

A very enjoyable and busy day at Wigan, my sincere thanks to Chris and the team for putting on a fabulous show yet again. It was wonderful to have Val Kaye stewarding for me, I miss our regular days together now that Val has lots more weekend working commitments! We were joined during the morning by a very promising YES! candidate, Erin Timperley. Erin is a real pleasure to work with and I hope that she enjoyed herself as much as we did. I had the huge honour of judging the Anne Rickson Memorial Class as Jean Crockart was unable to come to the show. Thank you Chris for asking me to do this. I hope that you are feeling much better soon Jean. Four really lovely cats, a great class to judge. I eventually chose Holden's Gr Ch & Pr Chrishell Al Purrcino, a truly wonderful male neuter black British with an excellent large yet cobby body, short strong legs and a thick, medium length tail. Beautiful huge broad head, strong and masculine, lovely round face, small ears, sitting very wide apart. I adored his eyes, large, round and very expressive, beautiful deep gold colour. Jet black coat, sound to the roots with a wonderful gloss and dense crisp texture. We have never met before but I do hope that we get to meet again. I hope that Anne would have approved of my choice, I could almost hear her saying "Head like a shovel, that cat!".

**AOV SLH PREMIER (GR PR), MALE**

**GRP, DAVIES' PR ANGLEZARKE BLUE JASPER (MCO a 03 22), MN, 16.12.12**

Classic Blue Tabby & White Maine Coon. What a huge lad, he has a really long heavy rectangular shaped body, well muscled with very substantial boning to limbs and large round tufted paws. Long flowing tail, easily reaching the shoulders. Large well placed ears, very well furnished with tips and tufts, they sit high on the head, about an ear's width apart, giving him a typical alert expression. Well balanced head of medium length with high set fairly full cheekbones and a very well defined square muzzle. Large well opened green eyes, set slightly obliquely. Good shallow concave curve to the nose. Firm deep chin. Mid toned blue classic tabby pattern, the pattern is quite clear and contrasts very well with the white which is evident on all four feet, underbody, bib and chest. Currently in full winter coat, he has a well developed ruff and breeches. The coat is short over the shoulders and shows an increase in length down the back and sides of the body, there is a good glossy topcoat covering the undercoat. He has such a lovely expression and clear headlines, so typical of the breed and this is what swung the class his way today. Well presented and really super to handle.

**RESERVE, YOUNG'S PR THEODORIAN BARNABAS (RGM ns 03 32), MN, 26.06.14**

Brown Smoke & White Ragamuffin with Darker Points. I really agonised such a lot between this boy and my winner, it was such a close call between these two boys today. Medium sized ears with rounded tips, set with a slightly forward tilt, they sit wide apart on the broad head. The head shows good gentle contours, rounded cheeks and muzzle with puffiness to the whisker pads. Overall I felt that the Maine Coon's head development and balance was very slightly better today, though he is slightly older so this is expected. Walnut shaped eyes of pale aqua green colour. Nose break present. Full slightly tapered chin. Broad chest, rectangular shaped body with a fleshy pad to the abdomen. Well boned limbs of medium length, large round paws. Bottle brush shaped tail, well furnished and balancing the body. Soft dense plushy to the medium length coat. Attractive brown colour topcoat which has a very pale silvery white base and clearly visible darker point to the face, ears, tail and limbs. I wish that I could have awarded two GRPs today as it was so very close between them and I went between the two pens several times before making my final decision. I finally went with Jasper as I felt that he had the edge on head shape today, but another time I could have easily swapped the placings.

I also considered:

**RICHARDSON'S PR VESSONGS PARKER (MCO n 03 22), MN, 08.11.15**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. Currently going through that typical adolescent stage, he has long and rangy body of rectangular shape which should balance well once he fills out as he matures. Lovely large ears, currently sitting a little too close together as his head is yet to broaden. Large well set green eyes. Profile has a very shallow concave curve present. Good square muzzle, firm deep chin. Tail easily reached the shoulders. Well developed warm clear classic brown tabby pattern with sparkling whites. Just needs a little time to fill out and mature.

**BURGESS'S GR CH & P-R JINGLEBELLES REDADAIR (MCO ds 22), MN, 22.02.14**

Classic Red Silver Tabby Maine Coon. This three year old male has a nice balanced head shape, good breadth and it is medium in length. I loved his large bright gold eyes. Large ears, well furnished and set about an ear's width apart on the head. Nose has a shallow concave curve, tiny nose bump present. Scissored bite. Square shape to the muzzle, though overall I feel that his head is not quite as strong as Jasper's. Firm chin. Long muscular body, quite large boning to limbs and paws. Balanced and nicely furnished tail. Coat of medium length, though a little static in texture today making it appear a bit flat in places. Quite warm red markings, though little evidence of a silvery base at the moment, the agouti colour is more very pale cream overall rather than silvery white. I am unsure about whether he is a low expression red silver tabby or a pale red tabby. Affectionate and really easy to handle.

**DAVIES' PR ANGLEZARK LAURENCE BEAR (MCO e 22), MN, 08.12.13**

Cream Classic Tabby Maine Coon. A very well groomed male, his coat felt lovely with a glossy topcoat covering the undercoat. Large ears, very well set and sporting tips and tufts. Head of medium length, though at this stage I would like to see a little more breadth and cheeks to be a little fuller. Slight oblique set to large gold eyes. Good shallow concave curve to the nose. Square muzzle, good depth to the chin though it could be a little broader to really balance the top of head. Good long rectangular muscular body. Well boned limbs and large round paws. His tail is really his pride and joy, it easily reaches the shoulders and very well furnished. Very well groomed coat, clear classic tabby pattern to the cream tabby coat with ruff and breeches present. Perfect manners during judging.

**AOC SLH PREMIER (GR PR) FEMALE**

**GRP, DAVIES' PR ANGLEZARK SUGARSPUN, (MCO g 03 22), MN, 16.12.12**

Classic Blue Tortie Tabby & White Maine Coon. What a super girl, I could have taken her home. Large well furnished ears, initially she tended to hold them down though they came up well once we gained her attention by using the teaser. Lovely strong well developed head, overall medium on length with good length to breadth ratio and fairly full cheeks. Very expressive large pale green eyes. Shallow concave curve to the nose. Square muzzle, firm deep chin. Broad chest, long rectangular shaped substantial body, very well boned medium length limbs, large round paws. Long well furnished tail, reaching the shoulders. Well grown ruff and breeches, coat shows an increasing in length going down the back and sides of the body, glossy topcoat covering the undercoat. Full breeches. Some mingled blue/cream areas, other parts show bold patches of either cream or blue, a very attractive pattern indeed. White to bib, underbody and feet. Very easy to handle and groomed very well for the show.

**BLUE POINT BIRMAN ADULT**

**BOB, WHITBY'S CH & SK TWEEDIEMILLS ISLAY MIST (SBI a), F, 23.04.16**

Blue Point Birman. A very well balanced female all round. Lovely well developed rounded head of very good breadth, especially for one so young. Medium sized ears, sitting well apart and nicely furnished. Wonderful deep blue colour to large well opened eyes. Medium length nose with a slight dip present. Full chin. Long body, nicely boned limbs, short strong paws. Balanced bushy tail. Very pale off white coat, long and silky with a ruff framing the face. Mid toned greyish-blue points colour is developing well. Very well marked feet with even gloves ending below the leg/paw angle, socks of matching length and full tapering gauntlets. For a girl of yet 12 months old, this female shows a huge amount of promise for the future. Fabulous to handle and beautifully groomed.

I also considered:

**MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S OB IMP GR CH MLYWARD XANTI (SBI a), M, 31.01.15**

Blue Point Birman A lovely large heavy male with a strong broad masculine head. Ears of medium size sitting wide apart. Another cat with wonderful deep blue eye colour. Long body, very well boned limbs and paws. Bushy tail, its length balanced the body well. Very silky texture to the long coat, full ruff framing the face. Left glove is marginally lower than the right, well marked socks and full tapering gauntlets which end about three-quarters of the way up to the hocks. He currently has some deeper blue shading to the bluish white body though the colour underneath is paler, slight extension of the greyish blue mask colour extending over the top of head. Quite deep toned greyish blue points, even in depth all round. Two very pleasing exhibits and I had to take the body colour shading into account to split them up, he lost out on the BOB today as I felt that the young female had the edge on coat colour and contrast.

**BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON ADULT**

**BOB, GREGSON'S CH JULESCOON AZLAN (MCO n 22), M, 09.06.15**

Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon. Wow, what an impressive male, one of the biggest cats we handled all day. Wonderful strong masculine head, everything about him says "male". Large ears, set high and placed just over an ear's width apart, well furnished with tips and tufts. Large green eyes, sitting slightly obliquely. Good shallow concave curve to the nose. Strong broad square muzzle, balancing the top section of head well. Firm deep chin. Very long large body, really heavy and muscular. Massive boning to limbs and big round tufted paws. Long flowing tail, very well furnished and reaching the shoulders. Currently sporting a full winter coat, very glossy topcoat covering the undercoat, the length increases down the body, full breeches and ruff. Well marked classic tabby pattern with a rich warm brown agouti base. A true gentle giant in all respects, I later made him Best in Show SLH Adult. Certainly a take home cat for me today!

**CC, DUNN & EVANS' ELMCOON STARMAN (MCO n 22), M, 29.12.15**

Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon. A very alert young man who really enjoyed the teaser. Large ears, very well furnished with tips and tufts, sitting about an ear's width apart on the head. Medium length head, cheeks filling out nicely. Green eyes, large and well opened, set in a good slight oblique. Shallow concave nasal curve. Square muzzle, firm chin. Long muscular body, he is typically adolescent at the moment and a little rangy. Quite large boning to legs and paws. Nicely furnished flowing tail, reaching the shoulders. Currently in shorter coat as his adult coat is still developing, some ruff present, quite full breeches. Warm tone to the brown tabby pattern, generally a well marked clear classic pattern though a little brindled in places. He has a really lovely gloss to the topcoat. Very easy to handle and well presented for the show.

I also considered for BOB:

**BURGESS'S CH KASSARO WASHINGTON (MCO n 03 22), M, 25.04.15**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. This young man has a very nice balanced head shape with cheeks filling out. Large ears, well furnished. Green eyes, large and sitting slightly obliquely. Good square muzzle. Long body, he is currently going through the adolescent stage so is a little narrow down the body and 'leggy' at the moment. Long tail, reaching the shoulders. Coat length developing, it is on the shorter side at the moment, some ruff and breeches present. Very well marked classic tabby pattern, sparkling whites. Great to handle, just needs a little time to fill out now.

**EDWARDS' CH DARKTOWER ZIGGY STARDUST (MCO n 03 22), M, 27.12.15**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. Slightly more balanced body in comparison to the previous exhibit as he has filled out a little more. Well boned limbs and large round paws. Long well furnished tail, reaching the shoulders. Large ears, set high on the head and nicely furnished. Medium length head, cheeks are filling out well. Large green/gold eyes, he has quite an innocent expression. Nose shows a shallow concave curve, very tiny bump and drop off towards the tip present. Square muzzle, chin of good depth though it rounds off a touch at the end. Medium length coat with some ruff and quite full breeches. Clear classic tabby pattern though there is some brindling present at the moment. White to lips, bib, chest, underbody and all four feet. Lovely to handle and well presented.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WILSON'S MYPAWS SOLO (RAG a), M, 13.08.16**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. A very pleasing young man, his head is developing well, already showing very good breadth and cheek development. Medium/large ears, set wide apart and with a slightly forward tilt. Slight oblique setting to large mid blue eyes. Nose shows a gentle dip in profile. Rounded shape to the muzzle, chin quite firm. Lovely long weighty body, well boned medium length limbs, round paws. Fabulous tail all round, very well furnished with a bushy texture, length balanced the body well. Silky coat of medium length, it already feels dense, pale bluish white in colour. Bluish-grey points are developing, he has a fully coloured nose, ears and tail with depth developing across the cheeks and up the legs. A joy to handle, he really enjoys all the cuddles so much. Very well groomed for the show.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> & BOB, COWSILL'S JAZZRAGZ SINGING THE BLUES (RAG a), F, 09.09.16**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. A well balanced female of six months old. Medium sized ears, sitting well apart with a flat plane between them. Her head is broadening well with cheeks filling out. Well defined rounded shape to the muzzle, her muzzle is a little broader than the male's, giving her the edge on overall head balance at the moment. Mid blue eyes with paler blue rims, eye colour is still developing. Good gentle dip to the nasal profile with the hint of retroussé at the tip. Firm chin. Good long weighty body, broad chest, well boned limbs, large round paws. Coat developing well, she has a ruff and knickerbockers present. The coat is already dense and feels very silky. Very pale bluish white body colour, bluish-grey points are developing depth, slightly more colour across the cheeks than the male at the moment. Lovely to handle and presented beautifully. Won the BOB over the male today as I felt that she had better muzzle breadth and profile line when compared to the male.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SCOWCROFT'S DIZZYPAWS LADY LILLIE (RAG a) F, 14.06.16**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. The oldest in the class, almost an adult. Flat plane between the medium sized ears which sit well apart and tilting slightly forwards on the head. Large

eyes, sitting slightly obliquely, pale to mid blue in colour. Nose of medium length with a gentle dip present. Cheeks fairly full, rounded shape to the muzzle. Although older, this girl was slightly smaller than the previous female, she is currently a little rangy and I suspect that she has hit the adolescent stage of development. Quite large boning to medium length limbs, round paws. Well furnished bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Lovely pale bluish white body colour, the coat was very well groomed and felt really silky. Greyish-blue points are still developing, still quite pale across the cheeks and muzzle area. There is a hint of an 'M' present on the forehead and there appears to be thumb prints on the ears, making me question whether she is a blue tabby rather than blue. However, it is difficult to determine for definite until the points colour fully comes in. A pretty girl, easy to judge, she just needs a little time for everything to come together.

**BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON NEUTER, MALE**  
**BOB, BURGESS'S UK OG IMP GR PR KASSARO CISCOKID (MCO n 03 22), MN, 14.05.09**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. This wonderfully balanced mature male really is such a great ambassador for the Maine Coon breed. Lovely long rectangular shaped body, very heavy yet not overweight. Massive boning to limbs and paws, lots of tufts between the toes. Long flowing tail, very well furnished and balancing that long body very well. Large strong head of medium length, excellent length to breadth ratio, large well placed ears giving him an alert expression. Expressive green eyes, good shallow concave curve to the nose. Strong square muzzle firm chin. Groomed to perfection, not a hair out of place. He has a full ruff framing the face, the coat shows differing lengths down the back and sides of the body, full breeches. Rich warm brown classic tabby patterns with sparkling white areas. He takes it all in his stride, not a thing fazes him. I later made him Best SLH neuter and Overall Best SLH. My congratulations to his owner and breeder, a lovely lad all round.

I also considered:

**DAVIES' PR ANGLEZARKE BLUE JASPER (MCO a 03 22), MN, 16.12.12**

Classic Blue Tabby & White Maine Coon. My Grand Winner, reported above.

**WOODCOCK'S CH & IMP GR PR BEARDWOOD LEONARDO DAVINCI (MCO n 03 22), MN, 28.03.09**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. This boy looks much better out of the pen than he does in it. He is a really large male with a very long heavy body and well boned legs and paws. Long flowing tail, reaching the shoulders. He has a very nice expression, large bright green eyes and well placed large ears sporting tips and tufts. Good shallow concave curve to the nose, square muzzle. Lacking ruff at the moment, this makes his head appear a little small and unbalanced in comparison to the body. Well developed rich warm brown classic tabby coat with contrasting whites. Pattern is just a touch solid along the spinline, though very clear elsewhere. Great to handle and very well presented for the show.

**BURGESS'S IMP GR CH & IMP GR PR COONARIA CHICAGO (MCO n 03 22) MN, 27.11.13**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. Another large male, I should have eaten more for breakfast with all the big males in this class, just to keep my strength up! Medium length head with a good square shaped muzzle and firm chin. Large expressive green eyes, sitting in a good slight oblique setting. Shallow concave curve to the nose, very small drop-off towards the tip. Large ears, he does tend to flare them which for me, detracts for the desired alert expression I look for. Lovely long heavy muscular body, substantial boning to limbs and paws. Fabulous tail all round, it easily reaches the shoulders and is very well furnished indeed. Beautifully groomed gleaming coat with snow white areas and

warm brown classic tabby pattern to the head, body, limbs and tail. Really wonderful to handle, a very laid back boy who enjoys being judged.

**RICHARDSON'S PR VESSONGS PARKER (MCO n 03 22), MN, 08.11.15**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. Reported above in my Grand class.

**BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON NEUTER, FEMALE**

**PC, GUISE'S ELMCOON ZEPHYR LILLY (MCO n 03 22), FN, 11.03.16**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. A beautifully presented young lady, celebrating her first birthday today. Large ears, very well furnished with tips and tufts, set about an ear's width apart on the head. Very well balanced head for age, slightly longer than its breadth with well filled cheeks and a clearly defined square muzzle. Large expressive green eyes, well opened and set in a good slight oblique setting. Shallow concave nasal curve though there is a tiny nose bump present. Her bite is borderline on being undershot, today I gave it the benefit of the doubt, though I really did agonise this issue. Lovely long weighty muscular body of rectangular shape, substantial boning to medium length limbs, large round tufted paws. Very well furnished lowing tail, reaching the shoulders. Excellent coat qualities, she has a full ruff and breeches, the coat is short over the shoulders, showing an increase in length down the back and side of the body. The longer glossy guardhairs cover the undercoat. Lovely clear classic tabby pattern, warm toned beige agouti with black markings. White to chin, bib, chest, tummy and paws. A delight to handle and groomed beautifully for the show.

**AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER**

**PC & BOB, CUNCLIFFE'S ADIFTON ALBERT EINSTEIN (RAG n), MN, 15.06.15**

Seal Colourpointed Ragdoll. Lots to like about this young man. A well grown male, feeling deceptively heavy and well muscled. His head is well developed for age, already showing very good breadth. Clear flat plane between ears of medium size, they sit well apart with a slightly forward tilt. Large expressive eyes, mid to deep blue in colour and set in a slight oblique setting. Well developed cheeks which taper to a well defined rounded muzzle. Medium length nose with a gentle dip present. Firm chin. Broad chest, long heavy body, well boned medium length limbs. I loved his large round tufted paws, they were so well furnished that he looked like he was walking on feathers. Bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Medium length coat silky and quite dense in texture, ruff and knickerbockers present. The coat is still developing, and at the moment he has quite a lot of deeper toned beige shading to the body because of this. However, he does exhibit good contrast between the body colour and the deep seal brown points. Really lovely to handle, he obviously enjoys the attention.

I had the honour of choosing Best in Show Semi-Longhairs today.

**Best SLH Adult was GREGSON'S CH JULESCOON AZLAN (MCO n 22), M, 09.06.15**

Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon. My BOB Winner, reported above.

**Best SLH Kitten was GILLASPY'S JULESCOON OTTO (MCO n 03 22), M, 18.08.16**

Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. A very promising baby indeed. He exhibits lovely Maine Coon type, wonderful head shape, very well grown with a long rectangular body and very substantial boning. Rich warm clear brown classic tabby pattern with sparkling white areas. One to watch out for in the future.

**Best SLH Neuter & Overall Best SLH was BURGESS'S UK OG IMP GR PR KASSARO CISCOKID (MCO n 03 22), MN, 14.05.09** Classic Brown Tabby & White Maine Coon. My BOB winner, reported above.

I was really lucky to have three YES! Candidates present their cats to me today in the Novice YES! Class. I thoroughly enjoyed all three presentations and was very impressed with all the candidates, their knowledge and enthusiasm.

**Saffron Saul** told us all about her Brown Mackerel Tabby Exotic, Dedannan Somuch Tolove and explained show preparation and procedures very well. I loved his face and the name is perfect for such a loving cat. We were very interested to learn about how to prepare an Exotic cat for a show – something that Val & I knew little about until Saffron told us.

**Keira Maxfield** gave us lots of detail about why her Siberian, Gr Pr Belkaton Pushka Tatanya needs to have a long coat due to the breed coming from a cold environment. Keira is also very knowledgeable on vetting in and why it needs to be done. She knows exactly how to care for her cat well, including feeding, grooming and health care.

**Sophie Hughes** astounded me when she told us about how she has organised a cuddly toy pet show at school this week, raising over £100 for the Ragdoll Rescue. Her Pedigree Pet cat, Mario, stole the show by stealing Sophie's rosette when the local newspaper photographer came to take photos of the presentation. Sophie has a great deal of knowledge on many aspects of showing cats.