

SABCCI Show – Dublin – 15TH October 2017**Judge Mrs Sarah Johnson**

Many thanks to Ronnie and the Committee for the invitation to this lovely, friendly show. Always a pleasure to come back to Ireland. The welcome was warm and the lunch delicious – I could have eaten the WHOLE quiche!

My thanks to Aimee Keller for her excellent stewarding skills; I thoroughly enjoyed your company Aimee. How funny that we both share the same profession - a good opportunity to compare notes!

Hibernian Class – A.V.S.L.H Adult:

HGC to Archer's GR CH ISHCUS HARRISON (MCO n 22 09) 19.12.2013. Down in my book as Blue Tabby but unmistakably brown! Very well grown lad; long and deep in the body and standing well on his thick legs, giving the desired outline for this breed. Good breadth in the chest.

Fabulous boning. Long tail to balance. Strong, powerful neck. Very mature head type with good straight lines to the skull; good forehead; large ears, with lovely furnishings and long lynx-tips, set the correct distance apart, open at the base and with the correct placement. Concave curve to the profile with just the slightest of nose bumps which does not detract. Gentle but well-defined muzzle transition; broad boxy muzzle with dep chin and level bite. Beautiful eye-shape with the correct expression. Good amount of top coat with some undercoat and nice graduation. He has a very nice pattern definition and is a warm brown tabby. Beautifully prepared for showing. He has lovely show presence and was very happy to be handled and admired!

Birman Champion:

GCC to Steele's CH KAMASAKI CHIYNNA CHOPSTIX (SBI a) 20.07.2015. Nicely grown girl. Nice compact body with good weight and nicely broad chest. Standing low on her legs. Nice head type indeed, with a lovely soft profile line and softly rounded contours. Medium ears which are well placed. Beautiful soft "Birman" expression in her lovely blue eyes. Gloves are a little scalloped and just a fraction high on the outer edges but within acceptable limits; nice socks; left gauntlet just slightly lower than the right. Good medium blue points of a matching tone; some slight tonal shading to the back. In the middle of her coat change although she shows a nice length, just lacking some density. Lovely girl to handle – sweet and purring.

Hibernian Class – A.V. S.L.H. Neuter

HGP to Frizelle's GR PR ISHCUS LUCCA (MCO ns 22) 24.06.2014. Large chap with good length and height ratio giving the correct body shape for the breed. Medium boning. Chest of reasonable breadth for a neuter. Decent length of tail. Nice strong neckline. Head of good proportion with good straight lines to the head; good broad muzzle with well-defined transition; nice depth to the chin and level bite; gentle curve to his profile; good forehead and top; ears are large and nicely furnished with good lynx tips, although he tends to flare them somewhat; nice eye shape and pleasant expression. He is in coat change and the moment and he is a little greasy, especially along the back where the coat "clumps" together added to this he also retains some dead coat in his ruff, breeches and belly which is dry and frizzy somewhat spoiling the overall impression which did make me debate the award. The coat could be much better prepared, and this would have made him look a whole lot better on the day. Lovely chap happy to be handled.

A.O.V. S.L.H. Grand Premier

1st (GPC W/H) to Brennan's PR SNOWMOUNTAIN BROGAN (RAG a) 04.09.2015. Well grown chap who was easy to handle. He shows a reasonable breadth to the chest and hips, but needs more length for the desired type of the breed. He has good boning but it a trifle low on his legs at the moment. Tail could also do with more length. Head shows nicely rounded contours with a good profile line, nice forehead and flat plane to the top but needing to broaden; reasonable muzzle but the chin slopes off somewhat. Level bite. Ears are rather tall and the setting rather high. Eyes of a lovely clear medium blue and of the correct shape and placement, but large and rather dominate the face. Beautifully prepared coat; still in summer trim. Points are of a dark blue, all matching in tone and he has some tonal shading to his body. Happy chap.

2nd (RES W/H) to Mulryan's PR ISHCUS ALCOPONE (MCO n 22 09) 21.06.2009. Good length to height ratio with good depth in the body and reasonable breadth to the chest, however he is rather overweight which makes his whole balance of body and head out of kilter. Good length of tail. Head is of the correct shape in the skull with good proportion of width to length; good muzzle transition but his muzzle tapers rather towards the nose which lessens the overall appearance of strength in the head. Firm chin with a just fractionally undershot bite. Good concave profile and

nice rounded forehead. Ears are large and set correctly apart, although they have a tendency to flare; nicely furnished with lovely lynx tips. Well-presented chap, in summer trim but with a nice coat texture. He was a little shy today and reluctant to show himself, although he is very gentle. Also considered McCarthy's PR KATEZ HERO IN THE MAKING (MCO d 22) 24.02.2016. Not in the best frame of mind today and so he was very difficult to assess. Well grown for his age with nice proportions and good boning. Head is still very adolescent (he is young in this breed so that's OK!) Nice lines in the top of the head subtle curve to the profile line. He is still very narrow in his jaw-line and needs better definition to his muzzle transition; the muzzle tapers and he lacks strength to his chin giving an overall impression of pointed rather than square lines. Ears are large and well placed when alert. Good eye shape, just a fraction deep set but with good expression. Well presented; top coat has a lovely texture, although he has yet to develop undercoat.

Seal Point Birman Adult:

1st (CC W/H) to Maxwell's KAJENSU MIDNIGHT ROSE (SBI n) 03.06.2009. Looking still very immature for her age. She is rather long and rangy in her body type without the requisite broadness of chest desired in the breed. She stands rather tall on her medium boned legs. Head shows some rounded contours, but again is rather narrow overall with somewhat high-set ears which are on the large side. Eyes shape is nice, with a decent colour of blue and a soft expression. She has good dense seal points; front gloves are quite untidy, being very scalloped and lower than they should be; socks are higher than the angle of the foot; the left gauntlet is rather longer than the right. She is still in summer trim, so lacking length and density of coat, but with a good golden hue. She was a sweet girl with a kind nature, but not up to the standard required for a certificate.

Blue Point Birman Adult:

BOB to Steele's CH KAMASAKI CHIYNNA CHOPSTIX (SBI a) (see above)

Red, Cream and Tortie Point Birman Adult:

1st CC W/H to Steele's XALISH ADOLLE (SBI f) 30.03.2013. Well grown girl with a super nature who was more than happy to be handled. Good size and nice weight to this lady; she is a bit long in the body for balance just now, and still somewhat narrow in the chest; she also stands a little high on her legs. Good medium tail. Head shape is quite typical for a young female, and she is still very narrow across the top, which makes her rather generous ears still much higher than would be preferred. She has a good profile line and good chin; level bite. Her eyes are rounded and of a beautiful colour, but they are very dominant which somewhat spoils the overall expression. Her points are well mingled, and she shows both seal and red. Gloves are OK but she has a long flick on the left front glove which goes up the side of the leg – and then a further spot of very pale colour a way up which in the available light I could not discern as being white or not; the socks are OK, but she has a very low gauntlet on the rear leg. Lovely preparation on the coat. Good length and good density for the time of year; nice golden shading to the coat. She was a delightful girl, but she had too many faults on the day to warrant a certificate.

Brown/Blue Tabby Maine Coon Adult:

CC to Archer's ISHCUS ERIC (MCO n 22 09) 25.10.2016. Not quite a year old but well grown and heavy with muscle. Great length to his body with lovely boning; he stands well on his legs and gives a good overall outline. He just needs to broaden and deepen in the body now with maturity. Good length of tail. Powerful neckline. Head developing very well, with the requisite straight lines to the top and already showing a good width to length ration. Ears are tall and wide at the base, well set with a good forward tilt. Lovely profile and chin; good muzzle transition; level bite. He is still a little narrow in the jaw line, but that comes with age and maturity. Eyes are of a lovely shape and show a typical expression, just a fraction deep set. Beautifully groomed; coat is a bit short, but no doubt a combination of kitten and summer coat. Ruff is just starting to develop and there is some evidence of undercoat. Promising lad.

BOB to Archer's GR CH ISHCUS HARRISON (MCO n 22 09) (see above)

AC Silver Tabby Maine Coon Adult:

Two lovely girls...

CC & BOB to Dixon's ISHCUS SLIP BY (MCO fs 22) 02.07.2015. Super girl who had the "look". She has lovely size. She has great length to her body, with depth and broadness in the chest; great boning on her; thick legs giving a typical outline for the breed. Good length of tail. Super

neckline. Head is of great proportions with correct length to width ratio and good boxy lines. Still a fraction narrow in the lower jaw just now, but hopefully this will improve as she grows and matures. Super profile; good depth in the muzzle and super transition; level bite. Ears are large and well placed. Beautifully prepared; not the longest coat, but has undercoat and wears her colours well! Super texture. She has such a great show presence and that with her added maturity gave her the edge.

2nd to Swiacka HELANIA ISZTAR COON*PL (MCO fs 22) 26.06.2016. Another super girl; well grown with lovely length in her body; lovely boning and standing well to give the typical outline for the breed. Long tail. She has lovely head type for her age; she has a good broad head with the length to balance; at this moment, she could do with a fraction more length of muzzle to balance the strength of the head. Good muzzle transition; good chin and level bite. Lovely profile line and forehead and top. Correct eye shape and nice expression. Large ears, well placed and open at base. Beautifully groomed and in her summer coat, so again lacking length and undercoat as yet. Again, lovely tortie colours and a good silver throughout.

Red Tabby Series Maine Coon Adult:

1st (CC W/H) Archer's SILVERFERNS NEVER SAY NEVER (MCO f 22 09) 17.04.2015. Big strong girl, looking very mature for her age. She has lovely length to height ration and gives a super outline for the breed. Super boning. Long tail to balance. Good strong neckline. Her head is of good straight lines. Unfortunately, she has an almost straight profile line with a bump on the nose, which is not as described in the standard. Good muzzle transition and good chin but she is sadly undershot. Medium large ears with good placement; they are just a fraction closer together than perfect. Lovely eye shape and placement with a superb expression! Beautifully prepared.

Norwegian Forest Cat Adult:

CC & BOB to McClelland's NOYNAROCK MARTA (NFO fs 09) 26.10.2016. in my book as a black silver tabby and white; she is unmistakably a tortie silver and white! Almost a year and nicely grown for her age. Well balanced in both head and body; great body lines with reasonable depth and the typically higher hind legs. Lovely boning. Great tail length. Super head type; beautiful straight profile line; chin is OK; good side lines, just needing to fill out now to create the perfect balanced triangle. Lovely ears; large, wide ant base and following the lines of the head. Beautiful eye shape and expression. Super coat density for her age and the time of year; slightly soft in texture, but for her age and the time of year, within acceptable limits. A very striking young lady, beautifully prepared and easy to handle.

Seal Point Birman Kitten:

1st & BOB to Keirans' TULLYPAWS JUNIOR (SBI n) 29.03.2017. Delightful Birman baby! Really fabulous development of this young chap. He is well grown and already shows the semi-cobby body type and low legs desired in the breed; already some breadth across the chest. Short neck with a lovely head, showing the typical softly rounded lines and proportions. Lovely profile, muzzle and chin; relatively broad top with medium ears in the correct place for his age. Lovely eye shape and expression; colour could be a tad deeper for perfection. Lovely density of coat and good kitten length; lovely dense seal point developing well; slightly uneven front gloves, the front left is a little high on the outer edge, but almost matched; same with the socks and gauntlets. He is very promising but would benefit from better grooming; his feet were not completely white and his coat needs a bit more work.

Tabby Point Birman Kitten:

1st & BOB to Keirans' TULLYPAWS JESSIE STAR (SBI n 21) 29.03. 2017. Another delightful baby, but with an incorrect code as in my book as SBI f 22 which does not exist as a code! Anyway... Nicely grown girl for her age, but very typical of a kitten of her age being a fraction long, but of a super weight and already broadening out. Low on her legs with good boning. Medium tail. Nice head type for her age, softly rounded contours, just starting to get longer now with her growth so just a fraction narrow today; nice profile and chin. Medium ears, well placed. Eyes of good shape, but the colour could be a touch more limpid; soft expression. Nicely marker gloves; slight flick on her front right paw which extends to the stopper pad; socks and gauntlets are all OK. Coat is well prepared, nice length and density for her age. Pretty girl and easy to handle.

Brown/Blue Tabby Maine Coon Kitten - Male:

1st to Swiacka's ENSHI GI OF SUDDEN BLAZING*CZ (MCO n 22)10.02.2017. Almost adult and nicely grown for his age. Lovely length of body and heavy with muscle. Good boning and broadness starting to develop now. Long tail to balance. Lovely neck line supports a very well-proportioned head. Good straight lines to the top; lovely muzzle transition; good length of muzzle, but as yet, slightly tapering to the end; good chin. Profile correct with good forehead and top. Large ears, well placed and wide at base with lovely lynx tips. Lovely eye shape and setting with a typical expression. Coat is well groomed although he had obviously had a roll in his litter tray as he was harbouring a great deal of ca litter in his nicely prepared coat! He has good texture to the coat, although with being a kitten and the season, it was a little lacking in length. Quite solid in his pattern – some breaking beginning – some evidence of oysters and the butterfly across the shoulders - but I would like to see a much better-defined pattern at this stage.

Brown/Blue Tabby Maine Coon Kitten - Female:

1st & BOB Swiacka's ROXETTE ISZTRA COON *PL (MCO n 03 22) 29.01.2017. Very well grown female; heavy and well-muscled with super boning. Lovely length to her body; lovely strength to her overall and already broadening nicely across her chest. Stands well on her legs achieving the desired outline for the breed. Super length of tail. Strong neck line. Head type is lovely with good boxy lines and nice balance. Good straight lines to the top; lovely well-defined transition to a good broad boxy muzzle and firm chin. Lovely soft curving profile; nice rounded forehead and top. Lovely eye shape and correct expression. Lovely large, well placed ears. Beautiful preparation, although she had also rolled in her litter! Great coat texture with lengths as expected for her age and the season, with good pattern. Very impressive female indeed.

2nd to McCarthy's KATEZ JAZZSTYLE IN JUNE (MCO n 09 22) 2.06.2017 – in my book as brown but looking definitely blue! Very young girl and in need of time to develop more breed definition. She has good length, although at the moment, she lacks depth and stands very “tall” on her legs. Long tail. Neck is of good proportions. Head is currently lacking defined angulations required in this breed. Her profile is very straight; needs much more definition in her muzzle as currently she lacks the acute transition and boxy muzzle, giving a more triangular look to the overall head shape with the muzzle being rather narrow and pointed. Ears are medium and need to be set rather higher on her head with a more upright placement. Nice eye shape. She also needs much more preparation for a show as her coat was rather open and oily. Coat is typical short for her age, but there is guard hair evident which is good. She is a sweet young girl and easy to handle, but she needs a lot of time for her head time to sort itself out.

Smoke, Self or Shaded Maine Coon Kitten:

1st & BOB Archer's ISHCUS FRANKLIN D (MCO a) 02.05.2017. Well grown lad; good length to height. Good boning and standing well with typical outline. Good length tail to balance. Lovely neck carriage. Very promising head type with a lovely strong boxy top with straight lines. Good transition to the broad muzzle which had nice length and shape; Good chin. He is a just a fraction undershot at the moment and with being a such a young kitten, I was prepared to take a view on this today, but I do hope it sorts itself out and is only a problem related to jaw growth. Lovely profile line and forehead with nice top; large well-placed ears, open at the base and with a good width between them. Eyes are the correct shape although I would like them a touch larger at this age, but they have a great expression. Well-presented and groomed. Coat of a lovely medium blue with a silvery sheen to it. Decent texture and lengths for his age. Lovely temperament!

Seal Birman Neuter:

PC & BOB to Murphy's KAMASAKI SASHA SWEETDREAMS (SBI n)20.07.2015. What a beautiful Birman lady this was! Fabulously well developed for her tender age. She is a really good size and heavy (not fat!). Very typical body type; semi-cobby and low on her strong legs. Wonderful breadth of chest giving a powerful overall feel to her. Medium tail. Hick neckline. Head type is beautiful with great balance of length and broadness to her skull; soft profile line and nice muzzle; good chin. Ears are medium and fit well to follow her head type. Lovely eye shape, colour could be a shade deeper for perfection; good placement. She has a wonderful expression. Presented beautifully with a soft, dense coat of good length. She has warm dense seal points; gloves, socks and gauntlets are all correct. Her coat is of a warm beige with a lovely “golden glow”. Easy to handle despite the usual “Birman song!” My take-home cat of the day!

Brown/Blue Tabby Maine Coon Neuter:

Also considered for BOB: Mulryan's PR ISHCUS ALCOPONE (MCO n 22 09) -see above
CC & BOB to Henson's ISHCUS UTOPIA (MCO n 22) 21.05.16. F. This girl was quite unhappy and so did not make the best of herself. Large, well grown girl with nice length to height ratio. She is deep in her body and has good boning. Good length of tail. Good basic head type with nice straight lines. Good boxy top. Good profile line Good curve to the profile but with a slight bump on the nose; good muzzle transition; could have a little more length in the muzzle to balance the strength in the skull; deep chin. Large ears, wide a base but with a tendency to flare away from the correct position. Lovely eye shape and placement with nice expression. Well prepared with good pattern and clean white; coat shows some good lengths and nice texture..

AC Silver Tabby Maine Coon Neuter:

PC to Wagner's ISHCUS CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST (MCO es 22) 16.09.2016 Well grown lad with nice length. Nice boning, standing well on his thick legs. Broadness developing now. Good length of tail to balance. Nice neck line. Good straight lines to the head; good profile line; good transition but needs more length in the muzzle to balance the skull; good deep chin. Ears large, well open at base and placed correctly. Eyes are the correct shape and with a nice expression. He was well presented

BOB to Frizelle's GR PR ISHCUS LUCCA (MCO ns 22) – see above

Red Tabby Series Maine Coon Neuter:

PC & BOB to Frizelle's ISHCUS ARCTURUS (MCO e 03 22) 26.07.2016 Well grown lad for his age. Good length of body with nice depth and decent breadth of chest. Nice boning to this heavy lad. Good tail length to balance. Nice neck line. Still rather juvenile in his head type, which is just a fraction small to balance his body. Good straight lines in the upper skull; nice transition to the muzzle which is of good length; deep chin. Softly curving profile line with decent forehead. Large ears, well placed with a good distance between them. Lovely eye shape and placement; nice expression. Good presentation; it was late in the day when we got to him so he was a little dishevelled as he had already been handled several times. Nice texture and good graduation; good length and some undercoat evident. Lovely friendly chap.

Colourpointed/Mitted Ragdoll Neuter:

BOB to to Brennan's PR SNOWYMOUNTAIN BROGAN (RAG a) 04.09.2015. – see above