

Judge's Report: - Mrs Linda Vousden – Tonkinese Breed Club Show – 27/10/2012

Thank you Kathy, for asking me to judge the Household Pets at this very special 21st Anniversary and 10th Championship Tonkinese Breed Club Show. Clearly Kathy and the Club Committee put a great deal of time and effort into making this the colourful and friendly show it was. The new venue worked a treat, and we were all amply sustained during the day thanks to Helen Hewitt and June Gillies (that blackberry and apple crumble – ummm). Just look at the TBC web for pictures of all the cats, captured by Miriam Haas.

Overall BIS HHP – this was difficult, especially when Mrs Tolhurst's Timmy decided to play to the crowd, I would have been happy to have either of these lovely cats in my home. However, it was the outgoing personality and clear lilac colouring of Dr Craig-McFeely's Leo that stole my heart.

Class 124 – AC SH Ginger Cat Of Any Tabby Pattern Or AC Tortie/Tortie Tabby With Or Without White. 1st & MC Tolhurst's Timmy (DGM), MN 9yrs, 6months, SH Ginger Tabby & White. Looking young for his age, Timmy was the only cat in the class but worthy of his MC. He was relaxed and confident, easy to handle. He has a broad head with a sweet, alert expression. A good mixture of tawny ginger with clear tabby markings and white. The markings on each side of his face almost perfectly mirrored each other. His cobby body was a little on the plump side. Large round golden eyes, neat little ears and whiskers pads just made for stroking. His soft coat was shedding a little but it was rather warm in the hall. Nicely presented.

Class 134 – AC Self With Or Without White. Three cats entered, for BIC Only. What a quality class. My choice was **Craig-McFeely's MC Leo, MN 2yrs, SH Lilac.** I liked this cat when he was a kitten and he's lived up to his potential. I was pleased to award OBIS HHP to him later in the day. A handsome cat, with true lilac colouring to his points, over a warm magnolia colour. His gentle, intelligent eyes are a lovely shade of clear aquamarine, a perfect combination of both blue and green. He has a strong, firm body with a soft and silky coat. He has a gently rounded wedge-shaped head, his chin is just a little shallow. His large ears are pricked forward and set well to balance the lines of his head. His head and svelte body have no extreme features to mar his overall elegance. Friendly, alert and self-assured: in excellent condition. Also entered – **Bernard's MC Perkins, MN 5yrs, SH Brown.** A gorgeous cat with a glamorous rich brown coat, shining with health. Beautifully balanced head and body, the coat is silky, close lying and well groomed. He has almond shaped glowing golden eyes. A lively cat, happy to chat and I enjoyed my cuddle with him. There was little to choose between him and the winner today. **Lowell's IGMC Just Willyum, MN 5yrs, SH Cinnamon.** Another very handsome cat, his coat a vibrant and even-toned cinnamon colour set off by golden-green eyes. A good size and appears to have a fair appetite. A lovely profile showing a strong muzzle and chin. His coat was just a little open today, but well brushed and shining, and he had perfectly manicured paws. He was easy to handle and clearly relaxed in his well-presented pen.

Class 137 – AOC Or Pattern SH With/Without White. One cat entered, for BIC only. **Lowell's IGMC Dante, MN 3yrs 6months, SH Black Smoke.** I had no qualms in awarding BIC to this lad. He stepped from behind his blanket like a black velvet panther. His coat is soft and plush and has a very attractive rex-ing over his back and behind his ears. Besides a little greyness at the base of his tail I couldn't see why he was described as a 'smoke', his fur is dense ebony black to its roots. A lovely head, the chin recedes just a little, with clear gold eyes and a lovely set of wavy whiskers. An elegant, good-natured cat, easy to handle and well prepared. Dante is a great name for him, and lucky Mrs Lowell to own both Dante and Just Willyum.

Class 141 – Any Cat Under 3 Years. Only the one cat entered, but still a deserving first, **Craig-McFeely's MC Leo, MN 2yrs, SH Lilac.**

Class 144 – Friendliest Cat Or Kitten. All three cats were good-natured but the winner was overtly seeking attention. **1st Milner's Jasper, MN 8months, SH Tabby.** What a corker. A substantial youngster, with a beautifully balanced head and body. His even-toned, caramel coat, with darker, clear tabby markings in all the right places, was soft and sleek. His almond shaped eyes were a pale gold with touches of green. His character was outstanding and I could happily have spent an hour or more playing with him – he was chatty, flirtatious and an easy choice for

me. **2nd Lowell's IGMC Just Willyum, MN 5yrs, SH Cinnamon. 3rd Lowell's IGMC Dante, MN 3yrs 6months, SH Black Smoke.**

Class 148 – Most Handsome Male Cat or Kitten. 6 entered. Perhaps, by definition, this class should have only had a 1st place but they were all very handsome cats. **1st Milner's Jasper, MN 8months, SH Tabby. 2nd Bernard's MC Perkins, MN 5yrs, SH Brown. Extra 2nd Lowell's IGMC Dante, MN 3yrs 6months, SH Black Smoke. 3rd Korterman's Jake, MN 8months, SH Brown.** A lively youngster, friendly and alert. He has rich warm seal-points, still developing on his legs, over a slightly brindled warm fawn coloured body. He has an apple-shaped head with a very sweet face and clear light blue eyes – with an endearing habit of holding his head tipped to one side, like a puppy. Very attractive cat – I'd like to see how he develops. Very well presented. **Extra 3rd Tolhurst's Timmy (DGM), MN 9yrs, 6months, SH Ginger Tabby & White. Extra 3rd Lowell's IGMC Just Willyum, MN 5yrs, SH Cinnamon.**

Class 151b – Cat Or Kitten The Judge Would Most Like To Take Home Female. 1 present. 1st Craig-McFeely's Peach, FN 8months, SH Tabby. I was smitten with this little cat as soon as I saw her. A beautifully feminine creature, with very subtle shimmering colour, a warm-toned lilac that may even be caramel. Darker coloured clear tabby markings over her head, legs and tail with faint markings on her torso. Although delicate looking she is a good weight and her elegant body feels well toned. Her head is a gently rounded medium wedge with lustrous aqua coloured eyes and properly pricked ears. She is a beautifully proportioned cat, very well presented. A little more reserved than her litter brother (Jasper), well after all she is a lady, but she is easy to handle and a joy to cuddle. Easily my favourite of the day.

Class 153 – Cat or Kitten Living With A Pedigree Cat. 1st Tolhurst's Timmy (DGM), MN 9yrs, 6months, SH Ginger Tabby & White. 2nd Lowell's IGMC Just Willyum, MN 5yrs, SH Cinnamon.

Class 155 – Any Colour Adult. 1st Craig-McFeely's MC Leo, MN 2yrs, SH Lilac. 2nd Bernard's MC Perkins, MN 5yrs, SH Brown. 3rd Lowell's IGMC Dante, MN 3yrs 6months, SH Black Smoke. Extra 3rd Lowell's IGMC Just Willyum, MN 5yrs, SH Cinnamon.

Class 156 – Any Colour Kitten. 1st Craig-McFeely's Peach, FN 8months, SH Tabby.