Linda Vousden's Judge Reports Cambridgeshire Cat Club Show 30th March 2019

Many thanks to Sally for inviting me to judge at this friendly show – and to her most efficient team. I love the new venue, and lunch was delicious. I had a wonderful day with so many excellent cats to handle (cuddle really). Such a shame the hold up on the M25 resulted in a number of exhibits not arriving. Of course, I also thank my husband Mike for his gentle and efficient stewarding. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Misc. Class C764, AV Section 4 Breeders' Adult – two in class

1st Bandy's GrCh TROIKA BYLINA (RUS a) F 01-06-2015 Overall impression of a nice little female of correct type with good balance. Good head, short wedge with well-define muzzle, medium large ears held almost vertically, and lustrous almond-shaped green eyes. In profile has flat top of head sloping to brow, straight nose, level bite and firm chin. Coat good blue colour, faint rings on tail, plush with some resilience. Good temperament, lovely condition and well presented.

2nd Leggett's YESSO PANDORA (AZT bs) F 20-03-2018 (Extended critique for BAC)

A striking girl who emerged from her blankets to show a wonderful classic tabby pattern. Her head is a modified wedge, a little longer than wide and just a little narrow at her rounded cheeks. She has large, broad based, rounded tipped ears that are set well at an angle of 45 degrees, pricked forward giving an alert expression – she was holding them rather high when I first saw her but they looked better later in the day. The top of her head is gently rounded and gradually slopes down to her brow. In profile her nose shows a slight dip, it then runs in a straight line to her level bite and level firm chin of medium depth. She has a medium whisker pinch and a moderate muzzle that looked just a little fine but still nicely squared rather than rounded or pointed. Her eyes are a lovely rich amber-gold of a good almond shape set with a slight upward slant toward the base of the ear. Her strong neck is elegant, and her chest broad and of good depth. Overall her long slender body is heavy with good muscle tone; her long tail tapers slightly to a rounded tip and balances the length of her body. She has firm, straight limbs with well-shaped and spotted oval feet. Her coat is close-lying and like satin to stroke, a dark warm chocolate laid on a pale silvery cream agouti ground. The ground colour is clean and untarnished but for a very slightly warmer tinge on her face and base of her ears. Her leathers are a dark chocolate and her pink nose clearly outlined in chocolate. Her head markings are well defined with a clear 'M' in her scarab, mascara lines around the eyes, eye and cheek ribbons, clear whisker spots, lines running from her scarab over the top of her head to her shoulders and thumb prints on the back of the dark chocolate ears. She has a couple of well-defined broken necklets. Her tail is well ringed with a dark chocolate tip. Her forelimbs are well-striped in dark chocolate. She has a large and beautiful 'butterfly' pattern over her shoulders from which three parallel stripes run along her spine to her tail. She has clear stripes and whorls of chocolate over her torso, a well-defined 'oyster' mark on each flank. Her 'butterfly' and 'oysters' show just a touch of agouti invasion. The markings on either side of her torso match well. Her paler underbelly shows clear spotting. The combination of head type and her tabby pattern presents a notable 'wild' impression. A little nervous but easy to handle and was much more relaxed later in the day; well-prepared, presented and in lovely condition.

Misc. Class C775, AV Section 4 Visitors Adult - one in class.

1st Cooper's Ch SITHEE FLYING SOLO (RUS a) M 05-05-2017 – A good looking young male of good type, balance and coat. Head a short wedge with well-set medium large ears; nose-break a little shallow, level bite and firm medium depth chin. Beautiful green eyes. Long, slightly slender body, balanced by tail length. Coat good blue, undercoat a little lighter, texture good being soft and resilient. Wonderful temperament, lovely condition and well-presented.

Misc. Class C780, AV Section 4 Maiden Kitten - one in class.

1st Bandy's TROIKA ALOYSHA POPOVICH (RUS a) MK 09-08-2019 — A good sized young male with a superb temperament. Overall good type and balance, well defined short wedge-shaped head, large ears of good ear set. Vibrant almond shaped green eyes. Very slight barring evident on torso and tail, but he has time for his coat to mature and improve, good blue colour, silky and plush. Good condition and well-presented. A pleasure to handle.

Misc. Class C788, AV Section 4 Debutante Neuter - one in class.

1st Irwing's ADJULFO RAMA (TOY) MN 10-01-2017 – A most impressive and huge male. Strong, beautifully marked (a combination of classic and mackerel tabby). Bite just a little untidy. Superb soft textured coat of warm bright colours setting-off his clear green eyes. Lovely temperament (thank heavens), good condition and well-presented

Miscellaneous Class C798 AV Section 5 Adult – two in class

1st Brimsden's GrCh GOSSAMYST YANI QLANCY (AUM n 24) 07-09-2012 – (Extended critique for BAC)

I was completely smitten with the temperament of this large male, very friendly and gentle. Overall impression of good type, balance and coat-pattern. A moderately short and gently rounded wedge-shaped head, with a rounded top of head between broad-based medium-large ears that have rounded tips and are nicely pricked forward. He held his ears a little low when out of the pen (so very relaxed) but a good ear set could be seen when he was a little more alert back in his pen. Looking face on he has a good broad straight nose, blunt muzzle and defined whisker pinch. He has heavy jowls that do not detract from the overall balance of his head. In profile he has a slight nose dip, level bite and firm chin of medium depth. Light yellow-toned green eyes of good shape, a more rounded lower line and upper line curved gently down toward the nose. A large, heavy and firm-toned body with a strong neck, a broad and deep rounded chest; strong medium-slender legs and tidy oval feet. His tail is thick at the base and slightly tapers to the tip, it looks just a little short for his large heavy body, a very dark brown but still showing some agouti. His short coat is soft with a resilient texture, not fluffy. His warm dark brown spotted tabby pattern lays over and very light warm beige agouti ground and clearly shows the typical tabby markings; a clear M shape and scarab on the forehead, parallel eye and cheek ribbons, spots on the whisker pads, thumbprints on the back of the ears, broken necklets, dark hocks, barring on the upper limbs. Each side of his torso shows a nicely symmetrical brown spotted pattern with full agouti invasion giving the desired 'mist' effect, his underbelly is also spotted. The tail is ringed in the darkest colour and has a solid tip. He was so relaxed, purring all the time, I actually had to peel him off my shoulders to put him back in his pen. Well-presented and a joy to handle.

2nd **Giles's ROSSIKHAN STARRMAN (BUR b) M 17-05-2018** Appealing young chocolate male. Overall impression of good size weight and balance for his age. Nicely balanced head with a short wedge, wide cheeks with his wedge narrowing to a rounded blunt muzzle. In profile a rounded brow, slightly shallow nose—break, straight nose and level bite. Medium large ears well-set. Well-spaced eyes, a rich yellow colour, holding them rather open and round today. Light warm chocolate coat with darker extremities, just a touch patchy in places on his tail; soft and close lying. A gentle male in good condition and well-presented.