

NHC Bradford Championship Show- 3rd February 2024

Show Secretary's Report

I would like to thank the Bradford Show Committee for inviting the hamster fancy to their 101st show which was held on Doncaster Racecourse.

Our judges for the day were Anne Dray for Syrians and Victoria Holt for dwarfs, ably assisted on book by David Baglin and Susan Washbrook and pens Michael and Chloe Cato and Wendy Palmer – thanks all.

There was a good entry of 101 Syrians and 53 dwarfs. Best in Show Syrian was a long-haired cream owned by Oswald's Hamsters, reserve best in show was a Tristar owned short haired cinnamon. Best in Show dwarf was a black-eyed white Chinese owned by Lilliput Hamsters and Tristar again took reserve with an opal Campbell.

Congratulations must go to Susan Washbrook who took the coveted title of Overall Best Hamster in Show with the black-eyed white Chinese; this was decided between Anne and Victoria jointly.

Jean Tye

Bradford Supreme Show 2024



Best Overall Hamster in Show - Lilliput Lumi



Best Syrian in Show - Oswald's Elfie



Photos by Anastasia Blair

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SYRIAN JUDGE: Anne Dray BOOK STEWARD: David Baglin			
	SH Golden 11 entries	SH Cream 9 entries	SH AOC Male entries
1	Moonstone	Silverwoods	Tristar CoM
2	Silverwoods	Tristar	Moonstone CoM
3	Coco's Mad Hams	Lilliput Hams	Oswalds Hams
R	Lilliput Hams	Tristar	Coco's Mad Hams
	SH AOC Female 13	SH Patterned 8 entries	SH Satin 7 entries
1	Oswalds Hams	PS Hams	Silverwoods
2	Moonstone	Custard Hams	Silverwoods
3	PS Hams	Moonstone	Coco's Mad Hams
R	Tristar	Moonstone	Tristar
	LH Cream 8 entries	LH Self 1 entry	LH AOC Male 3 entries
1	Oswalds Hams CoM	Tristar CoM	Alpha Stud
2	PS Hams	x	Arundel Hams
3	Oswalds Hams	x	?
R	Tristar	x	X
	LH AOC Female 2	LH Patterned 2 entries	LH Satin 8 entries
1	Coco's Mad Hams	Lilliput Hams	Silverwoods
2	Alpha Stud	Tristar	Lilliput Hams
3	x	x	PS Hams
R	x	x	Alpha Stud
	SH & LH Rex 12 entries	Junior 11 entries	Novice 0 entries
1	Tristar	Coco's Mad Hams	x
2	Tristar	Coco's Mad Hams	x
3	Alpha Stud	Coco's Mad Hams	x
R	Alpha Stud	Coco's Mad Hams	x
	Breeder 71 entries	Young Stock 23 entries	Grand Challenge 99
1	Oswalds Hams	Tristar	Oswalds Hams
2	Tristar	Alpha Stud	Tristar
3	Tristar	Moonstone	Moonstone
R	Oswalds Hams	PS Hams	Tristar
	Non-Standard 1 entry		
1	Alpha Stud		
2	x	Syrian BIS	Syrian Reserve BIS
3	x	Oswalds Hams	Tristar
R	x		

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DWARF JUDGE: Victoria Holt BOOK STEWARD: Susan Washbrook			
	Normal Campbell 0 Entries	Agouti Campbell 4	Self Campbell 4
1	x	Tristar CoM	Tristar
2	x	Tristar	Tristar
3	x	PS Hams	PS Hams
R	x	PS Hams	PS Hams
	Mottled Campbell 0 Entries	Normal WW 9 entries	Sapphire WW 7
1	x	Oswalds Hams	Lilliput Hams
2	x	Alpha Stud	PS Hams
3	x	PS Hams	PS Hams
R	x	PS Hams	Alpha Stud
	Pearl Winter White 3	Normal Chinese 7	Dom Spot Chinese 2
1	Oswalds Hams	Lilliput Hams	Lilliput Hams
2	Tristar	Lilliput Hams	Lilliput Hams
3	Oswalds Hams	Lilliput Hams	x
R	x	Alpha Stud	x
	BE White Chinese 3	Normal Roborovski	Junior 0 entries
1	Lilliput Hams CoM	Cheverton Hams	x
2	Lilliput Hams	Cheverton Hams	x
3	Lilliput Hams	Lilliput Hams	x
R	x	Lilliput Hams	x
	Novice 0 entries	Breeder 33 entries	Young Stock 11
1	x	Lilliput Hams	Tristar
2	x	Tristar	Tristar
3	x	Tristar	Alpha Stud
R	x	Lilliput Hams	PS Hams
	Grand Challenge 44	Non-Standard 9	
1	Lilliput Hams	Alpha Stud	
2	Tristar	Cheverton Hams	
3	Tristar	Lilliput Hams	
R	Lilliput Hams	Cheverton Hams	
	Dwarf BIS	Dwarf Reserve BIS	
	Lilliput Hams	Tristar	
	Overall	Lilliput Hams	
	Best in Show	BEW Chinese	

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Syrian Judges Report

99 hamsters greeted me when I sat down to judge ably assisted by David Baglin as book steward and with Michael and Chloe Cato pen stewarding. Thanks also to Jean Tye – our very efficient Show Secretary.

General points which I think are worthy of mention. Many really dense and soft coats – some of the best I have seen in some time. Size overall not as large as I am used to. Both could be a factor of the time of year. A surprisingly common fault was dandruff or scaling on ears. Not seen that often nowadays but numerous animals were marked down for this. One final point, whilst most showpens were beautifully presented in gloss black and white, there were several with really yellowed paint and chewed bars. I always take this into account when I am splitting animals on the same marks and will be looking to use the full extent of the penalty points in future judging. It is such a pity to not display a beautiful animal at its best. So please let us see an improvement in standard going forward. Nowadays with the availability of water-based white gloss paint which does not yellow this really should be a thing of the past.

On to the animals.

Class 1 Golden Shorthaired

Some nice dense coats in this class. My first placed was a large female, dark rich colour giving her much better colour marks than any of the others in the class and best type in the class. Many comments about lacking richness or dark ticking for the other exhibits in the class.

Class 2 Cream Shorthaired

1st placed a nice type black eyed cream - well set eyes and ears, dense fur and even colour carried well down the coat.

Class 3 AOC Shorthaired Male

1st placed a lovely cinnamon male, rich colour, excellent type and large. Well set eyes and ears gave him almost full marks for eyes and ears. Reserve Best in Show.

Class 4 AOC Shorthaired Female

1st placed a copper female. Good all-round hamster. Slightly patchy colour but otherwise a nice animal.

Class 5 Patterned Shorthaired

1st placed a sable banded female. Above average band but with some spotting breaking up the white. Decent type and size.

Class 6 Shorthaired Satin

1st placed was a black-eyed cream female with a rich even colour. Nice dense coat and good type.

Class 7 Long Haired Cream

1st place and also taking best in show was a lovely black eyed cream female. Very dense soft woolley coat, even colour carried well down, nice type and eyes and ears

Class 8 Longhaired Self Male

Huge mink male. Excellent type and lovely large ears and eyes. Coat was a little patchy in length. Sadly only one in class but absolutely deserved first place.

Class 9 Longhaired AOC male

1st placed a cinnamon. Lacked richness and patchy colour but good size and some long fur in places.

Class 10 Longhaired AOC female

1st place went to a dove. Small with small eyes and ears. Good condition.

Class 11 Longhaired Patterned

1st place went to a large sable roan male. Stunning long coat. Difficult to see the roaning and gave the appearance of a cream with dark shading rather than a white with sable shading so lost on colour marks.

Class 12 Longhaired Satin

First placed a black-eyed cream female with even colour carried well down. Coat lacked density.

Class 13 Rex

1st placed a longhaired black eyed cream male. Slightly pale colour at roots but good colour marks. Nice type and good size.

Class 19 Non-Standard

Whilst no colour marks are awarded in this class it is still interesting to work out the colour is. I believe this was a champagne tortoiseshell and white. Slightly long face so lost a bit on type. Average fur and size.

[Anne Dray](#)

[Syrian Hamster Section Judge](#)

Dwarf Hamsters Show Report

A great entry and another great show at Bradford again this year. It was nice to see a variety of Dwarf types entered in to the show this year and within the types a variety in colours too. It's always a pleasure to judge when there is a variety of types and colours. It also is great to see we have breeders still trying to work on them all. Although the appearance of the Winter Whites and how they appear to have changed over the years and is slipping further away from the standard and there temperament changes have me concerned.

Class winners were: -

Campbell Normal – no entries

Campbell AOC Agouti (Pen D201) - Opal – A bit pale and patchy in colour but clear arches, good dorsal stripe and nice type. 4 entries - **Reserve best in show Dwarf and certificate of merit awarded**

Campbell Self (Pen D303) - Albino – clean looking hamster but crusty scent gland, nice type, slight thinning to fur on shoulders. 4 entries

Campbell Mottled – no entries.

Winter White Normal (Pen D503) – resembling ww shape so more towards type standards than others, base colour very dark. Arches ok . 9 entries

Winter White Sapphire (Pen D 604) - Patchy colour, slightly thin fur around vent, very lively to handle. 7 entries.

White Whites Pearl (Pen D703) - Sapphire Pearl - very pale ticking bald patch on belly, nice type. 3 entries.

Chinese Normal (Pen D802) - nice type, nice dark undercoat and thick fur. 7 entries.

Chinese Dom Spot (Pen D902)- Nice spots but some brindling, pretty Hamster. 2 entries.

Chinese Black-Eyed White (D1004) - Nice clean hamster, nice type, very pretty bonny face, some razor patches to fur. 2 entries **Best in show Dwarf and certificate of merit awarded. Also awarded overall Best in show hamster.**

Normal Roborovski (Pen D1102) - lovely fur, nice type . 4 entries

Non-Standard (Pen D1702) – Sapphire Chinese- Nice type, clean, very sweet hamster. 9 entries

[Victoria Holt- Dwarf Hamster Judge](#)