

One of my favourite events of the year, I always love the Lancs and have been coming since my first show there in 1989, when I was showing Non-Pedigrees. Thanks to Chris and the hard working team for inviting me back. I was extremely honoured to be asked to judge Overall Best in Show – a wonderful line-up, more at the end of the report. Special thanks to my friend Val Kaye for working tirelessly on a really busy day. I apologise to exhibitors who wanted to talk to me after I finished, I just didn't get time to get to everyone before the show closed.

**AV SLH GRAND CHAMPION (IMP GR CH) MALE**

**IGC, STAVELEY'S GR CH ESAYA NICKOLAI-OF-BELKATON, 82 43s, M, 19.08.11**

Silver Shaded Siberian. So much to love about this boy. He has such a wonderful strong broad head with wide set medium sized ears and a slight concave nasal curve. Broad low set cheekbones with gentle lines to the whisker pads and rounded muzzle, slightly rounded chin of nice depth. I love his eye colour, vivid aqua green, lovely shape and set when we finally got him to really open them though initially appearing a little deep set. Well placed medium sized ears. Good heavy rectangular body, very substantial limb boning and very well furnished tail reaching the shoulders. Lovely coat length and texture with a really nice shaded pattern, sparking silvery white tipped with black. What a delight to handle and groomed to perfection. I now see that this was the male that I made up to Grand at Notts & Derby and I am delighted to help set him on the road to Imperial.

**RESERVE, MILLER'S GR CH ADVENLO FUCHOULU CAROO, 13c2, M 06.10.99**

Blue Point Birman. A large solid male with a very strong masculine head, broad and rounded with full cheeks, well defined muzzle and full chin. Wide set ears of medium size. Large expressive eyes, mid to deep blue colour. Medium length nose with slight dip, tiny bump present. Long weighty body, well boned limbs and short strong paws. Balanced bushy tail. Currently wearing a full winter coat with ruff framing the face. The bluish-white body contrasted very well with the greyish-blue points even though there was a little top shading evident. Well marked gloves and socks, gauntlets tapered quite well and finished about three-quarters of the way up to the hocks. His date of birth blew me away, this gentleman certainly does not look anywhere near 14 ½ years old – what a credit to his owner! Great to handle and well presented.

**AV SLH GRAND CHAMPION (IMP GR CH) FEMALE**

**IGC, GRANT'S GR CH NOYNAROCK PASHA, 67 31ets, F, 04.07.11**

Silver Tortie-Tabby & White Norwegian Forest Cat. This large mature female has real presence. Strong triangular head with large ears and a long straight line to the nose. Large obliquely set green eyes which help to give her 'the lovely NFC look'. Chin firm. Wonderful body for size, balance and shape, she is deceptively heavy and very solid. Very substantial boning to limbs and paws, very well balanced bushy tail which reaches the shoulders. She stands beautifully on the table making it easy to see that her back legs are slightly longer than the front ones. Full ruff around the neck, her body has a good slightly harsh waterproof topcoat covering the woolly undercoat. Very attractive girl with a mingled mix of silver tabby interspersed with shades of red. A very gentle girl, really easy to assess and beautifully shown with pristine whites. I heard later that this certificate made her up to Imperial. Congratulations.

**RESERVE, POOL'S GR CH SARMOYAH PRINCESS AURORA, 13c6, F, 26.03.12**

Seal Tortie Point Birman. Another lovely exhibit, running my winner very close in this class. She has a lovely feminine expression with a broad rounded head and wide set ears of medium size. Beautiful large, almost round, deep blue eyes. Good slight dip to the nose, full round cheeks and a well developed muzzle which leads to a full chin. Good long body,

nicely boned thick-set limbs and short strong paws. Very bushy tail which balanced the body well. Long silky coat, pale fawn with hints of pale red present, showing very good contrast with the mingled tortie points. Nicely marked gloves and even socks, gauntlets tapered well and ended below the hocks. I went back and forth between these two girls several times before making my decision and it really could have gone either way. Today I felt that Pasha had the edge on substance and balance but it was a really close call.

**AV SLH GRAND PREMIER (IMP GR PR) MALE**

Wow! What a class – Ten entered and nine present, every one of them having some lovely attributes.

**IGP, DUNN & EVANS' GR PR ELMCOON RAFFLES, 64 31, MN, 26.08.10**

Black & White Maine Coon. What a super chap! Everything about him says rectangular. Lovely furnishings to large ears which sit just over an ear's width apart on his large strong medium length head. Large green eyes, set slightly obliquely and well apart. Really well defined square muzzle and firm deep chin. Good shallow concave curve to the nose. A huge boy, long bodied and beautifully balanced with very substantial boning to legs and paws. His long flowing tail easily reached the shoulders and was very well furnished. Dense black coat with white to face, underbody and limbs. The topcoat was long and very glossy, covering the undercoat. Full ruff and breeches present, the coat length is short over the shoulders and increasing in length down the back and sides of the body. I wonder if he enters the 'Movember' competitions each year as he has a wonderful black moustache below his nose. Fantastic to handle and well presented for the show.

**RESERVE, HARRIS'S GR PR MENTOBE NANOOK, 82 31t, MN, 15.09.11**

Brown Tabby & White Siberian. A very impressive boy with a lovely strong head and medium sized ears which sit wide apart on the head. His ears are beautifully furnished and would certainly help to prevent heat loss in a cold Siberian winter. Large well opened expressive pale green eyes. Gentle lines between the low set cheekbones and the broad rounded muzzle. Lovely heavy body of rectangular shape and in balance with the head size. Very well boned limbs, large round paws. Well furnished tail which reached the shoulder blades. Very well developed coat with the characteristic springiness present, lots of undercoat evident and a slightly coarser topcoat. Warm brown tabby with white to the face, chest, underbody and limbs. Fabulous temperament and condition, he was groomed to perfection. Little to choose between these two boys, both lovely examples of their breeds.

**AV SLH GRAND PREMIER (IMP GR PR) FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> BUT IGP WITHHELD, KAY'S GR PR BAYGAZER ONAPROMISE, 13c2, FN, 21.04.10**

Blue Point Birman. A large solid female with a long heavy body and well boned limbs leading to short strong paws. Her tail length balanced the body very well, it was beautifully furnished with a bushy texture. Broad head, though cheeks could be a touch fuller at this age. Medium sized ears, set well apart on the head. She has wonderful deep blue eyes, large and almost round in shape. Medium length nose with a slight dip, small bump present. Well developed muzzle, chin could be a little firmer. Long silky coat, it felt wonderful to touch, full ruff present. The gloves covered all the toes, socks were even in length and covered the back feet. Gauntlets tapered to end about halfway up to the hocks. Unfortunately I found a very small unjoined white spot higher up the left leg and consequently had no option but to withhold the certificate. The bright white hall lighting today did her no favours and in other halls, where the lighting is not so good, this could easily have been missed. I was really disappointed to have found this as she is a nice girl

otherwise. She had lots to say for herself but was very easy to handle and presented in tiptop condition.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT, MALE**  
**CC, COWSHILL'S RAGADDICT HERBIERIDESAGAIN, 66a, M, 27.04.13**

Blue Colourpointed. A nicely balanced boy for ten and a half months old. Medium sized ears, set wide apart with a clear flat plane between them. Very nice head shape with well developed cheeks and a good rounded shape to the muzzle. Large eyes, set in a good slight oblique, pale to mid blue in colour. Medium length nose with a dip present, for perfection I would like to see just a touch more curvature. Firm chin. Long solid muscular body, well boned limbs of medium length with large round paws. His bushy tail easily reached the shoulders. Dense medium length coat, feeling very silky with a full ruff and knickerbockers present. Mid toned bluish-grey points, showing very good contrast with the bluish white coat. His tail is slightly paler in colour than the other points although I felt that they were all well developed for age. Very well presented and a lovely gentle boy to handle. I understand that today this certificate made him up to Champion, well done.

**2<sup>ND</sup> JAMIESON'S PARTYPALACE ROSSINI, 66dw, M, 07.06.13**

Red Mitted. In the adult classes by just one day and this young man has lots of potential for the future. Head is developing nicely with cheeks filling out and he has a good rounded shape to the muzzle. Medium sized ears, already sitting well apart with a slightly forward tilt, good clear flat plane between them. I love his eyes, a crystal clear deep shade of blue, wonderful to see, especially in a Red where it can be difficult to get this lovely deep colour. Good gentle dip to the medium length nose. Chin quite firm and of good depth. Long muscular body, nicely boned limbs and paws. Bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Pale cream coat, ruff developing and he already has full knickerbockers. At the moment the coat is a little on the shorter side, as expected for a male of this age, it feels soft and silky. The very pale cream colour shows contrast with the points. Ears are a mid toned red, colour is still developing depth on the mask, limbs and tail. His mitted pattern appeared to be well marked. Initially a little unsure when out of the pen, although he was not a problem to asses once on the table. Groomed beautifully for the show and I look forward to watching how he develops.

**3<sup>RD</sup> GIBSON & LEIGHTON'S RAGATO TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC, 66a, M, 26.02.13**

Blue Colourpointed. A very large and well developed male, especially considering he is only twelve months old. I loved his body shape and size, long and heavy with a broad chest and very substantial boning to limbs and paws. Bushy tail of very good length, easily reaching the shoulders and beautifully furnished. Strong broad head with wide placed ears of good medium size. Very well developed full cheeks. Large eyes, mid to deep blue colour. Today they appeared a little too round and rather bold, which for me spoilt the expression and hence his placing in this class. I later went back to discuss him with his owners and by that stage he was feeling relaxed so his eyes were looking less bold and much better. I jokingly told his owners that they need to keep him awake all night before a show. Nose has a good gentle dip, though I would not like to see this nor his rounded muzzle any shorter at this stage of development. Firm chin. Wonderful coat, very well grown indeed with a full ruff and knickerbockers. He was beautifully presented, not a hair out of place, enhancing the contrast between the bluish white body and the bluish-grey points. Great to handle.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT, FEMALE**  
**BOB, CH CANLIN'S RAGSZNDREAMS SATIN N LACE, 66a, F, 21.05.12**

Blue Colourpointed. A very nice female indeed, with a lovely expression. She has a very pleasing head shape with a clear flat plane between the medium sized ears. Strong yet feminine head with well filled cheeks and a good rounded shape to the muzzle. Large eyes, set slightly obliquely, mid to deep blue in colour. Very nice profile indeed to the medium length nose, it has a gentle dip and slight retroussé towards the tip. Broad chest, long, well muscled body and nicely boned limbs of medium length. Bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Well developed ruff around the neck, the medium length coat over the body felt dense and silky, full knickerbockers. Some top shading to the bluish white coat, though it does show good contrast with the bluish-grey points. Well presented for the show and a lovely girl to handle.

**CC, JONES' GROOVICATS EMMELINE, 66t, F, 11.02.13**

Seal Tabby Colourpointed. A pretty girl with lovely expressive deep blue eyes. She is just over a year old and still looking a little kittenish, as might be expected. Good flat plane between the medium sized ears. Medium length nose with a gentle dip present. Cheeks have filled out nicely and she has a well defined rounded muzzle. Chin quite firm. Her body is heavier than it initially looks, size balances the head well. Nicely boned limbs and round paws. The well furnished bushy tail reached the shoulders. I did question whether there was a deviation to the tail although the duty vet confirmed that it was not fixed so I was able to award the certificate. Lovely silky texture to the medium length coat, some ruff present. Slight top shading to the pale beige coat, very well marked seal tabby points. Playful and affectionate, this female was easy to handle and well presented.

**AOC MAINE COON KITTEN, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> & BOB, LLOYD'S DARKTOWER ROOSEVELT, 64 41dw, M, 09.11.13**

Classic Red Tabby & White. A promising baby who was confident and very interested in everything around him. Lovely large ears, furnished with tips and tufts, sitting high on the head. Head of medium length and showing good breadth for age with high cheekbones, a shallow concave nasal curve and a good strong square muzzle. Large eyes, sitting in a slight oblique set and quite a deep shade of gold. Firm chin. Long rectangular body, well boned legs and large round paws. Tail easily reached the shoulders, furnishings developing. Medium length baby coat, beautifully groomed, with a rich warm red classic tabby pattern and white to lips, chin, chest, tummy and feet. I will watch his development with interest. He won the BOB today as I felt that he had a better balance to the head when compared to my older female.

**AOC MAINE COON KITTEN, FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, GARDNER'S LEWSHAN CANDYOFF FELLPURRS, 64 41f, F, 17.06.13**

Classic Cream Tabby. Almost an adult and I felt that this girl had a lovely long weighty body, rectangular in shape and well muscled. Substantial boning to limbs and large round paws. Really long flowing tail, beautifully furnished and easily reaching the shoulders. Large ears, sporting tips and tufts, they sit high on a head of medium length. At the moment her head is on the narrow side, with breadth to develop and cheeks yet to fill out. I feel that she will look much more balanced once her head catches up with the body development. Slight oblique set to large eyes which were gold in colour. Shallow concave nasal curve. Good square shape to the muzzle, chin is deep and firm, though a little narrow when viewed from the front. Medium length coat, ruff starting to lengthen, quite full breeches. Quite a deep toned cream tabby, nicely marked although a little solid along the spinline. Lovely to handle and well presented.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, JONES' GROOVICATS RAZZMATAZZ, 66, M, 08.09.13**

Seal Colourpointed. This baby boy has lovely clear lines to his broad head with a good flat plane between the wide set ears. Large bright eyes, pale to mid blue colour and set in a slight oblique set. Cheeks are filling out well and he has a well defined rounded shape to the muzzle. Medium length nose, showing a good gentle dip although there is a very small bump present below the nasal bridge. Chin recedes just a touch. Long weighty body, well boned limbs and paws. Tail reached the shoulders, furnishing developing length and bushiness. Medium length silky coat, some ruff already present around the neck and knickerbockers lengthening. Very good contrast between the beige body and the seal brown points. Well developed mask, colour deepening up the legs and tail. Great to handle and well groomed for the show.

**2<sup>ND</sup> FITZPATRICK'S EMERISLE DARK THUNDER, 66tw, M, 30.11.13**

Seal Tabby Mitted. Just old enough to be at the show and he is another very nice baby. Already showing masculinity to the head, good breadth with cheeks filling out. Currently the top of head is not quite as flat as my winner's, though this is probably age related. Ears typically a little on the large side and they should balance well in adulthood. Large, well opened mid blue eyes. Gentle dip to the medium length nose. Well defined rounded muzzle. Chin quite firm. Long body, well grown for age with nicely boned limbs and large round paws. Tail balanced the body length well, furnishings already showing bushiness. Long pale beige baby coat with ruff and knickerbockers. Nicely marked mitted pattern with seal tabby points already showing very good contrast. Another promising kitten who was very easy to handle.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> & BOB, HAWORTH'S DIZZIPAWS ONESIE, 66w, F, 05.07.13**

Seal Mitted. What a super baby, showing excellent type, head shape and expression. Medium sized ears, sitting wide apart with a slightly forward tilt, really good flat plane between them. Slight oblique set to large mid blue eyes. Medium length nose with a very pleasing profile showing a gentle dip. Well developed cheeks, clearly defined muzzle of rounded shape. Firm chin. Long solid muscular body, substantial boning to medium length limbs and large round paws. Bushy tail, balancing the body length very well. Dense silky texture to the medium length pale beige coat with a ruff present and well developed knickerbockers. Well developed seal brown colour to mask and ears, limbs and tail currently slightly paler in tone. She has a well marked mitted pattern. Wonderful to handle and beautifully groomed. This young lady shows a great deal of promise for the future.

**2<sup>ND</sup> BARTON'S WAGDOLLS LITTLE-MISS TIKKA, 66a, F, 25.06.13**

Blue Colourpointed. A beautifully presented female with a very well groomed coat. Good long body, broad chest and nicely boned limbs & paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, balancing the body and reaching the shoulders. I liked her overall head length, it now needs to develop breadth for true balance, with cheeks yet to fill out. Large mid blue eyes. Good gentle dip to the medium length nose and she has a well defined rounded shape to the muzzle. Chin quite firm. Lovely coat qualities, dense and silky, medium in length with a very well developed ruff and knickerbockers. The body is pale bluish-white and shows good contrast with the bluish-grey points. Well developed colour to ears and mask, tail and limbs slightly paler as expected at this stage of development. Wonderful show presentation, beautifully groomed and lovely to handle.

**3<sup>RD</sup> JAMIESON'S PARTYPALACE MERCHEY TCHAI, 66c, F, 19.10.13**

Lilac Colourpointed. The baby of the class and I found her to be well grown for age with a long solid body and quite large boning to limbs and paws. Good long tail, furnishing starting to lengthen and develop a bushy texture. Medium/large ears, set with a slightly

forward tilt, nice breadth between them with a flat plane present. Head of good length, typical of a baby, the breadth is yet to develop with cheeks just starting to fill out. Pale to mid blue eyes, large and set well. Nose has a gentle dip present, good medium length. Well defined rounded muzzle, chin could be a little firmer to truly balance the rest of the head. Really pale magnolia coat, it felt soft and silky with ruff starting to lengthen and knickerbockers evident. The pinkish grey points are starting to deepen and are of a very nice delicate tone. A promising example of a lilac colourpointed, I look forward to watching her development over the coming months.

#### **AOC MAINE COON NEUTER, MALE**

I considered the following cats for BOB:

#### **DUNN & EVANS' GR PR ELMCOON RAFFLES, 64 31, MN, 26.08.10**

Black & White Maine Coon. My Imperial winner, reported above.

#### **ANDERSON & BOZOVICH'S PR OLIROSE RORYMACOON, 64 41dw, MN, 27.12.11**

Classic Red Tabby & White. A nicely balanced young man with a long rectangular body, substantial boning to limbs and a long flowing tail. He has a nice expression with a balanced head and although he did tend to flare his ears, they came up well with the aid of a teaser. Very nice coat for length and texture, warm red tabby colour. Easy to handle.

#### **HOLDEN'S GR PR WISCASSET JAK FROST, 64 14b, MN, 26.11.09**

Odd Eyed White. I had this large, well balanced male in my Imperial class. Lovely body size, balance and rectangular shape with excellent muscle tone and substance. Large boning to limbs and paws. Beautiful long flowing tail. He has a very nice head shape with good length to breadth ratio although I would like to see a little more curvature to the nasal profile. Groomed to perfection, a truly snow white cat with a wonderful coat length and texture. I commend his owner on her show presentation – outstanding!

#### **AOC MAINE COON NEUTER, FEMALE**

#### **BOB, BURGESS'S OSIGP COONARIA SEQUOIA, 64 41e, FN, 23.04.09**

Classic Tortie-Tabby. This mature female looked stunning today and I see that she won the Olympian Certificate. Lovely strong head with large well furnished ears and beautiful expressive green eyes. Long heavy body, very well boned limbs and a long flowing tail. Gorgeous coat for length, texture and colour with clear classic tabby markings and a very bright blend of red and brown tabby. Groomed to perfection, her coat really shone with gloss and condition. A very regal lady who handled beautifully.

#### **PC, LLOYD'S MIGATOBONITO TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS, 64 41gw, FN, 16.01.13**

Classic Blue Tortie-Tabby & White. This young lady was really into everything – she couldn't wait to get out of the pen to greet us – and I think that she wanted to greet everyone who was standing around at the time! Large eyes, very well furnished with tips and tufts, set high on the head and about an ear's width apart. I felt that she had a well developed strong head, especially considering that she is only just over a year old, good length to breadth ratio with fairly full cheeks, a shallow concave curve to the nose and a strong square muzzle. Large gold/green eyes, well opened and set in a good slight oblique setting. Firm deep chin. Really long weighty and well muscled body, substantial boning to legs and paws. Tail length balanced the body and was well furnished. Currently in shorter coat though she does show differing lengths down the back and sides of the body, quite full breeches and some ruff present. Mingled mix of blue and cream with quite well defined tabby markings, white bib, chest, underbody and feet. Very well presented with not a hair out of place.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> DAVIES' ANGLEZARKE SUGARPUN, 64 41gw, FN, 16.12.12**

Classic Blue Tortie-Tabby & White. This girl was much larger than she initially appeared in the pen, proving that initial looks can be very deceiving. Head of good medium length with fairly full cheeks and a very nice nasal profile with a shallow concave curve. Slight oblique setting to large gold eyes. Initially she did flare her ears, which I put down to her being a little unsure of her surroundings today, though they came up well once we got her interested in the teaser. Square muzzle, though not quite as broad and strong as my winner's today. Firm chin of good depth. Lovely body, really muscular and long, she is deceptively heavy. Well boned limbs and large round paws. Long tail, reaching the shoulders and beautifully furnished. A very well developed coat, full ruff and breeches, coat length is short over the shoulders and increasing in length down the back and sides of the body. Similar colours to my winner, I did like the cream flash across the muzzle and up the nose. This girl is worthy of a PC, although today I felt that my winner had a stronger head shape. She was well presented and I hope that her confidence increases as she could do very well.

I considered **RICHARDSON & HARLING'S PR BRILTHORBARTLOEE, 64 16, FN, 03.01.10** for BOB.

Blue. A really large female with a very strong broad head and quite large ears. Well filled cheeks, expressive green eyes and a very strong square muzzle. Large green eyes. Long heavy rectangular body, really large boning to legs and paws. Well furnished tail, reaching the shoulders. Currently in full coat with ruff and breeches, some older coat evident in places. A well presented girl, although a little tense, she was not a problem to handle. Unfortunately the other female to consider for BOB did not wish to be handled today.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER, MALE BOB, PENMAN'S PR DIZZIPAWS ROBERTO, 66aw, MN, 01.08.09**

Blue Mitted. What a lovely boy, a real gentleman to handle, it's easy to see that he is much loved and very well handled at home. A really massive male with a wonderful long heavy body and huge boning to limbs and paws. Long bushy tail, balancing the body length very well. Very strong masculine head of very good breadth with full cheeks and a well defined rounded muzzle. Firm chin. Bright eyes, mid to deep blue in colour and set with a good slight oblique setting. Currently in full winter coat with a really heavy ruff which extends right round the neck. The coat had really good density with a silky feel to it. Good contrast between the bluish white body and the bluish-grey points, all points were quite even in depth. A joy to handle and beautifully presented. I see that he got the Grand today and became a Grand Premier, very well deserved.

**PC, JONES' GROOVIECATS BELCANTO, 66, MN, 18.10.10**

Seal Colourpointed. Lots to like about this male. He has a really well muscled long body and nicely boned limbs with large round paws. Good clear flat plane to the top of head with wide set ears of medium size, they sit with a slightly forward tilt. Large mid blue eyes. Good length to the head and nice breadth although his cheeks could be a touch fuller for perfection. Gentle dip to a medium length nose. Good definition to the muzzle, it was rounded in shape. Firm chin. Medium length coat, the beige colour showed really good contrast with the dark seal brown points. Slight top shading evident over the back. Medium length coat with ruff and knickerbockers present, the texture felt quite dense and it was very silky. He was very easy to handle and nicely presented.

I also considered for BOB:

**WILLIAMS' PR ARDENDOLLS HUGO BOSS, 66at, MN, 02.07.11**

Blue Tabby Colourpointed. Another really large male, unlucky to meet Roberto today. Good flat plane between the wide set medium sized ears. Strong head of very good breadth with well developed cheeks and a rounded muzzle. Large bright mid blue eyes,

set well. Medium length nose, ideally I would like to see a touch more curve to the dip. Chin could be a little firmer to really balance that strong top section of head. Long heavy body with well boned limbs and a balanced bushy tail. Currently in full winter coat with good contrast between the body and the blue tabby points. This boy was really nice to handle and had been groomed very well for the show.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER, FEMALE**

**PC, CROSS HODGKINS' KARAMEARAGS SWEETDREAMER, 66, FN, 06.06.13**

Seal Colourpointed. Just two days out of kitten classes and I thought that this young lady had very nice type and expression. Medium sized ears, sitting wide apart on the head with a slightly forward tilt, very clear flat plane between them. Large bright eyes, quite a deep shade of blue. Good gentle dip to the medium length nose. Well developed cheeks and she had very good definition to the balanced rounded muzzle. Firm chin. Long body, excellent muscle tone and she had a weighty feel to her. Well boned legs and paws. Bushy tail, easily reaching the shoulders. Well developed coat for age, dense and silky with ruff and knickerbockers evident. A tiny amount of darker top shading to the beige coat, there was very good contrast between the well developed dark seal brown points and the body. A very promising youngster.

**2<sup>ND</sup> WILLIAMS' ARDENDOLLS COCOCHANEL, 66at, FN, 02.07.11**

Blue Tabby Colourpointed. A lovely large female with a long heavy body and well boned limbs. Medium sized ears, set wide apart on the head. Strong broad head with very well filled cheeks and a rounded shape to the muzzle. Gentle dip to the nasal profile. Nose is just about medium in length, I wouldn't like to see the nose or muzzle any shorter. Today she was a little unsure and I felt that this was the reason for her eyes appearing a little too bold and round, although they were a gorgeous deep blue colour. Very well furnished tail, could be a little longer for true balance with that wonderful long body. Very well grown full dense winter coat with ruff and knickerbockers. She had a good silky feel to her fur. Although there was some darker blue top shading evident to the bluish-white body, there was still good contrast with the nicely marked blue tabby points. She is an impressive girl, though today I felt that the younger female had better head balance, expression and tail length. A very well groomed female.

**AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER**

**PC & BOB, LANCASHIRE'S CHINNORLEIGH APACHE 66 31a, MN, 02.06.11**

Blue Bi-Colour. A really large mature male with a lovely strong masculine head and a clear flat plane between the medium sized ears which sit well apart and with a slightly forward tilt. Slight oblique setting to mid blue eyes. Very well developed cheeks leading to a strong well defined rounded muzzle. Good gentle dip to the nose. Firm chin. He exhibits wonderful large boning to legs and paws with a very long heavy body and broad chest. Currently in full winter coat with a dense silky texture, well grown ruff and knickerbockers. Although there is some older coat and some deeper toned top shading to the bluish white body, he does have good contrast with the mid toned bluish-grey points. Nicely marked bi-colour pattern. Very easy to handle, a gentle giant who enjoyed the attention.

**2<sup>ND</sup> REYNOLDS' KARAMEARAGS BLAZE OF GLORY, 66 31, MN, 06.06.13**

Seal Bi-Colour. I see now that this young man is the litter brother to my female PC winner in the previous class and like her, he has a nicely shaped head with a flat plane between the ears. Ears are currently a touch large, as expected for a male of this age, they should balance well as his head matures and broadens further. Large pale to mid blue eyes, large and set slightly obliquely. Cheeks are filling out with breadth developing nicely. Good

rounded shape to the well defined muzzle. Firm chin. Long body which has very good muscle tone. Nicely boned legs with large round paws. Bushy texture to a tail which reaches the shoulders. Currently in shorter coat, nice silly feel to it, some ruff and quite full knickerbockers present. Nicely marked bi-colour pattern with a partial collar around the neck. Very good contrast between the beige body and the well developed dark seal brown points. He shows a lot of promise for the future, unlucky to come up against the fully mature male today. Very well presented with pristine whites and a real gloss to his topcoat.

### **AC MAINE COON OR NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT ADULT**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRANT'S UK OS IGC NOYNAROCK ALFRIED, 67 31as, M, 20.08.10**

Blue Smoke & White Norwegian Forest Cat. A wonderful example of the breed with a really well defined triangular head, large well placed ears and lovely obliquely set green eyes. Ruler straight profile. Large long body, very well boned limbs and a long bushy tail. Full coat with longer waterproof guardhairs covering the woolly undercoat. He is a delight to handle, so laid back that he is almost horizontal. A wonderful ambassador for the breed, he just adores cuddles and kisses.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> EMERY'S NOYNAROCK JOSHUA-SKOGVENNS, 67 20, M, 01.08.12**

Brown Tabby Norwegian Forest Cat. This boy has come in in leaps and bounds over the last few months. A large long bodied heavy male with very well boned limbs and a long balanced bushy tail. Good triangular shape to the head with large well furnished ears. Obliquely set green eyes, oval in shape. Lovely long straight nose. Chin quite firm. Very well developed coat with a good slightly harsher topcoat and a woolly undercoat. Another cat who was easy to handle.

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> GRANT'S IMP GR CH NOYNAROCK GRETA, 67 31s, F, 19.08.09**

Black Smoke & White Norwegian Forest Cat.

### **AV SLH RADIUS ADULT**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> COWAN'S GR CH NOYNAROCK ELEANOR, 67 31, F, 24.02.12**

Black & White Norwegian Forest Cat. I had this girl in my Imperial and she is worthy of that certificate level. Lovely clear triangular head with a super expression due to the excellent oblique setting of the bright green eyes. Nose shows a good straight line although there is just a hint of a drop-off towards the tip. Lovely long heavy body and great boning. She stands so well on the table that it's very easy to see that her back legs are longer. Nice coat qualities and I loved the white tip to the tail. She obviously believes that all people in white coats need a bath as she constantly washed us all the time she was out. A real delight to handle.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> GIBSON & LEIGHTON'S RAGATO TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC, 66a, M, 26.02.13**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. Reported above.

### **AV SLH VISITORS ADULT, PART A**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRANT'S GR CH NOYNAROCK PASHA, 67 31ets, F, 04.07.11**

Silver Tortie-Tabby & White Norwegian Forest Cat. My Imperial winner, reported above.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> FLETCHER'S SURFIN TYGER BRIGHT, 63I, F, 23.03.13**

Usual Somali. I really liked this young lady, such a shame that she came up against the NFC in this class. Really lovely expression, so alert, with large pricked ears and a really nice head shape showing a moderate wedge and well developed gentle contours. Lithe body, she is really elegant with those long limbs and balanced bushy tail. Soft dense coat, overall impression of a warm coppery tone with a rich apricot base which was very well ticked with black. Coat was very well grown for a youngster with some ruff already present. Wonderful to handle and beautifully presented.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, POOL'S GR CH SARMOYAH PRINCESS AURORA, 13c6, F, 26.03.12**  
Seal Tortie Point Birman. My Reserve Imperial winner.

**AV SLH VISITORS ADULT, PART B**

**1<sup>ST</sup> EMERY'S CH NOYNAROCK JASPER SKOGVENNS, 67 20, M, 01.08.12**

Brown Tabby Norwegian Forest Cat. A huge male, currently in full coat and looking impressive. Clear lines to his strong masculine triangular head and he has a lovely expression with those bright green obliquely set eyes. Really large long body with back legs longer than the fronts. Very well boned limbs and a long balanced bushy tail. Very nice to handle.

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRANT'S IMP GR CH NOYNAROCK GRETA, 67 31s, F, 19.08.09**

Black Smoke & White Norwegian Forest Cat. A really large weighty female with a very long solid body and wonderful boning to limbs and paws. Good triangular head shape with large, well opened ears which sit well. Long bushy tail. Today I felt that my male had the edge on coat length and texture, although she was a close second. A delight to handle, so laid back and loving.

**3<sup>RD</sup> LLOYD'S KASSARO GOODWOOD, 64 41, M, 29.04.13**

Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon.

**AV SLH NOVICE NEUTER**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WILLIAMS' ARDENDOLLS COCOCHANEL, 66at, FN, 02.07.11**

Blue Tabby Colourpointed. Reported above.

**AC BIRMAN NEUTER**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WILCOX'S CH & IMP GR PR DALTEEMA TIFFANY TRUFFLE, 13c5, FN, 06.02.07**

Red Point Birman. A very substantial weight female with a long body and well boned thick-set limbs which end with short strong paws. Lovely strong yet feminine head with full round cheeks and a well developed muzzle. Very expressive eyes, quite a deep shade of blue. Balanced bushy tail. Lovely coat, very well groomed to enhance the long silky fur, full ruff framing the face. Some deeper red top shading though she shows very good contrast with the rich red points. Looking really good at the moment and beautifully presented.

**2<sup>ND</sup> BROWN'S GR CH DALTEEMA DANBURITE DREAM, 13c5, FN, 31.07.07**

Red Point Birman. Another really nice example of the breed, very similar in many ways to my winner, and I see from the catalogue that they have the same parents so that isn't surprising. She also has a lovely Birman expression and really nice type with a strong broad head and long weighty body. Overall I felt that my winner had slightly better ear size, balance and shape although it was a close call between the two. This girl also had a very well developed coat with good contrast between the body colour and the rich red points. Easy to asses and very well groomed for the show.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ROBERTS' CH BEAUBRIGHT SNOWANGEL-LILY, 13c2, FN, 11.12.06**

Blue Point Birman.

**AV TURKISH, SOMALI OR RAGDOLL NEUTER**

These cats have been reported earlier.

**1<sup>ST</sup> LANCASHIRE'S CHINNORLEIGH APACHE 66 31a, MN, 02.06.11**

Blue Bi-Colour Ragdoll.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, CROSS HODGKINS' KARAMEARAGS SWEETDREAMER, 66, FN, 06.06.13**

Seal Colourpointed Ragdoll.

**3<sup>RD</sup> WILLIAMS' PR ARDENDOLLS HUGO BOSS, 66at, MN, 02.07.11**

Blue Tabby Colourpointed Ragdoll.

**AC MAINE COON OR NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT NEUTER, PART A**

**1<sup>ST</sup> BURGESS'S GR PR COONARIA EL CAPITAN, 64 41, MN, 23.04.09**

Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon. I had this boy in my really cracking Imperial Class and I was pleased to have the opportunity to have him in a side class as he really was well worthy of a rosette. Large ears, sitting nicely on a strong well balanced head of good length and breadth. Large gold/green eyes. Good length to breadth balance with a shallow concave curve, square muzzle and firm deep chin. Long body and tail with large solid boning to limbs. Full ruff and breeches, beautifully groomed coat, rich warm brown classic tabby, length increasing down the back and sides. He was very unlucky to come up against the black & white Maine Coon and the lovely Siberian in the Imperial today.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COWARD'S GR PR NORDLYS LIAM TOINENTOR, 67 18, MN, 29.02.08**

Silver Tabby Norwegian Forest Cat. Another from my Imperial class. A strong and nicely balanced male, very long bodied and muscular with well boned limbs and large paws. Large ears, today he wouldn't really prick them up for us as he wasn't happy with his neighbours. Good oblique setting to large oval shaped green eyes. Long straight line to the nose. Chin could be a touch firmer for perfection. Balanced bushy tail reaching the shoulders. Nice coat qualities with longer waterproof guardhairs covering the woolly undercoat. Not a problem to handle and nicely presented although he wasn't keen on the other cats.

**3<sup>RD</sup> KANE & CAMPBELL'S PR NANDINAKATTS LOLLIPOP, 67 31t, FN, 27.0110**

Brown Tabby & White Norwegian Forest Cat.

**AC MAINE COON OR NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT NEUTER, PART B**

**1<sup>ST</sup> BOB, BURGESS'S OSIGP COONARIA SEQUOIA, 64 41e, FN, 23.04.09**

Classic Tortie-Tabby Maine Coon. My BOB winner, reported above.

**2<sup>ND</sup> HOLDEN'S GR PR WISCASSET JAK FROST, 64 14b, MN, 26.11.09**

Odd Eyed White Maine Coon. Reported above.

**3<sup>RD</sup> LAWSON'S PR OLTOMAINE LITTLE BOY BLUE, 64 41a, MN, 08.05.09**

Blue Tabby Maine Coon.

**YES! PRESENTATION - INTERMEDIATE CLASS**

Rose Parr gave a super presentation about her British Shorthair. She has a very in-depth knowledge of the British breed and the standard, detailing the finer points and using the correct terminology. She then went on to inform me of what she does to prepare her cat for a show, why vaccinations need to be completed at least a week prior to the show and why vetting-in and correct cage cleaning is so important. She has an excellent all-round knowledge of showing cats and shows huge potential for the future. Well done Rose, you were such a pleasure to assess today.

**BEST IN SHOW**

I was over the moon to be asked to judge Best in Show. Twenty-five years ago I entered Lancs for the first time, I was very new to cat showing, I had been showing my household pets for about six months then. I decided to take my very first HHP, she was a rescue and I had had her for six years at that point. She had never been to a cat show before. Being biased, I thought that she was the best cat in the world, but I was astonished when she won best in Show HHP out of 70 cats. At that show we met our first Maine Coons, I had wanted one for some time but had only ever seen them in magazines until that point. The very next day I arranged to go to see kittens – and the rest is history. Never in my wildest

dreams did I think that I would end up at the front of the hall, judging Overall Best in Show here.

I had a really cracking line-up.

**Best Persian – MORRIS'S GR CH HEATHROSE PRINCESS IN RAGS, 7e, F, 13.05.12**

A really lovely strong broad headed girl with a good cobby body and lovely coat. Certainly not "in rags" today. Beautifully groomed and she had a lovely expression.

**Best British – BENSON'S IMP GR PCH LIMATZ CALVIN KLEIN, 30a, M, 07.06.11**

Blue Spotted. Loved this boy, gorgeous head, really broad and rounded. Wonderful body, very large strong and powerful. Lovely short dense crisp coat. It was so close between him and my winner. What a wonderful temperament for an entire male. He can come to live with me any time and was a very strong contender for best in Show!

**Best Foreign – OAKLEY'S KREMLINKTZ KATYA KALIKOVA, 16a, F, 26.06.13**

Russian Blue. This cat had an early exit pass so sadly didn't get to see BIS. Sorry, I love the Russian expression so would have loved to see her in the line-up today.

**Best Burmese – CHAPMAN-BEAR'S IMP GR CH CATAMARIAN EVITA, 27a, F, 13.08.10**

Blue Burmese. I debated long and hard as she was a strong contender for my top three. Lovely head shape and expression with a good medium sized body which feels deceptively heavy with a good hard muscle tone. Lovely soft blue coat, it really did feel like satin.

**Best Oriental – JONES' SARAMESE SUMMER SENSATION, 38a, M, 23.05.13**

Blue Spotted Oriental. A very long bodied male, showing elegance with those long limbs and long 'whip-like tail. Good breadth to the top of head, with a clear wedge shaped head and long straight profile. Good short fine coat, very glossy and showing nicely marked spotted pattern.

**Best Siamese – BROCK'S UK IMP GR CH KARAMUSHI TUTIFRUITY, 32b1, F, 04.0807**

Seal Tortie Point. This girl really showed herself off well. Lovely head shape with large ears following the outer lines of the head. Long straight nose. Lovely expressive deep blue eyes. Long tubular body, very well muscled with long elegant limbs and a long white tail. Short crisp coat with well mingled tortie points.

My Overall Best in Show was

**Best Semi-Longhair – BURGESS' UK & OSIGP KASSARO CISCOKID, 64 41w, MN, 14.05.09**

Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. It was so close between this boy and the BSH. Being 'my breed' I am hyper-critical on the Maine Coon but today he did stand out with his strong head, lovely rectangular body, full flowing coat and tail. Full ruff and breeches, rich warm brown classic tabby markings which contrasted so well with the snow white areas. Groomed to perfection, not a hair out of place and he sat there in the steward's arms with a real air of presence. His owner later told me that he had gained the certificate to make him up to Gold Olympian today. I guess that this Best in Show win was the cherry on the cake for him. Well done Cisco – very well deserved!