

Linda Vousden's Judge Reports for Wyvern Cat Club Show 5th September 2015

Many thanks to Sue for inviting me to judge at this colourful and friendly show. I appreciate the exhibitors trusting me with their cats and I'm grateful to my husband Mike for his gentle and efficient stewarding. I had a lovely time, such beautiful cats. A good turn-out of Tonks and I was delighted to have both a Russian Black and a Russian White in my classes. The flower arranging was an inspired idea and Mike and I both very much enjoyed the class.

BREED Class 353 – AC Tonkinese (TCR) Kitten - One in class.

1st & BOB - Bernard's AMORCATZ SHIVAMATIMBAS (TOS n 21 32) F 06-03-2015. What an impressive kitten. A very confident and friendly personality. Overall impression of excellent Tonkinese type and coat-pattern. Nicely rounded top of head between medium/large well-set ears, pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down toward the chin. Good medium wedge shape to head with a moderate muzzle and well-defined whisker pinch. Profile shows a level forehead leading to the correct slight nose break, a level bite and firm chin of medium depth. Medium sized eyes of good shape and set, upper line curving down to the nose with a more rounded lower line, the yellowish hall lighting made it difficult to see the colour properly but there appear to be tones of both blue and green. A firm well-toned slender young body with a nicely rounded chest, level flanks, strong limbs and well-shaped oval feet. The long tapering and rounded-tipped tail is slender without being whippy, and balanced the body length well. Coat is short, soft and close-lying. A good example of a TCR ticked tabby Tonkinese pattern in a warm light chocolate colour. Clearly defined scarab on head, clear ribbons from eyes, spotted whisker pads and thumbprints on her ears. Good stripes on her limbs and tail, clear ticked body markings in a lighter shade of chocolate than the points' markings, all laid over a warm beige agouti ground colour. The points all match in tone as do her chocolate leathers. Lovely condition, wonderful temperament and beautifully presented – a credit to owner and breeder.

BREED Class 354 – AC Tonkinese (CPP) Kitten - One in class.

1st & BOB - McGee's AMORCATZ FINAL COUNTDOWN (TOS a 21 33) MN 15-03-2015. A gentle and well-grown young male. Another kitten giving the overall impression of excellent Tonkinese type. Lovely rounded top of head between rather large but well-set ears, pricked forward and with the outer edge following the line of the head down toward the chin. Good medium wedge shape to head with a moderate muzzle and well-defined whisker pinch, neither pointed nor square. Gently rounded forehead leading to a well-shaped masculine broad nose, with the correct slight nose break, a level bite and firm chin of medium depth. Teeth very slightly untidy, possibly teething still. Despite the poor light quality in the hall he appears to have clear mid-blue eyes, of good shape and set, upper line curving down to the nose with a more rounded lower line. A large kitten for his age, with a well-toned firm body, strong limbs and well-shaped oval feet, the tapering and rounded-tipped tail balances the length of the body nicely. Coat is short, soft and close-lying, but just a little long and feeling kittenish at present. A good example of a Colourpointed Tonkinese, clearly defined bluish grey points, a glacial white torso with just a hint of bluish grey shading over the lower back. An interesting ticked tabby pattern, the torso is completely clear of ticking, the colour on the upper forehead is diffused, there are no necklaces or leg bars and the tail rings are limited to the end of the tail – all of which suggest a homozygous ticked pattern. The tabby markings on his face are well well-defined and balanced including a lovely 'M', ribbons and spotted whisker pads. The bluish grey leathers all match in tone. He is clearly a CPP Tonkinese. Beautifully prepared, excellent temperament and presentation. Hopefully we will see him on the bench again.

Misc. Class 685 – AC Asian, Snowshoe or Tonkinese Adult - Three in class, all Tonkinese.

1st – Bernard's IGRCH AMORCATZ JANE EYRE (TOS a 32) F 11-03-2011. A sweet cat, recognizable because of her lovely type and beautiful blue TCR coat-pattern. Rounded top of head between well-spaced and broad-based medium-sized ears that are nicely oval tipped, and pricked forward, with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin to give a medium wedge shaped head of gentle contours. A slightly flattened forehead leading to a good profile with correct slight nose break, a level bite and firm chin of medium depth. Good moderate muzzle and defined whisker pinch, neither round nor square. Her medium-sized eyes are a gentle almond shape with a more rounded lower lid, and well set, light bluish-green that is evident even in the unnatural hall lighting. Medium sized, muscular body and typically heavier than expected for her size, nicely rounded chest and level flanks. Neat strong limbs and oval feet, tapering tail with a rounded tip balances the body length. Soft, sleek and shining clear coat. A beautiful TCR coat-pattern with bluish grey points, merging very gently with a lighter toning bluish grey torso that has warm undertones. Bluish grey leathers all match in tone. Lovely gentle temperament and very well presented. Always a pleasure to handle.

2nd – Phillip's Ch LILYPUT PARMA VIOLETS (TOS j 33) F 26.05.2014. Unusually she was not relaxed today, tense and preferred to be in her pen. Overall impression of good Tonkinese type and a good example of a Colourpointed tortie coat-pattern. Rounded top of head between broad-based, well-set medium-sized oval tipped, slightly taller than wide and pricked forward, with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin. Gently rounded forehead, her profile that shows a slight nose break with the end of the nose rolling off a little; a level bite with chin of medium depth. The head shape is a balanced medium wedge with a moderate muzzle and defined pinch that is neither rounded nor square. The medium-sized light blue eyes are well set with the upper line leading down toward

the nose, the lower line is correctly more rounded. Her longish well-toned body shows good balance and strength, with a rounded chest and level flanks. The limbs are strong and slender with neatly shaped oval feet. The tapering tail has a rounded tip and nicely balances the length of the body. The Colourpointed pattern is well expressed with clearly defined points. The coat is very soft, fine and close-lying; a good pinkish-grey lilac-tortie colour with matching-toned points but the hall light made it difficult to see the mottled cream shades of the coat. The cool off-white torso is clear of markings except for the slight mature colouration along the rear of the spine and over the flanks. The leathers are pinkish-grey mottled with pink and match in tone. Although rather tense she is easy to handle. In lovely condition and very well presented.

3rd – Hunter's VOMELLERBEK CASHMIRE OF TALLICA. (TOS o 32) F 11.12.2013 A fairly relaxed male whose subtle colouring and coat-pattern was not best served by the unnatural hall lighting. Overall impression is that of a well grown male Tonkinese of good type. Head shape is a medium wedge with nicely rounded top between large oval tipped ears, broad-based, well-set and pricked forward, with the outer edge following the line of the head down to the chin. Gently rounded forehead, profile that shows correct slight nose break with the end rolling off very slightly; a level bite with medium depth of chin that recedes very slightly. Strong masculine muzzle, but just a fraction short to balance the size of the ears, with a correctly defined whisker pinch that is neither round nor square. The medium-sized almond shaped eyes are well set with the upper line leading down toward the nose, the lower line is correctly more rounded, the colour appears to be a balance of blue and green. His substantial body is well balanced with firm slender limbs on well-shaped oval feet, with a gently rounded chest and level flanks. The tail tapers gently to a rounded tip and balances the length of the body. The TCR coat pattern is well expressed with the darker toned warm cinnamon points merging gently with the beautiful lighter golden cinnamon body colour that lightened toward the underparts, and typically in the cinnamon colour he shows more contrast over the upper torso than might be seen in a blue or brown coloured TCR. His leathers match in pinkish cinnamon tones. He preferred to be in his pen than out but handled well. Good temperament, very well prepared and presented. A lovely colour.