

Show Report – North Region Show, Plumley, 20th Feb 2011

Judge:- Sandy King

As usual the Northern Region and ready to go when I arrived fortunate that we had a good chins exhibited considering once were held within one week of is thanks to Eddie and Richard that both shows on the 13th and had a reasonable number of shown.



was all set up and we were number of again shows each other. It Crutchley 20th March chinchillas

Why is it that the NCS cannot avoid shows being held within 7 days of each other? The regions submit the show dates in advance. The NCS committee should note when shows are within 7 days of each other and contact the regions to rearrange. I am sure if they acted immediately the regions would be open to changing the date to one week earlier or later. At present it appears none of the regions know they are clashing with the other regions dates until they are published in the Gazette.

Yet again this season four shows have clashed, these being the 14th & 21st November, and the 13th & 20th March. These dates have usually been followed by 4 weeks without a show in either of the 2 affected regions. Very few people can afford time or money to exhibit at both shows or are unwilling to risk the stress and affecting the condition of their chins by showing twice in 7 days, therefore numbers at these shows are down and one or both shows run at a loss. Surely this cannot be acceptable?

On this note I would sincerely like to thank Steven King from the Scottish Region who made the long journey. The North Region have been grateful that the Scottish contingent have so often supported us and it is always most welcome. On a personal note I find the Scottish Region Shows very friendly and I wish they weren't so far away, but I find the return long trip on my own at night is difficult as I worry about falling asleep behind the wheel.

The Northern Region rely on its local exhibitors to provided lunch for every one and we had lots of top quality food to eat and once again every one chipped in. There was plenty to eat and some left over. Its always good to see every one helping out and getting together as it makes for a happy show.

The standard of Chinchillas was very high although some of the exhibits were very young but these had kindly been entered to boost the numbers by Richard & Eddie Crutchley who had an outstanding day sweeping the board, winning all top ribbons bar one which was taken by Alan & Carol Mills. Congratulations Eddie & Richard on your many awards and the depth of quality of the chins shown.

Young Standard Females

Medium CP - 2nd for E&R Crutchley's slightly small for age chin with baby fur which was open, with good confirmation and fair colour.

Medium Dark CP - 1st was a nice female that went on to win Best Young Standard Female for the Crutchley's. Blue and in very good condition and prime, with good veiling for age and strong dense fur with long guard hair.

Novice Medium CP - 1st ribbon for Allan & Carol Mills, congratulations to them as this chin went on to be Reserve Best Young Female. Very good confirmation and size for age of 5 months with bright blue strong baby fur with even guard hairs in good condition. A 2nd for another chin from Allan & Carol for their big blocky female of acceptable colour with a very good neck & veiling coverage, with fair fur quality but loose on the hips.

Novice Dark CP - A 2nd for Allan & Carol's big female which was spoilt as it is long in the neck. The colour & clarity were just acceptable. Good Veiling, not in show condition. The 3rd ribbon for Allan & Carol was narrow in the shoulders and down in colour. She was priming but had even veiling, plus strong but open fur.

Young Standard Males

Medium CP - Both award winners in this class were very young. 1st exhibited by the Crutchley's was large for age and in good condition although priming slightly on hips. He had fair veiling with strong blue silky dense fur. The 2nd for the Crutchley's was very large with excellent confirmation, but was light on the hips, of good clarity and colour, but open furred over the hips with lots of baby fur.

Medium Dark CP - 1st for the Crutchley's for a very young, clear and blue male with good confirmation but long in neck when stretching out. Good veiling but open over the hips.

Dark CP - Three Good males in this class, with 1st for a bright blue, clear male with very good veiling, confirmation, neck and size. A 2nd for Steven King for a good sized male with good neck and confirmation, strong fur but a little coarse and open over hips with some priming lines. The 3rd from the Crutchley's was similar to the 2nd placed chin but well out of condition.

Extra Dark CP - Another tough class to judge. 1st again for the Crutchley's for an excellent sized, blocky confirmation and neck with excellent veiling. This male had silky strong fur with loads of guard hair and well presented on the day. He went on to be Show Champion; well done Eddie and Richard. The 2nd placed chin, again for the Crutchleys was very nice and made Reserve Best Young Standard. He was very blue & clear and in excellent show condition with good strong fur, although but not as dense as the winner. Again, very good neck and blocky conformation. The 3rd and HC winners were also very good chins but not in condition on the day.

Novice Medium Dark CP - 1st for Allan & Carol for their young male with good strong fur, good veiling although open on hips, blocky and well presented.

Adult Standard Females

Medium Dark CP - 1st for the Crutchley's for their very large & blocky blue clear chin. She had strong fur but a little soft and open on sides veiling could be better. Well presented.

Dark CP - 1st again for a lovely chin which was big with excellent blocky confirmation, excellent veiling, strong tight fur, plus blue and clear. She was in near perfect show condition and went on to be another top winner as Reserve Show Champion for Eddie & Richard. 2nd in the class was for Steven King's good sized chin with a fair neck and acceptable colour, good veiling but out of show condition.

Extra Dark CP - 1st for the Crutchleys for their blocky chin of fair size, good veiling and colour, plus fair size for age and strong tight fur in condition. This female went on to be

Reserve Best Adult Female. The 2nd in the class was again large, blocky, very good neck, although lacking veiling on hips and very slightly dull so lacking eye appeal.

Adult Standard Males

Medium CP – A 1st for a very large, blocky male from the Crutchleys with was blue, had good length of fur but not so dense. Well presented.

Dark CP – Another 1st for the Crutchleys for a male which was big, blocky, of very good confirmation, good colour, good clarity, strong fur, although slightly open on hips. Fair veiling down the sides went on to be Reserve Best Adult Standard. The 2nd ribbon winner for the Crutchleys had very good colour, good confirmation, silky fur although open on hips and fur breaking.

Extra Dark CP – The 1st winner and Reserve Best Adult Male had fair size, good confirmation and veiling, and was in show condition. Very good colour & clarity. The 2nd, again from the Crutchley's was of very good size and neck with good all round qualities but breaking and out of condition.

Novice Medium CP - 3rd was awarded to Sam Crowe & Chris Galt's well presented but slightly small male which was a little down in colour, but with good confirmation and neck but not in show condition - should do better when primed.

Novice Dark CP – A 2nd for Sam & Chris's large male with acceptable colour, very well presented but out of condition on the day so open fured and pale on the hips. Good strong fur type! A HC for Briony Conway for her male with very nice silky fur and veiling but lacking size and confirmation, plus out of show condition. I believe this was Briony's first show so good luck for the future!

Young Mutations

Black Velvet – A Very good class of quality blacks. 1st for the Crutchley's Became Best Young Mutation and Reserve Mutation. In excellent condition with good colour, only slightly light in neck and with silky strong fur, mutation fur could have come slightly further down the sides for perfection but it is still a youngster so this will come in time. The 2nd for Steven King was another very good black with excellent coverage, good conformation, acceptable colour and could have gone into top place but not in top condition and breaking on sides.

AOC Beige - 1st for the Crutchleys for their big and blocky Beige with good colour, slightly woolly on hips but otherwise in perfect show condition. This youngster went on to be Reserve Best Young Mutation. Another Beige gained a 2nd for Steven King which was not in top prime, but had a good white belly but top coat seemed to have oxidised. This chin had a very strong silky fur with good mutation coverage on sides. Shame it had oxidised!

AOC Deutsch Violet – A 2nd here for a priming and very young chin. Confirmation was fair but a little woolly on the sides, with good colour.

Novice Young Mutations – Beiges - 1st for Allan & Carol Mills for their chin with very good size, strong fur but slightly open and loose over the hips. Acceptable colour and good coverage of mutation fur. A 2nd for Allan & Carol for their Beige with the best colour in class, being blue, of good confirmation and tight dense fur, but breaking in neck and down sides where it was priming.

Novice AOC - Brown Velvet - A 2nd for Sam & Chris for their chin with blocky confirmation and neck but priming on hips, good strong fur. This chin would have had a first but for being a little down in colour.

Novice AOC - Pink White – A 3rd for Sam & Chris. This youngster may have been too young to be at its best as it was small, with acceptable confirmation but woolly fur and breaking.

Novice AOC - Self Black – Allan & Carol Mills achieved a 2nd for a self Black of good confirmation and size, lacking in mutation wrap around colour, looking more like a charcoal but with silky fine fur but priming.

Adult Mutations

AOC Black Velvet - 1st for the Crutchleys & Best Mutation for a Black Velvet of good confirmation, size & veiling, although slightly light in neck but this is acceptable in an otherwise good black. Strong silky fur!

AOC Deutsch Violet - 1st and 2nd for the Crutchleys, plus Best Adult Mutation. The 1st winner had the best colour in class with good coverage of mutation fur but fur soft and breaking over the hips. The 2nd was very similar to 1st but lighter on hips and not in such good condition.

Novice AOC - It looked as if the Sam & Chris were taking over this section with some nice sound chins!

Novice AOC - Wilson White - 1st for Sam & Chris for their white of acceptable colour, if not slightly creamy and slightly small for an adult. Good confirmation and blocky with reasonable fur type.

Novice AOC - Deutsch Violet – A 2nd for a well presented slightly small chin which was priming on sides, with a good neck and confirmation. Records note a **Novice AOC - Pink White** - but I remember a Pink White Brown cross. Another 1st for Sam & Chris for their very big and blocky animal, although the brown areas had oxidised the Pink White fur was of reasonable colour. Fur was a little open but of good strength. Afterwards I was told this animal was a couple of years old so all credit to the owners for keeping it in such good condition.

Novice AOC - Brown Velvet - 1st again for Sam & Chris for a Brown Velvet with good confirmation & neck, but the fur had oxidised and was coarse and open over the hips with excellent veiling. The 2nd again from Sam & Chris had good silky fur, was slightly small, and the mutation fur coverage could be better. Fair colour though and well finished.

Novice AOC - Black Velvet – A 1st for a fair sized, Black Velvet with good mutation coverage, length of fur and neck, good blue black colour and in show condition. Also a 2nd for a large blocky animal with fair mutation coverage but not as good as the 1st, being out of condition and breaking on the sides.

We finished in reasonable time which meant we didn't have the usual end of show rush to get a way. It was an enjoyable day and I thank you for inviting me.

Sandy King – Judge

