

## *Show Report – Southern Region Show, 15/01/2012 Judge:- Sandy King*

Yet another sunny day, but very cold for the show held at Bugbrooke. I was fortunate to have made the show as I did a spectacular swerve and sideways slide on the icy road on a double bend stopping only 2-3 feet from the base of a tree and an embankment. It certainly wakes you up in the morning.

On arriving at the show hall the team was trying out the lights from last season versus this seasons' lights to ascertain which lights were best. This hall is well known for reflecting a yellow orange tinge off the walls onto the chins and making them look off colour. However the lights used this season were much better than were used for last year's shows. Although only a small number of exhibitors were there on the day the atmosphere was cosy and the animals were of a high standard.

### Young Standard Females

1<sup>st</sup> Medium Dark belonging to Kerry Bradburn Big blocky. Fur strong silky good density for a young chin Priming slightly but not enough to affect the overall eye appeal very well presented good conformation neck & veiling went on to be Best Young Standard

2<sup>nd</sup> Not in such good condition as 1<sup>st</sup>. Fur very slightly course and long on hips. Good veiling & Neck blocky good conformation. Another Kerry chin.

Awarded 3 HC's All were out of condition and lacking conformation but some were very young and will have time to improve and no doubt bought to make up the numbers so good on you Andrew Lee, Georgie Busher and Steve Helmore.

1st Medium Owned by Kerry Bradburn, big, blocky with good neck & conformation. Strong fur but slightly open. Very well presented of good colour & clarity.

2<sup>nd</sup> This chin of Lyn Gardner didn't do its self any favours it kept standing and pushing itself against the cage. Very nice silky fur of reasonable colour & strength Dip in neck and bit narrow at shoulders if it would behave could do better another day.

Awarded 2 HC's both very young and promising, Steve Helmore's has nice type of fur while Georgie Busher's was good clear colour

Novice Medium Awarded HC to Andrew Lee. Very well prepared nice veiling and in prime but lots of baby fur so open & wooly.

1<sup>st</sup> Dark colour phase from Kerry Bradburn. Very large for age long neck, very good veiling but not in top condition, of reasonable colour with strong dense silky fur went on to be Reserve Best Young Female.

### Young Standard Males

Medium colour phase class. No awards as very out of condition.

Medium Dark 1st Kerry Bradburn Priming slightly all over. Veiling fair, of very good size, conformation and a good neck. Good colour reasonably tight fur of good length has potential but was still good enough to take Reserve Young Standard Male.

Dark 1<sup>st</sup> went on to win for Kerry Bradburn, Best Young Standard Male and Reserve Best young Standard. Large and blocky although very slightly narrow in shoulders, very strong tight silky fur excellent veiling of good colour with lots of potential.

2<sup>nd</sup> Not in such good condition as the 1<sup>st</sup> so light on hips and lacking veiling and breaking, good dense silky fur of good colour shown by Kerry Bradburn.

Novice Medium Dark Males were all very young and need to mature, 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon winner owned by Andrew Lee was of good colour, fair conformation although the neck a little long when stretched out, good veiling with lots of soft baby fur.

Awarded 2 HCs to Andrew Lee and Sian Allcoat but unfortunately they were both out of condition and being so young were showing lots of baby priming marks.

Adult Standard Females

Medium Dark, 1<sup>st</sup> For Kerry Bradburn, very large blocky good neck and veiling out of condition very slightly down in colour, with strong fur.

Dark, 1<sup>st</sup> for Kerry Bradburn, good size, blocky with excellent neck and veiling, very strong silky fur priming fractionally on sides which went on to be Best Standard Adult Female through to Reserve Best Standard Adult

Dark, 2<sup>nd</sup> again owned by Kerry Not much between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> except this chin was priming a little more. Fair size with very good veiling of good colour and clarity, which progressed to Reserve Best Adult Female

Novice HC 2 entries Owned by Andrew Lee both beautifully presented 3<sup>rd</sup> just large enough but slightly off colour fur open and dip in neck. No other award.

Adult Standard Males

Darks 1<sup>st</sup>, a lovely chin owned by Kerry fractionally open on hips which became more noticeable as the day went on. Big blocky good neck colour and veiling long guard hairs of fair colour. Excellent breeding male went on to win Best Adult Male and Best Standard Animal. I thought he would go on to be the Show Champion but during the day the coat started breaking slightly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Another nice chin from the same stable not as big and not in such good condition as 1<sup>st</sup> but good conformation, neck and veiling with strong silky fur, going on to Reserve Best Adult Standard Male.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibited by Julie Rose, good size slightly long in neck, fair veiling priming, needs to improve on conformation

Medium Dark Standard Male, Awarded a HC owned by Georgie Busher very out of condition lacks conformation and neck but strong silky fur fair colour a bit small.

Mutations a large class of AOC Young Mutations- Some very nice young chins with lots of potential.

1<sup>st</sup> Wilson White owned by Kerry Bradburn a chin you remember after the show as it was of such excellent colour not often seen a really blue white good conformation and neck with strong fur slightly open on sides still lots of baby fur one to watch.

Pink White 1<sup>st</sup> another Kerry chins Good conformation density clear blue very good sized and conformation with strong silky fur.

Beige 1<sup>st</sup> Very blue good conformation neck good silky fur but priming on hips a Kerry chin.

Beige 2<sup>nd</sup> Presented by Steve Helmore, Good size and conformation very good mutation coverage oxidized but very well presented.

Violets unfortunately both too small on the day 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon shown by Pat Masters.

Conformation just acceptable fair colour fur has silky finish but breaking out of condition on the day, but had a nice satin sheen to the fur.

HC owned by Pat Masters. Down in colour and out of condition, fair conformation again silky fur with a nice satin sheen

Brown velvets 1<sup>st</sup> owned by Kerry a teddy bear of a chin, very big blocky good conformation blue with mutation fur well down sides long guard hairs fur course slightly open but in excellent condition went on to be a worthy Reserve Best Young Mutation

2<sup>nd</sup> Owned by Lynn and Ron Gardener – very promising chin with long guard hairs and course fur slightly down in colour good size for such a young age good mutation coverage and conformation fur long on sides still has a lot of baby fur has potential

Self-Brown shown by Julie Rose. So difficult to breed a good one but this was a very good effort Fair conformation & neck a bit small for age pleased to say of good colour and mutation fur wraps all the way round fur a little long on sides. Very well presented.

Self-Black both very young and owned by Julie Rose who is obviously doing some work with the self's 3<sup>rd</sup> Nice type of silky fur but narrow in the shoulders good blue black fur that wraps all the way around, Need to mature.

HC same as the 3<sup>rd</sup> chin except it was out of condition and fur long on sides and breaking should improve with age.

Black Velvets – good class 1<sup>st</sup> went on to be Best Young Mutation & Reserve Show Champion for Kerry Bradburn. Well done. Very big and blocky good neck & colour blue black strong fur in very good condition, mutation fur almost all the way down on sides but loads of eye appeal and in top condition,

2<sup>nd</sup> owned by Lynn and Ron Gardner (I'm not sure how Lyn manages to get the chins ready on time and do registrar) Lovely silky tight fur with very good coverage but not in condition on the day size just acceptable slightly narrow in shoulders and slightly down in colour.

HC Owned by Steve Helmore Not enough mutation coverage and unfortunately well out of condition or would have done better, acceptable conformation and neck, slightly down in colour, with nice silky fur.

Novice Brown Velvet shown by Sian Allcoat 1<sup>st</sup>. very good size, conformation and neck. Excellent mutation coverage fur breaking on sides colour just acceptable but not in top condition.

Novice Black Velvet owned by Sian Allcoat 1<sup>st</sup> Very good size and conformation strong silky fur but lacks mutation coverage as you would expect in such a young black. Priming but of good colour and well presented.

#### Adult Mutations

1<sup>st</sup> Wilson White Kerry Bradburn. Colour just acceptable. Acceptable size and conformation strong fur with attractive guard hairs but fur lies back slightly on sides.

3<sup>rd</sup> Violet Lynn & Ron Gardner unfortunately out of condition dull fur slightly wooly and breaking fair size & conformation.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brown-Velvet Georgie Busher Small of good conformation & neck long fur wooly colour just acceptable as it looked off colour close up but better over the tips when standing back from the table

Black Velvets a very good class.

1<sup>st</sup> Owned by Kerry Bradburn Very big blocky excellent neck with good Mutation coverage Strong long silky fur true blue black a very impressive chin which went on to win Show Champion

2<sup>nd</sup> Another lovely Black owned by Georgie Busher it was very tight between this chin and the Reserve Show Champion... Unfortunately condition counts in the top awards and it wasn't at its best. Strong tight silky fur. Good size neck and conformation. Colour intense black with good coverage of mutation fur. Took Reserve Best Adult and may have gone further if in top show condition

## Novice Adult Mutations

Violets Both a bit small for adults and lacking in size and slightly narrow in the shoulder but both had the satin sheen seen on the original violets imported into this country by Fred Duggins

1<sup>st</sup> Owned by Andrew Lee Good colour on top but creamy underneath! Made allowances for cage stain. Strong fur better conformation than 2<sup>nd</sup> fair acceptable neck.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibited by Andrew Lee. Had excellent satin finish not such good colour on top but whiter on belly! Comments same as above but not in such good condition

Black-Velvet HC to small good conformation and neck lacked mutation coverage of fur all round. Good colour and fur strength well presented.

For the Novice exhibitor it is very hard when starting out on the long road to showing. Good chins and good breeding animals are hard to find but well done all those who keep at it and break into the main classes. It's full of heart break on the way but worth it, so keep going.

In Summary. As always it was a good show with some really good chins. I know some people find their finances tight after Christmas so they tend to give first show after Christmas a miss. To all those who could attend thank you for presenting me with a good number of chins to judge. The usual hard workers were slaving away in the kitchen along with those working in the main hall which produced a smooth running show. Thanks to Lynn who's results are always so easy to follow so I can write my report. I believe the region broke even on the day thanks to 2 generous exhibitors and a gallant effort by the children to sell lots of raffle tickets. Well done.

Thank you for inviting me to judge

On a personal note - I believe one of our regions have lost some members due to differences of opinion (but that happens in all regions) This is such a shame and waste because the person who was exhibiting misses out on a great hobby and the region loses supporters. I worked out that I have been in the NCS exactly 30 years after taking out the recent 4 years where I stopped showing. During that time I have had some flaming stand up rows said and received hurtful words, become really angry and gone off people but through it all I stayed with the NCS because most of the time people are great and want to enjoy the hobby. Plus you aren't going to change anything if you are not involved. I love chatting at shows and I love showing off my chins the good and the bad. So all I am saying is if you have left in the past because of a disagreement then please try another show or region after all it's all the National CS the organization doesn't revolve around any one region. Talk to the people you want to talk to and ignore those you don't, ignore the rumours and gossip (because I have learnt most of it is made up) and show off your chins and please don't miss out on enjoying your day out with the animals you care about.

***Sandy King .NCS Judge***