

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports for Tonkinese Breed Club Show 30-May-2015

Thank you to Ian & Kathy for inviting me to judge at this double Tonkinese Show – which ran so smoothly. I am grateful to the exhibitors for trusting me with their lovely cats. It was especially enjoyable for me to be able to judge some of our Colourpointed and Burmese Colour Restriction Tonks after so many years; and a pleasure to see the new fawn and cinnamon colours. Such a pity there were fewer cats this year but everyone appeared to have a good time. Thanks to Coral Macey & her team for a great breakfast and lunch - much appreciated. A special thank you to Esther Anstice for stewarding for me and handling the cats so gently. I had a wonderful time, the show was a credit to the Show Team and those members of the Committees who worked so very hard!

BREED Class B11 – Tonkinese Colourpointed Pattern Kitten - Two in class. This was a close run result, both kittens were of such lovely temperament and beautifully presented.

1st & BOB - Goodburn's TONKYWAY SHEMARA (TOS a 33) F 04.12.14. Such a happy little creature. Overall impression of well-balanced Tonkinese type. Nicely rounded top of head between rather large but well-set ears, pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down toward the chin. Good medium wedge shape to head with a moderate muzzle and well-defined whisker pinch. Profile shows a slight nose break, level bite and firm chin of medium depth. Clear mid-blue eyes of good shape and set, upper line curving down to the nose with a more rounded lower line. A firm muscular body with strong limbs and well-shaped oval feet, the tapering and rounded-tipped tail balances the length of the body. Coat was short, soft and close-lying. A good example of a Colourpointed Tonkinese, clearly defined points of a rather dark blue with a cool white torso that is beginning to darken. Very faint ghost markings on forelimbs. The points all match in tone as do the blue-grey leathers. Lovely temperament and beautifully presented.

2nd – Mee's TIGERMIST KALEENA (TOS g 21 33) F 06.11.2014. Very pretty kitten. Overall impression of good Tonkinese type and a good example of a Colourpointed Tonkinese. Rounded top of head between ears of good size, and set well to balance the length of the head. She held her ears a little high but when relaxed the head is a good medium wedge giving the impression of an equilateral triangle when seen face on with a moderate muzzle and definite whisker pinch. Profile shows a slight nose break, level bite with medium depth chin. The nose has a little bump on it. The eyes are a gentle almond shape with a slightly more rounded lower line. The colour is a clear pale blue. The body shape is of good type and length with firmly toned muscles, rounded chest, straight and firm limbs with neat oval paws. The tail taper gently and balances the length of the body. The coat is soft and close-lying. The points are a fairly good mix of the dark blue tortie/tabby mingled with shades of cream. Although the tortie marking is not easy to see on the tail it is evident on the other points, particularly the head that shows a good mottled scarab, whisker spots, mottled ribbons from the eyes and mottling on the chin. Another kitten with a lovely temperament and in super condition.

Misc. Class B30 - Adolescent Adult - Two in class.

1st – Mee's VDMOZARTHOHE NO DOUBT (IMP) (TOS a 21 32) M 27.04.2014. Good overall impression of Tonkinese type and a cat of presence. On one side he has a girl showing definite signs of coming into season and on the other a mature entire male but, although he is a little grumbly, he is easy to handle. His head is a well-formed moderate wedge with a rounded top between well-spaced and rounded-tipped broad-base ears that are set so that the outer line followed the outer line of his head to the chin. The gently rounded forehead leads down to a slight nose break, the nose rolls off a little at the end, a level bite and a very slightly receding chin. A moderately long muzzle with a well-defined whisker pinch, neither rounded nor square. His eyes are held a little full today but the almond shape with a more rounded lower lid is still evident, the colour is a pale green-toned yellow. A large cat for his age, and heavy, but this does not detract from his overall balance. Strong body with rounded chest, firm limbs and oval-shaped feet, a tapering tail that balances his body length. Lovely soft fine and close-lying coat with a good expression of the BCR in the tabby pattern. The markings are a soft blue-grey and even-toned over the whole of his body, the scarab, eye ribbons, thumb-prints and rings are well defined over the agouti ground colour of glacial white, his blue-grey leathers all match in tone. In good condition and well presented.

2nd – Bernard's MIMAPERKS CHARLEY (TOS d 31) F 18.03.2014. Overall impression of Tonkinese type with correct coat-pattern. Just a little tense so not showing herself as well as I've seen her before but she is easy to handle. She has a very noisy neighbour. Rounded top of head between broad-based larger-sized ears, pricked forward and although she holds them a little high today the outer edge nicely follows the line of the head down to the chin. Gently rounded forehead. Profile shows a shallow nose break, with a slight bump on the nose, leading to a level bite with firm chin of medium depth. Viewed from the front the head shape is a balanced medium wedge with a moderate muzzle and clear whisker pinch; she is puffing her whisker pads so it makes them look more rounded than they actually are. The medium-sized yellow-toned green eyes are held a little open but when more relaxed they are well set and almond shaped with the upper lid leading down in

toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded. The longish firm body shows good balance, weighty and strong. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, strong and with neat oval feet. The gently tapering tail has a rounded tip and just balances the length of the body. The coat is soft and close-lying and of very nice bright red colour evenly covering the torso and points. Slight permissible freckling on nose, very faint tabby markings on forehead and the torso is beautifully clear of barring. Matching-toned bright pink leathers. A good example of a red BCR Tonkinese. A gentle cat, easy to handle and very well presented.

Misc. Class B32 - Senior Adult - Two in class.

1st – Bernard's IGRCH AMORCATZ JANE EYRE (TOS a 32) F 11-03-2011. I very much admired this female when I first saw her as a kitten and I'm delighted to see how well she has done since then. She has one of the best examples of a blue Tonkinese coat pattern that I've seen for a long time and I'm pleased to see that she has not lost her pattern in maturity, which sometimes happens with the blues. Overall impression of good Tonkinese type with correct coat-pattern. Rounded top of head between well-spaced and broad-based medium-sized ears with an oval tip, and pricked forward, with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin to give a medium wedge shaped head of gentle contours. Very slightly flattened forehead that doesn't detract from her overall appearance. Good profile with slight nose break leading to a level bite and firm chin of medium depth. Good moderate muzzle and defined whisker pinch, neither round nor square. The medium-sized eyes are a lovely almond shape with a more rounded lower lid, and well set, light bluish-green. Medium sized, muscular body and typically heavier than expected for her size, nicely rounded chest. Neat strong limbs and oval feet, tapering tail with a rounded tip balances the body length. Soft, sleek and shining coat with no sign of barring. A beautiful blue coat and an excellent example of the TCR with darker toning points merging softly with a lighter blue body colour that has attractive warm undertones. Leathers all matching in a blue-grey colours. Good temperament and very well presented. Very easy to handle, an affectionate and confidant girl. Many congratulations on deservedly winning BIS Adult and OBIS.

2nd – Singleton's TONKYWAY CHERTAN (TOS n 21 33) M 25.04.13. I very much liked the look of this cat at the same show in 2014, he has matured and darkened up quite a bit. He is a little reticent and prefers to be in his pen but of good temper and coped well with being next to another mature entire male and a female that showed signs of coming in to season. Overall he has retained his good Tonkinese type but his coat colour has darkened over most of his body and head which rather obscures his Colourpointed pattern. Rounded top of head between broad-based, ears; he kept his ears down most of the time but they appear to be well-set to suit the moderate wedge shape of his head. Forehead just a little flat leading to good profile showing slight nose break and level bite although teeth a little untidy, with firm chin of good depth. Viewed from the front the head shape is a balanced medium wedge with a moderate muzzle and a defined whisker pinch that is neither rounded nor square, his jowls combined with his tabby markings tend to make his muzzle appear to be a little finer than it is. His medium-sized eyes are well set and almond shaped with the upper lid leading down in toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded. The colour is a clear light blue. The large firm body shows good balance and strength, and is of a good weight and well-muscled; strong shapely limbs with neatly shaped oval feet. The gently tapering tail has a rounded tip and just balances the length of the body. The coat is soft and close-lying in most places, with a harsher texture over the spine. He is clearly a working male and his coat is accordingly darker than might be expected of Colourpointed tabby. The warmish seal-brown tabby markings were even-toned with pale cream ground colour. The agouti markings over his torso are quite heavy but the Colourpointed pattern can still be seen, he has a balanced scarab on the forehead that runs over the top of his head, clean spectacle markings around the eyes, spotted whisker pads and thumb prints on the back of his ears; his legs have toning darker seal brown stripes with even darker seal colouring on the underside of his paws and up his hocks, his tail is ticked with rings toward the end and a solid seal brown tip. The seal-brown and pink leathers match in tone. Good temperament, long sharp nails but otherwise well-presented.

Misc. Class B36 – Best Eye Colour - Two in class. This was an interesting class as one cat was BCR and the other Colourpointed. Both cats have good eye colour but I find the BCR Tonk to have slightly better eye colour for its coat-pattern.

1st - Mee's VDMOZARTHOHE NIGHTWISH TARJA (IMP) (TOS n 31) F 27.04.14. Overall impression of a very attractive, well-balanced Tonkinese type. Nicely rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-sized ears pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin. Gently rounded forehead. Profile showing slight nose break, with a noticeable bump on her nose, leading to a level bite with firm chin of medium depth. Although the muzzle appears to be a fraction short it is well shaped and there is a definite whisker pinch that is neither rounded nor square and when viewed from the front the head shape is overall the required balanced medium wedge. The eyes are a good almond shape with rounded lower lids, a beautiful rich yellow colour with a slight hint of green. The firmly-toned medium sized body shows good balance and strength with gently rounded chest and level flanks. The hind limbs are slightly

higher than the forelimbs, strong and with neatly shaped oval feet. The tapering tail has a rounded tip and just balances the length of the body. A glamorous female with a sleek, warm dark brown coat that is very soft, close-lying and glossy. The colour is generally even-toned with some slight darkening on the points, a very good BCR pattern. The matching leathers are of a warm seal brown colour. She is rather noisy and very much looks as if she is coming in to season, but easy to handle and a sweet disposition. Beautifully presented.

2nd – Phillip’s Ch LILYPUT PARMA VIOLETS (TOS j 33) F 26.05.14. A feminine and outgoing cat of good Tonkinese type with correct coat-pattern. Nicely rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-sized ears, slightly taller than wide and pricked forward, with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin. Gently rounded forehead and a profile that shows a slight nose break with the end of the nose rolling off a little; a level bite with chin of medium depth. Viewed from the front the head shape is a nicely balanced medium wedge with a moderate muzzle and clear whisker pinch that is neither rounded nor square. The medium-sized eyes are well set and with a slightly angular upper lid leading down in toward the nose, the lower lid is more rounded. The colour is a pretty clear light blue. The longish firm body shows good balance and strength, has a rounded chest and is well-muscled. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, slender and with neatly shaped oval feet. The tapering tail has a rounded tip and balances the length of the body. The coat is very soft, fine and slightly more plush than close-lying; a good pinkish-grey lilac-tortie colour with matching-toned points all well mottled with varying shades of warm cream. The cool off-white torso is clear of markings except for slight colouration along the rear of the spine, as may be expected. The leathers are pinkish-grey mottled with pink and match in tone. The coat has a very good expression of the Colourpointed pattern with clearly defined points. Good temperament and very well presented.

Misc. Class B60 – Breeders Neuter Male - One in class.

1st – Singleton’s TONKYWAY JANUS (TOS m 21 32) MN 02.05.14. What a striking cat. Overall impression of a very good Tonkinese type with correct TCR coat-pattern. Lovely head with a good rounded top between broad-based well-set ears, a little taller than wide, pricked forward and the outer line correctly following the shape of the head down to the chin to show a good medium wedge shaped head. Well defined correct length of muzzle and a well-defined whisker pinch. Good profile showing slight nose break leading to a level bite with firm chin of good depth. Medium sized eyes of good set and almond shape with a more rounded lower lid; very good greenish blue colour. The longish firm body with a rounded chest and level flanks shows balance and strength, slightly overweight but well-muscled. The limbs are strong and with neatly shaped oval feet. The gently tapering tail has a rounded tip and balances the length of the body. The coat is soft and close-lying. In colour the tones are very warm gold with no suggestion of the dilute, with a beautiful ticked-tabby pattern showing a very good merging of body colour with darker warm points. Clear ticking on the torso with distinct tabby markings on all of the points, scarab, spectacles and ribbons on the head will spotted whisker pads; clear stripes on the limbs and tail that has a solid warm dark tip. A very handsome cat of wonderful temperament and well presented. Although I believe this male to be a chocolate-tabby rather than a caramel-tabby his overall type and coat-pattern is too good to withhold his place in this class.

Misc. Class B61 – Breeders Neuter Female - One in class.

1st – Phillips’s Ch.& GrPr. LILYPUT DUCHESS KATE (TOS c 32) FN 31.05.12. A fine mature cat, a little unsettled and grumpy but handled easily. Overall impression of well-balanced Tonkinese type and the correct coat-pattern. Rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-sized ears pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin of medium depth. Good profile showing slight nose break and a level bite. Viewed from the front the head is a balanced medium wedge with a moderate length of muzzle and definite whisker pinch that is neither rounded nor square. The largish eyes, held rather open today, are well set and almond shaped with the upper lid leading down in toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded. The colour is a clear mix of blue/green. The moderately long firm body shows good balance, has a rounded chest, is of a good weight and in lovely condition. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, strong and with neatly shaped oval feet. The slightly tapering tail has a rounded tip and just balances the length of the body. The firm-textured coat is soft and fairly close-lying; of a good pinkish-grey coloured lilac with points that nicely match in tone. The points merge very gently with the warm magnolia body colour to give a perfect expression of the TCR pattern. Pinkish-grey leathers all match in tone. Well prepared and presented. I look forward to seeing her again on a day when she is more relaxed.

Misc. Class B62 – Non-Breeders Neuter Male - Two in class.

1st – Borman’s Pr. LILYPUT SHERBET FOUNTAIN (TOS m 32) MN 26.05.14. Overall good type and a good example of a blue-based caramel in the TCR pattern. Slightly rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set moderately large ears, pricked forward and with the outer edge nicely following the line of the head down to the chin. Profile showing very slight nose break leading to a level bite with chin of moderate

depth. Viewed from the front the head shape is a slightly long wedge with a moderate muzzle and a whisker pinch that is neither rounded nor square. The large lustrous eyes are well set and almond shaped with the upper lid leading down in toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded, held a little open today. The colour is a well-mixed clear blue/green colour. The long firm body shows good balance and strength, has a rounded chest and is of a good weight and well-muscled. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, slender and strong and with neatly shaped oval feet. The tapering tail has a rounded tip and balances the length of the body well. The coat is silky and close-lying with a lovely sheen. A clear-coated torso of warm-toned blue colour merges very well with the darker more blue-toned points that all match in tone. The matching-toned leathers are of a warm blue-grey colour. Very good temperament, lovely to handle and well presented.

2nd – Hazelden’s HYLILY KETH GIOVANI (TOS a 31) MN 14.06.14. A young cat with a kittenish demeanour. Overall good type but with a rather long head. Slightly rounded top of head, well-spaced and well-set large ears pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin. Profile showing shallow nose break leading to a level bite with firm chin of moderate depth. Viewed from the front the large ears and large eyes, that are held very full today, give the impression that the head is top-heavy; the muzzle is moderate but the, otherwise nicely-shaped, whisker pinch is a little fine giving the head a longer than medium wedge shape. The large eyes are well set with a curved upper lid leading down in toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded. The colour is a good yellow-toned green. The longish firm body shows balance and muscle-tone, and is of a good size and weight, the chest is rounded. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, slender and with neatly shaped oval feet. The slender tapering tail has a rounded tip and balances the length of the body well. The coat is in beautiful condition, very soft, close-lying and glossy; of an attractive dark slate-grey colour that runs evenly over the points and the rest of the body with a little warm lightening of colour toward the chest and belly, very faint barring on the hind limbs and the end of the tail. A nice example of the BCR pattern. The matching leathers are blue-grey. Superb temperament and a pleasure to handle, had a nice cuddle with him. Very well prepared and presented.

Misc. Class B63 – Non-Breeders Neuter Female - Three in class. It was a very close decision between first and second places.

1st – Hazelden’s GOLDENDRAGON ARIEL (TOS a 33) FN 29.04.14. A lovely blue Colourpointed female, alert and interested in her surroundings. Good overall balanced type. Rounded top of head between well-spaced broad-based large ears that pricked forward nicely, with the outer line of the ears correctly following the shape of the head down to the chin. Viewed from the front the proportions of the head showed a very good equilateral triangle, moderate muzzle and a definite whisker pinch that is nicely shaped being neither rounded nor square. Profile shows the required slight nose break to a nose that was otherwise beautifully straight with no bump or roll-off. A level bite and firm chin of good depth. Large eyes, well set and almond shaped with a more rounded lower lid, lustrous and clear blue in colour. The medium length slender body shows good balance and strength, and is of a good weight and well-muscled. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, slender, strong and with neatly shaped oval feet, the chest gently rounded and flanks level. The slightly tapering tail has a rounded tip and balances the length of the body. The coat is close-lying, silky and very soft. A very good example of a Colourpointed coat with clearly defined dense blue points contrasting well with the glacial white colour of the body. Points match well in tone, as do the bluish grey leathers. Slight shading on the flanks and lower spine as may be expected. Well presented, a sweet disposition and a beautiful tone of true blue.

2nd – Bernard’s GrCh.&IGrPr. COPERNICUS CHERRYBLOSSOM (TOS f 32) FN 23.05.06. A gentle and experienced exhibit with great charm. Overall impression of good Tonkinese type and mature TCR coat. A gentle curve to the top of her head between widely-spaced and moderately large ears, pricked forward, of good set to balance the moderate wedge shape of the head overall. Level forehead leads down to a correct slight nose break and profile shows a level bite and medium depth of chin. Moderate muzzle with well-defined whisker pinch that is neither rounded nor square. Eyes of good size and shape for her head, a gentle almond shape with a more rounded lower lid, the colour is pale green with a hint of blue. The large firm body shows good balance and strength, and is well-muscled. A rounded chest and level flanks, hind limbs slightly higher than the forelimbs, that are strong and with well-shaped oval feet. The slightly tapering tail has a rounded tip and nicely balances the length of the body. The coat is very soft, close-lying; the dark warm brown body colour, very well mottled with varying shades of light red, merges subtly with even darker points that all match in tone. The brown pink mottled leathers also match in tone. The coat has a good expression of the TCR pattern, which is not always evident in the torties. In beautiful condition, well-presented and a pleasure to handle. Many congratulations on deservedly winning BIS Neuter.

CNH – Borman’s GrPr. LILYPUT JAFFA CAKE (TOS g 32) FN 26.05.14

Misc. Class B95 – TBC Club Class Blue Kitten - One in class.

1st – Goodburn's TONKYWAY SHEMARA (TOS a 33) F 04.12.14. *See Report for Breed Class B11*

Misc. Class B101 – TBC Club Class Tabby (All Colours) Kitten - One in class.

1st – Singleton's TONKYWAY TSEEN SHE (TOS a 21 32) F 04.12.14. One of my favourites of the day. Overall impression of very good Tonkinese type with a beautiful and correct coat-pattern. Rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-sized ears pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin. Gently rounded forehead. Good profile showing slight nose break leading to a level bite with firm chin of good depth. Viewed from the front the head shape is a balanced medium wedge with a moderate muzzle and a definite whisker pinch of lovely shape, that is neither rounded nor square. The medium-large eyes are well set and almond shaped with the upper lid leading down in toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded; a well-mixed light blue/green colour. The slender firm body shows good balance and is of a good weight for her age and very well-muscled. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, strong and with neatly shaped little oval feet. The tail is slim and tapering but not whippy, it has a rounded tip and balances the length of the body well. The coat is soft, fine and close-lying and a very pretty spotted tabby pattern. The pale beige agouti ground colour is overlaid with warm-toned blue tabby markings of striking clarity – a clear scarab, spectacles, ribbons and whisker pad spots on the face with thumbs prints on the back of the ears, clear stripes on all limbs, rings on the tail with a solid tip, broken necklace and distinct spots on the torso. The tabby marking on the points match in tone and are a deeper colour than the torso markings giving a very good expression of a TCR patterned tabby. In lovely condition and beautifully presented. A lively and friendly nature, I envy whoever will own this gorgeous creature. Many congratulations on deservedly winning BIS kitten.

Misc. Class B107 – TBC Club Class Red, Cream or Apricot Neuter - One in class.

1st – Davies's EHWAZ FREYJA (TOS em 31) FN 25.04.12. What a lovely natured female. A little tense at first but very easy to handle and in beautiful condition. Overall impression of good Tonkinese type with correct coat-pattern. Slightly rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-large ears pricked forward and nicely following the outer line of the head to the chin. Profile shows the correct slight nose break leading to a level bite with firm chin of good depth. Viewed from the front the head shape is a well-balanced medium wedge with a moderately long muzzle that doesn't detract from the overall balance of the head, with a defined whisker pinch, neither rounded nor square. The medium-sized eyes are well set with a slightly angular almond shaped upper lid leading down toward the nose, the lower lid a little more rounded. The colour is a lovely rich amber yellow. The medium-long body is weighty with good balance and strength. A rounded chest with level flanks and the hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, strong and with neat oval shaped feet. The gently tapering tail has a rounded tip and just balances the length of the body. The soft coat is plush but close-lying; a lovely example of the apricot colour, clearly neither a red nor a cream, the hot-buff tones at the back of her ears and on her scarab were just like a ripe apricot, the colour on her head showed a clear metallic sheen. Good BCR coat-pattern, even colour tones over points and body, lightening toward the belly, the torso and limbs are very nicely clear of barring. The leathers are bright pink and match in tone with some very faint freckling on the nose leather. Good temperament and very well presented.