

I can't believe the Supreme is over for another year, perhaps it's because it was earlier in the year! I would like to thank Celia Leighton and the Supreme Show Committee for my invitation to judge once again at this legendary event, and for their undoubted commitment and effort that goes into putting on this magnificent show (and thousands of hours I'm sure!), the unrivalled pinnacle of the show year for many many people. The GCCF Supreme is an event to be treasured and to be proud of, and I, for one, sincerely hope that next year's Ruby Anniversary Show and Gala Dinner is overwhelmingly supported by cat fanciers everywhere! Thank you also to my team of stewards, led by GCCF Steward, Wendy Pobgee, aided and abetted by Ron Mlynek and Darryl Hall, all very experienced and passionate handlers of many different breeds, and their care and compassion ensures that even the most truculent of felines has every opportunity to shine! Our hard working Ring Team were led by Sue Chase, with Penny Akehurst, Caroline Goodman, Jenny Kennard and Judith Brimsden beavering away during the morning, keeping all the paperwork well on track, a sterling effort Ladies, thank you! I took over one class, the Brown Burmese Adult, from Lilian Niblock, who was unfortunately unable to be at the show, and do hope exhibitors were not too disappointed with the change!

My reports are presented in the same order I judged the exhibits, namely the kittens, and then with the UK Certificates following on from the CC/PC, Grand and Imperial classes. I have always believed that the UK is the pinnacle of the titled classes here at the Supreme, so why would I start with what is in effect "the final" – we don't commence the tennis at Wimbledon with the Men's Singles Final!!

**CLASS 885 RED BURMESE KITTEN
1ST & BOB, STALKER'S AUREUS FIRECRACKER, MALE, 23.05.15**

An impressive youngster, confident, purring and content, he seemed to be thoroughly enjoying his day out. Excellent Burmese head contours already, with a rounded top and, in profile, a rounded brow. He has nicely set medium sized ears, short nose, with good break with ruler straight line from nose leather to chin which shows excellent depth, bite is level. Expressive eyes, super shape having rounded lower lines and with the top line slanting towards the nose, set apart, good chartreuse colour. Well grown boy, with a lovely muscular tone to body, proportionate slim legs, neat paws and good tail for both thickness and length. His coat colour is soft tangerine, of an even tone and of short length, glossy sleek finish. A promising lad who I feel sure will live up to his Cracking name!

2ND, CARTRIGHT'S KYMIAN I AM HECTOR, MALE, 06.06.15

Another very handsome lad, taking the whole event completely in his stride and, so unlucky to meet the slightly older, and by default, slightly more mature boy in this class. He too has a very pleasing Burmese look, with a good head shape, being broad and short, with width to the cheeks, and a blunt muzzle that does just show a very slight pinch at the moment, as is to be expected for his tender age. In profile, he has a rounded brow, short and straight nose. The top of his head shows roundness between medium sized ears that are spaced well, outer lines following the shape of the face. His eyes are spaced apart, lovely shape being rounded at the bottom, slanting gently towards the nose at the top, colour a little more difficult to say for certain in this light, appears chartreuse. He is well grown, and with good balance and proportions, slender limbs and neat paws, his tail is a good length, tapering to the paintbrush tip. His coat is not quite as even toned as the winner's, tangerine in colour and laying well, short and glossy. Lovely boy.

**CLASS 863 BROWN BURMESE CHAMPION
GCC, CHASE'S CH STARRYCHATS CURIOSITY, FEMALE, 23.09.12**

I was mightily relieved that this very attractive female settled in her pen, after a rather tense start, when she really did not seem to be taking to the experience of the Supreme, and she has certainly honed the renowned Burmese glare to perfection! She is a very pleasing example of the breed with a very nice shape to the head being broad and short, with width to the cheek bones and a blunt muzzle, albeit her muzzle did look just a fraction pinched for perfection. She has medium sized ears, spaced well with and tilting forwards gently in profile. Her eyes, once she relaxed were a much better shape, initially a little too rounded and bold. In profile, brow is slightly rounded and good depth between the top of the skull and lower jaw, tip of nose leather and chin on the same vertical plane, chin could have a touch more depth for perfection. Lovely strong body, medium long and muscular, with proportionate slender limbs, neat paws and rather long claws, which could really do with a trim please! Her coat is in beautiful condition, so glossy and richly coloured seal brown, short in length and laying flat. I was delighted that she did finally allow us to admire her fully, as I felt it would have been rather mean to withhold the certificate on temperament in this rather different show environment!

**CLASS 829 BROWN BURMESE GRAND CHAMPION
IMP GCC, BRIDGES' GR CH SANLIS BROWN'D OFF, MALE, 19.02.14**

The first word on my critique given out on the day for this boy was "Fabo", my shorthand for absolutely fabulous! He looked every inch a superstar, and was my runner-up for the BOB award, just losing out to the more mature boy this morning, but really very stylish indeed. He has a superb Burmese head, it is broad, short and with a blunt finish at the muzzle. The head shows slight roundness to the top between medium sized ears that tilt forwards gently and in profile the brow is slightly rounded. His short nose shows a break, very slightly rounded rather than completely straight. I loved his expression as he flashed his chartreuse eyes at you, the shape is perfect and they are set apart. His head sits on a medium neck, body is medium and elegant with a lovely muscular physique and balance. He is wearing a stunning sleek and short coat, laying flat and so glossy, rich seal brown in colour. Fabulous chap.

**CLASS 828a BROWN BURMESE IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION MALE
BOB & UK GCC, TRUSCOTT'S IGRCH KATCHYN NIKKO, 12.03.10**

Another very handsome boy looking an absolute picture and ticking all the boxes for me today, and in strong competition, my choice for the BOB award, in addition to his UK Certificate. Everything about him just shouts "quality", and he has the art of being very gentle, whilst giving you a withering and fiery glance from those beautiful chartreuse yellow eyes. Excellent strong head with breadth to the cheek bones and gentle roundness between medium sized ears that perfectly follow the lines of the upper part of the face. He has an excellent blunt muzzle, firm and deep chin and level bite. In profile, the nose is short and straight. Wonderful size and balance, strong and sturdy frame, elegant and with slim legs, spoon shaped paws and a medium thick tail, tapering to a paintbrush rounded tip. His coat is in wonderful condition, laying perfectly flat and so glossy, deep seal brown in colour and most attractive. Superb example of the breed and, if he was human, just the sort of boy I'd love my daughter to bring home!!

**CLASS 828b BROWN BURMESE IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
UK GCC, MATTHEWS' IGRCH KATCHYN WICKED LADY, 13.06.09**

A delightful girl, with a very attractive look, and such a piercing expression. Her head is short with good breadth at the cheek bones and a blunt muzzle, albeit just a fraction more breadth to the muzzle area would complete the picture perfectly. She has slight roundness to the top of the head between medium sized well placed ears. In profile, she shows roundness to the brow, a short straight nose with a break and good line from nose leather to chin tip. She has very expressive chartreuse coloured eyes, rounded the lower lines and with top lines slanting gently towards the nose. She is well grown, with an elegant frame, medium long body and proportionate slender limbs, medium long tail that tapers gently to a paintbrush tip that did show slight tenseness, though not a fixed deviation, nor was it visible to the eye. Her coat is short and close laying, super glossy condition. She was also in need of a manicure, those claws certainly need trimming!

**CLASS 831 BLUE BURMESE IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION
UK GCC, BRIDGES' IGRCH SANLIS POSEIDON, MALE, 01.05.12**

My word, if there was a prize for "sucking up to the judge", this boy would have won the whole show, I'm sure! What an absolute charmer! He sat on the table and then proceeded to settle himself in my arms to go to sleep, the only downside is that he laid on my critique pad, so we just had to have a couple of minutes without writing anything down about him at all! Excellent Burmese look, with a super wedge shape, being broad, short and blunt. Very nicely rounded top of head, with good space between medium sized ears. Excellent breadth at the cheek bones, with lovely jowls obvious. Slight roundness to the brow in profile, which is good. Super expression, though I have to say more sultry than wicked! His eyes are spaced well apart, rounded lower lines and top lines slanting towards the nose, chartreuse yellow. He has a muscular frame, straight back and roundness to the chest, proportionate slender legs and neat paws, medium thick tail that tapers at the tip, could be just a fraction longer for absolute perfection. His coat is short and lays closely to the body, just a touch uneven in tone and with a silvery blue hue in this light. He was certainly a character, and deserving of the highest award.

**CLASS 869 BLUE BURMESE PRE CHAMPION
CC & BOB, HEWER & CHENG'S HARLYNDON CARAWAY, MALE, 22.01.15**

I was extremely impressed with this young chap, for one so young, he already looks stylish and very nicely balanced, and certainly more mature than his date of birth would suggest. He was quite an inquisitive character with plenty to say for himself, still handled extremely well and showed himself off to perfection. He has an excellent head shape, already rounded at the top between good size ears, good breadth to the cheek bones and a blunt muzzle. In profile, he shows excellent depth already between the skull and lower jaw, nice firm and strong chin. He has expressive chartreuse yellow eyes, correct shape and set and with a wicked expression! He is well grown and well proportioned with lovely muscular body, heavier than he looks and he stands on elegant slender limbs, spoon shaped paws and a medium thick tail to balance. His coat was just a shade longer than the ideal on the flanks, but lays closely to the body, and is glossy, in super condition and a lovely evenly toned mid blue grey colour. It was his coat quality and whole demeanour for a 'teenager' that swung the pendulum his way for the BOB today.

BOB & IMP GCC W/H, CODD'S UK GR CH STARSHADOW AQUILA, RED MALE, 15.03.06

A handsome boy though not the happiest in this show hall, nor easy to handle, despite our valiant efforts, even leaving him as long as I possibly could to settle. He has a good head shape, slightly rounded between ears that are medium, though his look was spoiled by the fact that he constantly held them flat, as he was weighing us up! In profile, the brow is slightly flatter than ideal, which again spoiled his look somewhat. He has the typical Burmese glaring expression, pleasing shape to chartreuse eyes. Well grown, and heavier than he looks, with slender legs and good tail length to balance. His coat is tangerine coloured, deeper on head and a touch long, he was also shedding coat profusely. Sadly he had no intention of allowing me to conduct a thorough assessment, so reluctantly, I had no choice but to withhold the certificate since to have continued would have caused him some distress.

**CLASS 866 BROWN BURMESE PREMIER
GPC, WALTER'S PR STARRYCHATS KALYPSO, MALE, 09.10.14**

A young lad with some very nice qualities already evident. His head shows roundness between ears which are just medium in size, and spaced apart. The outer lines follow the shape of the face nicely when he relaxed. His profile shows a good break, the nose is short and does have very slight roundness and a roll-off. The tip of the nose leather lines up well with the chin tip, albeit the chin could be just a wee bit stronger for absolute perfection. Lovely eye shape, rounded at the lower lines and top line slanting towards the nose, at the moment he has much more of a gentle expression than the wicked Burmese gleam, but I'm not complaining! He has a muscular frame, pleasing physique and standing on slender limbs, neat paws and a medium long tail, thicker at the base and tapering to the tip. His coat is beautifully glossy, such a lovely satin-like feel, it lays flat to the body but is, if I am being pedantic, erring on being very slightly longer than the ideal, but certainly acceptable. Super lad to handle.

**CLASS 847 BROWN BURMESE GRAND PREMIER
IMP GPC, BRIDGES' UK, OG & IGRCH GRPR SANLIS SHAMELESS, FEMALE, 12.11.10**

Oh my, what an absolute poppet, constantly chirruping away and so happy and brimming with confidence! She has a superb short broad and blunt wedge shape to the head, good width at the cheek bones. The top of her head is rounded between her medium ears that are spaced well and tilt forward slightly in profile. In profile, she has a rounded brow, good nose break and straight nose, just a very slight roll off at the tip. Her eyes were suffering a little in the air conditioning of the hall, being a touch watery but they are large, lustrous and so beautifully expressive, vivid chartreuse colour. She has a lovely lithe feel to the body, slender and proportionate limbs and oval spoon-shaped paws, good tail for length and thickness, tapering gently to the tip. Her coat is evenly toned, and a warm and rich seal brown colour, laying flat to the body and so very sleek and glossy. She looked gorgeous! She, and my eventual BOB winner, were certainly flying the flag for the females today, both strong contenders for the top spot!

**CLASS 846a BROWN BURMESE IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIER MALE
UK GPC, WRIGGLESWORTH'S IGR PR SYKRIS AKENATEN, 03.07.08**

Handsome boy, looking nicely balanced and with a super alert and piercing expression. From the front, his wedge shaped head is short, and shows good breadth across the cheek bones, tapering to a bunt muzzle. In profile, his brow shows slight roundness, the look improved once he had relaxed his ears which are medium size and tilt forwards gently, the outer lines follow the shape of the upper part of the face. I would have liked to see a slightly stronger chin for absolute perfection, his bite is level. He has super eyes for shape and set, chartreuse in colour. He is a well grown chap, medium long muscular body, with proportionate slender legs and oval paws, his tail is just medium long and thick tapering to a paintbrush tip. He is wearing a short, glossy coat that is a lovely rich seal brown colour, giving him a most pleasing overall look.

2ND, FORDHAM & LOTT'S IGRPR MAINMAN MASTERPIECE, 21.01.13

Without wishing to detract from the undoubted qualities of my winner, I was so disappointed that this boy was clearly not at all happy today, being extremely tense and simply not willing to co-operate fully enough for me to be able to consider him properly for this highest of honours, the UK Grand. He arrived in the show ring in an extremely volatile mood, and though I left him as long as I could before judging his class, he simply did not want to know, despite diversionary tactics with teasers and an extremely confident and able steward. He did, after some minutes, condescend to allow me to briefly admire some of his qualities. He has a lovely Burmese head, with well set medium sized ears, a lovely profile and a fiery expression emanating from his beautiful yellow chartreuse eyes. He is well grown, of excellent substance and is wearing a gorgeous velvety rich seal brown coat. Sometimes the environment of the Supreme just doesn't work for every cat on every occasion, and for some reason, this boy had clearly been upset, so sorry that I couldn't do him justice today.

**CLASS 846b BROWN BURMESE IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIER FEMALE
UK GPC & BOB, MOONEY & REID'S SUP UK OG & IGRCH, SUP OB & IGRPR MAINMAN KISSCHASE, 21.05.04**

Wow! A classic ambassador for the breed! This impressive girl's titles surely speak for themselves! She is simply stunning! She has such a glorious Burmese look and style, so very elegant. Her head forms a short broad wedge, blunt muzzle and very pleasing contours. Her medium ears that are broad at the base and set well, tilt forwards in profile, she has a good nose break and ruler straight line from brown nose leather to tip of her firm chin. She has very flashy chartreuse eyes, set perfectly and apart. She has certainly perfected the most nonchalant look, almost as if she is daring you to say something disparaging about her! Her head is carried on a medium neck, and her body is medium long, she has slender and slim legs, neat oval paws and a medium long tail that tapers gently to a paintbrush tip. In all honesty, I wouldn't want her to be carrying any more weight, particularly around the tummy, but she is such a wonderful example of the breed, that you can forgive that! Her coat is in exceptional condition, short and close laying, fabulous rich seal brown and so very glossy. She is full of character, a credit to the breed and an honour to judge. I found out after judging that this certificate has now added yet another title, UK Grand Premier, hearty congratulations on her well deserved successes.

**CLASS 858 RED OR CREAM BURMESE IMPERIAL GRAND PREMIER
UK GPC & BOB, MARSHALL'S IGRPR MILLGILL HAPPY HOOLIGAN, BUR e, CREAM MALE, 10.08.12**

A handsome lad, looking quite nicely balanced this morning. His head is a short, reasonably broad wedge, though a touch more breadth across his muzzle would enhance his look even further. The top of the head is slightly rounded with good width between medium size ears, the outer lines of the ears follow the shape of the head well. In profile, he just has a very slightly rounded brow, good nose break and straight nose, firm and deep chin. Lovely chartreuse coloured eyes for shape and expression, he has honed the art of glowering intensely at you to perfection! He was standing well on his muscular frame, slender legs and oval paws, medium tail of good length to balance, tapering to a paintbrush tip. His coat was short and close laying, with an attractive cream even tone, light powdering over the head. A strong boy who looked alert and commanded attention this morning, very nice lad to handle.

2ND, WYATT'S IGRPR BLOOMERS BARANG-BARANG, BUR e, CREAM MALE, 02.07.10

Unfortunately, this handsome and mature boy was feeling quite grumpy this morning, really not showing himself off as well as he could, grumbling away to himself throughout and spoiling his look by being rather 'bold' eyed. I was pleased though that he did fully cooperate with being handled and judged, as he does have some lovely qualities. His head is short and fairly broad, showing very slight roundness between medium sized ears that were held well. He did look as if he was gritting his teeth waiting for an opportunity to pounce, and this did unfortunately gave him more of a pinched look across the cheeks and muzzle, though this did improve when he was more relaxed back in his pen. He has a firm body, sturdy and strong, with slender limbs and neat paws good tail for length and thickness, tapering to a paintbrush rounded tip. His coat is quite a hot cream tone, and was separating a little on the flanks, just a touch too long for the ideal.

BEST OF VARIETY BURMESE KITTEN:

In addition to my first foray into the Burmese section for the morning's Judging, I had the additional pleasure of choosing the Best Burmese Kitten for BoV in the afternoon, and though initially I felt a little disappointed that we only had four kittens to admire, this soon turned to relief that I wouldn't be disappointing any more owners/breeders than I had to, as the quality of all four babies was outstanding, very promising for the future! It does seem such a shame to have to 'nitpick' with the babies, but it is the only way to separate them, such was the quality! The four were:

BOARDMAN'S AMABILE BLUEMOTH, BUR a, BLUE FEMALE, 29.05.15

An extremely attractive young miss, who already shows many qualities, she missed out on this top award purely by virtue of the fact that she did still, understandably, look a touch pinched across the muzzle at the moment. She has pleasing Burmese type though, and beautifully expressive eyes.

COLLIN'S AUREUS MAGNIFIQUE, BUR b, CHOCOLATE FEMALE, 23.05.15

A stunning girl, who for her age, really did look so nicely balanced and full of personality and confidence, showing herself to perfection! She has a wonderful head shape, short and broad with excellent contours. She has flashing golden eyes and such an expression! Nicely grown and proportioned and wearing a milk chocolate short and glossy coat, of an even tone.

TEGG'S BLOOMERS BROOMSY WITCH, BUR c, LILAC FEMALE, 03.06.15

I really liked this youngster as well, lovely head shape and ears that looked just a touch large at the moment, as she still grows into them, pleasing head shape being quite broad already, developing well. Very nicely proportioned girl, looking very glamorous!

STALKER'S AUREUS FIRECRACKER, BUR d, RED MALE, 23.05.15

My red winner from this morning, and litter brother of the chocolate girl, so naturally very similar in type, size and development, and a close contender!

After much deliberation – and cuddles (!) – I narrowed my choice down to the chocolate female and red male, though Bluemoth & Broomsy Witch should not be too disappointed, I'm sure their turn will come, but today the head development and balance of Magnifique and Firecracker edged the award towards them.

My choice for the Reserve Best of Variety was *Firecracker*, with *Magnifique* taking the top spot of Best of Variety, thanks in no small measure to her wonderful style, coat quality and muzzle development, combined with that extra little pizzazz that makes the hairs on your neck tingle, star quality! My heartiest congratulations to the very proud owners and breeders of all four kittens. I would have taken any one of them home with me – had I been allowed!