

Midland Counties 2015
Short Haired Cat Society 2015
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Thanks to Jean, Lynda and the Committees' of all 3 shows I judged at for the invite – it's always nice to come out of my usual stomping ground and meet different cats and exhibitors – it was a very busy day but I got through it in the end – thank you to Gina Rymer for the loan of the white coat which I forgot in my rush to get the train up to Wolverhampton on the Saturday evening

AV Rex, La Perm, Sphynx Champion Female

Grand Ch Linton-Sinclair's Fife ICh & Ch Siarung Synergy DRX fs 24 23.03.13

Very nicely typed lass who looked everything like a Devon should. Short wide wedge with pleasing high cheekbones. Nice strong muzzle with a defined whisker break and a firm level chin and level bite. Flat skull and nice definition to her nose break. Ears are large and wide at the base and set low on her head. Beautifully expressive oval eyes which are a good size and a real pleasure to see that sultry "evil" look that is often lacking in Devon's. Not the largest of girls, however, is a very good weight for her size with elegant limbs with small oval paws. Tail tapers well and balances. Her coat is soft and for perfection could be denser, it shows some rexing with the extra density, I would imagine that this would wave more, a few guard hairs on her back and covered in peachy fur on her tummy. I didn't throw away the bath water with the baby here – her coat was not perfect but was acceptable at this level and was covered all over and wasn't patchy – just a little shorter and less dense as would be desirably – certainly it is a pleasure to see a Devon with type like this.

Res GR – Christoffeson's Ch Joduno Champayne Truffles CRX h 03 F 21.07.13

Well grown nice girl who was a little apprehensive at first, however, soon calmed down and enjoyed a fuss being made of her. As a prelude this girl obviously has European Cornish in her back ground and some of the comments I make are related to this – however, this said I was more than happy to give her a reserve in this class again as she has very many good qualities to add to the breed. Medium wedge which is just on the boarder of being wide enough overall to support the length of her head. Good straight profile, good chin which is slightly shallow. Ears are set high on the head and for perfection would benefit from slightly more width between them to give then the "rather high set" rather than the "high set". Nice expressive eyes a fraction bold at times but were better when she relaxed. Very elegant body standing tall in her legs which a slender with neat oval paws. Lovely tapering tail that balances. Coat has very nice texture and she has ripples all over – overall would benefit from more density to the coat itself, however, this is acceptable. No points for colour, however, the most wonderfully rich warm chocolate with vibrant shades of red in it, with white on her back foot. Excellent presentation and in the peak of health – no hesitation in awarding the reserve to this lass – it' was a pleasure to meet her.

AV Rex, La Perm, Sphynx Premier Male

Grand Premier – Lovell's Pr Cloudborn Barb Dwyer LPL b 25 MN, 30.05.13

Loving the name !! A lady after my own heart and a sense of humour when naming her cats! Excellent size and weight to this lad who had the most endearing temperament and nature. Nice proportions to his modified wedge, which is slightly longer than it is wide. Medium nose with a slight bump ion it. Pleasing broad muzzle with medium whisker break. Medium sized ears which are well furnished and are set well. Chin is level and has depth and bite level. Eyes give a very pleasing expression being medium large almond shaped and of a good set. Coat is well curled and of springy texture with just enough length to it His tail balances and has a good plume on it when I shook it out as he had had it in the water and it was sopping wet when I got to him so I dried him off and gave him 5 minutes before I went back – bless him. No points for colour, however, a very pleasing chocolate tabby pattern. Enjoying his day out and a worthy winner in this class even there was just him in it – pleasure to meet him.

AV Rex, La Perm, Sphynx Premier Female

Grand – UKGrCh & Pr Rexiru Devonwears Prada (DRX ns)

Very nice girl who has a lovely Devon expression – I recall her from when she was entire – neutering her has improved her as she struggled with being entire and keeping weight on. It's a fine dividing line and isn't easy with entire cats. She definitely looks the part and whilst not the largest of girls has the substance now but hasn't lost any of the attitude. Lovely short wide head. With nice nose break. Ears are wide at base and set low. Flat skull good chin and level bite chin could be slightly deeper. – nice elegant neck which is covered in heavy down. Compact body which is good weigh for size- lovely lady like legs

and dainty oval paws. Tail good shape and balances. Coat is covered and has good rexing which for perfection could be tidier and a fraction shorter and had a bit of an “unruly flick” – again I recall her having this in the past however today it was a flick rather than over long. Covered with down on her underparts. Her coat has an excellent texture. Lovely to see her out again looking as good as ever, she calmed down and I had a good stroke and she purred her head off flicking and wagging her tail – adorable!

Brown Burmese Adult

BOB - Pallister's GrCh Penwynkatz New Romantic BUR n M 18.04.13

Not looking his best today and for me this lad was let down by show preparation. I did think twice about the award and thought it would have been churlish to withhold as he was in the class for BOB only, however, this is a beauty parade. Having said this, I fully appreciate that entire males are not easy to keep in tip top condition especially at this time of the year with hormones all over the place. He has a medium wedge which could, for perfection, have been fractionally shorter though has good width to it. Nose break is good though, his nose is slightly long. Top of head is rather flat for a chap of this age. Ears are medium in size and he holds them rather high at times and they would benefit from slightly more width at the base. Eyes require more definition and are slightly rounded in shape as opposed to straighter on the top line, with the full lower curve of the bottom line; colour is chartreuse but a little pale. Medium body which could do with more substance, again maybe because he is a working lad. Tail slightly short to balance and greasy. His coat overall was slightly lacklustre and somewhat long and open – when stroked it did look a lot better – the brown itself was somewhat dark and had a cold tone to it and would have benefited from more warmth and also pales quite markedly towards the roots.. He was very shy and didn't show himself to advantage. Just not looking at his best today. Credit where it is due, very good temperament for an entire lad.

AV Burmese Premier Female

Grand –Marshall's IGR Ch & Pr Millgill Theatrics BUR j FN 14.03.06

Nice year old gentle lass. Of very pleasing type with a short wide wedge good nose break and chin. She has a tendency to hold her ears slightly tall and these would benefit from being a little wider at the base so as to follow the contours of her head but nothing really amiss in the overall scheme of things. Very nice eyes for shape and set – very expressive – they are rather green in colour – I fancy they have faded with age. This is something that is standing out more now with the advent of the recent imports coming in with the richer and sometimes more intense eye colour. Coat slightly open and thicker and I put this down to her age and made some allowances. Tail has nice taper and sis fractionally short to balance. Excellent presentation and temperament and certainly looks like a Burmese and I had no hesitation in giving her this award – again another one that does what I says on the tin.

Lilac Burmese Neuter Female

BOB – Grey's Ch & GrPr Kelougray Mei-Rong

No hesitation in awarding this – was a slam dunk and have met her before- beautiful type with a lovely head and a gentle expression. Has lost some weight since I last saw her and looks more balanced as a result of this. Coat slightly open but lies well when stroked. Adored by her doting mum and a real pleasure to her again and the beautiful gentle expression – definitely a Burmese and I like her a lot.

AC Burmese Grand Champion Female

Imp – Giles' Gr Ch Katchyn Perfect Harmony BUR h F 19.10.12

Strapping lass who is very well put together but can't afford to carry any more weight. Nice broad wide wedge with a good nose break. Chin is level but is slightly shallow. Very good expressive eyes and beautiful ears for shape and set following the contours of the wedge. Has a tendency to puff out her whisker pads and make her muzzle look square but is better when she relaxes. Body is weighty and has good muscle however is at risk of looking out of portion if she eats many more pies. Beautiful coat texture and length and sheen, Chocolate is warm with varying degrees and shades of red. Tail a fraction short to balance but tapers. No hesitation to give her the imperial – she is a lovely friendly lass who again looks like it says on the tin.

W/H Res – Marshall's Gr Ch Millgill Gentle Grace BUR c F 02.04.12

Nice friendly lass who has a short wedge. Toda she looked very square in the muzzle and was puffing her whisker pads out and this didn't really change when she went back into the pen and relaxed. The muzzle itself is fractionally narrow to balance the strength that she has at the top of her head. Good ear set and set. Body is compact and she had good weight. Tail tapers and just balances, Good lilac tone

with a pinkish cast however this is slightly uneven with bluer tones areas in some areas and her coat is slightly long though lies well when stroked. Just too many niggles to justify an award at this level it was the squareness to her muzzle and the narrowness here that didn't give her that typical expression today.

Blue Burmese Adult

BOB – Gray's CH Rossikhan Fancy-Piece BUR a F 15.03.12

What a face!!! And a real spit fire! It totally said "stuff you and go and do one". I absolutely loved it! Glowering expression, beautifully set eyes with that wonderfully curved underwire bra swoop to the lower lid and a straighter top line. Text book head – width, rounding on top, nose break, level chin with depth. The most ginormous ears which are not to everyone's taste, however, she was throwing them all over the place with her mood and it was this, rather than the size per se, that stood out. I personally am of the school that big is beautiful in this regards. Yes Burmese ears should be medium in size but not small like dairylea triangles which some have at the moment and are more akin to breeds in other sections. Lovely elegant body – again Burmese are an "elegant cat of foreign type" - not a whiff of the short coupledness creeping in of late. Tail just a little thin if we are going to tell the whole story. Beautiful blue colour with silvering on the extremities and superb texture that you could feel with your eyes closed. This lass was very reminiscent of some of the lovely blue (and indeed lilac and chocolate) Burmese that were seen and I recall from the late 80s and early 90s. No surprise when I saw who this was and her background. Safe to say I liked her and I eventually got a purr and a cuddle from her once she settled down. I have never met her before but I hope to see her again. She absolutely oozes all things Burmese and made me ooze as well. Well done Mrs Gray who had a good day and I liked both of your cats!

Also considered for BOB Marshall's Ch Millgill Kirkbride Kin BUR a F 28.4.14

Well all I can say is that this lass was very unfortunately to be in the same line up as Fancy-Pants (sic!) above. Type wise she is sound. Needs to mature and has obtained her title in a short time at 11 months – I am still of the opinion some cats need that bit of resting time like a good steak to mature before they are at their best. Overall, her head would benefit from more width to the muzzle which looks rather pinched. Her eyes somewhat bold and rounded and would benefit from more definition. Not the largest or heaviest of lasses, and could do with a little more weight on her, however, again this goes with her age. Coat nice but slightly longer and also slightly darker phase blue

AOC Tortoiseshell Burmese Adult Female

CC & BOB Devereaux's Rainsong Unforgettable BUR g F 05.07.14

Cracking expression and stood out a mile in this class – just goes to show that despite age, if the underlying type is there it doesn't matter how old a cat is, that type will always win through. Beautifully short wide wedge, lovely ears which are good shape and set and followed the contours of the wedge. Nice rounding on the top of the head. Expressive eyes which again have the underwire bra effect to a tea with a straighter top line – apologies for the analogy but it is such an evocative picture that I think it is an apt way to describe true Burmese eyes. Chin had depth. Nose break could do with slightly more definition for perfection but it totally acceptable. Elegant body with neat paws. She is not the largest of girls at the moment however is well grown for her age. Coat is ever slightly longer and softer than the other two in this class, however, they are more mature and this lass is just out of kittenhood – totally not an issue, however, I comment for fullness of report. Beautiful shade of blue with silvering on her extremities and shades of cream. Again quite lovely. Gave me great pleasure to award her a cc and give her best of breed – well done!!!!

2nd Roger's locosa Octopussy BUR h F 20.02.14

Alert lass who was in the peak of health with a beautiful coat. Unfortunately for me, this girl's head is not typical of the breed and is going just a little too far on the type front – it is very short indeed – overly large eyes for the size of the rest of her head and they seem unbalanced and out of proportion dominating her face. They are also very rounded in shape and require a dose of that underwire bra treatment with a straighter top line. Added to this she has a very wide bridge of nose that also throws out the eye set itself. Nose break is strong and as a result she has a slightly heavy brow. Chin firm and deep. Not overly large and compact in the body for lass over a year old. Having said all this. This said, she has an amazing temperament. Her coat was the best in the class with my hands gliding over it and it felt wonderfully silky in texture – sorry just not in accordance with the standard type wise for me.

Chocolate Burmese Kitten

1st & BOB Giles' Silky Majesty Quintessential (IMP) BUR b 25.09.14 M

Happy chappy. Very pleasing fellow indeed. Interesting type and colour - from judging Burmese abroad I instantly thought he was not from these shores. Sound head type which has good width and is short with a definite nose break – totally not a criticism but can't afford to be any shorter. Lovely rounding to top of head, good ears for shape size and set. Eyes are a good shape and set – I would be interested to see how they look once he is grown up as they are minimally small for the rest of the strength of his head at the moment, however, this is not a fault and may be his stage of growth - I find him very appealing with a delightful expression. Slight bump and roll off to the nose – chin recedes a little. Lovely muscular body and very well grown for his age. Personality plus and totally extrovert and enjoying himself. Chocolate is interesting being slightly lighter phase though retains an amount of warmth that is not often seen in lighter phase chocolates and is very pleasing indeed. Has some masking though this is not sharply contrasting. I shall watch his progress and development with interest. Excellent presentation. A really lovely chap. Later saw he was BOV Burmese kitten which he fully deserved - a real credit to his owner.

Chocolate Burmese Neuter

BOB – Simpson's Uk IGrPr Papagena Xander BUR b MN 09.09.07

Lovely chap that I have met recently and awarded a BOV neuter – lovely type to his head with beautifully expressive eyes - really well grown large lad with a super length and elegance to his body which is a delight to see. Nice even chocolate, for perfection could have a fraction more warmth to it. As ever, shown in excellent condition. Well worthy of his best of breed and I look forward to seeing him again soon. A total credit to his doting mum and I love seeing him out.

Blue Oriental kitten

1st & BOB Atkins's Littlewillow Lastinglegacy OSH a 24-09-14

Such style, elegance and composure to this lad who was very well grown for his age. Very nice wedge which tapers to his muzzle which for perfection would benefit from a little more width, however, he is a kitten still. He has a slight pinch and on closer inspection he is just finishing teething and it goes with his age. Lovely straight profile and good depth to head. Chin is ever so slightly shallow, level bite. His ears are very well set being wide at the base and set well apart – they really add to the overall look.

Beautifully expressive eyes of good shape and set with a really nice oriental shape and expression. Green in colour which for perfection could be more intense, however this is developing – a whiff of an intermittent squint in his left eye and this disappears when he is alert and I comment on this only for fullness of my report. Beautifully elegant neck giving a regal expression, well grown muscular body with good overall length slender legs and neat paws, pleasing tail which balances and has good taper to it. Coat is short and sleek with a lovely sheen. Blue is just a fraction dark in colour with the colour on his extremities of being slightly lighter and more in line with the standard. One of two white hairs on his shoulders – literally one of two, which I hope will fall out as he gets older. Slight shadow barring on his legs and faint rings on his tail which will hopefully fade as he matures. I really liked him and he is very good example of the breed and has the certain "je ne sais quoi" that one looks for in a show cat – definitely my take home cat of the day.

I apologies that I am not able to write up my side classes and indeed it's not the fashion to do so nowadays, however there were a few cats that I would just like to mention from some of my side classes that are worthy of note and in no particular order:

Lady Yarley's IMP GR CH Papagena Carys BUR j 30.09.11

Quite a lot to say for herself – she has now been neutered but it not reduced any of the attitude – and a daughter of a Lady with such a mouth on her! Very strong almost masculine head which is so impressive. Glaring eyes which retain the correct shape and set even when she screws her face up. Impressive indeed. Very good substance to her with a firm weighty body and excellent muscle tone. Coat is excellent texture and short and sleek with a wonderful shine on it. Colour a shade of lilac that is not quite in accordance with the description in the standard being slightly bluey taupe rather than dove grey with shades of hot cream which do, however, have some powdering. Lovely to see her out today and very impressive Burmese type indeed.

Wilshaw's Imp Gr Ch William the Sweetie Charlesbur BUR c M 23.12.12

Very impressive chap with superb line and length to his body overall – elegance personified. Lovely head text book head with come to bed eyes. Lilac is very impressive being the correct dove grey neither too blue nor too creamy which is always difficult with lilac – fits him like a glove with really nice texture that you could see as well and feel. For perfection he could have more weight, however, again its spring and

being entire no doubt hormones have some part in this - he can live with me a month and eat my cakes & puddings. Beautiful condition and presentation for an entire lad, nay for any cat. Very relaxed and enjoy a chat and a cuddle. A pleasure to meet him again.

Humphries Rogus Helen of Troy DRX w 63 03.12.14

Superb little Devon kitten of a type that jumped out of the pen before the pen door was open – made my face screw up with delight – lovely short wide wedge with a flat top – superb ears which for perfection and knit picking, could have been slightly lower set but are totally there and give her the look. Oval eyes with a sultry look. Coat has density and is a super texture with rexing and waves all over – a fraction long if anything – covered with down on her underpart and top of her head.. Loved her and I wish her well in the future. She is “smoking”!

Wilson’s Nidoran Kumori Yosei DRX ns F 04.01.15

Another super little kitty – the black smokes always seem to come out well and personify a Devon for me. Lovely short wide “pixie head” good nose break and ears that are large and well set. Has a definite muzzle and prominent whisker pads even at this tender age Excellent little body which is well grown for her age. Coat is short and she is covered all over with coat coming through where she has it is of a lovely soft texture with ripples developing. Interestingly both her type and her coat texture where completely different to her litter mate at the side of her. Certainly one to watch in the future and I hope she fulfils the promise shown today

Linton-Sinclair’s Fife ICH Siarung Shakira DRX fs F 03 21 33

Very nice Devon head again - scrummy – there were some very pleasing Devons here today and it made my day. Superb expression and pleasing short wide wedge with a definite break and chin and lovely expressive eyes – really sultry pixie looking. A tad small and lightweight today. Coat lacks some density and has some guard hair in the rexing, however, for me it’s the type that this lass has that I very pleasing indeed – look forward to seeing her again.

Simpson’s UK OB IMP Gr Pr Papagena Nadina BUR h FN 23.07.98

Lovely older lass – knocking on 17 now and has it by the truck load. I am still impressed by her overall type – at her age her coat is just slightly longer and more open but what the heck – she is had the really wicked look to her expression and I absolutely adore her look –a total credit to both her owner and breeder. Adorable!