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My thanks to Chris, and the Show Committee, for inviting me once again to judge at the Lancs Show: it is a show I have always enjoyed and this year was certainly no exception. The provision of a .pdf file catalogue was a bonus, hopefully other show managers will take up this option. The hall was packed to overflowing and the high entry must have been great satisfaction to the Show Managers.

I had some excellent quality exhibits to judge and really enjoyed judging them - thanks to those who entered under me. Arriving without a steward I was very grateful that Marion Wade stepped in to assist me as my steward. Thanks for your help and good company Marion, hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did, maybe we will meet again at another show?

It was my pleasure to judge BOV Oriental - I had some good cats to choose from and the choice of winners was not automatic. It was so refreshing to see cats of good honest Oriental type totally free from undesirable exaggeration of type. There was not one exhibit on the list for me to select from that would have been unworthy of a BOV award - which augurs well for the Oriental.

**BOV Oriental Adult:** Mrs M Jones, SARAMESE SUMMER SENSATION, (38a). M, 23.5.13.  
Two weeks ago I awarded this superb lad BOV Oriental kitten ... today I was delighted to award him BOV Oriental Adult and Best Overall Oriental. How wonderful once again to see a cat deserving of being called an Oriental Tabby. I can add nothing to my most recent comments on him. He is an excellent example of the Variety with superb type, a beautifully balanced head, and a very well defined pattern with minimal agouti invasion. An excellent natured lad shown in superb condition well deserving of the award. Congratulations to his owner/breeder.

In very close contention was Mrs G Entwistle's CH SYBELLA SINNBAD an Apricot male with a stunning head and of superb type overall - a cat I have always admired. Unfortunately Sinnbad was having a 'bad day' and I was only able to examine him briefly - though I must say I tend to think it was more mouth than intent ... but discretion is decidedly the better part of valour ... so I wimped out! Accordingly with considerable regret I had to disregard him. Both these lads are beautiful examples of the breed and show that a good Oriental neither needs, nor is required by the SoP to have exaggerated type.

**BOV Oriental Kitten:** Mrs H Keoghan, SHERMESE ALDERSTAR-MAGIC, (37k). F, 22.8.13.  
What a superb little lady! A well grown youngster of overall excellent type. Very well balanced head, with large well set ears. Excellent green eyes of excellent shape and set. Very well balanced body legs and tail. Coat a smidgeon longer than I like but of excellent colour, fairly sound and showing acceptable ghosting for a kitten. I look forward to seeing this lass when she's '*all growned up*'.

**BOV Oriental Neuter:** Mr P & Mrs N Webster, GR PR NANPEMA ORO-NEGRO, (37). MN, 25.10.12.  
A well known gent who's no stranger to this award. A very elegant chap with good size and muscle-tone. Head of very good type overall. Long svelte body with balanced legs and tail. Coat short, close lying and sound, in colour a really dense glossy jet. Lovely friendly natured lad.

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**GRAND CLASS - AOV SLH CHAMPION ADULT MALE**

**Gr Ch** - Mrs D Emery, CH NOYNAROCK JASPER SKOGVENNS, (67 20). M, 1.8.12.

A large well grown young gent of overall excellent type with both size and substance. Head of very good type, with very good lines and excellent balance. Ears large and very well set, carried to perfection when alert. Profile very good, though to be just a little critical there is just the slightest change of plane at the brow. Excellent chin line and correct bite. Very good muzzle shape with excellent lines to wedge. Eyes of good size and shape, lovely expression. Excellent length to body, very strongly built and of superb type. Legs tall and with very good strength of bone. Lovely feet. Plumed tail to balance body. Stands well on the table looking every inch an NFO. Coat of very good length, excellent dense undercoat, and superbly textured top coat. An excellent tempered gent who seemed to enjoy the attention and showed himself to perfection. I had absolutely no hesitation in awarding the Gr to this very attractive exhibit; certainly a fine example of the breed.

**GRAND CLASS - AOV SLH CHAMPION ADULT FEMALE**

**Gr Ch** - Mrs K Wilson, CH HUAUARAG ETERNAL DAISY, (66 31a). F, 12.9.11.

A very attractive lady of very good type and balance overall. Head of excellent type and proportions. Ears of very good size and shape, correctly set with slight forward tilt. Excellent flat top of head, excellent profile, firm chin and correct bite. Eyes of excellent size and shape and a superb depth of colour. Muzzle of very good shape, cheeks showing very good definition. Good short neck. Body of excellent length and type, correctly balanced though if I was to be critical I would like just a little more size and substance. Legs of good length and excellent sturdy bone. Tail of correct length to balance body. Coat just a little short but of excellent texture and very well prepared; excellent colour and beautifully marked. This lady had an excellent temperament and I was more than happy to award her the Gr. A delightful cat so easy to handle and a real pleasure to judge. A lovely lady!

**Res Gr Ch** - Mrs J Canlin, CH RAGZNDREAMS SATIN N LACE, (66a). F, 21.5.12.

A pleasing lass of overall good type. Head of correct type and well balanced. Ears of good size and shape, well set. Excellent flat skull and correct profile, good chin and bite. Good muzzle but cheeks need better definition. Eyes of good shape and size, fairly good blue colour. Body of good type and length but lacks sufficient size and substance even allowing for her age. Legs showing fairly good bone. Tail rather short for balance. Coat of very good length and texture, well prepared. Very good points colour. Unfortunately this lass was rather grumpy and really didn't do herself any favours! On balance I thought she justified the award.

**ASIAN (TIFFANIE) ADULT**

**1 CC & BOB** - Miss H McRae & Mr R Gabb, CAGARAN FILEANTA, (68 43f). F, 9.5.13.

A really beautiful lass with a coat made in heaven! Only just adult, well grown and of very pleasing type overall. Head of correct basic type and well balanced. Ears of good size and very well set, top of head rather flatter than I like. Good profile with well-balanced nose. Good muzzle shape and good width

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across. Excellent golden eyes of very good shape, set and expression. Body of very good type, but legs rather heavy and coarse for balance. Tail of good length. Coat of very good length and excellent texture, very even shading on a really warm base colour, and showing only minimal superficial markings. I had absolutely no hesitation in awarding the CC to this very attractive lass despite my concerns regarding her skull and legs ... her other qualities far outweighed these concerns. A beautiful lass with a very friendly nature shown in excellent condition. I enjoyed handling her!

**ASIAN SMOKE OR BURMILLA ADULT**

**1 CC & BOB** - Mrs C Turner-Russell, WELLBRAND GHOSTBUSTER, (72 43s). M, 9.5.13

A very attractive young lad of overall excellence and conforming closely to the standard. Head of pleasing type and balance. Ears of correct size and shape, very well set and held to perfection. Excellent domed top of head. Very good width across the cheeks. Eyes of excellent shape and set with superb expression, just a tad large. Excellent profile, good nose length, correct bite and good chin-line. Excellent body type, well muscled, legs just a little heavy/thick for perfect balance, and tail lacking a little in length. Coat of good length and excellent texture. Excellent medium-light jet black even tipping on a stunning clear silver ground with no hint of any tarnishing. What a wonderful coat colour - I could have happily spent the day looking at it - it would be very difficult to better the tipping and the ground colour! A lovely lad, a joy to handle and definitely worthy of the CC and BOB. I was delighted to also judge his litter brother, another lad with a stunning coat! My congratulations to their breeder for achieving such a high level of perfection in coat colour - certainly no mean feat.

**ASIAN TABBY ADULT, MALE**

Considered for BoB:

Messrs O Holt & I Higgins, CH NEMOREZ BLADE RUNNER, (72 45bsq). M, 20.10.12.

A very handsome gent of very good type overall. Head of excellent type, very well balanced. Ears of very good size and shape with excellent set. Excellent eye shape, size, and colour. Very good profile, correct bite and firm chin. Very good nose length. Body strong and muscular yet with elegance, very pleasing type. Excellent texture to coat but rather long, excellent colour. I thought the ticking was just a little indistinct and lacking sharpness. Overall a very attractive gent, unfortunately he lost out to the girls today.

**ASIAN TABBY ADULT, FEMALE**

*After I had written the following critiques I realised that I judged both the CC & BoB winner at Coventry & Leicester just 2 weeks ago - and made the same awards!*

**1 CC** - Miss L Britton, SANLIS PAPER KISSES, (72 45q). F, 14.2.13.

A very beautiful lady of overall excellent type, pity her manners weren't quite so good!! Excellent head shape, type and balance. Ears of excellent size and shape, beautifully set. Excellent domed top of head. Excellent profile with nose in perfect balance. Greenish amber eyes of beautiful shape and correct size, wonderfully expressive. A lovely size queen with an excellent body of superb type and balance. Dainty legs and feet, tail in proportion. Short close lying coat of excellent texture showing clear

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ticking of excellent colour on warm base. Overall this lady is a superb exhibit and without doubt a lovely example of the breed. Pity she isn't more ladylike in her manners! Well deserving of the CC.

Considered for BoB :

**BOB** to Mrs S Bridges, CH SANLIS TOTALLY KISSABLE, (72 45q). F, 14.2.13.

This outstanding lady is the litter sister of the CC winner, what a wonderful litter it must have been! Both sisters are very similar but without doubt this lass certainly has the edge! Overall her type is superb and she has a stunning head. Ears of excellent size shape and set. Wonderful domed top of head, excellent profile. Wonderful expressive eyes of excellent shape, size and set; very bright greenish amber in colour. Short sleek coat of excellent texture; showing excellent clear crisp ticking of a very good colour on a warm ground. Superb elegant body type, very good size, well-muscled; elegant legs, dainty paws and well balanced tail. A very sweet natured lady shown in wonderful condition. I was very impressed with this exhibit and had absolutely no hesitation awarding the BoB. A real pleasure to judge such a friendly cat just oozing quality and so totally kissable!! I see that she was awarded the Gr Ch and was also BOV Foreign Adult - why does this not surprise me!!!

**ASIAN (TIFFANIE) NEUTER**

**BoB** to Mrs E Bates, IMP GR PR TEIGNAGE SIR PUNCEALOT, (68 45). MN, 6.4.11.

A very large lad of very heavy type overall rather lacking in the elegance department. Head of good type and balance overall. Ears of good size and shape, very well set with good top of head and very good profile. Eyes of good size and shape. Body rather large for the breed and far too heavy in build, and rather coarse in type. His legs are exceptionally heavy. Coat of overall good length, fairly well ticked, Good colour. A lovely natured chap.

**ASIAN SMOKE OR BURMILLA NEUTER**

**1 PC & BOB** to Ms H Jones, WELLBRAND GATSBY, (72 43s). MN, 9.5.13

Oh my oh my what a superb looking lad - his coat is just stunning! He is very similar to his litter brother who I awarded the CC & BoB to!! A lad of overall excellent type. Very well balanced head of gorgeous type. Ears very good size, shape and set; good top of head though showing a slight tendency towards being a little flat. Very good profile overall, nose could maybe be a fraction shorter for perfection. Eyes very good size and shape. Body of very good type just veering towards being a little heavy, with balanced legs and tail. Coat of excellent texture, but a little long for perfection. Stunning jet black tipping, medium-light and so very even, on an exceptionally clear glacial white ground totally devoid of any tarnishing. Excellent condition and temperament. Needless to say I did not hesitate in awarding the PC to this delightful natured young lad. *Having bred silver shaded for 40 years I have to say that with regard to quality of tipping, clarity of ground colour, and absolute freedom from tarnishing I do not recollect ever seeing anything to equal these two fantastic lads ..... and just a touch of envy!!*

**ASIAN TABBY NEUTER**

**1 PC & BoB** to Mrs C Turner-Russell, WELLBRAND FLAME THROWER, (72 45). MN, 21.3.13.

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Another very attractive lad of overall excellent type. Ears of good size and shape, well set with very good top of head. Very good profile showing good nose length; even bite and firm chin. Good width across cheeks. Very expressive eyes of good size and shape. Body showing just tendency towards heaviness, though of good overall type and balance, Legs just a little heavy, tail in proportion. Coat of excellent texture but rather long. Excellent crisp and well defined jet black ticking on a good warm base colour. An excellent natured lad shown in very good condition - a real joy to handle and so well deserving the PC.

Also considered :

Mrs S Plaw, UK OB IGP RAINSONG STEVIE GERRARD, (72 45d). MN, 28.6.05.

This well-known gent of overall excellent type is almost 9 years old and beginning to show his age. He was extremely grumpy and very difficult to handle, accordingly my examination of him was quite brief! Head of good type but the fact that he held his ears flat and stared at me through half closed eyes with clear intent did little to show him at his best! I have certainly seen him on better days!!