

## Linda Vousden's Judge Reports Somerset CC 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Many thanks to Elaine & Lisa for inviting me to judge at this friendly and colourful show backed with the West Country CC show – and thank you for the delicious gift. I had a lovely day and appreciate the exhibitors' trusting their cats to my care. I was sorry not to see any Tonkinese, but it was nice to see several Snowshoes. I also thank my husband Mike for his usual gentle and efficient stewarding.

### Pedigree Section

**Breed Class 373 – Snowshoe Adult** – One in the class.

**1<sup>st</sup> CC & BOB, Morris's DESTRIER PRINCE CASPIAN (SNO n 05) M 22.12.17** – Overall good type, size and weight to this dark seal mitted male. Good medium wedge-shaped head with gently rounded contours and high cheeks. Rounded top of head between well-spaced and set medium-large ears, broad-based and pricked forward. Forehead slopes gently to the bridge of the nose which shows a slight change of direction and is then straight to the level bite and slightly shallow chin. Lovely vivid blue walnut-shaped eyes, slightly slanted up at the outer corner, set well apart and very expressive. Some jowling that doesn't detract from his head shape. Medium-long body with strong neck and deep chest, slender well-shaped limbs and oval feet, tail nicely thick at base gently tapering to rounded tip and balances body length well. Rich seal brown coat, slightly darker over the ears, mask and tail. Rather harsh and brindled over his back but I made allowances for the season; nicely resilient in texture. Over his right shoulder he has a well-healed wound leaving a small bald patch. His face has a very good inverted 'V' of clean white; from just above his brow running down over to his chin, almost perfectly symmetrical but for a slight drift of seal on his right whisker pad. Part of his chest and belly are white, he has matching white front mittens and matching white 'boots' running up just below his hocks. A very good example of a Snowshoe pattern. An attractive male with a wonderful temperament. Well-prepared and presented. I was delighted to award him his certificate.

### HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

**Imperial Class 938a – AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat Male** – One in the class and a worthy winner.

**IGMC Denslow's GMC PIPPIN (LH Chocolate Shaded Burmese Pointed) MN 4yrs** - such a beautiful cat. Extremely soft fur in a warm chocolate with evident shading, more semi-long than long-haired; beautifully groomed. A well-balanced head with medium large ears, good muzzle, gentle nose-break, level bite and soft yellow-chartreuse almond shaped eyes of a gentle expression. A good weight and firmly-toned body with a feathery tail to balance the length of his body. A very sweet and gentle cat. Very well-presented. I was delighted to award him his certificate and he was also my 'judge's choice'.

**Imperial Class 938b – AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat Female** – Three in the class.

**IGMC Judge's GMC PRINCESS ENIGMA (SLH Brown Spotted Tabby) FN 2yrs** – Lovely overall balance, tail just a fraction short for body length. Wedge-shaped head with large ears and attractive ear tufts, slight nose-break and level bite with medium depth of chin.. Lovely almond shaped eyes of a light yellow green. A rich warm brown coat with beautifully clear dark tabby markings. A very soft coat, beautifully prepared and presented. A gentle cat, easy to handle and very pretty.

**RIGMC Miller's GMC RUKI (SLH Brown Tabby) FN 3yrs** - Another attractive tabby. Long wedge shaped-head with large well-spaced ears, slight nose break and level bite, although with a quirky angled lower right canine tooth (very cute). Amber yellow eyes. Lovely soft and well-groomed coat. Well presented. A chatty and friendly girl who was a very close runner up to my first place.

**Grand Class 939a – AC Pedigree Pet Master Cat Male** – One in class.

**GMC Covell-Palmer's MC CARDAMOM (SH Chocolate Silver) MN 5yrs 10mth** – Very attractive, a beautiful soft warm chocolate ticked coat. Well-shaped short wedge to head with eyes, slightly tilted on the upper lids and

round lower lids, in a delicate pale green. Rounded brow, good muzzle definition, level bite, and medium chin depth. Lovely facial expression set off by his diffused scarab and faint cheek tracings. A good size and weight to his firm body, a strong tapered tail ringed with a suggestion of arrows down its length. He was not happy with his neighbour but was very loving to my steward and myself and easily to handle. Very nicely prepared.

**Grand Class 939b – AC Pedigree Pet Master Cat Female – One in class.**

**GMC Virtue's MC LOTTIE (SH Brown Tortie) FN 13yrs 7mth –** What a little darling. Actually not so little, she was a good size and still well-toned for her age. A short wedge-shaped head with a gently rounded top between medium well-spaced and forward pricked ears. Blunt muzzle, gentle nose-break, level bite and medium chin depth. Lovely green chartreuse eyes, slightly almond shaped upper lids and rounded lower lids. Soft plush coat of beautifully mingled rich warm brown and shades of red. Lovely facial markings. A very friendly female, well-presented and prepared. A real pleasure to handle.