

Naomi Johnson – Short-Haired Cat Society - 12th April 2015

Many thanks to Lynda and the committee for inviting me to judge at this popular show. I would also like to thank Mike Eames for his invaluable stewarding assistance, he was a pleasure to work with. We had YES candidate Hollie-Mae Wood helping us in the morning; she took a keen interest in all the breeds and I wish her the best of luck in the scheme.

Burmese Imperial Grand Premier Female (3 entered; 1 absent)

I GR PR GRAY'S CH & GR PR KELOUGRAY MEI-RONG (BUR c), Lilac, 31.05.09

A beautiful lilac girl who I have recently handled & admired. Her head forms an exemplary short wedge with good width between her medium broad-based ears that are set to follow the shape of her upper face in front view & tilt forward in profile; she has a gently rounded brow, definite break to her short nose & excellent width to her blunt muzzle. Her chin of medium depth is level & her bite is correct although she has a few incisors missing. Her large eyes are a pleasing yellow colour; they are set well apart & correctly shaped, with slight slant to top line & good rounding to lower line, giving that unique Burmese expression. She has a solid muscular body of good weight, a rounded chest & straight back with medium legs ending in small oval feet & a tapered tail of balanced length. Short, fine, close-lying coat has pleasing silky feel & is a lovely pinky lilac in colour, slightly darker on her face & tail. Well presented & happy to be handled.

RES Not Awarded THOMPSON'S GR PR MAYRLING KIA ORA, (BUR n), Brown, 21.03.09

6 year old brown girl who expressed her dislike of being disturbed! She has a broad, gently rounded top of head with good width between her medium wide-based ears that are set in line with the wedge & tilted forward slightly in profile. A touch flat over her brow in profile; good break to a fairly short nose, firm chin & level bite, fair width to muzzle. Solid muscular body of good weight; rounded chest, straight back, medium proportionate legs ending in small oval paws. Her tail balances for length & tapers slightly to a blunt tip. Seal brown coat is a little on the long side but lies close & appears glossy. She has a noticeable number of white hairs at the back of her neck & in the throat area; this was my main reason for withholding the Reserve award. Well presented & handled OK despite her grumbling!

LaPerm Adult Male (1 entered & 1 BOB only)

1 CC BOB EVANS' GLASTOCATS WALTER WHITE (LPL b 03 32), Chocolate & White Darker Points LH, 08.07.14

Only just adult & looking very promising. He has large tufted ears with muffs, flared at the base & set correctly. Moderate wedge to head, longer than wide; slight break to nose in profile, firm chin & level bite. Well defined whisker break & good breadth to his muzzle. He has long curly whiskers! His eyes are almond shaped, set on a slight slant towards the ears. In colour they are a pale blue without noticeable green tones & he has a lovely typical expression. A well grown boy of 9 months with firm muscular body, medium legs in proportion ending in rounded paws & nicely plumed tail of balanced length. Soft, loosely waved coat with springy feel, small ruff visible. Delightful friendly temperament, shown in excellent condition, I look forward to seeing him progress.

Also considered: GILLIES' CH BALLEGO WILLSCARLET (LPL d 03 21), Red Tabby & White LH, 07.06.12

A handsome mature boy of almost 3 years. He has medium ears slightly flared at the base, with tufts & muffs. Head forms a rounded wedge, perhaps could do with a bit more length although he is very jowly which tends to emphasise the roundness! Fairly broad muzzle & defined whisker break, slight nose break in profile, firm chin & level bite. Bright green eyes are almond shaped & set on a slight slant towards his ears, giving a pleasing expression. Excellent size & weight, muscular body of medium length with proportionate legs ending in rounded paws & a well plumed tail of balanced length. Super coat is soft & bouncy with plenty of ringlets & a small ruff. Lovely rich red colouring. A friendly boy who was easy to handle.

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LaPerm Adult Female (2 entered; 1 absent)

1 CC NICHOLS' QUINCUNX RUBYFRUITCAKE (LPS f), Black Tortie SH, 01.07.14

Lovely to see a shorthaired LaPerm on the bench & this girl is a very good example. She has large ears with flared bases, set in line with her upper face. Her head forms a gently rounded wedge that is longer than its width, with a fairly broad muzzle & visible whisker break (she has long curly whiskers). In profile she has a slight nose break; her chin recedes a little. Striking pale amber eyes are almond-shaped & slightly slanted towards her ears. Only just over 9 months so still some growing to do; her body is firm & muscular with medium proportionate legs ending in small rounded paws. Her tail is a good length to balance. Excellent coat texture, feeling crisp & obviously different to the longhaired variety. The coat parts along her back & shows some waving. Shown in excellent condition, she was happy to be handled.

LaPerm Neuter Female (1 entered & 1 BOB only)

1 PC BOB NICHOLS' QUINCUNX FLIBBERTYGIBBET (LPL h 03), Chocolate Tortie & White LH, 06.08.06

A very wriggly girl - not too keen on leaving her pen today! Very good overall type; she has large ears, wide at the base with small tufts & muffs, set correctly in line with the wedge. Gently rounded contours to head with a broad muzzle & visible whisker break. Slight nose break in profile, level chin & correct bite (some incisors missing). Expressive almond-shaped eyes are a pleasing shade of green & set on a slight slant towards her ears. A mature girl of almost 9 years, she has a medium length muscular body with proportionate legs ending in rounded paws & a plumed tail of balanced length. Medium length coat with springy feel, loosely waved with ringlets around her neck & a pleasing ruff, just a touch harsh on lower back today. Slightly shy & nervous but a very gentle girl.

Also considered: LOVELL'S PR CALONLAN HONEY (LPL b 21 32), Chocolate Tabby Darker Points LH, 29.04.07

What a friendly girl! I felt her type was not quite typical of a LaPerm. Her head is quite a short wedge, more reminiscent of a Burmese. She has medium sized broad-based ears that are set in line with the wedge, a broad muzzle & well defined whisker break. She has quite a deep nose break in profile, a firm chin & level bite. Pale green eyes, more rounded than almond-shaped, set well apart. Almost 8 years old, she has a strong muscular body; her legs are slightly short & they end in rounded paws. Lovely plume to her tail of good length. Lovely soft coat texture, a few loose waves & pleasing ruff. Definitely a winner in the temperament stakes!

Red Burmese Neuter Female (1 BOB only)

BOB SMITH'S UK IMP GR PR JANZANCO ZINFANDELLE (BUR d), 18.04.11

Pleasing overall type to this almost 4 year old girl. Nicely rounded top of head, plenty of width between medium wide-based ears with rounded tips that are set to follow the shape of her upper face in front view & tilt forward slightly in profile. Slight rounding to brow, well defined break to fairly short straight nose, firm chin (showing some acne today) & good width to her blunt muzzle. Pale yellow eyes are typically shaped with top line slanting towards nose & a rounded lower line; they are set well apart & display a pleasing expression. She is a good sized girl of excellent weight, with a firm muscular body, rounded chest, straight back, medium proportionate legs ending in oval paws & tapered tail of balanced length. Short, close-lying coat is a lovely rich red in colour, paling towards her underside & slightly darker on her face & tail; there are a couple of faint broken necklaces visible. Well presented & very amenable to handling.

AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat (2 entered; 1 absent)

HARLING'S MC TIZER (MN, Red Silver Shaded Pointed, 1 yr 10 mths)

What a handsome boy! He has a beautiful face & expression. Lovely well-furnished ears & pale blue expressive eyes. Super soft coat with loose waves beautifully prepared for the show & a thick, full tail. A delightful temperament too – I loved him!

Naomi Johnson April 23rd 2015