

Shorthaired Cat Society Show – 12th April 2015

Judges Reports – Mrs Liz Machin

Many thanks for Lynda and her team for the kind invitation to come back and judge again at this years' show. As usual, we had a packed schedule, filled with some really lovely examples of the breed, so my thanks also to all the exhibitors whose entries made our day a thoroughly enjoyable one.

AC Self British or Manx Champion Male

GRCH to FIGGINS' CH HYSSOPOUSS HERCULES This lovely young man is an impressively chunky British Blue lad of only just over a year of age. He's got a fully rounded, broad head displaying strong British type well, whilst also promoting his very definite air of absolute masculinity very nicely indeed. Neat ears of medium size and shape, tucked tightly in against the contours of the head. Well set, fully rounded eyes of a good depth of warm bright copper hue. Broad nose, with a slightly deep break visible. Pleasing facial width and structure which is well supported by strong, full, firm cheeks, giving his face overall, a really attractive and appealing shape. Level bite, his chin is acceptable, although ideally could be that bit firmer for better balance. Broad chest, leading the eye naturally and smoothly through to a really weighty body that is both deep and muscular, standing squarely on fabulous tree-trunk thick, short legs, topped off by full and fat paws. Gorgeous 'proper' British, thick and even tail of correct length, with a well rounded tip. Impressive coat of clear, even, medium toned blue, which was both fully sound and completely clear from tipping, which is always such a pleasure to find! His coat is short and dense in structure, with there being just a little residual kitten softness present to the texture, as it continues its transformation through from kitten, to adult coat. A real 'Teddy Bear' of a cat, that was happy, relaxed, and soft as a brush in his nature. He really is a little cracker! 2nd RES GRCH Withheld WADE'S CH RODWAYE JACK-SPARROW Unfortunately, this lovely looking boy seemed to be feeling all tense and wriggly today, which pretty much continued, despite our best attempts to reassure him, throughout his assessment, which was a real shame, as this always means that they just don't show themselves off to their best potential. That said, he's nevertheless an attractive looking, and nicely matured lad, of a medium to large frame size, although surprisingly, didn't have quite so much body weight as his frame size suggests, so may, perhaps, have been busy working recently to explain some of this? Lovely, well rounded head showing strong British type, which is nicely balanced by the excellent amount of facial width and maturity he has. Pleasing ear set, with neat, medium sized ears being parted by a gently rounded top of head. Bold, fully rounded, deep copper eyes of good set. Broad nose, level bite, firm chin. His body shape is of quite pleasing breadth and depth, although lacks in having sufficient substance present to really achieve fully padding this out. Medium boned legs, with nicely rounded paws. Tail of good length, which tapers to a rather blunt tip. His topcoat is of a pleasing shade of nice, even cream, although once parted, the coat can be seen to pale quite dramatically through to very pale, unsound roots. For some reason, this boy's coat wasn't looking anywhere near as good as I suspect it can today, as it just felt quite soft textured, sparse, and somehow, generally just rather lacklustre, which was pity, as he's otherwise not a bad lad at all in many other ways, although the coat was, in fairness of a reasonable length. I would just politely request that rear claws are clipped shorter in future though please, as quite unintentionally, he managed to draw blood from

both myself and my steward when he suddenly wriggled whilst being lifted from his pen. Thanks.

AC Non Self British or Manx Premier Female

GRPR to JONES' PR WELLMAR PETTICOAT TAILS A strong, and really powerfully built girl of just shy of three years of age. Good basic head shape, with just about enough width to manage to balance out the facial features sufficiently. The ears are of medium size and shape, and are of a pleasing set, although would benefit from having a little more width between, to afford them better balance. Fully rounded, quite expressive golden copper eyes, broad nose, firm chin. Her face is quite nicely mingled, with just a couple of areas of solid blue present to the right hand side of her nose and muzzle. Her body shows both good width and depth, with this being more than adequately balanced out by her impressive body weight. Well boned medium legs, with nicely rounded, full paws, all of which are broken by both of her coat colours. Lovely thick and even tail of good length, with a rounded tip. This girl's real selling point has to be her coat, which is an excellent example of a good British coat, because it has super density, is beautifully crisp in texture, and is of a very good, short length. Her coat colours show medium through to darker toned blues, combined with fairly dark creams, all of which is mingled very well indeed. Quite a little wriggler when out on the table, but much happier once back inside the sanctuary of her pen.

Lilac Kitten

1st & BOB BROWNLOW'S HOPTONPAWS TOOTYFRUITY At just shy of four months of age, this little lady is already showing lots of promise, as she is just so very nicely balanced and developed. Fully rounded, apple shaped, broad and well filled head of super British type, with a nicely rounded top of head parting small, but still slightly flared ears. Her fully rounded eyes are well opened and bold, and are of a lovely depth of coppery brown as they continue to develop towards their final tone. Broad nose, level bite, firm chin. The body is deep and cobby, standing firmly on medium boned legs, and overall, she has really impressive body weight to balance out this frame size so nicely. Her coat is equally pleasing, with it being both short and dense, and although obviously still a kitten coat, is already not that soft in texture. Her coat colour offers a really pleasing tone of light frosty pinked lilac, which is impressively sound. Some small areas of tipping are present to the very base of her spine line. She handled like a dream, and was definitely one of those 'if only my pockets were big enough' kittens! A very sweet, and extremely promising little girl. Well Done.

Cream Neuter Female (for BOB only)

BOB WADE'S GRPR RODWAYE IANTHE A beautifully compact and nicely weighted Cream girl of medium frame size. She's got a lovely, fully rounded, broad head which shows really attractive British type. Gently rounded top of head, parting well set, small neat ears. Fully rounded eyes of light to medium copper hue, broad nose, level bite, firm chin. Her coat is a pleasing shade of pale and even, cream which was reasonably sound to the roots. If I was to be picky, I would have to say that I wished her coat was just a little crisper, however it is otherwise of a very good length and has really pleasing density beneath the hand. Medium boned legs, with fully rounded paws. Tail of correct length, with a nicely rounded tip. Sweet temperament.

Black, Chocolate, or Tortoiseshell Adult

1st CC & BOB STEELE'S MIKAZEL REBA This girl is a really sweet Black Tortie & White lass of just ten months of age. Nicely rounded, fairly full head, nicely balanced out by gently filling cheeks, giving her quite a pleasing overall facial width and head shape. Fully rounded, expressive eyes of golden copper hue, with her eyes being attractively surrounded by a black patch to her right eye, and red patch around her left, with both patched showing clean, sharp demarcation in shape of which are clear and well defined in sharp shape broad nose, level bite, firm chin. Broad chest, leading through to a nicely grown and fairly muscular body of quite good depth with pleasing weight balancing out her frame size well. Medium boned legs with rounded paws. Correct tail. Her patching offers a striking cocktail of patches of vibrant and bright red, standing out well against patches of deep polished black, with these then in turn being neatly separated by sparkling brilliant white base coat colour. She has a full white collar, tummy, and forelegs, with her collar and tummy each have one small red patch a piece. Rear legs and feet are unbroken white, apart from her left leg, which shows one large black, and two smaller red patches. The main body of her coat is fairly evenly broken by quite sizeable patches of each colour, and overall, she has really smart and appealing demarcation, with there being just a light handful of stray white hairs visible to the outer edges of a couple of her black patches. At present, her coat still feels rather silky soft in texture, and therefore, is also quite flat lying; which are highly likely to just be remnants of her kitten coat still showing, however her coat length was very good. She was an incredibly likeable little girl with just such an outgoing and happy, purry little nature – I thought she was lovely.

Black Silver Tabby Adult, Female

1st CC & BOB WILLIAMS' KHANCOBAN SILVA CILLA Given that this young lady is only a week past leaving her kittenhood behind, she really is looking to be quite something special indeed! Her head is well rounded and quite full, showing nice British type coming along well. Ears of good size and set, which are just a little flared still to the bases. Well rounded, and most alert looking eyes of a pleasing tone of hazel green colour. Broad nose, good facial width, with gently rounded, quite well filled cheeks balancing out her facial features really nicely. Level bite, firm chin. Compact, chunky body with good weight to balance her frame size, standing on short, medium to heavy boned legs with nicely rounded paws. Correct tail. This clarity of this girl's patterning absolutely oozes quality, offering a really well defined, super deep, dark black pattern, overlaying her beautiful clean, bright silver ground colouring, and the adherence of her pattern to the breed standard is very high indeed, with lovely clear facials, nicely defined butterfly, well matched oysters, nicely spotted tummy and paws, and a well ringed tail, although from above, her tail looks a little solid. In structure, the coat is lovely and short, is of a fair density, and just retains a little of its kitten softness to the texture still as yet. She had the most chilled out, relaxed and totally happy temperament going, and I would've quite happily spirited her away home with me like a shot! 2nd PANTING'S RONALDO SILVA WILMA At eleven and a half months of age, this lass is smack in the middle of a rather tall, and lanky growing spurt at present, however still shows an awful lot to be pleased about in the progress she's already made, and overall is a really promising young cat. She's got a good basic head shape, with quite a pleasing amount of width already present which is balancing out her facial features well. Medium ears, of good set, just looking a touch tall still at present. Well rounded, quite dark olive green eyes of good set. Broad nose, level bite, chin acceptable, but could be firmer. Lovely, clearly defined facials, with good eye liners, and Tabby 'M', Well grown, muscular, and solid heavy weight body

showing pleasing width and depth, just standing a little tall at the moment on well boned and nicely barred legs, with well spotted, fully rounded paws. Well ringed, tapering tail of correct length. Her patterning shows lovely demarcation, with dense black patterning overlaying fairly bright silver to make a pleasing combination. Intricately designed, and well paired butterfly halves, and well matched oysters. At present, the coat is still sorting itself out and settling, and is still quite flat lying and silky soft in its texture, although is of a pleasing length. She's an incredibly strong young lady, and my goodness me, doesn't she just know it! She'd decided to be just a tiny bit ratty with us whilst I assessed her, but fortunately made no attempt to back her teenage strop up. Overall she's another very impressive and promising girl, who was just unlucky to meet today's class winner, as on another day, I would've gladly given her a ticket. 3rd ADAIR'S LOUREWZ HENRIETTA At a week over nine months of age, this young lass is another adolescent that is looking quite long, tall, and lanky at the moment, as she continues with her transformation from kitten to fully grown cat. She's got quite a good basic head shape, with pleasing facial width and a fairly firm chin balancing out her facial features nicely. Well rounded, bold hazel coloured eyes, of good set. Broad nose, with the tip of her nose, and immediate area to each side of the nostrils showing quite heavy tarnishing, which unfortunately has the effect of unwillingly detracting the eye away from seeing how nicely her shaped her head is, which is a pity. Nice breadth of chest, with the chest displaying one full, and two half necklaces. Fairly well grown, deep body, which just now needs to catch up on the weight versus frame size ratio, as she feels a little lightweight for her size. Well balanced butterfly, and fairly good oysters, with there being just a little brindling visible to the centre of each oyster. Legs are of medium bone, and have nicely spotted, fully rounded paws. Well ringed tapering tail of correct length. Her coat patterning deep, dense black patterning, overlaying quite bright silver, with the silver being clearest to her abdomen and flanks. She has quite a heavily brindled spine line, making her silvering here to appear to be much darker, which therefore then also reduces the amount of contrast provided between pattern, and ground colouring. Her coat is typically neither one thing nor the other at present, which should hopefully be no more than an age issue for her, as it is currently lacking having sufficient density, and is therefore quite flat lying, whilst also being still quite silky soft in its texture, although is of a good length. She's quite a quiet and reserved girl, but we did finally manage to coax the tiniest of purrs from her. She's just a typical youngster who needs a few more months under her belt yet before she's properly settles down into her finished and more matured format.

Black Silver Spotted Adult. Male

1st CC & BOB PANTING'S RONALDO SILVER WALDO A strong, handsome and really masculine looking young man just over eleven months of age. His basic head shape is nicely rounded, balanced out by broad facial width, with his head showing pleasing British type . Nice top of head, parting quite neat, medium sized ears, set closely against the contours of his head. Well rounded, fully opened alert, expressive eyes of a pleasing dark olive hue, broad nose, lovely facial width, which is being nicely padded out by strong and well filling, masculine cheeks. Level bite, chin is acceptable, but would benefit from being that bit firmer. Nice facials, with clearly defined eye lines and Tabby 'M'. One full and two part necklaces decorate a nice, broad chest. He's a strong and muscular boy- and you really get the impression that he knows how to use it too, with his powerfully built and well balanced, weighty frame being at the larger end of medium in size, and showing both super width and depth. Medium boned, well barred legs, finished off really neatly by his well rounded and beautifully spotted, fat paws. Well ringed tail, tapering just a little as it reaches a slightly

pointed tip. His patterning is well defined and comprises predominantly arrowhead shaped spots, with just, typically, his shoulders and adjoining upper flanks showing some more rather elongated spotting. The spine line shows a little linkage present between his spots, and is brindled in an almost inverted 'v' shape running from the centre of the spine through towards the base of the tail. The coat itself offers quite a bright silver ground colour, which contrasts reasonably well against the fairly dense black of his patterning, although this black could just be that little bit deeper yet to provide him with a better contrast. A little flat lying, although nice short coat, that is so beautifully crisp textured to the touch. Overall, this is an extremely promising young man, with much to offer. Also entered for BOB: POTT'S GRCH SURREPTITIOUS GEORGIO. This is a really masculine, strong and solid lad of two years of age. Lovely full, broad round head of excellent British type, with reasonably well rounded eyes of a pleasing depth of olive green hue. Broad nose, level bite, firm chin. Lovely, clearly defined facials. Well grown and weighty, large frame size showing both good width and depth, standing firmly on medium boned legs with reasonably well rounded paws. Rather short tail of good thickness, with a rounded tip. His coat patterning shows a good density of dark black markings overlaying a silver ground colour that is unfortunately quite brindled, which is having the effect of heavily muting the brightness of his silver ground colour, which is a real pity. The patterning itself offers one full, and two part necklaces; with his throat, and forepaws both showing some noticeable tarnishing present, good leg barring, and a well ringed tail, with body spots which are a combination of both rosette, and arrowhead shaped spots. In structure, the coat is both short and dense, offering amazingly crisp texture to the touch. He was just a little wriggly whilst being assessed, but much easier to appraise once returned to the safety of his pen. Overall, he's a really attractive and impressive boy, and it was just a shame that his coat was a little unsettled.

Black Silver Spotted Adult, Female

1st CC ALLEN'S KHANCOBAN SILVER GLITZ A really sweet and nicely balanced girl of a week shy of a year of age. Good basic head shape, showing a pleasing amount of facial width and has nice British type. Reasonably well rounded eyes of a pleasing olive green hue, lovely, clearly defined facials, with delicate eye lines running through from the outer edges of the eyes. Broad nose, showing just a small bump visible, particularly when viewed in profile. Level bite, chin is slightly weak. Broad chest, decorated by two full necklaces, leading through to a nicely developed and quite weighty, muscular, cobby body of good depth. Medium boned, well ringed legs, with nicely rounded paws. Correct tail, which is well ringed, with a nicely rounded tip. On the whole, her coat offers quite a pleasing contrast between a fairly bright silver ground colour, which is overlaid by the deep dark black of her patterning, with just a light amount of brindling present seen to be running through the coat; this typically being most noticeable to the lower half of her spine line towards the base of her tail. Her spots are on the whole, really nicely defined and clear, being primarily arrowhead shaped, aside from the typically found, more elongated spots which are to be found running down from her shoulders. Short and quite dense coat which has impressive crispness to the texture. Overall, a really nicely presented and promising young girl, who was more than deserving of her ticket today. 2nd STORER'S VINMAR SILVA-KARRISMA At just a few days over a year of age, this sweet young lass is at one of those stages in her development whereby growth spurts are leaving her body looking all long and lanky whilst she continues to expand and fill out her frame size. The head is quite nicely shaped, and shows good width to balance across her mid and upper facial regions, but as her muzzle shape is still quite immature and pinched, this balance is then somewhat lost, and she's going to need to both

broaden and fill her muzzle and lower face, before full balance can be reached. Width to balance between nicely spaced ears, although her ears are still looking quite tall and flared at present. Well rounded eyes, broad nose, with some tarnishing present on the tip, and through onto the cheeks. Level bite, fairly firm chin. Her frame is of a medium size, and is showing good depth beginning to form, and she has reasonable weight to balance. Medium boned legs, with reasonably well rounded and nicely spotted paws. Correct tail, which is well ringed. Her coat shows quite a heavily brindled, bright silver ground colouring, overlaid by patterning which is more of a charcoal, than dense black colour, resulting in an awful lot of her potential contrast being lost, and it is almost as though you are viewing her coat through a net curtain. The patterning along the spine line is probably her best, with more elongated, than rounded spots being quite nicely defined and separated, and although this is undoubtedly a good feature, this unfortunately also serves to highlight how little definition she has between the patterning on her sides, where, although her spots are there, it is almost as though you are viewing them from behind a net curtain, and their definition is almost completely lost. The structure of her coat shows quite a high degree still of carried over elements from kitten coat, as it is quite soft and silky, so also therefore lies rather flat against her body. She's one of those youngsters who really is at the 'suck it and see' stage of her transformation through from kitten to adult cat, so it's just a case of waiting to see where you're at with her, once she's got there. She's a really sweet and affectionate little love, who has some really good qualities present, so just keep everything crossed that her coat and physical maturity both come good. Also entered for BOB only: POTT'S CH VINMAR SILVA-SAMMARA (see Midland Counties report)

Brown Spotted Adult (for BOB only)

BOB BUJALSKA-AXON'S GRCH DELPHINIUM SWEET PEA A really feminine girl of nearly three years of age, with a lovely, fully rounded head which displays gorgeous British type and expression. Gently rounded top of head, separating nicely sized and shaped ears of good set. Well rounded deep copper eyes, broad nose, nicely filled full cheeks, giving the facial features excellent width, and overall balance. Level bite, firm chin. Good facials. Lovely breadth of chest, leading smoothly through to a well constructed and weighty body, standing on medium boned legs that are neatly finished off by her well rounded, full fat paws. The legs are well barred, and both her paws and abdomen show a good coating of nicely shaped spots. Well ringed tail of correct length, with a nicely rounded tip. Her body shows pleasing clarity, with well defined, dense black patterning overlaying the lovely warmth created by her rich bronze ground colouring, which together, afford her coat as a whole, a really lovely contrast. Her spots are mainly of an arrowhead shape, with there being just a handful of more rounded, rosette shaped spots, with the only deviation from these typically being around the rear of her shoulders, where the spots become a little more elongated in their shapes. Lovely short and really crisp coat, which rather surprisingly just felt a little sparse in its density today. I think that she had already probably had quite enough by the time I got to meet her well after lunch today, as she was very wriggly and unwilling to offer me just too much cooperation in my task, which was fair enough, as I wasn't so far off feeling much the same way myself, so certainly wasn't about to hold it against her in any way!!

Colourpointed Adult, Male

1st CC HOLLOWAY'S TROFAI CHOCO VELVET At just under a year of age, this boy shows an impressive amount of growth and development for his age, being a very nicely balanced and presented weighty young man. He's got a well rounded, full head of good British type,

with well filling, quite strong cheeks, really starting to give him a lovely masculine expression. Medium ears which are still quite tall and flared in their shape, just needing more width between yet, in order to achieve a better balance. Fully rounded, bold and expressive eyes, showing deep blue centres, with a lighter blue rim. Broad nose, level bite, firm chin. Fairly deep frame of medium size, which is quite nicely weighted to balance, and feels firm, and muscular beneath the hand. Medium boned legs with reasonably well rounded paws, correct tail with a nicely rounded tip. Well defined points of a warm chocolate colouring, with nicely defined mask, ears, and tail all contrasting well against the pleasing ivory cream of his body colour. He shows a little light shading present to the base of his neck, extending down on to his flanks, toning perfectly well against the body colouring. This boy has really got such a super coat for his age; its beautifully crisp to the touch, has good density, and is of a lovely short length, making it a really quality package as a whole. Overall, he's a really cracking youngster, bursting with promise, which if he continues to deliver to the same standard as he has already set, is definitely going to be one to watch for in the fairly near future. BOB to RICHARD'S GRCH ANGELSATMIDNIGHT FLIN This gorgeous boy is a cat that I have very much admired since I first met him some three years or so ago, and it is delightful to see that he just continues to get better and better as he moves into the stage where the British cat can really begin to be described as being a fully mature cat. Beautifully rounded head of excellent British type, which absolutely oozes in its degree of masculine expression, and is so well balanced out by his nicely rounded, but powerfully filled cheeks. Super eye shape and set, with the eyes themselves being of an impressive depth of medium blue hue. Broad nose, level bite, firm chin. Lovely breadth of chest, leading the eye naturally through to a massive frame size of super depth, which was really well weighted to balance. Short, thick, heavy boned legs, with nicely rounded full paws. Lovely thick British tail of correct length, with a nicely rounded tip. His coat is a pleasing combination of lovely pinky lilac points, which contrast well against the creaminess of his base colouring, with there being just a little shading, toning well, present to his flanks. Coat is short, beautifully crisp, and has excellent density. He certainly didn't disappoint again today, and I absolutely love him.

Colourpointed Adult, Female

1st CC Withheld WARD'S LARNIKAT CHANTILLY LACE A really pretty and feminine girl of just shy of ten months of age, that already shows an impressive amount of balance and structure to her really nicely weighted frame.. Attractive, fully rounded, broad head, showing gorgeous British type, with a naturally rounded top of head neatly parting tidy, medium sized ears of good set. Fully rounded, expressive bold eyes showing a really pleasing depth of medium blue colour. Broad nose, lovely facial width, which is gently padded out by well filled apple shaped cheeks. Level bite, firm chin. Good breadth of chest, leading smoothly through to a well grown, cobby body of both good width and depth, which stands firmly on short, medium boned legs, finished off by nicely rounded paws. Correct tail with a rounded tip. This girl's coat offers much to be impressed by, being beautifully short, dense, and really very crisp in texture. Her points colour is well defined, with her ears, mask, and tail all contrasting really well against her body colouring. Unfortunately, in so far as any award was concerned for today, I was absolutely gutted about the fact that I had no choice other than to wrong-colour this lovely lass once I had definitely confirmed to myself the fact that she was showing both blue, and cream colouring within both her points, and body shading, making her most definitely more than just the straight blue pointed she was entered as, which really was such a disappointment for me, as I would otherwise have taken the greatest of pleasure in

awarding her what I suspect, would've been her first CC. Get her re-registered, and back out there, and, I strongly suspect, then just enjoy watching this girl really go!