

Yorkshire County Cat Club 25th October 2008 Stephen Parkin

A great privilege to be invited judge at the Yorkshire, the first Cat show I every attended 25 years ago. An interesting experience to see this show from another angle. Thank you Lynda. My thanks to Joan Hobson who stood in for me at the last minute, to steward for me.

SORREL ABYSSINIAN ADULT FEMALE

1ST CC & BoB YATES'S MERRYDANCER BAILLEE, 05.07.2007.

Well balanced body, with a strong muscular feel to it, legs in proportion, tail a little short for perfect balance. Head shows a reasonably moderate wedge, with rather a fine muzzle, but with good indent chin, fraction shallow, but not weak, perfect bite. Good top of head with very good ear set, ears large and of good shape. Eyes in oriental set but just a little rounded in shape, even when relaxed. Show white on lips and chin, a single very faint, well broken necklet, no bars. Excellent facial markings, strong spine line, a little of the chocolate ticking colour on the base of the hock, solid tail tip. Very well developed ticking. Coat short and fine, with a resilient texture. Handled very well out of the pen.

BLUE ABYSSINIAN ADULT FEMALE

1ST CC & BoB BOWYER'S CH SILSILA HEARTSTEALER, 19.05.2001.

Beautiful mature girl, fully developed body, with a firm muscular feel to it. Well balanced limbs, small oval feet. Very good tail, broad at the base, tapering gently to the tip, commensurate to the body in length. Head has a moderate wedge, good muzzle indent. In profile, a slight nose break, a firm chin and an even bite. Very good top of head with well set ears of good shape but for perfection could be just a fraction larger. Large well set eyes. Distinct facial markings, no white at all, no bars or necklet. Coat short and fine with a resilient texture, excellent mushroom undercoat, well ticked. Distinct spine line, some blue on the heels, solid blue tail tip. A contented exhibit, who was happy to come out, stood well, on the trolley showing herself off to good advantage.

RUSSIAN BLUE KITTEN MALE

1ST & BoB LEEK & JENKINS'S REKSIF DANUBE DANCER, 07.02.2008.

Nearly an adult, but obviously still very much an adolescent. Good overall size, if a little gangly at present, long legs, neat oval feet. Tail balances the body for length with a gentle taper to the tip. Wedge just a fraction long, at present for perfect balance, whisker pads well developed for his age. Strong chin and an even bite. Distinct angle, flattened top of head with vertically set ears of good shape. Eyes of good shape and set, two shades of green in colour. Double coat already well developed, with a plush feel to it. A pale medium blue with silvering over limbs head and body. Some tail rings evident. A very friendly boy who was very relaxed and purred whilst we cleaned him up after an earlier accident.

2ND OAKLEY'S KREMLIMCATZ CSAR DBOLOSKY, 10.07.2008.

Very much a baby, body does a firm feel to it. Legs a little long at present for the body, tail tapers to the tip. Head a little rounded a present, wedge beginning to develop, and the whisker pads beginning to show. Profile still rounded at the moment but the angle is beginning to form, chin has fair depth and the bite is even. Well set vertical ears of good shape and size, top of head still rounded. Coat still very kittenish, a dark medium blue with silvering yet to develop. No white but barring on tail, legs and stomach. A very contented exhibit who was very relaxed and was very easy to handle.

RUSSIAN BLUE KITTEN FEMALE

1ST KAYE'S SITHEE SASSY SAFFRAN, 24.06.2008.

Well grown for her age, and is beginning to take on Russian conformation. Body shows good length and already has strong muscle tone. Commensurate long legs with small oval feet. Tail proportional to the body with a gentle taper. Head shows a short wedge with developing whisker pads. Chin just a little shallow but not weak, even bite. Angle beginning to form. Very well set ears, top of head still a

little round. This kitten was so deeply asleep that it took quite a while before she would even half open her eyes, of good shape but even on returning to the pen, later appeared a little small at the moment. Colour still to develop. Coat still soft and kittenish. Mid blue in colour with silvering coming through. Some tail rings but no white. Still half asleep during most of the assessment.

2ND LEEK & JENKINS'S MADISON FARADAY SENNET, 27.05.2008.

Body has good muscle and is of good length, legs in proportion with small oval feet. Tail balances the body for length, tapering to the point. Head has a shortish wedge; the top of head is too narrow for balance. Ears well set and of good shape. Almond shaped eyes well set. Profile too straight but good depth of chin, bite even. Coat very kittenish still, a dark shade of blue with no silvering at present, several faint tail rings. A very friendly kitten who was happy to come out and be assessed.

SORREL ABYSSINIAN NEUTER MALE

1ST PC & BoB BOWYER'S PR SILSILA DANCESWITHWOLVES, 15.11.2004.

Very difficult to assess as this lad simply did not want to be at the show. Largely assessed in the pen. Body of good length tail a little short for balance, but of good shape. Well balanced head, good nose break, chin fairly firm bite level. Ears were largely flattened but were of good shape and size Eyes large and very open. Good facial markings double well broken necklet, some vestigial leg bars. Coat short and fine just a little softer than I would prefer. Very rich Sorrel, with a deep apricot undercoat, well ticked. Not in anyway aggressive just very unhappy to be here.

AV FOREIGN ADOLESCENT ADULT

1ST LACEY'S JENANCA LONE STAR, 05.09.2007.

Has a very mature look for his age. Body medium sized. Very muscular and powerful feel to the body, legs in proportion. Tail rather short for balance but good shape and tapering gently to the tip. Neat rounded feet. Head shows a well developed heart shape with good top of head. Ears well balanced, large with a wide base, set high. Expressive large rounded eyes, two shades of green with a very narrow outer hazel ring. Profile shows a very good gentle curve to the nose, which has a downward turn. Bite level, chin strong. Muzzle has breadth but is gently rounded Coat short and fine with silver tipping very well developed on the face and legs. Tipping is spreading over the body very well for a young cat. His is most intense behind the ears and between his back legs. Very vocal in the pen but was very relaxed on the table and showed himself off to great advantage.

2ND BIELBY'S SODACHICATS GRETEL, Female Seal Point Snowshoe, 07.11.2007

Well balanced girl well grown for her age with a hard feel to her. Good length to the body strong legs show balance, with oval paws. Tail proportionate to the body, with gentle taper. Broad head with rounded contours, balanced muzzle good depth of chin level bite. Profile shows the desired slope to the forehead. Good width between the ears, which are broad at the base and in balance with the head. A little round eyed but a pleasing deep blue in colour. Coat short and resilient. Good contrast between the body colour and the points. White to the elbows, but a little more on the face preferred. Rather worried and happier in the pen.

3RD RYMER'S CHICHI FLEURTACIUS.

AV FOREIGN SENIOR ADULT

1ST BOWYER'S CH SILSILA HEARTSTEALER.

2ND HOLT & HIGGINS, NEMOREZ YOUTAKEMYBREATHAWAY, Female Silver Shaded Asian.

Medium sized girl with very good overall Burmese conformation. Body slender, yet with a hard solid feel to it, good width to the chest to balance the length. Legs commensurate to the body with neat oval paws. Tail in harmony with the body, good shape with a very gentle taper to a rounded point. Head has a short wedge with a strong muzzle with good width to the jaws. Profile shows a distinct nose break, very good depth of chin and an even bite. Gentle curve to the brow very good top of head well set medium ears. Wide set eyes of good shape and size. Very pleasing coat short and fine,

lies well, satiny texture. Evenly shaded with only a little tarnish on at the rear, otherwise a very clear silver undercoat. A very vocal girl but happy to be assessed fully on the trolley.

3RD KAYE'S CH SITHEE LILLIBULLERO, Female Russian Blue. 08.12.2005.

Well developed, balanced female, Showing very good Russian expression. Body, long and elegant, proportional legs with neat oval feet. Tail balances the body for length, tapering to gently to the tip. Well balanced short wedge, with a broad muzzle and well developed whisker pads. Chin just a little shallow, but not weak, even bite. Profile shows a well developed angle, Flattened top of head, with large ears set vertically. Expressive almond shaped eyes, a clear deep green in colour. The coat is short and fine, texture dense and plushy. Colour medium blue, some shading but blue to the roots. Silvering extensive over the body, head and limbs, a very faint tail rings, no white. She took a while to settle down but once relaxed handled well and allowed a full assessment.

AV FOREIGN RADIUS KITTEN

1ST KAYE'S SILSILA BEOWULF, Male Sorrel Abyssinian. 24.03.2008.

Well proportioned boy solid feel to the body, legs commensurate to the body. Tail well balanced tapering from a broad base. Head is a moderate wedge with gently rounded contours, large ears following the line of the wedge. Profile shows a gentle nose break, good depth of chin and an even bite. Eyes almond shaped, well set. Distinct facial markings double broken necklets, vestigial leg bars. White on chin and lips. Strong spine line, Very little solid chocolate on the heels, solid tail tip. Excellent coat with a rich apricot basecoat, well ticked. Very affable body who handled well.

2ND NEWTON'S TALLTREES AYASHA, Female Sphynx. 19.04.2008.

Body shows good balance with a pleasingly proportioned body balanced legs with the hind ones longer than the front. Slim tail in proportionate to the body. Head shows a rather fine wedge, lacking strength to the cheek bones and rather narrow at the chin Large well set ears, eyes of good shape and set. Evenly covered in down. Very friendly and easy to assess.

AV FOREIGN VISITORS NEUTER

1ST GOODGER'S PR ADMEWSH BUSHFIREDIZNEY, Female Neuter Brown Spotted Bengal. 07.01.2002.

Well grown girl, body shows good length, with a very strong, hard feel to it. Tail, thick and even, proportionate to the body for length. Head well balanced with plenty of breadth. Small well set ears. Expressive large eyes. Good profile, good depth of chin and an even bite. Excellent coat, short soft and very dense. Distinct spots on a warm apricot basecoat, some ticking evident in the coat. Distinct facial markings. Handled well out of the pen but was happier back in the pen.

2ND KILBURN'S SPINNING HARTLEY, Male Neuter Seal Point Snowshoe. 12.12.2006.

Body shows good overall conformation with a pleasing muscular feel to it. Limbs and tail in proportion. Coat texture rather coarse texture but of good length. Eyes and ears of good shape and size. Eye colour a very pale blue. Very little white with only half a blaze and very little on the paws. Handled well out of the pen.

3RD DONLON'S PR THICKTHORN MURRAYA, (73C), MN. 26.06.2004.

Sadly a most unhappy exhibit who really did not wish to be at the show. Reluctant to come out and turned his back on us when returned to the pen. Too heavy, for what is good Ocicat bone structure, making his legs and tail too short for the body. Well balanced head showing a moderate wedge with gently curving contours, slight dip in the profile. Square muzzle with good width to the nose. Good depth of chin and a level bite. Well set almond shaped eyes. Ear of good shape and size but set impossible to correctly assess, as he held them flat to the head. Coat rather open, fine but a little long, basecoat shows faint ticking. Spots only well defined on the rear quarters. Solid, rather than broken spine line.

Club Class RBBA AC NEUTER

1ST ANDERSON'S CH & GR PR ANNALOVA LEONID, Male Neuter, 23.03.2005.

Well grown male, solid substantial body still retaining elegance. Long legs, in harmony with body, with oval feet. Tail commensurate to the body with a gentle taper to the tip. Face on, the head shows good Russian expression, short wedge with prominent whisker pads. Flat top of head, ears of good shape and well set, but could be a little larger for perfect balance. Strong angle, firm chin and an even bite. Brow line is pronounced. A double coat with good density. Medium blue in colour, sound to roots although the tail colour is darker than the rest of the body. Silvering well expressed over the body, head and legs. Tail shows some, but not as much silvering. Initially relaxed and stood well but was upset by a neighbour, remained very friendly once returned to the pen and allowed a full assessment.