

Judges Report, North Region, 29th September 2013, Birdwell

Judge: Paul Spooner

A hive of activity, the best way to describe Birdwell Community Centre when I arrived to judge the above show. All the work of laying out tables and chairs had been done, so plenty of time to relax and have a nice cup of coffee before the start.

I started with the Young Standard Females. These were split into two colour phases comprising 5 Mediums and 5 Medium/Darks. First up the Medium/Darks. The 1st ribbon winner (A8) from Sian Allcoat having a reasonable size, strong fur, good clarity but priming. The 2nd ribbon to this (A2) from Chris Galt was just about acceptable size for its age with good veiling coverage and strong fur. The Mediums were a better class, Sandy Kings 1st ribbon (A10) having good size, conformation, clarity and veiling coverage, going on to take Best Young Standard Female, and Best Young Standard. The 2nd ribbon to this (A7) from Sian Allcoat was smaller with rather open fur.

Onto the Young Standard Males, this time split into two colour phases comprising four Darks and five Medium/Darks. The Darks produced a 1st ribbon (B1) for Aileen and David Blakey, having good size, conformation, clarity and excellent veiling coverage and going on to take Best Young Standard Male and Reserve Best Young Standard. The 2nd ribbon to this (B9) from Sian Allcoat having good size, conformation and clarity but out of condition, but good enough to take Reserve Young Standard Male. The Medium Young Standard Male class was not as good producing a 2nd ribbon (B6) for Chris Galt, a bit small, reasonable conformation and clarity but open fur on hips.

In the Adult Standard Females, there were five animals I made into one class of Darks. They produced an excellent 1st ribbon (C4) for Denise Oaten having good size, conformation, clarity and excellent veiling coverage, well prepared in good show condition going on to take Best Adult Female, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and Best in Show. Well done Denise! The 2nd ribbon to this (C3) from Chris Galt had good size, conformation and clarity but open fur and out of condition, also taking Reserve Best Adult Standard Female.

A total of 4 entries in group D, the Adult Standard Males made up a Medium/Dark class and a 1st ribbon (D1) for Aileen and David Blakey, having good size, conformation and clarity with good density and coverage and going on to take Best Adult Standard Male, Reserve Best Standard and Reserve Best in Show. The 2nd ribbon to this (D3) again from Aileen and David, slightly smaller with more open fur and out of condition, going on to take Reserve Adult Standard Male.

The quality of the Young Mutations was very disappointing, no 1st ribbons, two 2nd ribbons, one 3rd and two HC's.

The Adult Mutations produced just one good class, three black velvets. The 1st ribbon (F5) from Sandy King was a good size animal with good conformation and clarity, plenty of fur and good coverage, taking Best Mutation. The 2nd ribbon (F4) to this from Sian Allcoat was smaller with not as good conformation but again good clarity and coverage, going on to take Reserve Best Mutation.