

Shropshire Cat Club 28th Championship Show

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My grateful thanks to Aiden Gillen, Assistant Show Manager for his kind invitation for me to Judge the Household Pets and his patient support throughout the day. My thanks also extend to the Show Manager Janet Tonkinson for her friendship and assistance and to all the Show Management and Administration teams, Judges and Stewards that worked so tirelessly to ensure the event was such a huge success.

My particular thanks go to two wonderful ladies Eileen Weaver and Kate Jeskins who Stewarded for me so brilliantly. They not only gently encouraged a slightly apprehensive novice Judge to overcome some initial nerves, but also kept me going with a steady supply of refreshing tea, without which I doubt I would have sustained the energy needed to enjoy such a wonderfully busy day! I feel I have gained 2 very special new friends.

My final thanks go to all the exhibitors, some having had a very early start to travel many miles to participate and without whom, I would not have experienced the honour and privilege of meeting their gorgeous feline pets!

Olympian Class 910 – AV HP Imperial Grand Master Cat Male

This was a large class of six magnificent boys

OLY – Creation & Walker's IGMC SR Joshua Perkins MN A lovely mature, strong and solid gentleman with a superb long curly red coat in excellent condition and superbly groomed. Wow – and what a wonderful expression, so Lordly and relaxed with such beautiful knowledgeable yellow eyes that coolly surveyed all going on around him. Well presented, placid natured and easy to cuddle, this boy oozed patience whilst maintaining a modest air of aloofness. I spoke to the owner afterwards and I'm delighted that his worthy win today has earned him the Title of Olympian – well done!

RES OLY Bower's UK OBIGMC Sanjay MN Another beautiful strong mature boy with wonderful green eyes and a thick glossy lustrous brown marbled tabby coat that gave the winner a good run. Patient, relaxed and an utter joy to handle, he was a real beauty, well presented and without fuss, purred quietly before returning sedately to his pen.

Also worthy contenders were:

Ford's IGMC Boris Agrippa MN – A brown mackerel tabby boy in excellent condition with lovely clean white contrasting to his well muscled tabby body. Such a beautiful glossy shine to his coat. Unfortunately he didn't quite seem in the mood for it all today – perhaps he might have liked some extra bedding to keep him cozy or perhaps he was just tired from a long journey.

Kidd's IGMC Marmaduke MN – Another superb young ginger tabby boy with beautiful long whiskers and a handsome expression that made this guy a very strong contender for the title. A lovely laid-back temperament, yet bright and alert with ears pricked with lots of interest. Unfortunately no litter in his tray meant he had needed to improvise in his pen, which seemed to just dampen his spirits just a tad.

Kidd's OSIGMC Edwin MN A very happy blue silver short hair chap indeed that clearly liked to show himself off with a flair. What a charmer - purring with contentment and oozing lots of affection when cuddled. In good condition and well presented, his temperament utterly fabulous.

Wood's IGMC Jaxsen MN A very attractive young cream colourpointed shorthair boy with a lovely well toned body. His gorgeous dense cream coat hinted subtle warm tonal shading whilst beautiful bright eyes studied us with inquisitive curiosity that bordered nervousness when out of his pen. However once back inside, he soon settled and relaxed in his lovely spacious double pen. Excellently presented.

Class 915 – Lh/Slh Tabby Cat (Ex Ginger or Tortie) of any pattern

BIC Webb's UK OSIGMC Alys FN A mature beautiful long haired tabby and white lady with an easy relaxed laid-back temperament and oodles of patience. A lovely well toned body was supported by four strong tabby legs that appeared to be dipped in gorgeous white booties that contrasted superbly with the dense but soft full tabby coat. A well presented, lovely and friendly girl that just had to be cuddled – again and again.

Class 918 – SH Self (Single Colour) Cat

BIC Kidd's IGMC Daisy FN A mature black and white short haired lady that liked to chatter on none-stop with plenty to say for herself. I suspect her choice of words was rather direct and to the point as she was clearly not too impressed to have her morning nap disturbed and seemed much happier and relaxed when back in her pen. A lovely girl with such a lot of wonderful spirited character that one couldn't help but show rather more than a little admiration and respect.

Class 919 SH Ac Tabby Cat (Ex Ginger or Tortie) of any Pattern

BIC Ford's IGMC Boris Agrippa MN Reported on above in the Olympian class, but still a joy to view that lovely shiny coat again.

Class 924 Lh/Sh Self (Single Colour) Cat

BIC Gerrard's GMC Oliver MN An utterly stunning looking young man with a superb fluffy long black and white coat that proffered excellent grooming and preparation. A good balance of black and white contrasting soft fur that felt wonderful to stroke; and that covered a young well toned body and a regally positioned wide head sporting alert pricked up ears. His large bright yellow eyes showed ready trust and friendship and sat with an easy expression above his fabulous long regal whiskers. Not at all phased by his surroundings, he was presented in truly excellent condition and an utter joy to cuddle. I really liked this boy very very much.

Creton & Walker's IGMC SR Joshua Perkins MN Reported on above in the Olympian class, another beautiful boy that came a very close second indeed.

Class 930a Sh Ac Tabby Cat (Ex Red or Tortie) of any pattern Male

BIC Bower's UK OBIGMC Sanjay MN Reported on above in the Olympian class, but still a joy to view that lovely glossy coat again.

Kidd's OSIGMC Edwin MN Also reported on above in the Olympian class and came a very close second indeed in this class

Class 930b Sh Ac Tabby Cat (Ex Red or Tortie) of any pattern Female

MC 1st Cheal's Tsarena Anastasia FN A truly stunning short haired tabby girl of just 9 months. Initially, she was endearingly shy, but very trusting, and then purred away non-stop when cuddled. A truly beautiful dense coat in excellent condition with distinctive well contrasted tabby markings. Huge adorable bright eyes full of interest and awe, that surveyed her surroundings with open wonder. A true sweetheart that was an absolute joy to handle leaving one feeling a touch of sadness when having to return her back into her pen. Only one in her class on the day, but certainly a much deserved win

Class 931 SH Red Cat of any Pattern or AC Tortie/tabby Cat

BIC Hogan's MC Eliza Mewlittle FN A beautiful young caramel silver tortie tabby lady, wearing a wonderfully short soft wavy coat that hugged a lithe well toned body. Highly sociable, this girl is indeed a cutie and simply loved to be handled and stroked. Another difficult one to have to stop cuddling, winning easily with all her beauty, charm and beguile.

MC 1st Barr's Magical Mist Evie FN A lovely lilac girl with a beautiful dense coat with lovely tonal shading that was lovely & soft to touch. A very pretty face beheld a slightly worried expression and she was clearly much happier inside her pen than out. However, definitely in need of a good manicure.

Class 933 SH AC Kitten

1st BIC W/h Gray's Leonardo MN What a gorgeous young chap with a lovely cream silver tabby & white coat. So relaxed and totally content to be cuddled with lots of eye contact with those beautiful golden eyes. A lovely soft coat and endearingly cute face with such fabulous expression. A real joy to cuddle and perfectly happy for us to continue do so. Such a shame his watery eyes resulted in his BIC being withheld – perhaps some irritation from cleaning them on the day. Unfortunate as really excellent presentation.

Class 934 AC Adult

1st Keady's Dylan MN A very well developed muscular ginger lad of a good size for his age. Beautiful dense coat with a wonderful long tail. He was quite happy and relaxed and content to watch the world go by with those lovely golden eyes and engaging expression. Fabulous long white whiskers. A tad cautious when first out of his pen, but soon settling and clearly enjoying some fuss and cuddles. Excellent presentation.

2nd Hogan's Eliza Mewlittle FN Reported on above – a lovely girl indeed

3rd Cox's OBIGMC DaisyFN A really beautiful big semi longhair blue pointed bi-colour girl. Beautiful blue eyes, bright and alert. Lovely long soft coat in wonderful condition. Fabulous noisy personality with plenty to say for herself, yet maintaining that lovely intense expression. Clearly preferred to be back in her pen than out, but she just couldn't resist strutting with pleasure when stroked.

X3rd Hogan's OBIGMC Lola La Belle FN Another beautiful short haired seal point with white girl with such wonderful blue eyes. Lovely textured coat with lots of bi-colour contrast and in excellent condition. This lady maintained a lovely regal expression whilst coolly surveying her surroundings. Such a pretty face. Excellent presentation and well worthy of a place.

Class 937 Ac Adult or Kitten First Time Exhibitor

1st Rushton's Oscar MN An absolutely gorgeous semi longhair lilac tabby point young man. Solid and muscular with a wonderfully long soft dreamy creamy coat with gorgeous smoky blue tabby markings, the whole effect finished off perfectly with those stunning blue eyes. An utter joy to cuddle and sooo full of charm, he just oozes personality and just loves to strut his stuff, clearly loving all the fuss and attention. Excellent presentation

2nd Falconer's Harvey MN Another handsom semi longhaired caramel pointed chap with lovely blue eyes that were bright and alert. Lovely soft textured coat. Relaxed in his pen, he showed some signs of nervousness when taken out and did so well to extend his trust whilst being handled; but overall not an entirely happy chappy today. However, his presentation was utterly excellent and his pen was very well bedded and cozy – lovely to see and the best I encountered today.

3rd Mycock's Megan FN A lovely mature short haired blue point lady of more senior years than her opposite numbers in this class. A warm dense coat and beautiful blue eyes. With quite a worried expression, this lovely lady must have been wondering what the day was all about and was not at all happy being out of her pen and being handled. Perhaps she was beginning to tire as this class was judged much later in the afternoon. Generally well presented, however her long nails needed a good trim

Class 940 Ac Adult or Kitten Judge Would Most Like to Take Home

1st Thompson's Ferguson MN A semi longhair young chocolate point male that was an utterly gorgeous ball of dreamy soft fluff. Such fabulous big engaging eyes that just mesmerized all who gazed into them. And boy, does this chap love to be cuddled, so full of affection he seemed to just become even more beautiful with every stroke. Such a truly wonderful gentle temperament that worked utter magic leaving me totally captivated and completely under his spell. I certainly felt in no rush at all to put him back in his pen. A very easy winner of this class

2nd Gerrards GMC Oliver MN Reported on previously but lovely to see this beautiful ball of fluff and joy again.

3rd Whitehead & Warburton's Mishka FN A really lovely little shorthaired brown tortie tabby girl of just 6 months. Bright eyed and relaxed in excellent condition. A really cute little sweetie in excellent condition.

4th Aroha's Cuckoo MN A sweet little shorthaired blue tabby chap. Warm and friendly to handle, however despite lots of cuddles he just didn't want to purr. A long day for all exhibits at this point.

Class 941 Most Unusual Looking Adult or Kitten

1st Creation & Walker's IGMC SR Joshua Perkins MN – Today's worthy winner of the Olympian and although the only entry for this class, this chap won deservedly. I just absolutely loved his expression the moment I saw him and I'm delighted to Judge him again in a class where I can at last add 'Mr Grumpy' to his long list of complimentary annotations – albeit in nature he is anything but. A really superb boy.

Class 944 Ac Veteran Cat (7 Years and Over)

1st Creation & Walker's IGMC SR Joshua Perkins MN My last class judged today and such a perfect way to finish by placing this lovely veteran boy first again - he just had that extra little edge today.

2nd Bower's UK OBIGMC Sanjay MN A very close second to today's winner indeed and on a different day, this wonderful boy could pip the post - he certainly was a very strong contender today and his owner should be equally as proud of him as placing him second was not done easily.

3rd Webb's UK OSIGMC Alys FN A beautiful grand and elegant lady who on a different day would have the winning spot in her grasp.

4th Mycock's Megan FN Another lovely grand lady that today was perhaps a little overwhelmed by it all.