

Many thanks to the committee of the Lancashire cat Club for their kind invitation to judge at this year's show. Some gorgeous cats and kittens and a wonderful atmosphere. Ably assisted by my steward Tom Cass-Simmonds who kept me on track all day.

CLASS 501b – Siamese or Balinese Grand Champion Female

1st – Imp n/a - 262 Walker's Gr Ch Cosita Darcey Bussell (SIA a 21) F 1/2/2014 – Blue tabby girl of good type. Head shows just enough width between her large ears that are set in line with her short slightly pinched wedge. Head a little flat across the top with a straight profile and chin that shows good depth. Bite is level and tidy. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being brilliant blue of very good depth. Medium in size this girl has a fine neck, medium length body, slender legs and neat oval feet. Her tail is tapered and of balancing length. Clear light blue tabby markings with M to forehead, double ribbons to cheeks, thumb prints just visible to ears, tail shows rings over half the length and barring evident to legs. Glacial white body that shows heavy tonal shading. Coat is short, close lying and fine in texture. Well balanced girl with just a couple of niggles and for me not quite up to this level of certificate. No doubt others will disagree.

2nd – 260 Helm's Gr Ch Velvetena Fawntocaptivate (SIA p) F 19/8/2010 – Moderate type to this mature fawn point girl. Head ideally could show more width between her large ears that are held slightly high so not quite in line with her pinched wedge. Profile is uneven with a dip at the brow and a bump to the nose. Chin shows just enough depth and she has a level untidy bite. Eye shape and set both Oriental with the colour being brilliant blue and of good depth. She has a long neck, long well fed body, fine legs and oval feet. Her tail is tapered and of balancing length. Points are a well matched rosy mushroom and her body is magnolia. Coat is short, close lying and fine in texture. Temperament and presentation both excellent. Like the winner of this class she is not quite up to the level of certificate.

CLASS 464 – Oriental Lilac Kitten

1st – 248 Tonkinson's Tenaj Mysticmemory (OSH c) M 13/10/2016 – Lilac boy of even balanced type. Head shows good width between his large ears that are set in line with his wedge that shows good length, at present showing a slight pinch no doubt due to him teething. Profile is straight and his chin firm with a tidy level bite. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being a pleasing clear, bright vivid green. Size is in keeping with his age and he has a long neck, slender body, tall legs and oval shape feet. His tail is long and tapered. Grey coat that in the available hall lighting was slightly darker than I would prefer and it was difficult to see much evidence of any pinkish tone. The surface of the coat is darker with a nice even but slightly paler toned colour down to the roots. At present the coat also shows some ghost spots to sides and barring to legs and tail but he is after all still a kitten and has plenty of time for his coat to develop. Temperament and presentation both first class. Lovely boy showing excellent promise.

CLASS 474 – Oriental Lilac Kitten

W/C – 251 Hinson's Annamar Chantilly Lace (OSH m 24) M 23/6/2016 – Brown spotted tabby girl incorrectly entered as a caramel spotted. Very stylish girl, broad head with large ears that are set in line with her long wedge that at present is showing a minimal pinch. She has a straight profile, chin showing just enough depth and her bite is tidy and level. Eye shape and set are both oriental with the colour being a paler shade of green. She has a long neck and body, fine legs and oval feet. Her tail is long and tapered and unfortunately has a slight deviation. Her tabby markings are jet black, the ground colour is brown but could be warmer. Her coat is not sound with a grey layer at the roots throughout. M to forehead extends over the back of the head and neck breaking into spots at the shoulders. Unfortunately the bottom third of the spine is still solid and showing only minimal signs of breakage at present. Spots to the sides show linkage and are not completely sound, also showing extensive agouti invasion. Her coat is short, lies close to the body and is fine in texture. Excellent temperament and presentation. Beautiful for type but her tabby pattern detracts.

CLASS 543 – Balinese Neuter

BOB – 281 Ryan’s Gr Pr Ridestar Severn Sunrise (BAL d 21) MN 20/6/2012 – Huge red tabby boy. Large ears set aside his broad head and in line with his pinched wedge. Small depression above the brow and a small nose bump to profile. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being brilliant blue of very good depth. He does insist on holding them rather full though until completely relaxed. Long neck and well fed body, tall strong legs with large oval feet. His tail is long and tapered but ideally could do with another rinch. Tabby markings are bright reddish gold and his body is a warm white showing heavy tonal shading. Coat is medium long and is fine and silky, lies flat along the body. Well prepared boy with an excellent temperament though a little shy to start with.

Miscellaneous Classes

CLASS 754 – Oriental Adult

1st – 241 Brown’s UK OS Imp Gr Ch Hemlock Spotty Muldoon (OSH n 24) M 23/6/2014 – Excellent type to this brown spotted boy. Broad head with large ears that are set in line with his even wedge. He has a straight profile, good depth to his chin and a tidy level bite. Eye shape and set are both oriental and the colour is bright green. His tabby markings are jet black down to the roots and his ground colour is brown though ideally it could show more warmth. He has two broken necklaces, thumb prints visible to ears, M to forehead that travels over the back of the head and neck breaking into spots over the shoulders. Broken spots then continue down the length of the spine. Even distribution to spots on both his sides. Some agouti slipping into the edges of his spots but this did not overly detract from the overall clarity. He has a short, close lying coat that is fine in texture. Perfect showman, so relaxed and easy to handle. Presentation excellent.

CLASS 757 – Oriental Debutante Adult

1st – 240 Brownrigg’s Hemlock Smooth Operator (OSH n 24) M 15/5/2016 – Young brown spotted boy of excellent type. He has a broad head with large ears that are set in line with his even wedge. Profile is straight and he has a firm chin with a level bite. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being a pleasing bright green. He has a long neck, long muscular body, tall legs and oval feet. His tail is slightly fat but tapers and has enough length to balance. Spots are jet black and sound to the root, his ground colour is brown and shows some warmth but ideally could show a little more. Two broken necklaces, cheek ribbons, M to forehead that travel over the back of the head and neck breaking into spots at the shoulders with broken spots continuing down the length of his spine. Spots to the sides are for the most part evenly distributed, though on his left side there is a little linkage. Some minimal agouti slipping into the edges of his spots but did not overly impact on the overall clarity. Coat is short, close lying and fine in texture. Temperament and presentation both excellent. Superb show presence and one to watch for the future no doubt.

CLASS 758 – Oriental Novice Adult

1st – 236 Hirst’s Toghar Mcilroy (OSH c) M 8/5/2016 – Lilac boy of good type. Head ideally could show a little more width to balance the length of his long slightly pinched wedge. His ears are in line with the wedge. Profile shows a minimal dip below the brow and a small nose bump, chin shows enough depth and his bite is level. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being bright green though ideally I would like to see more of a vivid tone to them. He has a long neck, firm long body, fine legs and oval feet. His tail is long and tapered. In the available hall lighting it was difficult to find evidence of any pinkish tone to his grey coat which was slightly unsound on his flanks. Some ghost spotted tabby markings to sides. His coat is short, close lying and fine in texture. Temperament and presentation both excellent.

CLASS 759 – Oriental Debutante Adult

1st – 240 Brownrigg’s Hemlock Smooth Operator (OSH n 24) M 15/5/2016 – see class 757

CLASS 769 – Oriental Kitten not bred by Exhibitor

1st – 253 Edwards’ Hemlock Spiral Sparrow (OSH n 03 24) M 10/8/2016 – Nervous brown spotted bicour girl of very good type. She has a broad head with large ears that are set in line with her even wedge. Profile is straight and she has a firm chin with a level bite. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being olive green. Long neck and body, fine legs and oval shape feet. Her tail is long and tapered. White to face, all four legs her chest and travelling under her front legs all the way down to her abdomen in an unbroken thick white line. This girl has approximately 35% white in total. Coat is short, lies close to the body and is fine in texture. A shy girl lacking confidence but friendly in nature.

2nd - 250 Bostock & Booth ‘s Mazpahs Terminator (OSH d) M 2/9/2016 – Red boy of good type. Head shows good width between his large ears that are set in line with his wedge that at present is slightly pinched. Profile is straight and he has a firm chin and level bite. Eye shape and set both oriental with rather an innocent expression, the colour is a paler shade of green. Long neck, medium length body, fine legs and oval feet. Tail is long and tapered. Colour is rich warm red down to the roots showing tabby markings to sides, face, tail and legs. Coat is short and close lying with the texture being fine. Well-presented boy who did a lot of hissing and spitting.

CLASS 769 – Oriental Novice Kitten

1st – 250 Bostock & Booth ‘s Mazpahs Terminator (OSH d) M 2/9/2016 – see class 769

CLASS 790 – Oriental Senior Neuter

1st – 256 Edwards’ Sup UK OB Imp Gr Pr Hemlock Alfredo Ferrari (OSH b 24) MN 5/1/2014 – Excellent type to this chocolate spotted boy. He has a broad head with large ears that are set in line with his long even wedge. Profile is straight and his chin firm, the bite is tidy and level. Oriental eye shape and set with the colour being bright green and of good depth. Long neck, long muscular body, tall legs and oval feet. His tail is long and tapered. Rich warm chestnut brown tabby markings that are sound to the root, his ground colour is a pleasing warm bronze. He has two broken necklaces, single cheek ribbons, M to forehead that travels over the back of the head and neck breaking into spots over the shoulders and continuing in down the length of the spine. Spots to sides are evenly distributed with some minimal agouti slipping into the sides of the spots but this does not unduly impact on the clarity of his pattern. He has a short coat that lies close to the body and is fine in texture. Temperament and presentation both excellent.

2nd – 255 Allen’s Gr Pr Alderstar Mid-Knight Sky (OSH f) FN 1/1/2014 – Black tortie girl of good type. Head shows just enough width between her large ears that are set in line with her even wedge. Profile is straight and she has a firm chin and though most her teeth are missing, her gums appeared level. Eye shape and set are both oriental with the colour being olive green. Long neck and body, fine legs and oval feet. Her tail is long and tapered. Coat is jet black and sound to the root and broken by varying shades of red tortie mingling that are on the whole are a darker shade of red. Coat is short and close lying, the texture just a little coarse today. Temperament was excellent.