

The report from SABCCI's 57th show 17.10.2010 in Knocklyon, Dublin by FIFe judge Lotte Borch.

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It was a big joy when I received the invitation by Siamese and All Breeds Cat Club of Ireland to come and judge at their 57<sup>th</sup> annual cat show. The show manager Mrs Veronica Brooks did from the very start her outmost to welcome me, so with little butterflies in my stomach did I make my way to Dublin on the 16<sup>th</sup> October early morning. I had the pleasure of the time to look around in the afternoon in Dublin centre which I have not seen before. It was also fine that I could get a flight Sunday evening in fine time. I was made most welcome Saturday evening where we had a most enjoyable dinner and where I met part of the board and a couple of the other judges. Sunday morning I was introduced to the rest and not the least my very nice and most capable steward Sarah Bowles who was an outstanding support during the whole day. I cannot thank here enough with her perfect knowledge of the GCCF show rules and practicalities along the way.

The day started as normal with a nice group of British Short Hair and Burmese GR CH.

1. Blacktortie British Short Hair female Grand Champion: Sliabh Northernnight GR CH (21) female 01.07.2005. It was a lovely big sturdy female in excellent body for the breed. Lovely broad rounded head and fine short perfect profile, fine wide set ears of nice size. Beautiful short dense coat and excellent mix of colours. A true tortie with a strong character, but nice and manageable. She was awarded the GR CC.

2. White yelloweyed British Short Hair Grand Champion: Labrys Warrior Princess GR CH (14a ) female 18.02.2009. She was also a very charming girl well worth her GR CH, but in comparison to the tortie she lacked some body. She was rather slender in body and a little high on legs. Give her a couple of more years and she may develop somewhat she is still very young for a British. But she had a very nicely shaped head with fine width to skull and lovely profile. Her eyes were a little more slanted for perfection and ears a little high set. But her coat was excellent and pure white. She has a very sweet character. She was awarded Res.GR CC.

Here we hoped a little to the Burmese Grand Champion group:

1. Lilac Burmese Grand Champion: CH Ismisha Dapper Dan GR CH (27c) male 3.11.08. This was a very sweet and gentle boy. He was of good size but a little slender lines to body and legs a little high. But he had a well built head with fine width to skull and fine profile and acceptable chin and skull still held slight rounded dome. Very nicely shaped and expressive eyes. His coat texture was fine but his lilac colour was in a strange way a little uneven. But he still held the most qualities to receive the GR CC.

2. Cream Burmese Grand Champion: CH Rearaha Aloebiz Robbedoes (27f) male 15.06.08. He had a very good way to show the best of himself, but when I got him out he appeared rather tall long and slender for a well grown Burmese, it would suit him to put on some weight, but we still cannot shorten his body and legs. But still a good muscle to body. He has a very nicely shaped head with nice line over skull and profile only his chin

could be more pronounced. His ears were very nicely set and of fine size. A most fine sleek texture and fine pure cream colour just a little markings on front. Especially his built stepped him down in comparison to the lilac boy. He was awarded Res. GR CC.

Then we went back to the British group.

1. Tortie silverspotted British Short Hair open class: Pouleus Pick'n'mix (30es) female 8.5.09. A typical young female who will gain by time to develop and pick up some muscle and power to body and legs. But her proportions are good. She has a nicely shaped head with fine profile and chin and lovely shaped eyes, but the colour was a little questionable. But her ears are nice and very well set. The coat texture could be denser but fine silver contrast and very nice spotting, but the mix of colours could be more pronounced. Good length and shaped tail. But she still had enough to receive the Award 1 CC.

From here I continued with the Intermediate class.

Alejandro eyes de Selva (40 2) male 8.7.09. A most well developed young boy with very nicely balanced body and legs with lovely power. Most excellently rounded skull and fine profile and chin, lovely for a British. His eyes are of good placement and size but can be a little more open, the colour is very good for a young pointed British. Lovely set ears of nice size. Excellent short rich coat only the bodycolour is already quite deep that takes the contrast away already. But fine tail and on the whole a fine boy with many fine qualities. He received of course no. 1 IC.

Then we went to the kittens. 1.

Blue British Short Hair Kitten male. Sliabh notso Shabbi (16) male 23.5.10. This boy hit me right in the eye and excited me right away. Especially his head at this age. It was a lovely well developed head with beautifully rounded broad skull fine short profile and the chin was lovely. But most of all the beautiful small ears with lovely wide setting. To round the head of he had lovely shaped eyes with the lovely muddy colour that promise so much for the colour later. And then I can continue to a very well developed coat for a kitten this age, fine medium blue colour, lovely short dense crisp texture. He is in lovely balance for age and with lovely sturdy body and legs. This boy ended up with receiving the total "Best in Show" title of the day, A pure joy. No 1 kitten.

1. Blue British Short Hair female kitten. Cassiobury blue Sinead (16) female 16.4.10. A very nicely developed young girl with lovely massive body and fine well matched legs. She has a very nicely built head with beautiful rounded lines, fine profile and chin is acceptable for stage in life. Her eyes are of fine shape and size and very nice colour, not yet clear which is a good sign. Her ears are of fine size for age just a little high set. Beautiful dense short coat with a lovely medium blue with a lovely crispness to it. A very attractive young girl well worth her no 1.

2. Blue British Short Hair female kitten. Cassiobury blue Sorcha (16) female 16.4.10. Much to my surprise was this a litter sister to the girl before. It is very interesting to see

how difference there can be. Not that she is an uninteresting girl but she has details to consider. The only things they had in common was the size and proportion. The head was well shaped with nice rounded contours nice profile but lacked chin. The eyes had nice shape and size and lovely deep colour. But here the ears were on the large side and rather high set. The coat was nice and short but on the soft side and quite heavily marked with ghost markings even at this age. It was not difficult to place the two, but when I was to give BOB the little boy still stood out as the best.

1. Black Silverspotted British Short Hair female kitten: Sliabh Sunshine (30s) female 14.5.10. Nice little girl well balanced for age and well muscled. Typical kittenhead not yet fully developed but good lines nice profile and chin. Lovely bright open eyes, colour not yet clear as normal. Ears are at present on the big side but nicely set. Coat nice texture and short and pattern ok at present the silver contrast was lacking at present and since she is rather deep in colour I wonder if it will clear up over the time. Consider her age she had good aspects and therefore received the no 1.

We now came to the neuters.

1. Blue British Short Hair neuter male. Cassiobury blue Oliver (16) male neuter 7.4.09. A proper big boy in excellent shaped with massive muscle, lovely to touch. Lovely rounded skull and lines fine and beautiful profile. The eyes could be a little more open. The ears are lovely in shape and size and beautiful set. Probably the best coat of the day. He of course took the award for neuters 1 PC and BOB.

1. Chocolate British Short Hair neuter male. Ardee van Conor Donn (15b) male neuter 30.4.08. A nice big boy with well developed body, but here you could wish for the same power on the legs to compare to the body but good height. His head lacked a little in width over the skull and is a little long compared to the width of skull in the noseline and chin could be more pronounced. His eyes of nice shape but could be a bit bigger, the colour is nice and clear yellow and good for a chocolate. His coat is excellent with lovely density and fine short and crisp. Nice pure dark chocolate colour even very well coloured to the roots. Nicely shaped tail. He lacks a little on the whole compared to the blue neuter but still OK to receive his PC 1.

As you may gather by now my favourite adult British Short Hair female was the Tortie GR CC, my little blue kitten and the big blue neuter boy.

Then I went to a small group of Asians and Singapura – interesting.

Ticked Asian adult female: Dundrum little Mochaccino (72 45 bq) female 4.1.10. A most attractive looking female with a lovely shaped and balanced head and nicely balanced ears and setting very nice. She had lovely shaped eyes. The coat had a lovely overall colouring and fine ticked pattern as far as I could see. She was a dainty female. But she was completely impossible to get near even though we did our best to speak gently and leave her to the end, we still had no luck with the result I had to write CNH on her report.

Self chocolate Asian adult female: Sliabh Twix (72b) female 14.12.09. Now we had better luck. This little lady was in a good mood and willing happily to be handled. She was a fine feminine girl nicely balanced and with nice muscle. Lovely shaped and balanced head with fine profile and chin. Excellently shaped eyes and beautiful deep colour. Coat was lovely and sleek with a fine pure dark brown colour. Fine length to tail. here we had a most sweet and gentle girl. She received happily her 1 CC.

Then we went to the two Singapuras.

Singapura adult female: Mitander acclaim Ayasha (77) female 20.12.09. A lovely young feminine girl still youthful in her muscle and a little slender. But fine balanced between body and legs. most pretty expressive head with lovely big eyes and excellent big well set ears. Fine short sleek coat with excellent clarity in colour and ticking with the right little markings. Tail of good length. A sweet and gentle character well worth her 1 CC.

Singapura neuter female. Ismisha yes Virginia (77) female neuter 30.8.07. It was a great joy to see this real grown up female with fine full grown body and nicely proportioned legs. Again we saw a most expressive and beautiful shaped head with lovely set fine big ear. And the eyes had that beautiful big size that makes the full experience of the head. Lovely pure ticked coat with just the little markings asked for. Fine texture and nice tail. Well worth her 1PC.

And now we rounded of with the Burmese.

1. Cream Burmese female adult: Somatir Norma Jean (CH) (27f) female 17.4.09. A lovely balanced female with fine muscle and size. Lovely shaped head with fine proportions and good profile with fine break. Very expressive eyes fine Burmese expression and lovely deep colour in the chartreuse colour range. Beautifully set ears of fine size. Nice sleek texture with lovely clear colour with hardly any markings, just the little on the front head as normally seen on cream and red. Fine length to tail. A very charming young girl. Clearly worth her 1CC and BOB.

1. Brown tortieshell Burmese female: Blackchat Gipsy Moth (27e) female 26.1.09. A nice grown up girl but a little high on legs and slender body, but nice muscle to the touch. The head was very well shaped with fine broad rounded skull and fine short front with fine break in the profile and good chin. Beautifully shaped eyes only the yellow colour could be a little more intense. Lovely shaped and set ears with the width that suites the Burmese sp well. Excellent coat texture with the most beautiful mix of colours. Nicely shaped tail. Well worth her 1 CC and BOB.

Bluecream Burmese female adult. Coomakista Portraitofagirl (27g) female 22.8.09 was absent.

Then we went to the kittens.

1. Brown Burmese female kitten. Ismisha my Sharona (27) female 29.4.10. Beautiful strong body and legs for a female kitten. Typical kittenhead in development that needs time to grow to broaden over skull, but shows better when relaxes. Lovely shaped eyes with good expression for a kitten but could be a little bigger. The ears are of fine size and beautiful setting. Fine well developed brown coat, with fine sleek texture. A correct Burmese tail. Deserves her no. 1 and BOB.

1. Chocolate Burmese male kitten. Coomakista Francisco Goya (27b) male 1.5.10. A very nice kitten buy with excellent muscular body and legs in fine balance for his age. The head still needs to develop to get good male proportions but he has a fine profile and chin. beautifully shaped eyes for a Burmese kitten and colour in very nice for the unfinished stage. Very nicely shaped and set ears. coat is still typical kitten texture a little open in structure like many chocolate a little woolly, but beautiful pale chocolate colour. Fine Burmese tail. Also this little boy deserves no.1 and BOB.

Chocolate Burmese female kitten: Sliabh Joni Mitch (27b) female 22.3.10 was absent at this show.

1. Red Burmese male kitten: Coomakista the Gooch (27d) male 30.4.10. Very well developed kitten with lovely strong body and legs, very well proportioned head with lovely width to skull and fine profile and chin. his eyes are on the slanted side for a Burmese. But with nice deep colour. Fine well shaped and set lovely apart ears. Lovely clear red colour and beautiful sleek texture, fine well shaped tail. Absolutely worth no.1 and BOB.

1. Blue Tortoiseshell Burmese female kitten: Backchat Silver Whisper (27g) female 3.6.10. Very well developed body and fine bonestructure and lovely proportions between body and legs for a kitten. A most lovely shaped head with fine rounded skull and fine shaped profile and good chin. The eyes are lovely shaped with the right Burmese lines and lovely deep amber colour at this age. Excelently set and shaped ears. Beautiful sleek coattexture and lovely mix of colours. A fine little tail. A striking little girl well worth her no. 1 and BOB.

2. Chocolate Tortioseshell Burmese female kitten. Sliabh Joss Stone (27h) female 22.3.10. A typical youngster who have grown a little out of good shape but with good power in the muscle. But at present a little tall and slender. Head shows good proportions but just a little longer in the profile and narrower over the skull than wished. But the profile is good nice break. Eyes are well set and fine size a little rounded in shape but the colour is a fine clear yellow. The ears are of good size just a little high set. The coat is beautiful sleek and excellent in mix of colours. The tail matches the body and of correct length and shape. Compared to the previous kitten she lacks some to beat her therefore no.2.

Amongst these 5 kittens four of them competed about the best Burmese kitten and I was very pleased to place them as follows: 1. Blackchat Silver Wisper (27g), 2. Ismisha my Sharona (27), 3. Coomakista the Gooch (27d), 4. Sliabh Joss Stone (27h).

1. Blue Burmese neuter male. Katez Cara Macree (27a) male neuter 14.6.08. Fine wig neuter male in lovely shape for a neuter. He is just a little on the tall side on the legs but the body is fine and shows lovely muscle. fine size head but a little long profile compared to the width of skull. The profile shows fine break and chin is good. Lovely Burmese shaped eyes and lovely clear chartreuse colour. Fine shaped ears just a little high set. Excellent coat and the tail is fine and matches the body. A typical neuter and I can accept to award him 1 PC and BOB.

1. Cream Burmese neuter male: Poppylove Acorn Rua (27f) male neuter 11.9.09. A beautiful big boy in excellent shape and size. The well matched head with fine width to skull with was only disturbed by a little too long nose from break to tip, to match the skull. Beautiful eyes with excellent colour. Lovely set ears of fine size. The coat is lovely clear cream and fine texture. tail just a little long. This was my favourite of the two neuter boys and well worth his award 1 PC and BOB.

In general I was very pleased with the Burmese. They shows the differences you expect but holds a very good standard.

To end my allotment of cats I passed on to the Siamese – Oriental group. I started with a Oriental cream who had decided to stay at home, the name was: Shadowsquad Bandia Orga (37f) female 4.1.09.

1. Oriental Turtioseshell female kitten. Coomakista Bandia Dathuil (37h) female 14.5.10. Fine slender kitten with lovely proportions and nice muscle to the body and legs. Fine shaped head with nice length and outer lines fine, only a little slope in the profile to disturb the impression. Lovely shaped eyes and fine colour for age that shows good intense green colouring coming up. The ears are well shaped and set in a fine outer line. Excellent sleek coat and fine mix of colours. Tail is nice in shape and length. Very good for the awarding 1 and BOB.

1. Seal point Siamese male kitten: Osterfen Kaliste Mochonna (24) male 5.2.10. A lovely big well developed boy in excellent proportions and lovely strength to body and legs. Fine well developed head with beautiful profile and lines. Lovely shaped eyes with the lovely possibility to see the beautiful deep blue colour. Ears are of fine shape and size and nicely open at base nicely set, in fine line to the head. A very classic Siamese head. His coat is fine and sleek witch still holds this beautiful classic clear contrast between point colours and body colour. His tail was good in shape but could be a little longer. But he was well worth his no 1 and BOB.

1. Tortie Pointed Siamese female kitten: Cocmakis siodah (32 b 4) female neuter 12.2.10. A most striking girl in excellent shape and size, with lovely muscle for such a young girl. A most elegantly shaped head with beautiful lines. The most expressive eyes with excellent colour. Beautiful large excellent set ears. The coat was also a sheer joy, lovely sleek texture and excellent point colours and fine pure bodycolour. Ending with a nice tail. A mist striking Siamese girl. With great pleasure did I pass the no. 1 and BOB.

We ended the day with BEST in SHOW where we were asked to chose our choice in the various groups. ***Choosing a single Reserve Best In Show proved too difficult and, ultimately, I decided to award Joint Reserve to the British Kitten Sliabh Notso Shabbi and the Siamese Kitten Coomakista Siodah.*** It was great fun and I had a most enjoyable day and thank you all for the help and support in the judging.

Kindest regards Lotte Borch FIFe judge.

***Edited***