

Show Report – WM & W Show, Bugbrooke, 18th Oct 2009

Judge: - Richard Crutchley JUI: - Kerry Bradburn

Given that this was Kerry's fifth JUI decided to extend her test regime writing of the show report to this Communication of the qualities of is just as important as knowing the show itself and afterwards via sure you will agree that in the report has done well and I agree with her wholeheartedly. **R.**



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The first show of the season for the region had a fairly low number of entries compared with what the region normally achieves. The general consensus amongst breeders is that many have had a very slow start to the breeding season, so are generally struggling for youngsters to be ready in time for the early autumn shows. I am hoping that this is the major reason for the entries being somewhat down as well as one or two usual members not in attendance. Nevertheless there were some good chinchillas amongst the entries and many young babies that I'm sure will do better as they mature.

Young Standard Females - Five young standard females made up the first class, which we decided were Medium-Darks. The first ribbon from Heather and Steve Boncey had good veiling coverage, strong dense fur and reasonable clarity. It did need a little more in the neck and wasn't really in show condition but was still the best of the bunch, going on to take Best Young Female. The second from Steven Helmore had the better size and conformation but still had lots of soft baby fur around the hips and rump area, clarity was fair and may even improve when the animal primes through. It followed the 1st to become Reserve Young female.

Novice Young Standard Females - The novice young standard females produced a second ribbon for Alan Mills. This female had fairly nice fur type, good size and conformation but although being well prepared lacked any kind of show condition. There was also a 3rd for Julie Rose for a very similar chin to the 2nd, again being of good size and conformation with a nice fine fur but even further out of condition.

Young Standard Males - Nine young standard males were split into two classes. The Medium-Darks were up first and produced a 1st ribbon for Lyn and Ron Gardner, a well-prepared chin with good size and conformation, fair clarity and a strong stand up fur, which was unfortunately rather open on the day. A 3rd again for Lyn and Ron this chin having better quality fur than the top animal and also good clarity but was spoilt on the day by being way out of prime with that frustrating salt and peppery look. The Darks produced a very good animal in 1st place for Sandy King. It had fair size, good conformation and a strong fur with a lovely defined tip. Most impressing this animal had sparkling clarity and blueness. It certainly stood out and progressed all the way to Best Standard and Reserve Best In Show. Many Congratulations Sandy! The second also from Sandy had good size and conformation, fair density but was down in clarity to the top animal. It had been well prepared and was of a good overall quality. A mention also for Fiona Garnett's HC that was just old enough for show. It had been beautifully prepared and looks to be developing nicely but was just too much of a baby to be in the running on the day.

Novice Young Standard Males - Rich and Chelle (Lowridge chinchillas) presented a lovely young male with bags of future potential. It had lovely strong upright fur, which was clear and bright with blocky conformation. It had been beautifully prepared and rightfully progressed all the way to eventual Reserve Best Standard - Well done. There were 2 HC's awarded both from Alan Mills which were of reasonable overall quality and had been well prepared.

Adult Standard Females - The adult females were split in to two colour phases; the Mediums produced a second ribbon for Sandy King, which was of fair size and blocky conformation. It had reasonable density and again had been well presented but was let down by poor clarity which cost it the 1st ribbon. There was a 3rd ribbon for Lyn and Ron which was again well presented and had fair size and good conformation but lacked any kind of tipping to the fur.

The Medium-Darks also could only muster a 2nd this time for Fiona Garnett. Her female, which was of fair size, reasonable clarity and had a nice fine fur type, was however in need of improved density. It had again been very well presented. There was a 3rd ribbon for Rich Huxley that had the best fur type and fair density but unfortunately was way out of show condition looking to be well past her best.

Adult Standard Males - There were only four adult standard males all judged in one class with three of the chins gaining awards. As an overall comment all the ribbons winners in this class were of a high overall quality with the 1st being by far the clearest animal on the table. It had good size and conformation and a strong fur type of fair density. Unfortunately on the day the fur was breaking down the flanks and general show condition was lacking but nevertheless still deservedly took Best Adult Standard for Rich Huxley. The second ribbon and eventual Reserve Best Adult Standard from Debbie Cave had good size and conformation and certainly very good density. As you would expect the fur was strong and upright and did make you look again, however on the day it did appear to be lacking in clarity, which was unfortunate. The 3rd this time from Heather and Steve Boncey also deserves a mention as it was exceptional and did have lots of eye appeal and a lovely dense silky fur with a deep defined tip but it was markedly down in clarity of colour, some of which I'm sure is oxidation.

Young Mutations - We got under way with a class of young Beiges, the best of which won a 2nd for Georgie Busher. This chin was of the darker colour phase beige and had nice clarity with a hint of blueness and a reasonable fur type, it was however a little small for 6 months. The second from Lyn and Ron was of good size, blocky and a reasonable fur type but clarity let it down. The HC however also from Lyn and Ron had lovely blueness and clarity but needed a stronger fur type, not having the required volume of fur at this time, something that may improve as the animal matures.

The Wilson Whites produced a 3rd and HC both for Georgie Busher, which were both of reasonable types with blocky conformation, and good size but both needing improvements in fur strength, blueness and clarity to do better.

There was a 3rd ribbon again for Georgie for a good coloured Ultra Violet which was a nice blocky example, it unfortunately was let down by quite an open coarse fur type.

We also had a class of three Black Velvets which produced a 2nd ribbon for Rosemary Paxman that had good size and conformation with a nice strong fur type, it needed more intensity of colour which hopefully will come with age and it was also lacking in show condition. Two HC's completed the class for fair types that both look to need more time in all areas to be able to compete for the higher awards.

The AOC class produced a nice Sullivan Violet from Steven Helmore that had good qualities in all departments and impressive strong dense fur, sadly it was markedly lacking in any kind of show condition and it cost it is 1st ribbon. It will do better on other days. There was also a 3rd for a Pink White again from Georgie of good size, conformation and acceptable colour, the fur was unfortunately rather open on the day. The Best Young Mutation and eventual Reserve Best Mutation went to Rich and Shell Huxley for their baby Brown Velvet just a whisker over 4 months and already showing impressive fur qualities for one so young. It was clear and blue with a lovely white belly and just looking for some improvements in the veiling department, one to watch for the future maybe.

Novice Young Mutations - The novice young mutations produced a 1st and eventual Reserve Best Young Mutation for Alan Mills with a nice, fine furred, clear bluish Beige that had good conformation and had been very well prepared. Some of the novice chinchillas really were superbly presented, keep up the good work. There was also a 3rd ribbon for Beige from Lowridge chinchillas, which had better clarity and blueness than the 1st ribbon. It was let down by a lack of fur qualities and particularly not having the required volume of fur at this time, something that may improve. A

reasonable Self Black was awarded a 3rd ribbon for Julie Rose which although was slightly down in clarity did have good fur qualities and was of good size and fair conformation.

Adult Mutations - We only had a small number of adult mutations, however this group did produce the eventual show champion - a single Black velvet but what an example! It was groomed to perfection with volumes of strong dense intense mutation fur with near perfect coverage. Blocky conformation and good show condition on the day completed the picture. A deserving winner for Lyn and Ron Gardner - many congratulations!

Reserve Best Adult Mutation went to Debbie Cave for her lovely Sullivan Violet, which had very good size, and conformation, lovely fine fur and even though clearly past its best still retaining that wonderful sheen which so many Sullivan Violets seem to lack. A 3rd and HC were awarded to Barry Thornton for two Wilson Whites both of very good size and conformation that had been well prepared. Unfortunately both were out of condition and just seemed to be lacking that wonderful blueness that is so desired in a top Wilson White but nonetheless 2 good breeding types with the correct pairings.

Novice Adult Mutations - A good novice adult Beige again from Alan Mills rounded off the show with a deserving 1st ribbon. This chin had good flowing dense fur which did have a blueness about it. Unfortunately it was rather out of show condition and didn't do itself any favours by rolling over and over in its cage.

I really enjoyed my day doing JUI with Richard and would like to thank him for taking the time to answer all my questions and listening to all my thoughts and opinions.

Again congratulations to Ron and Lyn on being awarded Grand Show Champion and to Sandy for Reserve Show Champion. Well done to all the winners of the breeders awards and anyone else who had good day whether you won a ribbon or not, it's the taking part that countsplease encourage others!!!

Kerry

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