

BirKist Birmans Celebrates GC, RW BirKist's Diesel Doodle, DM First Distinguished Merit of Our Own Breeding



Diesel's Grand Offspring

GC BirKist I'z Adorable
GC BirKist's Jukebox Gigolo
GC BirKist's Jumpin Jack Flash
GP BirKist's Kahlua & Cream
GC BirKist's Kangaroo Jack
GC BirKist's Laces N Love
GP BirKist's Loui the Lionhearted
CH, GP Euphoria's Girl Interrupted
GP Euphoria's Gunsroses of Highlander
GP Euphoria's Jimi Hendrix of BirKist
GC Euphoria's Kiss of Dragonpaw
GC Labarbarry Glitter
GP Labarbarry Gunner
GP Pixydust's Honey Bear of Kalim
GC Torielle's Jelly Bean of Dragonpaw
GC Torielle's Jujube

When we adopted our first Birman in 1993 neither Paul or I ever dreamed that event would eventually lead to breeding and showing Birmans. After showing in premiership for several years we decided to give breeding a try. Our first foundation queen never got pregnant so disappointed we spayed her and thanks to Diane Coppola's faith in us acquired CH D'Elo's Bit-A-Honey of BirKist, DM a beautiful seal lynx point female. Diesel was the first kitten born in her first litter. Being new I thought he was pretty nice but didn't really know until I received confirmation from the judges and our fellow breeders. It seems only fitting that Ellyn Honey the first judge to final Diesel as a 4 month old kitten was judging the show where Diesel earned his Distinguished Merit award and that she was an important part of granding #15 making GP BirKist's Loui the Lionhearted Best LH Premier and Best AB Premier. He earned his final points later that day.

Thanks to our wonderful Birman friends who have encouraged and supported us in our quest to DM Diesel. Special thanks to Diane Coppola for entrusting us with Honey and for allowing us to bring her to GC, RW Buttonball's AC/DC of D'Elo, Diesel's sire. Special thanks to Dawn & Avi Cohen for allowing us to use GC Pixydust's Belgium Chunk O' Chocolate, DM producing GC BirKist's Fancy Pants & Paws and to Carol & Mel List for allowing us to use Voijer's Cherokee Chief producing GC BirKist's Hershey Kiss. Fancy & Diesel produced 3 grands and Diesel & Hershey produced 4 grands. Special thanks also to Barb Bennett, Ellen Weber and Jeri Zottoli for trusting us with girls for breeding and for showing to grand offspring of those breedings. We are also very grateful to Chris Parisi and Karen & Larry Diamond who also showed Diesel's offspring to grand. And special thanks to the judges who finalled Diesel and his offspring especially judges Ellyn Honey and Jeri Zottoli.

None of this would have ever happened without the wonderful Birman community in the North Atlantic and Southern regions who made us feel welcome when we started showing in Premiership. And who were also willing to share their knowledge and lines with us when we decided to start breeding.

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