

# The National Cat Show - Olympia

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Come snow, fog, IRA bombs, the recession or any other disaster, the National Cat Show in December is always a success! The BHA stand is to be found in the Gallery where the pet cats await the judges while their more exotic cousins are downstairs.

You can even meet famous TV cats there. This year 'Arthur' could be visited in his grotto like Santa. It was supposed to be only for children but the grownups were crowding in throughout the day.

Many firms marketing goods exclusively for cats have stands as well as talented craftspeople selling a vast range of exquisite handmade jewellery. The many cat charities are there to sell their wares to raise money and recruit members while spreading the message of care and kindness to animals.

The BHA stand is always busy and it is gratifying to see the ever growing number of people who are using homoeopathy regularly for their cats. Book sales are always good at such an event and Mr. George Macleod comes along to give advice and sign copies of his books. Being there each year means that we are getting to know some of the regulars and are pleased to catch up on news and progress since last year.

The pet food manufacturers are there in force, giving away free samples galore and as the day wears on arms begin to ache with all the carrying of purchases and sample tins of food and biscuits. My neighbour's cats thought Christmas had come early when I arrived with my bag of goodies — only trouble is that they have now decided that this new brand of food is their most favourite and are starting to refuse their usual fare. Needless to say their 'Mum' is not too pleased as the new brand costs some 20p more per tiny tin and the housekeeping is taking a beating. Cats have such good taste.



*Fed up with waiting for the judges this chappie settles down for a snooze.*



*Mr. Macleod, Nicky Gould of The Blackie Foundation Trust and Jessica Jacob busy on the BHA stand.*



*BHA Treasurer, Jessica Jacob is a faithful helper each year.*



*Mr. George Macleod signing a copy of his book 'Cats - Homoeopathic Remedies'.*