

It was so good to be able to return to The Emerald Isle, a place very dear to my heart, steeped in fascinating history, with some of the friendliest people on earth. I was made to feel most welcome by everyone from the show team to exhibitors and visitors, thank you for inviting me to judge. I had the most wonderful time, judging at this prestigious show, and the semi-longhairs came out in force, giving me a very busy day with some fabulous felines to handle. Thank you so much exhibitors, the quality was wonderful, and a joy to judge. My sincere thanks to the entire show team for putting on such a great show, so much hidden work behind the scenes to give exhibitors, judges and visitors a wonderful day, it would be wrong of me to single out any individual as everyone has worked so hard to ensure that this show was a success. Thank you so much everyone, I was so very well looked after.

I do need to single out one particular person, Lynne Fleming, who volunteered to steward for me – I felt so very lucky to have her by my side – Lynne you were tip top in every way – handling those huge semi-longhairs, keeping me on track with all the paperwork and being such good company. I tried to find you, without success, after everything was finished to thank you, so here is a very public thank you for all that you did on the day for me, I am so very grateful and really hope that we can work together again at some point. Congratulations on your lovely silver Bengal gaining BOV Section 4 exhibit.

We had some beautiful cats for Best in Show, a great line up and the wonderful British Shorthair was a very worthy winner, a gorgeous cat. Just a little helpful point for the future for exhibitors – a number of the cats came up for Best in Show in small front opening carriers, making it difficult to get them out to be judged and show them off to their best advantage. It may be worth considering using top opening carriers, to make it easier for both the cat and the handlers at Best in Show.

BROWN/BLUE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON GRAND/ HIBERNIAN/ INVICTUS CHAMPION

Tara GC & BOB, Dr M S B Steiner-Browne. HibGrCh FRIENDLYGHOSTS BIG BEAR (MCO n 22) M 19.05.2022

Classic Brown Tabby. A wonderful imposing mature male, showing a strong balanced medium length head. He has well furnished ears, set just over an ear's width apart. Very expressive green eyes, oval in shape and set in a good slight oblique setting. Shallow concave curve to the nose, well defined square muzzle, chin of good depth and breadth. This cat has been so well named, he really is huge and "Big Bear" really suits him. Really long heavy muscular body, clear rectangular shape and fabulous large bone structure. A well furnished tail reached the shoulders. The winter coat is developing, ruff is starting to lengthen around the neck, very pleasing texture to the body and showing varying lengths down the back and sides, well developed breeches. His brown classic tabby is generally nicely marked, just a little solid down the spine. A huge cat who enjoys his food, he has a super calm temperament and was a joy to handle.

MAINE COON BROWN / BLUE TABBY / TABBY & WHITE CHAMPION

GC, Mr C JS Shackleton. Int Ch ISHCUS NIGEL (MCO n 22) M 10.08.2022

Classic Brown Tabby. Oh, I did love this cat's wonderful alert expression, so typical of the breed, he really gives the impression of being a very successful hunter. He has a very pleasing head shape, slightly longer than its breadth, high set cheekbones with fairly full cheeks and a shallow concave curve to the nasal profile. Large, well placed ears, nicely furnished with tips and tufts, help to produce that alert appearance. He has lovely eye shape and set, the vivid green stands out against the brown tabby face. Square muzzle, firm chin. Long muscular body, well boned limbs and paws support him well. Lovely long flowing tail. He has a very attractive warm classic brown tabby pattern, the coat was well developed with a ruff and breeches, the fur was shorter over the shoulders, increasing in length down the back and sides of the body. Overall, despite being the same age as Bear, he appeared younger and not quite as mature, his head was not quite as strong and I had to take all this into account when choosing my BOB today. However, it was still a very close race for the BOB as there was so much that I loved about this boy and I could have easily taken him home with me.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY SERIES CHAMPION

GC & BOB, Dr C M Wagner, Ch VERDI OF MASSLCATS (MCO ns 03 22) M 07.04.2024

Classic Silver Tabby & White. A beautifully groomed young man, this show preparation really enhanced his lovely coat qualities, for length, texture and the clear classic silver tabby pattern. He had a nicely balanced head, slightly longer than its breadth with fairly full cheeks. Large ears sit about an ear's width apart, nicely furnished with tips and tufts. Bright green eyes. Nasal profile shows the tiniest hint of a drop-off at the tip, otherwise it had a good shallow concave curve. Good square shape to the muzzle, firm chin. Rectangular shaped muscular body of really pleasing length and balancing the head well. Substantial boning to limbs, large round tufted paws. There was a tiny amount of tarnishing to the nose, otherwise his classic black silver tabby pattern was clear and very pleasing to the eye and he had sparkling whites to complement the black silver tabby areas. A very gentle boy who was super to handle.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY SERIES PRE-CHAMPION FEMALE

CC, Dr C M Wagner, MONA LISA GOODFILD, (MCO ns 22) F 28.02.2025.

Classic Silver Tabby. Just into adult classes by a few days and she is exactly where I would expect her to be at this stage of development. She is such an active, playful young lady, with a real hunter expression, never taking her eyes off my teaser and I'm sure that she was working out how to steal it to take it home with her. Good long body showing lovely muscle tone, nicely bones limbs and paws, she has the most beautifully furnished long tail. Head of medium length, cheeks filling out nicely. Very bright green/gold eyes, oval in shape. Shallow concave curve to the nose. Large ears, still sitting a fraction close together, as her head is still developing and the position should be very nice once she matures. I did feel that the lynx tips were rather extreme, being quite thick and long, although I did not feel that they detracted from the overall appearance of the ears and head, but I would not like to see them any thicker or bigger, to maintain ear and head balance, as described in the SOP. Her first adult coat is developing length and as expected, she is currently between coats, the pattern is somewhat diffused down the sides as the guardhairs are just starting to lengthen, there is a ruff framing the face and well developed breeches. A real livewire who definitely adored all the teaser play.

RCT TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON GRAND/HIBERNIAN/LNVICTUS

Tara GC & BOB, Dr C M Wagner, GrCh&int Ch FRIENDLYGHOST CHAIYYA CHAIYYA (MCO g 22)F 22.05.2022

Blue Tortie Classic Tabby. A very nice mature female all round. She has a really pleasing strong balanced feminine head, very good length to breadth ratio with fairly full cheeks and high set cheekbones. Her large, well set ears, finish the head off nicely. Lovely large oval shaped green eyes, she shows a good nasal profile line with the correct shallow concave curve, good square shaped muzzle and firm chin. Long balanced muscular body, nicely boned limbs and paws. Excellent tail length, easily reaching the shoulders. Winter coat is developing, ruff yet to lengthen. She has a good topcoat to the body with some undercoat present. A nicely marked blue tortie classic pattern, easy to see, and this is something to be proud of as the markings can become diffused with this colouration, due to the mixture of patches and intermingling to the blue and cream. A very gentle girl who was so easy to handle.

MAINE COON RED TABBY SERIES PRE-CHAMPION

CC, Mrs M Pavlovic, COONITY MHYSA, (MCO f 03 23) F 07.09.2024.

Tortie Mackerel Tabby & White. This fifteen months old female was very well grown, feeling solid and weighty. She has large well furnished ears, set about an ear's width apart on the head. Head of medium length, cheeks filling out, high set cheekbones. Large oval shaped green/gold eyes. Pleasing shallow concave curve to the nose. Muzzle is square when felt, but ideally could be a little broader to truly balance the top section of head. Firm balanced chin. Clear rectangular shaped body, supported by well boned limbs and tufted paws. Her tail was well furnished, it reached the shoulders and balanced the body length well. Pleasing mackerel tabby pattern with a rich mix of

red and brown tabby. Longer glossy guardhairs cover the undercoat well, she has some ruff and breeches present. An attractive young lady who was very easy to assess.

AOC MAINE COON GRAND/HIBERNIAN/INVICTUS CHAMPION

Tara GC & BOB, Dr C M Wagner, Sup GrCh&Int Ch FRIENDLYGHOST FALKOR (MCO a) M 23.05.2023

Blue. What a super chap all round, looking at his details now, I can see that I judged his father some years ago, and this lovely boy is certainly a chip off the old block in every way. He has wonderful size, substance, balance and temperament. A fabulous body, really long, heavy and rectangular in shape – he is truly huge! Massive boning to limbs and paws, supporting that body very well. Long flowing tail, reaching the shoulders. Super coat qualities all round, the glossy mid blue topcoat covers the undercoat, colour is solid to the roots. Very strong masculine head, really well balanced with large, well furnished ears which finish it off so well. Expressive green/gold eyes. He has a clean shallow concave curve to the nose, very well defined square muzzle and firm deep balanced chin. He has the most fabulous temperament and I bet that he is an absolute joy to live with, shown in superb condition – I loved him! Congratulations to his and his owner/breeder on becoming BOV Section 2 Adult.

AOC MAINE COON CHAMPION MALE

1st but GC withheld, Dr C M Wagner, Ch AMADEUS MOZART GOODFILD (MCO ds 11) M 28.04.2024

Red Silver Shaded. An extremely affectionate young man, he was so loving and insisted on snuggling into our necks – if there had been a Best in Show for the most affectionate cat, he would have won ‘hands down’, an absolute delight to handle. He is currently going through that difficult adolescent rangy stage of development, rather “leggy” and standing high on the limbs, so not quite in balance yet. His head is of good medium length, but it still appears rather narrow, with his cheeks now needing to broaden and fill to attain a balanced head. The ears are large, well furnished and set about an ear’s width apart on the head. Oval shaped gold eyes. Good shallow concave nasal curve. Muzzle feels square, firm chin. Very long body, now needing to fill out (age related). He has a balanced well furnished flowing tail. The winter coat is developing, ruff yet to develop, generally he has a nice shaded pattern over the body, quite even in depth, though there is a solid red patch between the ears on the forehead. I would have awarded him a CC, but I felt that to gain the GC, he needs to fill out generally, and for the head to develop breadth as overall at the moment I feel that he isn’t balanced enough for a higher award. Having had the silver tabby & white male earlier, who is the same age, I had a direct comparison. I was so sorry to have to withhold the certificate today and I agonised a great deal before coming to my decision. Hopefully everything will come together as he matures, and he still has plenty of time for that to happen.

AOC MAINE COON CHAMPION FEMALE

GC Mr Z Pavlovic, Ch PANDORASPAWS DHARMA (MCO ns) F 10.08.2023

Black Smoke. A well muscled, rectangular bodied female, showing nice bone structure to limbs and paws. She has a strong yet feminine head of medium length with high set cheekbones and fairly full cheeks. Large ears sit about an ear’s width apart on the head and large expressive green eyes which stand out like beacons against the black face. Her nose has a tiny bump present below the nasal bridge, although she does have a shallow concave nasal curve present. Tail length balanced the body, it was nicely furnished. Her coat is currently undergoing change, the topcoat is older and slightly tarnished, it should look better once her new coat comes in. She is a very pleasing example of a smoke with a lovely silvery white undercoat visible when the fur is parted. Initially appearing a little shy when in the pen, she showed herself off well once out on the table.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY SERIES KITTEN MALE

1st & BOB, Dr C M Wagner, FRIENDLYGHOST QUASAR STORM, (MCO ns 22) M 08.07.2025.

Classic Silver Tabby. A promising baby boy. He has really large ears, nicely furnished, they should balance really well once his head develops and matures. Head of medium length, high set cheekbones and a nice shallow concave curve to the nasal profile. Large gold eyes, set slightly obliquely. Well defined square shape to the muzzle, firm deep chin. Long body, a well grown kitten

with lovely large boning to limbs and paws. His tail reached the shoulders, furnishings developing. Soft baby coat with breeches and ruff present. There were two points regarding colour and pattern, I wasn't 100% certain that he was a 'black' as the tail in particular appeared more blue than black in the hall lighting, and his classic tabby on the body is rather diffused at the moment (baby coat) and he may end up actually being shaded rather than classic tabby. However, as a young kitten with lots of coat development ahead, I was very happy to give him the benefit of the doubt today. I see now that his father is the red silver shaded that I reported on above, so he may well end up being shaded like his dad.

MAINE COON RED TABBY SERIES KITTEN

1ST & BOB, Dr C M Wagner, FRIENDLYGHOST ISHCUS OSIRIS, (MCO f 22) F 01.06.2025.

Classic Tortie Tabby. What a super kitten. She has a really well developed and balanced medium length head, showing great length to breadth ratio, fairly full cheeks which were well developed for age, a well defined square muzzle and firm chin. Excellent ear size, shape and set, large well opened expressive eyes. I felt that she had a really well balanced head for age. Her body was also very well developed, being long and rectangular in shape, well supported by substantially boned limb and paws. A long flowing tail really finished her off beautifully. A mingled mix of reds and brown to the nicely marked classic tabby pattern, her coat showed varying lengths, shorter over the shoulders, full breeches, some ruff present. An impressive young lady all round and a really lovely example of the breed.

2ND Mr Z Pavlovic, IREBABSL PANDORASPAWS JOLENE, (MCO f 03 22) F 28.07.2025.

Classic Tortie Tabby & White. This baby shows a lot of promise and was so unlucky to be in competition with my winner in this class. She has a lovely vibrant well marked tortie tabby & white with some bold patches of red present. Large ears sit high on the medium length head, the cheekbones are high set, she has a good square muzzle and firm chin. Large expressive green eyes, set in a good slightly oblique set. Her nose has the shallow concave curve, although there is a very small bump present towards the tip. Good long body, nicely boned legs and paws. Long tail, already nicely furnished with a flowing effect. Currently wearing a very attractive kitten coat of really good length with a glossy topcoat covering the undercoat. So unlucky to come up against the other kitten today but I do think that she has a promising show career ahead and was one of my "take home" cats today.

NORWEGIAN FOREST KITTEN

1ST & BOB, Mrs E McClelland, STRANGRFJORDR AMAURY, (NFO n 23) M 13.04.2025.

Brown Mackerel Tabby. A really wonderful example of the breed all round. He is very well grown for age. Large, well furnished ears, their outer lines follow the triangular head lines. Obliquely set oval shaped eyes, he has that typical expression, where he appears to be looking down his long straight nose at you! Chin fairly firm. Lovely large weighty long body, large bone structure to limbs and paws, it's easy to see that his back legs are slightly longer than the fronts when he stands on the table. Long bushy tail, in balance with body length, reaching the shoulders. In particular, I was so very impressed with his coat qualities, especially for a kitten. He had lots of dense woolly undercoat, very well covered by guardhairs that already felt waterproof and slightly coarse, especially over the hips and rump, really impressive for one so young – his great coat qualities 'blew me away'! I feel that he could go on to have a wonderful adult coat. He was a super chap all round and I feel that he could go far in the future, so full of promise.

AC COLOURPOINTED RAGDOLL KITTEN

1ST & BOB, Mrs J A S Collins, IREBABSL LOLA-FLARE. (RAG a) F 20.07.2025.

Blue Colourpointed. What a super baby, so confident, demanding attention as soon as we reached her pen. Medium/large ears, already set quite wide apart, and positioned with a slightly forward tilt. Head shows good breadth for a female of just four months old. Large, well opened mind blue eyes. Medium length nose with a gentle dip present. Cheeks are filling well, the muzzle is rounded and well developed. Very pleasing size and development for one so young, she is well grown and weighty for a baby. Good long body, broad chest, nicely boned and balanced limbs and paws. Her bushy tail, tapered slightly towards the tip and reached the shoulders. Soft kitten coat of medium

length, showing very good contrast between the pale bluish white body and the greyish blue points, she had well developed points, especially for one so young. A promising baby, who really played up to the crowds when out on the table. I'm sure that she will already be a star on someone's phone video recording as she was surrounded by watching public during judging.

AC BI-COLOUR OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN MALE

1ST & BOB, Miss E Carroll, ELLCLARACATS THEODEN, (RAG a 04) MN 10.03.2025.

Blue Point Mitted. A huge lad, extremely well grown kitten, he just made it into the kitten classes by a matter of days, as he is very close to nine months old, and should compete well in the neuter classes in due course. He has a really well developed strong masculine head with a clear flat plane between the well set medium sized ears. Cheeks are well filled. He has lovely mid/deep blue eyes, large and expressive and set in the correct slight oblique. Gentle dip to the medium length nose. Muzzle is rounded in shape, perhaps could be a fraction longer at this stage to retain balance with the top section of head as he matures and the skull broadens further. Very large, well developed body, he feels so substantial and is already bigger and better balanced than some of the adults/neuters that I have seen on the show bench recently. Broad chest, substantial bone structure to medium length limbs and big round paws. His long bushy tail balances the body length very well indeed, finishing him off nicely. Medium length coat, excellent length and texture for one so young, feeling dense and silky and he is currently sporting a full ruff and knickerbockers. Nicely marked mitted pattern, blue points show contrast with the bluish white body, colour is still developing across the muzzle area. He later went on to become Best Section 2 Kitten and then Best in Show Kitten, very well deserved, he looked lovely and was groomed to perfection for the show.

BI-COLOUR OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN FEMALE

1ST Mr J Lin, BRIZO ELIAH, (RAG n 04 21) F 20.06.2025.

Seal Tabby Point Mitted. A weighty and substantial female of five months old, well grown and feeling solid. She has medium sized ears which tilt slightly forward, good flat plane between them. Good breadth to the head, cheeks already showing fullness, well defined rounded muzzle, firm chin. Lovely expressive mid blue eyes, set in a good slight oblique. The nose is medium in length, there is a slight dip in profile, ideally I would like to see a little more curvature present. However, profiles can change as the head develops so hopefully the profile will improve as she matures. Long weighty body, nicely boned legs and paws, ending with a balanced bushy tail which reached the shoulders. Well developed coat for age, medium length and with a good dense silky texture present, she has ruff and knickerbockers present. Very pale beige body colour, showing very good contrast with the well marked tabby points. Super to handle, an attractive girl with an appealing expression.

SIBERIAN KITTEN

1ST & BOB, Ms M M D McDonnell. FORESTSIDE SASHA, (SIB ns 24) M 19.04.2025.

Silver Spotted Tabby. Oh, how I loved this kitten, his owner was very lucky today as both my steward and I wanted to sneak him under our coats and head off home with him! A hugely promising boy of seven months old, showing a wonderful expression, so typical of the breed. The head shows a short broad wedge with well developed gentle contours, slightly rounded muzzle and chin. His whisker pads were developed and enhanced that gentle rounded line with the chin. He has broad low set cheekbones and a pleasing profile with a slight concave curve at the bridge. Medium sized ears sit well apart on the head. Large bright expressive oval shaped green eyes. Super body shape and substance, deceptively heavy, supported by very well boned limbs and large round paws. His coat already shows a soft dense undercoat, well covered with the coarser guardhairs, especially over the rump. No points for colour, but his lovely bright silver spotted tabby coat is still worth a mention, just to finish the whole picture. A really lovely kitten, shown in excellent condition, very impressive all round.

2ND Ms M M D McDonnell, FORESTSIDE SVEN, (SIB a) M 15.04.2025.

Blue. I see now that this kitten and my winner not only share a home together, but also have the same father. What a lucky owner, to share her life with these two lovely kittens! A really pleasing

solid heavy feel to this young man. The medium sized ears are set wide and are well placed on the head. The head shows gentle contours to the short broad wedge with low set broad cheekbones. Oval shaped green eyes. Nose has a good slight concave curve present. Muzzle shows some roundness, but his whisker pads are not quite as well developed as my winner's at the moment and this was a factor to consider when placing today. Good slightly rounded chin shape. Large rectangular shaped body, supported by large bone structure to legs and feet. He has lovely tufted paws. Long, well furnished tail. Dense thick springy undercoat, slightly coarser guardhairs starting to develop. Very well groomed for the show and great to handle.

MAINE COON BROWN / BLUE TABBY / TABBY & WHITE PREMIER

GP, Mr C J S Shackleton, Int Pr ISHCUS ROGER (MCO n 22) MN 08.02.2023

Classic Brown Tabby. A lovely large male with a clear rectangular shaped body, which was supported by well boned limbs and large round paws. His long flowing tail reached the shoulders. He has a very pleasing "hunter" expression with large well furnished ears which sit high on the head, set just over an ear's width apart. Well opened expressive vivid green eyes, set in a really good slight oblique set. Medium length head, well filled cheeks, high set cheekbones. There is a shallow concave curve to the nose. He has a well defined square shape to the muzzle, firm chin of good depth. Pleasing coat qualities all round, ruff and breeches present, the coat is shorter over the shoulders, increasing down the back and sides of the body, the glossy topcoat covers the undercoat. Generally a very nice classic tabby pattern to head, limbs and sides of body, though it is a little solid over the top section of saddle. A very pleasing male, and I absolutely loved his expression.

RCT TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MAINE COON GRAND/ HIBERNIAN/ INVICTUS PREMIER

Tara GP, Dr C M Wagner, Sup IB,HibGrPr&Int GrPr ISHCUS QUEVAGA (MCO f 03 22) FN 18.06.2019

Classic Tortie-Tabby & White. Wow, simply wow! An absolutely fabulous example of the breed. She is large, beautifully balanced, exhibits wonderful size, boning and substance, that some males would be envious of. Lovely head shape, medium length with very good breadth and a well defined square muzzle, ending with a firm deep chin. Large ears, beautifully furnished and set an ear's width apart on the head. Large expressive green eyes, very well set. Shallow concave curve to the nose. She has a very impressive large long rectangular body, really huge boning to medium length limbs and huge round tufted paws. Tail easily reached the shoulders, broad at the base, tapering slightly towards the tip, nicely furnished. Really well grown full winter coat with ruff and breeches, the body shows varying lengths. Well marked classic tabby pattern, predominantly brown tabby with some intermingled red. Sparkling whites, she has a white area to the left of the nose, white to chin, bib, underbody and all four feet. A highly impressive female, and for those UK based Maine Coon lovers, who have not seen her because she lives Ireland, she would have give the very successful Ciscokid a real run for his money. Later became Section 2 Best Neuter, congratulations, she is a very special cat indeed. Super temperament and condition. What a beauty!

AOC MAINE COON PRE-PREMIER MALE

PC, Mrs S McNeely, KATEZ RUBEN CARLENDOLA, (MCO ns 03) MN 14.10.2023.

Black Smoke & White. A two year old male with a well muscled, very long body and large substantial boning to limbs and paws. His tail was nicely furnished and flowing, its length reached the shoulders. Well placed large ears, well furnished and set about an ear's width apart on the head. Head of medium length, though I would like to see more breadth across the cheeks for true balance, he is a little on the narrow side overall and at this stage I would be hesitant about giving him a higher award because of this. Gorgeous green eyes, bright and expressive. Nose has a shallow concave curve, square shaped muzzle, firm deep chin. His coat was well developed, a good glossy topcoat covering the undercoat, pleasing black smoke and white pattern with about one-third white. Nice to handle, a gentle boy with wonderful body length.

AOC MAINE COON PRE-PREMIER FEMALE

PC & BOB, Ms I Shackleton, ISHCUS WHISPERING WILLOW, (MCO n) FN 05.08.2023.

Black. A really nice young lady all round. She has a very well balanced head, good length to breadth ratio with it being slightly longer than the breadth. Large, high set tufted ears, set an ear's width apart and together with the large bright green eyes, these features provide a very alert expression. Head of good medium length, she has high set cheekbones, fairly full cheeks and a good square muzzle, finished off with a firm balanced chin. Nose has a shallow concave curve, tiny bump evident below the nasal bridge. Long muscular body, well boned legs, fabulous large round tufted paws. Those tufts stand out so well against the white blanket that she looks like she is walking on black feathers. Really lovely coat qualities all round. She has a well developed longer glossy topcoat covering the undercoat and the colour is solid black to the roots. Really super to handle, beautifully presented and a very worthy BOB winner today.

SIBERIAN PRE-PREMIER

PC & BOB, Mrs D Ms E McManus, SK FORESTSIDE LENNY. (SIB a 24) MN 08.04.2024.

Blue Spotted Tabby. A deceptively heavy young man, substantial and well grown for nineteen months old, especially since the breed can take up to five years to fully mature. His head is well balanced with gentle contours connecting the rounded muzzle, whisker pads, chin, and low set broad cheekbones. Medium sized ears with rounded tips, set wide apart on the head. Large slightly oval shaped green eyes. His rectangular body is in balance with the head size and well boned limbs. Well furnished tail reached the shoulders. I felt that his coat was well developed with a springy texture from the dense soft undercoat, combined with the slightly coarser topcoat. Sometimes in dilute colours, the overall coat texture can feel softer, but this male had a good waterproof topcoat. Initially appearing a little worried about us, he was a little unsure on the table but handled without a problem and then thoroughly enjoyed a bit of teaser interaction once back in his pen. Very well groomed for the show. I loved this boy's gentle expression and his delicate blue spotted tabby coat.

EXHIBITION WITH CRITIQUE

Mrs J A S Collins, STELLADOLLS A-JAY, (RAG e 04) M 27.06.2024.

Cream Mitted Point Ragdoll. Lovely strong masculine head, flat plane between the medium sized ears. Large mid blue eyes set slightly obliquely. Well defined cheeks and rounded muzzle, firm chin. Medium length nose has a good gentle dip in profile. Really well grown and substantial muscular body, large bone structure to legs and big round paws. Tail easily reached the shoulders. His head and body size balanced very well. Dense silky medium length coat, full ruff and knickerbockers. Mittens to front feet are a little low, covering all the toes but ending below the paw/leg angle. His left back leg is white to hock level but his right back has evidence of colour extending down beyond the hock onto the lower leg. His overall type is very pleasing, but the mitted pattern is a little low on white in places. Shown in super condition and he has a delightful easy going temperament, making him very easy to assess. Very well presented for the show. It's clear that his young kitten friend absolutely loves him and was desperate to see him for a snuggle when we returned him to their shared pen.

Miss A F McClurg, ISHCUS HAMISH, (MCO n 22) M 26.07.2025

Brown Classic Tabby Maine Coon. This four months old baby had a wonderful head type, his expression is so typical of the Maine Coon breed. Medium length head, high set cheekbones and show head good breadth for age. Lovely large, high set ears, furnished with tips and tufts. Large expressive green eyes. The nose has a shallow concave curve leading to a square muzzle and firm balanced chin. Long rectangular shaped body, showing very pleasing development for age, well boned limbs and paws, long tail with furnishings developing. Typical baby coat, nicely marked classic tabby pattern, cooler shade of beige to the agouti. A very promising baby, gorgeous expression. He is a real entertainer and great to handle. Certainly between him and his sister (reported below) they kept us entertained with their antics and play with all the toys in their decorated pen, while we were judging other cats in the area.

Miss A F McClurg, ISHCUS ICE HOT, (MCO d 03 22) FN 26.07.2025.

Daphne Butters
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Classic Red Tabby & White Maine Coon. I really liked this young lady's head shape and balance. Overall, it was of very good length and showing nice breadth development already with high set cheeks. Well placed large ears, she has a good nasal profile with a shallow concave curve, well defined square muzzle and firm chin. Long body, feeling muscular and weighty. Her limbs show substantial boning, especially for a young female kitten. Big round tufted paws. Tail reached the shoulders, furnishings developing length. Baby coat, already showing varying lengths, shorter over the shoulders and increasing in length down the back and sides of the body. Warm rich red classic tabby with sparkling white areas including chin, bib, some on the underbody and all four feet. A very promising young lady, great temperament, well presented and very easy to assess. I look forward to seeing how she does in competitive breed classes as, like her brother, she shows a lot of promise for the future.

Finally, thank you again to everyone for making me feel so welcome.