

It was a privilege and honour to judge your cats. From the other side of the world I want to thank everyone who helped me with paper work which as a newbie to GCCF I found a challenge .It was a delight to see my steward's, Pat McCrea , Burmese kitten get the top award. As a Burmese breeder there was plenty to rave about this seal kitten and it was my number one choice on the day.

I also learn that I didn't write down enough in my judge's book so if I haven't said too much about your cat it was either so wonderful I was" blown away" or I had little to say!

I do hope I can have the privilege of judging again in Ireland it was a lovely experience thank youall for your hospitality. I apologise for this report being so long in coming, but I have just returned home to New Zealand after a visit to the USA.

PERSIAN/EXOTIC GRAND CHAMPION (Hibernian G C) Male

HIB GR CH Gr Ch. Mollycoddle Little Heartbreaker owned by Mrs P Harte. Good tabby distinctive pattern with a lovely density of coat. Excellent body shape and good straight back which oozed strength and muscle. Short on the leg and beautifully balanced. The head had lovely width and a good ear set. Eye colour was a light gold. A worthy first placing

RES HIB GR CH Gr Ch. Kazbara Star Trouper owned by K Rima.A three-year-old male who was quiet light in substance for his age. The body was cobby and balanced .A reasonable head with good open nostrils .The eye colour was pale but it was difficult to assess as the hall light was less than desirable. The eyes were a god round shape and I liked the small ears fitting into the contour of the head. I placed this cat 2nd as his coat was not as distinctive in pattern as his rival nor did it have the density.

PERSIAN/EXOTIC GRAND CHAMPION (Hibernian G C) Female

HIB GR CH Gr Ch. Grasshoppers Love and Kisses (Imp Gr Ch.) owned by H Craig and A Bell. The first thing that struck me about this young lady was the presentation. The grooming was immaculate. Good even smoking through the coat and the cameo colour was ideal not too hot. Wonderful weight in a cobby body that balanced well with the tail. Head shape was nicely rounded but I was concerned with the tight nostrils .A wonderfully placid temperament and a delight to handle.

NON SELF PERSIAN CHAMPION (GR CH) Female

GR CH Ch. Amoramist Cornish -Qween owned by L.Garcia.I had difficulty with this cat's coloring. A tabby point with a good "m" on the head and markings were defined. I didn't write much about this cat but I noted a lovely short solid body with a good coat which was well presented.

2 Ch. Kazbara Beautiful Bluebelle owned by A.Keller.A pretty cat with good colouring of cream and blue .I suspect this cat's coat although washed was not rinsed enough as the texture was sticky.it had a flowing coat and I know how much time needs to be spent in preparing this type of coat .I always say rinse , rinse, rinse and again rinse. Quite a long body with a disappointing tail not in length, but lacked the fullness of coat.This female had a good head with correct ears, eyes and jaw.

AOC SELF COLOURPOINT ADULT Male

1 CC BOB Risetta Mister Pickwick owned by L. Garcia A lovely red point Persian with a clear body colour and points show wonderful depth of colour. Excellent grooming which showed off a wonderful coat. A solid big fellow with perfect balance. The head was round with delightful small ears and excellent open nostrils .Lovely round eyes with depth of gold .Impressive.

AC TORTOISESHELL COLOURPOINT ADULT Female

1 CC BOB Amorist Angelica Ray owned by L Garcia A naughty tortie Persian who was easy to handle. I would like to have seen more distinctive markings on all legs .A beautiful coat- dense , well groomed. Lovely short body with good boning. The head was well structured and I liked the good open nostrils.

CAMEO PERSIAN KITTEN Male

1 BOB Sheer bliss Ziggystardust owned by Mrs A. Guilfoyle. A cameo too pretty for a boy! A divine coat and in my notes, I put yes, yes, yes. A strong muscular body which had a great feel Unfortunately, I was, so taken with him I didn't write much about him.

TABBY COLOURPOINT PERSIAN KITTEN Female

1 BOB Risetta Red Poppy owned by R Malcolmson. A delightful girl a pleasure to handle. Always difficult, I believe to judge kittens as they are at different stages of development. Developing nicely , a lovely rounded head which with maturity will have good width and ear set. I really liked the structure of this wee girl. Solid eyes and open nostrils and firm chin. Good to feel and see a strong chest.

TABBY OR TABBY & WHITE EXOTIC KITTEN Female

1BOB Sheerbliss My Lagan Love owned by Mr J Kelleher. Just over 5 months and she lived up to her name. A beautiful tabby coat with well-proportioned clear white markings. A delight to handle and while in kitten coat it was dense and plush showing much potential. Head type was excellent with eye colour still settling .

AOC NON SELF EXOTIC KITTEN

1 BOB Hinchkitz Cherry Blossom owned by Mrs. C.Caughey and Miss S Caughey .I was impressed with this wee kitten almost 8 months old and showing wonderful rounding. Good head with firm chin Short dense coat standing out from the body. Beautifully prepared coat with a straight cobby body and lovely rump. The white was well proportioned.

AC EXOTIC PREMIER Female

GR PR .Int Pre. Sheerbliss Precious Memory owned by Mrs A Guilfoyle .A beautiful sparkling dense Exotic coat with intermingling of colour. A memorable tortie smoke. This mature girl had a lovely feel and was well balanced. The density of the coat was impressive as was the grooming. The coat stood out well from the body, everything about this girl said "round ". She has wonderful depth of eye colour for a spayed female. Strong body and great shape. I loved the head type on this girl and she was my best Exotic in show and I gave her three ticks in my notes. She was a worthy contender in the top 5.

AOC NON-SELF EXOTIC NEUTER Male

1 PC Sheerbliss Braveheart owned by Mrs A. Guilfoyle.A two-and-a-half-year-old neuter who was perfect to handle. Top marks for presentation, lovely coat texture with density .This boy is not yet at his best as 4 years is usually the best time for maturity in this breed. Structurally the body was very sound – short solid neck, low on legs with broad chest nicely balanced. He had good breadth of skull full cheeks . I would have liked more depth in the hinge as he was tongue tipping.

BRITISH CHOCOLATE ADULT, Male

1 CC BOB Garfield of Gerulist owned by I. Kisieliene. Well done to breeder J Pilybaiiene – this chocolate colour is very difficult to bred and maintain a good British coat. He certainly took my attention because of his eyes-round deep gold. Only 18 months old and so much potential. He is still maturing and because he is chocolate the coat was naturally a little flat. As he grows and rounds out, he will grow into his legs and his ears are a little

high. A beautiful cat to handle, often British do not like their feet off the ground but this chap was very laid back- a great showman and if there was a prize for temperament, he would have received it.

BRITISH LILAC ADULT Male

No 52 and no 53 both Lilac male British with little between them

1 CC BOB Yuno of Daisy's Home owned and bred by T Glavecka. The thing that separated these two males for me was the colour and texture of coat. This boy had a fabulous salmon pink tinge to the coat with a plush stand out feel to the coat. I really liked this British .a wonderful broad head and small ears and although slightly younger than his competition he was a beautiful example and when he full matures he will be a force to reckon with. I there was a top 10 over all he would certainly have been in the line up as he was a British that impressed.

2 Alimurs Boomer owned by Mr. & Mrs. Dealey. This boy was a "boomer", big strong body beautifully muscular with a dense cracking coat, Well proportioned. Lilacs need to have that pinkish tinge and he had this. Well done to the breeder. The head was rounded with a great straight nose and chin. The eyes were a good depth of colour. He was my second placing only by a whisker.

BRITISH BLUE-CREAM ADULT female

1 CC BOB Winnifreda Cherry Land owned by C. Johnson. This two-and-a-half-year-old was first in my class. She had a good distribution of intermingled colour with a wonderful weight and excellent body for a female who is still developing Another year will make a a big difference. The coat was plush, dense and good length. Lovely ear set and eye colour. Excellent body type .

2 Zara Asti owned by I Kisieliene Another very nice female British who was pipped by no56 . The difference for me was the ear set and size. She had a great body strength and weight with another dense coat.

CHARTREUX ADULT ASSESSMENT

Merit to Belka Soft Silence owned by E Marcisauskas. This was the first Chatreaux I have seen in the flesh and doing an assessment was also a first. I could only rely on what I had read and photos that I had studied so I was grateful for the opportunity to assess this charming breed. Type wise only reasonable but it is a young cat still filling out. Lovely muscular feel, robust and excellent presentation. In my opinion this cat needed more width in the whisker pad and the colour was not quiet there yet but the body was balanced with a good tapering tail.

It's always hard getting a "new" breed recognized so I didn't want to be too hard hence I awarded it a merit.

BRITISH LILAC KITTEN

1 BOB Irejulssh Emelia owned by J Mccoy. This was an outstanding kitten and my best British in the show. A fabulous coat cracking at 8 months with density and beautiful even salmon pink colouring. Lovely balance in the body and tail to match. Standing on short legs with a rounded cobby body. Head had everything a British kitten should have – width, great ear set and shape lovely eyes in shape and colour. Congratulations on achieving runner up in the show -a real achievement.

2 Oreo of Perladoludmia owned by I Kisieliene. Two kittens in this class and this one was second place. Always difficult to judge kittens as they can change so much in a short time. A 7 month old whose coat was an acceptable tone and reasonable density but a little long and fluffy. Some time for maturing could help this kitten, at present the body is balanced but "gangly" and the head showed a good ear set and firm chin.

BRITISH, MANX OR SELKIRK REX GRAND PREMIER (Hibernian GrPr)

HIB GR PR W/H Gr Pre & Int Pr Misskin Goody Gumdrops (imp Gr Pr) owned by M Kane. I withheld on this British colourpoint. My reasoning as is follows. While he was a well-marked and a pretty cat he didn't for me fit the standard. He was long in the body high on the leg. He therefore didn't fit the body type of a British. While the head was round the ears were big and didn't fit into the roundness of the head. The coat was soft and didn't "crack" so again for me he didn't fit the standard.

BRITISH OR MANX PREMIER Male

GR PR Ch.& Pr. Hoonikatz Ruby's Prince owned by Mrs C Wren. (black silver British) Body well marked and even. Type-wise this boy was right up there. One of the best balanced bodies I saw on the day. With the silvering, the coat is always a little softer, but the cracking and density were present. What a handsome fellow. Great head with width and depth, strong jaw. Congratulations on breeding a fine example of a British deserving of his first place.

BRITISH BLACK NEUTER, Male

1 PC BOB Astralcharm Black Panther owned by A Duffy bred by Miss Hill. I liked this 18 month old male. For a black he had a great even sound dense coat It's great to see the density and difficult to achieve the texture in a black but this boy had it .A beautiful muscular body with balance in the tail. He oozed health and happiness. A pleasure to handle. Lovely broad head- good nose ears and eyes that were golden and round This boy was very worthy of first placing.

BRITISH BLUE NEUTER, Male

1 PC BOB Irejubr Glorious Grey Guy owned by L Healy. While this boy had a reasonable body his coat was dark lacking the powder blue sheen of a good British blue. I would have liked his eyes larger and rounder. He was easy to handle and had a lovely temperament

BRITISH SMOKE NEUTER, Male

1 PC BOB Torridonian Spectre owned by M Kane. Almost a fully mature boy with even smoking through the coat. Smoking tends to soften the coat which alters the texture but this boy's coat was dense and cracking .A wonderful body- I wrote in my notes "round, round, round" which is what I look for in a British .Good head with strong chin, ears nicely rounded and reasonable eyes.

BRITISH TIPPED NEUTER, Female

1 PC BOB Kamasaki Furry Mc Purry owned by E Murphy What a name! A stunningly pretty cat he wasn't very relaxed which meant he didn't show himself well .Congratulations to the breeder of this cat Mrs. K Tanner – Mason .This colour British is difficult to bred to standard because the coat tends to be flat .This chap's coat was evenly tipped and he was nicely balanced in the body. His head was well proportioned with smallish ears. His lovely green eyes which were rather "black" telling me he didn't really want to be in a show!

SEALPOINT SIAMESE NEUTER, Female

Siawye Queen of spades owned by Mrs. B Aird O'Hanlon unable to handle .

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