

Lancashire.....9.3.'13.....Brian Fox

Thank you to Chris and her team for the invitation to judge, and for a well-run show.

The cat fancy is going through tough times – and I have some politically incorrect views on the reasons why – so it was heartwarming to see that, in the Burmese section at least, serious effort is being put into the advancement of the breed. Appreciation should go to Mrs. Bridges, and Dr. Collin, for their sensationally typical brown female and brown kitten, respectively. Everyone with a serious interest in the breed should go out of their way to ponder on the correct beauty of these two excellent examples of the breed. Many thanks for giving me the opportunity!

Class 391, Burmese Grand Champions (IGC), Female (2)

IGC: Bradley's Gr. Ch. Shivarene Lady Guinevere, 18.4.'10. Lilac Tort. Medium size and well-proportioned; a little plump, but firmly muscled. Good tail just balances. Fairly short and finely textured coat in superb condition. Head is broad, and slightly rounded on the brow, and between well-shaped ears, held very slightly low. A short, well-defined wedge with blunt muzzle, and large, expressive, eyes of pale greenish yellow. In profile, a distinct nose break, and straight, slightly sloping, nose, and level chin.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chapman-Bear's Gr. Ch. Catamarian Evita, 13.8.'10. Blue. Petite to medium in size, with a good tail, and a fairly short and silky clear coat. Reasonable head width with gentle rounding to the top and brow, and a medium wedge that should be a little stronger in its form. Well-set and shaped ears, and large, expressive, eyes. A distinct and slightly deep nose break, straight nose, and level chin. Sorry to only place a nice cat, but not quite the flawless excellence demanded.

Class 395, Burmese Chocolate Adult Male (1 for BOB only)

BOB w/h: Barton's Emprise Honeybun, 22.1.'11. Small for age, but well muscled. Tail could have fractionally more substance. Short silky coat, of deep and warm shade. Acceptable head width, and a medium wedge. Large eyes appear rather full, but this could be apprehension, as he was clearly not relaxed. Let down in profile: a little flat on the brow, a distinct nose break, but the nose easily exceeds a modest chin.

Class 408, Burmese AOC Tortoiseshell Kitten (2)

1<sup>st</sup>; BOB: Chapman-Bear's Tribune Hufflepuff, 13.8.'12. Blue Tort. Excellent physique of correct size and weight, with very good muscle, which is a prerequisite for this breed, and elegant conformation. Good width of head with gentle rounding to the top and brow, and well-set and shaped ears of correct size. Obliquely-set eyes are large, and could have a more distinctive slant to the upper line. Reasonably distinct nose break, nose just rolls slightly to the tip, and a firm chin.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Giles' Katchyn Perfect Harmony, 10.10.'12. Chocolate Tort. Looks a little younger than her age. Good tail. Finely textured coat. Head of good width, with well-set and shaped ears, a short wedge, and large, expressive eyes, with the correct upper line slant. In profile, a distinct nose break, straight nose, which slopes slightly, and a firm chin. More substance as she matures will show her to considerable advantage.

Class 414a, Burmese Chocolate Neuter Male (1)

1<sup>st</sup>; PC w/h: Kinrade & Jackson's Maharani Aztec Prince, 7.6.'12. Petite but firmly muscled. Poor posture may be attributable to nervousness. Good tail. Short, finely-textured coat of warm chocolate. Proportionate head width, and a short wedge. Yellow eyes appear rather full in shape; no doubt exaggerated by nervousness, as is the ear set. In profile a distinct nose break, short, straight nose, and level chin. Showing himself to disadvantage, today, so size, maturity and confidence should improve him.

Class 414b, Burmese Chocolate Neuter Female (1 for BOB only)

BOB: Clarke's IGC & Gr. Pr. Karlac Jaylene, 20.8.'04. Big and plump, but muscular, with a good tail that just about balances. Medium length coat is clear and finely textured. Broad head is flat on the brow, with well-set and shaped ears, and a short wedge. Large, obliquely-set eyes. In profile, a distinct but unexaggerated nose break, and straight nose, which just exceeds the chin.

Class 418, Burmese Brown-Tortoiseshell Neuter (1)

1<sup>st</sup>; PC; BOB: Akehurst's Chiaro Preziosissima, 25.9.'11. Ideal size, muscular and slightly plump, and finely boned. Evenly tapering tail just balances for length, and is perhaps slightly slim in proportion to the rest of her. Coat is short, and fairly finely textured. A little more skull width would improve the head's proportions, but a short wedge, and well-set and shaped ears. Large eyes are set obliquely, but are a little full in the upper line. In profile, a distinct nose break, and straight nose, but the chin recedes slightly.

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