

Lancashire 12.3.'16 Brian Fox

Thanks to Chris and Janet for bringing me in from the cold!

I've seen little of the cat fancy over the last three years - the support of shows was already a cause for concern before that (and my theories on the reasons would be very unpopular, so I'll keep them to myself) - but the number of excellent Burmese had always been a pleasure.

Sadly, from what I've seen, and conversations at the show, the breed may have taken a wrong turn, not necessarily attributable to breeders. I hope I'm wrong.

Class 409. Burmese Grand Champion (1)

1st; GC with-held; Holmes' Ch. Emer Lady Machli (22.4.'14). Rather petite for her age, but gracefully proportioned, with a well-balanced tail, correctly tapering to a rounded tip. Short and finely-textured coat, with undercolour shading to the root, and not banded. Good head type, being broad with a short wedge, and gently rounded between the ears, and on the brow. well-set and shaped ears appear a little larger than ideal, but may be 'grown-into' if she continues to mature in appearance. Large, obliquely-set eyes of a fairly greenish yellow, give a Burmese expression. Correct profile, having an unexaggerated nose break, straight nose of ideal length, and a square contour to the muzzle, with firm chin. A very attractive cat that I would readily award GC if she had a little more substance, as required of the breed - and that will probably come during the year.

Class 412, Burmese Chocolate Adult (1)

BOB with-held: Giles' Gr. Ch. Silky Majesty Quintessential (Imp) (25.9.'14). Unfortunately, too small for an entire male of this age, and a weak chin.

Class 413, Lilac Burmese Adult (1)

BOB: Holmes' Ch. Emer Lady Machli. (see class 409)

Class 420, Chocolate Burmese Kitten (1)

1st., BOB: Giles' Raweke Eurydice (15.7.'15). Elegantly proportioned and firmly fleshed, and a balanced, evenly-tapering tail. Short, finely-textured coat. Head of good width, with well-set and shaped ears, understandably on the large side at this stage of development. Correctly set and shaped yellow eyes. In profile a rather distinct nose break, and a nose rounding slightly to the tip. Chin recedes a little.

Class 425, AOC Tortoiseshell Burmese Kitten (1)

1st.; BOB: Prowse's Imaqt Charlesbur (3.7.'15). Lilac Tort. Elegant conformation, and a balanced tail of good shape. Super texture coat lies very close. Head of good width, with short wedge, and well-set ears, needing growing into. Eyes of deep and rich colour are obliquely set, but with not quite the

required upper line slant to be typical. Moderate nose break, and a nose that declines to the tip, causing a lack of depth to the muzzle, but chin is level.

Class 435, AOC Tortoiseshell Burmese Neuter (1)

1st; PC; BOB: Beaumont's locosh Coco Mademoiselle (15.1.'15). Chocolate Tort. Medium size. Rather longer coat than ideal, of a texture that does not lie closely – especially noticeable on the tail, which reduces its elegance. Good head width, and neat ears. Short wedge. Eyes set obliquely, but smaller than desired. In profile a distinct nose break, straight nose, which declines slightly, and a level chin.

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