

## Show Report – North Region Show, Plumley, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009

Judge: - Stephen Helmore

Having stayed overnight with Sheffield, I decided on a cross over to Plumley via Bakewell, Macclesfield and Knutsford.

The heavy overnight rain left a water running down the roads nearly deterred by one very [verging on small lake Fortunately I was following who 'went for it' and, like the

in the area, I followed in formation and came out the other side without being totally submerged but gave the underside of the car a good wash!

When I arrived at Plumley preparations were well advanced and the show commenced quite promptly. The seventeen Young Standard Females were colour phased into three classes; Light, Medium and Medium-Dark.

Only the Medium class had a 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon award to a 5 month old of good size, blocky conformation and good colour, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the class had brighter colour but was down in condition and conformation both shown by Eddie and Richard Crutchley. Paul Spooner's 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Medium-Dark class had good colour but her fur type and conformation let her down.

The seventeen Young Standard Males were very much better and the three classes all having 1<sup>st</sup> awards. The Medium-Dark class of five had one very good chin from Eddie and Richard, becoming Best Young Standard Male, Best Young Standard and Reserve Best Standard Animal. This chin ticked all the boxes; very bright, good conformation, strong fur and good veiling coverage that came down the sides to a clear white belly and he was in condition on the day. The Medium class had a 1<sup>st</sup> for Eddie and Richard, a good coloured chin with Steven King's 2<sup>nd</sup> placed male having a much stronger fur type and better conformation but the colour was significantly down. The Dark class had 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbons for Eddie and Richard; the 1<sup>st</sup> that progressed to Reserve Best Young Standard was a very good all round chin but appeared dull to the excellent colour of the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the class.

I judged the six Adult Standard Females as one class, the 3 top animals, all from Eddie and Richard, were exceptionally large and blocky females. The top animal had very good colour, strong fur, white belly but not in top condition on the day became Best Standard Animal. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, with better veiling and finish but not the sparkle of the 1<sup>st</sup> followed as far as Reserve Best Adult Standard.

The six Adult Standard Males did split into two classes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Medium-Dark class for Eddie and Richard's male that was a good overall type but had a flat 'no sparkle' appearance on the day. Their 1<sup>st</sup> in the Dark class had good colour and conformation but not large in size and again out of condition.

The eighteen Young Mutations had classes for Beige, Deutsch Violet and Black Velvet and an A.O.C. class. Starting with a class of three Beiges a 1<sup>st</sup> for Sandy King's animal of good size and colour, which became Reserve Young Mutation, having the decision over the Loweridge partnership chin that had a stronger fur type but was smaller.

The class of five Deutsch Violets had a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Eddie and Richard. The 1<sup>st</sup> was a good type with blocky conformation, tight fur and good veiling and in top condition that became Best Young Mutation, Reserve Best Mutation and Reserve Best in Show. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was not so dark but with a really blue colour, was not as developed or having the finish of the 1<sup>st</sup>. The

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**78 Animals were exhibited at the Northern Show, comprising 49 Standards and 29 Mutations**

my In-Laws in country route Buxton,

lot of surface and I was large puddle proportions].

two other cars numerous sheep

class of four Black Velvets achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> for Eddie and Richard's chin with good coverage and strong fur type but down in colour.

The six AOC's had a 2<sup>nd</sup> for Paul Spooner's Sullivan Violet, which had a good fur type and coverage but with quite a yellow tinged belly fur as the highest award in the class.

The nine Adult mutations all came as one A.O.C. class but contained the star of the show, a Black Velvet from Eddie and Richard, which was immaculately presented with excellent coverage, strong fur type, good size and conformation that went all the way to become Best In Show.

Congratulations to Eddie and Richard for bringing both Best and Reserve Best in Show chins. My thanks to North Region for their hospitality and to all who helped and attended to make it a successful show.

**Stephen Helmore**

