

My appreciation to Val, Heather and the Committee for my invitation to judge at this year's Birman, made extra special since it was the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show with all the silver, glitz and glamour that entailed! Thanks also to my hardworking steward, Peter Chaffe of Polapawz Birmans, who came to the show specially to steward today, we had a super day together and I shall look forward to working with you again Peter! The new venue proved easily accessible and popular, with plenty of space, stalls and visitors albeit it was rather cool during the morning. I thought the standard of the exhibits quite the highest it has ever been my privilege to judge and this really made it a most memorable day for me. Thank you exhibitors, for providing such an extravagant array of exquisite Birman delights, magical!

**CLASS 1 AC POINT BIRMAN GRAND CHAMPION MALE**

A fantastic selection of six quality boys to start the day, I really had to be massively picky in making my final choices for this prestigious award. Definitely a clash of the titans!

**IMP GCC, MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S GR CH MLYWARD MLYKO, 13c7, CREAM POINT, 19.04.04**

An extremely handsome, perfectly presented lad. Fabulous head and type, lovely full cheeks, balanced well set ears that are a soft creamy colour. Full cheeks, tapering gently to a firm chin. Expressive almost round eyes, lovely shape and deep South Seas blue colour, albeit his expression was a little fiery this morning. Well grown boy, with a strong body, sturdy limbs and paws and a medium length bushy tail to balance well. Sparkling white tidy gloves and gauntlets. Beautiful condition palest off white coat contrasts delicately with his soft cream points colour, to complete the picture he was wearing a full ruff to frame the head. He really displayed a rather Jekyll and Hyde character, from sitting demurely in his pen and creating exactly the right impression, to posing beautifully whilst I held him and then using some rather choice language when we put him back in his pen! I would definitely say he is a spirited fellow who probably rules the roost at home?!

**RES IMP GCC, WHITEHOUSE'S GR CH WHITECREST RAJAH, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 20.04.07**

This boy looked quite magnificent, it was hard to believe that he is just eighteen months old, he looked so mature and well balanced. Medium sized well set ears. Excellent head shape, broad with full cheeks, just a hint of a nose bump present, reasonable strength to chin. The area around the butterfly and lips is showing some pigmentation loss, but as it is the lips that are pink, this is not a fault, though for me it does detract a little from his appearance. Good depth of colour to blue eyes that occasionally looked a little deep set and not as open as they should be, though this did improve once we had his undivided attention. Well grown boy, excellent length and weight to his body and beautifully balanced with strong sturdy limbs and bushy tail. His deep seal points colour looks fabulous contrasting with thick, pale beige silky coat that was beautifully presented. Sparkling white feet markings, gloves are even, his right gauntlet has a slightly hooked finish, but both are matching length. Well worthy of his award.

**CLASS 6 AOC POINT CHAMPION, FEMALE**

Wow! What a fabulous quality class of ten jaw-droppingly good females, all truly inspiring and where on any other day, I would have been happy to award a certificate to each and every one of them, but once again I had to really "nitpick" to reach my decision, resulting in my having to leave some stunning looking females off the podium today. Apart from my two winners, I particularly liked IGRCH Danleigh Starburst, a beautiful seal tortie girl whose fabulous points colouring looks so enchanting, Gr Ch Mlyward Raspbrin, a seal tabby with the most heartmelting expression and deep almost violet blue eyes, and IGRCH Tinabee Sugar Nspyce, a delightful looking seal tortie tabby.

**GCC, METHVEN'S CH LADYPAWS MARSHMALLOW, 13c10, LILAC TORTIE POINT, 09.02.07**

Fab-u-lous!! Such a charmer and so stylish. As soon as my steward presented her to me, I felt that everything about her just looked "spot-on", she was oozing quality through and through. Lovely head and balance, neat ears, medium length nose with dip to the profile, full cheeks. Wonderful expression from deep blue eyes that gaze serenely at you. Well grown and well proportioned female, good body length and weight, with proportionate thick set limbs and short paws. If I had to fault anything, her tail could be a tad longer for absolute perfection. Her points colouring is stunning, delicate cream and lilac intermingled with just a fairy dusting of lilac on the front left leg, beautifully balanced cream and lilac blaze on her mask. Her coat is in simply glorious condition, exceptionally soft and silky as the softest cloud, and presented to perfection. Very tidy, sparkling white feet markings. My critique on the day says "she's got the look", and she certainly has! I was delighted to hear that she became a grand champion today. Later in the day, I selected her as the best female adult in the show, and to make her owners day absolutely perfect, she then went on to become the overall best in show exhibit! My sincere congratulations to her ecstatic family on your well deserved win. She is simply mouthwateringly good!

**RES GCC, BRIGLIADORI & ROBSON'S I GR CH SHWECHINTHE PELLAGRINA, 13c4, LILAC POINT, 16.04.02**

Another simply stunning female, a beautiful catwalk queen and very difficult decision to split these two today! Excellent Birman type, well balanced ears, super full cheeks and firm chin, level bite albeit one or two front teeth are missing now! She has a most hypnotically impressive expression, from deepest blue almost round eyes. Well balanced and well proportioned girl of good body length and weight, limbs, paws and bushy tail in proportion. Sparkling white feet markings, tidy gloves and medium full gauntlets taper to a point. Her soft lilac points colouring contrasts beautifully with her palest magnolia coat which had been presented to perfection, not a hair out of place. So pretty and very stylish, she ran the winner very close and it was the slightly better body weight and resplendent coat that edged the tortie girl into first place .

**CLASS 54 RED OR CREAM POINT BIRMAN NEUTER, MALE  
PC, ENSOR'S KITTAH ODYSSEUS, 13c5, RED POINT, 25.10.07**

What a wonderful size lad, particularly for his tender age! He has excellent Birman type, and a lovely all round balanced look and poise. Super medium sized ears, full cheeks and medium length nose with just a hint of a nose bump. Expressive deep blue eyes, such a playful look and nature, he was thoroughly enjoying his day out. Very well grown, massive body and excellent weight, well proportioned thick set limbs and paws, bushy tail to balance. Soft red points colouring, mask and tail little deeper in colour than limbs, but still showing lovely contrast with palest off white coat, that was presented to perfection, so soft and silky, and he was wearing a full ruff to frame the head. Generous but even gloves, gauntlets almost match, being long and tapered, the left is very slightly longer than the right. A gentle giant, with a smashing personality. Sincere congratulations to his proud and devoted owners on gaining his Premier title today, thoroughly deserved. I really liked him!

**2<sup>ND</sup>, HALL'S ITSJOY JACOB, 13c5, RED POINT, 31.10.06**

Another handsome boy who did appear to be a little unsure of proceedings today, and initially a little shy whilst being handled. He has good Birman type, with a broad skull, medium sized ears though he did tend to hold them in an upright position a little high on the head, better positioning once he relaxed. Full cheeks tapering to muzzle and chin, muzzle could be a little firmer for perfection. Pleasing almost round eye shape, china blue in colour. Well grown lad, strong and substantial body, proportionate thick set limbs and good paws. Long bushy pale red tail to balance. He has tidy gloves and gauntlets that are pristine white. Wearing a silky pale cream coat that was beautifully groomed to perfection, showing delicate contrast with soft red points colour.

**CLASS 55 RED, CREAM OR TORTIE POINT BIRMAN NEUTER, FEMALE  
BOB, MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S UK IGR CH & IGRPR MLYWARD SASSAFRAS, 13c7, CREAM POINT,  
24.06.99**

A truly scrumptious cream female with excellent Birman type and wonderful features, including her gorgeous deep blue eyes. Well grown and well proportioned female, looking so well balanced and composed. Her palest off-white coat was in sensational condition, silky soft and presented to the last hair, showing exquisite contrast with her even pale cream points. A wonderful mature female, who gives off such a regal air, she knows she looks top class and behaves accordingly.

**CLASS 72 SEAL POINT KITTEN (14 WEEKS – 6 MONTHS) FEMALE  
1<sup>ST</sup>, MASON'S NORVIN AMAZING GRACE, 21.05.08**

An extremely pretty female, glowing with star quality. Very pleasing broad skull, medium sized well placed ears, cheeks already fairly full, medium length nose with slight dip in profile, firm chin. Expressive almost round deep blue eyes. Lovely body size and structure, being quite long and weighty, with proportionate thick set limbs and short paws, bushy tail balances well. Sparkling white feet markings, her gloves are even and well matched, gauntlets are an almost matching length, the left is very slightly shorter and has a more squared off finish than the right. Beautiful pale beige kitten coat contrasts exquisitely with the deep seal points colouring, giving her an enviable aura. She purred throughout her assessment and was delightful to handle.

**CLASS 77 BLUE POINT KITTEN (6-9 MONTHS) MALE  
1<sup>ST</sup>, BUSH'S KUTAZA KITO, 21.02.08**

A promising looking young man, just over eight months old and displaying many quality attributes. Lovely sought after Birman type, his skull is broad and rounded, medium length nose with slight dip in profile, firm chin and level bite. Full cheeks, tapering gently to a well developed chin. His ears are spaced well apart, just looking a fraction large at the moment, as he still grows into them! Excellent structure, very solid feel to his body and limbs, with proportionate bushy tail. Chalk white feet markings, symmetrical gloves and slightly mismatched gauntlets, his right being a little fuller and with more of a squared off finish than the left which tapers well. Well presented, soft kitten coat, bluish white in colour and contrasting with his mid blue points colour. Friendly boy, happy to play and be admired.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, DEAR & COOPER'S PICNMIX VELVET AZURE, 17.04.08**

I loved this boy's stunning expression and deep violet blue eye colour, a really smouldering and romantic look! Very pleasing Birman type, good rounded proportions to head shape, well placed ears that are a fraction large just now, lovely dip to the profile, firm chin and level bite. Well grown boy, nice body size and weight with sturdy limbs and medium length tail to balance. His feet markings are acceptable, even gloves, low but matching socks and medium length gauntlets that have slightly untidy lines. Wearing a soft and silky kitten coat, bluish white and contrasting with points colour. Another happy chap, lovely to handle. A little more attention please to his tummy grooming – it would be beneficial.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, SABERTON'S SAKKARA BUCCA KHAN, 09.04.08**

I really loved the body size, weight and proportions of this young boy, I can imagine he will be more than a handful, more like armfuls of cat, as he grows up! I felt he was just at the stage in his kitten career when different parts of his anatomy are growing at different rates, and he now needs a little more time for his cheeks to fill out to give better balance to his broad head, ears are spaced well apart. Almost round expressive eyes, slightly two tone blue colour. His feet markings are acceptable, the white on his right front is a little more generous than the left, and the colour reaches the stopper pad at the rear, but does not go past. Another promising lad, wearing a beautifully presented silky bluish white coat that contrasts with his mid blue points colour. Wonderful nature.

**CLASS 78 BLUE POINT KITTEN (6-9 MONTHS) FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, WATKINS' KRYSALTOZE ROHESE, 15.03.08**

A gorgeous looking female, showing such promise and balance. Lovely Birman type, the skull is showing breadth and round contours, fairly full cheeks and medium length nose, firm chin. Medium sized ears are spaced well apart. Almost round deep blue eyes, such an endearing expression. Sparkling white feet markings, symmetrical gloves and gauntlets. Well grown female, excellent weight and solid feel to limbs and paws, bushy tail to balance. Excellent presentation of her soft kitten coat, that is bluish white and contrasts well with mid blue points colour. I really thought she was a beautiful kitten, and such a shame that she is currently suffering from light pigmentation loss on her nose leather, where two or three pale pink spots are obvious and a withholding fault had this been an open class. I hope as she grows up, the correct colour returns, as she is otherwise a super example of the breed.

**CLASS 116 AOC POINT VISITORS ADULT, FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, METHVEN'S CH LADYPAWS MARSHMALLOW, SEE CLASS 6**

**2<sup>ND</sup>, WORMALD'S IGRCH DANLEIGH STARBURST, 13c6, SEAL TORTIE POINT, 25.04.04**

I judged this gorgeous female earlier in the day in my fantastic grand class, where she was pipped at the post for a certificate! Excellent Birman type, lovely ears, cheeks and chin, level bite, dip to profile. Almost round eyes, super depth to blue colour. Feminine yet sturdy feel, good body length and weight, proportionate limbs and tail is bushy if slightly brindled. Beautiful intermingling of seal and shades of red to her points, such a lovely mix of colours that enhance her look. Soft and silky pale fawn coat is well presented and contrasts exquisitely with the points.

Generous but acceptable white gloves on her front feet, her gauntlets are good length and fairly full, albeit they have slightly untidy lines. She handled well, although she did like to remind us occasionally that she can be a bit of a 'naughty' tortie!!

**3<sup>RD</sup>, BURMAN'S IGRCH TINABEE SUGAR NSPYCE, 13c16, SEAL TORTIE TABBY POINT, 27.04.04**

A delightful looking girl, who perhaps had other things on her mind today, as she wriggled around constantly during her assessment, determined to try and see who was penned next to her, and using the renowned Birman huff once or twice! Very pleasing Birman type, looking nicely balanced, with well placed medium sized ears, full cheeks tapering to firm chin, medium length nose with dip in profile. Lovely expressive eyes of strong blue colour, albeit slightly deeper blue in centre. Good body size and weight, thick set limbs and proportionate bushy tail. Her feet markings appear to be absolutely fine, though I have to say that because she was a little unco-operative whilst being handled, she was not making our task an easy one! Wonderful condition palest fawn coat with a hint of warmer shading to the back, contrasting well with her points colour, the tortie elements overlaying the tabby patterning quite strongly. She looked really super.

**CLASS 124 AOC POINT BREEDERS KITTEN MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, FRANCIS' NORVIN ROYAL PRIDE, 13c12, BLUE TABBY POINT, 07.06.08**

A most striking looking blue tabby boy, already showing well defined tabby markings, particularly on the mask and front legs. Very good Birman type, with medium sized well placed ears just showing delicate thumb marks. Cheeks are filling out well, tapering gently to a firm chin. Medium length nose with gentle dip in profile. Almost round deep blue eyes, framed by light coloured spectacle markings. Well grown and well proportioned boy, sturdy feel to body and limbs, proportionate medium length tail showing light rings on the underside. Sparkling white feet markings, neat and tidy gloves and socks, gauntlets are just medium in length. Soft, kitten coat is well presented. Lovely friendly nature, a promising future ahead of him I suspect.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, BRIGLIADORI & ROBSON'S SHWECHIN THE FLAPJACK, 13c7, CREAM POINT, 26.04.08**

Another promising youngster, who I judged quite recently at the Caesarea show. Since I saw him last, he really is developing well, with good type, the skull shows breadth and round contours, his cheeks are still filling out, tapering gently to a firm chin, he was a little reluctant to show me his bite today, perhaps he is teething, but it does appear level. His ears are medium in size and spaced fairly well apart, just looking a little tall at the moment. Expressive, almost round blue eyes. Well grown lad, pleasing body length and weight, with proportionate limbs and creamy coloured medium length tail. His gloves are sparkling white and appear to be even if a little generous, gauntlets are long. Delicate pale cream points colouring showing soft contrast with his palest off white coat colour. Lovely relaxed temperament.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, FRANCIS'S NORVIN CROWN JEWELS, 13c12, BLUE TABBY POINT, 07.06.08**

Another handsome looking kitten, a litter brother to my winner. This boy does not quite have the breadth to the skull that his brother has, but he too is another pleasing example of the breed. His ears are looking a little tall at the moment, needs more time for breadth of skull to develop so the ears will drop into a better position. Cheeks filling out well, medium length nose with slight dip in profile, good chin. Almost round, expressive blue eyes. Good body size and weight, well grown and well proportioned. Chalk white feet markings, his left front is slightly higher than the right, socks and gauntlets are even and well matched. Still wearing a soft kittenish coat, very silky texture and contrasting with well defined tabby markings on mask and front legs, lightly ringed tail.

**CLASS 131 AOC POINT DEBUTANTE KITTEN FEMALE**

An inspiring class for the future, and absolute paradise for Birman lovers with eight of the highest quality kittens present, and a sheer delight to judge them all. Thank you exhibitors, and I'm sorry that some delightful young ladies missed out on a place today, I truly was spoilt for choice.

**1<sup>ST</sup>, ATTTY'S SYRALETTE AMETHYST, 13c4, LILAC POINT, 07.07.08**

What a wonderful cutie! She is certainly a 'sugar n'spice' girl with all things nice, an abundance of quality oozing from her young frame and as delightful as chocolate covered marshmallows! Superb type and size, looking well balanced and with a gorgeous heart melting expression. Good strength and contours to head, medium sized ears that are spaced well apart, cheeks fairly full already, medium length nose with slight dip in profile, firm chin. Expressive, deep blue almost round eyes, so hypnotic. Well grown girl of good body size and weight, looking well proportioned and well balanced. Chalk white feet markings, her gloves are even across the front of the paws, just a very slight flick to the outside of the left front, gauntlets appear to be medium length and matching, albeit her points colouring is still coming through on the back feet. Sparkling and tip top coat condition, such a soft and silky texture, contrasting delicately with her pale pinkish grey points colour. A very friendly girl, happy to be cuddled and one I could easily have whisked into my pocket to take home with me – there again, I doubt her owners would have let me!

**2<sup>ND</sup>, METHVEN'S LADYPAWS WHIRLYGIG, 13c11, SEAL TABBY POINT, 09.06.08**

Miss Personality Plus! Her soulful and enchanting expression certainly sold her to me today! A very pretty young lady, of super type. Medium sized ears are spaced well apart, full cheeks tapering gently to a firm chin. Medium length nose with dip to the profile, albeit she does also have a very slight nose bump. Expressive almost round deep blue eyes are framed by light coloured spectacle markings. Sparkling clean white feet, gloves are even and matching, as are her socks and gauntlets. Excellent body size and weight, with proportionate limbs and bushy tail just showing rings on the underside. Well defined tabby markings, from her M marking on the forehead, tabby barrings on the mask and limbs. Soft, pale beige coat was still very kittenish in texture and length. She purred constantly throughout, wonderful temperament.

**EXTRA 2<sup>ND</sup>, FRANCIS' NORVIN STARCHASER, 13c12, BLUE TABBY POINT, 07.06.08**

I note from my catalogue that this young lady is the litter sister to two of the boys in the previous class, what a tabby thrill for her breeder! Another promising kitten, with many endearing qualities shining through. Lovely Birman type and size, nicely balanced ears, full cheeks and medium length nose with dip to profile. Fabulous deep blue eye colour, such a gorgeous expression. Good body size and weight, looking well balanced and composed. She has tidy gloves, her gauntlets are slightly off centre and are a little on the short side. Beautiful contrast between her blue tabby markings and her palest bluish white coat that was soft, silky and well presented. Another very relaxed kitten, enjoying her day out.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, PLATT'S PENBERIS FIORDILIGI, 13c6, SEAL TORTIE POINT, 11.05.08**

A very pretty and feminine looking youngster, who looked and is beautiful! I really liked her type and size, with a well proportioned body for length and weight, lovely Birman type and stunning deep blue eye colour. She was presented to absolute perfection, and her tortie colouring on her mask enhance her facial expression exquisitely. Gloves and gauntlets appear to be tidy, though she ideally needs the colour to be more defined particularly on her left front foot, which shows very pale cream, almost white, colouring around the stopper pad. Lovely temperament and delightful to handle. I shall watch all these kittens climb the showscene foothills with bated breath!

**CLASS 134 AC MAIDEN KITTEN, MALE & FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, WELCH'S KLASSYKLOGS KLARETT, 13c5, RED POINT MALE, 05.04.08**

I do like this boy's name, so apt for a red point! Fabulous looking boy, full of promise. Excellent Birman type, medium sized ears spaced well apart, cheeks filling out well, good chin and level bite. Medium length nose with slight dip in profile. He had a slight tendency to make his eyes look big and bold, but once he relaxed, his eye shape was perfect, almost round and eyes are good blue colour. Sparkling white feet markings, good even gloves and matching socks and gauntlets. His coat was in stunning condition, silky soft and palest cream in colour contrasting well with his pale orangey red points colour that is still coming through.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, FRANCIS' NORVIN FANTASIA, 13c3, CHOCOLATE POINT FEMALE, 10.05.08**

Another promising baby, almost six months old and already so well grown and looking nicely balanced. Very good Birman type, her skull is broad and rounded, cheeks filling out well. Medium length nose with slight dip in profile, slightly tapered chin and level bite. Medium size ears spaced well apart. She has a pretty expression, her almost round eyes look so appealingly soulful, blue eye colour deepening from the centres. Long body of good weight, solid frame and structure, limbs and tail balance. Tidy white gloves, gauntlets are matching. Beautiful condition silky soft palest ivory coat contrasting well with her milky chocolate points colour that is still coming through, particularly on her mask. Very friendly girl, and nice to handle.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, MASON'S NORVIN AMAZING GRACE, SEE CLASS 72**

**CLASS 148 AOC POINT NON BREEDERS NEUTER, FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, JOHNSON'S GR CH & PR TANGLETAG GOLDEN GIRL, 13c5, RED POINT, 13.11.00**

Very pretty female, whose beautiful pale cream coat shows an attractive halo of a golden glow, very impressive. She has lovely Birman type, broad and rounded skull, full cheeks, medium length nose with dip in profile, nicely placed ears for size and balance. Well grown, with a long body of good weight, proportionate limbs and bushy tail to balance. Her almost round eyes were just a little dirty by the time I judged her in the afternoon, but are expressive and china blue in colour. Chalk white feet markings. Her coat really is her crowning glory, showing delicate contrast with the pale red points and groomed well on top, just needing a little more attention around her tummy and chest areas. Delightful to handle.

**CLASS 157 AOC POINT SENIOR NEUTER, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, LEE'S CH & SUP UK GR PR KALEMYO KLAWSFORAPPLAUSE, 13c11, SEAL TABBY POINT, 17.05.00**

I have long admired this fabulous looking boy, his style never fails to amaze me, I simply can't take my eyes off him! His body symmetry is excellent. Superb Birman type, strong broad skull, full cheeks, well developed muzzle tapering to firm chin. Medium sized well balanced ears with delicate thumb prints. His almost round deep blue eyes are framed by light coloured spectacle markings. Sparkling white feet markings, even gloves and socks, his gauntlets are slightly more square than tapered but are full and matching length. Superb, long and massive body of excellent weight with proportionate limbs and bushy tail that shows very slight brindling on top, pale rings on the underside. His whole demeanour is simply perfect, his handsome looks are enhanced by well defined seal tabby markings, his pale beige thick and silky soft coat was presented to absolute perfection. I love his expression, so passionate yet sensitive, coupled to a perfect showbench temperament and no doubt a wonderful companion at home.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, TURNER'S PR PALINDROME RHAPSODYINBLUE, 13c12, BLUE TABBY POINT, 20.04.04**

A very handsome, teddy bear of a cat, just so happy to be cuddled! . Excellent Birman type, well filled cheeks, nicely set medium sized ears, medium nose with dip to profile, gently tapering chin. Perfect shape almost round eyes, deep blue in colour and framed by light coloured spectacle markings, so expressive and vibrant. Well grown lad, lovely body size and weight, thick set limbs in proportion, as is his tail, which is bushy and lightly ringed. Even and matching gloves and gauntlets. His blue tabby markings are well defined, I would like to see a touch more cream on the mask to enhance his appearance further. Well presented bluish white coat is medium in length and silky texture. So relaxed and mellow, a pleasure to judge.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, KEMP'S GR PR SHANDATAL IMABLUE TIGER, 13c12, BLUE TABBY POINT, 29.03.01**

What a gentle character this boy is, so relaxed and friendly and an excellent size, well grown, solid and muscular with proportionate limbs and a bushy tail to balance well. Good Birman type, well set ears and medium length nose with dip in profile. His cheeks are fairly full, though for me today I would have liked his muzzle to show slightly more rounded contours for better balance and appearance. Pristine white feet markings. He was wearing his Sunday best coat today, lovely silky texture and contrasting with blue tabby points colouring that could show more tabby definition for perfection, particularly on his head.