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Lancashire Cat Club
March 9th 2013

My thanks to Chris and team for inviting me to judge once again at the 'Lancs' - don't think I've missed many since the late 70's! It has always been an enjoyable show, today's was no different! It was good to meet up and reminisce with Jean Crockart. I am grateful to Mark for stewarding for me and as usual looking after me so well!

Norwegian Forest Adult Male

1 CCn/a Grant's NOYNAROCK ANDRE 67 31ats M 02-06-2008

A mature *Gent*. Head rather too broad for length. Ears of good size but they appeared to be rather too wide in set and were held very low. Skull rather flat giving an angular profile. Cheek bones too prominent. Very expressive eyes. Large slightly cobby body, legs rather short for balance. Tail of proportionate length. Coat of good length and excellent texture. I did not consider that this *Gent* reached the required standard for the CC.

BoB

Grant's IMP GR CH NOYNAROCK ALFRIED 67 31as M 20-08-2010

A very impressive chap of overall excellent type. Excellent head shape with correct balance. Ears of very good size and shape, correctly set and well held, excellent tufts. Profile just a little angular for perfection. Large body of excellent type and proportions; tall well boned legs; good length tail. Stands well on the table and happily shows off his qualities! Excellent length coat of very good texture, with good dense undercoat. A superb chap well deserving the BoB.

Also considered:

Grant's CH NOYNAROCK THORFINN 67 31at M 09-04-2009

Head of good basic type. Ears good size and set. Skull far too flat giving an angular profile, dip to nose. Body rather cobby and lacking elegance. Coat of very good length and texture.

Grant's GR CH NOYNAROCK FOREST GUMP 67 31s M 04-07-2011

A nice chap of very good type overall. Pleasing head, ears good size, well set. Good profile overall. Body of good type, legs strongly boned but could be taller. Good length coat of good texture, dense undercoat.

Norwegian Forest Adult Female

1 & CC Cowan's NOYNAOCK BLANCANIEVES 67 14 F 20-11-2011

A young lady of pleasing type though rather lacking in maturity and substance. Head of good overall type, possibly a little short for perfection. Ears of very good size and set with correct width between. Good even profile. Eyes of good size and shape. Body of very good type, just needs to body up. Legs of good length maybe needing a little stronger bone. Tail of correct length to balance. Coat of very good length and texture, well prepared. This lass has a stunning temperament and she certainly tried to influence my decision! She must be a joy to own. I did have some reservations about her size and substance but as she is only a youngster and taking this into account I was very happy to award the CC.

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Norwegian Forest Neuter Male

1 PCn/a Dobson's MAYSULA QIDPROQUO 67 31t MN 26-03-2012

At twelve months old I thought this very nervous lad was rather small. Head rather short and broad, ears of good size and appeared to be correctly set but he insisted in holding them far too low. Profile a little too angular overall. Body appeared rather cobby in type, lacking length - however he was obviously not happy with his lot in life and was very tense, certainly not showing himself to best advantage. Tail very short. Coat of good length, fairly good texture. Unfortunately I did not feel the award of PC was justified.

BoB

Coward's IMP GR PR SVALRKATTENS WESTOFTHEMOON 67 31a MN 06-08-2010

A wonderful young gent of excellent type overall. Head of excellent type, with correct balance. Ears excellent size, perfect set and carriage. Very good profile, even bite, very good strong chin. Body of excellent length and type, well boned legs, excellent tail length. Although he has a very good bone structure this lad is rather lightweight and could carry more weight to advantage. Coat a little sparse in places but overall of good length and texture. I have admired this lad in the past, he shows himself so well and is a real pleasure to judge. Well deserving the BoB.

Also considered:

Brewood's GR PR NONAROCK LARS-MORGAN 67 31t MN 27-03-2010

A rather grumpy chap. Head rather short for balance. Ears of good size held rather low. Good profile. Muzzle rather square. Excellent body type and length, with legs and tail to match. Coat of good length and texture.

Brewood's CH & PR NOYNAROCK HARALD 67 31ts MN 04-07-2011

A large well balanced gent of overall excellent type. Very good head type, ears of excellent size and set. Good overall profile. Pleasing eye shape and size. Muzzle a little square. Excellent body length and type, sturdy and with substance. Coat of good length and correct texture. Pushed hard for BoB.

Emery's PR SKOGVENNS ODIN 67 31a MN 08-05-2011

Another very attractive gent of overall excellence. Good head shape, ears of good size and set but held rather too wide. Good profile. Very good body type and substance. Coat of excellent length and texture.

Norwegian Forest Neuter Female

Considered for BoB:

Emery's PR SKOGVENNS SADIE 67 15 FN 08-05-2011

A rather small lady, she was very timid and tense and certainly did not show herself to best advantage. Head of good basic proportions and type. She insisted on holding her ears low though they appeared to be correctly set. Body rather small and cobby in type lacking elegance. Excellent coat length and texture.

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Siberian Kitten

1 & BoB Staveley's ESAYA KATYA 82 31t F 01-08-2012

An attractive youngster of overall very good type. Head of correct type. Ears of good size correctly set. Cheeks showing correct shape. Well rounded muzzle, Very good profile with correct break. Very good body type and substance, needs to grow on a bit, but she's still a baby. Good strong legs. Coat overall of very good length and texture with dense undercoat. Behind one ear she had a small patch of very short hair, I took this into account but considered that it did not warrant withholding the BoB. A very promising youngster.

AC Oriental Champion (Gd Ch) Male

GR CC Entwistle's CH SYBELLA SINNBAD 37fn M 08-07-2010

This very handsome chap is a wonderful example of an Oriental. Strong masculine head of excellent type overall. Ears of very good size and shape, excellent set. Good top of head, very good profile, correct bite, good chin line. Excellent lines to wedge. Eyes of very good size and shape, excellent green colour. Good length neck. Excellent body length and type, firm and well muscled. Long slender legs with very neat feet. Tail of good length and taper, showing a little stud tail but this was very clean. Coat of excellent length and texture, very even colour showing minimal markings to the body and as sound as they come. He was a bit techy a did a bit of grumbling but handled OK. This very attractive Gent has so many qualities and no exaggerations - an excellent Oriental well deserving the Gr Ch.

Oriental Red Adult

BoB: Brownrigg's GR CH HEMLOCK BOBBI DAZZLER 37d F 23-07-2011

A very elegant lady just oozing quality. Head of excellent type and balance; ears large well shaped and perfectly set. Good top of head, profile good overall with just slight unevenness. Correct bite, good chin-line. Very good lines to wedge. Eyes excellent size and shape, very good colour. Long elegant neck. Excellent length body, firm and slender, of excellent type. Long dainty legs, very neat paws, good length well tapered tail. Excellent short close lying coat of superb texture. Excellent rich even colour with an acceptable degree of markings - delighted to see a red chin! This very elegant lass is very difficult to fault - wish she was mine!!

Oriental Fawn Adult

1 CC & BoB Helm's VELVETENA FAWNKACHON 37r F 31-05-2012

A very elegant young lady only just in adult classes. Head of overall very good type though possibly just a fraction short for perfect balance. Ears very good size and shape, correctly set. Muzzle showing slight pinch. Good even profile, correct bite, good firm chin. Eyes good shape and set, colour appeared to be a good green. Long slender elegant body, legs long and fine, very neat paws. Well tapered tail. Coat of excellent length and texture, very close lying. Very even in colour and almost sound to the roots. A delightful natured lass, well a bit of a tart, but for all that well deserving the CC and BoB!!!!

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Oriental Spotted Tabby Adult

1 CC & BoB Brownrigg's HEMLOCK SOULJA BOY 38a M 25-03-2012

A well grown lad shown in excellent condition. Head of good type overall lacking a little length for perfect balance. Ears very good size and shape, well set. Skull slightly flat. Good chin, bite not quite even. Eyes of excellent size, shape and set, good colour. Long firm muscular body of excellent type and elegance; long elegant legs, tail of good length and taper. Short close lying coat of excellent texture. Dark blue colour markings on a rather rich ground colour showing a surprising degree of warmth for a blue. Unusually for a blue tabby the broken spine lines are clearly visible, the majority of blues at this age have far more solid dorsal area. The pattern shows minimal agouti invasion and is sound to the roots. In formation the pattern is rather muddled being of a broken classic tabby form together with elongated stripes, the spots being rather more diamond shape than round. The pattern is distinct and clearly visible from a distance. In honesty I did have some reservations about the pattern formation, but taking into account the soundness, freedom from agouti and his many other qualities I thought the CC was more than justified. He really does have a wonderful temperament and seemed to enjoy the scrutiny!

Havana Kitten

1 & BoB Keoghan's ALDERSTAR KAUYA-HIME 29 F 15-09-2012

What a stunning little lady!! "Excellent" just doesn't do this lass justice! Head of excellent type and balance. Ears large and of excellent shape and set; excellent top of head. Excellent even profile, correct bite and firm chin. Muzzle shows slight pinch which hopefully is transitory. Eyes of excellent shape and set, very promising colour. Lovely long elegant neck. Long slender body of excellent type; long slim legs with very dainty paws. Excellent long well tapered tail. Short close lying coat of excellent texture; rich brown colour showing minimal ghosting and sound to the roots. Excellent condition and temperament. A fabulous kitten, definitely one of the best Havanas I have had the pleasure of handling for many years. Her breeder must be overjoyed with her.

Oriental Red Kitten

1 & BoB Blackburn's ALDERSTAR FIRESTARTER 37d MN 23-06-2012

A lovely friendly little lad. Head of good overall type. Ears just a little small for balance, good shape and well set. Profile just a little angular. Muzzle showing slight teething pinch. Eyes of correct set but very full, good green colour. Body of good length with elegant limbs, tail of fair length but lacking sufficient taper. Coat of very good length and texture, sleek and close lying. Very rich colour, fairly even and sound.

Oriental Red Neuter

BoB Webster's GR PR NANPEMA FIDELIO 37d MN 02-05-2011

A delightful chap of overall excellence and very elegant type. Head of very good type overall and correct balance. Large ears of excellent shape and set. Good lines to wedge overall though cheeks a little hollow. Lovely eye shape and set, very good green colour. Chin a little shallow. Long slender body of excellent type and elegance. Excellent firm condition. Slender long limbs, long well whipped tail.

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Short close lying coat of excellent texture. Very good rich red colour, shows excessive tabby markings
A delightful chap with an excellent temperament.

Oriental Spotted Tabby Neuter

BoB Nelson's GR PR TIDDLYPOO JUSTIN TYME 38d MN 25-02-2006

A lovely older gent I have always liked, unfortunately he's now showing his age. Head of good overall type. Ears of good shape and correct set but just a little small for balance. Fairly good profile. Eyes good size and shape, well set and of a good colour. Body of very good length and correct type, legs and tail in proportion. Short close lying coat of excellent texture, good colour with only feint tabby markings. A lovely natured lad and a pleasure to meet again.