

SABCCI SHOW 20.10.19
REPORT FROM ALISON LYALL

Many thanks to Ronnie and the Show Committee for the invitation to judge here and the hospitality – my first time judging in Dublin and what a rewarding experience it was. I was so impressed with the quality of the cats I judged and I have rarely seen such immaculate presentation – it was a real pleasure. Thanks also to Gavin Ayres who stepped in to help me later in the day as I was judging without a steward, although as the cats were all so beautifully behaved, that was much less of a problem than I feared.

AV SLH GRAND CHAMPION (HIBERNIAN GR CH)

HIB GC.WAGNER'S GC ISHCUS FRANKLIN D MCO a M – 2.5.17.A handsome blue Maine Coon exhibiting all the specific characteristics of his breed. The large ears, which are tufted at the tips, well furnished from the inner ear and wide at the base, are set high at an ear's breadth apart and held erect. Cheek bones are high and broad and the muzzle is a defined square with a level bite and a broad deep chin filling the base of the square. The large round eyes are set wide and slightly oblique with an alert and interested expression and the broad nose has a slight concave dip at the bridge and a clear profile line. The body is rectangular, strong and muscular with a square rump, the long legs are heavily boned with large tufted paws and there is a long plume of tail. The presentation of the coat is superb with a full ruff adorning the broad chest and falling from behind the ears, flow to the gleaming top coat and generous breeches. His delightful benign personality was the icing on the cake.

AOV SLH CHAMPION MALE.

GCC.McCLELLAND'S INT CH NOYNAROCK FIONN MACCUILL NFO ns 09 22 M – 27.4.17.Well grown silver tabby and white Norwegian Forest boy. The head is a strong equilateral triangle in shape with a lovely long straight profile, level bite and firm chin. The large ears are wide at the base with pointed tips and good furnishings but are slightly low set and tend to break, rather than to extend the lateral headlines. The eyes are oval in shape, obliquely set and well opened with a gentle expression. The body is long, muscular and hefty, legs are long with substantial boning and large tufted paws and the tail is very long and bushy. The coat is still quite soft for a lad of his maturity and is well presented with some glossy waterproof top coat overlying a deep woolly undercoat, full shirtfront and lavish knickerbockers. He was a lovely outgoing lad with

the typical Norwegian stance, standing slightly taller on his back legs and very good at showing himself off.

AOV SLH CHAMPION FEMALE.

GCC.SAVILLE ARCHER'S CH ISHCUS ROCK ON RUBY MCO f 03 22 F – 1.4.15. What a stunning cat this tortie tabby and white Maine Coon girl is – she quite took my breath away. Fully grown at four and a half, she showed beautiful balance and femininity in spite of her size and immaculate manners and for me she was ideal in all respects – I just loved her. Superb head conformation with lovely breadth to the rectangular top, large ears held erect, perfectly set and supported by the high broad cheekbones and a defined square muzzle with a level bite and broad strong chin filling the base of the square. Her large round gold eyes were wide set with a slight oblique aperture and the sweetest gentle gaze and the broad nose had a beautiful profile and a deep perpendicular drop from the tip to the base of the chin. The body was strongly rectangular with a square rump, limbs were thickly boned with large tufted paws and she had an extravagant sweep of flowing tail. Full coat with glowing colour and well marked tabby pattern with red intermingled, the firmer guard hairs flowing over the softer base coat, full ruff and shaggy breeches.

RES GCC.GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S CH AMERICANTAIL SARA (INT. GR CH) RAG a F – 8.5.15. A solid blue colourpointed Ragdoll female. Her head showed gentle rounded contours with a wide flat plane separating the medium ears with a slight forward tilt. The cheeks were full and well developed and the broad muzzle had a level bite and a firm rounded chin. The eyes were large and wide set with an brilliant deep sapphire colour and a loving expression, correctly shaped with a fuller lower line and a slight oblique aperture. The medium length nose had the suggestion of a retrouse profile although the dip at the bridge was rather deeper than ideal. She was a sturdy lass with good length and heft to the body, well boned limbs with large tufted paws and a long, rather sparsely furnished tail. She was out of coat today but what she had was nicely presented and had that lovely soft density so typical of the breed. A pleasure to handle.

AV SLH GRAND PREMIER (HIBERNIAN GR PR)

HIB GP. WAGNER'S SUP GR PR ISHCUS CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST MCO es 22 MN – 16.9.16. Well named cream silver classic tabby Maine Coon boy of impressive substance and immaculate presentation, looking very composed as he relaxed in his pen. Most handsome well balanced head with nicely spaced large ears which were tufted and furnished and held erect. Excellent breadth at the high cheek

bones, beautiful large round pale green eyes, wide and slightly obliquely set and a broad nose with a slight concave curve at the bridge and a lovely profile line. Lovely square muzzle, level bite and broad strong chin. The torso is a very heavy muscular rectangle with a square rump, deep chest and broad shoulders, legs are heavily boned with huge strong paws with tufts between the toes and the tail is a long flowing plume. The pale coat was full, showing flow to the guard hair and a softer undercoat with a mane flowing from behind the ears, thick breeches and the cream tabby pattern was clearly visible over the silver base colour. He was a bit edgy when out but happy to have attention in the security of his pen.

AOV SLH PREMIER.

GPC.O'CALLAGHAN'S SUP PR ISHCUS GRANVILLE MCO a 03 23 MN – 28.7.17. A big blue mackerel tabby and white Maine Coon lad with a serious expression and a gentle temperament. Pleasing head conformation with large ears which were tufted and furnished and wide at the base and held erect on a broad top of head, cheek bones high and wide and a good square muzzle with a level bite and a strong chin. His eyes are round with a slight oblique set and his nose is broad with a beautiful profile line and a deep drop to the base of the chin. Very strong, basically rectangular body that is a little portly which makes him look rather unbalanced, strong legs with huge tufted paws and a very long tapering flowing tail. Beautifully groomed coat with excellent definition to the mackerel pattern, full frontal ruff cascading over the chest from behind the ears and a firm top coat flowing over the softer undercoat. A lovely lad.

RES GPC.BROWNE'S PR ISHCUS MELVIN MCO d 03 22 MN – 12.12.17. A sweet shy red tabby and white Maine Coon who was reluctant to be disturbed when I got to him and did not show himself to full advantage. He had a well balanced head with the large ears an ears width apart and set high and the cheek bones were high but a little more breadth would not go amiss. Large round pale green eyes were set wide with a slight oblique aperture and the nose showed a clear profile with a slight concave curve at the bridge. His muzzle was pretty square and the chin just a little shallow but he was not helping by pulling his head back. Excellent heft to the rectangular body, thick legs with large round tufted paws and an extensive length of flowing tail. Immaculately presented coat with pristine white, glossy longer top coat flowing over the softer undercoat, ruff and breeches.

RED TABBY SERIES MAINE COON ADULT.

CC.SAVILLE ARCHER'S ISHCUS CATTILY MCO f 03 22 F – 23.11.17. A spectacular tortie tabby and white girl. In my notes I said she

was a superb example and showed huge promise but was a work in progress in comparison to my BOB winner – little did I know then she was Ruby's daughter. She has certainly inherited her mother's looks! Her large ears were held erect and set just about an ears width apart, wide at the base with tufts to the tips and well furnished from the inner ear. The high cheeks were broad and the muzzle square with a level bite and strong broad chin. Large round eyes had an alert expression and a slight oblique aperture and a slight concave curve at the bridge of the nose led to the perfect profile. The body was long and muscular, lacking the heft that maturity will bring, limbs were heavily boned with large tufted paws and the tail was very long and flowing. The coat was developing, groomed to perfection, with a firm glossy top texture and some frontal ruff in evidence and as it was not particularly long there was excellent pattern definition with some random red patching and a lovely warm glowing base colour. She was an absolute pleasure to handle – she never stopped purring and was so alert and friendly.

BOB. SAVILLE ARCHER'S CH ISHCUS ROCK ON RUBY MCO f 03 22 F – 1.4.15. My GCC, see above.

AC SMOKE, SELF OR SHADED MAINE COON ADULT.

BOB. WAGNER'S GC ISHCUS FRANKLIN D MCO a M – 2.5.17. My Hibernian Grand Champion, see above.

AC COLOURPOINTED OR MITTED RAGDOLL (INC. RED & TABBY) ADULT.

CC & BOB. GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S TEDDYRAGS CHOCOLATE KISSES (INT.GC) RAG b F – 10.2.17. An initially shy chocolate colourpointed female who became increasingly affectionate the longer she was handled and vibrated with purrs. The ears are medium in size and well separated on a flat plane with a slight forward tilt although fractionally high set and the cheeks are broad and well developed, with a firm muzzle and a broad gently rounded chin with a level bite. The large eyes are sweetly expressive of her gentle temperament, a two tone forget-me-not blue in colour, and are wide and slightly obliquely set and with the correct fuller lower contour. The nose is medium in length with a gentle dip at the bridge and a retrouse profile. The body is long and substantial, limbs are well boned and the tail is long and quite well furnished, considering she appears to be going through a change of coat. The coat is dense and generally soft but with some harsher old coat present along the spine. The chocolate mask shows considerable brindle around the eyes but on balance and in spite of that, I felt her type was slightly better than her competitor for the BOB (her mother, as I later discovered!)

Considered for BOB: GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S CH
AMERICANTAIL SARA (INT. GR CH) RAG a F – 8.5.15. My RES
GCC, see above.

BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) ADULT.

CC & BOB. GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S TEDDYRAGS FESTIVE
DREAMS (INT.CH) RAG n 03 M – 9.12.16. A very nicely balanced and
masculine big strong seal bi-colour male with a lovely expression and a
delightful temperament. His head is broad with medium sized ears well
spaced on the flat plane with a good forward tilt and the wide cheeks are
well developed and the firm muzzle is gently rounded with a level bite
and a good chin. The large eyes are well shaped and set wide with a slight
oblique aperture and are a pale forget-me-not blue in colour. There is a
gentle dip at the bridge of the nose and a very slightly retrousse profile.
The body is thick set, strong and heavy with a short muscular neck and
broad chest, legs are well boned with large round tufted paws and he has
a long bushy tail. The inverted V facial marking was more of a starburst
than a point but the immaculate white continued unbroken over the chin
and under the body to above the hocks at the back legs, His silky dense
coat was medium in length and beautifully presented with a ruff and
knickerbockers.

NORWEGIAN FOREST ADULT.

CC & BOB. McCLELLAND'S NOYNAROCK CAILTE MAC
RONAIN NFO as M – 18.9.18. A very handsome and extremely well
grown one year old blue smoke lad with the typical Norwegian Forest
laid back temperament. He had a good strong equilateral triangular head
with the lateral lines extended by his medium sized ears which were
rather buried at the base in his very furry head and had glamorous long
curling furnishings. His green eyes were oval in shape, well opened and
obliquely set and he had a long straight profile, level bite and firm chin.
Long and very muscular elegant torso of impressive weight, long strongly
boned legs with large tufted paws standing taller at the rear and a very
long and very bushy tail. Considering his young age (and his colour –
blues are notorious for soft coats), his coat was very well developed with
a deep woolly undercoat and a good firm feeling top developing over the
shoulders, a lavish shirtfront and copious knickerbockers. Although his
ears could have been bigger, I felt he just had the edge on his stable mate
for the BOB.

Considered for BOB: McCLELLAND'S INT CH NOYNAROCK
FIONN MACCUILL NFO ns 09 22 M – 27.4.17. My GCC winner, see
above.

TABBY OR TORTIE TABBY POINT BIRMAN KITTEN.

1ST & BOB. DUFFY'S LUXDON TIGERLILLY SBI n 21 F – 4.7.19. An adorable little seal tabby point baby, only just old enough to be here. Her head was strong and rounded with good breadth between the ears and full round cheeks which tapered to a well developed muzzle with a level bite and a firm chin. Her eyes were almost round and still two tone with an intense deep sapphire blue centrally surrounded by a paler blue. There was a slight dip at the bridge of the medium length nose with a Roman profile line. The body was proportionately long and of good substance, legs were well boned with strong paws and the length of the bushy tail balanced the body. Her tabby markings were very well defined on the mask and the forelimbs and her pale coat was kitten fluff. White gloves were symmetrical and almost full, both having small incursions nicking into the top line and the gauntlets were beautifully matched, both long and tapering to a level point just below the hocks. She was a very feminine little kitten with the most adorable temperament and such a loving expression.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON KITTEN.

1ST & BOB.HALL'S BLACK JAGUAR JOKER MCO n 22 M – 13.5.19. A very well built dark brown tabby boy. The large ears are tufted and furnished and held erect and the cheek bones are high but need to fill out a bit more. The large round gold eyes are beautiful and expressive, wide set with a slight oblique aperture and the nose has a minimal concave curve at the bridge. The bite is level with a deep slightly narrow chin and the muzzle, though squarish, is a little lacking in definition at present. Super heavy long body, very well boned long limbs and a very long tail. He had the most beautiful glossy coat, presented to perfection and a good tabby pattern other than along the spine where the lines had yet to separate. All to come for this sweet lad – he was just a bit transitional today.

AC SILVER TABBY MAINE COON KITTEN.

1ST & BOB.WAGNER'S ISHCUS QUIET ASSASSIN MCO n 03 22 M – 18.6.19. What a stunner this adorable four month old silver tabby and white lad is. I have written in my book “Perfect head balance a la number 13” who turns out to be his grandmother! The top of the head is broad with the very large ears set high and held erect, wide at the base, furnished and tufted to emphasise the tips. Cheek bones are very broad and high and the muzzle is fully square with a level bite and a broad strong chin filling the base of the square. Large dark gold eyes are round, set wide and slightly oblique and the nose has a concave curve at the

bridge and a lovely profile line. Very hefty body, sturdy thick limbs with huge tufted paws and an impressive length of tail to grow into. In spite of his youth his classic tabby pattern is very clearly defined with the spine lines already separating.

RED TABBY SERIES MAINE COON KITTEN MALE.

1ST & BOB.HALL'S BLACK JAGUAR INFINITI MCO d M – 11.4.19.A big handsome red boy with the most beautifully groomed glossy coat. Super large ears wide at the base and well tufted and furnished, good broad high cheeks and a square muzzle with a level bite and a firm chin. His round gold eyes were set wide and slightly oblique and there was a slight concave dip at the bridge of the broad nose. He was very strongly grown with a deep chest and broad shoulders and his body was long and hefty, limbs very well boned ending in huge tufted paws and a long well furnished tail. Some vestigial tabby patterning but definitely a red, some frontal ruff and shaggy breeches. He was real showman with a delightful outgoing temperament and a pleasure to handle.

RED TABBY SERIES MAINE COON KITTEN FEMALE.

1ST.PSUIK'S ROYAL MAGIC PINAR MCO f 23 F – 9.4.19.A sweet tortie mackerel tabby lass with a lovely mackerel pattern. She was very shy and anxious and because of that, was not really showing herself to full advantage, pulling her head back and making herself as small as possible. Her ears were large and looked slightly low set but she was holding them rather flat, a function of her anxiety I thought. Reasonable breadth at the high cheeks and quite a square muzzle with a level bite and a rather shallow chin. Round deep gold eyes have a slight oblique aperture and there is a very slight concave dip at the bridge of the nose. Her body was long, heavy and muscular, legs were thickly boned and the tail was long. The coat was rather open and shaggy looking with a developing ruff and some red visible mingled into the pattern.

AC SMOKE SELF OR SHADED MAINE COON KITTEN.

1ST & BOB. SAVILLE ARCHER'S SILVERFERN NELLA AT ISHCUS MCO f 03 F – 2.4.19. A really eye-catching and alert tortie and white girl of lovely type and enchanting temperament. She was very well grown but there is obviously a lot more to come to fit that immensely long tail. Huge tufted and furnished ears which were wide at the base and held erectly, cheek bones high and very broad and a good square muzzle with a level bite and a deep broad chin. Large round yellow eyes have a slight oblique aperture and she has a beautiful nasal profile with a deep perpendicular drop from the nose tip to the base of the chin. Long hefty

torso, thickly boned limbs with large paws and the aforementioned tail. Expert presentation of the beautiful coat, dazzling white red and black randomly placed, ruff and breeches.

2ND.KASJANOVA'S IRESEPSL MISS PRETTY MCO a F – 23.2.19.A lovely big blue girl who was groomed to perfection. She looked to be at that rather awkward stage of development where the body outgrows the head but all the building blocks are there. Large tall ears held erect and tufted and furnished, reasonable breadth at the high cheeks and the muzzle needing a fraction more breadth to make a defined square, level bite and firm chin. Large round eyes have a slight oblique aperture and there is a slight concave curve at the nasal bridge. Impressive length and substance to the torso, very strong limbs and a long well furnished tail. Beautiful blue coat with a lovely sheen to it and developing ruff. Lovely to handle.

AC BI-COLOUR RAGDOLL (INC RED & TABBY) KITTEN.

1ST & BOB.JACKSON'S IRESEPSL SNOW-STRIPE RAG a 03 21 F – 11.3.19.A very well grown and most feminine blue tabby pointed bi-colour lass. She had a lovely head showing good balance with a flat plane between the tilted ears (which were inevitably still a little dominant), wide cheeks and a well developed muzzle with gently rounded contours, a level bite and a firm chin. Large brilliant deep sapphire blue eyes were well shaped, wide and slightly obliquely set, and the medium nose had a retrouse profile. The substantial body was long and hefty with well boned legs, large round tufted paws and a long bushy tail. The pale coat was most beautifully prepared and had a plushy soft dense texture with a developing ruff and knickerbockers. The tabby pattern was clearly defined and the white inverted V was balanced and extended through via the chin along the tummy to body level at the back legs with an allowable patch of blue on the right foot. She was a delight to handle, a real charmer.

BROWN OR BLUE TABBY (INC BI-COLOUR) MAINE COON
NEUTER.

PC & BOB.WAGNER'S SILVERFERN FRENCH KISS MCO n 03 22 MN – 22.3.18.Super size and lovely Maine Coon type to this handsome brown classic tabby and white lad, and what a beautifully presented coat. Large ears were set high, an ear's breadth apart, and were wide at the base with tufts to the tips and furnishings from the inner ear. His cheek bones were high and very broad, fully supporting the ears, and the muzzle was a strongly defined square with a level bite and a broad deep chin. Large round greeny gold eyes had a loving gentle expression and were set wide and slightly oblique. Broad nose with a perfect profile line. The

body was long, extremely heavy and muscular body and rapidly approaching the rectangular, legs were heavily boned with large tufted paws and the long tail formed a plume. The glossy coat had a well delineated pattern on a warm agouti base colour with longer guard hair overlying the softer undercoat and a full frontal ruff fell from behind the ears. A superb example of the breed.

Considered for BOB: O'CALLAGHAN'S SUP PR ISHCUS

GRANVILLE MCO a 03 23 MN – 28.7.17. My GPC winner, see above.

AC SILVER TABBY MAINE COON NEUTER.

PC.DUFFY'S TIMERCAT ANTILLES MCO ns 22 MN – 30.7.17. The sweetest and most amiable gentle giant, possibly a blue silver tabby rather than a black as registered but I couldn't be certain in this lighting. His large ears are held erect and with long broad tufts and well furnished, cheeks are high and broad and the muzzle is almost square with a level bite and a firm chin. Beautiful large expressive pale green eyes with a slight oblique set and a pleasing profile line. The body is of impressive size and weight with a rectangular shape and a square rump, legs are heavily boned with very large strong paws having tufts between the toes and the tail is long and flowing. The coat shows a firmer top over a softer silvery undercoat, a full ruff and generous breeches. Such a sweetheart.

BOB. WAGNER'S SUP GR PR ISHCUS CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST MCO es 22 MN – 16.9.16. My Hibernian GPC winner, see above.

RED TABBY SERIES MAINE COON NEUTER.

BOB. BROWNE'S PR ISHCUS MELVIN MCO d 03 22 MN – 12.12.17. My Res, GPC winner, see above.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES.

BREEDERS AOV SLH ADULT.

1ST. GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S TEDDYRAGS FESTIVE DREAMS (INT.CH) RAG n 03 M – 9.12.16.

2ND. McCLELLAND'S INT CH NOYNAROCK FIONN MACCUILL NFO ns 09 22 M – 27.4.17.

AV NON-BREEDERS ADULT.

1ST. CAUGHEY'S SOGNO BLUE BAYOU PER a F - 28.4.18.

2ND. GARCIA'S CH RIVETTA MR PICKWICK Per d 33 M – 9.9.17

AV DEBUTANTE ADULT.

1ST. CRAIG'S GRASHOPPERS KISS ME QUICK PER fs 03 22 F – 17.9.18.

2ND. McCLELLAND'S NOYNAROCK CAILTE MAC RONAIN NFO
as M – 18.9.18.

3RD. GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S TEDDYRAGSCHOCOLATE
KISSES (INT.GC) RAG b F – 10.2.17.

AV JUNIOR ADULT.

1ST. SAVILLE ARCHER'S ISHCUS CATTILY MCO f 03 22 F –
23.11.17.

AV SENIOR ADULT.

1ST. SAVILLE ARCHER'S CH ISHCUS ROCK ON RUBY MCO f 03
22 F – 1.4.15.

2ND. WAGNER'S GC ISHCUS FRANKLIN D MCO a M – 2.5.17.

3RD. GUGGENHEIM & LENNOX'S CH AMERICANTAIL SARA
(INT. GR CH) RAG a F – 8.5.15.

AV NON BREEDERS KITTEN.

1ST. HALL'S BLACK JAGUAR INFINITI MCO d M – 11.4.19.

AV DEBUTANTE KITTEN.

1ST. MOLLOY'S MOLLYCODDLE ARTHUR JUNIOR PER e 03 MN –
24.6.19.

2ND. PSUIK'S ROYAL MAGIC PINAR MCO f 23 F – 9.4.19.

3RD. KASJANOVA'S IRESEPSL MISS PRETTY MCO a F – 23.2.19.

AV FEMALE KITTEN.

1ST. McKELVEY'S FILENSIO SWEET SIENNA RGM as 03 21 F –
16.2.19.

2ND. DUFFY'S LUXDON TIGERLILLY SBI N 21 F – 4.7.19.

3RD. JACKSON'S IRESEPSL SNOW-STRIPE RAG a 03 21 F – 11.3.19.

AV NON BREEDERS NEUTER.

1ST. WAGNER'S SILVERFERN FRENCH KISS MCO n 03 22 MN –
22.3.18.

2ND. WAGNER'S SUP GR PR ISHCUS CASPER THE FRIENDLY
GHOST MCO es 22 MN – 16.9.16.

3RD. DUFFY'S TIMERCAT ANTILLES MCO ns 22 MN – 30.7.17.