

Siamese and All Breed Cat Club of Ireland – April 2023

Massive thanks to Carmel and the team for the invite to this superbly run friendly show. It was my first time judging in Ireland and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting different cats and talking to owners. My sincerest thanks go to Colm and Justin for the lift to and from the airport and the company and chats. The dinner in the evening was a great time to catch up with everyone with Carmel keeping us in line. I was ably assisted during the day by Aoife Richardson – huge thanks to you for your company and help – I hope it was useful and you learned about the different breeds outside of your section. Grooming is always essential to present cats to best advantage – it's a beauty competition and there were a few instances all round where presentation could have been better.

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Class S1: Hibernian Grand Champion (Invictus class) Male

1st IA - Wagner's Tara HibGrCh ISHCUS FRANKLIN D, (MCO as) M 02.05.2017

Mature lad with a definite look of superiority and stature. He is large with a long body while still retaining elegance without any cobbliness. Rectangular head with square muzzle and firm chin. High cheekbones. Concave curve in profile. Large tall ears set well apart with tufts. Expressive eyes of good shape and set, for personal preference they could be a fraction larger to balance the overall strength and masculinity of his head. Coat has length, for perfection could be fractionally longer – it is free flowing with good density without being bushy – good texture to it. Darker blue with good smoking to undercoat. Striking looking lad with presence and no hesitation to make this award.

Res Oly withheld Harte's Hib Gr Ch & Int Ch MOLLYCODDLE HEARTBREAKER, EXO n 03 22 M 02.08.2015

Mature brown classic tabby and white lad, in the politely possible terms he was let down by show preparation and overall condition. He has a very masculine head with nice rounding to the top of his head and small well-set ears that have rounded tips. He has good, rounded eyes, their colour is fractionally faded now but they are still acceptable. His nostrils are open and nose leather well formed – a little dirty. I did not check his bite given I was going to withhold already. He has a cobby body, but he is very lean around the flanks and needs more chunk on his trunk. Short tail in line with his body. He has white legs and underneath and white going up his bib and an inverted v on his face with a coloured chin. His inner front legs are very badly stained where it looks as though he has been cleaning his eyes, His face would benefit from cleaning also. His coat is a good length but not full of life as desired and slightly greasy and flat. The demarcation between the white and colour is not clear and there is lots of feathering and the coloured parts of his coat has lots of white hairs mingled in it. I spoke to a nice lady whose mother owned the cat and explained my reasoning. At this age as this lad isn't used for breeding, I would personally urge that he is neutered and cleaned and pampered – he is certainly worthy of a certificate on his type but not in the condition he is in and current lack of grooming.

Class S3: Hibernian Grand Premier (Invictus class) Male

Oly - Wagner's Sup IS, Hib Gr Pr & Int Pr SILVERFERN FRENCH KISS, (MCO n 03 22) MN 22.03.2018

Very well grown lad who has size and weight whilst still retaining an element of style and elegance to him. Good rectangular head and squareness to muzzle. Tall large ears of good set. Very expressive eyes. Lovely warm brown tabby markings with white toes and underneath, markings have slight agouti invasion/ brindling, but I am nit-picking at this level. Coat very well groomed, for perfection I would prefer slightly more length and density to his coat on his body, tail has a good plume to it. He looks the part and is as soft as a brush rolling over and showing his belly – I later learned that he was BOV section 2 and best in show – well done!

Class S4: Hibernian Grand Premier (Invictus class) Female

Oly - Wagner's Sup HibGrPr&Int Pr ISHCUS QUEVAGA, (MCO f 03 22) FN 18.06.2019

Has that X factor for me with poise and presence galore with such a haughty superior look. Type very similar to the lad above, just a fraction stronger in the muzzle than he is and she has slightly more length of coat overall and a more silky texture. Good tabby markings on warm brown base colour, markings on spine line somewhat solid – again well worthy of this award, beautifully presented and in the peak of health. I loved her.

Class S86: Blue Persian Neuter -

1st PC & BOB - Harte's DAISYDAISYCATS DAY DREAMER, (PER a) MN 27.05.2022

Well grown lad with the most intense orange eyes and a beautiful top of head with rounding and neat rounded tipped ear. Large expressive eyes. Bite is slightly undershot. Good stop and depth of chin. Good compact cobby body and good weight for size, could be slightly bigger for an entire male, proportionately short thick tail. His coat is medium blue and sound to the roots, I was generous at this level to award a PC – there is a lot to like about him. Today his underneath was very curly from his chest underneath to his tail – it would have benefited from more grooming and the hair separating – I spoke to his mum after judging who had bathed him the night before – it probably was not fully dry before she went to bed, and I offered some grooming tips for future shows to make the most of this kind natured and friendly lad

Class S395: Brown Burmese Adult

1st CC & BOB - Obrien's ISAJEN SUNNIVA, (BUR n) F 01.11.2021

What a temper on his lass and I wouldn't want to meet her in a dark alley in the night – her expression was pure evil – she handed well, and I did wonder if she had been on the Guinness as she flopped in my arms and didn't move when I put her back in the pen apart from screwing her nose up and growling. Good head type, with large expressive eyes, Good wight for size, Tail slightly short to balance. Cot fits her like a glove, fractionally dark brown which would have benefitted from slightly more warmth.

2nd - Redmond's SLIABH GAMILLA PRISCILLA, (BUR n) F 26.04.2018

Class S397: Chocolate Burmese Adult

1st CC & BOB - Obrien's ISAJEN PARADISA, (BUR b) F 01.11.2021

The litter sister of the brown lass above. Her muzzle is slightly finer than her sisters, she has good expressive eyes, slightly small for her age. Tail balances well. Again, another one I thought had been on the Guinness as she flopped on the table and at one stage fell over and then rolled on her side. Has much better manners than her sister and shows herself better, when she can be bothered to stand.

Class S431: Grand 5A Premier

1st GP - Sluiters' Pr SLIABH GINHIROYUKI, (BUR c) MN 30.05.2020

Pleasing fellow, he was a little apprehensive at times and he looked a little in awe of his surroundings. After a few kind words and a cuddle he relaxed and looked better, he has a nice wedge and muzzle which was good when he relaxed but slightly held square when he was out of his pen, good weight to him, his tail tapers well and was slightly short to balance, Good sleek coat – a blue colour lilac on his ca end extremities and slightly creamy elsewhere. On balance he was my best Burmese, I did like the brown lass, but her temperament let her down and this lad had perfect manners and was a true gent.

Class S435: Lilac Burmese Neuter

BoB - Sluiters' Pr SLIABH GINHIROYUKI, (BUR c) MN 30.05.2020 – see above.

Section 6

Class S461: Oriental Self (White, Havana, Lilac, Black, Blue, Cinnamon, Caramel, Fawn)

1st & BOB - Smidta's SHAGIO-CHEN KESAR MANGO, (OSH o) M 04.08.2023

Striking lad with very good green eyes which really stood out before he came out of his pen. Good wedge with large well placed and sized ears straight profile and good depth of chi. Level bite, very good Oriental shape and set eyes. Long lithe elegant body with long legs, neat paws, tail tapers well and is good to balance. Lovely rich spicy cinnamon colour which fades slightly to the roots. At the moment he has extensive shadow spots on his sides and leg bars and rings on his tail. I gave him the benefit of the doubt as he is still a kitten and spoke to his mum after judging. The ghost marking may affect any decision of him in the adult classes. Charming temperament and in the peak of health.