

John S Harrison
GCCFI Support Show (Thurles)

Sunday 16th February 2020

My thanks to Carmel and the Committee for inviting me to judge at this friendly and enjoyable show. The journey from home to Holyhead usually takes less than an hour but after 2 detours because of fallen trees it took a fair bit longer and I was very relieved to park the car on what was a very deserted overnight ferry to Dublin whilst “Storm Dennis” was making its presence very much known! At one point I did question my sanity!! After a crossing that was to say the least a tad ‘bumpy’ I drove to Thurles and had breakfast with the other judges at the hotel before going on to the show. The sports hall is a first-class venue with superb natural lighting. I had some excellent cats to judge and was delighted by the warmth and friendly welcome of the committee and the exhibitors. After a thoroughly enjoyable day judging I drove back to Dublin and took the evening ferry to Holyhead arriving home at 01:30 ... the crossing was a bit ‘brisk’ thanks to the last throes of “Storm Dennis” – definitely a case of eating a large meal and then staying firmly in your seat!!!!

I am extremely grateful to Andrea O’Keeffe for stewarding for me and handling our cats so well, many thanks for your great company Andrea and make sure that you continue stewarding – I hope I didn’t put you off!!

AV SLH Grand Champion Male

Hib Gr Ch to:

10 Dr C M Wagner’s Hib Gr Ch ISHCUS FRANKLIN D
MCO a M 02-05-2017

A slightly timid large Blue Maine Coon lad, approaching 3 years old of overall good type. Medium length head of correct balance slightly longer than broad. Tall ears wide at the base tapering to the tips correctly set. Profile shows shallow concave curve at nasal bridge midway twixt ear line and tip of nose. Good square muzzle, high set cheek bones and good cheeks. Even bite and very good depth chin. Large full eyes correctly set. Large body, long and rectangular in shape; well developed with good breadth. Strong bone to legs, long tail. Coat of good length increasing along back and flanks with defined apron and breeches, tufts to ears, tufted paws and long flowing tail. An attractive lad, it’s a pity he’s so shy and doesn’t show himself to better advantage – I took this into account but overall, I felt he more than justified this high award.

AV SLH Grand Champion Female

Hib Gr Ch to:

7 Mr L Steele’s Int Gr Ch KAMASAKI CHYNNA CHOPSTIX
SBI a F 20-07-2015

An impeccably mannered 4½ year old Blue Point Birman lass of very pleasing overall type and balance. Head of very good shape, rounded structure with strength and breadth, nicely rounded cheeks. Well set medium sized ears. Slight dip in profile to medium length nose, untidy bite with quite a few teeth missing. Lovely shape to muzzle. Excellent depth of blue to round eyes which were nicely set. Good solid body of good type with good strong bone to legs – for perfection I’d have liked just a bit more of her. Good length coat of excellent texture, well formed ruff, bushy tail. Good blue colour to mask and ears, excellent contrast to bluish white body. Gloves a little uneven across toes, well marked socks though gauntlets could be a little higher for perfection. A delightful lass in excellent condition who certainly showed herself to best advantage. So much to like about her, very happy to make this high award.

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Reserve to:

9 Miss K S Swiaka's Gr Ch MELANIA ISZTAR COON

MCO fs 22 F 26-06-2016

A large strongly built 3½ year old Black Tortie Silver Tabby of overall good type. Head of very good shape, medium length and correctly proportioned. Tall medium sized ears tapering to the tips, well set. Very good profile with shallow concave curve at the nasal bridge. Chin protrudes slightly and the bite is undershot. Good strong square muzzle, well placed cheekbones, fairly full cheeks. Eyes of very good size, full and slightly oblique in set. Very good size body with long back giving a rectangular shape to the body, good breadth, firm muscular feel. Strong bone to legs with large round paws, tail of very good length to compliment body. Coat of very good length, shorter on the shoulders and increasing along the back and flanks, good density. Tufts and furnishing to ears, pawls tufted, small ruff and heavy breeches, long & profuse fur to tail. A lovely lass.

AOV SLH Champion Male

Gr Ch to:

16 Mrs E McClelland's Int Ch NOYNAROCK FIONN MAC CUILL

NFO ns 09 22 M 27-04-2017

A large masculine Black Silver Tabby & White Norwegian lad, not yet 3 years old, of overall excellent type and balance. Head of very good triangular shape. Ears of very good size and shape, basically correctly set but he has a tendency to hold them a little wide which creates the illusion that his head is too broad for balance. Excellent profile overall, slightly rounded top of head leading to long straight line to nose marred by a slight bump to the nose. Correct bite and strong chin. Excellent muzzle. Expressive eyes of very good size, shape and set. Strong masculine body of excellent length with broad deep chest in excellent hard muscular condition. Sturdy well boned legs and long tail to balance body. Dense undercoat with glossy topcoat of excellent length and texture. A most impressive lad with a lovely temperament he came onto the table and showed himself to his best advantage. A very handsome lad well deserving the Grand, a pleasure to judge.

AOV SLH Champion Female

Gr Ch to:

8 Mrs S Archer's Ch ISHCUS ROCK ON RUBY

MCO f 03 22 F 01-04-2015

A mature Seal Tortie Tabby and White lady, approaching 5 years old and of very good quality overall. Medium length head of excellent proportions. Ears large and tall, wide at the base and tapering to the tips, well set though she holds them low & wide out of the pen. Excellent profile with desired shallow concave curve at the nasal bridge, even bite and firm chin of very good depth. Excellent square muzzle, fairly high set cheek bones and good cheeks. Large full eyes spaced wide apart and with a slightly oblique set. Strong neck. Long body of rectangular shape with good width across rump and chest. Strong bone to legs, round paws and long tail to balance body. Good dense undercoat with glossy topcoat of good length, increasing along back and flanks. Tufts and furnishing to ears, tufted feet, clear evidence of ruff, shaggy tummy, breeches and long flowing coat to tail. Very good tortie colouring, pattern fairly well defined. A lovely natured cat in excellent condition, though on her lonesome she more than deserved the Grand.

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Blue Point Birman Adult Male

Ch to:

6 Mr L Steele's TWEEDIEMILL ABRACADABRA

SBI a M 16-05-2014

A good sized 5+ year old Blue Point Birman of very pleasing overall type and appearance. Very good head shape with rounded contours. Medium size ears set well apart. Very good profile. Good even bite. Very good muzzle shape. Excellent blue eyes of good shape and set. Muscular body of very good type. Coat of good length and texture, well prepared. Points of a very good blue with excellent contrast to the body colour. Very well marked gloves, socks and gauntlets. This lad has the most wonderful laid back temperament, it's hard to believe he's an entire male! I had the pleasure of judging him in Belfast last Autumn when I really liked him, today he looked so much better! More than happy to award the certificate to this very handsome gent, a real pleasure to judge him again.

Blue Point Birman Adult Female

Considered for Best of Breed:

7 Mr L Steele's Int Gr Ch KAMASAKI CHYNNA CHOPSTIX (see Above)

Maine Coon Red Tabby Series Adult

Considered for Best of Breed:

BoB to:

8 Mrs S Archer's Ch ISHCUS ROCK ON RUBY (see above)

Maine Coon Silver Tabby Series Adult

Considered for Best of Breed:

BoB to:

9 Miss K S Swiaka's Gr Ch MELANIA ISZTAR COON (see above)

Maine Coon AOC Adult Male

Considered for Best of Breed:

10 Dr C M Wagner's Hib Gr Ch ISHCUS FRANKLIN D (see above)

Maine Coon AOC Adult Female

1st Ch & BoB to:

11 Miss K S Swiaka's BLACKJAGUAR IRELAND

MCO f F 11-04-2019

A well grown and beautifully balanced 10 month old Black Tortie lass of overall very pleasing type – looking very mature for her age. Medium length head of excellent shape and correct balance, slightly longer than wide. Tall ears of very good size, wide based and tapering to the tip, excellent placement and set. Super muzzle showing shallow concave curve at the nasal bridge equidistant from ear line and tip of nose. Good even nose width, correct bite and chin of very good depth and shape. Lovely square muzzle, cheek bones high set and cheeks fairly full. Round, fully open, eyes of good size with slightly oblique set. Excellent neck. Long body with good rectangular shape, in accordance with her age she needs to body up, but time enough she surely has. Good sturdy legs with large round paws, tail of very good length to compliment body. Pleasing coat with dense undercoat and good length glossy topcoat, she has the beginnings of a ruff, ears tufted and well

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furnished, tufted paws, and long flowing coat to tail. An excellent natured lass in superb condition, though full young and still to develop her full potential I had no hesitation in awarding the CC & BoB, this lass really was a pleasure to judge!

2nd

- 13 Mr A Staszak's IRESEPSL CASSIE STAR
MCO a F 05-08-2018

An 18 month old Blue girl somewhat gangling and adolescent. Head of medium length, just a tad fine and needing a little more width, hopefully this will strengthen a little as she matures. Medium size ears tapering to the tip, tall and well set. Very good profile with correct curve at the nasal bridge. Even bite and firm chin of good depth. Square muzzle, fairly high set cheek bones, cheek need to be a little fuller. Body rather lightweight, of good length and showing rectangular shape; good bone to legs and long tail. Good undercoat but presently not showing a full topcoat, what was there was glossy and of good length. Ears tufted, tufts to paws and long flowing coat to tail. A lovely natured lass, very much an adolescent but showing a deal of promise. A lass who really enjoyed the attention!

AC Bicolour Ragdoll Adult

1st Ch & BoB to:

- 14 Ms L Jackson's IRESEPSL SNOW-STRIFE
RAG a 03 21 F 11-03-2019

A very pretty 11 month old Blue Tabby Bicolour lass of very good overall type, currently a tad dainty and looking very much a kitten – in a breed which matures slowly it is so easy to see immaturity as a weakness. Head of good type and balance. Ears medium in size, set wide apart with correct forward tilt and a flattening plane between. Excellent profile with gentle dip to medium length nose; correct bite, chin just a smidgeon shallow. Excellent cheek bones and lovely rounded muzzle. Large fully open eyes set well apart and slightly oblique setting, of a very good intense blue. Body of good size and build but needs to fill out. Strong sturdy legs, round paws and medium length tail. Coat of good length and texture. Excellent tabby facial markings giving her the prettiest of faces! Well marked overall, a small coloured spot on one hock. A very pretty lass of overall super quality, she shows great promise she just needs to mature, I took this into account and had absolutely no hesitation awarding the CC. A lovely friendly lass with so much to like about her.

Norwegian Forest Adult

Considered for Best of Breed:

BoB to:

- 16 Mrs E McClelland's Int Ch NOYNAROCK FIONN MAC CUILL (see above)

AV SLH Grand Premier Male

Hib Gr Pr to:

- 26 Mrs J Frizelle's Gr Pr ISHCUS ARCTURUS
MCO e 03 22 MN 26-07-2016

A large and impressive Cream & White Maine Coon lad, 3½ years old and looking so good. Strong medium length head of excellent proportions. Large tall ears which taper to the tip, set high with good width between. Pleasing profile showing the required concave curve at nasal

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bridge midway between ear line and nose tip. Even bite and firm chin of very good depth. Lovely squareness to muzzle, high set cheek bones and fairly well filled cheeks. Eyes of very good shape size and set. Good length sturdy neck, long rectangular body with good breadth at rump and chest and lovely depth of chest. Strong well boned legs, pig round paws. Tail of very good length to balance body. Coat good length and texture, with dense undercoat and glossy topcoat. Tufts to ears, tufted Paws, ruff, shaggy tum and breeches and long flowing coat to tail. A very good cream with sparkling white. A lovely gent in excellent condition, very friendly more than good enough for the high award.

Reserve to:

25 Ms M Browne's Gr Pr ISHCUS MELVIN
MCO s 03 22 MN 12-12-2017

A large and substantially built 2+ year old Red Tabby & White lad of overall very good type. Medium length head slightly longer than wide. Ears medium size and of good shape tapering to tip, basically well set and looking tall in the pen but he drops them a little wide and low out of the pen. Good profile with shallow concave curve as required at the nasal bridge which is midway twixt ears and nose. Correct bite and deep chin. Good square muzzle, high cheek bones and fairly full cheeks. Eyes large, full and set slightly obliquely. Strong rectangular body with excellent development, broad and deep at chest and broad at the rump. Good length glossy topcoat over good thick undercoat. A fairly well defined classic pattern. A lovely lad he had to settle for Reserve today.

AOV SLH Grand Premier Male

Gr Pr to:

23 Dr C M Wagner's Pr SILVERFERN FRENCH KISS
MCO n 03 22 MN 23-03-2018

A 21 month old Brown Tabby & White lad, extremely well grown and mature for his age with overall very pleasing type. Correctly balanced medium length head. Ears large and tall with very good shape wide at the base and tapering to tip. Excellent profile with shallow curve at the centrally placed nasal bridge. Correct bite and firm chin. Lovely square muzzle, high cheek bones and fairly well filled cheeks. Large round eyes with desired setting. Large strong body of very good length, rectangular in appearance and with good breadth across back – remarkably solid and mature for his age. Strong bone to legs, round paws, tail very good length to balance body. Coat of very good length and texture with defined ruff, tufts to ears, tufted paws, shaggy tummy and breeches, and long flowing coat to tail. Pattern of good formation and colour. A delightful young lad, handled well and deserved the Grand.

Reserve to:

24 Ms B O'Callaghan's Sup Pr ISHCUS GRANVILLE
MCO a 03 23 MN 28-07-2017

Another big lad, a 2½ year old Blue Tabby & White of overall pleasing type. A strong masculine head, medium in length and slightly longer than wide. Tall ears of very good size and shape, well set. Very good profile with good shallow curve at nasal bridge. Correct bite with firm deep chin. Eyes full, a good size and very well set. Square muzzle with high set cheek bones. Large strongly built body in firm condition, rectangular in shape with good depth and breadth. Strong legs, round paws and very good length tail. Coat medium length, increasing along back and flanks. Good ruff,

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tufts to ears, tufted paws and flowing coat to tail. In my opinion the pattern is a Spotted with linkage and not a Mackerel, the linked 'bars' being far too wide and not numerous enough to be a Mackerel. A large lad of pleasing type well turned out, he handled well and I was more than happy to award the Reserve.

Maine Coon Brown/Blue Tabby Neuter

Considered for BoB:

BoB to:

23 Dr C M Wagner's Pr SILVERFERN FRENCH KISS (see above)

Also considered for BoB:

24 Ms B O'Callaghan's Sup Pr ISHCUS GRANVILLE (see above)

Maine Coon Red Tabby Series Neuter

Considered for BoB:

BoB to:

26 Mrs J Frizelle's Gr Pr ISHCUS ARCTURUS (see above)

Also considered for BoB:

25 Ms M Browne's Gr Pr ISHCUS MELVIN (see above)

Maine Coon Silver Tabby Series Neuter

Considered for BoB:

BoB to:

27 Mrs J Frizelle & Mrs S Archer's Tara Hib Gr Pr ISHCUS LUCCA
MCO ns 22 MN 25-04-2014

A large and substantial gent approaching 6 years old and of overall excellence. Strong medium length head of very good proportions. Ears large and of good size set just a little wide for perfection. Very good profile, even bite and strong chin. Square muzzle with high set cheek bones and pleasing cheeks. Large full eyes with slight oblique set. Strongly built body of rectangular shape. Coat medium length increasing along flanks. Tufts and well furnished ears, tufted paws, ruff, shaggy tummy and breeches, long flowing coat to tail. A pleasing chap well deserving the BoB.

AC British, Manx or Selkirk Rex Grand Premier

Hib Gr Pr to:

38 Mrs C A Wren's Gr Pr & Ch HOONIKATZ RUBY'S PRINCE
BSH ns 22 MN 10-06-2016

A very handsome Black Silver Tabby lad approaching 4 years old, of very pleasing type. Head of good shape, breadth and balance with nicely rounded contours and rounded cheeks. Ears medium size and very good shape, well set and fitting neatly into the contours of the head. In profile has a gently rounded brow to a medium length broad nose. Nicely shaped muzzle. Green eyes of good size, round and fully opened and set well apart. Firm body of good cobby type, short level back. Good bone to legs; tail medium length. Very pleasing coat being short and dense with a very good texture. A dense black pattern with no agouti invasion on an excellent silver ground with no tarnishing – for sure there is nothing wishy washy about the pattern and contrast in this

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lad! The pattern is very well formed overall though I noted the whorls are not quite complete. A very well behaved lad who handled to perfection, I was more than happy to award him this high award – there really isn't anything not to like about him.

AC British or Manx Premier

Gr Pr to:

37 Ms A Duffy's Pr ASTRALCHARM DEFINITELY MAYBE

BSH e MN 14-07-2018

A 19 month old Cream lad, well grown and of good cobby type. Head of good breadth with full cheeks and with a very good rounded structure. Medium size ears of good shape and well set. In profile has rounded brow, gentle break and short broad nose, good bite and firm chin. Very good muzzle shape. Large round eyes, well set, and of a bright clear orange colour. Coat of good length and density though rather soft. Excellent soft cream in colour. A lovely natured lad well deserving the Gr Pr.

British Cream Neuter

Considered for BoB:

BoB to:

37 Ms A Duffy's Pr ASTRALCHARM DEFINITELY MAYBE (see above)

British Black Silver Tabby Neuter

Considered for BoB:

BoB to:

38 Mrs C A Wren's Gr Pr & Ch HOONIKATZ RUBY'S PRINCE (see above)

British Colourpoint Neuter

Considered for BoB:

BoB to:

39 Mrs J Frizelle & Ms K Izydorczyk's Tara Gr Pr REYESDESELVA BENNY

BSH c 33 MN 01-08-2012

A large Lilac Colourpoint lad, 7+ years old, of excellent overall type. Broad head with a superb rounded structure and full cheeks. Ears medium size, good shape and very well set. Pleasing profile. Large round well set eyes of a very good blue. Excellent large cobby body, just a tad on the chubby side! Excellent short dense coat. Mask just a little dark in colour but within acceptability contrasting well with magnolia lightly shaded body. A fabulous natured lad with an awful lot to like about him!

End of Report