Linda Vousden's Judge Reports National Cat Club Show 10th December 2016

What a pleasure to be asked to judge at the National Cat Club and Tonkinese Breed Club shows. The show hall was bustling and bright with the beautiful rosettes. I had a wonderful range of breeds to judge at the National show, and I was delighted to see the Tonkinese turn out in force in so many colours and patterns. I don't think I've ever seen so many Blue Tonks in one place. A very big thank you to Carol, and her wonderfully efficient team, for making the day so successful; thank you to the exhibitors for trusting me with their lovely cats and thank you to Linda Whitmore for stewarding so gently and capably, making the day so easy for me.

Class N415 Tonkinese Kitten – One in class

1st & BOB, Miller's TALEH GOLDENDRAGON TINTANG (TOS em 32 (74fn)) F 30.05.2016 A sweet and confidant apricot girl; slightly small for her age but of fair weight and she has a firm feel about her. A moderate wedge shaped head with a rounded top between medium-large well placed ears. In profile her nose shows a slight break and then runs nicely straight down to a level bite and moderate chin. She is so interested in her surroundings she is holding her eyes wide open and round, so I am unable to assess the shape today, but the colour is a good green/blue mix. Her points colour is a very good pinkish apricot merging well in the TCR pattern with her lighter toned hot cream body colour. A lovely coat free of barring. Her leathers are the correct reddish-pink colour and all match in tone. Her coat is soft and close-lying. Her limbs are strong and straight with tidy oval paws; her tail is gently tapered to a rounded tip and balances the length of her body. In good condition and well-presented - a real character that I hope to see again.

Class N417 Tonkinese Colourpointed Pattern Kitten – One in class

1st & BOB, Miller's TALEH TONKNO LUNA (TOS f 33 (74ev)) F 05.07.16. A most attractive kitten of good overall type. She has a good moderate wedge-shaped head with gently rounded top between well-set slightly large ears that she held a little bonneted, but were held correctly when she was back in her pen. A gentle slope of the forehead leading down to a straight nose with the correct slight nose break and then just the hint of a roll-off at the end. Nicely shaped and well-set eyes of blue but with some slight green tones. Good muzzle and well defined whisker pinch; level bite and chin of medium depth. Good body length with straight limbs and neatly shaped oval feet; a gently tapering tail that balances the body length well. Her coat is a lovely texture being very soft and close-lying. The rich brown tortie points mingled well with very light shades of red. Her lucky owner should consider that, although I have given her the benefit of the doubt for her first show, the green tones in her eyes and the rather full colouring of her torso are not consistent with a CPP coat-pattern. A lovely natured kitten, very well presented. A pleasure to handle.

Miscellaneous Class N835 AV Foreign Adult Bred By Exhibitor – Eight entered, six present.

1st Whitmore's Ch VELASTAR JUPITER CALLISTO (BEN n 24 32 (76a 30)) M 01.01.16 A large, handsome male who is alert and easy to handle, he really enjoys his bit of fussing. His coat is a soft and dense texture in a bright tan ground overlain with very clear and well-placed tabby markings that were a correctly darker tone on his points than the body. Lovely facial markings and scarab. A good head of gentle curves, slightly longer than wide, neat medium sized ears, good profile with a level bite and strong chin, a broad and puffed muzzle. Very well presented.

2nd Singleton's TONKYWAY COLUMBAE (TOS n 33 (74 40 01)) F 30.03.14 A large and very striking male with good type and a lovely nature. A very nice example of a mature dark seal brown CPP coat-pattern, despite the extent of seal brown colour on his lower body and flanks the points are nicely distinct from his warm light ivory body. He has lovely rich blue eye colour. Well-presented and easy to handle.

3rd **Caunter's GrCh THICKTHORN BALTI (OCI b (73b)) M 10.04.15** A handsome and large cat of good type and pattern. He has a moderate wedge-shaped head with medium-large tufted ears. His forehead slopes gently down toward the nose that shows a slight dip and a small bump before running straight to the end. His eyes are a deep gold with some green tones, he has a good squared muzzle. The torso, limbs and tail appeared to

be in well-balanced proportions, but it was a little difficult to assess as it was mid-afternoon and we could not get him to uncurl properly. His coat is short, close-lying and sleek, well covered with clearly defined warm dark chocolate spots over a slightly lighter toning agouti ground. He is in lovely condition and well presented. A stylish, shy and gentle cat.

Miscellaneous Class N846 AV Foreign Senior Adult – Five in class.

1st Bernard's UKGrCh & IGrCh AMORCATZ JANE EYRE (TOS a 32 (74a)) F 11.03.11 2nd Jenkins's RIX ZVAIGZNEZ MERCOGS (RUS a (16a)) M 13.01.13 3rd Hicks's IGrCh BEVLIN MYSTICAL MERLIN (SPH b 03 21 33 (84 40 13w)) M 27.06.14

Miscellaneous Class N851 AV Foreign Visitors Adult – Eight in class.

1st Sharp-Popple's DENSON EL CID (OSH b (29)) M 25.08.15 2nd Edwards's CHARM & BALD ALIEN'S KISS (SPH e) M 21.02.15 3rd Nichols's Ch GLASTOCATS SILKY SPRITE (LPL j 02 32 (80L27jux)) F 14.05.15 X 3rd Whitmore's IGrCh SUNSHIMMER VELA FLEUR LILIUM (BEN n 24 (76 30)) F 18.05.15

Miscellaneous Class N859 AV Foreign Novice Kitten – Three entered, two present.

1st Springfield's NINAVETTA VENUS MANTRAP (SPH n 03 (84 31) F 26.08.16. **2nd** Miller's TALEH GOLDENDRAGON TINTANG F (TOS em 32 (74fn)) F 30.05.2016

Miscellaneous Class N871 AV Foreign Neuter – Seven in class.

1st Ransom's GrPr TYPHAST BRANDA (BEN n 24 (76 30)) FN 23.08.13 2nd Atkinson's TONKINI PEPPERMINT TWIST (TOS b 33 (74bv)) MN 12.03.15 3rd Clarke's SHADOWS MANJARI (ALH ns 21 (68 42q)) MN 27.10.15 X 3rd Jones's Pr MAGLECO ELPIS (ABY n (23)) MN 21.02.15

Miscellaneous Class N879 AV Foreign Limit Neuter – Four in class.

1st Atkinson's TONKINI PEPPERMINT TWIST (TOS b 33 (74bv)) MN 12.03.15 2nd Jones's Pr MAGLECO ELPIS (ABY n (23)) MN 21.02.15 3rd Phillips's TONKININI SPELLBINDER (TOS a 32 (74a)) FN 18.10.15

Miscellaneous Class N889 AV Foreign Senior Neuter – Six in class.

1st Coak's GrPr TYPHAST KIMI OF ZIGGIAN (BEN n 24 (76 30)) MN 12.03.14 2nd Newsome's Pr JONSCOTT MERLIN (DRX ns (33a36)) MN 06.01.10 3rd Theakston's GrPr TROIKA OKSANA (RUS a (16a)) FN 12.07.14 X 3rd O'Shea's GrPr MIMAPERKS BURLINGTONBERTIE (TOS a 32 (74a)) MN 13.11.12