

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports

Tonkinese CC 26th March 2022

Many thanks to Sally and her team, and to the Tonkinese Cat Club for inviting me to judge at this well-run and very friendly show. I was privileged to be judging Overall Best in Show, which was difficult as all three cats were truly excellent examples of the breed. I also thank my excellent steward, Mike – and most especially the exhibitors for allowing me to handle (cuddle) their lovely cats, not an ill-tempered soul among them.

Class 7, Grand Class 5b – AC Tonkinese Grand or Champion Adult – One in the class.

GC, Gordon's Ch TALLICA PARACHUTES (TOS o 32) F 27.05.2017 – What a treat to see a cinnamon, especially one of such a beautiful bright colour. Although she has no competition in this class she is worthy of her GC. A large female of good weight and muscle tone with an extremely fine, close-lying coat. She has a clean and well-defined TCR coat-pattern; she naturally has more contrast between her points and torso because of the behaviour of cinnamon colour but there are no stray patches of cinnamon on her off-white body, and her slightly paler limbs and tail tone nicely with her head colour. Overall she is of good type, her head is possibly a little wide at the base of the ears but the overall balance is good and well-shaped. She has a gentle rounding to the top of her head between broad-based and well-set ears. A gently rounded muzzle with whisker pinch, good nose break and a level bite with a firm chin of medium depth. She is holding her eyes rather open but the blue of her eyes does show green tones. Easy to handle and well-presented; her owner deserves to be proud of her.

Misc. Class 157, AC Tonkinese Adult – Five in Class

This is a strong class of five cats all of whom have good type and size. I love to see a good sized Tonk! Sadly one of the cats was entered in my book as a blue, but is actually a nice lilac.

1st Skuza's TOPTONK GABBY (TOS n 33) F 08.03.2019 - On first impression, while in her pen, she looks a little fine in the muzzle but when she was out I could see that this was an illusion due to the slightly lighter tones on the sides of her muzzle. In fact she is a very nice seal CPP of good type. Her well-shaped eyes are the most beautiful deep sapphire blue colour. Her coat is very soft and sleek, just a little brindled. She is gentle and well-presented.

2nd Gordon's Ch TALLICA PARACHUTES (TOS o 32) F 27.05.2017 – *see Class 7 above for write-up*

3rd Skuza's TOPTONK CLOE COCO (TOS c 32) F 30.09.2017 – Her matching blue-toned lilac points merge very subtly with her warm ivory body colour. Lovely type with just a slight roll-off at the end of her nose, a level bite with a slightly shallow chin. She has delicate aqua coloured eyes of good shape size and set. On the plump side which detracts a little from her overall balance. Excellent temperament and well-prepared and presented.

Misc. Class 157, AC Tonkinese Kitten – Four in Class

What a pleasure to handle these kittens, two pairs of littermates. I hope I get to see them again sometime.

1st Morrison's PHABBAY STROTH-EIREANN (TOS a 33) F 31.08.2021 - A dark blue even-toned CPP with good contrast between her matching coloured points and her glacial white body colour, with very nice type. She looked a little short in the head when she was in her pen but much better when I was able to see her properly. Well-shaped eyes of rich clear blue, good ear size and set, correct nose-break before a straight nose to tip with a level bite and firm chin. Lovely temperament and well presented.

2nd Heath's TIGERMIST AMARETTO (TOS f 33) F 29.10.2021 - A superb temperament. She has good type but with just a little bump on her nose. Very pretty seal-brown and red tortie colouring and with lovely blue eyes. Well-presented.

Equal 3rd:

Heath's TIGERMIST DAINTY DOT (TOS f 33) F 29.10.2021 - Almost exactly the same as her sister above, her eyes held a little more full – first show nerves probably.

Morrison's PHABBAY FIONNAGHUALA IONA (TOS a 21 33) F 31.08.2021 - A bold little poppet with great charm. Very pretty blue tabby CPP, lovely blue eyes, just a little bump on her nose. Another well-presented kitten.