

The Burmese Cat Club and Surrey & Sussex Cat Club Shows

16.3.19

Judge: Claire Lewis

It was lovely to be invited once again to judge at the Surrey and Sussex and this year they were joined by the Burmese Cat Club so double pleasure! Kym, Ian and Maria did a fantastic job of managing the shows and the hall and all those working on the Tables pulled out all the stops to get the results processed so quickly. I can only apologise that I was slower than usual in getting through my Book. I had a bumper level of entries and was running solo in the morning as I was without a steward. Susanne Fagerbrink very kindly offered her support in the afternoon after she had finished one lot of stewarding to which I was very grateful indeed. Many thanks Susanne-I really appreciated your assistance on a very busy show day. My written critiques are also slightly shorter than normal due to my large Judge's Book.

I would also like to give especial mention to two lovely ladies whom I made the acquaintance of during the course of the show weekend. Barbara West-Kelsey and Mary Kavanagh, two very hardworking Committee members who worked so very hard in setting up the show and on show day to ensue the show day was a success-well done ladies!!

My congratulations also to the winners of the Best of Varieties. For Section 4 Neuter, the beautiful IGR CH &OB, IGR PR JUSARKA THAI LILAC PROMISE bred and owned by Julie Cherkas. Best Kitten for Section 5 was the very handsome and totally chilled out Chocolate hunk, SUPURRNOVA FERNANDO bred by Barbara Prowse and owned by Mr and Mrs Bone.

Finally, I would like to dedicate this show day in memory of my good friend Gill Allen who would have been stewarding for me today as she had for many a year. Gill sadly died in a traffic accident very recently. She was a local lady and a supporter of both Clubs. May her memory live on in the legacy of the beautiful Burmese cats that she bred.

OLYMPIAN- IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION MALE

OLY MARRIOTT & MARRIOTT'S IGR CH ROSSIKHAN YAMBU (BUR c, M, 13/10/2016), A very calm and laid back chap who has the most wonderfully balanced head. It is a classic short wide wedge with very good width at the cheeks and ends in a nice blunt muzzle. Top of head is very gently rounded with medium/large ears set well apart on the head. In profile there is a very good nose break and a short straight nose. His pale chartreuse eyes are large and lustrous and have the correct shape and set with the upper line having a slight slant and the lower being more gently rounded giving rise to a super Burmese expression. He is a good sized chap, just a little lean on the flanks which would be typical for a working boy. He wore a lilac coat which was a touch soft and slightly open in texture today though did lie well when smoothed. Supremely calm and confident and so easy to handle-I did like him!

OLYMPIAN- IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

OLY CHAPMAN-BEER'S OS, IGR CH TRIBUNE HUFFLEPUFF (BUR g, F, 13/08/2012). So lovely to see how this girl has matured with age. Like a fine wine she gets better and better! Again ultra calm and serene when being handled and admired. A well grown lady with slender legs ending in neat oval shaped paws. Her tail if I am being picky could do with just a touch more length to balance her body. Her head has a short wide wedge with good width at the cheeks. Top of head is very gently rounded with medium sized ears set well apart. In profile there is a definite nose break and a straight nose. She has beautiful eyes which are large and expressive and have the correct shape and set typical of a Burmese. She wore a beautiful coat which was short and close lying and with a satin like texture. Pretty intermingling of blue and cream colours. Presented in excellent show condition and very friendly and easy to handle.

CHOCOLATE BURMESE ADULT MALE 3 entered, 2 for BOB only.

BOB BONE & BONE'S IGRCH RAWEKE TOMFUN (BUR b, M, 07/09/2017). What a majestic looking chap! Supremely calm and content. He posed beautifully in the pen and out on the trolley. Very well grown and with a good muscular feel. Gently rounded chest and tail which balanced his body for length. Very nice head with a very good short wide wedge, jowls and excellent width at the cheeks. In profile he shows a very good nose break and a straight, short nose. Very expressive eyes of the correct shape and set giving rise to a super Burmese expression. He wore a lovely short and close lying warm chocolate coat which was gleaming with health. Presented in excellent show condition and a big softy when being handled and admired.

1CC GILES' ROSSIKHAN STARRMAN (BUR b, M, 17/05/2018). Very promising young chap who was only just into the Adult class. Of good overall Burmese type

including a nicely typy Burmese head and good profile lines. Weighty and muscular and with a beautiful coat. It was short and close lying and a lovely warm chocolate in colour. Presented in excellent show condition and just a little hormonal and grumbly when out of his pen today.

CHOCOLATE BURMESE ADULT FEMALE 4 entered, 2 for BOB only, 1 absent. 1 CC GRIMES' Ch IMPROMPTU COPACABANA (BUR b, F, 05/11/2017). A very cross young lady today who clearly had taken a dislike to her neighbours and told them so in no uncertain terms! She has a slightly small frame to her body and needs to gain a little extra weight. Her head has a short wide wedge and when viewed in profile there is a definite nose break. Her nose had a slight bump and roll off. Her eyes were large in size and it was difficult to fully assess their shape and she was tending to round them somewhat in temper. I shall look forward to meeting up with her again in the future when hopefully she will be more relaxed.

2 MASON'S ADPIXBU WHITTINGHAM DELILAH (BUR b, F, 19/06/2016). Unfortunately this young lady was quite angry and consequently very difficult to handle today. We did manage to take her out of her pen very briefly but she made it very clear to us that she wished to be returned forthwith to her pen which we did and therefore assessment was rather limited. It was a shame as she seemed to have some nice qualities but due to her mood was not able to show of her best.

IMPERIAL- BURMESE GRAND PREMIER FEMALE

IGP ROBERTSHAW'S CH & GR PR MILLGILL NAUGHTY NETTIE (BUR c) FN. 16.3.2016. Nice looking young lady with that typical Burmese expression. Of good size for her age-just a touch lean on her flanks. Tail is just slightly short to balance. Medium large eyes of greenish chartreuse. Nicely shaped eyes giving rise to a good Burmese expression.

RES IGR PR JEFFERY'S GR PR KATSPELL ANATHEMA DEVICE (BUR h, FN, 14/04/2015). Another nice girl who ran the winner very close. Of very good size and weight and with a good muscular feel. Tail short to balance. Nicely balanced head with a short wide wedge. Just lost out to the winner today who had the better eye expression.

PREMIER- CREAM BURMESE NEUTER FEMALE 2 entered, 1 for BOB only. 1 PC & BOB EVANS' ADPIXBU ADORACREAMCRACKER (BUR e, FN, 01/05/2016). Another unhappy girl who if it had been her decision would have chosen to remain in her pen. As it was she graciously allowed me to have her out of her pen to briefly judge. Of overall moderate Burmese type. Her head for me needed more width at the cheeks and was slightly long in the wedge. I gave her

the benefit of the doubt regarding correct eye shape and set as she was tending to half close them somewhat due to her mood. Her coat was lovely. Nicely short and close lying and with excellent powdering. Needs to develop her confidence.

BROWN TORTIE BURMESE NEUTER. 1 entered for BOB only.

BOB JOHNSON'S GR PR KYMIAN IMMORTAL ISIS (BUR f) FN. 06/06/2015. Another lady playing the diva card today! A nicely well grown Brown Tortie with typical tortie attitude..Just needs some more width at the muzzle to balance her wedge. Had the Burmese glare down to perfection!

PREMIER- CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL BURMESE NEUTER FEMALE

BOB JEFFERY'S GR PR KATSPELL ANATHEMA DEVICE (BUR h, FN, 14/04/2015).

1 PC TEGG'S UK OG,IGR CH BLOOMERS BELCHAMPE BROOKE (BUR h, FN, 02/07/2010). Lovely to meet up with this girl who is now gracing the Neuter Section. As an old hand, she was remaining very calm and serene despite some tantrums from some of the cats nearby. Good solid feel to her muscular but elegant body. Large expressive eyes of the correct Burmese shape and set. Presented in excellent show condition and very gentle when being handled.

2 BOYLE'S CH KYMIAN OPHELIA (BUR h, FN, 04/03/2016). Another very cross lady using some very unladylike language today. Rather naughty when out of her pen and thus assessment had to be rather abruptly curtailed. I did try to continue the assessment once she was back in her pen but she was having none of it...

AC COLOURPOINTED RAGDOLL ADULT. 2 entered, 1 for BOB only.

1 CC & BOB ZAKI'S Ch MYDESIRE WHERE'S-WALLY (RAG e 21, M, 29/03/2018). Cream Tabby Point. Very impressive young man. Maturing very nicely for his age. Of good size and weight and with pleasing boning to his limbs. Nice broad head, rounded muzzle and with a good flat plane and gentle dip when viewed in profile. Beautiful coat of good length and soft and silky texture which was in first class show condition. Lovely lad.

MALE AC BI-COLOUR OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN. 1 entered.

1 HATCHETT'S CHERRYEN ROCK-STARR (RAG n 03, M, 20/09/2018). A very timid young lad who was not doing himself justice today. Of good size for his age. Head is still in a period of development and in particular his profile needed to show a better gentle dip. Seal Bi Colour with a fairly symmetrical inverted V. His coat is developing nicely and had a soft silky texture across his back and a lovely plume of a tail. Just needed a little more preparation on his tummy area.

A shy poppet who needs to mature on and develop some more confidence to show of his best.

FEMALE AC BI-COLOUR OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN.1 entered.

1 & BOB MITCHELL-DOUGLAS' LARKSPOOL CRUNCHIE (RAG b 03, F, 31/10/2018). A very promising young lady with very pleasing overall Ragdoll type for her age. Her head is developing well and shows a nice flat plane emerging and a very pleasing profile with a gentle dip. Very nice eye shape and set from one so young giving rise to a lovely expression. Attractive markings and a soft silky coat in excellent show condition. A very happy little girl and quite the show-off today!

RAGAMUFFIN NEUTER MALE 2 entered, 1 for BOB only.

1 PC CANN & CANN'S CH CHEHAM FREE SPIRIT (RGM as 03 23 32, MN, 05/08/2015). Blue Silver Mackerel Tabby and White. A super chap who was looking very impressive today. Excellent size and weight. Excellent coat which was in tip-top condition. Sweet expression and very gentle when being handled.

RAGAMUFFIN NEUTER FEMALE 1 entered for BOB only.

BOB CAMILLERI'S IGR PR CHEHAM CHANTILLY LACE (RGM n 03 21 32) FN. 24.4.2016. What more can I say about this beautiful girl! She has the sweetest of expressions and is a wonderful example of a RagaMuffin-love her!

SECTION 5 IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION MALE

IGR CH BONE & BONE'S IGR CH RAWEKE TOMFUN (BUR b, M, 07/09/2017). RES IGR CC MARRIOTT-POWER & MARRIOTT-POWER'S GR CH NAUGHTY BUT NICE CHARLESBUR (BUR b, M, 30/03/2016). Feeling a little unconfident today and perhaps not presenting at his best. A chap of good overall Burmese type. He is of very good size with a gently rounded chest, long body and with a tail that balances it for length. Of good weight and muscle tone just slightly lean on the flanks typical of a working boy. Very nice head with a short wide wedge, very good width at the cheeks and ending in a blunt shaped muzzle. In profile there is a definite nose break though for preference I would like a little more depth. Straight nose just slightly longer than the previous boy. Eyes are large and have the correct shape and set which he displayed much better when a little more relaxed back in his pen. His coat is an even darker chocolate with minimal contrast. Needing a little more preparation today as it felt rather greasy and was a little open. Gentle chap who although rather apprehensive and shy today, handled well. I look forward to seeing him again when hopefully he will feel more confident.

SECTION 5 IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

IGR CH CHAPMAN-BEER'S GR CH TRIBUNE CINDERELLA (BUR c, F, 18/04/2016). Beautiful girl looking very stylish and poised today. Very nice overall Burmese type with a very pleasing balanced head with a short wide wedge and lovely profile lines. Expressive eyes which she used to good effect to wow me! Very impressive coat which was very short and close lying and a satin like texture that one doesn't come across too often! Presented in excellent show condition and friendly and easy to handle.

RES IGR CH BRABNER'S GR CH TRIBUNE HERMIONE (BUR g, F, 13/08/2012). Very shy older lady who preferred the security of her pen today. Unlucky to come up against the winner today who had the better overall Burmese type and coat. Of good weight and size to her body and with a tail which just balances her body for length. Her head shows a moderate/good wedge. Top of head was very gently rounded and for preference I would have liked a little more width between her ears. I would have also liked more width at the cheeks and muzzle. She did have a tendency to square her muzzle somewhat. Nice eyes of the correct shape and set. Her coat was short and lay well and was a pretty intermingling of blue and cream. Presented in excellent show condition. A lady who was much happier snuggled under her blankets!

BROWN BURMESE ADULT MALE 1 entered.

1CC GARROD'S Ch ROSSIKHAN LOVELY JUBBLY (BUR n, M, 29/04/2018). An ultra friendly and happy chappy! Just a young lad but already showing promise of things to come. Of overall very good Burmese type. His head has a good short wide wedge with a definite nose break and straight short nose when viewed in profile. Pale chartreuse eyes of the correct shape and set giving rise to a very nice Burmese expression. Presented in excellent show condition and very friendly when being handled.

BROWN BURMESE ADULT FEMALE 1 entered for BOB only.

BOB MCCONNELL'S CH BURMALEUS KIMBERLY (BUR n) F. 4.2.2017. Very stylish Burmese lady of overall very good Burmese type who just piped the boy to the BOB with her wonderful eye expression today.

BLUE BURMESE ADULT 2 entered, 1 for BOB only.

BOB RODWELL'S CH JAX PALATINATE BLUE (BUR a) F. 16.3.2016. Bit of a crosspatch today but that didn't detract from her beauty! Super expression as she glared at everybody. Very attractive short and close lying coat with good silvering on her extremities.

1 CC WALKER'S KOTANUSHKA CYNTHIA (BUR a, F, 16/04/2018). Young lady who is still growing and maturing. Slim body which needs to fill out a little more. Her head has a short/medium wide wedge and for preference I would like more

width at the cheeks and muzzle. Large ears are set just a touch high on her head. Eyes of good shape and set giving rise to a nice expression. Attractive blue coat with pleasing silvering. Easy to handle.

CREAM BURMESE ADULT. 1 entered for BOB only.

BOB TAYLOR'S INT CH BACKCHAT SUN CHARIOT (BUR e) F. 3.5.2012. Not a happy girl today and much preferred to be returned to the security of her pen. Very attractive Cream coat with excellent powdering.

ASIAN TIFFANIE ADULT, FEMALE. 1 entered for BOB only.

BOB SHORT'S CH KURSHINKA KUNG-FU PANDORA (ALH h 11) F. 24.7.2017. Very shy today but after a cuddle she grew in confidence. Lovely plume of a tail but I would prefer more length to the rest of her coat. She has a lovely sweet expression when she relaxes.

GRAND 5A PREMIER

GR PR PORTSMOUTH'S PR CATTLEYA BARBIZON MEMENTO (BUR b, FN, 13/08/2017). Lovely girl with a super Burmese expression! Of good weight for her size. Her tail needed just a smidgeon more length to balance her body. Very nicely balanced head of very good Burmese type. It has the desired short wide wedge with very good width at the cheeks and muzzle. In profile there is a definite nose break and straight short nose. I wrote 'super eyes' twice in my judge's notes so I must have been impressed with them! She wore a short, warm chocolate coloured coat which had a satin-like texture. Presented in excellent show condition and although she had a quiet little grumble coming out of her pen she was actually easy to handle. I did like her and oh those eyes!! I understand this has made her up so many congratulations to all her connections on her new title.

RES GR PR DAVIES' PR HALAROSA MATILDA (BUR b, FN, 11/02/2016).

Unlucky to meet my winner today. She also had a lovely Burmese expression. A gentle young lady who handled very well. Her body is a touch on the 'portly' side around the midline-like many of us I fear..Her head has a short/medium wide wedge. In profile there is a definite nose break but I would like a little more depth to it. Her nose is straight and just a touch on the long side. Beautiful large expressive eyes. Very nice short and close lying coat. Very serene when being handled.

BLUE BURMESE NEUTER, FEMALE. 1 entered for BOB only.

BOB CHAPMAN-BEER'S OB, IGR CH & IGR PR CATAMARIAN EVITA (BUR a) FN. 13.8.2010. An old favourite of mine and so nice to meet up with her again.

Of excellent overall Burmese type and with the gentlest and softest of natures- lovely!

CHOCOLATE BURMESE NEUTER. 5 entered, 4 for BOB only, 1 absent.

BOB POWER'S UK OB, IGR PR MAINMAN RAJAH (BUR b) MN. 11.8.2003. A Golden Oldie! With his classic Burmese looks, Rajah continues to show he is a class act. Wonderful overall Burmese type with a super Burmese head. An absolute pleasure to meet up with him again!

1 PC ADAMS' KYMIAN ULTIMUS (BUR b, MN, 11/06/2017). Gentle chap who was taking the day in his stride. Well grown lad, tail just slightly short to balance. Head has a moderate/short wide wedge with just a little pinched at the muzzle. In profile there is a slightly long nose with a little bump and roll off. Very nice coat which was gleaming with health. Presented in excellent show condition and very calm and easy to handle.

LILAC BURMESE NEUTER MALE 1 entered.

1 PC MASON'S ADSEPBU WHITTINGHAM-SHANTI (BUR c, MN, 04/09/2017). Young chap with a lovely Burmese expression. Of overall very nice Burmese type. Pleasing head with it's short wide wedge and good profile lines. Large eyes of the correct shape and set giving rise to that typical Burmese expression. Presented in excellent show condition but a little naughty when out of his pen-I think the excitement of the show hall got to him!

LILAC BURMESE NEUTER FEMALE. 5 entered, 4 for BOB only, 1 absent.

BOB POWER'S CH & IGR PR INDIANSTAR SHIMLA (BUR c) FN. 10.9.2014. Looking wonderful today and really selling herself! Purring her head off and using her eyes to their best effect. Her overall type gave her the BOB amongst some tough competition today.

1 PC MASON'S ADSEPBU WHITTINGHAM-GIGI (BUR c, FN, 04/09/2017). I see from my catalogue this was the litter sister to winner of the Male class. Of good size though just a touch light in weight. Of similar type to her brother and with a lovely Burmese expression and a very attractive short and close lying coat of a pale dove grey. Very gentle when being handled and admired.