

Show Report – W. Midlands Region, Napton, 29th Jan 2006

Judge: - Georgie Busher

JUI: - Lizz Benson

I was pleased to be asked to judge the West Midlands Show at Napton, and while it was not a record for entries, there were a lot of people present including some new members, and some very nice animals.



The first class was of four Novice Young Standard Females, and I

gave a first award to a good quality animal, which had nice fur and was in satisfactory overall condition, though slightly open on the hips. A second was awarded to another well-covered animal, which was down in colour on the first, and not tight enough over the sides and hips. Both ribbon winners had good necks. There were no other awards.

There were again four animals in the Novice Young Male class, and the first ribbon winner was a really nice animal, big and blocky, with very nice fur and good conformation and colour. The second was also very sharp for colour, but needed more fur in the neck, and was rather small. There were again no further awards.

In the main show the Young Standard Females, of which there were twelve, had five in the Medium Class and seven in the Medium Darks.

The first Medium animal was very nice, with good tight fur, sharp colour and a reasonable size. The second was big, with more open fur, still an acceptable colour, and had good conformation. There was a Highly Commended for an animal which had good quality fur and was a nice colour, but priming and therefore light and open on the hips.

In the Medium-Dark Young Females class the first ribbon winner was a very good animal indeed, with great fur strength, a good colour, and very nice silky stand up fur with the coverage coming right down the sides. The second was also a good animal, blue with lovely fur, but a bit open on the hips, and the third again was a good blue colour, with nice fur but inclined to be wedgy in conformation. There were two HC's, one to a very young chin with undeveloped baby fur in good condition on the day, with lots of potential as it was such a good colour, and another HC to a much bigger animal with nice coverage but showing faint signs of tinge. The first Medium-Dark was Best Young Standard Female, and went on to take Best Young Standard Animal - definitely one for the Judge to take home! The second Medium-Dark was Reserve Young Standard Female, and again went on to take Reserve Young Standard Animal. Well done to Kerry Bradburn and Joyce Garvey.

In the Young Standard Males in the main show, there were thirteen entries, split into three groups. There was a first ribbon in the Medium class for a big blocky animal with good quality fur, and the best coverage; a second for another well-grown animal, whose fur was not so tight or finished as the first, and a third for another very young animal, with good blue baby fur, but still lacking in size.

There were five Medium-Darks, which produced a second for a smaller animal which lacked good conformation being rather thin in the neck, although it had good colour and quite tight fur; and a third ribbon for a big blocky chin with lots of size and fur but lacking in sharpness of colour and the fur was not tight enough.

There were four Dark Young Males, producing a first and a second. The first ribbon went to a nicely coloured dark animal with good fur and fur strength, which could perhaps do with more fur in the neck area, being rather narrow, and the second was a much bigger blockier

animal, which was down in colour on the first, and lacked condition. The first in the Dark colour phase took Best Young Standard Male, and the Reserve was the first of the Young Novice Standard Males, so congratulations to Dick and Heather Green, and Claire Davidson. Four Novice Adult Females produced a second for a big animal of fair colour and condition but with open fur over the hips, and no other awards as the quality of the rest of the class was not at all good. The five Novice Adult Males were a bit better, and there was a second for a smallish animal, with rather open fur, but of good colour; A third for another small one, which had better tight fur but a slight tinge, and an HC for a great big blocky animal which was out of condition on the day, but could improve.

The main show produced three Adult Standard Females, all judged in one colour phase, and all crackers. The first was the best coloured and in the best condition overall, with bags of good strong fur and good blocky conformation, and very well presented. The second was almost as good as the first but went down on condition on the day, and a third also had lots of good fur and was well coloured, but conformation was not so satisfactory as it had a tendency to being wedge shaped. There were only two Adult Standard males; A second for a reasonable chin, but a bit lean for my taste and rather small for an adult; And the HC was its own worst enemy, a nice quality animal which pressed itself against the sides of the cage throughout, distorting the fur and making it impossible to judge properly.

Therefore the first Adult Standard Female took Best Adult Standard Female, Best Adult Standard and Best Standard, with the second in the same class taking ...Reserve. Congratulations Lyn Gardner, and welcome back Sandy King!

There were sixteen Novice Young Mutations of mixed quality and colour. Of the four Wilson-Whites exhibited I gave two HC's. The fur strength was not very good and they were rather small. There were three awards for the Self-Blacks, the first was small, but had intense blue black colour, the second was bigger, but not so dark or so blue, and the third was a very good colour but had weaker fur, They all had reasonable conformation.

There was a very good Black Velvet, which really caught the eye, and got a first, and a third for a Black which was smaller but still a good animal. In the AOC class I gave a third to a Violet which was small, but had good colour and tight fur where it was in prime over its back, but was of narrow conformation. Also a HC to a better sized Violet which lacked fur strength and was not as good colour. There was a first for a Ultra-Violet which had good size and colour and nice fur, and a third for a little Charcoal which had reasonable clarity of colour and fur quality.

In the Adult Novice Mutations all seven were in the AOC class, with a first for a nice Charcoal animal of good size and conformation and a good blue colour; A second for a nice big Wilson-White, which was not quite blue enough, but had good fur strength; And two thirds, one for a Black-Velvet which was a good colour but lacked fur strength, and one for a Violet which was again down on fur strength and condition.

The main show Young Mutations produced six Wilson-Whites. The first was a big well-furred animal, of good conformation and colour. The second was much more silver with the standard fur showing through the coat evenly throughout. It was a nice colour but rather narrow. There were two HC's for animals which did not come up to the first for colour or finish.

There was a good class of four nice Beiges, who all won ribbons. The first was of good colour and size, with a good neck. The second was narrower, and was still priming. The third had very nice tight fur, but was marginally down on colour, and the HC had more open fur, though it was still of good quality. None of them were tinged.

There was a large AOC class and I awarded three first ribbons; One to a beautiful Pink-White, with excellent conformation and masses of good, if slightly open, fur and a reasonable

colour; Another first to a lovely blue silky furred Self-Black; And another first to a Black-Velvet with tight fur and good finish. There was also a second for a Ultra-Violet, which lacked finish on the day, and also to a Black-Velvet which was not as good as the first. Three third ribbons; One for another Ultra-Violet, another Self-Black, and a nice little Brown-Velvet which has some growing to do.

The Adult Mutations, of which there were only four, produced three firsts and a third. The firsts were for a very good, big, well furred Wilson-White, a very nice Violet with beautiful colour, and a really excellent Brown-Velvet which was spot on in condition on the day, well furred, of good conformation, excellent mutation coverage and a very nice colour. There was also a third for a Violet, which didn't have such good fur and colour.

The Best Young Mutation was the lovely deep coloured Self-Black, with the Reserve the well furred and striking Pink-White. The Best Adult Mutation was the Brown-Velvet, and the very good Wilson-White was Reserve, these two Adult Mutation winners went on to take Best and Reserve Mutation. Well done the Gardner's and Kerry Bradburn.

However, at the end of the day, the two beautiful Adult Medium-Dark Standard Females took the top honours of Best in Show and Reserve, really outstanding animals, and many congratulations to Lyn and Sandy for producing such excellent animals in such good show condition on the day.

In fact, condition was noticeably better than at a lot of shows I have judged recently, and one can only assume it is thanks to the much colder weather we have had recently - so for chinchilla breeders at least there is some merit in it!

It was an enjoyable friendly show, with the usual good lunch provided by the Region, and I was helped by some excellent stewarding. It was also very enjoyable having Lizz Benson as my Judge-Under-Instruction, and I thank her for her assistance.

Thank you for having me, and I hope to see you all again soon.

Georgina Busher

Show Results – W. Midlands Region, Napton, 29th Jan 2006

Judge: - Georgie Busher JUI: - Lizz Benson

93 Entries, 47 Standards (17 Novice) & 46 Mutations (23 Novice)

Class A - Young Standard Females (12)

Medium CP (5)

1st – Garvey 2nd – S. King 3rd – N/A HC - Helmore

Medium Dark CP (7)

1st - Bradburn 2nd - Garvey 3rd – Garvey HC – Helmore HC - Bradburn

Class NA - Novice Young Standard Females (4)

Medium Dark CP (4)

1st – Davidson 2nd – R. Aldrich 3rd - N/A HC - N/A

Best Young Standard Female ***Bradburn*** ***(A8 - Med. Dk)***

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

Class B - Young Standard Males (13)

Medium CP (4)

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

Medium Dark CP (5)

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

Dark CP (4)

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

Class NB - Novice Young Standard Males (4)

Medium Dark CP (4)

1st - Davidson 2nd - S. Farren 3rd - N/A HC - N/A

Best Young Standard Male *D & H Green (B1 - Dark)*

Res. Best Young Standard Male *Davidson (NB2 - Med. Dk)*

Best Young Standard *Bradburn (A8 - Med.Dk)*

Res. Best Young Standard *Garvey (A11 - Med.Dk)*

Class C - Adult Standard Females (3)

Medium Dark CP (3)

1st - Gardner 2nd - S. King 3rd - Bradburn

Class NC - Novice Adult Standard Females (4)

Medium Dark CP (4)

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

Best Adult Standard Female *Gardner (C4 - Med. Dk)*

Res. Best Adult Standard Female *Sandy King (C3 - Med. Dk)*

Class D - Adult Standard Males (2)

Medium Dark CP (2)

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

Class ND - Novice Adult Standard Males (5)

Medium Dark CP (5)

1st - N/A 2nd - Mulcahy 3rd - Dave Green HC - Richard Huxley

Best Adult Standard Male *N/A*

Res. Best Adult Standard Male *N/A*

Best Adult Standard *Gardner (C4 - Med. Dk)*

Res. Best Adult Standard *Sandy King (C3 - Med. Dk)*

Best Standard Animal *Gardner (C4 - Med. Dk)*

Res. Best Standard Animal *Sandy King (C3 - Med. Dk)*

Class E - Young Mutations (19)

Wilson White (6)

1st - S. King 2nd - Green 3rd - N/A HC - Harrison HC - Green

Beige (4)

1st - Garvey 2nd - Bradburn 3rd - Boncey HC - Gardner

AOC (9)

1st - Garvey (Pink White) 1st - Gardner (Self Black)

1st - Gesikowski (Black Velvet) 2nd - Bradburn (Black Velvet)

2nd - Green (Ultra Violet) 3rd - Gardner (Self Black)

3rd - Gardner (Ultra Violet) 3rd - Green (Brown Velvet)

HC - Helmore (Violet)

Class NE - Novice Young Mutations (16)

Wilson White (4)

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

Self Black (3)

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

Black Velvet (5)

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

AOC (4)

1st – Mulcahy (Ultra Violet)

2nd – N/A

3rd – Davidson (Charcoal)

3rd – Ross (Violet)

HC – Mulcahy (Violet)

Best Young Mutation

Gardner (E19 – Self Black)

Res. Best Young Mutation

Garvey (E7 – Pink White)

Class F – Adult Mutations (4)

AOC (4)

1st - Bradburn (Wilson White)

1st - Gardner (Brown Velvet)

1st – Gardner (Violet)

3rd – Masters (Violet)

Class NF – Novice Adult Mutations (7)

AOC (7)

1st – Davidson (Charcoal)

2nd – Smith (Wilson White)

3rd – Garnett (Black Velvet)

3rd – Smith (Violet)

Best Adult Mutation

Gardner (F3 – Brown Velvet)

Res. Best Adult Mutation

Bradburn (F1 – Wilson White)

Best Mutation

Gardner (F3 – Brown Velvet)

Res. Best Mutation

Bradburn (F1 – Wilson White)

Best In Show

Gardner (C4 - Med. Dk)

Res. Best In Show

Sandy King (C3 - Med. Dk)

Standard Breeders Award

| Place | Exhibitor | Points |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 st | Bradburn | 16 |
| 2 nd | Garvey | 15 ½ |
| 3 rd | Gardner | 14 |

(Maximum 10 animals count, Minimum qualification 10 points)

Mutation Breeders Award

| Place | Exhibitor | Points |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 st | Gardner | 23 |
| 1 st | Bradburn | 12 ½ |
| 3 rd | N/A | -- |

(Maximum 10 animals count, Minimum qualification 10 points)