

Shropshire Cat Club Show, 7th February, 2015. Judges' report by Claire Lewis.

My thanks to Janet Tonkinson and the Committee for their kind invitation to judge at this year's show. Held jointly with The Gwynedd, it was an extremely busy day for everybody-and the cats! I trust it was a financial success for the Clubs with the extremely large turnout. With over 80 cats to judge I really appreciated the sterling work by my very experienced steward, Janet Williams who was her usual calm and efficient self and whose good company made the long day much more enjoyable. Thank you so much indeed Janet for coming all that way to steward for me!! I look forward to next time...

AC COLOURPOINTED/MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN, MALE. 3 entered, 1 CNH. 1 JONES'S GROOVICATS TALISMAN. (RAG n 04 (66w) M. 22.7.14 A handsome young chap! He is a large boy of excellent weight and substance for his young age. Bushy tail which balanced his well grown body. He is developing a broad head with the desired flat plane with medium sized ears set well apart. There is good width at the cheeks and a well rounded muzzle. Level bite. In profile there is a gentle dip and medium length nose. His eyes were large, well opened, slightly oblique and set well apart with the colour still developing being a mid/dark blue at present. Beautiful coat of good length and having a very nice silky texture. Ruff and knickerbockers developing. Points are an even seal brown with the body colour being beige. His two front paws had even mittens with just a very slight run on each paw. Chin, tummy and back legs were white. Presented in immaculate condition and calm and happy when being handled. Ran the girl close for the BOB. 2 LAMBERT'S MERCHEYDOLLZ TIME TO SHINE (RAG a 04 (66aw)), MN. 5.6.14. Rather a feisty young chap today when being handled. Although slightly older than my first chap, lacked his overall maturity and type. Body of good weight for size feeling firm and muscular and with a bushy tail which balanced for length. Head is still developing and I would have preferred a little more width across the cheeks and the muzzle to be more rounded. Nice flat plane with medium sized ears a little upright but that may have been due to his mood. A little naughty when having his bite checked but it appeared level. In profile I would have liked a more gentle dip. His eyes were well opened and a pleasing shade of dark blue. His coat was medium in length and a nice silky texture. Points were an even bluish grey with even mittens. Body was a bluish white with chin, tummy and back legs being white. Presented in excellent condition but definitely not a happy chappy and not easy to handle today.

AC COLOURPOINTED/MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN, FEMALE. 4 entered. A lovely class of girls with very little between the top contenders. 1 & BOB COWSILL'S ONYX JAZZRAGZ BLUEBELLE (RAG a (66a)), F. 14.7.14. A very pretty girl who needed some coaxing to show of her best as something appeared to have spooked her when we first arrived. She did seem very bothered by the public gallery which overlooked this row of pens. However, with some gentle encouragement she slowly relaxed and showed of her best. A very striking young lady with excellent weight and size for her age. Lovely bushy tail which balanced her long body for length. Her head is maturing very well and already shows a very pleasing flat plane and good width between her medium sized ears. Initially she held them a little upright but when she finally relaxed they showed the desired slight forward tilt when viewed in profile. Good width across her cheeks and her muzzle is rounded with a firm chin. Correct bite. In profile she had the desired gentle dip and medium length nose ending in a slightly retrousse tip. Her eyes were large and well opened. The colour is still developing given her young age, being a

mid blue at present. Beautiful, well prepared, medium length coat with a lovely silky texture. Lovely ear furnishing, ruff and knickerbockers developing well given her young age. Points were a bluish grey and her body was a bluish white with a paler chest and tummy. Presented in sparkling condition and although a little shy, did respond eventually to our gentle handling. A very stylish young lady! 2 RAYBOULD'S KARAMEARAGS RENESEME (RAG a (66a)), F. 19.7.14. Another very pretty young lady who ran the winner very close. Unfortunately she was a bit of a prima donna and consequently was not at all happy at being handled...When we did manage to persuade her to come out of her pen we could see she was of good weight for size and her age. Her body was of good substance and she had medium length legs of substantial bone ending in pleasing large, round, tufted paws. Her bushy tail balanced for length. Her head is developing well with a flat plane and good width at the cheeks. For preference I would have liked a more rounded muzzle. Level bite. In profile there is a gentle dip and medium length nose. She had very expressive eyes which were large and well opened, slightly oblique and set well apart. Very nice mid/dark blue eye colour. Coat is silky and medium in length with pleasing ear furnishings and ruff developing. Her points were an even greyish/blue with her body being bluish white and paling on her chest and tummy. Presented in excellent condition but rather a cross young lady who exhibited some rather unladylike language and behaviour when being handled today... 3 JAMIESON'S MERCHEYDOLLZ EN VOGUE (RAG a 04(66aw)), F. 5.6.14. A very gentle natured girl who was enjoying her show day and unlucky today to come up against the winners. Of very good size and weight for her age with a bushy tail which balanced for length. Her head is developing well with a flat plane and breadth across the cheeks. Her muzzle for preference could have been a little more well rounded. In profile there was a gentle dip and medium length nose. Her ears were medium in size and displaying pleasing ear furnishing. At present, just a little upright and lacking the desired slight forward tilt. Her eyes were well opened being a pleasing mid blue in colour. Lovely silky texture to her well prepared medium length coat. Her points were a bluish grey. Mittens were not quite even. Body was a bluish white paling on her chest and tummy. Hind legs white except for some colour present on left hind leg at the angle of the leg. Presented in excellent condition and very laid back and easy to handle. 4 WYATT'S DOLLVINE CHICA PERFECTA (RAG a 21(66at)), F. 22.5.14. A very sweet little girl who still has some growing to do. Very light in weight for her age and size and lacking some muscle tone in consequence. She is a little out of sorts with her head type at present and needs more time to mature. At present her head is still developing its flat plane and she needed more width at the cheeks. For preference I would have liked a more well rounded muzzle and firmer chin. Her chin does recede a touch. Bite is correct and level. In profile she does show a pleasing gentle dip and medium length nose. Her coat has a very nice silky texture and is medium in length. Her points are even in colour with clearly defined blue tabby markings over a light beige agouti background. Body is bluish white paling on her chest and tummy. A very laid back and gentle miss who needs some more time to mature and put on some more weight in order to develop her potential.

AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL KITTEN. 1 entered. 1 & BOB BAXTER'S KYETSI AMAPOLA CARYMESI (RAG f 03(66 31e)) F. 21.6.14. What a wriggler! This young lady was all legs! She is certainly going through that slightly awkward growing stage and as a result is a little unbalanced at present. I gave her though the benefit of the doubt on the day and will be interested to see how she develops. Of good weight for her age with a long bushy tail to balance her body. Her head was still in that developing stage with some broadness at the cheeks and the flat plane emerging. In profile I would have preferred a more gentle dip. Her bite was level and correct. Her eyes are a mid blue and were large

and well opened. Her coat was medium in length and had a nice silky texture. The body had shades of beige, cream and white. The actual patches of white appeared to under a third so I gave her the benefit of the doubt today. Her points were a seal brown intermingled with red. Her mask had an inverted V. A very happy and lively girl when being handled and judged today.

ASIAN TABBY ADULT. 1 entered for BOB only. BOB RAPP'S CH TEIGNAGE BOUDICCA (72 45eq) F. 6.4.11. What a super girl with excellent Asian type and a ticked coat to die for! Lovely well balanced head with a short wide wedge and good width at the cheeks. Large expressive eyes with the correct shape and set having a slight slant on the upper line and a more gentle curve on the lower giving rise to an excellent Asian expression. In profile a good nose break and straight nose. Beautiful short and close lying coat with clear, even ticking. A real sweetie when being handled and admired-I just loved her!

CHOCOLATE BURMESE ADULT, MALE. 1 entered. 1CC & BOB MARSHALL'S MILLGILL KUNGFU KHAT (BUR b (27b)), M. 28.4.14. Lovely lad who was looking very stylish today! Only just adult but already of good weight and size for his young age. Nice muscular feel to his elegant body with a long and well shaped tail which balanced his well developed body for length. His head had a very pleasing short wide wedge with good width across the cheeks and ending in a blunt muzzle. In profile there was a good nose break and straight nose. Beautiful short and close lying coat of an even chocolate. Presented in excellent condition and very laid back and easy to handle-a very nice lad indeed!

CHOCOLATE BURMESE ADULT, FEMALE. 1 entered. CNH POINTON'S SEBRUME RAZZLE DAZZLE (BUR b (27b)), F. 6.2.14. Unfortunately the lady in question who looked absolutely gorgeous in the pen, was very cross and angry and despite all our best endeavours made it abundantly clear she was not about to leave her pen...

LILAC BURMESE KITTEN, MALE. 1 entered. 1 & BOB BRADLEYS'S ALBA REGIA PADLIZSAN (IMP), (BUR c (27c)), M. 31.5.14. A striking young lad with a super creamy lilac coat! Of very good weight and substance for his young age as he already has a very pleasing muscular feel to his well grown body. His tail is though short to balance his body at present. His head is well balanced having a short wide wedge with good width across the cheeks and ending in a blunt muzzle. In profile there is a good nose break and straight nose. His eyes are large and appear to have a darker outline to highlight their shape which shows a slight slant on the upper line with a more gentle curve on the lower. The colour is quite a dark yellow almost bordering on copper but I gave him the benefit of the doubt given his young age. It will be interesting to see how he develops. His coat was excellent, being short and close lying with a satin like texture and a beautiful creamy lilac in colour. Presented in excellent condition and laid back and easy to handle.

LILAC BURMESE KITTEN, FEMALE. 1 entered. 1 WISHAW'S ROSSIKHAN BLANQUE CZECH (BUR c (27c)), F. 21.6.14. What a sweetie I wrote in my Judge's book! And that turned out to be a very apt description when I read in the catalogue who her daddy was! Of super Burmese type. At present she is though, on the petite size. Her head has a short wide wedge and in profile a good nose break and straight nose. Beautiful eyes which are large and expressive and have the correct shape and set with a slight slant on the upper and more gently rounded lower line. Her ears are on the generous size and in profile have the desired slight forward tilt. Coat is short and close lying. Presented in excellent condition and gentle and relaxed when being handled-ran the boy very close for the BOB.

AOC TORTIE BURMESE NEUTER. 1 entered for BOB only. BOB MARSHALL'S PR & IGR CH MILLGILL THEATRICALS (BUR j (27j)), FN. 14.3.06. What a happy girl-she just chirruped away as I judged her! Of overall pleasing type. Slightly lighter in weight than the first girl but still had a nice muscular feel. Her tail was a little thin in shape and slightly short to balance. Her head had a short wide wedge and for preference I would have preferred a little more width across the cheeks. In profile she has a moderate nose break. Her eyes have the correct shape and set with a slight slant on the upper line and a more gentle curve on the lower. Her eye colour has paled somewhat which is understandable given her age and is now a pale greenish chartreuse. Her coat was a little long and slightly open today. The colour is an intermingling of lilac and a rather hot cream. Gentle and good natured she was a delight to handle as she chirruped away!