

Abyssinian Cat Association Stephen Parkin 7th March 2009

A new venue with good lighting, made for a good start to the day. My thanks to Iain and Caroline for the invitation to judge. Thanks also Sheryl Edwards for coming to steward for me. One or two upset cats but many more that were a real pleasure to assess.

AC CHAMPION, MALE

Gr CC Shamma's Ch MIKKAR ASHANTI WARRIOR, Usual 31/12/2007

Well developed young boy, balanced body, lithe and muscular. Legs in proportion to the body with neat oval feet. Tail in balances the body tapering from a wide base. Head has a moderate wedge, with gently rounded contours. Well defined nose break, Rounded muzzle of good width, with whisker indent, a firm chin and a level bite. Well set expressive eyes. Large ears, of good shape, well set, with large tufts. Well defined facial markings, a little cream on the lips, white restricted to under the chin. No bars or necklets. Clear black spine line with a small solid black tail tip, small amount of black on the heels. Coat short and fine but I would like a little more resilience. Rich apricot undercoat with clear black ticking. A little hesitant about coming out but handled well.

AC CHAMPION, FEMALE

Gr CC Shamma's Ch MIKKAR LITTLE MYNX, Usual, 29/12/2006

Well proportioned girl with a well balanced appearance. Solid body, commensurate legs with small oval feet. Tail in harmony with the body for length, tapering from a broad base. Head has a moderate wedge with gently rounded contours. Large well set ears, complete with tufts. Expressive eyes of good shape and set, showing good depth of colour. Profile shows a fairly good nose break. Chin a little shallow but not weak, a level bite. Cream on lips, some white on the chin, clear facial markings, no bars or necklets. Solid spine line with a solid black tail tip, a little black on hocks. Coat short and fine with a resilient texture. Undercoat a warm golden apricot well ticked with black. Quite content to come out and show herself off stood well to good effect.

2ND Murray's Ch CATSMAGIC NARTJIE, Sorrel, 14/12/2005

Sadly this girl was so upset that a complete assessment was not possible. Overall good conformation, very good top of head, face on shows good Abyssinian expression. White on lips, cream extending down the throat. Rich copper ground coat, with very good ticking. A real shame that she was so upset.

BLUE ABYSSINIAN, FEMALE

BoB Miskelly's Gr Ch NISHALKA KHU MIW-SHER, 25/05/2006

Lithe muscular feel the body, tail proportionate but needs just a little more width at the base. Legs and paws in proportion to the body. Medium wedge, slight nose break. Large well set ears, eyes of good shape and set but could be a little larger. Muzzle gently rounded, distinct whisker indent. Needs more depth of chin, but not weak, level bite. Coat a little long fine. Very good pinky mushroom ground coat, well ticked with blue. Distinct spine line and solid blue tail tip. No bars or necklets, very small amount of blue on the base of the hock. Handled well, despite a rather angry neighbour.

1CC Pontello's NISHALKA KERIA, 10/04/2007

Well proportioned girl, body of good length and has a hard feel to it. Legs and feet in proportion. Tail balances the body for length but needs more width at the base. Head has a medium wedge with flowing contours. Large ears of good shape and set to follow the line of the wedge. Large eyes rounded almond in shape and showing the correct oriental set. Profile shows a slight break in the profile, very good depth of chin and an even bite. Clear facial markings some white on lips and chin. Solid spine line, with a solid blue tail tip. Some blue at the base of the hock. Very faint, well broken necklet. Coat short and fine with a very good resilient texture. Undercoat very pale but has distinct blue ticking. Happy to come out and be assessed, stood well to show herself off.

Fawn Abyssinian, Male

1ST & CC Miskelly's WAVETAIL GANDOLF, 03/06/2008

A well grown youngster. A firm feel to the body, legs commensurate with the body with small oval paws, tail in proportion, tapering from a broad base. Head has a moderate wedge, with gently rounded contours. Very good top of head with large well set ears. Profile shows a slight nose break, small bump on the nose, chin needs more depth but is not weak, level bite. Gently rounded muzzle with a clear muzzle indent. Eyes of good shape and set but rather small. Coat short and fine with distinct fawn ticking, although the colour is very pale to the roots. Absolutely no white at all. No bars or necklets. Distinct dark fawn spine line, solid tail tip and dark fawn extending a little way up the hocks. Very upset by his neighbours but allowed a full assessment.

Fawn Abyssinian, Female

1ST CC & BoB Andrews's SYRINX ARIANNA 13/03/2008

Well Developed girl for her age. Lithe muscular body with good overall balance. Legs and feet in proportion, tail tapers from a wide base commensurate to the body in length. Head shows a balanced moderate wedge, Profile has a distinct nose break, firm chin with a level bite. Good top of head ears of good set and shape but could be a little larger for perfection. Large well set eyes with very good depth of colour. Distinct facial markings, no white. Dark fawn spine, solid tail tip and some on the base of the hocks. Coat a little long, but lies well with a resilient texture. Handled well but was happier in the pen.

Usual Abyssinian, Female Neuter

1st PC & BoB Spragg's ANNERA MIRIELLA 01/05/2005

, Female Usual Abyssinian, 01/05/05: A very attractive exhibit, well proportioned muscular body, tail of good shape, tapering from a wide base although a fraction short in length, sadly a small deviation in one plane at the tip, confirmed by the Open Class judge, who had previously noted it. Slim legs with dainty oval feet. Head has a good medium wedge with gently rounded contours. A well defined nose break, a firm chin and an even bite, muzzle slight rounded with a slight indentation. Large ears, well set, with long tufts. Expressive eyes rounded almond in shape and well set. Good facial markings, no necklets but a few faint leg bars. White on lips and chin. Distinct spine line, good heels and a solid black tail tip. Short close lying coat with a

resilience texture. Deep apricot base coat, some dark roots across the shoulders, very well ticked. Very well behaved and easy to handle.

Silver Abyssinian, Male Neuter

1st PC & BoB Spragg's Pr HIGHLIGHT JACK FROST Sorrel Silver 17/06/2005

Well grown boy with a firm, muscular body of good overall length. Well balanced legs with small oval feet. Tail in proportion to the body, tapering from a broad base, tip is fused but does not deviate. Head has a moderate wedge, rounded, rather fine, muzzle with a slight indentation. Ears set rather high but of good shape. Profile shows a good nose break, firm chin and a level bite. Coat rather soft but short and fine a clear silver undercoat, well ticked with chocolate. Strong spine line, solid chocolate tail tip. Chocolate on the hocks. Faint leg bars, faint well broken necklets. Good facial and body markings. Handled well in spite of a disruptive neighbour.

Novice Adult

1st Clarke's ABCRUS ARIADNE, Usual Female, 28/03/2008

Very angry with all and sundry, but a very pleasing conformation, strong firm body, commensurate limbs, tail in proportion tapering from a broad base. Head has a moderate wedge good top of head with large well set ears. Expressive eyes of good shape and set. Good depth of chin even bite. Distinct facial markings, no white, cream on lips and chin. No marks or bars. Strong spine line solid black tail tip, black extending well up the hock. Good coat for length and texture well ticked. Quite a handful but allowed a full assessment.

2ND Harrison's MERRYDANCER DAISY Usual Female, 26/04/2008

Well grown for her age, but a present rather adolescent in appearance, but time is on her side. Body has a firm feel to it, legs and feet in harmony with the body, tail balances the body for length but needs more width at the base. Head a little long with a fine muzzle, good nose break chin needs more depth but is not weak bite level. Large ears, well set, with tufts. Eyes large but rather round at the moment, even when relaxed. Coat short and fine good markings with a good length of black up the hocks. Fine well broken necklet no bars. Handled well quite content to come out and be assessed.

3RD Muspratt's FLAMSTONE HADRIAN Usual Male, 05/02/2008

Senior Adult

1ST Pontello's Gr Ch PONTABY FRAGOLA Sorrel Female, 18/08/2005

A very attractive exhibit, well grown and with a hard feel to the body. Legs and feet commensurate with body. A well balanced tail, tapering from a broad base. Head shows a gently rounded medium wedge. The profile shows an excellent nose break, firm chin missing some teeth but the bite is level. Large well set ears well set. Large, gently rounded almond eyes, in an oriental set. Clear facial markings. No white, cream under the chin, no legs bars, a double necklet is just discernable. Distinct, solid spine line, chocolate tail tip and some chocolate extending up the hock. Coat short and fine with very good resilient texture. A little reticent at first but came out and handled very well.

2ND Miskelly's Gr Ch NISHALKA KHU MIW-SHER

AC Abyssinian Kitten

1ST Murray's MARJANWA NALADAWN Blue Female, 21/10/2008

An alert happy kitten, very much a youngster but of good size and balance for her age.

Medium body with legs in proportion, small oval paws, Tail balances the body for length but is a little thin at the base. Head shows very good Abyssinian expression, moderate wedge, good top of head with well set ears. Profile shows distinct nose break, firm chin and an even bite. Bright eyes of good shape and set. Clear facial markings, just a little white under the chin. A few vestigial leg bars, distinct spine line and blue tail tip, blue on the hocks, coat a mid blue with mushroom basecoat. Coat still kittenish. Very happy to come out and play with us, during which time a full assessment was a pleasure to carry out.

2ND Horner's NISHALKA KHEPRI Blue Male, 26/09/2008

Well developed boy for his age body of medium length with a hard feel to it. Legs proportionate to the body with small oval feet. Tail in proportion to the body, tapering from a fairly broad base to the tip. Head a little out of balance at present, with a muzzle that is just a little long, that apart a moderate wedge with a very good top of head large well set ears following the line of the wedge. Eyes of good shape and set, Profile shows the desired nose break strong chin and a level bite. Clear facial markings, no bars or marks, white on chin and lips. Coat shows distinct blue ticking on a very pale mushroom basecoat Blue spine line solid tail tip, just a very small of blue on the hock. Handled well out of the pen.

3RD Miskelly's GLENDAVAN OCEANA

AC except Usual Abyssinian Breeder's Kitten

1ST Lockwood's SYRINX BEBOP, Sorrel Female, 13/11/2008

Very well grown for such a young girl. Balanced medium body commensurate legs and feet. Tail balances the body tapering from a wide base. Moderate wedge forms the head with a very good top of head. Distinct nose break, good depth of chin bite even. Large well set ears, expressive, rounded almond eyes. Well defined facial markings. White on lips and chin, no bars or marks. Strong spine line chocolate tail tip chocolate extending a little way up the hocks. Coat kittenish, but ticking very well developed. Handled well out of the pen.

2ND Miskelly's GLENDAVAN OCEANA, Blue Female, 10/06/2008

Well grown girl overall conformation is very good muscular body with balanced legs and feet tail in proportion to the body with good width at the base. Head shows a medium wedge large well set ears, Eyes almond in shape and well set. Profile shows a slight nose break, good depth of chin and a level bite. Coat still kittenish and rather too long for her age. Mid blue with a near white base coat. Well ticked with blue. White on lips and chin, distinct facial markings, blue spine line and tail tip some blue on the hocks. Very well behaved out of the pen and stood well on the table.

Usual Abyssinian Non-Breeder's Kitten

1ST Chilcott's NISHALKA JUNO, Usual Female, 08/07/2008

Well grown girl Firm body, matching legs and small oval paws. Tail very well proportioned and in harmony with the body for length, gently tapering from a broad base to the tip. Head has a fairly moderate wedge and face on good Abyssinian expression but needs more width between the ears. Sadly her profile is far too straight and whilst the bite is level, the chin is very shallow.

Large ears set a little high, expressive eyes of good size and set. Well marked on the face, spine and tail but only has a little black on the hocks. Coat short and fine with a rich apricot base coat. Quite content to come out and be assessed.

Senior Neuter

1ST Culley's Pr ANNERA PALADIN Usual Male, 14/05/2004

Resigned best describes this boys feeling today. Unfortunately his nose was very swollen which affected the whole of his expression. Good sized body, hard and muscular Legs and feet in proportion. Tail tapers from a broad base and balances the body. Head with a medium wedge with gently rounded contours. Profile not really discernable due to the swollen nose, which also affected the line of the muzzle. Firm chin and a level bite. Large well set ears with tufts. Eyes, of good shape and set. Distinct facial markings, no bars or necklets, cream on lips and chin, solid spine line, a small amount of black on the hocks and a black tail tip. Coat, short and close lying, with an excellent texture a warm, golden apricot undercoat and matching basecoat. Very well ticked. Handled well but showed no enthusiasm for being showed.

Rescue Neuter or Kitten HP

1ST Parry & Eaton's TAMMY

Ginger and white female neuter, 8 years old. The dictionary defines a "*Grande Dame*" as "*A great lady, a lady of rank and dignified bearing*" This sums up this girl exactly! Neat white paws. Super condition. Coat soft and springy, beautifully prepared. Long white whiskers. Very appealing eyes. A joy to handle and a real pleasure to assess.

2ND Del Vigna's HEIDI

Brown tabby female neuter, 1 year 10 months. Nicely balanced exhibit a very dark tabby with very long whiskers, large round eyes, very Short soft coat well, groomed. Sadly much happier in the pen than outside.