

Durham County Cat Club 29.05.10

Mrs Val Anderson

Thanks to Lorraine and the committee for the invitation to judge and the hospitality. Despite a traumatic day on Friday due to problems with trains I had an enjoyable day at the show & some lovely cats to judge across a wide range of breeds. Thanks to my steward Steve Parkin for all his help and pleasant company.

I was given the pleasurable task of choosing Best SLH Exhibit and as it happened the Best SLH Adult, Kitten & Neuter were all Maine Coons! The adult was the impressive black & white boy Ch Big-Hannibal's Dark Devil (IMP); the kitten a pretty brown tabby female, Julescoon Burlesque and the neuter UK IGr Pr Coontastic Nijinsky, a brown tabby & white. My choice was the neuter UK IGr Pr Coontastic Nijinsky, a super fellow all round.

OPEN CLASSES

AOV SLH PREMIER MALE

GPC BUNCE'S UK IGR PR COONTASTIC NIJINSKY (64 31t) MN Maine Coon

A mature brown tabby & white fellow of 4½ years with lovely overall balance and a beautiful feel to his coat. Broad masculine head slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. Almost uniform width to the nose & square muzzle that for perfection could be a fraction broader but the white on his face doesn't help. Good profile with a slight concave curve, level bite and deep strong chin. Huge ears, tall and tapering with a broad base, lovely tufts and inner feathering. His ears are set reasonably high & wide apart though he tends to flare them on occasion. Large expressive eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Long rectangular body with excellent boning, broad chest and square rump. Strong limbs and large feet with tufted toes. Beautiful tail, long and flowing with profuse fur. Lovely preparation to his full coat with a ruff and shirtfront & increasing in length down the body; shaggy belly fur. Silky topcoat and rich tabby & white colouration with black markings on a bright copper agouti base. Classic tabby pattern, a little solid down his back but butterfly & oyster markings visible. White on his feet, chest and tummy as required. Shown in excellent condition. He has a very gentle nature and shows himself very well on the table. Congratulations to his owners & breeders on later being awarded Best SLH Neuter from strong competition.

RGPC BAKER'S CH & PR JULESCOON BLACKJACK (64 41) MN Maine Coon

A large brown tabby boy of 2½ years with a heavy tum! Broad masculine head slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. High cheek bones & fairly full cheeks. Uniform width to the nose & full square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile plus a small nose bump. Deep firm chin and scissor bite with good teeth. Tall tapering ears with large tufts and inner feathering; set high but well apart. Good shape & set to his eyes which are full & round and set in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Strong rectangular body with a broad chest and square rump, lovely strong limbs with large round feet and tufted toes. Long tail but it is a little out of balance in contrast to his rather well-fed body. Well-prepared coat with a silky topcoat, shorter summer coat at present with some ruff; tail flowing with quite profuse long fur. Classic tabby pattern emphasised by the shorter coat with clear black markings on a copper agouti base. Butterfly markings across the shoulder and distinct oyster markings on the flanks, 3 lines down his back. Good head markings with a tabby "M", barred limbs and ringed tail. Rather pale fur on his chin and around his

nostrils. Nicely presented and shown in lovely condition. Gentle nature and easy to handle.

AOV SLH PREMIER FEMALE

GPC BUNCE'S IGR PR KEVERSTONE CLEMENTINE (64 31et) FN Maine Coon
A mature tortie tabby & white lady of 3 years with lots of coat & lovely rich colouration but she was rather reserved. Broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. High cheek bones & fairly full cheeks. Uniform width to the nose & broad square muzzle. Shallow concave curve to the profile, level bite and strong chin that could be a little deeper. Quite large ears with lovely long inner feathering. Her ears are set wide apart and start high but they are rather mobile and she tends to flare them at times. Large eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture and set. Long rectangular body with strong bone but she is a little heavy at present with a well-developed undercarriage! Strong limbs and large feet with tufted toes. Long flowing tail with profuse fur. Full coat with a very dense undercoat. Beautiful tortie tabby pattern with classic markings of black & red on a rich copper agouti base. Butterfly and oyster markings visible on the body. Tabby "M" and very attractive tortie colouration to the backs of her ears. White in all the required places. Shown in lovely condition, a sweet girl but she preferred the security of her pen.

ORIGINAL FOREIGN PREMIER FEMALE

GPC MCRAE'S PR VELVAREX COIMHLION (33a 30f) FN Devon Rex
An elegant girl of 2½ years of a very attractive colour though of course no points for this. Head a short broad wedge with a well-defined whisker break and strong, if slightly square muzzle. Short nose & high cheek bones. Flat skull, rounded brow and some stop in profile. Bite level if a little untidy & her chin could be a fraction stronger. Her ears could be a little larger & set a fraction lower but they have a broad base & rounded tips without tufts. Large oval eyes set on a slant & wide apart. Elegant body of medium length though I would prefer harder muscle. Broad chest, long neck and elegant limbs with small oval feet. Well-covered with a short soft coat on the body but some guard hairs showing on her tail making it feel coarser. Rexed on the body with ripples towards the tail, looser waves on the shoulders. Long crinkly whiskers. A nicely presented girl shown in lovely condition, friendly & playful in her pen.

EGYPTIAN MAU ADULT, FEMALE

1ST CC & BOB KNIGHT'S CH MAUOLOGY SERENITY (78 30s) F 08.04.07

Silver Spotted

A mature girl of 3 years who was moulting heavily on the day but despite this she had a beautiful coat. A pretty girl with a typical Mau look, head a slightly rounded wedge of medium length with a rounded muzzle that flows into the contours of her head. Uniform width to the nose, gentle curve to the profile plus a small nose bump. Level bite with good teeth & acceptable chin though ideally it could be stronger. Well-set ears of medium size and gooseberry green eyes, large & shaped like rounded almonds; set straight below a level brow. Strong muscular body with elegant limbs & tapering tail of medium length & good thickness. Short close-lying coat with distinct spotting of lots of small black spots on a silvery-white agouti base. Lovely leg markings with spots right down to her toes. Broken chest necklaces, spotted tummy

and ringed tail with a dark tip. Shown in super condition, she wasn't keen on her neighbour but not a problem to handle.

SPHYNX ADULT, FEMALE

1ST IC & BOB HATFIELD'S SODACHICATS TOTALI-HAVAH (84 14c) F
02.08.09

A young girl of only 9 months who needs to mature. Head a modified wedge with rounded contours slightly longer than it is wide but needs to broaden. Distinctive whisker bread and prominent whisker pads. Rounded brow and slight stop in profile, her chin could be a fraction stronger but acceptable. Large ears with a broad base & rounded tips, set at a slight angle. Large lemon-shaped eyes. Good body shape but she needs to fill out & muscle up. Some wrinkles but not excessive, rounded abdomen & chest. Elegant limbs to balance & long fine tail. Some longer down on her nose, back of the ears and tail but she has a super peachy feel to her body. Shown in lovely condition and looking warm & cosy in her blanket tepee.

RUSSIAN BLUE NEUTER, FEMALE

1ST PC & BOB MCRAE & GABB'S GR PR DUSHENKA XARIABELLA (16a) FN
05.01.08

A sweet girl who shows herself very well. Good Russian expression with a short wedge & prominent whisker pads. Vertically-set ears, wide at the base but with slightly rounded tips. Large almond-shaped eyes set wide apart. Very elegant, she stands well on the table though she wasn't quite as heavy as I expected. Long body with long legs & small oval paws. Moderately long, tapering tail. Soft dense & plushy coat despite showing the beginnings of a moult, short fine & of an even blue colour with a silvery sheen, especially on the extremities & good colour to the roots. Shown in lovely condition though she did have a scar above her eye. Easy to handle.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

AC SLH BREEDERS FEMALE

1ST DOBLE'S CH BULLAMOR POENIEROSE (13c6) F Seal Tortie Point Birman
A super girl of 2 years with a beautiful coat and sweet cuddly nature. Broad head with a rounded skull & full cheeks. Gentle dip to the profile plus a nose bump, rounded chin and level bite. Medium ears set wide apart & deep blue, almost round eyes. Strong muscular body with limbs & tail to balance. Dense silky coat that had been beautifully prepared. Attractive seal tortie points contrasting with pale body colour with a slightly golden hue. Pure white feet markings with long gauntlets but rather scallopy gloves. Shown in excellent condition and a pleasure to judge.

2ND TWYMAN'S GR CH NORGESKAUKATT GOJENTA-MI (67 31t) F
Norwegian Forest Cat

A very elegant brown tabby & white girl of not quite 2 years who stands very well on the trolley. Triangular head with all sides equal and almost straight profile. Rounded forehead & good chin. Tall ears with large tufts, set high & open so as to follow the lines of her head. Quite large oval eyes set obliquely & held wide open. Strong muscular body carried high on long strong limbs, long tail but it could be bushier. Dense double coat with a coarser topcoat developing well. A sweet gentle girl, a little reserved at first but fine once she relaxed.

3RD WILSON'S COONSRUS TOANNA (64 41) F Maine Coon

A young brown tabby girl of only 9 months with an attractive look when she is alert. Head of medium length, her nose is a fraction long in comparison to the top of head

but with uniform width to the nose and broad square muzzle. Her cheek bones could be more noticeable & her cheeks need to fill out more. Good profile with a shallow concave curve, level bite and acceptable chin. Large tall ears with tuft & inner feathering; set high & reasonable wide apart but limited by the breadth of her head at present. Good shape & set to her eyes. Good rectangular body shape but she needs to fill out her frame. Strong limbs with large feet and tufted toes. Long flowing tail to balance with profuse fur. Coat developing with a silky topcoat, some ruff, shorter fur on the body at present, shaggy belly fur. Classic tabby pattern with black markings on an agouti base. Rich ground colour down her back but paler on the flanks and underparts. Good head markings, creamy-white chin. Butterfly & oyster markings on her body. A playful girl who is still very kittenish but full of promise.

AC SLH NOT BRED BY EXHIBITOR MALE

1ST BLADES'S CH BIG-HANNIBAL'S DARK DEVIL (IMP) (64 31) M Maine Coon

An extremely well-grown, very stylish black & white boy of not quite 2 years with a very impressive set of white whiskers! Broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide though his nose is a fraction short in comparison to the top of his head but when he relaxes in his pen and puts up his ears he has a super look. Uniform width to the nose & square muzzle that ideally could be a little broader but the white on his face doesn't help. High cheek bones & fairly full cheeks. Shallow concave curve to the profile plus a small nose bump. Level bite and very strong, deep chin but it could be fuller. Large ears with a broad base set high but well apart; huge tufts that make his ears look larger than they actually are. Expressive eyes, full & round in a slightly oblique aperture & set. Long rectangular body with strong bone & well-developed muscle, broad chest and square rump. Very strong limbs and huge round feet with long toe tufts. Long tapering tail with profuse fur. Well-prepared coat with a dense undercoat, jet black with good colour to the roots contrasting with a white inverted "V" on his face plus white on his chest, tummy and feet. Shown in super condition, a gentle boy who was easy to handle.

2ND HASSETT'S HAPPYTYME CAPTAIN AMERICA (66 31a) M Blue Bicoloured Ragdoll

A young adolescent boy of only 10 months who needs to mature & not much coat as yet. Broad head with a flat plane between the ears. Medium length nose & rounded muzzle, gentle dip in profile. Medium ears set wide apart and pale blue eyes. Long body with limbs to balance & long bushy tail. Silky coat, pale body colour and blue-grey points developing. Balanced inverted "V" of white on the face & white underparts & limbs. A friendly fellow who was easy to handle.

3RD METCALFE'S CH NORGESKAUKATT ARNOR (67 20) M Norwegian Forest Cat

AV SLH KITTEN

1ST JOHNSON'S DALTEEMA OPHELLIA (13c2) F Blue Point Birman

A well-grown girl of 7 months who had been nicely presented. A pretty girl with a broad head with a rounded skull & medium length nose. Medium ears set wide apart and large blue, almost round eyes. Long body with strong limbs & quite bushy tail. Silky coat with a pale body colour and blue-grey points. Pure white feet markings but they could match a little better. Easy to handle and shown in lovely condition.

AV SLH MALE NEUTER

1ST BROWN'S GR CH & GR PR DALTEEMA DIAMOND DAN (13c5) MN Red Point Birman

A well-grown mature fellow of 4 years who had been beautifully presented. Broad masculine head with a super look. Well-set ears of medium size & expressive blue eyes. Long body with strong bone & limbs & tail to balance. Full-coated with a silky coat with a pale body colour & rich red points. Pure white feet markings that are reasonably well-matched. Shown in excellent condition and easy to handle.

2ND MACDONALD'S PR JHARDUFAE DUELLINGBANJOS (TICA SGR CH) (67 31) MN Norwegian Forest Cat

A well-grown elegant boy of 3½ years with a super temperament. Triangular head with all sides equal. Almost straight profile & level bite but his chin could be a fraction stronger. Large tall ears set high & open so as to follow the lines of his head with a broad base, tips not rounded but no tufts. Large well-opened eyes of oval shape but they could be set more obliquely. Long muscular body carried high on long strong limbs with large feet and tufted toes. Bushy tail but it could be a fraction longer. Dense coat with a woolly undercoat but the topcoat is not fully developed yet. Super nature and easy to handle.

3RD THOMAS'S SISKADELL DASHING DANDY (67 31) MN Norwegian Forest Cat

AV SLH NOVICE NEUTER

1ST STOKER'S JULESCOON RAMBO (64 41) MN Maine Coon

A red tabby boy of 2 years of a lovely rich colour. Balanced head of medium length & slightly longer than wide with a well-placed nasal bridge. High cheek bones, fairly full cheeks and uniform width to the nose. Broad square muzzle. Slight concave curve to the profile, good chin and level bite. Tall tapering ears with a broad base & set high but well apart, small tufts and long inner feathering. Good shape to his eyes but they are set a little deep and could be larger. Long rectangular body of a good weight with strong limbs and round feet. Reasonably long, flowing tail with profuse fur. Silky coat of a shorter length at present with some ruff. Classic tabby pattern with rich red markings on a bright apricot agouti ground. Butterfly & oyster markings present but he is a little solid down his back. Good head markings with a tabby "M" on the forehead, barred limbs and ringed tail with a red tip. Shown in lovely condition, a gentle boy though he wasn't keen on his neighbours.

2ND RAHMAN'S CANDYCOON CHEYENNE (64 41f) MN Maine Coon

A young boy of only 11 months but rather too well-fed, especially for his age. Broad head with a slightly long nose and only a very slight curve to the profile. Uniform width to the nose & squarish muzzle but his cheeks need to fill out. Level bite but shallow chin. His ears are set very wide apart and could be larger and he tends to flare them; small tufts. Deep set eyes that are rather small, they are set wide apart and slightly oblique but could be more expressive. Heavy body of rectangular appearance with strong limbs and long flowing tail. Dense coat with lots of undercoat, increasing in length down the body and shaggy belly fur. Warm overall colour of rich cream but not a lot of pattern on the body, the tabby "M" on the forehead and leg bars being the main evidence of a tabby pattern. A little shy and keen to get back in his pen, I feel he would benefit from slimming down a little.

AV BRITISH, FOREIGN, BURMESE & ORIENTAL NOT BRED BY EXHIBITOR MALE

1ST PALLISTER'S UK GR CH CHATHERA COOLCOLOMBO (27c) M Lilac Burmese

A mature boy of 7 years. Typical Burmese look, head a short blunt wedge with a gently rounded top and good width at the jaw hinge. Well-set ears and expressive eyes of chartreuse colour. Muscular body of medium length with a straight back & elegant limbs and tail to balance. Short fine & close-lying coat of a delicate dove-grey with a pinkish cast. Shown in super condition and very easy to handle.

2ND KIDD'S CH CATYKES EDWINSON (18a) M British Silver Spotted Tabby

A well-grown young man of only 13 months, a little adolescent but developing well. Round face with good breadth of skull. Quite small ears set wide apart and fitting into the contours of his head. Expressive well-opened round eyes of a golden colour. Strong muscular & cobby body with limbs & tail to balance. Dense crisp coat with a lovely clear spotted pattern of dark blue spots contrasting with the ground colour & silvery-white at the base. Shown in super condition.

3RD CHIVERS'S DEDANNAN TREASURE-ME (37n) M Oriental Caramel

AV BRITISH, FOREIGN, BURMESE & ORIENTAL MAIDEN KITTEN

1ST GEDDES & REDDEN'S MAUOLOGY DON'T STOP ME NOW (78 36) MN Egyptian Mau

A strong well-grown smoke boy of 7½ months. Typical worried look, head a slightly rounded wedge of medium length. Parallel nose & gentle curve to the profile. Well-set moderately large ears and rounded almond shaped eyes set straight under a level brow & of a good green colour already. Elegant & muscular body with muscular limbs & moderately long tail, thick at the base. Silky coat with a good spotted pattern though a little solid down his back, black markings with a silvery white at the roots. A very alert & playful kitten shown in lovely condition.

2ND MURRISH'S TENOAKS BEJEWELLED (20e) F British Tortie Spotted Tabby

A sweet girl of not quite 5 months. Rounded head with expressive round eyes, the colour developing with the promise of a good colour to come. Very dense but rather soft coat with a very attractive pattern of spotted tabby overlaid with shades of red. Well-marked limbs with attractive spotted paws.