

Judges Report – Northern Region Show, Birdwell 17/03/2019

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Coming from the south we both had a long drive to get here. We colour phased the standards and kicked off with a class of 4 medium young standards. Dave Green took 1st with a 4 month old chin which showed great promise for the future. She had clear strong fur but not blue. The next award was a 3rd for Dave with a chin with good confirmation, lots of fur which was soft and down in colour. We had a novice entry from Heather Arnstein which got a 2nd. This chin had the best colour of the three, and was blue. The fur was soft and had a patch missing.

Medium dark females were next. The 1st this time for Paul Spooner with a nearly 7 month chin who had good conformation, good clarity of colour and went on to win best young standard female and best young standard. The 2nd was from Kelly Buchan which was 4 months and showed lots of potential. It had a good colour but was a bit narrow. This chin went on to win reserve best young standard female.

The Darks were next with another first for Dave. She had good conformation, could be bluer, with a silky type of fur. It was not in the best condition. The 3rd winner also from Dave dropped in clarity, and had silky fur. It was way out of condition but the fur in the centre of the back was good.

We only had one entry in the young standard male class from Paul – a medium dark male which had a 1st ribbon and went on to win best young standard male and reserve best young standard. This chin had good colour, good conformation and was a good size for 6 months. With lots of plushy fur, veiling coverage was light over the hips.

The next class, medium dark adult females. The first chin from Paul Spooner had lots of eye appeal, good fur and veiling, good confirmation and open fur. She went on to win reserve best adult female. The 2nd from James Buchan had a denser fur but was light over the hips. She had good conformation and silky fur but not as bright colour nor in the condition of the 1st.

The extra dark from James went on to win GSC, best adult standard female and best standard, had good silky fur, very good veiling coverage, although could be denser. She had good conformation but was slightly small for her age with the fur breaking down the sides.

There was one entry for the medium dark males and James got a 2nd for a good size male, good confirmation. The colour was clear but not bright and the silky fur was lacking density and uneven which put him down a place.

The dark class of 3 all from James. All were out of condition with uneven flanks and light hips. The 1st ribbon winner who went on to win reserve best adult standard male, was a good size and conformation and strong silky fur type. He went on to win reserve best standard male. The 2nd winner was smaller and narrow across the shoulders. The 3rd ribbon winner had eye appeal with the best colour of the 3 but the neck was narrow and the fur not as strong as the first 2.

There was one entry for extra dark male from Paul Spooner. This chin went on to win reserve GSC, best adult standard male and reserve best standard. Good size, conformation with a strong dense plushy fur. Excellent white belly and excellent veiling. Good finish. His colour was clear but not blue.

Young Mutations

Brown Velvet

We had 2 young brown velvets from Kelly and Dave. Both were lovely, good size and confirmation and both were bright and clear. Although the 1st from Kelly was a better colour. They went on to win Best Young Mutation and Reserve with Kelly's chin becoming Best Mutation.

Sullivan Violet

2 entries both from Paul. The first had a good colour, was a bit small and narrow in the shoulders, long fur which laid down over the flanks but strong fur in the back. The 2nd winner had a courser fur type and needed more size and blockiness in the shoulders.

Sapphire

One entry from Dave which was a good size for 4 ½ months. It was clear but could be bluer and had open fur which lacked density. It wasn't in show condition and received an HC.

Black Velvet

Both very small for their ages. There was a 2nd award for Kelly which was nearly 7 months. It was a nice bright colour and the veiling didn't come down far enough down the sides. There was an HC for Dave but the colour wasn't as bright as the 2nd award and was very small and wedgy for 5 ½ months.

Charcoal

There was one entry from Dave and received a 3rd. The colour was Ok but the chin had open fur and wasn't clear. It could have been bigger for 6 months and the fur could have been denser.

Adult Mutations

We had 12 entries all AOC class

Wilson White

We had 2 main show entries from James. Both were good chins and received 1st and 2nd awards. They had good conformation and size, plushy fur, slightly creamy. The 1st winner had a better colour. We thought perhaps they were siblings? We had 2 novice entries from Andrew Marshall. They received 1st and 2nd awards. 1st winner had good conformation, with a plushy but courser fur type and slightly creamy colour. The 2nd ribbon had the clearer colour but down on all other points.

Brown/White Cross

One entry from Dave. 1st ribbon. Bags of fur that was soft and long laying back, excellent size and confirmation. Very much a Pink White in appearance with an almondy colour.

Black/White Cross

One entry from Kelly. 1st ribbon. Could do with being bigger but only just over 7 months. Good conformation, an unusual almost even standard grey colour in appearance. Could be denser. Lots of eye appeal. Course fur.

Brown Velvet

One entry from Dave. Very oxidised, too orangey and a bit small. Conformation OK. Good coverage down the sides and good plushy soft fur. Awarded 2nd.

Homo Beige

One entry from Dave. Worthy 1st ribbon winner and reserve adult mutation. Massive, lovely plush fur. Clear colour and strong fur in the back. Bit peachy and bit soft fur down the sides.

Beige

One entry from James. 1st ribbon. Nice colour. Plushy dense fur, could be bluer, could be bigger and blockier being slightly wedgy. Very well prepared.

Violet

Both from Paul. Nice violets. The 1st ribbon winner was darker and had more sheen. Narrow in the neck and stronger tighter fur. The 2nd ribbon winner had better conformation and size and even veiling.

Black Velvet

2 entries both from James. The 1st ribbon winner had good conformation, better size than the 3rd ribbon winner. The veiling was good and intense black, bright fur in the back. The 3rd winner was down in size and conformation and wedgier. Had intense black fur in the back again.

Novice Black Velvet

One novice entry from Andrew Marshall. This had better colour than the other 2. Like to see a bit more mutation fur down the sides and a bit blockier but a nice animal with a lovely silky dense fur which went on to win best adult mutation and reserve best mutation.

Charcoal

One entry from Dave. 1st ribbon. Clear colour, good guard hairs, nice chin for its type but a bit small.

Even though there were only 39 entries in the show the quality was very good and we would both have quite happily taken a few home with us. The 2 extra dark standards went on to win GSC and reserve. The adult female from James and the adult male from Paul.

We were treated to a lovely lunch with chilli made by Jane Arnstein. It was followed by a delicious chocolate and nut cake made by Heather. Unfortunately, Sandy was taken poorly the day before the show and Paul woke in the morning to find she had been across in the night to leave most of the prepared food and other essentials for the show on his doorstep. Thank you, Sandy - beyond the call of duty but much appreciated by all. SFH

Stephen Helmore – Senior Judge and Heather Boncey – JUI