

THE EXHIBITION MOUSE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE AN ALL NIGHT SITTING

NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB

Will members please ignore the annual general meeting agenda printed in *FUR AND FEATHER* of September 10. Unfortunately I failed to include all the items I have now received. The following is the full agenda:

1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Chairman's address.
3. Minutes of 1969 annual general meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Secretary/Treasurer's address.
6. Life Membership: E Kitchen, proposed by J Cunningham, seconded by K Morris, W W Shield, proposed by A W Ridley.
7. Proposition from W A Ridley: that Section (G) rule 9 be deleted.
Explanatory note: If and when the Fancy in Scotland grows strong enough to warrant the re-introduction of Scottish judges the position can be reviewed, but in any case provision for a possible show may always be made under rule 20 (a) (iv).
8. Proposition from A Ridley that the number of elective judges be reduced to 24, and rules 5 and 9 (e) be amended accordingly.
9. That in the first sentence of rule 10 the word 'shall' be altered to 'may'.
Explanatory note: That unless this is done that a conflict will arise between the present duty to elect one when the number of existing life members has reached the maximum of twenty as prescribed later in the rule.
10. Proposition from executive committee that subscriptions be increased to 10s per annum for adults and 15s per annum for adult partnerships. Prefix registration increase to 2s.
(a) Proposition from Miss R Welch that juvenile partnership be increased to 8s per annum.
(b) Proposition from Miss R Welch that the pro rata basis for the second year of the subscription (rule 11b) be abolished.
11. Proposition from Executive Committee that 'Once exhibits have been penned and judging has commenced then no further grooming may take place'.
12. (a) Proposition from Executive committee that the present rule 20 (f) stating that a juvenile cannot show in juvenile class after winning three first prizes in the open classes, be abolished.
(b) Proposition from Miss R Welch that a recommendation be inserted that a juvenile enjoying regular success in open classes should refrain from competing in the juvenile class.
13. Proposition from Miss R Welch that Himalayan mice be exhibited in the AOV section since the variety is judged on colour rather than distribution of markings (the 'points' being fixed markings) and it is thus no more a marked variety than is the fox.
14. Proposition from E Jukes that there be a declaration that no motion has ever been passed in the history of the National Mouse Club to withdraw support from the Rat Fancy and that the removal of the Rat standards and rules relating to the Rat was a move not made by consent at an annual general meeting and in the circumstances the rules and standards do remain as they were before deletion.
15. Proposition by E Jukes that the National Mouse Club should promote the breeding and exhibition of Fancy rats for a probationary period of five years and shall carry the Rat Standards (to be produced by Mr Jukes) for that period and that show cages shall be of the original specification.
16. Proposition by T Heath that the following

be added to rule 15 as section (B).

'Upon application to the Cup secretary a "Challenge Championship" will be issued to a member whose mouse has won either a grand challenge or best in show or best opposite age to best in show at three National Mouse Club supported shows. For this purpose a mouse shall not be allowed to count more than one such point at any given show, and the three points must have been awarded by not fewer than three different judges.

Multiples of 'Challenge Championships' may be gained by winning the corresponding multiples of three points, six points for a double, nine points for a treble etc. A mouse winning five challenge awards shall be designated a 'Supreme Champion of Challenges' and shall not be eligible to gain further challenge championships.'

17. (a) That the current rule 15 become rule 15(a).
(b) That the words '... or grand Challenges ...' be omitted from the current rule 15 (ii).
(c) That the second paragraph of the current rule 15 to be deleted.
18. That the following words be added to the current rule 15 (ii) 'A mouse winning a first prize in a section challenge shall be deemed to have automatically gained a point in previously winning its breed class at that show.'
19. That the following addition be made to rule 20(a) (v).
The pen label for affixing to Maxey cages shall display the pen number and the appropriate Breed class number only. Duplicate class numbers shall not appear.
That rule 14 (c) be altered to read '... two-thirds of the members voting shall be in favour.'
This proposition also put forward by A J Cooke.
21. That the following alterations be made to the rules for the common aim of facilitating the early publication of the Year Book.
(a) That rule 9 (a) be amended to read '... as early as possible after October 31.'
(b) Rule 11 (a) be amended to read '... in advance on September 1.'
(c) Rule 11 (b) be amended to read '... to August 31.'
(d) Rule 11 (d), be amended to read '... by October 31.'
22. That the chairman should become a discrete post, the holder of which shall be elected in the normal way. To this end the following changes in the rules are proposed.
(a) Rule 5 be amended to read '... a president, four vice-presidents, a chairman, twelve committee members ...'
(b) Rule 6 (a) be amended by a similar inclusion.
(c) Rule 7 (e) be amended to read as follows: '(e) At any meeting where the chairman is not present the members shall elect another member according to seniority. The hon sec shall not be chairman. Where a vote at a meeting either executive or general ends in a tie the chairman has the casting vote.'
23. That the last sentence of rule 19 (c) be replaced by: 'The club can agree to finance the Annual Show provided the promoters request this beforehand, and provided the NMC committee approves the classification. Should such an arrangement be made the NMC will bear any loss, or receive the profit whichever be incurred.'
24. That for the sole purpose of clarification (with reference to rule 20 (f) the

following addition be made to rule 21 '... no objection concerning the eligibility of a mouse in u/8 week classes may be considered.'

25. Proposition by A J Cooke: That all members of the club shall have equal right to vote and not just those who are fortunate enough to attend the annual general meeting. Therefore rule 8 (d) to read: 'Any member who is unable to attend may have his or her views read out by the chairman and shall be entitled to vote by proxy or by post.'
26. In view of the fact whereby an exhibitor may beat five others in a breed class yet not receive a championship point rule 15 (ii) to read '... as before ... or if less than seven exhibits there must be at least five exhibitors.'
27. Proposition by Fred W Beach and seconded by J Beach that the National Mouse Club appoint a Select Committee at the annual general meeting of 1970 of four to six members, with the sole purpose of arriving at a more convenient method of running the club, namely the year to start for the club, more in keeping with the calendar. That is the subscription be due in September and the Election of Officers to take place at the annual general meeting those unable to travel to same be allowed a postal vote, these to be in the secretaries' hands seven days before the annual general meeting and for them to be counted and checked by two 'Tellers' at the meeting, the count of hands added to each vote taken. The Year Book would then be out in time for it to be a true Year Book, in January of each year. The Select Committee could then put their findings and recommendations to the executive Committee and this would enable the 1971 annual general meeting to decide whether it wished to put this in effect.
28. Proposition by executive committee 'That the NMC will not support any schedule which allows amalgamations. All prize money must be guaranteed.'
(a) Proposition by Fred W Beach and seconded by Tony Kettle 'That the question of amalgamation in classes in AREA CLUB OPEN SHOWS be left to the discretion of the secretary of the particular club. This being an entirely different matter to Open shows put on at agricultural venues and those by general fur fanciers societies, the expenses of area club open shows, is born solely by the club and in some cases by the person running the club, as opposed to most other types of show having a considerable part of their expenses found by local councils and other bodies.'
(b) Delete Show Regulations (b) (c) and (d) and insert: Classes may only be amalgamated at shows where the words 'Amalgamation of classes may take place at the discretion of the show secretary' are printed at the head of the schedule. In this case classes with seven or less entries may be amalgamated. Under no condition will a class of eight or more entries be amalgamated with any other, and under no condition will a class for adults be amalgamated with a class for under 8 weeks mice. Proposed A J C Bagshaw, seconded C C Hill.
29. Proposition by executive committee that the Sable description be altered to read 'The top colour should be a rich dark brown, as dark as possible from nose to tailroot.'
30. Any other business.

MR BARBER REMEMBERS

RECENTLY I received a very interesting letter from Mrs Beryl Ulyatt, of Callington in Cornwall. It seems that Mrs Ulyatt had put her house up for sale and it was purchased by a Mr William Barber of Salcombe.

Mrs Ulyatt breeds cavies and hamsters and during a visit by Mr Barber and his family the conversation got round to them and to small livestock in general. Mr Barber then said what a wonderful hobby small animals are and that he used to keep mice and was the president of the National Mouse Club, in 1944.

Mrs Ulyatt goes on 'We really had a chat then. It was great to hear him recalling the shows way back and how he enjoyed a wonderful night at Bradford. He had a lot of success with blacks, but said that his favourites were really chocolate and tan.

'We discussed pairings, feeding, housing and he was telling me the names of past breeders and exhibitors. It was a great thrill to listen to him, as he must have been one of the genuine fanciers who gave his all to his hobby.'

Mrs Ulyatt tells me that Mr Barber is now 77 and had been living on a 60 foot yacht in Salcombe Bay until a nasty attack of pneumonia had forced him onto dry land. She says:

'It was a treat to see his face brighten up and hear him get all excited when talking about shows etc. He used to make all his own show cages and breeding boxes. His daughter said "woe-betide any one daring to go into his shed when he was picking his show team".'

Mrs Ulyatt says that Mr Barber would love to hear from any fanciers whom he knew, and it would cheer him up and help him to get over his illness. Mr William Barber is now living at 15 Launceston Road, Callington, Cornwall. ERIC JUKES

WINNERS AT POYNTON SHOW

I had a most enjoyable time judging at Poynton. The weather was perfect and I judged in the open outside the tent. Best in show and best 8 weeks was J Hartley's Agouti and best adult Mr & Mrs Hallett's Champagne.

WHITE/CREAM Ad 8: 1 4 Hallett, P E White doe, good size and type, colour good, moult on head 2 3 Pearce, B E White buck, very good colour, but fails on type and size 3 B E White doe, fails colour to second, also fails size 4 P E White doe, moult, 8 wk 4: 1 3 Hallett, good type P E doe, very good head, colour not through 2 Cross P E doe, fails type to winner, moult on top 3 P E doe, only young, fails colour and type to first two 4 Staton, fails on colour and moult. **CHAM/FAWN** Ad 5: 1 2 Hallett 1 very good all round colour size and type 2 fails belly only to winner 3 4 Oxley, Stud 3 fails belly colour and condition to first two 4 colour too dark 8 wk 4: 1 3 Hallett, Cham doe, good all round colour, best condition in class 2 Hartley, almost equal to winner, just a shade dark in colour 3 too dark but good type and condition 4 Staton, far too dark in colour **AOO SELF** Ad 3: 1 Ash, red doe, very good colour and type, not duplicated which was a pity 2 3 Pearce, blue doe, fails colour and tan vent 3 red doe, fails badly in size and colour 8 wk 2: 1 Hartley, lovely Red doe, very good colour and type, lovely condition 2 Ash, Red doe, fails colour to winner. **AC SELF** Chail Ad 11: 1 2 3 Hallett 4 Pearce 8 wk 10: 1 4 Hartley 2 3 Hallett **TAN BLACK/CHOC** 6: 1 Heywood, black buck, very good top and tan, few tan hairs on flanks 2 Cross, black doe, very good top, fails tan to winner 3 Lomas, black buck, good tan, fails top to winners and tan hairs 4 Jessop, choc doe, fails top colour and tan 8 wk 4: 1 Heywood, black buck, good colour and tan, feet need watching and tan hairs 2 Cross, choc doe, fails too light a top colour 3 Master Espley, choc doe, equal to second, fails slightly on feet 4 Jessop, black Tan, fails tan and feet **AOO Ad 8: 1** Marriott, cham doe, good top and tan, very good condition 2 Master Espley, cham buck, very good tan, fails too dark a top to winner 3 R Espley silver doe, good tan, fails top and feet 4 Heywood, silver buck, again fails top 8 wk 9: 1 R Espley, silver doe, good all round, good condition 2 Maynard, silver buck, fails tan to winner 3 Hartley, cham doe, top too dark, good tan 4 Marriott, cham doe, darker top than 3 **AV MARKED** Ad 4: 1 Maynard, Cinna-mon dutch, fair all round long stops 2 Staton, 8 spot blue Broken, spots badly brindled 3 4 Jessop 7-spot Broken, very small nose spot 4 Broken, two nose spots 8 wk 2: 1 2 Maynard, Argente Dutch, fails pull on saddle and colour 2 7-spot black, fails placing of

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MAINLY FOR THE NOVICE — by JEAN HALLETT

TO GIVE water, or not to give water, that is the question. I know that most fanciers do not supply water to their stock, but how would you like it if your daily cuppa's were withheld and soups or milk puddings given in place.

This moisture would probably keep you alive, but it doesn't really bear thinking about. I experimented some time ago and did not supply water for a few days giving soaked bread in its place. When I again started to supply water the poor creatures nearly flattened each other in the rush!

So, everyone pleases himself but I for one always advise buyers to supply fresh water daily.

Bedding is another controversial subject, hay, paper, straw, toilet tissue, wood wool etc. Hay is fine for softness and conditioning, but, objections against are risk of the dreaded Asthma, carries red lice and if not changed

frequently is apt to soil unders.

I never keep my whites in hay as it makes them creamy coloured.

Paper straw is ideal but very expensive to buy or difficult to seek out from shops, warehouses etc. Wood wool if the finer variety can be acquired is OK for Adult breeding stock.

Soft toilet tissue is also ideal. If torn into strips first the mouse quickly forms a cosy igloo. Once again though this is expensive and time consuming with regard to the tearing up bit. At the moment I use hay for my champagne show stock and maxi cages. Paper straw for my whites and their maxi cages. Soft toilet tissue for pregnant does who soon form a cosy nest for their naked families. Wood wool for my breeding stock.

Food. When I first joined the Fancy and only had a few mice, hamster mix was quite suitable but as my stud grew this

became rather expensive, so I began to order 56 lb. of crushed oats at a time as this works out much cheaper than buying a pound or two at a time.

To these were added meat biscuits and bird seed. I now have four cavies so the diet has been adjusted again to two parts oats and bran, one part corn, one part flaked maize, plus the meat biscuits and bird seed.

Mice and cavies are fed bread and milk every morning. My stock dislike any type of vegetable or green food and show me what they think by dumping the aforementioned muck in the water pots.

All stock is sprayed with Pestrax during the summer months. This procedure is carried out every two or three weeks. The new Vapona strips are a boon I imagine but I'm afraid I cannot risk these until Tom moves all his fish into a new fish house.

is possible to ruin a cat's show career by rough and awkward handling through the small doors of the pens. And then when the judging is done a steward's day is still not finished because she should then place herself at the service of the show manager to assist in best in show judging. I mention these things just to remind exhibitors how much they owe to these most unselfish people.

AC LH SELF (ex Blue) 7: (one abs) Premier 1 Pr Kalis Mystral Sir Echoe, lovely exhibit, profuse coat of purest white, shewn to perfection, excellent brush, bold deep blue eyes, ears a little open 2 Carr's, Widdington Mischief, massive cream, excellent type, short nose, good muzzle and chin, ears small and widely spaced, coat sound and pale but failed to the first in texture and show preparation 3 Wright's Raindrops Billy Boy, cream, excellent type, coat unsound, rather difficult to handle Breeders male (ex blue) self 19: (nine abs), 1 Strevett's Sacha, beautiful cream kitten, excellent type, well balanced head, round copper eyes, palest coat, well shown 2 Howes' Honeymist Cream Conqueror, lovely cream, perfect head for type and balance, coat pale but unsound on flanks 3 Strevett's Honeybun, nice cream, good type, coat sound, nose a little long 4 Clarke's Tabask Tarquin, very attractive cream, good type, palest coat, sound and unmarked but short Breeders (ex blue) female 13: (seven abs), 1 Howes' Honeymist Cream Tiara, beautiful cream baby, hard to fault, bold copper eyes, short nose 2 Foster's Finchfield Fleur, excellent golden eyed white, well shown, perfectly balanced head, broad, bold eyes 3 Dolimore's Dolmeg Gretel, tiny golden eyed white, excellent type, bold copper eyes, ears a little open at base Kitten male 13: (two abs), 1 Dolimore's Dolmeg Trident, blue, excellent type, profuse coat, short, broad nose, head nicely balanced 2 Prince's Crowdicote Apollo, blue, excellent lavender coat, short but sound, neat ears, well spaced, nose too long 3 Hann's Gladhow Plato, excellent type, Seal colourpoint, points well defined Female 15: (three abs), 1 Williams Willanbat Linda, excellent blue, lovely head, strong chin, bold copper eyes, short broad nose, well shown 2 Newsome's Norvician Fantasy, cream, lovely type, head well balanced, bold widely spaced eyes, a little short of coat 3 Crowdicote Apollo **CREAM AND BLUE CREAM** Kitten 21: (one abs) 1 Strevett's Sacha Clarke's Tabask Melodie, lovely cream baby, even colour, bold round copper eyes 3 Johnson's Wynette Melody, pretty blue cream, well show excellent type, rather blue as yet 4 Strevett's Honeybun 5 Johnson's Wynette Harmony, lovely blue cream, excellent type, bold copper eyes, colours well mingled 6 Howes' Honey-mist Cream Babette, nice kitten, excellent type, such a baby Neuter 1 Carr's Widdington Mischief 2 Shepard's Startops Twinkletoes. E M SHEPPARD

Mrs D Clarke's classes

Kensington was such a lovely show this year. Plenty of room and plenty of time to judge and afterwards admire the other exhibits. This is the first show that I have ever finished judging before lunch. Thank you Mrs Barron's show committee, it was indeed a treat. My thanks also to Mrs Doreen Macallister, who was once again a most reliable and attentive steward.

SIAMESE CHOCOLATE POINT Kitten Male 3-9 mth: Abs, Doyle, Mills and Marriott 1 Burgess's Karibur Kemba, well grown kitten with lovely muscled-up body and long tail, good coat and promising point colour, though mask not yet complete, eye colour and ear-set good, slight pinch but very strong chin 2 Humphreys's Ubon Pascal, excellent profile, good eye shape and colour, fine whip and bone, shown in excellent condition, took second place today on colour of points, which are far too cold and dark 3 Orbon's Summerfield Chocolate Delight, again the same fault as the previous exhibit, points colour too dark and the wrong tone, strong straight jawline but rather short in head and a little heavy on front paws, good condition Female: Abs Dyke, Humphreys and Simpson 1 Bur-

MICE AT POYNTON

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spots **AGOUTI CINNAMON** Ad 4: 1 Hartley, good colour, top and belly, falls odd white hair on back feet 2 3 Pearce, Cinnamon doe, falls colour to winner, good size and type 3 Agouti doe, too dark 4 Ash, Cinnamon doe, poor belly 8 wk 3: 1 2 Hartley, winner stood out for colour, coat really show with condition 2 almost equal, falls slightly on belly 3 Oxy Stud, far too dark **AOV** Ad 2: 1 2 Emmett, blue Fox, good top colour, falls belly and yellow demarcation line 8 wk 2: 1 2 Emmett, same remarks apply as to adults **AC** Chaff other than Self Ad 15: 1 Hartley, Agouti 2 Marriott, cham Tan 3 Heywood black Tan 4 Maynard, Dutch 8 wk 18: 1 Hartley, Agouti 2 Heywood, black Tan 3 Espley, silver Tan 4 Hartley, Agouti Stud buck 6: 1 Master Espley, silver Tan 2 Oxy Stud, PE White 3 Maynard, Dutch 4 Ash, cham Tan Doe 12: 1 3 4 Hartley, Agouti 2 Hallett, Cham 3 Red 4 Agouti Grand Chall 18: 1 3 4 Hallett, Cham 2 Hartley, Agouti 3 White 4 Cham 8 wk 21: 1 2 Hartley, Agouti 2 Red 3 4 Hallett, Cham 4 White. S SMITH

gess's Karibur Ninot, very good colour and lovely body, slightly weak chin, long paws and tail, good eye colour and shape 2 Galea's Bomere Delilah, promising points colour, good tail and nice profile, eyes too round 3 Morris's Sheba Calphurnia, the best points colour in either class, real milk chocolate but too short in head, good tail and ear-set r Buck's Pukesong Couchinella, very good points and eye colour, fine bone and wonderful whip, would have been placed higher but for very red eye rims **SP** Breeders 3-5 mths Male: 1 Chandler's Twinhoe Aquarius, seldom have I spent so long on two kittens as I did on the first and second in this class, both so lovely and yet so different, either could have won in top company, very type, lovely length of head, body and tail, good eye colour, nice coat and well groomed 2 Keene's Killdown Eros, most attractive and lovely type, straight profile, lovely eyes and ear-set and a most appealing expression, slightly brindled today 3 Chandler's Twinhoe Saturn, very good type, nice head but pinched at present, long body and good set r Menzies's Taishun Mooey, nice kitten with lovely eye shape and colour, rather pinched but ears could be larger Breeders 5-9 mth Male: 1 Morris-Thomas's Coolara San Suki, promising kitten but pinched in muzzle today, nice eyes and ear-set 2 Greenland's Moonfleet Amigo, well grown, good coat and long tail, eyes could be more oriental. DORA CLARKE

Mrs Denton's classes

Congratulations to Mrs B Barron and the committee for a very happy, well organised show. Every consideration was given to judges and exhibitors.

WHITE Orange-eyed kitten 2-6 mth (10), 4 absent: 1 Foster's Finchfield Fleur, very nice kitten, lovely top of head with neat rounded ears set well apart, good type, short nose, eyes lovely colour and round, slightly stained on day, good pure white coat and short tail, a very sturdy kitten, well presented 2 Dolimore's Dolmeg Gretel, sweet little baby, good top of head, neat ears, nice short nose, good muzzle and chin, very good eyes for shape and colour, cobby body and short tail, very well groomed 3 Foster's Finchfield Samantha, litter sister to winner, not quite so good as sister although a nice kitten, good head, type and eyes round and a nice colour, coat good and short tail, well presented r Munro's Sondajo Sweet Williams, a well grown male kitten, head and type good, well opened eyes and colour changing well, would like his nose flatter, good white coat, well groomed Odd-eyed 2-9 mth (1): Heath's Loh-teyn Oddity, well grown male, good head, neat ears, type fair, one good orange eye and one pale white eye, good white coat but not so sparkling on the day **BLUE** Novice Male 2-9 mths (7), 1 absent: 1 Ashurst's Cargoes Lyrical Lad, a lovely well grown kitten with profuse pale coat, very good head and neat ears set well apart, short nose, eyes round and a very good colour, good muzzle and chin, his coat was sound to the roots and groomed to perfection, he later won best kitten in show and well deserved congratulations to breeder-owner 2 Bishop's Lecurem Arcturus, another very good kitten, lovely head with well set, neat ears, bold eyes and very good colour, beautiful sturdy thick legs and nice short tail, very good muzzle and chin, he was short of coat on the day, he will do well later on, very well presented 3 Prince's Crowdecote Apollo, good top of head, neat ears, eyes round and changing well, nose a little straight, nice full coat and well groomed r Aston's Donbank Just Lucky, attractive kitten, good head, neat ears, short nose, good chin, sound coat and short tail, well groomed Female 2-9 mth (8): 1 O'Donnell's Theipval Atlanta, very promising kitten, beautiful type, eyes turning well, short nose and strong muzzle and chin, good head and neat ears, her coat not at its best being so very young, cobby body and short tail 2 Davies's Ardwyn Sarena, lovely kitten, good head, neat ears, good eyes for shape and colour, good type, she ran winner close, her lovely coat was perfectly groomed 3 Cochrane's Edelstein Wincey, good kitten, nice head, neat ears, good eyes for shape and colour, short nose, pale full coat, beautifully presented r Godfrey's Neneside, very young kitten, good head and type, neat ears, eyes changing well, coat rusty from mother's washing **AC LH** Speved female (6), 3 absent, 1 Richards's Paranjoti Isolde, very nice Birman, good textured coat and good points, lovely blue eyes and very nice gauntlets, well presented 2 Staples's Canella Zelah, a lovely blue female, good head and type, neat ears, very good eyes for shape and colour, full coat but shady, well groomed 3 Pither's Pr Barcombe Scilla, Blue Smoke, good head, neat ears, short face, good eye paling, good coat and nice pale undercoat, well groomed.

My other classes were club ones. My very grateful thanks to my efficient steward, Mrs D King. She handled the cats and kittens with loving care. E M DENTON

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX SHOW

May I thank and congratulate Mrs Hilda Philpot and her hard working committee for a most enjoyable and well run show. What a delightful venue the Alexandra Palace makes. I wish all show falls provided such pleasant amenities. (Mrs) F E HORNE, Southampton

BURMESE

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great work for the breed, but it is right that the early pioneers should be saluted.

The story of the cat in its native Burma follows the well worn lines of other oriental breeds—adoration in the homes of the wealthy, worship in the temples. The best part, though, is that much of it does seem to be true!

No such high social welcome however greeted it on its introduction to Britain. The adult cat was clearly not lacking in stamina but the kittens, precocious in their very early lives, were easy victims to colds. The Governing Council, with understandable caution, was rather slow to give it official recognition.

Gradually however the obvious charm of the breed became irresistible. The cat itself saw to that. The paw of friendship was extended wherever it went. Now as Mr Watson put it:

Burmese are very active cats, great climbers and jumpers. But in spite of this, they are extremely docile and must surely be most friendly of all cats. They accept strangers as though they had known them all their lives and are remarkably placid and free from temperamental behaviour. Their friendliness is often commented on by judges at shows. They are very hardy and trouble is far more likely to result from over-coddling than otherwise.

The cats brought from America to Britain were Brown Burmese but signs of a 'silver' mutation soon became evident in 1955 Mrs Watson bred a blue kitten (seal coat Blue Surprise) and there were others. The results can be seen in our lovely Blue Burmese of today where the solid rich dark seal of the Brown Burmese is replaced with a body colour predominantly bluish-grey, darker on back and with the overall effect of a warm colour with a silver sheen to the coat.

The eyes in both colours should be almond in shape and slanting towards the nose in true oriental fashion and should be yellow in the Brown and yellowish-green in the Blue. There must be no white or Tabby markings in either colour.

British breeders of both colours have done good work. New colours, even, may be on the way.

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his charming wife happily confided that they will have another family ready for new homes this Christmas.

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THE COLOURPOINT

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should not have a kink. The eyes, in shape, should be those large round moons of all good longhairs, not the oriental slants of the Siamese—but like the Siamese—they must be blue, deep blue, clear and brilliant. ('Clear, bright and decidedly blue, the deeper the better' says the standard.)

We are back to the Persian, however, when we come to the quality of the coat, for the fur of the Colourpoint must be long and thick and soft to the touch. The frill should give a real Elizabethan framing to a full cheeked face in a broad, round head. It is important that there should be width between the small, well tufted, ears. The nose should be wide and, though short, should be at a decided angle to the forehead.

The Siamese comes back into the story when we arrive at colour. Today there are four colours to the points, namely Seal Point, Blue Point, Lilac Point and Chocolate Point, each with an appropriate body colour as for the Siamese—cream for the seals, glacier white for the blues, frosty white for the lilacs and ivory for the chocolates.

The Seals and the Blues were the first Colourpoints to be produced. The breed is comparatively new. It received recognition by the Governing Council only fifteen years ago. It is an 'easy' variety, but its fascination is undoubted. The first experimental work was done by Miss 'Kala' Collins in 1949 and that work has been carried on with enormous devotion by Mr Brian Stirling-Webb and others.

Is it a breed for the beginner? Yes, it is, with a proviso which applies to many other varieties of cat. The initial breeding stock must be good and must have proved itself to be good, and the advice and assistance of the breeder must be sought and followed closely, especially in the early years. The cat has to be seen to be believed, but once seen its 'intriguing' charm can never be forgotten.

CAT CLUB NEWS

DAY AT LONDON ZOO WITH BURMESE CAT CLUB

The Burmese Cat Club will hold a one-day meeting and exhibition of Burmese cats in the attractive meeting rooms of the London Zoo from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, October 17.

Programme: The colour and Type of Brown and Blue Burmese, Mr V Watson; Possible Future Colours in Burmese, Mr C E Dyle.

Cost: Admission, morning coffee and tea, 25s. Lunch, at a cost of 21s, must be booked in advance. The meeting room will be available for those who wish to bring their own lunches, and there will be a licensed bar.

Application forms from Mrs R Pocock, 20 The Landway, Kensing, Sevenoaks, Kent. Tel: Sevenoaks 61032 by October 2.

Members of the cat Fancy and their friends will be welcome.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND CAT CLUB

Correction to rule 5 in schedule—A few double pens will be available at a charge of 8s. LH Neuters and studs given priority. Classes 182, 183, 184 and 185 will be judged by Mrs Newton. Mrs S Bowen joint show manager.

SOUTH WESTERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB

Will exhibitors at the club's championship show on Saturday, September 26 please note the following alterations: Amalgamations: Class 9 with class 10; class 46 with class 49; class 52 with class 55. Class 135 is divided into male and female and will be judged by Mrs Turney (M) and Mrs Hughes (F). Class 140 is divided into male and female, judges Mrs Hughes (M) and Mr Brice-Webb (F). Class 184 is divided into male and female and class 185 is divided into Seal and Blue Point (one class), and all Siamese colours except SP and BP the other. Classes 205 and 235 will be judged by Mrs Hughes.

Light lunches will be available in the restaurant. J F PADDON, Show manager.

W OF E and S WALES CAT SOCIETY

Schedules for the society's championship show at Cardiff have been sent to members, last year's exhibitors and club secretaries. Will anyone else who requires a schedule please send a large stamped addressed envelope to Rose Cottage, Frampton Cotterell near Bristol.

Will exhibitors please note that owing to unforeseen international judging commitments Mrs Montgomery will now take over Mrs Clarke's classes. O B OLIVE, Hon sec

CORNISH CAT ASSOCIATION

Will members and friends kindly note that we are now accepting all offers of assistance, gifts, specials, rosettes, cups and cash donations for the founder members cup. We are hoping for permission soon from the GCCF to hold the first ever cat show in Cornwall. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all those many supporters and friends