

SOMALI CAT CLUB SHOW 15TH MARCH 2008
JUDGES REPORT MS JANE E. ALLEN

Well done Shelagh and Kit and the committee on a brilliant show.

The atmosphere was just lovely and the devotion to the breed and show was evident throughout the day. I felt very honoured to be part of it all.

Lindsey Grant worked with me and I am so grateful to her for her interest, gentle handling and great company! Thanks to the club for the wonderful hospitality and generous gift.

The highlight of the day was choosing Gr Ch Brizlincoat Beau Geste as overall BIS and awarding the prefix pairs class to Di Taylor. A fitting end to the show.

AC SOMALI GRAND CHAMPION MALE

IMP GR CH GR CH BRIZLINCOAT BEAU GESTE 63

This male epitomises the whole essence of the Somali! Not only does he have superlative type and presence but he is also the most loving and serene creature! Lovely size and stature giving him the elegance required of the breed standard. High forehead with good width between his large, well set ears with the lovely crescent. Expressive green eyes set slightly obliquely and with the desired colouring surrounding them. Medium length nose with a slight break in profile. All his contours gently rounded. His body was covered in a fine close lying coat, rich apricot base colour and so well ticked with black and with only the minimal amount of seasonal greyness, . Tail in proportion to his body. Fully coloured heels. Very well shown with a very nice ruff framing his face and lovely breeches. A gentle boy who is a great ambassador for the breed. Congratulations on his overall BIS win, it was truly my privilege to award him this honours.

AC SOMALI GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

IMP GR CH WATTS GR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI 63

Mature female with oodles of quality. Today in full coat that was rich apricot ground colouring ticked with black, the most fantastic coat colouring. Fully coloured heels and a most impressive ruff and breeches. Very good head type with gently curving contours forming her moderate wedge. Large, well set ears that formed the lovely crescent shape. Expressive almond wide spaced eyes with lovely deep hue and so well outlined with the paler pencilling to complement. Slight break in profile and a lovely firm chin to balance. Groomed to perfection and in such wonderful condition.

RES IMP STABLES GR CH AMORES OPHELIA FIZKIN 63s

A very stylish mature female who had lovely type and elegance about her. Moderate curving contours to her head giving a nice smile to her expression. Large ears that were set nice and wide on her head but not at all low. Almond shaped expressive eyes nicely coloured and outlined. In profile she had a slight break in profile and an adequate chin to balance. Elegant body and tail in proportion and well plumed. Long elegant limbs with oval paws. Her coat was soft and close lying. The base colouring was silvery white and well ticked with black and she even had very well coloured heels. There was just some tarnishing evident and this was the deciding factor in my placings. She was none the less a very nice example of her colour and I loved her elegance and demeanour.

AOC EX SILVER SOMALI KITTEN MALE

1 BOB LYALLS LEONCINI WALDO WINTEREISSE 63c

What a little star this chap was we had such fun with him! Really confident young man with promising head type. Large ears well set and with very nice crescent shape. Expressive eyes that were nicely set and well detailed around them. Slight break to his nose in profile and a very nice chin. Teething a little giving him a slight pinch around his jaw line. Lovely body shape and super feel. Nice brush. Elegant limbs and paws. Very promising coat base colour and his ticking developing on his shoulders. Super to handle.

2 LYALLS LEONCINI WOOSTER WUNDERBAR 63e

This little chap by comparison was not quite so confident and preferred the security of the pen and Linsley's arms! Pleasing type and balance developing, perhaps his eyes could have been a shade bigger but they were well set and expressive. Slight nose break in profile and decent firmness to his chin. His body was nicely proportioned and long limbs and oval paws. Very soft, close lying coat as yet and just some ticking evident over his shoulders. Nice colouring developing on his heels.

AOC EX SILVER SOMALI KITTEN FEMALE

1 ZECHS FINEARTE FLOWERBELL AKIRA 63c

I did like the overall look and balance of this female she was 4 months older than the boys. I would just have liked her to have been a little more substantial than she was to the touch.

USUAL SOMALI NEUTER MALE

1 PR MORRISONS PR EMANAN DAVEY JONES

This was a hotly contended class and this boy really caught my eye straight away! Very handsome well grown chap yet still with considerable elegance to his build and frame! Super head shape with lovely set large ears. Expressive almond shaped green eyes with beautiful detailing surrounding. Gentle rounded contours to his head. In profile slight break to his nose and good depth of chin to balance. Nice neck and length of body and tail with long elegant limbs and oval paws. Super rich tones of apricot to his base colouring and significant ticking throughout his coat, fully coloured heels. Close lying, fine coat that was very nicely shown. A super cat to handle.

2 BULLIVANTS GR PR ASTRONKINI MEGABYTE

Tough run contest this, this mature male also has such quality and style. Very nice head type with side set large ears. Very expressive green eyes. A very slight break to his nose in profile and adequate chin to balance. Large yet elegant frame with tail in proportion. His coat was very soft, fine and close lying with excellent rich apricot and black ticking. Good length to his ruff and breeches. Well shown.

USUAL SOMALI NEUTER FEMALE

1 PR HACKS CH & PR SUPATOFT BRIOCHE

Another super quality usual exhibit, was I spoiled for choice or what! There was so much to like about this mature female. She has super head type and very nice presence. Again her coat was of very good apricot colouring with nice ticking and good presentation. She was not an overly large exhibit but nicely balanced.

BOB STABLES IMP GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG

This outstanding example of the usual colouring really deserved his BOB in this amazing class. I loved his head type and balance but on top of all that his coat colouring and quality was just sublime. The colouring was so rich and with excellent quality to the ticking. It was close lying, fine and so well presented and he just knew it too!

AOC EX SILVER SOMALI NEUTER MALE

1 PR BOB WATTS CH & GR PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL 63c

I had to have words with these two boys as they were just upsetting each other big time which did not do either of them justice. Bill however did settle to give us a decent look at him! He is a super lad just coming into his prime. He has super contours to his head, high forehead with large, wide spaced ears that form the lovely crescent so desired of this breed. Expressive eyes with lovely setting and so nicely spectacled and outlined! His nose had a very nice slight break and with a firm chin gives a super balance overall. His long elegant lines to his body and tail. Elegant limbs and oval shaped paws. Excellently presented closely lying coat that had super ground colouring and nice blue ticking. Nice length to his ruff and breeches.

2 CARPENTERS BRIZLINCOAT OUT OF THEBLUE 63c

We could not linger quite as long over this lad! However, I really liked what I saw and bearing in mind he is a whole year younger than Bill I think if he can relax and chill at shows he has a lot of potential! Super head and elegant lines. He has a really super base colour and very pleasing tone of blue. I can certainly vouch for fully coloured heels and he went back into his pen!!

AOC EX SILVER SOMALI NEUTER FEMALE

PR STABLES IMP GR CH & PR CANONNA MERLIESIN MELODY 63b

I do like this mature female very much indeed. She has such elegance about her appearance and is so very sweet to handle. She has very nicely gently roundness to her cheeks and contours. Large ears that are set well apart but not at all low on her skull. Almond shaped expressive eyes with super light colouring and spectacles beyond. Firm chin and slight break in profile. Her body is well covered weightwise but does not detract from her elegance and she has lovely limbs and oval paws. For me I just wish her tail was a little longer to give that final balance to her overall.

AV VISITORS ADULT

1 GR CH AMORES OPHELIA FIZKIN

2 HORSLEYS CH DOM PERIGNON SILVER ZE SVOBODY 63s

Mature male with definite macho lines to his head and face. Every inch a working male. He does have quite nice lines to his head shape but for me in profile his chin was a little receding that detracted from the overall balance.

3 MARCHS MAKEITSO SAPPHIRE 63

AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE KITTEN

1 BURNS SOMANTIKKS TOSHIAKI BLAZE 63a

Super kitten with much promise. Lovely head with super balance developing. Large, well set ears. I loved his expressive eyes that were well set and super oriental shape. Super profile with lovely chin and slight break to his nose. Elegant lines to his body and limbs with super feel. I was very impressed by his coat development and such nice colouring with real cinnamon colouring on his heels and ticking. Lovely condition.

2 LEONCINI WALDO WINTEREISSE
3 HAGUES CHALONNAISE BLUE MOON 63cs

AC SOMALI MAIDEN KITTEN

1 LEONCINI WALDO WINTEREISSE
2 CHALONNAISE BLUE MOON 63cs

AV VISITORS KITTEN

1 HORSLEYS SUPATOFT PEACHES 63as

I just adored this little thing, her confidence and presence just oozed from every inch of her body! Lovely head type developing, super ears, lovely eyes and very good profile. I thought her coat colouring was just lovely and shall watch her development with interest.

2 FINEARTE FLOWERBELL AKIRA
3 BULLIVANT BARANCHRI DISCOVERY 63

AC SOMALI BREEDERS NEUTER - wow what a class!!

1 IMP GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG 63
2 WATTS CH & GR PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL
3 ABBOTTS SUENICO DELLABELLA GOWANA 63a

A pleasing exhibit with such charm! I particularly must mention the brilliance of her sorrel colouring and the really fantastic cinnamon ticking throughout. I really did like her a lot.

X3 HINES CH & PR STACYM QUATTROCENTO 63

Another lovely neuter in such a hotly contested class hence my needing this extra placing!

CAT WITH THE MOST CHARM

1 ABBOTTS GR & IUKGR PR BEAUMARIS ANGELICA 63a

The minute we got her out it became evident that she had to win this class, she just oozes charm and confidence and held us both captivated by those eyes. I find it hard to believe that she is now eleven years old, she has such style and presence. What a girl!

2 ADSETSH BARWICK BLUE 63cs

Another super girl with a real air of dignity and charm about her and certainly does have full marks from her finishing school too! Handled superbly and gave us the full benefit of her qualities. Very well shown and super to handle.

PURRIEST CAT

1 HAGUES CHALONNAISE SILVER WAVE 63s

Well she was not the most purriest for long but we gave her the benefit as it was mid afternoon and there was quite a lot of things going on around her.

FRIENDLIEST CAT

1 WATTS LENNALI BARRINGTON BAGGINS 63

So hard to put back he would have been delighted for us to give up judging at this point and spend the rest of the afternoon in his company! Wow an entire male too!!

2 BULLIVANTS BARANCHRI CUMULUS 63s

Gorgeous charming lad who was so sweet and happy what an ambassador for the breed.

3 POINTINGS TAJURA ARTIC MOON 63s

Another with such devine nature, just loved being handled and so confident.

PREFIX PAIRS

I had 24 cats forward for this class and a variety of adults, kittens and neuters. They were all such a challenge to judge but I eventually came to my decision and scored them all out of ten and then took the scores for each cat in the pairs. My winning combination stood away in the final scores and there were others just outside of the top three who were very close indeed. It was really such a joy and privilege to judge this class and though it was a real headache I really enjoyed every minute. Thanks to each and every one of you for the pleasure!

1 **BRIZLINCOAT** represented by GR CH BRIZLINCOAT BEAU GESTE AND GR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI my two imperial winners.

2 **MERLIESIN** represented by IMP GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG AND GR PR MERLIESIN ROSHANA 63bt My BOB usual and very lovely choc tortie neuter female.

3 **EMANAN** represented by PR EMANAN DAVEY JONES AND CH & GR PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL. Two beautiful examples of the breed both winning their awards in such excellent competition.

NON PEDIGREE EXHIBITS

AOC LH CAT

I was very sorry not to be able to handle ELLIE she looked absolutely lovely in her pen but that is exactly where she was determined to stay. I sincerely hope that it was just a one off and that she will get her owners longed for third MC ticket soon.

AC KITTEN

1 WEBBS ALYS longhair tabby and white

Charming youngster, very alert and into everything. Fabulous coat for quality and texture. Lovely patterning and full marks for grooming!

2 SZWED LULU-BELLE longhair tortie and white

I am a real sucker for tortie and whites being a colour I breed myself! This little lady was in strong contention but her coat was not as well developed as Alys. However she had lovely clarity of patterning and was in sparkling condition. Well done another lovely kitten.

AC ADULT OR KITTEN WITH MOST UNUSUAL COAT PATTERN

1 ISAACS C G tortie

A super female with expressive eyes and the most lovely quality coat for condition and rich colouring.