

A really busy day at the Lancashire, we certainly had some gorgeous cats to handle. Its great to see the SLH section so well supported. My thanks to Chris, Janet and the committee for inviting me back to Wigan again, always a well organised friendly event. Special thanks to my friend Val Kaye who made special arrangements to have a Saturday off work to be able to join me, my super steward and great company as always. I appreciated this so much Val. I would also like to thank Ethan Nichol, a very promising YES! candidate for second stewarding, you really helped us so much today by taking care of the results slips and keeping the table clean for us. I look forward to the time when Ethan can actually act as first steward, he will be a great asset to any judge! Finally I would like to apologise to exhibitors, many wanted to speak to me about their cats but I didn't get finished signing certificates until after the show had closed and you had all headed home by the time I could actually get to the pens, so sorry folks.

169a A.V. S.L.H. GRAND PREMIER (IMP GR PR) MALE

IGP, HOPE'S GR PR REDSKY HARVEY MOON, (SBI a), MN, 01.05.14

Blue Point Birman. A large long bodied male who feels very substantial. Well placed ears of medium size, sitting on a strong masculine head of very good breadth and rounded shape, well filled cheeks, pleasing nasal profile and a well developed muzzle. Large expressive mid to deep blue eyes. Chin could be a touch firmer. Well boned limbs and paws. Balanced bushy tail. Currently in full coat, there is good contrast between the bluish white body and the greyish-blue points, nose and ears are slightly deeper in tone than the tail and limbs. Very nice feet markings with matching gloves and full tapering gauntlets. Super to handle and very well presented.

RESERVE, LLOYD'S GR PR KASSARO GOODWOOD, (MCO n 11), MN, 29.04.13

Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon. A beautifully presented male, shown in tiptop condition. Large ears, very well furnished with tips and tufts, sitting high on the head. Head of medium length and nice breadth, for perfection the cheeks could just be a touch broader and fuller at this age. With two such nice males, I had to use this factor to decide on the winner in this class today. Expressive bright green eyes. Shallow concave curve to the nose, tiny drop-off at the tip. Firm chin. Lovely rectangular shape to the long weighty body, substantial boning to limbs and paws. Long flowing tail, beautifully furnished and reaching the shoulders. Wonderful coat for length and texture, clear warm brown classic tabby markings. A very gentle cat who was a pleasure to handle.

I also considered:

WATKINS' GR PR KRYSTALTOZE GIACOMO, (SBI d), MN, 25.06.12

Red Point Birman. This boy looked promising, he had a really strong rounded head and large mid blue eyes. Unfortunately he would not allow us to fully assess him today so I was unable to place him. Such a shame, I hope that he settled down and relaxed later in the day.

169b A.V. S.L.H. GRAND PREMIER (IMP GR PR) FEMALE

IGP, ARCHER'S GR PR FILENSIO PANDORA CHARM, (RGM ns 03 21 32), FN, 15.11.12

Brown Silver Tabby & White with Darker Points Ragamuffin. An outstanding female today, she was a very worthy winner in a lovely class of three girls. She has such a sweet gentle expression, she looks at you with such innocence. Very well balanced broad head with lovely gentle contours, rounded cheeks and muzzle. Well set ears of good medium size. Beautiful pale green walnut shaped eyes. Profile shows a nose break. Puffiness to whisker pads and a full chin which tapers slightly. Really weighty body, balancing the head size very well indeed. Very well boned limbs of medium length, large round tufted paws, white

toes. Bottle brush tail, very well furnished and proportionate to body length. Her silver tabby coat is really the crowning glory at the moment as she is wearing her full winter attire with a full ruff framing the face. The coat felt wonderful, really soft, dense and very plushy indeed, medium in length and finishing with full knickerbockers. A dream to handle, she really knows that she is a very special lady. Shown in tiptop condition – I think that we all could have taken her home with us today.

RESERVE, LLOYD'S GR PR MIGATOBONITO TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS, (MCO g 03 22), FN, 16.01.13

Blue Classic Tortie Tabby & White Maine Coon. A very large heavy female, well muscled and showing a good rectangular body shape. Large ears, well furnished with tips and tufts, set about an ear's width apart on the head. Head of medium length, good length to breadth ratio with fairly full cheeks and high set cheekbones. Lovely green eyes, large and sitting in a good slight oblique set. Shallow concave nasal curve. Square muzzle, perhaps it could be just be a touch broader to really balance the strong top section of head. Firm chin. Very well boned limbs and lovely large round tufted paws. Long tail, well furnished and easily reaching the shoulders. Medium length coat, currently not in full coat although she does have a fairly full ruff and well developed breeches. The coat felt super, she had been groomed beautifully for the show. Mid toned blue tabby with intermingling of creams throughout. Another cat who really was shown in wonderful condition, not a hair out of place.

I also considered:

KEEPING'S GR CH & GR PR BAYGAZER KHALESI, (SBI a), FN, 28.10.13

Blue Point Birman. Another very pleasing female, she has a good strong broad rounded head with well filled cheeks and large mid blue eyes. Ears sit well apart and they are medium in size. Long weighty body, well boned limbs and short strong paws. Bushy tail, in balance with the body. Silky coat of medium length contrasting with fairly deep toned greyish-blue points. Fairly full ruff framing the face. Scalloped shape to rounded gloves, right gauntlet was slightly lower and narrower than the left. Very little to choose between this girl and my Reserve Winner, it came down to the feet markings today, to split them up as they were both worthy of the Imperial and very unlucky to meet the Ragamuffin in this class.

125 A.C. BIRMAN CHAMPION (GR CH)

GRC, POOL'S CH SARMOYAH YASMIN, (SBI f 21), F, 16.05.14

Seal Tortie Tabby Point. A really well balanced young lady with excellent breadth and rounded shape to the strong feminine head. Wide placed ears of good medium size. Full round cheeks, good slight dip to the nose. Long heavy body, substantial boning to limbs, short strong paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, proportionate to body length. Lovely full long winter coat with an excellent silky texture and full ruff framing the face. Excellent contrast between the pale fawn body colour and well mingled tortie tabby points, there were delicate overlay shades of pale red evident down the back. Rounded gauntlets, nicely marked white feet all round. Great to handle and beautifully presented. The only one in the class, but I had no hesitation in awarding her the Grand today.

126a A.O.V. S.L.H. CHAMPION (GR CH) MALE

GRC, WILSON'S CH JULESCOON MERLINN, (MCO d 22), M, 29.08.14

Red Classic Tabby Maine Coon. This was such a nice male all round. He had a very well balanced head of good length to breadth ratio with fairly full cheeks and a good shallow concave nasal curve. Wonderful large ears, sporting tips and tufts, sitting about an ear's width apart on the head. He really does give the impression of being a hunter – especially

when the teaser toy comes out! Strong well defined square muzzle, firm deep chin. Lovely long rectangular shaped muscular body, deceptively heavy with very well boned limbs and large round tufted paws. Long flowing tail, very well furnished and reaching the shoulders. Coat currently a little on the shorter side (as seen in many of the SLHs this winter), quite a full ruff and breeches present. Rich warm red classic pattern. Although a little unsure of his surroundings, he was not a problem to handle. Beautifully presented for the show.

RESERVE, LYNCH'S CH MAGISRAGIS PIGGY MALONE, (RAG n 03), M 29.01.15

Seal Bi-Colour Ragdoll. Thirteen months old and this young man shows excellent growth, balance and maturity for age. Strong broad masculine head with a clear flat plane between the medium sized ears. Large mid/deep blue eyes, well opened and sitting slightly obliquely. Lovely nasal profile with a good gentle dip and even showing a hint of the much desired slightly retroussé tip. Good rounded muzzle shape. Long heavy body, broad chest, well boned medium length limbs and large round paws. Balanced bushy tail. Well developed silky coat of medium length, feeling dense and silky with a well developed ruff and knickerbockers. The coat showed some deeper toned beige though contrast was clearly visible between body and points. Tail colour slightly paler than the head markings. Generally nicely marked bi-colour pattern, just a slight extension of colour going slightly down the fronts. Little to choose between these two physically, today I felt that the Maine Coon had the edge on coat pattern clarity – when it comes down to this, it just shows what a lovely class I had and how difficult it was to decide. Another well presented boy.

I also considered:

JONES' CH GROOVICATS TALISMAN, (RAG n 04), M, 22.07.14

Seal Mitted Ragdoll. This young male has a well developed head with clear lines which show the well developed cheeks and the rounded muzzle nicely. Large expressive mid blue eyes. Long body, though currently going through the adolescent narrow stage. Nicely boned limbs, long balanced tail. Quite a full ruff, coat lengthening over the body. Good mitted pattern. Slightly older than my Reserve winner, not quite as well balanced today for me. He was great to handle, very gentle and easy to asses.

MCLEAN'S CH RHODERNS AND THE MAN, (RAG n), M, 08.12.14

Seal Colourpointed Ragdoll. This boy exhibits some nice features, just needs a little time for everything to finish developing and come together. Good flat plane between medium sized ears. Head of good length though currently a little narrow with cheeks yet to fill out and this, for me, detracts from overall balance at the moment. Good long body, quite large boning to limbs, tail could be a touch longer for perfection though it had a good bushy texture. Dense coat of medium length, shorter ruff at the moment. Contrast evident between the beige body and very dark seal brown points. Very gentle to handle.

STAVELEY'S CH BELKATON KOSTYA, (SIB n 03 21), M, 29.03.14

Brown Tabby & White Siberian. This boy was really so close to being awarded a certificate in this class today. Loved his size and substance, wonderful boning to limbs and paws, well furnished balanced tail. Really well developed strong broad head with a short wedge and good gentle contours. Fabulous coat, really double and bouncy with some harsher guardhairs evident. Well placed ears of medium size. Green eyes, I would just like the upper lid a little more open and slightly less obliquely set for perfection. So close between this cat and my two certificate winners that I had to take this into account today. However, I do like him a lot and later awarded him BOB in a nice class of cats. His coat was beautifully groomed and he was fabulous to handle.

BLACK'S CH DORIAN TAYMUR OF LIZZARA, (SIB n23), M, 06.11.14

Brown Tabby Siberian. I really loved this young man's head shape and breadth. Medium sized ears set well apart, well developed gentle contours to the short broad wedge. Lovely eye shape and set, bright green - I really loved his expression. Long body, currently going

thought that difficult adolescent rangy stage and a little narrow and small in comparison to the head. Well balanced and nicely furnished tail. Warm brown tabby pattern, some undercoat and a slightly harsher topcoat. Lots to like about this youngster and since this breed takes 4 years to mature he has time on his side for everything to come together. A delight to handle today.

126b A.O.V. S.L.H. CHAMPION (GR CH) FEMALE

GRC, DUNN & EVANS' CH ELMCOON TURNING TABLES, (MCO f 03 23), F, 10.04.14

Mackerel Tortie-Tabby & White Maine Coon. A large female with a very alert expression, typical of a hunter. Large well furnished ears, set high on the head. Nicely balanced head of medium length and good breadth, good shallow concave curve to the nose. Strong square muzzle, firm deep chin. Long muscular body, well boned limbs and large tufted paws. Nicely furnished tail, reaching the shoulders. Medium length coat, she is not in full winter coat at the moment, rich warm autumn tortie colours, the mackerel pattern is a little diffused at the moment down the sides of the body. White to bib, chest, underbody and paws. Very well presented and easy to handle.

RESERVE, EDWARDS' CH LUCHSLEY'S EMMA WATSON, (MCO g), F, 17.05.14

Blue Tortie Maine Coon. Another large female, she is deceptively heavy and very well muscled. Head of medium length, at the moment she doesn't have as quite as much breadth and cheek development as my winner, hence her placing today. Large well placed ears, sporting huge tips. Slight oblique set to large green eyes. Good square shape to the muzzle, firm chin. Really long heavy body, rectangular in shape, very substantial boning to limbs and paws. nicely furnished tail, just about reaching the shoulders. Well developed coat with ruff and breeches, coat length shows differing lengths down the body. Attractive mingling of mid to deep blue and shades of cream over the entire body. Lovely to handle and very well presented for the show.

I also considered:

LAWSON'S CH ANGLEZARKE MIDSUMMER LASS, (MCO n 03 22), F, 21.06.12

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. A mature female with very clear headlines and a really nice expression. She has a long heavy body, though at the moment the head appears a little small in comparison. I think that she will look more balanced once she develops a ruff. Well boned limbs, balanced tail. Currently between coats, the coat length increases down the back and sides of the body. Great to handle and well presented with snow white areas contrasting with the rich warm brown classic tabby.

BREWOD'S CH NOYNAROCK CHLOE, (NFO gs 09), F, 10.10.14

Blue Tortie Smoke & White Norwegian Forest Cat. This young lady has a clear triangular head shape and large ears which follow the outer lines of the head well. Long muscular body, quite large boning to limbs and paws, tail was nicely furnished and reached the shoulders. Not in full coat at the moment, some undercoat present, the texture is currently a little on the soft side, it will probably be much firmer next year when she goes through her second adult winter. Beautifully presented with pristine white areas and I loved her colours!

127 SEAL POINT BIRMAN ADULT

CC & BOB, MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S MLYWARD HEITEKI, (SBI n), F, 18.04.15

Seal Point Birman. A really promising youngster of ten months. She already shows excellent breadth to the rounded head with wide set ears of medium size. Very well developed full round cheeks, slight dip to the nasal profile with small bump present, well developed strong muzzle which leads to a fairly full chin. Wonderful large deep blue eyes. Medium sized body, balancing the head size very well, thick-set limbs and short strong

paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, colour still developing so at the moment it is a little brindled. Well developed seal brown mask and ears, colour deepening up the legs and the tail, good contrast between the points and the very pale beige body colour. Very well presented long coat, really silky to the touch with a ruff framing the face. Rounded shape to the gloves, they angle very slightly outwards. Evenly marked socks and full gauntlets which taper well and finish below the hocks. Beautifully groomed and great to handle.

I considered for BOB:

MOTT'S GR CH JANDOUGLEN STEORNABHAGH, (SBI n), M, 24.03.14

Seal Point Birman. A large heavy male, very muscular and solid. Nice head shape and breadth, mid/deep blue eyes. Long body, well boned limbs and paws, balanced tail which was nicely furnished with a bushy texture. Long coat with a well developed ruff, though the texture wasn't quite as silky as the female's today (probably down to him being an entire male and the time of year). Deep seal brown points, there is some darker seal brown colour extending over the top of the head. Some deeper toned top shading to the beige body though showing good contrast with the points. Excellent gauntlet markings, scalloped gloves which easily cover all the toes. Today I felt that the younger female had the edge on coat and eye colour, hence her BOB.

140 RED/CREAM/TORTIE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON ADULT

BOB, WILSON'S CH JULESCOON MERLINN, (MCO d 22), M, 29.08.14

Red Classic Tabby Maine Coon. My Grand Winner, reported above.

CC, ECCLES' SUEPURFLUFIAN INDIANA, (MCO d 22), F, 30.12.14

Classic Red Tabby Maine Coon. A well grown female, she feels very solid indeed and is deceptively heavy. Large ears, set about an ear's width apart on the head, very well furnished with tips and tufts. Head of medium length and very good breadth with fairly full cheeks. Good shallow concave curve to the nose. Square muzzle, though I wouldn't like to see it any shorter or it will lose balance with the top head section. Firm chin. Clear rectangular body shape, well boned limbs and large round tufted paws. Very well furnished flowing tail, reaching the shoulders. Full long winter coat with ruff and breeches. The coat is shorter over the shoulders and increases in length down the body, a glossy topcoat covers the undercoat. She may have got a little warm before we reached her as the underbody needed a little more show preparation to separate the fur. Nicely marked rich red classic tabby pattern. A very gentle young lady who was very easy to handle.

I also considered:

DUNN & EVANS' CH ELMCOON TURNING TABLES, (MCO f 03 23), F, 10.04.14

Mackerel Tortie-Tabby & White Maine Coon. My Female Grand Winner, reported above.

141a A.O.C MAINE COON ADULT, MALE

BOB, CASEY'S IMP GR CH SPIRRITZ FIRE ON ICE, (MCO d 03), M, 04.06.11

Red & White Maine Coon. A very substantial male indeed, really well muscled and extremely heavy. Large ears, nicely furnished and set well apart on the broad masculine head. Very good length to breadth ratio with fairly full cheeks and a strong square muzzle. Large eyes, set in a slight oblique, pale green/gold in colour. Very pleasing profile, showing a shallow concave curve. Firm deep chin. Really long rectangular body, huge bone structure to limbs and big round tufted paws. Tail reached the shoulders, fairly well furnished. Some ruff present though at the moment he is a little lacking in coat length to the body, I suspect he has been spending his winter days lazing under a heat lamp or in front of the fire at home. Rich warm red, some tabby markings evident as expected in a self red Maine Coon. White to bib, underbody and paws. Perfect manner and extremely easy to handle, a true gentle giant.

141b A.O.C MAINE COON ADULT FEMALE

CC, CASEY'S SPIRRITZ GLITTER N'TRASH, (MCO fs 03), F, 04.06.11

Tortie Smoke & White. This female was sporting a really attractive coat, it was a lovely mix of black and shades of red with a silvery white undercoat, the colours really contrasted so well with the white areas on the underbody and limbs. Quite large ears, nicely furnished and set about an ear's width apart. Head of medium length and showed balanced breadth with high set cheekbones and fairly full cheeks. Good shallow concave curve to the nose. Lovely pale green colour to very expressive eyes which sit in a good slight oblique setting. Well defined square muzzle leading to a firm deep chin. Long body, currently a little narrow which I put down to hormones since she is an entire female with spring around the corner. Not in full coat at the moment though she does have a really glossy topcoat and some undercoat evident, short ruff and some breeches present. Very well presented with sparkling whites and she was very nice to handle. Ethan (my YES candidate) was very impressed with her colours and pattern.

144 NORWEGIAN FOREST ADULT

CC & BOB, METCALFE'S LOCHNARGAR'S UNION JACK, (NFO n 09 22), M, 03.06.10

Classic Brown Tabby Norwegian Forest Cat. A really large mature male. He has a good equilateral triangular head shape and very nice expression. Well placed ears, quite large in size and very well furnished, the outer lines follow the headlines nicely. Good oblique set to oval shaped green eyes. Long nose, the profile is just about straight. Chin could be a little firmer and deeper for perfection. Large long body, very well boned limbs with back legs visibly slightly longer. Very well furnished bushy tail, just about balancing the body. It was his coat development and quality which won him the BOB over the female today. He really does have a thick winter coat with lots of woolly undercoat and a slightly harsher waterproof topcoat, this would certainly keep out the snow in a Norwegian winter! Full ruff and knickerbockers. Warm brown tabby colours with white to feet, lips and just a speckle of white up the nose. Great to handle and shown in excellent condition.

I considered for BOB:

BREWOOD'S CH NOYNAROCK CHLOE, (NFO gs 09), F, 10.10.14

Blue Tortie Smoke & White Norwegian Forest Cat. The young lady I had in my Grand, report above.

145 A.C. SIBERIAN ADULT

BOB, STAVELEY'S CH BELKATON KOSTYA, (SIB n 03 21), M, 29.03.14

Brown Tabby & White Siberian. Entered in my Grand Class, reported above.

CC, STAVELEY'S BELKATON THIRZA, (SIB f), F, 21.02.15

Tortoiseshell Siberian. Only twelve months old and her development for age was very impressive. She has a lovely strong broad head with a short wedge and well developed gentle contours. Wide set ears of medium size. Slightly oval shape to large expressive green eyes. Uniform width to the nose with a good slight concave curve present. Broad low set cheekbones, connecting to the whisker pads and chin. Broad rounded muzzle. Long heavy body, well boned limbs which end with large round paws. Nicely furnished tail, in proportion with the body, though for perfection it could be a touch longer. Some undercoat present, she is still developing her first adult coat and for age I felt that it was well developed, she has a good slightly coarser topcoat, especially over the rump. Lovely dark tortie coat with a well mixed mingling of red and black. Super to handle and she shows a lot of promise for the future.

I also considered:

BLACK'S CH DORIAN TAYMUR OF LIZZARA, (SIB n23), M, 06.11.14

Brown Tabby Siberian. Entered in my Grand Class, reported above.

146 RAGAMUFFIN ASSESSMENT ADULT

CC & BOB, YOUNG'S CATSAMORIE APRILDAISY, (RGM f 03 32), F, 18.04.15

Seal Tortie & White with Darker Points. We were all very much taken with this girl, her expression, balance and very unusual coat pattern. Lovely broad head with good rounded contours and a rounded shape to the muzzle and cheeks. This, together with the puffiness to the whisker pads really does give her a very sweet gentle expression. Medium sized ears, sitting well apart on the head. Walnut shaped eyes, they are a really gorgeous shade of green. Nose break evident. Full, slightly tapered chin. Well grown and weighty with a broad chest and rectangular body. Nicely boned limbs and paws. Very well furnished plume shaped tail. Really dense and very soft plushy coat, it felt super. Very unusual and highly attractive patches of brown and red colours with white to the face, underbody and limbs. I look forward to watching her development as I feel that she shows such a lot of potential for the future. Beautifully presented for the show with a truly sparkling coat.

148a SEAL POINT BIRMAN KITTEN MALE

1ST & BOB, MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S MLYWARD XPLOSION, (SBI n), 23.09.15

Seal Point Birman. Not yet six months old, this young man already has a lovely strong broad head and well filled round cheeks. Medium/large ears, size as expected at this stage of development, they sit well apart on the head. Large, almost round eyes, clear deep blue colour. Medium length nose with a slight dip present. Strong muzzle shape, full firm chin. Long weighty body, well boned limbs and paws. Balanced tail, length proportional to the body, already very well furnished with a bushy texture. Very pale beige coat, already long and feeling very silky. Excellent contrast between the body and the seal brown points. For age, the points were very well coloured. Really pleasing feet markings all round with even gloves and socks and full well tapered gauntlets which finish below the hocks. Beautifully groomed, very playful and desperate to be out and cuddled by us. It was getting him to go back into the pen that was the real challenge!

2ND TURNER'S DALTEEMA HUG-O-BEAR, (SBI n), M, 14.09.15

Seal Point Birman. Another very nice kitten, similar in lots of ways to my winner and I see now they have the same father. Just nine days older, he is also very well grown and has a nicely developed head shape with good breadth and strength. Medium/large ears, set wide apart. Very nice eye shape, not quite round, deep blue colour though a little more mottled than the other male's eye colour. Slight dip to the nose. Full round cheeks tapering to a well formed muzzle. Well boned limbs and paws, supporting the long muscular body, Nicely furnished bushy tail, balancing the body. Baby coat of very good length and feeling silky, ruff framing the face. Seal brown points are developing well, they contrast with the pale beige coat. Scalloped gloves with white covering all the toes, matching white socks, left gauntlet marginally shorter than the right one. Two nice males of very similar age, little to choose, it came down to feet markings and clarity of eye colour today. A very well presented kitten, easy to assess.

148b SEAL POINT BIRMAN KITTEN FEMALE

1ST MOTT'S JANDOUGLEN PRISEIL PANSY, (SBI n), F, 19.08.15

Seal Point Birman. A nicely balanced female of good size and substance. Good strong broad rounded head with well filled round cheeks which taper to a well defined muzzle. Large eyes, almost round in shape, mid blue in colour with slightly paler rims. Nasal profile

shows a very slight curve, ideally I would like a little more curvature present, small bump near the tip. Full chin. Good long body and substance, nicely boned limbs of medium length, short strong paws. Well furnished bushy tail, length proportionate to body length. Seal brown points are developing length, she already has a well coloured mask and ears, limbs and tail slightly paler. Left glove is scalloped, the right one angles slightly outwards. White socks cover the back feet, full tapering right gauntlet, the left one is not quite as well marked with a slight hook present. Lovely long and very silky baby coat, beautifully presented and showing contrast with the points. Lost out on the BOB as the male had better eye colour and feet markings today. Super to handle.

161a RED/CREAM/TORTIE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON KITTEN MALE

Two very nice boys in this class, both deserving of a first place.

1ST & BOB, LISTER'S ISADORYOU FIRESTAR, (MCO d 03 22), M, 16.08.15

Classic Red Tabby & White Maine Coon. A very pleasing exhibit all round. Large ears, nicely furnished and sitting about an ear's width apart on the head. Head of medium length, already showing good breadth with cheeks filling out well. Large eyes, set slightly obliquely and well apart, green/gold colour. Shallow concave curve to the nose. Well defined square shape to the muzzle, firm deep chin. Long muscular body, substantial boning to limbs and large round paws. He is very deceptively heavy, feeling much heavier than he initially appeared when sitting in his pen. Fabulous tail, easily reaching the shoulders, very well furnished and flowing. Medium length silky coat with ruff developing. A good glossy topcoat covers the undercoat. Rich red tabby, well marked classic pattern with white to lips, bib, chest, underbody and paws. Very well groomed and a sweetheart to handle.

2ND LUBY'S WESTLAKES FURY, (MCO d 22), M, 31.08.15

Classic Red Tabby Maine Coon. Another really nice young man with really large well furnished ears, they sit high on the head to give him a very alert expression. Head of medium length, breadth yet to develop, overall the breadth is not quite as well developed as my winner's today and being similar in age, I took this into consideration when placing the boys. Large expressive gold eyes. Nose has a shallow concave curve, small bump present below the nasal bridge. Strong square muzzle, firm chin of good depth. Lovely long rectangular shaped body, very well boned limbs and large round tufted paws. Another baby with a fantastic tail, but for length and furnishings. Coat currently undergoing a change and is consequently slightly shorter than Firestar's at the moment, though it does show differing lengths down the back and sides of the body. Ruff starting to lengthen, breeches already quite full. Really rich warm classic red tabby pattern, very well marked. Beautifully presented for the show and shown in excellent condition.

161b RED/CREAM/TORTIE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON KITTEN FEMALE

1ST LLOYD'S DARKTOWER MADISON, (MCO f 22), F, 01.07.15

Classic Tortie Tabby Maine Coon. A well grown heavy female who was long bodied and felt very muscular. Large ears, nicely furnished with tips and tufts, they sit about an ear's width apart on the head. Good medium length to the strong yet feminine head. Well developed breadth with cheeks filling out nicely. Nose has a shallow concave curve at the nasal bridge. Square muzzle, firm chin though could be a touch deeper for perfection. Long rectangular body, well boned limbs and big round paws. Tail reached the shoulders, furnishings lengthening well. Medium length coat with ruff starting to develop. Undercoat is just starting to develop. Nicely marked dark tortie with quite clear tabby markings. A little unsure of her neighbours today, giving everyone a typical Tortie hiss, but she handled

well. The grooming was superb, that glossy coat truly shone. Lost out to the male on BOB today as he had slightly better balance to the head with his deeper chin.

172 SEAL POINT BIRMAN NEUTER

PC & BOB, KAY'S KLAWNIQUE RELIGHT MY-FIRE (SBI n), FN, 15.05.14

Seal Point Birman. This young lady, not yet two years old, shows very pleasing Birman type with a very sweet feminine expression. She has a very nice head shape showing good breadth and roundness with full round cheeks and a well developed muzzle. Medium sized ears, they sit well apart on the head. Large expressive eyes, mid to deep blue in colour and of good almost round shape. Medium length nose showing a slight dip in profile. Chin of good depth, just recedes a little. Long muscular body, she has a very solid feel to her. Well boned thick set limbs which end with short strong paws. Bushy tail, length balanced the body well. She has very nice feet markings all round with white gloves which end below the leg/paw angle, matching socks covering the back feet and lovely full tapering gauntlets. Well developed ruff framing the face and the coat was quite long over the body, it had a nice silky texture. Deep seal brown points, even in depth all round and contrast with the body colour. There was some deeper toned top shading to the body, paler underneath where the new coat is starting to develop. A little tense though she was very easy to handle and asses. I now see that this the female that was on exhibition at The Birman Cat Club Show last year. She truly is a miracle cat with totally committed owners who stopped at nothing to get her back on her feet (literally) and it was such an honour to have the opportunity to judge her and award her the PC today. Congratulations, she is a real credit to you.

185a RED/CREAM/TORTIE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON NEUTER MALE

PC, ANGLEZARKE LAURENCE BEAR, (MCO e 22), MN, 08.12.13

Classic Cream Tabby Maine Coon. A large heavy male. This boy was a little unsure today, and consequently he did have a tendency to flare his ears although they came up well once he relaxed and started to take an interest in the teaser. The ears were set just over an ear's width apart, very well furnished with tips and tufts. Medium length head with nice breadth and fairly full cheeks. Large gold coloured eyes, sitting in a good slight oblique setting. Shallow concave nasal curve. His muzzle is a little narrow though it feels square. Chin of good depth, but like the muzzle it is a touch narrow. Long heavy body, rectangular shape and feeling muscular. Well furnished tail, taping slightly towards the tip and reaching the shoulders. Quite a hot shade of cream, fairly clear classic tabby markings though rather solid down the spine. Well developed coat with ruff and breeches present, longer guardhairs covering the undercoat. Well presented for the show.

185b RED/CREAM/TORTIE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON NEUTER FEMALE

BOB, DAVIES' PR ANGLEARKE SUGARSPUN, (MCO g 03 22), FN, 16.12.12

Blue Tortie-Tabby & White Maine Coon. Goodness, choosing the BOB was a real headache today especially as I had two females that could have been sisters, as structurally they were so similar and even had the same colouration, both being blue tortie-tabby.

A really large female with a nicely balanced head of medium length. Though, like her stablemate in the previous class, she did have a tendency to flare the ears, they came up well once her attention was gained and at that point she did have a really nice expression. Pale green eyes. Shallow curve to the nose, square muzzle, firm chin. Long heavy body, very well boned limbs and round tufted paws. Tail length balanced the body, reaching the shoulders, it was well furnished and flowing. Currently in full winter coat with plenty of

undercoat which is covered with a longer glossy topcoat, full ruff and breeches present. Mingled mix of blues and creams with contrasting whites, quite clear classic tabby pattern. She won BOB today because of her winter coat development.

I also considered:

LLOYD'S GR PR MIGATOBONITO TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS, (MCO g 03 22), FN, 16.01.13

Blue Classic Tortie Tabby & White Maine Coon. My Reserve Imperial female, reported above.

189a NORWEGIAN FOREST NEUTER MALE

BOB, BREWOOD'S UK OB IMP GR PR NOYNAROCK LARS-MORGAN, (NFO n 09 21), MN, 27.03.10

Brown Tabby & White Norwegian Forest Cat. So much to love about this mature male, he really does have a great expression and looks down his long straight nose at you. Large ears, their outer edges following the triangular headlines well. Very well balanced triangular head, excellent oblique set to oval shaped green eyes. Firm chin. Really well muscled heavy body, long and feeling powerful. Very well boned limbs with back legs slightly longer. Long bushy tail. Excellent coat qualities, with a woolly undercoat covered with slightly coarser waterproof guardhairs. Really snow white colour to limbs, underbody and face, contrasting really well with the brown tabby. I love the white tail tip! A very impressive male all round, beautifully presented for the show.

PC, HOWARD'S NORGESKAUKATT TOR AV NORGE, (NFO n 22), MN, 11.05.15

Classic Brown Tabby Norwegian Forest Cat. This young man of ten months old has a nice expression. He has clear triangular headlines, with well furnished ears which are quite large in size. The ears are very well furnished and would certainly help in the cold wintertime. Obliquely set hazel coloured eyes, well opened and oval in shape. Nasal profile is just about straight. Chin quite firm and of good depth. Very well developed body, really heavy and well muscled. In comparison, his head is a little small and needs to catch up, typical adolescence where the head and body develop at different rates. Hopefully the head will catch up in due course. Lovely large boning to limbs and paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. He already has lots of woolly undercoat present with longer guardhairs developing. His coat is very promising indeed, especially for age. He was great to handle, a real pleasure to judge.

189b NORWEGIAN FOREST NEUTER FEMALE

PC, COWARD'S NOYNAROCK CAMILL, (NFO n 09 21), FN, 09.09.13

Brown Tabby & White Norwegian Forest Cat. A large female with a nice expression. She has a good triangular shape to the head with large ears which are well positioned and very well furnished indeed. Very nice eye shape and set to expressive green eyes. Excellent long straight profile line to the nose. Chin could be a little deeper and firmer for perfection. Very heavy long body, she is actually a little rotund and would benefit from losing a little weight for true balance. Well furnished bushy tail, in balance with the body length and reaching the shoulders. Very good slightly harsh waterproof topcoat with some woolly undercoat evident. She has some ruff present with quite full knickerbockers. Lots of sparkling white areas – very well presented for the show, mixed with quite warm toned patches of brown tabby. Great to handle, a very gentle girl with lovely manners.

I considered for BOB:

BENNER'S PR NOYNAROCK DOTTY CANDY MINT, (NFO w 64), FN, 25.03.15

Green Eyed White Norwegian Forest Cat. Heading towards her first birthday, this young lady is a very pleasing youngster. Large ears, nicely furnished and set well on the

triangular head. Lovely expression with obliquely set green eyes and a long straight line to the nose. Chin quite firm. Long body, balancing the head size, overall she is medium in size. Very well furnished bushy tail, balancing body length. Really super coat length with a very nice texture to the snow white coat. Beautifully presented and very unlucky to meet the big mature male for BOB.

191a RAGAMUFFIN ASSESSMENT NEUTER MALE

PC, YOUNG'S THEODORIAN BARNABAS, (RGM ns 03 32), MN, 26.06.14

Brown Smoke & White with Darker Points. A lovely example of the breed, so unlucky to meet such a beautiful female when it came to choosing the BOB today. Large masculine head, really broad and showing good rounded contours. Medium sized ears, sitting well apart and with a slightly forward tilt. Rounded cheeks and muzzle with puffiness to the whisker pads. Large expressive green eyes of good walnut shape. Nose has a break present. Full chin. Broad chest and shoulders, large weighty body of good rectangular shape, well boned limbs and large round paws. Balanced tail, very well furnished. Lovely dense texture to the coat, it really does feel plushy with quite a full ruff present. Silvery white base colour with a brown topcoat, white to toe tips. A very gentle boy with a really sweet expression. Really well presented for the show.

191b RAGAMUFFIN ASSESSMENT NEUTER FEMALE

BOB, ARCHER'S GR PR FILENSIO PANDORA CHARM, (RGM ns 03 21 32), FN, 15.11.12

Brown Silver Tabby & White with Darker Points Ragamuffin. My Imperial Winner, reported above.

PC, MCDOWELL'S CHEHAM MAYA, (RGM a 03 21 32), FN, 28.03.15

Blue Tabby & White with Darker Points. What a sweetheart, her soft gentle expression melts the heart. Good broad rounded head, well developed for a young lady who has not yet celebrated her first birthday. Lovely breadth to the strong rounded head which has good gentle contours and a moderately rounded forehead. Slightly forward tilt to medium size ears, they sit well apart on the head. Rounded shape to muzzle and cheeks with lots of puffiness to whisker pads, good break to the nasal profile. Green eyes, initially they appeared a little bold though the shape and set was much better once she got over the excitement of coming out to have a cuddle. Chin could be a fraction deeper to really balance the rest of the head. Rectangular body shape with a broad chest, she feels weight and substantial. Nicely boned limbs and paws. Plumed tail, in balance with body length. Good dense soft coat, it already has a plushy texture even though she is not long into adulthood and the coat is still developing, ruff starting to lengthen. Knickerbockers are already quite full. Blue tabby with an inverted 'v' to the face, white collar and limbs. Great to handle, a very confident girl who was shown in super condition.

YES! CLASSES

I had four YES candidates who presented their cats yesterday –

ERIN TEMPERLEY who gave her first ever Novice Level presentation, surrounded by fellow Maine Coon exhibitors who thoroughly enjoyed her talking about her Maine Coon cat Anglezarke Bullseye.

SOPHIE MAE HUGHES did an excellent job and showed a great deal of knowledge about showing her Ragdoll cat and show procedures during her Novice Level Presentation.

FREDDIE BENNER handled his beautiful Norwegian Forest cat really well and showed how much he understands about how to care for her during his Intermediate Level presentation.

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ETHAN NICHOL had second stewarded for me at this show and in doing so had gained valuable knowledge on the SLH breeds which he was able to use during his first Intermediate Level presentation with his Ragdoll. His handling of his own cat shows how careful and confident he is when handling and I look forward to him being able to have the opportunity to first steward for me in the future when he is qualified to do so.