

NATIONAL CAT CLUB SHOW 12TH DECEMBER 2015

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My thanks to Carol and Ron for the invite and to my excellent steward Andrew Rainbow-Ockwell for his great help and good company. What a day! It was a great privilege to judge 'National Cat of the Year' and to be able to award it to the very lovely red and white bi-colour Persian.

Olympian Class – AV Imperial Grand Champion Adult, Male; OLY to FLINT'S IGR CH RIASCATZ FINAL COUNTDOWN (PER d 03) M 21.02.2014. The male class was strong on 'contenders' but this was an easy decision to make. This cat has all you would wish for in a Persian and is perfect in every respect, surely what awarding this high title should always reflect. Excellent balanced type with broad head and neat little ears. Bold expressive eyes of a very good colour, short broad nose, full muzzle, firm chin and good bite. Solid cobby cat with short thick legs and neat paws, the tail is short and full. Superb coat for length, texture and preparation showing a lovely pattern of sound rich red and sparkling white. The grooming is outstanding. I was thrilled to be able to award him 'National Cat of the Year' and he is so deserving of this title, I also was pleased to hear this certificate made him up. Warmest congratulations to both owner and breeder. RES; HOBSON-KELLY'S UK OSIGC NOBILERO RUAIDHRI SEAININ (SPH d 03 21) M 04.10.2014. The glory of the Olympian class is that one gets to judge and handle such a diversity of cats and for me this boy was also deserving of the award in so many ways. Very good type and balance. The ears were large and well set with lemon shaped expressive eyes. Prominent cheeks bones and whisker pads, good profile and chin. Level bite. Very good bone and body conformation with the tail long and tapering. Down was visible and he had the correct 'feel' with some thicker down on the nose area. He was very lively and in excellent condition. Female; OLY MACDONNELL'S IGR CH OHNATUREL LADYGAGA. (SPH f 03) F 17.10.2010. This girl was such a character and really 'popped out' at me in this class. Excellent type and had the 'look' Well set ears with flat plane between, expressive lemon shaped eyes of a good size, prominent cheeks bones with well developed whisker pads. Good chin and bite. Well developed medium length body with balanced tail, strong limbs and neat paws. Down was clear to the body and she had the feel of chamois leather and, although there are no points for colour, I thought her patterning added to her appearance and helped the whole 'package'. Congratulations on your certificate. RES; CANNELL'S IGR CH SPIRRITZ TARTAN TREMBELER. (MCO f 03) F 30.11.2008. This girl needs careful study as, having a high expression of colour with the face itself lacking white (although there is some on the chin) it tends to 'throw' the look. However it is all there when you get close. Very good type with large well set tufted ears. Eyes a good size and shape, good profile, square muzzle firm chin and level bite. Very good bone and body length with good legs, tufted paws and a long tapered full tail. Good coat for length, texture and preparation with very good distribution of mostly sound dense black and bright tortie colours with minimum pure white. She was a little 'skittish' but handled perfectly well.

Imperial Class-AC British Gr Ch Adult, Male. Two nice boys; IMP to BURFORD'S GR CH KAROWBIST HUMPHREY BOGART. (BRI a) M 10.06.2014. Lovely balanced head type with round face, neat ears and rounded forehead. Eyes round and of a good depth of colour. Short broad straight nose, full

cheeks and firm chin, level bite. Cobby substantial cat with short thick legs, rounded paws and a medium length thick tail with a rounded tip. Super dense crisp coat of medium pale blue, mostly sound and consistent with just a little silver tipping evident. Excellent temperament and condition. RES, LARCOMBE'S GR CH STEELAWAY MR BRIGHTSIDE. (BRI a) M 12.05.2013. Again this boy had very good type with lovely eye colour, full cheeks and a level bite. Solid medium cobby body with balanced tail of medium length with a rounded tip. The coat was short dense and crisp, medium blue, a little inconsistent in tone with the tail darker, unsound over the back. Shown in very good condition. Female; IMP to NEWMAN'S GR CH MOORMIST SCRAMBLE. (BRI f) F 27.06.2012. Very good balanced type with broad rounded head, neat ears and excellent eye colour. Short broad straight nose, full cheeks, firm chin and level bite. Well grown solid cobby girl with short thick legs and rounded paws, medium length thick tail. Dense crisp coat, quite a 'dark' tortie but clear breaks of colour to the body and tail and the black areas were dense. All feet, face and tail show the colours. She handled well and was in very good condition.

Chinchilla/Blue Chinchilla, Shaded Silver/Blue Shaded Silver Kitten; 1 BOB STONE'S KINDRED LLONYDD KRYSTAL. (PER ns 12 64) F 07.07.2015. Attractive five month old kitten showing promise. Good balanced head type with good width between small well set ears having nice furnishings. Bold eyes, the colour still yet to fully develop but a promising hue and they were outlined in black. Slight gutters present. Short nose with good stop, pale pink nose leather with no outline as yet. Full muzzle, firm chin, bite a little undershot with a barely imperceptible misalignment of the lower jaw. She was still teething so I hope this will come right, however it was just acceptable and I didn't deem it severe enough to withhold today. Cobby kitten of a good size and weight with short legs, tufted paws and short full tail. Coat of a good length and texture, show prepared, with light to medium tipping, slightly heavier over the lower back. Only light tipping to the face and the undersides of the feet were free of shading. Good temperament and condition.

Foreign White Adult; 1, CC withheld LYONS' GENTANTIQUE WHITE IBIS. (SIA w 67) M 24.11.2014. I was sorry to withhold on this cheerful chap but there were too many fundamental faults sadly. Only fair type with the ears small and set high needing more width between, the eyes were oriental in shape but lacking depth to the blue with a strong suspicion of a squint. Profile was uneven, pinch to muzzle but a firm chin. Level bite. Overly solid cat, well fed, with long legs and a rather thick tail with visible stud tail at the base. Fixed deviation at the tip. Generally pure white coat and it had a nice texture but it was somewhat thick and atypical. Quite a lot of negatives I'm afraid but his nature was lovely.

Oriental Black Adult; 1 CC BOB FREEMAN'S MESBELLES BLACK BEAUTY (OSH n) F 09.03.2015. A true 'witches cat' with the 'look'! Very good type and expression. Large flared and open ears with oriental eyes of a good size and fair colour, appearing a touch yellow in the hall light. Long slightly uneven profile, good muzzle lines, firm chin and level bite. Long lithe muscular girl of a very good size with long legs, dainty paws and balanced whip tail. Super coat, short fine and close lying, dense black and sound. Well deserving of the award.

AC Persian Non-Self Kitten; 1. PEARSON'S REMILAKAT BAILEY (PER ns 14) F 10.06.2015. Very pretty girl with a lovely balance of qualities. Very good type, the head shape just a fraction triangular with the muzzle needing to develop further. Good top of head with neat well tufted ears, slightly uneven forehead. Bold expressive eyes of a good colour with the very faintest hint of a green rim in the hall

light. Short broad nose with good stop and brick leather, very firm chin, slightly undershot bite. Cobby well grown kitten with short thick legs, tufted paws and a short thick tail. Super coat for length texture and preparation with a clear pewter mantle developing over the silvery white undercoat. Slight ghost tabby markings yet to clear on the shoulders and legs. Very good temperament and condition and she really looked 'the part'.