

## **Probationer Judge report- Helen Hardwick**

### **Wessex Cat Show 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Yet again team Robinson pulled out all the stops to make this a friendly, fun show. Thank you for inviting me to judge, I look forward to next year! Clive Haden was my long-suffering steward again. Thank you for your company and for your help, Clive. You did a great job, as usual.

#### **Class 185 Maine Coon Brown/Blue Tabby Kitten**

1<sup>st</sup> & BoB 53 Whitmarsh's Ishcus Quintessential (MCO n 03 22) M 03.03.15 A happy, playful kitten who was eager to come out to us. Head slightly longer than wide, but just a little narrow at the moment. Huge ears (almost too big, but he'll grow into them!) with large tufts and good furnishings. Lovely, round eyes, well spaced and with a slightly oblique aperture and set. Broad nose, of medium length and uniform width but with a very slight bump and a small indent at eye level. Square muzzle, but would like it to be a little broader. Good chin and level bite. A perpendicular plane is formed by the nose leather, top lip and chin. Long body of good weight for age, muscle and bone developing well. Proportionate limbs and paws. Long, balanced tail, well furnished for one so young. Silky soft baby coat. Dark brown and beige classic tabby pattern, the beige a little cold on the body, but warmer in tone on the head and shoulders. Some elements of the pattern still a little indistinct, but beginning to come through. Lovely clear thumb prints on the ears. White bib, chest, tummy and paws. A delightful kitten, alert and well grown, in good condition and well presented, I was happy to award him his place.

#### **Class 705 AV Visitors Kitten**

1<sup>st</sup> 61 Peace's Barijka Cheftzibah (SIB n 23) F 18.11.14 A gorgeous young girl. Short, rounded wedge head with broad, low cheekbones. Rounded muzzle with firm chin and level bite. Good profile with slight concave curve. Medium, rounded, well set ears with ample furnishings. Large eyes of slightly oval shape but with a more rounded lower line. Sturdy, rectangular body, well muscled and with substantial bone. Proportionate limbs, strong and with large, round, tufted paws. Balanced tail with good furnishings. Dense, medium length coat- soft, springy undercoat and slightly coarser topcoat. Very pretty golden brown with mackerel tabby markings. This girl was very well presented, in excellent condition and had a temperament to match.

2<sup>nd</sup> 49 Finch's Snowwitch Siolu Tiberius (SBI c) M 27.03.15 A friendly kitten with a rounded head, medium ears and lovely deep blue eyes. Solid body of good weight for age. Good muscle and bone development. Proportionate limbs and tail. Very soft kitten-coat. Points of a quite deep blue colour; body a lighter bluish white, but quite shaded over the hindquarters. Well shown, in good condition and with a sweet temperament.

**Class 917 Any SLH Adult, Kitten or Neuter born July-december**

1<sup>st</sup> 69 Newman's IGr Pr Dairymaine Kasabien (MCO d 21) MN 03.08.06 An impressive lad! Head of good proportions, slightly longer than wide and broad across the skull. Large, wide spaced ears, wide at base, well set, with long furnishings and good tufts. Round eyes, with good width between and with a slightly oblique aperture and set, a little deep-set making them appear small. Medium length nose, broad and of uniform width. In profile, the nose has a slight concave curve, but also a slight bump towards the tip. Lovely strong, square muzzle with firm chin and level bite. Nose leather, top lip and chin fall in a perpendicular line. Long, muscular body with very good bone. Broad, deep chest. Substantial limbs, in proportion with the body, with large, round, well-tufted paws. Long tail to balance, well furnished. Silky coat, soft and dense, double with glossy topcoat, shorter over the shoulders and lengthening along the back to the hindquarters, with ruff and breeches. A rich red in colour, the tabby pattern was clear on his face, but lacking elsewhere. This boy was in excellent condition and had been well prepared. He was very easy to handle.

2<sup>nd</sup> 50 Stone's Adifton Llonydd Leadinglady (SBI a 21) F 16.11.14 A very pretty little girl. Lovely rounded head with medium ears, rounded muzzle and level bite. Eyes of good shape and set, deep blue at the centre and paler towards the rims. Firm body with good muscle and bone developing. Proportionate limbs and paws. Medium length tail. Soft, dense coat with ruff developing. Attractive mid-blue tabby points and lovely contrast with near-white body. A very friendly little girl, in good condition and well prepared, she was a pleasure to handle, but had to come second to my class winner.

**Class 940 pedigree Pet Imperial Grand Master Cat**

IGMC 230 Hart's GMC Winter Star (SHL white) MN 1yr 2mth What a stunning boy- superb condition, superb preparation and superb temperament! I have never seen a whiter coat on any cat in any section- it was truly dazzling! This boy just had to be awarded the imperial certificate.

Res IGMC 229 Gerrard's GMC Oliver (LH black and white) MN 1yr 10mth This boy stole my heart! So beautifully marked with a symmetrical black mask covering both eyes, white inverted "V" on his head, snowy white legs, chest and underparts and jet black elsewhere. His coat was beautifully prepared and he was in super condition; he was just a little tetchy, but handled easily on the table. He was a worthy reserve.

**Class 936 SH Self Cat**

BiC 222 Berry's UK IGMC Ivan (SH White) MN 6yr 6mth A lovely, mature boy in beautiful condition. Muscular and well presented with a satin-like short white coat. Very sweet-natured.

**Class 945a & b LH/SLH AOC or Pattern Male or Female**

1<sup>st</sup> and BiC 234 Reynolds' Sonny's Boy (SLH Seal bi-colour) MN 9mth. A well grown, handsome boy with gorgeous blue eyes. Attractively marked with seal points, beige body and white inverted "V" to the face, white bib, chest, tummy

and legs. Muscular body with bushy tail. In excellent condition, well prepared and with a gentle nature, this boy was a clear winner.

2<sup>nd</sup> 233 Hanks' Cyril the Squirrel (SLH Seal Mitted) MN 2yr 7mth A pleasing boy. Muscular body, lovely soft coat and good contrast between body and points. Blue-grey eyes. Well presented and in lovely condition, this boy handled well.