

SOMALI CAT CLUB SHOW 21.3.09. REPORT FROM ALISON LYALL.

Many thanks to Shelagh & Ketill for the invitation to judge here today at our first joint show. It was lovely to see so many Somalis here today & great to have the opportunity for some good big classes. My steward was Linda Dutton who worked like a Trojan in spite of being unwell – I really appreciated all you did for me, Linda & the cats responded well to your sensitive handling – thank you very much.

OPEN CLASSES.

AC SOMALI GRAND CHAMPION (IMP.GR.CH.) FEMALE.

IGCC. WATTS' IMP GR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI 63 F – 4.9.03. A truly beautiful mature female in her prime with a gentle temperament. Lovely gentle head with generous lines & framed with full mane showing breadth at the top & soft rounded muzzle giving a smiling expression. Beautiful large ears, well furnished nicely cupped & of perfect set, large almond shaped eyes with oblique aperture, excellent nose break, bite level & reasonable chin. Body lithe & of good substance, limbs slim & elegant with neat tufted paws & full brush of tail to balance. Her coat was exceptional, gleaming & feeling like silk with lovely black ticking contrasting well on the rich glowing apricot base colour. Full ruff & breeches, well defined facial pencillings & sooty black heels solidly marked to the hocks.

RES IGCC. HORSLEY'S UK IMP GR CH SUPATOFT PUMPKINS PIE 63 F – 9.7.05. A very pretty & elegant female with lovely style & balance & a typical Somali 'smile'. Very attractive head, large ears set well with generous furnishings & tiny tufts, eyes large & almond shaped, obliquely set, good nose break, level bite & chin fractionally fine. Elegant body of good weight, long slim legs with neat paws bearing huge long tufts between the toes & brush of tail to balance. Excellent black ticking overall on a pale apricot base, the coat feeling a little harsh today. Strong facial markings, full black heels & generous ruff & breeches. Lovely personality.

USUAL SOMALI NEUTER, MALE.

1st & PC. POINTING'S TAJURA FURST INLINE 63 MN – 15.3.07. A most attractive lad who was alert & interested & showed himself beautifully. Good large ears, well furnished & nicely set, lovely large almond shaped eyes with oblique aperture, good nose break, level bite & firm chin. Generous gentle head contours & a lovely smiling expression. Very well grown with strong muscular elegant torso, lithe slim limbs, paws tufted & lovely long full brush of tail. Beautiful coat, sound to the base & soft textured & shining, showing sparkling contrast between strong black ticking & warm apricot base colour. Full black heels & good facial pencillings, lavish breeches but rather short on ruff today.

BOB. STABLES' IMP GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG 63 MN – 26.10.03. Confident smiling chap with a lovely earnest expression. Quite large for a Somali but so elegant & balanced with a lovely long brush of tail, full mane & breeches & a beautiful shining coat, sparkling with ticking over a glowing apricot base colour. Lovely head contours, ear set, gentle nose break & firm chin – in his prime & a great advertisement for the breed as he really seems to enjoy being judged.

USUAL SOMALI NEUTER, FEMALE.

1st & PC. BARNES' GR CH MAKEITSO RO LAREN 63 FN – 2.7.04. A well grown female, composed & confident. Pleasing head with beautiful large ears, nicely cupped & well set & furnished, showing a defined rear crescent profile, eyes most expressive, a large almond shape with oblique aperture, lovely nose break, level bite, firm chin & a smiling expression. Very elegant & feminine with a long full brush of tail, lithe body & slim limbs with well tufted paws. Facial pencillings well marked, excellent black ticking over rich apricot base coat, sound to the roots & black heels to the hocks, topped by apricot breeches. Coat of soft silken texture, some frontal ruff.

AC SILVER SOMALI NEUTER, MALE.

1st. PC W/H. ROBERTSON'S DANDSSOM JECLAAN KARO 63as MN – 23.2.07. A very alert lad of good size & balance with a friendly nature. Large furnished ears, well set, eyes rather small & not fully opened, excellent nose break, bite undershot. Body lithe & muscular, long elegant limbs with oval tufted paws & brush to balance. Dusting of ticking overall on clear silver base coat, full cinnamon heels & spine line, just a little tarnish on the front paws. Coat on the short side today showing some breeches & developing ruff.

AC SILVER SOMALI NEUTER, FEMALE.

1st. PC & BOB. STABLES' GR CH & PR AMORES OPHELIA FIZKIN 63s FN – 14.2.03. A really beautiful mature girl with everything going for her. Her silver coat really sparkles, she has lovely type & balance & is most feminine. Pretty head framed with full ruff showing large well set & furnished ears, large almond shaped eyes, good nose break & well defined facial pencillings. Very elegant lithe body & slim limbs with neat tufted paws, fully marked heels topped by lavish silver breeches & balanced brush of tail. Excellent ticking.

2nd. HACK'S ADSETSH BARWICK BLUE 63cs FN – 11.6.07. A very pretty blue silver girl, unfortunately her bite was undershot – other than that, she was a stunner & there was but a hair's breadth between her & the winner. Elegant & feminine with a lovely head, the large ears, with long curling furnishings, nicely cupped & well set, beautiful well opened almond shaped eyes with oblique aperture, good nose break & gentle head contours. Solid & balanced, legs slim & heels fully marked to the hocks, body lithe & full brush of tail. Clear silver base coat sparkles with blue ticking & there is just a very little tarnish on the paws.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES.

AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE ADULT.

1st. DARWISH'S TAJURA TAZANNA 63es F – 15.7.05. A lovely female with excellent type showing very well defined ticking over a sparkling silver base & with the sweetest of temperaments. Lovely head contours, super ears well set, large & nicely cupped & with long curling furnishings, excellent nose break & gently rounded muzzle giving her the essential Somali smile. I would like to see her carrying a bit more weight & her bone is quite fine, but she has probably been calling.

2nd. COONEY'S DESIREE SILVER ZE SVOBODY 63s F – 29.10.05. A sturdy female with great clarity to her silver base colour & excellent black ticking & full heels though rather short on coat today. Pretty head, ears nicely positioned, eyes oblique & almond shaped, there is a nose break but it is emphasised by a bump below.

3rd. FRANCIS' BRIZLINCOAT MAHARANI 63a F – 18.6.08.

AC SOMALI NOVICE ADULT.

1st. DARWISH'S TAJURA TAZANNA 63es F – 15.7.05.

AC SOMALI NOVICE KITTEN.

1st. ABBOTT'S SUENICO TESS PUMBLEHOOK 63 F – 19.7.08. My pocket kitten of the day, she was totally adorable. Of good weight & substance & well grown, she had a most beautiful head with generous contours & a lovely muzzle & smile. Ears large with crescent shaped profile from the rear, well apart, large almond shaped eyes that had a sweet expression, good nose break & firm chin. Body lithe, limbs slim & tail well furnished, slightly short for perfect balance. Coat like silk with deep rich apricot base colour giving excellent contrast to the black ticking. Full apricot breeches topped the black heels, marked to the hocks, full ruff & one broken necklace.

AV VISITORS KITTEN.

1st. EVERITT'S AVADORE AMMOLITE 63as F – 1.7.08. Lovely kitten whom I last saw as a baby at the Yorkshire show who is fulfilling her promise. Ears large, well cupped & nicely furnished, good nose break & strong chin. Body strong & muscular but elegant, limbs slim & long, paws neat & tufted showing a little tarnish, brush could do with another inch. Clear silver base colour contrasting with lovely deep cinnamon ticking, heel colour developing. Head shows some tarnish, lovely smiling expression.

AC SOMALI BREEDERS NEUTER.

1st. WATTS' CH & GR PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL 63c MN – 15.7.05. Looking very smart today, this handsome lad is in his prime with a full ruff & mane breaking over his shoulders. He has a lovely generous head & sweet smiling expression & is a beautiful example of a mature blue boy.

2nd. STABLES' IMP GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG 63 MN – 26.10.03.

3rd. POINTING'S TAJURA FURST INLINE 63 MN – 15.3.07.

AC SOMALI NON BREEDERS NEUTER.

1st. ABBOTT'S GR CH & UK IMP GR PR BEAUMARIS ANGELICA 63a FN – 6.11.97. A great favourite of mine who I was delighted to award BIS Neuter later in the day. She has wonderful type & presence & her manners are always immaculate & at eleven years of age, can still show her heels to the newcomers! Coat full & gleaming, sparkling with cinnamon ticking, smiling face with generous contours & body lithe & limbs elegant. She purrs & kneads all the time she is being handled.

2nd. STABLES' GR CH & PR.AMORES OPHELIA FIZKIN 63cs FN – 14.2.03.

3rd. JONES' GR PR MERLIESIN ROSHANA 63bt FN – 3.3.02.

AV JUNIOR NEUTER.

1st. MATTHEWS' LEONCINI WALDO WINTEREISSE 63c MN – 9.11.07. A very well grown & elegant boy with a beautiful full coat, well presented, consisting of a very warm mushroom base coat strongly ticked with dark blue. Large ears, well furnished, beautiful large almond shaped eyes, good nose break, rounded muzzle & firm chin. Limbs strong & long, paws tufted, body elegant & long full brush of tail. Full ruff frames the head, heels marked to the hocks topped with full breeches, strong facial pencillings. He was a little grumbly today by the time I got to him but handled well.

SOMALI WITH THE BEST BREECHES AND BRUSH.

1st. BARNES' GR CH MAKEITSO RO LAREN 63 FN – 2.7.04.

2nd. ROBERTSON'S DANDSSOM JECLAAN KARO 63as MN – 23.2.07.

HOUSEHOLD PET OPEN CLASSES.

BLACK, WHITE OR BLACK & WHITE LH OR SH ADULT.

1st & MC. TAYLOR'S FLUFFY (LH BLACK) MN – 4yrs. Such a handsome boy with a very gentle & loving temperament. Lovely black coat gleaming like silk. His head is framed with a generous mane & he has lavish knickerbockers & a long flowing tail.

2nd. ISAAC'S MANU (SH BLACK) MN – 6yrs 3mths. A very good looking & well mannered gentleman. Strong & muscular with long well boned limbs, lithe body & long tail. Wonderful black coat looks as if it has been polished.

3rd. VALE'S ELLIE-KIM (SH WHITE) FN – 2 yrs. Very elegant & solid female with an immaculate white coat which shows some tiny flecks of black on the top of her head. Beautiful pale green eyes but unfortunately she was a little tense today.

AC UNREGISTERED "PEDIGREE TYPE" ADULT.

1st & MC. TAYLOR'S FERRIS (BROWN TICKED TABBY SH) MN – JULY 07. A really happy lad, confident, alert & relaxed. Body lithe & muscular, legs long & elegant with neat oval paws & super long tail with a black tip. Beautiful gleaming ticked coat

2nd. PEPPERELL'S MC LOUIE (LH SEAL COLOURPOINT) MN – 5yrs 7mths. Huge boy with a profuse coat, very well presented. Wide set well furnished ears, lovely large eyes that are most expressive. Super chunky limbs, a lad of excellent substance who handled well.