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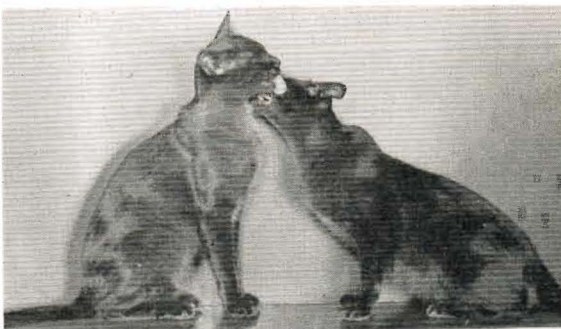
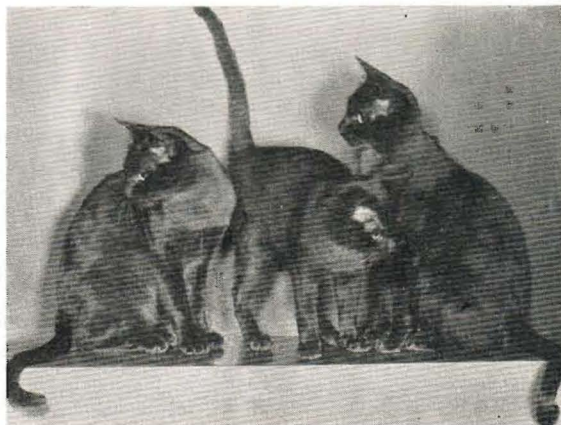
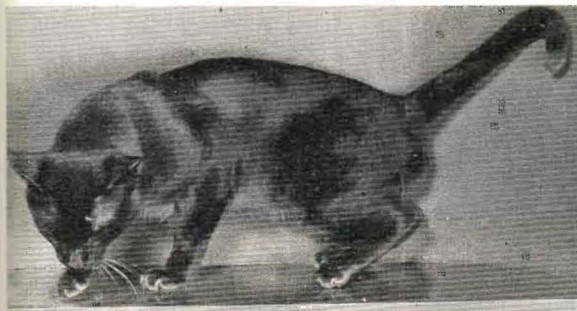
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BURMESE

FIRST OF TWO PARTS

By

DONALD A. CAME

Among the rarest of all the cats to be found in the United States is the Burmese cat. Even in their native country of Burma, pure breeding specimens of this exotic little creature are extremely limited in number. First imported into this country less than twenty years ago, there are probably less than two dozen adult specimens that will breed true, the remainder being found in the condition in which it is often found in Burma, hybrid with its first cousin the Siamese. The few Burmese that have been imported into the United States were such hybrids and selective breeding was necessary to produce the pure breeding strain.

In its true state the Burmese cat is a striking animal with its short, close lying silky coat of a dark sable color shading to a slightly lighter brown on the chest and under body. The characteristic markings of the Siamese (dark mask, ears and tail and slightly less dark feet) are found in the true breeding adult Burmese except that, due to its already dark general coat, the foot points are rarely distinguishable. (In the hybrid state the general coat color lies midway between that of the Burmese and the Siamese, resulting in clearly recognizable foot points.) At birth the Burmese is without points and is deficient in pigmentation. However, if opportunity for comparison is afforded, Burmese, Burmese hybrid with Siamese, and Siamese can be readily distinguished at birth each from the other, the Burmese being a pale color of *choc-*

olat au lait, the hybrids of *cafe au lait* and the Siamese white. The points begin to darken within a few days after birth and the coat steadily acquires pigment so that at a few months it shows a rich chocolate brown. This darkening process continues steadily and appreciably until the cat has reached its maturity, after which it slows up, continuing however, for a matter of years.

The striped tabby markings of the common ancestor, suppressed in the more albinistic Siamese, are often faintly visible as horizontal markings on the legs of the hybrid Burmese, and still more so on the legs of the true breeding Burmese. However, the general appearance is still that of a self-colored cat, and the darker the coat color developed by the particular cat, the less apparent are those markings in ordinary light, although they still may show even in the darkest when the light strikes at the right angle, in much the same manner that the pattern of spots can be recognized in the black leopard or panther.

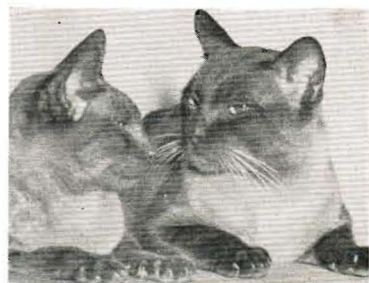
The eye color of the adult Burmese cat varies from greyish green to a golden yellow, with the eye color apparently a factor quite independent of the coat color. (Original show standards for Burmese cats described the eyes as "golden turquoise to yellow" without defining what was meant by "golden turquoise.")

The tendency to a kink in the tail attributed by the earlier writers to all cats of the Malayan countries, and which is still found in the Siamese, is

also present in the Burmese to about the same extent. However, the writer's studies involving some seventy Burmese and Burmese hybrid cats have failed to disclose any tendency to crossed eyes in the Burmese, even though in some of the hybrid crosses a Siamese strain showing that trait was used.

Satisfactory photographs of the true breeding Burmese are rather difficult to obtain due to the fact that the high

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rows every evening and the cats clean them up before morning."

The Government is and always has been extremely callous, not to say illogical, in its attitude toward the cat, and we are not surprised to discover its careful record of one cat gone wild, one-tenth of whose food consisted of English sparrows. It states, "Among mammals, the housecat, either feral or domesticated, is *probably* the most frequent destroyer of English sparrows." (Italics ours.)

Those of us who live in places inhabited by flocks of English sparrows know that their principal enemies are blue jays and sparrow hawks. We are well aware that a cat cannot catch one and that in the presence of thousands of sparrows an abandoned cat will starve to death. We hear about the "wary trout," but the trout's caution is small indeed compared with that of the English sparrow, which, as the Government rightly states, is as cunning as it is destructive and filthy.

The chief value of English sparrows appears to reside in their ready acceptance as food by cats who have never been able to catch one.

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sheen of their silky coat reflects back light at certain angles, giving lighter appearance in spots than is actually had in fact. This is well shown in the picture of the group of three cats; the one at the right appears to have light shoulder and light haunches whereas in fact the coat color is of the same uniform dark color showing in the center of the body.

On the subject of photographing cats, it might be noted that all of the photographs accompanying this two-part article were taken at exposures of approximately 1/5000th of the second, speeds which make it possible to take the action pictures of two cats in their characteristic position of washing each other, and of the male cat in the process of taking off from his shelf. This last

picture gives some indication of the muscular development of the Burmese.

As to general disposition, this most beautiful cat is most clean in its habits, is easily trainable and is most affectionate. Fond of the company of other animals and of human beings, its favorite position when not playing with other pets is in the lap or by the side of its master or its friends. However, one should not judge from the excessive marks of affection afforded by these little animals that they are lacking in other respects. On the contrary, the Burmese is an intelligent and fearless fighter and hunter. In common with the Siamese it will tackle strange large dogs who venture to trespass on the premises it has come to know as its own.

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