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Lancashire Cat Club Show, 11th March 2017

My thanks to Chris, Janet and the Committee for their kind invitation to judge Household Pets at the show and to my daughter Laura for volunteering to do the cuddling and stewarding!

The show was a pleasure to be part of; apart from the onerous responsibility of having to choose the BIS Non Pedigree Household Pet. This was a really difficult choice, as the contenders were all worthy of the award. It eventually came down to choice between two lovely ladies, Miss Webb's OB IGMC Iris and Misses Creaton & Walkers UK & OG IGMC Rainbowdreamcatcher. Both highly titled and deservedly so but it was the extra bit of confidence shown by UK & OG IGMC Rainbowdreamcatcher which tipped it in her favour on the day. .

Congratulations to her and to the Overall BIS Household Pet, Mrs Hirst's IGMC Babybea a delightfully outgoing winner!

Class 863 AC SH Tabby Non Pedigree

BOC Only – Webb's OB IGMC Iris FN 5 yrs Brown Tabby & White

A lovely gentle girl, very well presented. She was a little shy but otherwise was very happy to be handled. She has attractive yellow/gold almond shaped eyes, with the impression of dark teardrops in the inner corners and a very clean and very pink nose. Her coat was beautifully prepared and was sparkling white with tabby patches across her head, back and tail. Her tummy is pure white and she has a short, full tail that appears almost solid black. She is a super girl and well deserving of the BOC.

Class 863 AC SH Self Non Pedigree

1, MC & BOC - Wallace's Loki MN 1 yr Black

A super, medium sized young man, with a glossy black coat and expressive gold eyes. He has a few white hairs on his throat but otherwise is most definitely a black cat! He has a rather solemn expression but purred happily the whole time he was out of his pen and was very interested in everything around him. He has a soft, clean, well prepared coat with a rather long tail. He has a neat triangular head and straight nose but seeing much more of his face with difficult as he really just wanted to head butt and cuddle. A lovely boy.

Also considered for BOC Kidd's OB IGMC Domino MN 7 yrs Black

The larger and older model of black cat on offer! Another lovely boy but a little bit wriggly and starey eyed out on the trolley and much happier and more relaxed observing from within his pen. Again he was very well presented, with a glossy black coat and attractive green eyes. He is well padded around his middle but overall a lovely, gentle boy and just unlucky to come up against the other boy on the day.

Class 869 AC SH Non Pedigree Kitten.

1 & BOC - Watkins Sherlock, MN 25.6.16 White with Black

A lovely young man with a sparkling white coat with a couple of coloured areas on top of his head. They were claimed to be black but to me were very definitely blue. He is almost out of the kitten class, so just about grown up and is quite a solid boy but with a sweet temperament. He was a little hesitant and wide eyed out of his pen but much more relaxed when he felt more secure once back inside it. He has almond shaped gold eyes and a bright pink nose with a soft, dense, beautifully clean white coat and a long tail.

Class 872 AC LH/SLH Self Pedigree Pet

BOC Only - Holden's Sup UK IGMC Jakfrost MN 7 yr 3 mths Odd-eyed White

An absolutely delightful, odd-eyed white boy. He is so serene and calm and appears to have lost the use of his legs as all he wanted to do was recline gracefully on the trolley! He has an incredible coat, snowy white and beautifully prepared complemented by a lovely long flowing tail. He has very expressive odd eyes and was very alert and taking everything in and I think would have happily sat on the trolley all day if we had allowed it. He has massive paws and is a big boy overall but not from excess padding, he is just a big cat.

Class 875a AOC LH/SLH Pedigree Pet Male

There were six in this class, three lovely boys competing for the MC and another three to take into account for the BOC. It wasn't an easy class to judge as they were all of such a high standard

1, MC & BOC - Coupland's Olly Purrs MN 9 mths Lilac Tabby Point

Delightfully relaxed young man, only just an adult and who thought the point of him being out of his pen was to eat my pencil. He had a beautiful pale ivory coat, with delicate lilac points, which was very well prepared with neat ears and pale blue eyes. He was in lovely condition and was a dream to handle. He just wanted to laze on the trolley and give kisses which he does rather well. Loved him!

2, Harnell's - Baby Boodles MN 9 mths Blue Point & White

Another only just old enough to be out of the kitten class and he was another lovely purring boy, with a rather grumpy expression which rather belied his nature because grumpy is one thing he definitely wasn't. Pale ivory coat, with blue shading, white paws and pale blue eyes. He has a massive amount of coat, which was beautifully presented and he purred the whole time. He was just unlucky today as all the cats were of such a very high standard.

3, Hughes's - Mario MN 1 yr 6 days Seal Point & White

A very chilled young man, with lovely bright blue eyes He has a seal mask with white and a milky coffee coloured body. He has a very nice alert expression and was very happy to be handled He was nicely presented and I particularly liked his expression and his head..

Also considered for BOC

Hughes's - IGMC Mocha MN 4 yrs 10 mths Chocolate Point & White

A smaller boy than some of the others and with a little less coat on the day, although it was very well prepared. He has mid blue eyes and a pale milky chocolate body and chocolate points. He was perfectly happy to just sit on the trolley and look around.

Hughes's - GMC Mika MN 5 yrs 9 mths Seal Point

A lovely big boy, seal points with quite a dark shaded body, which was very solid. Nicely presented and he was another that purred all the time he was out of his pen. He was very interested in his surroundings.

Thompson's - IGMC Ferguson MN 5.4.13 Chocolate Point.

A super compact person who wasn't too happy to catch sight of his neighbours but as long as he thought he was alone he was fine! He was another who had super preparation and his

points colouring was a particularly nice shade of chocolate. He was a lovely young man with a super facial expression.

Class 875b AOC LH/SLH Pedigree Pet Female

1 & MC - White's Cleo FN 8 yrs 6 mths Blue & White

A very sweet, gentle girl with a good solid little body. She is mainly white with a blue tail and patches of pale blue on her head and body. She has a dinky nose and one gold eye. She had a bit of her breakfast still decorating her chin and would have benefitted from a little more grooming, particularly if she was entering for a higher award. But she is a delightful older lady who was just happy to snooze the day away.

Class 878 Red or AC Tortie etc. SH Pedigree Pet

BOC Only – Hirst's IGMC Babybea FN 23 mths Blue Tortie

A gorgeous, dinky little tortie lady! Super green eyes, close lying, mingled blue and cream coat, with one cream foot. She was padding and purring away the whole time she was out of her pen and was constantly giving kisses – which count for a lot! I loved her and wasn't at all surprised when she was chosen BIS Pedigree Pet and then overall BIS Household Pet. She is a delight.

Also considered for BOC – Hogan's IGMC Eliza Mewlittle FN 3 yrs 10 mths Caramel Silver Tortie Tabby

A beautiful young lady with really gorgeous colouring of pale caramel and cream with a sparkling silver base and gorgeous golden eyes. She has a super, soft rexed coat that fully covers her body and feels wonderful. She was a little shy and lost out to the younger girl only on that little extra degree of confidence. She is adorable.

Class 882 Most Appealing Neuter or Kitten

1 – Harling's OB IGMC Chilli MN Red Tabby Point

A fabulous big teddy bear of a cat. Just totally relaxed and beautifully prepared So laid back, he is super – as always.

2 – Hogan's IGMC Eliza Mewlittle FN 3 yrs 10 mths Caramel Silver Tortie Tabby
See Class 878

3 – Wallace's Loki MN 1 yr Black
See Class 865

X3 - Watkins Sherlock, MN 25.6.16 White with Black
See Class 869

4 - Harnell's - Baby Boodles MN 9 mths Blue Point & White
See Class 875a

Also entered

Maguire's Murphy MN 9 mths 2 weeks Ginger Tabby

He is a super colour and had beautiful markings but wasn't at all happy and didn't want to come out of the safety of his pen. So as he is still a young cat, I felt it better to leave him in peace and not stress him any further.

Thompson's - IGMC Ferguson MN 5.4.13 Chocolate Point
See Class 875a

Class 886 Neuter or Kitten with the Glossiest Coat

1 - Cheal's OB IGMC Tsarena Anastasia

A delightful young lady with a gorgeous, gleaming, glossy, bright golden based, brown tabby coat. She fulfilled the class title perfectly and as a bonus has an equally sunny temperament. She purred the whole time we were with her and her constant kissing was just the icing on the cake. She is a sweetheart.

2 - Wallace's Loki MN 1 yr Black
See Class 865

3 - Kidd's OB IGMC Domino MN 7 yrs Black
See Class 865

X3 - Buckley's IGMC Malcolm MN 10 yrs 11 mths Ginger Tabby

A super boy with a lovely, shiny, red, classic tabby coat. He is huge but also a little shy and much preferred his pen

4 - Watkins Sherlock, MN 25.6.16 White with Black
See Class 869

X4 - Hughes's - IGMC Mocha MN 4 yrs 10 mths Chocolate Point & White
See Class 875a Although he is lovely, I didn't feel his coat type really suited the class title.

Class 889 Neuter or Kitten Judge would most like to take home

I took the class title literally, so this is totally subjective and definitely based on who I would like to have taken home!

1 - Bower's Cassidy MN 9 mths Black & White

A really gorgeous and smart looking black and white person. He is a good size and weight for his, just adult, age and has a really superb temperament. He was another who insisted that kissing would be his best route to a high placing! He has a soft, fully rexed coat and I loved him.

2 - Harling's MC Chai FN 5 yr 7 mths Chocolate tortie tipped

A gorgeous little lady. She has delightful crinkled whiskers and a short, softly curled coat of a really pretty, subtle shading of mingled milk chocolate and cream on a silvery base. She has a lovely relaxed temperament and I thought she was delightful.

X2 - Hogan's IGMC Eliza Mewlittle FN 3 yrs 10 mths Caramel Silver Tortie Tabby
See Class 878

3 - Watkins Smudge MN 25.6.16 White with Black

A lovely big kitten and very like his litter brother, (Class 869) just the SLH version. Like his brother he is white with blue, not black but also like his brother he is lovely, with a very well prepared coat and a lovely plume of a tail. Just not entirely relaxed.

Also entered

Maguire's Murphy MN 9 mths 2 weeks Ginger Tabby
See Class 882

Harnell's - Baby Boodles MN 9 mths Blue Point & White
See Class 875a

Thompson's - IGMC Ferguson MN 5.4.13 Chocolate Point.
See Class 875a

Class 893 Neuter or Kitten with the best presentation

1 - Holden's Sup UK IGMC Jakfrost MN 7 yr 3 mths Odd-eyed White
See 872 – and he is so beautifully presented, the others really were competing for 2nd place.

2 - Webb's OB IGMC Iris FN 5 yrs Brown Tabby & White
See Class 863

3 - Hughes's - Mario MN 1 yr 6 days Seal Point & White
See Class 875a

X3 – Maguire's MC Bo-Jhenga FN 3 yrs 11 mths Seal Point

A lovely big solid girl with gorgeous deep blue eyes and a shiny, darkly shaded seal point coat. She was very happy, tucked into a purring ball in her pen.

Also entered

Harnell's - Baby Boodles MN 9 mths Blue Point & White
See Class 875a

Hughes's - IGMC Mocha MN 4 yrs 10 mths Chocolate Point & White
See Class 875a

Hughes's - GMC Mika MN 5 yrs 9 mths Seal Point
See Class 875a

Class 896a Neuter or Kitten living outside the Wigan Area

Hughes's - Mario MN 1 yr 6 days Seal Point & White
See Class 875a

2 – Hogan's GMC Mognum Opus MN 1 yr 65 mths Smoke Tabby

He is a lovely big, solid golden eyed boy, with a gorgeous black smoke coat with distinct tabby markings. He has a super temperament.

3 – Kidd's OB IGMC Marmalade

Another big red boy, who is very laid back and relaxed. Golden eyes, that blend beautifully with his coat. Heavy and happy!

X3 – Rawlinson's Ragnar MN 12 mths Brown mackerel tabby

A lovely gentle and now, quite large boy. He has a beautifully marked mackerel tabby pattern with a rather cold base colour but his coat is short, dense, soft and glossy. He was a little hesitant and seems to have lost some of the confidence he had in abundance as a kitten. Hopefully this is just a teenage phase!

Also entered

Maguire's Murphy MN 9 mths 2 weeks Ginger Tabby

See Class 882

Hughes's - GMC Mika MN 5 yrs 9 mths Seal Point
See Class 875a

Class 896b Neuter or Kitten living outside the Wigan Area

1 – Creaton & Walker's UK OG IGMC Rainbowdreamcatcher FN 28.04.2005 Tortie & white

A delightful older lady, still looking fabulous at nearly 12 years of age. She has a super bright, contrasting tortie and white coat, a dinky little tail and of course her trademark beauty spot on her muzzle. A favourite who didn't disappoint and was my choice for BIS Non Pedigree.

2 - Coupland's Olly Purrs MN 9 mths Lilac Tabby Point
See Class 875a

3 - Maguire's MC Bo-Jhenga FN 3 yrs 11 mths Seal Point
See Class 893

X3 - White's Cleo FN 8 yrs 6 mths Blue & White
See Class 875b

Also entered

Buckley's IGMC Malcolm MN 10 yrs 11 mths Ginger Tabby
See Class 886

Daley's Gem FN 10 mths Brown spotted tabby

A pretty little person, with a lovely darker brown tabby spotted coat, without the rich base of some. Unfortunately she wasn't a happy bunny by the time we got to her, so didn't show herself to her best advantage.

Class 900 AC Kitten

1 - Watkins Smudge MN 25.6.16 White with Black
See class 889