

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports Essex Cat Club Show 8th April 2017

Many thanks to Caroline for inviting me to judge at this especially friendly, and efficient, show again. I also thank my husband Mike for his gentle stewarding. I had a lovely time, such beautiful cats – and we both enjoyed the gifts, thank you.

BREED Class 464 – Tonkinese Neuter - One in class, entered for BOB only.

BOB – Macey's IGrCh & Pr FEHELDEE DAISIEMAY (TOS k 32 (74p)) FN 01.12.2006. A beautiful example of a well-balanced Tonkinese. This girl just oozes calm and confidence, sitting upright in her pen waiting to be admired. Very good moderate wedge shaped head with gently rounded top between well-set broad based ears with oval tips and pricked forward; an elegant neck. She has a slight nose break, level bite and medium depth of chin; her muzzle is slightly longer than wide and neither pointed nor square shaped with a nicely defined whisker pinch. Her almond shaped eyes are well-shaped and set with a beautiful balance of blue/green eye colour. Her medium long body rises gently toward the rump and stands on firm straight legs with neat oval-shaped paws. Her tail nicely balances the body and tapers gently to a rounded tip. She has good muscle tone and weight for her age. Her coat is fine and close-lying and is an excellent example of a blue-based caramel tortie TCR with good mingling of shades of apricot and caramel all over the coat and showing slightly darker tones to the gently merging points colour. Her leathers match in tone. A very stylish and friendly cat with presence, well prepared and presented. Worthy of her BOB.

HHP OPEN Class 975 – SH SC Tabby Cat (Except Red or Tortie) of Any Pattern – One in class.

1st MC & BIC – Holden's CARNIE (SH Brown Spotted) MN 3yrs. A very striking and handsome large male. A moderate wedge-shaped head with broad-based medium sized ears. Lovely gooseberry-green eyes. Slight nose break, level bite and medium depth of chin. Heavy strong body but elegant, with a tail to balance the length, just tapering slightly to a rounded tip. His coat is particularly soft and sleek. He has a warm brown agouti ground to his coat with darker warm spots, and a white chin. He is not particularly happy today but reasonably well-behaved. Well prepared and presented. I hope to see him again on a more relaxed day.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

Class 781 – AV Foreign Adult – Three entered, one absent.

1st – Alger-Street's TYPHAST FAIRFLORENCE (BEN n 24 (76 30) F 30.05.2016. An absolute sweetheart who actually smells faintly of roses. Good moderate rounded wedge shaped head with a gentle curve to the cheek, well-set broad-based medium large ears with oval tips, level bite and medium depth of chin. Lovely open almond eyes of still developing colour (presently a little muddied yellowish green), A strong elegant body on straight legs with oval feet. Good length of tail, broad at the base and very slightly tapering to a rounded tip. A super coat dense and soft in a warm rich brown with beautifully defined rosettes and a nicely spotted tummy; clear markings - spots on whisker pads, ribbons, scarab, mascara effect around the eyes and thumbprints on her ears. A lovely natured little girl that I would have been happy to pocket away with me. Very well prepared and presented.

2nd – Bailey's KORAG QUEEN KHALEESI (KOR (34) F 10.11.2015. Overall impression of a Korat but appears to be rather small and quite kittenish in appearance still. Nicely shaped head with well-set medium ears, a fairly strong bump on her nose, level bite, well-shaped yellowish-green eyes. She has a rich dense soft coat of dark silver-tipped blue. Unfortunately she isn't happy to be handled today. Well-prepared and presented.

Class 792a – AV Foreign Adult Not Bred By The Exhibitor, Male – Two entered, one absent.

1st Brimsden's GOSSAMYST YANI QLANCY (AUS n24 (85 30)) M 07.09.2012. A friendly large male, showing the temperament that I have come to expect of this breed. He wrapped his front paws around my neck for a cuddle. Good breadth to his medium short head, with well set and spaced ears. Nicely rounded top to his head. He has a gentle dip in profile with the nose continuing straight to a level bite and medium depth of

chin. Broad rounded muzzle, fairly heavy jowls that don't detract from the overall shape of the head. Open, but not round, eyes of a pale creamy yellow. Lovely gentle expression. Soft dense coat, warm brown agouti ground with well misted spots of darker brown. Medium length body, just lacking a little muscle tone in the flanks, typical of a working male; strong legs and feet, rounded tipped tail of good length to balance the body. Very well prepared and presented – a real pleasure to handle!

Class 792b – AV Foreign Adult Not Bred By The Exhibitor, Female – Four entered, one absent.

1st Mires's GrCh STARSHADOW SILKEN SMOKE (MAU ns (78 36)) F 30.03.2014. A sweet little girl with the softest coat. Her head is a moderate, gently rounded wedge with medium large ears well pricked forward. In profile she has a slight dip to the nose, a level bite and a medium depth of chin. Her well-shaped eyes are a lustrous gooseberry green with a hint of yellow, set under a level brow giving her the typical Mau expression. Well balanced elegant body on straight limbs with tidy oval feet, her tail tapers slightly to a rounded tip. Her coat is dark charcoal grey showing her tabby markings just slightly, the undercoat is a lovely clean silvery white – the smoke effect is very attractive. She has a few stray white hairs on her back. Gentle little cat, well presented and prepared.

2nd Goodburn's RAINBOWSEND BRIGADOON (SOK n 22 (88)) F 17.09.2015. A very attractive cat that is a good example of the breed. A neat wedge shaped head on a slender neck with long slim body, straight limbs and a slender tail that tapers to a point. A warm bronze brown agouti ground with dark brown tabby markings. Eyes are yellowish-green. The coat is fine and close-lying. Unfortunately she is not at all happy today and doesn't want to be handled. Very well presented and prepared.

3rd Hope's TYPHAST XENA (BEN n 24 (76 30)) F 09.03.2016. An attractive young cat with a lovely clear patterned coat. Nice overall type. Head just a little narrow, eye colour still developing (a little muddy looking at present). Good muscle tone but a little small for her age. Needs more time to fully develop. Good natured, well presented and prepared.

HHP Class 982 – Veteran Cat Over 7 Years Old – Four entered and present. A class of distinguished and very strong contenders for first place. It took quite some time to place them.

1st Ellis's IGMG TEDDY (SH Chocolate, pedigree pet) MN 11yr 9months. I've fallen in love with this gentle giant. In excellent condition, good weight and muscle tone, fabulously soft shining warm chocolate coat. He has a lovely gentle expression in his amber green eyes. I love his long snaggle canines, which he showed off beautifully when he allowed me to hold him like a baby in my arms. His purr rumbles continuously. What more could you ask for in a pet?

2nd Tolhurst's OSIGMC HEIDI (SH Tortie-Tabby & White, non-pedigree pet) FN 15years. I've always liked this sweet natured lady who looks so well for her age. A sleepy girl today, disinclined to unwrap but always easy to handle. She has the gentlest large expressive chartreuse eyes. Her rich coat is soft and has lovely bright clean white, red and black calico patches. Beautifully prepared and presented. It is a pleasure to see her again.

3rd Semos's IGMG KATIE (SLH Seal-Point, pedigree pet) FN 10years. Pretty as a picture and flirty with it. Stunning blue eyes that I swear she just batted at me. Soft floaty coat of warm ivory with rich-seal points, shedding quite a bit but in good overall condition for her age. Lovely natured girl, well presented.

Extra 3rd Scullard's MC BEVAN (SH Blue Eyed White, pedigree pet) MN 9years. A real teddy-bear of a cat. A little shy otherwise I would have been very happy to give him a good long cuddle! Nice cobby type of good weight and size, strong round head with neat little ears. His coat is a wonderfully plush soft white, well covered all over including the backs of his ears. His eyes are a lovely light china blue colour. Sweet natured, easily handled and well presented.

HHP Class 986 – Most Handsome Male Cat or Kitten – Two entered and present. A very close result.

1st Robinson's FERDINAND MIKA (SH Lilac, pedigree pet) MN 4years. A beautiful cat with a coat of misty blue-toned lilac points gently merging with a pale warm ivory body, soft close-lying fur that was a joy to handle. The most beautiful lustrous almond shaped eyes of pure aquamarine. Good weight for his size but

not plump. He came out a purred like a little traction engine. Beautifully prepared and presented and a pleasure to handle.

2nd Hampshire's IGMC BEAU BAGGY BAGGINS (SLH Seal-Point Bicolour, pedigree pet) MN 2years 1 month.

Another lovely large male; and again the most wonderful temperament. He has a tiny pip at the end of his feathery tail. His plush soft coat is groomed to perfection and wafts gently as he moves around in his pen and on the table. He has rich warm seal brown points contrasting well with his almost pale gold ivory body. His gentle face is set with sparkling eyes the colour of water sapphires. Lovely to handle and perfectly presented.

HHP Class 994 – Cat or Kitten Living With A Pedigree Cat – Five entered and present. A very difficult choice of stylish cats, the result could easily be shaken around on a different day. Thank you to the Show Manager for allowing extra places!

1st Sale's BEEFEE (SLH Cream & White, pedigree pet) MK 4months. What a lucky owner, this little lad must be the baby of the show today but he has such self-assurance and utter charm that you'd think he was an old hand at being shown. I want him! Chatty and purring hard enough to vibrate his whole body. A pretty face set with gold eyes, good firm and weighty little body in the loveliest soft fluffy coat – ivory white with pinkish cream patches on his head. Beautifully prepared and presented. A real heart stealer and I hope to see him again.

2nd Hampshire's IGMC BEAU BAGGY BAGGINS (SLH Seal-Point Bicolour, pedigree pet) MN 2years 1 month.

See critique for class 986.

Extra 2nd Heath's THOMAS O'MALLEY (LH Black Silver Shaded, pedigree pet) MN 11months. What a charmer. His beautifully groomed soft coat is a pale silver ground colour overlaid with dark tabby markings with just a touch of silver tarnish on his left shoulder. Good weight for his size. A very pretty cat with the most glorious huge lustrous chartreuse eyes. He purrs constantly and is interested in everything. Beautifully prepared and presented, he smells lovely, and has such a sweet nature.

3rd Holden's CARNIE (SH Brown Spotted) MN 3yrs. *See critique for class 975.*

Extra 3rd Ellis's OBIGMC RITA (SLH Tortie & White, non-pedigree pet) FN 5years 6months. A very large girl of lovely colouring – rich brown, bright red and clean white. Lustrous yellow green eyes in a pretty face set off with large mobile ears. A little rotund today. She prefers to be under her blanket, from where her tufted white feet keep shooting out to play. Beautifully prepared and presented, easily handled, a friendly lady.