

THE BIRMAN CAT CLUB SHOW – BRACKNELL – 7TH NOVEMBER 2009

FIRESIDE EXHIBITION for PET BIRMANS
JUDGED BY – THERESA GROVES

Many thanks to Val and Heather for inviting me to judge the Fireside Exhibits. I had an absolutely lovely time judging these much loved pets. Each and every one of them was a credit to their owners. So well prepared and so very well behaved. My thanks to my daughter in law, Caroline for her expert stewardship and handling of the cats. We both had a lovely day.

PEN 1 – ABSENT

PEN 2 –Mrs. A Fowler’s -“ TOBY” - MN (SLH x SEAL TABBY) - 9 years
BEST TEMPERAMENT, BEST TABBY AND BEST FIRESIDE EXHIBIT

A well grown, mature boy who came to the door to be lifted out. On the trolley he sat there like a King surveying his kingdom. He really knew how to show off. Wonderful head with broad ears. Seal Tabby markings well defined on his very masculine face. Prominent M on his forehead. Eyes a good blue for his age and taking in all around him. Body mature, well covered and solid, legs sturdy with all feet sparkling white. His well groomed coat was soft to touch and he just loved the petting to discover this. A terrific cat with a temperament to match his handsome face. A worthy winner of the Best Fireside Exhibit. Well done to him and his owner. I should think he rules the roost at home! He is obviously used to a lot of attention.

PEN 3 –Mr&Mrs D&K Gardner’s “ARCHIE” – MN (SLH x BLUE TABBY) -
2 years 6months - BEST PRESENTATION

A lovely young man who was a bit apprehensive on leaving the pen, but became very friendly nonetheless, when cuddled. Beautiful profuse soft pale coat, groomed to within the final hair with lovely soft blue tabby markings to his very serene face. Eyes a very good blue and very expressive, nose leather buff. Tail bushy and groomed to perfection. Strong sturdy body and limbs, a good weight, obviously likes his food. All white feet whiter than white he kept pushing his gloves out as if to say, “Look how white they are!” He enjoyed the attention and really did not want to return to his pen. A lovely exhibit, obviously well loved at home but I am sure he enjoyed his day out.

PEN 4 – Mr&Mrs D&K Gardner’s - “ELLIE” – FN (SLH x BLUE POINT) -
1yr 2months – BEST ADULT

Such a very pretty young lady. Her face would have launched a thousand ships. A lovely serene expression on her lovely face. Beautiful blue eyes and such a lovely shape. A well grown girl, likes her food as she is a good weight and size for her tender years. Fantastic soft profuse pale coat, the blue points a beautiful contrast colour. She is just at the end of losing her baby coat. Tail profuse, soft and bushy. Groomed to the final hair, she looks like she spends a lot of time looking in the mirror to keep herself looking beautiful. She succeeds very well. All feet pristine white as you would expect from such a stunning individual. AND she had a temperament to match. I chose her as my BEST ADULT but gave BEST FIRESIDE EXHIBIT to TOBY – it was extremely difficult to choose between them but as TOBY was much

older I am sure ELLIE will return in the future to Fireside classes and do great things.
A really beautiful young lady

PEN 5 – Miss K Gentry - “KIMI” – FN - (SLHxCHOCOLATE POINT)
2years 11months

Large well prepared girl who relaxed well on the trolley after an initial slight complaint about being woken from her beauty sleep. Wonderful shaped head and ears, set off beautifully by stunning Chocolate Points. A lovely contrast to her very profuse soft silky pale coat, the length of which was amazing. Well prepared and presented. Alert lovely blue eyes which were a good shape and very expressive. Strong, well fed body of good weight and size. Another cat who obviously likes her food. Sturdy limbs in balance with the body. Profuse tail again a lovely Chocolate colour. Her gloves were ice white as befits the lady she so obviously is, as were her socks and gauntlets. All in all a stunningly pretty girl, quite regal in her appearance. A much loved pet who obviously graces her home beautifully and is pampered accordingly. A lovely girl. She ended our examination enjoying a well earned cuddle.

PEN 6 – Mrs C. Loxton “RAFFLES” – MN - (SLHxSEAL POINT)
1years 9 months – BEST PERSONALITY

This young man had personality PLUS. What a character! He just wanted lifting and cuddling, the more petting the better. Alert and aware of everything going on around him, so very friendly and outgoing. Kissing my steward with “arms” around neck. Well grown young man, a good weight and yet another who likes his food. Strong head, good width between alert ears (he did not want to miss a thing) Sturdy body standing on strong limbs, he is going to be a bruiser when fully mature. Stunning blue eyes, what a colour. Lovely seal contrast to a glowing coat colour which was soft and very well prepared. All feet snow white he actually washed them when we put him back in his pen. Wonderful lad, laid back but really taking in everything going on around him. A character and no mistake. He seemed to enjoy our attention just as much as we enjoyed handling him.

PEN 7 – MR&MRS D&S SKELDING - “MURPHY” – M kitten
(SLHxBLUE POINT) – 5 months – BEST KITTEN & BEST GROOMED

This young man was an absolute sweetie. We all fell in love with him. Very laid back kitten he was dozing off in my steward’s arms. Well grown body for five months, well covered, yet another who loves his food. Eyes a stunning blue and very expressive. Although we had obviously awakened him he still was interested in the goings on around him. Well furnished tail, soft and profuse. His blue points a wonderful contrast to a pale, profuse very silky coat. The grooming on this young man was exceptional. Every hair seemed to be in place. His feet were snow white. A marvellous temperament, nothing seemed to bother him, he actually fell asleep the minute we put him back in his pen, stretched out fully, relaxed. He was, unfortunately, too large to put in my pocket otherwise he would have come home with me. But I would have had to fight for him as we all wanted to take him home. A stunning kitten and very obviously a much loved pet. Well done to Murphy and his owners.