

Scotia Cat Fanciers show 19/09/2015

I would like to start by thanking a number of people:-

- Heather and the committee for inviting me to judge household pets at the "Scotia", thus allowing me to fulfil a long-held ambition
- Ena Kelly my steward and friend who handled the cats with care and gentleness in addition to scribing for me (although any errors are mine alone) and, as always, being excellent company throughout the day
- The exhibitors who allowed me the honour of judging their beautiful cats, the standard was incredibly high, making my decisions very difficult. I was running out of superlatives to describe them all

Class 750- OLYMPIAN FEMALE

This was a very difficult decision and I "swithered" for ages before deciding on the order. It could easily have gone the other way and there was so little to choose between these two fabulous girls

OLYMPIAN- Glen's OBIGMC Willow

Stunning semi-longhair lilac point girl with beautiful blue eyes. Her coat was gorgeous, soft, very pale and immaculately prepared. Very sweet temperament and handled very well. I loved the way she lay in her pen with her front feet stretched out, as if inviting us to admire her wee socks.

RESERVE OLYMPIAN- White's IGMC Fen

Lovely shorthaired blue girl, with fabulous double coat in immaculate condition and green eyes with charming expression. Excellent weight and size. Very relaxed and laid back, had obviously "been there, done that, got the T-shirt". I now know that this cat survived a "near death" experience recently and her current condition is a tribute to the dedication of her owner (and vet).

Class 766- AC PEDIGREE GRAND CLASS FOR MALES

Another very close and hard-fought class

GRAND MC- Allison's MC Tody

Beautiful shorthaired chocolate boy with charming pink nose. Aside from a few wee marks on his ears he certainly does not look like a nine year old cat. His coat was beautiful and he had lovely green eyes. He was a bit shy, but very sweet and chatted away to us.

RESERVE GMC- Anderson's MC Cyrus

Attractive seal-point SLH boy with a beautifully prepared coat and deep blue eyes. Cute neat little ears. Loved the feather toy but not his noisy near neighbour, who made him a bit tense whilst on the trolley. Very relaxed and purring away in his pen.

OPEN CLASSES

Class 769- AC TABBY LH/SLH PEDIGREE PET

MASTER CAT and BOC- Finnie's Jinxy

Wow, what a wee stunner, I loved this girl. Blue tabby and white SLH with charming wee socks. Lovely facial expression and magnificent whiskers. She purred away all through being judged, rolled over for more strokes and cuddles and head butted both me and my steward. If she was trying to bribe us with affection, it worked.

Class 770- AC GINGER/TORTIE LH/SLH PEDIGREE PET

MASTER CAT and BOC- Brown's Tiger Ice

Huge red silver tabby boy with giant feet, weighs a ton, but in a nice way, by no means overweight. Excellent ear tufts and stunning amber eyes which complemented his colouring perfectly. Immaculately prepared and happy to sit on the trolley and show himself off.

Class 771- AOC PATTERN LH/SLH PEDIGREE PET

MASTER CAT and BOC - McFadyen's Asia

Seal point SLH girl with amazing condition and preparation, hard to believe that she is 8 years old. Slightly overawed by the whole "show scene" but very sweet and handled well. Lay down on the trolley when she realised that an "ear tickle" was on offer. Although she was up against my Olympian winner for BOC I felt that she deserved it by a whisker

Also considered for BOC:-

Glen's OBIGMC Willow

See class 750

McFadyen's MC Whisper

From the same owner as "Asia" and another cat older lady in wonderful condition. SLH cream silver coat, with a lovely blend of colours. Pale amber eyes and sweet expression.

Class 772- SELF SH PEDIGREE PET

MASTER CAT and BOC – Baird's Guy

Wasn't sure what to expect when approaching this pen as Guy was under his bed, but what a lovely surprise he was when he emerged. Red boy with gorgeous amber eyes and a coat like silk. Excellent weight and "heft". Loved the fuss and attention and took everything in his stride, not at all nervous, obviously just likes to be undercover when in his pen. Loudest purr of the day! Up against Grand and Olympian contenders for BOC but his temperament made him an easy choice.

Also considered for BOC:-

Allison's MC Tody

See class 766

White's IGMC Fen

See class 750

Class 773- AC TABBY SH PEDIGREE PET

MASTER CAT and BOC – Vangenechten's Socks

Blotched tabby and white girl, whose feet certainly justified her name. I found out later that she is half Bengal and her tabby marking were lovely. Bit of wriggler, happier once on the trolley. Purring her head off but in that slightly nervous "am I at the vets?" way. Once back in the pen she "paddy pawed" and rubbed faces with me, then retired for a wee rest under her blanket.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

Class 778- Junior adult

1-White's MC Mitsy

Fabulous blue and white shorthaired girl with pale green eyes. Purring away and relaxed, happy and inquisitive. Everything a show cat should be and later my choice for Best Non-Pedigree Pet, so I was delighted when she was also chosen as best overall Household Pet.

2- Finnie's Jinxy

See class 769

3- Vangenechten's Socks

See class 773

Ex3- Anderson's MC Cyrus

See class 766

Class 780- Veteran adult

What a wonderful selection of "mature" cats. Without exception all in fantastic condition and beautifully prepared.

1- Kelly's IGMC Chaz

Lovely blue gentleman with a coat like satin and deep blue eyes. He was initially a bit upset by his noisy neighbour, but relaxed as soon as on the trolley and was happy to bribe me with head butts.

2- Anderson's IGMC Harley

The oldest cat in the household pets today, but looking good for his age and of excellent weight, without being fat, and with none of the skinny-ribbed, pot-bellied look that old cats often get. Black and white boy who was completely relaxed and taking everything in his stride.

Ex 2- McFadyen's Asia

See class 771

3- Allison's MC Tody

See class 766

Ex 3- McFadyen's MC Whisper

See class 771

Class 783- any cat shown by an adult

1- Glen's OPBIGMC Willow

See class 750

2- Gordon's GMC Yogi Bear

Stunning black tipped boy with a very cute pink nose. Excellent solid weight and size. Very relaxed and showed well

3- Vangenechten's Socks

See class 773

Class 786- AC cat not having one more than four 1sts

1- Stewart's Cream Cookie

Only one in the class, but what a worthy winner. Lovely soft cream longhaired coat which was slightly curly on her tummy. Gorgeous amber eyes, Very relaxed and loved the attention. She is already a stunner and will only improve with time. Looks like a mini version of the owner's other cat, see below.

Class 788- Best Groomed cat/kitten

1- Stewart's OGIGMC Dawn Patrol

We opened the pen and this regal cat was "ready for his close-up". Cream boy with toning amber eyes and the most amazing whiskers. Self-possessed and gentle, and more than happy to show himself off. A lot of fur, but all of it beautifully prepared (even tummy, which he was happy to show us, and breeches) and well worthy of "best groomed".

Class 789- Sleekest coat

1- White's IGMC Fen

Dense, sleek blue double coat in wonderful condition

2- Scaife's Frankie

Self Black girl, with a coat that looked sleek and dense, but, unfortunately she was not happy to be handled. She was in no way nasty but we were told in no uncertain terms that she wanted to stay in her pen and we didn't want to stress her by continuing to try

Class 792- best tail

1- McFadyen's MC Whisper

Longest tail in the class, beautifully groomed and with a lovely mingling of colours

2- Stewart's OGIGMC Dawn Patrol

Lovely, fluffy immaculately groomed tail, just a tad short in comparison with the winner's tail

Ex 2- Finnie's Jinxy

Wanted her tummy to be judged first, so threw herself on her back! Lovely blue stripy tail which was immaculately groomed.

3- Struther's Miss Flora of Skene

Love the name! SLH brown tabby girl who was very scared when I saw her. Such a shame as she looked lovely and I did see her with her owner later, when she was so much happier. I suspect she will be fine without a noisy neighbour.

Class 793- cat the judge would most like to take home

What a nightmare to judge (in the nicest possible way). I wanted to give multiple firsts but my steward wouldn't let me! So, it was a difficult decision, but I finally decided on:-

1- Finnie's Jinxy

See class 769

2- Baird's Guy

See class 772- ran the winner incredibly close

Ex 2- Carter's Harvey Two Face

The noisy neighbour mentioned above. An absolutely charming kitten with lovely tabby points, big blue eyes and huge ears (could probably take off if the wind was in the right direction). Was happy (and quiet!) as long as he was getting attention

3- White's MC Mitsy

See class 778, love this girl

Ex 3- Farrer's Haggis

Love the name, though all his legs were the same length and we all know that Haggises (? Haggi) have two long legs and two short legs for running round mountains. Massive cream boy with huge feet and ear tufts and a magnificent tail. Incredibly relaxed and unphased by the whole show environment. Congratulations on his Best Pedigree Pet win.

Class 796- any cat living in ML or G postcodes

1- Glen's OBIGMC Willow

See class 750

2- Anderson's MC Cyrus

See class 766

Class 797- any cat living outside ML or G postcodes

1- Darling's Silver Simba

OMG what a wee sweetie. Good job I didn't have my haversack with me! Black silver classic tabby SLH kitten, with wonderful colour contrast. Stunning copper eyes and lovely open expression, great ear furnishings and cute wee nose. Bold and confident wee boy, loved him

2- Carter's Harvey Two Face

See class 793- ran the winner close as another super kitten

Class 798- Scotia club class, AC SH

1- Finnie's Jinxy

See class 769

2- McFadyen's Asia

See class 771

3- McFadyen's MC Whisper

See class 771

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