

SOMALI CAT CLUB SHOW 21ST MARCH 2009

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Thanks so much to Shelagh and Kit and the wonderful Somali committee for a wonderful show and for my invitation to be part of it all again this year. This show is always a highlight in my annual calendar and this year was no exception.

My sincere thanks to Stacy Steyning for stewarding for me and being such good company. I do hope we can work together again sometime.

AC SOMALI CHAMPION MALE

GR CH WATTS CH LENNALI BARRINGTON BAGGINS 63

Very pleasing exhibit with very nice head type and balance. Very nice ear set and size with nice furnishings. Expressive eyes that were nicely set and well outlined with pencilling. Slight nose break with quite a firm chin. Medium sized body with long legs and oval paws. Long tail that was well furnished. I felt his coat was probably slight over the season's best and would have liked it a little stronger in colour. However he was presented immaculately and was very sweet to handle.

AC SOMALI CHAMPION FEMALE

GR CH ZECHS CH FINEARTE FLOWERBELL AKIRA 63c

I really liked this young lady's head type and expression. Super crescent setting of her ears, broad at the base and nicely furnished. Large, almond shaped eyes that were obliquely set and well apart. The dark surround encircled by lighter spectacles. Very pleasing moderate wedge with curving contours and nice height to her forehead. Elegant frame with long limbs and oval, tufted paws. Long well furnished tail. Her coat was soft and fine lying flat along the spine. Her coat colouring was very soft blue with mushroom base. A most pleasing exhibit and very confident to handle.

RES GR CH WATTS IGR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI 63

I really also liked this more mature exhibit as well and she had excellent qualities – really super balanced head type and such a lovely expression. For me the decision was on her coat that was just not quite so flat lying along the spine and just a little thicker in texture. Again very well shown and super to handle.

AC SOMALI GRAND PREMIER MALE

IMP GR PR STABLES IGR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG 63

Stunning male who is a real seasoned campaigner and is such a wonderful example of the breed. With wonderful head type and expression and one of the nicest coats for colouring and ticking that can be found. Looking really exceptional today and I was very pleased to give him the Imperial certificate.

RES IMP GR PR WATTS CH & GR PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL 63c

Hardlines to come up against the winner, as this younger male is another real quality example of this breed. Again having very pleasing head construction with large, well set ears that were nicely furnished. Expressive eyes and correct profile. Long elegant body and tail with a nicely ticked coat of soft blue and warm mushroom ground colouring. He was just very uneasy when we handled him which is not characteristic of his usual nature.

AC SOMALI GRAND PREMIER FEMALE

IMP GR PR ABBOTTS GR CH & UK & IMP GR PR BEAUMARIS ANGELICA 63a

This mature, seasoned lady was just in her element and defied us to put her back before she felt ready to go!! She is now 12 years young and still a real force to be reckoned with! She has wonderful head type and balance and those eyes, well her complete soul rests within that look!

Her coat was in wonderful condition and with such rich colouring, the rich copper colouring and warm apricot base colouring ticked with cinnamon and such strongly coloured heels. It really was so lovely to handle her again and I was so pleased to give her the imperial!

RES IMP GR PR JONES GR PR MERLIESEN ROSHANA 63bt

Another really attractive exhibit and gave Angelica quite a run for the award. She too has very nice head and balance but for me the overall edge on head type went to Angelica. Her coat was nicely coloured with some red evident in the tortie patterning, for me the ticking could have been a little more evident.

SORREL SOMALI KITTEN, MALE

1 BOB POINTINGS TAJURA TAYLOR MADE 63a 6.10.08

Very well grown young man with quite a nice moderate wedge developing, just needing him to fill out a little further around his jaw line for full facial balance. Expressive eyes that were large obliquely set and with nice markings, spectacles and pencil lines. Nice high forehead with slight nose break. Quite a firm chin developing. Pleasing length of body and tail with very nice coat developing with good apricot base colouring and cinnamon ticking developing nicely. Promising cinnamon heels. Very nicely shown and a very self confident young man!

AC SILVER SOMALI KITTEN FEMALE

1 BOB WITHHELD FRANCIS NAINASUS BLUE PHOENIX 63cs

I loved the head and type of this young lady but was concerned that as a silver she was tarnished, my reason for with holding the best of breed.

2 ABBOTTS SUENICO GEORGINA PODSNAP 63as

A very well grown young lady who just needs to develop more width to her head and wedge as she matures further. I felt her nose at present was a little straight so can but hope she develops a slight break with time. Very nicely coloured coat giving that soft, silvery peach colouring. Very confident kitten with lovely personality.

3 EVERITTS AVADORE AMMOLITE 63as

Another very attractive exhibit but she was slightly undershot, my reason for her placing in this class.

AC SOMALI BREEDERS ADULT

1 HORSLEYS UK IGRCH SUPATOFT PUMPKINS PIE 63

The most lovely mature exhibit with wonderful head type and balance. I found her eyes to be totally awesome! Her coat was very well shown, so close lying and with the desired rich depth of colouring with apricot base and dense black ticking. Shown in wonderful condition.

2 HINES CH STACYM QUINTESSENCE 63

Unplaced in my quality grand class, this exhibit was again of very nice head type, super placement of her ears, expressive obliquely set eyes. Moderate wedge with desired slight nose break. Very pleasing coat colouring and nicely shown.

3 DARWISH SORAFEL LEONORA 63cs

AC SOMALI MAIDEN ADULT

1 DARWISH TAJURA TAZANNA 63es

Not overly large exhibit but stylish with nice balance to her head and body. Balanced head and expression with nicely space ears with super crescent setting. Expressive large eyes that were obliquely set and with nicely coloured pencillings and spectacles. Slight nose break with elegant neck and nicely proportioned body and tail. Her coat was nicely coloured and ticked, well coloured heels and virtually free of tarnishing.

2 COONEYS DESIREE SILVER ZE SVOBODY 63s

Another very attractive exhibit with pleasing head type. Very nicely proportioned and balanced. Elegant body, limbs and tail. Coat nicely ticked and with very little tarnishing. Well shown.

AC SOMALI LIMIT KITTEN

1 NAINASUS BLUE PHOENIX

AC SOMALI MAIDEN NEUTER

1 LUNTS SOMANTIKKS TOSHIAKI BLAZE 63a

A rather worried young man who preferred the safety of his pen so we did not linger overly long with him on the table!

In very nice condition with good breath to his moderate wedge. Large ears nicely furnished with correct setting forming that lovely crescent setting. Expressive eyes with nice profile and chin. Elegant body and limbs with nice firm feel to it. Fully coloured cinnamon heels. Well show coat with nice length to ruff and breeches.

AV VISITORS NEUTER

1 MORRISONS PR EMANAN DAVEY JONES 63

Mature neuter shown in super condition. Very pleasing head type with nice width to his moderate wedge and gently rounded contours. Expressive eyes that were large and obliquely set. Slight nose break and firm chin. Elegant body and limbs with very well shown evenly ticked coat with super rich colouring and very well shown.

SOMALI WITH THE BEST HEELS

1 POINTINGS TAJURA FURST INLINE 63

2 CH LENNALI BARRINGTON BAGGINS

3 BURNS CH SUPATOFT SUPER NOODLE 63

SOMALI WITH THE BEST TICKED COAT

1 HACKS CH & PR SUPATOFT BRIOCHE 63

BEST GROOMED SH ADULT OR KITTEN

1 ISAACS MANU sh black

Absolutely immaculately presented exhibit which with a black at this time of the season is hard to achieve! He looked an absolute picture.

2 TALBOYS ORLANDO sh ginger spotted tabby

Super lad with fantastic soft feeling to his coat shown in excellent condition.

3 TAYLORS FERRIS brown ticked tabby shorthair

Another lovely exhibit who was moulting slightly on the day.