

## THE BIRMAN CAT CLUB SHOW – 7.10.2009

Judge Mrs Ann Ivinson

I would like to thank Val Kilby, Heather Collings, and the Club Committee for my invitation to judge at the Fortieth Ruby Anniversary Show. I had some very handsome and beautiful Birmans to judge which made my task quite difficult. I was very lucky to have Corinne Ash as my Steward - she handled the cats so expertly, so thank you, Corinne very much.

**RED or CREAM POINT BIRMAN KITTEN MALE:** 1. BAILEY'S NICADAEMUS DANSE DUFEU. 13c5. M. 23.6.09. A well balanced Red Point lad of over 4 months showing good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head with nicely rounded head top; medium size ears; round cheeks developing well and tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite, firm chin, slight dip to medium nose when viewed in profile; almost round bright eyes of blue deepening from the centre. A balanced young long body of good weight and muscular tone; medium length to his well boned thickset legs, with strong short paws; balanced bushy tail. Lovely long silky coat with developing ruff, curls on abdomen; coat a clear cream shade; points of a vibrant red-orange to his ears; developing mask of a distinct red spreading from his nose towards his cheeks where it was a paler shade; a really vibrant shade of red to his bushy tail; points on legs a paler shade; white even gloves; no white beyond the stopper pads as far as could be seen at this stage of his development; socks even; good gauntlets which were even and tapering to below the hock. He is a bright happy lad, beautifully presented, and shown in good condition.

2. BLEWITT'S PURPURITE JASPER JOHNS. 13c7. M. 10.6.09. A well developed Cream lad of 5 months showing good Birman type. Strong boning to head, with rounded head top; medium sized ears with good space between; cheeks developing well, rounded and tapering to a strong muzzle; firm chin and level bite; medium nose with a very slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of blue, deepening from the centre. Good weight to his developing long body; medium length to well set legs, with strong paws; a balanced bushy tail. Lovely texture to a long silky coat of off-white, with developing ruff, and curls on abdomen; a soft shade of cream to his points; cream ears; his mask is developing well, cream to his nose spreading gently across his cheeks; cream on legs still very pale; good shade of cream to his bushy tail; even white gloves with no white beyond stopper pads; socks even, with good length to his gauntlets which are rounded to just below the hock. This lad was well presented; his gentle shade of cream was so attractive. He was a strong contender for 1<sup>st</sup> place but I would have liked to have seen a slightly more pronounced dip to his nose in profile.

3. MAYNARD'S GAYEMAUDI CASINO RED. 13c5. M. 9.5.09. A large Red Point lad of nearly 6 months going through an unbalanced stage at the moment where his body is larger than his developing head which detracts from his potential for good Birman type. Head well boned with rounded head top; medium ears; cheeks lacking some roundness and fullness at the moment, tapering to a well formed strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite, medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a deep blue shade. Long body well developed for his age, and of good weight and muscular tone; medium well boned thickset legs, and rounded paws; tail just a little short for full balance to body size. Coat long and silky; guard hairs still visible on spine, however coat is soft underneath; orange-red points needing more vibrancy in shade; pale red on ears; developing mask of a paler shade though spreading across his face; leg markings still to deepen; very pale shade to tail; gloves even though colour dips down on the outer left toe; no white beyond stopper pad; socks even; gauntlets are of good length, rounded to just below the hock. This lad needs more balance and his cheeks to develop more breadth - these were my reasons for his placing today. He has a friendly personality and was shown in good condition.

**RED or CREAM POINT BIRMAN GIRL:** 1. BOB. LACHLAN'S MLYWARD AMBERGLOW. 13c5. F. 5.5.09. A striking and balanced young lady of just 6 months, showing good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head, with nicely rounded head top; medium ears, with

good furnishings fitting well into head top; balanced rounded cheeks, tapering to strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium size nose with slight dip viewed in profile; almost round eyes of a good shade of blue. Balanced long body of good weight and muscular tone for her age; medium length thickset legs, with short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Beautiful coat, long and silky, of a pale cream shade; vibrant orange-red to her points, clearly seen on her ears; mask developing a pleasant diamond shape, spreading well from her nose across her cheeks and gently up her forehead; point colour developing well on legs, with a vibrant red to her tail; gloves even, with no white beyond stopper pad; even socks, with well developed gauntlets tapering to below the hock. She was beautifully prepared, and enjoyed her time with us. She seemed to be aware she was beautiful!

**AOC POINT BIRMAN BREEDER'S ADULT FEMALE:** This was a very good class with almost each one deserving a 1<sup>st</sup> place! 1. BROWN'S CH. DALTEEMA DANBURITE DREAM. 13c5. F. 31.7.07. A very pretty well balanced girl of over 2yr. showing good Birman type. Good size and well boned head, with nicely rounded head top; medium ears with good furnishings; cheeks rounded with good breadth to them, tapering well to a strong muzzle; firm chin, level bite, medium nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a good shade of blue. Long and well developed body; medium length thickset legs, with short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Lovely long and silky coat of pale cream, with some slight shading on her body; full ruff; curls on abdomen; points of a vibrant orange-red; ears red; lovely full mask developing from her nose across her cheeks and top of forehead; legs a pale shade; a red bushy tail; gloves white and even; no white beyond stopper pads; socks even; good length to gauntlets, rounded and just below the hock. She was beautifully presented and had a really gentle personality.

2. SIMMONDS'S CH. GAYEMAUDI RINGARINGA ROSY. 13c11. F. 1.4.05. A good size Seal Tabby Point lady of over four and a half years showing good Birman type. Well boned head, with rounded head top; medium ears well furnished; mature round cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle; firm chin, level bite, medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round bright eyes of a good shade of blue. Mature long body of a good size and weight with medium length thickset legs, strong neat paws; balanced tail. Coat long and silky; a little woolly on hindquarters where it lacked a little show preparation; full ruff; curls on abdomen; coat a beige colour with some shading on spine, a slight golden hue was visible; clear seal tabby markings to points; seal brown markings to a paler brown agouti background; thumbprints on ears; full mask; 'M' on forehead; spectacles visible; butterfly on whisker pads, with well defined spots; nose colour a rich shade of seal brown, with a red brick nose leather; clear bars on legs; well ringed seal brown bushy tail; gloves even with no white beyond stopper pad; socks even; gauntlets rounded to below hock; solid seal above the gauntlets. She has a gentle temperament and was easy to handle.

3. YEOMAN'S PURINDOORS TIMEWILL TELL. 13c6. F. 7.5.08. A medium size maturing Seal Tortie Point lady of one a half years, showing good Birman type. Good boning to head with round head top; medium size ears well furnished, and spaced well apart; rounded cheeks tapering to strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite, medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a good shade of blue. Medium size long body; legs of medium length and thickset, with short strong paws; bushy tail. Coat long and silky, of a fawn shade, with some shading of warm brown; full ruff and curls on abdomen; her seal tortie points well mingled with seal and light and dark red; mottled ears; mask developing well; all colours visible and spreading across her cheeks; a small cream area visible on the right side of her nose; colour well mingled on legs and all colours visible on bushy tail; white even gloves; no white beyond stopper pads; socks white and even; gauntlets rounded to below hock. She was well presented and shown in good condition.

**AC VISITORS' ADULT MALE:** 1. DAVIES'S GR. CH. CARRISMOON REDADAIR. 13c5. M. 3.5.04. Although this Red Point lad of over 5yr. was not too happy and a little difficult to handle he illustrated good Birman type and maturity. Well boned head structure with a nicely rounded head top; medium ears with good furnishings; round mature cheeks tapering to a strong and well developed muzzle; firm chin, level bite, medium nose with slight dip in profile; almost

round eyes of a bright deep blue shade. Good weight and maturity to a long body; thickset medium legs with, short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Well prepared long silky coat of pale cream with some red shading along spine; a full ruff and curls on abdomen; orange-red points well developed on ears; red spreading across a full mask to cheeks; clear red to his legs and bushy tail; white even gloves; no white beyond stopper pads; white socks with well formed gauntlets to below hock. This mature and balanced boy was beautifully presented.

2. BUSH'S BIRSARUS SEALOF PERFECTION. 13c1. M. 3.9.08. A large well developed Seal Point lad of just over 1yr. showing good Birman type. Good size head with well formed underlying bone structure, a nicely rounded head top; medium sized well furnished ears; cheeks rounded and tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of bright deep blue shade. Long body of good development and size for his age; medium length thickset legs, with short strong paws; bushy tail. Coat long and silky, of a pale beige, with quite an amount of seal shading to back; full ruff, and curls on abdomen; points of dark seal brown to ears; well developed mask with colour spreading across the cheeks; a seal brown nose leather; legs brown; seal brown to bushy tail; white even gloves; no white beyond stopper pads; socks white; right gauntlet rounded to below hock; left gauntlet quite narrow in shape ending below hock. He was not the friendliest of boys; however he did just about let us handle him! He was shown in good condition.

3. MOTT'S CAMULODUNUM JANDOUGLEN BEN. 13c12. M. 12.4.08. A well grown Blue Tabby Point of one a half years showing good Birman type. Well boned head with nicely rounded head top; medium ears with good furnishings; cheeks maturing to a strong muzzle line; chin needing more depth for perfection; level bite; medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a medium blue shade. Well grown long body of good substance; medium length thickset legs, short strong paws; bushy balanced tail. Coat long and silky of a bluish white with shading across his back; ruff forming; curls on abdomen; blue tabby markings to a light beige agouti background; thumbprints on ears; mask developing well; blue markings visible; 'M' on forehead; spectacles; butterfly and spots on muzzle; blue nose leather; broken blue bands on legs which were slightly diffused; solid blue above gauntlets; well ringed blue tail; even white gloves; no white beyond stopper pads; white socks; gauntlets rounded to below hock. He was easy to handle and was shown in good condition.

**AOC POINT NON-BREEDERS FN.** 1. SCOTT'S CH.& PR. SUZETTE JUSTADREAM. 13.c11. FN. 29.6.01. An aptly named Seal Tabby lady of over 8yr. showing good Birman type. A mature and balanced lady with good boning to head, and with nicely rounded head top; medium ears well furnished; broad round cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium nose with correct dip when viewed in profile; almost round eyes of a two-toned blue. Long body well boned and of good weight for her age; medium length thickset legs, strong short paws; a well balanced and bushy tail. A well prepared long silky coat of a clear beige, with some seal shading on back; a well formed ruff, and curls on stomach; seal brown tabby markings to pale brown agouti background; thumbprints on ears; fully developed mask; 'M' on forehead; spectacles; butterfly, and spots on whisker pads; well ringed seal brown tail; slight bands to legs; seal brown above gauntlets; even white socks with no white beyond stopper pad; gauntlets of good size tapering to below hock. She has such a gentle expression. She was shown in good condition.

2. WOOD'S PR. IRVANNA FIORELLA. 13c11. FN 11.12.07. Still a young looking lady of nearly 2yr. showing good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head with round head top; medium sized ears with good furnishings; round cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite, firm chin; medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of blue. Good weight to a young long body; medium length thickset legs, short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Coat long and silky, however it lacked show preparation today and looked quite woolly in appearance; ruff on neck; with curls on abdomen; beige coat colour with some seal shading on spine; full mask of seal brown tapering to muzzle; thumbprints on ears; 'M' on

forehead; spectacles; butterfly; spots on whisker pads; leg marking with seal brown bands; a well ringed bushy tail; gloves white, with no white beyond stopper pad; left glove scalloped, right glove has a slight flick; left gauntlet rounded, with a slight attached flick of white on right side of this gauntlet which ends below the hock; right gauntlet rounded to below hock. She had a gentle personality and was easy to handle.

**BLUE POINT ADULT OVER 2YR. FEMALE:** 1. ENSOR'S GR.CH. KITTAH THALIA. 13c2. F. 4.7.05. A mature Blue Point lady of over 4yr. showing good Birman type. A well boned mature head with rounded head top; medium ears with good space between; lovely round full cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium length nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a deep blue giving her an alert expression. Well developed long body of good weight and substance; medium well boned thickset legs with short strong paws; a lovely balanced bushy tail. Coat long and silky, with a good ruff round her neck, and curls on her abdomen; coat colour is bluish white with some shading on her spine; a soft slate blue shade to her points, clear on her ears; a diamond shaped full mask; a blue nose leather; soft shade of blue on legs and tail; she has very good feet markings; white even gloves; no white beyond the stopper pad; even white socks, with good symmetrical gauntlets rounded to just below the hock. She was beautifully presented with a gentle personality.

2. BUSH'S GR.CH. TARKUSHA SAFFIYA. 13c2. F. 13.5.06. A balanced Blue Point lady of over 3yr. showing good Birman type, with a gentle expression. Well boned head with nicely rounded head top; medium ears; cheeks well developed and tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite; medium nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a deep blue shade. Long body of good substance; medium length thickset legs, with short strong paws; a balanced bushy tail. Good long and silky coat with ruff around neck and curls visible on stomach; coat a cool toned white with some shading on her spine; a pleasant shade of slate blue to ears; a full mask stretching across her cheeks giving her a gentle expression; colour on legs is lighter slate blue, her tail was a similar blue; white gloves with no white beyond the stopper pads; socks white and even though the blue slightly dips on inner left toe; gauntlets well formed and rounded to just below the hock. This lady was beautifully presented and handled very well.

3. MOTT'S CH. CAMULODUNUM LADY OF TIREE. 13c2. F. 19.4.06. A young looking Blue lady for her age of 3yr. showing good Birman type. Good boning to head with rounded head top; medium ears; cheeks rounded to strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium nose with correct dip; almost round eyes of a deep blue. Long body of medium weight; medium length thickset legs, paws strong and short; bushy tail. Coat long and silky though lacking lustre; nice ruff; and curls on stomach; coat a cool toned white with some blue shading on spine; a darker shade of slate blue to her points; ears blue; full mask spreading across her cheeks, with a dark blue nose leather; dark blue markings to her legs and bushy tail; white even gloves, no white beyond stopper pad; even white socks; gauntlets rounded to below hocks. She has a gentle personality and was easy to handle.

**BLUE POINT ADULT MALE UNDER 2YEARS:** 1. MLYNEK'S & HAYWARD'S GR.CH. MLYWARD MUNCHKIN. 13c2. M. 27.6.08. A young Blue Point male of just over 1yr. showing good Birman type for his maturing young age. Good underlying bone structure to head, with nicely rounded head top; medium sized ears with good furnishings; balanced rounded cheeks tapering well to a strong muzzle; level bite, firm chin; slight dip in medium size nose; almost round eyes of bright blue giving him an alert expression. Good size and weight to developing body; medium size thickset legs, paws short and strong; a good bushy tail. Lovely texture to long silky flowing coat; ruff developing well; curls on abdomen; cool toned white colour to his coat with a minimum of blue shading; an attractive shade of slate blue to his ears and mask spreading well across his face to his cheeks; colour developed well on legs; his bushy tail is a paler shade of blue; front gloves even, no white beyond stopper pads; socks white and even; good length to his gauntlets which are rounded to below the hock. He was presented to perfection and was easy to handle.

2. BAILEY'S GR.CH. NICADAEMUS ROMANY MAGIC. 13c2. M. 19.1.08. This Blue Point lad of nearly 2yr. who shows good Birman type was not in good humour! We managed to get him out of his pen with some difficulty and a quick assessment was only just possible. Good size to well boned head; medium ears with good furnishings; round broad cheeks tapering well to a strong muzzle line; firm chin; bite not possible to assess; almost round eyes of a deep shade of blue; medium nose with correct dip in profile. Good size to long body; medium length thickset legs, short strong paws; balanced tail. Good long silky coat; ruff round neck; coat cool toned white with some blue shading on back; slate blue ears; full blue mask covering his cheeks well; blue on legs and bushy tail; gloves an even white; socks were white; gauntlets appeared to be rounded below the hock. Sadly he did not have a good temperament today and we were rather lucky to get him out of his pen.

3. BARKER'S CH. GLOANRON BLUBYU. 13c2. M. 26.5.08. A Blue Point boy of one and a half years. He, too, was rather difficult to handle. We did manage to get him out of his pen, but it was very difficult to give him a full assessment. He demonstrated good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to his head with rounded head top; medium sized ears with good furnishings; well rounded cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin, bite could not be assessed; medium nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a bright blue shade. Long body of good weight and development for his young age; medium length thickset legs with short strong paws; a bushy tail but again difficult to assess balance of tail to body size. Long silky and well prepared coat of a cool toned white; points of a blue-grey shade on ears; mask developing well from centre of face spreading across cheeks; legs a slate blue shade; white gloves but not symmetrical as colour was low down on left leg; socks even; well formed gauntlets rounded to below the hock. This young man was so much happier in his pen.

**BLUE POINT ADULT FEMALE UNDER 2YR.:** 1. HORTON'S CH. KYNOBI TRINITY. 13c.2. F. 8.8.08. A very attractive Blue Point lady of just over 1yr. showing good Birman type, and well balanced for her age. Well boned head with nicely rounded head top; medium sized ears with good furnishings set well apart; cheeks nicely rounded tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite and good firm chin; medium nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a bright deep shade of blue giving her an attractive expression. Good sized long body for her age of good weight and muscular tone; medium thickset legs, with good short strong paws; a balanced bushy tail. Beautifully prepared long silky coat of bluish white; a lighter shade of blue grey to her points on her ears; a diamond shaped developed mask spreading evenly across her face to her cheeks; a slate-blue nose leather; leg points blue as was her bushy tail; white gloves; blue markings on legs a little low; white socks; good shape to gauntlets rounded and finishing just below the hock. This girl has real dignity! And was shown in excellent condition.

**SEAL or BLUE POINT NEUTER:** 1. TARR'S UK.GR.CH. and UK. IMP. GR. PR. TARKUSHA ZINFANDEL. 13c2. FN. 28.5.96. What can one say about this amazing lady of over 12yr! She looked so young and mature, and she certainly showed good Birman type. Well boned and developed head with lovely rounded head top; medium ears with good space between and well furnished; balanced full rounded cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite, medium length nose with slight dip in profile,

almost round bright eyes of blue giving her quite a penetrating expression. Large long body of very good weight and balance; medium well boned thickset legs, short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. She has a super coat for her age, long and silky in texture, with a lovely full ruff; coat colour is of a cool toned bluish white with some shading on her spine; attractive shade of bluish grey to her points on ears; a full mask on her face spreading across her cheeks with tracings to her ears; leg markings blue as was her bushy tail; white even gloves, no white beyond the stopper pads; white socks with even gauntlets rounded to just below the hock. She was beautifully presented and had a loving gentle temperament.

2. SEYMOUR'S GR.PR. FANCYPAWS MRBOGANGLES. 13c1. MN. 24.10.05. A 4yr. old Seal Point boy showing good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head, with well rounded

head top; medium ears well spaced apart; cheeks well rounded tapering to well developed muzzle line; firm chin, level bite, nose of medium length with slight dip when viewed in profile; almost round eyes of a deep shade of blue. Balanced long body of substantial weight; medium length thickset legs, short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Coat long and silky in texture of a clear beige colour, with a definite visible golden hue; seal brown points on ears; fully developed mask spreading well to his cheeks; seal brown nose leather; clear seal brown on legs, darker near the feet; good even gloves with no white beyond stopper pads; white socks; good length to rounded gauntlets ending just below the hock. He was a very friendly boy and well presented.

3. WELSH'S RYUICHI ARAGON. 13c2. MN. 2.12.08. A young Blue Point lad of under 1yr. showing good Birman type and size for his age. Well boned head with rounded head top; medium sized ears; cheeks developing well and rounded tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin and level bite; medium length nose with slight dip in profile. Good boning and weight to his long body; medium thickset legs with short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Lovely texture to his long silky coat of cool toned white, with slight shading on his back; blue-grey points on ears; blue mask which needs further development; a paler tone of blue on his legs; white gloves with some slight scalloping on both feet; white socks with well formed gauntlets rounded to just below the hocks. A gentle lad and well presented.

**SEAL or BLUE POINT DEBUTANTE KITTEN FEMALE:** 1. MASON'S AMILLIANA SUMMER BREEZE. 13c1. F. 14.7.09. A good size Seal Point baby of just over 4 months showing good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head with nicely rounded head top; medium sized ears; baby-rounded cheeks developing and tapering to her strong muzzle line; firm chin and level bite; medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a dark shade of blue. A young long body of good weight; medium length thickset legs and short strong paws; a balanced bushy tail. Coat long and silky of a clear beige shade; ruff beginning to develop; seal brown to ears; mask yet to fully develop, but colour spreading well from her nose to her cheeks; a seal brown nose leather; a paler shade of seal developing on her legs; seal brown to tail; white gloves with slight scalloping on her right paw; left paw has a flick; no white beyond the stopper pads; even white socks; gauntlets rounded to below the hock. A sweet natured girl who was well presented.

2. FARRINGTON'S ABILALEYCHEN CHICHI. 13c2. F. 22.6.09. An eye catching Blue Point kitten of just under 5 months showing good development and Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head, with nicely rounded head top; medium ears; developing rounded cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite, firm chin; medium length nose with slight dip in profile; almost round bright eyes of a good shade of blue. A developing long body of good weight; medium length thickset legs, short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Lovely soft silky texture to her long coat of bluish white; ears blue-grey; mask developing well with an attractive diamond shape giving her a soft and gentle expression. Unfortunately a white stop was noticeable on her chin – this was also confirmed by a senior Judge. Colour developing on her legs; blue grey tail; even white gloves with no white beyond the stopper pads; white socks, and well formed gauntlets rounded to below the hock. She had a sweet personality. What a pity about her chin spot, which was my reason for the placing.

#### **AC LIMIT KITTEN MALE:**

1. BROTHERTON'S DEENLAY SHWE DAGON. 14c4. MN. 6.4.09. A well grown Lilac Point boy of 7 months, showing good Birman type. A well boned head with a good rounded head top; medium sized ears fitting well into head shape; maturing round cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite and firm chin; medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round expressive eyes, of a deep blue. Good weight and size to his long body; medium length thickset legs with short strong paws; a balanced bushy tail. A well prepared long silky coat of magnolia white; a ruff developing, and curls on abdomen; a gentle soft shade of pinkish grey lilac to ears; mask developing, with a deeper shade of lilac on nose spreading gently across his cheeks giving him a soft expression; a lilac nose leather; lilac colour still quite pale on legs; a gentle shade of lilac to his bushy tail; even white gloves with no white beyond the

stopper pads; white socks; gauntlets well formed and rounded to below the hock. This lad has a lovely gentle personality, and he handled well.

2. BAILEY'S NICADAEMUS DANSE DUFEU. 13c5. M. 23.6.09. Cf. Report in Class 29.

3. SABERTON'S SAKKARA GRUNDY. 13c1. M. 29.4.09. A well grown Seal Point lad of 6 months showing good Birman type. Good underlying bone structure to head with nicely rounded head top; medium sized ears; developing rounded cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; level bite and firm chin; medium size nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a deep shade of blue. Good weight and development to his long body; medium length thickset legs, strong short paws; a balanced tail. A beautifully prepared long silky coat of beige; points of seal brown, well marked on ears; mask developing from his nose across to his cheeks; seal brown nose leather; seal developing well on legs; seal brown tail which was slightly brindled; white gloves with no white beyond the stopper pads; white socks; gauntlets rounded to just below the hock. This well presented boy had a gentle personality.

**AC VETERAN NEUTER:** There were three really excellent mature Birmans in this class making decision on placings very difficult, with the decision made to place by personality. 1. HAWES'S IMP.GR. CH. & GR.PR. GLENPETER CONCERTO. 13c2. FN. 28.8.01. A very mature balanced Blue Point lady of over 8yr. showing beautiful Birman type. A well developed head with good underlying bone structure with nicely rounded head top; medium sized well furnished ears spaced well apart; mature rounded cheeks tapering to a strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; gentle dip to her medium length nose; almost round eyes of bright blue giving a soft gentle expression. Mature balanced long body of good weight, with medium thickset legs and strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Coat beautifully prepared, long and silky, of a cool toned white with some shading on shoulders and spine; a full ruff, and curls on abdomen; a gentle shade of blue-grey to ears; a fully developed diamond shaped blue-grey mask spreading to her cheeks enhancing her gentle expression; a blue-grey nose leather; with blue on her legs; a bushy tail; white even gloves; no white beyond stopper pads; white socks; even gauntlets rounded and ending below the hock. She has a gentle and friendly outgoing personality - and she knows she is beautiful! She handled very well and was shown in excellent condition.

2. STABLES'S IGR.CH. & GR.PR. RIVANNA CHIFFON. 13c13. FN. 21.3.99. A stunning Chocolate Tabby girl of over 8yr. showing excellent Birman type. Good balance and maturity to her well boned head, with a gently rounded head top; medium ears well furnished; fully rounded cheeks tapering to a mature strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium length nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes of a bright deep blue. A mature and weighty long body; medium length thickset legs, with short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Coat beautifully silky and long, of an ivory colour with some light chocolate shading on back; balanced ruff, and curls on abdomen; points with distinctive milk chocolate tabby markings on a light bronze agouti background; ears marked with thumbprints; a fully developed mask spreading across her cheeks; clear 'M' on forehead; spectacles; butterfly and spots on whisker pads; leg markings have clearly defined broken stripes with solid chocolate on back of hind legs around the gauntlets; tail well ringed with a solid chocolate tip; front gloves even, with no white beyond stopper pads; white socks; white rounded gauntlets ending just about halfway to hock. She was beautifully presented with a gentle and friendly personality.

3. BRIGLIADORI'S & ROBSON'S UK.GR. CH. 7 I.GR.PR. SHWECINTHE. SASSKIA. 13c4. FN. 21.3.98. An amazing Lilac Point lady of 11yr. showing very good Birman type. She was just a little sleepy when we judged her today. A mature and balanced head with good underlying bone structure; nicely rounded head top; medium sized ears with good furnishings; well developed and balanced round cheeks tapering to a mature strong muzzle line; firm chin, level bite; medium length nose with slight dip in profile; almost round eyes, though being rather sleepy it was difficult to judge their colour! A well developed mature and weighty long body; well boned medium length thickset legs, short strong paws; balanced bushy tail. Beautifully prepared long silky coat with full ruff round neck; slight curls on abdomen; coat colour was of an off-white magnolia shade; pinkish-grey points on ears; a beautifully

developed full mask spreading across her face to her cheeks; a lilac coloured nose leather; paler shade of lilac to her legs and bushy tail; white gloves; no white beyond the stopper pad; socks white, with gauntlets rounded to just below the hock. This gentle lady was beautifully prepared. I was sorry that I could not rouse her sleepiness! That was the only reason for placing her third.