

THE SOMALI CAT CLUB – 20.3.2010 – MRS ANNE GREGORY

What a treat it is to spend time handling and enjoying lots of gorgeous smiling Somalis! I would like to thank Shelagh, Kit and the committee for their invitation to judge and for the warm hospitality. I was very fortunate to have Val Anderson stewarding and so the day was a guaranteed pleasure from every aspect.

SIBERIAN ASSESSMENT ADULT

MERIT AWARDED TO BAXTER'S ESAYA BWYTCING-ELMARLAY, 82 15, F, 6.6.2009

An attractive female with a lovely expression; she had a short wedge with rounded contours. Her ears were well placed. Her eyes were large, oval shaped and very expressive. The forehead was domed; she had a good profile and a fairly good chin. Her body is developing well. She had a firm, muscular feel to her with good boning. The tail balanced well. Her coat was of excellent quality and is developing well. She has a dense undercoat and the coarser top coat that is required. Her temperament and condition were excellent. I felt she was promising and was happy to award the Merit.

AC SOMALI NON-BREEDERS ADULT

1 FRANCIS' VANGELRE TRUFFLE, 63B, F, 12.10.2006

A very pretty, affectionate Somali with a sweet, smiling expression; her ears were large, set well apart but she tended to hold them a little high when she was being judged as she was so alert although they settled into the correct position when she was relaxed in the pen. Her eyes were of almond shape and very expressive. She had a good profile and reasonable chin. The body was muscular and lithe with slender legs and tufted toes. The tail balanced well. The coat was fine in texture and it was a rich warm chestnut tone with well defined dark chocolate ticking and markings on a bright apricot base. She had an excellent temperament and was shown in good condition.

AV VISITORS ADULT

Sadly I had to "wrong colour" exhibit 154 as she was clearly a tarnished blue silver (63cs) rather than a blue (63c)

AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE KITTEN

1 COONEY'S TAGHER CHAMPAGNE TRUFFLE, 63B, F, 31.8.2009

This was an extremely pretty young female with lovely type and style. Her head formed a moderate wedge with gently curving contours and large ears, well cupped and tufted set well apart but not low. Her eyes were large and lustrous, a pleasing almond shape with a slightly oblique setting and the dark chocolate eye liner and paler apricot spectacles to emphasise their beauty. She had a good profile showing a slight break and a reasonable chin. Her body was firm, lithe and muscular with slender legs, tufted paws and a beautiful brush to balance. Sadly there was a little "pip" at the tip of the tail, but I did not have to penalise this in a "Miscellaneous" class. Her coat was of the finest quality and a pleasure to feel. It was really soft and fine with no hint of resilience; it was dense but when stroked lay flat along the spine and was semi-long with a pleasing ruff and breeches. I felt she had the best coat quality I felt on the day. She was a beautifully rich chocolate with a rich apricot base and dark, "plain" chocolate ticking and markings. She had very pleasing facial markings and long chocolate heels to the hocks. Such a pity about the tail as that will impinge upon a show career, but she is a beautiful kitten in sparkling condition and with a typical Somali smile and affectionate nature.

2 BURNS' SOMANTIKKS IZZADORA-BELLE, 63, F, 20.9.2009

Here was another very beautiful female kitten with excellent type and the most beautiful eyes and expression. She was lithe and muscular and well grown for her age. She was beautifully marked and ticked although I felt the base coat was a little pale in tone. However, it was a warmer, richer apricot at the base of the spine and hopefully that will develop. She was beautifully presented in excellent condition and had a delightful temperament.

3 FRANCIS' NAINASUS SPITFIRE, 63A, M, 9.11.2009

AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE NEUTER

1 CHILCOTT'S EMANAN NANUQ, 63E, MN, 9.6.2009

A handsome cat with good type and balance; he had well set and cupped ears and his almond eyes were very expressive. At the moment his muzzle is marginally narrow and I hope that will develop more as he matures. His body was lithe and muscular with slender legs and a good tail to balance. His coat was of excellent quality, soft, fine and dense. It was a beautiful warm, powdery fawn with a pale oatmeal base and well defined fawn ticking. He was beautifully presented too in excellent condition and had a delightful temperament.

SOMALI WITH THE BEST TICKED COAT

1 HACK'S GRAND PREMIER SUPATOFT BRIOCHE, 63, FN, 7.10.2003

A beautiful usual female with a wonderfully rich golden brown coat made up of a bright apricot base coat with really well defined black ticking. She had at least three bands of ticking on her body and even more on the sides of her tail. I felt the contrast between the base colour and the ticking was particularly pleasing; she was a lovely example of the "Usual" colouring.

2 MORRISON'S GRAND PREMIER EMANAN DAVEY JONES, 63, MN, 15.7.2005

Another very good example of a "usual" for colouring and ticking; the apricot was a bright tone and he was very well ticked. I deliberated carefully between these two as the standard was so high but I placed Brioche first as the contrast was marginally more noticeable.

HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

AC ADULT OR KITTEN ORIGINALLY A STRAY

1 WEBB'S GRAND MASTER CAT ALYS, LH TABBY & WHITE, FN, 2 YEARS 6 MONTHS

A really beautiful female who was absolutely aware of her looks and her charm! I thought she was so pretty with large, expressive eyes and a calm, confident but gentle expression. She was essentially feminine but was firm and muscular. Her coat was exquisite, really soft and fine in texture with a well defined tabby pattern contrasting so well with the immaculate white. Her temperament was superb and she was shown in sparkling condition.

2 PLANT'S GRAND MASTER CAT SILVER SAM, LH TIPPED, MN, 10 YEARS

Wow! Here was a really handsome cat of excellent condition and beautifully presented with silvery white fur lightly tipped with black. His face was charming with large green eyes, outlined in black to emphasise their size and expression. The coat was long, dense and silky; it was prepared and presented to perfection. He was a little nervous though and did use some questionable language and so was pipped at the post by Alys who behaved like a lady!

3 TAYLOR'S FLUFFY, LH BLACK, MN, 5 YEARS

AC ADULT OR KITTEN LIVING MORE THAN 25 MILES FROM THE SHOW HALL

1 McCONNELL'S SAPHIE, SH GREY, FN, 3 YEARS

A most attractive female with such a pretty face; it was round with full cheeks and a short, broad nose with a nicely rounded muzzle to give her a smile! Her ears were set well apart and she had large, round eyes with a pleasing, innocent expression. Her body was hard and muscular with strong legs and a thick tail, rounded at the tip to "finish". Her coat was in excellent condition; it was short, dense and crisp. She had a sweet, shy personality and was beautifully presented in excellent condition.