

The standard of Birmans here today was exceptional, and I use that word without exaggeration, providing a very welcome therapeutic "fix" for all us Birman aficionados! So many wonderful exhibits to admire so thank you to all the Exhibitors, it was a pleasure to judge so many beautiful cats. Once again, I was pleased to be able to work with Tracey Thompson (Formona Birmans), who handles her own breed with care and compassion and is always great company, thanks Tracey. The highlight of the day is the Best in Show, and I was delighted to be involved in the selection of the "best of the best", won by the extremely handsome male kitten, Muchado Athos, owned by Mrs Jackson, although the Best Adult, Gr Ch Muscar Jenicol Djedefre, owned by Mrs Griffiths and Best Neuter, the multi-titled Tarkusha Zinfandel, owned by Mr & Mrs Tarr, certainly gave him a run for his money!! Superb quality all round.

Apart from the miscellaneous classes which I have written up here, these reports reflect my opinions already given on the day, as Imperial, Grand and Open classes have critiques written there and then!

**CLASS 39 AC POINT BIRMAN GRAND PREMIER MALE**

An incredible selection of six quality boys to start the day, rather like fine dining with the hors d'oeuvre and the main course all presented together! I really had to be massively picky in making my final choices for this prestigious award, but would like to mention Mr & Mrs Skelding's Gr Pr Polapawz Drakos Star and Mrs Seymour's Gr Pr Fancypaws Mrbojangles, who both came within a whisker of the top spots today.

**IMP GPC, LEE'S CH SUP UK IMP GR PR KALEMYO KLAWSFORAPPLAUSE, 13c11, SEAL TABBY POINT, 17.05.00**

Once in a while, along comes an iconic Grandee Birman – he is just that. Simply sensational boy, my critique really could start and end with one word – sensational!! He has such presence, charisma and style, wonderful Birman type with strong features, super well placed ears and full cheeks taper gently to firm chin. Gorgeous expression, the almost round eyes are framed by light coloured spectacle markings and the colour is deep sapphire blue. Excellent body size and weight, particularly when you know he is nine and a half years old! He has certainly retained his size and balance, with proportionate limbs and a bushy ringed tail. His seal tabby patterning is very striking and contrasts exquisitely with the palest of pale beige coats, presented to perfection and so clear, no mean feat with this particular colour of the breed! Sparkling and pristine white feet, his gloves are even, gauntlets are a good length, the right just needs a little more 'tweaking' into shape. A credit to his owner and the breed, a worthy winner in a most challenging class, he is a boy who could justifiably represent our breed on any world stage.

**RES IMP GPC, CALDWELL'S GR PR CALLOUI ENRICO, 13c2, BLUE POINT, 30.04.06**

My critique starts "practically perfect", and with level socks and a clear coat, he could have been that elusive perfect Birman! Idyllic type, perfectly placed ears, fairly full cheeks and firm chin. He has a simply gorgeous expression, wonderful deep blue almost round eyes. Long and strong body, thick set limbs and short almost tufted paws, good length bushy tail to balance. His points are mid blue, and contrast well with glacial white, expertly presented, silky soft coat that shows slight surface shading. Tidy gloves, though at first glance he appears to have a few detached white hairs at the back of his right front foot, but they are attached to the paw pad – relief! Socks are slightly uneven, gauntlets are long and full, both matching length. Here is an exhibit that understands what the catwalk requires, he poses wonderfully, really showing himself off well and was a joy to handle.

**CLASS 44 BLUE POINT BIRMAN PREMIER FEMALE**

Again, I would like to mention one close contender for the awards today, Mrs Madden's Gr Ch & Pr Felonie Wild Orchid, who I did judge fairly recently at the Northern Counties show, her eye colour is not quite as sensational as my two winners, and she is just a little lighter in weight, but most certainly memorable for all the right reasons.

**GPC, HAWES' IMP GR CH & GR PR GLENPETER CONCERTO, 28.08.01**

A pleasure to see this wonderful looking girl again, she was the recipient of the very first certificate I awarded five years ago! She was a champion then, and now look at her wonderful collection of well deserved titles! A lovely girl, looking so serene. Very pleasing Birman type, really nice head shape, ears can look a little small through her wonderful ruff but they are medium size. Expressive gentle eyes of almost round shape, very good depth to the blue colour. Well grown and well proportioned girl of good body length and weight, long bushy tail to balance. Her mid blue even points colour show contrast with pale coat that is a little shady down the back, but is thick and in super silky condition. Pristine white feet, gloves are even and gauntlets are full and even. Well presented and well shown with the perfect showbench temperament.

**RGPC, TARR'S UK GR CH & UK IMP GR PR TARKUSHA ZINFANDEL, 28.05.96**

One of the oldest, yet finest, exhibits here today, she may well be named after a wine, though as she still looks so sensational surely Premier Cru is now more apt?! A grande dame, retaining wonderful type and a gorgeous expression. Very nicely balanced all round look. Expressive almost round eyes, still a deep blue colour. She is strong and well proportioned, good body length and weight, proportionate limbs and bushy tail. Her points are deep blue-grey and even. The coat is thick and silky, beautifully prepared and probably the best looking coat and ruff in the class! Her gloves and gauntlets are sparkling white and tidy, given her age I will forgive the fact that her nails could have a trim! A credit to her owners and the breed, congratulations on her best neuter win later in the day.

**CLASS 15 TABBY POINT BIRMAN ADULT, MALE**

**CC, MOTT'S CAMULODUNUM JANDOUGLEN BEN, 13c12, BLUE TABBY POINT, 12.04.08**

Lovely masculine look about this boy, he looks a real 'jack the lad'! Excellent Birman type, with a strong head and lovely breadth to the skull. Nicely positioned ears, fairly full cheeks and firm chin. He has fabulous deep sapphire blue almost round eyes, with a super expression. His body is long and massive, very weighty and wonderful to see such a good size boy! He has thick set limbs and a bushy medium length tail that shows some tabby rings to the underside, the pale bluish white colour of the coat extends onto the base of the tail. Well defined tabby barrings on front legs, more diffused on his mask but still clearly blue tabby. His coat is pale bluish white and well presented, just a little short at the moment. Tidy gloves and gauntlets, the gauntlets could be cleaner. Handsome boy with a great nature, so laid back and relaxed. I understand this certificate makes him up to a champion, congratulations to his proud owner and his breeder.

**CLASS 16 TABBY POINT BIRMAN ADULT FEMALE**

**CC & BOB, MOTT'S CH JANDOUGLEN SEILEACH, 13c13, CHOCOLATE TABBY POINT, 14.03.08**

What a delightful young lady, with the most glorious of expressions, just heartmelting. Very pleasing Birman type, full cheeks, medium length nose with lovely profile, well placed medium sized ears. Her eyes are a super deep blue colour, almost round in shape and enhanced by her defined tabby markings and spectacle outlines. Well grown body, with well proportioned strong limbs. She has a bushy lightly ringed tail that could, for perfection, be a little longer. Well defined chocolate tabby points colour, slightly darker shade to the mask and paler limbs. Her coat was in lovely condition, expertly presented and silky soft. Sparkling white feet markings, the right gauntlet needs more teasing into shape, the gloves are even across the paws. I really liked her, loved her wild hair look around her ears!

**2<sup>ND</sup>, MASON'S CH FELONIE STARDUST, 13c11, SEAL TABBY POINT, 11.07.06**

A pretty girl, who unfortunately displayed some very unladylike language which she insisted on sharing with us throughout her assessment! I have judged her before, when she has been impeccably behaved, but today she really was most unhappy to be handled. She has a lovely look, nice breadth to the skull, fairly full cheeks and firm chin, though I have to say that I would prefer to see just a fraction more length to the nose, to retain the pleasing balanced look that I felt she had when she was younger. Her almost round eyes are framed by light coloured spectacle markings, the colour is sensational, deep blue though her expression today was rather more fiery than serene! She is a very pleasing weight, but as she was constantly curling her body, preventing the opportunity to assess the length. Her tail is lightly ringed on the underside, could be just a fraction longer. Very striking and well defined tabby patterning to the mask and front legs, showing wonderful contrast with the very pale beige soft and well presented coat. Her feet markings are good, albeit the colour dips very slightly between the two outer toes on her left glove and the right gauntlet is slightly more generous than the left.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, SIMMONDS' CH GAYEMAUDI RINGARINGA ROSY, 13c11, SEAL TABBY POINT, 01.04.05**

Another pretty girl, with the classic look of a striking seal tabby and displaying such a gentle expression. Lovely type, well placed ears with wispy tufts a Maine Coon would be proud of! Full cheeks, medium nose with gentle dip to the profile. Expressive deep blue almost round eyes. Weighty and substantial frame, with proportionate limbs and a good length bushy tail showing slight brindling at the moment. Her right glove is slightly lower than the left and a fraction scalloped. Gauntlets are good matching medium to long length and full. The coat is pale beige and shows lovely contrast with the points colouring but needed more attention to preparation, her legs looked and felt slightly oily and the tummy area needed more grooming. A sweet female, she was so friendly that we wondered if she was possibly thinking of calling?!

**4<sup>TH</sup>, LACHLAN'S CH LADYPAWS WHIRLYGIG, 13c11, SEAL TABBY POINT, 09.06.08**

The youngest in the class and still looking a touch adolescent. Good Birman type, with fairly full cheeks tapering gently to a firm chin, medium length nose with slight dip to the profile though she has a hint of a bump. Expressive almost round eyes have good depth to the blue colour. Fairly well grown and proportioned girl of good body length and weight, thick set limbs and bushy good length tail. Striking looking seal tabby markings, albeit the seal is fairly strong and the beige colouring is a little cool in tones, Soft and silky well presented coat, slightly 'salt and peppery' coloured patches to the pale beige overall look. Her left glove has white that flicks to the outside and trickles towards the pad, but does not go past. Her left gauntlet is slightly longer and fuller than the right, but acceptable. A pretty girl.

I considered Mr & Mrs Brown's Imp Gr Ch Mlyward Millicent Martin, a lilac tabby female, for the best of breed but felt that today the lack of thickness and length to her coat precluded her from the award.

**CLASS 100 SEAL OR BLUE POINT NON BREEDERS ADULT FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, HORTON'S CH KYNOBI TRINITY, 13c2, BLUE POINT, 08.08.08**

What a pretty girl, with very pleasing Birman type and gorgeous deep blue expressive eyes. Not yet eighteen months old and still with time to grow up, as she did look a little immature still, but the quality is there for all to admire. Good broad and rounded skull, cheeks fairly full tapering gently to firm chin, medium sized well positioned ears and medium length nose with slight dip to the profile. Beautiful eyes for shape and colour, I've written down "dreamboat"! No doubt the boys will fall under her spell! Well proportioned girl of good body length and weight, with thick set limbs, short round paws and a bushy tail to balance well. Sparkling white feet markings are neat and tidy, the right gauntlet just needed pushing into a more perfect shape. Expertly presented soft and silky palest bluish white coat contrasts well with her mid blue points colour. By the time we judged her after lunch, I think she would rather have concentrated on an afternoon siesta, as she did give us just a gentle hiss or two, but still handled well.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, LEE'S UK GR CH KLASSYKLOGS KALEMYOKOKO, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 09.07.02**

A very pretty and feminine looking girl, who does not need a makeover to look extremely well for her age. Very nice Birman type, her skull is broad and rounded, ears are medium size and spaced well apart, fairly full cheeks that taper gently to reasonably firm chin. Her nose is just medium in length, with a very slight bump when viewed in profile. Almost round eyes are deep blue in colour, gorgeous expression. Pleasing size girl, with a weighty body and proportionate limbs, bushy tail. Sparkling white feet markings. Her coat is pale beige in colour at the roots but is showing some surface shading, though still contrasting well with her deep seal velvety points colour, albeit there is a little brindling on the mask. Wonderful showbench temperament, so relaxed.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, MASON'S NORVIN AMAZING GRACE, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 21.05.08**

I really liked the look of this gorgeous young female, but she clearly didn't enjoy being judged today as she was extremely unhappy and difficult to handle. I have to say that I was very surprised when I saw my catalogue at the end of the day to see who she was, as I have judged her previously when her temperament has been simply sublime. Beautiful looking girl, gorgeous type and size, fabulous eye shape and colour. Very tidy feet markings. Good body length and weight, well proportioned. Her seal points are such a sensational velvety deep seal colour contrasting exquisitely with her palest beige well presented silky soft coat. Such a shame she was so upset about something, though I have to say that one or two of the entire males in the vicinity were also rather fractious!

**CLASS 106 AC JUNIOR ADULT MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, GRIFFITHS' GR CH MUSCAR JENICOL DJEDEFRE, 13c4, LILAC POINT, 01.08.08**

A massively impressive young man, who apart from his varied and wonderful Birman qualities, could probably win the class on temperament alone! He was so relaxed and just wanted to be cuddled, while he rested his front paws on my shoulder and snuggled in for the duration! Excellent Birman type, sensational deep blue eyes. A long and massive Birman, well proportioned and of excellent solid structure, proportionate limbs and tail. Sparkling white feet, his gloves and socks are even, gauntlets good length and tapered. Beautifully presented silky soft palest magnolia coat showing delicate contrast with his pinky grey points colour. A worthy winner in a strong class, going on to become the best adult in the show, sincere congratulations to his very proud owner and his breeder on his magnificent wins today, you certainly have a star there!

**2<sup>ND</sup>, PAZAJEM CASPEON, 13c4, LILAC POINT, 23.07.08**

Older than my winner by just a week, and also of a very pleasing size and structure. Very good Birman type, the skull is broad and rounded, fairly full cheeks tapering to a firm chin. Medium sized ears spaced well apart, medium nose with gentle dip to the profile. Almost round deep blue eyes, his expression today did appear as if he was rather uninterested in proceedings, he really didn't want to promote himself! Well proportioned body and limbs, his tail could be bushier and a fraction longer for perfection. Tidy white feet markings. Soft and well presented pale coat shows contrast with his pinky-grey points colour. He wriggled constantly during the assessment, much more relaxed back in his pen, even if he did turn his back on us! Oh well!

**3<sup>RD</sup>, BAILEY'S GR CH NICADEAMUS ROMANY MAGIC, 13c2, BLUE POINT, 19.01.08**

I have judged this fabulous boy in the past, today he was looking sensational but unfortunately his temperament did not match his looks, he really was in a most objectionable mood so I was only able to have a cursory look at him. Fabulous type and size, wonderful deep blue eyes. His palest bluish white coat had been presented to perfection, contrasting well with his mid blue points colour, his tail is just a tad paler in colour than his mask and limbs. Sparkling white feet markings.

**CLASS 120 SEAL OR BLUE POINT (6-9 MONTHS) KITTEN FEMALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, BAILEY'S CALLOUI MARIETTA, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 02.04.09**

A delightful looking young lady, and so playful! Her skull is broad and rounded, cheeks are filling out well, tapering gently to a firm chin, level bite. Medium size ears are spaced apart. Her nose is medium in length, gentle dip to the profile. Deep blue almost round eyes, such a delightful 'chocolate box' expression. Good body size and weight, well proportioned. Her gloves are even and pristine white, both gauntlets are long and veer towards the insides of the legs near the hock, particularly the right. Lovely deep seal points contrast well with her palest beige soft and silky kitten coat. Very promising girl, developing well.

**CLASS 122 SEAL OR BLUE POINT BREEDERS KITTEN, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, SABERTON'S SAKKARA GRUNDY, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 29.04.09**

A handsome youngster, with wonderful long and speckled whiskers, so striking! Lovely Birman type, good head shape and cheeks filling out well. Medium sized ears spaced apart. Almost round expressive deep blue eyes. Well grown, with good solid feel to his chunky sized body, proportionate limbs and bushy tail. Gleaming chalk white feet markings, gloves are even and gauntlets are matching length and tapered. Super condition soft and silky palest beige kitten coat, showing contrast with deep seal points colour. A friendly lad, inquisitive and keen to check out everything going on around him!

**2<sup>ND</sup>, DYER'S SNOWQUEEN CHARLES LAFITTE, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 17.04.09**

Another very handsome young seal male, a little older than my winner and at a similar stage of his development, just needing a little more time for his cheeks to fill out some more to give a better balanced look to his strong skull. Medium sized ears are spaced well apart, medium nose length with gentle dip to the profile. Almost round expressive blue eyes. Well grown and well proportioned boy, long firm body and of good weight, bushy tail to balance. Sparkling white feet, his fronts are even and slightly lower than the line of the paw, nicely shaped gauntlets. Wonderful nature, so relaxed.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, DYER'S SNOWQUEEN LIMITED EDITION, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 08.07.09**

The baby of the class, three months behind the other boys and with catching up to do. He has such a gorgeous expression, enhanced by his seal mask which is darker in the middle, almost as if he is wearing a harlequin style mask on his way to the ball! Promising lad, with good Birman type and size, lovely deep blue eye colour. Good body size and weight already, developing well. Sparkling white feet, I wouldn't like to see the white on the back of the right glove going any further than it does, absolutely level with the base of the stopper pad, any more and it will go past and be considered a fault. Wonderful nature, purring his head off.

**CLASS 142 AC BREEDERS NEUTER, MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, MADDEN'S CH & PR PANJANDUM RAFFERTY, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 18.03.06**

Mr Personality! I judged this boy just two weeks ago at the Colourpoint Rex show, I liked him very much then and my opinion hasn't changed! I've checked in both my judges books and have even written the same comment about him being the archetypal Birman as I did then. Super type, medium sized ears, well developed cheeks that taper gently to a firm muzzle, strong chin and level bite. Fabulous deep blue almost round eyes, so expressive. Very well grown lad, pleasing body size and weight with a sturdy and strong feel to the body and limbs, short paws and bushy tail to balance well. Sparkling white feet, his gloves are full, gauntlets are long and full. Beautifully presented thick silky soft pale beige coat with a hint of a golden hue, he has a ruff to frame the head and his points colour is deep seal, showing wonderful contrasts with the coat.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, WELSH'S RYUICHI ARAGON, 13c2, BLUE POINT, 02.12.08**

Well grown lad already, excellent body size and weight. Good Birman type, the skull is broad and round and cheeks are fairly full, tapering gently to firm chin. His almost round eyes have good depth to the blue colour, he did have a tendency to stare at times, spoiling the shape until he relaxed. Tidy gloves and gauntlets, left glove is just a fraction lower than the right. Very nicely presented pale bluish white coat is silky soft and fairly thick already, his points are still settling, looking slightly mottled in appearance. Lovely relaxed boy.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, BRIGLIADORI & ROBSON'S SHWECHINTHE FUZZYWUZZY, 13c7, CREAM POINT, 24.06.07**

A handsome lad of pleasing Birman type, really strong and broad skull, cheeks filled out and taper to reasonably firm chin. His nose is just medium in length, the profile is spoilt a little by the bump on the nose. Almost round eyes are expressive and lovely deep blue colour that really shows up against the soft red of his mask colouring. Well grown lad, good body weight and structure, well proportioned limbs and bushy tail that is such a great colour, the best cream point colour tail of the day! Fairly tidy white feet markings, though I would need to see the front feet in more detail than he allowed me to do today, to be sure that the white does not go past the stopper pads! More relaxed in his pen.

**4<sup>TH</sup>, HATLEY'S PR BIRMOON CHILLI PEPPER, 13c5, 15.03.05**

I really liked the whole look and demeanour of this boy, but sadly he had been completely let down by his lack of show preparation, such a shame.

**CLASS 144 SEAL OR BLUE POINT NON BREEDERS NEUTER MALE**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, BAKER'S ADVILO SAMSON SEPI, 13c1, SEAL POINT, 26.03.06**

Very handsome boy, looking so well balanced and presenting a complete picture, just ideal. Very pleasing Birman type, lovely strong head and medium sized ears spaced well apart. Fairly full cheeks taper gently to firm chin. Lovely expression from deep blue almost round eyes. Well grown and well proportioned boy, with long body of good weight, thick set limbs and short round paws, bushy tail to balance well. Sparkling tidy white feet markings. His pale beige coat had been presented to perfection, super condition and showing gorgeous contrast with his deep seal points colour. Wonderful nature, so relaxed and a pleasure to judge.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, GROVES' GR PR SPELLSINGER MOON BALLAD, 13c2, BLUE POINT, 03.05.02**

I judged this boy earlier in the day in the strong Imperial Class. Super condition for his age and very well presented. Good Birman type, slightly pale blue eye colour and he did tend to stare a little until he relaxed. Well proportioned boy of good body size and weight, bushy tail to balance. His points colour is an even mid to dark blue grey, coat is well presented and silky, showing some shading along the back. His feet markings are acceptable albeit the left side is not as generous as the right, with the left glove being slightly lower and scalloped and the left gauntlet not quite as full as the right. A little tense and seemed unsure, but still handled well.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, PIRRET'S PR SAKKARA KASSAM, 13c2, BLUE POINT, 24.05.07**

Very pleasing body size and good Birman type on this boy, who unfortunately was in rather a bad mood by the time we judged him this afternoon. Lovely eye colour, tidy feet markings. His coat is pale bluish white and contrasts well with his blue points colour, his tummy is very pale, almost white. Well presented. Sorry his report is not fuller, but he was not co-operating with us!

**CLASS 152 AC LIMIT NEUTER**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, SABERTON'S GR CH SAKKARA ANNA BELLA, 13c2, BLUE POINT FEMALE, 08.04.04**

A more mature and very pretty lady, she really has the most gorgeous expression, soft and gentle to melt anyone's heart. Very pleasing type, with strong skull and good full cheeks, medium nose with gentle dip to profile. Vivid blue almost round eyes. Tidy clean white feet markings, with such well tufted feet they looked like snowshoes. Excellent size for a female, well grown and of good substance. She was really only let down by her rather shady coat, albeit thick and expertly presented. It was clear at the roots and still shows some contrast with her points colouring.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, JOHNSON'S CH PALINDROME BRAMBLE, 13c1, SEAL POINT FEMALE, 26.03.05**

I've judged this absolutely stunning looking female in the past, but never have I seen her so prickly, sadly very much living up to her name! She really was so unhappy that apart from a very speedy once-over, she had to be returned to her pen for all our sakes! Such a shame, as she really does look fabulous and so serene when sitting calmly in her pen. Lovely Birman type and size, fabulous deep blue eyes and a coat that had been presented to the last hair, and is so pale and in excellent condition. I do hope this was just a one-off 'bad hair day'.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, PLATT'S UK GR CH PENBERIS ROSAMUND, 13c6, SEAL TORTIE POINT FEMALE, 11.09.02**

A very attractive female, who has a gorgeous soft and feminine look and expression, very pleasing Birman type and beautiful soulful almost round deep blue eyes. Very pleasing body length and weight, good substance. Her tail could be a fraction longer for perfection. Well presented silky soft coat contrasts with her warm seal tortie points colouring, her only real peccadillo is that she has one toe that is very low on white, on her left front foot, but there is white there! Relaxed and easy to handle.

**CLASS 160 AC RADIUS NEUTER**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, PARBUTT'S GR PR KRAZIKLAUS KARIZMA, 13c2, BLUE POINT FEMALE, 17.09.02**

A really beautiful looking female, who was very unsure of proceedings today. I judged her in the Grand Class earlier in the day, and even this afternoon she was not happy to be handled. She has lovely type, really looking the part and well balanced. Almost round good blue eyes, sharing quite a fiery expression with us. Good size girl, proportionate limbs and bushy tail, just not presenting herself well by curling up constantly. Deep blue points colour showing contrast with silky coat that is shady on the back, clear at the roots and she was wearing a full ruff to frame the head. Tidy and sparkling white gloves and gauntlets. Very pretty, but so unhappy, knowing some choice language!

**CLASS 174 NORTHERN BIRMAN CAT CLUB AC ADULT**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, MLYNEK & HAYWARD'S GR CH MLYWARD MUNCHKIN, 13c2, BLUE POINT MALE, 27.06.08**

A handsome youngster who I have had the pleasure of judging before. Well structured boy, excellent size for the breed, super type and stunning deep blue eyes. Pleased to see that his winter coat is now coming through and thickening, it is a wonderful pale bluish white colour, contrasting well with his points that are strong blue. Wonderful nature for an entire male.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, MADDEN'S CH PENBERIS DEMELZA, 13c5, RED POINT FEMALE, 06.02.07**

A pretty girl, who is so relaxed she lays on her back showing off her slightly curled tummy fur! Lovely Birman type, she has an exquisite expression, lovely blue almost round eyes. Good body size and weight, well proportioned limbs and bushy tail to balance. Sparkling white feet markings, even gloves and matching gauntlets. Gorgeous pale cream coat was well presented and contrasts with delicate red points colour, her ruff frames the head well.

**3<sup>RD</sup>, BROWN'S IMP GR CH MLYWARD MILLICENT MARTIN, 13c14, LILAC TABBY POINT FEMALE, 13.04.04**

A lovely girl who I have judged before, and in fact considered her for best of breed this morning, but her lack of coat really spoilt her look today, and her left eye also looked a little pink rimmed and sore. She has good Birman type and is a nice weight for a female, but the lack of coat made her frame look a little narrow. She has soft and delicate lilac tabby points. Pristine white and tidy feet markings.

**4<sup>TH</sup>, ALLEN'S TISANTI VALENTINA GRACE, 13c10, LILAC TORTIE POINT FEMALE, 24.09.08**

The youngest in the class, and understandably still looking a little immature. She has very pleasing Birman type, the skull is broad and round, cheeks are filling out well, medium length nose with gentle dip to the profile, medium sized well placed ears. Expressive deep blue almost round eyes. Good body length and weight, bushy tail to balance. Pristine white feet markings, even gloves and gauntlets. Her points colour is a little diffused on the mask and she lacks lilac colouring on the left front leg, but has a couple of areas of very hot cream colours evident. Nice nature, she seemed to quite enjoy having her feet massaged whilst I checked for all the correct colours!

**CLASS 188 AC NEUTER**

Well this may have been my last class of the day, but what quality! Two stunning females, both over ten years old and looking marvellous!

**1<sup>ST</sup>, STABLES' IMP GR CH & GR PR RIVANNA CHIFFON, 13c13, CHOCOLATE TABBY POINT FEMALE, 21.03.99**

As Bruce Forsyth would say on Strictly Come Dancing, "you're my favourite", and today I thought this girl was simply sensational, for me she scored the perfect ten! Unbeatable! I feel that I could wax lyrical about her for reams, but suffice to say that I loved her! She has that certain something that makes the hairs on your neck tingle! So stylish, such personality and charisma and a fine ambassador for the breed. Excellent Birman type, wonderful deep sapphire blue eyes, such an expression. Well grown and well proportioned, neat and tidy feet markings, and a coat that is so very soft, presented to absolute perfection and the clearest ivory colour that contrasts perfectly with her well defined milky chocolate tabby markings. To top it all, her nature is simply sublime. Absolutely incredible.

**2<sup>ND</sup>, SEMOS' UK GR CH & GR PR PRIDNJOY ARABESQUE, 13c1, SEAL POINT FEMALE, 20.08.99**

This grand lady was so unlucky to meet Chiffon in this class, as they are both superb exhibits, and I could easily have awarded two first places here! I have judged her many times in the past, and she has retained her wonderful stylish looks and presence. Lovely Birman type and expression, deep blue almost round eyes. Very good body size and weight, well proportioned limbs and bushy tail. Her feet markings are sparkling white, very slightly scalloped gloves, medium length tapered gauntlets. Soft and silky coat is beautifully presented as always, showing very slight shadiness now. A lovely lady.