

## Judges Report 20th November 2016 Scottish Show Denny

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An early 5.30 am start and a trip up the motorway with temperature varying between zero and -4 degrees saw me arrive in Denny around 9.45 am. A new venue, with easy access to the motorway network for the Scottish Region.

I started as usual judging the Young Standard Females, the medium/dark class produced a 1<sup>st</sup> for Jean Beardshaw with an animal a little on the small side but nice and bright in reasonable show condition and going on to take Best Young Standard Female and Reserve Young Standard. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this from Teresa Moir was slightly down in clarity but good conformation and density taking also Reserve Young Standard Female.

Onto the Young Standard Males and the medium/dark class produced a 1<sup>st</sup> for Teresa having good size, conformation and clarity in reasonable show condition, going on to take Best Young Standard Male, Best Young Standard and Reserve Standard.

Onto the Adult Standard Females and another 1<sup>st</sup> for Jean having good size and conformation, slightly down in clarity but good density taking also Best Adult Standard Female and Reserve Adult Standard. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was again from Jean, having good size and conformation, brighter but not quite in as good show condition, taking also Reserve Adult Standard Female.

Onto the Adult Standard Males, just three animals in the class producing a 1<sup>st</sup> for Jean having good size, conformation and clarity, good density, bright but slightly out of condition, going on to take Best Adult Standard Male, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and Reserve Show Champion.

Onto the Young Mutations. The Wilson White class produced a 1<sup>st</sup> for Wendy French having good size and conformation, clear in colour but a bit dull. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this also from Wendy had good size and conformation, strong fur but a bit down in clarity. The beige class produced a 1<sup>st</sup> for James Buchan with good size, conformation and clarity and in good show condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this, also from James had good size, conformation and

clarity but slightly open fur. The Black Velvet class produced another 1<sup>st</sup> for James having good size and conformation, slightly down in clarity but having loads of fur and exceptional coverage for such a young animal, this along with good show condition led to it taking Best Young Mutation, Best Mutation and eventually Grand Show Champion. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this, also from James had good size conformation and clarity but not as good coverage as the 1<sup>st</sup> winner, but good enough to go on to take Reserve Young Mutation. In the AOC class a Violet produced another 1<sup>st</sup> for Jean, having good size and conformation but a bit dull.

Onto the Adult Mutations and the Ebony class produced another 1<sup>st</sup> for Jean having good size, conformation and clarity and going on to take Reserve Adult Mutation, 2<sup>nd</sup> to this, also from Jean was a bit smaller and slightly down in clarity. In the AOC class a beige from Wendy received a 1<sup>st</sup> having good size, conformation and clarity but slightly out of condition. Another Black Velvet 1st from James had good size and conformation but was slightly down in clarity and out of condition but still good enough to take Best Adult Mutation and Reserve Mutation. Two Novice Adult Black Velvets produced a 1<sup>st</sup> for Kelly Buchan having good size and conformation, slightly down in clarity but good coverage and a 2<sup>nd</sup> a bit small but good conformation, again slightly down in clarity.

Good to see a nice spread of award winners among the Region.

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