

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports
Tonkinese Breed Club Show 9th December 2017

What a pleasure to be asked again to judge at the Tonkinese Breed Club and National Cat Club shows and an honour to be asked to judge BIS for my beloved Tonkinese, which I was very happy to award to Vince & Coal Macey's lovely IGrCh&Pr Fecheldee Daisiemaie. There was a lovely warm atmosphere and the show hall sparkled with the beautiful rosettes. A 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. A particular thank you to my most efficient steward, Caroline Turner-Russell, for travelling down in uncertain weather and stewarding so gently and capably, making the day very easy for me.

Class T6 Imperial – AC Grand Champion Adult Female – One in class

1st & Imp, McNally-Roberts's IGrCh TITANTONKS NEMESIS' NEAERA (TOS c 31 (74cq)) F 25-05-2016. Overall, a girl of very good Tonkinese type. Just a touch slender but of good weight and muscle-tone. Well-balanced head, gently rounded top between well-set medium large ears; a good profile with slight nose break, level bite and chin of medium depth. Although she is holding her eyes a little full they are of a good almond shape in a lustrous yellowish-green. Very good example of the BCR coat-pattern, even-toned colour overall, a rather cool lilac with warm undertones, with matching toned lilac leathers. Lovely soft close-lying coat, shining with health. Slender limbs and a gently tapered tail of good length to balance the body. In lovely condition and well presented. A gentle girl who is easy to handle. Congratulations on winning Tonkinese BC BIS Adult and also BOV Adult at the National CC show this day.

Class T24 Self – Brown, Chocolate or Cinnamon TCR Adult – One in class

1st, CC & BOB W/H, Craig-McFeely's SHINARHA RAMESES MORIARTY (TOS n 32 (74)) M 13-04-2016. I was sorry to have to withhold on this male because I like his type very much. Unfortunately the strong underlying tabby pattern shows clearly through his warm brown coat. Well-balanced masculine head with rounded top, well-set slightly large ears. Good muzzles and whisker pinch, good profile with slight nose break, level bite and firm chin. Almond shaped eyes of green/blue colour. The rich brown coat is soft and close lying and despite the strong underlying tabby marking the correct merging of brown with darker brown points is evident. Good weight and firmly toned. Good tail to balance the body, gently tapered and round at tip. A charming cat of good temperament and very well presented.

Class T32 Self – Brown, Chocolate or Cinnamon CPP Adult – One in class, entered for BOB only

BOB, Singleton's Ch PHABBAY GALACTIC COMET (TOS b 33 (74bv)) M 23-11-2016. A big masculine cat with a fabulous temperament. Very good type, well-balanced head of good proportions, slightly rounded top between well-set medium large ears with nicely rounded tips. Strong moderate muzzle and correct whisker pinch, slight jowls. Good profile with correct slight nose break, level bite and good depth of chin. Well-set gentle almond-shaped eyes of a good clear blue. A mature pointed coat-pattern in a dark chocolate colour with matching leathers; unfortunately the coat is quite brindled over his back today, but his mask is well defined and clear chocolate. Coat is soft and close lying. Well presented. This is an attractive male who loves attention and a good cuddle, which I was happy to provide.

Class T57 Tabby – Brown, Chocolate or Cinnamon Kitten – One in class

1st & BOB, Sturgess's LONGNAP RAMESES STEGGLES (TOS b 21 32 (74bt)) F 31-07-2017. What a pretty little creature. Overall impression of a well-balanced Tonkinese kitten with good type. Good head shape, an equilateral triangle that includes the well-set ears of good medium-large size to balance the appearance. Sweet little tufts on the ears. Good profile with correct slight nose break, level bite and good depth of chin only slightly marred by the suggestion of a bump on her nose. Although she held her eyes full at the time of judging they were a lovely gentle almond shape and good size for her head, once she was more relaxed and in her pen. A good blue-green eye colour developing. Her coat is soft, a little babyish at present that is not unexpected for her age. Body, tail and limbs well-toned and of correct proportions. The coat colour is a

warm golden toned chocolate with darker tabby markings on her points and thumb prints on her ears that look like the veins of a leaf. Very gentle and alert little female, nicely presented.

Class T87 Tabby – Brown, Chocolate or Cinnamon Neuter – One in class

1st PC & BOB, Sturgess's RAMESES NAVARRE (TOS b 21 31 (74btq)) MN 16-10-2014. I do like this male, a good example of a chocolate tabby BCR coat-pattern, and good type. Well-balanced equilateral impression when his head is viewed full-on, with a rounded top and well-set broad based, oval tipped ears. Good moderate muzzle and defined whisker pinch; a good profile with slight nose break, level bite and firm chin. Well shaped and set eyes of green tones. Coat is very soft and close lying, a warm golden agouti ground overlaid with an even-toned warm chocolate, clearly defined, tabby pattern with a clear scarab and cheek ribbons, thumb prints on the ears, leg bars and gently tapered tail well-ringed and solid chocolate tipped. Leathers all in toning warm chocolate. A very good-natured male, well-presented.

Class T102 Tortie or Tortie-Tabby – Blue, Lilac, Fawn or Caramel Neuter – One, for BOB only.

BOB, Macey's IGrCh&GrPr FEHELDEE DAISIEMAY (TOS k 32 (74p)) FN 01-12-2006. A lilac-based caramel tortie female who has much style and confidence. Despite her 11 years she retains a gently rounded top of head between well-set medium large ears. Her head is beautifully proportioned and so feminine. She has a good profile with a correct slight nose-break, level bite and moderate chin. Her eyes are a good shape and set in clear sea-green and blue tones. She has an elegant body with slender limbs, neat oval feet and a gently tapered tail of good length to balance her body. Her coat is slightly open today, but soft and in the most lovely pastel shades of light caramel and warm apricot, well-mingled and gently merging with slightly darker shades on her points. A gentle female and a pleasure to handle. I was delighted to award her Overall BIS later in the day.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

Class T113 Breeders' Adult Female – Four in class

1st, McNally-Roberts's IGrCh TITANTONKS NEMESIS' NEAERA (TOS c 31 (74cq)) F 25-05-2016, see Class T6

2nd, Singleton's Ch TONKYWAY MY ZOHREH (TOS a 21 33 (74atv)) F 06-03-2015. A most attractive female with what looks to be a homozygous agouti pattern as she has none of the usual tabby barring except some rings on her tail, the rest is clear ticking. A good example of a CPP tabby coat with blue markings only on her points and her lower back, laid over a glacial off-white ground colour. Very good type overall, good weight and firmly toned. Her eyes are a beautiful shape, size and a clear lustrous blue. Prefers to be in her pen but easy to handle; well-presented.

3rd, Craig-McFeely's RAMESES TENEBRAE (TOS n 31 (74q)) F 18-08-2016. Good natured female, a little slender but well-toned and of good weight. An even-toned warm brown BCR coat-pattern and lovely yellow-green eyes. Coat soft and sleek, just a fraction long but very glossy. Unfortunately she has some leg barring and slight spotting on her torso; also a very pale locket.

4th, Beard's TIGERMIST SWEETHEART (TOS f 33 (74ev)) F 13-01-2016. An attractive cat with a dark brown tortie CPP; colour well mingled with shades of pale red. Slight roll-off to nose, otherwise a good profile with good depth of chin. Clear mid-blue coloured eyes, held rather full today as she seriously didn't want to be out of her pen. Well presented.

Class T115 Non-Breeders' Adult Female – One in class

1st, McNally-Roberts's IGrCh TONKYWAY IO (TOS a 32 (74a)) F 01-04-2012. Overall very good type, TCR coat-pattern and soft blue coat with warm undertones, merging beautifully with darker toning points colour. Clear green-blue eyes. Lovely nature and very well presented.

Class T121 Adolescent Adult – Two in class, one present.

1st, Singleton's Ch PHABBAY GALACTIC COMET (TOS b 33 (74bv)) M 23-11-2016. See Class T32 for report.

Class T123 Senior Adult – Two in class, one present.

1st, McNally-Roberts's IGrCh TONKYWAY IO (TOS a 32 (74a)) F 01-04-2012. *See class T115*

Class T133 AC Kitten – One in class.

1st, McNally-Roberts's TITANTONKS EIONE (TOS a 21 31 (74atq)) F 13-05-2017. A good looking young tabby of rather warm blue tones, evenly distributed in a good BCR pattern. Lovely clear tabby markings. Nicely balanced head with rounded top between well set ears. A trifle fine looking in the muzzle but good profile with slight nose break, level bite and medium depth of chin. Eyes of good shape and set in a rich green-tinged gold colour. A well-formed body and limbs of good weight and substance, the tail balances in length but is rather slender. Lovely soft feel to coat. Well presented, a little unhappy but easy to handle.

Class T148 Best Temperament Kitten – Two in class. There was nothing between them, until my first place started to purr!

1st, Phillips's LILYPUT CAMBERWELL BEAUTY (TOS n 31 (74q)) F 13-03-2017.

2nd, Smith's CHORUS SILVIA (TOS m 21 31 (74ntq)) F 30-04-2017.

Class T167 Best Temperament Neuter – One in class.

1st, Bernard's GrPr MIMAPERKS CHAMPAGNECHARLIE (TOS d 31 (74dq)) MN 08-09-2007. This huge beautiful red male has always had a spot in my heart. Although he was the only one in the class his wonderful nature could easily win over a handful of competition for best temperament.

Class T168 Born 1st January – 31st March Neuter – One in class.

1st, Atkinson's Pr TONKININI PEPPERMINT TWIST (TOS b 33 (74bv)) MN 12-03-2015. Another large male with overall very good type. A very good, somewhat dark, chocolate CPP coat, beautiful clear blue eyes. Well-presented, in lovely condition and a superb nature. I hope I'll see him again.

Class T170 Born 1st August – 31st October Neuter – Two in class.

1st, Sturgess's RAMESES NAVARRE (TOS b 21 31 (74btq)) MN 16-10-2014 *See class T87*

2nd, Loch's Ch TALEH KO SAMUI (TOS b 32 (74b)) FN 25-08-2011. An attractive female with a rich warm chocolate coat in a good TCR pattern.

Class T178 AC Adult – Five in class. A wonderful selection of colours and patterns, all five running close for places.

1st, McNally-Roberts's IGrCh TONKYWAY IO (TOS a 32 (74a)) F 01-04-2012. *See class T115*

2nd, Singleton's Ch PHABBAY GALACTIC COMET (TOS b 33 (74bv)) M 23-11-2016. *See Class T32*

3rd, Singleton's Ch TONKYWAY MY ZOHREH (TOS a 21 33 (74atv)) F 06-03-2015. *See class T113*