

West Midlands Show Judges Report

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A new venue, Penkridge Memorial Hall, for this show, good size hall just a bit tight for parking.

Started as usual with Young Standard Females and the medium/dark class and this produced a 1st for Heather Boncey with a good size animal, good conformation and clarity in good condition but open fur. 2nd to this was from James Buchan having better veiling but breaking badly. Onto the mediums and a 1st this time for James having good size, conformation and clarity but breaking down the sides and out of condition.

The dark class produced another 1st for Heather Boncey, good size, conformation, excellent clarity, good veiling coverage with lots of fur, going on to take Reserve Best Young Standard Female, 2nd to this was from Kerry Bradburn, good size and conformation, tight fur in good condition but a slight drop in clarity from the top animal. Onto the Extra/darks and a 1st from Kerry, 5 month old having good size, conformation and clarity a very good animal going on to take Best Young Standard Female. Onto the Young Standard Males medium/dark class and another 1st for James, a bit small but good conformation and clarity, nice silky fur but out of condition. 2nd to this also from James better size, good conformation, ok clarity and a coarser type of fur. Onto the Dark class and another 1st for Kerry with an animal of good size, conformation and clarity, strong fur in good show condition and going on to

take Reserve Young Standard Male then Reserve Young Standard. 2nd to this also from Kerry, 5 month old, good size, conformation and clarity but open on the hips. The Extra/dark class produced another 1st for Kerry, having good size, conformation and clarity, strong furred, in excellent show condition going on to take, Best Young Standard Male, Best Young Standard, Reserve Best Standard and Reserve Show Champion. 2nd to this from James, having good size, conformation and clarity, silky soft fur but out of condition with the fur lying back slightly. Onto the Adult Standard Females and the Medium/dark class produced a 1st for Kerry, good size conformation and clarity, plenty of strong fur but out of condition going on to take Reserve Best Adult Standard Female. The Dark class produced another 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, nice tight fur in good show condition, going on to take Best Adult Standard Female and Reserve Best Adult Standard. Moving on to the Adult Standard males, the Dark class produced another 1st for Kerry with good size conformation and clarity but slightly out of condition but good enough to take Best Adult Standard Male, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and eventually Grand Show Champion. 2nd to this from Denise had good size, conformation and clarity and strong stand up fur. The Extra Dark class produced another 1st for Kerry, good size, conformation and clarity and a strong silky fur, good enough to take Reserve Best Adult Standard Male, 2nd to this also from Kerry had a slight drop in clarity but good size and conformation.

Onto the Young Mutations and the Wilson White class. Another 1st for Kerry, good size, conformation ok and good clarity with a reasonably strong fur, just 5 month old.

The 2nd to this from Heather Boncey was bigger but with a slight drop in clarity, good conformation and plenty of reasonably strong fur.

A good class of Young Black Velvets produced a stand out 1st for Kerry having good size, conformation and clarity, excellent coverage, going on to take Best Young Mutation and Best Mutation, 2nd to this, also from Kerry had good size, conformation and clarity but was a little grey in the neck and slightly out of condition.

The Self Black class produced a medium/dark 1st for Denise awarded for good conformation, clarity of colour and a strong upright fur.

The AOC (any other colour) class produced a 1st Ultra Violet for Cameron Holmes having good size, conformation and clarity but showing slight fur weakness on the sides.

The Violet class produced a 1st for Andrew Lee, a bit small but good conformation, clarity and fur strength but the best violet of the day was a novice animal exhibited by Heather Arnstein, winning a 1st and having good size, conformation and clarity and a strong upright fur, going on to take Reserve Young Mutation and Reserve Mutation. Heather also had 2nd to this, again good size and conformation but showing slight fur weakness. Also in the AOC class a 1st Brown Velvet from Kerry having good size and conformation, slightly down in clarity but strong fur, and a 2nd from Denise again good size and conformation but a slight tinge spoiling clarity.

Onto the Adult Mutations and the Beige class produced a 1st for Kerry, good size, conformation, and clarity and

strong upright fur and going on to take Best Adult Mutation, 2nd to this from Denise had good size, conformation, very good clarity but let down by being slightly out of condition. A very nice homo beige produced a 1st for Denise with good size, conformation and clarity.

A good class of self blacks produced a 1st for Denise with an unusual self black having a large amount of the fur having a grey/white tipping. Strictly speaking a fault, but the animal had such superb fur strength for a self black I feel effort should be made with it, 2nd to this also from Denise had good size and conformation but as usual with ebonies slight fur weakness. Denise's success continued with the Wilson whites taking 1st, good size and conformation but a bit down in clarity, and 2nd, good size and conformation, better clarity but out of condition.

The black velvet class produced a very high quality 1st for Kerry with all the right qualities, good size, conformation and clarity excellent coverage, going on to take Reserve Adult Mutation.

Well done! Kerry, Denise and Heather Arnstein.