

Show Report – Southern Show, Markyate, 30th Sept 2007

Judge: - Georgie Busher

JUI: - Kerry Bradburn

This was a very friendly show, and although there were not many entries due to the early date, the standard overall was good, and the winning line-up of animals at the end of the show very good indeed. I had as my JUI, and a very helpful knowledgeable colleague she throughout the day. We also stewards, under the watchful Helmore, and with Lyn and Registrar and Show Manager could a Judge want?



Kerry Bradburn and proved to be had efficient eye of Stephen Ron Gardner as what more

There were three Novice Standard Females. The first nice big animal, with lots of fur and a good neck, and a good clear colour.

Young was a really

The only fault we could see was a slightly off colour bar. The second ribbon was a longer, narrower type, not in such good condition, but of good colour. It needed a better neck, however. I gave the third animal an HC - it was small and priming, and slightly down in colour on the first two.

There were also three Young Standard Females in the main show, and these went 1st, 3rd and HC. The first was again a good size for a young animal, had nice fur and good overall coverage and colour, but was priming.

The third was a bit wedgy, had good fur but was a little off colour, and although the HC had good finish it was even less blue and again rather wedgy. Both these classes were judged in the Medium Dark colour phase.

The Best Young Standard Female was shown by Gardner/Davies, with Graziella Cacace's Novice as Runner-up.

There was one young Standard Male in the Novice class, which I judged against the Novice Females. This animal, belonging to Richard Huxley, was very good, with clear colour, very nice fur, a good size for its age, and had been very well prepared.

There were enough Young Standard Males to have two colour phases and I took the Medium Dark class first. The winner was a lovely animal - Big, with good conformation, very nice fur quality, sharp white underbelly colour, and very good coverage and in good condition. There was no second ribbon, but two HC's. One was very young and small, but had nice fur and colour. It will need a better neck, though. The second HC was blocky, priming everywhere, but promising.

The Medium class of Young Males also produced a first ribbon winner, which was a good size with nice conformation and colour and underbelly whiteness, but the fur tended to lie back a little. The third was very young again, needed a better neck and conformation, and was not as sharp in colour as the first. There were no further awards in this class.

The Boncey's very good Medium Dark male was Best Young Standard Male, and indeed Best Young Standard, with the Huxley Novice being Reserve Young Standard male, and the

Reserve Young Standard going to the female shown by the Gardner/Davies partnership. Well done, one and all.

There were no Novice Adult Standard Females, but two in the main show.

They had a second and a third respectively. The second was big with good blocky conformation, way out of prime and therefore light on the hips and lacking coverage. The third was in better condition, but not as bright, and for an adult rather small. We could not therefore award a Best Adult Standard Female ribbon.

There were two Novice Adult Standard Males. The first was a nice big bright animal with good fur, a sharp belly colour, good in the neck, and will make a good breeding animal. There was a third for a smaller animal, rather narrow and dull, and lacking in the eye appeal of the first. It needs to develop some better tipping to the fur to give it some movement. The Adult Standard Males in the main show split into two classes, a Medium Dark class where there was a first for a good breeding chinchilla with colour, size and reasonable condition and a Dark class where I awarded three ribbons. Here was a first for a very nice animal with lots of fur, good conformation, in very reasonable condition. A third went to a smaller animal which was a bit necky and not such good colour or condition. And there was an HC for a reasonable chin of good size and colour but with a bit of a question mark over a possible fur fault in the centre of his back.

The Best Adult Standard Male award went to the lovely dark animal shown by Laura Cozier, which went on to take Best Adult Standard and Reserve Standard Animal, so very well done. The Reserve Adult Standard Male went to the Novice animal belonging to Nicola Smith, so more congratulations to her, as she took Reserve Adult Standard as well. But the Best Standard Animal was the Boncey's Medium Dark Young Standard Male, which I am sure will go far. Well done to them for breeding such a good animal.

We then had a very good lunch, culminating in a very slimming Danish pastry which quite restored my blood sugar levels - very good for the morale, but awfully bad for the figure....

Suitably fortified we embarked on the Mutations. There was a third in the Novice Young class for a Beige which was the only entry - A reasonable animal, but not worthy of a higher award. There were however more young mutations and I gave two first ribbons, one to a very good big well furred and blocky Pink White, of excellent clear colour, whose only minimal fault was slightly open fur, probably due to its youth.

The next of the first ribbons went to a really large and well-furred Sapphire, with much stronger fur than normally seen on this breed. It carried a lot of whitish mutation fur and needed better sapphire coverage, but it was a very striking animal, and worthy of a first ribbon. There was a second and a third for two Brown Velvets, the second ribbon winner being a better colour with better mutation coverage, and larger.

There was also a third for a Violet which could do with being a bit sharper in colour.

The Boncey's took Best and Reserve Best Young Mutation with two very nice animals, the Pink-White and the Sapphire.

The Adult Mutation class had no less than twelve entries, but there was only one in the Novice class. This was a very nice little Self-Black, which was too small for an adult and needed stronger fur, but had pretty good colour and earned itself and its owners Michaela Etheridge and Richard Lowe a second card, so well done.

In the main show there were some very nice animals. In the Violet class there was a first, a second and two HC's. The first was a lovely big blue chinchilla with lots of fur, but could perhaps have done with a final titivate before going on the table. The second was also a big animal, but not so well finished as the first and a bit choppy and not quite such a striking colour. The first HC had rather a nice sheen to its coat, but weaker fur though a good size, and the last one was a lighter colour though still of good conformation.

There were three Black Velvets, to which I gave only one ribbon, a first, to a big animal with really nice fur and coverage, clear blue colour throughout the mutated fur and a sharp white under belly. The other two blacks did not get ribbons, one because it appeared under the lights to have badly tinged under-fur or bar, and the other because it had not developed enough black coverage for an adult animal.

In the AOC class there were five chinchillas, all of which got ribbons in a final burst of generosity on the part of the judges. There were three firsts!

One for the better of two nice Wilson Whites, which had good size and clarity of colour with no yellow tinge. Another for a lovely Brown Velvet which while still in good condition on the day looked as if it could be going over before long, but a fine animal nonetheless, with excellent coverage, and very nice colour. Another first for a really good Self Black, with admirable fur strength, very good size and coverage, and a lovely blue colour. There was a second for the other Wilson White, not quite so good in colour as the first, and a HC for a Beige, which was a bit necky and wedgy, but had very nice fur in spite of priming.

The Best Adult Mutation was the Black Velvet of Laura Cozier, with Lyn Gardner's Self Black in reserve. The Best Mutation was the Pink White, owned by the Boncey's, and this time Laura's Black Velvet was reserve. So very well done to you all.

The final triumph of the show was reserved for the Boncey's, who took Best In Show and Reserve, with the Medium Dark Young Male smartly followed by the young Pink White mutation. Heartiest congratulation to them - they well deserved the two Breeders' Awards they won, as did Lyn with her second Breeders Award for her Mutations.

I think my principle impression of the show was how much the novice animals have come on over the last few years. There really were hardly any bad ones, you have all learnt a huge amount, and not only that but you helped with the show and stewarded. It is very comforting for us oldies to know we will be able to leave the showing scene in such capable hands in a few years time.

In spite of the early date and the consequently reduced number of entries, there were some cracking animals on the table and I very much enjoyed judging them. My thanks to Kerry for being such a pleasant and cooperative JUI, and to the Gardner's and Stephen and all the Stewards, not forgetting all in the kitchen. It was a pleasure to judge the show, and thank you for having me.

Georgie Busher

Show Results – Southern Show, Markyate, 30th Sept 2007

Judge: - Georgie Busher

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45 Entries, 25 Standards (7 Novice) & 20 Mutations (2 Novice)

Class A - Young Standard Females (3)

Medium Dark CP (3)

1st – Gardner/Davies 2nd – N/A 3rd - Helmore HC - Boncey

Class NA - Novice Young Standard Females (3)

Medium Dark CP (3)

1st – Cacace 2nd – Huxley 3rd – N/A HC – Etheridge/Lowe

Best Young Standard Female

Gardner/Davies (A3 - Med. Dk)

Res. Best Young Standard Female

Cacace (NA1 – Med. Dk)

Class B - Young Standard Males (7)

Medium CP (3)

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

Medium Dark CP (3)

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

Class NB - Novice Young Standard Males (2)

Medium Dark CP (2)

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

Best Young Standard Male

Boncey (B2 – Med. Dk)

Res. Best Young Standard Male

Huxley (NB2 – Med Dk.)

Best Young Standard

Boncey (B2 – Med. Dk)

Res. Best Young Standard

Gardner/Davies (A3 - Med. Dk)

Class C - Adult Standard Females (2)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st – N/A 2nd – Helmore 3rd – Helmore

Class NC - Novice Adult Standard Females (0)

Best Adult Standard Female

N/A

Res. Best Adult Standard Female

N/A

Class D - Adult Standard Males (6)

Medium Dark CP (3)

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

Dark CP (3)

1st – Cozier 2nd – N/A 3rd – Boncey HC – Boncey

Class ND - Novice Adult Standard Males (2)

Medium Dark CP (2)

1st – Smith 2nd – N/A 3rd – Cacace HC – N/A

Best Adult Standard Male

Cozier (D1 - Dark)

Res. Best Adult Standard Male

Smith (ND1 - Med. Dk)

Best Adult Standard

Cozier (D1 - Dark)

Res. Best Adult Standard

Smith (ND1 - Med. Dk)

Best Standard Animal

Boncey (B2 – Med. Dk)

Res. Best Standard Animal

Cozier (D1 - Dark)

Class E – Young Mutations (6)

AOC (6)

1st - Boncey (Pink White) 1st – Boncey (Sapphire)
2nd – Gardner (Brown Velvet) 3rd – Boncey (Brown Velvet)
3rd – Gardner (Violet) HC – N/A

Class NE – Novice Young Mutations (1)

AOC (1)

1st – N/A 2nd – N/A
3rd – Cacace (Beige) HC – N/A

Best Young Mutation

Boncey (E3 – Pink White)

Res. Best Young Mutation

Boncey (E4 – Sapphire)

Class F – Adult Mutations (11)

Violet (4)

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

Black Velvet (3)

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

AOC (5)

1st – Gardner (Self Black) 1st – Gardner (Brown Velvet)
1st – Garnett (Wilson White) 2nd – Helmore (Wilson White)
3rd – N/A HC – Boncey (Beige)

Class NF – Novice Adult Mutations (1)

AOC (1)

1st – N/A 2nd – Etheridge/Lowe (Self Black)

Best Adult Mutation

Cozier (F1 – Black Velvet)

Res. Best Adult Mutation

Gardner (F12 – Self Black)

Best Mutation

Boncey (E3 – Pink White)

Res. Best Mutation

Cozier (F1 – Black Velvet)

Best In Show

Boncey (B2 – Med. Dk Standard)

Res. Best In Show

Boncey (E3 – Pink White)

Standard Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points
1	Boncey	15
2	N/A	--
3	N/A	--

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

Mutation Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points
1	Boncey	16
2	Gardner	14 ½
3	N/A	--

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