

Another super day at The Lancashire Show, one of my favourites of the year. Wonderful cats, lovely atmosphere and very well organised. My thanks to Chris and the team for inviting me back again. This show always brings so many happy memories of my days of showing my non-pedigrees and my Maine Coons, going right back to Bowlers and then to the Velodrome. It also reminds me of happy times spent with one of my favourite judges, David Redtfeldt, it was at this show that I last had the opportunity to steward for him before he returned to the USA. A huge thank you to my steward and good friend Val Kaye, who always handles the cats so well and is wonderful company. I hope that you enjoyed your day as much as I did.

**A.C. BIRMAN PREMIER (GR PR) MALE**

**GRP, THOMPSON'S PR FORMONA NAPOLEON BONAPAWS (SBI n), MN, 15.04.13**

Seal Point Birman. I really laughed when I read his name in the catalogue – brilliant! A beautifully presented young man who was very easy to assess today. Medium sized ears, sitting wide apart on the strong broad head. Lovely large bright mid to deep blue eyes, almost round in shape. Good slight dip to the medium length nose. Well filled round cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle. Full firm chin. Long body, feeling very muscular, thick-set limbs and short strong paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, in balance with the body. Pale beige coat, slight top shading evident, it felt really silky and was quite long with a full ruff framing the face. Very good contrast between the beige body and the dark seal points, points were all quite even in depth. Scalloped gloves easily covering all the toes, white socks matched nicely, full gauntlets ending about halfway up to the hocks, a little ragged and feathery at the edges. Overall, a well balanced male all round.

**A.C. BIRMAN PREMIER (GR PR) FEMALE**

**GRP, KERR'S PR DOUBLEDLIGHT SASHA (SBI a), FN, 01.04.12**

Blue Point Birman. A very pretty girl with a really feminine expression. Strong head of very good breadth and rounded in shape with full cheeks and a strong well developed muzzle. Large deep blue eyes, very expressive indeed. Medium length nose with a slight dip present. Strong full deep chin. Long weighty body, a deceptively heavy female with well boned limbs of medium length which end with short strong paws. Tail length balanced the body well, it was nicely furnished with a bushy texture. Currently in full coat, the pale bluish white body contrasts very well with the mid toned greyish-blue points. Very slight top shading evident down the back. Nicely marked gloves, covering all the toes. Even length to socks, full gauntlets which ended about two-thirds of the way up to the hocks. I was impressed with this female's size & substance and she looks very mature for almost two years old. Very well presented to enhance the long silky coat, especially the full ruff.

**A.C COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, JONES' GROOVICATS TALISMAN (RAG n 04), M, 22.07.14**

Seal Mitted Ragdoll. I see now that this was the baby that I had at The Supreme and remember him wanting to sit in the pouch pocket on the front of Val's stewarding tabard – he certainly wouldn't fit in there now! He is continuing to fulfil that early promise, he now has a really strong broad masculine head with a flat plane between the medium sized ears. The ears are very well furnished and sit with a slightly forward tilt. Mid blue eyes, set slightly obliquely and quite large in size. Good gentle dip to the medium length nose. Cheeks are already well filled, well defined rounded shape to the muzzle. Firm chin. Long solid heavy body, he is very well grown indeed with a broad chest and solid muscle tone. Well boned limbs and large round paws. Long bushy tail, reaching the shoulders and

slightly tapering towards the tip. His beige coat is developing well, it feels dense and silky with ruff and knickerbockers, slight top shading over the shoulders. Seal brown points are developing depth well and he has a very nice mitted pattern. Great to handle, little to choose between him and the winning female for BOB today. Great to handle and beautifully presented for the show.

**A.C COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, FEMALE**

Three lovely young ladies in this class.

**1<sup>ST</sup> & BOB, CANLIN'S RAGZDREAMS WHO'S THAT LADY (RAG a), F, 27.06.14**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. Only a couple of weeks away from adulthood, this girl has a very nice head shape and expression with a very good clear flat plane between the wide placed medium sized ears. Her nicely furnished ears are well set with a slightly forward tilt. Large eyes, set in a good slight oblique setting, pale to mid blue in colour. Medium length nose showing a gentle dip and slight retroussé towards the tip. It was a combination of her really flat plane between the ears and that lovely profile that won her the class and the BOB today. Cheeks are already quite full and she has a very well defined rounded muzzle. Good depth to the chin, just rounds off a touch at the end. Long weighty body, substantial boning to limbs and paws. Bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. She has a very well developed coat for age, lovely dense silky texture with full ruff and knickerbockers. The pale bluish-white contrasts really well with the bluish-grey points. Beautifully presented for the show and great to handle.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SPENCE' BLUDIAMONDS MALEFICENT (RAG n), FN, 22.09.14**

Seal Colourpointed. A very promising girl, unlucky to meet my winner today. I was very impressed with her development for age. She has a flat plane between the ears, they are currently a touch large as expected at this stage so should balance very well once her head finished developing. Large eyes, a little paler in colour than my winner's though they are very well set in a slight oblique. Cheeks are very well developed for age and she has a good rounded shape to the muzzle. Chin could be a touch firmer. Good long body, well boned limbs and large round tufted paws. Very bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Her coat was well developed for a kitten not yet six months old, it felt very silky and had good density with a ruff and knickerbockers present. Very pale beige body, seal brown points starting to deepen with a well coloured nose and ears, other points a little paler at the moment as expected at this age. I will look forward to watching her development. She was very well presented for the show.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ADAMS' RADADEE CELESTITE-SPARKLE (RAG b), F, 08.0714**

Chocolate Colourpointed Ragdoll. A really weighty and long bodied female she really does have a fabulous body for both shape and development with substantial boning to medium sized limbs and large round paws. Well furnished bushy tail, tapering slightly towards the tip, it is a fraction short in comparison to body length. Strong feminine head of very good breadth between the medium sized ears. Slight oblique set to large pale mid blue eyes. Medium length nose, slight dip present though the profile was not quite as good as the previous kitten. Cheeks filling out nicely and she has a good rounded shape to the muzzle. Chin was quite firm, could be a little deeper for perfection. medium length coat with ruff starting to lengthen, she has well developed knickerbockers. Lovely pale ivory body colour, chocolate points are still developing up the legs, tail and across the face. Lots to like about this young lady, third today because of her slightly shorter tail and profile, though she is a worthy winner in her own right. Groomed to perfection.

**A.C. BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> CANLIN'S GROOVICATS IVANHOE (RAG n 03), M, 22.07.14**

Seal Bi-Colour Ragdoll. This boy was so laid back he was horizontal! He was fast asleep when we got to his pen and really just wanted to sleep in our arms when we got him out. Medium sized ears, sitting well apart and slightly forward, good flat plane between them. Well developed broad head with full cheeks and a rounded shape to the muzzle. Lovely deep blue colour to large eyes, initially they appeared a little too obliquely set though the set was much better once we managed to get him to fully open them. Gentle dip to the nose, tiny bump present below the nasal bridge. Firm chin, quite deep. Broad chest, good long heavy body, well boned medium length limbs, large round paws. Well developed coat for age, medium length, feeling dense and very silky, full ruff and knickerbockers. Very slightly deeper toned beige shading to the back, otherwise the colour is very pale beige and it contrasted very well indeed with the well developed seal brown points. White limbs (the beige colour just about finishes at the top of the limbs), inverted 'v' to the face and the underbody. Great to handle and very well groomed for the show.

**2<sup>ND</sup> FOSTER & SMITH'S ROSYPOSY TOBIAS 9RAG n 03), M, 20.06.14**

Seal Bi-Colour Ragdoll. Another nice male who was very well grown and deceptively heavy and well muscled. Flat plane between medium sized ears which were set well apart on the head. Large mid blue eyes. Cheeks are filling out, gentle dip to the medium length nose, good rounded shape to the muzzle. Firm deep chin. Long heavy body, balancing the head size well, substantial boning to legs and paws. Long bushy tail, balancing the body and reaching the shoulders. Currently between coats, he has lost his baby coat and the adult coat is starting to lengthen though typically on the shorter side at the moment. Ruff and knickerbockers just starting to lengthen. Some mottled darker shading to the beige body at the moment. Seal brown points developing depth though not quite as well developed as my winner's today. Very slight extension of beige colour going down the front legs, back legs were white to body level. Nicely marked inverted 'v' to the face and he had white from the chin to end of the underbody. Very well presented and super to handle.

**A.C. BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WILSON'S LOVELYSTORY GARDENIA (RAG n 03), F, 13.07.14**

Seal Bi-Colour Ragdoll. A nicely balanced young lady. Her head shows strength, it is broadening nicely with well developed cheeks which lead to a strong well defined rounded muzzle. Ears are nicely furnished, medium in size and sitting quite wide apart on the head. Large expressive deep blue eyes, sitting in a slight oblique set. Gentle dip to a medium length nose. Firm chin of good depth. Very muscular feel to the long body, nicely boned medium length limbs, large round paws. Long bushy tail, currently paler in colour as the dark seal brown is yet to really develop. Coat is currently on the shorter side with ruff starting to develop length, like my second placed male, she is between coats at the moment. Some deeper toned beige topcoat present at the moment with seal brown points just starting to deepen in colour. Generally a well marked bi-colour pattern, though there is a very slight extension of beige going down the front legs. Although a little tense and gumbly today, she was not a problem to handle. Very well presented with pristine whites.

**A.C. COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER MALE**

**PC & BOB, SNOWCROFT'S DIZZIPAWS MUSTARD (RAG n 04), MN, 04.04.10**

Seal Mitted Ragdoll. A truly huge male who really did fill my trolley, he had the most wonderful laid back temperament and was one of the happiest cats we handled all day. Really strong broad masculine head with a flat plane between the medium sized ears. His ears sit well, tilting slightly forward. Large eyes, mid blue in colour and sitting in a good slight oblique setting. Very well filled cheeks, good gentle dip to the medium length nose. Very well defined rounded shape to the muzzle, firm deep chin. Extremely long and very

heavy body, massive boning to legs and paws. Long bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Full dense silky winter coat with full ruff and knickerbockers, the beige body colour contrasts very well with the well developed dark seal brown points. Slightly deeper toned beige colour over the shoulders. Generally he has a very nice mitted pattern with beautifully marked mittens, though he does had a spot of colour on the left back leg. A well presented male, he was so easy to handle and just loved all the cuddles. I later spoke to his owners, and found out that this was his first show – he behaved like a professional.

**2<sup>ND</sup> LOXLEY & LAMBERT'S MERCHEYDOLLZ TIME TO SHINE (RAG n 04), MN, 05.06.14**

Blue Mitted Ragdoll. Just into adult classes and this young man is well developed for age. He has a good clear flat plane between the medium sized ears. Head is already quite broad, it is still developing with cheeks filling out. medium length nose with a gentle dip present. Rounded shape to the muzzle, initially it appeared to taper a little though was rounded when felt and the overall balance was much better once he relaxed. Good long body, well muscled, nicely boned limbs and large round paws. Well furnished bushy tail, balancing the body length well. Well developed pale bluish white coat of medium length and with a dense silky texture. It contrasts very well with the bluish-grey points. Full ruff framing the face. Well marked kitted pattern. A little lacking in confidence when out on the trolley, though he allowed us to handle him and his confidence increased a great deal once he was back in his pen. Well groomed for the show.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HUGHES' MAGISRAGIS KATO (RAG n 04), MN, 04.06.11**

Seal Colourpointed Ragdoll. An attractive male showing really good contrast between the dark seal brown points and the pale beige body colour. Wide set ears of good medium size, sitting with a slightly forward tilt. Head of good breadth with a very clear flat plane to the top of head. Large expressive mid blue eyes, sitting slightly obliquely and well apart. Gentle dip to the medium length nose. Cheeks were not quite as well filled as my second placed male, despite him being older and I took this into consideration when placing the class today. Muzzle was rounded in shape when felt. Chin quite firm. Good long muscular body, substantial boning to medium length limbs, large tufted paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Beautifully presented full coat with ruff and knickerbockers, it felt dense and very silky, beautifully groomed for the show. This boy was really easy to handle and worthy of the PC.

I considered for BOB:

**FOSTER & SMITH'S PR BLUDIAMONDS PANTHRO (RAG a), MN, 05.03.14**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. Just twelve months old and this young man has a very nice head shape, long solid body and well boned limbs. Lovely texture to the well grown dense silky coat, excellent contrast between the body and the bluish-grey points. A little unsure today though easy to handle, he preferred the comfort of his bedding. My PC winner had the edge on head strength and development today. Very well presented for the show.

**A.C. COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER FEMALE**

**PC, GIBSON & LEIGHTON'S RAGATO MOLLYCIDDLE (RAG n 04), FN, 11.04.14**

Seal Mitted Ragdoll. I was very impressed with this female's size and development, she really is a large girl especially for one so young. Ears are still a touch on the large size (due to her age), they already sit quite wide apart and with a slightly forward tilt. Large expressive mid blue eyes. Well filled cheeks leading to a strong rounded muzzle. Gentle dip to the medium length nose. Long weighty body, broad chest, well boned limbs of medium length, large round paws. Long bushy tail, balancing the body length well. Well developed dense coat of medium length, it has a lovely silky texture. Some deeper toned

top shading to the bluish white body though still showing very good contrast with the well developed bluish-grey points. Very well presented, she shows promise for the future.

**2<sup>ND</sup> LUBY'S MIAMORIO GUARDIANANGEL (RAG n), FN, 26.07.07**

Seal Colourpointed Ragdoll. This female was shown in wonderful condition, she certainly doesn't look almost eight years old. Slightly smaller than my winner, though she is really well balanced. Very nice head shape, showing a good flat plane between the medium sized ears. The ears are positioned well apart on the head and sit with a slightly forward tilt. Large deep blue eyes, very expressive indeed. Nicely filled cheeks, rounded shape to the muzzle. Medium length nose with a good gentle dip present. Chin of good depth, just recedes a touch. Long body, muscular and solid with well boned medium length limbs and round tufted paws. Long bushy tail, tapering towards the tip and reaching the shoulders. Another female with lovely coat qualities, the medium length coat felt very silky and dense. Excellent contrast between the beige body and the dark seal brown points. A beautifully presented female who was super to handle. It was a very close call between these two girls, and after much deliberation I went for the younger female because of her substance and development. On talking to this female's owners later, and learning her story, it was a real privilege to have had the opportunity to handle such a delightful cat. She really must have a guardian angel to help her to find such a wonderful permanent home with these people!

I considered for BOB:

**SPENCE'S PR BLUDIAMONDS TYGRA (RAG a), FN, 05.03.14**

Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll. It was a really close run race between this female and my male PC winner for the BOB today, really could have gone either way. A very attractive female, I see now that this was my female kitten winner at The Supreme and she has certainly gone on to become a gorgeous young lady. Very nice head shape, strong and well developed for age, large mid blue eyes. Long well grown body, bushy tail. Really coat qualities all round, the coat was very well developed for a female of only twelve months old. Great to handle and beautifully presented. I really needed two BOBs, the male eventually won as he had the edge on head development, due to his maturity. I see now that they share the same father – no wonder I had a challenge!

**A.C. BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER MALE**

**PC, GIBSON & LEIGHTON'S RAGATO VENUS DE MILO (RAG n 03), MN, 28.03.14**

Seal Bi-Colour Ragdoll. Wow! A really well grown young man, very large indeed with a long heavy muscular body and really well boned medium length limbs. Good breadth between the medium sized ears, flat plane present. Large pale blue eyes, set slightly obliquely, though they could be slightly further apart. Nasal profile shows a gentle dip, cheeks are filling out well and he has a well defined rounded muzzle. I wouldn't like to see the nose any shorter at this age. Firm chin. Wonderful body all round, his well furnished bushy tail balances well and reaches the shoulders. Medium length coat with ruff and knickerbockers present. His seal brown points are starting to develop depth, he already has dark toned ears with paler colour to the face and tail. He has a well marked bi-colour pattern and an area of white between the shoulder blades. A delight to handle and he was beautifully presented for the show. I see that this is yet another of "Bruce's babes", I had several lovely felines sired by him today.

**A.C. BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) NEUTER FEMALE**

**BOB, JONES' CH & PR GROOVICATS BONNE ANNEE (RAG a 03), FN, 31.12.10**

Blue Bi-Colour Ragdoll. A really happy cat who was thoroughly enjoying her day out. She constantly purred and kneaded all the time she was out being judged. Lovely strong

feminine head shape with wide placed medium sized ears which are set well and have a clear flat plane between them. Very expressive bright mid blue eyes. Well developed cheeks, very good definition to the rounded muzzle. Medium length nose with a dip to the profile. Firm chin, quite deep. Broad chest, long weighty body, well boned medium length legs, large round paws. Bushy tail, in balance with body length. Very nice bi-colour pattern, contrasting with the bluish-white body and the well developed bluish-grey points. The coat felt wonderful, really soft, dense and silky, medium in length with a ruff framing the pretty face. Very well presented for the show, she is such a pretty girl!

### **YES! NOVICE EXHIBITOR**

**YES! awarded to FREDDIE BENNER with NOYNAROCK VIOLET PIXIEDUST.**

Freddie gave a very good presentation about his Norwegian Forest Cat. He handled her with great confidence and care. He has a lot of knowledge about her including colour, coat length, age, and breed. He explained how she is prepared for the show and the importance of vetting in. Freddie has gained a lot of confidence and knowledge since he joined the scheme and it is easy to see how much he enjoys his time with his cat at shows.

### **BEST OF VARIETY SEMI LONGHAIR**

I had a huge line-up for Best in Show Semi-Longhair, 13 adults, 12 kittens and 11 neuters. There were lots of quality exhibits in each section giving me a very challenging task to pick just one final cat.

Best Adult was **HAWORTH'S UK IMP GR CH DIZZIPAWS ZEMO (RAG n 04), M, 12.04.08** a really large and beautifully balanced male sporting full winter coat.

Best Kitten was **POWNEY'S WITCHFIRE KRASNI KIRILL (SIB d 21), M, 10.09.14** a really promising baby with a lovely head shape and super coat qualities.

Best Neuter and Best Semi-Longhair in Show was **BURGESS'S UK OG IMP GR PR KASSARO CISCIKID (MCO N 03 22), MN, 14.05.09**. Looked stunning today, this male has it all – type, substance, coat and presence. A wonderful ambassador for the breed, the section and the cat world.