

# Cats Get Royal Treatment

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Martha fills the food dishes from the large garbage can where she keeps the dried cat food.

"Himalayan cats are really affectionate," Martha said. "They are most like a dog in being a companion."

"You talk to them, and they answer you," she said.

And when Martha enters the cats' cozy home, a chorus of greetings fills the air. She goes out once a day to feed and water the cats. She feeds them dry cat food. Martha also changes the litter boxes every and brushes and combs the cats.

There are also special exercise cages where Martha places the cats for a good workout. She has learned from experience, however, that some cats cannot be placed together, as the gentle, cuddly animals can turn to fighters, if put in with the wrong cat.

When it comes to Martha, the cats can also be protective. She explained how she was up in the building with the cats one night when one of the felines started to make a growling noise. Martha looked out, and, sure enough, her husband was on his way up to the building. It seemed as though the cat was growling a warning that someone was approaching, according to Martha.

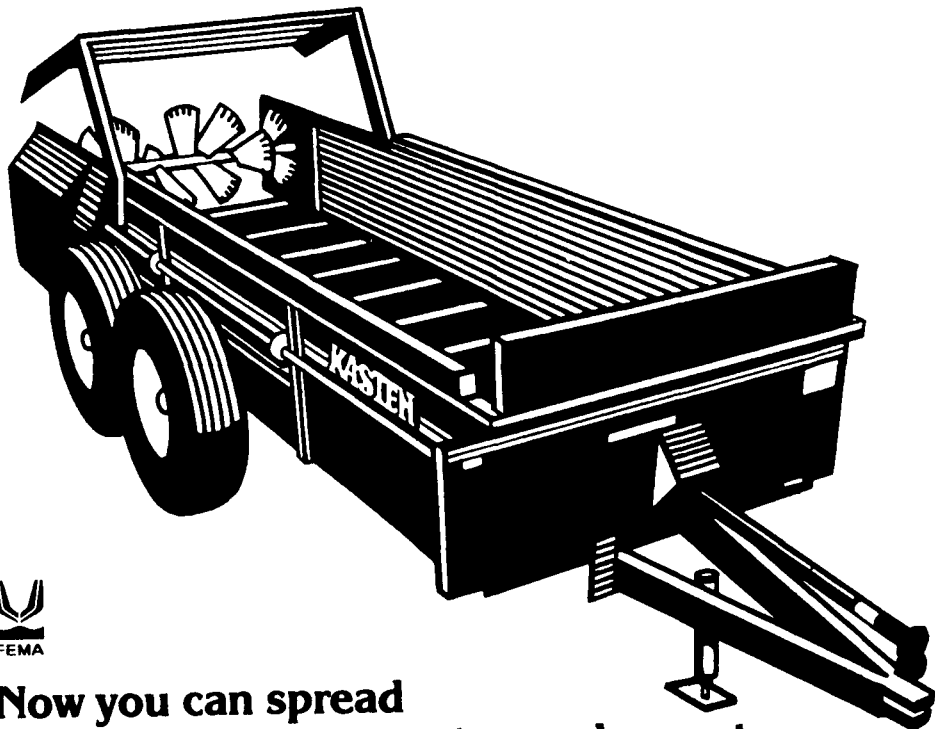
But watching these furry cats with vivid eyes waiting patiently for Martha's attention, it is hard to imagine them being fierce. In attention to their individual personalities, Martha distinguishes one cat from another by their different markings.

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The delicate coloring and vivid eyes, in addition to long, luxurious fur make the Himalayan cats unique. According to Martha Hitz, shown above, they are also affectionate.

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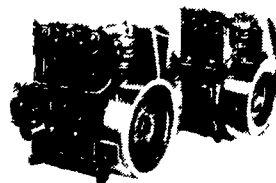
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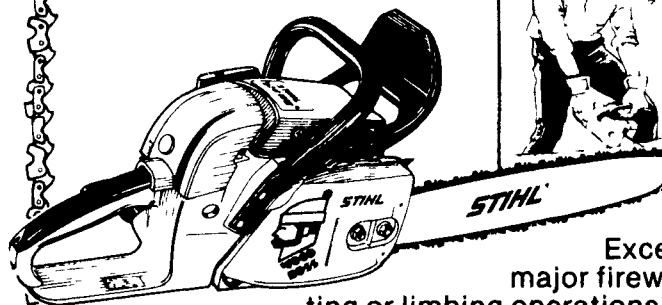
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