

Midland Cat Club of Ireland & GCCFI Support Midland Shows - 19 February 2023

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Many thanks to the Show Manager and Committee for inviting me to judge; it's always a joy to go to Ireland. I judged Sections 4 and 5 in the Support Show, with a fascinating entry - only 3 exhibits in Section 4, and only Burmese in Section 5. I was greatly aided by my steward, Anna Chrapala, who did a brilliant job in her first stewarding appointment, and was super company. It was also great to be given a marked catalogue after judging, thank you very much. I'm afraid the chocolates have all disappeared quite quickly, but they were a lovely gift from the show!

Grand 4B Champion

GCC HOWARD'S CH COCO WAVE CULT, CRX n 03, male, at 15 months of age, this boy was a little unsettled, but easy to handle. He has a medium wedge, gently rounded at the muzzle, and a good straight nose in profile, level chin. His ears are large, set rather high, really super! His eyes are oval in shape, slightly slanting. He has an elegant body of medium size, still needs to mature to develop more musculature, with slender legs and neat oval paws, a long and tapering tail. His coat is short, fairly dense, silken in texture, showing some pleasing rippling on the body. I also awarded him BOB in the Cornish Rex class, he was well worth the Grand certificate.

Grand 5A Champion

GCC STEELE'S CH LUXDON BUBBALOO, BUR n, a sweet tempered boy, almost 2 years of age, with a short, blunt wedge, distinct nose break, slightly receding chin. His ears are beautifully set, medium in size. His eyes are a good yellow colour, correct set and shape, could be a bit larger. Balanced, muscular body, a bit on the small side, good legs, tail just a little too short. Coat is fine and close lying, gleaming with good health, fairly short, a warm seal brown colour, almost clear. I also awarded this boy BOB in the Brown Adult class.

Sphynx Kitten

My exhibit of the day, and my overall BOV Foreign, a really promising kitten. 1 BOB SIPALIENE'S SKINDEX KONA, SPH n. Well balanced head, with prominent cheekbones, and a well developed nicely rounded muzzle; in profile, she has a slight nose break and a good firm chin. Her ears are large, set very well; her eyes are lemon-shaped, large and slightly slanting. She's well grown for 7 months, with a well rounded abdomen and chest, proportionate legs with oval paws and thick paw pads, a long and tapering tail. She's covered with very fine down, just a little heavier on the bridge of her nose. Just one thing - her owners had given her a hot water bottle (good idea, it was a bit chilly), and she had given herself a rather red tummy. Do remember that sphynx cats have no insulation against getting scorched, so wrap up the bottle!

Devon Rex Neuter

1 PC BOB MACKENZIE'S DADDYO TALKIE TOASTER, DRX b, MN, good sized 17 month old boy, with a short wedge showing distinct whisker breaks, in profile, he

has a deep dip at the nose, rather than a stop, level chin. His ears are large, set fairly wide; his eyes are large, slanting and expressive. Weighty body, good legs and oval paws, tail balanced and good length. His coat is soft in texture, fairly dense and short, with nice curls all over, just a little finer on his head and neck.

Blue Burmese Adult

1 CC BOB REDMOND'S JOYEUX DREAMCATCHER, 10 months old girl, who has a bit of growing to do. Short, blunt wedge, strong nose break, chin is shallow and receding, but the bite is level. Her ears are a bit on the small side, but very well set; her eyes have very good shape and set, are large and a good yellow colour. Balanced body and legs, tail just a little short to balance. Her coat is fine, could be shorter, but is a lovely soft blue-grey colour, close-lying with a good feel, almost clear.

Chocolate Burmese Adult

1 CC BOB REDMOND'S JOYEUX GILDED GLAMOUR, just 10 months old, she's a good-sized girl, with a good short wedge, strong nose break, chin is slightly receding but the bite is level. Medium sized ears are well set to follow the lines of her head; eyes are a super golden yellow colour, very good set and shape. Muscular body, good legs, tail of good shape tapers slightly, just a little too short. Coat is clear, a good warm chocolate colour, fairly even in colour, fine in texture, fairly short.

Lilac Burmese Adult

1CC BOB STEELE'S RAINSONG PLATINUM JUBILEE, only just a year old, but well grown for his age, this handsome boy was my Best of Variety Section 5. Gentle boy, with a short, blunt wedge, strong nose break, chin could be a little firmer, level bite. Ears are very well set, medium in size; eyes are a good yellow colour, correct set and shape. Balanced body of medium size, proportionate legs with oval paws, good tail. Coat is rather thick (perhaps he's living out), but fine in texture, a really good dove grey colour, showing a slight, warm pinkish tinge.

Cream Burmese Adult

1CC BOB STEELE'S RAINSONG AURELIA, only 9 months old, this sweet-tempered girl is rather small at present, but shows promise for when she matures. She has a lovely head, with a short, blunt wedge, strong nose break, level chin. Very good ear set and size; eyes are a deep golden colour, excellent set and shape. Balanced body, good legs and tail - just needs to eat more Weetabix! Coat is fairly short, a dark cream colour, overlaid by a super dusting of "powdering", fine and close-lying.