

## **THE SOMALI CAT CLUB - 17.3.2006 - MRS ANNE GREGORY**

A cracking show with some absolutely stunning Somalis to judge, set in the beautiful surroundings of the Greig Hall, I was so delighted to judge my favourite breed there. The Show Managers, Kit and Shelagh, the Somali Committee and friends worked together very hard to ensure the day was a resounding success for exhibitors, members and visitors. I must mention the delicious food, cooked by the talented Alison Lyall (Masterchef eat your heart out!) it was truly scrumptious! Overall, an excellent day for everyone and I hope a financial success too. I must also thank Sue Amor who was excellent company and a great help as my steward, I really look forward to another day working together. Finally, I must mention I was fortunate enough to have a good cuddle with the wonderful Pots (Grand Champion & UK Imperial Grand Premier Emanan Alderman Ptolomey) who was chatting up the judges from his exhibition pen!

### **AC SOMALI PREMIER, MALE ( 4 PRESENT)**

#### **1 GPR WATTS' CH & PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL, 63C, MN, 15.7.2005**

A very handsome blue who was beautifully presented in sparkling condition. The coat was really fine, soft and dense, but it lay flat along the spine and he had a full ruff to frame the face and excellent breeches too. The head formed a moderate wedge with gentle contours. The cheeks were rounded and shallow indentations formed the rounded muzzle, giving him a Somali smile. Large ears, very well set, broad the base and well cupped. They were well furnished. Very good profile showing a slight break and a good chin to balance. The eyes were very expressive with a gentle expression, they were almond-shaped with an oblique setting and well apart. Bright hazel tone. Body of medium length, perhaps a fraction plump but still muscular and his type is not blurred. Long legs and oval, tufted paws. The tail was a good length and formed a full brush to balance. Excellent warmth to the underbody, it was a warm, pinkish mushroom and the ticking was a soft blue. The base coat on the back was pale oatmeal, just slightly cooler in tone. Very attractive facials and full blue heels. Full of personality, he was a great character and well worthy of the Grand.

#### **RES: STABLES' PR MERLIESIN MACAVITY, 63FS, MN, 22.3.2005**

A striking red silver who was of very good type and balance. Moderate wedge with gently curving contours with very good width between his large, well cupped and furnished ears. A shallow indentation formed his muzzle, it was broad and well rounded to give him a smiling expression. The profile showed a slight break but there was also a tiny bump on the nose. The chin sloped away slightly but the bite was good. Lovely almond shape to the eyes, they were set well apart but marginally straight rather than oblique. Deep amber tone. Excellent body that was firm, lithe and muscular with depth to the chest and a straight back. Long legs and oval paws with tufts between the toes. Superb coat that was soft, fine and dense. It lay well on his spine and he had a full ruff and breeches. Excellent brush. The red was really bright and clear. The base coat was silvery white and the ticking was very clearly defined. Small red heels. The spine line continued almost to the tip of the tail. Excellent condition and temperament.

### **AC SOMALI PREMIER, FEMALE**

**1 GPR ABBOTT'S GR CH & IMP GR PR BEAUMARIS ANGELICA, 63A, FN, 6.11.2007** A beautifully balanced female who so enjoyed coming out and being judged. She chirruped away to us and padded with her paws the entire time! The head had breadth, forming a moderate wedge with curving contours to the brow, cheeks and muzzle. The ears were large, set wide apart but alert. They were broad at the base, pricked and well cupped with tiny tufts and well furnished inner edges. Slight break in the profile and an excellent chin. Large eyes, almond shaped, set obliquely and wide apart giving a smiling expression. They were a rich hazel tone. Excellent size, muscle and balance. She had a firm, lithe body and long legs with oval, tufted paws. The tail was a good length to balance and formed a full brush. Excellent coat, it was fine and dense. Good ruff and breeches. Excellent rich coppery tone made up of cinnamon ticking on a rich apricot base. Lovely contrast between the undercoat and the ticking. Beautifully presented in excellent condition and a confident, affectionate temperament.

**RES: JONES' PR MERLIESIN ROSHANA, 63BT, FN, 3.3.2002**

A well-balanced female of medium build and very good type. The head had good breadth that curved to form a short wedge. The large ears were well placed. They were wide at the base, well pricked and furnished. Large eyes, rounded almond shape, set well apart and very expressive. They were a good hazel tone. Slight nose break and good chin. Very good body, it had a firm, muscular feel with long legs and oval, tufted paws. The tail was a balanced length and was full. Very good coat, it was soft, fine, dense and of medium length with a full ruff and breeches. The colour was an excellent mixture of rich, warm brown that was a dark chocolate with patches of apricot ticked with red. The base coat on the chocolate was a rich apricot. I felt though on some areas there could have been more contrast between the ground and the ticking but she was ticked all over. Well shown in excellent condition and with a superb temperament.

**USUAL SOMALI ADULT, MALE****1 CC + BOB TAYLOR'S CH BRIZLINCOAT BEAU GESTE, 63, M, 29.5.2004**

A very handsome, mature, stylish and balanced male who really showed himself to advantage. He was not just of excellent type, colour and ticking, he also had confidence, charm and star quality! Excellent head that had strength and breadth; it formed a moderate wedge with curving contours at the brow, cheeks and profile lines. The ears were large, broad at the base, set well apart and were well furnished. The eyes were large, set wide apart, almond shaped with an oblique setting and a brilliant amber tone. Excellent smiling expression. Very good profile showing a slight break. He had a firm chin and an elegant neck. Firm, lithe body with a level back and long legs with oval paws and tufted toes. The tail was long, well furnished, broad at the base and it tapered slightly though was a full brush. Excellent length to ensure everything was in proportion. Excellent coat quality, he was beautifully presented in glowing condition with his soft, fine, dense fur that lay flat along the spine and was of medium length. Full ruff and breeches. Excellent rich, golden brown colour with a bright apricot base ticked with black. Well defined facials; excellent black heels; spine line, top of tail and tail tip all in black. His stomach was a rich apricot. Superb temperament and a delight to judge. I was delighted to make him Best Somali Exhibit 2007 - an honour that was well deserved.

**2 FITTEN'S BRIZLINCOAT MYKINDA GUY, M, 18.2.2006**

A young male who was the son of the winner and a Usual with potential. His type was very good with a moderate wedge, curving contours and large, well-set ears that were well cupped and furnished. He had expressive eyes of almond shape and an oblique setting. Lovely rich hazel tone. Slight break in the profile and a good chin. Very good body with a firm, lithe feel. Long legs and oval tufted paws. The tail balanced well and formed a full brush. Soft, fine coat that was well presented. It lay flat along the spine and was of medium length. He needed more of a ruff to "finish" him but the breeches were there. Lovely rich apricot base with black ticking. Excellent facial markings, black spine line and it continued down the tail to the tip. Excellent black heels. Excellent condition and temperament. He is a promising male who was unlucky to be up against his handsome father!

**USUAL SOMALI ADULT, FEMALE**

Sadly exhibit 3 was totally spooked by the experience of showing and we were not able to persuade her to relax and come out to be judged. I had two beautiful titled ladies to consider for best of breed. They were both excellent examples but were pipped at the post on the day by Beau Geste.

**AOC SOMALI ADULT**

Again there were two titled ladies to consider for Best of Breed. The fawn, Abbott's Gr Ch Charity Peksniiff, was very attractive but could have had more of a ruff to frame the face, she looked a little exposed. Her colour though was beautiful, a really warm, powdery fawn with a mushroom undercoat. The contrast was excellent so her ticking was really clear to see.

**BEST OF BREED STABLES' IMP GR CH CANONNA MERLIESIN MELODY, 63B, F, 15.7.1999** An impressive Chocolate with really dark chocolate ticking and markings on a rich apricot base. She fitted the description in the SOP admirably leaving no room for doubt about her colour. She also had type and ticking. Later Best Female Adult - congratulations!

**1 CC TAYLOR'S LEONCINI UCELLO, 63C, F, 10.1.2006**

A very attractive and confident female who had such a pleasing, smiling expression. Very good head with breadth and balance forming a moderate, curving wedge. Well placed ears that were well cupped and furnished, broad at the base and pricked. The profile showed a very slight break and the chin was quite good. Shallow indentations formed the nicely rounded muzzle giving her that smiling look. Very good eyes, almond shape and set well apart. Oblique setting and an attractive, brilliant hazel tone. Excellent body, legs and tail. The coat was soft, fine and dense, it lay flat on the spine and she had a ruff to frame the face, full brush and breeches. Lovely warmth to the undercoat and the ticking was excellent. Very good facial markings and blue heels. Excellent presentation, condition and temperament.

**2 HORSLEY'S CH SUPATOFT LITTLE DEMON, 63B, F, 5.11.2003**

A mature female who was a little spooked. Perhaps for this reason she tended to hold her ears high? They were well cupped and a good size but I was not happy with the setting. The head had breadth but was rather short and perhaps too well rounded. The chin sloped away but the bite was level. She had a startled expression and opened her eyes fully so they appeared rather round and a little close set. Lithe body with excellent muscle tone. Long legs with oval tufted paws. Very good brush to finish. Soft, fine, dense coat that was beautifully presented. I felt the base was a good apricot but I would have liked the chocolate to be darker and more intense. Well ticked and marked. Chocolate heels. The tail tip was not exactly Bournville, more Galaxy !!!!! Excellent condition though and she had a sweet nature.

**AOC SOMALI KITTEN, MALE**

**1 + BOB TAYLOR'S BRIZLINCOAT PADDINGTON, 63C, M, 22.10.2006**

A handsome kitten who was well grown, elegant and stylish but well muscled. Broad, balanced head forming a moderate wedge with gentle contours to the cheeks, brow and profile. High forehead with large ears set wide apart. They were broad at the base, well cupped and furnished. Large eyes, almond-shaped and with an oblique setting. Very good rich hazel tone and a lovely smiling expression. Nicely rounded muzzle formed from shallow indentations. Slight break in the profile and a good chin. Elegant neck. Very good body, legs and tail. Soft, fine, dense coat with an attractive ruff and breeches coming along well. Warm oatmeal base and the blue ticking showing well. Excellent facial markings and blue heels. Promising. Excellent condition and a confident, affectionate personality.

**AOC SOMALI KITTEN, FEMALE**

**1 FITTEN'S FINEARTE GIZMO, 63C, F, 29.7.2006**

A very pretty kitten who was slightly small but firm and muscular. Balanced head forming a short wedge with gently curving contours. Her ears were a good size, set wide apart and well-cupped and furnished. Lovely eyes, almond-shaped and very expressive. Set oblique and a good hazel tone. Rounded muzzle. Good profile showing a slight break and a reasonable chin. Medium body with long legs and oval, tufted paws. The tail was a good length and the brush is developing. Soft, fine, dense coat that had a pleasing warmth to the blue with a pinkish mushroom tone on the chest and belly etc. The ticking is developing very well and she had very attractive facial markings. Excellent condition and sweet temperament.

**NON-PEDIGREE - TORTIE OR TORTIE & WHITE ADULT**

**1 WEBB'S U/C LACEY, SH TORTIE & WHITE, FN, 8YRS.**

A very beautiful female with a serene expression in those beautiful green eyes. She had such a pretty face and a muscular body with balance. The short coat gleamed with health and she had well defined patches of bright red and jet black as well as immaculate white on her face, legs and underbody. Beautifully presented in sparkling condition and she had a calm, confident temperament.

## **NON-PEDIGREE - TORTIE OR TORTIE & WHITE KITTEN**

### **1 ISAAC'S LITTLE M, SH TORTIE TABBY, F, 17.7.2006**

A well-grown, well-muscled kitten who had a sweet round face and full cheeks. Her ears were set wide, giving her an alert expression. Large green eyes that were very expressive. Firm body with slender legs and a lovely tail to balance. Short, dense coat that was beautifully patterned with bright red patches in the mackerel stripes. Excellent condition and super temperament.

## **AC SOMALI BREEDERS KITTEN - A VERY IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP!**

### **1 BARNES' MAKEITSO RUBYTUESDAY, 63, F, 18.9.2006**

A beautifully balanced kitten of excellent type and style. Later Best Kitten in Show, a well-deserved win. She was a lovely size and had firm muscle tone but was still elegant and stylish. Moderate wedge with curving contours. Large, cupped and furnished ears that were set well apart, broad at the base and gave her an alert expression. Large eyes, almond-shaped and set obliquely. Rich amber tone. Slight break in the profile and good depth to the chin. Tiniest bump on the profile. Excellent body that was lithe and of foreign type. Level back. Long legs and oval paws with tufted toes. Excellent black heels. Long, well furnished tail that gave overall balance. Excellent coat quality, it was soft, fine, dense and a good length with a full ruff and breeches. Excellent rich apricot base coat that was beautifully ticked in black. Clearly defined facial markings. Excellent condition and she had a confident, happy temperament.

### **2 TAYLOR'S BRIZLINCOAT AVANDA, 63, F, 18.11.2006**

Another scrummy Usual who ran the winner very close indeed and a kitten that has real potential I feel. Excellent type and expression. Pretty face with gentle contours. Slight break in the profile and a good depth to the chin. Very expressive amber eyes that were almond shaped and set oblique. Large, well-cupped ears set wide apart. Very good body, legs and tail. Soft, fine, dense coat that was an excellent rich apricot tone and clear black ticking. Lovely black heels and excellent facial markings. Shown in shining condition and with a superb temperament too. Just lost out today because the winning kitten was that little bit more "finished" but I seriously predict Avanda will be a force to be reckoned with.

### **3 FITTEN'S FINEARTE GIZMO, 63C, F, 29.7.2006**

### **4 DARWISH'S SORAFEL LEONORA, 63CS, F, 20.7.2006**

A sweet kitten who was well shown in excellent condition. The head had breadth although the muzzle fined a little. Profile rather straight, it needed more of a break. Expressive eyes that were of almond shape and set obliquely. Fair chin. Medium length to the body with a firm, lithe feel. Long legs and a good tail to balance. Soft, fine coat with very good ticking but there is tarnish developing. Excellent temperament.

### **X4 POINTING'S TAJURA ARCTICMOON, 63S, M, 20.10.2006**

## **AC SOMALI NON-BREEDERS KITTEN**

### **1 WATTS' BRIZLINCOAT LUCY LOCKET, 63, F, 22.10.2006**

A very pretty female who, thankfully, did not live up to her name!!! Very good head with breadth. She had a moderate wedge with curving contours and very well set ears that were large, cupped and well furnished on the inner edges. Excellent eyes that were really expressive, set slightly obliquely and almond-shaped. Deep, rich hazel tone. Very good profile showing a slight break and the chin had depth. Very good body with a lithe, muscular feel; long legs and oval paws with tufted toes. Really rich colour, the apricot was bright and the black ticking excellent. A few grey roots that were obviously developmental. Soft, fine coat that was very well presented. Excellent condition and a wonderful temperament. I feel this kitten has potential and, when her coat has cleared, will be really attractive.

## **AC SOMALI LIMIT NEUTER**

### **1 MORRISON'S EMANAN DAVEY JONES, 63, MN, 15.7.2005**

A very handsome Usual who had a superb coat and was a wonderfully rich colour. The base was a vibrant apricot and the ticking was so well defined. He had clear facial markings, darker black shading along his spine and down to the black tail tip. Excellent black heels to the hock. Very good type too, he had a pleasing head with expressive eyes and large, well cupped ears set well apart. Perhaps the chin could have been a little firmer? The body was lithe and muscular with long legs and oval, tufted paws. Excellent brush to balance. Very well shown in excellent condition and with a superb temperament.

### **2 LYALL'S LEONCINI ONDINE, 63S, FN, 20.2.1999**

A pretty female with a slightly short wedge with rounded contours. Medium ears, set well apart and well cupped. Slight break in the profile but also a bump too! Fair chin. The eyes were rounded almond shaped and a lovely green tone. Set obliquely, she had a smiling expression. Medium length body with a firm feel. Long legs and oval, tufted paws. The tail was a fair length and a little thin. The coat was an excellent, clean usual silver with very little trace of tarnish. The coat was a little harsh on the back but dense and fine. Beautifully presented in sparkling condition and a delight to judge.

### **3 TOLHURST'S ADVISH MISTLETOE BLUE, 63C, MN, 19.12.2005**

#### **PREFIX PAIRS**

Wow! What a challenge this was - I had six pairs and judged each cat, awarding a mark out of ten. I ended up with 3 pairs scoring 18  $\frac{1}{2}$  points and the lowest pair scoring 17, the standard was that close! I then went back and judged the top three pairs again, splitting hairs and judging very carefully on type, ticking, Somali smile and personality - I felt the winning pair had to have that special wow factor! My results were:

#### **1 BRIZLINCOAT - represented by:**

**Taylor's CH BRIZLINCOAT BEAU GESTE, 63, M**

**Watts' GR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI, 63, F**

A wonderful pair that epitomised all I find so special about Somalis - they really did have the lot!

#### **2 EMANAN - represented by:**

**Morrison's EMANAN DAVY JONES, 63, MN**

**Watts' CH & PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL, 63C, MN**

As my critiques above show, this was a superb pair of cats. They ran the Brizlincoat's very close and were Somalis to be proud of breeding.

#### **3 MAKEITSO - represented by:**

**Barnes' CH MAKEITSO RO LAREN, 63, F**

**Barnes' MAKEITSO RUBYTUESDAY, 63, F**

Two beautiful Usuals and Rubytuesday was the Best in Show Kitten. Another gorgeous pair and examples of the high standards in the Somali World.

Congratulations to everyone and thankyou for the privilege of judging your cats.