

## Show Report – North Region Show, Notton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2008

Judge: - Sandy King

I didn't have far to travel to this nice to arrive early - I got lost Usually I have more animals to shows but it was generally night before being Bonfire Night for a lower turnout. Although the large the standard of chins was had come into prime. Also it note that overall the size and the animals seemed to be nearer Quality Chinchilla booklet than

Show Champion, Reserve Show Champion and Best Mutation went to Eddie and Richard Crutchley with 2<sup>nd</sup> Breeders Awards going to Joyce Garvey and Paul Spooner.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**58 Animals were exhibited at the Northern Show, comprising 38 Standards and 19 Mutations +1 X Class**

show and it was last time! judge at my thought that the was responsible turn out was not high and most was pleasing to length of fur on to the Guide to noted recently.

**Young Standard Females** were split into three groups as follows:-

**Medium Dark** colour phase presented a nice overall class. 1<sup>st</sup> was a blocky female with a good neck, clear blue and well veiled and in excellent show condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ribbon was also blocky with a good neck and veiling but slightly down in condition.

**Medium** – Just a 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon for a blocky chin with good confirmation which could have been bluer and sharper, but good size, neck & veiling

**Darks** – A good class which produced the Best Young Standard Female which went on to be Reserve Best Young Standard – A very big blocky chin with clear blue veiling and dense strong silky fur. The 2<sup>nd</sup> had excellent confirmation and of good size, also with blue & clear veiling with good strong fur became Reserve Young Standard Female

**Novices** gave me two colour phases;

**Medium** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon for a chin with good confirmation but down in colour, with good strong long fur and fair veiling but breaking at sides.

**Medium Dark** – A 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon for a very nice chin that ran the Reserve Young Standard Female very close, although it was a little small and not quite as blue as the Reserve. Good confirmation and neck, good strong fur, fair clarity, even veiling and in excellent show condition.

**Young Standard Males** divided into 2 classes plus Novice as follows:-

**Medium Dark** – A very good class with 1<sup>st</sup> for a big blocky blue and clear chin with an excellent neck and fur strength. This male became Best Young Standard Male and Best Young Standard. A 2<sup>nd</sup> for a slightly narrower male with good strong fur, fair neck and veiling, and good size became Reserve Young Standard Male

**Medium** – A 1<sup>st</sup> for a chin with good confirmation, bright clear blue, good neck and size with fair veiling. A 2<sup>nd</sup> for a male with good size and confirmation, reasonable veiling, but slightly down in colour.

**Novice Male** - 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon for a big blocky male with dense upright fur, well presented and in excellent condition. Sadly slightly down in colour.

**Standard Adult Females** –I would have been delighted to have taken all or any of the ribbon winning females home with me.

**Medium Darks** – A very good class with a 1<sup>st</sup> for a huge blocky chin with excellent neck, good veiling, long strong fur slightly bluer and clearer and in better show condition than the 2<sup>nd</sup> chin. This was another very large blocky chin with good strong fur, fair veiling but not in top condition.

**Dark-** Another Excellent class with 1<sup>st</sup> again for a very large blocky bright animal with a very good neck, good strong dense fur but slightly out of condition. This chin went on to be Best Adult Standard Female with the 2<sup>nd</sup> to it in excellent condition, of good size and very good neck & veiling but with the fur not as dense as the winner. This female became Reserve Best Adult Standard Female

**Standard Adult Males** – Only one class but superb chins.

The 1<sup>st</sup> was a superb male, immaculate with not a hair out of place. Good size, excellent dense silky fur of good strength, good colour and clarity with nothing else coming near it in the show - A worthy Show Champion! I heard afterwards it was Show Champion in Scotland a couple of weeks before. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon winner was another good male of fair size, good neck, strong silky fur, good clarity and blueness and in fairly good condition, making it all the way to Reserve Show Champion.

**Young Mutations**

**Beige** - A very large class of quality chins. The 1<sup>st</sup> was a darker phase Beige with a lovely type dense silky fur, with good confirmation, fair colour, and good size, becoming Reserve Best Young Mutation. A 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon for a Beige was in good condition, blue and blocky with excellent coverage but soft fur on the sides.

**AOC** – Four animals brought a 1<sup>st</sup> for a Black Velvet which was a lovely all round chin, blue, blocky, with reasonable mutation coverage for age and a good neck went on to be Best Young Mutation. Also a 1<sup>st</sup> for a big blocky Violet with bluish colour, good coverage and size, although softer fur over hips. This Violet was exhibiting some of the sheen that made the violets so attractive but which appears to have been lost in most cases. Two Pink Whites gave a 1<sup>st</sup> for a large blocky chin with good strong fur strength but colour tending towards cream. A 2<sup>nd</sup> for a nice large animal with long beige guard hairs, good confirmation, but slightly soft fur.

**Novice Young Mutation** – Four animals brought a 1<sup>st</sup> for a dark phase Beige of fair colour, strong but not dense fur, good confirmation and coverage.

**Adult Mutations** – Only three chins exhibited but all good quality. Two Black Velvets gained 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the 1<sup>st</sup> being large, blocky, very dense with even strong fur of good colour with excellent mutation coverage and size went on to be a worthy Best Mutation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon winner was blocky, blue & bright but not quite as good mutation coverage as the winner. This animal became Reserve Best Mutation. Also a 1<sup>st</sup> for a Wilson White which was good all round except a little small for an adult but had fair confirmation and neck. The patches of white were blue and clear which is what we are aiming for in whites, fur reasonably strong with attractive guard hairs.

The show ran very smoothly and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Thank you for inviting me to judge I enjoyed my day and for looking after me so well.

**Sandy King**

