

## Southern & WM & Wales Joint Show Bugbrooke 11/01/201

### Judge Stephen Helmore

With several members missing due to illness and coming shortly after the Christmas break , I had a disappointing number of entries to judge. However this didn't affect the way the show was conducted.

Once all the chins were benched the standards were colour phased. An entry of 3 young standard females came to the table as an AOC class of 2 medium darks and 1 medium female. The 2 medium darks from Sian Allcoat were superior to the medium from Georgie Busher and were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbons for their quality. The 1<sup>st</sup> was bright and clear with a strong dense fur type although not overlarge, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> chin having better size and conformation with similar clarity of colour to the 1<sup>st</sup> , her fur strength and density was much less. The 3<sup>rd</sup> from Georgie dropped in clarity to the top two. A Novice class of 4 mediums had 3<sup>rd</sup> and HC ribbons that showed good qualities and well presented by Cameron Holmes. The 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon winner went on to become our Best Young Standard.

The 10 young males split into 4 mediums, 4 darks and 2 medium darks resulting in 3 classes. The 4 mediums all received ribbons with Sian having 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbons and Georgie having 3<sup>rd</sup> and HC. Ist was again bright and clear with a strong dense fur, slightly narrow in the shoulders and of average size. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was similar with a silkier fur type but quite open in density. Georgie's had better conformation but down on clarity of colour. 1<sup>st</sup> was the best young male and reserve best young standard. I was unable to award a 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon to the dark class. Sian's 2<sup>nd</sup> was much better than the rest of the class with good conformation and a reasonably dense plushy fur type with good veiling coverage. His creamy belly and drop in colour prevented him from a 1<sup>st</sup>. Sian also had 3<sup>rd</sup> and HC for the 2 medium darks. In the Novice class, Cameron had a 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon for his medium dark male that had good conformation , a plushy fur type with a clear but not blue colour.

The 2 medium Adult females were way out of condition and Georgie's HC recognised the chins general overall qualities.

With only one adult male entry , a dark chin entered by Sian, a very good chin, good size and blocky, A dense silky fur with good veiling just lacked a brightness of colour but I had no hesitation in awarding him a 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon and he progressed to become our Grand Show Champion.

The young mutations commenced with a class of 5 Wilson Whites of wide ranging qualities. The 1<sup>st</sup> from Heather Boncey was a very good chin , big and blocky with loads of plushy fur that was reasonably dense and clear colour. This chin became our Best Mutation and Reserve Grand Show Champion. Heather also had 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon a silver/grey type with good guard hair but the fur type was soft and open. The 5 remaining young mutations came in an AOC class. We had two 1<sup>st</sup> ribbons winners, a good Self Black from Andrew Lee that had reasonable conformation and size, good fur type with clear colour and wrap around coverage that was our Reserve Best Mutation. Another 1<sup>st</sup> to Heather for her Black Velvet chin, a good example of type that could have been brighter and have more coverage. Heather also had a 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Brown Velvet, everything very good with excellent fur type except for the colour that had oxidised and gone 'ginger'. Karly and Craig Donkersley's Novice Sullivan Violet had an HC with reasonable colour and sheen, but with a soft fur type that meant the fur laid back and showed up a lack in conformation with narrow shoulders.

In the Adult Mutations we had a class of 3 Sullivan Violets. Andrew showing 1st and 2nd but very different in their colour. The paler 1<sup>st</sup> had a good clear colour with a sheen, fur type was a little soft, reasonable conformation but the chin was on the small side. 2<sup>nd</sup> was a better size, very dark with a pleasing sheen but equally the fur was very soft and appeared to be laying in all directions. Georgie had two 3rds for a Self Black and a Wilson white.

Congratulations to Sian for winning Grand Show Champion with her standard male and to Heather for receiving Reserve with her young Wilson White. It might have been a small show but we had a good number of quality Chinchillas.

My thanks go to all who came and took part and helped with making it an enjoyable day.

Stephen