

Durham County Cat Club 28.05.11

Mrs Val Anderson-Drew

Thanks to Lorraine and her team for the invite and to Heather McRae for stewarding & taking good care of me and the cats. I had an enjoyable day at the show though the journey home was rather eventful. The power lines were down in the Peterborough area and the advice at the station was to travel the next day! Despite these problems I managed to get home without too much delay though the streakers on the train from Waterloo were a new experience for me!

OPEN CLASSES

SNOW SPOTTED BENGAL ADULT FEMALE

1ST CC & BOB KEARNEY'S CHEYSULI GAELIC CHARM (76a 30) F 29.10.10

An elegant & muscular young girl of not quite 16 months with a lovely clear spotted pattern. Head a medium wedge slightly longer than wide with a large nose, broad rounded muzzle and pronounced whisker pads. Slight curve to the profile & level bite. Well-set ears that are not too large and pale green eyes of oval shape & set on a slant. Long neck & long muscular body with muscular limbs. Moderately long tail, it could be thicker at the base and it tapers a little. Short soft coat though ideally it could be more luxurious with large rosetted spots on a light tan base. Good head markings & complex "scarab" marking. Spotted tummy, broken necklaces on the chest and spots on her limbs. Ringed tail with a dark tip. Shown in good condition and easy to handle with a gentle nature though she moaned at her neighbours!

BROWN SPOTTED BENGAL KITTEN

1ST & BOB SWAN'S NORTHANGEL ARABELLA (76 30) F 30.09.10

A 7 month old kitten with a very attractive coat colour. Her head has good width between the ears but could be a little longer overall; her nose is a fraction short. Rather a deep curve to the profile, level bite but her chin could be a little deeper & stronger. Medium ears set wide apart, large eyes that looked rather full & round at first but better when she relaxed. Muscular body of a good weight for her size but perhaps she could be a little larger for her age? Muscular limbs of medium length & good tail especially for a kitten, of medium length with a thick base & only very slightly tapering. Soft dense coat with a rich colour to the body and desirable white tummy. Large rosetted spots on a golden base, the spine line is a little solid as yet. Spotted tummy. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

EGYPTIAN MAU KITTEN

1ST & BOB DAVISON'S TIGGERMAU TREACLE TART (78 30) F 01.01.11

A young kitten of not quite 5 months. Head a slightly rounded wedge of medium length with a rounded muzzle that flows into the contours of her head but the profile is a little straight. Almost uniform width to the nose. Well-set ears with a broad base & moderately pointed. Large eyes set straight beneath a level brow, the colour developing with green coming around the pupil. Graceful & muscular body of medium length with limbs & tail to balance. Super feel to the coat which lies close to the body. Clearly spotted with dark brown spots, the bronze ground colour still developing. Good head markings with lovely long "mascara" lines on the cheeks. Broken chest necklaces & well marked limbs. Her tail is banded on the upper side and has a dark tip. A sweet girl with a worried expression.

BROWN SPOTTED BENGAL NEUTER, FEMALE

BOB PHILLIPS' GR CH & GR PR MELKELTER MISSLEPIDINA (76 30) FN 27.05.08

A well-grown mature lady of 3 years. Broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide. Large nose but her muzzle is a little square. Concave curve to the profile & level bite. Moderately large ears with a broad base but they are rather tall. Large eyes, a touch full but of a lovely deep green colour and set on a slant. Long muscular body with limbs to balance & medium length tail that is thick at the base & only slightly tapering. Soft dense coat with large arrowhead spots & warm overall colour with paler underparts & lots of gold dusting. Ideally the pattern could be more distinct & some spots are linked. Spotted tummy, well-marked limbs and ringed tail with a dark tip. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

SNOW SPOTTED BENGAL NEUTER MALE

1ST PC & BOB KEARNEY'S CHEYSULI BOWLAND CHARMER (76a 30) MN 29.01.10

A large boy of not quite 16 months, well-grown, strong & masculine. Head a medium wedge longer than it is wide with a large nose & rounded muzzle though the profile is a little straight. Wide-set ears that are not too large & large oval eyes. Elegant & muscular body, long & sleek and of a good weight for his size. Muscular limbs of medium length & good tail with a thick base & only tapers a little. Soft, reasonably dense coat with lots of pearl dusting & clearly spotted with large arrowhead spots on a warm tan base. Spotted tummy & well-marked limbs & tail. Excellent condition & temperament. Gained the Best of Breed due to better overall balance than the girl.

SNOW SPOTTED BENGAL NEUTER FEMALE

1ST PC INGHAM'S CHEYSULI DIAMOND BRIGHT (76a 30) FN 09.02.10

A young girl of a similar age to the boy & with the same prefix but different parentage; well-grown, strong & muscular. Head a medium wedge slightly longer than wide with a large nose & rounded muzzle. Good profile, very strong chin & level bite. Well-set ears with a broad base but they are a little tall. Large green eyes of oval shape. Long body with limbs to balance & good tail. Short coat clearly spotted with dark brown spots on a tan base; the pattern is better on the right side, some linkage on the left. Complex scarab marking breaking up into spots on the shoulders and broken spine line. Spotted tummy. She was a bit of a grumbler but not a problem to handle.

LAPERM NEUTER

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

A young blue & white boy of only 11 months with a broad masculine head, a modified wedge with slightly rounded gentle contours. Broad muzzle with full whisker pads. Moderately large, cupped ears set slightly flared and following the lines of his head. Large almond-shaped eyes set wide apart and on a slant. Long muscular body with limbs & tail to balance. Long coat, slightly greasy & straighter down his back but with unstructured loose curls elsewhere. Plumed tail with a white tip. Attractive colouration of blue with a white inverted "V" on his face & white feet though of course no points for this. A gentle boy though he did have a bit of a grumble.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

AV SLH MEMBERS ADULT MALE OR FEMALE

1ST POOL'S SARMOYAH SUN GOD (13c7) M Cream Point Birman

A strong well-grown boy of only 10 months & of a good weight for his size. Broad head with a strong, rounded skull & medium length nose with a slight dip in profile. Level bite but his chin could be a fraction stronger & his cheeks need to develop. Medium ears set wide apart with attractive long streamers though I'm not sure if they count for anything. Large almost round, deep blue eyes. Strong body with thickset limbs & bushy tail. Beautifully

prepared coat with a silky texture. Pale body colour & cream points developing. Pure white feet markings, good gloves & socks but his right gauntlet is a little short. A gentle boy shown in lovely condition.

AV SLH NON-MEMBERS ADULT MALE OR FEMALE

1ST WAITE'S OLIROSE MYKIND OFGUY (64 41w) M Brown Classic Tabby & White Maine Coon

A handsome young man of only 15 months with a strong muscular body. Lovely broad head of medium length & slightly longer than wide. Uniform width to the nose & broad square muzzle. Gentle curve to the profile plus a small nose bump. Level bite. Large ears set wide apart, they could be a fraction higher but he can put them up. Large expressive eyes set wide apart. Long rectangular body with strong limbs and large feet. Long flowing tail. Well-prepared coat of a shorter length on the body at present. Classic tabby pattern, a little solid down the back. Warm colour to the base coat on the head, a little cooler on the body. White on his feet, chest & tummy as required.

2ND WHITBY'S SUCETTE SILVER SURFER (13c2) M Blue Point Birman

A young boy of only 11 months of a good weight for his size. Lovely type with a broad rounded skull though being adolescent he has a slightly feminine look and needs to mature. Medium length nose with a slight dip in profile though his chin could be a fraction stronger. Well-set ears of medium size and lovely expressive deep blue eyes. Strong muscular body with thickset limbs and a bushy tail to balance. Silky coat with a pale body colour and blue grey points developing. Pure white feet markings, the gloves don't quite match but good socks & gauntlets. A gentle boy shown in lovely condition.

3RD SMITH'S VONDARA LORBRITRUFFLE (66 31a) Blue Bi-Colour Ragdoll

A young girl of 11 months who had been nicely prepared. Broad head with a flat plane between the ears and expressive face. Cheeks developing and well-developed rounded muzzle. Medium length nose with a slight dip in profile, level bite but her chin could be a little stronger. Medium ears set wide apart with rounded tips & a slight forward tilt but sparse inner furnishings. Large, medium blue eyes set wide apart & slightly oblique. Long muscular body with medium length limbs of substantial bone. Quite bushy tail that could be a fraction longer for balance. Dense coat but rather short on the body at present so not the typical texture. Bluish white body colour with a patch of white on the back. Balanced inverted "V" of white on the face, white bib, chest & underparts, white front legs and back ones to the underbody. Bluish grey points developing. Shown in super condition with clean white. She had a bit of a grumble but was easy to handle.

AV SLH LIMIT KITTEN

1ST WHITTLE'S NOYNAROCK SIRTHOMAS (67 31) M Norwegian Forest

A well-grown black & white boy of 6 months. Triangular head slightly longer than wide with a long straight profile but his chin slopes away a little. Large tall ears, not rounded and with tufts though set a fraction close as yet. Large well-opened eyes that are a little full. Elegant body, strong & muscular with good bone development. Large round paws and long bushy tail. Coat length developing with a ruff & shirtfront coming, topcoat yet to develop but he is only young. A lively & alert boy shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

2ND SIMPSON'S SORAFEL CARROUSSEL (63s) F Usual Silver Somali

Nice look to this girl but unfortunately not very happy to be handled and only came out of her pen briefly and was not fully assessed. Her head is a moderate wedge but I would prefer more of a nose break in profile. Cupped ears set wide apart and expressive almond-shaped eyes. Black ticking developing on a silvery-white base with a creamy colour to the underparts and slight tarnishing on her back.

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

1ST LAMB'S GR CH NATANGO'S GHANIYAH OF GENIEMAU (78 30) F Bronze Egyptian Mau

A lovely mature girl of 3 years shown in excellent condition. Head a slightly rounded wedge of medium length with a rounded muzzle that flows into the contours of her head. Well-set ears and expressive green eyes set straight under a level brow. Strong muscular body with limbs & tail to balance. Lovely close-lying coat with a distinct spotted pattern on coppery brown agouti base and warm overall colour. Clear head markings, well-marked limbs and spotted tummy. Easy to handle.

2ND HENNESSEY'S ROCKYTOP ORABELLA (76 30) F Brown Spotted Bengal

A young girl of only 12 months with a lovely spotted pattern. Head a medium wedge slightly longer than wide though the profile is a touch straight and her chin could be a little stronger. Her ears have a broad base but are set a little low. Large green eyes that are a little full. Muscular body though difficult to see the length as she tends to curl up. Soft dense coat with distinct donut spots with a dark outline on a rich golden base. She was a little tense but handled OK.

3RD BUCKLEY'S LEONITARA GYPSY-ROSE (36e) F British Tortie Smoke

AV BRITISH, FOREIGN, BURMESE & ORIENTAL MEMBERS KITTEN

1ST DARLING'S FERGAN DIAMOND DIVA (16) F British Blue

A well-grown girl of 8 months. Lovely head with a round face & good breadth of skull. Rounded forehead, good nose break and short nose. Small ears set wide apart with rounded tips and large round eyes of a golden colour. Strong semi-cobby body with lovely bone development. Strong limbs and thick tail of medium length. Dense coat though a touch soft of an even blue colour. Super size & condition but rather naughty when handled.

2ND PROUT'S FERGAN COPPERFIELD (15d) M British Red

A slightly younger kitten of 7 months but with a long rangy body at present. Lovely head with a round face & good breadth of skull. Good chin & level bite. Neat ears set wide apart and large round eyes with a good gold colour developing. Strong limbs & thick tail of medium length. Dense coat though it is a touch long. Beautiful rich red colouration though rather a lot of tabby markings showing through.

3RD MCRAE & GABB'S CAGARAN BEANNACHD-FIONN (68 43fns) F Tiffanie

AV BRITISH, FOREIGN, BURMESE & ORIENTAL DEBUTANTE NEUTER MALE OR FEMALE

1ST HALL'S MELKELTER ZAROVSKINA (16a) FN Russian Blue

A large girl of 15 months, well-grown elegant & muscular. Nice head with large vertically-set ears, large expressive deep green eyes and prominent whisker pads. Long muscular body with limbs to balance & quite long tail that is rather thick at the base. Short coat of an even blue colour & reasonably plushy, just lying a little flatter down her back. A gentle girl who was easy to handle.

2ND HERRINGTON'S SUGARBOWL ALVIN ROJO (27d) MN Red Burmese

A strong muscular boy of only just 9 months. A young lad and his head needs to mature. Slight nose break in profile plus a nose bump. Well-set ears and large yellowy eyes that are a little full. Well-grown muscular body of medium length with limbs & tail to balance. Close-lying coat of a lovely tangerine colour. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

3RD FOX'S MAUOLOGY RUBY (78 30s) FN Silver Spotted Egyptian Mau

AV BRITISH, FOREIGN, BURMESE & ORIENTAL SENIOR NEUTER MALE OR FEMALE

1ST MCRAE & GABB'S GR PR DUSHENKA XARIABELLA (16a) FN Russian Blue

A mature girl of 3 years who shows herself very well with an elegant & muscular body. Lovely Russian expression, her head has a short wedge & prominent whisker pads. Well-set ears and almond eyes of a good green colour. Long body with limbs & tail to balance. Dense plushy coat of an even blue colour with a well-developed silvery sheen. Shown in lovely condition and later my choice for Best Foreign Exhibit. Congratulations!

2ND JOHNSON'S GR PR SUGARBOWL JOLANDA (27j) FN Lilac Tortie Burmese

A mature girl of 2 years with a beautiful coat. Lovely head, a broad balanced wedge with a blunt muzzle. Top of the head slightly rounded & distinct nose break in profile. Well-set ears of medium size and large expressive eyes. Hard muscular body of medium length with limbs & tail to balance. Short fine & close-lying coat with attractive colouration of lilac & shades of cream. A very sweet girl shown in super condition. Ran the winner very close.

3RD MCCOLL'S GR PR FERGAN DEVILS ADVOCATE (16) MN British Blue