

Judges Report – Horton Show 2/10/22 – Hannah Whiteley

(Hannah sends her apology for the report being submitted in the subsequent gazette, she was unable to complete it by the time the previous gazette was printed).

Class A – Young standard females

We started the day with a class of 4 medium dark young females. The first went to Kerry Bradburn for her lovely young female with very dense, strong, silky fur and clear blue colour with lots of sparkle. This female went on to win best young standard female. Second to this, and going on to win reserve young standard female, was also from Kerry. This was another dense furred female, having excellent conformation however the fur was not as silky as the first ribbon winner. Third place went to Sian for her female who was a good size and had clear colour however had quite a bit of baby fur. Finishing the class was a highly commended for Andrew Lee; this female had a lot of baby fur, however where the fur had primed in the centre back it was strong and silky.

Next, we had 2 medium young standard females, both from Andrew Lee. A second was awarded to a female with strong plushy fur, reasonable size and conformation and acceptable colour. Third to this had a silkier but weaker fur and was another step down in clarity of colour.

Class B – Young standard males

We kicked off the males with a class of medium darks. First in this class, from Kerry, was a male with excellent size and conformation, strong silky fur and excellent veiling coverage. This male went on to win reserve young standard male. Second to this, from Andrew Lee, had strong silky fur, good size and conformation but a drop in fur density when compared with our first ribbon winner. Third, again from Andrew, was a reasonable size assuming it was at the younger end of the age range and had silky fur however it was a little more open over the hips. Finishing the group was a highly commended for Sian Allcoat; this animal was clear in colour however had slightly coarser hair which was again open over the hips.

We then had two mediums from Andrew, both of which were awarded highly commended.

We had a single Dark, from Kerry, having exceptional size and conformation, clear blue colour, dense silky fur and tonnes of eye appeal. This beautiful male was awarded best young standard male and went on all the way to win our grand show champion.

We then had a single extra dark male with excellent fur density, colour, size, and conformation which was again awarded a well deserved first.

Class C – Adult standard females

We started the adults with a group of 3 adult standard females. First was awarded to Kerry for her strong furred very blocky female with excellent veiling coverage and clear colour, going on to win reserve adult standard female. Second to this from Sian had strong plushy fur and good size, however, was slightly down on colour compared to the first ribbon winner. Third place, also from Sian, had better clarity of colour but was a little narrow in the neck and priming badly over the hips.

Next a group of 4 mediums gave another first for Kerry, having excellent size and conformation and very clear blue colour. The fur was strong and dense however this animal was on the younger end

of the adult class and still had a lot of baby fur.

We finished the adult standard females with a group of 3 darks. First in this group was another stunning animal from Kerry, excelling in all qualities with a particularly dense silky fur type and sharp blue-black colour. This female achieved best adult standard female and reserve grand show champion.

Class D – Adult standard males

We kicked off the adult standard males with a class for 5 Medium Darks. First was awarded to Kerry for her male which had very dense fur, excellent clarity of colour and good veiling coverage. Second to this, from Sian, had a silkier fur type and was a good size, although slightly down on conformation. Third, from Andrew, was out of condition on the day but showed reasonable clarity of colour and strong silky fur in the centre back.

We then moved on to two lovely darks. First went to Kerry; this male was an excellent all-round chinchilla and went on to best adult male. A single extra dark from Kerry was awarded first and reserve adult male.

Class E – Young mutations

We started with a class of 3 Wilson whites all from Sian Allcoat. The first had clear blue colour and strong plushy fur. Second had more silver coverage but slightly duller colour. Third had mixed silver and white fur with slight creaminess.

We then moved on to AOC's. First beige from Andrew had excellent veiling and dense fur, winning best young mutation. A black velvet from Sian later achieved reserve young mutation.

Class F – Adult mutations

We started with a class of 4 Wilson whites. First went to Sian with excellent size, conformation and dense fur.

A class of 3 pink whites gave first and reserve mutation for Kerry, with exceptional clarity and strong fur.

Back on the main bench, a beige from Kerry had incredibly clear colour and strong dense fur, going on to win best adult mutation and best mutation in show.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the show and for your patience during judging. Congratulations to all of the day's winners!