

## **BOSCOMBE DOWN SHOW**

**26 February 2011**

**Judge: Ann Storey**

I had a very nice day at Boscombe, which can't always be said for previous shows here. Today, however, all was sweetness and light, and it was lovely to catch up with some old friends, like Nicky Jones, who I haven't seen for a while. I hope that you come back, Nicky.

The show was flawlessly run by Lois Mattson and my steward, Rackie, worked with quiet efficiency. Joanna, who was my scribe, told me what I couldn't write, so I am sorry if my reports are a bit boring. (LOL). I can't forget the horrified look she had on her face when I suggested that she wrote that a certain rat needed a Zimmer frame.. .

There were some truly lovely rats on show, especially Doug's beautiful ivory doe, who enters my 'rat hall of fame' and who I have given BIS to before at London and Southern. BOA was a stunning blue point Siamese kitten. This was one of a number of really lovely Siamese kittens on show. I understand that most of them were bred by Lois. Well done! This kitten was owned by Angela Corrie, who has obviously done a very good job at conditioning this rat for the show. As a friend of mine once said 'This is an art in itself'.

I hope that my two sitters in, Fliss and Doug, weren't too bored.

81 exhibits.

NEW VARIETIES (7): 1 Fliss Shields. Russian Burmese kit. Pale patch on the belly, good condition and type, fair colour but still a bit brown. 2 Fliss Shields. Head spot, dirty tail, nice type, white spot on the belly. Better eyes and colour than first. 3 Sue Neate. Wheaten Burmese dumbo. Needs handling, good condition and colour, fair type but slightly snippy nose and chopped rump. Ears of good size but pointy.

### *Self section*

BRITISH BLUE AD (3): A good entry of British blues here today. 1 Natasha Klus. Big doe. Good colour, scar on the tail, good type but slightly crinkly ears, claws need cutting. 2 Aquarius. D. Needs handling. Nice dark colour but rusty patches on flank. Nice eyes and condition, fair ears. Slightly chopped rump. 3 Natasha Klus. Young doe. Nice colour, smallish eye and ear, slightly thin tail. Needs time to mature.

BRITISH BLUE KIT (5): 1 Aquarius. D. Good colour and tail (except for the green blob), small eyes, fair ear, needs handling. Best Self Kitten. 2 RCT. B. Good colour, pale undercoat, longish coat, small eyes as yet. Crinkly ears. 3 Natasha Klus. On the way to powder blue? Good condition, chopped rump, smallish eye.

BLACK DOE AD (2): 1 Ellie Goddard. D. Good short coat, patchy colour, fair ear and eye, shortish head, nice tail, white toes, quite lively. 2 Symphony. Apparently Dad picked up the wrong rat?

IVORY AD (4): 1 Tenebrae. Lovely doe. Super type and head, ear and eye. Good colour, slight stain near the tail root. Best Self and BIS. 2 Tenebrae. B. Nice colour but stain on the head, nice eyes, smallish ear, shortish tail

SELF ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Tenebrae, ivory. 2 Natasha Klus, blue. 3 Tenebrae, ivory buck. 4 Aquarius, blue doe.

SELF KITTEN CHALLENGE: As British blue class.

### *Marked section*

BERKSHIRE/BADGER AD (1): 1 RCT. Black badger buck. Wonky blaze, fair under, fails condition, fair eye and ear, short head, slightly out of condition.

BERKSHIRE/BADGER KIT (1): 1 Fiona Coull, Berkshire. White nose, fair belly but dragged on one side, tiny tail stop, small eyes, fair type, colour not through yet. 2 Fiona Coull. Uneven belly, no tail stop, small eye and ear, nice condition.

VARIEGATED AD (1): Lily Coull. Agouti doe, high blaze narrowing at the top. Blocky variegation, good ears, fluffy coat, good tail, smallish eyes.

VARIEGATED KIT (2): 1 Fiona Coull. Agouti doe. Fit kitten, lively, needs more variegation on the sides but fair on the back, small eyes but nice type otherwise, best marked. 2 Fiona Coull. B. Variegation too heavy, nice ears, small eye, nice type otherwise, good condition.

MARKED ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Lily Coull, vari doe. 2 RCT, badger buck.

MARKED KITTEN CHALLENGE: All Fiona Coull. 1 Vari doe, 2 Vari buck, 3 Berkshire doe, 4 Berkshire buck.

MARKED ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 Fiona Coull, vari kit doe. 2 Lily Coull, vari ad doe. 3 Fiona Coull, vari kit buck. 4 Fiona Coull, Berkshire kit.

### *Russian section*

Only one Russian! Come on, let's get some more Russians on the bench, they are not even difficult! 1 Ellie Goddard, Russian dove doe. Good size and type but small eye, nice colour but rusty.

### *Shaded section*

HIMALAYAN KIT (1): 1 Hakuna Matata. Nice points on nose and tail root, pale on feet, fair body colour, fair type, nice eye, dirty tail.

SIAMESE AD (1): 1 Lois Mattsson. ? Golden Siamese. Nice size and type, fair points and shading, smallish crinkly ears, smallish eye.

SIAMESE KIT (4): 1 Corrine Seymour. RE Siamese buck. Good points and shading, type, size and condition. Small eye, fair ear. 2 Lois Mattsson. BE Siamese buck. Very nice kitten spoilt by moult on the rump. A little baggy in condition. 3 Angela Corrie. BE Siamese. Similar to the others (all same litter?) but a bit moulty.

BLUE POINT SIAMESE AD (2): 1 Hakuna Matata. Big doe, getting on a bit, scab on the shoulder, fair points and shading but rusting, nice type but going a bit pear shaped. 2 Fliss Shields. Small doe. Good eye and ear, a bit stained and colour a bit brown.

BLUE POINT SIAMESE KIT (4): 1 Angela Corrie. B. Good points and shading, condition and type, slightly small eye and fair ear. Best Shaded and BOA. Well done. 2 Lois Mattsson. BE buck, nice short coat, slightly baggy sides, nice type and size, small eye, fair

ear, nice points and shading. 3 Perri Seymour. Nice type and size, good points but slightly uneven shading on the rump, smallish eye.

SHADED ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Hakuna Matata, blue point doe. 2 Fliss Shields, blue point doe. 3 Hakuna Matata, Siamese doe.

SHADED KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 Angela Corrie, blue point buck. 2 Lois Mattsson, blue point buck. 3 Corrine Seymour, Siamese. 4 Lois Mattsson, Siamese.

#### *AOV section*

SILVER AD (4): 1 Tenebrae. Chocolate buck. Nice silvering but barbered on the back. Smallish eye but nice type otherwise, nice condition. 2 Tanya & Drew Manuel-Warner. Good colour but insufficient silvering, white toes. Small eye and ear, narrow head, fair type otherwise, good condition. 3 Symphony. Good eye but out of condition otherwise, needs more silvering.

SILVER KIT (1): 1 Tenebrae. Big doe, bit overweight, good condition, nice head, ear and eye, insufficient silvering.

AGOUTI AD (7): 1 Symphony. Nice big doe but getting on. Good eye, nice colour and type.

2 Aquarius. Another older doe, nice colour, good short coat, nice eye, shortish head, fair ear, nice tail. 3 Symphony. Fair colour, good eye but roundish head, chopped rump, small for agouti.

CINNAMON AD (1): 1 Kate Ford. D. Nice colour but rather patchy, Good type spoilt by pot belly.

CINNAMON KIT (2): 1 Kate Ford. D. Colour not through yet, needs time. 2 Kate Ford. B. Well grown but very silvered at the moment. Needs time.

BRITISH BLUE AGOUTI AD (6): 1 Ellie Goddard. D. Nice type, head and ear. Colour slightly dark, Best AOV. 2 Natasha Klus. B. Nice colour, longish coat, shortish head, small eye and ear. Nice type otherwise. Make good stud (Best Stud Buck) 3 Ellie Goddard. D. Nice colour, condition and ears. Bit pear shaped, patchy colour on the face.

BRITISH BLUE AGOUTI KIT (1): 1 Natasha Klus. B. Nice kitten, good condition and colour, snipey nose and smallish eye.

PLATINUM AGOUTI AD (2): 1 Natasha Klus. D. Nice colour but chewed shoulder spoils. Ruby eyes, patchy colour on face, good short coat, nice type. 2 Natasha Klus. Kinked tail, nice colour and condition, smallish eyes, fair type.

AOV ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Ellie Goddard, Brit blue agouti. 2 Tenebrae, silver choc. 3 Kate Ford, cinnamon. 4 Symphony, agouti.

AOV KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 Natasha Klus, Brit blue agouti. 2 Tenebrae, silver grey kit. 3 Kate Ford, cinnamon. 4 Kate Ford, cinnamon.

AOV ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 Ellie Goddard, Brit blue agouti ad. 2 Tenebrae, silver choc ad. 3 Kate Ford, cinnamon ad. 4 Natasha Klus, Brit blue agouti kit.

### *Rex section*

Only one rex too!

SELF REX AD (1): 1 Tanya & Drew Manuel-Warner. Black buck. Nice curl, quite fine boned, small eye and ear, Good colouring, some silvering.

### *Dumbo section*

SELF DUMBO AD (1): 1 Hannah Coull. Black doe. Nice big ears but a bit square, nice eyes but slightly short head, fair colour, slightly chewed coat, good condition, nice type and tail.

SELF DUMBO KIT (2): 1 Hakuna Matata. Silver grey buck, Slightly square ear shape but good size, fair eye, good colour, slightly fine boned. 2 Hakuna Matata. Nice ears and colour, needs time to develop.

MARKED DUMBO AD (2): 1 Angela Corrie. Black roan, fair shaped ears but a bit crinkled, longish coat, small eyes, dirty tail. 2 Tanya & Drew Manuel-Warner. Very faded striped roan, long coat, quite stained, crinkled ears, small eyes, rather fat.

RUSSIAN DUMBO KIT (1): 1 John Day. Blue buck. Right ear OK, left ear yoda-ish. Colour a bit pale, silvered, square tail, type OK otherwise.

SHADED DUMBO KIT (2): 1 John Day. RE blue point Siamese, good points and shading, white feet, good condition, fair ears. 2 Fliss Shields. RE blue point Siamese, crinkly ears, nice size, type and points, fair shading but moulty.

DUMBO ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Hannah Coull, black doe. 2 Angela Corrie, roan buck. 3 Tanya & Dew Manuel-Warner, roan buck

DUMBO KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 John Day, RE blue point Siamese. 2 Fliss Shields, RE blue. point Siamese 3 Hakuna Matata, silver grey. 4 Hakuna Matata, silver grey.

DUMBO ALL AGFES CHALLENGE: 1 John Day, RE blue point kit. 2 Hannah Coull, black ad doe. 3 Fliss Shields, RE blue point Siamese. 4 Angela Corrie, roan buck ad.

GUIDE STANDARD KIT (4): 1 John Day, platinum buck. Very nice colour, good eye colour but they are a bit small. Good type otherwise and condition 2 Sue Neate. Golden Himalayan. Colour needs to brighten, nice points, bit baggy, fair type, slightly pointy ears, snippy nose. 3 Natasha Klus. Platinum doe. Berkshire belly, eyes a bit dark, slightly dark top colour, nice condition.

ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Tenebrae, ivory doe. 2 Ellie Goddard, Brit blue doe. 3 Natasha Klus, Brit blue doe. 3 Natasha Klus, Brit blue agouti buck.

KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 Angela Corrie, blue point Siamese, 2 John Day, platinum. 3 Aquarius, Brit blue. 4 Lois Mattsson,

SUPREME CHALLENGE: 1 Tenebrae, ivory ad doe. 2 Angela Corrie, blue point Siamese kit. 3 Ellie Goddard, Brit blue ad doe. 4 John Day, plat buck kit.

JUVENILE: 1 John Day, plat buck kit. 2 John Day, Siamese dumbo kit. 3 Hannah Coull, black dumbo ad. 4 Lily Coull, vari ad.

STUD BUCK: 1 Natasha Klus, Brit blue agouti. 2 Tenebrae, silver choc.

NOVICE: 1 Lois Mattsson, blue point Siamese kit. 2 Natasha Klus, Brit blue ad doe. 3  
Natasha Klus, Brit blue agouti buck. 4 Fliss Shields, blue point Siamese kit.