

National Show Report 20/03/22

Judge: Paul Spooner

At last! A National Show that goes ahead as scheduled! After the show being cancelled for the previous two years seems like quite an achievement!

After colour phasing we made a start with Group A the Young Standard Females. The Extra Dark class produced very nice 1st and eventual Reserve Best Young Standard for Sandy King, having good size for 4.5 months, good conformation and good clarity, well prepared and in good show condition. The Medium class produced a 1st and Reserve Young Standard Female for Denise Oaten, a strong furred animal with good size and conformation, 2nd ribbon to this was from Andy Marshall with an animal of reasonable size but a bit narrow and slightly down in clarity.

Moving on to group B the Young Standard Males and the Medium Dark class produced a 1st and Reserve Young Standard Male for Denise, 5-month-old, a little small, but strong fur, good conformation and clarity and strong guard hair supporting the fur, 2nd to this from Heather Arnstein having good size, a bit narrow in neck, nice silky fur, just slightly out of condition. The Dark class proved to be the best of the Young Standard Males, a 1st, Best Young Male, Best Young Standard, and Reserve Best Standard for Sandy, good size and conformation, silky fur, guard hair, lots of eye appeal, very nice!

2nd to this from Hannah Whiteley a bit small for 7 months but good conformation.

Group C The Adult Standard females came next, the Medium Darks produced a 1st and Reserve Adult Female for Denise, good size and conformation, just slightly down in clarity. 2nd to this from Andy with ok size and conformation, slightly down in clarity and out of condition. The Extra Dark class produced 1st, Best Adult Female and Reserve Adult Standard for Denise. Excellent size and conformation, silky fur and nice even veiling coverage.

Onto Group D Adult Standard Males.

The Medium Dark class produced a 1st and Reserve Adult Standard male for Denise. Huge size, good conformation and clarity, loads of long fur, slightly out of condition but that didn't matter a superb male.

In the Dark class another 1st for Denise, good size and conformation, excellent veiling coverage, just a bit loose on the hips, 2nd to this from James Buchan, a bit small, excellent conformation and nice fur type.

Again, the Extra Dark class stood out producing Best Adult standard male, Best Adult Standard, Best Standard and eventually National Show Champion for Denise, having good size and conformation lots of fur and excellent coverage, 2nd to this from Hannah, a bit smaller, a bit narrower good veiling coverage.

Onto the Young Mutations.

The Wilson Whites produced a 1st for Andy, having good size and conformation but a slight creamy tinge and open slightly weak fur. 2nd to this also from Andy a bit smaller, conformation ok but again slightly creamy with fur weakness.

The beige class produced a 1st and Best Young Mutation for Denise having good size, ok conformation, good density and clarity.

The Black Velvets produced a 1st and Reserve Young Mutation for James having good size and conformation, ok clarity, fur a little bit weak on the sides, good veiling coverage.

Onto the Adult Mutations.

A very nice class of 6 Self Blacks produced a 1st for Heather Arnstein which stood out even in a good class, taking also Reserve Best Adult Mutation and Reserve Best Mutation, having good size, conformation

And clarity just breaking slightly on sides. 2nd to this from Denise, smaller, good conformation and clarity, slightly weaker fur.

The Black Velvets produced another 1st for James having good size and conformation, lots of fur, a bit lighter on the sides, James also taking 2nd with a similar animal.

A Beige Violet cross (Pearl) produced another 1st for Andy, good size, conformation and clarity but open furred.

The Beige class produced another very good animal from Denise taking Best Adult Mutation, Best Mutation and Reserve Show Champion. Very good size and conformation, excellent clarity.

A Homozygous Beige produced another 1st for James with good size, conformation and clarity, in good show condition but open fur.

And a final 1st for Denise with her Brown Velvet, good size and conformation, tight strong fur but slightly down in clarity.

Although numbers were low for a National Show some very good quality animals made the show a pleasure to judge. Well done Denise and all the other ribbon winners. Paul Spooner.