

What a wonderful weekend in Ireland and superb hospitality by the club committee. Brilliant atmosphere, and a real feeling of camaraderie with everyone working extremely hard to ensure that the show was a huge success, which it was. Husband Steve came over with me and the hospitality and friendliness was second to none, making it a very memorable birthday for him. Our sincere thanks for the very kind invite to judge. We had some cracking cats and some I could have taken home in a heartbeat!

AC BIRMAN CHAMPION (GR CH)

GRC, LABRADA'S CARRICKFERN GENTIANNA, 13c3, F, 09.04.07

Chocolate Point. A well developed mature female with lovely Birman type and expression. Strong broad rounded skull, wide placed ears of good medium size and in balance with the head. Full round cheeks tapering to a well developed muzzle and full chin. Medium shade of blue to large eyes, not quite round in shape. Medium length nose with slight dip though there is also a small bump present towards the tip. Long weighty body, well boned limbs and strong paws. Bushy tail, in balance with the body. Quite a long coat, ivory colour, with a fairly full ruff framing the face. Very good contrast between body colour and chocolate points. Points were quite a deep shade of chocolate, limbs were slightly paler than the other points. Very slight brindling to the mask. Feet generally quite well marked though she has a slight dip of colour between the toes on the right glove, acceptable since it does not go all the way though. She was rather upset today and difficult to handle, so we had her out for the minimum amount of time. Beautifully presented and groomed very well indeed. I really hope that she settles down for her next show as she is such a beautiful female, though not showing us her best side today.

AOV SLH CHAMPION (GR CH), MALE

GRC, SAVILLE'S CH COONTASTIC TANGERINE DREAM, 64 41dw, 10.03.09

Classic Red Tabby & White Maine Coon. A huge male showing wonderful rectangular body, massive boning to legs and paws and a very alert expression, so typical of a hunting cat. Large well furnished ears, sitting high on a strong masculine head of very good length to breadth ratio with fairly full cheeks and high set cheekbones. Slight oblique setting to large pale green eyes. Shallow concave curve to the nose, very well defined square muzzle. Level bite, firm deep chin. Really long body, deceptively heavy and very muscular. Flowing tail reached the shoulders and it was nicely furnished. Winter coat developing well, with some undercoat present and a good gloss to the topcoat. Coat was shorter over the shoulders and showing increase in length down the sides of the body, quite full breeches. Some ruff present, with full winter coat developing. Rich warm classic tabby markings with white to face, bib, chest, underbody and limbs. Very impressive male, wonderful size, balance and expression. I had the task of choosing all the Best in Show Semi-Longhairs and made him Best SLH Adult and Best Overall SLH. He later went on to become Overall Best in Show and by the end of the day had the title of 'International Grand Champion'. My congratulations to his owner & breeder, a tip top cat all round and shown in wonderful condition. Such a laid back temperament too! Well done Tangerine Dream!

AOV SLH CHAMPION (GR CH), FEMALE

GRC, NERETTI & GIBBONS' CH LADYDOLL BOADICEA, 66 31a, F, 09.08.08

Blue Bi-Colour Ragdoll. A very well balanced and substantial female with a strong head of very good breadth. Flat plane between medium sized ears, which were sitting with a slightly forward tilt. Well developed rounded cheeks, good definition to the muzzle. Very pleasing profile with a gentle dip to a nose of medium length. Level bite. Firm chin. Long body, broad chest, very substantial feel to her. Solid bone to medium length limbs, large round paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Fairly full ruff framing the face, coat of medium length to the body, dense and very silky to the touch. Full knickerbockers. Well marked inverted 'v' to the face, all four limbs were white, as was the length of the underside from chin to the base of the tail. Bluish white body colour with two white patches over the back. Mid depth to bluish-grey points on the head and tail. Delightful temperament, beautifully presented and shown in lovely condition. Very worthy of the Grand Challenge today.

AC BIRMAN PREMIER (GR PR)

GRP, KIRERANS' GR PR CARRICKFERN FIRECRACKER, 13c15, MN, 09.06.06

Red Tabby Point. I adored this boy's eyes, such a deep bright blue and so very expressive. Lovely large masculine head, strong, broad and rounded with wide set ears of medium size. Beautiful large eyes, almost round in shape and stunning bright blue colour. Full round cheeks, quite a strong muzzle. Medium length nose, very slight bump present. Level bite, chin of nice depth, recedes just a fraction. Super long body, very solid feel to him. Thick set legs, short strong paws. Bushy tail, proportionate to body length. Well marked feet all round with even length socks covering the back feet, gauntlets which tapered and ended about three-quarters of the way up to the hocks. Gloves ended in straight lines, finishing just below the angle of paw and

limb. Full ruff around the neck, long coat to the body, currently moulting with winter coat coming in well, pale cream in colour. Because he was moulting, the tummy area was a little open, as might be expected as the coat changes. Excellent contrast between the body colour and the red tabby points. Some partial rings to the tail and bar evident on the limbs. He had some evidence of thumb prints on the ears, a well marked 'm' on the forehead, spectacles around the eyes and spotted whisker pads. Wonderful to handle and very affectionate. Lovely boy to cuddle.

AOV SLH PREMIER (GR PR)

GRP, SAVILLE'S CH ISHCUS MARVIN, 64 41dw, MN, 01.03.08

Classic Red Tabby & White Maine Coon. A massive cat! Really large ears, sporting tips and tufts and sitting high on the head to give a very alert expression. Head of medium length with good length to breadth ratio and fairly full cheeks. Pale green eyes, large and slightly obliquely set. Shallow concave curve to the nose. Square muzzle. Level bite, firm deep chin. Really long rectangular body, huge boning to medium length limbs, huge round paws. Very well furnished flowing tail, reaching the shoulders. Ruff developing well, coat shows an increase down the back and sides of the body with a glossy topcoat covering the undercoat. Well marked classic tabby pattern to a mid shade of red with white to the muzzle, chin, chest, tummy and feet. He was rather tense today, though was no problem to handle. Very well groomed for the show.

SEAL POINT BIRMAN ADULT

CC & BOB, WALSH'S CARRICKFERN ISABELLA, 13c1, F, 22.05.09

Seal Point. An affectionate girl who had pleasing head shape showing good breadth and rounded shape with ears set quite wide apart and of good medium size. Cheeks quite full, round in shape, muzzle well developed. Lovely large deep blue eyes, not quite round in shape. Medium length nose, slight dip though she has a slight nose bump present. Level bite. Chin quite firm and shows good fullness. Medium sized girl, typically adolescent with a long body in proportion to head size. Nicely boned limbs of medium length, short paws. Bushy tail, balancing the body length. Currently in shorter summer coat, ruff starting to lengthen. The coat felt silky. Dark seal brown head and tail, colour still developing up the limbs, though all showing contrast with the pale beige body colour. Very slight darker top shading over the back of the body. Socks quite even in length and covering the back feet. Gauntlets were a little uneven, the right one finishing higher than the left. This gauntlet also tapered well, the left ended in a rounded shape. Very easy to handle and she should balance very well once she gets through that adolescent stage of development. A nicely presented girl.

CHOCOLATE AND LILAC POINT BIRMAN ADULT, MALE

CC & BOB, GILMORE'S CARRICKFERN INSIGNIA, 13c4, M, 22.05.09

Lilac Point. Large and very gentle male with a very strong broad head, showing very good rounded shape and full round cheeks. Wide set ears, medium in size. Large, expressive deep blue eyes, almost round in shape. Good slight dip to the medium length nose. Well developed muzzle, full chin. Level bite. Super body for length and substance. Well boned thick-set limbs of medium length, short strong paws. Very well furnished bushy tail, though for perfection it could be just a touch longer. I was impressed with his coat development for the time of year, already a long full silky off-white coat, with a ruff around the neck. Very good contrast between the body colour and the pinkish-grey points. Points were quite even in depth all round. Nicely marked socks covering the back feet. Gauntlets tapered slightly and finished about two-thirds of the way up to the hocks. Well marked socks, ending in quite straight lines, just below the start of the limb. Fabulous temperament and condition. He adored the attention and being cuddled.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (IN CI-COLOUR) MAINE COON ADULT

CC & BOB, SAVILLE'S ISHCUS ASTRALE, 64 41, F, 26.08.09

Classic Brown Tabby. This girl looks much more impressive out of the pen than she does in it. Lovely large ears, well furnished and sitting about an ear's width apart on the head. Medium length head, showing good breadth for age with nicely filled cheeks and high set cheek bones. Initially her eyes appeared a little too obliquely set, but with the aid of the teaser, they opened up well and were large and slightly obliquely set, green in colour. Shallow concave curve to the nose. Square muzzle, firm deep chin and level bite. Really long and very muscular body, excellent weight for age. Large slid bone to limbs with big round paw. Tail reached the shoulders and was quite well furnished. Currently in shorter summer coat, some ruff present and quite full breeches. Good gloss to the topcoat. Very clear classic tabby markings including some evidence to spinelines. Dense black markings, quite a cool tone of beige to the agouti base colour. Lovely to handle and very well groomed.

2ND BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ BERNEDETTA, 64 41, F, 06.04.09

Classic Brown Tabby. I really liked this girl's head shape and expression, very alert with large bright green eyes which were set in a good slight oblique set. Large ears, set high on the head and nicely furnished with

tips and tufts. She has nice breadth to the top of head. Head of medium length with breadth developing well and cheeks filling out. Very shallow concave curve to the nose, I would like to see a fraction more curvature for perfection. Good square muzzle, chin rounds off a little rather than being truly perpendicular with lips and nose leather. Long body, currently a little rangy and I wondered if she had been calling recently. Nicely boned limbs and large round paws. Long tail, well furnished and flowing. Currently in short summer coat with ruff yet to develop. She is currently moulting so coat texture is a little harsh though should be very nice once the winter coat comes in. Some length to breeches. Quite clear classic tabby pattern, some brindling present. Slightly older than my winner, more adolescent in appearance and not quite as well muscled as my winner. However, I do feel that once she fills out, she will be very nice indeed. She was great to handle.

AOC MAINE COON ADULT

CC & BOB, SAVILLE'S CH COONTASTIC TANGERINE DREAM, 64 41dw, 10.03.09

Classic Red Tabby & White Maine Coon. My Grand Winner, reported above.

AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT, MALE

CC & BOB, NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE SCORPION KING, 66 31a, M, 06.11.09

Blue Bi-Colour. A very impressive young man, I couldn't believe that he is not yet on year old as he has such wonderful size and overall development, way beyond his tender age. Wonderful head shape and size, really strong and broad with a good flat plane between the ears. Medium sized ears, set wide apart and with a slightly forward tilt. Large medium blue eyes, set slightly obliquely. Medium length nose, dip present, though perhaps there could be just a little more curve present for perfection. Well developed cheeks and a very well defined rounded muzzle. Really long weight boy, very muscular indeed. Broad chest. Really well boned limbs and large round paws. Bushy tail reaching the shoulders. Dense coat of medium length, very silky and beautifully groomed. Full ruff and knickerbockers. Bluish white body colour, he has a white saddle over the back, though it is less than 1/3 of the whole are so within the standard. All limbs were white, white from the underside of the tail base, along the underbody, chest, bib and chin. Well marked inverted 'v' to the head. Medium depth of bluish grey to the head and tail points, contrasting very well with the bluish-white body colour. A dream to handle and shown in tip to condition. He ran Tangerine Dream very close for Best SLH Adult and it could have gone either way. I had to consider the finer points, including profiles and chins, just to split these two wonderful boys up. Certainly one to watch for the future.

AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT, FEMALE

I considered **NERETTI & GIBBONS' CH LADYDOLL BOADICEA** for BOB, both very nice Ragdolls and felt that my male had the edge on coat development as a major factor to help me decided between them. However, I see now that she is his mother so at least I kept it in the family.

AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT MALE

CC & BOB, RASZKA'S ANATOLIA FRODO, 66f, M, 25.09.09

Cream Colourpointed. Just over a year old and a well grown male with a well muscled body. Good breadth to a masculine head with cheeks filling out and good definition to the rounded muzzle. Flat plane visible between ears of good medium size. The ears were sitting well, tilting slightly forward. Large eyes, set in a good slight oblique set and mid blue in colour. Good gentle dip to the medium length nose. Chin of good depth, though rounds off a touch at the end. Broad chest, nice large boning to medium length legs, round paws. Long weighty body. Well furnished bushy tail, reaching the shoulders. Fairly full ruff framing the face, medium length coat to the body, dense silky feel to it. There was quite a lot of darker top shading to the very pale cream coat though there was still contrast between the body and the darker cream points. Well developed mask and tail, limbs slightly paler in tone. This boy had a very substantial feel to him, he was heavier than he looked. Lovely to handle and well presented.

2ND TWOMEY'S TIA-LUCIANA GABRIEL, 66a, M, 05.03.07

Blue Colourpointed. A medium sized boy and currently a little rangy a might be expected of a mature entire male at the end of the summer, especially if he is a working boy. Head of good length and nice breadth though overall I felt that he didn't quite have the breadth or developed cheeks of my winner today. However, he had wonderful large eyes, quite a deep shade of blue, absolutely beautiful. Gentle dip to a nose of medium length. Good rounded shape to the muzzle. Firm chin, level bite. Long body, though a little rangy at the moment. Quite large boning to limbs and feet. Quite well furnished bushy tail, balancing body length and reaching the shoulders. Short coat at the moment, he currently has a short ruff and fair length to knickerbockers. Blush white body colour and despite him having quite a lot of darker blue top shading, there is contrast between the body and the bluish grey points. His temperament was second to none, he purred and padded all the time we had him out – what a pleasure to judge. I think that he will look much better once

his winter coat and substance comes back in the months ahead. Today, the younger body had the edge on overall development, size, head strength and coat.

AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT, FEMALE

One of my most challenging classes of the day, so little to choose between these two girls as both had some very nice features.

CC, NERETTI & GIBBONS' KIWIMAGIC MISTY REFLECTIONS, 66c, F, 28.12.08

Lilac Colourpointed. Lovely clear flat plane between the medium sized ears which were sitting wide apart on the head. Ears were set well showing a slightly forward tilt. Head of good overall length with well developed cheeks and a good rounded shape to the muzzle. Pale to mid blue eyes, quite large in size and set in a slight oblique. Good gentle dip to the medium length nose. Level bite. Chin was firm though could have been a little deeper. Long body, good weight and solid feel to her, well boned limbs and round paws. Well furnished bushy tail, in balance with body length. Medium length coat, pleasing texture being dense and silky, ruff and knickerbockers present. Very pale magnolia body colour showing very good contrast with the pinkish grey points. The points were well developed, though the limbs and tail were slightly paler in tone when compared to the mask and ears. Beautifully groomed for the show. Lost out on BOB in part because of her paler eye colour and eye size.

2ND NERETTI & GIBBONS' ADORING SHEBA, 66tw, F, 25.02.09

Seal Tabby Colourpointed. A couple of months younger than my winner and I felt that she is also a nice female. Very attractive seal tabby point with very well defined and well marked tabby points. Very good breadth to the head for age with breadth between the ears. Her ears are still a touch on the large side of medium though they should balance very well once her full head size and breadth develops. Lovely large deep blue eyes, though I felt that they were just a little too obliquely set for perfection. Well filled cheeks. Nose has a gentle dip, it was just about medium in length though I would no like to see it any shorter at this stage of development. Rounded muzzle, level bite, chin quite firm. Lovely substance to the long body. Well boned legs and paws. Tail reached the shoulders and was quite well furnished. Medium length coat, silky feel to it, fairly full ruff around the neck, well grown knickerbockers. Her coat was not quite as well developed as my winner's, probably because she is slightly younger. Beige body colour, some top shading though showing excellent contrast with the points. Another very well presented girl who was lovely to handle.

BLUE POINT BIRMAN KITTEN

1ST & BOB, MORGAN'S JANAMOR THEADORA, 13c2, F, 15.05.10

Blue Point. What a gorgeous baby – my take home cat of the day, with the most delightful temperament! Only just five months old and she already has a beautiful head shape, really rounded, broad and strong. Ears medium/large, as expected at this age and should look wonderful as she matures. Large bright eyes, quite a deep shade of blue. Slight dip to the medium length nose, tiny drop-off towards the tip. Cheeks already well filled and round, well developed muzzle. Level bite, full chin. Lovely long and very weighty body, this girl is very well grown indeed. Substantial boning to thick-set limbs and short strong paws. Tail balanced body length very well, furnishings developing length. Long silky baby coat, bluish white in colour. Greyish-blue points already well developed including the mask with colour deepening up the limbs. She had very well developed points for age. Well marked gloves covering the front feet and ending just below the paw/leg angle. Right sock was marginally longer than the right, both socks covered the back feet. Well marked gauntlets, full and tapering to end about three-quarters of the way up to the hocks. Overall, one of the most promising kittens I have seen recently. And to top everything, she has the most wonderful temperament, she constantly demanded to be out of the pen for cuddles and purred so hard that her entire body vibrated. Great condition and she really did steal my heart! I later made her Best SLH Kitten and she was so close to becoming my Overall Best SLH in Show, beaten eventually after much deliberation, by the adult Maine Coon. However, I was over the moon when it was announced that she had been voted "Visitors' Favourite Cat of the Day" as she certainly entertained the public, every time we went near her pen, she was surrounded by crowds. This girl has star quality and is one to watch out for in the future.

USUAL SOMALI KITTEN

1ST & BOB, LENIHAN'S REYESESEVLA KISTA, 63, F, 06.06.10

Usual. An elegant young lady of not quite five months old. Lovely large ears, set high and pricked. Head of pleasing overall length, and showing a moderate wedge, gentle contours still to develop as expected. Hazel eyes, initially they appeared a little too round and bold, though had much better shape once she relaxed. Very slight nose break present. Slight indentation to the muzzle, at the moment the muzzle tapers a touch, though this could be down to her teething. Quite firm chin. Balanced muscular body, long elegant limbs, oval paws with some tufting present. Long balanced tail, furnishings developing length. Soft baby coat of short to medium length, base was quite a warm shade of apricot. I felt that she had very well developed black ticking

for age with a darker speline and top of tail. Well marked black heels. Spectacles and pencil lines around the eyes, a nicely marked head. Nice to handle, well presented and very playful.

SORREL SOMALI KITTEN

1ST & BOB, LENIHAN'S BRIZLINCOAT GOLDUST, 63a, F, 22.04.10

Sorrel. A little older than my Usual and consequently she has better head development and balance with gentle contours present. Large ears, set high, cupped and pricked. Eye colour changing, currently a mix of hazel and amber, eyes were large and almond shaped, set obliquely. Good slight nose break with a rise from the nose to the forehead. Slight indentation forming the muzzle, muzzle shape slightly stronger than the Usual's. Chin quite firm and of good depth. Long body, well muscled and lithe. Long limbs, tufts between the toes, oval shaped feet. Long tail, already nicely furnished for a baby. Soft kitten coat, some ruff present and breeches developing. Warm apricot base colour, already very well ticked with cinnamon, overall she gives the impression of a warm copper colour. Well marked head with spectacles and pencil lines. Slightly darker speline and top of tail. Heels were quite well marked. A very happy kitten who purred all the time we had her out. Well groomed and easy to handle.

BROWN OR BLUE TABB6Y (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON KITTEN

1ST & BOB, BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ ARANCIA SUSINA, 64 41a, F, 25.06.10

Blue Classic Tabby. I know that I was rather generous in awarding the 1st & BOB to this very young lady as she is actually a Mackerel Tabby (64 44a) rather than a Classic Tabby. However, because she would have needed to be registered at a very young age, probably before definition of markings had come out, I felt it better to award today and then talk to the owners about changing her registration details with the Governing Body. A very well grown girl with lovely bone structure and huge paws. Really large ears, currently too large for the head, which means that they should look very well balanced as her head develops and matures. I would describe the head as rather extreme, narrow and long at the moment, she has plenty of time for the breadth to develop. Cheeks yet to fill out. Eyes currently hazel in colour, eye colour is currently changing and I suspect that they will end up being green. Eyes were large and set in a slight oblique. Shallow concave nasal curve. Muzzle feels square, though a little on the narrow side. Firm deep chin, level bite. Lovely body shape, long and rectangular, excellent weight and a very substantial feel to her. Tail easily reached the shoulders, furnishings developing. Soft medium length kitten coat with ruff and breeches. Nicely marked head, tail and limbs. Saddle is still a little solid, mackerel tabby markings coming out down the sides of the body and I suspect that when she was registered, the markings were not as clear as they are now. Lovely temperament, very well groomed and lovely condition. I suspect that she will end up being a large female, based on her current size and bone structure. I later spoke to her owners/breeders and they will now re-register her as a mackerel tabby.

AC SILVER TABB6Y MAINE COON KITTEN

1ST & BOB, BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ GAMES MAN, 64 41sw, M, 20.06.10

Classic Silver Tabby & White. This boy has a very well developed strong masculine head of medium length and very good breadth for age. He already has fairly full cheeks and a nicely balanced head shape all round. In comparison to his large head, the ears are a little on the small side and set a little wide, though they were nicely furnished. Deep gold eyes of good large size and set. Nasal profile has a shallow concave curve present. Good square muzzle, firm deep chin. Wonderful long and very weighty body, excellent rectangular shape. Really well boned legs of medium length, large round tufted paws. Long tail, reaching the shoulders and balancing the body well. Tail furnishing already quite long. Long soft baby coat, full ruff and breeches. Nicely marked classic tabby pattern with black markings on a silvery white agouti base. White flash up the nose and across the lips. White bib, chest, tummy and feet. Another kitten with a lovely temperament and great condition. Shows promise for the future.

AOC MAINE COON KITTEN

These two girls were actually litter sisters and like peas in a pod with very little separating them, even down to colour and markings.

1ST & BOB, SAVILLE'S ISHCUS ANTARES, 64 41ew, F, 02.06.10

Classic Tortie-Tabby & White. Really large ears, set high and just under an ear's width apart on the head, nicely furnished with tips and tufts. Head of medium length, breadth developing and cheeks already starting to fill out. Large, slightly obliquely set eyes, green colour. Shallow concave nasal curve. I felt that she had more strength and breadth to the muzzle and this, together with the slightly better breadth across the cheeks, helped me to separate two otherwise, very similar kittens. Level bite, quite firm chin of good depth. Long body, rectangular shape, solid boning to legs and paws. Tail balanced body, reaching the shoulders and it was already nicely furnished. Shorter kitten coat at the moment and no ruff at present though breeches

are starting to lengthen and fill out. Some classic tabby markings to the torso, nicely marked head and limbs. She had a very well mingled mix of red and brown classic tabby with white to whisker pads, lips, chin, chest and underbody, as well as evident on all four feet. Very easy to handle and a confident baby who was well presented.

2ND SAVILLE'S ISCHUS APRIL, 64 41ew, F, 02.06.10

Classic Tortie-Tabby & White. Very similar in so many respects to my winner, this young lady also had a well mingled tortie coat with some evidence of tabby markings present. She had a very alert expression with very large ears, sporting tips and tufts and set a little less than one ear's width apart on the head. Very pleasing eye shape and set, eyes were hazel in colour. Similar head length to sister, though the head was slightly narrower overall and I felt that her muzzle was not quite as square, being a little narrower when compared with Antares' muzzle. Level bite and she did have a slightly firmer chin than her sister. Head is worth 35 points, so some emphasis needs to be placed on these small differences and overall I felt that my winner's head was slightly stronger today. Rectangular body of good length and weight. Well boned legs, medium length, large round feet. Nicely furnished tail for age with length balancing the body well. Baby coat with a soft texture, medium in length, her coat was actually a little longer than her sister's. White to feet, tummy, bib, chest and lips. Happy and playful baby, well groomed and lovely to handle.

AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, MALE

1ST & BOB, NOONAM'S POPPYLOVE GASPY MENELIK, 66w, M, 16.05.10

Seal Mitted. A very impressive young man indeed, another heart stealer like the Blue Point Birman baby. He has beautiful type, size and expression. I just loved his strength of head, already really broad and very masculine. Very well placed ears, set well apart and sitting with a slightly forward tilt. Clear flat plane between the ears, very well developed cheeks for five months old and a very well defined rounded muzzle of good overall length. Mid blue eyes, large, expressive and set in a good slight oblique set. Gentle dip to the medium length nose. Level bite, firm chin. Very substantial feel to him, well muscled long body with large boning to legs and paws. Tail balanced the body, reaching the shoulders, already showing bushy furnishings. Pale beige body colour, seal brown points already well developed and showing contrast. Nicely marked mittens and white to beyond the hocks on the back legs. Lovely coat for length and texture, dense and silky soft baby coat including ruff and knickerbockers. White evident from the chin, along the underside of the body to the tail base. This boy was a very strong contender for Best SLH Kitten, pipped by the Birman, as today I just felt that she had the edge, though it could have gone either way. Wonderful temperament and beautifully prepared for the show.

2ND NOONAM'S POPPYLOVE ENCHATED MOSES, 66T, M, 16.05.10

Seal Tabby Colourpointed. Another very well grown baby of similar size and substance to my winner, and I now see that they are litter brothers. Strong masculine head of very good breadth for five months old with cheeks already quite full and very good definition to the rounded muzzle. Ears of medium/large size at the moment, he did have a tendency to flare them, though they bonneted much better once his attention was gained and he had good breadth between them. I felt that his top of head did not have quite as clear flat plane as my winner's and took this into account when placing. Palish blue colour to eyes which were large and set well. Nose shows a gentle dip. Firm chin, level bite. Lovely length to the deceptively heavy body, substantial bone to limbs and large round paws. Tail reached the shoulders, furnishings developing length. Quite a full ruff framing the face, coat of medium length to the body, already showing the dense and silky texture with quite full knickerbockers present. Palish beige coat, slight top shading present, very well defined seal tabby points, including the limbs and tail. He was a little unsure of his surroundings though was no problem to handle and he had been groomed beautifully for the show.

3RD NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE LIONHEART, 66a, M, 17.06.10

Blue Colourpointed. The baby of the class and he does show a lot of promise for the future with a lovely head shape developing. He already has a masculine expression with very good breadth and a quite a flat plane between the ears. Cheeks already filling out and there was very good definition to the rounded muzzle. Medium shade of blue to bright expressive eyes. Quite a deep dip to the nose, which was of medium length. Level bite, chin could be a little firmer though had good depth. Long body, very solid feel to him. Well boned legs and big round feet. Tail furnishings starting to lengthen with bushy texture developing, tail balanced the body length nicely. Long baby coat, including ruff and knickerbockers, bluish white in colour and already showing very good contrast with the points. For just four months old, I felt that his greyish blue points were well developed and already extending across the mask and up the legs. He was a pleasure to handle, loved a cuddle and he had been well groomed for the show.

4TH NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE MAORILEGEND, 66b, M, 24.01.10

Chocolate Colourpointed. Almost an adult and this young man had a wonderful long and very substantial body with excellent muscle tone. Large solid boning to legs and big round paws. His tail easily reached the shoulders and was well furnished with a bushy texture. At the moment his head is a little out of balance with

the body, it now needs to develop breadth, currently it is a little on the narrow side, although the overall length was good. Cheeks not yet filled out, muzzle tapered a little rather than being truly rounded in shape. Medium sized ears, set quite wide on the head, their setting should improve as his head broadens and matures. Palish tone to the blue eyes, nice shape and set in a good slight oblique setting. Gentle dip to the nose. Level bite, chin quite firm. Ruff starting to lengthen round the neck, medium length coat to the body, good silky texture, quite full knickerbockers. Pale ivory body colour, milk chocolate points developing depth. He has a milk chocolate nose and ears, with depth of colour starting to extend across the mask, up the limbs and tail. A very easy boy to handle, wonderful to assess and very well presented. I do feel that he could be a very nice example once that head matures and fills out.

AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN, FEMALE

1ST NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE MAORIDREAM, 66b, F, 24.01.10

Chocolate Colourpointed. Litter sister to Maorilegend and similar in some ways, though I felt that at the moment she has a slightly stronger head and better muzzle strength than he has. Ears currently typically a little on the large side, sitting fairly wide on the head. I felt that her head was of good overall length, though like her brother, cheeks are still to really fill out with breadth yet to come. Eyes were large and set well, though quite a pale shade of blue. Medium length nose showing a gentle dip. Rounded muzzle, level bite, firm chin, though it could be a little deeper for perfection. Very substantial boning to medium length legs, large round paws. Good long body, already well muscled and weighty. Bushy tail, well furnished and reaching the shoulders. Very pale ivory coat of medium length, ruff yet to come though she does have some length to the knickerbockers. Milk chocolate ears and nose, colour starting to develop depth up the legs, to the tail and across the cheeks. A well grown young lady who was lovely to handle and nicely presented.

TABBY OR TORTIE-TABBY POINT BIRMAN NEUTER, MALE

PC & BOB, KIRERANS' GR PR CARRICKFERN FIRECRACKER, 13c15, MN, 09.06.06

Red Tabby Point. My Grand Premier winner, reported above.

TABBY OR TORTIE-TABBY POINT BIRMAN NEUTER, FEMALE

PC, KINSELLA'S KAJENSU BLUTABITHA, 13c12, FN, 06.07.08

Blue Tabby Point. Very mature female for two years old with lovely strength and breadth to the head. Head of very good rounded shape with full round cheeks tapering to a well developed muzzle. In comparison to her size and strength of head, I felt that the ears could have been a touch larger to be truly medium sized, though they were very well furnished and set wide apart. Quite deep blue eyes, larger and almost round in shape. Tiny drop-off towards the nasal tip though she does have a slight dip present and her nose is of medium length. Chin could be a just little firmer though it had good fullness. I was very impressed with her size, substance and body length, a really well grown girl with very well boned limbs and short strong paws. Bushy tail, balanced and proportionate to body length. Very impressive coat length and texture, especially since it is not yet full winter time, full ruff framing the face. Nicely marked blue tabby points all round and showing very good contrast with the bluish white body colour. Well marked socks covering the back feet and full tapering gauntlets present. Here gloves were slightly scalloped, though had white to all toes. A little tense today, though no problem to handle. Today I felt that the male had the edge on eye colour, nose and chin, though the BOB was so close and could really have gone either way. She had been very well groomed and was shown in lovely condition.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON NEUTER

PC & BOB, MULRYAN'S ISHCUS ALCAPONE, 64 41w, MN, 21.06.09

Classic Brown Tabby & White. I loved this boy's expression, so typical of the Maine Coon breed. Really large and very well furnished ears, set high on the head, sitting just over an ear's width apart. Wonderful head shape, overall medium in length and slightly longer than its breadth with fairly full cheeks and high set cheek bones. Large green eyes, set in a good slight oblique setting. Good shallow concave nasal curve. Very well defined square muzzle, firm deep chin, level bite. Very long, extremely heavy and very muscular body of rectangular shape with very substantial boning to medium length limbs and large round tufted paws. Very well furnished flowing tail, just about reaching the shoulders. Lovely coat for length and quality with some undercoat and a very glossy topcoat present. Full ruff and breeches. Well marked classic tabby pattern to head, limbs, tail and sides of the body, though a little solid down the spine. White to face, bib, chest, tummy and all four limbs. Great to handle and beautifully presented. I later made him Best SL Neuter. An impressive boy all round.

AC SILVER TABBY MAINE COON NEUTER

PC & BOB, FLOOD'S KELFERRON GALILEO, 64 41as, MN, 17.05.08

Classic Blue Silver Tabby. A truly massive male in every respect, and though he was extremely heavy, it was down to muscle and not him being overweight at all. Large and very strong head showing very good length to breadth ratio with well filled cheeks and a strong square muzzle. Large ears, very well furnished and set just over an ear's width apart on the head. Pale green eyes, slightly obliquely set and good large size. Medium length nose with a shallow concave nasal curve. Chin rounds off a little rather than being truly perpendicular with the lips and nose leather. Wonderful large and long rectangular body, huge boning to medium length limbs and really big round tufted paws. Long, very well furnished lowing tail, reaching the shoulders. Full ruff, coat shorter over the shoulders and lengthening down the back and sides of the body, very glossy topcoat covering the undercoat. Full breeches. Classic tabby pattern a little diffused at the moment. I question whether he is actually a silver tabby rather than a blue silver tabby, though gave him the benefit of the doubt today as the type, size and coat qualities were so nice. He was a little on the shy side in the pen, though had lots of confidence once out on the table. A well presented boy who was very gentle to handle.

AOC MAINE COON NEUTER

PC & BOB, SAVILLE'S CH ISHCUS MARVIN, 64 41dw, MN, 01.03.08

Classic Red Tabby & White Maine Coon. My Grand Premier winner, reported above.

BREEDERS MAINE COON ADULT

1ST SAVILLE'S ISHCUS ASTRALE, 64 41, F, 26.08.09 Classic Brown Tabby.

BREEDERS AOV SEMI-LONGGHAIR ADULT

1ST NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE SCORPION KING, 66 31a, M, 06.11.09 Blue Bi-Colour Ragdoll.

2ND GILMORE'S CARRICKFERN INSIGNIA, 13c4, M, 22.05.09 Lilac Point Birman.

AV LIMIT ADULT

1ST O'REGAN'S TAMOSAH HIGHDEFINITION, 10, F, 03.11.09

Chinchilla. Only just eleven months old and she already has a lovely broad rounded head with small ears, set wide on the head. Beautiful large round emerald green eyes. Good cobby body, short, well boned limbs and a short bushy tail. Long, dense coat, with white undercoat tipped with black. Very well presented and lovely to handle.

2ND BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ BERNEDETTA, 64 41, F, 06.04.09 Classic Brown Tabby Maine Coon.

3RD CAUGHETY'S HINCHKITZ MRMOONLIGHT, 70 13b 15, M, 07.05.09 Red Tabby Colourpointed Exotic

AV SPECIAL LIMIT ADULT

1ST CAUGHEY'S HINCHKITZ UNFORGETABLE, 70 8, M, 22.04.08

Brown Tabby. A large male with a very strong broad round masculine head and small neat ears which it wide and low. Eye colour could have been a little better and eyes were a little deep set for me. Deep stop to the short broad nose. Thick-set legs, Short tail, proportionate to body length. Dense plush coat though at the moment the pattern is rather diffuse. Very gentle to handle.

BREEDERS MAINE COON KITTEN

1ST SAVILLE'S ISHCUS ANTARES, 64 41ew, F, 02.06.10 Classic Tortie-Tabby & White

2ND BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ GAMES MAN, 64 41sw, M, 20.06.10 Classic Silver Tabby & White

BREEDERS AOV SEMI-LONGHAIR KITTEN

1ST SAVILLE'S ISHCUS APRIL, 64 41ew, F, 02.06.10 Classic Tortie-Tabby & White Maine Coon

2ND NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE MAORILEGEND, 66b, M, 24.01.10 Chocolate Colourpointed Ragdoll.

AV NON BREEDERS KITTEN MALE

1ST NOONAM'S POPPYLOVE GASPY MENELIK, 66w, M, 16.05.10 Seal Mitted Ragdoll.

2ND IZYDORCZYK'S SILVERDREAM DEMETRIE, 10, M, 15.05.10

Chinchilla. A beautiful young man who shows promise. Lovely breadth to the rounded head with well placed small ears. Large round expressive emerald green eyes. Well grown for five months with weighty, cobby body and strong short limbs. Short bushy tail. Long kitten coat, already showing good black tipping to the white undercoat. A delight to cuddle. Unlucky to meet that top class Ragdoll kitten in this class.

AV NON BREEDERS KITTEN FEMALE

1ST IZYDORCZYK'S GLITZTGLAM RENESMEE, 54, F, 04.04.10

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Golden Persian. Very pretty young lady of good overall size, though a little rangy at the moment. Very pleasing head shape with small, wide set ears and large round green eyes. Body quite cobby, well boned short limbs and a short, well furnished tail. Long baby coat with an apricot undercoat tipped with black. Playful and very well groomed for the show.

2ND LENIHAN'S BRIZLINCOAT GOLDDUST, 63a, F, 22.04.10 Sorrel Somali.

3RD LENIHAN'S REYESDESEVLA KISTA, 63, F, 06.06.10 Usual Somali.

AV DEBUTANTE KITTEN

1ST BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ ARANCIA SUSINA, 64 41a, F, 25.06.10 Blue Classic Tabby Maine Coon.

AV MALE KITTEN

1ST IZDORCZYK'S SILVERDREAM DEMETRIE, 10, M, 15.05.10 Chinchilla

2ND NOONAM'S POPPYLOVE ENCHATED MOSES, 66T, M, 16.05.10 Seal Tabby Colourpointed Ragdoll.

AV FEMALE KITTEN

1ST SEZINA'S CATSCASTLE MARQUISE, 12a 1t, F, 18.03.10

Brown Tabby & White Persian. A really impressive female, in fact I later met her again during Best in Show as she was Best Persian, and well deserved. Seven months old and showing lovely Persian type with a very strong broad rounded head and small neat ears which sit very wide and low. Rounded forehead and full cheeks. Well developed cobby body, short, thick legs. Tail proportionate to body and very well furnished and bushy. Long thick coat, feeling soft, well grown frill. White going up the face and covering the limbs and underbody with a nicely marked brown tabby saddle and fully coloured tail, with colour also evident on the head and ears. A stylish girl who was beautifully presented and great to handle.

2ND IZDORCZYK'S GLITZGLAM RENESMEE, 54, F, 04.04.10 Golden Persian.

3RD NERETTI & GIBBONS' POPPYLOVE MAORIDREAM, 66b, F, 24.01.10 Chocolate Colourpointed Ragdoll.

AV NON BREEDES NEUTER FEMALE

1ST KINSELLA'S KAJENSU BLUTABITHA, 13c12, FN, 06.07.08 Blue Tabby Point Birman.

AV JUNIOR NEUTER

1ST MORRIS' PURRFICGEMS GABBANA, 70 13b 11, MN, 28.09.09

Seal Tabby Colourpointed Exotic. This young male is only just over a year old and I thought that he showed great maturity for a youngster with a large weighty body and well boned short limbs. Small ears with rounded tips, set wide and low on the head. Large, round pale blue eyes. Short nose with a stop present. Full round cheeks. Coat felt quite dense and plush, creamy-white body colour with some darker top shading though showing contrast with the seal tabby points. Well presented and very easy to handle.

AV SENIOR NEUTER

1ST KIRERANS' GR PR CARRICKFERN FIRECRACKER, 13c15, MN, 09.06.06 Red Tabby Point Birman.

2ND FLOOD'S KELFERRON GALILEO, 64 41as, MN, 17.05.08 Classic Blue Silver Tabby Maine Coon.