

Judges Report Scottish Show 21st February 2016

Maddiston

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A 6am start and I arrived at Maddiston Community Centre in plenty of time to have a couple of cups of coffee before starting to judge. A warm and friendly welcome as usual from the Scottish members.

Five Young Standard Females made a Medium Dark class, the 1st ribbon from David Blakey having good size and conformation, strong fur but slightly down in clarity, taking Best Young Standard female and Reserve Young Standard, 2nd to this, also from David having good size and conformation, good clarity, fine fur, but not in as good condition as the 1st ribbon, taking also Reserve Young Standard Female.

Onto the Young Standard Males, again five animals total to make one medium dark class. The 1st ribbon from Jean Beardshaw having good size, conformation and clarity, strong fur but lacking veiling coverage in the neck, going on to take Best Young Standard Male, Best Young Standard and Reserve Show Champion.

Onto the Adult Standard Females, just three in the group to make a medium dark class and another 1st for David Blakey, a bit small but good conformation and coverage, slightly down in clarity, taking also Best Adult Standard Female.

Onto the adult Standard Males, four animals in the group to make a medium dark class, the 1st ribbon from James Buchan having good

size and conformation and strong upright fur going on to take Best Adult Standard male, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and Show Champion, 2nd to this, again from James, having excellent clarity, lots of eye appeal but out of condition, taking also Reserve Adult Standard Male and Reserve Adult Standard.

In the Novice Adult Standard male class just one animal from Kelly Buchan receiving a 2nd ribbon, ok size, silky but slightly weak fur. Onto the Young Mutations, 6 beiges were disappointing and received no awards.

A Novice Brown Velvet from Astrid Carss, was awarded a 3rd ribbon being small, with narrow conformation and down in clarity. 3 Wilson Whites produced just a 2nd ribbon for Wendy French. 3 Violets produced a 1st ribbon for Jean Beardshaw having good size and conformation, down slightly in clarity and showing slight fur weakness, going on to take Reserve Young Mutation.

A Deutsch violet from David Blakey received a 1st ribbon, good size and conformation but slight fur weakness, and a self black (ebony) from David received a 1st with good size and conformation but slightly down in clarity, good enough to take Best Young Mutation.

In the novice Young Mutations a Black Velvet from Kelly Buchan received a 1st ribbon, just 4 month old and a little narrow but showing potential for improvement.

Onto the Adult Mutations and a nice class of Pink Whites produced a 1st ribbon for Teresa Moir, having good size, conformation and clarity and going on to take Reserve Adult Mutation and Reserve

Mutation, 2nd to this from Wendy French having good size and conformation but slightly down in clarity with signs of fur weakness. Two Wilson Whites produced a 1st and 2nd for Teresa Moir, the 1st having good size and conformation, strong fur but just slightly down in clarity, good enough to take Best Adult Mutation and Best Mutation.

In the Novice Adult Wilson White class Kelly Buchan received a 2nd ribbon for an animal that was a bit small but good conformation and clarity, but slight fur weakness. Two adult Violets could only produce a 2nd ribbon for Jean Beardshaw.

A class of four Black Velvets produced a 1st and 2nd for James Buchan the best having good size and conformation, good clarity, strong fur and good coverage, 2nd had good size and conformation but a slight drop in clarity.

Two Novice Black velvets received a 1st and 2nd for Kelly Buchan the best having good size and conformation but slightly down in clarity, the 2nd having good size but not quite the coverage of the 1st.

Well done to James and Jean and all the other ribbon winners!

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