

Norwegian Forest Cat Club 19.02.11

Mrs Val Anderson

Many thanks to Anne & Brian for the invitation to judge. A splendid entry of 97 Norwegians and not just quantity but quality too making it a busy but enjoyable day. Thanks to the hard working team in the kitchen for the super lunch. I am grateful to Kate Ford for her good company and careful handling of the cats and hope we can work together again soon.

PREFIX PAIRS

It was my first time judging this type of class and it was a daunting task with 27 cats entered in 15 combinations and they were all present so I wondered what I had let myself in for! However choosing the winning pair turned out to be easier than I expected as the two cats that stood out for me happened to be paired together.

1ST FORESTMIST (CH FORESTMIST SANARI & FORESTMIST LORD BAILEY)

A beautiful girl with super type & lovely strong bone paired with a gorgeous kitten with lovely type and a handsome face. Excellent preparation for both cats.

2ND NOYNAROCK (NOYNAROCK ATHOS & GR CH NOYNAROCK MIKA)

Two well-matched entire males and a credit to their breeder/owner.

3RD NOYNAROCK (CH NOYNAROCK GRETA & PR NOYNAROCK PRINCE TYRONE)

A lovely combination of an elegant black smoke & white girl paired with a handsome silver tabby & white neutered boy

OPEN CLASSES

AOC (14 WEEKS TO 6 MONTHS) KITTEN, MALE

Although this was the class for younger kittens it was still a case of little & large making comparisons difficult.

1ST BOB GRANT'S NOYNAROCK ALFRIED (67 31as) M 20.08.10

An extremely well-grown young man, a blue smoke & white & just a day off 6 months with very gentle nature. Broad triangular head with a rounded forehead & straight profile. Level bite & deep chin that rounds off a fraction at the tip. Large ears with a broad base & set high & open; long inner furnishings and small tufts.

Large eyes in an oblique setting, rounded oval in shape. Elegant body carried high on strong limbs with lovely bone development. Large round feet with tufted toes. Bushy tail that could be a fraction longer for balance. Beautifully prepared coat with a dense woolly undercoat & well-developed ruff already. Coat double but soft to the touch at present. Attractive blue smoke colouration with white on his muzzle & chin at an angle. Shown in excellent condition and a lovely start to the day.

2ND WHITTLE'S NOYNAROCK SIR THOMAS (67 31) M 13.11.10

An extremely cute baby kitten, especially in contrast to the winner, a black & white boy of only 3 months but what he lacked in size he made up with character. Good head, triangular & slightly longer than wide as expected at this age. Almost straight profile though better when looking at it from one side rather than the other. Well-set ears with super tufts & long inner furnishings. Large eyes, a fraction rounded & they could be set a little more obliquely. Obviously he has a lot of growing still to do but he is of a good weight for his age & the underlying bone structure is there. Large round feet & tufted toes, ideally his tail could be a little longer, the bushiness developing. Kitten coat as befits his age, black with white on his face & amazing whiskers & eyebrows. He was obviously enjoying his first day out & in

compensation for only being able to award him a 2nd place I awarded him my judge's choice rosette.

AOC (14 WEEKS TO 6 MONTHS) KITTEN, FEMALE

1ST BOTHA'S ADECILO CLEOPATRA (67 22a) F 22.08.10

A blue tortie & white girl of not quite 6 months. A very gentle girl of a good size for her age & well-fed with a large tum! Triangular head with an almost straight profile. Level bite & reasonably deep, quite strong chin. Large ears with a broad base, set high & open with good tufts & long inner furnishing. Obliquely set eyes but they could be a little larger & more wide open. Very long body, reasonably strong bone & round feet. Long bushy tail. Nicely prepared coat, the ruff coming but of a shorter length on the body at present. Coat double but soft to the touch at present. Attractive tortie colouration with a line down her nose of contrasting cream & blue. Easy to handle.

AOC (6 TO 9 MONTHS) KITTEN, MALE

1ST JONES'S TIGANLEA COUNT ORSON (67 31a) M 25.05.10

A strong well-grown boy who is approaching 9 months and this is reflected in his balanced head and overall size. Triangular head with a rounded forehead & straight profile. Level bite & deep firm chin. Tall ears with a broad base & not rounded, set high & open. Oval eyes in an oblique setting. Elegant body with strong bone & carried high on strong limbs with large feet & tufted toes. Long bushy tail. Double coat with a woolly undercoat, topcoat soft & yet to develop. Good length to the coat with a ruff & breeches. Shown in lovely condition. He was a bit of a grumbler but not a problem to handle. He ran the younger boy close for Best of Breed & just lost out on temperament.

2ND COWARD'S SVALRKATTENS WEST OFTHEMOON (67 31a) M 06.08.10

A very well-grown & elegant blue & white boy of 6 months. Triangular head with all sides equal. Rounded forehead & straight profile but his chin could be a fraction stronger. Level bite. Large tall ears with a broad base & not rounded with tufts & inner furnishings, set a fraction close as yet. Large well-opened eyes of rounded oval shape in an oblique setting. Long body carried high on strong limbs but he needs to fill out his frame. Lovely long bushy tail. Coat of a shorter length on the body and lacking undercoat as yet, the length developing with the beginnings of a ruff. A gentle boy shown in lovely condition with clean white of an inverted "V" on his face & white bib and feet contrasting with blue elsewhere.

3RD EMERY'S SKOGENSS LITTLE BLUE (67 31a) M 25.05.10

A shy blue & white boy of not quite 7 months who was a little apprehensive & so not showing at his best. Triangular head but his profile could be straighter. Level bite. Difficult to see his ear set as he was tending to bonnet his ears and hold them forward in profile though I think they could be set a little higher. Small tufts & lovely long inner furnishings. Rather deep set eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting but they could be more expressive. Long body, heavier than expected, with strong limbs & long bushy tail. Beautifully prepared coat of an almost smoky blue on the body with white on his chin, chest & feet. Coat soft to the touch but the woolly undercoat is coming along nicely. Shown in lovely condition.

AOC (6 TO 9 MONTHS) KITTEN, FEMALE

1ST PORTER'S SVALRKATTENS SORIA MORIA (67 22) F 06.08.10

An elegant girl of 6 months with striking tortie colouration of black & red contrasting with sparkling white on her muzzle, chest & feet. Triangular head slightly longer than wide with a straight profile, good chin & level bite. Tall ears with small tufts & inner furnishing but set rather upright at present, hopefully this should improve as her head broadens with age. Oval eyes set a little straight, they could be larger & more wide open. Long body carried high on limbs of reasonably strong bone. Quite long tail with a swollen tip. Silky coat, the length developing & woolly undercoat not present yet. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

2ND HERMON'S CLEASANTA SIIRI (67 36) F 30.06.10

An older girl of 7½ months & obviously a smoke with a silvery-white undercoat though of course no points for this. Triangular head with all sides equal, rounded forehead and straight profile. OK chin & level bite. Wide-set ears that could be a little higher, they could be larger too though the tufts help! She was a little scared and kept making her eyes look like saucers, they are large but more round than oval.

Long body of reasonable bone with round feet & tufted toes. Lovely long bushy tail. Coat length developing & the beginnings of a proper topcoat can be felt already.

Shown in lovely condition, she was reluctant to come out but was friendly in her pen.

3RD GRANT'S NOYNAROCK KATTA (67 15) F 17.08.10

A black girl of only just 6 months & the youngest of the 3 but well-grown and a good weight for her size. Triangular head with a slight curve to the profile. Deep chin & scissor bite. Tufted ears set wide apart but they could be a little higher. Large eyes if a very attractive deep copper colour & they are held wide open but could be larger and set more obliquely. Long body of reasonable bone but difficult to see her elegance as she tended to hunch up. Bushy tail that could be a fraction longer for balance. Coat developing well, the length coming & double with a woolly undercoat & silky topcoat. Shown in lovely condition. A gentle girl but not showing to her advantage.

AC JUNIOR TABBY & WHITE NEUTER, MALE

1ST PC ROSE'S LANDSKER TARAN TEO (67 31at) MN 04.01.10

An extremely well-grown young man, a blue tabby & white of only 13 months with very strong bone. Triangular head with a straight profile, deep chin & level bite. Tall ears with a broad base & set high and open with small tufts & some inner furnishing. Large wide open, expressive eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. An elegant fellow with a long body carried high on strong limbs though he has a very well-fed tummy and I wouldn't like him to put on anymore weight, especially as he is so young. Huge round feet with tufted toes & long bushy tail though the tip is rather swollen. Dense double coat with a woolly undercoat though the coarser topcoat is yet to develop. Good length to the coat with a ruff, shirtfront and knickerbockers. A gentle fellow though happier in his pen.

2ND YOUNG'S SHEKAT SAMSON (67 31t) MN 13.03.10

A young boy of only 11 months with lots of coat. Triangular head with a rounded forehead, slight curve to the profile & deep chin that falls away a touch at the tip. Level bite. Large ears set high & open & large expressive eyes of good shape & set. Long body carried high on strong limbs though he wasn't as heavy as I expected under all that coat and needs to fill out his frame. Large round feet with tufted toes & quite long, very bushy tail. Nicely-prepared double coat with the beginnings of a coarser topcoat. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

3RD MYCOCK'S ARORIK FERNANDO (67 31dt) MN 23.10.09

An elegant red tabby & white boy of 15 months who shows himself very well on the table. Triangular head with all sides equal though his muzzle is a little square. Rounded forehead and almost straight profile. OK chin, his bite is a little messy but acceptable. Large ears set high & open with tiny tufts & long inner furnishing. Large eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting & held wide open. Well-fed long body carried high on strong limbs & long bushy tail. Lots of coat with a full ruff & knickerbockers, rich red tabby contrasting with clean white.

4TH EMERY'S NOYNAROCK SAMBA (67 31dt) MN 20.04.10

A well-grown young man, a red tabby & white boy of not quite 10 months. Broad triangular head with all sides equal though he has a rather feminine look at the moment and probably needs to mature. Rounded profile & straight profile but his chin could be stronger. Tall ears set high & open and large wide-open eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Long well-fed body with strong limbs & quite long, bushy tail. Nicely prepared coat of a lovely rich red colour contrasting with clean white. Not much tabby pattern & although no points for this it is just a comment as he was entered in the tabby class. Coat double with a dense undercoat, glossy topcoat yet to develop. A gentle boy who was easy to handle.

AC JUNIOR TABBY & WHITE NEUTER, FEMALE

1ST (PC WITHELD) RICHES'S GLEDEKATT NERPUS (67 31t) FN 05.10.09

A brown tabby & white girl of 16 months who looks young for her age & ideally could be larger size overall. Triangular head though I would prefer more strength to her muzzle. Her ears are set high & open though they could be larger and are a touch rounded. Almost straight profile, OK chin and level bite. Unfortunately she was partially shutting her right eye which looked a little sore though the left was large, wide open and set obliquely. She has strong limbs but could be more elegant. Full coat of a good length with a ruff, shirtfront and bushy tail. Nicely prepared coat with a dense woolly undercoat with the topcoat developing. Sorry to withhold the PC but she wasn't in show condition because of her eye.

BOB SPOONER'S PR TIGANLEA MISTRESS ESHA (67 31et) FN 07.05.09

A tortie tabby & white girl of not yet 2 years with lots of coat. Shown in excellent condition which was reflected in her vibrant coat colouration. Lovely type and elegant & muscular body. Quite long but very bushy tail. Beautifully prepared with a double coat, the topcoat is not fully developed yet but she has time on her side. Many congratulations to her owner and breeder as she not only became Best Female Neuter but went on to become Overall Best in Show.

AC SENIOR TABBY & WHITE NEUTER, MALE

1ST PC ROSE'S SNOWCAPE KEYS (67 31dts) MN 07.09.08

An older red silver tabby & white boy of 2½ years who looks young for his age. Triangular head with a straight profile though his chin could be deeper. Level bite. His ears are set wide apart & quite high though they do follow the lines of his head; inner furnishings present but no tufts. Large wide open eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Strong & muscular yet elegant body of a reasonable size with a long, quite bushy tail. Good length to his coat with ruff & knickerbockers, coat double but the topcoat still developing with some glossy guard hairs down his back.

I was spoilt for choice when it came to Best of Breed for as well as the open class winners there were several other cats to choose from who weren't entered in their

relevant class. They were WHITTLE'S PR NOYNAROCK PRINCE TYRONE, a handsome silver tabby & white boy of 1½ years, strong & elegant with a beautifully prepared coat. Unfortunately not on his best behaviour which counted against him. HIGHAM'S PR VESLEMOY CHARLIE CHOO, an elegant silver tabby & white boy of 2½ years with lovely type though his ears are a touch upright. Full coat though the topcoat not fully developed yet. WHITTLE'S GR PR TIGANLEA LORD FERDINAND, a mature silver tabby & white boy of 5 years with a very strong powerful body yet retaining his elegance. Lovely large expressive eyes but his ears could be a little larger for balance. Well-prepared dense coat. HANDY'S GR PR NORSEK MAGI TAVARIS, a large elegant silver tabby & white boy of 2½ years with lots of presence. A handsome fellow with a triangular head with a straight profile but his muzzle is a little fine. Beautifully prepared with a typical double coat. PATTERSON'S PR FORESTSHADOW CONAN, a very handsome boy, a brown tabby & white of 2 years. Lovely type & very elegant. Beautifully prepared coat though a little soft. Shown in excellent condition and beautifully presented. A close contender for the BOB award and I was pleased to see that he later became Best Male Neuter. WHITTLE'S PR NORSEK VANA SILVER SAPPHIRA, a well-grown mature blue silver tabby & white lady of 5½ years. Very elegant and beautifully prepared. A contrary miss who grumbled when out but was sweetness personified in her pen!

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

AC SELF ADULT

1ST HANDY'S GR CH SONNY BLUE TANIS (67 14a) M

A handsome white boy of only 1½ years with super type. Strong muscular body yet elegant too. Beautifully prepared sparkling white coat with a ruff to frame his face. Shown in excellent condition, a gentle boy who was easy to handle.

2ND GRANT'S NOYNAROCK AYA (67 16) F

A strong muscular blue girl of 2 years. Triangular head with large ears set high & open and large oval eyes though they are set a little deep. Full coat with a lovely frontal ruff to frame her face. Dense double coat with lots of woolly undercoat, the topcoat is a little soft as is often the case with the dilute colours. Shown in lovely condition and OK to handle though she was a little shy.

3RD HUGHES'S NORMAGIKATT KVASIR THEA (67 16) M

AC DEBUTANTE ADULT

1ST ELMS'S NOYNAROCK MERLIN OFFRESHMA (67 31) M

A young black & white boy of only 9 months with unusual pale blue eyes. Triangular head but his eyes could be a little larger. Very elegant, strong & muscular with lovely boning and long, very bushy tail. Beautifully prepared with a full ruff. Super temperament and a pleasure to judge, a promising boy.

2ND ROE'S ADECILO BUBALUBA (67 31ats) F

A pretty blue silver tabby & white girl of only 9 months. Broad triangular head with a straight profile though her chin could be a fraction stronger. Large expressive eyes. Beautifully prepared dense coat with silver tabby contrasting with sparkling white. Shown in excellent condition with lovely presentation.

3RD GRANT'S NOYNAROCK AYA

AC NORWEGIAN FOREST TABBY WITH WHITE KITTEN, MALE

1ST SPENCE'S LANDSKER USHER OFAMURUSKO (67 31t) M

A handsome boy, an older kitten of 8 months with very impressive bone development. Broad triangular head with white on his muzzle but a broad band of colour down his nose which distracts the eye. Large ears with a broad base & tufted tips and large wide open eyes. Very strong muscular body carried high on powerful limbs and reasonably long, extremely bushy tail. Well-developed coat, the brown tabby contrasting nicely with clean white. Shown in super condition with a lovely temperament. Congratulations to his owners & breeder on later becoming Best Male Kitten.

2ND TIPPER'S TIGANLEA EARL PRIMO (67 31ft) M

A very elegant cream tabby & white boy of 7 months. Triangular head with a broad muzzle and straight profile. Tall ears set high & open and oval eyes in an oblique setting but they could be larger. Muscular body with strong bone carried high on strong limbs and long bushy tail. Well-prepared coat with a ruff and shirtfront coming. A gentle boy shown in lovely condition.

3RD GRANT'S NOYNAROCK TANK (67 31ts) M

AC NORWEGIAN FOREST TABBY WITH WHITE KITTEN, FEMALE

1ST BROWN'S LANDSKER VALORA (67 31at) F

A very elegant girl of 8 months with lovely strong bone. Triangular head with an almost straight profile though her chin could be a fraction stronger. Large ears with a broad base & set high and open. Large very expressive eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Elegant muscular body carried high on strong limbs. Very bushy tail though it could be a fraction longer for balance. Coat developing nicely with a ruff coming. A gentle girl shown in lovely condition. Congratulations on later becoming Best Kitten.

2ND PORTER'S SVALRKATTENS STAR ARIEL (67 31t) F

An elegant brown tabby & white girl of 6 months who needs to fill out her frame. Her head is a little out of balance at present and her chin is shallow. Large ears and very expressive eyes of good shape & set and held wide open. Silky coat, the undercoat yet to develop.

3RD BOTHA'S ADECILO LEONORA (67 31ft) F

AC JUNIOR NEUTER

1ST SPOONER'S PR TIGANLEA MISTRESS ESHA

2ND WHITTLE'S NOYNAROCK CAPTAIN SCARLET (67 31ft) MN

A large well-fed cream tabby & white boy of not quite 1½ years. Triangular head with a broad muzzle. His ears are set wide apart & a fraction low and he tends to hold them down. Lovely long inner furnishing. Oval eyes in an oblique setting but they could be more expressive. Heavy body that could be more elegant though he wasn't very showy today. Long bushy tail. Dense coat with the topcoat still developing.

3RD KELLY'S ADNIOLO ARAGORN BRAVEBOY (67 15) MN

AC SENIOR NEUTER

1ST PATTERSON'S FORESTSHADOW CONAN (67 31t) MN

2ND HANDY'S GR PR NORSKMAGI TAVARIS (67 31ts) MN

3RD HIGHAM'S GR PR & CH VESLEMOY COCOA CHLOE (67 36e) FN