

## Judges Report – WM & W Show – Calf Heath, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

### Judge – Paul Spooner, JUI – Heather Boncey

The first show of the season is always a happy event and we had a really good turn out with 80 entries. We were all welcomed with bacon sandwiches courtesy of John Bradburn.

We colour phased the standards and kicked off with a class of 4 medium dark young standards. Kerry Bradburn Jones took 1st with a good size, blocky chin. Good clarity and easily the best chin in this class. Unfortunately, she was out of condition on the day. She did go on to win Reserve best young standard female The second chin was in better condition, younger but the fur was slightly shorter. The 3<sup>rd</sup> chin owned by Denise Oaten was a good size, confirmation, out of condition and a slight drop in clarity from the first 2.

Medium females were next. The 1<sup>st</sup> this time for Denise Oaten with her chin who was a good size, good clarity of colour, clear, slightly open fur and in good show condition. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> award The 3<sup>rd</sup> went to Sian Allcoat with a drop in quality, weaker fur, smaller and out of condition. She also took HC with a good-sized chin, fur was a bit choppy and out of condition. The other HC went to Stephen Helmore which was similar to the other HC, with a big drop in colour.

The Darks were next with one entry, a stunning chin who later went on to win Best Young Standard Female and Best Young Standard. She was a good size, confirmation, lovely and clear with good veiling down the sides. Bags of fur and in good show condition. Going on to take Best Young Standard Female and Best Young Standard.

There followed an AOC class of young standard males. The 2 darks owned by Kerry Bradburn Jones The 1<sup>st</sup> was a good size, good confirmation, clear, nice veiling down the sides and bags of fur. Slightly down in condition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> winner. This went on to take Best Young Standard Male and Reserve Young Standard. The 2<sup>nd</sup> winner was a good size, slightly narrow in the neck. There was a drop in clarity compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> winner and not the volume of fur. This chin went on to take Reserve Young Standard Male.

The medium dark class produced a 1st for Denise Oaten with a good sized chin, bit narrow in the neck, lovely upright fur, good eye appeal and in reasonable show condition. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> award. The 3<sup>rd</sup> went to Kerry Bradburn Jones with a good sized chin, there was a drop in clarity to the winner and a narrow neck and out of condition.

The next class, medium dark adult females. The first a lovely good sized adult bred by Denise Oaten having good size, conformation and clarity, loads of fur, in good show condition. This went on to win Best Adult Standard Female, Reserve Best Adult Standard and Reserve Show Champion. Good breeding female with loads of fur. The 2<sup>nd</sup> winner bred by Kerry Bradburn Jones was slightly narrow in the shoulders compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> winner. There was no 3<sup>rd</sup> award but the 2 HC's were from Denise Oaten. They were a bit small and narrow in the neck compared to the winner.

There was one entry in the dark class which took 1<sup>st</sup> and was bred by Kerry Bradburn Jones with a good sized chin, good clarity and bags of fur and eye appeal. Good show condition and went on to win Reserve best adult standard female.

There was also one entry in the extra dark class bred by Kerry Bradburn Jones. This was very similar to the winner of the dark class and took a 1<sup>st</sup> with dense fur, excellent veiling, but a bit down in colour to the winner of the dark class. There was no award for the medium entry.

Onto the Adult Standard Males.

The next class was a stunning dark standard bred by Kerry Bradburn Jones. He went on to win Best adult standard male, Best adult standard, Best standard and Grand Show Champion. This chin was a good size, good confirmation, loads of good quality upright fur. Nice veiling. An excellent, top quality chin. The 2<sup>nd</sup> winner bred by Denise Oaten was a good size, confirmation, slight drop in clarity and fur breaking slightly due to condition. The 3<sup>rd</sup> winner was bred by Kerry Bradburn Jones and was a good size. Similar quality to the 2<sup>nd</sup> winner.

The medium dark class produced a 1<sup>st</sup> winner for Kerry Bradburn Jones with a good sized chin, good clarity and veiling and strong fur in good condition. The 2<sup>nd</sup> winner was bred by Sian Allcoat. This was a bit smaller and slightly down in colour to the first ribbon winner and was in reasonable show condition.

The Novice Adult Standard Males produced a 2<sup>nd</sup> for Mike Snaden and a 3<sup>rd</sup> for Charlotte Compton. They were slightly dull and out of condition compared to the main class.

## **Young Mutations**

### **Beige Class**

This was a very disappointing class. There was nothing outstanding so there was no 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> award. The 3<sup>rd</sup> went to Sian Allcoat for a young chin that was an OK size bit narrow in the neck, clarity was OK and was a reasonable ribbon winner. The HC went to Hannah Mitchell for a similar chin. There were no other awards.

### **Violet Class**

This was another disappointing class with only one ribbon winner an HC for Andrew Lee. This chin was a good size and reasonable confirmation but the fur was open.

### **Black Velvet**

This produced a 2<sup>nd</sup> for Lorraine Prince. This chin had nice strong up fur, a bit narrow in the neck but has time to improve. The 3<sup>rd</sup> award went to Hannah Mitchell. This chin was a drop in clarity to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and had softer fur and out of condition. The HC award went to Lorraine Price. There was a very little black coverage and nothing over the hips. No other award.

### **Self Black**

Disappointing class with no 1<sup>st</sup> award. The 2<sup>nd</sup> from Denise Oaten was reasonable size, best clarity on the table but narrow in neck. The other awards, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2 HCs were also bred by Denise Oaten. The 3<sup>rd</sup> winner had stronger fur but not as good clarity. The HCs had softer fur but size OK.

### **AOC Class**

There was no award for the 2 brown white crosses bred by Dave Green. They were a good size, but had weak fur and were yellow. There was no award for the beige bred by Hannah Mitchell. This chin was an OK size, narrow, clarity was OK but had weak choppy fur. The Angora bred by Lorraine Prince produced a 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon and was a good size, neck OK, clarity OK. Plenty of fur but it looked weak down the sides. The brown velvet bred by Dave Green was a bit small, narrow, with weak, choppy fur with no eye appeal. The self brown bred by Hannah Mitchell produced an HC. The size was OK, and so was the clarity of colour but the fur was weak and lying back. The sapphire bred by Dave Green was small, narrow in the neck. Clarity was OK but had no eye appeal. The Charcoal produced a HC for Dave Green. It wasn't a bad size, narrow in the neck and weak fur over the hips.

### **Novice AOC Class**

The Violet from Charlotte Compton was better than the violets in the main show so was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> and went on to win the Best Young Mutation. This chin was an OK size, good fur strength but a bit narrow in the neck. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> winner but the 3<sup>rd</sup> winner bred by Mike Snaden was an OK size and clarity and had good fur length but no fur strength.

The self brown from Mike Snaden got an HC. The size was OK but clarity spoiled due to oxidation.

There was also 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> awards for the Black Velvets from Mike Snaden.

## **Adult Mutations**

### **Black Velvet**

The 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon winner was bred by Kerry Bradburn Jones and was a good size, big and blocky, good neck, good coverage and clarity. Loads of fur and in reasonable condition. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winner but the HC was bred by Andrew Lee. This chin was a bit on the small side, narrow in the neck, down slightly in clarity of colour and open on the sides. The coverage was good. No other award.

### **AOC Adult Class**

Homo Beige from Andrew Lee got no award as it was opened furred and small. Brown Velvet from Kerry Bradburn Jones got a 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a good size, strong fur which was rather open. The Beige from Denise Oaten got a 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon. This had a good size, strong fur but was breaking at the sides. Just its condition on the day. Brown Velvet from Andrew Lee got a HC. Its size was OK but it had oxidised and had weak fur over the hips. Self Black from Hannah Mitchell got a 1<sup>st</sup>. This chin was a lovely size, confirmation, strong fur – no fur weakness. *(Found out later she had been in breeding!!)*

Violet class produced a 2<sup>nd</sup> for Andrew Lee. This was a good-sized chin but the fur was open and weak which is why it wasn't awarded a 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Novice**

##### **Wilson White**

3 animals in this class. They were all a good size, confirmation. Not bad animals but they were all down in clarity. Could be whiter. 1<sup>st</sup> for Charlotte Compton, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbons for Andrew Marshall.

#### **AOC**

Pink White. 1<sup>st</sup> for Mike Snaden with a good sized chin. Good confirmation but a slight creamy colour. It also looked like brown spats on the front paws so could possibly be a brown/white cross.

Violet produced a 3<sup>rd</sup> for Mike Snaden. There was a chunk of fur missing and the fur was slightly open but had good clarity.

During lunch we were treated to a lovely meal courtesy of Sian Allcoat. There was also a very good raffle with many prizes on offer.

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