

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports

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As ever, many thanks to Caroline and her most efficient team for inviting me to judge at this friendly show. I was very grateful to be given my PJ classes and appreciate the time that judges gave me for tutorials. Thank you also for my yummy Easter bunny and the delicious lunch. I also thank my excellent steward, Mike – and most especially the exhibitors for allowing me to handle (cuddle) their precious feline companions.

PEDIGREE SECTION

Breed Class 419 – Egyptian Mau Kitten – One in the class (*Extended report for BAC*)

1st & BOB Rainbow-Ockwell's STARSHADOW CHAKOTAY (MAU ns 24) M 23/10/2021

A very attractive kitten with great confidence, charm and presence. This young silver spotted male was sitting alert in his pen and walked out onto my table for attention. Overall I find him to be a kitten of excellent type. He is a good size, weighty and has a firmly-toned body of good proportions. His head is a well-balanced medium wedge with slightly rounded planes. His muzzle, which is neither square nor pointed, blends correctly with the contours of his head. His head is set on an arching neck that is slender at present due to his age. In profile his nose has the correct shallow concave from its tip up to the bridge; then the line of the forehead flows smoothly back over the top of head to his neck. The tip of his nose is level with a firm chin of medium depth, he has a level bite. His medium-large sized ears are broad-based and with slightly pointed tips; they are set well apart back on the head and cupped forward in an alert posture. Looking at him face on you can see his excellent Egyptian Mau expression – his eye shape and colour is lovely. The eyes are a light gooseberry green; they are shaped like rounded almonds with the top line level with his straight brow and just a slight lift to the outer edge of his lower lids. The eye-set combines with the uniform width of his young broad nose to give the correct 'worried' expression. He has a medium-long torso, rising slightly toward his rump, with strong shoulders and slender limbs on slightly rounded feet. His tail nicely balances the length of his torso and tapers gently from the thickish base to a rounded tip of dense black, it is heavily banded. His coat still has some kitten fluffiness but is dense and has some resilience; it is of medium short length. His head is correctly marked with a broken 'M' on the forehead above which is a fairly intricate scarab with parallel lines that run over the top of his head to his shoulders and separate into spots as they run along the length of his spine. The backs of his ears show slight thumbprints. His legs have distinct bars with some slight spotting. Over his body there are random and varying sized clear spots of dark charcoal grey that are distinct from his silver white agouti ground, the fur is lighter toward the roots. The parallel lines of spots along his spine merge into a dense stripe that runs along the top of his tail. A very promising young male with an excellent temperament. He is well-prepared and presented.

I liked him so much that he had my vote for Best of Variety Foreign Kitten.

Breed Class 496 – Brown Burmese Kitten – One in the class (*Extended report for BAC*)

1st & BOB Earl's LUEARLBELLE DOTTIE (BUR n) F 19/11/2021 –

A very relaxed and confident kitten who purred non-stop. A little female of generally good type, weight and proportions. She has a short and wide wedge-shaped head that appears just a little pinched behind the blunt rounded muzzle, but she does seem to be teething at present. She has good width at her cheeks. Her top of head is rounded between her broad-based ears that are set well apart, pricked forward and rounded at the tips. In profile she has a gently curved forehead leading down to a clean nose-break and then her short nose runs down to a level bite and a very slightly shallow chin. Her nose has just a suggestion of a bump. From her chin the outer line of her wedge runs correctly up to the outer base of her ears. Her lustrous eyes are set well-apart and are of clear deep yellow; they have a rounded lower lid and the top lid just slants toward the nose. Her eyes are a fraction smaller than ideal but they are set well to give the familiar Burmese expression. She has a firm, well-balanced body of medium length, an elegant neck, a well-rounded chest and a slight rise of her back toward her tail. She has a medium thick tail that balances the length of her body and tapers slightly toward the round tip. Her strong, straight legs stand on shapely oval paws. She has a lovely rich brown coat with slightly paler

shading to her belly. Her coat is clear of any barring, close-lying and satin textured with a lovely sheen. A superb natured little cat, beautifully prepared and presented. I look forward to seeing how she matures.

Breed Class 508 – Tonkinese Kitten – One in the class

1st & BOB Harmer's PHABBAY PHABILOUS-LILI LILITH (TOS N 21 32) F 29/08/2021 An attractive kitten, a little gangly still as she's just seven months but has a firmly toned body of good weight. Head is a medium wedge with a slight whisker pinch and good muzzle that is gently rounded. She has medium-large well-spaced ears pricked forward with rounded tips, held a little high but better when in her pen. She is just a little flat between the ears. In profile her nose has just the hint of a bump but otherwise it runs straight from a gentle break to the tip that is level with her medium firm chin. Her soft and close-lying coat is of a warm brown ticking with darker and toning tabby markings on the points. Well-shaped almond eyes of a very delicate blue-green colour. She is a very friendly kitten in lovely condition and well-presented. I look forward to seeing her grow.