

**GCCF of Ireland Supreme Show – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

*Many thanks indeed to Ronnie and her team for this prestigious invitation to this super show. My day trip saw me catch a plane just before 7am but by 8.30am I was enjoying the warm hospitality of my colleagues in Dublin in the luxurious surroundings of the Crowne Plaza hotel in Blanchardstown. There appeared to be an excellent gate and certainly we were battling in the aisles for space!*

*Thanks to my hardworking and attentive steward, Pat McCrea, who handled the exhibits with gentle care and understanding and me perfectly too – even being such a gentleman as to fetch my lunch from the carvery! I hope he also enjoyed his day.*

*I hope the exhibitors were happy with my opinions.*

**Brown/Blue Tabby/Tabby & White Maine Coon Pre-Champion Female:**

**CC & BOB to Brindley & Smith's KATEZ ARANCA SUSINA (64 41a).** Long in the body with good height in the legs to give the desired rectangular proportions, with fair boning for a female. Tail is of adequate length. Heads need to develop much more strength but at not quite 12 months old it is what I would expect! Good “squareness” to the lines of the head; gentle curve to the profile; muzzle could have a stronger definition; chin is OK; ear placement is good, but they could be larger in size. Coat is still very much developing and is between kitten and adult coat quality and a good moult! What is evident has a good weatherproof quality and the tail is rather sparse at the moment for this reason. Fair pattern, but not easy with this colour to get true definition.

**AOC Main Coon Champion Female:**

**GCC Saville's INT CH ISCHUS MELISA (GR CH) 64 41ew.** 25/06/10 Well-grown and mature female. Fair length of body and legs with medium boning. Tail of good length. Head is quite well developed; the skull with good square lines; cheekbones evident; gentle curved profile; muzzle could show a stronger definition; chin is OK; lovely ear set and shape. Full coated showing ruff, belly shag and breeches; lovely texture with the correct graduated length; beautiful pattern and strong colours. A fiery tortie with attitude but a good-looking girl.

**AOC Maine Coon Pre-Champion Female:**

**CC & BOB Saville's ISHCUS ANTARES 64 41ew.** Super development on this young female. Body is long with legs in proportion giving the desired rectangular body; excellent boning for this age too. The lines of the head and very nicely defined; profile shows a gentle curve; muzzle is quite well defined and the chin is very good; ears are well set and of good size. Super quality and texture to the coat; well groomed but with the correct weatherproof “feel”; full ruff, belly shag and breeches; lovely graduation of coat length. Pattern is quite diffused but the tortie colours are clear a bright. Very attractive – I hope she continues to develop further in the same way.

**2 Raszka's COILINS GARDEN DAKOTA 64 44w.** Body of medium length with proportionate legs but needing a little more “substance”; having said that she is still very young and has more development to come. Quite nice lines to the head but needing a little more width overall; well developed cheek bones

are evident; muzzle is clearly defined and the chin is OK; lovely ear setting and shape. Coat is of a weatherproof quality but she was in a serious moult and rather more grooming would have done such a lot for her. Good graduation of the top-coat is evident; lovely rich colours and clean white; pattern evident. Overall this girl has some lovely qualities, but she was also very over-whelmed by her surroundings and so did not really do herself any justice.

**AC Bi-Colour Ragdoll Champion Male:**

**GCC w/h Neretti & Gibbons' CH POPPYLOVE SCORPION KING 66 31a.** 09/11/2009. Nice proportion of body to legs on this young male. At this age, he still need to mature and fill out but he is doing well so far – maturity will give him the final substance he needs. The tail is of adequate length but has some inflexibility in the last 3-4 vertebrae. This could be a problem of tension, but I did spend quite some time with him on the table and then in the pen, and deliberated again having returned to him so while later but I am sorry to say it did not appear to ease. The head is a broad modified wedge with correct profile and flat forehead; quite well developed cheeks and muzzle; good chin & bite is OK; the eyes are the correct size, shape and setting and of a good colour; ears are medium and of good set. Unfortunately the weather has not been kind to the SLH cats and this lad was lacking in the luxurious coat one expects in this breed; the coat is very sparse and unfortunately he was also quite heavily powdered. The pattern is all quite correct and the colour very nice, but really not in the condition one looks for at this type of show. This is quite a young lad for the breed and I hope he will mature nicely, but today the coat and tail problems were too much for me and so with regret I felt unable to award the GCC.

**AC Bi-Colour Ragdoll Champion Male:**

**GCC & BOB Neretti & Gibbons' SUP & CH LADYDOLL BOADICEA 66 31A.** 09/08/09. A very nice female approaching her full maturity. The body has a strong muscular feel to it, and whilst she is not the largest female I have come across she is powerfully built with the correction proportions to her body and legs; tail is of good length to balance. The head is a lovely balance, modified wedge with a classic profile sweeping up to a flat plane of the forehead; well developed cheeks and muzzle; firm chin with level bite; ears are well placed and of medium size; eyes of good shape and setting, but could be a fraction deeper for perfection. Very nice typical coat quality; she has lost some coat but what remains is of a lovely silky texture; pattern is all correct. A sweet natured female whom I noted is the mother of the male in the opposite class.

**AC Colourpointed or Mitted Ragdoll Pre-Champion Male:**

**CC Neretti & Gibbons' POPPYLOVE MAORILEGEND 66b.** 24/01/2010. Another young lad whose age is against him at present. The body is long and the legs proportionate; medium boning and good muscle tone for this age but needs to develop more broadness in the chest and across the hips; tail is quite long with nice furnishing. The head is a well developed modified wedge with excellent development for this age; the nose is a little straight and the chin could be stronger but the cheeks are coming well and with age the whole

head should broaden nicely; eyes are of a good shape and setting but the colour could be rather more intense; ears are medium and well set. Coat texture on this male is really very good for a colourpoint who do sometimes struggle in this area so well done on that; although he has obviously lost quite a lot of coat, what remains is of nice quality; the chocolate points are of a medium shade and all points are of a matching tone. A very sweet young lad needing lots of time to come to his full potential.

**2 Raszka's ANATOLIA FRODO 66f** 25/09/2009. Another rather young lad who I had to wonder had maybe been working hard. He is rather "rangy" at the moment, with quite a long, lean feel to him – lacking the hard powerful muscle needed in this breed; as a result of this leanness, he looks rather leggy and disproportionate; tail is fairly long. The head is a modified wedge with the correct flat plane in the forehead, but the nose and muzzle are rather long and the cheeks lacking which made him appear rather too pointed in style.; eyes are of a nice shape but rather pale in colour; ears are medium and a little high in setting. Coat-wise, this lad was really not in show condition. He has obviously had a major moult and lost the greater part of his coat, however better preparation would have helped him considerably; the points are of a rather "hot" tone (but this doesn't indicate that he is red!). A sweet and affectionate lad but just not in condition today.

**AC Colourpointed or Mitted Ragdoll Champion Female:**

**CC & BOB Neretti & Gibbons' KIWIMAGIC MISTY REFLECTIONS 66c** 28/12/08. Smaller in stature than idea but all in super proportion. Correct body type with good muscle tone; good symmetry of shoulders and hips; tail is quite long and well furnished. The head is a broad modified wedge; the profile could have a better definition at the bridge but shows flat plane at the forehead; ears are well set and of medium size; eyes are a correct shape and setting and of a medium blue. GORGEOUS coat quality on this girl – not easy in the colourpoints – I suspect she looked even better 2 weeks earlier before the moult set in. However, what remains is of a super quality and beautifully prepared. Points are of a soft lilac colour and the body a cool magnolia tone. Really a sweet, feminine female.

**AOC Maine Coon Kitten:**

**1/BOB Shackleton's ISHCUS LUCY LOCKET 64 41dw** 16/08/10. Very nice kitten – well only just kitten!! – very uniform in development. Body is long and quite well muscled for age; legs in proportion with medium bone; tail long to balance. Head shows good square lines; gentle curve to the profile; good chin and bite; cheekbones developing; ears are very well set and of good size with nice lynx tips; eyes are well set and of a good shape and expression once when relaxed. Coat is of lovely texture and quality; very well groomed; weatherproof top coat with good graduation of length; ruff, belly shag and breeches developing nicely; red is rich and bright and the pattern is well defined. Very sweet girl but a bit overcome by all the crowds.

**AC Colourpointed or Mitted Ragdoll Kitten, Male:**

**1/BOB Leahy's POPPYLOVE MAORIBREAKINDAWN 66b** 14/12/10. A very nice, promising baby. Super feel to the body; very nice development for age with good muscle tone and bone; tail of good length. The head is very nicely

developed with correct forehead, very nice profile and good chin; eyes are of the correct shape and setting and of a very pleasing colour; ears are of correct shape and setting. Super quality and texture to this young man's coat; no great length to it at present but the density is already evident; all points are well defined and a medium chocolate colour with all of a matching tone; beautifully prepared. Super baby.

**2. Lyznicka's POPPYLOVE MAORIECLIPSE 66tw.** 14/12/10. Another really nice baby. Very well developed body muscle with nice bone; tail is of good length. Head is a balance modified wedge with nice proportions; correct forehead; profile could do with better definition in the curves and he is a little straight in the nose; muzzle is slightly pinched but I did note that he was teething; eyes are of correct shape and setting, but the colour is rather pale and he did have an intermittent squint (probably caused by the teething). Coat is of excellent quality with a super texture and density; soft lilac in colour with all points of a matching tone; beautifully prepared. Another very nice baby who I am sure will overcome his present difficulties.

**3. Wisniewska's POPPYLOVE RIO CRUZ 66tw.** 27/09/10. Body development is very good with nice substance and proportions; tail long enough to balance. Head is a little out of proportion today (which is to be expected at this age); the profile is OK with good chin and correct forehead; ears are a little high in setting and the eyes a little "bold" at the moment which somewhat spoils the overall "expression" for the breed. Coat is at a bit of an in-between stage with some baby coat and some adult coat which rather affects the overall quality and texture; pattern is correct with very clearly defined seal tabby points of matching warm brown tone. A sweet boy but at a difficult age for the SLH breeds.

#### **AC Colourpointed or Mitted Ragdoll Kitten, Female:**

**1. Neretti & Gibbons' POPPYLOVE MAORIFULLMOON 66c** 14/12/10. Ran the male very close for the Best of Breed. Body and head on this young girl very much in harmony. Body is of very nice proportions with promising boning. Head is a modified wedge with a very nicely proportioned profile; correct forehead and chin; eyes are of good shape and setting and of a mid-blue colour; ears of correct shape and placement and of medium size. Excellent texture and structure of the coat of this young girl; super density and quality; points of a soft pale lilac and the body a nice contrasting magnolia. Super little girl presented beautifully.

**2. Shiel's POPPYLOVE BABYLON BLOSSOM 66et.** 27/09/10. The body is very nice in proportion with very good bone and muscle tone. Head just a little out of proportion with not quite the refining of the male; nice modified wedge with a very nice profile definition but needing just a touch more roundness at the brow; forehead correct; nice chin and bite; ears medium and well set; eyes of correct shape and setting and of lovely clear colour. Coat is of a very nice length and quality for this age; already the bib is evident and there is a hint of knickerbockers; pattern is correct, seal tabby markings intermingled with red are all evident and of warm tone. Very nice young female with quite a bit to say for herself!

**Brown/Blue Tabby/Tabby & White Maine Coon Grand Premier**

**1/TARA GPC W/h Hutch O'Donoghue's GR PR ISHCUS ARAAFA 64 41** 07/01/2008. Forthright lady who was a bit fed up. Very mature. Body is long and rather too well covered, legs are proportionate; medium bone; tail of reasonable length. Head is quite typical in shape with well-developed cheekbones and gentle transition to a squarish muzzle; profile is ok; ears are quite well set and reasonably large; eyes of correct shape and set with a nice expression. Full coated with ruff, belly shag and breeches evident; full tail; texture is a touch dry but I suspect that this is seasonal and some more preparation would have done her a lot of favours. I did deliberate long and hard over this, the highest of certificates but on balance she did not quite get there on the day – sorry.

**Brown/Blue Tabby/Tabby & White Maine Coon Premier**

**GPC & BOB Harmon's PR ISCHUS COLUM 64 41w** 04/03/2008. As sweet chap who looked quite unexciting in his pen, but came into his own when out and showing off! Large and well gown lad. Long body with legs in proportions giving a good rectangular appearance; tail is a good length; medium boning. Lines of the head are quite well defined; profile is OK but the muzzle could do with a stronger definition for perfection; ears of adequate size and well set; eyes of nice shape when relaxed with nice expression. Good weatherproof coat; in moult but very well prepared nonetheless ; good graduation of length with ruff, belly shag and breeches all evident; tail well furnished; warm brown classic tabby markings quite well defined.

**AC Silver Tabby or AOC Maine Coon Grand Premier**

**TARA GPC Callan & Russell's INT GR PR ISHCUS RED DEVIL (SUP GR PR) 64 19** 12/03/2006. Super, mature and fully developed boy. Long body; substantial legs; long tail; strong bone; perfect frame the standard demands. Head shows correct straight lines; full cheekbones; gentle slope to the profile; well defined muzzle; strong chin with level bite; ears large and well set; eyes of correct shape and setting with a fabulous expression. Super coat quality and texture on this lad; weatherproof top coat with correct soft, fine undercoat; nice graduation of the coat length with ruff, belly shag and breeches; full tail; colour is rich and bright and the patter very clear. An impressive chap – well done on BIS!

**AC Silver Tabby or AOC Maine Coon Grand Pre-Premier Male:**

**PC & BOB Flood's KELFERRON GALILEO 64 41as** 17/05/08. Super lad with a super style. Powerful strong body; long in proportions of body and legs with excellent bone. Head shows required square lines; well developed cheekbones; good profile; good chin and bite; muzzle well defined; ears are well set but really could be larger; eyes are of correct shape but slightly deep-set although the expression is nice. Coat is of very nice quality and texture; weatherproof top coat and soft fine undercoat; full ruff, belly shag and breeches; tail well furnished; quite good pattern definition for this colour. Well presented.

**2. Brindley & Smith's KATEZ GAMESMAN 64 41sw** 20/06/2010. Sweet lad but not yet mature so he was a bit disadvantaged. Well grown for a young boy but his head is still rather kittenish so a bit unbalanced overall. Head type is

very typical but needs more of a definite curve to the profile; chin and bite OK; muzzle needing stronger definition; ears are medium is size and could be a little more upright in their setting; eyes are of correct shape and setting. Full coat with ruff, belly shad and breeches; moulting at present so a mixture of nice quality new coat with some dry old coat still to shed; tail well furnished; pattern is evident.

**AC Silver Tabby/Tabby & White Maine Coon Grand Pre-Premier Female:**  
**PC Harmon's COONTASTIC VERONIQUE 64 18 08/04/2005.** Very well developed and mature lady. Very nice body and leg proportions; tail length to balance; medium bone. Head has nice square lines; strong cheekbones and muzzle definitions; gently curved profile; good chin and bite. Very nice coat quality and texture but moulting very badly; nice graduation of coat length; ruff, belly shag and breeches all evident; tail well covered; the silver is a little tarnished over the spine area (sun bathing?), but the pattern is well defined.

**AOC Maine Coon Grand Premier Male:**  
**PC & BOB Shackleton's ISHCUS MARVIN 64 41dw 01/03/2008.** Impressive boy who just loved the crowds! Massive is proportions. Body has correct rectangular dimensions; strong bone; long tail. Head is very well developed and proportioned with good strong breed definition; well developed cheekbones; gentled curved profile; chin & bite OK; ears well set and of adequate size; eye shape and setting is correct. Super quality and texture of the weatherproof top coat; fine undercoat evident; full ruff, belly shag and breeches; rich red colour with well defined pattern.

**Blue Point Siamese Kitten:**  
**1/BOB Lenihan's DEDANANN OISIN OFCOOMAKISTA 24a 15/12/10.** Young man of nice overall type with a super temperament. Nice length of body and legs of length to compliment and with reasonable bone and good muscle tone but I would have preferred him to have been a bit bigger at this age. Tail of length to balance with good taper. Head is a nice medium long wedge with a super profile and chin and level bite. Ears are well placed but at this age really need to be much bigger. Eye shape and setting is correct; china blue in colour; elegant neckline. The coat is a little long and slightly harsh over the back but hopefully his adult coat will be of better texture; points colour is of a mid-blue although all points have the same tone; body is a bit shaded but that is not uncommon at this stage.

**Seal Point Siamese Pre-Premier:**  
**PC/BOB Hammond's COOMAKISTA FIONN 24. 12/02/20.** What a sweet, gentle cat. Nice length of body with good musculature; legs of medium length to give a nice svelte outline; tail could do with a fraction more length, nice shape. Head is a balanced wedge of medium length and width; profile shows a slight dip at the nose; chin and bite are ok; ears of a good size and correct placement; eyes of a super dark blue colour although held a little open (although he was a bit worried by all the people); elegant neckline. Really super dense seal points on this lad with a contrasting golden-ivory body with minimal shading; texture is soft; reasonably short length.

**Tortie Point Siamese Pre-Premier:**

**PC/BOB Monahan's COOMAKISTA SIODAH 32b4** 12/02/20. Sweet lady with a super temperament. Body is of quite good proportions with harmony between body and leg length; nice muscle tone; tail length is OK with a nice taper. Head is nice balance with length and width to balance; profile almost straight; nice chin and level bite; eyes of a good shape when relaxed and of good colour; ears could be a touch larger although they are nicely set; elegant neckline. Coat is quite soft and fine in texture although quite "plush" which is often the case with this colour; a little longer over the spine-line; nice mingling of dark lilac and cream on all points; body magnolia with just a touch of shading on the back.