

I had a most enjoyable, very busy day at this Joint Show, and my sincere thanks to Jean Huyton and Lynda Ashmore, Show Managers, for my invitation to judge once again at this popular multi-club event, and thanks also for the lovely hospitality! I was extremely grateful to Melony Faber, who stepped in to steward for me at the last minute, we had such a hectic book that I may have still been judging without her help, thank you Melony! Apologies to exhibitors who I didn't have the opportunity to speak to, but as I didn't finish my opens until 3pm, add in a Best of Variety and an Overall BIS for one of the shows, and I hope you will all understand how time ran away with me, and Virgin Trains wait for no man - or woman!

CLASS 146 SEAL POINT BIRMAN NEUTER

BOB, THOMPSON'S PR FORMONA NAPOLEON BONAPAWS, 05.04.13

Love the name! This boy certainly has the archetypal, stunning look of a seal point Birman, just glorious! He has wonderful type, with a broad and rounded head, nicely positioned ears, full cheeks that taper to a firm muzzle. His eyes are deep blue, quite a fiery expression for us this morning, rather than soulful. He is a fabulous size and weight, well proportioned and substantial, nice to see! His feet markings are practically matching, just a little less tidy finishes to the left front and right gauntlet. His silky medium long coat is pale beige showing the desired golden hue on the back, with exquisite contrast to the deep seal points, expertly presented to the last hair. Lovely boy, with plenty to say for himself!

CLASS 147 BLUE POINT BIRMAN ADULT

BOB, MILLER'S GR CH ADVENLO FUSHOULO CARSOO, 06.10.99

Fifteen and a half years old, really??!! He looks magnificent, with a wonderful broad and masculine head, well balanced with medium sized ears, full cheeks and firm muzzle. His eyes are almost round in shape and have retained very pleasing depth to the sapphire blue colour. He is well proportioned and of excellent substance, with a long body, medium long thick set legs and neat paws, good bushy tail to balance. His coat is in stunning condition for his age, medium long and silky soft, presented to perfection. The colour is still a soft glacial bluish white with just a hint of shading, and the points are mid blue. His gloves are neat, gauntlets long and full and matching. A pleasure to judge one of the 'old timers', who certainly can give the youngsters a run for their money!

Also considered for BOB:

RUSSELL'S CH ESAYA SPIRIT-OF-JEMLEY 09.04.14

Another most handsome Birman lad, this time we have gone from one end of the age spectrum to the other, with a boy only just over a year old. A promising youngster, with very pleasing Birman type and of good substance for his age, albeit he just needs to fill out a little more as he still looked a little narrow across his back and rump. He has a good head, being broad and with well spaced medium sized ears, fairly full cheeks already tapering to a firm muzzle. Almost round eyes of fabulous deep blue colour, such an enchanting expression. His feet markings are quite tidy, the right front glove is slightly lower across the paw than the left, gauntlets are good length and matching. His thick, medium long coat was silky and well groomed on top, a little more attention needed to the underparts. Unlucky to be up against the mature and regal boy, though I'm sure his turn will come!

CLASS 149 BLUE POINT BIRMAN NEUTER

BOB, DELANEY'S CH & PR DEENLAY SEULETUNIQUE, MALE, 13.08.09

I don't believe I have seen this lovely chap for some time, but he is like a fine wine and maturing well with age! Lovely Birman type, gorgeous deep blue almost round eyes. He has excellent substance and looks well proportioned, with a long body, thick set limbs and a bushy medium long tail to balance. His sparkling white feet are well marked, with matching gloves and gauntlets. The bluish white coat is silky and in lovely condition, contrasting well with the blue points colour. I'm not going to share one of the words I wrote in my judges book about him though, as it was derogatory about his rather ungentlemanly manners today, as he huffed and puffed throughout the assessment, though he did still graciously allow us the privilege of admiring and handling him.

CLASS 155 RED, CREAM OR TORTIE POINT BIRMAN NEUTER

BOB, LACHLAN'S CH & PR SIOLU KUVIMBA, SBI g, BLUE TORTIE FEMALE, 04.05.09

A stunning looking, beautiful girl, with such a feminine expression which is enhanced by her attractive facial tortie markings, lovely central cream blaze, gorgeous deep sapphire blue eyes. Very pleasing Birman type, with a nicely shaped head, well positioned medium ears, full cheeks and a firm muzzle. Her feet markings are clear and well matched, the points have a mixture of lilac and cream, albeit the right back leg has only minimal lilac. She is well grown and well proportioned, of good weight and balance. Her coat is silky soft and groomed to perfection, she has a ruff to frame the head. Lovely nature, so confident and super to judge.

Also considered

ROWLEY'S GR PR LACHMERE CHARLOTTE BELLE, SBI f, SEAL TORTIE FEMALE, 14.03.12

The pretty seal tortie girl, judged at Preston & Blackpool recently, my comments still apply, though I have to add that she seems to have lost more of her coat today, and she needed more attention to preparation, particularly her underparts.

CLASS 189M AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL ADULT MALE

BOB, WILSON'S GR CH PHATPAWS PILLOW TALK, RAG a 03, BLUE BI-COLOUR, 02.06.13

I love this boy my Imperial winner from the Preston & Blackpool two weeks ago, my comments remain the same, he looks amazing, worthy winner of the BOB and a close contender when I chose the Best of Variety SLH Adult!

CC, JONES' GROOVICATS DELRAY, RAG n 03, SEAL BI-COLOUR, 30.6.14

Quite a promising youngster, just over nine months old, and naturally with some finishing off to do! His head shows good contours, with excellent breadth to the top of the head already, flat plane between medium size ears that are spaced well, tilting forwards gently when viewed in profile. His cheeks are fairly full and well developed, muzzle also developing well. His bite is level, and chin is firm. In profile, he has a medium long nose with dip. The eyes are large and well opened, a little deepset, the colour could be deeper blue for perfection. He has a long and quite muscular frame already, just needs to bulk up some more legs are medium long and well proportioned to the body, his tail is long and fairly bushy. His silky coat needed the remnants of the powder brushing out, clear white markings and symmetrical white V marking starting on the forehead. More confident as we reassured him, and still good to handle.

2ND, FOSTER & SMITH'S ROSYPOSY TOBIAS, RAG n 03, SEAL BI-COLOUR, 20.6.14

I really liked this young chap as well, just a few days older and the winner and needing his coat and points colouring to settle, the seal points colour looks rather mottled at the moment, rather than deep seal brown and all the same shade, and this does detract a little from his overall look. Very nice Ragdoll type with breadth to the head, cheeks are well developed and rounded muzzle is developing well, good chin and bite. His eyes are large, well opened and set apart and obliquely, nice depth to the blue colour. Well grown and of very pleasing weight, his body is long and muscular and his limbs and paws are in proportion. The coat is silky soft and well presented, pristine white areas. Very easy to handle, lovely nature.

3RD, PENFOLD'S KYETSI WISHINON A STAR, RAG n 03, SEAL BI-COLOUR, 21.06.14

June last year was clearly the time for Ragdoll babies to be born, just a few days separating these three lads! This fellow is a little further behind in his development, and unfortunately he was also a little unsure of proceedings at a large show, preferring the security of his pen to being handled, wriggling constantly and quite shy, holding his ears rather tall and pricked up, though once back in his pen and he relaxed, the positioning improved. He has a quite good head shape, with flat plane between the ears, cheeks not quite as rounded or well developed as the first two boys as yet, needing time to fill out some more and his chin falls away a fraction. His eyes are large and well opened, set well and are a very nice deep blue colour. He has a long body, with proportionate legs and paws, long tail to balance. His coat was silky and well presented, a little short at the moment and the bi-colour markings are clear, albeit there is rather too much white on his back, the patches of white should be limited to one third or less. He relaxed more once in his pen, where he did sit regally and pose!

Also considered for BOB:

JONES' CH GROOVICATS COSMIC BLUES, RAG a 03, BLUE BI-COLOUR, 17.10.13

A very handsome lad, who was beautifully groomed and presented. Very pleasing Ragdoll look, with an excellent head shape, well developed cheeks and rounded muzzle, though the slightly older boy does have a little more maturity and balance. His ears are medium in size and set well, good flat plane. Very expressive deep blue eyes, large and well opened. Well grown lad, of excellent body size and balance, substantial limbs and round lightly tufted paws. His coat is silky and thick, sparkling white inverted V marking, white bib, chest and belly and legs are white, the coat colour is darker, though still shows pleasing contrast with the points colour and white areas. Alert and inquisitive, lovely to handle.

CLASS 189F AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL ADULT FEMALE

CC, BAXTER'S KYETSI AMAPOLA CARYMESI, RAG f 03, SEAL TORTIE BI-COLOUR, 21.06.14

Goodness, this young lady was an absolute wriggler, though I'm pleased to say she was not behaving like a 'naughty tortie' but was a complete livewire and quite a fidget! She is developing well, and has a very attractive look, with her red patches on the head looking very striking. Her head shape is fairly broad already, cheeks are filling out nicely and her muzzle is rounded and also developing well, good chin. Her ears are medium in size, well spaced, with flat plane between. In profile, she has a medium long nose with dip to profile, hint of a retroussé tip, bite is level. Her eyes are large and well opened, good depth to the blue colouring and she has a lovely expression. Her body needs to fill out some more, but is a good length and quite substantial for her age. Her silky coat was well presented, just not with the density as yet and she needs her ruff to develop. The points show patches of seal brown with red, she has white in all the right places. A pretty girl, who needs her claws trimming please!

Considered for BOB:

LYNCH'S CH HOLLYGRAM PRINCESSDKOTA, RAG a 03, BLUE BI-COLOUR, 02.04.14

Such an attractive girl, with the sweetest of expressions, so demure and feminine. She is a very pretty Ragdoll female, with a lovely head shape, large, well opened blue eyes. She was groomed to perfection, wearing a silky soft quite dense coat already with a ruff developing to frame the head, sparkling white areas, a small spot of blue colour on the left back leg. Lovely girl to handle.

CLASS 192M AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL ADULT, MALE

BOB, HAWORTH'S IMP GR CH DIZZIPAWS ZEMO, RAG a 04, BLUE MITTED, 12.04.08

I have had the pleasure of judging this exceedingly handsome boy before, so it was lovely to see him again. He just looks fabulous, and doesn't he know it! He poses regally in his double pen, struts his stuff and shows his best side, in fact all sides looks good! Excellent Ragdoll look and incredible size and balance, so beautifully put together. Lovely type, expressive eyes and such style and elegance. He has a long, muscular frame, proportionate limbs and tail. His pale bluish white coat is thick and silky, presented to the last hair, and his white markings are clear and sparkling, from his white chin to his belly to his mittens and back legs. Gorgeous lad and to top it all, he handles like a dream! Another close contender for BoV.

CC, GLEDSTONE'S SWANSEARAGZ GO-DIEGO-GO, RAG n 04, SEAL MITTED, 20.08.13

I loved the type of this boy, really impressive for his age, looking so mature and masculine with excellent breadth to the head, full cheeks and well developed rounded muzzle. His ears are set apart, flat plane with good space between the ears. His eyes are deep blue, large and well opened, super expression. He is well grown and well proportioned, excellent balance with the body, limbs and bushy tail. His coat is very thick, really needs some of the old coat to drop now, but it is groomed well. The colour is dark and quite shaded but there is still contrast with the deep velvety seal points, and his markings are pristine and brilliant white, with front mittens, back legs that are white to the hocks, white chin and bib, chest and belly. Super nature, really nice to handle and showed himself off to perfection.

2ND, JONES' EISERBLEW ONEGROOVICAT, RAG n 04, SEAL MITTED, 10.06.14

A promising youngster, not long into the adult classes and needing a little more time to develop, as he still looked immature and he does need his coat to grow some more length and density now. His head shape is good, with a flat plane between medium sized ears that looked a touch upright when he first came out of the pen. Cheeks are developing well and his muzzle is rounded, chin firm and bite is level. In profile, his nose is medium long and he has the desired retroussé tip. He has expressive large, well opened eyes of good blue colour. His body is a good substance already, long and muscular, just needs to broaden out some more. He has a white chin, bib, chest and belly and his front mittens are even, back legs are all white. His coat is soft and silky, well groomed and sparkling, just a little on the short side at the moment, preparing for a hot summer, and preferring it to grow in the winter!

3RD SPENDLOVE'S PURRLYMIST MEDFORD LAPIS, RAG c, LILAC COLOURPOINTED, 10.4.14

Initially, I did feel that this boy would be a strong contender for the CC today, but unfortunately he had been rather let down by lack of show preparation. His front feet were stained, his legs felt greasy and his underparts needed far more grooming. Such a shame, as he is very handsome, with a good Ragdoll look, nicely shaped head and ears, well developed cheeks and blue eyes, that did look a little red around the rims. Well grown and well proportioned lad, good balance.

CLASS 192F AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL, FEMALE

CC, CANLIN'S RAGZNDREAMS WHO'S THAT LADY, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED, 27.06.14

An extremely pretty female, looking so nicely balanced and proportioned. Very nice Ragdoll head shape, with breadth and width between the medium sized ears that tilt forwards gently. Her cheeks are well developed, as is the muzzle and she has a firm chin, bite is level. She has a medium long nose with gentle dip, slight retroussé tip. Very expressive large, well opened blue eyes are set slightly obliquely and apart, colour could be a slightly deeper blue for absolute perfection. She is well grown, with a good feel to the body, proportionate medium long legs and rounded paws, good tail length to balance and it is bushy. Her pale glacial bluish white coat was very nicely presented, soft and silky and showing delicate contrast with the mid blue points colour. A demure and feminine girl, lovely to handle.

2ND, WEBB'S ROYALRUMBALLS ARABEIA-KISS, RAG n, SEAL COLOURPOINTED, 27.04.14

Another very attractive young female, looking promising and just needing a little more time in her development. The head shows good breadth, with medium sized ears and a flat plane between, nice width. Her cheeks are developing well, just needing a little more roundness to the cheeks and muzzle for better balance as she grows up. She has a medium long nose with a gentle dip and the desired retroussé finish at the tip. Expressive large, well opened eyes are set apart and slightly obliquely. Good size girl, with a weighty feel to her medium long body, proportionate limbs and paws and a bushy tail to balance. Her silky soft pale beige coat is still growing, she needs her ruff to come through and a little more density to complete the picture. Very gentle and lovely to handle.

3RD, WEBB'S ROYALRUMBALLS STARGAZER, RAG a 21, BLUE TABBY COLOURPOINTED, 27.04.14

Litter sister to my second place girl, so naturally at a similar stage of her development, she looks very promising. Her head shape just needs a little more roundness to the cheeks and muzzle, she has nicely set ears, good flat plane. Medium long nose with gentle dip and a retroussé tip. Lovely eyes for shape and colour, and a lovely expression.. She is looking long and lean at the moment, though she is a very pleasing weight, just needs time to broaden out some more for perfection, legs are medium long and her tail is bushy and lightly ringed. Very nicely

groomed silky soft coat, contrasting well with the tabby points, lovely facial markings. Very friendly girl, relaxed and delightful to handle.

4TH, KENYON'S BONNYHALE COCKTAIL SPIRIT, RAG a 21, BLUE TABBY COLOURPOINTED, 05.06.12

This girl has such an endearing expression, lovely eye shape and colour. Her cheeks and muzzle are well developed and rounded, ears are medium in size, but I felt the top of the head looked a little too domed, rather than with a flat plane between the ears. She is well grown and of good proportions, her tail is bushy and a good length to balance. The coat is thick and lovely pale bluish white to contrast with the tabby markings, but she really needed more attention to her grooming, at what is after all, a beauty contest. Very relaxed girl, nice to handle.

CLASS 193M AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN, MALE

1ST & BOB, JONES' GROOVICATS TALISMAN, RAG n 04, SEAL MITTED, 22.07.14

A very handsome and promising lad, of excellent size and structure already. Very pleasing look, his head is broad and developing well, with a flat plane between medium sized ears that are spaced apart, occasionally pricking the ears up a little too much, though better when he had finished checking out his surroundings and relaxed! His eye shape also improved once he had checked every one out, initially a little too bold in appearance, good depth to the blue colour. His cheeks are well developed and muzzle is rounded and well developed, he has a firm chin and level bite. Very well grown youngster, excellent body size and weight, with a long frame, proportionate limbs and paws and a bushy long tail to balance. His white markings are sparkling, small white spot of colour by the stopper pad on the right front, otherwise white areas are sparkling and correct. His coat is pale beige in colour, soft and well groomed, just needing to thicken now.

CLASS 193F AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN, FEMALE

1ST, RAYBOULD'S KARAMEARAGS RENESME, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED, 19.07.14

A very pretty girl, with the most enchanting expression. Lovely Ragdoll look, her head shows good breadth already cheeks are rounded and developing well, as is her muzzle, her chin is firm and bite is level. She has medium sized ears that tilt forwards gently, good width between with a flat plane to the head. Her nose is medium long with a gentle dip. Lovely expressive, large and well opened deep blue eyes. She is well grown and nicely proportioned, of good body length and weight already, with proportionate limbs and bushy tail to balance. Her soft kitten coat was beautifully groomed, pale bluish white in colour and contrasting with her soft blue points, slight blue tummy spot visible. Super nature, enjoyed being handled and we enjoyed handling her!

2ND, SPENCE'S BLUDIAMONDS MALEFICENT, RAG n, SEAL COLOURPOINTED, 22.09.14

Goodness me, but kittens really shouldn't know such bad and very unladylike language! Thankfully though, she was all talk, and plenty of it! She has a very good head shape, broad with a flat plane between neatly positioned ears, cheeks are well developed and muzzle shows rounded contours, chin is firm. When she was more relaxed, her eyes did look a fraction on the small side for balance with the very good head shape, and the colour is two tone blue. She is well grown and of pleasing weight and substance, with proportionate limbs and bushy tail. Her coat is her crowning glory, being thick and of medium length, with a ruff to frame the head already, and it had been groomed to perfection, very soft and silky and the contrast between the pale beige body colour and deep seal points was exquisite. I do hope she learns to calm down and allow us all to admire her many qualities!

3RD, CANLIN'S RAGZNDREAMS HEAVEN SENT, RAG a 21, BLUE TABBY COLOURPOINTED, 25.08.14

Another very promising baby, just moved down the rankings today as she needs her cheeks and muzzle to fill out a little more for perfect balance, and her chin falls away very slightly when viewed in profile. She has neatly positioned medium sized ears, tilting forwards gently. Her nose is medium long and has a gentle dip. Lovely eye shape, large and well opened and set slightly obliquely, the colour is a deeper blue at the centres, paler around the rims. Very nicely grown girl, of lovely body length and substance, proportionate limbs and paws, bushy tail to balance. Her coat is silky soft and groomed very nicely, pale bluish white in tone and contrasting with her tabby markings, which are well defined on the mask, stripes on the front legs and a lightly ringed tail. Lovely nature, I shall watch all these girls for their progress!

Also entered:

THOMPSON'S BAGGYRAGGS SCRITTI POLITTI, RAG d, RED COLOURPOINTED, 22.07.14

This young lady had been penned in the middle of the adults, and in a double pen, so she was looking slightly apprehensive and a little shy. She has a good Ragdoll head shape, with stunning depth to her blue eyes. She is well grown and well proportioned. Her red points are very strong already, and her back feet appear to have pale creamy white areas with a very mottled look, still needs to develop.

RAYBOULD'S KARAMEARAGS BELLA, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED, 19.07.14

Litter sister to my winner, but not at the same stage as yet, needing more roundness to the muzzle and cheeks, and she was holding her ears a little upright, all of which contributed to throwing her off balance somewhat. Her nose is medium in length, I would prefer slightly more dip to the profile. She is well grown and of excellent substance, wearing a soft pale bluish white coat, very pale underparts, particularly around her left front leg, but I did conclude this was very pale bluish white rather than pure white, and she needed more attention to the grooming of the underparts which looked quite unkempt.

CLASS 194M/F AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL NEUTER
BOB, PREECE'S PR WENLOCKEDGE BUSTER, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED MALE, 03.10.05

A lovely boy, a real teddy bear of a cat to handle and cuddle! Fast approaching double figures in age, but retaining all the style and elegance of the breed. Fabulous head and gorgeous expressive eyes, retaining the depth to the blue colour well. Lovely muscular frame, of excellent substance and balance, and wearing a glorious thick and beautifully groomed coat. There is a slight sunkissed tinge to the coat and mask colouring, which is dark blue. A handsome lad, who certainly enjoys being handled!

Also considered:

FOSTER & SMITH'S PR BLUDIAMONDS PANTHRO, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED MALE, 05.03.14

This youngster was a close contender for the BOB, but the sheer magnificence of the head type on Buster edged the BOB into his favour today. He too is a lovely boy, beautifully groomed and wearing a thick silky soft coat, contrasting with his mid blue points. His eyes are so expressive, lovely depth to the blue colour. Excellent size and look, specially for his tender age.

SPENCE'S PR BLUDIAMOND TYGRA, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED FEMALE, 05.03.14

This girl looked so very attractive, but she was very badly behaved, meaning I judged her in her pen, whilst she continued to let rip with a volley of abuse, such a shame she was in such a bad mood, as she has super Ragdoll type, and is well grown and well proportioned.

ASHCROFT'S PR WENLOCKEDGE SASSY, RAG a, BLUE COLOURPOINTED FEMALE, 16.05.12

I'm not sure whether this girl had been somewhat 'put off' by the antics of her near neighbours, but she was a little shy. She has a pleasing Ragdoll look, though for perfection, I would prefer to see her eyes a little larger and more open.

The following Siberian breed classes were a bonus for me to judge today, as I was asked to step in late in the afternoon to help out, I hope exhibitors were not too disappointed with the judge change!

CLASS 195M SIBERIAN ADULT MALE

CC & BOB, STAVELEY'S BELKATON KOSTYA, SIB n 03 21, BROWN TABBY & WHITE, 29.03.14

Just over a year old, and looking exceedingly stylish already, you would never believe it can take up to five years for this breed to develop fully, looking at him! Excellent all round proportions, the head is broad with rounded contours, cheek bones are low set and broad, gentle rounded lines to the chin and muzzle. His ears are medium in size and set apart, good ear width at least, though you do have to delve under the fabulous ruff around the head to find the shape properly! Expressive, large and slightly oval shaped green eyes, set well. He has a rectangular body shape, well muscled and well built, with medium long substantial legs, rounded and tufted paws and a good length tail to balance. He is wearing a superb coat, with a very dense undercoat already, substantial top coat, shorter fur over the shoulders and smoothly flowing. Sparkling white areas, and nicely patterned to boot! Lovely lad, and another boy who ran the Birman BoV very closely.

2ND, BAXTER'S DON JUAN NOVY VEK, SIB d 21, RED TABBY, 05.06.14

Three months younger than the winner, and only a month into the adult classes, this young boy is developing nicely, though as yet doesn't quite have the fullness of cheeks or the thickness of coat that the slightly older boy has. What he does have is a very pleasing Siberian head shape, and excellent weight and substance for his age. The head is in proportion with the body, and is a short, broad wedge shape with rounded contours. In profile, there is a slight concave curve at the nose bridge, uniform width to the nose. Whisker pads are forming a gentle rounded line with the chin. His ears are medium in size, set apart and with good furnishings. Lovely expressive eyes, vibrant and alert expression, the shape is slightly oval and the eyes are set obliquely and apart. As yet, he doesn't have the denseness or springy texture to the undercoat, the top coat is also needs to be a little more substantial, but give him an English winter, and some more time, and this will develop! The patterning is clear and defined, lovely warmth to the red tabby colouring, which is worth a mention even without points for colour. He was a touch shy to handle initially, though gaining in confidence throughout, I thought he was promising.

CLASS 197M/F SIBERIAN NEUTER

PC & BOB, HARRIS' ALEXANDRITE ILLYANAMEN TOBE, SIB n 03 21, BROWN TABBY & WHITE FEMALE, 22.07.08

An extremely stylish looking mature female, in super condition and with a substantial body wrapped up in a very glamorous coat, a la Julie Christie in Dr Zhivago, that would certainly see her through a Siberian Winter! Excellent head shape, a broad wedge with rounded contours, broad, low set cheek bones, rounded line to the whisker pads and chin. Her ears are medium in size and set wide apart, more than a good ear's width between well furnished. Very expressive, large vibrant green eyes, set slightly obliquely. Her profile shows a slight concave curve at the nose bridge. Well grown and nicely proportioned, the head sits on a short, substantial neck, medium long legs and large paws, flowing tail to balance. The springy dense undercoat is covered with a substantial top coat, shorter fur over the shoulders and smooth flowing guard hairs, she has a full ruff to frame the head and she had been presented perfectly. She has a lovely nature, so relaxed and a pleasure to handle and judge.

Considered for BOB:

WOODS' PR MENTOBE JULIK SCOUTINGBEAR, SIB n 03 21, BROWN TABBY & WHITE MALE, 28.10.13

By the time I judged the class this afternoon, I rather had the feeling that this boy was slightly 'fed up' with waiting, he was a little unhappy to be disturbed. He has a very pleasing Siberian look already, albeit I felt that his medium sized ears needed to drop just a little for perfect balance, and he was so weary and enjoying his snooze, that he was reluctant to open his eyes fully!

BEST OF VARIETY SLH ADULT:

From an impressive line-up of Titled certificate and BOB winners, I narrowed my choice down to four, all of whom I had judged earlier in the day: Firstly the Siberian adult male, **Belkaton Kostya**, whose quality for his tender age certainly bodes well for his future, the equally as impressive Blue Mitted Ragdoll male, **Dizzipaws Zemo**, the smoulderingly handsome Blue Bi-colour Ragdoll male, **Phatpaws Pillow Talk**, but the quality of the fifteen year old Birman boy, **Advenlo Fushoulo Carsoo**, simply blew me away today, he was my choice for Best Adult, and I was delighted to see he was later chosen as the Best SLH Exhibit, congratulations!

SHORT HAired CAT SOCIETY:

CLASS 992 OLYMPIAN GRAND CHAMPION MALE

OLY, WILSHAW'S IMP GR CH WILLIAM THE SWEETIE CHARLESBUR, BUR c, LILAC BURMESE, 23.12.12

An outstanding example of the breed, exuding such a stylish aura about him. He simply knows he is something special, and behaves accordingly, as he allows us mere humans to admire his many qualities! He has wonderful balance all-round, with a lovely short wedge shaped head, carried on a medium neck that leads to a medium long body that is lithe, muscular and well developed, proportionate slender limbs and neat oval shaped paws, his straight tail is a good length to balance, and is of medium thickness at the base, tapering to a paint brush tip. The head is short, broad and has a blunt finish at the muzzle, cheeks shows excellent width and the top of the head is slightly rounded between medium sized ears that have good breadth at the base. In profile, the depth between the top of the skull and the lower jaw is excellent, he has a slightly rounded brow and good break to straight nose, the pinkish nose tip lines up with the tip of the chin, which in turn is deep and firm, bite is level. His golden yellow eyes are just so expressive, with a disdainful look and glare that says "do you actually realise how superb I am", and who am I to disagree! His coat is short and close laying, satin-like feel to the texture and the colour is textbook pale delicate dove-grey with the desired pinkish cast. Wonderful natured lad, so confident and assured, shown to absolute perfection. I was very pleased to hear after judging that this certificate is either the one the made him up into a Bronze Olympian, or the first en-route to Silver! Many congratulations to his very proud owner, he is a credit to you and the breed and my crystal ball seems to have come to the fore, I judged him as a young adult, when I said I could see a promising career ahead!

RES OLY, KEOGHAN'S IMP GR CH ALDERSTAR ANDRO, OSH em, ORIENTAL APRICOT, 19.1.13

I really liked this very handsome, confident lad, who showed himself off to absolute perfection, looking so beautifully balanced and alert. His head is well proportioned, and triangular in shape, forming a balanced wedge shape and there is good width between large ears that are wide at the base, set so that the lines of the wedge are continued. In profile, his nose is straight and he has a strong chin, bite is level. The eyes are oriental in shape, with good width between them, vivid green in colour and so alert. The head is supported by a slender neck, long and svelte body is well muscled and his legs are long and slim, paws are neat and his tail is long and tapering. The short coat is a fine texture, lays close to the body and is practically sound all over. The colour is a lovely intense apricot tone, there are some very light tabby barrings visible. He was unlucky to meet the stylish Burmese boy in the class, he too is more than worthy of the certificate, and he handled superbly, a true professional.

Also considered:

LOCKWOOD'S IMP GR CH BRUNNBACKEN'S LEON, ABY n, USUAL ABYSSINIAN, 20.06.11

Although this boy has many qualities, I was disappointed to see that he lacked perfect show preparation, with a greasy looking bib and chest, with "eau de stud" also quite obvious. His moderate wedge shape head balances with the body and limbs, though I would have expected an entire male to be both larger and heavier for his age. The head contours are gently rounded, reasonable width between the ears that are moderately large and set, slight indentation to form the muzzle, his bite is a little untidy. The coat is short and lays close, but as previously stated, needed more attention. The ticking is distinct, being black with a warm apricot base, giving an overall rich golden brown impression. The spine line is black, as is the top of the tail which seemed a little tense, tip solid black. Very relaxed lad, easy to handle and judge.

CLASS 1021 AC BRITISH SH FEMALE GRAND

GCC, POTTS' CH VINMAR SILVA-SAMMARA, BRI ns 24, BLACK SILVER SPOTTED, 31.10.11

A very attractive girl, looking compact and well balanced. Her head is nicely rounded with good breadth to the skull, rounded face and full cheeks. Her ears are spaced apart and are small, following the rounded head contours well. In profile, she has a rounded forehead leading to a short broad nose with just a hint of a nose bump, the nose and chin tips are on the same vertical plane, her chin is firm and deep and her bite is level. She has lovely large, well opened green eyes, set wide apart and enhanced by the beautifully defined facial patterning. The head sits on a short thick neck, and her body is cobby in shape and of good weight, with a nice muscular feel, she stands well on short strong legs, paws are rounded and her tail is a good length to balance, thicker at the base and with a rounded tip. Her coat has a pale silver ground colour with quite well defined black markings. Her head is well patterned and even, with an M marking on the forehead, cheek lines and stripes. Her black spine line is broken and dense black, and she has numerous arrowhead and oval shaped spots on the back and flanks, some slight linkage in places. The coat is reasonably dense, just a little soft to touch, and I wouldn't want to see it any longer. Lovely nature and lovely to handle.

CLASS 1027 AC BRITISH SH FEMALE PREMIER

GPC, PARR'S IMP GR CH & PR PARRADAZY POPSTAR, BRI j 33, LILAC TORTIE COLOURPOINTED, 30.05.08

A mature female, almost seven years old. She has a very good head shape, being round with good width between her neatly positioned small ears, that are set apart and fit into the rounded head contours well. The face is round with full cheeks and she has good breadth to the skull. In profile, the forehead is rounded and leads to a short straight nose, her chin is firm and deep, bite is level. She has large round and well opened eyes that are set apart, the colour is a trifle paler blue than the ideal. The head sits on a short thick neck and she has a cobby shape to the body, though perhaps a little more rounded around the tummy area than she could be. She stands well on short strong legs, rounded paws and her tail is thick and of medium length, thicker at the base. Her coat is short and shows some crispness and density along the back, a little softer towards the head and on the flanks, the base colour of the coat is a warm magnolia and her pinkish grey points are broken with shades of cream visible on all the points. Very relaxed and gentle female.

CLASS 1249 AC BURMESE CHAMPION FEMALE

GCC, GRAY'S CH ROSSIKHAN FANCY-PIECE, BUR a, BLUE, 15.03.12

An extremely attractive girl, and her name is very apt, as I do feel that she knows she is rather fancy! She has a lovely head shape and viewed from the front is a short broad wedge shape with good width to the cheek bones, tapering to a blunt finish at the muzzle. The top of the head is very slightly rounded between medium to large size ears that are set apart and have breadth at the base. In profile, the ears tilt forwards slightly, there is good depth between the skull top and lower jaw and her brow is slightly rounded. Her nose shows a break and is straight, with the nose tip lining up on the same vertical plane as the chin, which is firm and her bite is level. Her chartreuse coloured eyes are so expressive large and lustrous and set well apart, with rounded lower lines, top line slanting towards the nose. She is well grown and beautifully proportioned, the head is carried on a medium neck, the body is medium in length and heavier than she appears, with proportionate slender limbs, neat oval shaped paws and a good length tail to balance, tail is of medium thickness at the base tapering gently to a paintbrush tip. Her coat is short and fine, laying close to the body and glossy, the colour is a soft blue grey with a silvery sheen on the ears and face, underparts are slightly paler in tone. She has a wonderful personality, chatting away to us during the assessment, and she was a delight to handle.

RES GCC, McCORMICK'S CH FLOREAT SERENISSIMA, BUR c, LILAC, 26.05.14

Just ten and a half months old and already looking very stylish and balanced, and as a Champion already, clearly I'm not the only one who thinks so! She has a very attractive look, the head is short, with excellent breadth at the cheek bones that taper to a blunt muzzle, her chin is firm and the bite is level. She has a slightly rounded top of the head, with ears that are spaced apart and medium in size, the outer line of the ears continue the face shape down towards the muzzle. In profile, she has good depth between the skull top and the lower jaw, her brow is slightly rounded, nose is straight and she has a nose break. Large, lustrous and expressive golden yellow eyes, rounded lower lines and the top line slants gently towards the nose, with an air of total detachment as she focuses her eyes solely upon yours! She is growing up very well, with good weight to her body which is still growing, proportionate limbs and neat paws, good tail length to balance. Her coat is short and close laying, glossy and satin-like, the colour is a slightly warmer tone than pale delicate dove grey, but is quite even, paler underparts. Super nature and enjoying being judged.

Also considered:

MARSHALL'S CH MILLGILL KIRKBRIDE KIN, BUR a, BLUE BURMESE, 28.4.14

Another attractive girl, who spent the whole time telling us exactly what was wrong with the world, constantly chattering! At eleven months old, she is still developing and for me needed more width to the lower part of the head, as her muzzle was looking a little pinched. The top of the head is rounded between medium sized ears, and her ears are medium in size with breadth at the base, rounded tips. The eyes were a little bold and rounded in appearance, until she relaxed when the shape improved somewhat, chartreuse in colour and set apart. She has a lovely profile, slightly rounded brow and distinct nose break, straight nose and straight line form nose tip to chin tip, her bite is level. She has a medium long body, still filling out and of good weight already, proportionate slender limbs and neat

paws, her tail is straight and of medium thickness at the base, tapering to the tip. Her coat, though short and satin like in texture, is a little unsettled colourwise and not so even in tone as the mature blue girl as yet.

CLASS 1041M BRITISH BLUE ADULT MALE

Eight blue boys entered, seven present, and a challenge where I had to 'nit-pick' to reach my decisions.

BOB, FIGGINS' CH HYSSOPUSS HERCULES, 04.02.14

A very handsome young lad, looking very balanced and stylish already. Very nice head shape, rounded and with full cheeks, neatly positioned small ears. In profile he has a rounded forehead, short straight nose with nose and chin tip on the same vertical plane, firm chin. Very expressive, large and well opened vibrant orange eyes. The head is supported by a short thick neck, the body is cobby and of excellent substance, he stands low on short legs proportionate medium thick tail. The coat quite dense already and mostly has a good crisp feel, just a little soft in places, colour is mid blue. Very nice boy, developing well, hearty congratulations on his BoV win!

CC, PARR'S JOANDTO PARRFECT DREAM, BRI a, 24.7.13

A more mature boy than some of the other entries in the class, so he does have a more jowly and masculine look than they do, which contributed to my decision to award him the CC today. He has excellent head contours, the face is round and he has full cheeks. Pleasing breadth to the skull, his ears are set far apart and are small, rounded at the tips and fitting into the head contours properly. His eyes are large, rounded and well opened, vivid orange colour and so expressive. In profile, the forehead is rounded, he has a good nose break, short nose and level bite. The head sits on a short thick neck, body is cobby in shape and has a good muscular and well balanced feel, with breadth to the chest and equal size across the shoulders and rump. He stands well on short strong legs, rounded paws and the tail is medium long, thicker at the base and has a rounded tip. The coat is mid blue in colour, some light silver tipping in places and reasonably sound to the roots. It has a denser and crisper texture to the front half, a little softer to the lower back, erring also towards being a fraction longer than the ideal. Very gentle lad, lovely to handle.

2ND, PLATT'S CHARMODEN SIMPLYBOSS, BRI a, 22.03.13

I really liked the type of this boy, his head is a very pleasing shape, being round with good width between small ears that are rounded at the tips and set far apart, fitting into the head contours well. His cheeks are rounded and full, with a jowly appearance. In profile his forehead is rounded, nose is short and straight, chin is reasonably firm but just does fall away a little. Wonderful eyes for shape, expression and colour, deepest orange and set well, large and rounded. Excellent size and weight to his cobby body, depth to the chest and rump and he stands well on short legs, round firm paws. His blue coat is medium in colour and sound to the roots, slightly longer than the ideal and a little soft rather than crisp in places. It was his excellent strong head that placed him higher in the class than some of the younger lads.

3RD, BURFORD'S KAROWBIST HUMPHREY BOGART, BRI a, 10.06.14

A young man who is developing well, just needing a little more time for the muzzle contours to become more rounded, just looking a touch pinched at the moment. His head shape has good rounded contours, with breadth to the skull and nicely positioned small ears, with rounded tips, the ears fit into the head contours well. His cheeks are quite well rounded, chin is firm and he has a level bite. In profile the forehead is rounded, he has a short straight nose and the nose and chin tips line up on the same vertical plane. The eyes are expressive and well shaped, large round and well opened, coppery orange in colour. He has a cobby body, level and short back and rump filling out well, he stands low on short and sturdy legs, rounded paws. The tail is medium long and thicker at the base, light tabby rings visible. His coat is mid blue in tone, not absolutely sound to the roots just yet and also showing some silvery tipping, but the length is short and the texture is quite crisp already

4TH, WARD'S LAKEDISX LARNIKAT LAD, BRI a, 21.6.13

A very handsome and rugged chap, whose type deserves a higher place in the class, but unfortunately today his coat qualities let him down somewhat, as it is not sound to the roots and shows a fair degree of silver tipping at the moment. Type wise though, he has a lovely rounded head shape, with full cheeks and good breadth to the skull. The ears are small, rounded at the tips and set well apart. In profile, his rounded forehead leads to a short straight nose, firm and deep chin and level bit. His eyes are large rounded in shape and well opened, colour is a little paler coppery orange. Well grown and well balanced looking lad, with a cobby weighty body, short level back and practically as wide at the rump as the shoulders. He stands on short strong legs, round paw and a medium long thick tail, tip is rounded. I hope that his coat improves as he develops. Smashing lad to handle.

Unplaced:

KELLY'S FANBIKATZ BLUE DENVA, BRI a, 09.05.14

Eleven months old, and with a very nice head shape, good contours with a round face and full cheeks. His ears are small and fit well into the head contours, set apart. In profile, he has a rounded forehead, short straight nose and quite firm chin, his bite appeared slightly untidy. The eyes are a lovely vibrant orange colour and are set apart and well opened though I felt they should be bigger to balance with his head shape. Well grown lad, nicely proportioned and with a cobby body, short legs and rounded paws, good tail length to balance. His coat is an even blue colour, slightly soft texture as yet, needing more time to become crisper and denser.

BROWN'S KOLINGA AVATAR, BRI a, 9.5.14

Another eleven months old boy, who was quite shy and reticent about being judged today. He has pleasing rounded head contours, full cheeks and good breadth to the skull. At the moment, his ears are a little too upright and tall, rather than fitting neatly into the rounded contours, and this did tend to spoil the balance of the head somewhat. In profile, he has a rounded forehead, short, straight nose and firm chin, bite is level. His large, rounded orange eyes are set apart. He has a cobby body shape, medium in size and of excellent weight, standing low on short legs, round paws. Tail is medium length and thickness, tapering to a rounded tip. His coat is short and already quite dense, medium blue in colour and practically sound to the roots.

CLASS 1041F BRITISH BLUE ADULT FEMALE
CC, BROWN'S KOLINGA KARLA, BRI a, 9.5.14

A very pretty young female, with the most enchanting expression. Litter sister to one of the males, and quite similar in type, though her ears are better positioned, being small and set far apart, fitting neatly into the rounded contours of the head, pleasing breadth to the skull. She has nicely rounded contours to the cheeks. In profile, she has a rounded forehead, short broad nose and her chin is firm and deep bite is level. Lovely expression from large, well opened and rounded eyes. Well grown girl of excellent proportions, the head is carried by a short thick neck, body is cobby and sturdy, with short strong legs, rounded paws and a medium long tail to balance, tail tip is rounded. Her coat is already quite dense and has crisp overtones, mid blue in colour and practically sound to the roots, just some light silver tipping visible. Lovely nature, so relaxed and a pleasure to judge.

CLASS 1047 BRITISH LILAC ADULT
CC & BOB, EDWARDS' KEREMERE DANCINGFLAME, BRI c, MALE, 25.04.14

Almost a year old and slightly at sixes and sevens with his development, especially as he stands just a little tall at the moment, needing the breadth and depth of the body to develop. The body length is cobby and he is a good substance, sturdy limbs and rounded paws, the tail is a good medium length to balance, thicker at the base and rounded at the tip. His head is lovely and broad already, with rounded contours, good width between neatly positioned small ears that are set apart. His cheeks are rounded and full, chin is firm and the bite is level. In profile the forehead is rounded, leading to a short broad nose, nose and chin tips line up on the same vertical plane. The coat is fairly crisp in texture and is short, density is still developing. The colour is frosty grey with a delicate pinkish tone to give a good lilac appearance, and is sound to the roots. Super nature, so very happy to show himself off.

CLASS 1067 BRITISH BI-COLOURED NEUTER
PC & BOB, McENTEE'S XZIBIT CLOAK AND DAGGER, BRI e 03, CREAM & WHITE, 05.08.13

A very nicely grown and balanced lad, love his name! He has a very strong and muscular shape, well balanced with a rounded head, supported on a short thick neck and a cobby shape to the body, good breadth and depth to the chest, really nice shape. The skull shows good breadth and rounded contours, ears fit nicely into the contours and are small. His cheeks are full and rounded. Lovely orange eyes are large and well-opened, super expression and the look is enhanced by his white facial markings. In profile he has a rounded forehead, short broad nose with just a hint of a bump, firm chin and level bite. Well grown and cobby body, proportionate short and sturdy legs, rounded paws and a medium long thick tail to balance. By the time I judged him this afternoon, his coat was suffering a little with the heat, looking a touch flat rather than dense and crisp, short in length. His markings are exceptionally good, very well defined patches of pure white and cream, which is quite a warm tone, even and free from tabby barrings. Gentle boy, very relaxed and a pleasure to judge.

CLASS 1119 BRITISH AC COLOURPOINTED & WHITE ADULT
CC & BOB, WOOD'S DIXYLAN KUREDU KING, BRI b 03 33, CHOCOLATE COLOURPOINTED & WHITE MALE, 06.03.14

I have to say that this young lad looked more than a little 'fed-up' this afternoon, giving me such a grumpy look! However, that aside I thought he was developing well, with the head broadening and looking quite well balanced already. The skull is fairly broad, small ears are set well apart and his cheeks are rounded and filling out well. His eyes are large and well opened, pale blue in colour. In profile, his forehead is rounded, he has a short broad nose and quite firm chin, bite is level. He is a deceptively heavy boy, the body is cobby, with a short back, and he stands low on short sturdy limbs, medium thick tail is good length to balance, rounded tip. His coat is short and still developing though it does feel dense and there is a crisp feel to the texture. The body colour is ivory with some shading that tones with the chocolate points, which are generally quite well defined. His inverted white V marking that could start a little higher is narrow with stray coloured hairs just encroaching onto the nose and the legs are practically white, just a smudge of colour towards the hocks on the back feet, and the left front leg shows a small patch of colouring, feet are all white. Despite his demeanour, he still handled well.

OVERALL BEST IN SHOW:

Wow! What a line up! Six lovely exhibits, all beautifully prepared, beautifully behaved and a credit to their respective breeds. They were:

Exotic: The superbly styled (as expected given her name!), Gr Ch & UK OB Imp Gr Pr Zendique Vivienne Westwood, looking every inch a glamour puss, with such a piercing expression

British: A glorious blue-cream girl, Sup Imp Gr Pr Pinemarten Tina Sparkle, who as her name suggests, was in sparkling condition

Foreign: Really impressive Abyssinian female, Gr Ch Linczozo Cat's Pyjamas, who came out of pen ready to strut her stuff.

Burmese: My Olympian winner from earlier in the day, Imp Gr Ch William The Sweetie Charlesbur, the lilac boy, who really does know how to shine

Oriental: The Reserve Olympian winner, Imp Gr Ch Alderstar Andro, the Apricot Oriental, who poses so regally and really shows himself off well

Siamese: A delightful fawn tortie kitten, Alderstar Babybel, who was so endearing to handle, and very promising for the future

Believe me when I say this was not an easy decision! I had the gorgeous kitten, whose show career is just taking off, and five more exhibits with a multitude of titles between them, and after considering all six, I eventually chose Tina Sparkle, the British girl, who just shone today, with her wonderful British look, such an impressive head for a female and excellent body proportions, whilst wearing a wonderful crisp, dense coat.

ABYSSINIAN CAT SOCIETY:

CLASS 2173 SOMALI CHAMPION MALE

1ST, GR WITHHELD, COONEY'S CH HARRY SOM DE KISMAYOU, SOL n, USUAL, 21.07.12

I was very sorry to withhold the certificate on this very lively and confident lad today, but there were just too many 'niggling' issues which precluded him from the Grand. He has a broad top of head, with large ears that are set apart, but the muzzle is pinched giving him more of a 'snipy', longer look rather than gently rounded. Lovely expressive, alert eyes are set well apart, large and almond shaped and accentuated the dark surrounds. He has a medium size body, lithe and muscular and well toned, with proportionate long legs and oval feet, good length to the tail to balance. He is wearing a coat which I felt needed more attention, as even making allowances for the conditions in the hall, still looked a little too open. The base coat is an extremely rich and intense deep apricot, and the bands of ticking are not clearly defined enough, the tip of his tail is more grey than black.

CLASS 2174 SOMALI CHAMPION FEMALE

1ST, GR WITHHELD, HINES' CH STACYM ZEITGEIST, SOL n, USUAL, 02.07.13

Again, I felt unable to award the Grand certificate today, as, for me, she too lacked the precise definition of ticking that is desired for the breed, again because the base coat colour is such an intense and deep colour, meaning that the ticking element is diffused, although she did have a better appearance than the boy. Additionally, she was also not the most cooperative girl in the show hall today, and I do feel that this was not helped by the fact that she had cocooned herself in a rather elaborate 'donut' bed with high sides, and was most unhappy to be brought out of it! She came out of her pen and straight onto the trolley, where she was a little less tense, but soon let us know that she had had enough! I certainly couldn't say she was displaying the desired Somali smile, and the smiling appearance and ticking are the very essence of the Somali. She does look very nicely balanced, with a good head shape, being a moderate wedge with gently rounded contours, she has wide apart proportionately large ears, large expressive eyes. Very nicely grown and elegant frame, long legs and oval feet, long tail with a full brush. So sorry, but her temperament and ticking both contributed to my decision.

CLASS 2200M/F USUAL SOMALI ADULT

As both entries in this class were the exhibits from the Grand class, I had no option but to withhold BOB.

CLASS 2208 SILVER SOMALI NEUTER

BOB, ROSE'S IMP GR PR BRIZLINCOAT SILVER MINUET SOL ns, USUAL SILVER, 22.04.13

Fabulous girl, what a character, with plenty to say for herself, though she still has the lovely smiling appearance. She is so beautifully turned out, looking extremely elegant and stylish. She has a good head shape, being broad and curving to a firm wedge, lovely wide set ears and such expressive large almond shaped green eyes. Lovely muscular feel to the body, proportionate limbs and paws, flowing tail. Her coat is soft and fine, lying flat along the spine and showing light tarnishing, the overall effect is of a silver cat. A very showy girl, who knows she looks impressive!