

# The Abyssinian Breeder

## 27th National Show

Canberra, 14 May 2011

### GK's Comments

We had 64 entries for the show, the most for several years, including 17 Somalis, the most in living memory. Just over three-quarter of the exhibits were Tawny, and more than 90% of the exhibits were excellent. Abyn from Melbourne won almost everything! Kaylie Goodrick's "Huey" (see full names below) was Supreme Exhibit and Supreme Desexed, while his mum, Kaylie's Sweet Influence, was Supreme Cat. Eileen & Karel Pittaway's Demi Moore was Supreme Kitten and R/U to Supreme Exhibit; Jan Fuller and Helen Norwood's Savuti (from Perth!) was R/U to Supreme Kitten; and Sue Jentsch's Red Hot (yes, a Cinnamon!) was R/U to Supreme Cat;

My thanks as ever go to the Birman Cat Club of Canberra who have provided the backbone of this show for countless years, notably Denise White, show co-ordinator, producer of the catalogue and floor manager; Lorraine Vahland, who effectively was the card-room, and even printed out results sheets before the end of the day. Thanks also to two exhibitors, Kerstin Jones and Chrissie Mangin, who doubled up as stewards, while the third steward was Marissa

Thistlethwaite, who was judging at the Birman show and kindly agreed to steward at our show; Ali Moore who arranged and rearranged the show floor; Sue Jentsch, Kaylie Goodrick, Ben White and Wendy Newton who did most of the setting up; and Liz Robinson, who made all the judges' travel and accommodation arrangements. Liz subsequently had a cancer scare and spent some time in hospital, but the operation went very well and she has been back home for weeks.

Thanks also go to the three stewards, Kaylie Goodrick and Wendy Newton who beautifully sponsored Ingrid de Wet's ring, and Wendy again who took many of the great photos in this report and on the Web site at <http://www.nileabys.com/showphot.htm>

Arrangements for next year's show have started, but are currently at a delicate stage because of the new Australian Air Express policy of not providing cargo staff in Canberra after 3 p.m. at on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Top 10 Exhibits Tables

### Ring 1 – Ingrid de Wet [SACC]

Pos.	Cage	Name	Type	Owner/Breeder	Comments
1 <sup>st</sup>	27	CCCA Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Huey	TWN NC	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 1 Best Dsx; <b>Supr Dsx, Supr Exh</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	46	Gr Ch Osiris(V) Sweet Influence	TWN FC	K. Goodrick/S. Jentsch	R. 1 Best Cat; <b>Supr Cat</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	43	Dbl Gr Ch Osiris(V) Prada	TWN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat
4 <sup>th</sup>	4	Windsong Savuti	TWN MK	J. Fuller & H. Norwood/ Exh.	R. 1 Best Kit; <b>R/U Supr Kit</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	8	Osiris(V) Time For A Chat	TWN MK	H. Norwood/S. Jentsch	R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit
6 <sup>th</sup>	37	CCCA Dbl Gr Ch & Sil Dbl Gr Ch Johari All That Jazz	TWN MC	B. White & W. Newton/C. Collins	R. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat
7 <sup>th</sup>	26	Osiris(V) Fast Talker	TWN NC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dsx Cat; <b>Joint R/U Supr Dsx Cat</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	36	Gr Ch Merindalee Fortune Teller	TWN MC	E. & K. Pittaway/Exh.	R. 1 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat
9 <sup>th</sup>	15	Merindalee Demi Moore	TWN FK	E. & K. Pittaway/Exh.	R. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit; <b>Supr Kit; R/U Supr Exh</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	52	Sil Ch Osiris(V) Red Hot	CIN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 1 5 <sup>th</sup> Cat; <b>R/U Supr Cat</b>

## Ring 2 —Penny Bydlinski [FIFe]

Pos.	Cage	Name	Type	Owner/Breeder	Comments
1 <sup>st</sup>	50	Osiris(V) Highlight	CIN MC	J. Fuller/S. Jentsch	R. 2 Best Cat
2 <sup>nd</sup>	46	Gr Ch Osiris(V) Sweet Influence	TWN FC	K. Goodrick/S. Jentsch	R. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat; <b>Supr Cat</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	Merindalee Demi Moore	TWN FK	E. & K. Pittaway/Exh.	R. 2 Best Kit; <b>Supr Kit</b> ; R/U <b>Supr Exh</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	27	CCCA Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Huey	TWN NC	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 2 Best Dsx; <b>Supr Dsx</b> , <b>Supr Exh</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	37	CCCA Dbl Gr Ch & Sil Dbl Gr Ch Johari All That Jazz	TWN MC	B. White & W. Newton/C. Collins	R. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat
6 <sup>th</sup>	44	Merindalee What Ever	TWN FC	E. & K. Pittaway/Exh	R. 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat
7 <sup>th</sup>	28	ACF AoE Ruby & Gold Dbl Gr Ch Asmara Arknahten	TWN NC	M. Bedford/J. McKernan	R. 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dsx
8 <sup>th</sup>	4	Windsong Savuti	TWN MK	J. Fuller & H. Norwood/ Exh.	R. 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit; <b>R/U Supr Kit</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	17	Narleekatz Aussie Diamond	CIN FK	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit
10 <sup>th</sup>	21	Nareira Calvin Cline	TWN\$ NK	L. Moorman/D. Thomas	R. 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Kit

## Ring 3 — Janis Christison [QFA QLD]

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1 <sup>st</sup>	15	Merindalee Demi Moore	TWN FK	E. & K. Pittaway/Exh.	R. 3 Best Kit; <b>Supr Kit</b> ; R/U <b>Supr Exh</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	52	Sil Ch Osiris(V) Red Hot	CIN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 2 Best Cat; <b>R/U Supr Cat</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	43	Dbl Gr Ch Osiris(V) Prada	TWN FC	S. Jentsch/Exh.	R. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat
4 <sup>th</sup>	46	Gr Ch Osiris(V) Sweet Influence	TWN FC	K. Goodrick/S. Jentsch	R. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat; <b>Supr Cat</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	27	CCCA Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Huey	TWN NC	K. Goodrick/Exh.	R. 3 Best Dsx; <b>Supr Dsx</b> , <b>Supr Exh</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	4	Windsong Savuti	TWN MK	J. Fuller & H. Norwood/ Exh.	R. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kit; <b>R/U Supr Kit</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	51	Dbl Gr Ch Narleekatz Roxy	CIN FC		R. 3 4 <sup>th</sup> Cat
8 <sup>th</sup>	8	Osiris(V) Time For A Chat	TWN MK	H. Norwood/S. Jentsch	R. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kit
9 <sup>th</sup>	55	Gold Ch Nile Sunstone	FWN FC	K. Goodrick/G. & J. Kennedy	R. 3 5 <sup>th</sup> Cat
10 <sup>th</sup>	60	Gr Ch Joylinarc Tammys In Love	TWN\$ FC	D. Thomas/C. Carroll	R. 3 6 <sup>th</sup> Cat

### Notes:

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

## JUDGES' REPORTS

### Ring 1 – Ingrid de Wet [SACC]

I would like to express my gratitude to The Abyssinian Breeder for inviting me to judge at this show. The experience of handling so many beautiful Abyssinians and Somalis has been an honour and a joy. The overall standard of the type and colour was extremely high and is a testament to the breeders' commitment and dedication. Thank you to Chrissie, my very able steward for keeping me on the straight and narrow where the admin and judges' book was concerned. Her sense of humour and expert handling of the cats made for a very pleasant day. My enjoyment in handling these gorgeous cats will remain with me for a very long time. My top 10 exhibits were:

#### 1. Cage 27: CCCA Gr Ch & Gold PN NARLEEKATZ HUEY (TWN NC)

This well balanced neuter had a very confident show presence that enhanced his overall appearance on the day. An excellent Abyssinian head with wonderful eye set and shape, large, well set ears and the irresistible Abyssinian expression and tip toe stance. His excellently proportioned body was well muscled. His resilient, high-gloss coat showed off the dark bands of ticking to perfection against the glowing, rich ground colour. His wonderful temperament coupled with his stunning looks makes him an excellent ambassador for the breed.



**Supreme Desexed Cat & Supreme Exhibit – Kaylie Goodrick's CCCA Gr Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Huey**

**2. Cage 46: Gr Ch OSIRIS(V) SWEET INFLUENCE (TWN FC)**

This female is the feminine version of Aby beauty with the desirable heart shaped, gently contoured face. Excellent, well-cupped, well set-ears and beautiful almond eyes made up a beautiful head. Her lithe, well-proportioned body was well muscled while remaining elegant. She has an excellent coat showing off her texture, resilience, ticking and superlative rich colour to perfection. She was easy to handle and confident of her beauty.

**3. Cage 43: Dbl Gr Ch OSIRIS(V) PRADA (TWN FC)**

Another excellent Abyssinian female, who showed off her looks through her confidence and showmanship. Her lovely head shape is further enhanced by her beautiful eye shape, and good ear set and shape. She had a very muscular body, long legs and tail, but was till a lithe, graceful lady. The dark bands of ticking were clearly noticeable against the very rich tawny colouring of the undercoat. What a beautiful Abyssinian female.

**4. Cage 4: WINDSONG SAVUTI (TWN MK)**

A well-grown kitten with gently rounded contours to the head. His well set ears and lovely almond eye shape and set gave him the typical alert Abyssinian expression. Good body proportions. His body showed

muscle tone, but still needs to “body up” some more as he develops into maturity. The glossy, well ticked coat had excellent rich tawny brown colouring and already wonderfully resilient texture.

**5. Cage 8: OSIRIS (V) TIME FOR A CHAT (TWN MK)**

This kitten has a lovely gently rounded head with no flat planes. Beautiful almond eyes give a lovely expression to the heart shaped face. Large, well cupped ears. She has an elegant, lithe, well muscled body with legs and tail in proportion. Her coat is resilient with clear ticking and richly coloured ground colour. Undercoat, chest and legs were clear and rich in colour.

**6. Cage 37: CCCA Dbl Gr Ch & Diamond Dbl Gr Ch JOHARI ALL THAT JAZZ (TWN MC)**

This male has a very masculine head that still shows all the desirable Abyssinian breed features. His ears are well set and broad at base, accentuating his excellent type. He has an excellent, lithe, hard muscular body. His coat has a richly coloured, high-gloss shine showing off his deep rich colour and dramatic ticking to perfection.

**7. Cage 26: OSIRIS (V) FAST TALKER (TWN NC)**

Another cat with an excellent Aby head showing all the breed features: a broad forehead, well-set almond eyes, well-cupped ears set in gentle contours. The very well-proportioned body is muscular and well padded. The high- gloss coat showed off the clear bands of ticking and his wonderfully deep rich colouring. He is a confident, experienced show cat with a first-class temperament.

**8. Cage 36: Gr Ch MERINDALEE FORTUNE TELLER (TWN MC)**

This was another Abyssinian male with excellent head type and ear shape and set. His beautiful eye shape gives him a gorgeous expression. He has an excellent body for proportion and muscularity. His exceptional coat texture and resilience, rich glowing coat colour and dramatic ticking made this cat stand out.

**9. Cage 15: MERINDALEE DEMI MOORE (TWN FK)**

This kitten has a lovely head with the desirable gently rounded contours and a muzzle showing a shallow indentation. The well proportioned body still shows signs of immaturity in the muscle tone. Distinct bands of ticking on a rich deep ground colour exhibited a polished, excellently coloured cat. The coat has a good quality coat with resilient texture.

**10. Cage 52: Sil Ch OSIRIS (V) RED HOT (CIN FC)**

She has a beautiful head with gentle heart shaped contours, a gentle nose break and lovely almond eyes. Her ears enhance her beautiful head shape. She has a well muscled, lithe body. The undercoat was of an incredibly rich , bright cinnamon–red colour, while still dramatically showing off clear bands of ticking. The overall impression is of an extremely attractive, brightly coloured cat...a worthy representative for the Cinnamons.

## Ring 2 – Penny Bydlinski [FIFe]

It was a great pleasure and a privilege to judge at this specialty show. The venue was comfortable although the light was poor in some parts of the hall. There was an excellent friendly atmosphere. To see such a large number of Abys together was a great joy and, the consistently good quality was a bonus although it made the judging more difficult. I was also very impressed with the way the breeders work together and the complete lack of animosity between them; this fact must contribute to the excellent quality they have achieved in their breed for which they are to be congratulated.

As the standard of the Aby exhibits was so high, inevitably the same words and expressions have been repeated. Notable on almost all the exhibits was the complete lack of bars and the absence if white around the mouth and throat, the lighter colour was always a cream. The base colour on almost all the exhibits was extremely good and I found no grey undercoat. Almost all exhibits had lovely gentle planes to the head and there were no straight profiles, although some could have had a little more indentation. Sadly, there were not many Somalis exhibited and I was a little disappointed in the lack of ticking with some of the adult entries, surprisingly enough the kittens were, in this respect, better.

Altogether I found choosing a top ten to be very difficult as the competition was so strong.. My congratulations to the winners and I hope they keep up the good work with this lovely breed.

### **Best Exhibit: [50] Osiris (V) Highlight – CIN MC**

This young male was an elegant, harmonious boy with good muscle tone. He had a lovely silky coat with excellent base colour and even ticking. He had a well balanced head with good gentle lines in the profile and correct eye shape giving a lovely expression. Although it is not obligatory, I also like the tabby markings on the face which again add to the expression. Altogether a very promising boy who has yet to come to his full potential.

**Runner-up: [46] Gr Ch Osiris (V) Sweet Influence – TWN FC**



**Supreme Kitten & R/U to Supreme Exhibit – Eileen & Karel Pittaway's Merindalee Demi Moore**

A really lovely lady and with a sweet, smoochy temperament. Excellent, well-balanced and muscular body with dainty limbs. Lovely warm body colour with clearly defined ticking and clear tabby markings on her face. Coat texture was silky with resilience. She had lovely width in her head with gentle planes. Eye shape and set gave her a really pleasing expression.

### **Third: Merindalee Demi Moore – TWN FK**

A very beautiful girl at a good stage of development for her age. She has a gentle profile and a good chin with depth as well as a pleasing, alert expression. Excellent firm body and silky coat with even ticking. Again, a lovely temperament. A promising kitten.

### **Fourth: CCCA Gr Ch & Gold PN Narleekatz Huey – TWN NC**

This neutered boy was my best neutered tawny Aby and is a wonderful chap. Well balanced with good body which could be a tad slimmer for perfection. Wonderful colour and excellent ticking. Well proportioned head with gorgeous expression. He and the other neuters were all of excellent size. Another one with a temperament to die for.

### **Fifth: CCCA Dbl Gr Ch & Diamond Dbl Gr Ch Johari All That Jazz – TWN MC**

A mature gentleman who is very masculine in appearance. Strong bodied with good balance and muscle tone. Excellent colour and ticking and very nice coat texture for his age and the fact that he is a working male. Well proportioned head but I would like the ears to be a little larger. Very sweet boy.

**Sixth: Merindalee What Ever – TWN FC**

Very beautiful female with excellent size and good muscle tone. Rich colour and excellent ticking with silky resilient texture of correct length. Good width in the head with gentle lines and lovely expression.

**Seventh: ACF AoE Ruby & Gold Dbl Gr Ch Asmara Arknahten – TWN NC**

Beautifully balanced boy with a wonderful colour and ticking with, unfortunately, a few markings on his chest. Good muscle tone. Well proportioned head with fair profile and chin and good expression. Wonderful temperament.

**Eighth: Windsong Savuti – TWN MK**

This young boy is beautifully balanced and will be spectacular when he grows up. He is a complete showman and very easy to handle, and has good muscle tone with elegant limbs. Excellent silky coat with good resilience. Lovely colour and ticking. The profile was acceptable although I would like more indentation.

**Ninth: Narleekatz Aussie Diamond – CIN FK**

A lively, kitten with good size for her age together and good muscle tone. Very nice colour and ticking. Quite good type with well placed ears, which she has to grow into. Lovely eye shape and size which contributed to the good expression.



**Supreme Cat – Kaylie Goodrick's Gr Ch Osiris(V) Sweet Influence**

**Tenth: Nareira Calvin Cline – TWNS NK**

Well balanced young boy with very nice type. Excellent deep colour and ticking and a fair amount of coat for his age. Nicely balanced head with good expression and gentle lines. Excellent eye shape and colour.

**Ring 3 – Janis Christison [QFA]**

Thank you for inviting me to judge at your 2011 show – it is a special privilege and a pleasure to judge a specialist show and I was delighted to once again be a part of this prestigious event, having previously judged it in 2007. As I expected, the assignment was challenging to say the least, due not only to the numbers entered but mainly to the consistent high quality of exhibits across the board. It was lovely to see a good turnout of excellent Somali exhibits and I would like to commend the exhibitors on the perfectly groomed presentation of these glamorous cats. Tawnys made up the majority of overall entry numbers but other colours were highly competitive especially in the entire adults.

I was particularly pleased to see very good to excellent clarity in the majority of exhibits at this show and I urge all breeders to endeavour to hold on to this important quality while working on and maintaining the many special features that make these breeds so spectacular and so successful in the all breeds show rings. Excellent coat texture abounded and profiles in general were very pleasing as were ear size and set.

Congratulations to all the breeders and exhibitors on the overall condition and presentation of their exhibits – they were a credit to every one of you.

**BEST EXHIBIT: No. 15 – MERINDALEE DEMI MOORE – TWN FK O/B: E&K Pittaway**

This stunning 8 month old kitten was an absolute standout exhibit for me. She looked too good to be true in the cage but absolutely lived up to the preview once on the table. Her beautiful head of strong, sound type with correct profile was dominated by the most expressive, large almond shaped eyes and her ear size and set balanced perfectly. Her body was lithe and muscular with good leg and tail length and her coat was as sound, clear and rich in colour as I could wish for with an amazing sheen, good ticking and outstanding resilience in texture. She showed herself beautifully and was a worthy winner of the ultimate accolade.

**2<sup>nd</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 52 – Sil Ch OSIRIS(V) RED HOT- CIN FC O/B: S Jentsch**

This gorgeous outgoing 2 year old Cinnamon girl presented a spectacular Aby package and was more than happy to show off her outstanding qualities. She

had a lithe and muscular body with excellent balanced tail and leg length giving her great elegance. She had a beautiful head with correct curvy profile, good muzzle, very good width to the top of her head and excellent ear size and set along with a lovely expression. She had excellent resilience of coat texture and brilliant sound, clear colour as well as good ticking. She deserved her Best Cat in Show against heavy Tawny competition.

**3<sup>rd</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 43 – Dbl Gr Ch OSIRIS(V) PRADA – TWN FC O/B: S Jentsch**

From the large and strong field of Tawny females came this extremely beautiful 2 year old girl. She gave in to No. 52 above only in body muscularity; however, her overall body, leg and tail proportions were very pleasing. She had excellent strong head type with correct profile and lovely expression. Ears were of very good size and set. Her richly coloured, sound, clear coat displayed a gorgeous sheen and was well ticked and resilient in texture.

**4<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 46 – Gr Ch OSIRIS (V) SWEET INFLUENCE – TWN FC O: K Goodrick/B: S Jentsch**

Another lovely Tawny female shown in top condition. This mature girl had a lovely body and was well balanced overall. She had a beautiful head with stunning facial expression, very good profile and good ear size and set. She had a healthy sheen to her resilient coat which displayed clarity and excellent ticking.

**5<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 27 – CCCA Gr Ch & Gold PN NARLEEKATZ HUEY – TWN NC O/B: K Goodrick**

This large but perfectly proportioned young Tawny neuter could not be ignored. He displayed excellent clear, sound colour all the way up to chin and excellent ticking. Wonderful head type with good profile and alert expression and good ear size and set. He was just a tad soft in body but his overall qualities and show presence took him to the top of the desexed cat section.

**6<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 4 – WINDSONG SAVUTI – TWN MK– O/B: J Fuller & H Norwood**

The gorgeous 7-month-old boy was shown in outstanding body condition and displayed excellent leg, body and tail proportions. He had good rich and sound, clear coat colour with good resilience in

texture and nice ticking. He had very pleasing head type with correct profile and good ear size and set. He also gave a wonderful expression with beautiful eye shape and size. He had tough competition in the Tawny kitten section being eventual runner-up to No. 15 (my Best Exhibit in Show.)

**7<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 51 – Dbl Gr Ch NARLEEKATZ ROXY – CIN FC – O/B: K Goodrick**

It was great to have two Cinnamon females of such high quality in my Top 10 Exhibits. This beautiful and elegant young girl was unlucky to run into my eventual Best Entire Cat in her challenge class. She had good body, leg and tail proportions. Her coat was excellent in all respects and she was coloured right up to chin. She had a good head and ear size and set and showed herself beautifully with an outgoing personality.

**8<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 8 – OSIRIS(V) TIME FOR A CHAT – TWN FK – O: H Norwood / B: S Jentsch**

This 5-month-old girl fought hard in the strong Tawny female kitten line up. Shown in great condition, she had an excellent body and good proportions overall. She had excellent coat qualities of rich, sound, clear colour and very good resilient texture. She had a good head with lovely expression, giving away just a little in profile to her competition.

**9<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 55 – Gold Ch NILE SUNSTONE – FWN FC – O: K Goodrick / B: G Kennedy**

Wonderful to see a Fawn of this quality able to hold her own in specialist competition. This mature girl was sound in all areas with elegant body and well

balanced leg and tail proportions. She also had very good clear, sound colour, nice ticking and good resilience in texture. She had a lovely head with nice profile, good eye shape and very good ear size and set.

**10<sup>th</sup> EXHIBIT: No. 60 – Gr Ch JOYLINCAR TAMMYS IN LOVE – TWNS FC – O: D Thomas/B: C Carroll**

Very beautiful mature Somali girl shown in excellent condition. She was elegant with good body, leg and tail proportions. She had a wonderful fine, dense coat of good length. Her brilliant colour was sound and clear and she showed good ticking. Really good head type with correct profile, good ear size and set and a lovely expression.



**R/U to Supreme Kitten – Jan Fuller & Helen Norwood's Windsong Savuti**