

Preston & Blackpool 26.03.11

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Thanks to Jacky & her assistant Irene for the invitation to judge and the excellent hospitality. This was my first visit to the Preston & Blackpool & I had a lovely day and some super cats to judge. Many thanks to Sue Amor who came especially to steward for all her help and pleasant company. I hope the long journey was worth it!

OPEN CLASSES

ORIGINAL FOREIGN CHAMPION MALE

GCC STARK'S CH TROIKA IVAN TSAREVICH (16a) M 02.03.09 Russian Blue

A gentle boy of 2 years. Masculine head with a flat skull & short wedge. Good angle & profile, deep firm chin and level bite. Prominent whisker pads when he relaxed. His ears could be a little larger & they are set a fraction wide but held vertically. Large almond-shaped eyes though it was difficult to tell the colour in the hall light. Elegant body though a little lean on the haunches, I put it down to him being a working boy. Elegant limbs & moderately long but rather thick tail. Soft plushy coat of a darker overall colour but of an even blue with a silvery sheen, just slightly paler at the roots.

2ND (RGCC WITHHELD) PHILLIPS'S CH MELKELTER GASPAR GALENA (16a) M 29.08.09 Russian Blue

A younger boy of 1½ years, a wriggly lad but with a gentle nature. Head with a flat skull & short wedge but I would prefer more breadth to his muzzle. Good angle & profile, shallow but firm chin & level bite. Large ears set wide apart & large eyes of a slightly full almond shape, the colour difficult to determine. Elegant & muscular body with limbs to balance but his tail is rather short and is thick at the base & is ringed. Coat probably not at its best, lying flat down his back where it is a little thin & slightly harsh to the touch. Even blue colour with some silvery sheen. Reserve certificate withheld because of his coat.

ORIGINAL FOREIGN CHAMPION FEMALE

GCC JOHNSON'S CH TROIKA ELIANA PUSHKINA (16a) F 02.03.09 Russian Blue

A pretty girl of 2 years with a lovely Russian expression. Flat skull & shortish wedge that is equal in length to the distance between her ears & eyes. Prominent whisker pads. Slight curve to the profile, good chin, bite slightly scissor. Large well-set ears and large eyes of almond shape that appeared to be green in colour. Elegant & muscular body & she is of a good weight for her size. Long body with limbs to balance & small oval paws, long tapering tail. Soft dense & reasonably plushy coat with a good overall colour of an even medium blue plus a silvery sheen. Her coat is a fraction pale at the roots. A gentle girl who was easy to handle though she did have a grumble when out.

RGCC MURPHY'S GR CH KALTES RHAPSODY INBLUE (33a 16) F 18.08.08 Devon Rex

An elegant girl of 2½ years with a typical "pixie" head, a short broad wedge with high cheek bones, short nose, whisker break and strong muzzle. Flat skull, rounded forehead & good stop in profile plus a small nose bump. Bite slightly scissor. Large ears with a broad base & rounded tips, set low & wide apart. Large oval eyes set wide apart and on a slant. Elegant & muscular body with long limbs & small oval paws. Long tapering tail to balance. Short coat of an even length on the body, ideally it

could be denser with more depth to the waves but soft with lots of ripples on the body. Fine down on her tummy & her coat is a little thinner on her neck but acceptable there. A gentle girl though she likes the security of her blanket.

ORIGINAL FOREIGN PREMIER MALE

GPC TYLER'S GR PR MEGGYMOO DONNCHA (33 31s) MN 23.03.09 Cornish Rex

A black smoke & white boy of 2 year with a familiar pattern, he is rather distinctive with his "Hitler" moustache and white tip to the tail! Lovely type, head a medium wedge narrowing to a rounded muzzle. Flat skull, rounded forehead and straight profile. Level bite. Large ears set rather high & oval eyes of medium size. Elegant & muscular body carried high on long slender limbs & long fine tail. Short coat of an even length on the body & clearly rexed with ripples on the body though his coat could be silkier and I would prefer more depth to the waves. Shown in lovely condition, a sleepy fellow who preferred the comfort of his pen.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY SERIES KITTEN, MALE

1ST GILLASPY'S RUSKITA APOLLO MOONSHOT (64 41ds) M 02.10.10 Red Silver Classic Tabby

A well-grown young man of 5½ months with lovely strong bone. His head is a little out of balance at present but hopefully this will improve as he matures. Head of medium length & longer than it is wide with uniform width to his nose. High cheek bones but his cheeks need to fill out & his muzzle could be broader & squarer. Shallow concave curve to the profile, deep chin that could be a little stronger & level bite. Large tall ears with small tufts & inner feathering, set high & quite wide apart. Large expressive eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long rectangular body with strong limbs & large round feet. Long tail to balance the body, quite well-furnished. Silky coat of a shorter length as yet with a ruff still to come. Red classic tabby pattern on a silvery white base. Diffuse pattern on the body though the butterfly & oyster markings are visible. OK facial markings, barred limbs & ringed tail. Easy to handle and shown in lovely condition.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY SERIES KITTEN, FEMALE

1ST & BOB HIBBS'S CHRISJAY SILVER DOLLAR (64 18) F 04.10.10 Silver Tabby

A young girl of a similar age to the boy & much smaller than him as would be expected. Her head is more balanced though & is of medium length, slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. Uniform width to the nose but her muzzle could be broader & squarer. Shallow concave curve to the profile, level bite & reasonably deep chin that could be a little stronger. Large ears set wide apart & quite high with tufts & lovely long inner feathering. Large eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long body & limbs of reasonable bone though she tends to hunch herself up which makes it difficult to assess the shape. Round feet with tufted toes and long tail. Silky coat with the undercoat yet to develop. Black markings on a silvery white base with slight tarnishing on her face. Tabby "M" on the forehead & dark markings on the cheeks but subtle pattern on the body at present. A pretty girl with a gentle nature.

NORWEGIAN FOREST KITTEN MALE

1ST & BOB HIGHAM'S NOYNAROCK OZKA (67 31t) M 13.11.10

A young brown tabby & white boy of only 4 months but with lots of coat & a super Norwegian look. Triangular head with all sides equal. Rounded forehead and almost straight profile with a small nose bump. Teething at present with double canines on top. Tall ears with a broad base set high & open with tufts & inner furnishing. Large expressive eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Very elegant yet with super bone development with a muscular body carried high on strong limbs with large round feet & tufted toes. Long bushy tail. Dense coat with lots of undercoat and a ruff & shirtfront present already. Kittenish coat with lots of long guard hairs on the body. No points for colour but his rich tabby colouration contrasting with sparkling white completed the package. A playful kitten with lots of character & a pleasure to judge.

The long journey to Preston was worth it just for the pleasure of judging this kitten!

2ND COWARD'S SVALRKATTENS WEST OF THE MOON (67 31a) MN 06.08.10

An older blue & white boy of 7 months, very elegant with lovely strong bone.

Triangular head that is slightly longer than it is wide with a practically straight profile. Level bite but his chin could be a little deeper. Tall ears set high & open with tufts & inner furnishing. Large wide open eyes of a slightly rounded oval shape in an oblique setting. Well-grown strong muscular body carried high on strong limbs with large round feet & tufted toes. Long tail, the bushiness coming. Soft coat as would be expected in a blue & of a shorter length on the body at present. White on the muzzle giving him a distinctive look, white on his chest & feet contrasting with an attractive blue colour elsewhere. Excellent condition & temperament.

NORWEGIAN FOREST KITTEN FEMALE

1ST PORTER'S SVALRKATTENS STAR ARIEL (67 31t) F 06.08.10

A well-grown elegant & muscular brown tabby & white girl of 7 months & litter sister to the second-placed boy. Balanced triangular head with all sides equal though with a slight curve to her profile and her chin could be a little stronger. Large tall ears with a broad base \7 set high and open with tufts & some inner furnishing. Large expressive eyes held wide open of oval shape in an oblique setting. Long muscular body carried high on strong limbs with a long bushy tail to balance. Nicely-prepared silky coat the length developing with a ruff coming. Well-presented & shown in lovely condition. OK to handle though she had a bit of a grumble.

2ND WHITTLE'S NOYNAROCK THORSPIRIT-FREYA (67 31ats) F 13.11.10

A well-grown blue silver tabby & white girl of 4 months though she needs to fill out her frame. Triangular head slightly longer than wide at present with a rounded forehead & straight profile. Level bite but her chin could be a little deeper & stronger. Large tall ears with a broad base & not rounded, set high & open. Large expressive wide open eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Long body carried high on long limbs with large feet & tufted toes. Long tail to balance. Coat length developing with the beginnings of a ruff & some bushiness to the tail. Her coat was a little tacky on her underparts and I feel it would benefit from a little more preparation.

3RD PORTER'S SVALRKATTENS SORIA MORIA (67 22) F 06.08.10

A well-grown tortie & white girl of 7 months. Triangular head slightly longer than wide with an almost straight profile. Level bite though her chin could be a little stronger. Tall ears with long inner furnishing & set high and open. Oval eyes in an oblique setting, they could be a little larger & more wide open but the dark coat colour surrounding them doesn't help. Elegant & muscular body carried high on long limbs of reasonable bone & quite long tail. Silky coat of a shorter length on the body

at present with a ruff beginning to develop. A gentle girl who had been nicely presented but a little lacking in sparkle on the day.

4TH JOHNSTONE'S TUYET IVANA (67 31s) F 20.10.10

A sweet black smoke & white girl of 5 months though not so well-grown as the other girls in the class. Triangular head with all sides equal but she has a slight dip in profile & her chin falls away. Level bite. Quite large ears set high & open and large eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Long body carried high on long limbs but I would prefer stronger bone. Reasonably long tail, the bushiness needs to develop. Nicely prepared coat that is soft at present & with the length developing.

RUSSIAN BLUE ADULT, MALE

1ST CC STARK'S CH TROIKA IVAN TSAREVICH

2ND KAYE'S LARKSONG LUVINLORD SITHEE (16a) M 12.03.10

A very elegant young boy of only 12 months. He has a good Russian look though I wish his eyes were a little larger. His head is a fraction narrow at present though this should improve as he matures. Flat skull, short wedge and good angle & profile. Deep chin that could be a fraction stronger, prominent whisker pads & level bite. Tall vertically set ears & almond shaped eyes that appeared to be of a good green colour but he was shutting his right eye a little. Lovely long muscular body with long limbs & tail to balance. Soft coat, reasonably dense & plushy of a slightly uneven blue & some tail rings present. A gentle boy who was easy to handle.

3RD PHILLIPS'S CH MELKELTER GASPARD GALENA

ALSO CONSIDERED FOR BEST OF BREED

JOHNSON'S GR CH KASHYK CZAR DOMBROVSKI (16a) M 08.10.08

A strong & muscular mature boy of 2 years shown in lovely condition. Masculine head with a broad muzzle & prominent whisker pads. Large ears with a broad base but he was tending to hold them a little too wide apart. Large almond-shaped eyes set wide apart. Long muscular body with long limbs & tail to balance. Coat plushy on his shoulders but thinner & flatter on his lower back. Even blue colour plus a silvery sheen. A gentle boy who was easy to handle.

RUSSIAN BLUE ADULT, FEMALE

1ST CC & BOB JOHNSON'S CH TROIKA ELIANA PUSHKINA

2ND STARK'S DUSHENKA ZIVABELLA (16a) F 13.03.10

A young girl of only 12 months & her head needs to mature as it is a little out of balance at present. Flat skull & good profile though the angle is not fully defined yet. Deep chin that could be a fraction stronger, level bite but rather red gums. Reasonably broad muzzle & quite prominent whisker pads. Large tall ears with a broad base & set vertically to the head. Large eyes set wide apart though they are a touch full. Elegant & muscular body with long limbs to balance & small oval paws. Moderately long tapering tail though showing some faint rings. Soft coat of an even blue colour plus a silvery sheen. An alert & lively girl with a sweet nature.

3RD ANDERSON'S ANNALOVA FEDOTIA (16a) F 05.07.09

A wriggly girl of 1½ years, elegant with a long body but a little lean at present and needing more muscle tone. Her head is a fraction long & I would prefer more strength to her muzzle. Flat skull, good angle & slight dip in profile. Large ears that are set a fraction wide and it was difficult to get her to put them up. Large almond-shaped eyes that appeared to be of a good green colour. Long body with long limbs to balance. Moderately long tail that is quite thick at the base. Coat reasonably dense & plushy and quite soft to the touch. Even blue colour plus a silvery sheen.

4TH PHILLIPS'S MELKELTER MISSFELICITA (16a) F 17.02.10

A young girl of 13 months who looks like the adolescent she is, although of a good weight for her size she needs to fill out & mature. Flat skull & short wedge though her muzzle could be a little broader & quite prominent whisker pads. Large tall ears set vertically & they follow the lines of her head. Large eyes of a good green colour, set wide apart and almond in shape when she relaxed. Long body with limbs to balance & quite long, heavily ringed tail. Soft, reasonably dense coat of an even blue colour with a well-developed silvery sheen. She had a bit of a grumble but wasn't a problem to handle.

USUAL ABYSSINIAN ADULT

1ST CC & BOB DESOLLA'S INDASIA TRICIA (23) F 14.05.10

A young girl of only 10 months & still rather kittenish though she appeared to be coming into call. Attractive head, a moderate wedge with rounded contours with good width between the ears tapering to a rounded muzzle via a whisker indentation. Slight nose break plus a small nose bump in profile, level bite but her chin could be a little stronger. Moderately large cupped ears set wide apart & quite large eyes of good shape & set. Muscular body of medium build though carrying some "puppy" fat at present. Elegant limbs with small oval paws & tapering tail to balance. Dense coat that lies close & clearly ticked with black on an apricot base. Brick red nose leather & good facial markings. Unmarked chest & underparts but some faint inner leg barring on the front limbs. Darker spine line & black tip to the tail & nice to see black on her heels extending to the hock. A lively & alert girl with a sweet nature and shown in lovely condition.

EGYPTIAN MAU ADULT

BOB DAVISON'S CH MAUOLOGY CRYSTAL (78 30s) F 24.02.09 Silver Spotted

An elegant & muscular girl of 2 years. Head a slightly rounded wedge of medium length with a rounded muzzle that flows into the contours of her head. Slight curve to the profile & uniform width to the nose. Moderately large, well-set ears with a broad base. Large gooseberry green eyes set quite straight under a level brow. Elegant & muscular body with good strength & muscular limbs of medium length to balance. Slightly tapering tail of medium length. Close-lying coat of medium length & clearly spotted on a silvery-white agouti base. Spotted tummy & very well-marked limbs with bars & spots extending right down to her toes. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

SPHYNX KITTEN

1ST & BOB BRYNES'S ONATUAL LADYGAGA (84 22) F 17.12.10

A baby kitten of only 14 weeks and only just old enough to be at the show & obviously she has a lot of growing still to do. Head a modified wedge with rounded contours & slightly longer than wide. Prominent cheek bones, distinctive whisker break and prominent whisker pads. Skull slightly rounded, flat plane in front of the ears, slight stop in profile & shallow chin that could be a little stronger. Level bite but she still has her baby teeth. Large ears wide open at the base & set at a slight angle. Large lemon-shaped eyes set on a slight slant. Long neck, body as befits her age with elegant limbs and oval paws with long slender toes. Long fine tail. Slight down on the body with a feeling of resistance, slightly thicker down on her nose, the back of her ears & tail. Short crinkly whiskers. A sweet baby who looked snug in her bed & was keeping herself warm as she had a hot tummy!

SNOW MARBLED BENGAL NEUTER

1ST IC & BOB GOODGER'S SOOSTEE WHITE KNIGHT (76b 20) MN 09.11.04

A handsome mature boy of 6 years with a strong muscular body. Mature masculine head with good width between the ears & a large nose though he could have more strength to his muzzle. Medium ears set wide apart with a broad base & rounded tips. Large blue eyes of oval shape. Very elegant with a long muscular body though his limbs & tail are a little long and his tail could be thicker. Short soft & dense coat with a good marbled pattern on an ivory base. Well-marked limbs & spotted tummy. Excellent condition & temperament. I have handled this boy on numerous occasions and he is always very welcoming and a pleasure to judge!

LAPERM NEUTER

1ST IC & BOB RAINE'S HAMBRVIN GERONIMO (80L 31a) MN 10.06.10

An extremely well-grown young man of only 9 months. Strong masculine head with lovely balance, especially for one so young. Head a modified wedge with slightly rounded contours, broad muzzle & lovely prominent whisker pads. Large well-set cupped ears and large expressive eyes of good shape & set. Body of moderate foreign type with a well-fed tummy that makes his tail look a fraction short in comparison and I wouldn't like to see him get any heavier. Long unstructured coat with loose curls on his chest & lower flanks and frizzier fur down his back. Typical springy textured feel to his coat which stands away from his body. Attractive blue & white colouration, a gentle boy though he was reluctant to come out of his double pen.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

AC SOMALI CAT

1ST COONEY'S STACYM WINDSONG (63) F Usual

A young girl of 11 months with a lovely rich overall colour. Head a moderate wedge with a nice look face on. Not so good in profile as she has a nose bump as well as a nose break & shallow chin. Large well-set cupped ears and large expressive eyes. Elegant & muscular body of medium build with elegant limbs & oval paws. Moderately long, quite bushy tail. Soft coat of a shorter length at present with black ticking on a rich apricot base. Darker spine line, black tip to the tail and good black heels. Double broken necklace on the chest. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

AV SLH DEBUTANTE CAT

1ST GREGSON'S SUEPURFLUFIAN AMADEUS (64 41) M Brown Classic Tabby Maine Coon

A young man of only 9 months but extremely well-grown with very strong bone and beautifully prepared. Broad masculine head of medium length with a well-placed nasal bridge, high cheek bones & uniform width to the nose. Lovely broad square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to his profile & level bite though his chin could be a fraction deeper. Tall ears set high yet wide apart with tufts & inner furnishing. Large expressive eyes enhanced by the tabby pattern. Long rectangular body with substantial limbs & long flowing tail. Silky coat of a lovely rich overall colour with a good classic tabby pattern. A gentle boy shown in excellent condition and a pleasure to judge.

2ND BARROWCLOUGH'S ROSSBAGS FIGO (66 31a) M Blue Bicoloured Ragdoll

A young boy of only 10 months but well-grown and of a good size & weight for his age. Broad head with a flat plane between the ears, good cheeks & well-developed rounded muzzle. Nose of medium length with a slight dip in profile. Level bite & deep chin. Medium ears set wide apart & held slightly forward in profile. Quite large, pale blue eyes set wide apart & slightly oblique. Long muscular body with a thick neck & broad chest. Strong limbs of medium length to balance, round paws & quite long bushy tail. Nicely prepared dense silky coat of medium length. Pale body colour with some white patches on the back but not more than one-third. Blue-grey mask plus a white inverted "V", blue tail but a little brindled at present. White bib, chest, underbody & limbs. Lovely condition & temperament.

3RD CALVERT'S PURDYSTON PAINTPOT (64 41gw) F Blue-cream Classic Tabby & White Maine Coon

AC NORWEGIAN FOREST NEUTER

Four lovely examples of the breed, it was difficult to choose between them.

1ST PORTER'S PR NOYNAROCK XANADU (67 15) MN

A mature black boy of 3 years with a strong powerful body. Triangular head with all sides equal, long straight profile & good chin. Large ears set high & open but he was a little apprehensive and tending to round his eyes. Strong muscular body carried high on substantial limbs with a reasonably long, bushy tail. Dense coat with a woolly undercoat covered by a glossy topcoat of coarser guard hairs.

2ND WHITTLE'S PR NOYNAROCK PRINCE TYRONE (67 31ts) MN

Young boy of 1½ years, very elegant & muscular. Strong head, triangular with all sides equal and a straight profile. Large ears with a broad base & set high and open. Large oval eyes held wide open. Long muscular body with long limbs of strong bone & long bushy tail. Full coated with a double coat. Unfortunately he wasn't in the best of moods though he did condescend to come out of his pen briefly.

3RD WAREING'S PR NORGESKAUKATT OSKAR (67 14a) MN

AV SLH DEBUTANTE NEUTER

1ST FITZPATRICK'S SARMOYAH RED PLANET (13c 15) MN Red Tabby Point Birman

A young boy of only 9 months but well-grown with a strong muscular body. Broad masculine head with a rounded skull & round cheeks. Nose of medium length with a slight dip in profile. Medium ears set wide apart and expressive, almost round blue eyes. Long body with thickset limbs & bushy tail to balance. Silky coat with a pale cream body colour & slight golden hue. Points developing with a good red colour coming, faint tabby "M" on the forehead. Pure white feet markings. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

AC RUSSIAN, KORAT OR THAI CAT

1ST KAYE'S LARKSONG LUVINLORD SITHEE

2ND ANDERSON'S ANNALOVA FEDOTIA

CORNISH OR DEVON REX CAT

1ST BRYNES'S UK IMP GR CH BOUNTIFUL O'SUGAR (33a 36) F Devon Rex

A sweet mature black smoke girl of 3 years with a lovely coat. Pixie look with her head being a short broad wedge though the whisker break could be more defined & her nose could be a little shorter. Deep firm chin & level bite. Large ears with a broad base set wide apart & reasonably low. Large eyes, a little full but set wide apart

and on a slant. Strong muscular body with elegant limbs & oval paws, quite long tapering tail. Short dense & soft coat of an even length with lovely tight ripples on the body. Downy tummy & long crinkly whiskers. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

2ND DALE'S TEDDIREXI PEEKABOO (33a 36b) F Devon Rex

A chocolate smoke girl of 3 years who was happier in her pen, a bit grumbly when out. Head a short broad wedge with a flat skull & OK stop in profile. Quite large ears set wide apart and large oval eyes. Well-grown muscular body with elegant limbs and tapering tail to balance. Well-covered with a loosely waved coat, better rexing on the lower flanks. Downy tummy.

AC RUSSIAN, KORAT OR THAI KITTEN

1ST JOHNSON'S KORESHKA ROKSANA RUSINA (16a) F Russian Blue

A pretty girl of 8 months with a gentle nature. Good head with a nice Russian expression. Large vertically set ears, almond-shaped eyes & prominent whisker pads. Elegant & muscular body with limbs to balance & moderately long tail though it is rather thick. Soft coat, dense & plushy of a medium blue with a silvery sheen.

Shown in lovely condition and a promising kitten.

2ND KOORAHK MALEE VALAYA (34) F Korat

A baby girl of 20 weeks with lots of developing still to do though perhaps she is a little small for her age. Heart-shaped head with a rounded muzzle & slight stop in profile. Large well-set ears and large wide open eyes, the colour developing. Semi cobby body of a good weight for her size with elegant limbs. Tail of medium length but it could be heavier at the base and showing rings at present. Single coat of an even blue colour with the silver tipping beginning to develop.

3RD LECK & JENKINS'S EDISON BLUE VELVET (16a) F Russian Blue

CORNISH OR DEVON REX NEUTER

1ST TYLER'S GR PR MEGGYMOO DONNCHA

2ND THORPE'S BOUNTIFUL REDHOTLOVER (33a 18d) MN Devon Rex

A well-grown red tabby boy of 2 years with a strong muscular body. Broad head with a flat skull but I would prefer more of a definite stop in profile. Short nose with a whisker break that could be more definite & quite strong muzzle. Level bite. Large ears with a broad base set wide apart & quite low. Large oval eyes set wide apart. Muscular body with elegant limbs & long well-covered tail. Lovely rich colour to his coat though of course no points for this. His coat is a little thin down his back at present but the underlying ripples can be seen. He had a bit of a grumble but wasn't a problem to handle.