

Somalis At The Perth Royal Show 2013

It was late September, and once again the Perth Royal Show was upon us. First of all the cats had to compete for Best of Breed for Desexed, Kittens and Entire Cats. Then the cats and kittens had to compete against cats and kittens from across all three groups, rather than as Group 1, 2, and 3 cats and kittens. Due to this format we were really unsure as to how the Somalis would go against cats and kittens from the other groups.

The judges this year were Rhondda Watson from Sydney and Janis Christison from Queensland. There were over 140 cats and kittens competing across the three days with the Desexed Cats and Kittens, been judged on the Saturday, the Entires and the Companions been judged on the Sunday and the finals been held on the Monday. There was a very strong contingent of Somalis competing this year. In total there were 14 Somalis entered in the show including Tawny, Blue, Cinnamon and Fawn exhibits.

The competition was tough but the Somalis wooed both the judges and the audience with their personality and temperament both on the bench and after judging when the public were allowed to look at the cats and stroke them.

At the end of the finals on Monday each Judge announced their Top 10 Kittens, Desexed and Entire Cats in show. We all waited anxiously for the results. Both judges allowed the owners to hold up their cats whilst they discussed their results. It was fantastic to see the Somalis and their owners standing up there proudly holding their cats aloft. It was so moving to see them been lofted in the air and then listen to the judges positive comments about your cat/kitten. For each ring and each category there was at least one Somali in each of the judges Top 10.

Carole Carroll's Entire Somali boy Teddy was placed Reserve Entire in one ring and her Entire Somali girl Mia, was placed Reserve Entire in the other ring. Carole's blue Somali kitten Mandy was 3rd Best Kitten in one ring and her Tawny Somali Kitten Chase was 5th Best kitten in Show in the other ring.

However, it was the Somalis in the Desexed section that stole the show. Caroline Furst's Tawny Somali Neuter Lego was Best Desexed Cat in Show in one ring. I also had a fantastic weekend with my Tawny Somali Neuter Rossi. Rossi was named Best Desexed Cat in Show in one ring and was placed 6th in the other ring. Rossi then went onto be named Supreme Exhibit in Show under Rhondda Watson.

All the cats looked stunning and were perfectly groomed. They were a credit to their owners. Everyone was thrilled with their results. It was a fantastic show and we cannot wait until next year.

Lynne Moorman

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Rossi with Lynne Moorman and Judge Rhondda Watson



Carole with Mia



Rossi with Judge Janis Christison



Mandy



Carole Carroll with Teddy



Lego