

Mrs. Anne-Marie Heath judge reports from
Short-Haired Cat Society, Snowshoe Cat Society, Combined Shows

My warmest thanks to Lynda and her magnificent team for the invitation to judge at this friendly, multi breed event which is always so enjoyable.

Quite how so many clubs and societies come together so seamlessly each year is unfathomable and the work involved can only be imagined.

It was a privilege to judge some outstanding examples of the Burmese breed along with an excellent entry of Snowshoes and a wonderful array of household and pedigree pets in all their colourful varieties. It was a great pleasure to meet and handle these feline treasures. My thanks to John Hansson for ferrying me to the show hall and to Helen Parkin for taking the time to drive me to the station at the end of a busy day.

Thank you both so much.

Snowshoe Cats

Open Kitten class for Short Haired Cat Society:

1 & BOB Bryant's Charliesgems Danburite (SNO n 05) F 11/8/15 Lovely well grown kitten of almost eight months. Full of confidence and so friendly and welcoming. She has a gently rounded top of head with medium/large correctly spaced, rich seal brown ears which have an alert, listening appearance. Her wedge is rounded with medium length muzzle and good breadth at her cheeks which have high set cheek bones. Her profile shows the hint of a gentle curve from her forehead to her nose. Her firm chin of good depth is level with her nose tip. Her bite is correct. Her expressive eyes are walnut shaped with the width of one eye between. Their outer corner follows the outer edge of her ears and they are a pretty shade of cornflower blue. She is heavier than she appears and her body is lithe and well muscled. Her tail is correctly thick at the base, is tapered and has length to balance. Her limbs are proportionate and elegant and she has neat oval paws. Her mask is rich, deep seal brown and sets off her sparkling eyes to perfection. She has a small inverted white "V" each side of her nose and a tiny brown patch just below her left nostril. Her chin and bib are pure white as are her matched mitts and socks, which reach to her hocks. Her back and sides are a pale shade of beige which tones well with her dark points. It is a fraction darker towards her tail. Her coat is close lying with a healthy silky sheen, and there is a certain resilience when stroked from tail to head. She is a really beautiful example of her breed and congratulations are due as she was awarded Best Kitten in her breed show.

Miscellaneous classes for Snowshoe Cat Society.

Snowshoe Adult Male.

1.Gee's Ch. Sapphirestar Eskimo Kisses (SNO a 05) M 31/3/15 Large very well-muscled chap of just one year. Exceptionally calm and very easy to handle: he has a "matinee idol" outlook on life and the ladies must be bowled over by his good looks. He is lithe and rangy and far heavier than his appearance would suggest. His head is impressive for shape and size. His gently rounded top of head has medium/large well shaped ears which are correctly alert. His wedge is broad with well developed jowls, high set cheekbones and a rounded muzzle of medium length. He has a gentle curve from his forehead to his medium length nose. His chin is set back just a fraction and his bite is level. His large, expressive eyes are correctly set and walnut shaped. They are cornflower blue which is slightly paler at the outer rim and a deeper shade towards the pupil. His limbs are proportionate, strong and elegant and his tail has length to balance and is thick at the base and tapering. He has a snowy white chin and bib, white matching mitts and matching, long socks on his hind legs. His mask and ears are mid blue/grey as are his limbs and tail. His body and sides are a creamy beige with overtones of soft, pale blue. His coat texture is soft and silky and it was slightly dense due, no doubt, to the winter months. There is a distinct resilience when the coat is stroked against the growth. He is such an easy going young lad, and when on the table it was plain to see he moves like a panther with all the elegance of that larger feline. It was such a pleasure to meet my first adult male Snowshoe and I was certainly not disappointed.

Snowshoe Adult Female

1.Bryant's Charliesgems Amethyst (SNO a 05) F 19/4/12 Delightful female in her prime at almost four years and somewhat reticent and shy. She was not difficult to handle but didn't show herself off to full advantage which was a shame as she is a beautiful cat with a such a pretty face. Her wedge is rounded, her cheekbones high set and her rounded muzzle has very good width. Her top of head is slightly rounded and her large, well shaped ears are sparsely furnished and have an alert set. In profile she has a gentle curve from forehead to her medium length nose. Her chin has good depth and is virtually level with her nose tip. Her bite is correct. Her large eyes are correctly walnut shaped and well set: their outer corner follows the shape of her outer ear. Their colour is a delicate aquamarine which is perfect against her soft blue mask. She is lithe and very feminine with good muscle tone and overall elegance. Her limbs are proportionate and her paws oval. Her tail could be a trifle thicker especially towards the base: it tapers and has sufficient length to balance. She has a white inverted "V" from just above her top eyeline to her upper lips. It is more towards the right side of her face: thus the main part of her nose leather is sugar pink with just a touch of dark grey on the left side. Her chin and bib are white as are her "finger" mitts and her long socks on her hind legs. Her points are a beautiful blue – grey and her back and sides a warm creamy pale beige with a hint of

palest blue towards her tail. Her very close lying soft silky coat has distinct resilience when stroked. Also she has the longest, glossiest set of white whiskers both on her muzzle and above her eyes. She is a beautiful girl whose delicate colouring makes her so very appealing, and it was a great pleasure to meet her.

Snowshoe Kitten Bred By Exhibitor.

1.Bryant's Charliesgems Danburite (SNO n 05) F 11/8/15

2.Gee's Sapphirestar Cameo (SNO n 05 21) F 8/11/15 I met this adorable seal tabby baby girl some weeks ago at what I would imagine to be her first outing. She is the friendliest kitten and just purrs and purrs when spoken to, and simply loves to be cuddled. She is developing well and is weighty with good muscle tone. Her head is rounded: she has very good width at her cheeks and her muzzle is nicely rounded and also has pleasing width. Her cheekbones are correctly high set and her large ears are sparsely furnished inside and have endearing little "lynx" hairs at their points. In profile she has just the slightest curve between her forehead and nose and her firm chin is set back a trifle at present. Her bite is level. Her large, sparkling eyes are cornflower blue and walnut shaped with one eye width between, and they have such a welcoming expression. Her body, limbs and tail are all in good balanced proportion and her dainty little oval paws are particularly pretty. Her tail is correctly thick at the base and tapers: there is length enough to balance. Her silky soft coat is still kittenish and has a distinct healthy gloss. Her colours are still very much work in progress. The white on her face begins above her eyes and covers her muzzle, cheeks and chin and downwards to her under parts. She has short, vertical pale brown tabby stripes on her upper face and from the corners of her eyes going downwards. Her upper face is a tone of very pale brown and the backs of her ears are golden brown at present. Her paws are creamy white with snow white at her finger tips. Her back legs are white which gradually merges into the more creamy colour on her body. Her back is very pale cream with a hint of ghost tabby markings along her spine line. She has seal brown "dabs" on her hocks and developing tabby stripes on the upper area of her back legs. Her tail has impressive, even rings of seal brown and a paler tone of the same. She is an exquisite little female with an enchanting personality.

3.Gee's Sapphirestar Ying-Yang (SNO n 05) F 8/8/15 Good balanced head: excellent width at her cheeks with correct high set cheekbones: medium length to her muzzle which is nicely rounded. Large pricked ears well set with correct width between. In profile she has a gentle curve from forehead to nose. Chin has depth and is virtually level with her nose tip. Her bite is correct. Her eyes are large and expressive and pale cornflower: they are correctly shaped and set and the colour is striking against her deep seal brown mask. Her body is lithe and well muscled: her limbs are elegant finishing with neat oval paws. Her tail is thick at the base and tapers with just enough length to balance. Her coat is more dense than I would prefer and, on the day, was slightly open. She has a small white area on the left side

of her muzzle: a white chin and bib: matching white mitts on her front toes and white, virtually matching socks on her back legs. She has a large seal brown area on her tummy towards her tail, dark seal mask and ears, lower front legs and hocks. Her tail is a slightly paler shade of seal and her back and sides are mottled pale and dark shades of beige. At almost eight months she has time on her side for her colouring to develop and even out: the seal areas are already outstanding for their beautiful depth of colour. Her temperament is sweet and friendly and she enjoyed being handled and cuddled.

Snowshoe Neuter Bred By Exhibitor

1.Jones Gr.Pr. Icegems Ruby (SNO n 05) FN 5/4/10 This spectacular female is the very epitome of this beautiful breed both in looks and personality and I congratulate her and her breeder on her award of Best Snowshoe Neuter and overall Best in Show at her breed show. She is beautifully balanced: her head is gently rounded in all directions: Her large pricked ears are alert and correctly shaped and set: Her beautiful sapphire eyes are walnut shaped and correctly set. Her elegant body, limbs and tail are all in excellent proportion and her silky coat is close lying with a glossy sheen and resilience when stroked against the growth. She has a snow white inverted "V" on her face with slightly more on her right side than her left. Her nose leather is sugar pink. Her chin, bib and underparts are white: she has even white mitts on her front paws and long white socks on her hind legs: the right sock being a little shorter than the left. Her head, limbs and tail are a rich seal brown with lighter tone on her back and sides. When you meet her she is welcoming and eager to have a cuddle and makes her feeling heard with a loud purr. Such a joy to meet her.

Snowshoe Neuter Not Bred By Exhibitor.

1.Kilburn's Icegems Marsden Park (SNO n 05) MN 5/6/15 I first met this young lad when he was a young kitten at his first show and he has developed beautifully as I hoped he would. He has an impressive masculine head: his wedge has very good width at his cheeks with high set cheekbones which accentuate his elegance. His muzzle also has very pleasing width: in profile he has a gentle curve from his forehead to his nose which is medium in length and virtually level with his firm chin. His bite is level. His large ears are correctly shaped and have an alert listening set. His walnut shaped eyes are well set and a deep cornflower blue and he has a kind, welcoming expression. His lithe body is well filled and muscular and he is heavier than looks would suggest. His limbs and tail are in proportion and his tail is correctly thick at the base and has ample length to balance. His coat is silky and close lying and there is a resilience when stroked against the growth. He has a partial inverted "V" on his face with more white to his right side: his nose leather is parti-coloured pink and brown, his left side muzzle is seal brown and the right side is white. His chin, bib and underparts are all white as are his matching front mitts and rear white socks. His mask, ears, limbs and tail are rich seal brown and his back and sides are

warm beige. He is a handsome fellow indeed and I was delighted to meet him again as an adult.

Short Haired Cat Society Classes: Burmese entries.

Imperial Class: A/C Burmese Gr.Ch. Male.

Imp.Gr.Ch. Giles' Gr.Ch. Silky Majesty Quintessential (Imp) (Bur b) M 25/9/14
Very impressive, handsome young man showing himself to perfection: keen to be handled and seemed to love every moment as he purred throughout. His wedge has excellent width at his cheeks and tapers to a short blunt muzzle. His top of head is gently rounded with generous width between his medium/large well shaped ears which are set with a slight forward tilt. In profile his brow is rounded and his break very well defined with short, virtually straight nose, his chin has depth and is set back just a fraction. His bite is level. He has very good depth of skull. His large yellow eyes are beautifully shaped with slanting topline and deeply curved lower line. They are set well apart and he has a wonderful, typically Burmese expression. He is a medium size chap with strong muscular body, broad rounded chest and straight back. His limbs are proportionate and his large oval paws are very indicative of his mood: he used them constantly along with his loud purr to show how pleased he was to be at the show. His tail tapers to a rounded tip and balances his body. His silky short coat is close lying and a medium warm chocolate with minimal shading to his mask and tail. My notes read "gorgeous fellow" and he certainly is.

Brown Tortie Burmese Adult

BOB Tegg's Gr.Ch. Bloomers Bossy Britches (Bur f) F 22/4/14 A well balanced girl of excellent type who has the most endearing, friendly personality. Short wedge with very good width at her cheeks and a short blunt muzzle. Gently rounded top of head with medium size beautifully speckled ears set wide across and having a slight forward tilt. In profile her forehead is rounded and her break defined. Her short nose has just the hint of a rise and rolls off slightly at the tip, which is virtually level with her firm chin: her bite is correct and her skull has pleasing depth. Her large, expressive chartreuse eyes are correctly shaped and set. The top line is slanted towards her nose and the lower line is curved giving her a very pleasing expression. Her body is compact and very well muscled: Her chest is rounded and her back straight: her proportionate limbs are slim and elegant with neat oval paws: her tail tapers to a rounded tip and has sufficient length to balance. Her soft silky coat has a satiny texture and lies very close: it is medium length and has a glossy finish. The main colour is rich deep seal brown intermingled with bright and pale shades of red. The right side of her nose is pale red and the left side seal brown: her nose leather is brown. Her paws are also attractively speckled. She is a striking example of a brown tortie female and has no hint of the naughty tortie description sometimes applied to these girls: it was my great pleasure to meet her and she wasn't in the least bit bossy.

Cream Burmese Neuter.

BOB Marshall's Imp.Gr.Pr. Millgill Happy Hooligan (Bur e) MN 10/8/12 A very handsome chap I have reported on recently. He is a wriggler par excellence and so very friendly and appealing. He is large, very well muscled and heavy whilst retaining his Burmese elegance. He has a very nice head with good width at the cheeks and a short blunt muzzle. He has medium, well shaped ears set wide across his gently rounded top of head. In profile his forehead is flat and his brow slightly rounded: his break is defined and his straight nose is level with his firm chin which has depth. His bite is level. His sparkling chartreuse eyes are large and very expressive with an impressive Burmese glare. They are well shaped and set with good width between. His rounded chest has good breadth and his back is straight. His limbs are strong and elegant with neat oval paws. And his correctly shaped tail tapers to a rounded tip and has ample length to balance. His warm, cream coat has the slightest hint of a broken necklace apart from which it is perfectly even in tone and he has beautiful powdering to his head and along his back. A great character and lovely example of the breed.

A/C Burmese Not Bred By Exhibitor, Male.

1.Wilshaw's OS Imp.Gr.Ch.WilliamThe Sweetie Charlesbur (Bur c) M 23/12/12 A lovely lilac chap I have met and reported on before and he never fails to impress. He is not the largest of Burmese males but certainly one of the most impressive. His head is as per the standard especially his large lustrous pale yellow eyes which look so beautiful against his pink toned pale dove grey silky smooth coat. His body, limbs and tail are all in proportion and on the day he was a little slimmer than I have seen him previously but lithe and full of the joys of Spring – he must surely be a great hit with the Burmese ladies. He most certainly is The Sweetie and it was a joy to meet him again.

A/C Burmese Breeders Neuter. A difficult class as all three exhibits are superb.

1.Yardley's Imp.Gr.Ch. & Gr.Pr. Papagena Carys (Bur j) FN 30/9/11 I can remember seeing this girl as a tiny kitten at her first show and she has lived up to all expectations. She is a superb lilac tortie in her prime at four and a half years. She is heavier than she looks and all elegance with her textbook head, those beautiful large glaring chartreuse eyes and her short straight nose with its pretty lilac leather and her deep level chin. She is compact and beautifully balanced and her short silky coat gleams with health. Her pastel colours of warm cream intermingled with shades of pinky lilac and pale dove grey are so attractive as is the powdering on her cream areas. My notes read "feisty and fabulous" and she is both of these and more. A great credit to her breeder owner.

2.Beirne's Ch & Imp.Gr.Pr.Burmarose Chiara Chocolate (Bur b) FN 6/5/09
Stunning chocolate girl of almost seven years: superbly balanced and having

excellent type. Her head fits the breed standard completely and her large, beautifully shaped chartreuse eyes have that indefinable and unique expression found only in the Burmese breed. She is compact, weighty and elegant and her slim limbs are proportionate. Her tail is a trifle thicker than I would prefer but tapers nicely and just balances. Her coat is a warm, medium milk chocolate with minimal shading and silky soft with a gleaming satiny finish. She is friendly and welcoming and was a joy to handle. Another who is a credit to her breeder/owner.

3.Marshall's Gr.Ch.& Gr.Pr. Millgill Kungfu Khat (Bur b) MN 28/4/14 Super head on this handsome fellow of almost two years. His large lustrous eyes are beautifully shaped and set and his expression is pure Burmese. His body is elegant and very well muscled and his limbs and tail are in good balanced proportion. His short close fitting coat is a darker shade of Chocolate with warmth and there is just a very slight contrast to his mask and tail. He was glowing with health and vitality and his personality is sweet and affectionate. He was presented in immaculate condition and it was lovely to meet him again.

A/C Burmese Not Bred By Exhibitor.

1.Beaumont's Raweke Mathilda (Bur c) FN 13/11/14 A stunning pink toned lilac female wearing a beautiful short, silky coat with minimal contrast. textbook head: med/large correctly shaped well set ears and her huge sparkling yellow eyes are beautifully shaped with a wonderful expression. Pleasing compact body: elegant limbs with neat oval paws and her tail tapers to a rounded tip and balances. She was a bit tetchy but handled well. A most attractive girl in all respects.

Pedigree Pets & Household Pets.

Olympian class: Any Imp.Gr.Master Cat Male. (Combined Show)

A headache as both exhibits are top quality show cats.

Oly.GMC Creaton & Walker's OS Imp.GMC Sn Joshua Purkins (Red Curly Longhair) MN 8yrs.9mnths. Sensational ultra friendly lad who purred and purred no matter which way he was handled. He is a strong muscular cat who is covered in rich red curls and waves which had been beautifully prepared. His large rounded head has neat ears which are very well furnished and he has enormous expressive pale yellow eyes which look wonderful in contrast with the red coat. The ruff around his neck is impressively long as is his curly plume of a tail. His large round paws were working at making biscuits all the while he was out of his pen and when he returned. He is disarmingly affectionate and well worth a cuddle.

Res.Oly.GMC Lowell's Imp.GMC Just Willyum (Cinnamon Shorthair) MN 9yrs. Wonderfully elegant large weighty lad whose "deep in thought" expression is so appealing. His supremely leonine head is most impressive as are his large expressive eyes. His brick pink nose leather and paw pads tone beautifully with his short gleaming cinnamon coat which was in tip top condition. He is quietly

affectionate and easy to handle and a truly beautiful cat. Unlucky to meet the curly fellow above on the day.

S/H Ginger, Tortie or Tortie-Tabby Non Ped. Cat With or Without White. (S/H Show)

BOC.Simpson's IMP.GMC Mandy (Tortie Classic Tabby S/H) FN 6yrs.11mnths. This most attractively marked girl was shown in excellent condition wearing her gleaming coat of many colours resembling the intricacy of a Persian carpet. The rich reds intermingled with the dark browns and gold of her tabby background are just a sprinkling of the magic of nature left to its own devices. She is a substantial, compact female: her beautiful head with snow white muzzle which so perfectly sets off her colourful artists palette. Her expressive chartreuse eyes tone so well with her rich red and tangerine and her set of long whiskers is impressive indeed. She is a fairly reserved girl and was far happier in her pen than out on the table. I understand that, due to her past, she is reticent about being handled for too long. Nevertheless she is a very beautiful female who will hopefully gain confidence with each passing day.

LH or SLH Self Ped.Pet Cat With or Without White. (Short Hair Show)

1.BOC MC Holden's Jak Frost (odd eyed White LH) MN 6 yrs. A glorious, sparkling snowstorm of a cat who was presented magnificently. He is a huge, heavy elegant lad wearing a semi long haired coat in which every hair glitters under the artificial indoor light. A most handsome head: the pink of his inner ears is very well furnished with long white hairs: His large expressive eyes are different colours – the left one is a beautiful shade of light green and the right one is pale blue: his nose leather and paw pads are rose pink. To say he is glamorous is an understatement. He is simply gorgeous and his temperament is even and very friendly. It was a joy to meet and cuddle him and his owner is to be congratulated on his presentation which was faultless. Further congratulations on his being awarded BIS Household Pet in the Short haired Cat Society Show.

LH or SLH Red, Tortie or Tortie-Tabby Ped.Pet Cat With or Without White (Combined Show)

1.BOC MC Evans' Pepsi Curla (Chocolate Tortie Tabby Longhair) FN 10mnths. A very worried looking little lady who is perhaps not very familiar with all the noise and goings on at a show. She is such a pretty female with her beautiful tabby facial markings and snowy white muzzle and chin and long white whiskers. Her huge chartreuse eyes were almost circular as she was very anxious: however we had a lovely cuddle and she calmed a little. She is a small, compact girl: light in weight, with slim elegant limbs and tail and a silky semi long haired coat of rich reds, browns and golds. She is such a sweetie pie with a shy friendly temperament. Hopefully, given time, she will learn to relax and enjoy the show situation. She is a beautiful cat and it was my pleasure to meet her.

Any Cat or Kitten Living Within 30 Miles of The Show. (Short Hair Show)

1.Bromley's Imp.Gr.MC Echo (Blue Tortie S/H) FN 5 yrs. I have met this gorgeous shorthair curly girl before, though not for a long time. She has a beautiful soft, dense curly coat of pastel colours: mainly blue-grey with various shades of warm cream. She has a lovely wide, rounded head with huge expressive yellowish chartreuse eyes: neat ears and a parti-coloured muzzle. The left side is pale cream and the right side is blue. Her long wavy whiskers complete the picture. Her body, strong limbs and big round paws together with her curly tail make her a most cuddlesome cat. She is loveable, super friendly and a delight to meet.

Any Cat or Kitten Living More Than 30 Miles From The Show. (Short hair Show)

1.Lovell's Honey (Chocolate Tabby Darker Points LH) FN 8yrs. Another curly cat with the sweetest face. Lovely tabby markings on her face: large pale green eyes: red nose fur and brick pink leather and ultra long whiskers. Her body has chocolate tabby markings: her tail is dark chocolate: she has a cream ruff all around her neck and a pale cream chest. Such a sweetie pie with a loud purr and very easy to handle.

2.Simpson's Imp.Gr.MC Mandy.

Cat or Kitten Owned by a Junior or Senior Citizen. (Combined Show)

1.Creaton & Walker's OS Imp.GMC Sn.Joshua Purkins.

2.Krasner & Thomas' Othello (Black & White SH) MN 8yrs. Handsome, friendly lad who I understand has found a loving home after being found as a stray in a very sorry state. He is heavy and well muscled with strong limbs and long tail and such an endearing, doleful expression in his eyes. His short glossy coat is mostly black with just a little white mainly on his chest. I was delighted to meet him and have a cuddle and chat with him. He is so responsive and amiable and I love the fact he now has such an aristocratic name in this year of celebrations of our greatest playwright who penned his wonderful play "Othello".

