

Show Report – Southern Show, Bugbrooke, 15th Nov 09

Judge: - Ron Gardner

JUI:- Kerry Bradburn

Having arrived early enough to setting up of the show, Lyn and disappointed when so few with chins to support us. Just entered in all classes.

We reluctantly delayed judging accommodate any late arrivals, thoughts were “what a disaster be”

How wrong I was!!

Having Kerry as my JUI and both Stephen and Sandy as stewards, I decided to make it as interactive a show as possible, and after the judging of each class was completed we invited the audience to ask questions and generally get involved. This proved to be a great hit with those attending, and the feed back since tells me that more of this sort of thing is the way to go in the future.

The first class was of young standard females and no 1st was awarded. The 2nd was good size and blocky but down in colour, and the HC was clear but too small.

I had two colour phases of young standard males, the Mediums being all much the same, with the bar not well defined, and just 3 HC’s awarded.

The Medium Darks were much better. The 1st award, being a clear, blue chinchilla that went all the way to Grand Show Champion for Fiona Garnett.

The 3rd award was small with only fair clarity and reasonable fur type.

The Adult Standard Females had a 1st and 2nd award. The 1st, from Sandy King being in better show condition, the 2nd having silky, dense fur but could have been bigger.

Only one adult standard male which gained a 2nd award.

The Young Mutations consisted of just four A.O.C. animals.

A 1st for a nice Beige from Sandy King, in good condition, a little open furred and clear but not blue, was good enough for Best Mutation. The 2nd was very similar to the 1st, of the darker colour phase, but light on the hips, had strong fur and a nice white belly.

The HC Black Velvet was well covered but unfortunately had a very off coloured belly fur that was possibly ebony influenced.

Two Adult Mutations both gained a 1st award. A beautiful Sullivan Violet from Debbie Cave, had good size and conformation, a clear white belly and was of the deeper violet colour, taking Best Adult Mutation and Reserve Mutation awards. The other 1st, again from Sandy was a big, blocky Beige. It was priming and out of condition, but had a lovely full neck and was a quality chin, taking reserve adult mutation.

DID YOU KNOW?

20 Animals were exhibited at the Southern Show, comprising 13 Standards and 7 Mutations

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As I said at the start of this report a disappointing number of chins, but at the end of the day one of the most successful, warm and friendly, chinchilla days that it has been my pleasure to attend for many years.

I take this opportunity to thank Kerry, Stephen and Sandy for their enthusiastic input, and I look forward to more Southern Region Shows run along similar lines.

Ron Gardner

