

Scottish Regional Show Report Denney 26.02.2017

Judge Stephen Helmore

Having stayed overnight in Denney , a relaxed cooked breakfast including Haggis, found me at the hall in plenty of time. It was cheering news to hear James was on the mend and had been allowed to go home after a lengthy stay in hospital. James, we all wish you a speedy recovery and hope you might be well enough to come down for the National. With the assistance of Hannah's partner Ollie, together we set up the show lights and tables. Fortunately I had brought 2 show coats so was able to get Ollie suitably attired to be the one and only steward. A task he performed magnificently throughout the day . So with Wendy as Show manager and Hannah as registrar all was set for the show to start.

After colour phasing the Standards , we started with a class of 3 no Medium dark young standard females. 1st Ribbon went to Jean Beardshaw's youngster with good bright colour , silky fur type that was priming out over the hips she was our Best young female and Best young standard. 2nd and 3rd ribbons went to Aileen and David Blakey chins. 2nd was down on colour to the 1st with good conformation and finish, reasonable fur strength that was slightly open. 3rd was a large blocky chin with similar qualities to the 2nd but out of condition on the day. We then had 1no medium and 1no Dark. A 2nd to Jean's medium. The only medium colour phased chin we had in show. She had good size and conformation, clear colour with a courser weaker fur type. Aileen and David's dark had a 1st, colour was clear but not bright, a strong silky fur type and conformation that was slightly wedgy and became our Reserve young female.

The 4 young males split as 1 medium dark, 2 darks and 1 extra dark. Aileen and David's Medium dark had a 2nd was only just 4 months with reasonably clear colour with a strong plushy fur type , conformation was tending to be slightly narrow across the shoulders. The 2 darks had a 1st and 2nd with Jean's chin with the good bright colour and plushy fur having the decision over Aileen and David's chin with better conformation and size and a silky fur type but not as good a colour and very much out of condition. The 1st became Best young male and Reserve young standard. The extra dark from Aileen and David was just over 4 months needs to mature with clear colour , he was slightly wedgy with short fur behind the neck but silky fur type gaining a 2nd ribbon.

The 6 adult standard females had a class of 3 darks with 1st 2nd and 3rd ribbons awarded. 1st to Teresa Moir's chin at 7 ½ months had a strong plushy dense fur with a good bright colour, reasonable conformation and good finish was our Best adult female , Reserve adult standard and Reserve show champion. 2nd from Aileen and David was a good blocky chin with good veiling was not as clear colour or had the strength or density of fur as the 1st. 3rd from Jean also had good size and conformation with a silky but open fur type and out of condition. Jean also had a 3rd ribbon for her medium dark with a good length of fur that was a more open woolly fur type , conformation was slightly narrow across the shoulders and was down in colour. A 1st ribbon for Jean's extra dark had a good clear sharp colour, a strong silky fur type and good size and conformation and was our Reserve adult female. A 2nd to Wendy French's was also a good chin with loads of fur in the neck area but dropped 2 grades on colour compared to the 1st.

The 4 adult standard males split as 2 medium darks and 2 extra darks. Teresa had a 1st ribbon for her medium dark male. Just over 7 months had a good bright colour and a plushy fur type with reasonable size and conformation priming badly over the back and hips. Wendy's HC was down on all departments being small, open furred and down on colour. The 2 extra darks had a 1st for Aileen and David's very good chin that was just over 7 months he had a really tight dense silky fur with an eye catching even veiling coverage coming right down to his white belly fur. He could have been brighter but his fur qualities progressed him from Best adult male to Best adult Standard to Best Standard and Show champion. Jean's 2nd ribbon chin was a good blocky chin with longer fur and full neck with the veiling not coming up over the neck and an open fur type. We had 1 Novice medium dark adult male from Kelly Buchan that received a 2nd ribbon, he was clear in colour, strong silky fur in the middle of the back with long guard hairs, he was slightly small with a narrow conformation.

After breaking for lunch we got going again with the young mutations and a class of 5 no Wilson Whites. 3rd and 3 HC's all for Teresa chins, 3rd had the better colour and reasonable conformation but all had an open and weak fur. 3 Pink Whites had a 1st for Jean's big blocky chin with a plushy fur type that was slightly creamy in colour. 3rd for Teresa's chin that had reasonable fur strength that was open and conformation was down with narrow shoulders. HC for Wendy's chin that had better colour but was small and weak fur. A class of 3 Blue Diamonds all from Jean were all small and lacking conformation but I awarded a 1st ribbon for the bright clear colour and a reasonable plushy fur type. 2nd was down on colour to the 1st but was only just 4 months with a similar size and fur type. HC had a weaker open fur and small.

We had 4 main show and 2 no Novice Black velvets. The 1st and 2nd from Aileen and David, 1st had a good blocky conformation, clear colour, good veiling coverage and plushy fur. 2nd was down in colour and conformation not as good a 1st but had good coverage and a dense 'velvety' fur type. The 2 HC's from Jean and Wendy one had clear colour and lacked coverage the other was down in colour and both on the small side. The 2 Novices both from Kelly had a 3rd for chin with a very good silky strong fur but was narrow conformation and needing better coverage with the HC being similar but not as good a fur type.

A class of 6 AOC with 2 beiges both out of condition Jean's 1st with very good size and conformation, clear colour with plushy fur that was very uneven over the hips having the better of Wendy's 2nd that was reasonable but didn't have the density of the 1st. Jean's 2 Sullivan violets had 1st and 2nd. Both similar with 1st having good size but slightly wedgy across shoulders, dark clear colour phase with reasonably strong fur, 2nd wasn't quite so dense and down on colour. 2 brown velvets to Aileen and David, 1st just under 7 months had very good size and conformation with a strong courser fur type and reasonably clear colour became our Reserve Young Mutation and Reserve Mutation. 3rd ribbon winner was just over 4 months was down on colour to 1st and had an open baby fur laying down along the sides.

A class of 4 self blacks had 1st and 2nd for Aileen and David's chins. 1st was very good for 4 ½ months with good conformation and size, good clear colour and a lovely strong dense silky fur that was our Best young mutation and Best mutation. 2nd wasn't as bright as 1st with good silky fur and slightly narrow conformation across the shoulders. 3rd to Jean was reasonably good with not as silky or strength of fur to the top 2 and down on colour. Jean's HC had narrow conformation but a strong silky fur but again down in colour to the top 2.

The Adult mutations started with a class of 3 Beiges. Jean's 1st ribbon chin with good conformation, clear colour and a reasonable plushy fur that could be stronger and denser having the better of Wendy's 2nd being a similar chin that wasn't as bright or plushy. I then judged the 6 AOC starting with 2 Wilson Whites with a 1st to Teresa's very large blocky chin with a plushy but slightly open fur but loads of it. 2nd to Wendy's chin, smaller and discoloured but with similar fur qualities to the 1st. Jean had a 1st for a Lowe Recessive White with reasonable conformation and size, a plushy but weaker fur type and an attractive clear colour. Jean also had a 1st for a Pink White with good conformation and size, a plushy but slightly open fur type and slightly creamy in colour which became our Reserve Adult mutation. Wendy brought a Homo Beige that got a 2nd ribbon with reasonable size and conformation with a plushy but open weaker fur type and clear colour. 4 no Black velvets 1st and 2nd to Jean's chins with 1st being a good blocky chin, clear bright colour and a strong plushy fur with reasonable veiling coverage which I would have liked to have seen extending further down over the sides. Her 2nd was down on colour to the 1st and 3rd chins but had a good strong fur but again coverage didn't extend down over the sides. The 3rd from Wendy had good colour but a narrow conformation with a strong velvety fur but coverage not as good as top 2. Wendy's HC was down on colour to the 3 above and was the smallest of the group. The 3 Novice Black Velvets all from Kelly with the 1st chin being a very big blocky chin with a plushy strong fur and good coverage but was down in colour. Her 2nd was very much smaller but had similar fur qualities, colour and coverage. The last class was a group of 5 self Blacks with the top 3 awards going to Jean's chins the 1st had good size and a reasonably blocky conformation, had a bright clear colour and a strong plushy fur that took it to Best adult mutation. Her 2nd was down in colour but still a good size with a strong fur type. 3rd had a clearer colour than 2nd but was smaller and narrow across the shoulders but still with a similar strong fur type. Hannah's HC was down on colour to 1st and 3rd but the fur wasn't as strong and laying back on the flanks.

Congratulations to Aileen and David to winning Show Champion with their Extra Dark Standard male and to Teresa having Reserve Show Champion with her Adult dark standard female and again to Aileen and David to having the Best and Reserve Mutation awards. It may have been a Show with few members and Exhibitors present but I think we all had an enjoyable day talking about some good Chinchillas. Thank you again to Ollie and Hannah who travelled up from the Midlands and to Wendy to hosting the event and providing us with lunch.

Stephen Helmore