

GCCFI SUPREME SHOW. 22nd April 2018.**Report by Mrs Dorothy A Stone.**

Grateful thanks to **Ronnie Brooks** and all concerned for inviting me to judge at this prestigious show, for your hospitality & very kind gift. I really enjoyed judging the fun class being run for the first time & I know that fellow judge **Perri Mansaray** did too. I met some lovely people & hope we'll meet again one day. I can't believe that I was on the **Overall Best in Show Panel** – what an honour! **Dr Claudia Wagner** bravely stewarded for me & did extremely well for a debut appearance. Well done, Claudia. You were a delight to work with & hope you'll do me the honour again some time on this side of the water. I think you'd really enjoy our shows. Congratulations to you & Caspar on his **BIS Neuter win!**

SLH KITTENS.

Do hope exhibitors weren't too disappointed to find me judging these classes instead of Mr Hansson.

MAINE COON BROWN/BLUE TABBY WITH/WITHOUT WHITE.**1 present.**

1st & BoB DUFFY's TIMERCAT ANTILLES. Blue Silver Mackerel Tabby. MCO as 22. Male. 8 ½ months.

Medium length wedge of good width across cheek bones, muzzle is square in shape but is looking slightly fine today (owing to teething still), chin that could be broader is of acceptable depth but is not in a perpendicular line with the tip of his nose, bite is level. Profile has a slight concave curve at the bridge of the nose. Large tall high set ears have tufted tips & feathering. Gold eyes are full, round, & are in an oblique setting. Long rectangular body of good size for age is well muscled & legs are substantially boned but he is looking leggy & unbalanced at present, large round paws have tufts between the toes, tapering tail of good length is furnished with long silky glossy fur. Coat is developing well with a glossy top coat over quite a dense undercoat, super frontal ruff, belly fur & breeches; in my book as a Black Silver but in Catalogue as 'as' – typo? Dense black pattern over a silver base colour, pattern is rather solid on spine but has plenty of quite narrow, unbroken vertical lines down the body. A sweet chap of generally good type, quite well prepared & in good physical condition. A bit of a wriggler who handled well.

AOC MAINE COON KITTEN – MALE. 1 present.

1st & BoB BROWNE's ISHCUS MELVIN. 4 mths, 1 ½ weeks.

On the form as a Red Tabby, in the Catalogue as an MCO d 21 but in actual fact he is a Red Classic Tabby & White (MCO d 03 22). I had been given John

Hansson's classes so was a bit confused as I hadn't realised that Maine Coons had not been split into the Red Series & AOC here in the Republic of Ireland. Sorry folks for giving 2 BoBs.

Square muzzle is quite broad, chin is broad & deep & in a perpendicular line with the tip of his nose, but today his bite is only just level – his jaw is still settling, so fingers crossed! Medium length high cheek boned wedge could be a little broader across cheek bones, concave curve at the nasal bridge could be deeper. Large tall high set ears with tufted tips have feathering extending beyond the outer edges. Gold eyes are round, full, in an oblique setting & have an oblique aperture. Lovely big boy has long rectangular body of good weight for age, substantially boned legs, large round paws have tufts between the toes, tapering tail is of very good length indeed. His coat is as one would expect for his age – his ruff is just beginning to appear, but no signs as yet of his belly fur or breeches, the coat on his body is glossy, of medium length, silky but quite dense. Rich red markings are dense with a good Butterfly across his shoulders but very solid down his spine, oyster shapes visible on his sides, distinct facial markings & lines over his head, white to muzzle, chin, bib, underbelly, all 4 paws & hind legs. In top show condition, he was trembling violently to begin but after much cuddling & kissing he eventually relaxed. Sweet little fellow – a real star but keep an eye on his bite.

AOC MAINE COON KITTEN – FEMALE. 1 present.

1st BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ DOUBLE BLUE OBLIVION. Blue.
MCO a. 5 months.

Medium length head could be wider across high cheek bones, super broad square muzzle, deep chin is too narrow but is in a perpendicular line with the tip of nose & upper lip, level bite. Profile shows a very shallow concave curve at the nasal bridge which is very furry so took some finding. Gorgeous ears with adequate space between are large, tall, high set with tufted tips & super internal feathering. Round gold eyes are in an oblique setting & have an oblique aperture but are very deep set which detracts considerably. Good size for age & sex but her tummy was somewhat bloated which marred her body shape & length, quite well muscled but could be heavier, boning could be more substantial, paws are large, round & have tufts between the toes; tapering tail prefer slightly longer to balance. Still has her baby coat which is soft feeling, fine but too dense & rather fluffy today; super ruff, belly fur & breeches developing. She is a dark blue that is sound to the roots on her body, limbs, tail & face but is a smoky grey around her neck probably seasonal & beginning her summer moult. A lively little love looking unbalanced today her head seeming disproportionately smaller to her body. Shame that she wasn't better prepared.

DEVON REX PRE-CHAMPION ADULT. 1 present.

1st CC & BoB ZMETNAJA's ALICE DUDOLAND*PL. Female. Seal Tortie Point. DRX f 33. 3 years.

Beautiful little lady who melted my heart & with whom I fell deeply in love. Short, broad high cheek boned wedge set on a super long elegant neck, well defined whisker break, long curly whiskers & eye brows. Profile shows flat skull at forehead & between ears, strong stop to short nose, shallow receding chin, level bite. Large, wide based, quite low set ears of good shape have muffs & tiny tufts at the tips. Gorgeous blue oval shaped eyes of very good size have a typically mischievous Devon expression. Well balanced queen of good size has a quite slender muscular body of good weight, super breadth to chest, stands tall on slender muscular legs, neat oval paws, expressive, slightly thick tail of good shape & length is well covered & rexed. Short, fine coat that covers her body, limbs & undersides completely lacks the desired density & has a silky rather than soft texture; the coat is well rexed in quite close waves on her body & limbs. An absolute little darling who purred non-stop & "made puddings". Shown in top condition & well prepared, I loved her. Warmest congratulations on her richly deserved **Overall Best in Show** win.

DEVON REX PREMIER. 1 present.

Grand PC & BoB HARTE's Int Pr BARGELLO MASERATI OF STANREX. MN. DRX b 23 32. 6 yrs, 3 mths.

Short, broad, high cheek boned wedge set on a rather short muscular neck, strong muzzle, well defined whisker break, short wavy whiskers & eyebrows. Profile shows flat skull at forehead & between ears, strong stop to shortish nose, shallow receding chin, level bite. Lovely large broad-based ears could be slightly lower set but have super tufts & ear muffs. Pale blue eyes are slightly deep set, are well shaped & placed but could be larger & more lustrous. Mature chap of good size has weighty but muscular body with deep broad chest, sturdy muscular legs, neat oval paws, tail of good shape & length is well covered & rexed. Super short, soft, dense coat with some seasonal loss around his neck is well rexed in deep waves & covers body, limbs & undersides completely. Super chap of very good type, he was very sweet & handled well but not quite as outgoing as on our last encounter (possibly due to a fractious neighbour). I loved him. Disappointed that he didn't make Best Foreign Neuter.

Report ends.

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