

STEVE CROW – SHROPSHIRE SHOW – 7th February 2015

My thanks to Janet and the Committee for the invitation to judge again this year, I had a very enjoyable day. Grateful thanks also go to Anita Bryant, who stepped in to steward for me and who handled the cats with care and attention. Many thanks Anita.

Foreign Imperial Grand Premier, Female: A good class with two girls entered. IMP GPC. BRADLEY'S GR CH & GR PR KAMEHAND TICKETY BOO. Asian Black Ticked Tabby. 21/9/2005. Very attractive mature girl in splendid condition for almost nine and a half and showing very pleasing type. Long slender elegant body is balanced and of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with straight back, gently rounded chest and slender well shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms short wide wedge, blunt in the muzzle with slightly round top between well-spaced medium large broad based ears of good shape. Lovely large lustrous eyes are a rich golden yellow colour, of very good shape and set wide apart to give typical "glowering" expression. Very slight curve to brow, good break, short straight nose and level chin of fairly good depth. Fine coat is of medium length and lies close to her body, smooth and satiny in texture and displaying a glossy shine. Attractive even well-defined black ticking is of good depth and lies over a warm slightly bronze toned base, some black roots in places where her new coat is starting to come through, solid dark spine-line, multiple narrow bars on legs and broken rings on tail, very attractive facial markings with "M" and complex scarab on forehead. Tail tapers evenly to "paintbrush" tip and length just balances. Talkative chatty girl, very sweet natured and a pleasure to handle. Res IMP GPC. BORMAN'S GR PR LILYPUT JAFFA CAKE. Blue Tortie Tonkinese. 31/8/2013. Mature attractive girl, not in the best of moods today, but showing very pleasing type. Long slender well filled body is balanced and of very good weight and substance, firm and muscular to the touch with gently rounded chest and elegant well shaped slender legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head shows medium wedge of good proportions with gently rounded muzzle of strength and definite whisker break. Medium large broad based ears are of good shape and spaced well apart, she did tend to flare them, but with patience I did persuade her to hold them correctly. Large lustrous sea green eyes are shaped like rounded almonds and set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical expression. In profile show slight curve to brow, very gentle break, straight nose and level chin of fairly good depth. Fine coat is of medium length, very close lying with a smooth silky texture, in super condition and displaying a gleaming shine. Soft warm medium blue grey predominates with rich medium cream intermingled, very slightly darker richer tones at points merges very gradually to slightly lighter tones on body and lighter still on under-parts. Tail tapers evenly to finer tip and length just balances. Not happy out of her pen and grumbled, not difficult to handle but reluctant to show herself to best advantage.

Norwegian Forest Kitten, Male: Two boys entered. 1 & BOB. CONNERTON'S FJALLKATTEN RUPERT. Black Silver Tabby & White. 26/7/2014. Handsome young man of six months, who is maturing nicely and of very pleasing type. Long strong well-filled body is of very good size and weight, feeling firm, muscular and of very good substance with solid boning, deep rounded chest and sturdy yet elegant, well-shaped legs ending in large round paws in proportion with small toe-tufts. Triangular shaped head is of good proportions, more isosceles than equilateral at present, whiskers are long and elegant. Large broad based ears are of good shape and of high and open set, long inner furnishings and small lynx-like tips. Large oval eyes are held well open and set obliquely to give typical alert expression. Gentle curve to brow, profile line to nose is long and almost completely straight, chin is falls back slightly and is of fairly good depth. Good coat length for age with discernible top coat which flows as well as it can over a fair amount of soft quite dense woolly undercoat, some very slight resilience evident on lower back, quite good ruff frames face, a little bit of shirtfront coming and knickerbockers are developing nicely, tail is well furnished and quite bushy; shown in superb condition and very well prepared with a glossy shine to his coat. Tail is of good shape and length just reaches to shoulder-blades to just balance. Slightly apprehensive especially out on the table, gentle and sweet natured he relaxed a little as he got to know us.2. GRANT NOYNAROCK KIPLING. Blue Silver Tabby & White. 6/6/2014. Handsome young man of very good size for eight months old, maturing well and of pleasing type. Long strong body is ell filled and of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with solid underlying boning, deep rounded chest and sturdy yet elegant legs of good length ending in large round paws with slight toe-tufts. Head is triangular and good proportions but very slightly broad across the nose when viewed from the front. Large broad based ears are of good shape and high and open set, good long inner furnishings and lynx-tips. Eyes are a good size, oval in shape and held quite well open, set obliquely but a little too deeply so that they did not appear as expressive and well open as they might. Gentle curve to brow, profile line is long and almost straight to tip of the nose, chin falls back slightly and is of fairly good depth. Quite good length to top coat which is clearly evident and flows as well as it can over some fairly dense, soft woolly undercoat, some resilience coming in on the lower back, slight ruff and knickerbockers, well-furnished tail is bushy. In super condition and very well prepared, displaying a gleaming shine to his coat. Tail is of good shape and length reaches to shoulder-blades to balance. Calm, quiet and very good natured boy.

Norwegian Forest Kitten, Female: One girl entered. 1. PITTINGALE'S ADURTLO MIDNIGHT. Black & White. 13.7.2014. Pretty young lady of good size and weight for age and quite pleasing type. Long body is elegant, very slight slender at present but of very good weight and substance, firm and muscular with solid boning, deep rounded chest, elegant legs are quite sturdy and of good length, ending in large round paws slight toe-tufts. Head is triangular in shape, more isosceles than equilateral at present, showing a very slight teething pinch. Large

broad based ears of good shape and of high and open set when settled, long inner streamers and small lynx-like tips. Large expressive golden yellow eyes are oval in shape, held well open and set obliquely. Gentle curve to brow, long profile line shows distinct dip at bridge, hint of a tiny bump on nose, chin is just level and of fairly good depth. Coat is of quite good length for her age, top coat is evident, slightly soft in texture but with some very slight resilience coming in on lower back, top coat flows as well as it can over some soft woolly undercoat, very slight ruff and slight knickerbockers, tail is quite well furnished and bushy. In super condition and well prepared with a healthy shine to her coat. Tail is of good shape and length reaches to shoulder-blades to just balance. Alert, sweet natured and affectionate girl.

Maine Coon Silver Tabby Series Neuter: One boy entered, plus one to be considered for Best of Breed only. 1PC. KERNER'S ELMCOON THE-WOLVERINE. Black Silver Classic Tabby. 27/4/2014. Handsome young man, just adult and looking rather adolescent, still developing, but of pleasing type. Long body is rectangular in form, a little slender although of very good weight, firm and muscular with strong underlying boning, broad rounded chest, square rump and sturdy well shaped limbs ending in large round paws in proportion with small snowshoes. Head is slightly longer than wide, cheek-bones are high and of good width, though cheeks are yet to fill-out, square muzzle feely fairly strong, overall he is a little thin in the face, but this is forgivable at his age. Large broad based ears are of good shape with pointed tips, well-spaced and a little mobile today, yet held correctly high when he is settled, and quite tall, good inner furnishings and lynx-like tips. Large expressive golden yellow eyes are full and round in shape, held well open and set wide and slightly obliquely. Gentle concave curve in profile line is just deep enough, level chin is of fairly good depth and fairly firm. Coat of quite good length for nine months, top coat is still to lengthen full yet flows as well as it can over minimal soft undercoat, slight ruff and breeches, tail is quite well furnished although hairs yet to lengthen fully and grow profuse; shown in very good condition with a gleaming shine to his coat. Black classic pattern is defined and contrasts well against a clear silver agouti ground, pattern is a little solid on his back, slightly blurred oyster on each flank, "butterfly" motif across shoulders, multiply bars on legs, attractive facial markings with some slight tarnishing around the muzzle. Tail is of good shape and length reaches to shoulder to balance. Very nervous, apprehensive boy, it took some time to get him to relax and show himself, this was worthwhile as when he did he revealed himself to be worthy of the PC today. BOB to HOLDEN'S GR PR ISADORYOU PHOENIX. Red Silver Classic Tabby & White. 7/10/2013. Large handsome and masculine boy, very well developed and mature for sixteen months old and of good overall type. Long body is rectangular in form, very slightly slender in the flanks, but well balanced and of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with good strong boning, broad rounded chest, square rump and sturdy well shaped legs ending in large round paws in proportion with snowshoes. Head is of medium length, slightly longer than wide with very good width to high cheeks which are well filled and rounded, muzzle is square and of good

breadth, feeling strong. Large ears are broad at the base and of good shape, tall and spaced well apart, yet set high with good inner furnishings and long lynx-tips. Large rich yellow eyes are full and round in shape, set wide apart and slightly obliquely to give typical grumpy" expression. Curve to brow, gentle concave curve in profile line to nose, chin is level, of good depth and feels firm. Good length to top coat for age with substantial waterproof texture, it flows quite well over some soft undercoat, fairly good ruff and good breeches, belly fur, well-furnished tail with very good length to hairs already forms a profuse plume; beautifully prepared and in superb condition. Classic pattern in warm bright quite rich medium red contrasts well against a sparkling silver ground, rather indistinct on the back but with butterfly motif across shoulders and blurred oysters on flanks, barring on legs and very attractive facial markings. Tail is of good shape and length reaches to shoulders to balance. Calm, confident and very good natured, took it all in his stride.

AOC Maine Coon Neuter, Male: One boy entered, plus two more to be considered for Best of Breed only. 1PC. HAMPTON'S ALISKA RUFFUS. Red & White. 19/6/2013. Handsome lad of pleasing type. Long rectangular body is lean, especially in the flanks and along the spine, but of very good weight, muscular and firm with solid underlying boning, broad rounded chest, square rump and sturdy well shaped legs ending in large round paws in proportion with slight snowshoes. Head is of medium length, slightly longer than wide with good width to high-cheeks, although yet to full out, square muzzle is of sufficient breadth and feels fairly strong. His face need to fill out more which hopefully will come with further maturity. Large broad based ears are of good shape, spaced well apart yet held correctly high when attentive to give alert stance, inner furnishings and lynx-tips. Large expressive yellow eyes are full and round in shape when he can be persuaded to hold them well open, set wide apart and at slightly obliquely. Profile line shows a gently concave curve which is just deep enough, chin is level and of fairly good depth and feels fairly firm. Coat of quite good length, though top coat is still to lengthen fully it flows as well as it can over some soft undercoat, slight ruff and breeches, tail is quite well furnished, though yet to become profuse. Rich warm medium to slightly dark red colour to Classic Tabby pattern which contrasts well against a warm pale red ground, "butterfly" motif across shoulders, blurred oysters on flanks, defined but slightly mingled dorsal stripes, bars on legs, defined attractive facial markings; snow white chin, chest, under-parts and four clean white socks on feet. Tail is of good shape and length reaches to shoulders to balance. Very shy and a bit nervous, a gentle boy and very good-natured. On balance I felt him just worthy of the PC today. BOB to COLLINGWOOD'S OB IMP GR PR ISADORYOU PINKPANTHER. Red Shaded Silver & White. 13/6/2012. A large handsome boy, mature, and distinctly masculine, looking stylish and of good overall type. Long strong body is rectangular in form, heavy and of very good substance, feeling muscular with solid underlying boning with broad rounded chest and square rump, legs are sturdy, well boned and of good shape ending in large round paws in proportion with snowshoes. Head is slightly longer than wide with good width to high quite full cheeks and good breadth to

square muzzle, which feels nice and strong with long elegant whiskers. Large broad based ears are of good shape, well-spaced yet held correctly high and tall to give typical alert stance, good inner furnishings and long lynx-like tips. Large warm golden yellow eyes are full and round in shape, held well open and set wide and slightly obliquely to give typical “grumpy” expression. In profile shows good depth to skull with gentle curve to brow, gentle concave curve in profile line to nose, chin is level and of quite good depth and feels firm. Quite good length of top coat which has good resilient texture along the back and flows smoothly over some dense soft undercoat, neat smallish ruff frames face, good breeches, tail is very well furnished, fur is long and quite profuse. In beautiful condition and very well prepared and presented, with a glistening shine to his coat. Mantle of medium shading in warm medium red is evenly distributed over a sparkling silver base, showing slight evidence of underlying Classic pattern; multiple bars on legs, “M” and skullcap on forehead, attractive subtle facial markings, pristine white chin, chest, under-parts and snow white socks on feet. Tail is of good shape tapering evenly to rounded tip and length reaches shoulders to balance. Calm, contented gentleman, very relaxed and friendly

AOC Maine Coon Neuter, Female: One girl entered, plus one girl to be considered for Best of Breed only. 1PC. HAMPTON'S ALISIKA AMBER. Red Silver Classic Tabby & White. 29/4/2013. Attractive girl who is maturing well and of pleasing type. Body is long and rectangular in form, slight lean along the spine today but of very good weight and feeling firm and muscular with solid boning, square rump, broad rounded chest and sturdy well-shaped legs ending in large round paws in proportion with some snowshoes. Head is slightly longer than wide with good width to high-cheek-bones though cheeks yet to fill out fully, square muzzle feels fairly strong. Large broad based ears are of good shape, well-spaced yet held correctly high and quite tall with inner furnishings and lynx-like tips. Large expressive warm yellow eyes are round and full in shape, held well open and set wide apart and slightly obliquely. In profile shows gentle concave curve in profile line to nose, chin is level, of quite good depth and quite firm; bite is slightly untidy but level. Top coat is of quite good length with some resilience evident along the back and flows over some dense soft undercoat, ruff frames face, some shirt-front, breeches and well-furnished tail, although yet to become profuse. Rich vibrant red Classic Tabby pattern contrasts against a warm pale red agouti ground, “butterfly” motif across shoulders, slightly blurred oysters on flanks, dorsal stripes are evident but a little indistinct, bars on legs and very attractive facial markings; snow white chin, bib, underparts and four pristine white socks on feet. Tail is of good shape and length reaches to shoulders to balance. Alert girl and very good natured.

AC Selkirk Rex Kitten: One boy entered. 1 & BOB. GERRARD'S QUIZZICURL CLOOTIE DUMPLIN. LH Black Self. 21/6/2014. Handsome young man, well developed at seven and a half months old and of good overall type. Solid cobby body is of good size for his age, more rectangular than square, balanced and of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with strong underlying boning, back is level with equal

breadth to shoulders and rump, chest is broad and gently rounded, short thick neck and sturdy well-shaped legs of medium length ending in firm round paws in proportion with toe-tufts. Head has rounded skull, broader than it is deep with good width to rounded cheeks, although still to fill-out fully, muzzle is of medium breadth with firm well-padded whisker-pads giving distinct rectangular impression, pads are just visible beyond his cheeks when viewed in profile, curled eye-brows, whiskers are short and crinkled; bite is level. Ears are of medium size, broad at the base and of good shape with curly inner furnishings and tufts at tips, and are spaced well apart. Large golden yellow eyes are full and round in shape, held well open and set wide apart to give typical expression. Gentle curve to brow, good break, short broad nose is straight and slopes downwards, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Uniform coat length of good length for his age, dense, thick and quite plentiful with very gentle curl to hairs which stand away from the body along the sides and flanks, texture is random and unstructured and feels soft and quite plush, slightly straighter hairs along spine-line which lie a little flatter to the body, tighter curls around neck and good rexing on head and down chest and on under-parts, regular gentle curls down legs; gentle curl of hairs on tail, which is well furnished, forming a fairly good plume. Shown in super condition and very well prepared. Tail is thick with rounded tip and of medium length to balance. Very sweet boy, alert, playful and very affectionate.

Russian Blue Neuter: One boy entered for Best of Breed only. BOB to PRITCHARD'S IMP GR PR KREMLINKATZ KOSCHKA KIRILL. 16/2/2011. Handsome lad, mature and masculine and of very pleasing type. Long slender body is strong yet graceful, well-balanced and of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with gently rounded chest and elegant well shaped slender legs ending in compact oval paws in proportion. Head shows short wedge with good breadth to muzzle, firm whisker pads are quite prominent, better when he is alert and attentive. Large broad based ears are of good shape with pointed tips, held almost vertical to the head when fully attentive and quite tall. Almond shaped eyes are of very good size, medium green in colour and set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical expression. Brow appears straight and forms a distinct angle above edge of eyes with profile line to nose, which has a slight dip, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Medium length to fine double coat which is dense but lays a little flat to the body, especially on lower back, soft and moderately plush in places, particularly around shoulders and down chest; in super condition with a healthy sheen. Soft medium blue grey colour is even in tone with good silvery sheen visible around shoulders, head, ears and limbs. Tail is heavier at the base and of good shape, tapering evenly to rounded tip and length just balances. Relaxed and very good natured.

AV SLH with 1 or more CCs, Adult: Two boys entered. 1. LINCOLN'S ZARZUELA PICASSO. Male Sorrel Somali. 11/3/2014. 2. PORTSMOUTH'S CASIENMOON SLY STALLONELY. Male Brown Classic Tabby Maine Coon. 29/7/2012.

AV SLH Novice Adult: Seven cats present. 1. CANNELL'S MABALAKAT NORTHERN LIGHTS. Female Black Tortie & White Maine Coon. 3/4/2013. 2. HORNER'S SURFIN BLONDE BOMBSHELL. Female Sorrel Silver Somali. 9/3/2014. 3. GRANT'S NOYNAROCK JOELENE. Female Black Silver Tabby & White NFC. 28/3/2014.

AV SLH Kitten: Three kittens present. 1. BAXTER'S KYETSI AMAPOLA CARYMESI. Female Seal Tortie Bi-Colour Ragdoll. 21/6/2014. 2. POOL'S SARMOYAH YASMIN. Female Seal Tortie Tabby Point Birman. 16/5/2014. 3. MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S LACHMERE MLYWARD MLYKEE. Male Seal Tabby Point Birman. 24/7/2014.

AV SLH Limit Neuter: Two cats entered. 1. CONNERTON'S FJALLKATTEN RALPH. Male Red Tabby & White NFC. 3/2/2011. 2. HAMPTON'S ALSIKA RUFFUS.

AV SLH Junior Neuter: Eight cats entered. 1. HOLDEN'S GR PR ISADORYOU PHOENIX. 2. ARCHER'S FILENSIO FALCO COLUMBARIUS. Male Brown Tabby & White with Tonkinese Colour Restriction. Extra 2. WHITTLE'S PR NORSPIRIT SILVER SHADOW. Male Black Silver Mackerel Tabby NFC. 14/1/2014. 3. FOSTER & SMITH'S BLUDIAMONDS PANTHRO. Male Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. 5/3/2014.

AV Foreign with 1 or More CCs, Adult: Three cats entered. 1. WHITEHOUS'S CH HUSANI ZIGGY OBSIDIAAN. Male Silver Egyptian Mau. 12/10/2013. 2. BRYCE'S AMEEKA OSPREY. Female Tawny Classic Tabby Ocicat. 29/6/2009. Extra 2. JONES'S LEOPARDSVIEW LONE RANGER. Male Brown Spotted Bengal. 18/7/2013.

AV Foreign Junior Adult: Ten cats entered. 1. WHITEHOUS'S CH HUSANI ZIGGY OBSIDIAAN. 2. WILDMAN'S CH STANREX CRÈME BRULEE. Female Seal Tortie Colourpoint Devon Rex. 10/10/2013. 3. JOHNSON'S CH KORESHKA RUDI SNAFFLEOVSKI. Male Russian Blue. 26/10/2013.

AV Foreign Breeders Kitten: Seven kittens entered. 1. LINCOLN'S LINCZOZO CLEMENTINE. Female Sorrel Abyssinian. 8/6/2014. Very attractive young lady of good overall type, just short of eight months old and looking suitably mature. Slender lithe body is of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular, gently rounded chest and slender elegant shapely legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms balanced moderate wedge with gently rounded contours showing good width to cheeks with indent below forming slightly rounded muzzle of breadth and strength. Large broad based ears are of good shape and well cupped with tiny tufts at tips, spaced well apart and held pricked to give alert stance. Large golden yellow eyes are shaped like rounded almonds and set wide apart in an oriental setting to give typical expression. In profile has good depth to skull with slight curve to brow, gentle break, nose is straight and chin is level and of quite good depth. Coat is fine and lies very close, feeling dense with some slight resilience already evidence along her back, in beautiful condition with a gleaming shine. Well-defined ticking in warm rich chocolate is evenly distributed over a warm bright apricot base, ticking is of good depth, darker spine line and chocolate tip to tail, legs and chest are clear of marks, chocolate colour part way up hocks, very attractive facial marking and warm apricot colour to chin. Tail is thick at the base and tapers evenly to finer tip, length balances nicely. A very promising girl who is calm, confident and

very sweet natured. 2. OAKLEY'S KREMLINKATZ OLIGARCH BEAR. Male Russian Blue. 20/10/2014. 3. JOHNSON'S KORESHKA KARINA RAINA. Female Russian Blue. 7/10/2014. Unplaced. LOCKWOOD'S KHUPHERA ELIANA. Female Usual Abyssinian. 24/7/2014. Attractive girl of good size for six and a half months and of pleasing type. Long slender body is of good weight, very slightly lean in the flanks at present but feeling firm and well-muscled, gently rounded chest and well-shaped slender legs, elegant and ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms moderate wedge with gently rounded contours, good width to cheeks with indent below forming gently rounded muzzle. Large well cupped ears are of good shape with tiny tufts at the tips, spaced well apart and held pricked and alert. Large expressive hazel yellow eyes are shaped like rounded almonds and are set wide in an oriental setting. Gentle curve to brow, very slight break, hint of a tiny bump on nose, chin falls back just a touch and is of fairly good depth. Fine coat of medium length is dense and lies close to the body, just a little soft at present with no real resilience, in super condition and displaying a glossy shine. Even well-defined black ticking over a warm ruddy apricot base give overall impression of golden brown ticked with black, dark spine line and black tip to tail, legs and chest and clear of marks; attractive facial markings, very pale cream on chin extends down throat but stops just short of upper chest. Tail is thicker at the base and tapers evenly to tip, length balances. Happy little girl, full of purrs and very affectionate. Unplaced. LOCKWOOD'S KHUPHERA ELEXIS. Female Blue Abyssinian. 24/7/2014. Pretty girl, sister to Usual girl immediately above and of pleasing type. Slender lithe body is of good size, slightly lean, especially in the flanks and along the spine, yet of good weight and feeling firm and well-muscled. Elegant slender legs are of good shape and end in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms moderate wedge, contours are gently rounded with good width at cheeks, indent below forms gently rounded muzzle which shows a slight teething pinch. Large broad based ears are deep cupped and of good shape, spaced well apart. Expressive rich hazel yellow eyes are shaped like rounded almonds and set wide apart in an oriental setting. Gentle curve to brow, very slight break, straight nose, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Close lying coat is fine and quite dense, smooth with a glossy shine but no real resilience at yet. Dark blue grey ticking is subtle but evident and evenly distributed over very pale mushroom base, warm rich pinkish mushroom tone to face, chest, legs and underparts, dark spine-line and tip to tail, clear of other marks; attractive facial marking with white/very pale cream around lips and very pale cream chin which extends onto her throat. Tail is thick at the base and tapers evenly to slight fine tip, length balances. Very playful girl, alert, lively and affectionate.

AV Foreign Radius Neuter: Two cats entered. 1. TAINTON'S NIDORAN FREYA. Female Chocolate Smoke Devon Rex. 6/1/2013. 2. CHEAL'S TOBYSDEN TERESCHENKO. Male Brown Spotted Bengal. 19/4/2014.