

Show Report - North Region Show, Birdwell, 6th Nov '05

Judge: - Ron Gardner JUI: - Lizz Benson

The usual warm welcome from the NR committee was missing at this autumn show. Some were a little busy with their animals and those who were not presumably did not see me arrive! After I had made Lyn and myself a cup of coffee, I donned my white coat in readiness for the first class of the day.

Class NA – Novice Young Standard Females

I awarded two cards in this class, a 3rd for an animal with reasonable conformation, and HC for the animal in the best condition on the day.

I was not impressed with any of them, as they were all down in colour.

Class NB – Novice Young Standard Males

This class was considerably better and produced three awards. 1st ribbon for a nice young chin with good conformation, size and colour, with plenty of fur although a little light on the hips. Unfortunately it did not compete well against the champion entries. The 2nd card was also a nice chin but down in colour, as was the HC.

Class NC – Novice Adult Standard Females

Only one entry in this class, and it was the epitome of everything undesirable in a chinchilla. If this is the calibre of animals being sold and used as suitable for breeding quality chinchillas, then you will never be successful at shows. When selecting animals, go to a well-established breeder with consistent awards at the shows. If the people you buy from don't show their chins, how do they know how good (or bad) they really are! Watch the show results and make your choice accordingly. The rewards for breeding a good animal are enormous, but only heartache awaits you when they are not of good quality!

Class ND – Novice Adult Standard Males

Again only one entry in this class, a 2nd award for a chin that was by no means perfect, but was a vast improvement on the last class. The chin was light on the hips and down in colour but had been excellently prepared on the day and was a vast improvement on the last class.

Champion Class A – Young Standard Females

Three colour phases for this class and 5 awards in the Medium-Dark's. The 1st ribbon was good colour with a nice clear belly, perhaps a little weak in the neck, but nice type of fur, good enough for Best Young Standard Female. The 2nd had better conformation but was down in colour to the 1st, but good enough to take Reserve Young Standard Female.

Only 4 awards in the Medium phase. The 1st ribbon had good conformation but was out of condition. A spell of cold weather should get a lot of the animals shown today in better show condition and the awards they achieve in future could well be higher, only time will tell. Four awards in the Dark phase, which was a very good class. The 1st ribbon although priming was in better condition, had strong upright fur, a good neck and conformation. The 2nd was a little weak in the neck, but all 5 in this class had good colour.

Champion Class B – Young Standard Males

Three colour phases again for this class. The Medium-Dark phase of five animals had a 1st and 2nd award. The 1st was not bright but was well furred and in better prime than the 2nd,

which although brighter was a little thin in the neck. The 1st ribbon in the Medium phase of four animals had longer fur, was blocky with a good neck.

The Dark phase, again five animals produced the group winners on the day. The 1st and Best Young Standard Male, Best Young Standard, Reserve Best Standard and Reserve Show Champion was clear but not bright or blue, had lovely conformation, and I remember mentioning tramlines in the fur from early morning zest with the grooming comb!

The 2nd in this class was a beautiful colour but a little light in the neck with a dip in the fur behind the head. It was however, good enough on the day to take Reserve Young Standard Male and Reserve Young Standard.

Champion Class C – Adult Standard Females

Five animals, all in one colour phase, and all excellent quality breeding females. The 1st ribbon was the best colour on the table, had good length of fur and the right conformation, and automatically took Best Adult Standard Female. The 2nd ribbon and Reserve Adult Standard Female was also a good chin and had suffered from having a chunk of fur pulled, but this was ignored when I made my decision.

Champion Class D – Adult Standard Males

Two colour phases, Dark and Medium-Dark. The 1st ribbon in the Medium-Dark was the sort of quality we all look for. Had good conformation, beautiful clear colour, and loads of strong fur and took Reserve Adult Standard Male, and Reserve Adult Standard. All the males in this class were of good quality, but the 2nd ribbon was not as clear and was light on the hips. I must just mention the 3rd ribbon winner, as it had no ears! A charming looking animal that Mum must have got carried away with when nursing him, was also a lovely colour but was priming in the middle of his back. The Dark phase produced the best animal of the day. Of excellent quality, heavy, with excellent conformation, this chin was in tip top condition and rightly took Best Adult Male, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and ultimately Grand Show Champion.

Class NE – Novice Young Mutations

Only 1 award, 3rd for a Violet that was not too bad for size, but had woolly, laid back fur and was not the best for colour. The 3 other chins in this class were sadly lacking in all aspects. No Novice Adult Mutations were entered.

Champion Class E – Young Mutations

First class of the Young Mutations was Wilson-White and I awarded 4 ribbons. The 1st and Reserve Young Mutation was well presented, having lovely guard hair, strong fur, good colour and was in good condition. The 2nd ribbon was very white but had softer, more open fur. A class of seven Beige's followed and I gave 5 awards. The 1st had good conformation and strong fur, with reasonable colour, but the 2nd was a better, clearer colour but was weak in the neck. Six A.O.C. animals followed and I awarded six ribbons. The 1st ribbon was for a Brown-Velvet, very much a 'teddy bear', with good conformation and condition, although a little open furred. This chin won Best Young Mutation and Best Mutation.

Champion Class F – Adult Mutations

One A.O.C. class for the Adult Mutations produced six ribbons. The 1st ribbon Pink-White had beautiful conformation if a little small and had characteristically soft fur, but good enough to take Reserve Adult Mutation. The other 1st was for a clear, blue, Black-Velvet with good conformation that went on to Best Adult Mutation.

Hopefully as the season progresses and the weather for chinchilla condition improves, a lot of awards will be different from today.

Ron Gardner

Show Results – North Region Show, Birdwell, 6th Nov '05

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86 Entries, 58 Standards (13 Novice) & 28 Mutations (4 Novice)

Class A - Young Standard Females (18)

Medium CP (6)

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

Medium Dark CP (7)

1st - Garvey 2nd - Crutchley 3rd - Garvey HC - Crutchley
HC - Crutchley

Dark CP (5)

1st - Garvey 2nd - Bradburn 3rd - Spooner HC - Spooner

Class NA - Novice Young Standard Females (5)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st - N/A 2nd - N/A 3rd - Aldrich HC - Gallagher

Best Young Standard Female Garvey (A11 - Med. Dk)

Res. Best Young Standard Female Crutchley (A4 - Med. Dk)

Class B - Young Standard Males (14)

Medium CP (4)

1st - Crutchley 2nd - Crutchley 3rd - Garvey HC - Garvey

Medium Dark CP (5)

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

Dark CP (5)

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

Class NB - Novice Young Standard Males (6)

Medium Dark CP (6)

1st - Steven King 2nd - Gallagher 3rd - N/A HC - Gallagher

Best Young Standard Male Crutchley (B2 - Dark)

Res. Best Young Standard Male Spooner (B12 - Dark)

Best Young Standard Crutchley (B2 - Dark)

Res. Best Young Standard Spooner (B12 - Dark)

Class C - Adult Standard Females (5)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st - Crutchley 2nd - Crutchley 3rd - Bradburn HC - Crutchley

Class NC - Novice Adult Standard Females (1)

Medium Dark CP (1)

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

Best Adult Standard Female Crutchley (C3 - Med. Dk)

Res. Best Adult Standard Female Crutchley (C2 - Med. Dk)

Class D - Adult Standard Males (8)

Medium Dark CP (4)

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

Dark CP (4)

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

Class ND - Novice Adult Standard Males (1)

Medium Dark CP (1)

1st – N/A 2nd – Steven King

Best Adult Standard Male

Spooner (D6 - Dark)

Res. Best Adult Standard Male

Crutchley (D5 - Dark)

Best Adult Standard

Spooner (D6 - Dark)

Res. Best Adult Standard

Crutchley (D5 - Dark)

Best Standard Animal

Spooner (D6 - Dark)

Res. Best Standard Animal

Crutchley (B2 - Dark)

Class E – Young Mutations (18)

Wilson White (5)

1st - Bradburn 2nd - Buchan 3rd - Buchan HC – Turner

Beige (7)

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

AOC (6)

1st - Spooner (Brown Velvet)

2nd – Davies (Pink White)

2nd – Bradburn (Black Velvet)

3rd – Spooner (Self Black)

HC – Spooner (Violet)

HC – Bradburn (Black Velvet)

Class NE – Novice Young Mutations (4)

AOC (4)

1st – N/A

2nd – N/A

3rd – Steven King (Violet)

HC – N/A

Best Young Mutation

Spooner (E5 - Brown Velvet)

Res. Best Young Mutation

Bradburn (E11 – W. White)

Class F – Adult Mutations (6)

AOC (6)

1st – Sandy King (Black Velvet)

1st – Spooner (Pink White)

2nd – Davies (Beige)

2nd – Turner (Wilson White)

3rd – Bradburn (Black Velvet)

HC – Davies (W. White)

Class NF – Novice Adult Mutations (0)

Best Adult Mutation

Sandy King (F4 – Bl. Velvet)

Res. Best Adult Mutation

Spooner (F1 – P. White)

Best Mutation

Spooner (E5 - Brown Velvet)

Res. Best Mutation

Bradburn (E11 – W. White)

Best In Show

Spooner (D6 – Dark Male)

Res. Best In Show

Crutchley (B2 – Dark Male)

Standard Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points
1st	Crutchley	44 ½
2nd	Garvey	18
3rd	Spooner	17 ½

(Maximum 10 animals count, Minimum qualification 10 points)

Mutation Breeders Award

Place	Exhibitor	Points
1st	Spooner	15
2nd	Davies	13
3rd	Bradburn	12 ½

(Maximum 10 animals count, Minimum qualification 10 points)