

West Midland and Wales Show

Calf Heath , February 2nd 2014

Judges Report : Sandy King

From the beginning to the end of the show there was a relaxed happy atmosphere. I was spoilt and felt cherished when I was presented with a bacon omelette because the food available contained Carbs. I had decided to shift some of the Christmas weight and go on the Atkins the week before the show and I had found it difficult to find something to eat in the excellent choice available.

Kerry had an amazing day with so many top quality chins taking top prizes, including Show Champion and Reserve Show Champion. Congratulations Kerry. To save repetition I have not noted Kerry's name in my report as you can see results in this gazette. There were a few chins I would have chosen to take home on the day but they were placed below others for various reasons including condition and immaturity. As we are all aware, the judge has to place the chins as they present themselves on the day and not what they will be on another day.

YOUNG STANDARD FEMALES

Medium

All chins were out of condition in this class. 3rd Helmore: Very young with fair colour and veiling, silky fur and acceptable confirmation. HC Lee: Fur soft, reasonable veiling for age, colour acceptable, silky fur and again acceptable confirmation.

Medium Dark

1ST Good confirmation, excellent colour and good veiling, dense even finished fur, a good chin that won Reserve Best Young Standard Female. The 2nd was unfortunately priming badly, therefore, was light and open on the hips. It had a strong good type of fur but slightly down in colour, which might have been cage stain, but a good type of chin.

Dark

1st Excellent veiling strong tight fur but soft on sides and slightly narrow in neck. 3rd Helmore: Too small, acceptable veiling with good strength and volume of fur, but dull in colour

Extra Dark

1st Beautiful standard female chin who went on to be Reserve Show Champion. Good veiling, blue clear colour with strong silky fur and very good confirmation

YOUNG STANDARD MALES

Medium

HC Lee: Small needing to mature. Well prepared with strong fur, however, it was priming and the fur was choppy on the day.

Medium Dark

1st Very large blocky Chin, fair colour with open fur light on the hips, in good condition with lots of baby fur. HC Helmore: Out of condition, small with a narrow neck. Strong fur with lots of guard hairs but down in colour.

Dark

1st: Big blocky animal, good neck, strong even finish to the fur with very good veiling and good colour 3rd Lee: Narrow in shoulders, reasonable veiling, good colour but fur choppy. HC Lee: Out of condition, small and necky, silky strong fur with acceptable colour.

Extra Dark

Very good class, all 3 chins shown by Kerry. 1st Show Champion Not a hair out of place and showed itself beautifully. Very tight dense silky strong fur with a healthy shine, I was impressed with the way the long fur snapped back instantly when it had rested against the sides of the show cage. Excellent confirmation, size and veiling. To nit-pick the colour was not as good as one or two of Kerry's other chins or the Reserve Show Champion, but everything else was outstanding and it had amazing eye appeal. One has to judge every aspect of the chin and not focus on one attribute and this chin excelled in everything except the colour, which was still good. Although not in the same mould as most of Kerry's chins, it is one to be very proud of. The 2nd had better colour than the first. It had strong silky fur with long guard hairs, excellent veiling and good size and confirmation 3rd Not in condition. Acceptable veiling, good size, strong fur which might be short in the back and breaking on sides.

NOVICE STANDARD YOUNG MALES

2nd Donkersley: Excellent veiling, small dip in the neck and narrow shoulders but a very good colour. It had strong fur but was priming slightly.

STANDARD ADULT FEMALE

Medium

2nd Lee: Good size with full neck and good confirmation. The fur was breaking but it had the best colour in the class and acceptable veiling. 3rd Lee: Very large blocky animal with dense strong fur but was out of condition. HC Lee: Small narrow shoulders, out of condition and priming, light on hips, silky strong fur and down in colour. HC Helmore: Priming with small narrow shoulders, acceptable colour and nice silky fur.

Dark

Good Class again all owned by Kerry. 1st Big blocky animal with even strong fur in prime. Colour acceptable and excellent veiling 2nd Big blocky blue strong fur with guard hairs, but open on the hips and not as dense as the winner. The 3rd was out of condition. Excellent size and confirmation with strong silky blue fur.

Extra Dark

1st Very big and blocky, with strong tight fur and an acceptable colour.

NOVICE ADULT FEMALE

Dark

2ND Donkersley: Fair size of reasonable confirmation and with good veiling. Slightly down in colour with fur of acceptable strength.

STANDARD ADULT MALE

All the adult males were exhibited by Kerry

Dark

1st: Good size, blocky, blue, acceptable veiling and with strong dense fur that had eye appeal. 2nd good confirmation except when it stretched out it had a long neck fur. Open and slightly woolly on sides but in good condition The 3rd was priming, therefore, the fur was choppy and rough on the sides. A blocky animal of good confirmation.

Extra Dark

1st good size and blocky but not in top condition. Strong fur, very good veiling and acceptable colour.

YOUNG MUTATIONS

Wilson White

1st Bradburn: Good confirmation, neck and size. Fur of good density. Part of the body was of acceptable colour but it was fractionally creamy in the neck. 2nd Allcoat: Good size, acceptable confirmation, nice tipping, open fur, colour was clear but dull. 3rd Proctor: Good confirmation and density but fur creamy especially in the neck area. The fur was long at the sides but the chin was priming badly with fur in all directions. Should look much better when primed

Black

1st Proctor: Excellent mutation veiling for age. Tight silky strong fur, good confirmation, blue clear colour and well-presented. 2nd Proctor: Excellent confirmation and size. Mutation veiling nearly down the sides to the white belly. It had good length fur. 3rd Bradburn: Fair confirmation, not in top condition as it was breaking on the sides. The mutation coverage will improve with age, colour was dull. HC Bradburn: Would have gone higher in the ribbons but down in colour. Very good mutation coverage and tight silky fur. HC Proctor: Immature at present but looks promising. Narrow in the shoulders, acceptable colour and coverage but out of condition on the day

AOC

Pink White

1st Allcoat: Blocky good neck, very good size, fur slightly woolly, colour clear with acceptable peachy colour. 2nd Allcoat: Acceptable confirmation and size. Dense silky fur but of creamy not clear colour

Beige

2ND Allcoat: Such a shame the colour was very poor through oxidisation (unusual in such a young chin). Otherwise an excellent chin with an even finish to strong silky fur. Good confirmation, size and mutation veiling.

Brown Velvet

1st Bradburn: Good blue colour, very good confirmation, fur slightly open and woolly. Reasonable coverage for age, good confirmation and size. This chin went on to win Best Young Mutation and Reserve Best Mutation.

Violets

3rd Lee: Reasonable size for age. Fur lies back and was long on sides but silky on the back. The colour was dull but it could be cage stain! HC Lee: Too small for its age, good colour & sheen, but open fur which is long on sides and correct on the back

NOVICE YOUNG MUTATIONS

Wilson White

2nd Donkersley: Good confirmation, slightly creamy, good length fur with good density for age.

Violets

2nd Holmes: Presentation let it down slightly. Down in colour, fur of good density and of good size and acceptable confirmation. 3rd Donkersley: Good Confirmation, fur short in back and long at sides with a slight sheen. Some cage stain affecting the look of the chin. HC Holmes: Good sharp blue colour but priming badly, narrow neck, fair confirmation. It should improve.

ADULT MUTATIONS

AOC

2nd Wilson White Lee: Well-presented, fair confirmation, slightly creamy with strong dense fur but slightly woolly on sides. 2nd Brown Velvet Bradburn: A big blocky chin with good confirmation and mutation veiling, but oxidised. 2nd Beige Lee: Down in colour, of good size but dips in neck. Had good fur but was priming. 2nd Violet Helmore: A chin of good size and confirmation but out of condition and down in colour. 3rd Ultra violet Lee: A bit small for an adult, necky and long in the body. The fur and colour was acceptable. 1st Black Velvet Bradburn: Good confirmation, excellent mutation veiling down sides and in neck, strong silky fur but out of condition. It was good enough to win Best Mutation.

NOVICE ADULT MUTATIONS

2nd Black Velvet Holmes: Very open fur on sides. Good confirmation and of good colour but very out of condition. 2nd Violet Holmes: Good size but narrow and long in neck. The fur was dense and silky but the animal was out of condition. It was down in colour but that could be cage stain. 3rd Self Black Donkersley: Small for an adult, necky, good colour and fur density. Good wraparound of mutation fur.

Thank you all for inviting me to judge your show and my appreciation to all those who bought as many chins as possible regardless of condition to support this happy show.