

ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW

4 June 2011

Judge: Estelle Sandford

A much improved entry on last year for what is a really fun event with the combination of the exhibition day on the Friday and the show/exhibition on the Saturday. It's always a lot of hard work for those who get involved, but it is also great fun and the public always seem to get quite a lot out of meeting our rats. The show itself had a good quality entry and congratulations to the winners. Many thanks go to Sue Neate and her crew of hard workers for their efforts with the paperwork and Michele Quarry, Lois Mattsson and Phil Neate who between them sat in and stewarded and were very efficient.

NEW VARIETIES: 1 (02) Comis. Dove agouti doe. Typical 'Russian head' (flat between the eyes/ears). Fair head/eye/ear, nice racy body, tail good, under good, coat colour fair but patchy/moulty across back. Wins on type. 2 (01) Hakuna Matata. Russian Burmese buck. Fair head, bit doe like, nice eye, fair body although narrow shoulders, size/build indicates 'buckling' age. Slight kink at end of tail, colour fair, patchy/moulty on rump, nice points.

Self section

BRITISH BLUE AD: 1 (501) Aquarius. D. Nice head/eyes/ears, fair body, nice and racy, nice tail, good under, barbered feet, rusting on rump, but rest of colour fair.

BRITISH BLUE KIT: 1 (601) Tanya McComiskie. B. Doe like head, nice eyes, ears, fair body for age, nice tail, fair under, colour slightly too pale and moulty at present.

BLACK AD: 1 (701) Symphony. D. Nice head/eye/ear, white whiskers, fair body, lacks bit of muscle tone, nice tail, white toes, top coat reasonable colour, rusting under and rump.

BLACK KIT: 1 (802) Tanya McComiskie. D. Lovely head/eye/ear, nice racy body, nice tail, good feet, lovely shiny black colour and nice and even colouring, lovely little rat. 2 (801) Hakuna Matata. D. Fair head and eyes, hat ears, fair body, square tail, good under colour, patchy top coat, good condition.

IVORY AD: 1 (1101) Hakuna Matata. D. Nice head/eye/ears, nice fit racy body, nice tail, fair colour under, nice top coat, good condition. 2 (1102) Symphony. D. Fair head, eye and ear. Nice racy body although lacks muscle tone a bit, square tail, coat dirty under and stained on shoulders, generally good condition, cut on tail.

SELF ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 – 1101. 2 - 1102. 3 - 701. 4 - 501.

SELF KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 – 802. 2 - 801. 3 – 601.

SELF ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 – 802. 2 – 801. 3 – 1101. 4 - 1102.

Marked section

BERKSHIRE AD: 1 (1301) Fiona Coull. D. Fair head, slightly small eye, fair ears, fair body, nice tail, slightly lightweight feel/lacking muscle tone, topaz colour fair, markings fair but dragging up one side.

BERKSHIRE/BADGER KIT: 1 (1401) Hannah Coull. D. Fair head, eyes and ears, nice racy body, fair tail, Berkshire markings not extending far enough towards back legs, lacking tail stop, colour not sure what she is – looks dove agouti, in which case should have been in new varieties.

VARIEGATED AD: 1 (190) Fiona Coull. D. Fair head, eyes, ears. Nice racy body, nice tail, good under, agouti colour fair, variegation quite good on back and tail and a little blocky in places.

MARKED ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 - 1901. 2 - 1301.

MARKED KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 – 1401.

MARKED ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 – 1901. 2 - 1301. 3 - 1401.

Russian section

RUSSIAN BLUE AD: 1 (3102) Lois Mattsson. D. 'Russian' style flat head, hat ears, slightly small eyes, fair body, lacks muscle tone, nice tail and feet, good colour, coat condition good. 2 (3101) Lois Mattsson. D. Nice eye, typical 'Russian' flat head between eyes and ears, hat ears, fair body, but overweight, tail good, feet good, slightly brownish tinge to coat, condition fair.

RUSSIAN BLUE KIT: 1 (3202) Lois Mattsson. B. Quite light boned, typical 'Russian' flat head and hat ears, fair eye, fair body, shoulders short/narrow, square tail, fair under, quite nice colour and even and in good condition. 2 (3201) Hakuna Matata. D. 'Russian' flat head and hat ears, almond shaped eyes, gap between eyes and ears too long. Nice racy body, square tail, good under, coat colour fair, but slightly brownish tinge.

RUSSIAN BLUE AGOUTI AD: 1 (3501) Hakuna Matata. B. 'Russian' flat head, eyes and ears fair, fair body, square tail, fair under, coat condition good, coat colour fair but a bit patchy.

RUSSIAN ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 – 3501. 2 - 3102. 3 – 3101.

RUSSIAN KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 – 3202. 2 - 3201.

RUSSIAN ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 – 3202. 2 – 3501. 3 - 3201. 4 – 3102.

Shaded section

HIMALAYAN AD: 1 (3901) Symphony. B. Almond shaped eye, flat head between eyes and ears (Russian lineage?) hat ears, fair body and tail, feet good, points fair, too creamy and has shading so probably genetically Siamese rather than Himalayan. Condition fair.

SIAMESE AD: 1 (4102) Lois Mattsson. B. Almond eyes, hat ears, fair head, fair length body but overweight, nice tail, good points and shading, lovely and dark coat but spiky and chew marks.

SIAMESE KIT: 1 (4201) Lois Mattsson. B (BE). Fair head, eye and ear, fair body, nice tail, nice fit buck, slightly narrow shoulders and chip out of ear, feet good, points good, shading patchy. 2 (4202) Lois Mattsson. B (RE). Fair eye, hat ears, too long gap between eyes and ears, fair body although narrow shoulders, nice tail, nice fit buck, points good, shading fair for age.

BLUE POINT SIAMESE AD: 1 (4301) Angela Corrie. B. Short head, almond eyes, fair ears, nice 'buck shaped' body, nice tail, nice feet and under, points and shading good, coat colour good. 2 (4302) Lois Mattsson. D. Slightly almond eyes, fair head, hat ears, pear shaped body, nice tail, lacks muscle tone on sides, feet good, colour and shading good and points good.

BLUE POINT SIAMESE KIT: 1 (4401) Nikki Harris. B. Quite lightweight, small eyes, narrow head, hat ears, fair body, OK tail, feet and under good, points good, shading fair for age.

SHADED ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 – 4102. 2 – 4301. 3 – 4302. 4 – 3901.

SHADED KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 – 4201. 2 – 4202. 3 – 4401.

SHADED ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 – 4201. 2 - 4102. 3 – 4301. 4 – 4202.

AOV section

SILVER FAWN AD: 1 (4901) Comis. B. Nice solid fella, nice head, slightly pale colouring above eyes, nice eyes and ears, lovely 'brick shaped' body, nice tail, good feet, good under, nice colouring on top coat, very slightly patchy on rump.

SILVER AD: 1 (5101) Hakuna Matata. B. Flattish head, hat ears, fair eye, narrow shoulders, fair body, nice tail, white toes, fair under, quite nice silvering, condition good. 2 (5102) Lois Mattsson. B. Nice head, eye and ears, slightly narrow shoulder, good body, nice tail, slight white toes, good under, coat condition good, silvering patchy and slightly rusted on rump. 3 (5103) Fiona Coull. D. Nice head, eye and ear, fair racy body although flattish rump, nice tail, white toes, fair undercoat, colour good, silvering patchy and only on sides.

SILVER KIT: 1 (5202) Lois Mattsson. B. Nice head, eye and ear, slightly narrow shoulders, nice body, good tail, slight white toes, good under, silvering on belly and testicles good, sides fair, top patchy silvering, colour and condition good. 2 (5201) Lois Mattsson. B. Nice head, eye and ear, although a little doe like, good body, nice tail, white toes, coat condition lovely, colouring even, silvering on belly and up sides good, lacks on top.

AGOUTI AD: 1 (5301) Aquarius. D. Lovely head, eyes and ears, fair body but overweight, nice tail, barbered feet, too grey under, too black top coat, good condition. 2 (5302) Aquarius. B. Fair head although slightly narrow, nice eyes and ears, good body, nice tail, lacking muscle tone on belly, coat fair condition, colour too grey on belly and too black top coat, lacks fire.

AGOUTI KIT: 1 (5401) Tanya McComiskie. D. Lovely head, eyes and ears, nice racy body, nice tail, good under, nice feet, colour slightly too grey under, top coat too grey colour, condition lovely.

BRITISH BLUE AGOUTI AD: 1 (5701) Aquarius. D. Lovely head/eye/ear, nice racy body, nice tail, good under, good feet, nice top coat although slight dorsal stripe, good condition. 2 (5703) Aquarius. B. Fair head, although bit narrow, nice eye and ear, fair body, again a bit narrow, nice tail, fair under, top coat patchy and uneven colour, dorsal stripe.

AOV ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 - 5702. 2 – 4901. 3 – 5101. 4 - 5301.

AOV KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 – 5401. 2 - 5202. 3 - 5201.

AOV ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 - 5702. 2 – 4901. 3 - 5401. 4 - 5101.

Rex section

SELF REX KIT: 1 (6601) Nikki Harris . B. Narrow head, small eyes, nice ears, fair body and tail, fair feet and under, coat colour good, lacks rexing.

REX CHALLENGE: 1 – 6601.

Dumbo section

SELF DUMBO AD: 1 (7501) Hakuna Matata. Black doe. Nice head, eye and ears, nice racy body, nice tail, good under, nice even coat colour, good condition.

RUSSIAN DUMBO AD: 1 (7902) Comis. Russian blue agouti buck. Nice head, eye and ears, body length too short and flattish rump, nice tail, fair under, coat colour fair but dorsal dark, condition good. 2 (7901) Comis. Russian blue buck. Nice head, eyes and ears, body length too short and narrow shoulders, nice tail apart from few scabs on it, good under, fair top, rusting on rump, long guard hairs.

SHADED DUMBO AD: 1 (8101) Jemima Gibson-Wyer. Siamese doe. Nice head/eye/ears, fair body although too wide rump/hips, nice tail, good under, slightly pale feet points, nose and tail points good, shading poor.

AOV DUMBO AD: 1 (8301) Symphony. Silver black buck. Tulip ears, fair head and eye, body length too short, tail good, feet good, under good, condition good, silvering patchy, looks fairly young buck and to develop.

DUMBO CHALLENGE (and adult as no kittens): 1 – 7501. 2 – 8101. 3 – 7902. 4 – 7901.

OVERALL ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 - 7501. 2 - 5702. 3 – 490. 4 – 1101.

OVERALL KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 – 802. 2 - 5401. 3 - 801. 4 - 4201.

SUPREME CHALLENGE: BIS - 802. BOA - 7501. 3 – 5401. 4 – 5702.

JUVENILE EXHIBITOR: 1 – 1401.

STUD BUCK: 1 – 4901. 2 – 4102. 3 – 4301. 4 – 5302.

BEST NOVICE BREEDER: 1 – 802. 2 - 5401. 3 – 4102. 4 - 4201.