

SIAMESE AND ALL BREEDS CAT CLUB OF IRELAND SHOW

20 SEPTEMBER 2009 – MICHELE CODD

Many thanks to Ronnie and the Committee for inviting me to judge at this friendly, well-organised show. Margaret Baker was my splendid steward, and I hope enjoyed the day as much as I did. The hospitality was super, and the Guinness gorgeous!

AC Burmese Ch Adult Male: GCC LONG's CH ISMISHA DANDY WARHOL, 27c. Sweet-tempered chap with a short wedge, distinct nose break, slightly shallow chin. Pale chartreuse coloured eyes, lovely set & shape; excellent ear set and 1 CC BOB slight dip between. Balanced, muscular body, good legs and tail. Coat is a little shady in colour, shows a few tail rings, short, close-lying and satin in texture.

Female: GCC KEENAN'S INT CH AUREUS FAIR ROSAMUND, 27e. Gentle girl with a short blunt wedge, good nose break, level chin. Eyes super shape and set, pale colour; lovely ear set and gently rounded top of head. Good body, legs and tail. Coat is fabulous – short, fine and close-lying, gleaming with good health, good colours, clear.

Egyptian Mau Adult Female: 1 CC BOB MCDONALD & QUINN'S ACCLAIM CLEOPATRA, 78 30s. My Best of Variety Foreign exhibit and I was delighted that she went on to win overall best in show. Gentle girl, with a moderate wedge with rounded planes, just a little straight in the nose for perfection, level chin. She has medium sized ears to follow the lines of the wedge, and expressive eyes of correct set under a level brow and good shape, still showing a slight yellow outer rim, gooseberry green inner, pleasing parallel nose lines giving her the Mau worried look. Slightly plump, she has slender legs and oval paws, good tail to balance. Coat is medium in length with good resilience, clear of any tarnish, with good contrast between separate spots and a pale silver ground; 2 ERVINE'S ACCLAIM NIKE, 78 36, Good moderate wedge with rounded planes, slight dip in profile, level chin. Eyes are set under a level brow, looking a bit yellow for a cat of almost 3 years, but good parallel nose lines giving her a worried look; ears are medium in size, set just a bit too high. Balanced body, legs and tail. Coat is medium in length, glossy and a little flat, with a couple of unbroken necklaces at the throat, plus one or 2 white hairs. Otherwise, while I'd prefer she was paler in overall appearance, her pattern is very correct, with dark spots over a pure white smoke base coat.

La Perm Adult: 1 IC BOB CREAN'S SELSKAR SASHA, 80s45g, female. Correct wedge, prominent whisker pads and broad muzzle – in profile, she has a slight dip at the nose, level chin. Well flared ears of medium size, expressive oval eyes. Balanced body, legs and tail. Her coat is wavy and fairly springy, feeling crisp in texture, some straight hair at the end of her tail.

Sorrel Abyssinian Kitten: 1 BOB LEOGUE'S ISMISHA MAJOR TOM, sweet tempered male, 5/5/09. Good width between large ears set to follow the lines of a

moderate wedge, slight indentations forming a slightly rounded muzzle. In profile, he has a slightly rounded forehead, only a very slight concave dip at the nose, chin is level, could be a bit deeper. Eyes are rounded almond in shape, deep colour, slightly slanting towards the outer edges of his ears. Only a baby, but he has a lithe body, slender legs and neat oval paws, tail reaches his shoulder and is a bit thin at the base at present. His coat is short and fine, but not soft in texture, close-lying and quite dense; in the rather poor hall light, he seemed to have a rather sandy-coloured base coat, with 4 bands of chocolate ticking, giving a slightly muted sorrel appearance. On his head, he shows vertical chocolate pigmentation lines rising from the inner edge of his eyes, and blurred horizontal lines from the outer edges of his eyes, with paler hair around his eyes and a cream-coloured chin. He has a darker chocolate line running down his spine to a solid tail tip, and solid chocolate on the bases of his paws, rising slightly up the back of his hind legs.

Devon Rex Kitten: 1 BOB Withheld MCDONALD & QUINN'S KETCHEREX RAKASTA KLAATU, 33a40 5, male. Purring youngster of 4 months, with a fairly short wedge, slight whisker break, in profile he has only a slight nose break rather than a proper stop, chin is level but a bit shallow, and he has a scissor bite that is slightly undershot. His eyes are medium in size, oval and slanting; ears are large, could be held a little lower, good flat skull. Balanced body, legs and tail. Coat is fairly short with good soft texture and pleasingly dense, showing nice rex waves. So sorry to withhold BOB.

Devon Rex Neuter: 1 PC BOB MCLOUGHLIN & DEEGAN'S DOMPERION TICKLYBUBBLES, 33a15c, MN. Indulging in some histrionics today! Good short wedge with distinct whisker break; in profile, he has a flat brow, lacks a defined stop, chin could be deeper, level bite. Eyes are fairly large, oval and slanting towards the outer edges of large ears set low, could be held a bit lower for perfection. Slightly plump body, good legs and oval paws, tail is tapering and correct length. His coat is fairly short, very dense and beautifully soft in texture, with good rippling all over – just a slightly harsh patch of hair on his tail.

La Perm Neuter Male: 1 IC CREAN'S AMORCATZ MARCEL WAVE, 80I15b. Head is quite short, showing a distinct nose break in profile, level chin. Ears are medium in size, set very wide apart, showing tufts; eyes are slightly small, almond in shape. Solid, muscular body, legs have quite heavy boning and appear a bit short to balance, good tail. Coat texture is very good, wavy and medium in length, lacking a real ruff but showing good waves all over.

Female: 1 IC BOB CREAN'S AMORCATZ NICKYCLARKE, 80I15b, Gentle girl, with a well-balanced head with gently rounded planes, good broad muzzle and prominent whisker pads, firm chin. Eyes are almond in shape, good size; very good large ears are well set. Balanced, muscular body, good legs and tail. Her coat is short to medium in length, and I'd prefer it a bit longer, but it has very good texture and waving.

Blue Burmese Adult: 1 CC BOB LONG'S ISMISHA ROLLERSKATE SKINNY, female. A bit small, but well balanced girl, with a good short, blunt wedge, distinct nose break, level chin, untidy teeth. Eyes correct set and shape; excellent ear set and gently rounded top of head. Good body, legs and tail. Coat is a good blue colour, almost clear, close-lying and short, excellent texture.

Lilac Adult: BOB LONG'S CH ISMISHA DANDY WARHOL; 1CC O'SULLIVAN'S ISMISHA DAPPER DAN, gentle chap of 10 months, with a short blunt wedge, distinct nose break shows a bump in profile, chin is a little shallow. Eyes are just large enough, correct set & shape; excellent ear set & size, gently rounded top of head. Balanced, muscular body, good legs and tail. Coat has very good texture, shows some contrast and is a bit creamy in tone, looks clear.

Cream Adult Male: 1 CC SLUITERS' TEAROHA ALDEBIZ ROBBEDOES, rather unsettled today, he has a short wedge, good break shows a slight bump in profile, chin could be firmer. Lovely eye set, shape & gold colour; ears held a bit wide, slight dip in flesh between. Balanced, muscular body, good legs and tail. Coat has lovely texture, shows a double broken necklace, a dark cream colour.

Female: 1 CC BOB ARCHER'S ISHCUS ALYSSA, gentle 6 year old, with a good short wedge, distinct break, firm chin. Eyes lovely set and shape, still with really yellow colour; lovely ear set and top of head. Good body, legs and tail. Coat is a little thick in texture, but a pale cool cream colour, completely clear. A lovely girl.

AOC Tortie Adult: LENIHAN'S DOREVALLEY PAINTED LADY, 27h, a little small for an adult. She has a good head, with a short wedge, distinct break, level chin. Eyes very good set, shape & colour; lovely ear set and gently rounded top of head. Very good body, legs and tail. Coat has good texture and colours, almost clear.

Red Kitten: BRINDLEY & SMITH'S KATEZ COCONUT TIGER, male. I am so sorry, this kitten is Cream, not Red, so had to be disqualified – a pity, as he's actually very nice in type.

Cream Kitten: 1 BOB ARCHER'S SOMATIR NORMA JEAN, female. Super, purring kitten, with a short wedge, distinct break, level chin. Eyes lovely set, shape and colour; excellent ear set and rounded top of head. Balanced body, legs and tail. Coat pale cream, almost clear, very good texture.

Brown Tortie Kitten: 1 BOB TAYLORS' BACKCHAT GIPSY MOTH, short blunt wedge, distinct break, level chin. Eyes excellent set, shape and yellow colour; lovely ear set and gently rounded top of head. Balanced body, legs and tail – tail is a little tense at the tip, but there is no fixed deviation. Coat is short and close-lying, very good colours, excellent texture.

Black and White Non-Pedigree: 1 MACKENZIE'S BERTIE, handsome chap of 18 months, with a glossy, well prepared coat. A bit fazed by the occasion, as he was indulging in a hissy fit, but was still easy to handle.

Grey or Grey and White Cat: 1 HAYDE'S DEXTER, has to have Russian ancestry with his vertical ears and prominent whisker pads, this smart blue chap was well prepared and easy to handle, slightly moulting and showing off his lovely collar. Gentle temperament.