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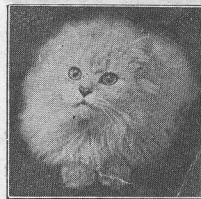
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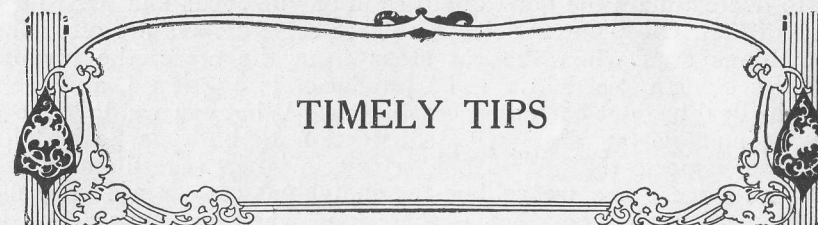
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BY MRS. K. E. STACEY

Many little strangers have visited Chandos Cattery during the last five years, some coming short distances in limousines, some in baskets with lids tied down, some in baskets with pieces of cloth tied tightly over them, and some in comfortable carriers. These last were painfully few, I am sorry to say. Yet all of these people love their pets, think of their comfort at home, providing baskets and comfy nooks. The cost of a proper carrier is little, and with a few pieces of thin board and a piece of wire netting a splendid one can be made at home. If the cats travel in fear and arrive frightened and soiled they are usually completely out of season.

Many are shipped distances by rail and come in crates that are too small, with no provision for water, and such food as had been put in was spoiled and not fit to eat. Surely a near-by grocery store can supply a box of suitable size, and with a few holes bored in for ventilation the occupant can be made quite comfortable. The box must be large enough for the cat to turn about, and for one corner to be kept more or less for toilet purposes. A bit of excelsior in the bottom, covered with soft cloth, will give comfort to the weary body. If no such provision is made the cat may arrive sadly wet and soiled. Attach a handle to the top of the box to insure its upright position, and nail the water-cup where it can be filled from the outside. Should the box go astray or be delayed the express company will gladly feed and water the cat. It is a part of the routine when necessary.

I usually bake liver bread and put it in the crate (make it the

same as cake, omitting baking powder). This gives something to nibble on if the cat is hungry on the journey. It keeps better than meat, and the cat likes it.

The return address should be on the box, and "Live Stock—Rush" (a stencil is most handy for this). Do not write names; print them plainly, and, if possible, the telephone number of the recipient, so that the express company may notify him of the arrival. This has many times prevented cats remaining over holidays and Sundays in express offices, and assures their prompt delivery.

Kittens do not need large boxes, but must be free from draughts and sudden changes of temperature.

This brings us to the subject of honesty in our sales. We are apt to overestimate the good qualities in our beloveds and not to see some of their conspicuous defects. These same defects are often the first things seen when the cat steps from the crate, the lovable qualities being noticed last. The purchaser is aggrieved, and feels that the deal has not been a successful one. What can we do? How can we manage our sales with satisfaction to both parties? The purchaser expects the box to hold a prize winner, regardless of the purchase price. Are we selling the individual cat, or are we selling the pedigree? The stock is there, and when one buys a breeding queen one is really buying the pedigree. Perhaps we should be more careful in our sales of breeding and show stock—that might help to solve the problem.

Then comes the subject of non-breeders. If you buy a kitten or a young queen and it turns out to be a non-breeder, surely one should not blame the breeder. If a breeding queen is bought one is entitled to a proven breeder or to restitution. So with a male. Much harm has been done by spreading such propaganda as "She sells only non-breeders. You can't get anything from her stock." These conditions arise, of course, and we should be able to combat them, for sometimes it is not the fault of the breeder but of the purchaser instead. However, when a person has spent money for one of our cats we ought, as far as possible, to work hand in hand with him, giving him full value for his dollar. Full well we know that all parts of the world are linked together by a sensitive current, and we who live in it are as dependent upon each other as links in a chain. Our minds and souls must grow to fit.

It is a bitter dose to swallow, having reared a tiny kit to breeding age to find it as barren as the sands, but introspection may reveal the cause. This surely cannot be laid to malice aforethought of the breeder who sold the kit to you, but to its care, its health, or nature's devious ways. Should you purchase a male or a female at the proper age the contract should be held as per purchase agreement.

Much has been written by disappointed purchasers who did not get eye color, type, color of coat, etc., as they were led to believe by the glowing description prior to the purchase.

A color scale has been suggested for eyes and fur, a measure-

ment chart, etc., but I hardly believe even that would help the matter greatly. Bits of fur would not show the brilliant color of the coat, no eye chart would keep us from seeing the color that we think is there, and no one but a judge of our shows could see the grand ensemble by the mystic figures of the measurement chart. I, for one, am not enough of a tailor to measure correctly. Instead of this highly scientific data let us try to sell our cats and our kits as they really are, and when we buy, buy good stock and await results.

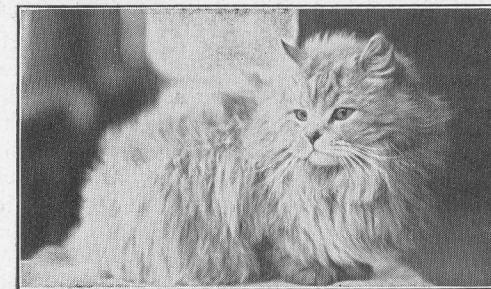
CAN CATS COUNT?

BY GERTRUDE BAXTER BRIDGHAM, R. N.

After watching the maneuvers of a white Persian mother in my cattery recently I feel almost like answering the question in the affirmative.

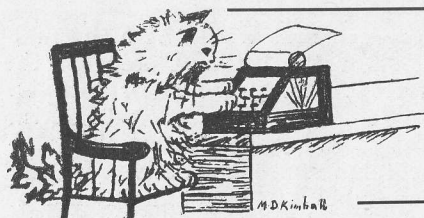
Donna Mafalda II is weaning her family of four, and Sister, a brown tabby, being with milk from a recent litter, has adopted one of the white babies, carrying him to her own bed at night and supervising every moment of his day; the coaxing, caresses and quite evident demands of his own mother failing to bring around the prodigal's return to the maternal bosom. Whereupon the deserted mother lifts her little head toward heaven, like a despairing dog, and wails aloud at intervals nightly, and, as if to comfort her sad heart and complete her quota at bed time, she carries to her own bed and cradles with her remaining three, a white knit doll-cat, upon which she lavishes love and tenderness.

How much sweeter a place, and altogether more truly worth while, this old world would be to live in if every human mother-heart beat thus for its own!



ABE POPE.

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Correspondence

Editor Cat Review:

The March Review had two notes from Mrs. Hiller that touched me particularly, and at first I was moved to reply to her with a personal letter, but perhaps some of the things I want to say may be of interest to others who saw her notes or have had experiences like hers. In the first place, in my criticism of the Madrona kitten in the Houston show, if she will look it up again, she will find that I said the kit "failed size", not "undersized", as she has it — there is a difference that I might have made clearer. When I first saw her note, I could not recall having seen any "undersized", or as that word means to me, "stunted" female in that class, so I looked over my notes on the show, which I usually keep for just such reference as this. There I found that I had noted the fact that the entry was a kitten in a class of more matured females, and that she had failed to place higher because of lack of size or maturity. It did seem a pity that she was not entered in the kitten class, but Houston exhibitors have not had the experience some of the rest of us have, and they will know better next time.

As another instance of this failure to be up to the fine points of entering their stock, let me cite another case that occurred at that same show. Mrs. Havens had two of the most brilliant red tabby kittens I ever had the pleasure of judging; she knew they were good, and she also knew that one was a trifle better than the other. Now, she entered her second choice kit in the kitten class and then entered both together in the novice and open. The second choice kitten won a first and came high for Best Kitten in the Show, but her truly good kitten could make no better than a fourth against a very wonderful class of adult males. How much better to have put both her kittens in the class to which they rightly belonged, for they were young kits, not "almost cats". Under this plan she would have won first and second kitten, and had an even stronger chance for that coveted Best Kitten prize.

While we are on this subject of entries, I am reminded of another show where an exhibitor had four lovely females of one color and had entered all four in both novice and open classes. Under such arrangement she could have only one first prize winner among them, and would have had to take a third and fourth on cats worthy of better luck. When she was persuaded to pick out her two best females and place one in the novice class, the other in the open, and then to split the entry of the other two females in the same way, she came out with two firsts and two seconds besides her winners' ribbon. Sometimes I think it is the little legitimate tricks like these that make some breeders' cats fare so much better at the shows than others of even better quality.

The other little message from Mrs. Hiller that moves me to reply is her account of the eye trouble she has encountered. Perhaps I can add somewhat to her experience by telling what I have found out about the same trouble, for it has only been after losses and much study that I have learned to recognize these cases when they first start and to stop them before they get to the desperate stage. In the first place, I believe the trouble is caused by a sort of fungus growth, not a germ as we usually understand it for I noted that most cases come during warm, damp, or sultry weather, late spring, summer and fall usually; I rarely encounter the difficulty during hot dry weather, or in very cold weather, though during the winter, I have had cases among kittens kept in the house.

The thing to do is to know the first symptoms and watch out for them, then the trouble can nearly always be checked quite easily, for there is nothing more devastating to the nerves of both patient and amateur doctor than a long siege with a sore eye. The very first symptom of this trouble is a teary eye, no matter, no head-cold, just a tendency to tears, as if there were some little mote in the eye. If you examine the eye when the lids are closed, you will note that one lid, either upper or lower, has a tendency to draw under the edge of the other just a bit; this gets more decided as the case develops. Pick up the kit and examine the eye in a good clear light, but not in direct sunlight. If the trouble is just starting, it will be difficult to see it at all unless one has had a good deal of practice and knows just what to look for and how to find it, and "it" will be just the tiniest little indentation, like a pin-prick or scratch on the cornea (colored part of eye). It takes good eyes and the proper light to find it at first, later on it becomes a decided dent, no discoloration till the eye is in bad state indeed, and by that time the lids have puffed and matter begins to gather.

The best and surest treatment I have found is to touch this little prick with a tiny point of cotton dipped in a preparation I get from my veterinarian. I am quite sure it is a preparation of iodine in some form. He has never told me just what it is, but no doubt other vets would know and could supply the same thing. It is rather a delicate little operation, and where only an isolated case is found, it might be wiser to take the kitten to the vet in the first place, but where many kittens are raised (grown cats get the trouble too, but are not quite so susceptible apparently), it is simply out of the question to run to the vet with every weepy eye. I have had some success, especially among the older cats, with washing the eye in a solution of zinc sulphate and warm water, using a small pinch to a cup of warm water for such cases. Iodum-Miller, a glycerine-iodine preparation, is also good, but the preparation I get from my veterinarian is the surest. I rarely have to touch the spot more than once, after that a little argyrol in the eye once or twice a day completes the cure. The spot turns milky when touched with iodine, and this discoloration often remains for some time, but this is incomparatively better than a mattery and almost bursting eye.

Yours truly,

Kansas City, Mo., May, 1923.

Mrs. Shannon D. Smith,



EDITORIALS



WHILE we are looking over the cat fancy and trying to make improvements where they are the most needed, we must not forget to recognize true worth, for this is even more important than to root out faults. Those who are inately honest will not be any the less so because they are not recognized as such, or preferred, or if they are even turned down; but such treatment has a bad effect on those who are coming up in the fancy if they happen to know what is being done, and even the older fanciers may be discouraged or lean back and stop trying. We had a letter lately from one of the older fanciers, who said that what she was writing of was before she gave up doing things on a large scale "because she could not lie as fast" as her adversaries. We must be honest and just in recognizing worth wherever it is found. And remember, too, that people who are honest and just often have not the suave manner that people who are not up to them in sterling worth put on as a veneer. The latter people could not get on at all if they did not cultivate a pleasant manner. They may have been attractive in the first place; perhaps this very gift of a winning manner proved a pitfall, as they were being flattered, and sought more than they deserved and little by little strength of character went down.

This is being done in the cat fancy now. We notice that some of the best judges are not being asked to judge shows (we presume that they are not being asked because they are not doing the judging to any large extent) as often as they should naturally be, while some who can be tempted to favoritism are taking the places. Suppose an honest judge has, for her own reasons, turned down a favorite cat, or a cat owned by an exhibitor who is a favorite; should this be allowed to debar that judge from judging in that vicinity again? Do we want a judge who will make her awards to suit public opinion or one who will make them according to her own opinion? It might be interesting to have a popular vote for some of the cats at our shows, but what do we have judges for if the opinion of an honest one is not upheld? It is a good thing to know who is honest. We have heard of a judge who is beyond reproach being successfully turned down by a fancier of somewhat shady reputation. We know of a wonderfully keen judge, and, we think, an honest one, being turned down because her awards in a very small class were not satisfactory. Our

own opinion is that she may have seen more than anyone else in the cats she was judging, for we have met her, and it is almost uncanny to see a person know at such a quick glance the real points of a cat. Another case: we once had all of our own cats turned down, more or less, at a show. It was a very bitter pill. But when we realized that this judge was consistent; that she simply did not give much value to what we had made our strong point, as was shown in her judging of other cats as well, all was plain, and we still believe her to be honest though our opinions differ.

The fancy looks on. What does it do?

Let us be just, though it is hard at times.

Let those who know and who have influence put it on the side of those who are honest and capable, even though they may be blunt and uncompromising, as honest people sometimes are, instead of using all of those little wiles to ingratiate themselves with the leading fanciers, to which other judges of a different calibre resort. And let us try to have substantial, immovable judges at our shows, whose opinions are worth something, so that when one has an award he may feel the assurance that it is rightfully his.



FROM now until the middle of September we shall be out of town except for a few days about the seventh of the month. First-class mail will always be forwarded, but for quick word address us: Care Mr. E. H. D. Brown, Eustis, Fla.

"I have never found anything that really killed these ear mites. Under the microscope they crawl around in kerosene, turpentine, peroxide and everything I have ever tried. Perhaps carbolic acid would fix them, but I would not dare to use it in any way upon a cat. Mr. Jones of the old Cat Journal, warned us against that. I am always looking for a remedy in our Cat Review that will be a sure cure."

Delia Harley.

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SHOW DATES

British Columbia Cat Club, in connection with the Vancouver Exhibition Show, August 16, 17, 18.

Royal Canadian Cat Club, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, August 28, 29, 30.

Springfield Cat Club, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass., September 18, 19.

Empire Cat Club, November 22, 23.
Beresford Cat Club of America, November 23, 24.

Silver Society, December 4 or 5.
Chicago Persian Society, December 14, 15, 16.

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Mrs. H. L. Viles, of Norborne, Mo., has recently bought a beautiful chin-chilla male from Miss Laura F. Whider, Grant Park, Ill. He won first prize at Decatur, Ill., January 15, 1920, and will be registered as Redlog's Allia Babbah and is to head Redlog Kennels.

Mrs. Delia Harley, of McLean, Ill., who is very successful in raising plants as well as pets, has just sold a tabby male kitten to Mrs. P. J. Burke, of Wapella, Ill., and a beautiful silver tabby female from her Lad de Lee and Sweathart (both silvers) to Mrs. F. Eaton, Chicago, Ill. Both kits were taken by automobile to good homes.

Frances H. Jackson, of Roselle, N. J., writes: "Mrs. Stacey's June article will stir up quite a bit of enthusiasm, I hope, as I am one of those bewildered beginners. I will say, however, that every breeder, so far, whose time I have occupied has been very generous, even lavish with information and help."

The Springfield Cat Club is carrying out its plan of holding a cat show in connection with the Eastern States Exposition, the largest fair in the New England States. It has a large attendance from summer places in the Berkshires and from the surrounding farmer country: a fine opportunity, we hope, for many people to see for the first time how beautiful thoroughbred Persian cats are.

The Oakland Cat Club held its June meeting at Oak Villa Inn, Mrs. Anna Baker Mears' resort with the Pacific Cat Club as its guests—fifteen present. A wonderful chicken dinner was served before the business

meeting, and the members looked around the ideally situated quarters of the cats and kittens right out in the open. At the meeting it was decided to hold a kitten show in August at Iodora Park in Oakland, with Mrs. Jack Gordon as judge, Mrs. F. R. de Sastro as manager, and Mrs. J. W. Marshall, assistant manager. This is a first venture of the kind in this part of the country.

THE BERESFORD CAT CLUB

The club held its monthly meeting June 13th, by invitation, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Hardy. A gratifying attendance was present, and a very appetizing luncheon served in the sun parlor of Mrs. Hardy's spacious home. The luncheon augmented our treasury by a neat sum, after which our usual business meeting took place. The principal topic of conversation was our eighteenth annual championship show, to be held November 23rd and 24th. Tentative plans are already under way to celebrate our twenty-fifth, or Silver Anniversary, which occurs before many months. After adjournment the members went to Mrs. Hardy's lovely flower garden, and were shown her truly gorgeous collection of Iris plants, which were at the time in full bloom. We said good-by after a pleasant afternoon, planning to meet again in July.

A. F. O'Brien, Recording Sec.

CHICAGO PERSIAN SOCIETY

The regular business meeting of the Society was held in the evening of July 11th, at the home of Messrs. Lloyd and Lawrence Lindberg. The president, Mr. Murphy, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the June meeting were read, and stood approved. The treasurer's report showed a substantial increase in funds. The secretary reported fifteen new members, making the total membership eighty-three. This, we believe, is a record-breaker, inasmuch as we are only four months old. Mr. A. E. Field-Marshall has been chosen for our show judge. It was voted to offer the Chicago Persian Society's cup list at the Detroit and Marshall,

Mich., shows. The Breeders' Directory was reported off the press and ready for mailing. Miss Midnes told us that the names for the Sebastian blue male kitten were coming in nicely. At our next meeting the judges will be chosen to select the most unique name for this lovely youngster.

When the meeting adjourned we were served a dainty luncheon, and the collection for the same swelled the show fund.

Mrs. S. J. Chapman,

Recording Sec.-Treasurer.

THE HEART OF AMERICA CAT SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting of the society was held June 15th at the Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. E. Cummings. The usual routine of calling the roll and reading the minutes of the previous meeting was gone through with, after which two new members were voted in. Mrs. Eaton was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate new members. It was decided to hold our third official show on December 17th, 18th and 19th, in connection with the Heart of America Poultry Show. Mrs. P. P. Ladd suggested that we hold a kitten show on her lawn some time soon, details to be arranged later. Two kittens were present for demonstration—an orange kitten, belonging to Mrs. Ray Henry, and one of Mrs. Adair's blacks. Thirteen members and one visitor were present. Meeting adjourned at 4.30.

Mrs. Jess Adair, Sec.-Treas.

The society held its regular monthly meeting July 16th in the Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo. In addition to the regular routine of business, plans for the fall show were discussed. Mrs. C. E. Cummings was unanimously elected show manager, and Mr. Cummings was named as her assistant. The secretary was instructed to get in touch with the C. F. A. in regard to our judge before our next meeting. In view of the dissatisfaction resulting from the awarding of "specials" at our shows in the past, it was voted to dispense with the giv-

ing of specials at our coming show, and to give instead a cash prize or two in every class, as well as a liberal offering of silver cups, these cups to be mostly given open and on one win. Mrs. P. P. Ladd will offer a cash prize of \$5 for the most attractive cage, and Mrs. G. C. Daniels will furnish a second prize of \$3 for same.

A motion was made to invite Mrs. Edwin Hyde to write an article for publication expressing some excellent ideas of her own which cannot fail to be of interest to all lovers of cats.

Mrs. Ladd invited the society to attend a reception at her home to inspect her new cattery and to become acquainted with her new red tabby male kit, a son of Pinehurst Aristocrat ex Dreamerie Little Frolic.

Seventeen members were present, and one new member was voted into the club.

Mrs. Jess Adair, Sec.-Treas.

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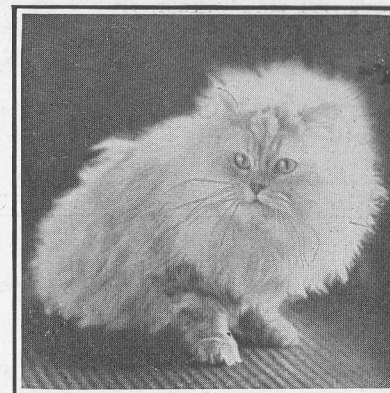
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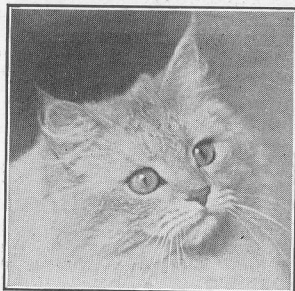
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