

Show Report – North Region Show, Birdwell, 9th Dec 2007

Judge: - Stephen Helmore

This year has passed quicker for other. It is always a pleasure for long weekend with my in-laws in judging the North Region Show. A relaxed breakfast and a up the M1 had me in Birdwell in for the start of the show.

My scheduled assistant David unable to travel down from to family illness. We hope all are mend.

Under the managership of Sue Nelson, the show commenced on time starting with colour phasing the 20 main show young females into 4 classes of 5 animals each. The Medium-Dark 1st ribbon award went to Paul Spooner with his 4 ½ month female, good colour, silky strong fur and good veiling coverage. Second & Third to Eddie and Richard Crutchley, the 2nd was a larger female but very much out of condition over the hips.

The Mediums were disappointing with James Buchan having a 3rd for a well furred but small and out of condition female.

The Dark class also had no 1st, and a 2nd for Paul's female, good coverage, clear but out of condition and 3rd to Julie Turner's blocky chin but with woolly baby fur down the flanks.

The class of Extra Darks were more mature and all received ribbons. 1st and 2nd to Eddie and Richard became Best and Reserve Young Standard females and the 1st the Reserve Best Young Standard. This female had excellent veiling, strong dense fur, and a good neck and conformation. 2nd had a very clear white belly and a tight silky fur. The 3rd from James had a sharper colour but with a longer fur type was out of condition but nevertheless a very nice chin.

There was also 5 Young Novice Females with a 1st to Adele Robson with a quality chin, good conformation, silky fur and very well presented but just down on clarity of colour to the top main show females.

The twenty young males split into three classes. The Medium-Darks had a 1st to Eddie and Richard, a nicely presented chin with silky strong fur priming over the hips but slightly dull compared to the very bright male of Wenda Barron that didn't have the strength of fur or condition of the 1st.

The Medium class again were disappointing with a 2nd award to Eddie and Richard for a blocky male with silky fur type, clear but not so blue in colour on the day. The Dark class were the best of the group with all six males receiving awards. 1st to Eddie and Richard, was a very good chin, excellent veiling, silky strong fur, and was "shining" on the day, became Best Young Male, Best Young Standard and Reserve Best In Show. 2nd from Paul was also a very good chin, bright in colour it still had soft baby fur on the flanks. I think he will get a lot better in the coming months, but was good enough for Reserve Best Young Male.

The Novice Young Males had 2 HC's for Adele - both young bright chins but narrow in the shoulders and the fur was soft and lacking density.

The Adult females split into four Medium-Darks and four Darks with no Novice entries. The Medium-Darks had a 2nd award only for Paul for a blocky female which was clear but not blue, with silky but soft fur type.



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Blakey was Scotland due now on the

The Dark class had two very good females. Paul's 1st had excellent veiling, silky strong fur in good condition. The 2nd of Eddie and Richard was marginally better clarity of colour but was still finishing over the hips. Paul's female went on to be Best Adult Standard, and Best In Show.

The Adult Males made one class of five and one Novice was brought up at the same time. Wenda Barron had a 1st for a nice blocky, bright male, of reasonable coverage, good density, but not in top show condition, beating Eddie and Richard's 2nd that was slightly better colour but not as dense.

There was a 3rd for Adele Robson in the novice class for a good blocky male not as bright as the main show top animals and down in condition. Wenda's male eventually became Reserve Best Adult Standard – well done!

Three Wilson Whites made up the first class of the young mutations. A 1st for Joyce Garvey with a good size, blocky chin, reasonably strong fur type that had eye appeal.

The class of six Beiges were disappointing, with a 3rd ribbon being the top award to Joan Davis, good colour but narrow across the shoulders and a weaker open fur.

Three Self Browns – Tan chins with 3rd to Tracy Hodgson, Reasonable coverage and a nice type of fur.

In the A.O.C. class a very good Pink White from Paul had a 1st ribbon, very well presented, had eye appeal with loads of fur length but could have had more density was Reserve Best Young Mutation. 2nd for a Brown Velvet from Lyn and Ron Gardner, had soft fur on the flanks, reasonable coverage and clear colour but again could have better density.

The class of four Black Velvets had a 2nd for James Buchan with a 4month chin already showing excellent coverage, of good size, but down on clarity of colour. The 3rd ribbon of Sandy King was a much brighter colour but had nowhere near the mutation fur coverage.

Five Novice Young Mutations had a class of three Beiges with 1st and 3rd awards to Adele Robson. I was very taken with the 1st place chin, good size, had a very good colour and fur type and groomed very well. This chin became Best Young Mutation and Best Mutation - very well done!

The nine Adult Mutations were judged as an A.O.C. class. Wenda had a 1st for a Black Velvet of good coverage and clear colour, not a large chin but good neck and conformation. Unfortunately a lot of groomed fur had been left on top of the back which let down the overall finish of the chin. This was the only 1st ribbon awarded so automatically became Best Adult Mutation but also became Reserve Best Mutation.

Joyce had a 2nd for a pale homo type Beige, clear colour and a strong plushy fur that was soft on the flanks. Third for a large blocky Wilson White from Sue Nelson - not an even colour but a strong fur type. Also 3rd for another Black Velvet that had lovely guard hair but lacked coverage in the neck and hips from Tracy Hodgson.

The three Novice Adult Mutations all had awards. Third for a Pink White from Jennie McManus, which was of pleasing colour and good size, although narrow through the shoulders and lacking density. Also 3rd for a Self Black with wrap around colour but again narrow across the shoulders and lacking density with laid back fur.

Congratulations to Paul for having Best In Show. My thanks to Sue and Mal, as registrar, for running the show smoothly with the Judging completed at 3-15 pm. This wasn't necessarily because I had been ultra quick but more I think due to Lyn Gardner being efficiently helpful in writing up my appraisal comments as I made them. So thank you to Lyn and to all who attended and helped at the show.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stephen Helmore

Show Results – North Region Show, Birdwell, 9th Dec 2007

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100 Entries, 64 Standards (11 Novice) & 36 Mutations (8 Novice)

Class A - Young Standard Females (20)

Medium CP (5)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A 3rd – Buchan HC – W. Barron HC - Gardner

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st - Spooner 2nd – Crutchley 3rd – Crutchley HC – French

Dark CP (5)

1st – N/A 2nd – Spooner 3rd – Turner HC – Crutchley

HC – Gardner HC - Buchan

Extra-Dark CP (5)

1st - Crutchley 2nd – Crutchley 3rd – Buchan HC – Crutchley HC - Crutchley

Class NA - Novice Young Standard Females (5)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st – Robson 2nd – N/A 3rd – N/A HC – Robson

Best Young Standard Female

Crutchley (A10 – Extra-Dark)

Res. Best Young Standard Female

Crutchley (A5 – Extra-Dark)

Class B - Young Standard Males (20)

Medium CP (8)

1st – N/A 2nd – Crutchley 3rd – N/A HC – Gardner

HC – Davis HC – Steven King

Medium Dark CP (6)

1st - Crutchley 2nd – W. Barron 3rd – N/A HC - Buchan

Dark CP (6)

1st – Crutchley 2nd – Spooner 3rd – Crutchley HC – Crutchley

HC – Spooner HC - Crutchley

Class NB - Novice Young Standard Males (5)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A 3rd – N/A HC – Robson HC - Robson

Best Young Standard Male

Crutchley (B7 – Dark)

Res. Best Young Standard Male

Spooner (B9 – Dark)

Best Young Standard

Crutchley (B7 – Dark)

Res. Best Young Standard

Crutchley (A10 – Extra-Dark)

Class C - Adult Standard Females (8)

Medium Dark CP (4)

1st – N/A 2nd – Spooner 3rd – N/A HC – N/A

Dark CP (4)

1st – Spooner 2nd – Crutchley 3rd – N/A HC – Gardner HC - Crutchley

Class NC - Novice Adult Standard Females (0)

Best Adult Standard Female

Spooner (C4 – Dark)

Res. Best Adult Standard Female

Crutchley (C1 – Dark)

Class D - Adult Standard Males (5)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st – W. Barron 2nd – Crutchley 3rd – N/A HC – Crutchley

Class ND - Novice Adult Standard Males (1)

Medium Dark CP (1)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A 3rd – Robson HC – N/A
Best Adult Standard Male *W. Barron (D1 - Med. Dark)*
Res. Best Adult Standard Male *Crutchley (D2 – Med. Dark)*
Best Adult Standard *Spooner (C4 - Dark)*
Res. Best Adult Standard *W. Barron (D1 - Med. Dark)*
Best Standard Animal *Spooner (C4 – Dark)*
Res. Best Standard Animal *Crutchley (B7 - Dark)*

Class E – Young Mutations (19)

Wilson White (3)

1st – Garvey 2nd – N/A 3rd – Sandy King HC - Davis

Beige (6)

1st – N/A 2nd - N/A 3rd – Davis HC – W. Barron HC - Hodgson

Self Brown (3)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A 3rd – Hodgson HC – French

AOC (3)

1st – Spooner (Pink White) 2nd – Gardner (Brown Velvet)

3rd – N/A HC – N/A

Black Velvet (4)

1st – N/A 2nd – Buchan 3rd – Sandy King HC – Gardner HC - Turner

Class NE – Novice Young Mutations (5)

Beige (3)

1st – Robson 2nd - N/A 3rd – Robson HC – N/A

AOC (2)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A 3rd – N/A
 HC – Julie Rose (Wilson White) HC – Emma Ross (Black Velvet)

Best Young Mutation *A. Robson (NE3 – Beige)*

Res. Best Young Mutation *Spooner (E7 – Pink White)*

Class F – Adult Mutations (9)

AOC (9)

1st – W. Barron (Black Velvet) 2nd – Garvey (Beige)
 3rd – Hodgson (Black Velvet) 3rd – Nelson (Wilson White)
 HC – French (Beige) HC – Davis (Wilson White)

Class NF – Novice Adult Mutations (4)

AOC (3)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A
 3rd – J. McManus (Self Black) 3rd – J. McManus (Pink White)
 HC – R. Lowe (Brown Velvet)

Best Adult Mutation *W. Barron (F2 – Black Velvet)*

Res. Best Adult Mutation *N/A*

Best Mutation

A. Robson (NE3 – Beige)

Res. Best Mutation

W. Barron (F2 – Black Velvet)

Best In Show

Spooner (C4 – Dark Standard)

Res. Best In Show

Crutchley (B7 – Dark Standard)

Standard Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points
1	Crutchley	40 ½
2	Spooner	24 ½
3	N/A	--

(Maximum 10 animals count, Minimum Qualification 10 points, Max points achievable = 54)

Mutation Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points
1	N/A	--
2	N/A	--
3	N/A	--

(Maximum 10 animals count, Minimum Qualification 10 points, Max points achievable = 51)

