

**Judges Report, West Midlands & Wales Region**  
**Calf Heath 15/02/2015**  
**Judge: Sandy King**

What a lovely day with lovely people. I really enjoyed the atmosphere, warm and welcoming and the smooth running of the show always helps a judge. I was surprised but pleased to be welcomed by Kerry Bradburn who on the day swept the board. As with all shows, what counts is the organisation and commitment of the members which includes the setting up and closing down of the show, the hard workers in the kitchen, the Registrars and the Stewards (who were particularly efficient and a great help to me) and Show Managers and also of course the Exhibitors, as without any of the elements the show won't happen.

Many to the chins were out of condition on the day which did in some cases affect the placing.

**STANDARDS**

Medium Young Female were 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Helmore – Blocky, good neck, fair colour, strong open fur which was breaking. Well prepared 3<sup>rd</sup> Strong fur but not dense, acceptable colour, narrow at neck and shoulders.

Medium Dark Young Female Bred by Kerry went on to win Reserve Young Female. Very good confirmation, colour & size, good length fur, light on hips

Dark Young Female Reserve, young standard again bred by Kerry. Good confirmation but slightly narrow on shoulders, strong dense fur, excellent colour in good condition

Novice Young Females Good to see so many Novices showing Standards. 1<sup>st</sup> Bred by Cameron Holmes Good size and neck but out of condition, breaking on sides. Tight silky fur of acceptable colour. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorraine Prince. Good size, lots of baby fur, blue in colour, acceptable confirmation & neck. Very good veiling. I note Lorraine also won 2 HC's so well done, also well done to Kayliegh Barber who gained an HC.

Medium Young Males – 1<sup>st</sup> Denise Oaten Very large, blocky, good colour veiling & neck, long dense fur but woolly on sides. 2<sup>nd</sup> Siân Allcoat. Narrow at shoulders, strong fur which could be short on back, veiling acceptable, well presented.

Medium Dark Young Males. 1<sup>st</sup> Bradburn Very blue dense silky fur, slightly “necky”, excellent size. Became best young standard. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradburn Lovely confirmation & neck, in good condition, slight priming on hips, fur not as dense as first.

Dark Young Males 1<sup>st</sup> Bradburn Slightly out of condition, very dense silky fur, sharp blue, slightly narrow at shoulders, very good size & veiling Reserve young male. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allcoat Perfect presentation Excellent confirmation, neck and veiling, strong fur but lacking density which I expect will come with age. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bradburn Really out of condition Good silky strong fur of good colour.

Young Novice Male 1<sup>st</sup> Holmes Very good size and confirmation. Beautifully prepared. Acceptable colour, good veiling, fur full of baby fur and slightly long on sides which should improve when the adult fur comes through.

Medium Adult Females Bradburn 1<sup>st</sup> Very large, blocky strong neck, fur of good density and colour, very good veiling Res best Adult Female 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Good size and neck but fur open, acceptable veiling and colour.

Dark Adult female Bradburn Very big blocky and blue, long strong silky fur and finish, excellent veiling but breaking at shoulders well-presented Reserve best standard.

Dark Adult male Bradburn not in top condition, colour acceptable, "cage stain", big blocky, good strong fur but loose on hips, good confirmation Reserve best adult male.

Extra Dark Adult male Bradburn (one I would have liked to take home!). Extra dense silky even fur with eye appeal Very good neck, confirmation and size. Colour acceptable and in good condition. Became a well-deserved Show Champion.

#### YOUNG MUTATIONS

Young AOC – 1<sup>st</sup> Wilson White Bradburn. Good condition, size and confirmation, fur slightly woolly, of good colour .

Pink White Bradburn 1<sup>st</sup> Big and blocky with a good neck, colour just off being creamy. Dense fur but slightly soft.

Beige 1<sup>st</sup> Bradburn colour acceptable, good size & confirmation woolly (baby fur)? Beige 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosemary Paxman Necky down in colour and breaking down the sides, reasonable veiling with good strong silky fur.

Ultra Violet 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Lee Fair colour but dull, good size & confirmation, strong fur in back but breaking on sides

Violet 3<sup>rd</sup> Lee Very good colour & sheen, good veiling, out of condition and fur long on sides

Self-Black Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Fair confirmation & neck, good wrap around mutation fur, very slightly light in neck, of fair size

Black Velvet 1<sup>st</sup> Bradburn 1<sup>st</sup> Very big and blocky, good colour, very good mutation veiling for a young chin, strong silky fur

2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Proctor good mutation coverage but a bit dull, fair size, strong fur.

3<sup>rd</sup> Proctor Big and blocky but out of condition, lacking mutation coverage, strong coarse fur.

#### NOVICE YOUNG MUTATIONS

Black Velvet 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig and Karly Donkersley, Bright Blue Black, narrow shoulders, fair size & mutation coverage, silky fur

3<sup>rd</sup> Donkersley Large good size, slightly down in colour and lacking mutation fur but still a youngster, out of condition

HC Prince would have been the best chin in the class but very out of condition

Beige 2<sup>nd</sup> Prince Down in colour and slightly small, nice type of fur with even finish that may be a bit short. Out of condition on the day.

Brown Velvet 1<sup>st</sup> Prince Good confirmation, clear blue colour, long fur & woolly, good mutation coverage

#### ADULT MUTATIONS

Violets - all chins were out of condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Fair colour, good mutation coverage, dull fur, long on sides acceptable size

AOC Pink White 1st Bradburn Big, blocky, good confirmation, colour and condition, acceptable size, dense fur

Wilson White 1st Lee Just acceptable size, narrow at shoulders, strong long fur, slightly down in colour.

Ultra Violet 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Fair colour and veiling, slightly small, fur breaking 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Best sharp colour but very small, strong fur that was long on sides.

Black Velvets 2 very large chins. 1<sup>st</sup> Bradburn. Very big and blocky but needing slightly more mutation coverage down sides, very good colour in good condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> Proctor Good chin out of condition and lacking in the density of colour compared with the first, fur choppy, good neck and confirmation, strong fur.

Self-Black 1<sup>st</sup> Oaten Good size, slightly narrow and hippy, good example of a self-black, strong silky fur that was slightly long on sides.

Novice Black Velvets 1<sup>st</sup> Prince Good colour, strong silky fur, good mutation veiling and fair size & confirmation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Stevens Out of condition and fur choppy, very good mutation coverage, dense fur but slightly down in colour . 3<sup>rd</sup> Prince poor confirmation with long neck but nice fur type but breaking in good condition

Novice AOC Beige HC Sarah Stevens On the small side and unfortunately of colour which is not helped by being out of condition but good dense fur. Violet 1<sup>st</sup> Kayleigh Barber Congratulations I believe this is only your second show. Very good condition, acceptable colour, long bodied, fair coverage of mutation fur. Wilson White 3<sup>rd</sup> Prince Strong fur but dull & creamy, a little small for an adult but in good condition and well presented

Thank you for inviting me.

Sandy King

