

## **Semi Long Hair Cat Association 20.03.10**

### **Mrs Val Anderson**

Thanks to Di & Mandy for the invitation and the hospitality. I had a busy but enjoyable day with some lovely examples of the Semi Longhair breeds to judge. Many thanks to my hard-working steward Sue Jones for her gentle handling of the cats and good company. I had the honour of choosing the Best Norwegian and my choice was a gorgeous blue silver tabby & white kitten: Normagikatt Caprice. I was delighted to see her go on to win Overall Best in Show. Many congratulations to her owner and breeder!

### **OPEN CLASSES**

#### **AOV SLH PREMIER MALE**

*A splendid start to the day with a magnificent class of 10 neutered boys and some lovely cats had to go unplaced. Thanks to the exhibitors for the entry.*

GPC BARLETTA'S IMP GR PR COONTASTIC DON GIOVANNI (64 31t) MN  
23.05.04 Maine Coon

A mature brown tabby & white boy of 5½ years with lots of presence & a beautifully-groomed coat. Broad balanced head of medium length & slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. Uniform width to the nose & square muzzle. High cheek bones & cheeks fairly full. Shallow concave curve in profile, deep broad chin and level bite. Large tall ears with a broad base & tapering to tufted tips plus long inner feathering; set high but well apart. Large eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set and very expressive. Long rectangular body, solid & muscular with a deep chest & square rump. Substantial limbs with strong bone & large round feet with tufted toes. Long flowing tail. Silky coat with a good undercoat, full ruff & shirt front and increasing in length down the body. Classic tabby pattern though brown rather than black markings on the body on a copper agouti base. Oyster & butterfly markings on the body, tabby "M" on the forehead, banded limbs and ringed tail with a dark tip. White on the feet, chest & tummy. Shown in excellent condition and easy to handle. He had that extra "something" needed to win a large class such as this. Congratulation on later progressing to Best Maine Coon Exhibit. A pleasure & a privilege to judge!

RGPC WATTS'S CH & IMP GR PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL (63c) MN Blue Somali

A mature boy of 4½ years shown in excellent condition. Excellent type, head a moderate wedge with width between the ears and rounded muzzle. Bite a little untidy but level. Large cupped ears set wide apart and lovely expressive eyes. Muscular body of a lovely weight for his size with elegant limbs and tapering tail to balance. Well-prepared coat with a fine silky texture; good length with a ruff & breeches. Warm overall colour with blue ticking on a pale mushroom base, warmer colour to the underparts. Darker spine line, blue tail tip and heels. A gentle boy who was easy to handle.

*A splendid entry of Norwegians though they were all under 2 years and as this is a breed that is slow to mature it made the task of placing them more difficult.*

#### **NORWEGIAN FOREST ADULT MALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> CC & BOB HANDY'S NORMYSTIC LORD BURR (67 20) M 02.05.09

A young brown tabby boy of only 10 months but very well grown for his age & with a lovely dense coat. Triangular head, just slightly longer than wide at present.

Rounded forehead and long straight profile. Level bite and deep chin that rounds off a fraction at the tip. Large tall ears set high & open and following the lines of his head, small tufts and inner furnishing. Large expressive oval eyes in an oblique setting. Strong muscular body carried high on long limbs with strong bone & large round feet with tufted toes. Excellent tail, long & bushy. Well-prepared coat with a dense woolly undercoat and coarser topcoat developing well. Good length to his coat with a ruff developing nicely. Excellent condition & temperament, a super boy & a pleasure to judge, a very handsome young man!

2<sup>ND</sup> YOUNG'S NORDLYS MATTI MAAMTURK (67 31) M 09.06.09

A well-grown black & white boy of only 9 months with an elegant body. Triangular head with an almost straight profile though the white on his face doesn't help. Good chin and level bite. Tall ears set high and open but lacking tufts & little inner furnishing at present. Good shape & set to his eyes but they are a little small. Long elegant body carried high on strong limbs with large round feet & tufted toes. Bushy tail that could be a fraction longer for balance. Double coat length, the length developing and the beginnings of a coarser topcoat though he is only just adult and time is on his side. Shown in lovely condition, a sweet boy who was easy to handle.

3<sup>RD</sup> HALL'S S JUST CAP NAPS MORGAN (67 31s) 31.03.09

Another young boy, a black smoke & white of 11 months. Very elegant but rather long & gangly at present & probably going through a teenage phase. His head needs to mature, triangular but slightly longer than wide at present. Straight profile, deep chin that could be a little stronger, level bite. Large, tall tufted ears, not rounded & set high & open. Large oval eyes set slightly obliquely. Long body carried high on long limbs with the back limbs higher. Large round paws. Long, quite bushy tail. Shorter coat at present and the topcoat is yet to develop. Unusual coat pattern, mainly white with patches of smoke and a black nose. Shown in lovely condition & easy to handle.

4<sup>TH</sup> HANDY'S CONNER AV JOSTEDAL SBREEN (IMP) (67 31ts) M 05.02.09

An elegant black silver tabby & white boy of only 13 months. Broad triangular head with a straight profile. Level bite but his chin falls away a fraction at the tip. Large ears with a broad base, could be set a little higher. Large eyes of a slightly rounded oval shape in an oblique setting. Long body carried high on strong limbs with large round feet with tufted toes. Long bushy tail. His coat needs to develop & not much undercoat as yet. A gentle boy who was easy to handle. A nice lad but a little out of balance at present.

#### **NORWEGIAN FOREST ADULT FEMALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> CC HERMON'S CLEASANTA IONA (67 31ets) F 11.06.09

A young girl of only 9 months with very attractive tortie silver tabby & white coat colouration. A well-grown girl of a good weight for her size. Triangular head with a rounded forehead and long straight profile. Level bite & deep chin that falls away a fraction at the tip. Large tall ears with a broad base & set high & open. Lovely large expressive eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Long muscular body with good boning and carried high on long limbs. Lovely long bushy tail. Well-prepared coat of a good length, double with a woolly undercoat. Topcoat silky as yet and needs to develop. Shown in super condition and easy to handle.

2<sup>ND</sup> JOHNSTONE'S SCARLETT-SANDRA'S ATIS (IMP DK) (67 18) F 21.04.08

An older black silver tabby girl of not quite 2 years with lots of coat. An elegant girl though she could be a little heavier boned. Triangular head with a rounded forehead and long straight profile. Level bite but her chin falls away a little. Large ears with a

broad base but they are set a little upright. Well-opened oval eyes in an oblique setting. Long body carried high on long limbs with a long bushy tail to balance. Dense double coat with a ruff, shirtfront and knickerbockers. Very sweet nature and shown in lovely condition.

3<sup>RD</sup> HERMON'S CLEASANTA NIKITA (67 31dt) F 11.06.09

A young red tabby & white girl of only 9 months and litter sister to the winner. Nice elegant shape with strong bone development but she needs to fill out her frame. Triangular head with a straight profile plus an small nose bump. Level bite but her chin is shallow & could be a fraction stronger. Well-set ears, high & open but they could be a little larger. Expressive oval eyes in an oblique setting but they could be a little larger. Long elegant body carried high on long limbs. Very bushy tail but it could be a little longer for balance. Well-prepared coat of a good length & developing well for her age. A playful girl with a sweet nature.

4<sup>TH</sup> FISHLOCK-LOMAX'S ADATELO PENNYPARFAITDAMOUR (67 31ets) F 15.04.08

An older tortie silver tabby & white girl of not quite two years with a strong muscular body. Unfortunately rather naughty when handled and may well have been placed higher if she had been better behaved. Triangular head with all sides equal though her muzzle is slightly square & a little pinched behind. Bite not checked. Tall well-set ears and oval eyes in an oblique setting though they are set a little deep. Long body carried high on long limbs & long bushy tail. Well-prepared coat with a silky topcoat. ALSO CONSIDERED FOR BEST OF BREED

FISHLOCK-LOMAX'S CH ADATELO REINE LA CHATEAU (67 31ets) F 15.04.08

A well-grown girl of nearly 2 years with a well-prepared coat of very attractive tortie silver tabby & white colouration. Condescended to be handled but a little shy & preferred to be in her pen.

#### **MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) KITTEN MALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> & BOB NEWMAN'S COONTASTIC ARTHURPENDRAGON (64 41w) M 27.09.09 Brown Tabby & White

A well-grown young man of 5 months with lovely strong bone. Attractive look to his face, his head is slightly longer than wide with uniform width to the nose & broad square muzzle. High cheek bones but his cheeks need to fill out. Shallow concave curve to the profile & deep chin that rounds off a little at the tip, level bite. Large tall ears with huge tufts, set high & reasonably wide apart as limited by the breadth of his head at present. Lovely expressive eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long rectangular body that is developing nicely with strong limbs to balance and large round feet. Reasonably long tail though the tip is a little swollen, flowing with profuse fur. Well-prepared dense coat, the length developing with a ruff coming. Classic tabby pattern developing with black markings on a copper agouti base. Oyster & butterfly markings visible on the body, good head markings but his tail is rather solid on top though showing under rings. White on his chest, feet and tummy. Shown in lovely condition.

#### **MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) KITTEN FEMALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> KILMARTIN'S MABALAKAT STRIKE A POSE (64 41w) F 10.07.09 Brown Tabby & White

A very well-grown girl of 8 months with a strong muscular body. Broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide. Uniform width to the nose, high cheek bones & square muzzle. Rather a deep concave curve to the profile & deep chin that rounds off a touch at the tip. Level bite. Huge ears set high but wide apart with a broad base & long tufts. Very large eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long rectangular body with strong limbs to balance & large round paws with tufted toes. Lovely long flowing tail. Well-prepared coat, silky & dense with a full ruff and increasing in length down the body. Classic tabby pattern with black markings on a copper agouti base and white on her feet, chest and tummy. A gentle girl who was easy to handle and shown in lovely condition.

2<sup>ND</sup> WALT'S SHEERCLASS SQUISHY (64 41w) F 27.09.09 Brown Tabby & White

A well grown young girl of 5 months. Head longer than wide but a little out of balance at present & could be a little broader. Uniform width to the nose, high cheek bones & square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile & level bite. Huge, high set & very tall ears with long tufts & good inner feathering. Large eyes, they could be a little rounder but set wide apart in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Long rectangular body with limbs to balance & reasonably long tail. Well-prepared coat, of a shorter length on the body at present but this emphasises the classic tabby pattern that is developing well with oyster & butterfly markings on the body. White on her feet, chest and tummy. A very gentle girl shown in lovely condition.

3<sup>RD</sup> HANCOCK'S JULESCOON COOL AS ICE (64 41aw) F 21.07.09 Blue Tabby & White

A well-grown girl of not quite 8 months. Broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge but her muzzle could be a little squarer. Uniform width to the nose & high cheek bones. Shallow concave curve to the profile but her chin could be a little stronger and sadly her bite is undershot (confirmed by Duty Vet). Large tall ears with long tufts & set high but well apart. Large eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long rectangular body with strong limbs to balance and lovely long tail. Silky coat of an attractive blue colour but I felt it could have done with a little more preparation. Classic tabby pattern with blue markings on a cool beige agouti ground but a little solid down her back. White on her chest, tummy & feet as required.

4<sup>TH</sup> ASHLEY'S ADNILO PIPA (64 41a) F 23.06.09 Blue Tabby

A gentle girl of 8 months and nearly adult. Not such at typical look, she has a broad head slightly longer than wide but her nose tapers a little and her muzzle could be fuller. High cheek bones but her cheeks need to fill out. Just a slight curve to the profile, level bite. Large tall ears set high & wide apart. Greeny coloured eyes that are more oval than round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long rectangular body with good bone development, substantial limbs with large feet & tufted toes and long flowing tail. Soft coat, blue classic tabby pattern rather diffused and solid down her back. A gentle girl who was easy to handle.

### **AOC COLOUR MAINE COON KITTEN, MALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> HARTE'S CHANDALINI NEON TIGER (64 41dw) MN 20.07.09 Red Tabby & White

A large well-grown boy of exactly 8 months with lovely strong bone. Head a fraction long at present but with a well-placed nasal bridge & square muzzle. Uniform width to the nose & high cheek bones, his cheeks need to fill out. Shallow concave curve to the profile & very strong chin, his bite just meets. Tall tapering ears with a broad base & set high but wide apart, good tufts but sparse inner feathering. Round eyes but

they are set a little deep and could be fuller but spaced wide apart in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Long rectangular body with substantial limbs to balance and large feet with tufted toes. Long flowing tail. Shorter length to his coat on the body at present it emphasises the classic tabby pattern with rich red markings on a bright apricot agouti ground and nice overall colour. White on his feet, chest and tummy. Excellent condition and temperament.

2<sup>ND</sup> JENKINS'S DAIRYMAINE GIFFORD (64 41dw) M 25.09.09 Red Tabby & White

A younger boy of 5½ months who was a little shy and not showing to his advantage but well-prepared with a lovely feel to his coat which has a rich overall colour. Head of medium length & slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. Good breadth between the ears but his muzzle could be a little fuller & squarer and his nose tapers a little. Shallow concave curve to the profile, shallow chin and level bite. Large tall tapering ears with a broad base & tapering to tufted tips with inner feathering, set high but wide apart. Wide-set eyes in a slightly oblique aperture and set but they could be more expressive though he was shutting his right eye which didn't help. Well-grown body of a good weight for his size, difficult to see the rectangular shape as he tended to hunch himself up. Strong bone with substantial limbs and large round paws. Long flowing tail. Silky coat, the length developing nicely. Classic tabby pattern with rich red markings on a bright apricot agouti base but a little solid down his back. Good head markings with tabby "M" on his forehead. White on his feet, chest & tummy.

#### **AOC COLOUR MAINE COON KITTEN, FEMALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> & BOB MURRAY'S ISADORYOU BUTTERFLY (64 41ew) F 19.07.09 Tortie Tabby & White

A beautifully-prepared girl of 8 months with a lovely expressive face. Broad balanced head of medium length & slightly longer than wide. Uniform width to the nose, high cheek bones & square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile, level bite and deep chin. Large tall ears with tufts & inner feathering; set high but well apart. Lovely expressive eyes, full and round in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Well-grown rectangular body with good bone development & strong limbs to balance with large round feet & tufted toes. Impressive tail, long & flowing with profuse fur. Coat developing well, lovely rich overall colour with classic tabby markings overlaid with shades of red. Attractive tail markings of alternating black & red rings. White chin & bib & on her tummy and feet. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle, a super kitten!

2<sup>ND</sup> HORTON'S CAROLEMAINE LADYOFNAMRIB (64 41d) F 30.07.09 Red Tabby

An elegant girl of 7½ months with a very gentle nature who likes to give kisses to the judge! Broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide. Uniform width to the nose, high cheek bones with fairly full cheeks and a square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile, good chin and level bite. Tall ears with a broad base, set wide apart but a fraction low. Wide-set eyes, full and round in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Long rectangular boy though she needs to fill out her frame. Strong limbs with large round paws & tufted toes. Lovely long flowing tail. Silky coat that increases in length down the body. Rich overall colour of bright red but not a lot of tabby markings on the body & she is rather solid down her back. OK head & leg markings, tail slightly ringed with a red tip. Shown in lovely condition.

3<sup>RD</sup> INGRAM'S FOXDAWN GOLDEN RAIN (64 41e) F 12.10.09 Tortie Tabby

A younger girl of only 5 months & still very much a baby with lots of developing to do. Head longer than wide and a little narrow, her cheek bones could be more noticeable and her cheeks need to fill out more. Uniform width to the nose but her muzzle could be squarer, she is a little pinched behind at present though her gums were very red and I expect she was teething. Shallow concave curve to the profile & level bite. Very large, tall tufted ears set high on the head but rather close together as limited by the breadth of her head at present. Good eyes for shape & set. Long rectangular body but her limbs could be more substantial. Large round feet with tufted toes. Quite long tail though not very well furnished as yet. Shorter coat length at present with a soft silky texture. Classic tabby pattern overlaid with lots of red. Barred limbs but broken necklaces on the chest. A sweet gentle girl who was easy to handle.

#### **USUAL SOMALI ADULT, FEMALE**

1<sup>ST</sup> CC & BOB WATTS'S IMP GR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI (63) F 04.09.03

A mature girl of 6 years with lovely type. Head a moderate wedge with good width between the ears tapering to a rounded muzzle. Large well-set ears and expressive eyes. Muscular & elegant body with limbs to balance, tapering tail that ideally could be a fraction longer. Dense silky coat clearly ticked with black on an apricot base & warm overall colour. A sweet girl shown in excellent condition. By the time I reached her she appeared to have already cleared the board at the Somali CC Show so a CC from me was just a cherry to go on top!

#### **MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES**

##### **AV SLH ADULT**

1<sup>ST</sup> HANDY'S NORMYSTIC LORD BURR

2<sup>ND</sup> GARDINER'S GR CH PANJANDRUM FUEGO (INT CH & TICA QGCH)  
(13c5) M Red Point Birman

A big strong boy of nearly 10 years with a very gentle nature & shown in excellent condition, especially for his age. Broad masculine head with a strong rounded skull & medium length nose. Well-set ears and almost round blue eyes. Strong well-grown body with limbs & tail to balance. Beautifully prepared silken coat with rich red points contrasting with pale body colour & pure white feet markings. Half asleep when I judged him and he didn't want to wake up!

3<sup>RD</sup> RUSSELL'S BOSTIN BEAUTIFUL DREAMER (13c12) F Tabby Point Birman

##### **AV SLH VISITORS ADULT**

1<sup>ST</sup> MURRAY'S IMP GR CH MCKITTYCREEK AURORA (CFA GR CH IMP) (64  
41ew) F Maine Coon

A large mature lady of 4 years with excellent bone development and a beautifully prepared coat of a rich overall colour. Lovely broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide. High cheek bones & full cheeks, uniform width to the nose & square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile, level bite and deep strong chin. Large tall ears with a broad base narrowing to tufted tips plus inner feathering. Expressive eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Strong heavy body of rectangular shape, a well-fed girl! Substantial limbs to balance & long tail, the fur not very profuse but still flowing. Double coat that increases in length down the body. Classic tabby pattern of black markings on a copper agouti ground overlaid with shades of red. White on her feet, chest and tummy as required. A super girl shown in excellent condition.

**2<sup>ND</sup> GLEDSTONE'S RAGGIPUSS DUDLEY (66a) M Blue Colourpointed Ragdoll**  
A very well-grown mature boy of 6 years with a lovely dense silky coat. Broad masculine head with an expressive face. Strong muscular body with excellent boning & limbs and tail to balance. Beautifully-prepared coat of a pale body colour with well-matched points of a lovely blue-grey colour. Shown in excellent condition with a lovely gentle nature. A gorgeous boy, unlucky to meet the winner!

**3<sup>RD</sup> HANDY'S NORMYSTIC LORD BURR**

#### **AV SLH LIMIT KITTEN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MACPHERSON'S NORMAGIKATT SAPPHIRE (67 31a) F Norwegian Forest Cat**

A blue & white girl with lots of coat. Triangular head with a straight profile but her ears could be a little larger and her eyes are a touch rounded. Elegant body with reasonable bone. Bushy tail that could be a little longer for balance. Good length to the coat with a dense woolly undercoat, topcoat developing. At 10 months old she should have been in the adult class but she is still very kitten-like so I let it pass!

**2<sup>ND</sup> ASHLEY'S ADNILO PIPA (64 41a) F 23.06.09**

#### **AC MAINE COON KITTEN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MURRAY'S ISADORYOU BUTTERFLY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> HORTON'S NAMRIB CHEROKEE (64 41dsw) F Red Silver Tabby & White**  
A well-grown girl of only 4½ months with lovely strong bone and an expressive face. Broad head of medium length and slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. Uniform width to the nose and a square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile and good chin. Her teeth just about meet but she is probably teething. Large tall ears with a broad base and set high but well apart; large tufts & some inner furnishing. Her eyes could be a little larger but are full & round in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Strong body of rectangular shape with substantial limbs and large round feet. Her tail could be a little longer for balance and is quite well-furnished. Well-prepared coat with a lovely feel to the touch. Subtle classic tabby pattern, the red markings toned down by the presence of silver. Good head markings with a tabby "M" on the forehead. White on her face, chest, underparts & feet. Shown in super condition with a gentle nature though she preferred to be handled in her pen. A promising kitten.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HORTON'S CAROLEMAINE LADYOFNAMRIB**

#### **AV SLH NEUTER NOT BRED BY EXHIBITOR**

**1<sup>ST</sup> FISHLOCK-LOMAX'S PR VIEUXTEMPS VANTAGE VROOM (67 31t) MN Norwegian Forest Cat**

A large gentle brown tabby & white boy of 7 years. Expressive face, triangular head with all sides equal & a firm deep chin though his profile could be straighter. His bite appeared level but few incisors remaining. Large ears set high & open and following the lines of his head. Expressive well-opened eyes of oval shape in an oblique setting. Elegant body carried high on long legs & long bushy tail. Well-prepared double coat with a topcoat of coarser guard hairs though lacking a little in undercoat at present. A sweet-natured boy though he preferred the security of his pen.

**2<sup>ND</sup> NEWMAN'S GR PR DAIRYMAINE KASBIEN (64 19) MN Maine Coon**

A large mature boy of 3½ years & very well-grown if a touch heavy, I wouldn't like him to put on any more weight. Broad masculine head slightly longer than wide of medium length. Uniform width to the nose & square muzzle. High cheek bones &

fairly full cheeks. Shallow concave curve to the profile, good chin and level bite. Large tall ears with a broad base & tufted tips, set high and well apart. Wide-set eyes though he was reluctant to open them up. Long rectangular body with a deep chest & square rump. Substantial limbs to balance and large round feet with tufted toes. Long flowing tail showing tabby rings. Well-prepared full coat with a ruff and shirt front and increasing in length down the body, shaggy belly fur. Lovely rich overall colour, classic tabby pattern or red markings on a bright apricot agouti base. A gentle boy who was easy to handle and shown in lovely condition.

3<sup>RD</sup> STABLES'S IMP GR CH & GR PR CANONNA MERLIESIN MELODY (63b)  
FN Chocolate Somali