

A real pleasure and honour to be invited to judge at the show. My thanks to Colm and the committee for the invitation to judge and super hospitality. Claudia Wagner stewarded for me looking after the cats and myself with great skill and care.

Section 4 Hibernian Grand Champion

HGC HOWARD'S HibGrCh&Int Ch COCO WAVE CULT (CRX n 03, M, 18/10/2021)

Well grown, Black and White Bicolour Cornish Rex boy. His head is medium wedge, for absolute perfection I would have like just a little more width, it narrows gently to a rounded muzzle. High cheekbones, a flat top of head with a gentle curve to the brow with a straight profile to the nose tip. His ears are very large and of the desired mussel shell shape and set high on the head and at a slight angle. Eyes, oval in shape, set with a slight slant to the edge of the ear. Firm chin a level bite, quite long, very slightly crinkled, curved white whiskers. Elegant neck leading to a slender, medium sized body, with good muscle tone, with just a slight tuck up, making his long, slim legs, look a little longer than they actually are, they end in small oval paws. Long, tapering tail, shows clean stud tail growing out, at the base of the tail. Coat has good density with a silken texture. The neck, shoulders and body are evenly covered with slightly loose waves which extend down the legs., some rexing on the head. The tail is well covered with waves, apart from the area recovering from stud tail. Underneath is covered in loose waves. No guard hairs evident. A relaxed and happy boy who handled well out of the pen.

Grand 4A Champion

GC HEALY'S Ch DANAKIL'S GERONIMO (ABY n, M, 28/10/2022)

Usual Male Abyssinian. A really super example of the breed, with really good type overall. His head is a balanced modified wedge. Large ears of very good shape and set. Rounded almond shaped eyes, Profile has a clear nose break, whisker indent evident, a firm chin and a level bite. Muscular body of good length and bone structure. Matching legs and small oval paws, a balanced, tapering tail. Clear facial markings, some cream on the lips and chin. Free of any dark roots, leg barring or necklets. Well ticked on a warm apricot groundcoat. Faint black spine line, solid black tail tip, some black on the hocks. A really super boy, a little uptight but handled well, he deservedly went on to win reserve overall best in show

Cornish Rex Adult

BoB HOWARD'S HibGrCh&Int Ch COCO WAVE CULT (CRX n 03, M, 18/10/2021)

See above

Sphynx Adult

1st CC & BoB GLEESON'S IRENOVFO WESTA (SPH n 33, F, 23/05/2021)

Seal colourpoint female Sphynx. A balanced head, with a modified wedge with gentle curves. Large well set ears of good shape and very well set. Lemon shaped eyes, clear blue in colour, set at an angle. Good profile with a slight nose break, a clear whisker break, fair depth of chin with a slight scissor bite, although still level. Medium to long body with a muscular yet elegant, commensurate long legs, neat oval paws, long toes and deep paw pads. Slender tail, balancing the body for length, fused at the tip but not a fixed deviation. Evenly covered in fine down with just a little heavier down evident on the face, some guard hairs on the spine. A friendly girl who handled very well indeed.

Brown (Black) Spotted Bengal Adult

1st CC & BoB FLEMING'S EDENGARDENS QUEENA OF LYNAVIDS (BEN n 24, F, 30/11/2023)

Brown spotted Bengal male who has very good overall Bengal conformation. His head is a broad wedge with gentle contours just a little long for perfect balance. Medium-small ears of good shape, well set, large slightly almond shaped eyes, set at an angle, golden-hazel in colour. Profile shows a gentle curve from brow to the nose, strong muzzle with prominent whisker pads, a strong chin and a level bite. Well grown body with commensurate legs and large round paws. Thick even tail in balance with the body for length. Clear facial markings, white on lips chin and throat. His body is covered with rosettes and arrowheads and discrete spots underneath. Basecoat does need more warmth on the flanks. Short coat, soft and dense, with a soft feel to it. A very vocal lad, not unhappy he just wanted everyone to know he was there. Handled well.

Singapura Kitten

1st & BoB FRENCH'S JANAMEL STARBUG (SIN, MN, 31/01/2024)

Medium sized Singapura neutered boy with good muscle tone and good weight for his age. Head has good Singapura expression, with a rounded skull of good width. Large expressive eyes, a hazely-green in colour. Large well set ears. Rounded forehead profile shows a clear stop, straight nose, a firm chin and a level bite with a strong whisker break. Matching tapering legs with small oval feet. Slender tail long and slender reaching to his ears. Distinct cheetah lines on the face, complete nose liner. Warm salmon tones to the nose and ears. Leg barring on inner front legs and smudges on the outer rear ones. Short fine coat with a silky feel, warm ivory well ticked in sepia. Dark tail tip and brown spurs. A relaxed and friendly chap.

Brown (Black) Spotted Bengal Neuter Male

1st PC & BoB SENKEVIC'S Pr SOULAMBER WINSTON (BEN n 24, MN, 29/04/2023)

Male neuter Brown spotted Bengal with pleasing balanced conformation. His head has a broad wedge with gentle contours. Well set small-medium ears of good shape, large oval eyes, well set, golden-hazel in colour. The profile shows a gentle curve from the forehead to the nose, strong muzzle with well grown whisker pads, a firm chin and a level bite. Firm body with matching legs and large round feet. Thick even tail in proportion to the underlying body structure for length. Clear facial markings, well covered with rosettes and arrowheads with single spots on the underparts. on a warm, basecoat with some glitter. Short, soft coat, soft with fair density. A relaxed and friendly boy who handled well.

Brown (Black) Spotted Bengal Neuter Female

1st PC FLEMING'S STAMFORDIA LIGHT OF MINE (BEN n 24, FN, 11/03/2023)

A very angry girl but she did condense to handle. Brown Spotted Bengal female. Balanced head with a broad wedge. Good top of head, medium ears, well set. Large, slightly full, oval eyes, well set. Profile has a distinct dip. The muzzle could be a little stronger and quite good whisker pads, a firm chin bite level. Long, firm body with strong well balanced legs and large paws. The tail a little short for balance and could be a little thicker. Good facial markings. Well covered in a mixture of rosettes and arrowheads, on a fawn ground coat, which could be warmer, discrete spots underneath. Spine line broken up. Soft coat, fine and dense, some glitter on the legs. Very unhappy out of the pen and refused to let me assess her bite. Mostly judged in the pen. Mainly judged in the pen.

Asian SH Tabby (Spotted, Classic, Mackerel or Ticked) Kitten

1st BoB REDMOND'S JOYEUX JEWEL (ASH f 25, F, 28/03/2024)

Tortie Ticked Tabby Asian girl. An attractive lass with a pleasing Asian expression. Well grown for her age with a firm muscular medium body, with breadth across the chest. Slender commensurate legs with neat oval paws. Tail balances the body for length, gently tapering to the tip. Head is a short broad wedge with a good depth to the skull. rounded of head with medium-large ears of good shape, tilted slightly forward and well set. Bright greenish yellow eyes, large with a gently curve to the upper lid and a deeper lower one. Profile shows a clear nose break, I would like a little more depth of chin but the bite is level. Broad muzzle with well grown whisker pads, slight rise to the nose. Pleasingly distinct facial markings, an evident skull cap, a broken necklace and faint leg bars. Very clearly ticked on a well mingled groundcoat. A very a relaxed and friendly girl who handled very well

Asian SH Self / Tortie / Smoke inc Bombay & BCR Neuter

1st PC & BoB FRENCH'S TEMPLEBAR FABULOUS THUNDERBIRD (ASH a 31, MN, 08/07/2023)

Blue Asian Self with Burmese Colour Restriction. Rather a fraction short in the head for absolute perfection, rounded top of head. Ears medium sized and well set. Eyes a little full from the desired Asian type, hazel with a green inner ring. Profile shows a clear nose break, short blunt nose level chin and a level bite. Muscular medium body proportionate slim legs with neat oval paws. Tail in proportion to the body for length, medium thickness with a blunt tip. Sound mid blue coat. Short and fine with a good texture. Happy to come out and handled well.

2nd SHACKLETON & SHACKLETON'S TEMPLEBAR FUN BOY FINN (ASH n 31, MN, 08/07/2023)

Brown Asian Self with Burmese Colour Restriction. Head of reasonable Asian type if a little long in the nose. Medium ears, well set. Eyes a little full, a chartreuse- hazel in colour. Good profile, fair depth of chin and a level bite. Rathe plump medium body but with a basic good bone structure, this makes his tail appear shorter than it actually is. Very good coat texture, short fine and silky. A bit of a grumbler but eventually stood very well and handled well.

3 FRENCH'S TEMPLEBAR EAGER BEAVER (ASH n 31, MN, 11/08/2022)

A very angry lad and rather than upset him he was judged in the pen. Overall, a very plump lad who has lost the elegance of the breed. Coat very dark nearly black. Eyes very full, nearly round, hazel in colour, bite not assessed. Not a happy boy.

Non-Pedigree Pet Shorthair Self (Single Colour) with or without White Male

1st BoC O CONNELL'S STOUT (NPS n, MN, 21/08/2023)

A really attractive boy a pleasing expression. Striking green eyes. A glossy jet black with a few white hairs in the bib his coat has a wonderful feel to it, very soft and silky. Initially he seemed overawed by the show but quickly settled and handled well.

Non-Pedigree Pet Shorthair Self (Single Colour) with or without White Female

1st DALY'S ZELDA (NPS n, FN, 19/12/2021)

Not a happy girl largely judged under the blanket, one bit at a time. She was black with white paws and back legs, a white bib and streaks of white on her face, lips and chin. Not an easy girl to judge as she really was worried so I did not get he out of the pen.

Non-Pedigree Pet Shorthair Kitten

1st BoC MURPHY'S DIVA (NPS d 22, F, 01/04/2024)

Classic Red Tabby girl with striking clarity to the pattern, with white feet and a white bib and white on the nose. A real cutie, well grown for her age. A very curious and friendly girl, unphased by the show environment. She was a worthy winner of Overall BIS Non-pedigree exhibit.