

John S Harrison
GCCF Supreme

Saturday 24th October 2015

My thanks to Celia and the Supreme Committee for inviting me to once again judge at this prestigious show, we in the Cat Fancy are indebted to Celia for putting her life on hold in the run-up to the show, and giving us the opportunity of enjoying a spectacular show, which all too often we simply take for granted. Having been to so many Supremes I can honestly say that in difficult times it was still 'supreme'.

My thanks also to the exhibitors who pulled out all the stops and gave me a superb entry of Orientals, it proved yet again that there are still plenty of quality cats out there with exhibitors who are prepared to show them: thanks for giving me a really enjoyable day, and make no mistake I really did enjoy judging them!

As always my thanks to Mark Parkinson for being my Chief Steward and keeping the paperwork in good order and being a wonderful companion; to Lee Tipton and Helen Jones my grateful thanks for working so well together and handling our cats with such care, it's good when a team works well together, and this one worked, I hope the three of you enjoyed the experience!

The Supreme has to be a stressful show for the cats, especially when they are moved from pen to pen. I am dismayed that there are some owners who give such little regard to the comfort of their cats in the judging ring and cannot be bothered to provide a white blanket for them to sit on - this happened to 3 kittens. When judging BoV Neuter once again a cat turned up without a blanket and sat looking really miserable on bare cold plastic in the pen; I was really annoyed and was very tempted to simply disqualify it, a blanket was hastily found. It causes a lot of extra work for stewards trying to find exhibitors just to get a blanket, and if the cat isn't comfy it certainly isn't going to look its best. Come on guys, you all know the rules, so please let's give more thought to the cats comfort.

I had a very interesting group of cats to consider for BoV Oriental Neuter, several of them were a little chubby and I thought maybe a diet would help!

I was delighted to award BOV to Mrs Sue Miller's 3 year old Havana **IGRCH & GRPR PASHTAN RHAPSODY** OSH b, she is a cat of great quality and has a head of perfect shape and proportions complete with very expressive green eyes. She has a body of good length, but is definitely one for a diet! She has a coat which appeared to be of good colour, very even and sound to the roots. A superb Havana I don't recollect judging her before.

I awarded Reserve BoV to the well-known Chocolate Spotted Tabby Mrs S Edwards' **IGRPR HEMLOCK ALFREDO FERRARI** OSH b 24. This large laid back lad excels in type and has a wonderful firm body, with a short close lying coat. His pattern formation is good, but I had to take into account some agouti invasion and the fact that his spots are no longer sound to the roots. He is a fabulous cat though, glad that he got a certificate for Reserve.

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ORIENTAL BLACK, Kitten

1st & BoB Mr T Cassar-Simmonds FIORDILISO JAY JAYS JEWELS OSH n M 28-02-15

A stylish well grown youngster of very impressive Oriental type. Head of excellent shape and balance. Well-shaped ears of excellent size, perfectly set with good width between. Excellent top of head with an excellent even profile. Correct bite and strong chinline. Very good muzzle, despite the slightest pinch he had superb lines to the wedge. Very good colour green eyes of excellent size, shape and set complete with a very superior expression! Long elegant neck. Long slender body, firm and muscular, of perfect Oriental type. Long slender legs and long well tapered tail. Coat of excellent texture, very short and close lying, sleek and glossy, intense black and sound to the roots. Excellent condition and temperament. I have had the pleasure of judging this kitten on several occasions, he seems to improve every time I see him, he is indeed an excellent example of an Oriental with no exaggeration of type; he conforms so closely to the Breed Standard. A real pleasure to judge, and I look forward to seeing him as an adult.

ORIENTAL BLUE, Kitten Male

CNH Miss P Buden's COSMO SAETAN OSH a M 24-03-15

This little chap really wasn't happy when he came into the ring and so I left the Blue kittens to settle. Sometime later I noticed that he was relaxed and snuck up on him and got him out, he seemed fine. Part way through judging him he erupted, fortunately I had hold of him and managed to get him back into his pen with only minor damage to me! Even though I had handled him I had not finished judging him and so had to mark him CNH. He is a kitten of overall excellence, with superb Oriental type. He has a very short sleek close lying coat of a very even colour which is totally sound to the roots. Other than his temperament the only point about him that I was critical was that his chin was a little shallow. Such a pity because he has undoubted qualities and could well have ended up in yet another pen. Hopefully this was a one off occurrence, however, and for whatever reason, this was aggressive behaviour and not just 'playing rough', a repeat performance would result in a biting certificate how aptly named!

ORIENTAL BLUE, Kitten Female

1st & BoB Ms C K Robson's VONTEEZ BLUEHAZE AVALON OSH a F 07-04-15

An attractive young lass of overall good type. Head of overall good shape and balance. Ears of good size and shape, well set. Good overall profile though spoilt by a dip to the nose. Firm chin and correct bite. Eyes of good shape and set, a good green in colour. Body a little short for perfection. Long slender legs and well tapered tail. Coat short and close lying, colour very even and sound to the roots. Excellent temperament. At 6 months of age she shows promise, and for this reason I awarded the BoB ... today she was one lucky girl!

HAVANA, Kitten

1st & BoB Miss V M Johnson's BURNTHWAITES STAR-LORD OSH b M 01-02-15

A very attractive kitten of very good overall type. Head of very good overall shape and balance. Large ears of very good shape and correct set. Excellent top of head. Good profile, even bite and very good

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chinline. Green eyes of very good size, shape and set. Muzzle showing slight pinch. Very good body type, long, slender and firm muscled. Long legs, long well tapered tail. Coat close lying but just a fraction long. Colour very even on the surface, but clearly not sound to the roots. An attractive lad showing promise.

2nd Ms C Wood's SMOKIEX JAYANDRA CASANOVA OSH b M 03-04-15

A well grown kitten of overall good type. Well balanced head of very good type. Ears of good size and shape, held well. Eyes of correct set but rather full, colour a good green. Good profile, correct bite and good depth to chin. Good lines to wedge. Body of very good length and Oriental type. Long slender legs and excellent length tapered tail. Coat of good texture but rather long; surface colour overall an even brown but unfortunately it is unacceptably unsound, having very pale roots. Excellent condition and temperament.

ORIENTAL CINNAMON Kitten

2nd Mr R C Lyons' DERRYLEON CINNAMON DEVILISH OSH o M 17-04-15

A well grown kitten of overall very pleasing type. Head of good shape and correct balance. Ears large and well set. Very good top of head and good overall profile. Eyes of good size, shape and set, a good green in colour. Excellent length body, slender and well-muscled. Tail of good length and taper but has a clearly defined kink, which I determined was just about not always visible. Unfortunately I had no alternative but to withhold the 1st, had I decided it was 'visible' I would have made no award. Coat of good length and texture, colour appeared to be a little brindled, with heavy ghosting and not sound to the roots. An excellent natured lad.

ORIENTAL CREAM or APRICOT Kitten

1st & BoB Mr & Mrs Baker's ALDERSTAR ASLAN OSH em M 17-04-15

A well grown kitten of very pleasing overall type. Head of excellent shape and balance. Ears of very good shape, large and well set with good width between. Excellent profile, correct even bite and firm chin. Green eyes of excellent size, shape and set. Long body of excellent Oriental type, long slender legs and long well tapered tail. Coat of very good length and texture, sleek and close lying. In the hall lighting the coat seemed fairly even, though showing some ghosting, and fairly sound to roots. A sweet natured lad in excellent condition. A very attractive young lad.

ORIENTAL TORTOISESHELL Kitten

1st & BoB Mrs T Roberts' METAXA DESIREE OSH q F 05-03-15

A very dainty young female of very pleasing type. Well balanced head. Ears of very good size, shape and set with good width between. Excellent profile. Correct even bite and firm chin. Eyes of good size, shape and set, haws rather prominent. Good even lines to wedge. Dainty body of very good length with long well balanced legs, excellent spoon feet. Tail long and well tapered. Close lying coat of very good length and texture. Colours well mingled and sound to roots. A lovely kitten indeed.

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ORIENTAL SPOTTED TABBY Kitten

This was a very good class and I was delighted to have 3 Spotties to assess. It is so pleasing to see that there is a revival of interest in the agouti Oriental varieties. I think most people in the cat fancy realise that I am quite passionate about them. I know I'm often considered to be very critical of them, but they are the most attractive of cats and I genuinely want to see them perfected rather than just acceptable. It seems to be forgotten by many exhibitors, and indeed some judges, that there are 50 points for colour & pattern *it's not just a little 'add on' to type but is of equal importance type.*

1st & BoB Mrs J Brownrigg's HEMLOCK HUDSON MOHAWK OSH n 24 M 21-02-15

A well grown confident lad of excellent type. Well balanced head of very good type. Ears large and of correct shape, well set, but he has a tendency to hold them a little upright when he's being too inquisitive. Good top of head. Very good profile and firm chin, correct bite. Green eyes of very good size, shape and set. Excellent body type, slender, firm and well-muscled. Long slender legs. Tail of good length and taper. Coat of excellent length and texture. Pattern well-formed overall but showing some linkage especially on one side. The pattern is sound to the roots and has minimal agouti invasion. My only criticism is that the colour is far too cold and the overall appearance is not "brown" as required by the breed standard. That said and done he is an excellent and attractive lad with so much to like about him.

2nd Miss D Burchell's HEMLOCK DEMOLITION DERBY OSH n 24 M 21-02-15

Another well grown lad of excellent type From his d.o.b. I assume litter brother to the above. Large well-shaped ears of excellent set. Very good top of head. Excellent profile, strong chin and correct bite. Muzzle showing a pinch and he is lacking in substance in the cheeks. Eyes very good size, shape and set, showing a clear green in colour. Long neck. Excellent Oriental body type, very long, slender and well-muscled. Long slender legs, long well tapered tail. Excellent textured short close lying coat. Very good overall pattern formation, though unfortunately showing excessive agouti invasion. Colour very cold and lacking any semblance to "brown". Another very attractive lad, and again with so much to like about him.

3rd Mrs R Midson's PIPPASTRO STORM-TROUPER OLH n 24 v M 02-06-15

The baby of the class. A very attractive kitten of overall pleasing type. Well balanced head. Ears large and well set with excellent width between. Excellent top of head. Dip to nose spoils an otherwise excellent profile. Firm chin and correct bite. Very good lines to muzzle. Green eyes of excellent shape and set. Excellent body type. Legs long and slender, long well tapered tail. Coat of very good length and excellent texture. Spotted pattern well-formed but sadly showing excessive agouti invasion, ground colour also shows dark roots. Colour very cold and lacking the desired "brown" appearance. A very attractive lad with a lovely temperament, shown in excellent condition. There's a lot to like about this lad, it will be interesting to see how his coat develops

ORIENTAL SHADED Kitten

1st Mrs R Midson's PIPPASTRO SILVER-RAIN OLH ns 11 v M 02-06-15

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A young lad of very attractive type. I see he is litter brother to the above ... Head of very good shape and balance. Ears large and well set, with excellent top of head. Excellent profile, correct bite and firm chin. Very good lines to wedge. Green eyes of very good size shape and set. Long slender body of very good length. Long slender legs; good length tail, well tapered with terminal pip. Coat very good length and texture. Excellent clear silver ground colour. Whilst I have absolutely no doubt that this kittens coat will develop into a good Shaded, at the moment the pattern does extend to the roots in some places and is at the 'intermediate stage'. I took into account his age and essentially gave him the benefit of the doubt - in all honesty there was no way I could call him a 'Spotted!' For this reason I withheld the BoB. I have no doubt that by the time he is adult his coat will have cleared and he will most likely end up with an excellent shaded coat.

ORIENTAL LONGHAIR Kitten

1st & BoB Dr C Baxter's PIPASTRO I HAVE CINNED OLH o 24 M 02-06-15

A well grown lad of excellent type ... another litter brother! Head of very good shape and correctly balanced. Large ears of very pleasing shape, well set, excellent top of head. Beautiful even profile, correct bite, very good chinline and depth of chin. Green eyes of excellent size, shape and set. Very good lines to wedge. Long elegant neck. Body of excellent length and true Oriental type, good length legs, but judging by his paws he's either going to be a large bonny lad, or just have big feet! A pretty safe bet that it will be the former!! Tail of good length to balance body, well tapered. Coat of excellent texture, and taking into account his tender age, of good length. His pattern fairly well formed but unfortunately the hall lighting played havoc with his colour/pattern. I thought this friendly little lad was quite excellent, and shows so much promised. In honesty there's just so much to like about him, and so little I could find to fault. This is one little chap I hope to see when he's 'all growned up'.....

ORIENTAL BICOLOUR Kitten Male

It was really pleasing to have 4 Oriental Bicolour kittens to judge - four kittens or quite different type. Unfortunately the standard does insist that there must be a minimum of $\frac{1}{3}$ white, and creates the immediate problem of how does one accurately assess the ratio of white to colour: it is a major problem for judges; and leads to wildly different opinions. My placings may have seemed a little strange and I hope my report will help understand my reasoning

Kitten Male

1st Ms D Allen's VONTEEZ GOLD-DUST OLH em 02 v M 07-04-15

An attractive lad of overall good type. Well balanced head of correct shape. Large ears of very good shape, correctly set. Good top of head. Very pleasing even profile; correct bite, good firm chin. Good muzzle and good lines to wedge. Eyes of correct shape and set, but small and rather deeply set - and rather spoiling the overall look. Long body of good type, albeit with rather full tummy. Long slender well balanced legs, long well tapered tail. Coat sleek and close lying but a little too long. Coloured areas clear from white hairs and very even in colour, some bleeding of white into colour around the edges. An excellent tempered little lad. He was not the obvious winner, but he well deserved his place.

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2nd Mrs S Edwards' HEMLOCK SLINKY MALINKI OSH b 03 24 M 01-03-15

A very well grown lad of 7 months of extremely slender body type. Head of very good shape and correct overall balance. Large ears of very good shape and well set. Excellent top of head. Very good profile, correct bite, perfect chinline and good depth of chin. Unfortunately he has a pinch resulting in a square muzzle. Long elegant neck. Body very long, narrow and tubular lacking depth at the chest, this combined with very long legs results in an extreme body type. When I last judged this lad I was more than happy with his elegant body type. Tail of good length and taper. Excellent coat length and texture, sleek and close lying - it is one of the best coats I have seen on an Oriental Shorthair. Coloured areas showing clearly defined and sound chocolate marking with minimal linkage. Unfortunately in my opinion he has only about 25% white at best, and therefore lacks the required proportion of white to colour. This cat has a stunning temperament and a real joy to judge, there is just so much to like about him, I hope with age he may develop a less extreme body type. Excellent condition.

3rd Mrs & Miss Debowska's METAXA JIMMY-CHOO OSH d 03 33 M 19-05-15

This delightful little chap was, at 5 months, the baby of the class and certainly made an impression! Head of fairly good shape and overall balance. Large ears of very good shape and set, with very good width between. Profile very uneven with depression above the brow, a dip to the nose, and a bump on the nose. Correct even bite, good firm chin. Muzzle showing severe pinch. Body of very good length and type; balanced legs. Tail of good length but needs better taper. Coat of good length and texture, but rather open and he persisted in fluffing out his tail: the more I fussed him the more he purred and the more he fluffed up his coat - to me he's now the bottlebrush kitten!! It was very difficult to assess the ratio of white in the hall lighting. A delightful little chap with a superb temperament.

Kitten Female

1st & BoB Mrs J Brownrigg's HEMLOCK SHESELLS SEASHELLS OSH n 03 21 33 F 01-03-15

What a stunner! A well grown lass of overall excellence. Head of excellent type and balance in perfect accord with the SoP for both Oriental and Siamese. Ears of excellent size, shape and set. Excellent top of head. Excellent even profile. Correct even bite, strong chin and perfect chinline. Excellent lines to wedge. Very good blue eyes of excellent shape, size and set. Body of excellent length and type, long and slim but perfectly proportioned. Long slender legs with very neat spoon feet; long well tapered tail. Coat of excellent length and texture, fitting like a glove. Excellent tabby markings to face and tail. White on all legs, face and tummy, it was very difficult to assess the percentage of white on a pointed cat in the hall lighting, from what I could identify it looked about right and therefore I had to assume it was correct. To say I was impressed with this lass would be an understatement! She is a superb and very beautiful example of a Seychellois / Siamese / Oriental. I was not the slightest bit surprised that she was BOV Oriental Kitten, and have to confess just a little disappointed she did not go further. What a stunningly beautiful kitten it was our first meeting, I do hope it won't be the last time!!

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AOC SELF ORIENTAL IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION Male

UK Grand and **BoB** Oriental Cream/Apricot to

Mrs H Keoghan's IGRCH ALDERSTAR ANDRO

OSH em M 19-01-13

A large masculine chap of overall excellence. Head of overall excellent shape and balance. Ears of excellent size and shape, well set. Excellent top of head. Excellent profile, correct bite, excellent chin line and depth of chin. Green eyes of excellent size, shape and set. Excellent length body, carrying a little surplus weight ... I think a diet would enhance!! Long well balanced legs, long well tapered tail. Coat of very good length and texture, close lying. Excellent even colour with minimal markings and sound to the roots. This is one real sappy lad, he has a superb temperament and it is always a real pleasure to judge him. I have always admired this cat and have awarded him numerous certificates and BOV awards, today I was delighted to award him a UK Grand, and I understand this completes his title. Congratulations to his owner/breeder.

2nd and **BoB** Havana to

Mrs J Hirst's IGRCH TOGHAR YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

OSH b M 05-04-15

A very attractive young male, just 17 months, of smaller size but overall Oriental excellence. Head of excellent shape, type and balance. Large well-shaped ears of correct set. Very good top of head, excellent even profile. Bite a little untidy, but acceptable, chin just a little shallow. The slightest of muzzle pinches, but otherwise he has excellent lines to wedge. Good green eyes of excellent size, shape and set. Body of very good type, long and well balanced. Of a slightly smaller build, but for sure there is nothing effeminate or wimpy about this lad! Very good length legs, tail well tapered though just a little short for perfect balance. Coat of very good length and texture, colour totally sound to the roots. Excellent temperament and condition. I first judged this lad two weeks ago in perfect natural daylight and was very impressed with his beautifully balanced type and his outstanding coat colour: he is a proper Havana! The NEC lighting certainly didn't show him to best advantage, and on the day I thought he seemed a little over-awed. That said I still am very impressed with him.

AOC SELF ORIENTAL IMPERIAL GRAND CHAMPION Female

UK Grand CC and **BoB** Oriental Fawn

Mrs S Helm's IGRCH VELVETINA FAWNYKATION

OSH p F 31-05-12

A mature lady of very good type but getting just a little plump! Head of excellent shape and overall balance. Ears of very good size and shape, well set with good width between. Excellent top of head. Excellent even profile, correct even bite and firm chin. Body of very good length though the fact she is rather plump gives the impression that she is a little short! Long slender legs, tail of good length and taper. Short close lying coat of excellent texture, very even colour with no visible ghosting, and totally sound to the roots. She is an older lady of very good type, but the fullness of figure nearly cost her the

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certificate. I hesitated and then decided that though she was plump which masks her underlying type, she was deserving of the award and so I awarded the UK Grand. A delightful natured lady.

ORIENTAL LILAC CHAMPION

Grand CC and **BoB** Oriental Lilac to:

Mrs J Rees' CH JUANNRE LOVELY LUKE OSH c M 17-05-14

An attractive exhibit of medium Oriental body type. Head of excellent shape, Oriental type, and balance. Ears of excellent size, pleasing shape and excellent set. Excellent top of head and very good profile. Bite a little untidy, good firm chin and excellent chinline. Green eyes of excellent size, shape and set. Body of medium type and fairly good length, slender legs of very good length. Tail well tapered but a little short for balance. Short close lying coat of very good texture. Coat colour very even with no ghosting and fairly sound to the roots. An excellent tempered lad shown in excellent condition. Though I would have liked a slightly better body type I felt that his head type and other qualities more than outweighed my concerns and I was happy to award the Gr Ch and BoB.