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National and Sphynx Cat Association

SCA - Imperial – AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat

I started my day with two lovely pedigree pets – the condition of both were superb – I am so pleased that these cats are able to come out and their condition and presentation does their owners proud – congratulations!

Imp – Hank’s GMC Little Mouse 2 years

Nothing “little” about this lass, she is well grown and quite a statuesque girl. Been there, seen it and worn the t-shirt attitude and took everything in her stride – not phased by anything. Beautifully presented coat which was groomed really well even underneath. Lovely markings on her face and socks – expressive blue eyes. Superb temperament – she totally didn’t mind being on the end pen and was lapping up the attention. Presented very well and in tip top condition and health. Thank you for letting me judge this lovely lass.

Res Imp Worsley-Waring’s GMC Silver Penny

Another very well grown lass. Not very comfortable coming out on the table so I put her back in the pen and had a few calm words and she settled a lot more. Nice silver tabby markings, very expressive eyes when she had settled and they weren’t worried looking – lovely dense coat that was in excellent condition – nice darker silver tabby markings with some silver showing underneath – difficult choice between these two ladies – the other girl got the award based on her more outgoing temperament. Thanks again to both of these cats’ owners for letting me meet and cuddle your girls.

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Imperial Gr Ch Male

Imp – Alger-Street’s Gr Ch Typha Moonraker BUR c27c M 19.03.12

I wrestled with myself a lot with this lad – my first instinct was to withhold the award, then I looked at him again and found the good points. I held on to the awards slip some time before I made my mind up. Wedge is short and has width at the hinge – he has a really lovely masculine head and strength to the top of his wedge – his muzzle tapers just a little too much and could do with more strength to balance the top. The main thing for me were his eyes which would have benefitted from being larger and appeared slightly small to balance – they were also rounded in shape and could have done with more definition to the top line. Eyes have 5 points in the standard, however, contribute to the overall expression. Nose break was present but would have benefitted from more definition. Lovely depth and strength to the chin. Huge substantial body and very well grown indeed verging on being overweight if I am honest – his tail was short to balanced his large frame and was thick at the base. Typical working lad whose coat was thicker and longer, however, it lay well when stroked. How much allowance should one give for an entire boy who potentially lives outside and has raging hormones? There are some entire boys who still look a picture and others who suffer “just for being entire”. The coat colour was bluer on the mask and slightly creamier on his body and would have benefitted from a pinker cast to it to give a true dove grey – again a factor of being an entire boy living outside? . Temperament to die for and loved fussing around and was so happy to come out of his pen and be handled without being on his toes like some males often are. My dilemma of should I, or shouldn’t I, was partly around the fact that I had already withheld a first and BOB on a kitten and appear to withhold with some frequently at shows - I don’t want to throw the bath water out with the baby however, I have a responsibility to judge against the standard of points.. I have had Burmese now for over 25 years. A rhetorical question: with the current distinct lack of competition as a result in the change in the class structure, should judges be tolerant of a lower overall standard for a quiet life or withhold? On reflection, I was generous with this award.

Imperial Gr Ch Female

Imp – Wrigglesworth’s Gr Ch Rossikhan Marigold BUR 27b F 24.0.13

From one end of the spectrum to the other between this girl and the boy. She was none too happy at all, however, when I got her out it was all wind and puff and she handled well and there was no malice at all. However, the constant huffing and puffing did her no favours. Short wide wedge, nose wrinkled with her mood and eyes were like gob stoppers and her

nose pulled back forming an impressive bump on it. I felt her coat and it was stunning with such a marvellous texture and looked like it had been sprayed on and a lovely warm golden chocolate colour which was even all over. I left her and came back 30 minutes later as she really wasn't happy and it was distorting her face. The end pen may not have helped. Once she had settled more, she had a good short wide wedge tapering to a blunt muzzle. Her eyes settled and she looked more like what she should have done – beautiful eyes with a swoop to the lower lid and straighter on the top line. Nice nose break and chin. Lovely well set ears when she relaxed. Not the largest of girls being compact, however, was balanced. Tail a fraction short with a tense end to it when she is in a paddy, this is better again when she is calmer. If I am honest for personal preference I wouldn't want her wedge to be any shorter, something that I have said on another cat recently who after looking at the catalogue is her sister, at least I am consistent. Poor love is not happy at being out. Her mood aside, and peace and quiet to calm down and I had no hesitation in making the award.

Lilac Adult Male

BOB - Alger-Street's Gr Ch Typha Moonraker BUR c27c M 19.03.12

Devon Rex Kitten

1st & BOB – Macdonnell's Itzapromise Echo of Angel DRX NS F 08.05.15

Another one where I hesitated whether or not to give her the BOB or not. On balance I was happy to award it as she has enough about her that is good, my main concern being the amount of guard hairs that were on her spine line and base of her tail, However she is a kitten and the rest of her coat was actually a very good texture and density and was very well covered all over. Good head overall it would ideally benefit from being slightly wider and she is fractionally narrow in the muzzle however she is teething extensively at the moment and I gave her the benefit of the doubt. Stop present. Level bite and good chin. Ears are of a good shape and again for perfection, could be slightly lower set. Very well grown body and a lovely weight for her size. Nice tail for shape and it also balances. I learned from talking to her owners that she had just come into call recently and dropped a lot of her coat. This may explain why the guard hair were slightly prominent- it is difficult with any of the rex breeds, which include Sphynx, to show an entire girl and run the risk of hormones affecting coats and I realise that this plays a huge factor to differences in coats throughout different periods of the year. We have to judge as we see the cat on the day and given she is still a kitten it wasn't so bad as to withhold the BOB. I look forward to seeing how she develops in the future with interest

Red Burmese Neuter

BOB – Smith's UK IGr Pr Jannzanco Zinfandelle BUR d FN 10.04.11

I have judged this lass many times in the past giving her an award at the Supreme a few years ago. Lovely how relaxed and composed she is. Lovely short blunt wedge, beautiful ear set and size, good chin level bite, eyes are very expressive, her colour a little faded. For perfection could do with slightly more definition to the break which is on the shallow side. Coat is a lovely rich red colour and is clear. It is fractionally long on her back but lays well when stroked. Tail a little short but tapers well. Adorable lass and it is always a pleasure to see her.

Havana Kitten

1st w/h – 2nd – Davies' Shimileeta Holly Berry OSH b F 27.04.15

Outgoing lass who was alert and in the peak of health. Nice size for her age. Long head narrowing to her muzzle which has a pinch at present, although she is still teething when I checked her bite. Profile is almost straight with the exception of a tiny bump on her nose. Chin has some depth and recedes slightly, bite is level. Ears are large and pricked, and ideally could have had a fraction more width between them so their setting followed the lines of her wedge whilst at the same time not being exaggerated. Eyes are of a good Oriental shape and set when she relaxes and pleasing green colour. Neck is long and slender. Long svelte body, with good muscle tone. Legs are long and slender, with neat oval paws. Long tapering tail which just balances her body. Coat has a good texture, is close lying and fractionally long on her back. Today it was unsound with the lighter colour coming through to the surface and created an almost smoke effect in places – this was slightly exacerbated by its overall length where her coat was longer. The colour itself had warmth,

though for perfection, could have had slightly richer chestnut tones to the brown. I was initially going to withhold BOB and it pained me to withhold the 1st on this lass in accordance with the standard on account of her unsound coat. I did go and speak to her owner and breeder after judging had finished as I like to explain my reasons - people take the trouble and pay money to enter shows and like to know on the day rather than wait for an impersonal write up on the net. It was good to talk and also discuss coat development over time as a judge has to judge what they see on the day and this may well change in the future. Excellent condition and presentation. I really appreciate the time the exhibitors took in talking and I shall follow this lass' progress with interest.

Oriental Lilac Kitten Male

BOB – 1st – Jones' Saramese Nickels 'N' Dimes 04.07.15 OSH c

I judged this lad 4 weeks ago, however it was up north and I was actually very surprised to see him again so far south. However, having said that the pleasure was all mine again. At the risk of repeating myself as not much has changed. Very well balanced long head narrowing to a good muzzle, his pinch is disappearing now and his muzzle looks better for it. Still has a superbly straight profile, level bite, and good depth to his chin. Lovely width between his ears which are large and pricked, wide at the base and set well. Very balanced head overall. Expressive Oriental shaped eyes of a good shape and set – pleasing green colour. Long slender neck. Long svelte body, excellent weight for size. Legs long and slim, with neat oval paws. Long tapering tail which would benefit from just a fraction more length to balance his body. Short close laying coat which has a good texture, lilac in colour which goes to the base of the roots. The lilac itself, even with a change in different hall lighting, would benefit from a slightly more pinkish tone for perfection, though it does show frosting on the extremities. Excellent presentation and condition, it was an honour to handle him again and thank you so much to his mums – old one and new one – for giving me the chance to have a lovely cuddle again.