

SIAMESE & ALL BREEDS CAT CLUB OF IRELAND (GCCFI) Dublin, 17th October 2010

Margaret Baker's Show Report

Congratulations to Ronnie and her committee on an excellent show. I was delighted to be asked to complement the judging team. Taking on the miscellaneous classes in so many shorthair breeds other than my designated ones was a challenge as well as a pleasure, and my book of Standards was glued to me throughout the day. Emeline Callan was a highly competent steward, her love and enthusiasm for the cats and her sense of humour made the day even more enjoyable - thank you "Em", I hope we can work together again.

I judged Household Pet Open Classes first. It was a pity that of the eight entries, only four turned up.

All Black Cat, Male - 1, FLOOD¹S COCO, MN, 2yrs 6mths. Substantial fellow with a comfortably rounded head and body, pointed ears, round greenish-yellow eyes and a thick silky shorthair coat. A handsome but heavy armful, he was unfortunately very shy and swore repeatedly, so we did not handle him too much.

Black & White Cat, Female - 1, TERRY¹S DARCEY, FN, 4yrs. Large regal lady reposing in her pen as if sitting on a throne. Shorthair with coat in beautiful condition and sparkling contrast, mostly black with white bib and muzzle and most amusing black blotches on her nose and chin. She objected strongly to being moved or picked up (how dare we!), so was left in peace to look a picture of outraged majesty.

Any Colour Kitten, 4-9 Months - 1, HAYDE¹S OLLIE, M, 5mths. Charming little boy with beautiful distinctive ginger tabby and white markings, which were a bit suffused on the tummy. Oval green-hazel eyes, dense soft shorthair coat on a muscular body, strong legs and paws, nice thick tail. Very relaxed and a pleasure to handle, as he needed to be in order to go in the BIS pen. My choice for Best Household Pet, he was also the favourite non-pedigree by public vote.

2, McMANUS¹S SALEM, M, 5mths. Attractive and personable little fellow, all jet black short coat which felt a bit dry. Round yellow eyes, alert pricked ears, curved profile and well proportioned body. Thick tail of good length. Very sweet and well behaved.

Breeders New Foreign Adult - 1, LEBIODA¹S SHERIDAN VINSENT, (33 40 1) M, 2yrs 5mths. Black & white Cornish Rex. Fine and elegant male with a nicely shaped wedge and high cheekbones. Beautiful large ears generously based and with correct high set. Excellent profile, blue eyes ³popping² a bit through tension. Chin a little set back but of adequate depth, good bite. Body slender but strong, long straight legs with small feet, fine long tail. Short fine silken coat waved all down back to tail. A good looking Cornishman.

2, O¹SULLIVAN¹S SLIABH TWIX, (72b) F, 10mths. Delightful chocolate Asian, only just adult. Short balanced wedge with rounded head contours. Good nose break, slightly rounded nose outline, strong chin with perfect bite. Eyes and ears very good in shape and setting. Lithe strong body and legs, excellent tail shape and length. Lovely glossy coat of consistent colour which struck me as rather dark, but the lighting was not very helpful.

3, DMYTRYEVA¹S DOBSHANGRILA EZIRA, (76 30) F, 1yr 2mths. Brown Spotted Bengal. Broad wedge with excellent curved profile, wide muzzle and firm chin. Lovely shape to her eyes, medium to largish ears. I felt she was just a little light in frame. Tail of good length, even but not very thick. Long sleek coated body

adorned with bold rosettes, spots and arrow stripes.

AV Non Breeders Adult, Male - 1, DMYTRYEVA'S CH MAJESTICPRIDE MACHO, (76 30), 2yrs 6mths. Powerful and imposing Bengal with a broad medium wedge, slightly long nose, high cheekbones and gently curved profile. Broad muzzle, slightly shallow chin. Wide oval eyes, bright green with a hint of gold. Medium size ears, wide based with rounded tips. Thick neck set on long muscular body with quite a long tapered tail. Thoroughly marked with necklaces, stripes, excellent rosettes and head pattern in warm rich tones.

2, WOOD & O'CONCHOBHAI'S BELZEBUB ORCHIS*PL, (84 40 12w), 3yrs 3mths. Black & white Sphynx of great style, so glad I was not called on to pronounce his name. Excellent growth and conformation, nicely wrinkled head with modified wedge, large open ears, straight nose which was a little in advance of chin in profile, bite correct. Solemn green eyes, well spaced and most expressive.

Substantial body, muscular with broad chest. Long fine legs, elongated oval paws well padded. Long fine tail tapering almost to infinity. Warm skin with a very fine down, thicker on backs of ears.

3, LASTAUSKIENE'S LANION CENTURION, (84 31b), 2yrs 3mths. Blue & white colourpointed Sphynx, well shaped head, medium to large ears, widely spaced blue eyes correctly slanted, nicely wrinkled on face and over shoulders. Medium length body of good weight, sturdy legs and long toes like fingers, long fine tail in proportion. Skin showed fine down but felt rather clammy. He handled well although he was quite vocal.

4, IZYDORCZYK'S ALEJANDRO REYES DE SELVA, (40 2) 1yr 3mths. Big powerful Colourpoint British boy, rounded head with rather a heavy brow, good short nose break. Chin could be a fraction deeper, bite was level. Neat ears, eyes a definite blue but rather pale and not round enough in shape. Thick neck set on a cobby body, would have liked him a bit lower on the leg, round strong paws. Thick tail rounded at the tip. Coat slightly long and soft in texture, heavy shading but it toned with the blue points.

AV Non Breeders Adult, Female - 1, ARCHER'S SUP & INT GR CH SHADANZA TANZANITE, (77) 8yrs 5mths. Beautiful Singapura, so alert and forthcoming.

She was correct on every point, though she has succumbed a little to middle age spread. Glorious large green eyes with perfect spacing, eyeliner and cheetah lines. Rounded skull, wide muzzle, large wide based ears, firm enough chin.

Muscular in build, strong legs with dainty oval feet, tail fine but not whippy.

Consistent double ticking on a short silky coat, warm sepia on old ivory background, spurs on hind legs.

2, WOOD & O'CONCHOBHAI'S REXIVEL ROSA KLEBB, (84 22), 2yrs. Attractive and feminine Sphynx, her head was typical with prominent cheekbones and whisker pads, large lemon shaped green eyes. Straight nose in profile, chin a little shallow but aligned. Lovely wide based ears, elegant and muscular body which was warm and comfortable to touch, with light down in all the right places.

She was a very becoming tricolour, with patches of black and red on white. And personality plus!

3, WREN'S PORTEOUS PICK'N'MIX, (30es), 1yr 5mths. There is something so glamorous about silver and this was a lovely example of tortie silver spotted British. She had a round face with full cheeks and round eyes of golden hazel with a sweet expression. Good profile with rounded skull, adequate depth of chin, level bite. Ears a bit large, furnished. Good body strength and weight, short legs and round paws. Thick dense coat, excellent spotting with charming touches of red on forehead, lower back and hindquarters. Excellent tail of proper length, numerous rings.

4, LONG'S CRYSTALPAWS JACINTA, (23), 5yrs 7mths. This was a very strong class, it was no disgrace to be placed fourth and no reflection on her quality. This Aby had everything correct, green almond eyes, good profile, straight backed

lithe body, excellent ticking on rich warm colour. She conformed well to the Standard but for me she didn't quite have the "X factor".

AV Charity Class Adult - Two British ladies. 1, CALLAN & RUSSELL'S LABRYS WARRIOR PRINCESS, (14a), F, 1yr 8mths. Beautiful compact girl with a crisp dense coat of truly sparkling white. Broad head with wide cheeks, neat ears.

Well spaced round eyes of vibrant coppery-orange with alert expression.

Excellent profile with short straight nose, appropriate break and deep chin, good bite. Strong cobby body with short legs and round paws, medium length tail to balance.

2, EVANS' SLIABH NORTHERNIGHT, (21) F, 5yrs 3mths. Impressive girl, fairly massive in size, even tended to make the winner look a bit small by comparison as they were penned next to each other. She had a lovely head with typical rounded contours, full cheeks and deep chin. Round light amber eyes which could have been bigger. She had an excellent thick coat which was well tortied, but I could not give a complete examination as she became upset.

AV Junior Adult - 1, WREN'S PORTEOUS PICK'N'MIX

2, O'SULLIVAN'S SLIABH TWIX

3, IZYDORCZYK'S ALEJANDRO REYES DE SELVA

AV Debutante Kitten - 1, O'SULLIVAN'S SLIABH NOTSO SHABBI, (16), M, 5mths. Not "shabbi" at all, in fact he wound up as Best British Exhibit.

Absolutely lovely kitten, strong head with rounded brow, well shaped golden amber eyes, neat ears. Deep chin with incisors developing, at the moment a bit more gums than teeth. Firm body of nice stocky build, strong legs and thick tail. Dense coat of even blue and not too dark.

2, RASKA'S CAIRNICATS WHITE ROYAL, (16a 14c) M, 6mths. Very attractive White Russian, nicely set upright pointed ears, almond eyes - a bit hard to see the colour as the pupils were dilated. Profile has yet to develop the typical angularity, but it's coming. Level chin and bite. Elegant body and legs with oval feet, lovely tapered tail to balance. Soft coat, though not the full Russian yet.

Permissible dark kitten spots on head. A sweet and gentle character.

3, DMYTRIYEVA'S DOBSHANGRILA JAMES BOND, (76 30) M, 6mths. Handsome well grown Bengal boy, rather straight profile, level chin, bite scissored. Excellent body proportions, very good striping, rosette pattern not fully formed but showing two distinct colours on a warm background.

4, McGARVEY'S CASSIOBURY BLUE SORCHA, (16), F, 6mths. Impressively grown blue British, broad powerful head with round cheeks, just the right break in profile but nose had an undesirable bump. Round eyes of good colour, broad muzzle and deep chin. Strong cobby body ending in a very thick tail. Dense coat of medium blue, a little tabby ghosting hopefully to even out.

AV Female Kitten - 1, WOOD & O'CONCHOBHAIR'S DADDYO STOTTIECAKE, (84 31), 5mths. Delightful little person, actually a good sized kitten, lovely black and white markings with a blaze on the face. She had a beautifully sculpted head

with wide muzzle, a little bump on the brow just spoiling the profile from being perfect. Lemon shaped eyes and huge cupped ears, which on any other breed would look impossibly flamboyant. Firm muscular neck and body, wrinkles around the head and shoulders, long fine legs and toes, terrific long spidery tail, light down on the back. I never expected I'd fall for a Sphynx! It is true that what they lack in coat they make up for in character. Stottie was mad to be "best friends" with Em and myself, she almost bombed us with affection.

2, DIXON'S GUYUS LITTLE MISS (76 20), 5.5mths. Most attractive marbled Bengal. Beautiful head with curved profile, ears on the large side. Body of good overall proportions. Silken coat quality, lovely marble swirls with black outlines on the sides and showing three distinct colours including a warm deep gold

ground, well spotted paws.

3, McGARVEY'S CASSIOBURY BLUE SINEAD, (16), 6mths. Well grown young lady like her litter sister Sorcha. Good profile with rounded brow and small neat ears.

Round golden eyes showing a greenish tinge at the moment, minute bump on nose under a good break, bite acceptable. Body had good weight and muscle, strong legs with round paws, thick tail. Good thick plush coat of medium blue.

4, DMYTRIYEVA'S DOBSHANGRILA LE ONDE, (76 20), just over 4mths. Younger, darker and slightly colder in tone than the other Marble. Eyes could be a wider oval, profile rather straight and chin slightly receding. Otherwise a nicely proportioned and pretty kitten.

AV 4-6 Months Kitten - 1, RASKA'S CAIRNICATS RASKA'S WONDER, (16a), M, 5mths. How great to see Russians again! This lovely boy had a good wedge with prominent whisker pads. Characteristic high pointed ears, almond green eyes with the soft expression. Graceful and well muscled body, moderately long but rather thick tail. Developing a fine soft Russian coat with silvering.

2, RASKA'S CAIRNICATS WHITE ROYAL

3, McGARVEY'S CASSIOBURY BLUE SORCHA

Breeders Burmese Adult - 1, ARCHER'S SOMATIR NORMA JEAN, (27f), F, 1yr 6mths. Lovely lady with a broad face, gently rounded forehead and blunt muzzle.

Short nose under a good clean break. Large lustrous chartreuse eyes, medium size well set and tilted ears. Strong body structure, well filled sides! Elegant legs and dainty oval feet, tail with rounded tip exactly to requirements. Soft silky cream coat with powdering especially visible over head and ears.

2, TAYLOR'S BACKCHAT GIPSY MOTH, (27e), F, nearly 1yr 9mths. Another beauty, lovely head wide at the cheekbones and finished with a blunt muzzle, a wee bit flat over forehead. Nose break not as distinct as the winner and nose rolled off a little. Lovely shape yellow chartreuse eyes, well spaced and expressive. Ears were on the large side. Strong muscular body, very good limbs and tail. Silky conditioned coat showing a nice tortie mix.

AV Non Breeders Adult - 1, O'SULLIVAN'S CH ISMISHA DAPPER DAN, (27c), M, 1yr 11mths. Really sweet fellow, and a lovely Burmese overall. Balanced wedge with good width to top, forehead a bit flat but rounded out over brow.

Well set medium sized ears, good nose break on profile, deep level chin.

Medium ears with rounded tips. Lovely large yellow chartreuse eyes, he was so happy at being cuddled he kept them half closed most of the time. Powerful but elegant body with straight back and rounded chest. Tail only just long enough.

His lilac colour was not seen to best advantage under the yellow lighting, although the hall was quite bright.

2, SLUITERS' CH TEAROHA ALDEBIZ ROBBEDOES, (27f), M, 2yrs 4mths. Grand substantial boy of masculine appearance. Strong head features with width at top and at jaw hinge. Beautiful eyes of deep chartreuse colour, nose rolled off under a not very precise break. Firm chin with signs of acne. Medium sized nicely set ears. Sturdy body with correct limbs and tail of appropriate length. Close lying coat of rather hot cream but showing a magnificent sheen.

Breeders Burmese Neuter - 1, NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE ACORN RUA, (27f), MN, 1yr 1mth. Very well grown and friendly boy who obviously enjoys his food! Appealing expression in lovely golden chartreuse eyes, well spaced and slanted at outer corners. Good profile and break, nose a little rounded. Ears wide at base and correctly tilted. Heavy body of good proportions with deep rounded chest, elegant legs and feet and excellent tail. Close fine coat in lovely condition, a hot kind of cream but with correct powdered effect.