

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports for Tonkinese Cat 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 C9 – Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Caramel, Cinnamon, Fawn, Red, Cream or Apricot Kitten - One in class.

1st & BOB - Hunter's TALLICA CARDOMOM (TOS p 32) M 06.02.15. It was a pleasure to handle my first fawn Tonkinese, and find it to be such a good example of the breed. Just a baby but with good overall type, well-grown for his age but still with his kitten coat and playfulness. Good head shape with a rounded top between well-set broad-based ears of good size, pricked forward and set so that their outer line followed the head down to the chin to give the head an overall impression of an equilateral triangle. Good profile with gently rounded forehead, slight nose break leading to level bite and a firm chin of good depth, the end of the nose rolled-off; a moderate muzzle with a definite whisker pinch that looked a little square, I put this down to teething at this time. The medium-sized eyes are well set and a lovely almond shape with rounded lower lids; the colour being a pale bluish/green. The medium length sturdy body had a firm feel with obvious muscle tone, the tapering tail had a rounded tip and balanced the overall length of the body. The limbs were firm and well-shaped, with neat oval feet. The coat is soft and rich but close-lying, in a beautiful warm ivory tone with subtle pinkish mushroom points that very gently merge with the body colour. The colour of the points all matched in tone. The tail had very faint ghost rings but was otherwise clear of markings. The leathers were also of a pinkish fawn tone and all matched. This kitten was a pleasure to handle and of super temperament, presented in beautiful condition. One of my favourites of the day and I hope to see him as he matures. I was delighted to see him win Overall BIS, a credit to his breeder.

Misc. Class C23 – Breeders Adult Male - One in class.

1st – 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 C48 – Novice Kitten - One in class.

1st - Hunter's TALLICA CARDOMOM (TOS p 32) M 06.02.15. See report for BREED Class C9.

Misc. Class C67 – Adolescent Neuter - 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. Congratulations on winning BIS Neuter.

2nd – 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 C68 – Junior Neuter - One in class.

1st – Borman's GrPr. LILYPUT JAFFA CAKE (TOS g 32) FN 26.05.14. Overall impression of well-balanced good Tonkinese type with correct coat-pattern and lovely colour. However, I am sorry to say that she is in such a bad mood that I am unable to assess her properly. Well balanced head with a gently rounded top, ears held low most of the time so size and set wasn't easy to assess properly but when more relaxed they appeared to be well set, broad based and of medium-large size. Gently rounded forehead and profile shows the required slight nose break, very slight roll-off to the end of the nose. Viewed from the front the head shape is a balanced medium wedge with a moderate muzzle, unable to properly determine the whisker pinch, deep chin; unable to check how level her bite is but as she occasionally displays her teeth I can see they are clean and tidy. Eyes held open but when a little more relaxed the shape was seen to be a good almond with rounded lower lids. Very nice mix of blue and green in colour. The medium, firm body shows good balance and strength, and is of a good weight and well-muscled. The sturdy limbs end in 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 and a very attractive softly coloured blue tortie, well mingled with varying shades of cool cream. The darker toned points subtly merging with the lighter body colour in a good expression of the TCR pattern. I was unable to check all the leathers. Lovely condition and well presented, a very pretty cat that I hope to see again when she is more relaxed.

Misc. Class C69 – Senior Neuter - Two 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.

2nd – 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 C70 – Veteran Neuter - One in class.

1st – 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.

Misc. Class C79 – AC Adult - One in class.

1st – Bernard's IGrCh. AMORCATZ JANE EYRE (TOS f 32) F 11.03.11. 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. Congratulations on winning BIS Adult.

Misc. C127 HHP – Most 'Laid Back' Cat or Kitten. – One in class.

1st – Wilkinson's IGrMC SERENDIPITY, F 01.11.02. The only one in the class but the epitome of laid back! Just gorgeous and no mistaking this lovely girl who is a seasoned exhibit and always enjoys a cuddle, one of the most senior cats in the show and definitely not showing her age. Overall impression of very good Tonkinese type and mature TCR coat. A lovely rounded top of head between widely-spaced and moderately

large ears, oval tipped and pricked forward, of good set to balance the moderate wedge shape of the head. Gently rounded forehead leading down to a slight nose break, level bite and chin of good depth. 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 pale green with just enough of a hint of blue. The large firm body is well- balanced, strong and of good weight with firm muscle-tone. A rounded chest and level flanks, hind limbs slightly higher than the forelimbs, that are strong and with neatly-shaped oval feet. The 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 and bright red, merges well with darker points that all match in tone. The warm brown and pink mottled leathers also match in tone. I love her little dark moustache. The coat has a beautiful expression of the TCR pattern. In lovely condition, well-presented and always a pleasure to cuddle. Many congratulations on winning OBIS HHP.