

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports
Ocicat Cat Club Show 22nd April 2017

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Many thanks to Sally for giving me a class to judge a class at this friendly show, very helpful for my PJ work. I also thank my husband Mike for his gentle stewarding. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Class O31, AC Ocicat Breeders Adult, one in class.

1st Caunter's GrCh THICKTHORN BALTI (OCI b) M 10.04.15 – Overall impression of a large cat of good Ocicat type and pattern. A little timid and preferred to be in his pen but he was easy to handle. His head is a moderate wedge shape with a gently round top between well-spaced and set medium large ears, broad-based and pricked forward, small tufted tips. He has gently curved cheeks leading round to a well-defined but not pinched muzzle that is just slightly longer than wide with a good square appearance. In profile he has a gentle curve from the forehead to a slight dip before his nose runs down, with just a slight bump, to a level bite and a medium depth chin of ivory white. His eyes are a deep gold tinged with some green tones and a good size and set for his face, being almond shaped with the outer line angled up toward the ear. He has a large well-muscled, long body with strong limbs and oval feet, and to just balance the body length he has a broad-based tail that tapers slightly toward the rounded tip. His coat is short, close-lying, soft and sleek. The coat is nicely covered with dark, but warm, chocolate well-defined spots over a warm and slightly lighter toning copper agouti ground. His coat-pattern is very attractive with a beautifully intricate spotted scarab on the forehead running over the top of his head and down the spine in broken lines to the tail that is well-ringed and showing small spots between the rings, the end of the tail is a solid darker chocolate. He has a broken slightly spotted necklace, small spots over his shoulders, legs and feet, larger spots on the sides and spots on the flanks in clear matching oyster arrangements. His face is well marked with eyes outlined in a dark chocolate, ribbons of spots from the cheeks and spotted whisker pads. The backs of the ears show lighter toned thumb prints. His tummy is also well-spotted. Despite signs of stud tail today he is in lovely condition and well presented. It is good to see him more relaxed today; a very stylish and gentle cat