<u>Siamese And All Breeds Cat Club of Ireland Show – 16th April 2023</u> <u>Sarah Johnson – FIFe International Judge</u>

I was delighted to be back in Ireland once more. The shows are always such good fun and the welcome always warm! My thanks to Gloria for the invitation and to Carmel and the rest of the team for a wonderful weekend, full of laughter and fun!

I was fortunate to have Gillian Kehoe steward for me today, and she did a grand job of keeping the paperwork (and me) in order though the day. Thank you.

HIBERNIAN GRAND CHAMPION

HGC to Steiner-Browne's GC Ishcus Thyme Taoiseach (MCO d 03 22) M 22.02.2020

I must be honest and say that this lad just scraped this certificate today. He had a nice overall body type, with medium boning. His weight is OK for a working male; however, I would really have liked him to be larger overall for this age. Tail of good length. Head shows nice definition of profile and muzzle with a reasonable chin. Ear placement is good, although the size could be a tad larger. Eyes just a touch small, but of good shape and set. have preferred more chin. He has a reasonable length of coat for the season and there is some undercoat evident, but he needs much more attention to his grooming to make the best of himself. The red is rich and deep in colour although the white areas were a little discoloured. Sweet nature and easy to handle.

S2c GRAND CHAMPION

GC to Wagner's Ch Ishcus Quiet Assassin (MCO ns 03 22) M 18.06.19.

This lad was very tense indeed; however I was able to make a full assessment before he went back in his pen. Well grown, mature male with a good body type and heavy bone. Good length of tail. Head has good definition of type with a good profile, cheekbones and nice muzzle transition. Good chin. Ears are of a good size and set well. He was beautifully groomed and although there was little undercoat, his owner had done a good job. Rather tarnished silver.

Res GC to Ch Swiacka's Ch Blackjaguar Whisky, (MCO d 23) M 18.05.2021

Another young lad who just needs to pull everything together and fully mature. Well-developed body with length and depth. Nice boning. Good weight. His head needs to catch up now to balance. At the moment he is rather narrow in the head and had a very narrow lower jaw which gives him rather a "pointy" muzzle. The profile is good, and he has a good muzzle definition and reasonable chin. Eyes are of a good shape and set. He was beautifully prepared with a rich red coat with good length and some undercoat. Easy to handle.

Also considered:

Pavlovic's Ch Karakum Mickey (MCO ns 22) M 01.07.21. A young male still in a very adolescent stage and needing to put on both weight and muscle. He may have been working and thus his mind not on food, but for a show he needs to be in peak condition. His presentation also needs a lot of work, as coat was very claggy and dry. His head is still quite narrow. The profile is OK, with reasonable muzzle and chin, but he needs more length in his muzzle. Ears are a little small, although the placement is OK. Eyes of a good shape and placement.

AC BI-COLOUR OR MITTED RAGDOLL ADULT FEMALE:

CC & BOB Liczberska's Orocolato Iris, (RAG a 03) F 02.06.2022. A very pretty young girl, who is well grown for her age. Good proportions to the body and reasonable length of tail. Head has a promising shape, still needing to broaden but with all the right signs that that will happen. Pleasing profile and chin. Muzzle developing well. Bite is a little untidy at the moment, so I hope that sorts itself out as she matures. Eyes of good shape, placement and colour. Good top of head, and ears of good size and shape, well set for her age. Beautifully groomed and presented. She has a lovely texture to her coat and her markings are correct. Lovely to handle.

MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MALE:

CC & BOB to Steiner-Browns Friendlyghosts Big Bear (MCO n 22), M 19.05.2022. A young lad, but well grown for his age. He stands well with a good strong breed outline, lovely boning and a really good weight. Tail of a good length. His head shows nice lines but is now looking a little small in comparison to the body, so he will need more time to balance himself up. Good height in the head with a good top, profile and cheekbones; firm chin with good muzzle definition. Eyes are a fraction small and just a little deep but are a lovely shape. Nice preparation of the coat; not a lot of undercoat but given his age and the time of year I would not expect that particularly. Quite good pattern, just a touch solid still here and there. Easy to handle.

MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE FEMALE:

CC to Janek's Forestside Kristina (MCO n 22) F, 5.04.2022. Quite well grown with good length of body and legs with medium boning. Needs to fill our now as she is still a little narrow. Head has good straight lines with good top and profile; reasonable muzzle transition and cheekbones. Ears are a little low in setting and have a tendency to flare out. Eyes of good shape and placement. Sadly, a lot more attention to grooming is needed. Her coat was quite open and greasy and this almost cost her the certificate. A little nervous today but handled OK.

2nd to Janek's Forestside Rysla (MCO a 22) F, 05.02.2021. This girl was really not in show condition today. She was very skinny and so her whole body type was compromised. She is quite narrow, and this follows in the head. Top is OK, but ears

are set low and so rather flaring. Good profile and chin, although muzzle is very narrow. Eye shape is OK. She was not presented well, having an open, greasy coat. Handled well.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MALE:

BOB to Wagner's Ch Ishcus Quiet Assassin (MCO ns 03 22) M 18.06.19. (see class above)

Also considered:

Pavlovic's Ch Karakum Mickey (MCO ns 22) M 01.07.21. (see class above)

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY/TABBY & WHITE FEMALE:

CC to Pavlovic's Pandorapaws Beba (MCO ns 22 03) F 22.02.2022. A nicely made young female, just needing time to mature now. Good length and nice medium boning; still a tad narrow. Tail OK. Head has good lines with nice top, good profile and chin, good muzzle transition. Lovely eye shape and placement, and a super expression. Ear placement and size is OK. Nicely prepared for the show with reasonable length of coat for the season. Easy to handle.

MAINE COON RED TABBY/TABBY & WHITE MALE:

BOB to Ch Swiacka's Ch Blackjaguar Whisky, (MCO d 23) M 18.05.2021 (see above)

Also considered:

Steiner-Browne's GC Ishcus Thyme Taoiseach (MCO d 03 22) M 22.02.2020

MAINE COON RED TABBY/TABBY & WHITE FEMALE:

CC to Wagner's Friendlyghost Chaiyya Chaiyya (MCO g 22) F 22.05.2022. Another very young girl and of course looking very adolescent. She has a good length in the body with nice medium boning but is still very narrow and needs to fill out. Tail of good length. Head of good basic lines, with nice profile and top, good muzzle and chin. Beautifully presented and groomed, with nice length of coat and a little undercoat. The colour is a little dull but could well improve once she gets a full adult coat. Lovely to handle.

MAINE COON AOC MALE:

CC & BOB to Swiaka's Gattacamoon Volturion (MCO ds 11) M 24.04.2022. A beautifully presented young male, just under a year old but well grown and with super breed type. He has a typical breed outline with good length and heavy muscle, nice boning. Just needs to mature now and fill out. Lovely length of tail. Head is very typical with everything as it should be. Super expression. Super length of top coat, but minimal undercoat, super expression of pattern. Presentation was faultless and he was a most impressive boy. Very kind nature.

MAINE COON AOC FEMALE:

CC to Sobanska & McDonagh's Blackjaguar Coconut (MCO ns 03) F 24.03.2022. This girl has possibly the best smoke coat I have seen in many years – she looks completely black until the coat is moved and then you get a flash of the silver undercoat – very impressive. Not a big girl, but she has time on her side. Overall body type is correct in proportion – I'd just like more of her. Head of good lines, with good profile and chin. Eyes correctly placed, of good size and nice expression. Ears proportionately large and well placed. Coat could have done with better preparation. Shy girl who might well be better suited to a single pen.

SIBERIAN ADULT:

CC & BOB to Piotrkowski's Vistula Merlin (SIB n 22) M 20.10.2020. Well grown lad with plenty of heft to him. Good "barrel" body type with deep chest and strong bone. Medium tail. Head developing well with a good degree of breadth. Nice profile line with good top and chin. Cheekbones developing. Lovely eyes. Ears of good size and shape but need to drop more for the complete look. Well prepared but his coat is now moulting, and his ruff is disappearing fast! A little naked on his tummy but presented well. Friendly chap.

AC BICOLOUR OR MITTED RAGDOLL KITTEN

Liczberska's Gunbertus Elijah (RAG e 03) M 25.07.2022. Sadly, this lad was very unhappy and so was unable to be handled safely.

MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY TABBY & WHITE KITTEN:

1 & BOB to Shackleton's Ishcus Nigel (MCO n 22) M 10.08.2022. Beautifully well gown for his age, with a good length of body and tail. Well boned and good weight. Head is well constructed. He has a good top and profile, good chin and nicely developed muzzle. Good eye shape and placement with pleasing expression. Ears are well placed, but I'd like them a touch bigger at this age. Very nicely turned out with a super quality coat. Pattern getting there. Lovely to hand and a promising boy.

MAINE COON SILVER TABBY SERIES KITTEN:

1st & BOB to McCarthy's Friendlyghost Eldritch (MCO ds 22) M 25.11.2022. Well grown baby, friendly and very easy to handle. He has everything correctly formed for this age with a promising body, nice bone and good weight. Tail of good length. His head has very typical lines and he has a good profile and chin with good top. Eyes of good shape and placement. Ears of good size and placement. Coat is well prepared but is in the real "baby" phase with long guard hair pronounced standing over the undercoat. The pattern is a little blurred at the moment, but this is not unusual for this age.

w/p Wagner's Edgar Caramellocoon (MCO ds 03 22) M 23.07.2022. I checked the GEMS code for this lad as I needed to be sure there had not been an error in the catalogue. He is registered as Red Silver Classic Tabby, but he is clearly shaded and needs to be re-registered as "ds 11 03". This being the case, I had no option but to disqualify him from the class as he should have been in the AOC class. This was confirmed by another senior colleague. That said, he is a lovely chap. He is well grown, with super length and good boing. Good length of tail. He is now very much

an adolescent, so his head is looking a little small to balance. However, the lines are all there and he shows lovely type. He was prepared beautifully, and this enhanced his super red silver shaded coat.

MAINE COON RED TABBY SERIES KITTEN:

1st & BOB to Wagner's Friendlyghost Elsa The Lioness (MCO f 22) F 25.11.2022. The litter sister to the winner above and quite similar in type. However, she does have the edge over him today. She is really well put together with a super body style, promising bone and good weight. Good tail. Head has very strong breed type, with every box ticked. Beautifully groomed and such a friendly girl – quite the show off. Loved her!

MAINE COON AOC KITTEN:

1st & BOB to Swiacka's Blackjaguar Geisha (MCO f) F 23.11.2022. A friendly kitten with lots of promise. As yet, she needs time to get everything together, but she shows signs that that will happen. She has body length and good bone with a balanced tail length. Head shows good basic lines with good profile. Muzzle developing well; firm chin. Well presented today, but in baby coat so a rather "fluffy" appearance today. She shows lots of guard hair, so this is just an age thing.

TABBY/TORTIE TABBY BIRMAN NEUTER:

PC & BOB to Duffy's Luxdon Tigerlilly (SBI n 21) FN 04.06.2019. Not the biggest girl in the world but everything is in proportion. Lovely overall type for her body, being broad in the chest and low on her legs. Ideally, I would have liked her a bit heavier. Medium tail. Head type is lovely, with a good "heart-shaped" head, reasonably broad, good profile and chin. Medium blue eyes with a lovely soft expression. Very nicely turned out indeed. She is losing coat so not so full as it could be now, but she has lovely colour seal tabby points and coat has a lovely golden hue. All points are well matched in tone, and white marking are correct. Just a little nervous, but happy to be handled.

MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY/TABBY & WHITE NEUTER:

PC to Pavlovic's Pandorapaws Aladdin (MCO n 03 22) MN 14.05.2021. Very well grown chap indeed. He has lovely length and depth to his body and is beginning to broaden out. Lovely boning. Head is very well constructed and shows good top, profile and chin. Good cheekbones. Good muzzle definition. Ears held well when alert. Eyes correctly placed and with good expression. Coat is well presented with good top coat and some undercoat. Good pattern definition. Friendly chap.

CONSIDERED FOR BOB AND AWARDED TO:

Sup HGP Silverfern French Kiss (MCO n 03 22) MN 22.03.2018. Of course, with the benefit of maturity on his side, he is the finished article! Type in body and head is excellent. Groomed to perfection. Easy to handle and very happy to be admired!

MAINE COON RED TABBY SERIES NEUTER:

PC & BOB to Wagner's Ishcus Quevaga (MCO f 03 22) FN 18.06.2019. Stunning female. Really well put together with substance and boning. Lovely breed outline to this girl. Head is everything one could want with correct top, profile and chin. Lovely eyes with super expression. Good ears. Expertly groomed and presented. She is a confident lady and is a joy to handle.

NON-PEDIGREE PET SHORTHAIR TABBY/TABBY & WHITE:

1st & BOC to Flemings Tora Such a pretty cat. Snuggled in his pen we managed to persuade him to pop out and see us! Beautiful bronze coloured coat with jet black markngs which were very unusual, being made up of a mixture of spots and whirls. His coat fitted like a glove and felt like velvet. Gooseberry green eyes made a super contrast in colour. Very well turned out – well groomed and on a bed of cosy blankets. Friendly and easy to handle.

PEDIGREE PET SHORTHAIR SELF COLOUR:

1st & BOC to Weldon's Jody Large chap of British type, very friendly and well presented. He has a soft, dense warm cream coat with sparkling white patching. Large, bright eyes with an alert expression. He was delighted to give me a cuddle – always a bonus! Friendly chap who was enjoying being handled and also admired by the visitors to the show! Super lad.

PEDIGREE PET SHORTHAIR AOC MALE:

1st & BOC to Weldon's Canice a handsome seal pointed & white chap of sphynx type. A big chunky lad who was very happy to come out for a cuddle. Lovely temperament. Peach fuzz coat. The most beautiful blue eyes! Immaculate presentation for the show. Quite the show off!

PEDIGREE PET SHORTHAIR AOC FEMALE:

1st & BOC to Harte's Gillian Very cute lady indeed. Tortie pointed sphynx type. Beautifully presented for the show. Lovely warm peach fuzz body. Gorgeous blue eyes. She was dressed for her public in her pink dress and pearls in her Disney themed pen. Just a little shy at first, but I think she warmed to me!

2nd Lawless' Pepper Little Russian type lady, who was resplendent in her spring garden pen, surround by her flowers. She was very shy, and I think the crowds around her pen at that time were a little overwhelming for her and so although she was happy for me to stroke her in her pen, she declined to come out. Soft blue/grey coat with lovely contrasting green eyes. Very pretty indeed.

PEDIGREE PET SHORTHAIR KITTEN:

1st & BOC French's Bosie What a character Bosie is! When we arrived at his pen, he greeted us with a very noisy list of complaints indeed!! Hard to imagine that so much noisy emanated form such a small person! He is a lovey chunk of a hunk and I cold actually have stolen him! Burmese in type, and Seal Brown rather than black in

colour. Gorgeous, dreamy eyes of a lovely amber shade. Coat that fitted like a glove and was soft and sleek. Friendly baby who I didn't want to put back!!!