

Midland Counties, SHCS and Combined Shows – 3 April 2016 – Michele Codd

I had a great day at the Shared Shows, and some lovely cats. Every year I marvel that the show managers organise this so well – one all-breed show, one show limited to short haired cats, but nevertheless a major enterprise, and **eight** breed shows. It improves year on year; congratulations to Lynda, Jean and Brenda for putting it all together. My thanks to Angela Cooper for volunteering to steward – a role she had never undertaken before, but in which she showed interest, patience and skill. I look forward to the next time.

SHCS AOV Foreign Premier Male:

GPC CROSS' PR BEXBENGALS MOCKINGJAY, BEN n 24, MN. Only 13 months, this is a charming boy, with a medium wedge, quite broad at the nose, muzzle could be a little broader; in profile, he has a very slight nose break, level chin. He has rather large ears, set at a 45 degree angle; his eyes are medium in size, oval in shape. He has a large-framed body, strong legs and a good tail. His coat is short and soft, dense, with good warm tones, showing good contrast between markings and base colour. The spotting and pattern is correct, though he does show some minor linkage behind the shoulders.

Midland Counties AV Foreign Gr Pr Female:

3 lovely cats – I'd have been happy to award any of them an Imperial award. Imp WATTS' GR PR FLUFFYPANTS BLUE PEARL, ALH gs 11, short, blunt wedge; in profile, her nose break could be a bit more distinct, level chin. She has large, well set eyes of very good Burmese shape; her ears are medium in size, beautifully set, with a slightly rounded top of head. Balanced body, legs and tail. Her coat has a silken texture, semi-long, with a good plumed tail and slight ruff. Shades of blue and cream with a silver base, this is a quality cat; Reserve: WARRENER'S GR CH & GR PR PERIBROOK CRAZY DAISY, DRX fs 21, a wriggly but gentle girl, looking good for her 11 years, she has a super short wedge with distinct whisker breaks; in profile, a flat forehead, proper stop and level chin. Her eyes are slanting, large and expressive; her ears are large and set low. She has a rather plump body, good legs and tail. Her coat is dense and soft on her back, sides and tail, with good rippling curls, but she has only down on her tummy. I also assessed PHILLIPS' CH & GR PR LILYPUT DUCCHES KATE, TOS c 32, a Tonkinese whose language does not befit a lady! She has a very nice head, complemented by well set ears. Her eyes are a very pale green blue colour, well set. She has a well balanced body, legs and tail. Her coat is fairly short, close-lying, with pleasing shading to lilac on her points and body.

SHCS AV Foreign Gr Ch Male:

Two young males. Imp OAKLEY'S GR CH KREMLINKATZ OLIGARCH BEAR, RUS a, Short wedge with distinct whisker pads; in profile, he has a flat forehead, angle at the brow, slight concave dip at the nose, good firm chin. He has super jade green eyes, slanting slightly, set well apart; his ears are medium in size, could be held a little higher. Long body, good legs, proportionate tail. His coat is fairly dense, quite soft in texture, a medium blue, shows a few ghost tabby tail rings; Reserve: MISKELLYS' GR CH GLENDAVON KOBAYASHI, ABY n. A gentle boy, easy to handle, he has a very

good modified wedge, with a well rounded muzzle; in profile, he has a slight nose break, firm chin. Lovely eye set and shape; ears are large and set correctly. Lithe body, good legs and tail. His coat is short and close lying, fine and perhaps a little satiny in texture. He has lots of bands of black ticking over a rich-toned base coat, though he does show some grey roots on the shoulders. Nicely marked on the head, he has quite a pale chin.

SHCS Thai Lilac or Blue-Point Adult:

BOB PORTSMOUTH'S CH JUSARKA DREAM-CATCHER, TAI a 33, female. I have a confession to make here ... all I have written about this cat is, "Lovely girl!". She ticked the boxes for me, and I was delighted to award her Best in Show for her Breed Show later in the day – congratulations to her owner and breeder.

SHCS Singapura Adult Male:

1 CC BOB BATES' JALANKAYU LAMANG (IMP), a gentle boy, though rather noisy, he has a good rounded skull with a "box" of a muzzle attached; in profile, he has a slight stop and a level chin. His large eyes are slightly slanting, a golden hazel colour; his ears are medium-large, set well. Good body, legs and tail. His coat is short, close-lying, excellent texture, with dark sepia ticking on an ivory ground. He is well marked, except I'd prefer the marks on his back knees were more distinct.

Abyssinian Cat Association Fawn Adult:

BOB BARKERS' GR CH SURFIN TORNEDO, a lovely chap, generally very pleasing, though, like several Abys I've handled recently, his coat was a bit satiny in texture. It's hard, when you're looking for so much in a coat in terms of ticking and markings, to also look for coat texture; however, the Aby coat should have a certain resilience - the SOP says it should be fine but not soft. Nevertheless, this is a small criticism in a lovely cat.

Abyssinian Cat Association Usual Neuter:

2 boys for BOB only. BOB BARKERS' IMP GR PR COPPICE VIA REGGIO, what a sweet-tempered lad! He is a really classy cat, with very good type except his chin could be a bit firmer for perfection. His coat is glowing with health a lovely overall impression of golden brown ticked with black, and I loved his coloured chin. Again, the texture was just a little too satiny. I also assessed SHAKESPEARE-ENSOR'S PR WAVETAIL PENDRAGON, this boy has a slightly shorter head, but has good type overall. His base coat is a bit more muted in tone than the previous boy, so the overall impression isn't quite as glowing, but he's a very nice cat. It is really good to see such good temperament in these cats!

Korat & Thai Cat Association Thai Adult:

BOB PORTSMOUTH'S CH JUSARKA DREAM-CATCHER, TAI a 33. I also assessed LACEY'S CH JUSARKA POINT-TO-POINT, TAI a 33, a gentle boy, 9 ½ years old, obviously working, he has a good heart-shaped head with a nice broad, flat forehead. In profile he has a slight stop, chin could be a bit firmer, level bite. Really lovely lucent eyes, large and giving him a super expression; his ears are well set, could be just a bit larger. Well marked, with good contrast between his blue points and paler body, he has a patch of pink on his nose leather. LACEY'S CH SERENNOL

LILLEE IN PINK, TAI c, a dainty lilac girl, is very well balanced and has good type, but was rather nervous, not showing herself off to her potential. She has a pretty, tipped lilac coat, short and close-lying, satiny texture. If only she'd relax!

Combined Show SH Red, Tortie or Tortie-Tabby Pedigree Pet Cat:

BOC LOWELL'S IMP GMC HELLS BELLS, 16 years old, this blue smoke tortie and white shorthair is very sweet-tempered, purring like mad. A pretty girl, she has soft down on her body, with longer hair on her head, legs and tail. Well presented, and obviously enjoying her day out. 1 MC TYLER'S TAMSIN (PPS), another sweet-tempered 8 year old girl, who insisted on climbing onto my head while we had her out of the pen! She has a fine coat of short, curly chocolate tortie curls, well prepared. Both of these girls were a credit to their owners – both so happy to be shown.