

Show Report – SR & WM Joint Show, Bugbrooke, 7th Feb 2010

Judge: - Stephen Helmore

I think the cancellation of the Bugbrooke because of the bad January helped the entry of 115 coming to the show table. This busy and enjoyable day.



DID YOU KNOW?
115 Animals were exhibited at the
WM / SR Joint Show, comprising 50
Standards and 49 Mutations
+ 16 X Class

January show at weather in with 99 chins left me with a

The seventeen Young Standard divided into three classes. The Darks attained five awards; 1st

Females seven Medium- from Kerry

Bradburn was a good type, clear blue colour with blocky conformation and a really white belly fur, being a younger animal for the class she had a slightly open fur that held her back from being the Best Young Standard Female; 2nd in the class also from Kerry had an even brighter colour but had a shorter fur type and lacked the conformation of the 1st.

The class of seven Mediums had no 2nd award but a clear 1st for Sandy King's chin that exhibited a clear blue colour and strong fur type that was in better condition to win the Best Young Standard female award.

We had a class of three Dark females each having a different point of praise but none worthy of a 1st ribbon. Kerry's 2nd had the best colour of the group but had open fur, 3rd ribbon of Dick & Heather Green had best conformation but down on colour as was the HC of Steve & Heather Boncey that had the best silky strong fur type.

The seventeen Young Standard Males also split into three classes.

The class of seven Medium-Darks had a 1st for James Buchan, a chin with good size and good clear blue colour with strong dense fur type but very much out of condition that became Reserve Young Standard Male and Reserve Best Young Standard. 2nd in the class from Ron & Lyn Gardner had a very plushy fur type but down on clarity of colour to the 1st.

The four Mediums had a 2nd for Kerry's youngster that was very blue in colour but so out of condition that the fur laid down on the flanks and hips, Sandy's 3rd had a very plushy fur but had no blueness in comparison to the 2nd.

The class of six Darks were disappointing with one exception, a 1st for Steve & Heather's male with really good conformation, strong fur type and reasonably clear colour - he was still not in top condition but good enough to receive Best Young Standard Male and Best Young Standard awards.

The six Adult Standard Females were judged as one class and all received awards. However the 1st and 2nd from Fiona Garnett were clearly the better chins, with really strong plushy fur type, than the remaining four HC's in the class. I later found out these were 2 sisters that I had spent sometime deciding which the better was on the day whilst stating they were similar types of chin!

The six Adult Standard Males were also judged as one class with 5 awards. 1st and 2nd Chins of Kerry were very good animals. The 1st had very good veiling coverage and finish with a silky strong fur type but down in colour to the 2nd that was just over 7 months to be in the adult class. The 2nd also had a strong fur type and pure white belly fur, was not finished in

growth or finished in the neck. These two males went back to back to achieve Best In Show and Reserve Best In Show.

We broke for lunch knowing there were thirty-one young mutations and thirteen adults.

We recommenced with a class of eight young Wilson Whites of which only three ribbons were awarded. 1st and 2nd of Kerry's were good types and again I put in my notes 'similar types could be clearer and denser'.

The class of five Beiges had a clear 1st for Georgie Busher. A really good type with strong plushy fur, in show condition, clear colour and really good conformation which became Best Young Mutation and Best Mutation in Show.

A class of six Sullivan Violets also had a clear 1st for Kerry with a clear blue attractive colour with a strong fur type - it just failed in a lack of conformation in the neck and shoulders.

I then judged the AOC class of lighter colours, a Pink White from Barry Thornton had a 2nd award for a reasonably good chin in all departments.

A class of four Black Velvets had a 1st and 2nd awarded. James's 5th old was a good size, well presented with strong dense fur type and good coverage on the body but let down with light fur in the neck and shoulders. However it still went on to be Reserve Best Young Mutation and Reserve Best Mutation. The 2nd from Kerry was 4 ½ months with very good coverage was much smaller and still needed to fill out and develop.

The class of three Self Blacks were all wrap around blacks but lacked size and conformation and Barry's 3rd was best of the trio.

The Adult Mutations had a class of Beiges with Sandy's 2nd having good size and colour but lacking fur strength and density.

A good class of five Black Velvets had four awards. The 1st from Kerry had good size and coverage with a bright clear colour with strength and condition of fur holding it back with the fur laying flat along the flanks becoming Reserve Adult Mutation. The 2nd from Ron & Lyn and the 3rd from James were very similar with very intense black coverage but tinged colour and narrow shoulders.

The AOC class had two 1st awards, a Wilson White from Kerry was a very good chin, blocky conformation and strong fur type in condition that became Best Adult Mutation. Also a 1st for Richard Huxley with a Brown Velvet, just over 7 months it had a very attractive appearance and good fur type but its size let it down for this show.

Congratulations to Kerry for Best and Reserve Best In Show awards together with 1st Breeders Award for both Standards and Mutations.

My thanks to all who came and exhibited chins and all those who helped to make this another successful show.

Stephen Helmore