

## THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE CAT CLUB – 28.3.2009 – MRS ANNE GREGORY

A really enjoyable show with some beautiful cats to judge. I would like to thank Sally and Paul for the invitation and warm hospitality. I was very grateful to Jen Lacey who was an excellent steward; she handled the cats beautifully across the breeds and took a great interest in them all. I look forward to our next show working together. I took over some classes from other judges and hope the exhibitors were not too disappointed.

### **AV FOREIGN GRAND PREMIER, MALE**

#### **1 IGP HUMMERSTON'S CH & GR PR CHRISAN CAMELOTT, 33 31S, MN, 3.7.2006**

A handsome and elegant Cornish of excellent type and style. Medium wedge with high cheekbones. Large ears set rather high on the head, wide at the base and rounded at the tips. They were the ideal "mussel" shape. Flat skull that curved gently at the brow and the profile was straight. Rounded muzzle and a strong chin. Excellent eyes that were of medium size and oval shaped. The top line was almost straight set with a slight slant to the outer edge of the ear. Excellent expression, he looked very wise! Elegant neck. Medium length body with a hard, muscular feel and long, straight legs with neat oval paws. Long tail that was fine and tapering. Excellent coat that was short and dense; silky texture and beautifully waved on the back, sides, legs and tail. Crinkled whiskers of good length. Shown in excellent condition and with a delightful temperament. I was delighted to find out later this had given him the Imperial title that is so well deserved – many congratulations!

#### **RES: DOCHERTY'S GR PR LOHR STEELERS WHEEL, 72 43ASQ, MN, 7.6.2007**

Handsome Asian who was marginally plump but not sufficient yet to blur the type. The head formed a short, balanced wedge with good width at the jaw hinge. The top of the head was gently rounded as was the forehead when viewed in profile. There was good depth to the head. Medium ears that were broad at the base and rounded at the tips. They were set well apart and the outer edge continued the lines of the upper part of the face. Large eyes that were very expressive; the top line slanted towards the nose and the lower line was generously rounded. Pale green eye colour although the prevailing light was poor, making it difficult to assess correctly. Medium length to the body with a firm, muscular feel. Straight back and good chest. Slender legs with oval paws. The tail was a good length to balance and tapered to a rounded tip. Lovely short coat that was fine and close lying with a healthy gloss. Medium degree of shading showing the soft silver blue extending around half way down the shaft with a pale silvery blue ground. The light was not helpful but he had a definite silver base rather than the cool beige expected on the blue. Excellent condition and temperament, but do not allow him to eat all the pies!!!!

**AV FOREIGN GRAND PREMIER, FEMALE** – There were two real beauties in this class!

#### **1 IGP LEE'S GR PR KALUKIKATS ARABESQUE, 76 20, FN, 1.3.2005**

A really outstanding Bengal for type, coat quality and pattern! Broad medium wedge with the desired gently rounded contours. The head was slightly small in proportion to the body and the ears were small, rather short but wide at the base and rounded at the tips. They were set to follow the contours of the face and pointed forward when viewed in profile. Gentle curve to the profile showing a slight concave curve at the bridge. The nose was broad with a slightly puffed nose leather. Full, broad muzzle and a rounded, strong chin. The eyes were oval in shape, large and expressive, with a slightly oblique setting. Attractive green tone. Long, sleek body that was firm and muscular. Medium length legs with large, rounded paws. Excellent tail of medium length that was thick and even with a rounded tip. Short coat that was very dense and did feel luxurious to the touch. Excellent rich colour with lovely marbled pattern showing real contrast. Excellent condition and a delightful temperament.

#### **RES: BANDY'S UK GR PR TROIKA ODETTE, 16A, FN, 17.7.1996**

A beautiful Russian looking really good for her age and so unlucky to meet the winner. Elegant and balanced with a charming personality. Short wedge with a flat top of head and prominent whisker pads giving a broad finish. Large ears that were tall rather than held vertically. Very good angle with a virtually straight nose. Good chin. The eyes were of almond shape and set rather wide apart. Good depth of green. Long, graceful body that was well muscled and with medium boning. Very good legs and tail. The coat was short and very fine; dense on the sides but a little thin on the spine. Pleasing clear blue tone with a distinct silvery sheen. Excellent condition and temperament.

### **AC PERSIAN NON-SELF PREMIER NEUTER, MALE**

#### **1 GPR PEACHEY'S IMP GR PR CASHEL HEADBOY, 54, MN, 11.7.2003**

A gorgeous Golden with a cheeky personality! Excellent type and balance overall. The head was broad and round with neat little ears, well furnished and rounded at the tips set well apart. Lovely width at the muzzle and a snub nose with a brick leather outlined in black. Wonderful eyes that were large, round and really expressive. Outlined with black, they were a beautiful emerald tone. Cobby body with solid muscle tone and short, thick legs with tufted paws. Short, bushy tail to balance. Beautiful coat quality, it was long, dense, silky

and fine. The chin, furnishings, chest and stomach were a clear, pale apricot. The back, flanks, head and tail were a deep gold, evenly tipped with black. The tipping on the spine and the tail was heavier. Black paw pads. Shown in sparkling form and with a delightful temperament.

**RES: MEADOWS CH & PR YOONEEK WISHUPONA STAR, 6, MN, 30.8.2006**

A mature Smoke who was showing really good contrast. Very good type, balance and expression. Broad head with rounded contours and showing excellent breadth between the small tufted ears, though he tended to hold them a little high when he was being judged but they were fine when he relaxed back in the pen. He had excellent width at the muzzle. Snub nose. Stunning eyes that were a rich copper tone; they were large and round with a very pleasing expression. Cobby body that was strong and muscular but not coarse. Short, thick legs with tufted paws. Short, bushy tail. Excellent coat that was long, dense and silky. Lovely long silvery frill. Mask apparent to the face with the deepest intensity of black on the head, back and legs. The black extended to two thirds the length of the hair. The undercoat was ash white. Beautifully presented in excellent condition and with a delightful temperament.

**AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL ADULT, MALE**

I considered exhibit 48 for the BOB award, but he was eclipsed by my winner.

**BOB PERCIVAL'S CH BLEUGEMS TEDDIE BEAR, 66 31, M, 8.8.2007**

A mature Bi-Colour who is so impressive. Excellent type and a wonderful expression. Excellent size, substance, colour and markings. Shown in sparkling condition and with a superb temperament.

**1 CC HAMILTON'S LADYDOLL STUDDUFFIN, 66 31A, M, 27.5.2008**

A young male of very good type and balance looking good for his tender age. Pleasing head type with good breadth to the skull. Flat plane between the medium ears that were set wide apart with a forward tilt. They were well furnished. Cheeks developing well. Very good profile with a slight retroussé tip. Rounded muzzle and firm chin with a level bite. Long, muscular body with breadth of chest and medium legs of substantial boning. Large, round, tufted paws. Long, bushy tail that tapered. Silky coat that was of medium length and dense. Well marked. Excellent condition and temperament.

**AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL ADULT, FEMALE**

**1 CC NEVIN'S SASSYGEMS DADDIES GIRL, 66 31A, F, 16.5.2008**

A very attractive and promising young female with lovely head type and expression. The breadth is developing well with a flat plane to the top of the head and well set ears of medium size. Beautiful eyes and expression. The profile showed a gentle dip and the nose was slightly retroussé at the tip. Good depth to the chin. The muzzle was rounded and is developing well. Very good body, legs and tail for her age. Beautiful coat that was dense and silky. Medium length with a ruff. Knickerbockers developing. Well marked. Excellent condition and temperament.

**2 STANTON'S RAGADDICT MIAMORIO, 66 31, F, 2.10.2007**

A very attractive female who was older but did not have the breadth of head of the winner. The profile was also not quite as good. Otherwise a very pleasing exhibit with lovely eyes and expression. Long body with excellent muscle tone and good substance. Very good legs and tail. Silky coat that was well presented and she was very well marked. Excellent condition and temperament.

**3 HAMILTON'S FARMHOUSE TIGI TOOTSIE, 66 31at, F, 16.5.2008**

A pretty female of promising type and pleasing expression. Balanced body with good muscle tone and boning. Silky coat that was well presented and dense. I was concerned as she has more than one third white in my opinion. Excellent condition and temperament.

**CHOCOLATE OR LILAC POINT BIRMAN NEUTER, MALE**

I considered exhibit 71 for the BOB but felt the female had the edge on the day.

**1 PR ADAMS AREZZA STARDUST, 13C4, MN, 21.3.2008**

A young Birman of excellent size and substance; promising type and balance. The head had breadth and rounded contours with full cheeks and a well developed muzzle. Medium ears set well apart. The nose was of medium length with a slight dip but there was also a slight bump on the profile. Large eyes, almost round and a good blue with a gentle expression. Long body with a solid, muscular feel and medium legs with very good boning. Tail balanced well. Silky coat that was full with a pleasing ruff to frame the face. Good lilac points showing a pinkish tone. Magnolia body making excellent contrast. The gloves were a little low, but the gauntlets were good. Excellent condition and temperament.

**CHOCOLATE OR LILAC POINT BIRMAN NEUTER, FEMALE**

**1 PR + BOB LEPPARD'S UK GR CH & IMP GR PR FANCYTOO GRUOCH, 13C4, FN, 29.12.1995**

A very attractive Birman looking superb for her age. Excellent type and balance. She is not a large cat but had a good muscular feel to her. The head had breadth with rounded contours, full cheeks and a well developed, rounded muzzle. Medium ears spaced well apart. Medium nose showing a slight dip in the profile. Large eyes,

almost round with a soft, gentle expression. Very good body, legs and tail. Excellent long, silky coat with a ruff. Soft lilac points with a pink tinge. Excellent clear, magnolia body. Good gloves and gauntlets. Excellent condition and temperament.

**AC BRITISH PREMIER, MALE**

**1 GPR HARRIS' PR ADVISH ESSYLT ALOYSIUS, 30S, MN, 8.7.2006**

Strong, cobby silver spotted of very good type and balance. Good breadth of skull with a round face and full cheeks. Small ears, rounded at the tips and set wide apart in the rounded contours of the head. Short, broad nose and good depth to the chin. Large eyes, round and well-opened. Clear green tone. Solid, muscular body with breadth of chest and he stood low on short, sturdy legs with round, firm paws. Medium length tail that was thick and rounded at the tip. Short, crisp coat that was dense. Good silver ground and well separates black spots. There was some linkage behind the shoulders. Spine breaking. Excellent condition and good temperament.

**AC BRITISH PREMIER, FEMALE**

I must apologise to the owner of the female spotted tabby entered. I took this class over from another judge; it was way down in my book after all my Opens instead of at the front with the other Grands. Also, with the green flash across the slips instead of the purple or red I think of as the Grand classes, I thought, at a quick glance, it was a side class. Consequently it was after lunch when I reached this female and there was no way she was going to come out and be judged. I thought it was better to leave her in peace rather than force the issue. I am really sorry.