

## Show Report – North Region Show, Notton, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011

Judge:- Ron Gardner

Wet, windy and miserable was the day when we arrived at the first show of 2011. We had sunshine, so it was disappointing, but it could have as it had been only a few weeks



the order of Notton for left home in been worse earlier.

There were a total of 57 show champion and novice, and 1

entries both made a start

with Novice Young Females of which there were 4. These in turn split into 2 colour phases, 3 Medium and 1 Medium-Dark. There was no 1<sup>st</sup> in the Medium phase, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon being the most in prime, better furred but slightly down in colour to the 2 HC winners, the 1<sup>st</sup> of which was a little necky and open furred and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was so young it was difficult to judge fairly, but did have silky strong fur.

The 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon in the Medium-Dark phase had lovely white belly fur and was overall a better colour, was a little narrow in the shoulders, but nevertheless a pretty chin.

Onto 4 Young Standard Females, again colour phased Medium and Medium-Dark. The Mediums were awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. All 3 were nice animals, well presented. The 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon had silky fur and good colour, not blue, but good enough to take Reserve Best Young Female award for Wendy French. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was also a nice young female, but lacked a little in the neck, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> was open furred, with good conformation, but was slightly down in colour to the 1<sup>st</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> Medium-Dark was again a nice colour but could have been bluer, with good conformation and plenty in the neck and good enough for Best Young Female for Eddie & Richard.

Next up were 3 Novice Young Males. The Medium phase gained a 2<sup>nd</sup> award, was “salt and peppery” with fur still growing in, and my comment was if you have a better male, don’t use this one for breeding.

The 2 Medium-Darks were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, both nice animals but not in condition. The 2<sup>nd</sup> had nice fur but looked slightly yellowish and the 3<sup>rd</sup> was narrow in the shoulders, well presented but woolly. They both needed more time.



There were 8 Young Standard Males, 2 Medium, 2 Medium-Dark and 4 Dark.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Medium phase was a “Jolly Green Giant” in the making, with lovely conformation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> was brighter and slightly better colour, but was open furred with not such a good neck.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Medium-Dark had lovely fur that was silky and strong with good veiling

coverage and was blue!! Certainly worthy of all the awards on the day right through to

Grand Show Champion for Sandy. A cracker! The 2<sup>nd</sup> was sharp for colour, with good conformation and strong silky fur, taking Reserve Young Male for Richard and Eddie. The Dark phase gained 4 awards. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were well furred with lovely tight fur, and 2 HC's the 1<sup>st</sup> of which was a little woolly and not in prime but had better colour than the 2<sup>nd</sup> which had better conformation.

Next came 3 Novice Adult Standard Females, all Medium phase. I commented that they should be in breeding as I awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and HC.

The Adult Standard Females, 4 in number again phased 3 Medium-Dark and 1 Dark. The Medium-Dark phase (3 litter sisters I believe) were all nice animals. The 1<sup>st</sup> award had a big neck, loads of tight, silky fur and was in prime, and good enough for Best Adult Female, Best Adult Standard and Res Best Standard again for Richard and Eddie. The 2<sup>nd</sup> in the phase was flashy, not as bright and lacked the conformation of the 1<sup>st</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon was very similar but not in prime. Three excellent females.

The 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon in the Dark phase was also excellent, slightly down in colour with a not pure white belly, but good enough for Res Adult Female and Res Adult Standard once more for Richard and Eddie.

There were 2 Novice Adult Standard Males, but no awards.

The 5 Adult Standard Males colour phased Medium-Dark and Dark. I found the Dark phase was disappointing with a marked drop in quality in what should be herd improvement males. The 1<sup>st</sup> had a good neck and conformation with reasonable fur quality, taking Res Adult Male for Richard and Eddie, the 2<sup>nd</sup> was slightly costina in shape and narrow shouldered, but better quality fur, and the HC was again costina type, small, narrow in the neck and open furred.



The Medium-Dark 1<sup>st</sup> was not in prime but showed itself well, with a clear belly and good conformation, and took the awards for Best Adult Male for Richard and Eddie.

We then had a break for lunch, comprising an excellent buffet and some lovely hot soup, homemade by Wendy French. Most appreciated!!

There were 7 Novice Young Mutations making 1 AOC class. There was a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> award for the Brown Velvets. The 1<sup>st</sup> was in good show condition, with good conformation and was well presented. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, not as good in colour, but had nice fur type, and a lovely clean cage.

Again a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> award for 2 Beige animals. The 1<sup>st</sup> award was a better colour with denser fur, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon having better conformation, but shorter fur and was a little suspect for colour.

I awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> for the Self Black; it was a good size for the age, but was a little open furred



and not a blue black. A 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> award for the Wilson Whites. The 1<sup>st</sup> was clear, had more volume of fur and was the best colour, but a little necky, but was still very young. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was also clear with more fur and good conformation.

The Young Mutations were just 5 in number, 4 Beige and 1 Wilson White. The 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon Beige was the best colour and had closer fur, taking Best Young Mutation and Best Mutation for Sandy.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> also had reasonable colour but the fur was not as tight, but it did take Res Young Mutation for Richard and Eddie. The 3<sup>rd</sup> was nicely furred, not as good colour and narrow in the neck, and the HC was poor colour with the fur lying back. The 1 Wilson White gained a second award, had strong fur, with nice guard hair, could have been clearer colour and was a little narrow in the neck.

There were 4 Novice Adult Mutations. A 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon Brown Velvet, lovely “Teddy Bear “ type, well covered, a 1<sup>st</sup> Black Velvet, with good coverage and nice fur type, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Pink White, that was cream in colour and narrow in the neck, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deutsch Violet that could have been a little bigger and brighter.

The final classes of the day were for Adult Mutations comprising 3 Deutsch Violets and 5 AOC.

The Deutsch Violets gained 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> awards. The 1<sup>st</sup> had lovely clear blue colour with good guard hair and bags of fur, a very nice chin, Best Adult Mutation and Res Best Mutation for Richard and Eddie. The 2<sup>nd</sup> award was smaller and flashier, but not as good overall, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon was breaking in the neck, and choppy around the sides.

The final class was 5 AOC's. 1<sup>st</sup> Black Velvet, good colour and coverage, long strong silky fur, and was black in the neck, the 2<sup>nd</sup> award was priming but otherwise a very good chin. A 1<sup>st</sup> Pink White that was a good size but could have been clearer, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Pink White that was also good quality and conformation. A 1<sup>st</sup> Sullivan Violet, white belly, lovely blue colour, bags of fur, and in prime. I commented that this was the best Sullivan Violet I had seen in a very long time, and it went on to take Res Adult Mutation for Paul Spooner. I believe Sandy must take the credit for the condition and presentation of this lovely chin, and Paul for merely breeding it!!

This brought the show to an end, and my additional comment was of the excellent overall quality of the exhibits, especially the Novice entries, which bodes well for the future.

It was a shame that there were not more exhibitors and entries, but nevertheless it was my pleasure to judge, and was a most enjoyable and friendly day.

**Ron Gardner – NCS Senior Judge**

