

## **The National Cat Club - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

My thanks to Carol & Ron for the invitation to judge at the National again. The standard of exhibits was very high, exhibitors had been busy grooming their show cats! The atmosphere happy and festive, as was the lunch. Shirley Talboys came especially to expertly steward for me, I am so grateful to her for calmly steering me through the busy day. This year I had the honour of choosing the best SLH exhibit this went to a stunning Norwegian Forest male neuter **Premier Forestshadow Conan**. My congratulations to Conan's lucky owners and to his breeder: a walking standard of points, fabulous presentation, all wrapped up with a confident gentle show temperament.

### ***AC Birman Champion Male***

1<sup>st</sup> GCC Griffiths **GR CH MUSCAR JENICOL DJEDEFRE** (13c4) M 01.08.2008

A 1 year 4 months old lilac point Birman of excellent type He is long in the body, of substantial weight, feeling muscular. Broad and rounded head, medium size lilac coloured ears well placed on the head. Correct slight dip to the profile, level bite and quite a good chin. Wide and rounded cheeks. The mask rather cold lilac and still a little pale on the whisker pads at present. Almost round but not bold expressive eyes of a very good blue. The front gloves are low, lilac colour on the right glove dipping forward. Quite short but adequate back socks and medium length well shaped gauntlets, the right slightly longer than the left. Medium length thick set legs and strong paws, points colouring to the legs pale lilac, just a little patchy at present. Superior silky soft magnolia body coat, full masculine neck and chest ruff. Clear underbody and slightly curled tummy fur, expert grooming and presentation to this exhibit. Only a youngster, but showing excellent balance, first class temperament, surely the best is yet to come?

2<sup>nd</sup> RGCC Simmonds **CH MUNKCHIP TOBIAS** (13c5) M 16.02.2008

A 1 year 9 month old red point Birman male of good type, he is long in the body well grown and muscular. Broad rounded head, medium size flame red ears set well apart on the head. Strong rounded muzzle, pink nose leather, level bite and firm chin. Medium length nose showing the desired slight dip to the profile. The mask today appeared rather barred, even for a red and I do hope this improves when his full winter coat comes in. Good width to the cheeks. Almost round expressive eyes of a clear medium blue. The front gloves are full, behind the right glove white travels towards the stopper pad. Full tapering gauntlets and medium length back socks, a little yellowing on those back feet. I have been there and know how hard it is to keep this colour pristine, so forgave him. Strong medium length legs, points colouring pale red, still patchy. The medium length soft pale cream body coat is clean and well prepared, clean unshaded underbody, lacking in neck ruff at present. Good length pale red bushy tail to balance his long body. Tobias always in a good mood and today was no exception, a laid back and friendly boy.

Both these males are still maturing, no where near the finished item. I should like to comment on their excellent size and delightful temperaments, well done.

***AC Birman Champion Female***

1<sup>st</sup> GCC Leppards **CH KLASSYKLOGS KATRIONA** (13c1) F 05.04.2008

1 year 7 months old seal point female of very good type. Substantially built, she is long in the body strong and of very good weight. Broad rounded skull, medium sized rich seal brown ears set wide on the head. Medium length nose, the profile shows the desired slight dip, level bite and firm chin. The nose leather is seal brown. Strong and rounded muzzle, excellent rich seal brown mask. The wide cheeks are rounded and well developed. Expressive almost round eyes of the deepest blue, generating the typical Birman expression. Pure white full symmetrical front gloves, finishing across the angle formed by the paw and leg. Medium length matching back socks, full tapering gauntlets finishing just below the hocks. Medium length thick set legs, points colouring to legs a uniform seal brown. Good length well furnished rich seal brown tail to balance her body. Full length soft and silky pale beige body coat, showing a slight golden hue. Full feminine neck ruff, clear well groomed underbody and slightly curled tummy fur. Excellent temperament and expert show preparation. It is good to see her maturing so well.

2<sup>nd</sup> RGCC Simmonds **CH GAYEMAUDI RINGARINGA ROSY** (13c11) F 01.04.2005

A substantially built 4 years 7 months old seal tabby point female Birman of very good type. Her head is broad and rounded, wide set medium size ears showing thumb prints. Slight dip to profile, level bite strong chin. Wide cheeks and strong rounded muzzle, good expression. Clear 'M' to forehead, quite a pale seal tabby, but showing good clear tabby markings, pale eyeliners and spotted whisker pads. Almost round expressive eyes of medium blue. Pink nose leather outlined by seal brown pigment. Clean white feet, low front gloves the left lower than the right. Good back socks and tapering gauntlets. Medium length thick set legs and strong paws, points colouring to the front legs showing clear seal tabby markings. Full length warm beige body coat, showing some shading across the lower back today, but clear at the roots. Clear underbody, good length well furnished tail, pale seal brown showing several tabby markings underneath, tail tip is solid seal. Medium length chest and neck ruff, nicely presented and possessing a delightful friendly nature. I like her size.

***Tabby or Tortie Tabby Point Birman Adult Female***

1<sup>st</sup> CC & BoB Simmonds **CH GAYEMAUDI RINGARINGA ROSY** (13c11) F 01.04.2005

2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler's **SKYVALLEY BOBBLEICIOUS** (13C11) F 21.10.2008

Just over 1 year old seal tabby point female of quite good type, looking a little adolescent today. She is long in the body, well boned and a good weight for her age. Fairly broad head, medium size ears set well apart thumb prints to ears not yet apparent. Cheeks still developing, well rounded muzzle the bite is level, pink nose leather outlined with seal pigment. The rich seal tabby mask shows clear 'M' to the forehead, pale eyeliners and spotted whisker pads. Medium length nose showing the desired slight dip to the profile. Good pure white symmetrical front gloves, medium length back socks. The right gauntlet is longer than the left both

taper. Medium length fairly well boned legs, the front points colouring show clear seal tabby markings. Warm beige body coat, this is medium in length is clean and silky soft to the touch. Clear unshaded underbody, neck ruff starting to develop. Good length well furnished pale seal brown tail to balance the body, this showing a few tabby markings underneath. The tail tip is solid seal brown. Promising young adult, nice to handle and well shown.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gearty **SKILLYWIDDEN STALLA** (13c11) F 31.03.2007

A 2years 7 months old seal tabby point female of excellent Birman type, she is well grown and possesses substantial boning. Excellent width to head, full cheeks and strong rounded muzzle. Good ear set, having rich seal colouring and showing clear thumb prints. Medium length nose and required slight dip to the profile. Very good rich seal tabby colouring, clear 'M' to the forehead, pale eyeliners, spotted whisker pads and clear tabby markings to the mask. Almost round eyes of a very good blue. Clean white full gloves behind the right glove there is a large isolated white spot (my reason for third place). Well marked back socks and tapering gauntlets. Medium length thick set legs, the front legs show defined rich seal tabby markings. Medium length well furnished seal brown tail showing clear tabby markings underneath. Good length warm beige silky soft body coat, medium length neck and chest ruff. Clear underbody and slightly curled tummy fur. This lady would most certainly have won this class, I liked her type and colouring very much; unfortunately she has a with holding fault such a pity. Excellent show manners and presentation.

#### ***AC Turkish Van Adult***

1<sup>st</sup> CC & BoB Lombards **CH YENICIZGI IZAMBARD HEDIYE** (13d) M 16.05.2008

A 1 year 6 month old auburn Turkish Van of very good type, size and boning. Long and strong in the body, maturing nicely and certainly gained in confidence since I last judged him. The head shape shows a good wedge, the profile shows a barely perceptible dip when viewed in profile. Pink nose leather level bite and strong chin. Well feathered ears, they are moderately large, set fairly close together and placed high on the head. Expressive pale amber eyes, oval in shape, alert and expressive, the rims are pink. Fairly even auburn head markings, these are separated by a vertical white blaze, a small amount of auburn colour trickles up both ears. Auburn colouring does not go below the level of the eyeliners, nor beyond the back of the ears. The Powerful well boned legs are medium in length, neat tufted paws. Medium length chalk white body coat, this has been carefully prepared, there is no staining. Masculine neck and chest ruff developing ready for the cold winter. Good length well furnished auburn tail, there is a small amount of auburn colour extending from the root of the tail on to the lower back. Just gets better every time I see him

#### ***AC Bi-Colour Ragdoll Adult Male***

1<sup>st</sup> CC & BoB Hamilton's **CH LADYDOLL STUDMUFFIN** (66 31a) M 27.05.2008

A 1 year 6 months old blue bi-colour Ragdoll of excellent type, long in the body, powerful and muscular. He is just massive, heavy set with a broad chest. The head is broad with flat plane. Medium size bluish grey ears, set wide on the head and

showing the desired slight forward tilt. Large well opened medium blue eyes, slightly oblique in their set. Medium length legs of substantial bone and large round well tufted white paws. Level bite, medium length nose viewed in profile shows it is very slightly retrousse at the tip. Strong well developed muzzle, good chin. The mask shows a balanced inverted 'V' of white beginning at the forehead and travelling down across the nose, covering the whisker pads and chin. The remainder of the mask is bluish grey. The entire underbody is white and the front and back legs are white to the level of the underbody. Good length dense and soft bluish white body coat to the back and sides. Full neck and chest ruff, good knickerbockers. Squeaky clean bluish grey long tapering tail, easily reaching to the shoulders. Another young male, with such balance and confidence, he knows he looks good. His coat today had been groomed well past the last hair, he just shone. An imposing but gentle exhibit, well done on winning best SLH Adult.

### ***AC Bi-Colour Ragdoll Adult Female***

1<sup>st</sup> CC Stanton's **CH RAGADDICT MIAMORIO** (66 31) F 02.10.2007

Just over 2 years old seal bi-colour Ragdoll of good type, she is long bodied and today feeling quite substantial. Broad head with flat plane, good width between the seal brown ears. The ears are medium in size and show the correct slight forward tilt. Expressive large deep blue eyes, they are slightly oblique in set. Rounded muzzle developing well. The bite is level and the nose is slightly retrousse at the tip. The mask has a balanced inverted 'V' of white extending down from the forehead covering the nose, whisker pads and chin, the remainder of the mask is rich seal brown. The bib chest and underbody are white, the front legs are white, seal colouring just a touch down at the top of her front legs. The Back legs are white to the level of the underbody. Dense and silky soft body coat, pale beige colour to the back and sides, medium length neck ruff and knickerbockers. Fairly well furnished seal brown tail, this is a good length and balances her body well. It is good to see her again, she is maturing nicely. Always the perfect lady, always beautifully presented.

### ***Turkish Vankedisi Adult Assessment***

Merit to Upham's **ADVILO CLOUD NINE** (13wbl) F 12.08.2006

3 years 3 months old blue eyed Turkish Vankedisi female adult of very good type. She is well grown and is strong boned, yet retaining femininity. The head is an excellent wedge shape, the ears are placed high on the head they are well furnished. Barely perceptible dip to the profile, level bite and firm chin. Oval shaped expressive eyes of a clear pale blue. Well boned legs, these are medium in length, neat feet. Well furnished tail of a good length, minimal yellow tingeing on upper surface of the tail today. Excellent length clean chalk white body coat, medium length neck and chest ruff. Nice exhibit with a calm and gentle temperament. Well shown.

### ***Turkish Vankedisi Kitten Assessment***

Merit to Lloyd's **TANSDALE ICE-ICE BABY** (13wbl) F 05.07.2009

Almost 5 months old blue eyed Turkish Vankedisi female kitten, she is well grown and showing excellent balance today. Good wedge shape to head, moderately large

well feathered ears set high on the head. I would prefer more strength to the muzzle, this may develop as she matures. Oval shaped alert pale blue eyes, good level bite. Medium length nose, with a barely perceptible dip to the profile. Long bodied kitten, well boned with substantial body weight for her age. Medium length well boned legs, neat well tufted feet. Dense chalk white baby kitten coat, clean and well presented. Excellent length tail to balance the body, this is chalk white, with no yellow tingeing apparent (well done). Fabulous show temperament, a delightful well behaved baby, love her name.

Merit to Upham's **YENICIZGI TESHUB** (13w od) M 05.07.2009

An odd eyed Turkish Vankedisi male kitten of very good type, he is also coming up to 5 months old. An excellent strong well boned young male kitten of good type, he is long in the body with powerful limbs. The head is a strong wedge shape, the well feathered moderately large ears are placed high on the head. Level bite, the medium length nose shows a barely perceptible dip when viewed in profile. Large mischievous oval shaped eyes, the left is a clear blue the right turning medium amber. Good length to the well furnished tail, showing a little yellow tingeing on the upper edge at present. The body coat is chalk white, feeling thick and soft, this has been well prepared. A delightful cheeky kitten, enjoying the attention he received from the TV cameras during the morning - mind I had a job keeping him still!

#### ***Blue Point Birman Neuter Male***

1<sup>st</sup> PC Welch's **RYUICHI ARAGON** (13c2) MN 02.12.2008

Almost 1 year old blue point male of massive proportions, long in the body well boned and strong. Broad rounded skull, the ears are blue-grey and tend to dominate his features today. Medium length nose, the profile showing the desired slight dip. Level bite, strong chin, the nose leather is slate grey. Strong rounded muzzle, the blue grey mask not quite extended across the whisker pads, cheeks wide and still developing. Almost round eyes of a good clear blue, these tending to appear a little bold at present. Clean white feet, full front gloves almost matching. Medium length back socks and long tapering gauntlets. Medium length thick set legs and strong paws, points colouring to the legs pale blue-grey and a little uneven at present. Well furnished blue-grey tail to balance the long body. Excellent full bluish white body coat, neck and chest ruff developing. Clear underbody, a very well groomed exhibit, with a gentle laid back temperament. A promising young man, well done on making Premier today. I look forward to meeting him again when he has finished growing!

#### ***Blue Point Birman Neuter Female***

1<sup>st</sup> PC & BoB Murton's **CH PRIDNJOY SIROCCO** (13c2) FN 14.08.2000

A 9 years 3 months old blue point female Birman of excellent type, she is well grown, long in the body and has excellent boning. She certainly does not look her age. Broad rounded skull, neat blue-grey ears as wide as they are high, set well apart on the head. Slate grey nose leather, level bite and strong chin. Medium length nose, the profile showing the desired slight dip. Full blue-grey mask, this

extends across her lovely wide rounded cheeks, the muzzle strong and rounded. Stunning deep blue expressive eyes, almost round but not bold, generating the sweet Birman expression. Pure clean white paws, the front gloves are full and finish across the angle formed by the paw and leg. Almost matching back socks, good length well tapered gauntlets. Medium length thick set legs, the points colouring to the legs a uniform blue-grey, striking contrasts to this exhibit. Full thick bluish white body coat, cold in tone with some minimal shading across the shoulders and lower back. Well presented for the show, clear underbody showing slightly curled tummy fur. Good length well furnished blue-grey tail to balance her long body. She had plenty to say to me, nice mature lady. I learned later she became a Premier today, after several years away from the show bench, congratulations.

***Chocolate or Lilac Point Birman Neuter Male***

1<sup>st</sup> PC Gardner PR **SNOWITCH FRANKINCENSE** (13c4) MN 20.02.2007

I was rather shocked when I learned who this exhibit is, today he really was extremely upset and lashed out continuously at my steward. We returned half an hour later to finish my assessment of him, but his tolerance span is now very short indeed. A 2 years 9 months old lilac point Birman of quite good type and excellent size. Broad rounded skull, neat pinkish grey ears placed well on the head. Level bite, pinkish nose leather. Required slight dip to the profile, fair chin. Almost round eyes of a very good blue. Well developed muzzle I would like more width to the cheeks, full pinkish-grey mask. Pure white front gloves, these finish across the angle formed by the paw and leg. Matching back socks and long tapering gauntlets. Medium length legs and strong paws, points colouring to the legs a uniform pale pinkish grey. Well furnished pinkish grey tail to balance the long body. Full well groomed off white body coat, it feels silky soft to the touch. Medium neck and chest ruff, clear unshaded underbody. I do hope the show temperament improves.

***Chocolate or Lilac Point Birman Neuter Female***

1<sup>st</sup> PC & BoB Leppard's UK GR CH & IGR PR **FANCYTOO GROUCH** (13c4) FN 29.12.1995

Almost 14 years old lilac point Birman of excellent type, and one of my all time favourite ambassadors of the Birman breed. The skull is broad and rounded, the medium size lilac coloured ears placed well apart on the head. Level bite and firm chin, medium length nose showing the required slight dip when viewed in profile. The nose leather is pale lilac. Full mask extending across the wide rounded cheeks and strong muzzle. Expressive blue eyes a little pale now, they are almost round but not bold and generating the true Birman expression. Clean white paws, matching gloves finishing below the angle formed by the paw and leg. Back socks medium in length, the tapering gauntlets almost match. Medium length thick set legs and strong paws, points colouring to the legs a uniform pinkish grey. I would like to make the observation this veteran lady is a true pinkish lilac, not often seen but when you do, it is a vision of delicate beauty. Medium length well furnished pinkish grey tail, of a good length to balance her body. Well presented full length unshaded silky soft magnolia body coat. Full neck and chest ruff, clear well groomed underbody. Always pleased to see her and have a 'chat'.

***Red or Cream Point Birman Neuter Male***

1<sup>st</sup> PC & BoB Welch's PR **KLASSYKLOGS KLARETT** MN 05.04.2008

A 1 year 7 months old red point male birman of very good type, he is long in the body, possessing excellent weight and boning. Broad rounded skull, medium size flame red ears set well apart on the head. Medium length nose, showing the desired slight dip when viewed in profile. Flame red mask almost extended across the wide rounded cheeks, level bite and pink nose leather. Good muzzle, would like just a fraction more strength to the chin. Expressive eyes, almost round but not bold they deepest blue. Sparkling white feet, the front gloves are full and quite a good match. Back socks medium in length, full well matched tapering gauntlets. Medium length thick sets legs, strong round paws, the points colouring to the legs a uniform pale red. Good length well furnished flame red tail to balance. Profuse pale cream body coat, full neck and chest ruff, clear underbody and slightly curled tummy fur. Another beautifully manicured exhibit with perfect show manners.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hatley's PR **BIRMOON CHILLI PEPPER** (13c5) MN 15.03.2005

A 4 years 8 months old red point Birman of good type, he is well grown, long bodied and strong. Broad and rounded head, the medium size flame red ears are set well apart on the head. Level bite, firm chin the nose leather is pink. Required slight dip to the profile full flame red face mask, this extends over the wide cheeks and well developed muzzle. Expressive almost round eyes of a clear medium blue. Clean white feet, the right glove is lower than the left. Medium length back socks and narrow tapering gauntlets these finish half way up the back of the legs. Medium length thick set legs and strong paws, the points colouring to legs a fairly uniform pale red. Well furnished flame red tail to balance the long body, unfortunately he has developed a fixed deviation at the tip, confirmed by the Duty Vet. Well presented medium length pale cream body coat, good length neck and chest ruff. Quite well groomed underbody and slightly curled tummy fur. Excellent gentle temperament as always.

***AV SLH Aristocrat Adult***

1<sup>st</sup> Scotts **GLEDEKATT FRIGG** (67 31s) F 31.08.2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Masons **NORVIN AMAZING GRACE** (13c1) F 21.05.2008

3<sup>rd</sup> Hanson **GALLDORA LILI FACHWEN** (66a) F 04.09.2008

***AC Birman/Turkish Neuter***

1<sup>st</sup> CH & SUP UK IGR PR **KALEMYO KLAWSFORAPPLAUSE** (13c11) MN 17.05.2000

2<sup>nd</sup> Leppard's UK GR CH & IGR PR **FANCYTOO GROUCH** (13c4) FN 29.12.1995

3<sup>rd</sup> CH & GR PR **SNOWWITCH AMARYLIS** (13c1) FN 05.06.2002

***AV SLH Veteran Neuter - over 8 years old, fabulous class***

1<sup>st</sup> Izzards IGR PR **VANBELMA NITRO EXPRESS** (13c1) MN 31.08.1992

Yes! over 17 years old, seal point Birman what a credit to his owner breeder.

2<sup>nd</sup> Murtons CH **PRIDNJOY SIROCCO** (13c2) FN 14.08.2000

3<sup>rd</sup> Stanton's IGR PR **AZERPASHAN BOBBY DAZZLER** (66a) MN

***The National Cat Club - AC SLH Neuter Female***

1<sup>st</sup> Elson's **GR PR COONFLAKES TEARS OFTHESUN** (64 31+) FN 11.05.2006

2<sup>nd</sup> Finch **CH & GR PR SNOWWITCH AMARYLIS** (13c1) FN 05.06.2002

***The Seal & Blue Point Birman CC - Seal or Blue Point Birman Neuter***

1<sup>st</sup> Parbutt's **GR PR KRAZIKLAUS KARIZMA** (13c2) FN 17.09.2002

2<sup>nd</sup> Sperrings **MEADWELL EMMY LOU** (13c1) FN 19.03.2005

3<sup>rd</sup> Welch's **RYUICHI ARAGON** (13c2) MN 02.12.2008