

# A CAT WITH PUPPY LOVE

THIS white Persian cat, called Kossey, saved the lives of four chihuahua puppies—three of which are pictured with her here.

Their own mother died shortly after they were born and Kossey became their foster mother.

## Demand

About this time of the year there is often quite a demand for foster mothers for orphaned puppies. Few people know that a cat who has had kittens of her own can often feed and rear puppies.

Kossey and the pups belong to Mrs. Hilary Harmor, of Brook Cottage, Tandridge, near Oxted, Surrey.



# They're taking animal lodgers for the hols...

A BIG friendly black rat called Roly is to be my guest for two weeks. As soon as he goes home a toad and a lizard move in for the hols.

They belong to very young friends of mine who have asked me to look after their pets during the seaside holidays.

It will not be the first time that I have had such strange house guests.

## Good Idea

It all started some time ago when I suggested that it would be a good idea for National Pets Club members to help each other out during holi-

days by taking in pet lodgers for friends who go away.

As a result, at this time of the year, pet swaps are being planned on a fairly wide scale among many of the 230,000 members of the NPC.

One housewife writes from Hemel Hempstead, Herts, that she is taking in a parrot for a nearby neighbour. In return the neighbour is taking on six white mice, a tortoise and a tank of goldfish when she returns from her holiday.

## Python

A young man from Tottenham, near Wolverhampton, Staffs, is doing a holiday swap with his pet python—for a budge-rigar!

Two couples from Leeds, who normally holiday together, write that they are holidaying separately this year, so that they can take it in turns to look after one another's dogs.

"We generally take our dogs with us, but we are unable to do so this year. Rather than put them in kennels we are holidaying separately," writes one of the wives.

SCHOOL pets, such as rats, mice, rabbits, hamsters and guinea-pigs, are also sought after as holiday guests.

Many schools allow children to take pets home as a reward for having shown special re-

spect and interest in animals.

This gives children a chance to share their interest with parents and to know about different kinds of pets.

Holiday time pet swapping is on the whole a good idea, but it can have its snags.

## Unwise

If you plan to leave your pet on trust when you go away, here are some important points to bear in mind.

★ It is unwise to trust your pet to a total stranger. Rather, in the case of pet birds and small animals, it is better to board them at a reputable home for pets or to ask your nearest animal welfare society if they can help.

★ It may not be fair to expect friends to accept the responsibility for looking after a dog—which could run away and possibly be run over.

While many people do not like the idea of putting dogs or cats in kennels they may be less likely to become lost while in kennels.

★ It is important to leave instructions about diet and care of individual pets with people who are looking after your animals.

★ Be sure to leave your holiday address too—and the telephone number of your veterinary surgeon or animal welfare clinic.

Beware of making blind dates for your pets. The only way to be

sure they will be properly looked after is to go and see the place—and the people—for yourself.

If you plan to take your dog on holiday with you...

SEE that he wears a collar with your name and address clearly shown on it.

DO not let him off the lead where there is traffic or the danger of him chasing farm animals.

DIS COURAGE him from fouling pavements or beaches especially where children may play.

REMEMBER, a little etiquette will go a long way to make dogs more welcome everywhere, as holiday guests.

DON'T FORGET if you want any holiday advice about your pets, the National Pets Club free advisory service is here to help you.

# WHO'S FOR A RACE WITH THE GREAT MIRROR ARMADA?

WELL, mates, I'm not going to be caught napping. What's more, I'm giving you the tip. I'm getting me and the boat in trim for The Battle of the Armada, 1964.

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## Cheap

BUT for those who, like me, want to be nautical on the cheap there is the Mirror dinghy.

And because of the advance warning I am giving you, there is still time to buy one.

You can write for a full colour brochure about the Mirror dinghy to: Victor S. Shaw, Mirror Class, Daily Mirror, Holborn Circus, London, E.C.1.

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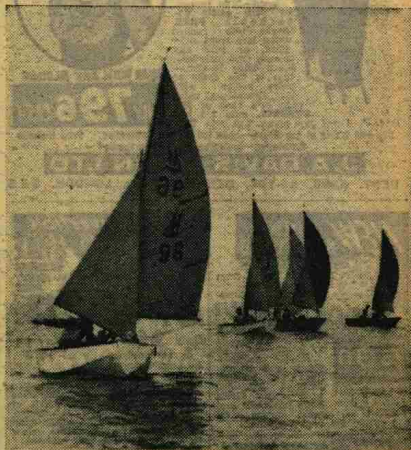
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There are lots of chances too for non-boating Mums and wives to have the holiday of their lives. Plymouth is a lively modern city with good beaches and good countryside all around well worth visiting.

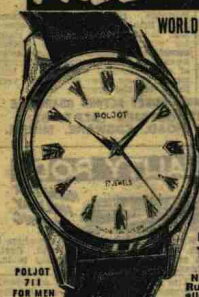
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