

**SOMALI CAT CLUB SHOW 20.3.10.
REPORT FROM ALISON LYALL.**

Many thanks to Shelagh and Kit for the invitation to judge all these super Somalis and to my lovely steward, Felicity MacKenzie who kept me on track through a very busy but most enjoyable day.

OPEN CLASSES.

AC SOMALI GRAND PREMIER MALE.

IMP.GPC. STABLES' IMP.GR.PR. MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG 63 MN – 26.10.03. Looking really spectacular today, a mature cat of superb quality and wonderful temperament. He has great line, balance and elegance as well as a relaxed and confident temperament and the ability, essential at this level, to show himself off. Lovely type, beautiful soft gleaming coat with extensive black ticking over warm apricot base, full mane & breeches, full heels & long brush of tail. Handsome head, gently contoured, ears large and well furnished, large & expressive almond shaped eyes, good nose break & the essential Somali smile.

RES.IMP.GPC. WATTS' CH. & IMP.GR.PR.EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL 63c MN – 15.7.05. Looking as smart as ever but not showing himself off so well today, a superb example of his breed. Very strongly grown and masculine looking yet retaining the essential elegance, he was in full coat today. Lovely defined head, a strong moderate wedge with the breadth of the muzzle giving the Somali "smile", lovely large ears beautifully set and bearing long curling furnishings, large almond shaped eyes obliquely set, good nose break and firm chin. Beautiful full soft coat with extensive strong blue ticking, full mane framing the head and lavish breeches topping the blue heels marked to the hocks. Strong muscular torso and long plume of tail. Warm oatmeal base coat, just a little pale on the torso.

AC SOMALI GRAND PREMIER FEMALE.

IMP.GPC. STABLES' IMP.GR.CH. & GR.PR.CANONNA MERLIESIN MELODY 63b FN – 15.7.99. Nearly eleven years old, still looking stunning and in wonderful condition. Her shining coat sparkles with dark chocolate ticking over a glowing apricot base coat and her head shows lovely breadth and gentle contours. Feminine and elegant, body firm, limbs long with very well tufted paws and full brush of tail, a fraction short for perfect balance. Ears beautifully set and furnished, lovely large almond shaped eyes set obliquely, good nose break and generously curved muzzle.

RES.IMP.GPC. HACK'S GR.PR. & CH.SUPATOFT BRIOCHE 63 FN – 7.10.03. A slightly anxious girl who was happier in her pen. Very feminine & elegant, balanced & stylish. Pretty head with large well set ears, tufted & furnished, large expressive almond shaped eyes set obliquely, good nose break and a little fine in the muzzle but still with a smiling expression. Very full coat sparkling with black ticking, a well defined spine line and balanced brush of tail ending in black tip. Limbs slim and elegant with neat tufted paws, body lithe, heels black to the hocks and facial pencilling nicely delineated. Full ruff and breeches, faint broken necklace and some seasonal grey evident on the chest.

USUAL SOMALI ADULT FEMALE.

BOB.WATTS' IMP.GR.CH.BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI 63 F – 4.9.03. A beautiful mature female of superb type. Lovely head with gentle smiling expression and gentle contours, showing breadth between large well set ears, tufted and furnished, and generous curves to the muzzle. Lovely large almond shaped eyes with oblique set, nose well defined with good break, level bite and chin a little fine. Good substance with body firm, limbs slim and elegant, lovely long tufts to neat oval paws and brush of tail, a fraction short for perfect balance. Beautiful full coat of outstanding texture, shining with health and glowing with colour showing rich deep apricot base and sparkling with black ticking. The strong pencilling on the face, framed with a full mane, and the full black heels topped with lavish apricot breeches, complete the picture.

AOO (EX.SILVER) SOMALI ADULT MALE.

1ST,CC & BOB.BULLIVANT'S BARANCHRI HORUS 63e M – 21.4.09. A handsome and elegant boy, very alert and interested. Lovely large ears that are nicely cupped, well furnished and with tiny tufts, well set to show the crescent rear profile, large eyes of almond shape obliquely set, good nose break, level bite and very slightly fine in the chin. Nice generous head contours giving a smiling expression. Lovely long slim legs, neat tufted paws with pinkish pads and heels well marked to the hocks with dark fawn, body lithe & muscular and super long brush of tail. Warm oatmeal base coat very well ticked with darker fawn, ruff and breeches. Lovely temperament, he certainly knows how to show himself off – what a poser!

AOO (EX.SILVER) SOMALI ADULT FEMALE.

1ST & CC.FRANCIS' VANGELRE TRUFFLE 63b F – 12.10.06. Quite a finely built female who was a little nervous today. Large tufted ears, furnished and well set, almond shaped eyes are a little deep set giving a heavy browed impression, gentle nose break emphasised by the bump below and level bite. Very elegant, with slim limbs and neat tufted paws, lithe body and lovely full brush of tail with dark chocolate tip. Not in full coat today, the base coat was a very bright pale apricot showing good contrast with the dark chocolate ticking, facial pencilling well defined and with full heels.

AOO (EX.SILVER) SOMALI NEUTER MALE.

1ST & PC.CHILCOTT'S EMANAN NANUQ 63e MN – 9.6.09. An adorable and cuddly lad with a gentle smiling expression. For his age, he has an exceptional full and very soft coat with a pale oatmeal base and extensive powdery ticking of warm fawn, defined by a fawn spine line extending to the tail tip. Handsome head framed by a full ruff, with large well furnished ears nicely set, eyes oblique, good nose break, level bite and firm chin. Generous head contours. Very balanced and well grown, long slim limbs, feet tufted, heels fully marked, body lithe, muscular and elegant and tail long and well furnished.

BOB. WATTS' CH.& IMP.GR.PR.EMANAN BOOTSTAP BILL 63c MN – 15.7.05.

AOO (EX.SILVER) SOMALI NEUTER FEMALE.

1ST & PC.STABLES' IMP.GR.CH. & GR.PR.MERLIESIN MELODY 63b FN – 15.7.99.

2ND.JONES' PR.ADTRESH HALI 63c FN - 9.6.03. Pretty chatty female, very elegant and of good substance. Beautiful set to the large well furnished ears which are nicely cupped, large green eyes of almond shape and oblique set, most expressive, gentle nose break with a slight bump below, level bite. Long slim limbs, neat tufted paws, body lithe and brush of tail to balance. Full coat, well ticked with blue although the undercoat on the torso lacks warmth and is very pale, with ruff and shaggy breeches topping blue heels marked to the hocks.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES.

AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE ADULT.

1ST.FRANCIS' VANGELRE TRUFFLE 63b F – 12.10.06.

AC SOMALI NOVICE KITTEN.

MELIA'S SUPATOFT TIKA MASALA 63 F – 20.9.09. Beautiful affectionate kitten with a smiling expression. Lovely large ears with tiny tufts at the tips and well furnished, showing the correct crescent shape to rear profile, large dark almond shaped eyes, gentle break to the nose and moderate gentle contours to the head. Well grown with firm limbs, tufted feet, muscular body and balanced length of full tail. Coat soft and fine, very well ticked with black on quite a pale apricot base coat. Promising kitten.

SOMALI WITH THE BEST HEELS.

1ST.MELIA'S CH.& GR.PR.ASTROKINI NEXUS 63b MN – 14.4.00.

MURIEL HARVEY MEMORIAL CLASS – AC SOMALI ADULT.

1ST.WATTS' IMP.GR.CH.BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI 63 F – 4.9.03.

PREFIX PAIRS.

A great pleasure to judge this class but it was a difficult task to choose between them. My main criterion was consistency of type in the pairs, what one could call a “breeder’s signature” while retaining all of the essential points of the breed.

1st BRIZLINCOAT- IMP.GR.CH.BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI 63 F – 4.9.03.
BRIZLINCOAT BLU CHANTRELL 63c F – 11.9.09.

In spite of a six year difference in age, it was obvious that this pair came from the same breeder and they epitomised all that is lovely about Somalis. Lovely moderate type with gentle head contours and the vital “smile”, fantastic ticking, substantial yet elegant and both were superb examples of their respective colours. I have judged the usual female on many occasions and always loved her and the blue kitten was an absolute stunner showing amazing ticking and that elusive warm oatmeal base coat throughout.

2nd EMANAN – CH & IMP.GR.PR. EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL 63c MN – 15.7.05.
EMANAN CHOCOLATE SENSATION 63b F – 29.7.09.

These two ran the winner very close. The age difference highlighted one of the distinctive points of their breeding which is the lovely soft texture of their well ticked and very full coats. Super strong type with excellent bone, elegant, lithe & smiling and their heads framed by full ruffs, finishing them beautifully.

3rd EMANAN – GR.PR.EMANAN DAVY JONES 63 MN – 15.7.05.
EMANAN NANUQ 63e MN – 9.6.09.

These two lads also benefitted from the profuse soft coats common to this prefix and both had the most gentle and affectionate temperaments and lovely smiling expressions. Very good similar type, excellent substance and style, the usual lad a little plump.

HP MISCELLANEOUS.

AC JUNIOR ADULT.

1ST DUNSTALL’S PICKWICK (SH SEAL BI-COLOUR MN – 9 MONTHS) Lovely cat, tall and elegant and most distinctively marked with a striking balanced inverted V and a sweet worried expression. Lovely expressive deep blue eyes and wonderful affectionate temperament. Very well grown for his age.

2ND.WEBB’S PURRCY (SH GINGER & WHITE MN – 10 MONTHS) Not much more than a kitten but very sturdy. Beautiful dark amber eyes with a loving expression and attractive white inverted V. Slim elegant legs & neat paws, nicely defined red tabby markings on pale apricot base colour long banded tail.

3RD.HUTCHISON’S Mc LEON (SH TABBY MN – 1 YEAR 10 MONTHS)

AC SENIOR ADULT.

1ST.McCONNELL’S SAPHIE (SH GREY FN – 3 YEARS) Lovely chunky female with a beautiful dense blue coat in wonderful condition, substantial and muscular in the body and with strongly boned limbs. Pretty gently rounded head shape and sweet open expression.

BEST GROOMED SH ADULT OR KITTEN.

1ST.McCONNELL’S SAPHIE (SH GREY FN – 3 YEARS)

2ND.TALBOYS’ Mc ORLANDO (SH RED TABBY MN – 2 YEARS) Very lithe and svelte lad with a lovely mackerel patterned coat. Muscular body and strongly boned elegant limbs and a sweet shy nature.

3RD.HUTCHISON’S Mc LEON (SH TABBY MN – 1 YEAR 10 MONTHS).