

GCCFI 2017 DUBLIN CHAMPIONSHIP CAT SHOW
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My grateful thanks to Ronnie and the committee for the invitation to judge at the show and the hospitality extended. I had a most enjoyable day handling some lovely cats. My thanks also to my excellent steward L Molloy whose company and handling of the exhibits only enhanced my enjoyment of the day.

AV SLH GRAND CHAMPION

1 & HGC ARCHER'S GRCH ISHCUS HARRISON (I W SGC) (MCO n 22 09) M 19.12.13 A very impressive looking mature male. Strong masculine head carrying large lynx-tipped ears set vertically and well apart, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, proportionate length nose with gentle concave curve in profile, high set cheek bones, strong square muzzle, level bite and deep chin. Substantial, long-backed body, muscular and carried high on legs standing on huge tufted feet; long well-furnished tail to complement the body length. Silky coat with a warm agouti ground and dense black classic tabby pattern showing all elements; white to the bib, undercarriage and feet. Best SLH Adult.

AC BIRMAN CHAMPION

1 & GRCH STEELE'S CH KAMASAKI CHIYNNA CHOPSTIX (SBI a) F 20.07.15 A charming stylish Birman with feminine head carrying medium sized round tipped ears that are set well apart, almost round vivid blue eyes, proportionate length nose with a dip in the profile, level bite and filled cheeks. Small framed body that is in proportion, medium length legs and well feathered tail to balance. Dressed in a well-presented coat that is currently a touch thin and with some old coat yet to be shed; minimal toning shading on the body, matching mid-blue points with good gloves and gauntlets that could be a tad longer for perfection.

AV SLH GRAND PREMIER

1 & HGP FRIZELLE'S GRPR ISCHUS LUCCA (64 41s) MN 24.06.14 Masculine head with large lynx-tipped ears set well apart but slightly out at the tips, very large round eyes with oblique aperture and set, curved profile, level bite already missing incisor teeth and I would like to see more depth of chin. Long muscular body supported by well boned long legs and complemented by a well-furnished tail. Sadly, the coat lacked preparation being rather greasy with the fur not separating properly; some tarnishing to the silver tabby pattern which could have been clearer. Very borderline for the award, he would have looked much better if the coat had been better prepared – after all it is a beauty contest.

AOV SLH PREMIER

GRPR not awarded, 1 BRENNAN'S PR SNOWYMOUNTAI BROGAN (RAG a) MN 04.09.15 This boy is unfortunately very unbalanced with the head being dominated by overly tall ears accentuated by being pointed, flat plane between and tilted slightly forward, outsized pale blue eyes dominating the face, gentle dip in the profile, level bite and rounded muzzle. Well-developed masculine body of quite good length supported by medium length legs and balanced by a proportionate length feathered tail. Coat well separated and showing minimal tonal shading to the body coat and tummy; mid-blue points.

2 MULRYAN'S PR ISCHUS ALCOPONE (64 41w) MN 21.06.09 Large lynx-tipped ears set well apart but out at the tips, large round eyes with oblique aperture and set, gentle concave curve in profile, undershot bit missing incisor teeth, high set cheek bones, square muzzle and depth of chin. Long-backed mature body standing tall on thick legs with large tufted feet but needing a slightly longer tail for balance. Coat a touch greasy with the fur not separating properly and black tabby pattern rather solid on the back; agouti ground where present quite a warm tone. White to face, bib, tummy and legs.

SEAL BIRMAN ADULT

1 & CH MAXWELL'S KAJENSU MIDNIGHT ROSE (SBI n) F 03.06.09 Feminine head carrying medium sized round-tipped ears set well apart, nearly round blue eyes, dip in the profile, level bite and tapered chin. But needs to be fuller in the cheeks. Small framed body of the correct proportions, medium length legs and well-furnished tail to balance. Nicely separated coat with dense seal points and matching pristine gloves and gauntlets. Just a touch of brindle old coat on the back.

BLUE POINT BIRMAN ADULT

BOB STEELE'S KAMASAKI CHIYNNA CHOPSTIX already reported on above.

RED, CREAM & TORTIE POINT BIRMAN ADULT

CC Not awarded, 1 STEELE'S XALISH ADOELLE (SBI f) F 30.03.15 Oh dear, it would be so easy to be totally negative in reporting this girl who has the most charming temperament but is sadly not show quality. The head which has indented frontal bones is dominated by overly tall if round-tipped ears and too large very round deep blue eyes, dip in the profile, level bite. Feminine body of good proportions and weight supported by medium length legs and balanced by a well-feathered tail. Beautifully prepared coat with jewel like points all showing seal and shades of red but sadly the important Birman foot markings are lacking a proper gauntlet on the rear right hock and there is a white patch on the front leg if not a runner.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (inc Bi-Colour) MAINE COON ADULT

BOB ARCHER'S GRCH ISHCUS HARRISON already reported on above.

1 & CC ARCHER'S ISCHUS ERIC (MCO n 22 09) M 25.10.16 A handsome youngster with a strong head carrying large lynx-tipped ears set well apart but held out at the tips rather than being vertical, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, gentle concave curve in profile, level bite, high set cheek bones, square muzzle and depth of chin. Long-backed adolescent body carried high on the legs and complemented by a long full tail. Well-presented silky coat with quite a warm agouti ground; pattern just a touch solid. White to the face, bib, tummy and legs.

AC SILVER TABBY MAINE COON

1, CC & BOB SWAICKA'S HELANIA ISZTAR COON*PL (MCO fs 22) F 26.06.16 Feminine head carrying large lynx-tipped ears set vertically and well apart, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, proportionate length nose with gentle concave curve in profile, level bite, high set cheek bones, square muzzle and deep chin. Heavy, muscular feminine body with a rectangular outline, long legs standing on tufted feet and feathered tail to balance. Dressed in a silky well-separated coat with clearly defined silver tabby pattern beautifully overlaid with shades of red.

2 DIXON'S ISHCUS SLIP BY (MCO fs 22) F 02.07.15 Large well-furnished ears set vertically on the head and set well apart, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, gentle concave curve in profile, high set cheek bones and reasonably square muzzle with good depth of chin but I would like to see more width in the muzzle. Long-backed feminine body standing tall on the legs and complemented by a long, feathered tail. Well-presented coat with a silver tabby pattern quite clearly defined and overlaid with shades of red. Just a little old brindled coat on the back.

RED TABBY SERIES MAINE COON

1, CC & BOB ARCHER'S SILVERFERNS NEVER SAY NEVER (MCO f 09 22) F 17.04.15 Stylish female with a feminine head carrying large lynx-tipped ears set vertically and well apart, expressive round eyes with oblique aperture and set, gentle concave curve in profile, level bite, square muzzle and deep chin. Rectangular body outline, long in the back and high on the legs, well-muscled and balanced by a good length tail that currently lacks much furnishing. Silky nicely separated coat of rich brown tabby overlaid with shades of red; white bib, tummy and feet.

NORWEGIAN FOREST ADULT

1, CC & BOB MCCLELLAND'S NOYNAROCK LIESEL (NFO ns 09 22) F 26.10.16 Triangular head with a straight profile giving that lovely snooty look, large ears set vertically so that the outer lines of the ears follow the line of the head to the chin, oval eyes set obliquely, level bite but would like to see a slightly firmer chin. Small framed feminine body of good proportions carried high on the legs and balanced by a long full tail. Coat still to recover after the summer moult with the coarser guard hairs just beginning to lengthen over the woolly undercoat.

2 MCCLELLAND'S NOYNAROCK MARTA (NFO ns 09 22) F 26.10.16 Triangular head that is broader than the winners with large furnished ears that are set upright but for me already too far apart, well opened oval eyes set obliquely, straight profile, level bite and quite good depth of chin. Feminine body of good length carried tall on the legs and complemented by a well feathered tail. Double coat with coarse guard hairs over the woolly undercoat on the back.

SEAL POINT BIRMAN KITTEN

1 & BOB KIERANS'S TULLYPAWS JUNIOR (SBI n) MN 29.03.17 Medium sized round-tipped ears set well apart, almost round blue eyes, dip in the profile, good cheeks and fair depth chin. Good sized body for his age with length of back, medium length legs and tail to balance. Unfortunately, he had just given himself a bath and was very wet underneath from chin to stern when I came to judge him; seal points brindled, long gloves and moderate length gauntlets.

TABBY OR TORTIE TABBY POINT BIRMAN KITTEN

1 & BOB MAXWELL'S TULLYPAWS JESSIE STAR (SBI n 21) F 29.03.17 The breed number given does not exist – the correct one is as shown in my report. Kitten who will need to grow into ears that are currently too large and open, large nearly round blue eyes, dip in the profile, level bite and tapered chin. Well grown body of good length supported by medium length legs and balance by a feathered tail. Clear well-presented coat with dense seal tabby mask, pale legs just showing some barring and ringed tail. Nicely matched gloves and gauntlets.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (inc Bi-Colour) MAINE COON KITTEN

Male

1 & BOB SWIACKA'S ENSHI GI OF SUDDEN BLAZING*CZ (MCO n 22) M 10.02.17 Strong well-developed youngster who is perhaps a touch too plump already. Masculine head carrying large furnished ears that are set vertically and well apart, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, concave curve in profile, level bite, square muzzle and deep chin. Long-backed body supported by tree trunk legs standing on large tufted feet and complemented by a long full tail. Silky, well-presented coat that sadly lacks much definition to the tabby pattern.

Female

1 SWIACKA'S ROXETTEE ISZTRA COON*PL (MCO n 03 22) F 29.01.17 Large lynx-tipped ears set vertically and well apart on a feminine head, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, gentle concave curve in profile, level bite high set cheek bones and square muzzle. Silky well separated coat again very ill-defined tabby pattern; white to bib, tummy and legs. A close call between her and the male for BOB.

2 MCCARTHY'S KATEZ JAZZSTYLE IN JUNE (MCO n 09 22) F 02.06.17 In my opinion this girl is a dark blue tabby rather than brown tabby. Huge upright ears in to which she should grow, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, curved profile, level bite, square muzzle and good depth of chin. Rectangular body outline with long legs and length of tail to balance. Silky well-prepared coat with an agouti ground more that of a blue tabby, nicely marked head but pattern on the body a touch ill-defined; white to nose, bib, tummy and legs.

AC SELF, SMOKE OR SHADED MAINE COON KITTEN

1 not awarded, 2 ARCHER'S ISHCUS FRANKLIN D MCO a) M 02.05.17 A youngster with much to recommend him. Stylish head carrying large upright ears set well apart, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, curved profile, high set cheek bones, square muzzle and good depth of chin. Sadly, he is already slightly undershot and in my experience this will only worsen as his head matures - my reason for withholding. Long well-developed masculine body carried tall on the legs and complemented by a long full tail. Excellent coat texture and soundness of the blue colour.

NORWEGIAN FOREST KITTEN

1 & BOB MCCLELLAND'S NOYNAROCK FIONN MAC CUILL (NFO ns 09 22) M 27.04.017 Triangular head with straight profile, large upright ears, oval eyes set obliquely, level bite and ample depth of chin. Long-backed body supported by long legs and balanced by a proportionate length tail. Coat well separated but currently kitten-soft with the coarser guard hairs just beginning to lengthen over the back. Best SLH Kitten.

SEAL POINT BIRMAN NEUTER

1, PR & BOB MURPHY'S KAMASAKI SASHA SWEETDREAMS (SBI n) FN 20.07.15 Nicely balanced head carrying medium sized round-tipped ears that are set well apart, almost round blue eyes, proportionate length nose with a dip in the profile, level bite and well filled cheeks. Substantial feminine body of good length supported by strong medium length legs and balanced by a beautiful full brush. Nicely separated coat showing a 'golden hue' on the back and dense seal points; matching pristine gloves and gauntlets. Best SLH Neuter and Best of Variety SLH Neuter.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (inc Bi-Colour) MAINE COON NEUTER

I, PR & BOB HENSON'S ISHCUS UTOPIA (MCO n 03 22) FN 21.05.16 Young lady who was decidedly not happy. Large lynx-tipped ear set vertically and well apart on the head, expressive round eyes with oblique aperture and set, curved profile, square muzzle, level bite and quite good depth of chin. Long adolescent body supported by long legs and balanced by a long flowing tail. Silky coat with a warm agouti ground to the brown tabby areas although the pattern was a touch solid; white to the face, chest, tummy and legs.

AC SILVER TABBY MAINE COON NEUTER

1, PR & BOB WAGNER'S ISHCUS CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST (MCO es 22) MN 16.09.16

A handsome youngster with a strong masculine head sporting large furnished ears set vertically, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, curved profile, high set cheek bones, level bite, square muzzle and good depth of chin. Long muscular body carried high on the legs with a long tail to balance. Coat well separated with a cream agouti ground and slightly darker cream tabby pattern. However I am not convinced that he is a cream silver.

RED TABBY SERIES MAINE COON NEUTER

1, PR & BOB FRIZELLE'S ISHCUS ARCTURUS (MCO e 03 22) MN 26.07.16

Large lynx-tipped ears set vertically and well apart, round eyes with oblique aperture and set, concave curve in profile, level bite, square muzzle and good depth of chin. Long-backed adolescent body supported by long legs and balanced by a proportionate length tail. Coat not doing him many favours as in need of more preparation; some coarse hair still present as the moult is incomplete; pale agouti ground with richer coloured pattern, white to the chin, bib, tummy and paws.

AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL NEUTER

BOB BRENNAN'S PR SNOWYMOUNTAIN BROGAN already reported on above.