

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports
West Country CC 14th September 2019

Many thanks to Elaine & Lisa for inviting me to judge at this friendly and colourful show backed with the Somerset CC show – and thank you for the delicious gift. I had a lovely day and appreciate the exhibitors' trusting their cats to my care. I was sorry not to see any Tonkinese, but it was nice to see several Snowshoes. I also thank my husband Mike for his usual gentle and efficient stewarding.

Pedigree Section

Breed Class 405 – Snowshoe Kitten – One in the class.

1st & BOB, Ainley's SAPHIRESTAR UNFORGETTABLE (SNO n 05 21) F 15.03.19 – A very pretty little female of good overall type, and a good size and weight for her age. Her head is a fair broad, moderate wedge shape with a rounded top between well set medium sized broad-based ears. She has little seal tufts on the oval tips of her ears. She has good high, and gently rounded, cheeks. In profile, the level plane of her forehead slopes down to a correct nose break, then the nose runs in a clean straight line down to a level bite with a slightly shallow chin. Her muzzle is well-shaped being gently rounded but appears just a fraction pinched as she still appears to be teething. She was holding her clear, pale blue eyes quite open and round, but when she relaxed they were nicely walnut shaped. Clear seal tabby markings over a very pale agouti ground that is still distinct from her white, of which there was no more than the desired 1/3rd amount overall. The inverted V of white on her face is correctly placed, beginning just on the bridge of her nose and runs fairly symmetrically down between her eyes and over her muzzle and chin. Her tabby markings are well-defined with a distinct scarab, muzzle spots, ribbons from the eyes, thumbprints on ears and a very clear set of dark seal rings running along the top of her tail that has a solid dark tip. Her limbs are firm and straight, her paws are a tidy oval shape. Her paws are all white and her and 'boots' have an acceptable level of white, her tail is medium thick at the base and tapers to a rounded tip, balancing the length of her body. Her coat has good texture, slightly kitten soft still but resilient. A little timid to start with but easy to handle, more relaxed when held – even purring. In lovely condition and well-presented. A pretty cat and very promising.

HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

Open Class 945 - SH Self (Single Colour) Cat – Two in class for Best In Colour Only

Frankly, this was the most difficult class of the day for me. Two gorgeous cats and I would love to have either of them at home with me.

BIC Miller's OGIGMC BOB (SH Brown) MN 11 yrs. A happy male with a superb coat and overall condition, I am surprised at his age, he is easily a match for the younger cat. Lovely short wedge shaped head with neatly pricked ears aside a rounded top designed for stroking, level bite, firm chin and the most gentle expression in his light golden eyes. Cobby yet elegant body, firm limbs and a slightly tapering tail to balance his body length. Chatty and very playful. Satin-like glossy, warm brown coat. Beautifully presented.

Also deserves a mention –

Alford's IGMC BJORN (SH Cream) MN 3yrs 4mth. Another beautifully prepared male with a very soft and sleek warm cream coat, perfect for stroking. Alert and expressive pale gold eyes. A gentle male who is easy to handle.

Open Class 946 - SH AC Tabby Cat (Ex. Red or Tortie) of any pattern – Two in class for Best In Colour Only

BIC Judge's IGMC MYSTICAL CHARMER (SH Brown Spotted Tabby MN 2yrs. Well he certainly lives up to his name. A magnificent cat who could have walked straight out of the Amazon jungle. A huge strong male with a superbly marked brown spotted coat-pattern over and warm agouti ground, very close lying and just a touch harsh. Slightly narrow top to his long wedge-shaped head, medium small ears set quite high and pricked forward. A long tapering tail, well ringed. Almond shaped yellow-green eyes. Extremely friendly (thank heavens, as he is a strong cat). Very well prepared. A complete charmer!

Also deserves a mention –

Edwards's MC PICKLES (SH Brown Tabby) MN 2yrs. A close runner-up, this shy and gentle male has a beautifully clear dark brown classic tabby pattern. He has a wide short wedge with expressive rich yellow eyes. Tail just a fraction short for his body length. Very well prepared and presented, and another cat who is a pleasure to handle.