

Judges Report West Midlands Show
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I arrived bright and early and was immediately greeted with an egg and bacon sandwich courtesy of Kerry's dad which of course I was far too polite to refuse and the second one tasted just as good!

Eventually I stopped eating and made a start judging the Young Standard Females. Six medium/darks produced a 1st for Kerry Bradburn having good size conformation and clarity and good length of fur this going on to take Reserve Best Young Standard Female and Reserve Best Young Standard. 2nd to this from Heather Boncey had good size and conformation, slightly down in clarity and showing a little fur weakness.

Three Medium colour phase produced a 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, strong fur but slightly open on hips, 2nd to this again from Heather had good size and conformation but slightly down in clarity and slightly weaker fur.

Onto the Dark colour phase and this time the results the other way round, a 1st for Heather with ok size, good conformation and clarity but a little down in show condition but good enough to go on to take Best Young Standard Female and Best Young Standard. 2nd to this from Kerry had good size, slightly down in clarity and I would have liked a fuller neck. Just one extra dark produced a 1st for Kerry having ok size and conformation, down slightly in clarity, out of condition, priming and loose on hips.

Onto the Young Standard Males, the dark class produced a 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, good veiling coverage and at 4½ month old will improve, going on to take Reserve Best Young Standard Male. 2nd to this also from Kerry having good size, slight drop in clarity and a little narrow. Nothing of note in the medium/dark class but the Mediums produced another 1st for Kerry with good size, conformation and clarity, going on to take Best Young Standard Male and another 2nd from Heather, a bit smaller, ok conformation, a nice bright animal and 4 months, so will improve.

Onto the Adult Standard females and the medium/darks produced another 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, loads of fur in good show condition, going on to take Best Adult Standard Female, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and eventually Grand Show Champion. 2nd to this also from Kerry in not quite as good show condition but good size with tight, dense fur going on to take Reserve Best Adult Standard Female. Onto the Dark cooler phase and another 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity.

The Adult Standard Males Dark colour phase produced a 1st for Kerry having good size and clarity, nice silky fur but I would have liked to see a bit fuller neck, this taking also Reserve Best Adult Standard Male, 2nd to this had a noticeable drop in clarity but good coverage. The Extra Darks produced another 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, good coverage and lots of fur, 2nd to this also from Kerry again had good size, conformation, clarity and coverage. The Medium Darks proved to be the best, a 1st for Kerry with good size, conformation and clarity taking also Best Adult Standard Male, Reserve Best Adult Standard and Reserve Best Standard, 2nd to this from Denise Oaten was a bit smaller and a bit brighter.

Onto the Young Mutations. Four Wilson Whites were all slightly down in clarity, the best receiving a 2nd ribbon, this was slightly out of condition.

The Beige class produced a 1st for Denise having good size, conformation and clarity, strong fur and going on to take Best Young Mutation, 2nd to this also from Denise had good size, ok conformation and slightly weaker fur.

Three Ultra Violets produced 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Stephen Helmore, best of which was ok size, ok clarity, 5 month old with slightly weak fur, and the AOC class produced a 1st Violet for Cameron Holmes, a little on the small side but good conformation and clarity with strong fur, taking Best Violet and Reserve Best Young Mutation. Sandy King received a 1st for her Brown Velvet, Ok size, good conformation, clarity and coverage but slightly open fur.

An AOC class in the Adult Mutations produced a 1st beige for Cameron Holmes having good size, conformation and clarity but slightly open fur on sides taking also Reserve Best Adult Mutation and a 1st Black Velvet for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, strong fur with good coverage taking Best Adult Mutation, Best Mutation and Reserve Show Champion.