

## THE SOMALI CAT CLUB SHOW – 21.3.2009 – MRS ANNE GREGORY

A really enjoyable show, thank you so much Shelagh and Kit for all your work to make sure everyone had a great day. I was very grateful to Val Anderson for coming along to steward for me and hope she enjoyed meeting all the super Somalis.

### AC SOMALI PREMIER, MALE

#### 1 GPR STABLES' IMP GR PR CAISEAL BEAG, 63, MN, 26.10.2003

A very well balanced Usual of medium build with a muscular feel. The head was broad with rounded contours forming a moderate wedge with large ears, well cupped, tufted and set wide apart. Slight rise from the bridge of the nose to the high forehead. Slight break in the profile but there was also the tiniest bump on the nose. Rounded muzzle giving the desired smile. Large eyes of almond shape that were set well apart and very expressive. Elegant neck. Firm body of medium size with a level back. Long legs and oval, tufted paws. Long tail to balance. Excellent soft, fine, dense coat that was a rich golden brown with a good apricot base and well defined black ticking. Attractive facial markings. Black heels to the hock. Beautifully presented in excellent condition and with a good temperament.

#### RES HACK'S PR SUPATOFT ZIKINI PEPPERONI, 63, MN, 7.12.2001

Another handsome and well balanced Usual with type and style. He had a very good profile and chin and very expressive eyes. Rich colour with a clear base coat and well defined ticking. He ran the winner very close and it was a difficult decision, but in the end, I thought Caiseal Beag has more "presence" on the day.

### AC SOMALI PREMIER, FEMALE

#### 1 GPR HACK'S CH & PR SUPATOFT BRIOCHE, 63, FN, 7.10.2003

A really attractive female who was smiling broadly and enjoying being judged. Lovely type, balance and expression. The head was moderate with curving contours and excellent ears for size, shape and set. High forehead with a break in the profile and lovely depth to the chin. Beautiful almond eyes that were set obliquely and had the darker surround with the paler "spectacles" to emphasize their beauty. Elegant neck. Very good body, legs and tail. Excellent coat quality, it was soft and fine with a rich apricot base and clearly defined black ticking. Lovely black heels and apricot knickers!!! Excellent condition and presentation. A real sweetie!!

#### RES: STABLES' GR CH & PR AMORES OPHELIA FIZKIN, 63S, FN, 14.2.2003

Another beauty with excellent type, balance and style. She had a very good head and smiling expression. Elegant neck and a firm, lithe body with long legs and a good tail to balance. Very good coat texture, it was soft and fine though not as dense as the winner's. Excellent clean silvery base and clearly defined black ticking. Virtually free of tarnish, which is so pleasing. Excellent condition and temperament.

### USUAL SOMALI ADULT, MALE

I considered **Watts' CH LENNALI BARRINGTON BAGGINS** for the BOB award. He is a handsome and balanced male with type and style, but was beaten for the award on the day by the beautiful female who was later Best Exhibit in Show 2009.

### USUAL SOMALI ADULT, FEMALE

There were 4 beautiful females to consider for the Best of Breed award. If their owners contact me I would be pleased to give you a critique on your Somali.

#### BOB HORSLEY'S UK & IMP GR CH SUPATOFT PUMPKINS PIE, 63, F, 9.7.2005

A beautiful female of excellent type, balance and style. At a time when a number of cats were tense and nervous, she was relaxed, purry and smiling. Excellent head with breadth and curving contours forming a moderate wedge. Excellent ears for size, shape, set and furnishing. Slight break in the profile and good chin. Beautiful almond eyes set well apart in an oblique setting. Elegant neck. Firm, lithe, muscular body with long legs and oval, tufted paws. Lovely tail to balance. Soft, fine, dense coat that was a rich golden brown made up of the apricot base and excellent black ticking. Later the Best Exhibit in Show 2009 – many congratulations on a well deserved win, she really did have star quality!

**1 CC WATTS' BRIZLINCOAT DEJA VU, 63, F, 24.4.2008**

A very attractive young female with a great deal of potential. The head had breadth and balance with curving contours and large, well set ears. Very expressive almond eyes with the correct oblique setting. Slight break in the profile. The chin could have a little more depth, but that could come. Lithe, muscular body with very good legs and tail. Coat was soft and fine, she needs more of a ruff, as she is looking a little "exposed" at the moment. Excellent rich colour and ticking. Lovely condition and temperament.

**AOC SOMALI ADULT, FEMALE**

**BOB ZECH'S CH FINEARTE FLOWERBELL AKIRA, 63C, F, 5.7.2007**

A feminine, attractive and balanced Blue Somali with lovely type. Warm base coat with clear blue ticking giving a delightful soft effect. With a little more ruff she would have been gorgeous but still was very deserving of the BOB.

**SORREL SOMALI NEUTER, MALE**

**1 PR LUNT'S SOMANTIKKS TOSHIKI BLAZE, 63A, MN, 2.12.2007**

A very handsome and balanced Sorrel who was a really rich copper colour made up of the cinnamon ticking over the apricot base. Very good head with breadth, he had a moderate wedge with generous curves. Large, well cupped ears that were set well apart; they were broad at the base and pricked. Very good profile and chin. Firm, lithe body with a solid, muscular feel but still elegant. Long legs and oval tufted paws. Cinnamon heels. Soft, fine coat with ruff and breeches. He was very spooked and afraid but sweet tempered and we were able to judge him. Well shown in excellent condition.

**SORREL SOMALI NEUTER, FEMALE**

I did consider exhibit 174 for the BOB, she was looking very attractive but a little plump which spoiled her balance; lovely rich sorrel with excellent ticking. She was a little tense and so tended to bonnet her ears.

**1 PR + BOB ABBOTT'S GR CH & UK & IMP GR PR BEAUMARIS ANGELICA, 63A, FN, 6.11.1997**

A serene, confident, extrovert who "played the piano" with her paws and chirruped to passers by all day! Looking really good for her age with excellent type and overall balance. Really expressive eyes and a beautiful smiling face. Lithe and muscular with long legs and full brush. Soft, fine, dense coat that was a rich coppery sorrel with excellent ticking. Presented to perfection as always and with an adorable temperament (the latter comment was made by my steward!). Later Best Neuter in Show – what a wonderful finale to a glittering show career!

**TABBY OR TABBY & WHITE LH OR SH ADULT**

**1 + MC WEBB'S MC ALYS, LH TABBY & WHITE, FN, 1 YR 6 MONTHS**

Wow!! What a wonderful cat!! I was so impressed with her beautiful face and large, expressive eyes. She was so confident and just knew she was stunning. She was shown to perfection in sparkling condition with a really healthy gloss to her coat. Excellent mackerel tabby pattern and snowy white front and chevron to her face. Excellent presentation and a real personality. I predict she should go far when the new GCCF titles are introduced.

**AV KITTEN**

**1 EVERITT'S AVADORE AMMOLITE, 63AS, F, 1.7.2008**

A sweet kitten with a delightful temperament who was very alert and interested in her surroundings. Good type and balance overall with very expressive eyes. Her coat was dense, soft and fine. I thought the cinnamon ticking was rather dark, but the hall light was not sympathetic to the Somali colours so I gave her the benefit of the doubt. Some tarnishing evident. Excellent condition.

### **AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE KITTEN**

#### **1 ABBOTT'S SUENICO TESS PUMBLEHOOK, 63, F, 19.7.2008**

A very pretty and balanced Usual with a great deal of potential. Excellent head forming a moderate wedge with curving contours and a real smile. Large ears, well furnished and set wide apart but not low. High forehead; slight break in the profile and good depth to the chin. Really expressive eyes of almond shape. Very good body, legs and tail. The coat was soft and fine, developing well and a rich golden brown made up of well defined black ticking on an apricot base. Very good heels and attractive facials. Shown in excellent condition and with a friendly, confident temperament.

#### **2 ABBOTT'S SUENICO GEORGINA PODSNAP, 63AS, F, 29.7.2008**

Another pretty female with good type and balance overall but I thought her profile a little straight and she did have some tarnish although the ticking was very good and the overall impression was of silver. Excellent condition and temperament.

#### **3 POINTING'S TAJURA TAYLOR MADE, 63A, M, 6.10.2008**

##### **BEST GROOMED LH OR SLH ADULT OR KITTEN**

#### **1 TAYLOR'S FLUFFY, LH BLACK, MN**

A really glossy black who was beautifully prepared and presented.

#### **2 PEPPERELL'S MC LOUIE, LH SEAL COLOURPOINT, MN**

A very handsome cat who was very well presented with a soft, well groomed coat. A very close runner-up!

##### **AC ADULT OR KITTEN OWNED BY A SENIOR CITIZEN**

#### **1 TALBOYS ORLANDO, SH GINGER SPOTTED TABBY, MN**

A very shy but sweet tempered boy who had amazing spots – he looked like a ginger leopard!

#### **2 TOWNSEND'S MC ELLIE, LH TABBY TORTIE & WHITE, FN**

A really beautiful cat who had a stunning pattern. Sadly she had had enough and was very edgy.

##### **AC ADULT OR KITTEN LIVING WITHIN 25 MILES OF SHOW HALL**

#### **1 VALE'S DAISY MAY, SH DARK TORTIE & WHITE, FN**

A really friendly, confident and purry female who was looking wonderful. Such an attractive pattern and her fur was really glossy. Excellent condition and wonderful temperament.

#### **2 TAYLOR'S FERRIS, BROWN TICKED TABBY SH, MN**

A friendly, handsome young man who had a rich golden brown coat that was really glossy. Lovely expressive eyes and he was confident but did not purr for us, so Daisy won the day!

#### **3 TAYLOR'S FLUFFY, LH BLACK, MN**

##### **AC ADULT OR KITTEN THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME**

#### **1 ISAAC'S LITTLE M, SH APRICOT TORTIE/TABBY, FN**

A very pretty and balanced female with such an attractive face and large expressive eyes. She was beautifully presented and I would have loved to take her home, although Spotiphar might have objected!

#### **2 GUY'S SIMBA, LH RED, MN**

A big strong boy who was friendly and confident.

### **THE PREFIX PAIRS**

A lovely line up of cats to consider; I really had a tough time choosing my winners. I was looking for a pair that really seemed to reflect a "look" that was similar. After much deliberation, my choice was:

**1 MAKEITSO – MR P & MRS Y BARNES** – represented by Gr Ch Makeitso Ro Laren, 63, FN & Gr Ch & Pr Makeitso Annika Hansen, 63a, FN.

**2 BRIZLINCOAT – MRS D TAYLOR** – represented by Mrs E Watts Brizlincoat Deja Vu, 63, F & Mrs E Watts Imp Gr Ch Brizlincoat Toomai, 63, F.

**3 SUPATOFT – MRS B HORSLEY** – represented by UK & IMP GR CH SUPATOFT PUMPKINS PIE, 63, F & Mrs C Hack's Ch & Pr Supatoft Brioche, 63, FN.