

I am grateful to Ronnie Brooks for the kind invitation to judge at this delightful, friendly show. It was a real pleasure to handle some lovely cats and to wander around the Pet Expo stalls at the end of judging and to chat with animal lovers and their pets. I do hope it was financially successful. I was assisted today by Jeni Willis who travelled to Dublin especially to steward for me. She handled the cats with gentle care and was interested in all the different breeds we came across today. Thank you Jeni I hope we can do it again sometime.

BRITISH HIBERNIAN CLASS – AV GRAND PREMIER NEUTER FEMALE

1st HIBERNIAN GPC PATTON'S SUP GR.PR. LABRY'S SOUFFLE GIRL (BRI w 62) Nicely rounded head with small ears, set well apart. Round pale gold eyes and full cheeks. Deep nose break with short straight nose, level bite and firm chin. Cobby body, short legs and rounded paws. Short dense coat of good texture, sparkling pristine white, balanced tail. She was a little shy and crouched in the back of the pen, but handled well today.

BRITISH A.C. PREMIER

1st. GPC KANE'S INT. PR. MISSION GOODY GUMDROPS (BRI p 33) What an absolute giant! Massive round head and neat ears. Round pale blue eyes, well filled cheeks, deep nose break and short straight nose, acceptable bite with firm chin of good depth. Chunky body of considerable weight, thick stumpy legs, like little tree trunks, round paws. The coat is fairly short and dense with a clear magnolia body colour and warm rosy mushroom matching points. Balanced tail. Lovely gentle boy, but I would rather keep him for a week than a fortnight!

A.C. BURMESE CHAMPION FEMALE

1st. GCCTAYLOR'S INT. CH. BACKCHAT SUN CHARIOT (BUR e) Short blunt wedge, would prefer a little more width between the ears for perfection, which she holds slightly high. Good eyes for shape, yellow tones evident. Gently rounded top of head with defined nose break and short, straight nose. Level bite, chin not quite level. Small body which is well muscled and heavy. Short coat, colour is a little 'hot' of good texture and lies close to the body. Tapered tail, just a fraction short. Very wriggly girl and preferred to be in the safety of her pen.

A.C. BURMESE PREMIER MALE

1st. GPC SLUITER'S PR. BACKCHAT KAPELLMEISTER (BUR e) Short wedge with blunt muzzle. Medium ears, set well apart. Rather flat top of head, nice eye shape, pale chartreuse in colour. Defined nose break, short straight nose with level bite and good firm chin. Muscular heavy body on slender legs and oval paws. Short, fine coat, silky texture just a little hot in colour, tail a fraction short to balance.

FEMALE

1st. GPC SLUITER'S PR. ALDEBIZ MANIKE HOSHI (BUR h) A rather dainty girl with sweet expression. Short wide wedge and medium ears set well apart. Eyes have a good slant over the top lid with full rounding to the lower rim. Pale chartreuse in colour. Good width at the cheekbones, well defined nose break and straight nose, level bite and firm chin. Small weighty body with good muscle tone, and tail balances. Coat just a fraction long, lies close to the body and is warm chocolate intermingled with shades of red. Sweet temperament.

BRITISH CHOCOLATE ADULT MALE

1st. CC BOB GLAVEKA'S YOUR MAJESTY MR UNIVERSE Huge chunky boy, very mature for his two and a half years. Large round head and tiny ears which are set wide apart. Round deep orange eyes. Good breadth to head with full cheeks and jowls. Wide muzzle, level bite and firm deep chin. Heavy chunky body with excellent bone. Short thick legs on round paws, tail balances. His coat is short, dense with minimal shading to the roots, the texture is slightly soft and colour is even warm chocolate, beautifully prepared. A pure delight to judge, my nomination for BOV and later overall BIS. A credit to his owners and breeders and hopefully to the future British breeding lines in Ireland.

BRITISH LILAC ADULT MALE

1st. JOHNSTONE'S QUENTAN CHERRY LAND Another lovely boy with a well developed head and neat ears. Round gold eyes, well filled cheeks, deep nose break with slight bump on nose, level bite and firm chin. Chunky body, excellent bone and weight with a balanced tail. Pale frosty lilac coat, which is short and dense and of good firm texture, slightly shady at the roots. Balanced tail.

BRITISH BLUE ADULT MALE

CC WITHHELD 1st. HUGHES' E'MUFFIN Rather small for a fully mature British boy, has a round head and neat ears which are set wide apart. Round eyes which are slightly small and pale gold in colour. Well developed cheeks, short nose with slight bump. Marginally undershot bite and firm chin. Small cobby body and short legs with rounded paws. Fairly short coat, soft in texture and lacks density, shady at the roots. Balanced tail.

FEMALE

CC BOB GROVES GEARY REGALISCATS OH LA LA PARIS A well grown girl of 11 months with a nice round head and neat, well set ears. Deep orange eyes are well rounded. Well developed cheeks with a short, broad nose, level bite and deep firm chin. Cobby body and short legs with rounded paws. Short, pale blue coat with minimal shading to the roots, lacking density and slightly soft in texture. Balanced tail.

BRITISH BLACK SILVER TABBY ADULT FEMALE

CC WITHHELD 1st. WREN'S KNOCKMORE SPIDERS WEB Round head and neat ears set well apart. Round eyes are a rather strong orange colour with green at centres presently, hopefully the green colour will improve with time. Well developed cheeks, short nose with slight bump. Level bite and firm chin. Cobby body of good size and weight. Short coat, dense black pattern with some slight brindling in the pattern. Medium silver ground colour, shows fairly clear butterfly and straight tramlines, oysters don't quite match, very short tail with rings. Very pale silver around face and neck with clear tracings evident. Tiny defect at tip of tail.

A.C COLOURPOINTED BRITISH ADULT MALE

1st. CC BOB BEREZINA EBIARSH DARTH VADER (BRI a 33) Not in the best of tempers today, but we managed to get a good enough look at him. Nice round head and tiny, well set ears. Round eyes of clear medium blue, cheeks developing well. Short straight nose, level bite and firm chin. Cobby body and short legs, round paws. Short dense coat, medium blue matching points, body colour is far from the required glacial white, and is very dark beige with blue tones, though showing good contrast to points. Tail balances.

BRITISH LILAC KITTEN

1st. BOB HILL'S ASTRALCHARM HARPER A very well grown boy with well rounded head and small ears, round gold eyes, cheeks developing well. Short nose, level bite and firm chin. Cobby body of good weight and bone. Short sturdy limbs and round paws. Balanced tail. Short, dense coat, slightly shady at the roots, pale grey with pink caste in evidence. Ringed tail.

BRITISH BLUE KITTEN MALE

1st. GROVES GEARY'S INDIANA MAGIC GARDEN *PL A well grown boy with round head and neat ears, pointed at tips. Round eyes of promising colour. Cheeks are developing well. Short nose, level bite and firm chin. He has a cobby body of good weight and short sturdy limbs, round paws. Coat is a fraction long and soft, though it is dense, there is ticking throughout the coat. Tail is a fraction long and is ringed. Very wriggly boy, not keen on being handled.

FEMALE

1st. BOB GROVES GEARY'S IBIZA MAGIC GARDEN*PL Litter sister to the boy above, with a sweet disposition and handled well. Round head and tiny ears, nicely set on. Round orange eyes, well developed cheeks, short, straight nose with level bite and firm chin. Cobby weighty body. Coat is very similar to her brother, a fraction long and soft, dense and ticked throughout. Long ringed tail. Not much to choose between them, preferred her head and ear set.

BRITISH BLUE-CREAM/LILAC TORTIE/FAWN TORTIE KITTEN

HILL'S ACCLAIM ASTRALCHARM HARLEY (BRI j) A real chocolate box kitten, very pretty and appealing. Round head and tiny ears set well apart. Slightly small round eyes, excellent depth of colour, presently muddy brown. Cheeks are developing well, short straight nose and level bite with deep firm chin. Cobby little body and sturdy legs. Balanced tail. Short, dense coat, a fraction soft with lovely pastel shades. I would not advise powdering as a means of cleaning the coat for a Brit, it only adds softness to the texture and must be completely removed before a show or she could be disqualified. A quick shampoo a week before the show, or a waterless shampoo rubbed into the coat would serve her much better and create a nicer finish in the future.

BRITISH TIPPED KITTEN

1st. BOB MURPHY'S KAMASAKI FURRY MCPURRY Well grown baby who has a round head and neat ears. Round eyes, 2 tone in colour at present, green coming in nicely from the centres. Cheeks are developing, short, straight nose with level bite. Cobby body and short sturdy limbs. Slightly long coat of good firm texture, heavy even tipping. Ringed tail.

BRITISH WHITE (ORANGE-EYED NEUTER

Considered for and awarded BOB to PATTON'S SUP GR.PR. LABRY'S SOUFFLE GIRL

A.C. COLOURPOINTED BRITISH NEUTER

Considered for and awarded BOB to KANE'S INT. PR. MISSION GOODY GUMDROPS

EGYPTIAN MAU NEUTER

Considered for and awarded BOB to FRIZELLE'S GP. ACCLAIM DIVA FEVER (MAU s 24) Not in the best of tempers today and couldn't get her out of the pen to handle, so had to have a quick look from inside the pen. Slightly narrow top of head and holding her ears quite high. Nice eye shape and colour. Heavy muscular body and nice pattern fairly clear, balanced tail.

RED BURMESE ADULT MALE

1st. CC BOB LENIHAN'S CORNEL OCEAN EYES Short wide wedge with medium ears, set well apart. Eyes of good size and shape, pale gold in colour, wide at the cheekbones with well defined nose break and straight nose, level bite and firm deep chin. Muscular body and slender limbs in proportion. Tail tapers to a pointed tip, just a fraction short for balance. Short fine coat, of good texture, rich tangerine colour. Sweet boy.

CREAM BURMESE ADULT FEMALE

Considered for and awarded BOB to TAYLOR'S INT. CH. BACKCHAT SUN CHARIOT

BROWN BURMESE KITTEN FEMALE

1st. BOB LENIHAN'S JACOU ATLAS DONN Short blunt wedge and medium well set ears. Rounded brow. Eyes are deep gold in colour, with good slant to the upper lids and fuller rounding to lower rims. Well defined nose break and short, straight nose. She does have a slight teething pinch and presently two sets of canines, the bite is level and the chin is firm and of good depth. Well grown muscular body of good weight, tail a fraction short. Short, fine coat of warm brown colour. Handled well.

CREAM BURMESE KITTEN MALE

1st. BOB HAMMOND'S BACKCHAT GALILEO GOLD Good size boy with short wedge and wide set ears, eyes are a little small, pale yellow with slight green rim to centres. Nicely wide at the cheekbones, though a little narrow at muzzle. Well muscled body, legs and feet in proportion. Tail tapers to a rounded tip. Short, fine coat, slightly coarse in texture. Warm cream colour.

A.O.C. TORTOISESHELL BURMESE KITTEN

1st. BOB TAYLOR'S BACKCHAT ALICE SPRINGS (BUR g) A sweet girl who initially was very shy and didn't want to come out of her pen. She has a short wedge and did hold her ears rather high, but once back in the safety of her pen and relaxed they are well placed. Nice eyes for shape and set, pale yellow colour. Good width to cheekbones, defined nose break and slightly long nose. Muscular body of good weight, tail balances. Short, fine coat of silky texture, pale cream and blue intermingled.

BLUE BURMESE NEUTER MALE

1st. PC BOB TAYLOR'S BACKCHAT SWANKYPANTS A weighty boy of good size. Short wide wedge and well set ears. Chartreuse eyes of good shape and set wide apart. Good width to cheekbones, well defined nose break and short nose, even bite and firm chin, blunt muzzle. Muscular body and shapely slender limbs, oval paws. Tail balances from a medium thick base to a rounded tip. Short fine coat of excellent texture, darker shade of blue with silver to rounded areas.

CREAM BURMESE NEUTER MALE

Considered for and awarded BOB to SLUITER'S PR. BACKCHAT KAPELLMEISTER

A.O.C. TORTOISESHELL BURMESE NEUTER FEMALE

Considered for and awarded BOB to SLUITER'S PR. ALDEBIZ MANIKE HOSHI