

Somali Cat Club 17.03.07

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Many thanks to Shelagh & Kit and the Somali CC Committee for the invitation to judge. A very enjoyable show with some lovely examples of the breed to judge. The lunch was delicious and the show had a friendly atmosphere typical of a small breed show. Thanks to my husband Keith for stewarding and keeping me company and to the exhibitors for bringing their cats.

OPEN CLASSES

AC SOMALI CHAMPION MALE

GCC TAYLOR'S CH BRIZLINCOAT BEAU GESTE (63) 29.05.04 Usual

A very handsome boy with an excellent temperament and shown in lovely condition. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours and excellent width between the ears tapering to a broad rounded muzzle with a lovely Somali "smile". Good nose break to the profile and excellent chin, deep & firm. Bite a little messy but acceptable. Large cupped & well-set ears and large expressive eyes of a rounded almond shape in an oblique setting. Elegant & muscular body of medium build and of a good weight for his size. Elegant limbs with oval paws and long tail that is thicker at the base. Silky & fine coat that lies close along the spine with a good ruff and lovely bushy tail. Clearly ticked with black on an apricot base though for perfection his coat could be a richer overall colour and it was slightly grey at the roots in places. Darker spine line, black heels and tail tip. Creamy-coloured lips and chin. My first cat of the day and a lovely way to start, such wonderful type! He was later my choice for BIS Adult and I was delighted for his owner & breeder when he became Overall BIS. Congratulations!

AC SOMALI CHAMPION FEMALE

GCC STABLE'S IGRCH CANONNA MERLIESIN MELODY (63b) 15.07.99 Chocolate

A mature girl of 8 years shown in excellent condition. Broad head, a moderate wedge with rounded contours tapering to a lovely broad rounded muzzle via a whisker indentation. High rounded forehead, good profile and firm chin. Level bite. Large cupped ears set wide apart with inner furnishing but no tufts. Large eyes of good set & shape. Well-grown elegant body of medium build with elegant limbs and oval paws. Bushy tail that could be a fraction longer for balance. Well-prepared coat, silky & fine and dense with dark chocolate ticking on an apricot base with a rich overall colour. Darker spine line and chocolate tail tip, chest practically clear. Pale lips and chin. She was ok to handle though happier when in her pen.

RGCC WATTS'S GR CH BRIZLINCOAT TOOMAI (63) 04.09.03 Usual

A mature girl of 3 years with a full coat of a lovely rich overall colour. Head a moderate wedge with good width between the ears tapering to a rounded muzzle that ideally could be a little broader. Level bite and deep chin that rounds off a touch. Large cupped ears set wide apart and large eyes that were a little full when she was out but a rounded almond shape when she relaxed. Muscular body of medium build with quite long legs and tapering tail with good thickness at the base but it is a fraction short for balance. Dense coat with a lovely ruff to frame the face but the texture was a fraction harsh along the spine. Rich apricot base coat with subtle black ticking though very slightly grey next to the skin. Darker spine line and black tail tip. Good colour to the chin. She was a bit of a wriggle but ok to handle.

USUAL SOMALI KITTEN, FEMALE

A difficult class.

1ST & BOB BARNES'S MAKEITSO RUBYTUESDAY 18.09.06

The oldest kitten in the class, just a day short of 6 months and well-grown and a good weight for her size. Head a little out of balance at present; she is probably going through a developmental stage. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours tapering to a rounded muzzle. Good nose break to the

profile but a small nose bump detracts. Level bite. Very large, cupped ears set wide apart and expressive eyes of a lovely deep colour already. Long elegant body with limbs and tail to balance. Silky & fine coat that lies close along the spine with the length developing and some bushiness to the tail. Lovely rich apricot colour to the base coat and underparts with well-defined black ticking. Slightly darker spine line and black tail tip. Rather heavy but well-broken necklet. A sweet girl who was very easy to handle. She later became BIS Kitten, congratulations to her breeder/owners!

2ND TAYLOR'S BRIZLINCOAT AVANDA 18.11.06

A baby kitten of 3 months with a lovely sweet expression. Head a moderate wedge tapering to a rounded muzzle via a whisker indentation. Good nose break to the profile & deep chin that rounds off a touch. Level bite. Large cupped & pricked ears set wide apart and expressive eyes that ideally could be larger but the shape & set is good. Eye colour developing, a muddy colour at present. Body of medium build and a good weight for her size. Elegant limbs with oval paws and long tail to balance. Silky & fine coat with the length developing with the beginnings of a ruff and some bushiness to the tail. Black ticking developing on an apricot base with a rich colour to the head and along the spine. Black tail tip and chest practically clear. An alert lively kitten with a charismatic nature and lots of promise.

3RD AMOR'S BRIZLINCOAT BELLOFTHEBALL 05.11.06

A slightly older kitten though not so well grown as Avanda. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours tapering to a rounded muzzle that could be broader. Good nose break to the profile and level bite but her chin could be stronger. Large cupped ears set wide apart and expressive eyes of almond shape. Body of medium build with elegant limbs and a long tail. Silky & fine coat with the length developing. Good ticking for her age but on a pale base coat so a cold overall colour at present. Darker spine line and black tail tip. Faint fuzzy necklet that is just about broken. A lively little girl who was a little apprehensive at first but happy once she had been handled. She then grew in confidence and set about demolishing her pen!

4TH WATTS'S BRIZLINCOAT LUCY LOCKET 22.10.06

A well-grown kitten of 4 months and of a good weight for her size. She was a little apprehensive and so not showing to her advantage though ok to handle. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours and tapering via a whisker indentation to a rounded muzzle. Good nose break in profile and deep chin that falls away a little. Bite verging on being undershot at present but probably due to teething. Large cupped ears set wide apart with inner furnishing but no tufts. Eyes of good shape & set but could be a little larger for balance. Good amber eye colour developing. Body of medium build with elegant limbs & oval paws and a quite long tail. Silky & fine coat that lies close along the spine with the length developing. Black ticking starting to develop. Black tail tip.

USUAL SOMALI NEUTER, MALE

1ST PC & BOB STABLES'S GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG 26.10.03

A very handsome fellow with an excellent temperament and shown in beautiful condition. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours and good width between the ears. Good nose break in profile and deep firm chin. Level bite. Large cupped ears and large expressive eyes of good shape & set. Strong muscular body of medium build with elegant limbs and long tapering tail with a black tip. Beautiful coat, silky & fine with a ruff, breeches and bushy tail. Lovely rich & warm overall colour with distinct black ticking on an apricot base. Darker spine line, black heels and tail tip and practically clear chest. He later went on to become BIS Neuter making it a clean sweep for the usuals. Congratulations to his owner/breeders, a well deserved win!

2ND MORRISON'S EMANAN DAVEY JONES'S 15.07.05

A large, well-grown boy with a lovely rich overall colour to his coat. Head a broad moderate wedge with rounded contours and good width between the ears tapering via a whisker indentation to a rounded muzzle. Slight nose break to the profile and his chin falls away a little. Large cupped ears with small tufts and set wide apart. Large expressive eyes. Slightly heavy body of medium build with elegant limbs and a quite long tail. Well-prepared coat, silky & fine with a lovely glossy sheen and

lying close along the spine. Some ruff and a bushy tail. Clearly ticked with black on an apricot base with a hint of grey next to the skin. Chest practically clear.

3RD LYALL'S BRIZLINCOAT ZULU CHIEF 20.12.00

A large & well-grown mature fellow of 6 years. Head a moderate wedge with good width between the ears tapering to a rounded muzzle but his chin slopes off a little. Large cupped & pricked ears set wide apart and large greeny-coloured eyes of a rounded almond shape. Long muscular body with limbs and tail to balance. Coat moulting rather heavily at present but clearly ticked with black on an apricot base though with some pale grey at the roots. Darker spine line and black tail tip. Chest practically clear and rich apricot colour to the underparts. He had a bit of a grumble and was not in the best of moods but was ok to handle.

ALSO CONSIDERED FOR BOB

HACK'S PR SUPATOFT ZUKINI PEPERONI 07.02.01

An elegant boy with good type and a rich overall colour but he was rather grumpy and didn't have the style of the open class winner.

USUAL SOMALI NEUTER, FEMALE

1ST (PC WITHHELD) CHILCOTT'S EMANAN SHADYLADY 06.11.03

A very elegant & pretty girl of 3 years. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours and good width between the ears though her muzzle could be a little broader. Large cupped ears with inner furnishing but no tufts. Large expressive eyes of an almond shape in an oblique setting. Bite appeared to be level but very few incisors remaining. Elegant & muscular body with long limbs and oval paws. Long tapering tail but unfortunately with a fixed deviation about half an inch from the tip. Dense coat that was moulting a little but clearly ticked with black on an apricot base. Darker spine line and black tail tip. Pale colour to the lips and chin which extends down the neck. Quite good facial markings. A sweet friendly girl who was nicely presented. Sorry to withhold the certificate, which was because of her tail, however I compensated by making her my judge's favourite!

AOC SOMALI NEUTER, MALE

Unfortunately something had upset the three blue boys in this class making it difficult to assess them fully when I got to them and this affected their placings.

1ST PC & BOB TAYLOR'S GR PR BRIZLINCOAT CREAM COUGAR (63g) 11.08.02 Cream

A handsome boy, elegant & muscular who shows himself very well. Head a broad moderate wedge with rounded contours. Slight nose break in profile and shallow but acceptable chin. Bite a little messy but ok. Cupped ears set wide apart but they could be larger. Large greeny-coloured eyes of almond shape in an oblique setting. Muscular body of medium build with long elegant limbs and long bushy tail. Silky & fine coat of a good length with a soft & warm overall colour. Subtle cream ticking on a pale cream base. Shown in lovely condition and easy to handle.

2ND TOLHURST'S ADVISH MISTLETOE BLUE (63c) 19.02.06 Blue

A large well-grown young boy of 14 months. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours and a broad muzzle. Lovely teeth and level bite. Level bite with lovely teeth. Large cupped ears set wide apart and large expressive eyes though they are a little rounded in shape. Strong muscular body with long legs & oval paws. Long, quite bushy tail with a blue tip. Coat of a shorter length at present but clearly ticked with blue on a mushroom base and a warm colour to the underparts.

3RD WATTS'S CH & PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL (63c) 15.07.05

A handsome boy with a lovely strong masculine head with good width between the ears tapering to a broad muzzle though his chin rounds off a touch. Cupped ears set wide apart and large expressive eyes. Well grown muscular body and long tapering tail. Silky & fine coat with a ruff framing the face, full breeches and very bushy & soft tail. Warm colour to the underparts but rather pale base coat on the body ticked with blue. Darker spine line and blue tail tip.

4TH CARPENTER'S BRIZLINCOAT OUTOF THEBLUE (63c) 18.02.06

Another grumbly boy who wasn't in the best of moods though he did come out of his pen briefly. Expressive head, a moderate wedge with a slight nose break in profile. Level bite. Large cupped ears set wide apart and very expressive eyes of a good colour. Strong muscular body with long limbs & tail to balance. Silky & fine coat clearly ticked with blue on a mushroom base.

AOO SOMALI NEUTER, FEMALE

1ST PC JONES'S PR MERLIESIN ROSHANA (63bt) 03.03.02 Chocolate Tortie

A shy girl who preferred to hide under her blanket. Head a moderate wedge with rounded contours though I would prefer a little more length. Pronounced nose break to the profile, deep firm chin and level bite. Cupped ears set wide apart and green eyes that are a touch rounded in shape. Well-grown body of medium build with elegant limbs and a quite long tail. Coat of a shorter length at present with some ruff and a quite bushy tail. Rich overall colour and clearly ticked with red and dark chocolate. Chocolate tail tip

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

AC SOMALI BREEDERS ADULT

1ST TAYLOR'S CH BRIZLINCOAT BEAU GESTE

2ND BARNES'S CH MAKEITSO RO LAREN (63) F Usual

An elegant girl of 2 years with a sweet nature. I had this girl in my Grand class. I liked her type but her coat is not at its best at present. Head a moderate wedge tapering via a whisker indentation to a rounded muzzle. Large cupped ears set wide apart and large, expressive almond-shaped eyes of a greeny colour. Elegant body of medium build with long limbs and tail. Coat of a shorter length at present with only a slight ruff and some bushiness to the tail. Coat mainly silky & fine, just a little harsher down the spine. Clearly ticked with black but the base is a pale apricot and the overall effect could be richer. Good facial markings, slightly darker spine line and black heels and tail tip.

3RD BARNES'S GR CH MAKEITSO ANNIKA HANSEN (63a) F Sorrel

A well-grown mature girl of 6 years, very well fed with rather a large tummy at present! Head a moderate wedge with good width between the ears tapering to a rounded muzzle. Quite good chin and deep nose break to the profile. Cupped ears set very wide apart and expressive eyes of a good deep green colour. Silky & fine coat of a rich overall colour with cinnamon ticking on an apricot base. Slight ruff and bushy tail. A wriggly girl but she was ok to handle.

AC SOMALI DEBUTANTE KITTEN

1ST AMOR'S BRIZLINCOAT BELLOFTHEBALL

2ND BURNS'S ADSETSH BO JANNGLES (63a) M Sorrel

A baby boy of 3 months with a sweet expression. Head a moderate wedge with good width between the ears but I would prefer a broader muzzle and more of a nose break in profile. Level bite and good chin. Large cupped ears set wide apart and very expressive eyes of a muddy colour at present. Elegant body with long limbs & tail. Silky & fine coat with the length developing with bushiness to the tail beginning to develop. Rich overall colour with cinnamon ticking starting to develop on a bright apricot base. Cinnamon tail tip.

3RD WATTS'S BRIZLINCOAT LUCY LOCKET

AC SOMALI LIMIT KITTEN

1ST FITTEN'S FINEARTE GIZMO (63c) F Blue

A nicely grown, older kitten of 7 months. Head a moderate wedge with good width between the ears and a broad rounded muzzle. Good nose break in profile but her chin falls away. Large cupped ears set wide apart and large almond-shaped eyes with the colour developing. Well-grown, elegant &

muscular body with long limbs and tail. Silky & fine coat of a soft & warm overall colour. Warm colour to the underparts with a paler mushroom base on the body. Good blue ticking for her age. Good facial markings and unmarked chest. A sweet gentle girl who was easy to handle.

AC SOMALI SPECIAL LIMIT NEUTER

1ST HACK'S PR SUPATOFT ZUKINI PEPERONI (63) MN Usual

AV SENIOR NEUTER

1ST STABLES'S GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG

SOMALI WITH THE BEST BREECHES & BRUSH

1ST WATTS'S CH & PR EMANAN BOOTSTRAP BILL

Beautifully-prepared coat with lovely full breeches and a splendid tail, very soft and bushy with a blue tail tip.

2ND STABLES'S PR MERLIESIN MACAVITY (63fs) Red Silver

He too had been beautifully-prepared. A silky & fine coat with good breeches and long bushy tail though it was not quite as impressive as the winner's.

FRIENDLIEST CAT

1ST STABLES'S GR PR MERLIESIN CAISEAL BEAG

2ND CHILCOTT'S EMANAN SHADYLADY

3RD STONE'S GR CH & GR PR BRIZLINCOAT FLEUR (63a) Sorrel

NON PEDIGREE

OPEN CLASSES

TABBY OR TABBY & WHITE ADULT

1ST SYMONDS'S CHARLIE MN

A large impressive brown tabby boy though elegant with long legs & tail. Expressive head with bright eyes of a greeny colour. Dense well-prepared coat. A gentle boy who was very easy to handle.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

BEST GROOMED LH OR SLH ADULT OR KITTEN

1ST TAYLOR'S FLUFFY

AC ADULT OR KITTEN LIVING WITHIN 25 MILES

1ST SYMONDS'S CHARLIE

2ND TAYLOR'S SOOTY

A sweet young boy of 2 years with a gentle nature. An elegant well-grown boy of a good weight for his size. Bright green eyes with a sweet expression. Short glossy black coat though moulting a little at present.

AC ADULT OR KITTEN THE JUDGE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HOME

1ST TAYLOR'S FLUFFY

A black boy of 2 years with a semi-longhair coat that was shiny & black and free of knots. Lovely long bushy tail. A well-grown boy shown in lovely condition. Expressive eyes that were bright and clear and of a greeny colour. A gentle loving boy who was easy to handle. He was enjoying his day out watching the birds in the garden outside!