

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports
Essex CC, 14th April 2018

Thank you Caroline & Carol for asking me to judge again – always a pleasure. I was lucky enough to have one of those days when every decision was difficult, such was the quality of cats in my classes; made easier for me by the expert stewarding of my husband Mike – always a treasure. PS: Chocolate much enjoyed.

Breed Class 470a Tonkinese Neuter Male – One in class, entered for BOB only.

BOB Loch's Pr TONKININI BOJANGLES (TOS n 32) MN 31.03.16 - A very impressive looking male, large, glossy and such beautiful vivid blue-green eyes. He is among the biggest of Tonks I've seen (and I've seen a good few), he may be just a touch over-heavy but he is large boned and overall of good and well-balanced type. His coat is an excellent example of a warm brown TCR showing the correct subtle merging of darker points with a slightly lighter torso colour and a paler underbelly. The coat is free of barring, sleek and glossy. With a cat of his size and strength it is always a pleasure that he has a gentle temperament. Coming back to his eyes, they really sparkled against his dark face and the vivid aqua colour is among the best I've seen. Very well presented and prepared, his owner/breeder should be proud.

Breed Class 470b Tonkinese Neuter Female – Two in class, both entered for BOB only.

Although the male won BOB these cats both deserve some comment.

Loch's Ch&Pr Taleh Ko Samui (TOS b 32) FN 25.08.2011 - Another very large but elegant female, from the same breeder as Bojangles but not from the same lines. A very good example of a mature chocolate TCR pattern. Warm chocolate points on a golden coat, the chocolate over much of the torso but keeping the coat-pattern well. Good overall type, good green-blue eye colour, gentle natured and very well presented and prepared.

Macey's IGrCh & GrPr FECHELDEE DAISIEMAY (TOS k 32) FN 01.12.2006. – A very beautiful and supremely feminine lilac-based caramel tortie. Her TCR coat-pattern is excellent and she has the loveliest face set with clear blue-green eyes. Somewhat showing her age now but she is always a pleasure to see.

HHP Section

Imperial Class 973a AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat Male – Three entered.

1st & IGMC Burgess's GMC SYDNEY (SLH – Cream Silver Shaded) MN 1year old. A very attractive cat with bags of personality. The colour rippled like overlaid chiffon as he moved and his coat wafted gently. A sweet face, not too short, and set with lustrous eyes of deep orange. I'm not at all surprised he also won the class for Friendliest Cat or Kitten; he was a joy to handle, purring and bunting constantly – exactly what I'd want in a pet. Perfectly prepared and presented. Lucky owner.

2nd & Res IGMC Scullard's GMC SEBASTIAN (SH – Lilac) MN 1yr 9months. A big gentle lad, of good weight. Warm plush and soft coat of dusky lilac. A tiny locket of white on his chest. Very easy to handle, despite his size, purring and padding happily. His round face set with large open and alert golden eyes. Well prepared and presented. Another lucky owner.

Imperial Class 973b AC Pedigree Pet Grand Master Cat Female – Two entered.

1st & IGMC Ellis's MC ELLA (SH – Cinnamon Tabby) FN 1yr 1month. Oh what a beautiful female. A bright rich cinnamon classic tabby with the sweetest expression enhanced by tawny gold eyes. Lovely markings, scarab on her forehead, thumbprints on her ears and bullseyes on her flanks with a symmetrical butterfly lying over her shoulders. She has a little oval crown of cinnamon on her forehead and a firm little chin of almost pale gold. Her coat is soft silky and has a nice sheen. A very friendly girl beautifully prepared and presented and I was pleased to be able to award her the BOV Pedigree pet later in the day.

2nd & Res IGMC Semos's GMC CASSIE (SLH – Seal-point) FN 6yr 1month. A gentle kittenish female, very confident and relaxed. Beautifully prepared coat of seal-points on a warm ivory coat. Matching white mittens on all four feet. Lovely deep blue sparkling eyes.

Grand Class 964 AC Non-Pedigree Pet Master Cat – One entered.

1st & GMC – MC NOBBY NOODLES (SH – Ginger) MN 1yr 7months. I love his name. A little tense but easy to handle. A gentle male of good size. Lovely soft and slightly plush coat of muted red tabby markings over a creamy apricot coloured ground. Expressive golden eyes. Very well prepared and presented.

Open Class 971 SH Ginger of any Pattern or AC Tortie/Tortie-Tabby Cat – One entered, for BIC only
BIC – MC NOBBY NOODLES (SH – Ginger) MN 1yr 7months. See report above.

Open Class 972 AC SH Kitten – One in class.

1st & BIC Tolhurst's TOFFEE (SH – Tortie-Tabby & White) FK 6months. A proper sparkler. A little frightened but she so wanted to be friendly and was much happier back in her pen where she bunted up into my hands. Very sweet. An attractive soft, coat of bright clean red, white and black with areas of black ticking. Three white legs and one patterned. A good bullseye on her flank, an attractive multi-coloured scarab on her forehead and a little pink and black nose. Lustrous and alert eyes of old gold colour. Well prepared and presented. I hope to see her again.

Open Class 980 SH Self Coloured Cat – Three in class, one entered for BIC only. This was not an easy class to place; three very attractive and well cared for cats.

1st & MC Worsley-Waring's MOONSTONE (SH – Blue) MN 9 months. A little blue teddy bear of a lad. Still has some growing to do but has nice firm muscles and some weight. A lovely soft plush coat with a hint of silver tipping, and just the faintest impression of tails rings. Large round golden eyes, little alert ears and big round feet. He came out happily and when back in his pen he posed perfectly. A happy soul, well-prepared and presented.

2nd Mansaray's DENZEL (SH – Black) MN 1year old. A very noble looking cat wearing a gleaming 'warm' black coat. Lovely face set with golden yellow eyes. Not entirely comfortable out of his pen but easy to handle. Good weight, muscle-tone and overall balance with an interesting directional variation at the end of his tail. Beautifully prepared and presented. On a more relaxed day he may swap places with the blue lad.

BIC Scullard's GMC SEBASTIAN (SH – Lilac) MN 1yr 9months. See report above.

Open Class 984 SH AC Kitten. One in class.

1st & BIC Ellis's MAX (SH – Seal-Tabby Point) MN 8months old. Well there is no mistaking his pedigree ancestry – aside from his appearance he has all the character of a little Siamese lad wanting attention. A strong, long wriggly male with large ears and feet and chatty too. Very good muscle-tone. A close lying, warm-toned seal tabby point with good markings and a beautifully define M on his forehead. A wee bit of a bump on his nose but balanced by a good firm chin. Clear sapphire blue eyes. Well prepared. On the whole a bit of a charmer.

Miscellaneous Class 989 Best Groomed LH Cat or Kitten. One in class. This lovely creature deserves a mention.

1st Davies's ROCKETMAN ALFIE (SLH – Seal-Tabby Colourpoint) MN 10 months. So well prepared they could give masterclasses. Not a stray or loose hair, no hint of a powder, nails perfectly manicured, eyes sparkling clean and pen immaculate; and Alfie is a stunner! He was happy to stroll out onto the table and be admired. Beautiful warm seal tabby points with a pale creamy-gold torso and lovely eyes of rich deep blue. A super temperament, very lucky owners.