

THE CAT SHOW:

Cats on the rooftops - cats on the tiles - and cats at the Royal Horticultural Hall, where there are lots of pets to be won in the National Cat Club's Championship Show, sponsored by the News of the World. Some are Blue Persians, but all are blue-blooded. Two or more cats are called a "clowder", so this is the clowder to end all clowders, and the snootiest are, of course, the Siamese, who won't talk to anyone but each other, and that not very often.

You may think tabby ears are rather ordinary - but actually, my dear, they're the oldest family of all - they were sacred in Egypt before these upstart Siamese were even thought of, let alone these showy white chinchillas.

Meet the largest cat in the show - and if black cats are lucky, he should be good for a first dividend - with a couple of fourths thrown in.

Prizes for this, prizes for that, all these people adding up your points, it's enough to make a cat laugh!