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Manchester & District Cat Club

September 12th 2015

My thanks to Show Managers Dorothy & Maureen and the committee for once again inviting me to judge at this popular show. This year the show was held in a different venue to the past few years, the lighting was somewhat variable in different areas of the hall. I had a large book, and as a consequence had a somewhat hectic day! My apologies for the delay in producing this report. My thanks to my husband for stewarding for me and as always handling our cats so well, and for putting up with me! Thanks Mark.

It was my pleasure to select the BOV SLH Kitten, I had 7 very promising kittens to select from and I chose the green eyed White Norwegian Forest kitten NOYNAROCK DOTTY CANDY MINT, owned by Mr & Mrs Benner, and bred of course by Mrs L Grant. This delightful kitten was a lovely example of the breed, she showed herself to best advantage and shows great promise. I will look forward to seeing her as an adult.

Ragdoll, Colourpointed or Mitted Adult Male

1st & CC Mrs S M Jones' EISERBLEW ONEGROOVICAT RAG n 04 M 10-06-2014

At one year and 3 months this lad is very much a gangling teenager, and most of my comments on him could prove to be incorrect when he's more mature: immaturity is not a fault, but judging such a cat is a bit like looking into a glass ball!! A nice natured lad who seemed to enjoy the attention. Head of good overall shape and balance. Ears of good size and shape, well set and with forward tilt. Good broad top of head, with flat skull. Good profile overall but he needs to grow into his nose. Good firm chin and correct bite. Muzzle a little weak, cheeks showing good definition in keeping with his age. Eyes of good size and shape, colour appeared to be a reasonable blue. Good short neck. Body of good length, fairly well boned. Overall he was rather rangy and rather light in build, albeit well-muscled and obviously well fed! Coat of fair length and good texture, though just a little sparse. Well-marked overall. I hesitated over the award of CC, but decided that he just about reached the requisite standard, and many of my concerns about him will almost certainly disappear as he matures, so I gave him the benefit of the doubt. I have to judge a cat as I see it on the day!! A lovely natured lad.

Ragdoll, Colourpointed or Mitted Adult Female

1st CC & BoB Miss A Williams' ADURTON GENEVIEVE RAG n F 25-05-2014

The baby of the class at 15 months of age and definitely lacking in maturity. Head of good overall shape and balance, though from time to time I did think she tended to be a little narrow in the skull, but then again she looked about right!! Ears of good size and shape, set well, just a tendency to hold them a little upright on occasion. Good flat skull; excellent profile, good nose length, correct bite and strong chin. Muzzle of good shape, cheeks showing excellent definition for age. Eyes of good size and shape, good depth of blue. Body of good type, lacking a little in substance. Coat of good length and lovely texture, well prepared. Coat rather heavily shaded for age. A sweet natured lass who loved the attention, but she was clearly a little overawed by the show. I did hesitate over the CC, but on balance decided that most of my concerns were caused by a lack of maturity, so I awarded the CC. She's a nice lass and I think that with maturity she'll look even better.

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2nd Mrs K Wilson's LOLA RAGANDDOLL (Imp) RAG a 04 F 20-03-2014

Unfortunately this lass was having a bit of a strop and didn't help- her case! At 18 months of age she is fairly well grown and shows some maturity. Head of good overall shape and balance. Ears of good size and shape, they appeared to be correctly set, though she was busy holding them far too low. Skull not flat enough for this age and is still slightly domed. Good profile overall. Eyes appeared to be very large and round, though again I suspect this was as the result of her strop, excellent clear blue in colour. Body of good type and showing a good substance for her age. Coat of good length and texture, fairly well marked. A lot to like about this lass, I'd like to see her when she's happy and relaxed.

3rd Miss P Scott-Henker's ADTHILO DOLLY NIGHT RAG a F 05-08-2013

At just over 2 years of age this was the oldest girl in the class, unfortunately is slightly built and rather too fine in bone. Head overall just a little unbalanced. Ears of fair size and shape but needing a little more width between. Her profile is rather straight and the nose too long for balance. Unfortunately she has very little cheek development and her muzzle forms a distinct wedge. Eyes of good shape and size, colour a rather washed out blue. Coat of good length and texture. A lovely affectionate lass, shown in very good condition, we had quite a natter!

Ragdoll, Bi-Colour Adult Male

1st CC & BoB Mrs K Wilson's MERCHEYDOLLZ LOVE-ON-TOP RAG f 03 M 02-07-2014

A well grown lady who at 14 months seems to be developing well. Head of overall very good type and correct balance. Ears of perfect size and shape, correctly set and with desired tilt. Excellent broad flat plane between ears. Profile just a little straighter than I like, broad nose of good length for balance. Even bite and good firm chin. Muzzle of very good shape, cheeks showing very good development for her age. Eyes of a brilliant bright blue, excellent size and shape with very superior expression! Good stout neck, body of good length and type but just a little small at present. Bone just a little fine. Excellent coat length and texture. Very good colour distribution, basically well-marked. A very attractive lass with a lovely temperament, she shows a great deal of promise - I hope I see her again when she is mature. I had no hesitation in awarding the CC & BoB.

Siberian Adult

BoB to Mrs Staveley's CH BELKATON KIRA SIB n 21 F 29-03-2014

A very pleasing exhibit of very good overall type, size and structure. Head of very good overall type and correct balance. Medium sized ears of good shape, well set and with very good width between. Excellent profile, good firm chin & correct bite. Muzzle of good shape with correctly placed well defined cheek bones. Eyes of very good shape. A well grown female of good size, body strong and powerfully built; strong sturdy legs with large rounded paws complete with tufts. Tail of good length to balance. Coat of very good length and texture, just a little sparse after the summer. Excellent temperament and condition. A very attractive lass of quality. I see I gave her the CC 6 months ago - she's grown on well, and yes I still like her!! No hesitation in awarding the BoB!

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Ragdoll, Colourpointed or Mitted Kitten

A good strong class of girls - all worthy of being on the show bench, it is always a pleasure to judge classes such as this. Fortunately they were penned in an area of excellent lighting!

1st & BoB Mrs S M Jones' GROOVICATS BELLAGIVLIETTA RAG n F 24-03-2015

I really liked this extremely well grown 5½ month old lass, in many ways she is surprisingly mature for her age and she definitely looks a Ragdoll!!! Head of overall excellent shape and well balanced. Ears of very good size and shape with excellent set, very good with between. Skull yet to flatten out completely, but nothing to concern me at this age. Excellent profile of correct proportions, very good length nose showing a slight bump. Lovely shape muzzle blending well into the well-developed cheeks. Excellent chin line and correct bite. Wonderfully expressive eyes of excellent size and shape, obliquely set and of a deep intense blue colour. Short neck and long body of very good type, size and substance, sturdy well boned legs and tail in proportion. Coat of very good length and excellent texture, very good points colour. This lass has a super temperament and showed herself to advantage on the table - we also had a jolly good chat!! She was well prepared and in excellent condition. I was very impressed with her overall quality, hope she continues to develop. I had no hesitation in awarding the 1st & BoB.

2nd Mrs S M Jones' GROOVICATS BELLISSIMA RAG n F 24-03-2015

Litter sister to the winner and again of very similar type and showing great promise. Head of excellent overall shape. Ears of very good size and shape, very well set and with width between. Skull slightly flatter than her sister. Very good profile, neat nose. Correct bite and good depth of chin. Good muzzle shape, cheeks showing fair development for age. Eyes of very good size and shape, in colour a good blue. Body of good size, type and substance. Legs just slightly finer than her sister. Tail of good length. Coat of very good texture, just a fraction short. Excellent temperament, condition and preparation. Two very pleasing kittens showing great promise - congratulations to owner/breeder.

3rd Mrs K Wilson's MYPAWS BLUE XMAS RAG a F 25-12-2014

A well grown lass of 8½ months. Head just a little unbalanced at present. Ears of good size and shape, well set with correct forward tilt and good width between. Good flat top of head. Nose a little long, from outside the pen her profile looks OK but is too straight when handled. Good muzzle. Even bite and good depth of chin. Cheeks showing fair development. Eyes of good shape and size, correctly set, colour a pale blue. Body of very good type, lovely size and substance. Legs well boned. Tail good length. Coat of very good length and texture, good contrast between points and body colour. Excellent condition.

4th Miss F Foster/Miss P Smith's DIZZIPAWS EDITH RAG n F 23-04-2015

A good size lass of 4½ months, rather slight in build. Ears of good size and shape, well set with fair width between. Nose slightly long and profile too straight, even bite & firm chin. Muzzle rather to fine and narrow, which combined with very little development to cheeks makes the head shape too snipey. Eyes of fair blue colour, good size and shape. Body of good proportion, though rather fine in bone. Coat of good length and texture. Sweet natured lass in very good condition.

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5th Miss F Foster/Miss P Smith's BLUEDIAMONDS ENIGMA RAG n F 02-06-2015

At just over 3 months this was the baby of the class and was clearly very much a baby - in a large class judging kittens of this age is always a problem. Overall she was quite small, though in keeping with her age and her coat was just baby fluff. Her ears were of good size and shape, well set. Head still very rounded. Eyes still baby colour and a little too full but this I think was caused by worry and she really did look worried albeit not distressed by the experience! A cute baby in excellent condition.

Ragdoll, Bi-Colour Kitten

1st & BoB Miss J Spence's BLUEDIAMONDS HUNTER RAG n 03 M 02-06-2015

A very promising youngster of overall pleasing type. Heads of excellent shape and balance. Ears of very good size and shape, correctly set with desired forward tilt. Excellent broad top of head, flattening well. Excellent profile, good nose length. Excellent cheek development for age, excellent muzzle shape. Correct bite, very good depth of chin. Eyes very good size and shape, colour looks like being a good depth of blue. Body of very good size and substance for age, type conforming well to sop, legs showing good bone, well balanced tail. Coat of very good length and texture. Well-marked overall. A very promising lad.

Ragdoll, Colourpointed or Mitted Neuter Male

1st & PC Miss L Willis' RAGZNDREAMS MOSES RAG d MN 27-06-2014

A large strongly boned lad of 14 months. Head well balanced and of very good type. Ears of very good shape, correct size for balance, and set to perfection with excellent width between. Profile, looks good but is just a little straight to the touch, needs to grow into his nose. Correct bite, nice depth to chin. Muzzle fairly well shaped, cheeks developing well. Very good coloured blue eyes of correct size and shape. A large well grown youngster with very good length body, well-muscled and with some substance, strongly boned. Coat of excellent length and texture. Very good colour to points, warmly shaded body showing good contrast. Excellent condition and temperament.

2nd Mrs E M Tunstall's CARELESSWHISKERS OLLIE RAG a MN 23-02-2014

A large substantial lad of 18 months with overall very good type. Balanced head of good type and overall shape. Ears of excellent size and shape, well set. Good profile, though nose is a just a little too long. Correct bite. Muzzle a little snipey, cheeks showing good definition. Eyes of good shape and size, clear blue in colour. Body of very good size and length, sturdy legs and well balanced tail. Coat a little short, excellent texture, colour contrasting well with points. A close call, on another day could easily have won. Delightful temperament.

3rd Mrs J Fairbanks' WENLOCKEDGE CLAUDIO RAG n MN 26-07-2014

Another happy chap who enjoyed the attention. Head of fairly good overall type and balance. Ears of very good shape and set with good flat top of head. Profile rather straight and nose too long for balance.

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Correct bite. Deep blue eyes of excellent size and shape. Body of good length, fair size and substance. Legs and tail in proportion. Coat of good length and texture, body colour rather dark.

Considered for BoB:

Miss F Foster/Miss P Smith's GR PR BLUEDIAMONDS PANTHRO RAG a MN 05-03-2014

A large well grown lad of 18 months. Ears of good shape and size, just a little high in set. Very good profile. Lovely muzzle, cheeks well developed. Eyes good colour and shape. Long body of very good size and substance. Coat very good length and texture, lovely natured chap, a pleasure to meet him!

Ragdoll, Colourpointed or Mitted Neuter Female

CNH Miss L Willis' RAGZANDREAMS SASSY RAG g FN 27-06-2014

This lady definitely was having an off day and certainly didn't want to come out and play - a pity because there was a lot to like about her.

Considered for BoB:

Mrs M Quinney's GR PR TUMBLERAG TOP N TAIL RAG a FN 08-09-2011

A mature lady of 4 years, very good size, strongly built and conforming well to the standard. Head of very good type and balance. Ears well set, pleasing shape and correct size with good width between. Good profile. Eyes just a little large, good colour and of a good shape. Cheeks showing good development. Coat of good length and texture. A very nice lady in excellent condition and with perfect manners.

BOB to Miss J Spence's PR BLUEDIAMONDS MALEFICENT RAG n FN 22-09-2014

At just under 12 months of age this delightful lady shows amazing maturity. She is large and very well built with substance to her. Head of very good shape and balance. Ears of perfect size and shape, extremely well set with good flat plane between. Very good profile, good nose length and breadth, correct bite and excellent depth of chin. Eyes of a good blue colour, good size and lovely shape. Good muzzle, well developed cheeks. Excellent body type, sturdy well boned legs, balanced tail. Coat of very good length and texture. A lovely lady taking the BoB with ease can't believe she's so young! Excellent condition and temperament, a real pleasure to judge.

Ragdoll, Bi-Colour Neuter Female

Considered for BoB:

BoB to Mrs S M Jones' CH & GR PR GROOVICATS BONNE ANNEE RAG a O3 FN 31-12-2010

A lady of overall pleasing type but just not quite enough of her for my liking! Good head shape and well balanced. Ears good size and shape, very well set with good width between giving a good flat plane. Very good profile. Correct bite and firm chin. Cheeks fairly well defined. Eyes of good shape and size, rather a pale blue in colour. Body of good type and proportions, just lacking in size. Coat of good length and texture. Well-marked overall. A really sweet natured lady, she really enjoys the attention and has a really loud purr! Talk about trying to influence a judge, she's an expert! A real joy to judge. So much to like about this cat, just a pity she isn't bigger, that said she well deserved the BoB.

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Oriental Tortoiseshell Adult

Considered for BoB:

BoB to Mrs G Entwistle's GR CH GABLEME LAWAN KANIKA OSH h F 26-03-2013

A very elegant lady of overall excellence. Head of excellent shape and correct balance. Large well placed ears of excellent shape with excellent width between. Excellent profile. Green eyes of perfect size, excellent shape and set. Long slender body of true Oriental type, tall slender legs with dainty paws, long well tapered tail. Coat of excellent length and texture, very good colour and sound to the roots. A delightful natured lady in excellent condition. So much to like about in this cat, and so little to quibble over!! A wonderful example of an Oriental, her middle name should be 'elegance'!

Oriental Cream or Apricot Adult

Considered for BoB:

BoB to Mrs H Keoghan's IGR CH ALDERSTAR ANDRO OSH em M 19-01-2013

I've comment on this wonderful Oriental on so many occasions, there is nothing I can say about him that I've not already said! He is a cat of overall excellence, and fits the Oriental standard so closely. At 2year 8month he is beginning to show his age, to me he reached his peak of perfection at the 2014 Supreme - I make no apologies for saying that I've always liked this cat - nothing has changed - I still do!!

Oriental Tortoiseshell Kitten

1st & BoB Mrs T Roberts' METAXA DESIREE OSH f F 30-05-2015

An attractive baby of 3 months. Head overall a little unbalanced, being rather narrow, especially for a kitten this age. Ears good size and shape, well set though needing a little more width between. Very good profile. Correct bite and good depth to chin. Green eyes of very good shape and set. Muzzle just a little fine, good lines to wedge. Excellent body type, elegant legs, well balanced tapered tail. Excellent coat length and texture, colours well mingled, sound to the roots. A lot to like about this baby, my only concern being the slight narrowness to skull. Excellent condition and temperament.

2nd Miss D Davies' WICCANWAYS KHALEESI OSH q F 26-03-2015

A very attractive youngster of 5½ months. Head of overall lovely type and balance. Ears very good size and shape, well set with good width between. Lovely profile overall though showing a slight dip at the nose; unfortunately her bite is under-shot, good depth of chin. Good muzzle with even lines to wedge. Body of excellent length and fine Oriental type; dainty legs and neat paws. Well tapered tail of good length. Short close lying coat of excellent texture. Very good colouration and sound to the roots. A very attractive kitten of very pleasing type shown in perfect condition, such a pity that her bite isn't spot on.

Oriental Cream or Apricot Adult

Considered for BoB:

BoB to Mr P & Mrs G Masters' GR PR ENIGMATIC STANDING OVATION OSH m 03-06-2014

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A large and very elegant young man of 15 months. Head of good overall type, though he has too much skull behind the ears for perfect balance. Ears of excellent size and shape, well set with good width between. Good profile overall. Rather a strange bite with inward angulation of upper incisors giving the appearance of being undershot. Muzzle showing severe pinch, spoiling the lines of the wedge. Eyes rather narrow and slightly deep set. Excellent body type, very long and elegant, well-muscled and in excellent condition. Long slender legs, well balanced tail. Coat a little long, sleek and close lying, colour appeared to be even, sound and free from excessive ghosting, I would like to see him in natural light. Excellent temperament and condition, a lovely lad with a lot to like about him.

Oriental Shaded Neuter

1st PC & BoB Miss J Tonkinson's TENAJ TIGERLILLY OSH b 11 FN 21-11-2012

A mature lady of overall good type. Head of good shape and correct balance. Well-shaped ears of very good size and set. Top of head just a little flat, detracting from an otherwise very pleasing profile, correct bite, fairly good depth to chin. Muzzle showing slight pinch, otherwise with very good overall lines to wedge. Eyes of excellent size, shape and set, colour a good green. Excellent neck length. Body of very good length and good overall type. Long slender legs, tail of good length and taper. Coat of good length and close lying. Excellent even medium shading with a very good depth of light undercolour down to the roots with **no** indication of grey roots. The shading is very even and the body shows only slight residual ghost markings: legs face and tail show accepted tabby markings. Unfortunately the colour of this lass is very cold and lacking in warmth as required by the standard. I took the coldness of colour into account, but felt that this was more than outweighed by the quality of shading and clarity of undercolour and had no hesitation in awarding the PC & BoB. A lovely natured lass shown in excellent condition, and a fine example of the standard shaded coat.

Note on Oriental Shaded:

Unfortunately in general 'standard' or 'non-silver' Shaded are very much misunderstood. The Oriental standard includes medium shading to lightest tipping, whereas in other breeds with a longer coat length they are separated into Shaded and Tipped: in the Oriental we combined the two varieties because the coat length did not allow sufficient tipping/shading to differentiate between them. Essentially they are modified tabbies where the pattern is moved to the upper $\frac{1}{3}$ of the hair shaft, with the lower $\frac{2}{3}$ being clear base colour devoid of any markings. Those cats with with the heaviest shading may show a darker spine line and residual ghost pattern - ideally we look for no ghost marking on the body, but the standard does allow for some residual surface ghost pattern. Facial, tail and leg markings are often evident, and again this is permitted in the Breed Standard. Unfortunately in Oriental agouti cats we generally suffer from very 'cold' colouring or lack of warmth and this does lead to even more confusion - sadly we do not have the warmth of colour seen in Persian & British 'Golden Tipped'. I hope that this footnote may help dispel some of the confusion surrounding the standard Shaded Oriental