

Editors' Preamble

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WELCOME TO CAT WORLD

"Some men see things as they are and say, why? I dream things that never were and say, why not?"

These famous words were spoken by the late U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy and, while they were not directed to the cat Fancy, the words are quite apropos.

The concept for CAT WORLD ... an international magazine edited and written by cat people for cat breeders/exhibitors ... is one of which we have wistfully dreamed for a number of years. In 1972, following discussions with fellow breeders and judges in England and the U.S.A., we realized that this dream was shared by many others. So, we asked ourselves, why not?

INTERNATIONAL WRITING TEAM

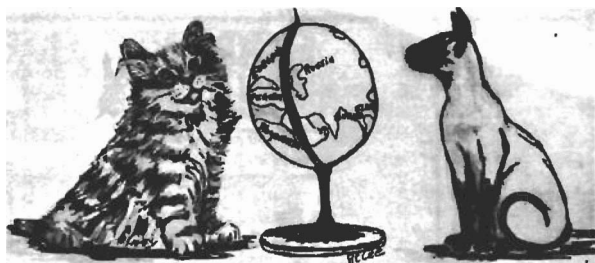
In the pages of this inaugural issue are articles by several talented writers. We'd like to introduce them to you.

Compiler of the Siamese Breeding Chart (p. 4) is C.F.A. judge, James Kilborn. At his Kilborn Cattery, Seattle, Jim now devotes his attention to Abyssinian and Rex cats. We wonder if this might be because he got carried away mating those Siamese N's and S's???

"Himalayans On The European Continent" (p.6), was written by Mevr. Prose-Imbert. Readers in the U.S. might regard Britain as a part of Europe but, for those resident there, a reference to 'the Continent' indicates that part of Europe excluding the U.K. French-born Mevr. Prose is a well-known judge for the Independent Cat Clubs of Europe and is currently very busy managing the March show in Amsterdam where an entry of 1,000 cats is expected. At her Cattery Hoog-Mwrsbergen she raises beautiful Himalayans and Persians.

Writer of the article on cattery finances (p. 9) is Mr. Tom Freeman. These early months of the year are especially busy for this Ohio breeder of Burmese and Black ASH. Preparing income tax returns for his clients in time for the April 15 deadline often keeps him working into the wee hours. Readers with questions about cattery finances and taxes are invited to send them to Mr. Freeman, 7618 S. Tipp-Cowlesville, Tipp City, Ohio 4537-1. He cannot undertake to write personal letters in reply but questions of general interest will be answered in future issues of CAT WORLD.

We wonder how the income tax requirements of other countries affect breeders and would be interested to hear from readers on this subject.



"The Purring Creature That Walks On Its Toes" is a title which may have a familiar ring for some readers. A series with this title was published a few years ago in a wonderful English magazine, "Cats", which, sadly, no longer exists. CAT WORLD is extremely fortunate to have the author of "Purring Creature", Miss Patricia Turner, as a member of its writing team. She begins, in this issue, a new revision of this fascinating series (p. 10).

The "College of Cat Genetics" (p. 23) is also the work of Miss Turner. Her series of well-written lessons should make this subject easy for all breeders to comprehend.

Miss Turner's cattery, Scintilla, is noted for fine Siamese and Foreign Whites, a breed on which she has done extensive work and research.

The largest cat show held anywhere in the world takes place annually in London at Olympia. Mrs. Angela Sayer gives CAT WORLD readers a look at this fabulous event (p. 13). Mrs. Sayer owns England's Solitaire Cattery which originally became known for top Siamese cats. In more recent years, she has had great success with her development of the Havana Brawn and Foreign Lavender breeds.

Mme. Josine Gethmann penned the article on the Lavender (p. 14). This Longhair and Short-hair judge (Independent Cat Clubs of Europe) lives in Brussels, Belgium, and is a breeder of Abyssinian cats. One of her Abyssinians is an import from Oklahoma's Marjorie Pallady.

Mrs. Patricia Absalom is the owner of a cat which has carved himself a secure niche in the history of show cats. Her British Blue male, Brynbuboo Little Monarch, won the first Grand Championship ever awarded in Great Britain. His story is told on page-17.

Guest writer, Carroll Carroll, brings a touch of humor to the pages of CAT WORLD with his review of a TV cat food commercial (p. 18). This review was first published in Mr. Carroll's weekly column in "Variety" magazine.

Mrs. Elizabeth Towe, whose "U.K. Commentary" appears on p. 19, is an International judge and the Croydon Cat Club's delegate to the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. She began breeding Siamese cats in 1936 and has since worked with Burmese, Abyssinians, Colourpoints (Himalayans) and Persians. Her Hillcross cattery has over fifteen Champions to its credit.

She and her husband ran the first cat show at Olympia in 1950, the Crystal Cat Show, as well as the G.C.C.F. Jubilee show in 1960. Mrs. Towe is the author of a book, "Siamese Cats", already published, and is currently writing two others, "Cats In Colour" and "Book of the Cat", plus a third one about Shorthaired cats except Siamese.

This issue's veterinary article, "Maternal Behavior in the Feline", by Dr. Benjamin Hart (p. 21) was first published in the pages of "Feline

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Practice". Several years ago, a California veterinarian, Dr. Anna P. Gilbride, recognized the need for a journal devoted to feline medicine and surgery for veterinarians. "Feline Practice" was born in **January/February**, 1971, and received great acclaim. Its contents are a bit technical for the average cat breeder to understand but we would like to suggest that you recommend it to your vet in **case** he is not already receiving it. Subscriptions are \$10 per year (\$15 overseas) from P.O. Box 4506, **Santa** Barbara, California 93103. Special rates are available for students.

Last, but by no means **least**, we would like to introduce **CAT WORLD's** talented artist, Mrs. Beth Smith, who **signs** her work '**Atlee**'. She is a graduate of George Washington University and Pratt Art Institute and has taught art in Mexico and Ethiopia. At her I-Am-Siam Cattery, Denver, Colorado, **Mrs.** Smith breeds Blue Point Siamese from Finnish and English bloodlines.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

This first issue of **CAT WORLD** carries **mess-**ages to international **breeders/exhibitors** from breeders in Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland and the U.S.A.

Due to quarantine regulations, it is quite expensive for a cat to take up residence in United

Kingdom countries. However, there are no **problems** involved when a cat becomes a '**U.S. immigrant**' or goes to live in other European countries.

It has been our own experience that the international airlines take good care of cats flying across the Atlantic Ocean and can give breeders interested in shipping or receiving a cat from another country complete information. (Later we will have an article on this subject).

CAT WORLD provides an international **showcase** in which breeders everywhere can present their finest show cats and kittens. Advertising rates for both display and "Peruse & Choose" (p. 28) are very reasonable and 'breeder-affordable'. They appear on the inside back cover. A reminder ... deadline for the **May/June** issue is Monday, April 2

MANUSCRIPTS

When sending articles to **CAT WORLD** for publication consideration, **PLEASE package** them very securely: We don't know what devilish contraption the mail **must** pass through these days but, this month, some **envelopes** arrived absolutely on a wing and a prayer.

For safety's sake, we suggest putting Scotch transparent tape around envelopes containing **mess** or photographs.

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EDITORS' PREAMBLE (CONT'D FROM P.6)

Writers sending from overseas, please feel at liberty to type on both sides of the page to save on postage cost.

If you are an experienced breeder of a particular breed or color of breed and would be willing to contribute to an overall article, please let us know. In future issues we plan to take an in-depth look at cats by breed and color,

SNEAK PREVIEW ... MAY/JUNE ISSUE

Articles already planned for May/June's CAT WORLD include: "The Cat Fancy In Ireland": "The Turkish Angora"; and "The Rex".

A WORD OF THANKS ... AND A REQUEST

We would like to conclude this "Preamble" by expressing our appreciation to all fanciers who have helped to make CAT WORLD a reality. The many enthusiastic letters we have received in response to Me initial announcement have been most encouraging.

A great big thank you goes to our charter subscribers and advertisers for their faith in a dream ... and to Mr. Ronald Care (118 Cippenham Lane, Slough, Bucks - Ph. 20280) who is so energetically spreading the news of CAT WORLD'S debut to breeders/exhibitors in his country. A special *merci beaucoup* goes to CAT WORLD writers and artist.

The request? If you like CAT WORLD, please help it grow by passing the enclosed subscription order forms to your friends in the Fancy.