

## STEVE CROW – SABCCI CAT SHOW – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

My thanks to Ronnie and the Committee of the SABCCI for the kind invitation to judge at this year's show, I had an extremely enjoyable weekend meeting some very friendly people and beautiful cats. Many thanks to my steward, Emeline Callan, who handled the cats with care and confidence and was such good company during the day.

**Foreign Rex, Sphynx or LaPerm Grand Champion, Male:** One boy entered. GCC. HENSON'S CH SPHYNXANTIQUUS X-CLUSIVE. Brown Tabby Sphynx. 11/11/2012. A very handsome boy mature and distinctly masculine in appearance and showing good overall type. Long slender well balanced body feels firm and muscular with very good substance, broad rounded chest, well rounded rump and standing tall on slender, elegant well shaped legs ending in compact oval paws with long toes and cushion pads. Head forms balanced modified wedge with good width to prominent cheek-bones and good breadth and strength to gently rounded muzzle, showing defined whisker-bread and firm well developed whisker pads. Large broad based ears are of good shape, spaced well apart and held correctly to give typical alert stance. Large lustrous lemon shaped eyes are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical "intense" expression. In profile has good depth to skull with flat forehead, slight break can be seen and felt, chin is almost level and of reasonably good depth. Fine soft down is even and has the texture of chamois leather with good resistance, longer fine down up nose to just above bridge and on the backs of his ears, wrinkles on brow, cheeks, neck and shoulders. Shown in superb condition, clean and well prepared. Prehensile tail is of good shape and length just balances. A little grumbly out on the table where he could see that cat next door, more contented and good natured in his pen. A stylish exhibit and nice example of the breed, later in the day he was my selection for Best Foreign Adult.

**AV Foreign Hibernian Grand Premier, Female:** Three girls entered. HIB GPC. WELDON'S GR PR NOBILERO MORRIGAWN RUA. Red Tabby & White Sphynx. 28/11/2013. Mature attractive lady of very pleasing type, although not in the best of moods today. Balanced body is long and slender, feeling firm and muscular and of very good weight and substance, well rounded rump, broad gently rounded chest and elegant slender well shaped legs ending in neat oval paws with long toes and cushion pads. Head forms a balanced modified wedge with good width between prominent cheek-bones and good breadth to gently rounded muzzle, which shows defined whisker-break and firm whisker pads. Large broad based ears are of good shape with rounded tips, spaced well apart and placed correctly to give alert stance when she is settled and attentive, she did tend to flare them today but I think that was to do with her mood. Large lustrous lemon shaped eyes are a warm yellow in colour and are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical "intense" expression. Flat forehead, very slight break that can just be felt, chin falls back a little and is of reasonably good depth. Even covering of fine down has the resistant texture of peach skin, slightly longer fine down

up nose to bridge, on whisker pads and just slightly onto cheeks, also longer down on backs of ears, attractive frown-lines on brow and few other wrinkles which is nice to see. Shown in super condition, clean and well prepared. Prehensile tail is of good shape and length balances. Not very happy today, she swore and was reluctant to be handle. Res HIB GPC. FRIZELLE'S GR PR ACCLAIM DIVA FEVER. Silver Egyptian Mau. 4/9/2010. Mature attractive lady of pleasing type, but very grumpy and reluctant to leave her pen. Reasonably slender body is long and very well filled, of very good weight and substance, but she should not put on any more weight as it will begin to affect her balance, feeling firm and muscular with elegant well shaped limbs and neat rounded paws in proportion. Head forms balanced modified wedge with gently rounded contours, good width to cheeks and fairly good breadth to gently rounded muzzle, which I would like a little stronger for perfection; nose is of uniform width. Well-spaced moderately large ears are broad at the base and of good shape, cupped slightly forward. Large lustrous eyes are shaped like well-rounded almonds and set wide apart under level brows to give typically "worried" expression, colour is a very warm gooseberry green around the pupils with a slight yellow cast to the colour towards the outer iris. In profile has gently rounded brow, slight dip in profile line to nose, chin is almost level and of reasonably good depth. Fine close lying coat is of medium length, quite dense with resilience and feeling smooth; shown in very good condition with a glossy shine. Defined pattern of fairly large dark charcoal grey spots is evenly distributed and contrast against a clear silver agouti ground, spine-line is a little solid on lower back, double necklace is broken, bars and spots on legs; very attractive facial markings with "M" and scarab, eyes show good eye-line and are surrounded by light spectacles, pencilling on cheeks. Tail is heavier at the base and tapers evenly to rounded tip, length is just short to balance slightly plump body. Unhappy out on the table, more relaxed and settled back in her bed.

**AV Original Foreign Grand Premier, Male:** One boy entered. GPC. SCARLETT'S PR ABIGAIL ARMANI. Russian Blue. 24/3/2014. Handsome young lad, suitably mature for his age and of pleasing type. Long slender graceful body is a touch lean, of good weight and feeling firm and well-muscled with gently rounded chest and slender well-shaped elegant limbs ending in compact oval feet in proportion. Head shows short wedge with sufficient breadth to gently rounded muzzle, whisker-pads are fairly prominent, better and more prominent when he is fully attentive. Quite large broad based ears are of good shape and held almost vertical to his head when he is fully alert, appearing quite tall. Expressive rounded almond shaped eyes are medium green in colour around the pupils, slightly warmer yellowish tone to outer edges of irises, set wide apart and at a slight slant and perhaps a touch deep. Forehead appears straight, distinct angle visible above eyes formed with profile line to nose, which has a slight dip, chin is just level and of fairly good depth. Fine coat is of medium length, double and feeling quite dense with a soft and fairly plush feel, lying flatter to the body on lower

back and flanks, shown in very good condition with a healthy shine. Even medium blue grey colour with silvery sheen to edges of head, ears and limbs, a few faint ghost rings along tail. Tail is of good shape and length balances. Good natured in his pen, relaxed and settled, a little unhappy when out on the table.

**AC Burmese Grand Champion, Female:** One girl entered. GCC. TAYLOR & TAYLOR'S INT CH BACKCHAT SUN CHARIOT. Cream. 3/5/2012. Mature attractive lady, feminine and showing very pleasing type. Long slender body is of very good weight, lithe firm and well-muscled with level back, gently rounded chest and slim shapely elegant legs ending in neat oval feet in proportion. Short wide wedge-shaped head is blunt in the muzzle with slightly rounded top between well-spaced medium ears, which are broad at the base and of good shape. Large lustrous yellow chartreuse eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart to give typical expression. Brow is slightly flat, very good break, straight nose but will leather falling away at tip, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Fine close-lying coat is smooth and satiny in texture, in super condition with a gleaming shine. Medium cream colour is rich with a nice matt finish, good powdering effect visible on brow and backs of ears and also on back of neck and across shoulders; faint smudged mark on each knee. Tail is of good shape, tapering evenly to "paintbrush" tip and length just balances. Talkative, contented girl, very good natured and took it all in her stride.

**AC Burmese Grand Premier, Male:** One boy entered. GPC. SLUITERS'S PR BACKCHAT KEPELLMEISTER. Cream. 22/11/2013. Handsome lad of very good size, looking mature and masculine and of pleasing type. Long slender body is balanced, feeling firm, lithe and muscular, heavy and of very good substance with level back, gently rounded chest and slender shapely legs ending in compact oval paws in proportion. Short wide wedge shaped head is very slightly pointed in the muzzle where I'd like just a little more breadth and strength, slightly rounded top lies between well-spaced medium large ears, which are broad at the base and of good shape. Large lustrous yellow chartreuse eyes are of good shape and set wide apart to give typical expression. Brow is gently curved, good break, straight nose is just short enough, chin is level and of reasonably good depth. Fine coat is very close lying with a good smooth satiny texture; in super condition with a gleaming shine. Medium to slightly dark cream is rich and even in tone with a matt finish and some powdering on head and ears; faint well-broken necklace. Tail is heavy at the base and tapers evenly to "paintbrush" tip, length is a fraction short to balance. Slightly apprehensive at first, but soon relaxed and showed how friendly he is.

**AC Burmese Grand Premier, Female:** One girl entered. GPC. SLUITERS'S PR ALDEBIZ MENEKI HOSHI. Chocolate Tortie. 26/9/2010. Very attractive lady of medium size, feminine and of very pleasing type. Balanced slender body is of very good weight and substance for her size, lithe and feeling firm and muscular with straight

back, correctly rounded chest and elegant slender well-shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms short wide blunt wedge with slightly rounded top between well-spaced medium large broad based ears of good shape. Lustrous large eyes are of very good shape and warm chartreuse yellow colour, set wide apart to give typical “glowering” Burmese expression. Very slight curve to brow, very good break, short straight nose, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Fine coat lies very close to her body, smooth and satin-like in texture and shown in superb condition with a glossy shine. Warm rich medium milk chocolate colour predominates with warm medium red intermingled. Tail tapers evenly to “paintbrush” tip and length is a little short to balance. Sweet natured girl, gentle and affectionate. Later in the day she was my selection for Best Burmese Neuter.

**Devon Rex Adult:** One girl entered. 1CC & BOB. ZMETNAJA ALICE DUDOLAND. 1/4/2015. A very pretty young lady, who is developing well, elegant, feminine and of pleasing type. Long slender body is sleek and a touch lean at present, but of good weight and substance, feeling firm and well-muscled with broad rounded chest and slender elegant well shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head is set on an elegant neck and shows a short broad balanced wedge with good width to high-cheekbones and good breadth and strength to muzzle, showing defined whisker break and short curled whiskers. Large ears are wide at the based ears and of good shape, spaced well apart and set quite low although could be a touch lower for perfection, slight muffs and tiny tufts at tips. Large lustrous clear blue eyes are shaped like rounded almonds and set wide apart and at a slant to give typical “wicked” expression. Flat skull curves forward to brow, good stop, short straight nose, chin is almost level and of fairly good depth. Well covered with fine short silky coat, feeling moderately dense with very gentle curl to hairs giving regular, small shallow waves I can see but not really feel along sides and flanks, straighter along spine, ripples across shoulders and on back of neck, sparse around throat and down on chest and underparts, very slight rexing down legs, loose waves on tail; shown in super+ condition and very well prepared. Tail is broader at base and tapers evenly to rounded tip, good length to balance. A gentle and very sweet natured girl, alert and affectionate. Promising girl who needs a little more time to fully mature and reach her potential.

**Asian Tabby Adult:** One girl entered. 1CC & BOB. LENIHAN’S COOMAKISTA ASCINNFULLAS EVE. Cinnamon Ticked Tabby. 22/10/2015. A very pretty young lady, looking suitably mature and well developed for almost 12 months old and of good overall type. Long slender body is lithe and well-balanced, of good size, weight and substance, feeling firm and well-muscled with straight back, correctly rounded chest and well-shaped slender legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms short wide wedge, with good width to cheeks and blunt finish to muzzle, slightly rounded top

between well-spaced medium large broad based ears of good shape. Lovely large lustrous rich golden yellow eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart to give typical glowering expression. In profile shows good depth to skull with gentle curve to brow, very good break, short straight nose and level chin of fairly good depth. Fine coat is fairly short and very close-lying, smooth and satiny in texture and in lovely condition displaying a gleaming shine. Even well-defined ticking in rich warm chocolate is evenly distributed over a warm bright apricot base, good depth of ticking evident with darker spine line and chocolate tip to tail, faint well-broken necklace, legs are clear of marks, very attractive facial markings with "M" and skullcap on forehead. Tail tapers evenly to "paintbrush" tip and length just balances. Gentle and very sweet natured, a stylish and typy girl, lovely to see a Cinnamon Asian of such quality.

**AC Sphynx Adult, Male:** One boy entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to HENSON'S CH SPHYNXANTIQUUS X-CLUSIVE.

**AC Sphynx Adult, Female:** One girl entered. 1CC. HENSON'S WRINKLESSKYNS BAMBINOCCINO. Blue-eyed White. 5/5/2014. Attractive young lady looking mature, very feminine and of very pleasing type. Balanced slender body is firm and muscular, of very good weight and substance with elegant foreign boning, well rounded rump, broad gently rounded chest and standing tall on elegant slender well shaped legs ending in neat oval paws with long toes and cushion pads. Head forms a balanced modified wedge with good width between prominent cheek-bones and good breadth to gently rounded muzzle, which shows defined whisker-break and firm, slightly prominent whisker pads. Large wide-based ears are of good shape with rounded tips, spaced well apart and placed correctly to give alert stance. Large lustrous lemon shaped eyes are a clear pale blue in colour and are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical expression. Flat forehead, very slight break that can just be felt, chin falls back slightly and is of reasonably good depth. Even covering of fine down has the resistant texture of peach skin, slightly longer fine down up nose to bridge, on whisker pads and upper cheeks and on backs of ears, also very slightly longer down at base of tail, attractive frown-lines on brow. Shown in super condition, clean and well prepared. Prehensile tail is of good shape and length balances nicely. Calm and very good natured, she showed herself to advantage.

**Russian Blue Neuter:** One boy entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to SCARLETT'S PR ABIGAIL ARMANI.

**Asian Smoke or Burmilla Neuter:** One girl entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to DIXON'S GR PR ARABOTH MIRABEAU DIAMOND. 21/1/2011. In my book as a Blue Shaded Silver with BCR, but I suspect she may be a Brown Shaded Silver. Attractive mature girl of pleasing type. Long slender body is of good weight and quite good substance, lithe, firm and well-muscled with straight back, gently rounded

chest and slender well shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head shows short wide wedge, slightly pointed in the muzzle, slightly rounded top between well-spaced medium size broad based ears, which are of good shape. Large lustrous warm yellow chartreuse eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart to give typical expression. Slight curve to brow, good break, straight nose is short, chin falls back a touch and is of reasonably good depth. Coat is fine, a touch long overall and especially along her back, but lies close and feels satiny in texture, perhaps slightly more undercoat than ideal; in super condition with a gleaming shine. Light to medium shading in what appeared to me in the light of the hall to be darkish brown, but might possibly be very dark blue-grey, is evenly distributed over a sparkling silver base, clear of marks on legs and chest, "M" and skullcap on forehead, attractive dark eye-liner and pencilling on cheeks. Tail tapers evenly to finer rounded tip, length just balances. Good natured girl, alert and talkative. I did not want to wrong colour her today, although I am not convinced her registration is correct, and was content to award her Best of Breed.

**Egyptian Mau Neuter:** One girl entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to FRIZELLE'S GR PR ACCLAIM DIVA FEVER.

**AC Sphynx Neuter:** One boy entered, plus one girl to be considered for Best of Breed only. 1PC & BOB. . Blue Self. 6/6/2014. HENSON'S SPHYNXALIENS FRANK SKINATRA. A very handsome young man, looking mature, masculine and stylish, showing good overall type. Well balanced slender body is lithe and of very good weight and substance, feeling firm and muscular with good underlying foreign boning, nicely rounded rump, broad rounded chest and slender elegant well shaped legs ending in compact oval paws with lovely long toes and cushion pads. Head shows balanced modified wedge with rounded contours and prominent cheekbones of very good width, strong gently rounded muzzle shows defined whisker break and firm prominent whisker-pads. Large wide based ears are of good shape with rounded tips, well-spaced and correctly placed to give alert stance. Large lustrous lemon shaped eyes are set wide apart and at a slight slant to give typical "intense" expression. In profile has flat forehead, slight break, chin is just level and of fairly good depth. Well covered in fine down, even with good resilient texture of chamois leather, slightly longer fine down on backs of ears, up bridge of nose and on muzzle, very slightly longer down on toes. Clean, well prepared and in super condition, overall his skin is just a little more wrinkled than I'd like. Prehensile tail is of good shape and length balances. Very friendly boy, full of purrs and demanding of attention. A stylish boy with a lovely strong head, overall his skin is just a little more wrinkled than I'd like, but even so he is a good example of the breed. My selection for Best Foreign Neuter.

**Red Burmese Adult:** One boy entered. 1CC & BOB. LENIHAN'S CORNEL OCEAN EYES. 27/11/2014. Handsome young man, looking mature and very masculine for his age and of very pleasing type. Long slender balanced body is lithe firm and muscular,

of very good size and weight, with straight back, gently rounded chest and slender elegant, well-shaped limbs ending in compact oval paws in proportion. Head shows short wide wedge accentuated by developing jowls, blunt in the muzzle with slightly rounded top between well-spaced medium large ears are of good shape. Large expressive yellow chartreuse eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart, colour is a rich golden yellow. Very slight curve to brow, very good break, straight nose is short, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Fine close lying coat is quite short, smooth and satiny texture and in very good condition with a healthy shine. Rich even bright medium tangerine in colour, showing a few very faint ghost bars on legs and faint well broken necklace on chest. Tail tapers evenly to “paintbrush” tip and length just balances. Calm, friendly boy and showed well.

**Cream Burmese Adult:** One girl entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to TAYLOR & TAYLOR’S INT CH BACKCHAT SUN CHARIOT.

**Brown Burmese Kitten:** One boy entered. 1 & BOB. LENIHAN’S JACOU ATHAS DONN. 15/5/2016. Pretty girl of very good size and weight for her age and showing very pleasing type. Long slender body is lithe, firm and muscular, of good substance with straight back, gently rounded chest and slender shapely elegant legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head shows short wide wedge, blunt in the muzzle with slightly rounded top between well-spaced medium large broad based ears of good shape. Large lustrous rich golden yellow eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart to give pleasing expression. In profile has good depth to skull with gently rounded brow, very good break, short straight nose and level chin of fairly good depth. Fine coat is of medium length, close-lying and of satiny texture overall, just a little dry on her lower back; in super condition with a glossy shine. Warm even sable brown colour. Tail tapers evenly to “paintbrush” tip and length balances. Alert, playful and very affectionate.

**Cream Burmese Kitten:** One boy entered. 1 & BOB. HAMMOND’S BACKCHAT GALILEO GOLD. 21/4/2016. Handsome boy of pleasing type who is developing well. Long slender body is of very good size and weight for almost six months old, well filled and of good substance and feeling firm and well-muscled with gently rounded chest and slender well shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head shows short wide wedge, sufficient breadth to muzzle, but ideally I’d like it a bit stronger and blunter, gently rounded top between well-spaced medium to medium large broad based ears of good shape. Rich golden yellow eyes are just large enough for his face, of good shape and set wide apart. Gentle curve to brow, very good break, nose is just short enough and nose leather falls away at the tip, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Fine coat is a touch long on the back, but lies close to the body and is of good texture for his age, in very good condition with a healthy sheen. Even rich medium cream colour has a good matt finish, some powdering visible on neck, head and ears. Tail is of good shape and

tapers evenly to finer tip, length just about balances. A grumpy young man, not at all happy and swore when handled.

**AOC Tortoiseshell Burmese Kitten:** One girl entered. 1 & BOB. TAYLOR & TAYLOR'S BACKCHAT ALICE SPRINGS. Blue Tortie. 21/4/2016. A very pretty young lady, maturing nicely and of very pleasing type. Long slender body is balanced and of very good size and weight for almost six months, lithe and muscular, feeling firm and of good substance with straight back, gently rounded chest and slender elegant well-shaped legs ending in neat oval paws in proportion. Head forms short wide wedge, blunt in the muzzle with gently rounded top between well-spaced medium large broad based ears of good shape. Large lustrous rich amber yellow eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart to give typical Burmese expression. In profile has gentle curve to brow, very good break, straight nose is short, chin is level and of fairly good depth. Fine close-lying coat is quite short, mature for her age and feeling smooth and satiny in texture, in super condition with a gleaming shine. Warm soft medium blue grey colour predominates with rich medium cream intermingled, good silvery effect to head, ears and limbs. Tail tapers evenly to "paintbrush" tip and length balances. Lively, playful girl and very sweet natured. Very promising and my selection for Best Burmese Kitten.

**Blue Burmese Neuter:** One boy entered. 1PC & BOB. TAYLOR & TAYLOR'S BACKCHAT SWANKYPANTS. 4/7/2015. Large handsome lad, looking mature for his age, masculine and of pleasing type. Long slender body is heavy firm and muscular, lithe and of very good substance with straight back, gently rounded chest and slender elegant well-shaped legs ending in compact oval feet in proportion. Short wide wedge shaped head is a little fine in the muzzle, just sufficient breadth and I'll like a blunter finish; slightly rounded top between well-spaced ears, which are medium large, broad at the base and of good shape. Large expressive rich warm yellow eyes are of very good shape and set wide apart. Very gentle curve to brow, very good break, nose is straight and just short enough, chin is level and of reasonably good depth. Coat of medium length is fine and lies very close to the body, smooth and satiny in texture and in super condition with a glossy shine. Warm soft medium blue grey colour is even in tone with good silvery edges to head, ears and limbs. Tail is heavier at the base and tapers evenly to "paintbrush" tip, length balances. Friendly contented boy and very good natured.

**Cream Burmese Neuter:** One boy entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to SLUITERS'S PR BACKCHAT KEPPELLMEISTER.

**AOC Tortoiseshell Burmese Neuter:** One girl entered to be considered for Best of Breed only. BOB to SLUITERS'S PR ALDEBIZ MENEKI HOSHI.

**Breeders New Foreign Adult:** Two girls entered. 1. LENIHAN'S COOMAKISTA ASCINNFULLAS EVE. 2. LENIHAN'S COOMAKISTA REALTNAH OICHE. Bombay. 21/5/2015.

**AV Non-Breeders Adult:** Six cats present. 1. HENSON'S CH SPHYNXANTIQUUS X-CLUSIVE. 2. JOHNSTONE'S QUENTAN CHERRY LAND. Male Lilac Self BSH. 22/7/2015. 3. GLAVECKA'S YOUR MAJESTY MR UNIVERSE. Male Chocolate Self BSH. 20/4/2014.

**Breeders New Foreign Kitten:** One boy entered. 1. MACDONALD'S RAKASTA EXPRESSO. Brown Spotted Bengal. 1/3/2016.

**AV Female Kitten:** One girl entered. 1. GROVES GEARY'S IBIZA MAGIC GARDEN. Blue BSH. 28/2/2016.

**AV 4-6 months Kitten:** One girl entered. 1. MACDONALD'S RAKASTA FLEUR DE LYS. Blue Spotted Bengal. 23/6/2016.

**AV 6-9 months Kitten:** One boy entered. 1. HILL'S ASTRALCHARM HARPER. Lilac Self BSH. 1/4/2016.

**Breeders New Foreign Neuter:** One boy entered. 1. HENSON'S SPHYNXALIENS FRANK SKINATRA

**AV Limit Neuter:** One boy entered. 1. SCARLETT'S PR ABIGAIL ARMANI

**AV Special Limit Neuter:** One boy entered. 1. KANE'S INT PR MISSKIN GOODY GUMDROPS. Apricot Colourpointed BSH. 6/4/2011.

**AV Senior Neuter:** Three cats entered. 1. PATTON'S SUP GR PR LABRYS SOUFFLE GIRL. Orange-eyed White BSH. 28/8/2012. 2. KANE'S INT PR MISSKIN GOODY GUMDROPS. Extra 2. DIXON'S GR PR ARABOTH MIRABEAU DIAMOND.

**Breeders Burmese Adult:** One girl entered. 1. TAYLOR & TAYLOR'S INT CH BACKCHAT SUN CHARIOT.

**AV Non-Breeders Adult:** One girl entered. 1. AIRD-O'HANLON'S SIAWYE QUEEN OF SPADES. Seal Point Siamese. 2/7/2014.

**AV Debutante Adult:** One boy entered. 1. LENIHAN'S CORNEL OCEAN EYES.

**Breeders Burmese Kitten:** One girl entered. 1. TAYLOR & TAYLOR'S BACKCHAT ALICE SPRINGS.

**Rescue Cat:** One girl entered. 1. O'GALLIGAN'S KALIE. Tabby & White. 4 years old.

**Rescue Kitten:** Two well matched kittens entered. 1. WELDON'S GLENDA. Female Black SH. Four & half months old. 2. HAYDE'S SPOT. Male Ginger & White. Four months old.