

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports for Kensington Cat Club Show 11-July-2015

Many thanks to Kathy, June and Penny for inviting me to judge at the Kensington's first Godmanchester show, where we were very well looked after. Thank you to the exhibitors who allowed me to handle their lovely cats which, despite the heat, were graciously tolerant. As always I thank my husband Mike for his gentle handling of the cats and his excellent stewarding.

Pedigree Section

Breed Class 412 – Tonkinese Kitten - One in class.

1st & BOB - Bernard's AMORCATZ SHIVAMATIMBAS (TOS n 21 32) F 06.03.2015 Just old enough to attend her first show and clearly loved the experience. What a beautiful little creature, very good overall Tonkinese type with correct Tabby TCR coat-pattern. Gently rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-large ears, oval tipped and pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin, to give head a medium wedge shape, placed on an elegant neck. Good profile showing slight nose break leading to a level bite with firm medium depth of chin. Moderate well defined muzzle with whisker pinch that is neither too rounded nor square. The 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 already a strong well-mixed blue/green. The medium-long firm body shows balance, strength, lovely muscle-tone and is of a good weight for her age. The hind limbs are slightly higher than the forelimbs, 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, close-lying and of lovely colours. She has warm brown ticked tabby markings with all points toning nicely (the colour is warm enough to allow some darkening in maturity without becoming cold in tone), the underlying warm ivory agouti ground shows the subtle difference between the darker points and lighter tabby ticking on the body. The face is well marked with scarab, ribbons, nose spots and thumb-prints on the ears. The limbs and tail are well marked with rings and the leathers are a presently matching dark brown, with just the nose showing some pink tones. A lovely natured little female and a delight to handle. Excellent condition and presentation. I very much look forward to seeing how she matures. Many congratulations to breeder and owner; I see she went on to win BIS Foreign Kitten.

Breed Class 421 – Snowshoe Kitten - One in class.

1st & BOB – Gee's SAPPHIRESTAR ESKIMO KISSES (SNO a 05) M 31.03.2015. My first Snowshoe kitten and what a wonderful introduction. A confident friendly male of very good overall Snowshoe type, colour and well defined mitted coat-pattern. Rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-sized ears pricked forward and oval tipped. Gently planed forehead leading to a good profile showing slight nose break, a level bite with firm medium depth chin. Viewed from the front the head shape is a balanced and nicely rounded broad wedge with high cheek-bones, a moderate muzzle and definite, but not exaggerated, whisker pinch that is neither pointed nor square, set on a strong neck. The medium-sized walnut shaped eyes are well set the outer edge is in line with the base of the ear, the lower lid a little more rounded. The eye colour still has some kitten 'muddiness' but the blue is coming in nicely. The medium-long body shows balance and strength; he still has the 'relaxed' feel of a kitten but is of a good size and weight for his age. The hind limbs are slightly longer than the forelimbs, strong and with neatly shaped oval feet. The tail tapers very slightly and has a rounded tip, the length balances the body length well. The coat is soft, and slightly dense in texture, some areas just showing his kitten coat. The clean grey-blue colour of the points contrasts well with the bluish-white body colour and tones with the lighter grey-blue surface shading just visible on the flanks and rump. He is currently showing very faint traces of ghost barring. The mask is correctly restricted to the eye area and muzzle, with the chin being a clean white. The coat shows a good expression of the mitted pattern, with no more than a third of the overall coat being white. The grey-blue forepaws have clearly defined matching mittens of white that extend slightly up the back to the ankles, the hind limbs have matching boots of white extending up to the hocks. The chest and

underbelly are white. The matching toned leathers are pink. Very well presented. A handsome kitten with an outgoing and friendly disposition – a charmer that I hope to see again.

Household Pet Section

Class K929 Olympian Class – AV HP IGMC Female. Six in class. What a lovely class to start the day. Not an easy choice, but my first place girl just oozed friendly confidence – a perfect pet.

1st Olympian – Edmund’s IGMC SODA POP FN 6 yrs. Very friendly young lady, walked straight out on to the table for us to admire her. A pretty combination of blue and varying shades of cream on a soft flowing coat that was beautifully prepared. She has a medium wedge shaped head with neatly placed medium sized alert ears, a very feminine face with a little smudge of cream on her blue nose. Nice level bite and medium depth of chin. Strong firm body on slender legs with neatly shaped round feet and a beautiful feathery tail to balance the length of her body. Lovely china blue eyes. Very well presented. I’m quite envious of her owner.

2nd Res. Olympian – Tolhurst’s OBIGMC HEIDI FN 13 yrs. Gentle and easy to handle although she preferred to be curled up in her pen on this hot day. A round head with neat little ears and a pretty face. A lovely soft short coat, very well prepared, clear tortie and tabby markings of nice bright black, red and white colours set off by large deep yellow eyes. The mature amplitude of her frame gave her tail the appearance of being shorter than it actually is, but overall her body had a good feel to it. A well-presented dear little lady.

Class K930a Imperial Class – AC Non-Pedigree GCM Male. One in class.

1st Imperial – Ashman’s GMC JASPER MN 4yrs 7months. A very handsome, large SH Ginger male. Well presented. Not at all happy with his neighbours, which made him difficult to assess fully but he was more relaxed in his pen. Good rich red classic tabby markings over a slightly lighter warm ground colour. Medium length broad head with medium sized ears, good muzzle, medium nose break and level bite with medium deep chin. Lovely orange yellow eyes. A large strong body on firm limbs with a tail length to balance. A very attractive cat and well presented.

Class K930b Imperial Class – AC Non-Pedigree GCM Female. One in class.

1st Imperial – Beckett’s GMC DUSKY ROSE FN 1yr 4months. I remember seeing this very feminine girl when she was just a kitten and she has developed beautifully, with fine blue mackerel tabby markings over varying shades of cool cream with a pale cream bib, tummy and mittens. Delicate facial features set off by lustrous yellow/green eyes and a pink nose. Firm medium length body with slender legs and neat little paws with pink leathers, tail length balances body nicely. Coat texture springy and a little harsh but well presented. She was slightly concerned about her neighbours but handled easily. A sweet girl.

Class K941a Grand Class – AC Pedigree Pet GMC Male. Five in class, and what a handsome set, it was a close thing between my two winners.

1st Grand Master Cat – Gee’s MC GEM MN 2yrs. I loved this very large friendly male. He came straight out on to the table and didn’t want to go back again. His moderate, broad wedge-shaped head has high cheekbones and is gently rounded on all planes, the wedge nicely framed by his medium large oval tipped ears. A defined muzzle and slightly rounded whisker pinch. A slight nose break, disguised by a bit of a bump, a level bite and medium depth of chin, with a little smudge of white on his nose. Gentle china blue eyes. The warm rich chocolate colour of his points tones beautifully with the golden ivory colour of his strong firm body leading to the white of his chest and tummy. His fur is soft and rich to the touch. Strong sturdy limbs with oval, white mittened forepaws and hind limb boots. A slightly tapering tail that just balances the length of his body, ending in a little kink. This lad oozes charisma. In superb condition and very well presented.

2nd Res. Grand Master Cat – Hope’s MC BUTTONS MN 1yr 11months. An elegant young semi-longhaired male, beautifully prepared. A medium wedge shaped head with alertly pricked ears. Lovely rich blue eyes set off his dark chocolate, toning points that contrast well with his warm ivory coat, showing a few slight tabby markings (scarab and tail). He has a good level bite and firm chin. The medium long body is sturdy and of good weight. His fur is very soft and flowing with a feathery tail. In lovely condition, well presented, easy to handle and a pleasure to do so.

Class K941b Grand Class – AC Pedigree Pet GMC Female. One in class.

1st Grand Master Cat – Scullard’s MC DOTTY FN 7yrs. Good natured little female who looks younger than her age. Excellent clear black spotted tabby markings over a silvery agouti ground. Round head with neat little ears and a short muzzle. Level bite, missing a few small teeth, medium depth of chin. Lovely clear yellow eyes giving her a sweet expression. Medium length sturdy body on slender limbs with neat feet, slightly tapering tail to balance body length. Well-groomed and presented, and a pleasure to handle.

Class K938a Open Class – Non-Pedigree SH Ginger of AP or AC Tortie/Tortie-Tabby Male. Two in class both for BIC only.

Class K938b Open Class – Non-Pedigree SH Ginger of AP or AC Tortie/Tortie-Tabby Female. Four in class, three of which are for BIC only.

1st MC & BIC – Hutchinson’s COSETTE FN 11 months. Against a very strong class this girl stood out for me, what a beauty. Very striking tortie pattern with clean colours, deep velvet black over bright reds and snowy white, with a white nose ending in hot pink, and with pink and black paw pads. A medium wedge shaped head set with green eyes. Level bite and medium depth chin. Lovely soft and close-lying short coat beautifully presented. She has a good firm feel to her slender body, strong legs with neat white-mitted feet, and gently tapering tail to balance her body length. A lovely natured girl in excellent condition.

Class K942 Open Class – Pedigree Pet LH/S-LH Self (Single Colour) With or Without White Cat. One in Class.

1st MC & BIC – Hallam’s GEORGE MN 7Yrs. A large longhair red and white bi-colour lad with nice clean patches of each colour over his head and body. A gentle giant of a cat who would have presented better with a little more grooming. Short muzzled with pricked alert ears. I was sorry to see a slight opaqueness in each of his deep gold eyes but it did not appear to bother him as his eyes were clean and bright. Good weight and very good natured, not at all phased by the heat of the day.

Class K947a Open Class – Pedigree Pet SH Self (Single Colour) Male. One in Class for BIC only.

Class K947b Open Class – Pedigree Pet SH Self (Single Colour) Female. One in Class for BIC only.

Two beautiful cats competing for BIC, of the same breed, and I’d be happy to have either on my lap.

BIC – Timberlake’s GMC CHEZACER MN 13yrs. I love this big old boy whom I’ve had the pleasure of cuddling on several occasions. Good short wedge shaped head with neat ears, rounded muzzle, long whiskers and the lovely golden eyes. Large firmly-toned cobby body with straight back, rounded chest, strong limbs and neat feet, slightly tapering tail balances the length of his body well. Short-haired even-toned rich brown coat gleaming with health, moulting a little in the heat. He happily lay on my table to be admired and stroked. Lovely condition and a wonderful temperament. Beautifully presented and a real pleasure to handle.