

# The Abyssinian Breeder

## 26th National Show

Canberra, 15 May 2010

### G.K.'s Comments

I was pleasantly surprised that we had 60 entries for the show, only one less than for the 2009 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show that featured three overseas judges. Moreover, if our judges' and my observations are right, then we also had the greatest depth in quality ever. This is well illustrated by the results, in which the wins were widespread.

Top honours deservedly went to Abys exhibited by Sue Jentsch and Kaylie Goodrick from Melbourne, and Carol Collins and Ben White & Wendy Newton from Sydney. Cinnamons did well for the first time in years, especially Sue's cat, Gr Ch Osiris(V) Red Hot and Kaylie's kitten, Narleekatz Roxy

My thanks as ever go to the good Canberra without whom this show wouldn't get off the ground, notably Denise White, show co-ordinator, producer of the catalogue and floor manager; Lorraine Vahland, who WAS the card-room, kept track of the trophies, made all the Supreme calculations and printed out results sheets before the end of the day; Alison Moore who arranged and rearranged the show floor; Sue Jentsch, Kaylie Goodrick, Carol Collins and members of the Canberra Birman Cat Club who set up; and Liz Robinson, who made all the judges' travel arrangements.

Thanks also go to the three stewards, Errol Brown, Kerstin Jones and Christine Mangin; the latter two were also exhibitors. Last but not least is Wendy Newton who took great photos of nearly all the exhibits. You can see the professional results (with some of mine thrown in) on the Web site (address at end of show report) and in this report..



**Supreme Cat & Exhibit — CCCA Gr Ch & Sil Dbl Gr Ch Johari All That Jazz, Ben White & Wendy Newton's Tawny male cat. {photo WN}**

Arrangements for next year's show have started. Watch this space and see you next year!

# Top 10 Exhibits Tables

## Ring 1 – Norman Auspitz [CFA USA]

Pos.	Cage	Name	Type	Owner/Breeder	Comments
1 <sup>st</sup>	36	CCCA Gr Ch & Sil Dbl Gr Ch Johari All That Jazz	TWN MC	B. White & W. Newton/C. Collins	R. 1 Best Cat; <b>Supr Cat, Supr Exh</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	44	Gr Ch Osiris(V) Red Hot	CIN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat
3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	Johari Nijeri	TWN FK	C. Collins/Exh.	R. 1 Best Kit; <b>R/U Supr Kit</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	5	Osiris(V) Heart Of Gold	TWN MK	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit
5 <sup>th</sup>	59	Gr Ch Joylincar Kiki Dee	TWN SOM FC	C. Carroll/Exh.	R. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat
6 <sup>th</sup>	18	Narleekatz Roxy	CIN FK	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit
7 <sup>th</sup>	25	Narleekatz Huey	TWN NC	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 1 Best Dsx Cat; <b>Supr Dsx Cat</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	51	Brz Dbl Gr Ch Asmara Opal Fire	BLU FC	K. Jones/J. McKernan	R. 1 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat
9 <sup>th</sup>	40	Osiris(V) Queen Of Hearts	TWN FC	M. Bedford & J. McKernan/S. Jentsch	R. 1 5 <sup>th</sup> Cat
10 <sup>th</sup>	32	Highgaitpaws Have A Chat (Imp USA)	TWN MC	K. Goodrick & S. Jentsch/M. Condon	R. 1 6 <sup>th</sup> Cat

## Ring 2 —Theresa Johnson [CFA NSW]

Pos.	Cage	Name	Type	Owner/Breeder	Comments
1 <sup>st</sup>	38	Ch Osiris(V) Prada	TWN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 2 Best Cat; <b>R/U Supr Cat, Joint R/U Supr Exh</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	Johari Just In Time	TWN MK	C. Collins/Exh.	R. 2 Best Kit; <b>Supr Kit</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	Johari Nijeri	TWN FK	C. Collins/Exh.	R. 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit; <b>R/U Supr Kit</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	44	Gr Ch Osiris(V) Red Hot	CIN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat
5 <sup>th</sup>	25	Narleekatz Huey	TWN NC	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 2 Best Dsx Cat; <b>Supr Dsx Cat</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	34	Tijah Storm Front	TWN MC	S. Hatcher/Exh.	R. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat
7 <sup>th</sup>	5	Osiris(V) Heart Of Gold	TWN MK	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit
8 <sup>th</sup>	43	Sil Gr Ch Osiris(V) Influenced Buyou	TWN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat
9 <sup>th</sup>	33	Ch Osiris(V) Aussie Dream	TWN MC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 2 5 <sup>th</sup> Cat
10 <sup>th</sup>	13	Kemenkat Wind Dancer (Imp NZ)	TWN FK	G&J Kennedy/G. Warwick	R. 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Kit

## Ring 3 — Geoff Dumigan [QFA QLD]

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1 <sup>st</sup>	3	Narleekatz Aussie Influence	TWN MK	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 3 Best Kit, <b>Joint R/U Supr Exh</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	Osiris(V) Bronzed Aussie	TWN MK	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	Johari Bhandara	TWN FK	C. Collins/Exh.	R. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit
4 <sup>th</sup>	35	Dbl Gr Ch Osiris(V) Heart N Soul	TWN MC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 3 Best Cat
5 <sup>th</sup>	40	Osiris(V) Queen Of Hearts	TWN FC	M. Bedford & J. McKernan/S. Jentsch	R. 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat
6 <sup>th</sup>	9	Osiris(V) Diamonds N Gold	TWN MK	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 3 4 <sup>th</sup> Kit
7 <sup>th</sup>	6	Johari Just In Time	TWN MK	C. Collins/Exh.	R. 3 5 <sup>th</sup> Kit
8 <sup>th</sup>	5	Osiris(V) Heart Of Gold	TWN MK	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 3 6 <sup>th</sup> Kit
9 <sup>th</sup>	18	Narleekatz Roxy	CIN FK	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 3 7 <sup>th</sup> Kit
10 <sup>th</sup>	36	CCCA Gr Ch & Sil Dbl Gr Ch Johari All That Jazz	TWN MC	B. White & W. Newton/C. Collins	R. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat; <b>Supr Cat, Supr Exh</b>

### Notes:

- Cats are Abyssinian unless otherwise stated;
- SOM = Somali; TWN = Tawny; CIN = Cinnamon, BLU = Blue; FWN = Fawn; SIL = Black Silver;
- M = Male; F = Female; N = Neuter; S = Spay; Dsx = Desexed Cat;
- Supr = Supreme (across the three rings); Exh = Exhibit; R/U = Runner-up to.

# JUDGES' REPORTS

## Ring 1 – Norman Auspitz [CFA USA]

This is the second time I have had the privilege of judging the Abyssinian Breeder Abyssinian and Somali specialty show, the last time being in 2001. As was the case nine years ago, the show was extremely well run and the exhibits outstanding. The size of the show was similar in number of entries to the 2001 version. In the last nine years, I have noticed that the type on the Australian Abyssinians was more consistent and tended to be a bit more streamlined. The eye shape is more almond and there were no straight profiles. The coat length is slightly shorter than nine years ago. Unfortunately, there were too few Somalis to make a comparison. It is no surprise, as was the case nine years ago, that the tawny colour is the dominant colour.



**Sue Jentsch with her Tawny female, Ch Osiris(V) Prada, who was R/U to Supreme Cat & joint R/U to Supreme Exhibit {photo GK}**

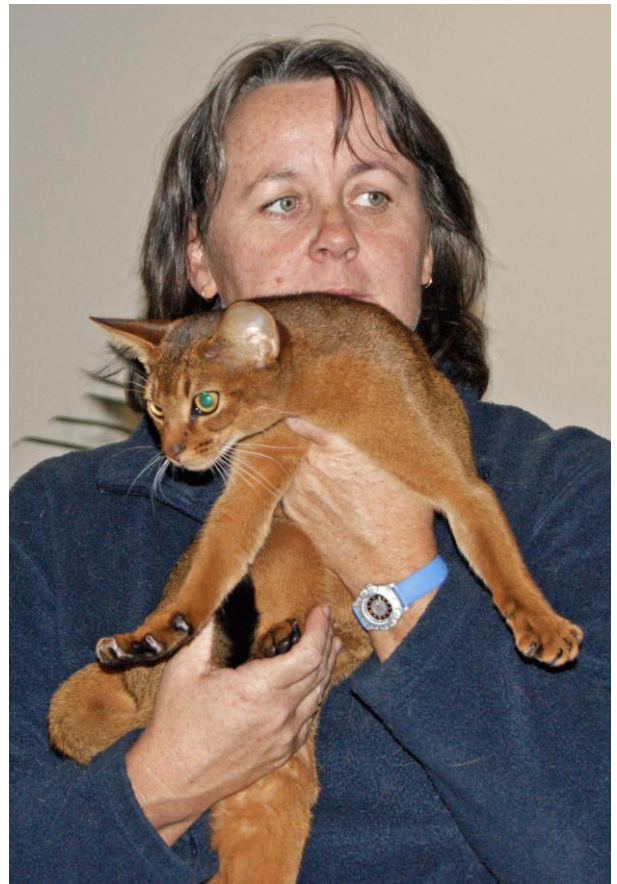
**Best: 36 – CCCA Gr Ch & Sil Dbl Gr Ch JOHARI ALL THAT JAZZ -- Tawny Male Cat Aby – Best Cat.**

This is a moderate Abyssinian, well balanced, well muscled with fabulous tone and excellent bone. The coat, ticking, colour and clarity are all excellent. In particular, I was impressed with the coat length, the

snap to the coat, the definition of the ticking, the evenness of the ticking and the colour in the next to the top band of ticking. He has a stylish modified wedge head with no flat planes, when you feel the bone of the skull. The stud jowls make this cat's head appear rounder than it truly is. His ear set, eye aperture and set were all excellent. I especially liked the way his muzzle flowed into his skull.

**Runner-up: 44 – Gr Ch OSIRIS (V) RED HOT -- Cinnamon Female Aby Cat – Reserve Cat.**

This girl has a superb body with excellent refinement of bone, muscle tone, and balance. She has a nice resilient coat with excellent ticking and clarity. Her tipping colour is deep milk chocolate with good, uniformly warm undercolour. There is excellent depth of colour to her next to top band of ticking. She is very elegant with the correct ear set, eye set, and eye aperture. Her modified wedge head has no flat planes. She has an excellent muzzle with no sign of pinch. I was impressed with her elegance and show presence.



**Carol Collins's Tawny male, Johari Just In Time; Supreme Kitten, being presented by Lynne Moorman {photo GK}**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Best: 14 – JOHARI NIJERI – Tawny Female Aby Kitten – 6 Months – Best Kitten.**

The Aby kitten class, especially the Tawnys was daunting as to the evenness of the quality, overall. This girl had exquisite colour, clarity, and ticking definition. She next to the top band of ticking is bright orange. Her undercoat colour is uniform all over. She has nice overall balance and an excellent body. She is quite elegant with a pretty head having no flat planes. Her muzzle flowed into her skull correctly. Her ear set and eye set were correct with the correct eye aperture. Her coat is quite nice with good resiliency.



**Kaylie Goodrick presenting her Tawny male kitten, Narleekatz Aussie Influence, who was joint R/U to Supreme Exhibit {photo WN}**

**4<sup>th</sup> Best: 5 – OSIRIS (V) HEART OF GOLD – Tawny Male Aby Kitten – 5 Months - Reserve Kitten.**

This kitten has superb ticking with good definition, especially for his age. He has excellent body structure for such a young kitten and shows lots of promise. He has an excellent ear set with the correct eye set and eye aperture. His modified wedge head has no flat planes and the correct muzzle. He has that rakish elegance only a male Aby kitten can have.

**5<sup>th</sup> Best: 59 Gr Ch JOYLINCAR KIKI DEE – Tawny Female Somali Cat – 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Cat.**

This Somali was exquisitely presented. Even with the length of coat, she has superb ticking definition and refinement. She has excellent colour, again, especially at that next to top band of ticking. Her clarity is excellent, something that is lacking in many USA Somalis. She has a stylish modified wedge head and a proper muzzle. She has an excellent ear set and eye set, and the correct eye aperture. She has wonderful body, muscle tone, and bone. She stood out amongst all the Somali competitors in the show.

**6<sup>th</sup> Best: 18 NARLEEKATZ ROXY – Cinnamon Female Aby Kitten -- 7 Months – 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Kitten.**

This kitten has a superb body with excellent bone and balance. I especially like her refinement and style. She has an excellent head with correct ear set, eye set, and eye aperture. Her muzzle flows into her skull properly. She has good coat and excellent ticking. Her tipping colour is correct and her undercolour is nice and warm. She, too, is clear.

**7<sup>th</sup> Best: 25 NARLEEKATZ HUEY – Tawny Neuter Aby Cat – Best Desexed.**

This boy has exquisite, well defined ticking and superb colour. He has nice black tipping and uniform, warm undercolour. He has a nice modified wedge head with good ear set, eye set, and eye aperture. His body and balance are excellent with good refinement of bone. He is an elegant boy with excellent muscle tone, a real plus in the desexed class.

**8<sup>th</sup> Best: 51 Brz Dbl Gr Ch ASMARA OPAL FIRE – Blue Female Aby Cat – 4<sup>th</sup> Best Cat.**

This girl is very well balanced with good strong bone fitting her body type. She is a moderate girl with no signs of coarseness. She has excellent eye aperture and eye set. Her ears are set properly on a modified wedge head with a good muzzle. She has wonderful, well defined ticking with slate blue tipping and the proper undercolour. She has good coat with lots of snap.

**9<sup>th</sup> Best: 40 OSIRIS (V) QUEEN OF HEARTS – Tawny Female Aby Cat – 5<sup>th</sup> Best Cat.**

This older girl has excellent refinement, body type, and bone. She has the correct coat with well defined ticking. She has the correct tipping with uniformly warm undercolour everywhere. I really liked her clarity of coat. She has a good modified wedge head with a good ear set, eye set, and excellent eye aperture. She has well developed musculature.

**10<sup>th</sup> Best: 32 HIGHGAITPAWS HAVE A CHAT (Imp USA) – Tawny Male Aby Cat – 6<sup>th</sup> Best Cat.**

This young fellow has excellent body type, balance and bone. He has excellent well defined ticking with good clarity. He has an excellent modified wedge head type with no flat planes. His ear set, eye set, and

eye aperture are all quite good. He has a good resilient coat.

*Norman Auspitz*

## Ring 2 —Theresa Johnson [CFA NSW]

I had great pleasure in judging the Abyssinian show on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 in Canberra. It was a very well organized show with a very happy atmosphere. For me it is always very special to judge Abys; I just love their wonderful disposition – always very happy and super friendly cats. The quality of the exhibits was excellent. In every class. The top 10 exhibits was quite a challenge to sort out. Overall the top 10 was one of the hardest judging assignments I have ever had. They all deserved a first place.



R/U to Supreme Kitten, Carol Collins's Tawny female, Johari Nijeri {photo WN}

**Best Exhibit: No. 38 Ch Osiris Prada, O/B Sue Jentsch**

This Tawny Female was superb. Conformation of head type, body type in total balance, Superb ear set which gave the head the total balance. Beautiful lithe

body with well developed muscular tone. Excellent glowing warm tawny colour with a clear undercoat.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit: No. 6 Johari Just in Time, O/B Carol Collins**

This 6 months old Tawny Male Kitten was of outstanding quality. Excellent ear set, Head type and profile lines. Very well together for his age. I feel he will be one of the big show stoppers of the future.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Best: No. 14 Johari Nijeri, O/B Carol Collins**

Tawny Female Kitten bred by the same Lady. Congratulations, for breeding my Best and second Best kitten in show. This Lady sure knows how to breed top quality Abyssinians. I had a lot of trouble to decide between the two kittens. So much alike, eventually, I decided that on the day the male kitten had a slightly better ear placement.



Narleekatz Huey, B/O Kaylie Goodrick – Supreme Desexed Exhibit {photo WN}

**4<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 44 Gr Ch Osiris Red Hot, O/B Sue Jentsch**

Red Hot – the perfect name for this 13 months old Cinnamon Female. She was hot, impressive and one of my favoured exhibits. Text book ear placement, well developed Muscular body. Glowing rich cinnamon coat colour. A most beautiful exhibit.

**5<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 25 Narleekatz Huey, O/B K Goodrick**

All I could think of “what a waste to have such a suburb cat desexed”. A very Beautiful Tawny Neuter with fabulous type and condition.

**6<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 34 Tijah Storm Front, O/B Sue Hatcher**

This Tawny male cat was only 18 months old. He was also my Best Male Cat in show. For such a young male he was very well developed, excellent muscular body impressive head type. Excellent coat colour and super condition.

**7<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 5 Osiris Heart of Gold, O/B Sue Jentsch**

Another Tawny male kitten. Only 5 months old. Very promising kitten which won 3<sup>rd</sup> Best kitten in show out of 24 kittens. Wonderful head and body type. Rich coat colour.

**8<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 43 Sil Gr Ch Osiris Influencedbuyou O/B Sue Jentsch**



**Carole Carroll's Gr Ch Joylincar Kiki Dee, Supreme Somali Exhibit, with US judge Norman Auspitz {photo WN}**

A very impressive Tawny Female. Again superb type clear, rich coat and super condition.

**9<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 33 Ch Osiris Aussie Dream, O/B Sue Jentsch**

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Male Cat and 5<sup>th</sup> Best cat in show. out of 25 entire cats that is a great achievement for a great cat. He was a very friendly and elegant still quite young male.

Typing up this show report I am stunned that 5 of my top exhibits belong to the same Lady. Congratulations it is a great achievement to come from another State of Australia and win with so many exhibits.

**10<sup>th</sup> Best: No. 13 Kemenkat Wind Dancer (imp NZ), O/B: George Kennedy/Gail Warwick**

Wind Dancer is also a perfect name for this 6 months old Tawny female. She was my 4<sup>th</sup> Best kitten. I had to split hairs between those Tawny kittens. Like I mentioned before the Tawny kittens where all such a superb quality. Wind dancer with her super ear placement very good head type and body type will also be something to watch for at future shows.

I would like to thank all the exhibitors for bringing so many Abyssinians for us to judge. it was a great pleasure to judge one of my favoured breeds. Many thanks also to the show organizers for putting this show together in a very professional way. My special thanks to George Kennedy for making this all possible.

*Theresa Johnson*

### Ring 3 — Geoff Dumigan [QFA QLD]

Geoff was unable to provide a report, blaming the large workload in his high-level Department of Veterans' Affairs job.

You can find the photos of all the top 10 exhibits in each ring on the Nile Abys Web site at <http://www.nileabys.com/showphot.htm>