



**MOUSE CLUB MEMBERS DISCUSS  
COLOUR OF SHOW CAGES:  
SLIDING SCALE PRIZES:  
POINTS FOR TAN DUTCH**

**COMING EVENTS**

May 31st, Hebden Bridge.  
June 7th, Limesdale Fanciers  
June 14th, Liverpool.  
June 21st, Notts.  
June 28th, London.

ANOTHER Spring cup show has gone and I think all who attended it will agree it was a success. Entries nearly reached 800 and there was a grand gathering of visitors. I wonder how many show secretaries in the hectic rush of the last few days before a show have said to themselves "Never again." Barnum was right when he said "There's a mug born every minute, and I must be him."

Then when the show day comes with its happy reunion of good friends, the enjoyable discussions with enthusiasts and all the cheerful companionship which is the finest thing in the Fancy he thinks, "Well, if it took twice the trouble and work it would be well worth while."

Talk about enthusiasm. Mr. Stephens, of Fox fame, came all the way from Truro to attend the show and I had the pleasure of his company for the week-end. I can still see his face when he heard a local fancier say in broad Yorkshire dialect of a buck that had been fighting and looked a bit worse for wear, "Ne'er mind; tha buys thi own cloes."

A meeting of the executive was held in the afternoon, the following members being present:—Mr. A. C. Jude, Mr. C. H. Johnson, Mr. J. Wormald, Mr. W. Allchurch, Mr. W. Turton, Mr. E. Skinner, Mr. J. Busby, Mr. J. W. Hustler, Mr. H. Booth, Mr. J. Watts, Mr. W. Coles, and the hon. sec.

Mr. Jude, as chairman, expressed his pleasure at the very good attendance of committee members, and said their keenness and enthusiasm spoke well for the future of the club.

Arising out of the minutes (which were passed) the question of the local league of mouse clubs was raised. Mr. Johnson suggested that it would be better to run league shows as separate events, when the various local clubs could arrange them. Mr. Ward asked that some other members be asked to help in the arranging of these as the hon. sec's duties left him little time. The idea was to run six of these shows each year. It was proposed by Mr. J. Watts and seconded by Mr. Allchurch that the matter be left to the A.G.M.

The question of executive meetings then came up. Mr. Jude pointed out that Rule 5 B was a war-time measure put into force because of the difficulties of the executive getting together during the war. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. C. H. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jude, that the rule be altered, the words "endeavour to" to be deleted and the words "as a minimum" added.

Next on the agenda was a proposition by "Fern End" that "The Maxey Pattern show cage be of one colour only, inside, outside and bars to be painted Brunswick Green." This received no seconder and was left on the table.

A proposition was discussed from Mr. Wormald, Preston, "That rule 11 be more closely followed by exhibitors as to colour of Maxeys, and that the bars being under the lid in a regulation Maxey should be painted red." A long discussion followed in which Mr. H. Booth said that any talk of an alteration to the Maxey cage was like sacrilege to him. The members were of the opinion that during the present era of shortage of paints and materials of every kind the time was not opportune to enforce any change. It was pointed out that any strict enforcement of colour etc. would be bound to have an injurious effect on entries. It was proposed by Mr. Hustler, seconded by Mr. Booth, that the rule re Maxey cages remain as it is.

A proposal by Mr. Hustler, that chop only be used for the bottoms of Maxey cages instead of sawdust received no seconder.

The question of fixed prize money was next

discussed and its bearing on N.M.C. support. Mr. Jude said there was no doubt that exhibitors preferred to know what they were to get, and furthermore, that the sliding scale prize money had been abused by certain show secretaries.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Coles, seconded by Mr. Hustler, that the minimum prize money at shows receiving N.M.C. support be 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. This rule is to be enforced.

Mr. Johnson here pointed out that there was a case for sliding scale prize money with proper safeguards. As example he quoted the Leeds great mouse shows where all entry fees were returned in prize money. On a sliding scale that worked up as well as down.

An amendment by Mr. Allchurch, seconded by Mr. E. Skinner, "That N.M.C. support be given to shows paying sliding scale prize money" if the N.M.C. sec. and pres. are satisfied that the show merits a deviation from the above rule" was put to the vote and carried by eight to four.

Mr. G. Hanson had sent three mice in the unstandardised class with a request that the committee be asked to see them with a view to re-inserting the standard for tri-colours. The committee were unanimously agreed that the mice in question were sable and whites and definitely not tri-colours.

Mr. Booth then brought up the question of a standard for Tan Dutch, Variegated etc. The general opinion was that these could compete in the Tan A.O.C. class, as if they were outstanding specimens of their kind they would have an equal chance.

The hon. sec. read a letter from Mr. Boreham re the National Championship Show in London. It was decided that if a show sec. can be obtained the club will guarantee all classes. Mr. Plucknett stated that if the mouse sections were run as a one day event he would be willing to act as sec., but could not manage the two days. He was asked to take the matter up with the London Club.

Mr. Johnson next paid a moving tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. E. Baker or as we all remember him, "Albert." The question of a suitable memorial for him was discussed and Mr. Plucknett was asked to approach Mrs. Baker to get her feelings on the matter. The general opinion was that the club would prefer to find some method of showing its appreciation other than a cup.

One suggestion was that the N.M.C. have printed in its year book a Roll of Honour of fanciers who have done good service for the club and have now died.

The meeting closed with Mr. Johnson proposing a vote of thanks to the president, Mr. Jude, for his able conduct of the meeting.

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MR. Worrall writes:—"No doubt 'Fern End' would like other opinions about the colour of Maxeys. The N.M.C. rule states clearly—Coloured, outside green and inside red, the shades usually called middle brunswick green and royal or signal red. That is clear enough. The wires are painted because they are inside the box. The rule has stood the test for many long years, why want it changing?"

"Tom says 'One can never see the inside red as the cages are full of hay. If that's so, why worry about wanting to change colour inside?' I think a little more care could be adapted to the colour of the outside, as anyone at a big mouse show must have noticed the multitude of tints and shades of green applied to the outside of Maxeys, and though I have never noticed judges choosing certain cages, the different greens would be easier to note than painted wires. Let them be all middle brunswick green and royal or signal red."

"As for the chromium wire, cages are clear enough, and we who make our own cages find ordinary tinned wire hard enough to solder and dear enough to buy. It's an idea, but we must think of the beginner and let him invest his money in stock, and not appliances which may cost several times the price of mice. At present the standard Maxey is hard to get as I know, I could sell dozens if I had them."

"I read with interest Mr. Farrar's views regarding an up-to-date book on fancy mice. Since joining the N.M.C. I have always had something similar in mind. The book I visualise would have a suitable pictorial cover, and would contain clear photographs of the varieties of mice to enable the fancier to compare the size and type of mice which he is breeding, for there is a great diversity in the general build and type of, say, a P.E. White and a B.E. White, P.E. Fawn, Self Black, Dutch, Red and Chinchilla. There is a big difference between a male and female.

"I would include good pictures of a few large and small mouseries with illustrations of various types of breeding, mating and resting boxes for does after their litter has been weaned, boxes for conditioning growing show stock, large box for running stock through,

to remove loose hair a day or two before sending to show, a description of Maxey cages, and two, four and six cages holding travelling boxes. Above all, I would give a selection of specialist breeders' methods of conducting their selection and breeding operations."

"I have visited a great number of mouseries, many whose owners have won the N.M.C. Mendel Gold Cup and many other awards, and I have been shocked at the motley and most untidy array of boxes containing stock, under almost unthinkable conditions. On one occasion in my early years, when I wanted a particular variety of mouse, I looked up the wins of a breeder in FUR AND FEATHER and also the year book slip. I decided to go along and purchase some stock. It was a journey of some forty or fifty miles, and during the railway journey I pictured to myself, with some meditation and awe, coming back home,

if lucky with a few grand potential cup winners. When I arrived I nervously rung and asked was Mr. — at home. Yes he was at home and came to me. Tremulously I looked at this breeder who was winning the N.M.C. trophies. I told him that I had come from Preston, and that I was a member of the N.M.C. and wanted some mice of a certain variety. He had been recommended to me as one of the specialist breeders of this variety, could he show me his stock and give me a start? Could I see his mousery? I was taken along late to an old shed where he unlocked the door, and there he presented his mousery. I nearly collapsed.

"This was my first visit to a registered breeder, and such an untidy ramshackle affair I never expected to see. He had to remove a wheel-barrow from the front and two boxes of seedlings and a bag of shallots from the top of his breeding cages, and when he lifted a box up five or six young mice fell through the bottom. The box had a three-and-a-half inch hole in, and he just exclaimed 'Dear me, I didn't notice that hole.'

"I was glad to get away from there. I didn't feel like wanting any mice from him, and I was glad when he said he would let me know when he had any to spare. Yet one of the neatest mouseries I ever saw was that kept by a man in the waster job.

"Small stock breeding is now becoming specialised, and perhaps some of the earlier books were responsible for suggesting untidiness by saying mice are very accommodating, and any sort of small box and any old building or outhouse would be suitable."

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Mr. Walter Coles of Barnsley will in future show with his old partner as "Coles and Wagstaffe," to avoid confusion with Mr. Coles, Bingley, who is fast making a name for himself with blacks.

Mr. G. C. Heighton, 1, Marlboro Avenue, Sprotbro Road, Doncaster, has a wrong Cham, and Tan doe from the Spring cup show. Will exhibitors please overhaul their stock? Mr. Heighton is a new fancier and a mistake like this is very disheartening.

Will the young man who was trying to breed Dutch mice with "braces" please drop me a line? By mistake I have lost his address, and want to make sure he appears on the list of members. His letter was headed "A lover of livestock, not a fancier."

R. WARD.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY  
TIGHTENS UP ITS RULES**

A MEETING of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy was held on April 24th. Members present were: Mr. C. Yeates (chairman), Mrs. Axon, Mrs. Cattermole, Mrs. Fosbery, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Cyril Tomlinson, Mrs. Towe, Miss Busted, Miss Dixon, Miss Fisher, Miss Gold, Miss Langston, Miss Wilson, Miss Yorke, Mr. Martin, Rev. B. Rees, Mr. F. C. Tomlinson.

The following rule passed at the July, 1946, meeting was confirmed: Any exhibit disqualified from exhibition by the examining veterinary surgeon must leave the hall immediately, and, if in his opinion it is desirable, all other exhibits from the same cattery and the owner thereof shall be debarred from attending the show.

The hon. treasurer (Miss Fisher) regretted that for various reasons she had not been able to have the accounts printed and circulated with the notice of the meeting, but delegates would receive them in due course. She dealt with the items in the statement of accounts, which Council considered very satisfactory. The chairman said that he thought that part of the balance in hand should be invested and part spent on guaranteeing more classes, and that this should be left to the executive committee to deal with. A proposal that the accounts be adopted was passed.

The following officers were elected: Mr. C. Yeates, chairman; Miss Wilson, vice-chairman; Miss Fisher, treasurer; the Rev. B. Rees was elected a member of the finance committee.

To elect the executive committee a ballot was held, and Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Langston, Miss Yorke, and the Rev. B. Rees were elected.

The following show dates were granted:—The Kensington Kitten and Neuter

Cat Club	July 10th.
Sandy	Aug. 20th.
Blue Persian C.S. (Ch.)	Oct. 15th.
Siamese C.C. (Ch.)	Oct. 16th.
Croydon C.C. (Ch.)	Nov. 4th.
National G.C. (Ch.)	Dec. 4th.
Notts & Derby C.C. (Ch.)	Jan. 6th.
Southern Counties (Ch.)	Jan. 23rd.

As the B.P.C.S. and Siamese C.C. shows were to be held on successive days, though at different halls, Mrs. Duncan Hindley, seconded by Miss Langston, proposed that every precaution be taken to ensure that no entries be accepted from any exhibitor for both shows, and that any fancier exhibiting at the B.P.C.S. show shall be debarred from exhibiting at the Siamese show, and vice-versa. This will be clearly stated in the schedules of both shows.

It was unanimously decided that the G.C. would guarantee two Long-hair and two Short-hair classes at the Kensington kitten show, and either six or four (half for Long-hairs and half for Short-hairs) at championship shows. These to be decided upon by the executive committee. It was also decided that the classes be offered for male or female, but that if a class be divided and a guarantor is found for the male then the G.C. will guarantee the female.

On the question of how best to help those breeds of cats now threatened with extinction, The chairman referred to a suggestion in FUR AND FEATHER that something might be done in the nature of offering premiums. He thought that the executive committee should go thoroughly into the matter and report to Council at the next meeting. He said that the guaranteeing of more classes

by the G.C.C.F. should be of some assistance.

A proposal by Mrs. Duncan Hindley on behalf of the committee of the Siamese Cat Club, to delete the alternate body colour for blue Pointeds, cream, which was approved by the G.C. in 1945, was defeated.

Miss Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Axon, proposed that Council impress upon fanciers the necessity for taking special precautions when sending cats by rail, and for making sure that the box or hamper is securely fastened.

Under general business the chairman raised the matter of the application of the Cat Club de Paris for affiliation which had been refused at the last meeting, and said he thought there were grounds for re-considering this decision. Miss Langston and Miss Yorke, who judged at the recent Paris show, assured the Council that the cats were judged in accordance with G.C. rules, and it was decided that affiliation be granted with the proviso that rule 17 (E) "At shows of more than one day's duration exhibitors may remove their kittens at the end of the first day" be observed.

The next meeting will be held on July 16th.

**SELF RED CATS**

By CYRIL YEATES

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Mr. C. A. House in his book "Our Cats and All About Them," says: "The fancier who would secure a big niche in the temple of fame might endeavour to breed a sound, even-coloured Red Self. I would advise mating the richest coloured Cream male that could be found to a sound coloured Red queen carrying as little marking as possible. The first cross male kittens would be of little use for breeding, and I should advise that they be not used, but the young queens might be paired to as even a Red male as possible. The kittens from this mating could be used by mating brother to sister, and a male from this mating could also be used with one of the first cross queens. Tortoiseshell queens also should be useful in the production of Self Reds, especially those that are known as Blue Tortoiseshells."

"It is a curious thing, but forty years ago fanciers were breeding for selfs only in the Reds or Oranges as they were then called, and it was not a question of one or two doing so, but all. The Oranges and Creams were bred together as Selfs, and to keep them so were bred with Blacks, Whites, Blues and Tortoiseshells, and kept right away from the Tabbies, yet the markings would come."

"This was when the Cat Fancy was in its infancy and the Oranges were being built up with the Creams. They were then the babes of the Fancy. The guiding principle in selecting for breeding would have to be evenness of colour. This should govern all matings for a year or two and then, when colour had been attained, attention could be given to the other properties."

In an article on Red Selfs which Mrs. Neate contributed to "Cat Gossip" in 1927 she wrote: "Thirty years have passed since I owned my first pedigree cat! When visiting Boscombe Show in 1897 I succumbed to the charms of the winning Orange in a class of 26 kittens and on the advice of the judge (the late T. J. Mason) I purchased my afterwards well-known King's Own. This cat had a very successful show career and was considered as self-coloured an Orange as was a cat that

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CRITICAL REPORTS OF THE SHOWS

BOLTON

Mr. R. Warburton's Classes

It was a pleasure to be able to judge again after my spell of inability, and the conditions at Bolton were everything that could be desired, with a grand team of stewards and capable work of the show manager, Mr. J. H. Dickinson. The careful secretary, J. Hunt, looked after the rest of the work.

DUTCH.—B. OR B. 6: 1 C.C. sps. Berry (3375), well-grown black in lovely order, shade, light cheek edges, runs slightly on stops, won Diploma best Fancy; 2 Danecourt Stud, black, hard lines to meet winner, beaten neck and stops; 3 Etheridge, black, close to 2nd, square cheek and falls stops. A.O.C., 4: 1, 3 Oldfield (1726), nice steel, shade out under and stops; 3rd again falls colour, neck and stops; 2 Danecourt Stud, steel, not the colour, small run in neck. B. OR B., 4 MTHS., 12: 1 Sanderson (01524), nice baby, black, small stop in cut or would be the good; Collins, nice baby black, very close; 3 Winder, black, beaten blaze and stop; 2 Fielding, A.O.C., 4 MTHS., 5: 1 Cowen (03161), nice colour, steel, few small faults; 2 Sanderson, steel, falls cut, otherwise nice baby; 3 Barnes, tort., shade skew saddle, one long stop; 2 Thomasson. BREEDERS, 4 MTHS.: 1 Sanderson, 1st B. or B.; 2 Collins, 2nd black; 3 Cowen, 1st A.O.C.; 2 Winder, TAN.—3: 1 C.C. (12493), lovely black, good colour, excels tan, feet and chest; 2nd falls nose, otherwise close; 3rd falls badly on tan. HIM.—1, C.C. Wilson (17533), nice baby, opposition dense, good points. FANCY, A.O.V.—1 Sanderson, nice baby, Belgian, falls colour on haunches; 2 Hodson and Son, Angora, fair youngster, good length and well furnished, could be cleaner.

Mr. Arthur Plant's Classes

Bolton Agricultural Society's annual show at the Smithills Hall grounds on May 24th, brought a good collection of first-class exhibits. I thoroughly enjoyed my first visit to the show. I thank my stewards, Mr. Orford, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bradburn.—A.P.

ENG.—B. OR B. AD. 6: 1 Oldfield, blk., good head and saddle, well balanced, weak on one hindquarter; 2 Boulton, black, close, good head and saddle, beaten loins; 3 Rhodes, black, good head and saddle, small spots; 4 Hargreaves; 5 Dickinson; pen 340 empty. A.O.C., 5: 1 Slater, grey, nice head and saddle, well balanced, good colour; 2 Bichall and Stamper, grey, good saddle, beaten chains; 3 Taberner, tort., good head and saddle, cloudy one side; 4 Mills; pen 355 empty. B. OR B. 5 MTHS., 7: 1 and C.C. best Eng., Walton (17791), black, grand head, saddle and colour, well balanced; 2 Dootson, black, nicely balanced, spot over eye circle; 3 Hughes, blue, good colour, spot under eye, not clear enough; 4 Haynes; 5 Chynworth and Thompson; 6 Tasker; 7 Locker and Yates. A.O.C. 5 Mths., 7: 1 Scattergood, tort., good colour and saddle, gap one side, nice else; 2 Smith, tort., good saddle and colour, spots high one side, spot on head; 3 Hunt, tort., nice head and saddle, not clear yet; 4 Slater; 5 Taberner; 6 Fraser; pen 382 empty. BREEDERS, 5 MTHS., 12: 1 Walton, 1st black; 2 Dootson, 2nd black; 3 Scattergood, 3rd black; 4 Smith, 2nd A.O.C.; 5 Haynes, reserve B. or B.; 6 Slater, reserve A.O.C.; 7 Chynworth and Thompson, vhc B. or B.; pen 382 empty. SILVER.—GREY: 7: 1 no name; 2 Fifth, beaten chest and feet; 3 Scarratt, nice top, dark chest, little rust under; 4 Biddle and Owen; 5 Rowan; 6 Moss; 7 Lister. A.O.C., 3: 1 and C.C. best Silver, Allerston (920), Brown, lovely colour, even; 2 Rowan, beaten chest; 3 Utley, Fawn, not enough silvering. POLISH.—3: 1 and C.C. best Polish Schofield (833), lovely, bold eye and grand condition; 2 Wilson, nice, not ready; 3 Levitt, falls coat.

PAIRS, 3: 1 Barnes, tort. Dutch; 2 Hodson and Son, Angoras. BREEDERS, 13: 1 Slater, 1st English; 2 Wilson, 1st Him; 3 Newbond, 1st Silver; 4 Fifth, 2nd Silver; 5 MTHS., 14: 1 Schofield, 1st Polish; 2 Dootson, 2nd black English; 3 Scattergood, 1st A.O.C. English; 4 Collins. NOVICE EX., 6: 1 1st Tan; 2 2nd Tan; 3 Hargreaves, c Dutch, 5 MTHS.: 1 Sanderson 1st Dutch; 2 Dootson, 2nd English; 3 Scattergood; 4 Collins, 2nd Dutch. CHALL., 20: 1 Berry; 2 Oldfield; 3 Danecourt Stud; 4 Etheridge, 5 MTHS., 18: 1 Sanderson; 2 Dootson; 3 Wilson; 4 Scattergood, Cup and best in show went to the winning Ermine of Mr. Horsley.—A. PLANT.

Mr. F. W. Barker's Classes

After judging, the tent was packed all day with visitors. The idea of penning the best in show cup winner and runner-up in the afternoon on the judges' table attracted great attention. I was pleased to meet many Chin. breeders and Sable and Siberians. It was grand to meet my old friend George Everard going round the shows once more, but not as a Chin. exhibitor. My classes were well filled and quality was very good. Sables were patchy but the winners were fit and good specimens. In Chins, the does took premier places. The C.C. winner was a good exhibit. The only bad fault was the "bag" under its chin, and if it was mine it would be in the breeding pen from now on. The young class was led by a very promising young buck. Havana suffered with the old fault, colour. Smoked Pearl and Siberian were a disappointment. Fanciers cannot expect classes to be put on if they will not support them. The best in show was won by a good Ermine all the way from Cumberland, whose owner was combining a week-end's pleasure with showing. I was pleased to meet Mr. Horsley and his family again. Many thanks to my stewards.

MARTEN SABLE.—8: 1 Gerrard (27769), well known, wins wealth of coat; 2 Sawyer, beaten density; 3 Sedgwick, beaten coat and shadings; 4 Whitehead (47602); 5 Bond; 6 Ormond; 7 Heaton, Pen 4 empty. SIAM.—1 Whitehead (34160), best coat; 2 Parkinson, moult; 3 Bridge, beaten coat and shadings. A.C., 5 MTHS., 11: 1 C.C. Edwards (21841), very fit and promising, good coat and shadings; 2 Vernam, falls density; 3 the Dickens, loses shadings and condition; 4 Taylor and Son (21161); 5 Dickens; 6 Shuttledew; 7 Ormond. CHIN.—13: 1 C.C. diploma, best Fur and 2/6 special Stothard (32216), excels in coat, just spoilt by rather large dewlap; 2

Cooper, good doe, slightly better type, younger falls coat and depth, failing at slate base; 3 Brown, nice buck, falls density; Pres- coker (27094); 4 the Toser; 5 Parkinson; 6 Langridge. I am sorry about Pen 40. I could do nothing with it, as its coat was very wet when brought on the table. U/5 MTHS., 6: 1 Prescott (7845), very nice youngster in all respects should make up well; 2 Langridge, nice buck, falls slightly Pearl and coat; 3 Rowley, will improve; 4 Jessop (1835), younger; 5 Jessop, Pen 55 empty. HAV.—5: 1 C.C. Bridge (1952), best colour and type; 2 Brook, good type, beaten coat; 3 Wainwright, loses colour; 4 Young (12386); 5 Campbell, 5 MTHS., 2: 1 Hodgson (11193), best colour and coat; 2 Brooks, nice, but not so forward as winner. SMOKE PEARL.—1: 1 Gilliard (17641), good coat but patchy on saddle, pity note more competition. SIBERIAN.—2: 2 Malley, nice mixture on top, but rusty on belly; 3 Flitton, moult; A.O.V. Fur: Malley (13122), very nice Argente; Creme, the ring had to be cut off owing to it damaging the leg. 5 MTHS.: 3 Kay and Son, young Fox, competition should be keener.—F. W. BARKER.

N.M.C. (SPRING SHOW)

The N.M.C. Spring Cup Show was held at Sheffield, on May 17th. Mr. Ward had everything in order for an early start. The Nottingham contingent arrived just before 10 a.m. We were able to start judging without any delay. I thank my stewards, E. Stanley and Joe Otter. I was pleased to see a few old timers there. Fred Plucknett and Ron Beard spent a full day at the cards. There were also present J. W. Hustler, Walter Coles C. H. J. and Willis Middleton. The condition of the stock was very good considering the weather this year.—W.T.

Mr. W. Turton's Classes

AGOUTIS OR CIN.—8: 1, 2 Preston, best A.O.V., best in show, Cinnamon leading, stood away for type and condition, hard to fault; 2nd Agouti, grand colour, not the shape and style of leader; 3, hc Watts, Cin., beaten colour and finish; 4, c Patterson Riddle; 5, hc Tucker, 8 WKS., 5: 1 Edmondson, grand Agouti, level colour, good feet; 2, 3 Watts, Cin.; 4, c Middleton; 5, hc Otter. CHIN.—10: 1, hc, c Whitworth, grand team, leader best colour and finish, best I've seen lately, grand type, will make a grand stud buck; 2, Johnson, not as clear in ticking, close, 3 Prior, beaten finish and clarity; 4, hc Durance, I was pleased to see that the brown tinge is not so prevalent. FOX.—11: 1, 2, c Stephens, well defined, a few white hairs, held it back for special; 3, Heighton, best of the Blacks, not so defined or pleasing as leader; 4, hc Mayne and Allan; 5, hc Edmondson; the Blacks failed condition, most of them were in two coats. CHIN. OR FOX.—8: 1, 2, hc Stephens, leader grand Chin buck, clean and smart, 2nd Choc. Fox, a few white hairs in back; 3, Heighton, Black Fox, best colour; 4, hc Johnson; 5, hc Winder; many lacked condition. SIL. GREY, BROWN OR FAWN.—6: 1, hc Tunnicliffe, best of a poor lot, medium Grey, could be better; 2, 3 Coles, Fawns, nicely silvered but patchy, nice size; 4, hc Hurst; 5, hc Johnson; 6, hc Busby; most of them were in por condition and had two coats. A.O.V.—6: 1 Preston, grand Sable, level colour, rich body and good nose and feet, much admired; 2 Busby, Pearl, grand, very level, pity to meet leader, but the leader's colour was too good to pass; 3 Preston, another Sable, rich colour, small tan on nose held it back; 4 Bratley and Basford; 5, hc Hurst; 6, hc Idon, 8 WKS., 5: 1 Maslen, grand Argente, very level in colour, grand condition; 2, 3 Bratley and Basford, both Sables, close, not colour of adults; 4, hc Busby; 5, hc Tunnicliffe. A.O.V. B., 9: 1 Whitworth, winning Chin.; 2 Busby, Pearl; 3, c Prior; 4, hc Deakin; 5, hc Coles; 6, hc Tunnicliffe. CHALL. A.O.V., 20: 1, c Preston, winning Cinnamon; 2 Whitworth, Chin.; 3, hc Stephens, Choc. Fox; 4 Edmondson; 5, hc Heighton, 8 WKS., 14: 1 Deakin; 2 Edmondson; 3 Stephens; 4 Watts; 5, hc Heighton; 6, hc Stephens; 7, hc Prior. GRAND CHALL., 41: 1 Whitworth; 2 Fern End; 3 Stephens; 4 Blackett; 5, hc Johnson; 6, hc Busby; 7, hc Stephens.

Mr. Harry Booth's Classes

DUTCH.—19: 1 Trinder, black, sound colour, grand high saddle, well-balanced cheeks, very slightly out under and one short stop, fair condition, good win for a juvenile; 2 and hc Swain, choc., good all round, not so clean cut, fair condition; 3 Ikin, agouti, good colour, size and type, falls under and low cheeks, faultless condition; 4 Wilkes; 5 hc Grindell; 6 Cape; this was a good class but some were out of condition. 8 WKS., 27: 1, hc Nott, choc., good colour, head and stops, level top and under under, saddle a bit far back, grand condition; 2 Johnson, black baby, a coming champion, only fault just a bit too young to judge properly; 3 Middleton, black, good colour, head and stops, high level top out under, lovely condition; 4 Grindell; 5 hc Wilkes; 6 Taylor; this was a grand class and condition was better than in the adult class; I had to put one or two good ones back which appeared over age. BROKEN OR EVEN.—14: 1 Riley, grand 10-spot black, good colour, nice placings with size, type and condition, my nomination for B.I.S. but hopelessly outvoted; 2 Blackett, nicely marked black, equal to winner in all respects but condition, 10-spotter; 3 Busby 9-spot black, fair placings, lovely condition, type and size; 4 Maslem; 5 hc Tucker; 6 hc Keers; 7 Dawson; another good class and condition, was generally fair. 9 WEEKS, 6: 1 and hc Coles, 7-spot cinnamon, good colour, fair placings and condition; 2 Dodsword, 5-spot even, will get better with age, nicely placed and good colour; 3 Keers, 8-spot black, fair placings but ragged and feathery edged, colour and condition, only moderately good; 4 Blackett; 5 hc Robinson; a poor class, only the winner was outstanding. VARIEGATED.—8: 1 Busby, good all round, grand splashing, size and condition, easy win, 2, 3, r, hc, hc, c Welch, leader a good chana-

mon followed by a nice black, a matter of choice; this was a good class, very level after the winner. SUPPORTERS' CLASS.—7: 1 Appleyard and Downs, nice Champagne doe. MARKED.—BUCK, 10: 1 Trinder, black Dutch; 2 Busby, black broken; 3 Welch, cinnamon variegated; 4 Ikin; 5 hc Wilkes; 6 hc Ellis; 7 Coles. CHALL., 14: 1 Riley, 1st broken; 2 Ikin, 3rd Dutch; 3 Busby, 1st variegated; 4 Blackett; 5 hc Coles; 6 hc Wilkes. 8 WEEKS, 7: 1 Nott, 1st chocolate Dutch; 2 Middleton, 3rd Dutch; 3 Blackett, reserve Broken; 4 Robinson; 5 hc Walker; 6 hc Taylor; 7 hc Wilkes. UNSTANDARDISED.—3: 1 hc Blackett, black-eyed Cham.; 2 hc Ward, tanned black Dutch; 3 hc Sable and Whites; 4 hc Otter. NOVICE.—26: 1 Stanley, very nice B.E.W.; 2 Armstrong black Dutch; 3 c Stephenson and Sons, fawn, in grand condition; 4 hc Williams; 5 hc Ball; this was a grand class with a few good exhibits out of the cards; there were two sets of winners. JUVENILE.—13: Every mouse in this class was worth a prize—1 and hc Trinder, good black Dutch; 2 Ikin, grand agouti Dutch, a great fellow in wonderful form; 3 Walker, nice agouti Dutch; 4 hc Harwood; 5 hc Duance; 6 hc Todd. It was a pleasure to judge this class. GRAND CHALL.—3 WEEKS, 34: 1 Coles, a grand little black, just did not fault it; 2 c Edmondson, grand agouti, almost equal; 3 Blackett; 4 hc Harlow; 5 hc Robinson; 6 hc Dodsword.—HARRY BOOTH.

SOUTHERN CAVY CLUB

The Southern Cavy Club held an open table show at the John Harvard School, South-wark, London, S.E.1, on May 19th. The judge was Mr. Symons, Wanstead. This was the most successful show yet held. The total entry was just over 60, but more individual cavies were exhibited than in previous months. Best in show and best Self was awarded to Miss Radeglia's Self black sow. Best any variety (bar Self) to Mr. Brown's Golden Agouti; best reserve, Mr. Perrett's Abyssinian; best V.H.C. and best H.C., Mr. Brown and Mr. Brown. SELF (White): 1 Radeglia; 2 Brown; 3 Pare; (Black) 1 Radeglia; 2 Parr; 3 Tipton; 4 Savers; 5 hc Chaffey. (A.O.C.): 1 Tipton, red; 2 Bown, cream. A.B.S.S.: 1 Perrett; 2 Pare; 3 Armes. A.O.V.: 1 Brown, Golden Agouti; 2 Pare, red Dutch. INTERMED. 4-7 MTHS.: 1 Radeglia, Self black; 2 Chaffey, Self black; 3 Bown, Self cream. SELF BLK., U/4 MTHS.: 1 Armes; 2 Maunsell; 3 Vaughan. A.V. U/5 MTHS.: 1, 2 Brown, Self whites; 3 Tipton, Golden Agouti. LADY EX.: 1, 2, 3 Radeglia; 4 hc Tipton; 5 hc Chaffey. SPOON CLASS (bar Self): 1 Perrett; 2 Pare; 3 Armes; 4 Brown; 5 hc Brown; 6 hc Savers. (Bar Self) 1 Brown 2 Perrett. U/5 MTHS.: 1 Armes; 2 Maunsell; 3 hc Brown; 4 hc Brown; 5 hc Vaughan. CHALL. (Self): 1, 2 Radeglia; 3 Brown; 4 hc Brown; 5 hc Tipton; 6 hc Savers. (Bar Self) AD.: 1 Brown; 2 Perrett; 3 Armes. U/5 MTHS.: 1 Armes; 2 Maunsell; 3 hc Brown; 4 hc Brown; 5 hc Vaughan; 6 hc Tipton. BRAND CHALL.: 1, 2 Radeglia; 3 hc Brown; 4 hc Perrett; 5 hc Brown; 6 hc Pare.—Miss Radeglia, hon. sec. and treas., 7, Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey.

WINDSOR

Windsor show was held on May 18th under the able management of the show secretary, Mr. Dumpleton also show manager, Mr. L. Lynd. I was pleased to find such a good entry of Rex, in such good condition, and well up to the quality there is in Rex to-day. There was a keen and efficient band of stewards. After the judging the Mayor of Windsor, the society's president, awarded the members' cups. The ten Ermine adults were very even in coat quality. There was not much to choose between the first three. The winner carried a good quality coat with good density, texture and colour. It is believed to be the Nip. Ermine Club's adult stock winner. Type in the Ermines was good. There were only four Blues in the class. The winner was of nice colour, coat and type; the other three were showing signs of moult. The Lilacs on view, though small in number, were nice. Again the winner was in front on even colour throughout. It also carried a dense coat with good top colour. The Havana winner stood out for coat and colour and was a nice Rex. The second was beaten evenness of colour and finish. There was only one Seal; it was not in show coat but it carried density and type. The winning Black was shown very well and was best Rex and best Fur. It had good density and an even plush coat. Castors gave me a very pleasant surprise. There were eight of good quality. The first three had good density and had good top colour. All could go with a little deeper bottom blue slate colour. Type was very good. The winning Castor won the special for best Not Self Rex, cert. of merit and blue ribbon best Agouti. Lilacs were not much in evidence. The winner carried good bottom and top colour and was of nice type. There were only two Chins, and the winner won on colour. There were not many Rex youngsters but they were promising. The winning 5 months Ermine was shown well. It carried an even coat with good colour and type. It went on to win best young rabbit in show. The winning Blue under 14 weeks had good colour, type and coat.—W.N.S.

Mr. W. N. Sheppard's Classes

REX.—ERMINES: 1 Natrass; 2 Thorne; 3 Ruddy. BLUE: 1 Natrass; 2 King; 3 hc Alder. LILAC: 1 Nash; 2 Nellsen; 3 hc Smith. HAV.: 1 Chandler; 2 Cooper; 3 Partridge. BLACK: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Hone. SABLE OR SEAL: 1 Pound. CASTOR: 1 Hare; 2 Harding; 3 Cattanch; 4 Neisen; 5 Forey. LYNX: 1 Mold; 2 Cattanch; 3 hc Higgs. SELF 5 MTHS.: 1 Hyder; 2 Thorne; 3 Stinson. NOT SELF: 1 Chilton, I.S.R.R.A.; 1 Dumpleton; 2 Hare; 3 Natrass. BUCKS, MEMBERS: 1 Hare; 2 Ruddy; 3 Deane. REX B.: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Hare; 3 Ruddy. DOE: 1 Proud; 2 Nash; 3 Natrass. BREEDERS: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Hare; 3 Natrass. 5 MTHS.: 1 Hyder; 2 Thorne; 3 Stinson. CHALL.: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Hare; 3 Natrass. SINGLES 14 WKS.: 1 Thompson and Greenstreet; 2 Redman; 3 Jolly. PAIRS: 1 Thompson and Greenstreet, MEMBERS: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Hare; 3 Chandler. 5 MTHS.: 1 Hyder; 2 Thorne; 3 Ford. B.R.C. C.C. best Self Rex, I.S.R.R.A. Blue Ribbon best Self Rex. Mrs. Dumpleton; B.R.C. Diploma best Rex, I.S.R.R.A. Gold Star best Rex, Mrs. Dumpleton; B.R.C. C.C. best Not Self Rex, I.S.R.R.A.

Blue Ribbon best Agouti, Cert. of Merit Castor, rex Circle, Mr. L. H. Hare; I.S.R.R.A. Blue Ribbon best A.O.V. Rex, Mr. F. Mold. B.R.C. C.C.S.: Argente, Mrs. Bennett; Beveren, Mr. F. B. Harvey; Chin., Northfield Rabbitory; Chin. Giganta, Winwood Stud; Sable, B. Bunyan; Fox, A. G. Soden; Havana, L. F. M. Blake; N.Z. Red, Mr. and Mrs. Menkins. B.R.C. Diploma best Nor. Fur, Winwood Stud; New Zealand Red Club diploma, Mr. and Mrs. Menkins; Cert. of Merit S. Chin. Club, Northfield Rabbitory. B.R.C. C.C.S.: Angora, Mrs. Dargue; Polish, H. J. Dawson; Belgian, C. F. Blowfield; English, F. Mold; Dutch, Danecourt Stud; Tan, Mr. and Mrs. Smithers; Flemish, L. Holloway. B.R.C. Diploma best Fancy, Danecourt Stud, Members' Cups: Rex Adult, Mrs. Dumpleton; Liliac-rer, H. Nash; N. Fur, Winwood Stud; Fancy, C. F. Blowfield; Juvenile, Miss Hannah Maxwell; Crossbred, Master D. Webb. Points Cup, Mr. A. E. Hyder.

EALING

Ealing Rabbit Club's show was held on May 18th. Total entries were 140. Best normal fur was Mr. Pearce's Chinchilla (14019); best Rex, Mrs. Lee's Ermine (02512); best fancy, Miss Drewitt's Dutch (13135).

Mr. A. Robinson's Classes

DUTCH.—4 MTHS.: 1 Drewitt; 2 Day; 3 Toite. POLISH.—1, 2 Williams. ENG.—A.A.: 1, 2 Pollard. FANCY.—14 WKS.: 1 Drewitt; 2 Williams; 3 Day. (Breeders): 1 Drewitt; 2 Williams; 3 Crowther. (Stud b.): 1 Williams; 2 Crowther. (Chall.) AD.: 1 Williams; 2 Day; 3 Crowther. 5 MTHS.: 1 Drewitt; 2 Williams. REX.—(Ermine): 1, 2 Grafham. 5 MTHS.: 1 Lee. "B.R.C." Individual Members: 1 Pearce; 2 Withers. Ladies Ex.: 1 Drewitt; 2 Lee; 3 Grafham. Men's Ex.: 1 Withers; 2 Williams; 3 Pearce.

Mr. Roy Robinson's Classes

BEV.—Ad.: 1 Withers. 5 MTHS.: 1, 2 Ellis; 3 Archer. CHIN.—1, 2 Pearce; 3 Woolmer. FOX.—Ad.: 1, 2 Oxborough; 3 Salisbury. FUR.—(Breeders): 1 Pearce; 2 Calkin; 3 Ellis. (Stud b.): 1 Pearce; 2 Oxborough; 3 Salisbury. (Breed. d.): 1 Withers; 2 Woolmer. Specialist Club Members: 1 Pearce; 2 Withers; 3 Oxborough. (Chall.) AD.: 1 Pearce; 2 Withers; 3 Woolmer. 5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Ellis; 2 Calkin. Members Classes:—Fur Cup: 1 Grafham; 2 Pearce; 3 Calkin. Fancy: 1 Day; 2 Crowther; 3 Drewitt. Novice Ex.: 1 Pearce; 2 Ellis; 3 Calkin. Juvenile: 1 Grafham; 2 Calkin; 3 Pollard. Mayor's Tankard: 1 Grafham; 1 Pearce; 3 Oxborough. A.V. 14 WKS.: 1 Drewitt; 2 Oxborough; 3 Day.

Both Judges

Grand Chall.: 1 Grafham; 2 Pearce; 3 Withers. 5 MTHS.: 1 Lee; 2 Drewitt; 3 Williams.

WALLINGTON

There was a large gathering of Argente fanciers at Wallington on May 18th, including Mrs. Joyce Potter, Mrs. Gladys Glazier and Miss Harrison, and Messrs. H. Hazen, F. Chitty, E. W. Chitty, A. Lidbiter, Comber, Dennis, Vais etc. Ralph Gladys had some good stock to play about with. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings won the silver medal for best in show with their Champagne Argente. There were 287 entries.

Mr. Blake's Classes

ARGENTE.—BLEU: 1 Comber; 2 Harrison; 3 Lidbiter. CHAM.: 1, 3 Jennings; 2 Soales. CREME: 1 Harrison; 2 Vais; 3 Hearn. U/5: 1 F. Chitty; 2 Comber; 3 Jennings. BREEDERS: 1, 3 Harrison; 2 Comber. CHALL.: 1 Jennings; 2 Harrison; 3 Comber. BEV.—BLUE: 1, 3 Norris; 2 Courtman. U/5: 1 Mautterer; 2, 3 Brain. CHALL.: 1 Norris; 2 Mautterer; 3 Brain. CHIN.—1 Sweeney; 2, 3 Poultier. FOX.—1, 2, 3 Black. A.O.V. FUR: 1, 2, 3 Holton. FUR BREEDERS: 1 Norris; 2 Comber; 3 Hearn. U/5: 1 Holton; 2 Mautterer; 3 Holton. CHALL.: 1 Jennings; 2 Holton; 3 Comber. DOB: 1 Pink; 2 Chandler; 3 Vais. BUCC: 1 Jennings; 2 Norris; 3 Harrison. MEMBERS' CHALL.: 1 Bowyer; 2 Jennings; 3 Pink. GRAND CHALL.: 1 Bowyer; 2 Comber; 3 Pink. U/5: 1 Raison; 2 Soudy; 3 Holton.

Mr. Hampson's Classes

DUTCH.—1 Raison; 2, 3 Jennings. ENG.—1 Jennings; 2 Nickerson; 3 Henderson. POLISH.—1 Mansfield; 2, 3 Denman. SILVER.—1 Bowyer; 2 Whiting; 3 Soudy. A.O.V. FANCY.—1 Samson; 2, 3 Jolliffe. BREEDERS: 1 Bowyer; 2 Mansfield; 3 Denman. U/5: 1 Raison; 2 Jennings; 3 Soudy. FANCY CHALL.: 1 Bowyer; 2 Samson; 3 Mansfield. REX.—1 Pink; 2 Chandler; 3 Jones. BREEDERS: 1 Pink; 2 Chandler; 3 Jones. CHALL.: 1 Chandler; 2, 3 Jones. PAIRS U/14 WKS.: 1 Willman; 2, 3 Townsend. C. HENDERSON, Sec., Tower View, Sandy Lane Stn., Wallington.

EAST WILLESDEN

East Willesden show was held on May 10th. The judges were Mr. H. Waterfall, Fancy, and Mr. B. Adams, Fur and Rex. Entries were only 100 but the standard was good. This club is making progress. The rabbit section has now 10 challenge cups up for competition every month and another will be added for Rex next month.

Awards. DUTCH.—B. OR B.: 1 Pearce. U/4 MTHS.: 1, 2 May; 3 Roe; 4 Pearce. A.O.C.: 1 May. U/4 MTHS.: 1, 2 May. FANCY BREEDERS: 1, 2, 3 May. CHALL.: 1 May. CHALL., U/5 MTHS.: 1, 2, 3 May; 4 Roe. SABLE.—A.C., U/5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Osmond; 2 Baker; 3 hc Viner. SMOKE PEARL.—1 Baker. SIAMESE: 1 Riddick; 2 Cootes. CHIN.: 1 Way. A.V.N.F.—U/14 WKS.: 1, 2 Baker; 3 Viner. STUD B.: 1 Robinson; 2 Gentle. DOE: 1 Baker; 2 May; 3 Way. FUR BREEDERS: 1 Way; 2 Cootes. CHALL.: 1 Way. REX.—ERMINES: 1 Robinson; 2 Croft. A.O.C.: 1 Gentle; 2 Pearce; 3 Breders. 1 Croft. CHALL.: 1 Robinson; 2 Croft; 3 Gentle. LADIES CHALL.: 1 Baker; 2 Robinson; 3 hc May; 4 Coot. NOV. EX.: 1 Roe. CUP FUND CLASS: 1 hc Baker; 2 hc, c May; 3 Gentle; 4 Osmond. FANCY CUP: 1, 2, 3 May. FUR: 1 Baker. POINTS: 1 Croft; 2 Gentle; 3 Osmond; 4 hc May; 5 hc Riddick. JUVENILE: 1, 2 May; 3 Riddick; 4 Viner. SABLE: 1 Osmond; 2 Baker; 3 Riddick; 4 hc Osmond. DUTCH: 1, 2, 3, hc May; hc Pearce. LADIES CHALL.: 1 Baker; 2 May; 3 Croft. hc Robinson. GRAND CHALL., U/5 MTHS.: 1, hc Baker; 2, 3, hc May. GRAND CHALL. AD.: 1 May; 2 Croft.—E. W. MAY, Sec.



APRIL 19th.—LAYTON: 172 entries. Fancy, Cornall's English (27484); Fur, Snape's Chin-chilla (36205); best cavy, Titterton; best mouse, "Fern End." YEADON: 57 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Dixon's Silver Grey (1091); Fur, Hudson's Rex (10547). CHASER WINNERS

SPENBOROUGH.—175 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Naylor's English (9414). Fur: Tose's Ermine-rex (14949). Best cavy: Hinchcliffe.

GREENFORD.—April 19th. Sec. Mr. P. B. Knight, writes: "The S.R.R.A. blue ribbon was won by Mrs. Lee's Ermine, and the Nat. Silver Fox R.C. C. of M. was won by Mr. Chandler." Judges: Mrs. Bareham, Mr. Bert. Woods, and Mr. A. E. Argyle. Entries 167. "Chaser" winners were: Fancy, NEW'S Chin. (14414); Fur and best in show) CRANLIN STUD'S Chin. (2164). Awards:—Fox Ad.: 1 Chandler; 2 Oxborough; 3 Fulman; 1 Starkey; vhc Knight. A.O.V. Ad.: 1 Cranlin Stud; 2 Toms; 3 Savery; r Jackson and Paterson; vhc Tring; 5 mths.: 1 Baker; 2 Tring; 3 r Stephenson. Singles: Repeat, Normal Fur Chall.: 1 Cranlin Stud; 2 Chandler; 3 Baker; r Toms; vhc Oxborough; hc Fulman; c Savery. Home Counties: 1 Chandler; 2 Oxborough; 3 Starkey; r Tring. Rex (Ermine): 1 Hoad and Shaw; 2 Hyder; 3 Robinson; r Grafham. (A.O.V.): 1 Hoad and Shaw. 5 mths.: 1, 3 Lee; 2 Hyder. (Singles): 1 Lee. (Chall.): 1, 2 Hoad and Shaw; 2 Hyder; 3 Grafham. S.R.R.A. Mem.: repeat. Dutch: 1, vhc New; 2 Crowther; 3 Day; r Brand; hc, c Glennie. Fancy Singles: 1, hc Day; 2, r, c White; 3 Hance; vhc Fulman. A.O.V. Fancy Ad.: 1 Day; 2 Neal; 3 Lewis and Bates; r Hance; vhc Hall. Polish, 5 mths.: 1 Hance. Dutch, 4 mths.: 1, r Day; 2 Fulman; 3 Gill. Pairs: 1 Day; 2 White. Chall.: 1 New; 2 hc Crowther; r Brand; vhc Neal; c Lewis and Bates. Buck Chall.: 1 Cranlin Stud; 2 New; 3 Day; r Grafham; vhc Neal; hc Toms; c

Oxborough. Doe: 1 Chandler; 2 Hyder; 3 Day; r Tring. Breeders: 1 Chandler; 2 Baker; 3, vhc Hoad and Shaw; r New; hc Brand; c Day. Ladies' Ex.: 1 Baker; 2 Grafham; 3 Fulman; r Savery. Members' Points Cup: 1 Baker; 2 New; 3, hc Day; r Crowther; vhc Hyder; c Knight. Pen Class: 1 Chandler; 2, r Hoad and Shaw; 3 c New; vhc Day; hc Fulman; 5 mths. Chall.: 1 Lee; 2 Baker; 3 Hyder; r Tring; vhc Brand; hc Hange; c Day. Grand Chall.: 1 Cranlin Stud; 2 Lee; 3 Chandler; r Baker; vhc, c Hoad and Shaw; hc New.

SELF RED CATS

(Continued from page 231). period to be seen in the show pen. Although great strides have been made since those days in the improvement of colour in Oranges—or Reds as we know them now—it cannot be said that much success has attended the breeding of Self Reds, and no certain method of producing a really self-coloured Red cat has been evolved. I have always advocated the mating of Creams with Oranges as the surest way to obtain good specimens of each colour; and when "King's Own" was mated to Josephine of the Durhams by Romaldkirk Admiral (Cream), he sired the rich coloured unmarked Orange queen, Mehtabel of the Durhams. This cat had sound lips and chin, which in those early days of showing were not often seen, and she proved a grand breeder of Oranges. Her owner, Mrs. D'Arcy Hildyard, once showed her with a litter of eight deep Orange kittens of both sexes—the females being somewhat rare in those days. In more recent times Mrs. Neate considered the late Mr. Western's Ch. Wynnstey Ruddiman did most to improve the Red Self. She is a firm believer in pedigree, and says: "Before mating up a queen I carefully study the individuals figuring in her pedigree and all that is known of their show careers. I then select

a line-bred male most suited to her in points. The many failures one sees in Red Self breeding are due to the haphazard system of mating queens to any stud that takes one's fancy because he happens to be near, or, yet worse, because his services are available at a low fee."

Sound advice which applies equally to all breeds and which cannot be repeated too often.

In addition to the above-mentioned, the following cats figured prominently in the first years of this century: Mrs. Vidal's Torrington Sunnysides, Lady Deedes' Fulmer William of Orange, and Miss Beal's Jael and Romaldkirk Minotaur.

Let us hope some enthusiasts will try again to produce a real Red Self, for a cat the colour of a red Setter all over would be a very beautiful animal and this, to my mind, is the shade of red to be aimed at.

B.R.C. JUDGES' PANEL

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posing all specialist clubs got together and said "In future we issue our own rings" as an instance "Chinrex Club 1947, 1234." The B.R.C. could do nothing to stop this, apart from withholding specials, which the specialist clubs could give. I am afraid that unless the B.R.C. get down to this ring business seriously they will find the clubs taking matters into their own hands and supply their own members with club rings.

We all know the awful difficulties now prevailing, especially in business, but when goods are scarce we have to scour the markets. If rings could not be found, each club could tattoo and register each rabbit at a small fee. If tattooed, an animal stolen could be traced much easier, as these marks cannot be removed as rings can. It's a matter worth

careful thought. It is pretty useless these days in trying to place orders with large firms, most of them have more work than they can cope with. Rings are mostly cut from tubing of various sizes; surely there is plenty of surplus tubing at aircraft factories. It is quite possible that some small firm would be only too pleased to undertake the making of rings. Perhaps the Pigeon Association could advise the B.R.C. where to obtain the necessary rings as they always seem to be able to satisfy their members' requirements. Could not a percentage of the profits from the sale of rings be given to help such shows at the National championship. In my opinion the B.R.C. should think a little less of piling up its banking account and help the Fancy in a more general way.

ELECTION RESULTS

THE NATIONAL LYNX-REX RABBIT SOCIETY

THE following are the results for the election of Nat. Lynx-Rex Societies' Club judges: Young stock show judges: W. Cobley 9, E. Mold 5, B. Rawlings 5, F. G. Woodgate 3, T. S. Willis 2, H. D. H. Dowle 2, C. Goodchild 2, N. Harrison 2, G. Froy 1, R. Blake 1; B. Lowe 1, A. Mountford 1, F. Seeney 1, Mrs. Aspinwall 1, L. Bradley 1, W. Allen 0, R. Grimley 0, P. H. Barrett 0, F. W. Tenney 0. Venue for the young stock show: Birmingham 21, Oxford 10, Glenfield 4. Adult stock show judges: W. Cobley 9, C. Goodchild 7, F. G. Woodgate 4, R. Grimley 2, B. Lowe 2, Mrs. Aspinwall 2, B. Rawlings 2, F. Tenney 2, W. Allen 1, R. Blake 1, E. Mold 1, F. Seeney 1, L. Bradley 1, P. H. Barrett 1, N. Harrison 1, G. Froy 0, A. Mountford 0, H. D. H. Dowle 0.—W. Hibbert, Scrutiner.

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