

Wyvern Cat Club Show – 10th September 2011
Judge Report – Mrs Linda Vousden

Many thanks to Eileen and Sue for inviting me to judge at this friendly show. I was pleased to have my husband, Mike, with me – his first venture into stewarding. We both enjoyed ourselves and I was pleased to pick up some extra classes.

Class 947a – AC Non-Pedigree Master Cats (Grand) Male –

1st GMC, Creaton & Walker's MC Scouse Kit. A gorgeous example of a red classic tabby & white. Bright red and orange colours on clear white. Rich golden eyes. A boy of substance but well balanced. Easy to handle but preferred to be stroked in his pen. Congratulations to his owners on his condition and presentation.

Class 947b – AC Non-Pedigree Master Cats (Grand) Female –

1st GMC, White's MC India. Very friendly and alert brown tortie girl with a rich mixture of shades of brown and red beautifully mingled all over, set off nicely with golden eyes. She felt a little light but was in good condition, clean and well presented. Chatty and very interested in her surroundings - most happy to be cuddled.

2nd Reserve GMC, Turner's MC Maisie. A sweet semi-longhair black tortie girl, a soft and very dark coat, and a glowing pair of gold eyes. Of good weight and in lovely condition, well presented, she certainly didn't look 8 years old. She just lost out to 1st on confidence.

Class 966 – AC Tabby SH Cat (Except Ginger or Tortie) –

BOB Withey's MC Butch. Only cat in this section but worthy. What a bruiser! Really looked as if he lives up to his name but his stern expression was belied by his constant purr. A clean silver colour with dark spots in a clear pattern, a short plush coat springy to the touch. Expressive yellow eyes. In lovely condition and well presented – I'll bet he's fun to have around the home.

Class 967 – Red SH Cat of any Tabby pattern or AC Tortie or Tortie/Tabby -

Two very nice cats, I wish I could have awarded both a certificate.

1st MC Withy's Rockee (a lucky lady to own two such cats as Rockee and Butch). A good sized boy with a lovely dark toned tawny-red coat and subtle tabby markings, deep copper coloured eyes. He has the sweetest face. Good condition and well presented. Enjoyed his cuddle and rewarded us with a purr.

2nd White's Loisy (another lucky lady to own Loisy and India). Rich red colour with white and a clear tabby pattern, deep orange eyes. Not as big as his competition but was substantial and well balanced. Firm textured coat in good condition and well presented. A rather shy, sweet tempered boy.

Class 973 – Any Veteran Cat –

What a pleasure to be judging such a class, only one entry but a worthy winner.

1st Turner's MC Maisie

Class 977 – Friendliest Exhibit –

Another pleasurable class to judge.

1st Hutchinson's GMC Biscuit. Gorgeous, a great big short haired ginger and white lad that I swear had a smile on his face. He would have strolled out onto the table had my steward not wanted to cuddle him. Beautiful face and purred like a little engine. Clear demarcation of vibrant red and white colours, greenish yellow eyes, huge feet. Clearly enjoys being handled. Beautiful condition and well presented. Lucky owner. I'm not surprised to see that went on to win Best Non-pedigree Adult.

2nd Webb's UK IGMC Alys. Another wonderful cat, a real old-fashioned style long hair tabby cat not often seen today. Soft coat in lovely condition, dark rich colours with a small white bib, greenish gold eyes. Clearly well loved and pampered.

Class 978 – Prettiest Female –

1st Rossi's GMC Naughty. A long haired tortie-tabby and white that I've admired before. Soft, subtle and well-mingled colours gave her a very feminine appearance. Wonderful condition, temperament and presentation. A mature girl of over 8 years, alert and clearly enjoyed being handled. I just don't believe she lives up to her name.

2nd Goodman's Puddles. The youngest in the class at 14 months, a little worried and not too happy about leaving her pen but easy to handle when she did. Clearly defined areas of dense black and clean white, soft short coat and little black toes. Very pretty face. Good condition and presentation.

3rd Szewd's GMC Lulu-Belle. A strikingly coloured long-haired black tortie and white. Lovely face, soft coat in good condition and was well presented overall, but sadly not happy today and preferred to hide under her covers.

Class 980 – Longest Whiskers –

1st Lewis's GMC Tigga. A large short hair boy with a clear mackerel tabby pattern. Well groomed soft coat showing all of the necessary tabby markings, thumb prints, spectacle, ribbons, tail rings and necklets. Nicely balanced body overall with a very expressive tail. Although he wasn't too keen to come out of his pen he was easy to handle. He was the only entry in this class but his whiskers were worthy of a win.

Class 983 – Exhibit The Judge Would Like To Take Home –

What a difficult choice. In the end it was character that tipped the balance for me.

1st Rossi's Obi. Another cat that I've admired before – and I see that her lucky owner also owns Naughty. This little classic tabby and white short-haired girl has a gentle quiet nature and is a pleasure to handle. In lovely condition and well presented. She has a very sweet face with the most extraordinary eyes – one is clear green and the other clear blue. An old phrase sums her up for me 'Compact and Bijou'.

2nd Goodman's Puddles.

3rd Webb's GMC Purrty. A large ginger and white short haired boy with a soft plush coat, unfortunately he was not in a good humour today, although I was able to stroke him in his pen.

Class 998 – Biggest Eyes.

With seven cats in this class, all with beautiful eyes I thought I'd have problems choosing – but there was an unquestionable winner.

1st Plaw's IGMC Pepe Reina. A good patterned brown-ticked tabby short hair boy – discounting their openness, due to his being a bit grumpy, this boy still had huge eyes.

2nd Amarilli's Trouble. Very pretty little silver shaded long haired baby boy of just 14 weeks. Typical black rimmed eyes, very soulful and appealing.

3rd Szwed's MC Slinky Malinki. Lovely golden eyes set off by a soft, rich, black long haired coat.

Class 1005 – Tabby or Tabby & White Adult or Kitten

What a mixture and what a difficult class.

1st Webb's UK IGMC Alys.

2nd Emery's Geoffrey. The baby of the class at 4 months. Had a gentle moan as he came out of the pen, then began to purr – such a boy. Semi-long hair blue-tabby with deeper toned blue pattern, soft and perfectly groomed. Lovely ear and toe tufts, and

long feathery tail. I fell in love with this little tyke and hope to see him again as he matures.

Extra 2nd Lewis's GMC Tigga.

3rd Rossi's Obi.

Class 1008 – Any Male Adult

1st Hutchinson's GMC Biscuit. Surprisingly the only entry, but what an entry.