

Show Report – Southern Region Show, Bugbrooke

17th February 2013, Judge:- Kerry Bradburn

A fine bright winter's day was the weather for the Southern region show at Bugbrooke. The venue is a steady 80 minute drive from my home so I picked up my dad on route and aimed to be at the venue for 10 am. Due to an unplanned meeting the show start time was delayed until just after midday but we made pretty good progress and didn't end up finishing too late overall.

An entry of approx 80 chinchillas awaited me and I encouraged my Judge Under Instruction (JUI) Heather Boncey to get stuck in with colour phasing ably assisted by Sandy King.

The M/Darks young females were first up and produced a 1st, 3rd and HC. The 1st from Sandy King was big and blocky with a strong but open fur type that was of even coverage, clear in colour but sadly had no sparkle. The 3rd from Andrew Lee was ok for size and colour but had very open soft fur lying flat over the rump and hips with slightly bent tips.

The mediums failed to deliver a 1st but a 2nd to Steven Helmore that had good size and conformation with a slightly open fur type of fair colour and 3rd and HC from Andrew were both blocky but had very soft weak fur over the hips and were priming heavily.

We then had an AOC class of two darks and one extra dark. The 1st dark was an animal I liked very much, good size, correct confirmation and blue fine silky fur of good density with plenty of attractive guard hair. Good show condition on the day completing the picture. She went on to achieve the penultimate award of GSC for Eddie and Richard Crutchley. The 2nd dark also from the same herd had quality fine fur of good density but down in clarity of colour to the winner. The single extra dark also received a 1st and Reserve Best Young Female for top quality silky plushy fine dense fur, but conformation and clarity could be better.

A novice young female was awarded a 3rd for Hannah Mitchell, it had good dense fine fur but needed to be bigger and of better clarity.

The medium dark males produced a 1st for Sandy for a blocky well prepared fine

furred chinchilla that although clear in colour lacked the sharp clarity required to compete for the group prizes. The 2nd also from Sandy was again well prepared with a good volume of strong fur but was down in clarity of colour. The 3rd from Andrew had good blue colour but had very weak soft fur which lacked density. We also had a HC for a novice medium male from Phil Potterton that was well prepared with tight fur but had a very long way to go as a herd improvement male.

The medium young males were very disappointing and received no awards. As a general comment the clarity was ok but they all had very soft, uneven fur needing much improved density.

Dark young males fared better and I awarded a 1st, 3rd and HC. The 1st and reserve young male from Rich and Eddie had good clear colour, fair shape and size and desirable dense silky fur. The 3rd from Andrew was the bigger blockier example but was very out of prime and choppy. The HC from Steven Helmore was again blocky with dense fur but down in colour on the day.

Rich and Eddie's extra dark young male received a 1st for a chinchilla with beautiful fur texture being both fine, silky and lustrous of even veiling coverage but the fur length could be longer and the

confirmation and size suffering as a consequence of the shorter fur. However, eye appeal couldn't be denied and he was awarded Reserve Young Std chinchilla.

Adult female medium darks received a 1st, 2nd and 3rd all for Rich and Eddie and were all solid females. The 1st and Reserve Best Female was big and blocky with a good length of fur, of clear colour and a sharp white belly. The 2nd and 3rd were very similar and again useful, but both just down in all departments to the 1st.

The dark females received a 1st and 3rd with the 1st again going to Rich and Eddie. This female was a young adult just creeping into the age group so was of adequate size for her age with plenty of clear attractive dense fur with even coverage and a sharp belly. She went on to receive Best Adult Female and Reserve Best Adult Std. The 3rd from Andrew was of fair size and shape with a good length of fur but a creamy belly and bar.

Three adult males all shown by Rich and Eddie made up an AOC class of 2 darks and an extra dark. The 1st dark was a lovely male of blocky shape, good size with strong sharp dense silky fur with lovely guard hair adding to the eye appeal, he went on to be narrowly beaten by the young female for Best Standard in show. The 2nd dark was of good size with dense fur but down in all departments to the winner. The extra dark also received a 1st that had wonderful eye catching silky dense fur that makes you look again, but was in need of better size and shape and a slighter longer fur length. His overall quality couldn't be denied and he achieved Reserve Adult Std Male.

We had a 45 minute lunch and was treated by Pat and her team to the usual lovely dinner complimented by her gorgeous chocolate cake!!! We reconvened with a good class of beiges and all 5 had some commendable qualities. The 1st and 2nd both from Sandy really were quite different. The 1st being of clear colour, blocky shape with a good neck and a strong but slightly open fur type. The 2nd was a much darker beige of good clear colour and had the denser fur but the conformation was a little disappointing. Three HC's from Sandy, Barry and Georgie were all very much on a par with nothing between them, all well furred with good conformation but all priming badly.

Three violets could only produce a 2nd and a HC. The 2nd from Andrew was of blocky shape with a sheen to the fur, unfortunately on the day the fur was very uneven and choppy. The HC from Georgie was blocky and intensely coloured but was course in fur type and a little muddy in clarity.

Black velvets were a good class with a full spread of ribbons. The 1st and Best Young Mutation shows good potential from Rich and Eddie with good sharp inky black colour and veiling spreading though the neck and down the flanks evenly. The 2nd also from the same herd had nice conformation and good coverage again but not the clarity of the winner. The 3rd from Lisa Proctor was also a useful BV but lacked the intensity and of colour and had more of a powdery appearance rather than the deep black lustrous colour we strive for, size and conformation were good. The 2 HC's from Sian Allcoat were also showing potential with the first of the HC being well furred, blocky, of fair colour and well covered but after displaying "show cage" acrobatics had ruined its chances and spoilt its overall appearance by getting wet and marking all its fur. More chin training required Sian! The 2nd of HC's being a 4 month old baby with long guard hair did not have the required intensity of mutation fur to compete at present but size, conformation and clarity were good.

We finished off the young mutations with an AOC class, 2 Wilson whites were awarded a 3rd and HC. The 3rd from Lisa Proctor had strong tight fur with blocky shape but unfortunately was a steely grey colour. The HC from Georgie was well presented but needed improved size, conformation and clarity. I was presented with a single M/ dark ebony of very good quality, it displayed excellent size and conformation with volumes of strong dense fur of clear colour with my only critique that it

wasn't every hair black. However, the animal was of high quality and could be used as a useful breeding tool with the correct mate and with this in mind it warranted a 1st, again from Richard and Eddie. A single pink white also from Georgie received a 3rd for a spotlessly clean well presented young chinchilla that needed better clarity of colour to move up the ribbons. Shape and fur type were fair. Two brown velvets were a pleasure to behold as I always enjoy seeing what many refer to as the "teddy bears" of the chinchilla world. Both were big and blocky with plenty of strong upright fur, displaying the typical brown velvet characteristic of being of a slightly coarse fur type. The 1st and Reserve Young Mutation being the clearer, sharper, blue colour and the 2nd just starting to go over on the tips, but two lovely examples from Rich and Eddie Crutchley and Sian Allcoat respectively. A single tan received a HC for Rosey Paxman that had good strong fur with reasonable size and shape but unfortunately had oxidised considerably. One novice self black received a 2nd for Hannah Mitchell. It had good clear colour and fine dense fur but was narrow in conformation and priming. A 2nd novice violet from Karly and Craig Donkersley was a reasonably good example with blocky shape, fine fur that unfortunately was choppy and uneven on the day but was clear in colour.

The adult mutations were few in numbers but did have some good chinchillas amongst them. Three violets were awarded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd with Andrew getting 1st and 3rd. The 1st was big, blocky with plenty of fur and a hint of sheen but was priming and looked to be past its best. The 2nd from Georgie was blocky, fair size with strong fur but was a little down in colour. The 3rd had the best sheen of the group but was breaking everywhere and was displaying a creamy belly.

Black velvets were again well presented with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and a HC. The 1st from Rich and Eddie was clear and sharp with good shape, size and density. I would like to see more coverage on this animal around the neck and shoulders but this may come with age and he was otherwise a lovely chin. The 2nd and 3rd from Sandy were also useful, with the 2nd being denser and evenly veiled but down in colour and the 3rd being bluer but less intense and a little powdery in appearance.

The AOC class produced two very different beiges with Sandy's blocky, large and clear coloured beige having the decision over Rich and Eddie's dark dense flashy beige that had oxidised and was sadly rather narrow, both useful chins with the corrective mates. A single Wilson white from Sandy received a 2nd, it was very blocky and of good size with long guard hair but was open furred and lacked sparkle. A single pink white again from Georgie received a 3rd that had reasonable shape and fur type but needed to be clearer and larger. A very very dark DV was awarded a 3rd for its close dense fur type but conformation, clarity and show condition needed improvement for Julie Rose. Finally a 2nd ribbon rounded off the champion classes for an ebony from Barry Thornton. This chinchilla had good strong dense upright fur of clear bright colour and had been well prepared. Sadly it lacked the desired conformation and size for a 1st ribbon adult chinchilla, but again a good breeding tool with the correct mate.

Novice adult mutations were represented by a pink white from Karly and Craig Donkersley, it received a HC for being of good size and nice preparation, but the animal needed improved clarity, density and conformation to obtain better awards. Phil Potterton also obtained a ribbon 3rd ribbon for his ebony that had good strong upright fur, it had been well groomed but needed to be bigger, blockier and clearer.

This completed the judging, with hindsight the battle for Grand Show Champion and Reserve was already decided, as although some nice mutations were exhibited they really in true quality terms didn't match up to the two standards that had been victorious in obtaining the Best Standard awards earlier in the day. The Young Standard Female being a deserving GSC as was the Adult Std Male for Reserve Show Champion.

My warmest congrats to all the ribbon winners on the day, thank you for bringing your chinchillas along. Deserving success for Rich and Eddie achieving both GSC and Reserve plus both 1st places in the breeders awards, very well done both. Thanks to all the members from all regions for making this Southern Region Show a success ,it really was a team effort which is how it should be! Finally a thank you to Heather Boncey for attending as a JUI and throwing her hat into the judging ring after 30 years in chinchillas. I hope I haven't put you off by being strict and not allowing you to wear your gloves.....sorry ! Its all in preparing you for the future!

Kerry Bradburn NCS Judge.

Southern Region Show Results, Bugbrooke

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February 17th 2013

82 Entries, 34 Standards (2 Novices) &
42 Mutations (5 Novices) + 4 X Class

Class A - Young Standard Females

Entries 12

Medium CP

Entries 4

1st N/A 2nd Helmore 3rd Lee HC Lee

Medium Dark

CP

Entries 5

1st King 2nd No Award 3rd Lee HC Lee
HC Busher

Dark CP

Entries 2

1st Crutchley 2nd Crutchley

Extra Dark CP

Entries 1

1st Crutchley

Class NA - Novice Young Standard Females

Entries 1

Medium

Entries 1

1st No award 2nd No award 3rd Mitchell

Best Young Standard Female

Crutchley M.D ***A10***

Reserve Best Young Standard Female

Crutchley E.D ***A8***

Class B - Young Standard Males

Entries 11

Medium CP

Entries 3

1st No 2nd No Award 3rd No Award HC No Award

Medium Dark CP

Entries 4

1st King 2nd King 3rd Lee HC Lee

Dark CP

Entries 3

1st Crutchley 2nd No Award 3rd Lee HC Lee

Extra Dark CP

Entries 1

1st Crutchley

Class NB - Novice Young Standard Males

Entries 1

<u>Medium Dark CP</u>					Entries	1	
No							
1st Award		2nd No Award		3rd No Award	HC		Potterton

Best Young Standard Male				Crutchley	E.D		B9
Reserve Best Young Standard Male				Crutchley	D		B10

Best Young Standard				Crutchley			A10
Reserve Best Young Standard				Crutchley			B9

Class C - Adult Standard Females Entries 6

Medium Dark CP Entries 4

1st Crutchley		2nd Crutchley		3rd Crutchley			
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Dark CP Entries 2

1st Crutchley		2nd No Award		3rd Lee			
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Best Adult Standard Female				Crutchley	M.D		C3
Reserve Best Adult Standard Female				Crutchley	D		C5

Class D - Adult Standard Males Entries 3

Dark CP Entries 2

1st Crutchley		2nd Crutchley					
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Extra Dark CP Entries 1

1st Crutchley							
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Best Adult Standard Male				Crutchley	M.D		D3
Reserve Best Adult Standard Male				Crutchley	E.D		D2

Best Adult Standard				Crutchley			D3
Reserve Best Adult Standard				Crutchley			C3

Best Standard				Crutchley			A10
Reserve Best Standard				Crutchley			D3

Class E - Young Mutations Entries 22

Beige Entries 5

1st King		2nd King		3rd No Award	HC		King
HC Busher		HC Thornton					

Black Velvet Entries 7

1st Crutchley 2nd Crutchley 3rd Proctor HC Allcoat
 HC Allcoat

Violet Entries 3

1st NoAward 2nd Lee 3rd No Award HC Busher

AOC Entries 7

1st Crutchley (Self Black) 1st Crutchley (Brown Velvet)
 2nd Allcoat (Brown Velvet) 3rd Proctor (Wilson White)
 HC Busher (Wilson White) 3rd Busher (Pink White)
 HC Paxman (Self Brown)

Class NE - Novice Young Mutations **Entries** **3**

AOC Entries 3

2nd Mitchell (Self Black) 2nd Donkersley (Violet)

Best Young Mutation ***Crutchley*** ***E17 (Black Vel.)***
Reserve Best Young Mutation ***Crutchley*** ***E18 (Brwn Vel.)***

Class F - Adult Mutations **Entries** **15**

Black Velvet Entries 6

1st Crutchley 2nd King 3rd King HC Busher

Violet Entries 3

1st Lee 2nd Busher 3rd Lee

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1st King (Beige) 2nd Crutchley (Beige)
 2nd Thornton (Self Black) 2nd King (Wilson White)
 3rd Rose (Deutsch Violet) 3rd Busher (Pink White)

Class NF - Novice Adult Mutations **Entries** **2**

AOC Entries 2

3rd Potterton (Self Black) HC Donkersley (Pink White)

Best Adult Mutation ***Crutchley*** ***F14 (Black Vel.)***
Reserve Best Adult Mutation ***King*** ***F3 (Black Vel.)***

Best Mutation ***Crutchley*** ***F14 (Black Vel.)***
Reserve Best Mutation ***Crutchley*** ***E17 (Black Vel.)***

Best in Show

Crutchley

A10 (Standard)

Reserve Best in Show

Crutchley

D3 (Standard)

Standard Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points	Entries
1	Crutchley	50.5	10
2	Lee	13	8
3	King	11	3
	Helmore	4	
4	Busher	1	2
5			1

(Maximum 10 entries count, max points achievable = 54)

Only Entries gaining points in main show or special awards count

Mutation Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points	Entries
1	Crutchley	31	6
2	King	22.5	8
3	Busher	11	7
		9	
4	Lee	5	3
5	Allcoat	4	3
6	Proctor	3	2
7	Thornton	2	1
8	Rose	1	1
9	Paxman		1

(Maximum 10 entries count, max points achievable = 51)

Only Entries gaining points in main show or special awards count