

**John S Harrison**  
**Lancashire Cat Club**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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Firstly, my apologies for the lateness of this report - a combination of electrical work to the house and the urgency to decorate before another hand operation! My apologies ....

My thanks to the Show Managers Mesdames Titterington & Pointon and the Committee for inviting me to judge once again at this popular and well organised show. I had a hefty book and some very interesting cats to judge. I was delighted to have Lee Tipton as my steward, he always shows great interest in all the exhibits, handles them with care, and with his wonderful sense of humour made the long day most enjoyable - many thanks Lee.

I was asked to judge BOV Oriental, I had some very high quality cats to consider, finally awarding BOV Adult to Mrs H Keoghan's beautiful Smoke GR CH ALDERSTAR HARAJUKA GIRL; BOV Neuter to Mrs S Webb's IMP GR CH & GR PR CHANTEUR SHADY LADY, an old favourite of mine; and BOV Kitten to Mr & Mrs Masters' stunning Classic Tabby AMULET ESEN HAPPY JUNGLE (IMP). This kitten really does have the WOW factor, and was my automatic choice for BOV Oriental. He has superb Oriental type and a coat to die for! His pattern is just about as good as it gets with a superbly formed classic pattern showing no agouti invasion in the pattern which is dense sound black to the roots, contrasting well with the ground-colour. Unfortunately, the ground colour is very cold and lacking the desired warmth to create a 'brown' tabby; that said I think he is probably the best Oriental Classic I've yet seen, either here or on mainland Europe. What a little stunner!

**AC ORIENTAL GRAND PREMIER Male**

1 IGP n/a

Mr & Mrs Masters' GR PR ENIGMATIC TANGERINE DREAM            OSH d            MN    21-08-14

A lot to like about this attractive lad. Head of very good type but overall I thought it rather effeminate and a little small for balance. Ears of good size and shape, well set with good width between. Skull too flat resulting in an angular profile which was also rather uneven. Correct bite and good depth of chin. Muzzle showing severe pinch. Eyes of very good shape and set, excellent green colour. Good length neck, long elegant body of excellent Oriental type. Tail short for balance. Coat of good length and texture, good rich colour, showing very heavy patterning; a lighter coloured tail tip. Excellent condition & temperament. There is a lot to like about this lad, but on the day I did not feel that he quite reached the standard for an IGP to be awarded.

**AC ORIENTAL GRAND PREMIER Female**

1 IGP

Mrs S Webb's IMP GR CH & GR PR CHANTEUR SHADY LADY            OLH f 11            FN    06-09-12

A very elegant lady of overall excellence. I have commented before that this delightful cat has a perfectly balanced head of correct shape and proportions. Ears large, wide based, and well set with excellent top of head. There is a slight dip which detracts from an otherwise excellent profile. Green

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eyes of perfect shape, size and set. Excellent muzzle shape with perfect lines to wedge. Very dainty elegant body of true Oriental type with legs and tail in proportion. Coat of excellent texture, would prefer more length, very good colouring. I have judged this cat on many occasions and my first opinion of her has not changed! No hesitation in awarding the IGP.

**AC ORIENTAL CHAMPION Female**

Wrong Colour

Mrs S Devlin's CH ATHELSTAN HEAVENSCENT OSH ns 03 F 27-04-14

An interesting exhibit. She is a well grown female of excellent type overall. Head of excellent Oriental shape. Ears large, of good shape and well set. Green eyes of super shape size and set. Good profile overall. Long elegant body with well-balanced legs and tail. Coat short and close lying, very good texture. Very clearly she has more than 1/3 white. Unfortunately, she was entered in my book as a Black Smoke which was changed after query with the Show Manager to Silver Shaded and White. Unfortunately, she is not Silver Shaded but is a Silver Ticked Tabby - with clearly ticked hairs visible in her coloured areas. I therefore marked her as "Wrong Colour". Unfortunately, she has several distinct - and clearly visible areas of Brown Ticked Tabby on her body which DO NOT show silver and are very different to her other coloured areas which are an excellent black silver. On her shoulders there are two large 'brown tabby' patches in the silver area, with further distinct areas on her back and hind legs, plus several 'brown tabby' spots on her underside. This is not tarnishing, but rather areas of the body where the Inhibitor gene has not had effect - a sort of mosaic effect. I have never seen this in a silver before, but from the clear demarcation between these areas of 'brown tabby' and 'black silver tabby' I am absolutely certain that this is not tarnishing, but rather a definite colour fault. Lovely cat shown in excellent condition - she really enjoyed the attention!

**AC Bi-Colour Ragdoll Adult**

1 CC & BoB

Mrs S Jones' GROOVICATS DELRAY RAG n 03 M 30-06-14

A large well grown chap of substance. Head of very good overall shape and balance. Ears of good size and shape, well set with forward tilt. Good width to flat skull. Good overall profile, though I felt his nose was just a little long. Cheeks showing good development. Good muzzle shape, albeit a little long. Correct bite and good depth of chin. Eyes of good size and shape, colour rather paler than I'd like. Good body length with plenty of substance, that said he could carry a little more weight to advantage. Strong chest and rib cage. Legs of correct length for balance, good bone. Tail of good length. Coat of very good length and texture, well-marked. A very friendly chap. After some consideration I decided that he was up to the required standard and accordingly I awarded him the CC - to withhold would have been unduly hard! Definitely a lot to like about this chap.

2 Mr McLean's CAIRNSBRIAN LOOK AT ME RAG a 03 M 19-05-15

At 10 months this lad is very much an adolescent. Head lacking a little breadth overall. Ears of good size and shape, well set but needing more width between. Good flat skull. Profile a little too straight,

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needing more definition to change of plane at the nose. Cheeks needing better definition. Excellent colour blue eyes, though just a little round. Very good size and build for his age. Coat of excellent length and texture, very well-marked. A lot to like about this lad, he's a work in progress and it will be interesting to see how he develops. Excellent condition and temperament.

Considered for BoB:

Miss M Lynch's CH MAGISRAGIS PIGGY MALONE RAG n 03 M 29-01-15

A pleasing young male of fairly good size and build for his age. Head needing more breadth for a male and overall being a little feminine. Ears Good size and shape, well set though needing a little more width between. Good flat skull. Pleasing profile, correct bite and firm chin. Cheeks showing a fair definition, but could be stronger. Good length body with proportionate legs and tail. Bone could be a little stronger. A lot to like about him but he does need to butch up a bit! Excellent temperament and condition.

**AC Bi-Colour Ragdoll Kitten, Male**

1 & BoB

Mrs S Jones' GROOVICATS ZAMBEZI RAG n 03 M 29-07-15

A well grown chap of eight months showing promise. Head of very good type, shape and balance. Ears of good size and shape, very well set, good with between. Top of head still slightly rounded. Very good profile, none just a tad long; correct bite and good firm chin. Cheeks showing good definition. Body of very good type and substance, strongly boned legs; tail a little short for balance. Coat of very good length and texture, good colour and well-marked. Excellent temperament and condition, well prepared. A promising youngster.

2 Miss J Estill's MAGISRAGIS MANHATTAN RAG n 03 M 07-07-15

I found this lad to be rather small and lacking substance, though of good overall type. Head of good shape and type. Ears good size and shape, well set. Good top of head, good profile, correct nose length. Good bite and firm chin. Eyes of good shape and set. Fair cheeks and muzzle. Body of good length and basic type but lacking substance I'd expect at this age. Legs rather fine in bone. Coat of good length and texture, well-marked, very good blue colour. Very good condition and super temperament.

**Siberian Kitten, Male**

1 & BoB

Lady Saye's ESSAYA LEGEND OF THE FALL SIB es 11 M 25-11-15

Only a baby, very well grown, of overall very pleasing type and showing definite promise. Head of good shape and overall balance. Ears very good size, nice shape and well set. Excellent cheeks and muzzle for age. Excellent eye shape and size. Excellent nose. Body of good sturdy type with strongly boned legs, tail in proportion. Dense coat of superb colour. At under 4 months this lad really does show a lot of promise, if he continues this early promise he will have a good show career ahead of him. He was

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just a little timid but once he realised I wasn't going to harm him he showed himself well. Excellent condition.

**Siberian Kitten, Female**

This was a very difficult class to judge, with three kittens of widely different ages and stages of development.

1 Lady Saye's ESSAYA TSARYNA-ECHO                      SIB fs 22                      F                      25-11-15

At under 4 months the baby of the class, and I see is the sister of the above. She is a very promising baby of overall superb type. She has a very pleasing head shape, ears of correct size and set. For her age she has very good cheeks and muzzle shape. Very good profile and good nose. Correct bite. Eyes of very good size and shape. Very good body type, surprisingly weighty, well boned sturdy legs. Coat very dense, still very much that of a baby - which of course is exactly what one would expect at this age! A delightful kitten showing great promise.

2 Mrs Kenyon's BELKATON SASHA                      SIB f 22                      F                      23-06-15

The oldest lass in the class and almost adult. Head of fairly good type overall. Ears of correct size and shape, well placed. Nose just a little long for correct balance. Cheeks needing a little better definition. Expressive eyes of very good shape. Body of overall good type, fairly good size for her age but I thought just a little fine in bone. Good coat length and texture. Excellent condition and temperament. A lot to like about this lass though .....

3 Mrs J Watkins' ESSAYA ALONYA                      SIB n 22                      F                      05-08-15

A very attractive well grown lass of 7 months, but very much at the 'in-between' stage of development. Head overall rather long and narrow, and a little too triangular in shape. Ears of good size and shape, held a little low. Cheeks need better definition even allowing for age. Eyes good shape. Nose a little too long. Body of good type and showing substance. Well boned legs and superb paws! Coat of very good length and texture. Excellent condition and temperament.

**BSH - Lilac Kitten**

**1 & BoB**

Mrs P Beard Smith's MEWSOS JANIS JOPLIN                      BRI c                      F                      27-08-15

A very attractive, well grown, kitten of very good type overall. Head of very good breadth and rounded shape. Medium sized ears of good shape with rounded tips correctly set and fitting well into the overall rounded contours of the head. Brow well rounded, very good nose break leading to short broad nose; correct bite and firm chin. Lovely full cheeks complimenting founded face, especially in view of her age. Large well opened eyes of a good deep orange. Short stout neck. Body of very good size and type, decidedly cobby and compact held on short sturdy legs with good bone and well rounded paws. Tail short with nicely rounded tip. Coat short and dense with a good texture. To me the lilac was just a little cold in colour lacking sufficient pinkish tone (not helped by sports hall lighting) and not quite

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sound to the roots. Excellent condition and temperament. Overall a very pleasing kitten and I had absolutely no hesitation in awarding the BoB.

**BSH - Cream Kitten**

**1 & BoB**

Mrs P Beard Smith's MEWSOS GINGER BAKER      BRI e      M      27-08-15

A stocky lad of excellent size for his age! Head of superb type overall, well rounded and with breadth conforming closely to the standard. Good size ears, of good shape with rounded tips, fitting well into the overall outline of the head. Well rounded full cheeks. Good rounded brow, well defined nose break leading to short broad nose. Correct bite, firm chin. Well-shaped muzzle. Excellent well opened round eyes of a deep gold colour. Head carried on short thick neck. Excellent cobby body with short level back; very good weight and substance. Legs short and sturdy with excellent bone. Very neat round feet. Tail short and of good shape. Coat short, very dense and with a good crisp texture. The colour was a rather dark blueish cream in colour and not quite sound to the roots - unfortunately the hall lighting was not kind to colour! Excellent condition and temperament. An excellent type kitten with a very good coat, well deserving of the BoB.

2 Mrs J Oakden's MEWSOS NEVER FORGET      BRI c      M      27-08-15

I was surprised to see that he is the litter mate of the above two - he was so much smaller and nowhere near as well developed. Head of overall rounded shape. Ears of good size and shape, fairly well set fitting into the overall head shape. Cheeks fairly well rounded. Well rounded brow leading to short broad nose. Bite correct and chin firm. Eyes a little small, well open and a clear orange in colour. Body of correct proportions, but rather small and lightweight. Coat a little long and very soft in texture. Very good pale cream in colour but very unsound. Nice natured lad.