

Judges Report North Region Show Report September 2015

Judge- Sandy King

As usual when we have a chin show, the sun was shining which is welcome as here in the North we have had a wet dull summer. Unlike the South of England we haven't had to worry about our chins getting too hot. Having said that, several chins were priming which may be a reflection on the fact that autumn is well on its way in the North. Many of our members were unable to attend due to illness and work commitments, and others were on holiday, therefore the numbers were down. Poor Denise Oaten broke down on the way to the show so I hope her car is now up and running. A thank you to Andrew Lee who yet again travelled a long way to support the North Region Show. Restricted numbers meant it was a cosy show and left me plenty of time to rabbit on about my observations on Chinchilla showing and still finish early.

The quality at the show was very high with top ribbon winning animals able to hold their own at any show in the UK. Kayleigh and Dave Barber showed 4 well presented chins some went on to win top ribbons. I am sure they will be a good foundation to future show successes.

This was the first time the new award for the Judges Best Owner Bred Novice animal was awarded and it was a pleasure to present it to the Barber's. Well done.

Young Standard Female

Medium Dark

1st & 2nd owned by the Crutchley's. The 1st became Best Young Standard Female. Very good blocky confirmation & colour, slightly light on the hips as priming but in good condition, dense fur.

Medium

1st Crutchley's. Very good size reasonable confirmation and good colour, breaking on hips
2nd Lee. Good colour but out of condition with open fur and breaking on hips. Acceptable veiling and a reasonable size for its age.

Novice Dark Standard Female

1st Barber's nice chin. Very large and blocky, very strong mature fur. It lost out as the Best Young Standard Female as it was priming and the belly was off colour or stained, but a good runner up and Reserve Young Standard female.

Young Standard Male

Medium Dark

Crutchley's 1st. Good size blocky & blue, good strong fur but spoilt as it was priming. 2nd Lee. Slightly small for age and had a narrow neck, priming open fur of good colour

Medium – 3rd Lee. Very young and priming badly. I assume brought to make up the numbers so thank you

Dark

1st Crutchley's. Liked this four and half month baby a lot, should shape up to be a very good male lots of eye appeal, lots of potential. It had tight strong blue fur with excellent confirmation. The chin I would most like to have taken home with me on the day. Went on to be Reserve Best Standard.

2nd Crutchley's. Similar to first but priming so it was light on the hips but it had good colour and confirmation. Reserve Best Young Standard Male.

Adult Standard Female

Medium Dark

1st Crutchley's. Good size and condition, good length strong fur although priming on hips, but good veiling and excellent neck. Reserve Adult Standard Female.

Dark

1st Crutchley's. Lovely female not a hair out of place. A huge blocky animal with excellent veiling and neck. An acceptable colour with beautiful tight fur. She went on to become Show Champion, well done!

Adult Standard Male

Medium Dark

1st Crutchley's. A large blocky chin with acceptable veiling, good colour and confirmation, slightly out of condition which meant it was breaking in the neck and open on hips. Nice coverage of guard hairs. Reserve Best Adult Standard Male

Dark

Crutchley's. Excellent confirmation and very blocky. Strong tight fur, blue & clear and became Reserve Adult Standard

All adult standards were quality breeding chinchillas.

Young Mutations

Sullivan Violets

1st Lee. Good size, confirmation & veiling. Very good colour with strong fur in the back but soft on the sides. It had a slight satin sheen – a satin sheen is not required in the colour description for this mutation or any other in the UK, but it adds to eye appeal. 3rd Lee. Slightly down in colour young chin small and necky, narrow in the shoulders with very soft long fur and priming. Good veiling.

Deutsch Violet

1st Crutchley's. Good size and confirmation, excellent colour, white belly & veiling. Strong fur on the back, loose on sides, priming.

Wilson Whites

1st Lee. A very large blocky animal. The colour was good but with a slight tendency to be creamy. It had a good strength of fur and was well presented. 2nd Lee. This chin had very attractive markings, good size, strong fur and confirmation but unfortunately was down in colour. Again, it was well presented.

Beige

1st Crutchley's. Very dark phased beige, clear colour but showing oxidisation? Good strong dense even fur with excellent confirmation & neck. 2nd Lee. Fair confirmation but full of baby fur which was longer on the sides. An acceptable colour but looked as if it may be a carrier.

Black Velvet

A 1st for the Crutchley's for a very blue black & clear animal with outstanding mutation veiling for its age. Very good size, has lots of potential and won Best Young Mutation

Novice Ultra Violet

1st Barber. Good colour, white belly, good strong fur of even length throughout.

Novice Beige

1st Barber. Good size & confirmation, silky tight fur of excellent colour, well presented and finished. Reserve Best Young Mutation

Adult Mutations

Self Black

1st Crutchley's. An example of what to aim for in this mutation. Outstanding even blue black colour, wrapping all around this huge blocky chin. Very strong fur. Went on to be Reserve Show Champion and only lost out to the Standard Adult female because low down on the sides, the fur was a little long possibly through priming. However, one really had to look hard into the fur to see the different length because it was so black. It was very close between these 2 top chins. 2nd Crutchley's. Slightly down in colour, acceptable size & blocky, good

straight upright fur in prime. 3rd Lee. Slightly on the small side and did not have full mutation wrap around colour. Good strong fur on the back.

Black Velvet

1st Crutchley's. A big black blocky animal with a good neck and strong fur and excellent colour. It went on to be Reserve Best Mutation.

Sullivan Violets

1st Lee. Small but with fur of good strength, length and colour that had a slight sheen. Acceptable confirmation and neck. 2nd Lee Too small and narrow in the neck, good strength of fur in the back but long on the sides, acceptable colour.

Novice Adult Sullivan Violet

1st Barber :Small with excellent veiling of acceptable colour. Narrow in the body with good strength of fur.

Thank you to everyone at the show for supporting me when I wasn't feeling at my best.

Sandy King