

Rare Varieties Cavy Club @ Burgess Premier Small Animal Show

25th January 2015

Number in Show Full Standard 9; Guide Standard 43; NEB 17.

Best RVCC Full Standard: Jan Alston & Oliver Joyce's Adult Solid Satin

Best RVCC Guide Standard: Melanie Bell's Adult Swiss

Best RVCC NEB: Moonshadow Cavies Adult Lunkarya

Judge: Caroline Smith writes: Another day of judging at Harrogate this time with some breeds like the Swiss, Satin Slates and Lunkarya's in good numbers and the debut showing in a Club show of Self Blue and Californian. Only seven Chinchillas today in their first big show in the Guide Standard section and not the best lighting in this venue for this bred as making them appear too dark (same for Blues, Slates and effect of satinization. Many thanks to Graham Thorpe on the book and my Stewards for a full morning of judging.

Full Standard AA (9) Seven Solid Satins best from this breed, one AOV Satin and one Argente. 1. Jan Alston & Oliver Joyce, Adult Solid Satin fit and of good body shape, winning on satinization, slight skirting. 2. Nowell Stud, Adult Buff Satin, silky coat, good shoulder and eye, fair ear, well satinized and good coat direction, needs more size. 3. K&L Clydesdale 5/8 Satin Solid, good head and eye, fair ear, good satinization slightly long in body as yet.

Guide Standard AA (43) Two Magpie (one absent), one Belted, ten Slate, two Slate Tans, one Solid Argente, seven Chinchilla and twenty Swiss. Adult Guide Standard (12): 1. The Best overall Guide Standard went to Melanie Bell's Swiss mainly White in colour this sow had an amazingly thick, dense coat of even length and good ear and eye. 2. Also second overall Guide Standard was Springville Stud's Adult Swiss mainly Black in colour with a finer, softer and less dense coat than the winner but overall a more puffball appearance with even coat length. 3. Cinderhill Stud, Adult Magpie, going onto third best Guide Standard, excellent patching for the breed with good lines, good head eye and ear, White blaze spoils the overall patching effect, a very good try with a difficult breed. Guide Standard 5/8 (13): 1. Melanie Bell's, Swiss, of good texture and density of even length and good all-round coat for age. 2. Beauvale Junior's, Swiss, the winning Juvenile exhibit, good puff-ball coat of even length, top end of development for this class. 3. Delabole Cavies, Slate, my overall best Slate, of good head, eye and ear, the best today for shade, depth and evenness of colour. Guide Standard U/5 (18): 1. Delabole Cavies, Belted, one of the best I have ever seen, excellent head and rear with correct feet colour and no misplaced white hairs, a good White belt set a little back in the body and of good even width. 2. Melanie Bell's, Swiss, mainly Black, good coat texture and density, fairly even length, good eye, fair head and ear. 3. Millcroft Cavies, Chinchilla, the best in a class of five, good crispness of head markings, fair ticking for age, even depth of colour and ticking overall.

Other Guide Standards of mention being the Adult Slate (2nd Slate) belonging to Joe Taylor of good even colour but a shade dark, colour well down including belly, good size and fair skin pigmentation. The Best Chinchilla was a 5/8 belonging to Millcroft Cavies a Silver with good head markings, shade dark to top colour, slightly uneven ticking, fair head, ear and body shape. The Best Slate Tan was the u/5 belonging to Hazapig of good head markings, silky coat and good belly colour for breed but only fair top coat undercolour.

Guide Standard chall. AA (43): 1. Melanie Bell, Adult Swiss. 2. Springville Stud, Adult Swiss. 3. Cinderhill Stud, Adult Magpie.

Best Junior Guide Standard (9): 1. Beauvale Junior, 5/8 Swiss. 2. Beauvale Junior, Adult Swiss. 3. Ben Booth, 5/8 Swiss.

NEB AA (17) Seven Lunkarya, one Caramel and nine others two Blues and five Californians (two absent). Adult NEB (2): 1. Moonshadow Cavies, Lunkarya, Black, of excellent ringlets,, clear coat and

able to get a comb through, good undercoat, position of hip rosettes, well coated belly, even length coat and my overall best NEB. 2. Evelyn van Vliet, Blue, dark colour even to top, underbelly colour slightly lighter (my preference for shade), good head, eye and ear, slightly thinning under. 5/8 NEB (6, 3 being absent): 1. Skye Peruvians, Lunkarya, good density on sweep, good eye and head, short on ear, good belly, chops and undercoat, fair ringlets, developing frontal and sides. 2. Moonshadow Cavies, Lunkarya, fair placement of hip rosettes, good evenness of top coat, fair ringlets, some undercoat missing one side, developing frontal. 3. James Harris, Caramel, good ear and eye, slightly wrong shade of colour too flat and dull and uneven, long in head and body. U/5 NEB (9): 1. Rebble Cavies, Lunkarya, even coatd, good chops, head, eye and fair ear, wins on ringlets, developing frontal, needs more coat on sweep. 2. California Dreaming, Californian, Golden/Black best today for markings, good points on nose, good clearing of feet, for this breed ned to consider overmarking of black around anus and what amount is permissible or a sever fault. 3. Evelyn van Vliet, Blue, the best Blue today. Good silky coat, fair evenness of colour and fits the graphite description (is this too dark, though lighting conditions today would have an impact on the overall colour), good body shape and well presented.

NEB chall. AA (17): 1. Moonshadow cavies, Adult Lunkaraya. 2. Rebble Cavies, u/5 Lunkarya. 3. California Dreaming, u/5 Californian.

Best Junior NEB (1): 1. James Harris, 5/8 Caramel.