

STEVE CROW – MANCHESTER SHOW – 12th September 2015

Many thanks to Dorothy and the Committee for the invitation to judge again this year; I had a very enjoyable day and the hospitality was much appreciated.

Devon Rex Adult, Male: Two well-matched boys entered, plus one boy to be considered for Best of Breed only. 1CC. WEBSTER'S POOLSIDE PRICEVELVET. Blue with Darker Points. 25/7/2014. Handsome young man, suitably well matured for thirteen months and of pleasing type. Long slender body is sleek, firm and muscular, of very good weight with broad gently rounded chest and elegant well shaped slender legs ending in compact oval paws in proportion. Head forms short broad wedge with good width to high cheeks and quite good breadth to slightly pointed muzzle, showing defined whisker-break and quite long curled whiskers. Ears are quite large, wide at the base and of good shape and spaced well apart, but I'd like them set a little lower, modest muffs and tiny tufts at ear-tips. Large lustrous rounded almonds shaped eyes are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give pleasing expression. Flat skull curves forward at brow, good stop, straight nose is short enough, chin falls back a touch and is of fairly good depth. Well covered with quite dense silky coat, good curl to hairs giving regular tight waves I can feel along sides and flanks, straighter along spine-line, ripples down legs and chest, good rexing on back of neck and on head, under-parts are well covered with fine down, looser waves along tail. Shown in very good condition with a healthy shine to his coat and well presented. Tail is of good shape, tapering evenly from heavier base to finer tip, and is a good length to balance. Shy boy, nervous out on the table, a little more relaxed in his bed and very sweet natured.

2. DALE'S POOLSIDE PIRRIP REX. Cream with Darker Points. 19/7/2013. Handsome boy, who is suitably mature for his age, half brother to winner above and similar in appearance showing pleasing type, but not in the best of moods today. Long slender body is elegant, a touch lean in the flanks and of very good weight, feeling firm and muscular with broad rounded chest and slender elegant well-shaped legs ending in compact oval paws in proportion. Head shows short broad wedge with good width to high cheeks and quite good breadth to slightly pointed muzzle which has a defined whisker break, short curled whiskers. Quite large ears are wide at the base and of good shape, spaced well apart but I'd like them set a little lower, some muffs and tiny tufts at tips. Large expressive rounded almond shaped eyes are set wide apart and at a slight slant. Flat skull curve forward at brow, fair stop, straight nose is just short enough, chin is just level and of fairly good depth. Well covered in fine short silky coat, quite dense and with gently curl to hairs giving regular small tight waves I can feel on sides and flanks, ripples across shoulders and on back of neck, straighter along spine-line, ripples down legs and chest, well covered tummy with gentle curl to hairs, looser waves along tail. In very good condition and well presented. Tail tapers evenly to finer tip and length just balances. Grumpy

boy, who swore when I handled him, not very co-operative and not willing to show himself, but none the less he ran the winner closely in this class.

Devon Rex Adult, Female: Two girls present. 1CC & BOB. STORK'S TYKETO PENIREIN. Black Tortie Shaded Silver. 26/11/2012. A very attractive girl, mature and of very pleasing type. Long slender elegant body is of very good weight and substance, balanced, firm and muscular with level back, broad gently rounded chest and slender elegant well-shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms short broad wedge with good width to high cheeks and good breadth and strength to gently rounded muzzle with defined whisker break and long curled whiskers and eye-brows. Large wide based ears are of good shape, spaced well apart and set quite low, short muffs and good tufts at tips. Large lustrous rounded almond shaped eyes are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical "wicked" expression. Flat skull curve forward at brow, good stop, tiny bump on short nose, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Well covered with dense silky coat, showing good curl to hairs which form regular even waves I can easily feel on back, sides and flanks, even ripples down chest, across shoulder and on back of neck, fine down around throat, tummy is well covered with fur which has good rexing, shallow ripples down legs and looser waves along tail; in lovely condition and sporting a gleaming shine. Tail is heavier at the base, of good shape, tapering evenly to tip, length just balances. Confident girl, alert and very good natured, she showed herself to advantage. 2. TARNS'S POOLSIDE THUNDERBALL. Black Self. 25/11/2014. Pretty young lady, who is just adult and looking distinctly adolescent at present, showing pleasing type. Long slender body is elegant but a little lean, especially in the flanks, of good weight and feeling firm and well muscled with gently rounded chest and slender well-shaped elegant legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head shows short broad wedge with quite good width to both high cheeks and gently rounded muzzle, which shows defined whisker-break, overall just a touch thin in the face at present. Quite large broad based ears are of good shape and spaced well apart, I'd like them set a little lower for perfection, small muffs at the base and tiny tufts at tips. Expressive eyes are of very good size and are shaped like rounded almonds, set wide apart and at a distinct slant. Flat skull curves forward at brow, fairly good stop, short straight nose and level chin of fairly good depth. Coat is dense and covers well, silky in texture with good curl to hairs which are perhaps just a touch long, but which form small regular waves I can feel along her back, sides and flanks, good regular ripples across shoulders and down legs and chest, straighter hairs along spine-line, rexing on head and back of neck, under-parts are well covered with gentle curl to hairs, looser waves along tail. Tail is of good shape with rather blunt end, length balances nicely. Very sweet natured, gentle girl, shown in very good condition, who needs time to mature and reach her full potential.

Korat Adult: One girl entered for Best of Breed only. HAWKINS'S CH KOORAHK LILIWEN. 2/8/2013. An attractive girl, who had unfortunately been withdrawn by the Duty Vet, she was a little stressed today and so I did not judge her. However, she did look a mature girl of very pleasing type from my observation of her in her pen.

Korat Kitten: One girl entered. 1 & BOB. HAWKINS'S KOORAHK PRECIOUS. 19/2/2015. Pretty young lady, developing well and of good size for almost seven months, showing very pleasing type. Semi cobby body is very slightly slender at present, of good weight and substance for her size and feeling firm and well muscled with gently rounded chest and elegant slender well-shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Heart shaped face is of good proportions with broad flat forehead and good width to cheeks, muzzle has good breadth although she is showing a slight teething pinch at present. Large broad based ears are of good shape, spaced well apart yet held correctly slightly high to give alert stance. Large luminous eyes are of very good shape and are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical expression, colour has a distinct amber cast as yet, but with clear green rims to pupils. In profile has good depth to skull, very slight stop, straight nose slopes downwards, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Fine coat lies close to the body, a touch long on the back and with a slightly soft kittenish texture still evident, quite acceptable for this age, in super condition with a gleaming sheen. Fairly dark blue grey colour is even in tone with some silvery sheen visible on head, ears and limbs, less so on body; a few faint ghost rings on tail. Tail is heavier at the base and tapers evenly to finer tip, length just balances. Alert, talkative girl, lively and very sweet natured - a promising kitten, I look forward to seeing her again.

Devon Rex Neuter: One boy entered for Best of Breed only. BOB to MURPHY'SGR PR KALTES KATHYS CLOWN. Chocolate Smoke. 22/4/2012. Handsome mature boy of pleasing type. Long body is very well-filled, in reality a little plump, of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with gently rounded chest and slender, elegant well shaped legs ending in compact oval paws in proportion. Head shows short broad wedge with good width to high cheek-bones and good breadth to gently rounded muzzle which has a defined whisker-break and long curled whiskers and eye-brows. Quite large ears are wide at the base and of good shape, well-spaced but could be set a little lower for perfection, muffs at base of ears and tiny tufts at tips. Large expressive eyes are shaped like rounded almonds and are set wide apart and at a slight slant. Flat skull curves forward at brow, fairly good stop, hint of a tiny bump on nose; chin is almost level and is of reasonably good depth. Well covered in dense silky coat with good curl to hairs giving regular even waves I can feel along the back, sides and flanks, slightly straighter along the spine, ripples across the shoulders and back of neck and down chest, ripples at tops of legs, plush lower down, tummy is well covered, loose waves along the tail. In super condition with a glossy shine to his rich chocolate coloured coat.

Tail is heavier at the base and tapers evenly to finer tip, length is a touch short to balance his very full body. Calm, contented and very friendly boy, who showed well.

Korat Neuter: One boy entered for Best of Breed only. Could not handle. JUDSON'S GR PR KOORAHK PRAJOW. 28/1/2012. The boy was very upset today and despite three attempts, unfortunately I was unable to persuade him to let me handle him.

AC Norwegian Forest Kitten: Three well matched kittens entered. 1. BENNER'S NOYNAROCK DOTTY CANDY MINT. White Female. 25/3/2015. 2. RICHARDSON'S NOYNAROCK GUNNARSSON. Male Black Silver Classic Tabby & White. 26/3/2015. 3. NOYNAROCK SIR BEOWOLF. Male Red Classic Tabby & White. 26/3/2015.

AC Maine Coon Neuter: A good class with six cats entered. 1. AGGETT'S CH & IMP GR PR ISADORYOU TOM DALEY. Male Red Classic Tabby & White. 13/6/2012. 2. HAQARLING & RICHARDSON'S PR BRILTHOR BARTOLEE. Male Blue Self. 3/1/2010. Extra 2. EDWARDS'S PR DARKTOWER SALVADOR. Male Black & White Bi-colour. 16/10/2010. 3. DUNN'S ELMCOON PICCOLO. Male Black Silver Classic Tabby & White. 24/10/2014.

AV Foreign Non-Breeders Adult: Three cats entered. 1. SZWED'S ACCIO LIGHTNING THIEF. Male Silver Egyptian Mau. 13/9/2014. 2. DODD'S CH POOLSIDE EBONY MILO. Male Black Smoke Devon Rex. 17/5/2014. 3. LINCOLN'S CH GLENDAVAN ARTEMIS. Male Lilac Abyssinian. 28/8/2014.

AV Foreign Debutante Adult: Two cats present. 1. SZWED'S ACCIO LIGHTNING THIEF. 2. PHILLIPS'S MELKELTER PRUDENCEKOVA. Female Russian Blue. 16/11/2014.

AV Foreign Novice Kitten: Four kittens entered. 1. LEE'S SITHEE LEMONNEY SNICKET. Female Russian Blue. 1/6/2015. 2. OAKLEY'S TABUSHKABLUE KREMLINKATZ. Female Russian Blue. 27/4/2015. 3. LITTLEFAIR'S BUNDARA ANGEL. Female Brown Marbled Bengal. 26/2/2015.

AV Foreign Senior Neuter: One cat judged. 1. RATHBONE'S CH & IMP GR PR JAYSHHELM TAMARISK. Female Singapura. 27/7/2010.

AC Burmese Breeders Adult: Two cats entered. 1. HOLT & HIGGINS'S NEMOREZ STICKYTOFFEPUDING. Brown Female. 8/4/2013. 2. JONES'S CH SIGISMUND CHOCCYWOCCYDODAH. Chocolate Female. 24/5/2014.

AC Burmese Neuter: One cat entered. 1. KEADY'S CH & PR SHIVARENE SHALIMAR. Lilac Male. 30/4/2012.

AV Foreign Adult (club): Four cats judged. 1. OAKLEY'S GR CH KREMLINKATZ KARA KARIZMA. Female Russian Blue. 26/6/2013. 2. JOHNSON'S KORESHKA KARINA RAINA. Female Russian Blue. 28/8/2012. 3. DALE'S POOLSIDE PIRRIP REX.

AV Foreign Kitten (club): Six kittens entered. 1. PHILLIPS'S MELKELTER MYRTUSMITRODORA. Female Russian Blue. 9/2/2015. 2. KOORAHK PRECIOUS. 3. CROSS'S BEXBENGALS MOCKINGJAY. Male Brown Spotted Bengal. 6/2w/2015.

AV Foreign Neuter (club): Three cats entered. 1. RATHBONE'S CH & IMP GR PR JAYSHELM TAMARISK. 2. CHEAL'S GR PR TOBYSDEN TERESCHENKO. Male Brown Spotted Bengal. 19/4/2014. 3. MURPHY'S GR PR KALTES KATHYS CLOWN.