

## Linda Vousden's Judge Critiques for Kensington Cat Club Show 26-July-2014

Very many thanks to Kathy, June and Penny for inviting me to judge at this my first all-breed engagement; and thank you to the exhibitors who allowed me to handle their cats. The show was friendly and very smooth running despite the extreme heat of the day. Cats were all on good behaviour - I had a lovely time and enjoyed the gift when I got home! My day was made even better for the company of my excellent husband/steward, Mike.

**Open Class 352a – Tonkinese Kitten Male** - One in class.

**1<sup>st</sup> - Capeling's TONKAHOLICS LIGHT FOOT (TOS e 32, 74f) M 24.01.14.** First overall impression was of a nicely balanced juvenile of Tonkinese type, and very well grown since I saw him a couple of months ago. His head was slightly long but of good shape and balance, good level bite, chin firm and good depth. His nose looked long and straight from the front view, but the muzzle was a good width and the whisker pinch not exaggerated. The nose break was just a little shallow, but no bumps or roll-off. His top of head was nicely rounded with ears of good size, shape and set (he had a small, healed scratch on right ear). The head was the desired shape and proportions when viewed face on. The size of his eyes were correct for his head, a good almond shape with rounded lower lids and upper lids slanting down toward the nose; eyes were mainly a green chartreuse shade but with a blue toned inner ring. The body was a very good size, shape and weight with well-toned muscles. The limbs were straight and firm with large but neat oval paws, the tail tapered slightly at the end and balanced the length of the body. The coat was very soft and close lying, a lovely texture. The coat has coloured up since I last saw him but is virtually free of tabby marking that might be expected in this colour, just showing a few faint partial rings on his tail and a suggestion of a scarab on his forehead. The points matched in tone but behind the ears and over the forehead they were a rather warm tone for cream, the leathers were also quite a hot tone. In coat-pattern, the colour was rather even-toned but the points were darker than the body colour and merging. A good natured youngster, just a little disturbed by his neighbours but easy to handle. Excellent condition and presentation. I look forward to seeing how he matures.

**Open Class 352b – Tonkinese Kitten Female** - One in class.

**1<sup>st</sup> & BOB – Richards's TONKAHOLICS DREAMCUMTRU (TOS g 32, 74g) F 25-02-2014.** A beautiful kitten of lovely overall Tonkinese type. Good size for her age, possibly a little light weight at present but in very good condition. Head was a good medium wedge with rounded top, slight nose break, level bite, showing signs of teething still, chin of good depth just slightly receding. Medium to large oval tipped ears, broad at the base, well-spaced and set to give the head the impression of a perfectly equilateral triangle when viewed face-on. Good width to muzzle with correctly balanced whisker pinch. Lovely almond-shaped eyes with upper lids gently slanting down toward the nose and more rounded lower lids, good size to balance her face, in a beautiful strong blue-green colour. A firm, strong body set on good straight limbs, feet oval. The tail was a good length to balance her medium to long body, slender but not whippy, and correctly tapering. Her coat-pattern was an excellent example of a tortie TCR; the colour was a soft blue well mingled with cool-toned cream, darker on the points and merging well with the lighter shades on the torso. The coat was very soft and close lying with a healthy sheen. In good condition and well presented. A very pretty kitten with an outgoing and friendly disposition – a real charmer that I hope to see again.

**Open Class 812 – AOC Colour or Pattern Cat With or Without White** - For Best of Colour Only.

**BOC – Winn's GrMC BERTIE MN 3 Yrs. Black Golden Shaded LH.** Beautifully groomed. An easy going cat with a sweet face, pale gold eyes and wonderful drooping whiskers. A well balanced, strong lad with a soft coat of rich gold shaded with deep seal-black. Easy to handle and well presented.

**Open Class 823 – Ginger (Any Pattern) or AC Tortoiseshell Kitten With or Without White** - One in Class.

**1st – Beckett’s DUSKY ROSE F 5 Months. Blue Tortie SH.** An adorable kitten. Very friendly and outgoing, clearly not at all phased by being shown. A good sized young female with a strong firm body. Her eyes were greenish gold and her soft blue and cream tortie-tabby markings covered a springy coat that had the look and texture of a LaPerm. The colour was set off by white socks, bib and tummy – and a vibrantly pink nose. In lovely condition and well-presented, I hope to see her again.

**Open Class 836 – Tabby Cat of any Pattern (excl. Ginger & Tortie) With or Without White** - For Best of Colour Only.

**BOC – Roger’s MC DUKE DIPSTICK MN 2Yrs 11Months.** A Silver spotted Tabby SH. Very impressive lad of excellent size and muscle-tone. Medium wedge shaped head, holding his ears low. Eyes of green chartreuse; clear silver tabby spotted markings with a slight brownish tinge in some areas. A very soft close-lying coat, well balance body. Good condition, well presented, easily handled and had a lovely purr.