward for his help and kindness. **WINIFRED A BAINES**

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BEDFORD

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Mrs M Thake's classes

Congratulations to Mr Shewbridge, Mr Warde, and all their hard working helpers on a very efficient, highly organised show, obviously a great deal of thought had gone into every detail. My grateful thanks to my steward Mrs Enid Holmes for her capable handling of the cats, I hope she enjoyed her day as much as I did.

SILVER TABBY SH Ad: 1 Pearson's Lowenhaus Edric, a very striking cat with superb coat pattern, fails a little on tummy, round eyes of good colour, ears a little large 2 Pearson's Lowenhaus Roderick, excellent type, markings less brilliant than winner, lovely head shape, and round green eyes, fails tail markings 3 Field's Mariemoglet Silver Tiny, a most exquisite little cat, round apple head, huge round eyes, excellent pattern, rather white underneath, but so small I had my steward check that she was old enough to be in the class **AV BRITISH Neuter:** a difficult class, so many lovely cats 1 Lowenhaus Fingal, silver Tabby, beautiful coat texture, excellent markings, really silver, good head shape, round eyes rather golden in colour 2 Ruthwell's Archtopel Adelaide, British Blue of superb type, good coat texture, round head, excellent round head and eye, very faint green rim 3 Rose's Elson Amelia, Spotted, superb coat, a few lines, good head, round orange eyes 4 Rose's Sirelli Felicity, silver Tabby, excellent type, well marked, incomplete tail rings, round head and eyes, lovely coat texture vhc Franks's Penelope Candy, Tortie, excellent type, lovely colour, good texture coat, round head, ears rather large **AV SH Breeders:** 1 Smith's Magamby Jason, Brown Burmese male, excellent type, lovely coat colour and texture, good eye shape, excellent head shape, lovely muscular cat 2 Roderick 3 Hewson's Amerilla Artemis, Brown Burmese female, very dark coat of excellent texture, good head, greenish eyes 4 Lowenhaus June, Spotted, excellent type, round head and eyes of excellent colour, markings not very clear today, well spotted underneath **AV Senior:** 1 Maddick's Lindy, Tortie and White, excellent type, bright colours, some tabby on red markings, good head, excellent eyes **AC SIAMESE Junior:** 1 Deakin's Tamerack Blue Opal, elegant BP very dainty type, lovely long wedge, good neck, dainty feet, whip tail, excellent points colour, correct eye colour and shape, slight pinch 2 Webster's Tasha Linoy, SP, good type, excellent wedge, glori-

ous eye colour, well set ears, slight pinch, mask a little brindled 3 Farley's Flayre Silver Dawn, dainty cat, rather too thin at present, lovely neck, excellent coat colour and texture, lovely ears, dainty legs and paws, whip tail r Greenacre's Valeriana, CP fair type, brindled mask, superb coat colour and texture, dainty paws, good tail, fairly even points colour **AOC SIAMESE Novice kitten:** a large class of good kittens 1 Brightwell's Cee Dee Em Snowbells, superb Tortie Point, wonderful type, well grown, lovely head shape, well set ears 2 Burliton's Bru Bur Weeny, dainty baby, charming kitten, lovely head and ears, excellent eye colour, whip tail 3 May's Bru Bur Orion, another good one, lovely head and ears, good type, excellent eye colour, whip tail 3 Abbey's Quintral Angelica, LP, very dainty, excellent ears and eyes, whip tail, good points colour, dainty feet 4 Carter's Lakshine Lilac Sirikit, LP, a very wriggly kitten made judging a little difficult, excellent type, lovely coat, good colour, good tail, excellent wedge, lovely profile, well set ears r Freer's Mintaka Ming, CP, good points colour, long whip tail, excellent coat texture, a very stylish kitten, palish eyes well set, good neck. **MONICA THAKE**

ESSEX

(continued)

Mrs I Johnson's classes

The Essex Cat Club's first show at Tilbury was excellently run by Mrs Colville, committee and helpers. It was a very pleasant day.

Unfortunately all the cats in my open classes were absent.

AV Breeders ex Rex: 1 Colville's Ch Rosental Dishy Dolly, well known blue-cream and white Manx, good short body, deep flank, good head, tailless, not looking quite her best today 2 Cox's Berdoma Yamethin, Blue Burmese, good type, nice head, tail thick at base Senior: 1 Smith's Magamba Satan, excellent coat and head, nice feet, well tapered tail 2 Dishy Dolly 3 Simmons's Contented Dawn, Abyssinian, good type, good coat, well ticked, warm colour, too much white on neck ex 3 Higgins's Jezreel Casandra, excellent head, lovely eyes, coat showing bars on back today r Dowling's Tarwood Anders, Russian Blue, fair head and eyes, good ears, coat too harsh. My other classes were club classes. Many thanks to my very good steward Mr Howard.

Mrs M Brunton's classes

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event and every comfort for both the cats and the judges and exhibitors was attended to. It all seemed to run on oiled wheels.

Many thanks and congratulations to the show manager Mrs Colville and her wonderful band of helpers for all their kindness. Also to Mrs Fisher for so kindly stewarding for me.

CREAM LH Ad 4: 1 Colville's Dooneen Rosalind, with nice full muzzle, pale cream, excellent condition, but short of coat, lovely copper eyes and good type. I first judged this cat as a little kitten at the Yorkshire show and ever since she has been a consistent winner with me, she illustrates so well the lovely colour of the Hendras creams and pale sound colour in creams is extremely hard to come by 2 De Ferry's Dolmege Sara, lovely type and nature, good chin, lovely large round copper eyes, out of coat, moulting 3 Marfleet's Dooneen Dairy Maid, very nice chin and muzzle, good colour, nice eyes, ears not so good r Bisson's Bamboo Jill, dark cream on back and white coat under body, nose rather straight, fails in type to winners, nice copper eyes **BLUE CREAM LH Ad 1:** 1 Newsome's very well mingled Blue Cream, coat short today and nice

condition, nice type and eye colour, one blue back foot **AC SELF Kitten ex Blue or Cream 1:** 1 Gray's Dizzy Dougal, nice White OE male kitten, lovely texture coat, good type, more grooming needed **CHINCHILLA Kitten 2:** 1 Roden's Sonata Scherzando, very pretty kitten, male, lovely texture of coat, dainty ticking, nice tail, lovely condition, eyes turning 2 Sander's Carmleigh Tigerlily, another nice kitten, out of coat, firm muzzle and chin, eyes also turning, nice condition male **AC Breeders kitten 4:** 1 Roden's Sonata Poeme, very pretty female kitten, in lovely condition, lovely sound blue coat, very well shown, large copper eyes 2 Silverman's Helma Gabriella, pretty face, cream female kitten, good chin, nice eyes, needed more grooming 3 Silverman's Helma Genevieve, not quite so wide in face, nice big eyes, good colour, nice chin. **M BRUNTON**

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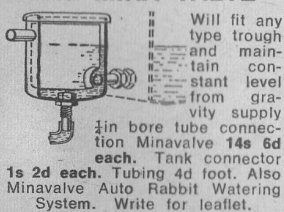
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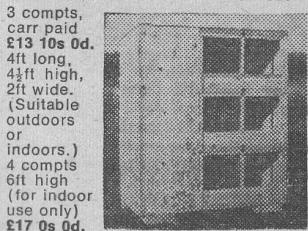
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