

Manchester & District Cat Club – 12 September 2015 – Michele Codd

My thanks to the Show Managers and Committee for inviting me to judge. I had some lovely cats. Unfortunately, no steward was available, so it was impossible to assess some of the cats' bites. And the hall light was very poor, so colour was difficult to identify. As always, one gives the cat the benefit of any doubt!

AV Rex, LaPerm or Sphynx Champion Adult Male:

GCC DODD'S CH POOLSIDE EBONY MILO, DRX ns, a sweet-tempered, friendly boy. He has a short wedge with distinct whisker breaks; in profile, a flat skull, only a dip at the nose, rather than a stop, chin has good depth but falls back just a little, though his bite is level. Large ears are set wide and low. His eyes are slanting and very good shape, could perhaps be a little larger. Lovely, well-muscled body of medium size, good legs and tail. His coat covers him well, is fairly dense, short and soft, with good ripples of curls on his flanks, just a little thinner on his spine, though even here it shows it's trying to curl!

Original Foreign SH Premier Neuter:

GPC BARBER'S PR KREMLINKATZ KOT LERMONT, RUS a, a large, gentle boy, but he is well balanced, with a long body, proportionate legs and a good tail. He has a fairly short wedge with well developed whisker pads, bust a bit long in the nose; in profile, he has a flat forehead, distinct angle at the brow, slight concave dip at the nose, good firm chin. Very good eye set and shape; ears are fairly large and set vertically. His coat is dense, soft in texture, a medium blue with a silvery sheen, just a little paler blue to the roots.

AC Burmese Champion Adult Female:

GCC JONES' CH SIGISMUND CHOCCYWOCYDODAH, BUR b. Really?! Great name, but hard for the table workers, I suspect! Gentle girl, a bit over-awed by her surroundings. She has a short, blunt wedge, distinct nose break, chin is level and has good depth. Expressive eyes of very good set and shape; ears medium in size, set very well. Balanced, muscular body, good legs and tail. Coat is fairly short, close-lying, a lovely warm-toned chocolate with minimal points contrast.

Egyptian Mau Adult Male:

1 CC BOB SZWED'S ACCIO LIGHTNING THIEF, MAU ns 24, not quite a year old, but mature for his age, he has a moderate wedge, a little long in the nose; in profile, he has a slight concave curve at the nose, chin is level and has depth. He has parallel nose lines, and his eyes are set under a level brow, appear to be yellow still, but there is a very narrow green rim around the iris. Excellent ear set and good size. Weighty body, of very good size for his age, balanced legs and tail. His coat is resilient and fairly close-lying, with very good contrast between the black spots and pale silvery ground. Well marked, he has an attractively broken spine line, some rather elongated spots on his flanks. A sweet-tempered chap, happy to be handled.

Female:

1CC KNIGHTS' MAUOLOGY SENSA, MAU ns 24, very wriggly and difficult to handle, I had to borrow a steward to help me, or this girl would not have been judged! She has a good wedge with rounded contours, in profile, her nose is rather too straight and her chin falls back a bit. Her eyes are set well under a level brow, still yellow (she's 14 months old) with a green inner rim, and she has parallel nose lines; her ears are medium-large, very well set. Well grown body and proportionate legs, tail is a bit short to balance. Coat is very sleek and close-lying, could be more resilient; she is well marked with well-separated spots. Quite good contrast with the silver agouti ground. I also assessed for BOB KNIGHTS' GR CH MAUOLOGY AMIRAH, MAU ns 24, a mature girl, same breeding as Sensa, rather unhappy. She has a good wedge with rounded contours; in profile, her nose is rather straight, level chin. She has slightly narrow, but parallel nose lines, face-on, and her eyes are gooseberry green in colour, set well under a level brow. Her ears are quite large, set really well. She is quite a large cat, but well balanced and fairly elegant. Her coat is beautifully marked, clear pale silver agouti ground, ideally, I'd prefer more distinct contrast with the pattern.

Blue Abyssinian Kitten:

1 BOB EAMES' ABYDREAMES SPECSAPPEAL, female, what a pretty girl! Well balanced head with a nicely rounded muzzle; in profile, she has a slight nose break and level chin that could be a little deeper. Eyes are set well apart, large and slanting slightly; ears are fairly large, good width between, set to follow the lines of her wedge. Balanced body, legs and tail. Lovely coat texture, fine and close-lying, but not soft or satiny, with mushroom coloured under-parts, slight warmth to the base coat, good blue ticking. An absolute sweetie, very promising.

Sphynx Kitten:

1 BOB SUTTONS'S XZIBIT MISS-MATILDA, almost 4 months, an inquisitive kitten, alert and friendly, she has a pleasing modified wedge with good width at cheekbones and muzzle; in profile, a slight nose break and level chin. Her ears are large and set well, her eyes are well set, lemon-shaped, and expressive. Balanced body, legs and long, tapering tail. She has good down on her body, with a little extra on her tail and ears, and heavy down on the bridge of her nose.

Brown Burmese Adult Female:

1 CC BOB HOLT & HIGGINS' NEMOREZ STICKYTOFFEPUDING, a gentle 2 year old, with a very short wedge – I wouldn't want to see it any shorter – strong nose break that rolls off slightly to the leather, level chin. Golden eyes of lovely set and shape; excellent ear set and gently rounded top of head. Close-coupled body, balancing legs and tail. Her coat is fairly short, a good seal brown colour, clear, satin in texture.

Blue Burmese Kitten Female:

1 BOB BOARDMAN'S' AMABILE BLUE MOTY, 3 ½ months, and quite small for her age, this little dot has a very short wedge; in profile, she has a stop rather than a nose break, rolling off a little to the leather, chin is level. Golden coloured eyes are well shaped and set; lovely ear set and rounded top of head. Plump body, good legs and tail. Coat is very short and close-lying for a baby, with just signs of kitten hairs on her flanks, rather uneven in colour (I carried her to the nearest bright light to be sure), with a darker spine line and mask, very pale blue body. As a very senior Burmese Judge once told me, "Coats change!"