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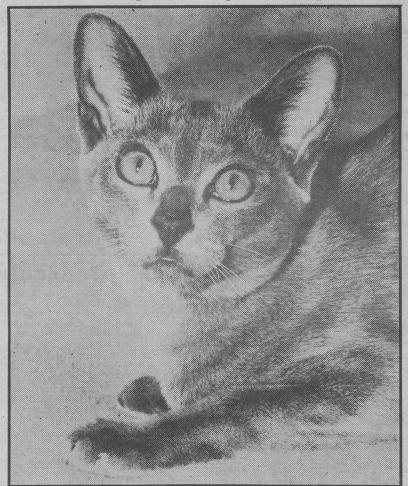


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Readers write ...

#### Blue Chinchillas

IT WAS my intention, long ere now, to have written a second letter on the subject of Blue Chinchillas.
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written a second letter on the subject of Blue Chinchillas. It is unfortunate, I agree, that northern breeders do not attend the annual general meeting of the Chinchilla, Silver Tabby and Smoke Cat Society to speak on behalf of Blue Chinchillas. It should be realised, however, that for them this would entail two nights in a train and an expenditure of £10 to £15. Not everyone has enough time, energy and money. We did, in fact, send a written statement on breeding to the last annual general meeting. If this was not submitted, we cannot be held responsible.

Mrs Turney states that there is no evidence of any three generation cats breeding true. Is there, on the other hand, any evidence that they do not? I ask genuinely for information. Despite extended inquiries I can find no one who has pursued the matter further than a second generation, and very few even so far. This is probably due to the scarcity of Blue Chinchilla studs. I have heard that an application for recognition of the Blue Chinchilla was made some years ago, and rejected by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. Can anyone tell me the grounds of this rejection?

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I am indebted to Mrs Turney for pointing out to me that the Shaded Silver of America is, in fact, a Chinchilla. I was not aware of this. My information came, in fact, from an American breeder; we must have been talking at cross purposes. I have sent this lady copies of Mrs Turney's letter and of mine, and have asked for her comments.

Let me assure Mrs Turney that I do indeed admire the Chinchilla. The first one I saw, Mrs E F Taylor's Almondhill Crispin (breeder, Mrs Emslie) fairly took my breath away. Nevertheless, the Chinchillas now seen at shows bear little resemblance to the famous description—'the coat on the back, flanks, head, ears and tail being tipped with black, this tipping to be evenly distributed, giving the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. To achieve this, to 'improve' the Chinchilla (if that is possible) we must restore to favour the darker tipped kittens now neutered and sold as pets.

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Mrs Turney makes use of the term 'pure-bred.' By this I take it she means consistent breeding of a colour to the same colour. Yet one cannot read much about breeding

## **EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMEN**

Due to the postal strike it may be impossible to circulate FOREIGN WHITE NEWS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS as planned. The programme is therefore detailed below.

Conference Rooms open.

11 00 Introductory address.

11 15 Foreign White genetic lecture and demonstration.

12 30 Lunch.

Questions from the audience to Dr Patricia Scott, Roy Robinson and Patricia Turner. 1 45

2 45

Debate of breeding policy.
No 1. Test mating and back cross mating.
No 2. Like to Like mating.
No 3. Colour genotype details on

No 3. Colour genotype details on Foreign White pedigrees.

No 4. Restrictions upon export of Foreign White and Orange genotype.

No 5. Restrictions upon sale and breeding of Foreign White and Siamese.

Presentation of SWECT

4 45 Presentation of SWCSA awards for 1970/71 to: Mrs N Jones, Mrs J Farley, Mrs D Stevenson, Mrs M Dunnill and Mrs C Iremonger.

9 00 Conference closes.

Tickets will be available at the door, 25p, and lunch may be booked in advance from the hon secretary at extra charge. Alternatively a small room will be set aside where members may eat refreshments.

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The Conference venue is
Royal Horticultural Society New Hall,
Greycoates Street, London SW1.
Date: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.
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Mr K BURTON, 76 Sydney Avenue, Leigh,
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without realising that this practice, carried on for several generations, means, in most colours, loss of type and colouring. How many of our 'best in shows' conform to this interpretation of 'pure breeding'? Is a 'purebred, but a better specimen? Are we concerned with producing beautiful, healthy, sweet tempered cats of predictable type and colour, or with adhering to a theory?

The Chinchilla is indeed a glorious animal, but to some eyes (and beauty is in the eye of the beholder) the Blue Chinchilla is even more beautiful. We did not set out, of malice aforethought, to damage Chinchillas. These cats, from a variety of causes, were 'happening' all over the country. We came, we saw, they conquered. The only way that I can think of that we can harm the Blues and Chinchillas is by encroaching a little on their market, and this is a risk every breeder must take. She cannot expect everyone to prefer the kind of cats she breeds.

The term 'mongrel' as applied to Blue Chinchillas is inaccurate and unacceptable. Everyone I know of has a distinguished ancestry on both sides within the Long Hair section. And they do have a tendency to breed true. More than this it is, at present, impossible to say.

Finally, with reference to the kitten of unknown sire which was offered as a Chinchilla, and for which a price of £35 was asked, I am entirely in agreement with Mrs Turney. It was deplorable. Nevertheless, caveat emptor!

emptor!

Let me assure your correspondent that Blue Chinchilla breeders are no less honest than other breeders. What is more, we are proud of our cats, and would not dream of representing them as something other than they are. EILEEN R TAYLOR, Edinburgh

### Winning Siamese lines

WHEN reading Mrs. Dunnill's article on Siamese I noticed that she mentions various pedigrees and prefixes. But surely she has torgotten the prefixes Devoran, Holway, Praha. These lines have produced more Siamese champions than any other in the cat Fancy and in all the winning pedigrees one finds a Praha cat or one of the others.

The Praha line produced the first Lilac Point Siamese in 1947. Unfortunately they were thought to be bad Chocolates or bad Blues and were all neutered as pets as no one had seen this colour before.

In later years after the Laurentide Lilacs appeared on the scene, one knew what the colour should be like. Albeit these were very heavy cats while the Praha line were sleek and fine boned as they were very selectively bred.

bred.
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#### **EVELYN LANGSTON, FRAM**

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A LIFE-TIME of friendship for Evelyn Langston since I stewarded for her for the first time in 1930 increased my affection for her—my admiration of her integrity—and in recent years my wonder at her patience and serenity in facing and coping with the appalling disability to which her crippling arthritis conditioned her. Her funeral at Woking Crematorium, on a lovely day of winter sunshine, was most moving and memorable. The two outstanding interests of her life—music and cats—were blended in the many lovely wreaths and other floral tributes, and in the assembly of mourners who came to pay their last respects. Those present from the cat Fancy were Mrs Turney, Mrs Calder, Mrs Gondy, Mrs Greenwood, Mr Wickham-Ruffle and myself (from the Chinchilla Club) also Miss Burnham, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Roselle.

Miss Langston's friends from the musical world made a splendid contribution to the funeral service. From the first notes of the first hymn one realised that this was no company of ordinary singers faltering over the beginning of the verses but a choir of supreme professional competence. And later when John Boulfer contributed a solo "Somewhere a voice is calling', sung most beautifully from the organ gallery, one was supremely grateful for the tribute paid from

the musical side of Miss Langston's long and distinguished career.

Our sympathy goes out to Miss Erny Burnham who has given such devoted service to Miss Langston for so many years. And now that, in the fulness of time, the end of your long life has come, may dear Bunthe rest in peace, after distinguished service both to music and the cat Fancy. LILY SPEIRS

Hospital. We are pleased to hear that she is recovering from her injuries.

URGENT APPEAL

To all judges, correspondents,

DEATH OF MRS PEGGY SMITH

MRS BAXTER of the Yorkshire County Cat
Club, informs us of the death at the age
of 40 of Mrs Peggy Smith, of Camberley, on
Friday, January 29.

Mrs Smith was a great worker for cats and
for charity. Together with Angela Weldon, of
the Chocolate Pointed Siamese Club, they held
socials with a small group of people to raise
funds for many organisations.

We also heard from Mrs Baxter that Mrs
Duncan Hindley had a fall on January 21
when Mrs Hardy took her to the Guildford

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## NEWS FROM THE CAT CLUBS

Will exhibitors or visitors who intend to visit Croydon Cat Club show on March 20 and who require lunch in the New Hall Restaurant please inform Mrs E Towe, show manager, so that seats can be reserved.

If the strike of postal workers continues Mrs Towe will accept entries by telephone up to February 18. Her address is 3 Sack-ville Gardens, Hove, telephone 778139.

#### LILAC POINT SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY

Nominations are invited to Lilac Point Siamese Cat Society delegates to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. At present I am the Society's delegate with Mrs Marshall as substitute delegate and we would be honoured to continue in those positions. Mrs M G BAXTER, 117 Spencer Place, Leeds 7 (629152 and 26545).

#### YORKSHIRE COUNTY CAT CLUB

As arranged under our new rule of the Yorkshire County Cat Club, nominations for officers and committee (with seconders and also acceptance of nominees) should be sent to me by the end of February. If the postal strike precludes this an extention of the date will be made. will be made.

will be made.

Currently serving the club are the following, all of whom are eligible for re-election:
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## RED POINT AND TORTIE POINT SIAMESE CAT CLUB

Nominations for delegates and committee of the Red Point and Tortie Point Siamese Cat Club will be accepted by telephone to Washford 352. The closing date has been extended to February 20.

The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, May 1. The journal will be distributed as soon as the postal situation permits. LESLEY PRING, hon sec-

#### LANCS AND NW COUNTIES CAT CLUB

Will exhibitors who posted entries for the Lancashire and North Western Counties Cat Club championship show on March 13 1971 just prior to the postal strike please check that they have arrived, as it is becoming apparent that quite a lot of post did not get cleared. Will exhibitors who have given entries by telephone please get their entry forms in as soon as possible, either by post or by hand. Collection of entry forms will be made by committee members at all shows. (Mrs) B WOLSTENHOLME, Assistant show manager, Tinypaws Cottage, Mill Lane, Elswick, near Preston, Lancashire, telephone Great Eccleston 547.

#### LONG-HAIRED CAT CLUB

Owing to the indisposition through illness of the secretary would members of the Longhaired Cat Club please forward correspondence and subscriptions for 1971 to the treasurer, Mrs E Cordell, 69 The Meadows, Brentwood, Essex.

There are many miniature trophies to be won outright by fully paid up members at the Croydon show on March 20 S DE FERRY

SURREY AND SUSSEX CAT ASSOCIATION
It is with deep regret the Surrey and Sussex
Cat Association committee is forced to
announce the candellation of its sanction
show on April 10, 1971. This decision was
reached after three hours discussion as to

how schedules could be circulated and returned, and although committee members were willing to run up and down the country it was realised that it was totally impracticable and that the show should be cancelled. From the support received and the keen interest shown it is felt that he show would have been a most enjoyable one and sine erely thank all for their support, help and enthusiasm and trust that members and exhibitors will understand the uncertain and impossible situation with which the club is faced. As soon as he postal strike is over all monies received will be returned. It is hoped the club can count on your support for our next show. J SOUTHERLAND, hon secretary

#### NOTTS AND DERBY CAT CLUB

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The silver jubilee show of the Notts and Derby Cat Club will be held on February 27. Will all exhibitors please note that if the strike of postal workers has not been settled by February 16, vetting-in cards, tallies etc can be collected at the show hall on show day before vetting-in. Also, if anyone who posted entries after January 16 cares to telephone East Leake 2410 between 7 30 and 10 pm on February 17, their queries with regard to entries will be answered. (Mrs) IDA GEE

#### CORRECTIONS

In Mrs I W Pearson's letter in our recent issue the name Moveny should have read Miss E H Morony.

In the list of Champion Cats and Premiers 1969-70 the name of the breeder of Longhaired Orange-eyed White, Donbank Baby Doll, owned by Mrs J Crockart, should have been given as Mrs F M Ashton.

#### PEDIGREE RESEARCH GROUP

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# Coventry and Leicester-

## 'Superb show with many innovations'

#### Mrs M Eustace

This was a superb show with many innovations. The best in show set-out was excellent and seemed a much fairer way of singling out the best. Doubtless it will be copied by many more show managers.

Miss O'Neill and her assistant show managers were a splendid team and the judges went away well pleased with the hospitality and care extended to them. Congratulations to all concerned.

SIAMESE SEAL POINT Ad male: This was an interesting class to judge and all exhibits were well up to the standards required. One or two, who will doubtless win later, were rather immature. Looking at the catalogue when making my report their dates of birth confirmed my opinion. 1 ch Forrest's Marshbrook Mustang, really top class male, good type, good wedge with strong chin, marvellous oriental eyes of brilliant deep blue, good tail, good length of body, good ear placement, stood well and was very amiable, lovely texture coat, but far too dark, especially from back view, front presented a most beautiful head and dense mask with sufficient contrast to bring him well into any winning picture 2 Wolstenholme's Springay Augustus, good runner-up, with a very lovely coat, exceptionally well balanced and stylish, with good wedge, tail and eye colour, unfortunately at the time of judging he appeared to have a slight squint, splendid length of body and aristocratic stance, beautifully shown 3 Key's Kalope Rua, most attractive exhibit, almost too dainty for a male, good wedge, good eye colour, good all-round type, very elegant limbs, good whip, good coat with pleasing contrast, surely a winner later 4 Denny's Ubon Orion, still another excellent male with beautiful coat and pleasing contrast, lovely wedge and eyes, marvellous length of body, rather too big r Noakes's Bolidheach Mincota, handsome exhibit, slight squareness in muzzle, ear placement not quite right, pity he is such a consistent wool eater LILAC POINT Ad male: This was a lovely class of really good cats, all well up to standards and all well prepared and gromed to perfection. 1 ch Furb

#### Mrs M Bastow

Congratulations to Miss O'Neil and her assistants on a very excellent show. I am sure it was a huge success in every way.

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BLUE-CREAM Cat 8: 1 ch Beck's Honeymist Tawtara, full pale intermingled coat of the softest texture, all her paws intermingled too, short bushy tail, very broad top of head and neatest ears, full cheeks, round copper eyes, well shown, was later voted best in show 2 Harris's Dolmeg Moonglow, another excellent exhibit with soft intermingled coat, two solid feet and cream patch under chin, very good type, neat ears well placed, full cheeks, firm chin, good eyes for colour and shape 3 Platt's Foxmine Honeybunch, well intermingled coat, neat ears set well

apart, good eye colour, full cheeks, firm chin, rather nervous r Hepburn's Springheels Saraband, very nice cat, coat intermingled and all feet broken, lovely shaped head, firm chin and muzzle, unfortunately when I had her one eye was closed and weepy Kitten 6: 1 Worth's Rojondanco Maceshia, very soft intermingled coat, all feet broken, full cheeks, firm chin, ears could be neater, lovely round open eyes 2 Walton's Quenby Geisha Girl, coat rather dark in colour and patched rather than intermingled, but all feet broken, good ear placement, good chin and muzzle, nose a triflle long 3 Bullen's Bullensmede Aurora, this is an excellent typed kitten but coat is much too blue, has neatest ears well set, short little nose, copper eyes, firm chin and good muzzle. The rest of my classes were club classes. MARGARET BASTOW

#### Mrs N Hardy

My congratulations to Miss O'Neill, her friends and helpers for an extremely pleasant and well run show and a' most comfortable and delightful visit to Leicester. Thank you for inviting me to judge and for the very

lovely gift.

To my excellent steward Mrs Deakin my grateful thanks for her untiring help, I enjoyed the day with her so much.

I was rather distressed to see so kittens shown without some kind of wand woollen white blankets in the pens. warmth

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Exhibitors should realise that Siamese kittens look much better when they are warmer and do not sit hunched up with their coats ruffled and haws up, because they are cold sitting on a small white cotton blanket or a metal surface all day.

SIAMESE SEAL POINT Female (3-6 mth): I was sorry to find Mrs V Alexander's Alexa Sharee was not in her pen when I judged this open class and it was quite a shock to find her there when judging AC Novice Sharee was not in her pen when I judged this open class and it was quite a shock to find her there when judging AC Novice kitten female later in the day when I awarded her first prize, she is a very promising kitten with nice warm coat, points a little light at present, beautiful ear set, wedge a little short just now, good whip tail and dainty legs and paws, lovely eye-set and colour 1 Burl-ton's Bur-Bur Upsala, lovely ear set and good profile, muzzle a bit square and a slight pinch at present, beautiful eye shape and colour, body long and svelte, slim legs, good whip tail, nice coat and points, beautifully shown 2 Ward's Pendlemist Shahrishmah. good profile, muzzle a bit square and a slight pinch at present, beautiful eye shape and colour, body long and svelte, slim legs, good whip tail, nice coat and points, beautifully shown 2 Ward's Pendlemist Shahrishmah, another nice kitten with good ear set, wedge little narrow at top and slight pinch but good profile, coat rather dark, points excellent, body little short, nice eye set, colour looked rather a dark blue 3 Bardall's Starshine Tachita, nice medium size with long svelte body, good ear set, head a little short, legs and paws rather heavy at present, good eye colour but eyes rather round, pale coat, mask brindled and pale chin today r Gould's Bellus Terrihia, good wedge and lovely ear set, chin pad rather flat, coat cold, good eye shape, colour rather light, body short and kinks in tail Female 6-9 mth: 1 Shroud's Fair Miss Dilly, a charming dainty kitten with good wedge and excellent ear set, long svelte body and whip tail, slight pinch today, good chin, slim legs and oval paws, lovely eye set and colour 2 White's Kirash Acacia, good type kitten with lovely ear set, nice wedge, but a slight pinch today, long whip tail, coat very patchy, possibly due to injury, eyes rather round but good colour blue 3 Barlow's Bumblebees Fantasia, good profile and fine wedge, ears set, a little close, oriental eyes, clear blue sibly due to injury, eyes rather round but good colour blue 3 Barlow's Bumblebees Fantasia, good profile and fine wedge, ears set, a little close, oriental eyes, clear blue colour, good whip tail rather brindled today, slim legs and dainty paws, coat rather cold in colour and points brindled, paws up today r Smith's Whiterose Isadora, well proportioned head with nice earset, tail rather short and brindled, coat open, nice eye colour but rather round in shape BLUE POINT Premier: 1 pr J S Ireland's Delaeh Snowflower, female, a very fine cat with good profile and nice wedge, ears large and pricked but a little close set, long whip tail, slightly barred, beautiful silvery blue points, fine oriental eyes, clear blue colour, coat rather dark but cold in colour 2 Boulton's Stansherre Blue Firefly, male, another lovely cat with good ear set, wedge head, a little short, ears small, good chin and nice eye set, tail rather short and barred, coat too warm, fine slender legs and oval paws 3 Howard's Fosseway Melody, female, a very friendly cat with a nice purr, good profile, wedge a little broad, lovely ear set and good eye shape and colour, a slight pinch, tail short and rather dark in comparison to her silver blue points r Payne's Simeon Sunshine,

female, head rather short and narrow, nice large ears well set, slight pinch, good long tail, slender legs and dainty paws, colouring rather too fawn and coat very dark for a Bluepoint. NANCY HARDY

#### Mrs M M Calder

The Coventry and Leicester show on January 16 was a very happy and well-run affair. Miss O'Neill and her committee had obviously put a lot of thought and hard work into the running of the show and had the courage to try out a new system of best in show judging. I was not on the panel so I leave it to those who were to comment from a judge's point of view, but certainly the cats looked very much happier and more comfortable than they are under the usual routine. they are under the usual routine.

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I thought the quality of the exhibits was excellent, and it was a problem in the side classes to decide between so many first-class cats and kittens. On the other hand, it was disappointing (again in the side classes) to find that so many cats had undershot jaws. This is a serious and almost always hereditary fault, and we really must take steps to eradicate it now. Among other ill-effects, a badly undershot jaw interferes with the cat's ability to groom itself properly, and frequently the upper jaw is shortened leading to occlusion of the lacrimal ducts with consequent 'weepy' eyes.

Many thanks to my capable steward Mr Wickham-Ruffle, who handled the cats quietly

and well.

COLOURPOINT Male 3: 1 ch Harding's Ch Mingchiu Ghunti, well built Bluepoint with a beautifully balanced head, round face, good breadth between ears, full cheeks and a good stop, eyes round but palish, soft coat with dense points, body colour rather warm 2 Hann's Gledhow Jumbo, another good cat, just fails on type to winner, good broad head with well set ears, but wants to broaden at the muzzle, which he may well do as he is only just over a year old, full soft coat, showing some brindling on his body, good physique Female 6: 1 ch Lymbery's Longville Bluebelle, lovely young queen, her head wants to broaden on top, but she has a short ing some printing physique Female 6: 1 ch Lymbery's Longvine Bluebelle, lovely young queen, her head wants to broaden on top, but she has a short nose with a good stop, eyes could be deeper colour, thick soft coat, good colour and points 2 Cochrane's Akebia So-fee, Seal Point with a very short snub nose, large round eyes of fair colour and a firm chin, ears a little open, good mask and points 3 White's Akebia Zena, really well shown cat, round eyes of fair colour and a firm chin, ears a little open, good mask and points 3 White's Akebia Zena, really well shown cat, a pleasure to handle, nice pale body colour, not such a typy head as the above two, but has large open eyes r Harding's Mingchiu Nymphea, broad head with tiny ears, eyes rather deep set, she was showing a lot of old coat today AOC SELF LH Premier 6: 1 pr Hale's Brybuboo Black Muffet, glorious glossy Black, just fading a little at ends of ruff, round head with super eye colour, ears could be smaller 2 Shepard's Willowglen Tiger Tim, rich red coat, showing some markings on be smaller 2 Shepard's Willowglen Tiger Tim, rich red coat, showing some markings on face and bars on legs, strong round head with full cheeks, lovely eye colour 3 Plews's Tewhit Treasure, lovely pale Cream, but a little shady, pleasing head with small well set ears, round orange eyes r Parsons's Kennerleigh Bowman Skippy, OE White, pure coat, a few tangles underneath, good eye colour, rather straight nose. M M CALDER

#### Mr J Trevor

Heartiest congratulations to Miss O'Neill and the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club for a very well run show and notably for their enterprise in trying out a new system for best in show judging. There can be no doubt that it was a great improvement from the cats' point of view, and that should be our main concern, but it would have been easier for the judges if they could have had seats. I should certainly like to see some system like it adopted whenever the hall is large enough.

My grateful thanks to my wife who stewarded for me with her usual care and

stewarded for me with her usual care and efficiency.

AOC than Self LH Premier 7: 1 pr Horseman's Barbarina, Chinchilla, excellent type with lovely eyes, fine coat, well ticked, good head and very fine brush 2 Hale's Brynbuboo Jungle Miss, Brown Tabby, lovely coat with good markings, very nice small ears with really fine tufts, quite good round copper eyes, good brush, ran the winner very close indeed 3 Hale's Brynbuboo Twinkle Toes, Tortie, good head, eyes rather yellow, excellent long coat and brush but rather too much black and inclined to be intermingled

rather than patched, nice short ears and lovely ruff AC Junior cat 24: 1 Back's Honeymist Tantara, Blue-Cream, excellent type with lovely head and very fine, well intermingled, long coat, enormous ruff and beautiful eyes, later best LH adult in show 2 Hunt's Willambet Apollo, Blue, excellent head with good sound coat and brush and lovely eyes 3 McLellan's Beaumist Jacaranda, Colourpoint, good type with fine coat, showing up points well, nice short nose and small ears with good width of head 4 Woollas's Ch Clough Sparkler, Blue-eyed White, really long, silky coat, white but for a little yellow on paws, gorgeous brush, good head with nice small ears and fair colour of eyes 5 Woodifield's Pathfinders Tangled Skein, Tortie and White, good type with nice head and well patched coat which was, however, rather short today Adolescent 4: 1 Tillotson's Brackenhill Corin, Blue, lovely head, broad with short ears and good eyes very risical lorg flewing soet. coat which was, however, rather short today Adolescent 4: 1 Tillotson's Brackenhill Corin, Blue, lovely head, broad with short ears and good eyes, very nice long, flowing coat, lovely brush 2 Newland's Amberglow Delilah, another nice Blue but head not so good as winner's 3 White's Akebia Zena, colourpoint, lovely coat showing up points beautifully but not good type, nose on long side and insufficient width between ears which were too pricked, nice eye colour. I should also mention two very fine cats which I had in my club classes, Hogan's Snowhite Brigitte, a beautiful orange-eyed white, and Hoyle's Smoke, Ch Hardendale Nicholas, who looked as lovely as ever. JOHN TREVOR

#### Mrs E G Aitken

I wish to apologise and at the same time to point out that it was unavoidable, the Smoke and Silver Tabbies to be judged by me for a second time in the present show season. This is a custom I deplore and I think the owners of these cats should appeal to their engelality excelety the creater meets.

season. This is a custom I deplore and I think the owners of these cats should appeal to their specialist society to create more judges of these breeds.

I do not usually comment on other than the classes I judge but this time I think a little extra is needed. I find that the Smoke cats are quite true to type and if bred from with care should lay the foundations of a breed that will take its place among our best. This is obviously being done, for the kittlens show that they will be equal and better than their sires and dams. By the way, the breed is Smoke not Black Smoke, where Blue turns up the term is Blue Smoke, where Blue turns up the term is Blue Smoke.

I wish I could enthuse in the same way over the LH Silver Tabbies. Where are the ones to compare with the pre-1939? Why do not more people set about with enthusiasm to re-create this breed instead of using time and expense in creating so-called new and expense in creating so-called no breeds? The very few breeders of LH Silv Tabbies are having a very up-hill time keep the breed going and it must be my disheartening. Is there no-one to give helping hand?

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keep the breed going and it must be most disheartening. Is there no-one to give a helping hand?

May I thank my two stewards, Mrs Wyant and Misss Newland, for all the help they gave me, showing an interest in the cats and in what I had to say. I notice that both were present at best in show.

BLUE Cat male: 1 ch Wilde's Lomond Blue John, a fine well grown cat, excellent well prepared coat, slight paling of undercoat, excellent head with small well placed ears, excellent head with small well placed ears, excellent eyes for colour and shape, excellent nose and chin 2 Tillotson's Brackenhill Corin, another fine male, runs winner very close, well prepared coat but getting shady and tail darkening, excellent head with small ears a little open at base, excellent eye colour, nose and chin 3 Bagnall's Penkvale Oberon, a fine well grown male, coat well prepared but knots on tummy, excellent head with small well set ears, excellent eyes and nose, needs more chin r Ashurst's Cargoes Lyrical Lad, excellent coat for colour and preparation but tail dark, excellent head but ears open at base, excellent large open eyes, nose and chin Female: 1 ch Trevitt's Helenswood Tansye Topper, coat shady but well prepared ears, large open red gold eyes, excellent nose and chin 2 Hunt's Williambet Apollo, excellent coat, well prepared, slightly paper undercoat, excellent coat with neat well set ears, excellent large open copper eyes, nose and chin, runs winner very close 3 Woodman's Alcmund Erica, excellent well prepared coat, tail thin, excellent head, ears a little high and open at base, excellent head with small ears but open at base, excellent head with small ears but open at base, excellent head with small ears but open at base, excellent eyes, nose and chin r Phillipson's Davindos Dollwyn, coat shady and tail dark, excellent head with small ears but open at base, excellent eyes, nose and chin smoke Cat male: 1 ch

#### SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK CAT CLUB

FIFTH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW at ST ANDREW'S HALL, NORWICH, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13. ALL BREEDS AND HOUSEHOLD PETS.

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## SOME BIG WINNERS AT COVENTRY

An abbreviated list because of the postal dispute

### BRYNBUBOO CATTERY had a field day at Leicester

CHAMPION BRYNBUBOO EASTER GIRL Brown Tabby Longhair, Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed.

BRYNBUBOO PUSSYWILLOW

British Blue, Challenge Certificate and nominated for Best in Show.

CHAMPION BRYNBUBOO MAXIMILLIAN (owned by Mrs Foster), third Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed.

PR BRYNBUBOO BLUE BANDIT and by Mrs Bennett) won Pr of Pr and elected Best Shorthaired Neuter. BRYNBUBOO MADAM MONHEATH (owned by Mrs Swain) second Pr Certificate, won all her five Classes and nominated for Best in Show.

Best in Show.

BRYNBUBOO JOUFFLU

(owned by Mrs Garbett) won Open Kitten and nominated for Best in Show.

BRYNBUBOO BLACK -MUFFET

(owned by Mrs Hale), Black Longhair (litter sister to E Girl), won Pr Certificate and nominated for Best in Show.

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Again the Open Class winner and her fourth CC.

Well done girl.

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Congratulations to our darling boy

## HEPHAESTOS POLARIS

(WHITE DEVON REX)

on gaining his first Challenge Certifimonths and being nine nominated for Best in Show. Thank you, Mrs Genty.

First Rex Cat Club Class.
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Mrs Betty Hough, 'The Limes', Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland.

Telephone: Hawick 2854.

## SHAAREEN CHRISTABEL

Lovely black daughter of my darling **CHAMPION PETRAVIAN** 

**BLACK PANTHER** 

Won her third Challenge Certificate at Coventry and Leicester. (This CC will always be a memorable one.)

It gave us such happiness for the first time this year.

Heartfelt thanks to Mrs Blanche Barron
(Yorkshire), Mrs Iris Hancox (Edinburgh)
and Mrs Doris Brice-Webb.

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MARGARET FELLOWS, 22 WENTWORTH ROAD, BIRMINGHAM 17.

Hoyle's Ch Hardendale Nicholas, a true Smoke coat with wonderful white undercoat, dense black mask, black feet, excellent silver frill, head with small neat ears, excellent eyes, nose and chin 2 Whyte's Ch Sonata Maestro, another true Smoke coat with pale silver frill and pale undercoat, dense mask, legs could be blacker, excellent head with small ears, excellent eyes, nose ridgy, chin could be stronger Female: 1 ch Roden's Ch Sonata Taccata, another, true Smoke, excellent coat with black mask and black legs, excellent pale silver undercoat, excellent tail, head with neat ears, could do with more width on top, excellent eyes, nose short but ridgy, excellent coat but not enough contrast, lovely undercoat and frill, face and legs not black enough, excellent head with neat ears, excellent eyes, short nose and chin 3 Wright's Ch Wildfell Tessa, excellent coat for texture and quality but not enough contrast, excellent frill, good mask and legs, excellent head with neat ears, excellent eyes, nose and chin r Hoyle's Wildfell Yanessa, coat rather harsh, not enough contrast, some old coat left in especially on head and face, excellent head wity neat ears, excellent eyes, good nose, chin weak Male 3-5 mth: 1 Hoyle's Hardendale Moor King, a super type kitten, excellent coat with contrast coming, mask is good 2 Hoyle's Hardendale Gay Cavalier, not enough contrast, black not through yet, mask and legs not black enough, body has little black, type is very good with kitten, excellent coat with contrast coming, mask is good 2 Hoyle's Hardendale Gay Cavalier, not enough contrast, black not through yet, mask and legs not black enough, body has little black, type is very good with excellent head, neat well placed ears, excellent eyes, nose and chin Female: 1 Hoyle's Hardendale Moorsprite, not enough contrast but very young, the type is excellent with neat ears, excellent eyes, nose and chin Male 6-9 mths: 1 Wright's Wildfell Khoon, a very promising kitten, dense mask and legs, body colour not quite through but definitely coming, again, another lovely typy kitten Female: 1 Hoyle's Hardendale Zara, another Female: 1 Hoyle's Hardendale Zara, another remaile: 1 Hoyle's Hardendale Zara, another remaile: 1 Hoyle's Hardendale Zara, another lovely typy kitten SILVER TABBY Cat: 1 Greenwood's Wilmar Willet, good quality coat, markings are poor but body colour is good and stripes on back are clear and good, head is too long, nose straight and long, chin weak, ch withheld Kitten: 2 Verron's Starvourne Silvercloud, this kitten cannot be considered a Silver Tabby at this stage, the only marks are on the head with bars on legs. The type is not good with head too long and eyes yellow with a green rim AC LH Grand premier: 1 pr Plew's Pr Ch Tewhit Camelia, a Cream LH, a lovely pale cream, well prepared coat, a light undercoat on back, excellent head with neat well placed ears, excellent eyes, nose very short and a very strong chin. E G AlTKEN

#### **Mrs Prince**

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BLUE Male kitten 3-9 mth 10: 1 Williams's Willanbet Blair, a well grown kitten with excellent head, neat ears, eyes good for colour and shape, good muzzle and chin, profuse even coat, short tail, beautifully presented 2 Ashurst's Prosperity Boy, lovely pale coated kitten with good head, tiny ears, nicely set, wide open eyes of good colour, slight fever markings in coat which was long and flowing, tail short, well presented 3 Hepburn's Springheels Charlemagne, well balanced type, ears a little pricked, good even coat, short tail, nicely groomed r Andrews Santara Charlie Boy, well grown kitten of good type, coat rather shady today vhc Fearn's Evenlea Gino hc Leedham's Crowdecote Zachary; abs 53 Tomlinson. NB—For those without cards: more attention is required for grooming, difficult in this damp weather! I know Female 11. Ashurst's Cargeos Joppinjay, a sweet dignified little lady, my youngest kitten and my nomination for best in show, lovely pale shade of blue, wide open eyes, perfectly balanced type, coat groomed to perfection, no shading, short tail, lovely exhibit 2 Davindos Rebecca, well grown kitten of beautiful type, deep eye colour, coat pale and even but very short today, tail short and well furnished, shown to perfection 3 Andrews's Santara Jemima, good head, ears, well balanced type, tail short, coat profuse but rather shady today ex 3 Tillotson's Brackenhill Rosemary, very typy kitten, small ears, eyes a little deep set, lovely profuse coat of even shade, beautifully groomed r Andrews's Santara Naomi, sister to Jemima, ears a little open at base, good type eyes for colour and shape, coat shady vhc Bullen's Bullensmede Oriana vhc Hunt's Veluer Amy Bluebell. A very good class for type and presentation. AC Breeders kitten 18: 1 Hogan's Snowhite Prince Charming, beautiful white male kitten, excellent head and small well-set ears, large open eyes of deep colour, faulttless flowing coat, cobby body and short tail, groomed to perfection,

type coat shady today vhc D Rebecca hc Carr's Sanatra Alexis. All other classes were club classes.

Many thanks to my steward Christine Suddaby for her help and attention to small details, she has the makings of a first-class steward. CLARE PRINCE

#### Mrs A Ferguson

A lovely show in a very spacious hall. There was ample space for the experiment of simultaneous best in show judging and the show committee is to be congratulated on breaking away from tradition and trying a new method for what is very often a very tedious process.

My thanks to the committee for asking me to judge at this very pleasant show and for the delightful gift.

Grateful thanks to Mr Thermann for being such a quick and efficient steward and for handling the cats so competently. I enjoyed his company.

A special thank you to Mrs Paula Hulett for coming to my rescue as steward for the class of 17 kittens which had been inadvertantly left out of my book and had to be judged at the last moment.

Being mainly a miscellaneous judge at this show, I had a good cross section of kittens and neuters to judge and was most impressed by the greatly improved quality of seal and blue exhibits. So many of them were truly lovely and I was sorry there were not more red and blue cards to award, but there was one fault common to most blue and chocolate.

Ignoring points colours it would be practi-cally impossible to tell one from the other on basic coat colour. They all had coats which were magnolia instead of glacial in blues and

SIAMESE AC Neuter kitten 3: 1 Randall's Domiran Aquarious, Blue Point, good shaped wedge head with straight lines, very good chin, good eyes and ears, fine bone, average length tail, coat in excellent condition 2 Upton-Wheeler's Marshbrook Sebastion, Seal Point with very good head length but pinched, good eye colour but shape could be better, average tail, very slightly receding chin, but even bite 3 Ceci's Whitehaugh Blue Lagoon, medium head with very good chin, round eyes, good length tail, coat very pale but a trifle harsh, good blue points SP Breeders kitten 14: 1 Stroud's Fair Miss Dilly, very promising Seal Point of lovely type and very fine bone, very good head shape, good eyes beautifully set, large well set ears, dainty paws, very fine whip tail, coat in excellent condition 2 Burtton's Bru-Bur Upsala, a delightful poppet of fine type with good head shape, slightly square in muzzle, lovely profile, good even chin, very good eye shape and colour, large well set ears, dainty oval paws, very young but promising 3 Beach's Seadog Ajax, another lovely kitten of fine bone and type, very good head shape, very good head shape, very good exempents and very pale coat r Smith's Whiterose Isadora, good head length, good eyes and ears, dense even points, short brindled tail ex r Barlow's Bumblebees Fantasia, fine bone, good head shape, very pale coat and practically no points, good length tail, beautifully presented 2 McLaughlan's Bleu Cadeau, good solid cat with good head shape, ood eye colour and shape, very pale coat and practically no points, good tength tail, beautifully presented 2 McLaughlan's Bleu Cadeau, good selngth and lovely profile, excellent eye colour and shape and length, excellent eye colour and shape and setting, thumb marks on ears and well spotted whisker pads, good length tail but rings could be clearer, coat beginning to show barring ex 3 Beeley's Kirash Xbec, very nice chocolate with good head shape and good even chin, eye good eye shape and colour, good ears, fince even chin, good tail, lovely SIAMESE AC Neuter kitten 3: 1 Randall's Domiran Aquarious, Blue Point, good shaped wedge head with straight lines, very good chin, good eyes and ears, fine bone, average

## Judges' comments The National

(continued)

#### Mrs D Clarke

Once again the mammoth National show was run with its usual precision. Congratulations to Mrs Pond as organiser and Mrs Wilson show manager Siamese section. My grateful thanks to Mr Ian Dack who was all that a good steward should be.

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wilson snow manager Stamese section. My grateful thanks to Mr Ian Dack who was all that a good steward should be.

SIAMESE BLUE POINT male 17: 1 found this class very difficult to place and most disappointing as to colour. A large number of the cats entered had little pretension to being blue at all. Many of the points were grey which is not blue and far too many bodies were dingy fawn instead of the glacial white required by the standard. One entry showed a very pale coat but unfortunately it was quite the wrong shade being far too cream with no shading to blue. The deterioration in the Blue Point colour is a fault which the breeders of this variety should, in my opinion, give top priority to correct. 1 ch Putwain's Bluebridge Soyuti, excellent type, very oriental eyes, firm chin and perfectly level jaw, good ear set. One of the strongest heads I have seen for some time, well groomed and reasonable body colour. Could be more blue 2 Williams's Mosmi Aristotle, another strong head with good eye shape and colour, fine paws and spoon foot. Tail could be longer but well tapered, well groomed and presented but too fawn on back 3 Bell's Chalmi Kapal, nice body colour but a little heavy in bone, tail little thick at root, good chin but pinch in muzzle 4 Stacey's Craigheihilock Blue Knight, promising youngster but very immature for this class, fair colour, nice tip to head, excellent tail willey's Linquenda Victor, good type but very fawn, oriental eyes, good jaw and well set ears, little effeminate who Buttery's Taurus Kock-Aleekie, typy head, would be improved with larger ears, very oriental eyes, good coat of fair colour, tail shortish, too light in weight AC Novice male: 1 Watkin's Sadiki Cherry Pie, excellent coat colour and type, good length, lovely condition Lilac Point 2 promising young Lilac, good coat, head and points, slight shading on back 3 C Blue Knight 4 Every's Selias Choc Koko, good colour CP, eyes of excellent shape and colour, ears a little on top, good tail room and type, good ear set and nice strai

#### Cheshire continued

#### Mrs M Thake

Congratulations to Julie Morrison and her trd-working committee on a happy well run ow. I was particularly impressed with the hard-working committee on a happy well run show. I was particularly impressed with the excellent buffet luncheon provided for the judges and stewards. This was very much appreciated.

My grateful thanks to my splendid steward, Joan Saunders, hard working and efficient as usual.

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BLACK SH Ad How nice to see four British Black cats of such good quality: 1 Wolstenholme's Darwinnie Julie, lovely type, superb head, excellent coat, correct tail, lovely eye colour and shape 2 Foster's Jezreel Marmaduke, another beauty, massive male, splendid type, excels round head and eyes, excels eye colour, dense black coat of good quality sound to the roots, neat ears, ran winner very close 3 Pearson's Jezreel Mostyn, excels type, good head, fails only on chin, excels eye colour and setting, superb coat texture, good bone r Davis's Sweethope Magician, excels type and head, lovely profile, good dense coat, good eye colour, massive cat BRITISH BLUE Male: One only but a worthy champion Foster's Brynbuboo Maxmillian. excels type, superb lead and eyes, colour could be deeper, lovely plushy coat of good colour Female: 1 Entwistle's Rylands Blue Iris, excels type, good head, coat too soft, ringed tail 2 Foster's Brynbuboo Blue Vinca, good head, lovely round eyes, excels type, good coat texture, very nervous CREAM: Foster's Jezreel Catriona, very good type, excels coat colour and texture, good round head, some ringing on tail, unfortunately had an inflamed eye

so did not look quite up to championship standard today AV SH GRAND CHAMPION: Watts's Sirelli Dapple, really beautiful spotted silver, excellent type, lovely head, superbeye colour and shape, lovely pattern of spotting SIAMESE Chocolate point: 1 ch Richardson's Sunjade Chocolate Domino, excels type, lovely long wedge, level coat colour, even points colour, well set eyes, slight pinch 2 Besley's Boideach Macgillie, excels type, beautiful head, milk chocolate points, slight squint, excels profile, elegant legs and feet 3 Leech's Beaumanor Dixie, excels colour, even points, good profile, dainty legs and feet r Cook's Denka Hanshu, good type, long wedge, even points colour, nice eye colour and shape Female: 1 ch Freer's Mintaka Ming, very typy little queen, long wedge, superb coat colour and exture, dainty legs and feet, whip tail 2 Fryer's Kirash Yoko, round eyes, good type, dainty cat, whip tail 3 Lloyd Williams's Raeburn Lao Damia, well developed queen, good type, long wedge, long tail r Marriott's Sakura Teco, good type, long wedge, whip tail, good points colour CP or LP Neuter: 1 pr Daniel's Physalis Shagrayn, excels type, long wedge, excellent eyes for shape and colour, lovely points colour, whip tail, dainty feet, dark points 3 Taylor's Lucifer Lilac, excellent 'type, dainty feet, good colour, rather cross r Noon's Mintaka Starshine, excels type, bluish points colour, good head, long tail, dainty feet, dainty feet, good colour, father cross r points 3 Taylor's Lucifer Lilac, excellent type, dainty feet, good colour, rather cross r Noon's Mintaka Starshine, excels type, bluish points colour, good head, long tail, dainty legs and feet vhc Wooller's Psiccato Apollo, excels type, long wedge, dark points, good tail SH GRAND PREM: one only, Gaffney's Magamba Apollo, excels type, lovely coat colour and texture, good eye shape, greenish in colour, lovely profile. MONICA THAKE

#### Mrs K Vickers

My thanks to Miss Morrison and her band of gallant helpers for a very enjoyable day at Winsford. The hall was very good indeed, and I believe that the show was a great success. Thank you Mr Tony Pearson for your assistance during the day.

AV FOREIGN Neuter: 1 Pr Marshall's Sunbronze Simon, Devon Rex, very good coat, type fair, nicely balanced body, neat legs and long tail AV SH Limit: 1 Allen's Tapawingo Tarlton, Burmese male, very good coat, nice profile, eye colour quite good, slender body, neat paws and whip tail 2 Richardson's Grenaby McIntyre, black Manx, good coat, nicely shaped hindquarters, tailless 3 Foster's Jezreal Catriona, good cream female, nice cobby body, good eye colour r Millman's Broadwier Tamaroff, Russian Blue, coat fair, type fair Male Kittens: 1 Stewart's Sweethope Playboy, British Blue, gorgeous type, lovely head, cobby body, beautiful blue coat 2 McLauchlan's Kernow Red Raver, red Abys, very good type, very little white on chin and nostrils, lovely head and eye colour 3 Rose's Chantelle Krishna, Burmese, lovely coat, good eye colour r Garnett's Anderida Basil, quite a good Russian Blue, lovely head, but coat rather rough for this breed Female: 1 Trail's Cherrytree Dulcima, red Abyssinian, very good type, lovely head and eye colour, nicely shaped body 2 Seymour Hall's Saharam Mary, Rex female, very good coat, nice stop, lovely eye shape 3 Peck's Peklan Ruby, very good coat, head spoiled by weak chin, a beautiful exhibit r Cartwright's Saharam Cantlia, Devon Rex, type fair, coat quite good. K VICKERS

## ZENITH PERSTANS

Congraulations to our young Cream stud CHAMPION WIVLINGHAM JUBILEE on winning his fifth Challenge Certificate and other Firsts at the Southern Counties Championship Show and being nominated for Best in Show.

ASHDOWN PRIMULA (Cream female), who won her first Challenge Certificate at her second showing as an adult. Very many thanks to Mrs Mackenzie for awarding us this memorable double.

Also

ZENITH ESTELLA (Blue Cream kitten), also a First Prize winner and Second in her Open Class, and

ZENITH BETSINDA

(owner, Mrs Rose), on her successes. Very many thanks to all the judges who thought well of them.

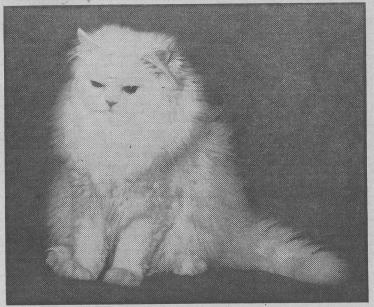
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# A Way of life

Phyllis Judge



Susa Tucana, four-month white male, winner at the recent 'National'.

KEEPING Persians used to be a hobby with me. Now it's more a way of life. There is so much excitment each time a queen produces her babies, choosing names and fitting them to the characters because, believe me, every tiny kitten has a personality of its own.

Before I began to breed Persians two years ago, I read every available book on breeding and cat care, studied all the material I could find, and when I would be a working knowledge I went to a cat show. The people I talked to were most helpful, and soon I bought a delightful white kitten. Since then, she has turned out to be an even more delightful mum. For me, that was the start of a really wonderful experience.

During these two years I have bought a number of good kittens, and have gained so much pleasure in showing them up and down the country. I have learnt a great deal from the judges at these shows. Any criticism offered has always been constructive, never destructive.

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much pleasure from seeing the kittens I had bred win many firsts, and nominated for best in show. I fully realise I'm still very much a novice. I've had my share of downs as well as ups, but the pleasures far outweigh the setbacks. Anyone who wants to breed cats should think very seriously before doing so, as it is so time consuming. You must be prepared to miss nights of sleep if a queen is about to kitten, as, I for one have experienced with one of my queens, who suffered great distress. I think the owner should be with her at this all important time.

I spend hours grooming each day, and none of my friends expects to see me without a comb or brush somewhere around. I make a point of stressing to anyone who buys a kitten the importance of good grooming, whether the cat is to be kept solely as a pet, or is up to show standard. With any long haired breed this is essential, but if you are prepared to spend the time, money, and energy on this occupation there is no happier and rewarding pastime in this world.

Coat colour in Sealpoint Siamese

Mrs D Louise Badcock

IN RECENT months much has been printed about coat and points colour in Seal Points Samese. There has even been talk of altering the standard to favour light coated Seal Points. Much of what has been said takes no account of the scientific evidence relating to coat colour in Siamese, and simply encourages breeders to adopt artificial procedures to keep their cats in show condition. The evidence to which I refer concerns the effect of temperature on coat colour. The slamese pattern can be seen in other animals—rabbits and cavies for example—and the classic experiment on coat colour was carried out on rabbits (the breed is known as Himalayan).

A patch of fur was shaved from the centre of the back and the rabbit was left in a cold environment. A similar patch of fur was shaved from the back of another rabbit and the patch was covered with a little coat.

In the uncovered rabbit the patch grew again DARK. In the covered rabbit the patch was covered with a little coat.

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various parts of the body.

The cat, in common with other mammals, is homolithernic—ie it can regulate its body temperature. There are two main ways by which this is done over the short term, and two long-term measures. To deal with the latter first, a cat kept outdoors will develop a thicker coat, also a layer of subcutaneous fat if its diet is adequate. Both act as insulative the coat is subjected to cool conditions it can take some immediate measures to maintain its body temperature. These are entirely automatic, it will erect the hairs on its body. These will trap a layer of air which acts as a good insulator. The second mechanism is more important in this context. If a cat is placed in a cooler temperature the blood transports heat around the body, the heat is kept inside the body, so that less is lost it the exterior.

In a collection of the standard in the cooler conditions will have a cooler skin, and the skin is the tissue from which the hair grows and receives the colouration. The reverse of this process takes place when a cat is kept in warm conditions. The blood flows close to the skin surface in order to lose heat, and maintain a constant body temperature, thus the skin is the this side the skin is kept warm.

The outcome of all this is that if a light-coated cat is wanted it must be kept in warm conditions. This leads to the use of what I would call artificial procedures such as keeping a cat inside under infra-red heat, until it has won its challenge certificates. This is in my view, artificially preventing the natural expression of cost colourer, and such cats are the well out their coats will darken normally. It must be noticed in passing that the mask will also be slow to develop fully so long as the cat is kept warm. In any case, is it wise for health reasons to keep a cat very warm, since transfer to show halls which are often icy cold, can stimulate respiratory troubles.

It is no accident that many queens have lighter coats than those of the preventing the respiratory troubles.

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