

M&SHC Dwalish Show Saturday 9th March 2024

SYRIAN JUDGE: Jean Tye BOOK STEWARD: Emily Whiteley

	SH Golden 6 entries	SH Cream 3 entries	SH AOC Male 10
1	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis	Fleurdelis
2	PS Hams	Fleurdelis	More Than Hams
3	PS Hams	More Than Hams	Maggie Palmer-Step.
R	Alpha Stud	x	Alpha Stud
	SH AOC Female 5	SH Patterned 10	SH Satin 2 entries
1	More Than Hams	Fleurdelis	More Than Hams
2	Alpha Stud	More Than Hams	PS Hams
3	PS Hams	Fleurdelis	x
R	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis	x
	LH Cream 3 entries	LH Self 3 entries	LH AOC Male 0 entries
1	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud	x
2	PS Hams	Fleurdelis	x
3	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud	x
R	x	x	x
	LH AOC Female 1	LH Patterned 4 entries	LH Satin 4 entries
1	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis	PS Hams
2	x	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud
3	x	Towy Vale	Alpha Stud
R	x	PS Hams	Rebecca Calderbank
	SH & LH Rex 6 entries	Junior 3 entries	Novice 4 entries
1	Alpha Stud	Maggie Palmer-Step.	Maggie Palmer-Step.
2	More Than Hams	Isla Betts	Rebecca Calderbank
3	Alpha Stud	Niamh Lewis	Niamh Lewis
R	Alpha Stud	x	Rebecca Calderbank
	Intermediate 7 entries	Small Hamstery 10	Breeder 40 entries
1	More Than Hams	More Than Hams	Alpha Stud
2	More Than Hams	More Than Hams	Fleurdelis
3	More Than Hams	More Than Hams	Alpha Stud
R	More Than Hams	More Than Hams	More Than Hams
	Young Stock 29 entries	Grand Challenge 56	Non-Standard 1 entry
1	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis
2	Fleurdelis	Fleurdelis	x
3	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud	x
R	Fleurdelis	More Than Hams	x
	Syrian BIS		Syrian Reserve BIS
	Alpha Stud		Fleurdelis

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DWARF JUDGE:

BOOK STEWARD:

	Normal Camp 0 entries	Agouti Campbell 2	Self Campbell 0
1	x	PS Hams	x
2	x	PS Hams	x
3	x	x	x
R	x	x	x
	Mottled Campbell 0	Normal WW 7 entries	Sapphire WW 3
1	x	PS Hams	PS Hams
2	x	Alpha Stud	PS Hams
3	x	Alpha Stud	Alpha Stud
R	x	PS Hams	x
	Pearl Winter White 4	Normal Chinese 4	Dom Spot Chinese 3
1	PS Hams	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud
2	PS Hams	PS Hams	Alpha Stud
3	PS Hams	Fleurdelis	PS Hams
R	PS Hams	Alpha Stud	x
	BE White Chinese 2	Normal Roborovski 4	Junior 0 entries
1	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis	x
2	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis	x
3	x	Alpha Stud	x
R	x	Alpha Stud	x
	Novice 0 entries	Intermediate 0 entries	Small Hamstery 4
1	x	x	Fleurdelis
2	x	x	Fleurdelis
3	x	x	Fleurdelis
R	x	x	Fleurdelis
	Breeder 18 entries	Young Stock 18 entries	Grand Challenge 29
1	PS Hams	Fleurdelis	PS Hams
2	Fleurdelis	Alpha Stud	Fleurdelis
3	Alpha Stud	Alpha Stud	Alpha Stud
R	Fleurdelis	PS Hams	Fleurdelis
	Diploma 26 entries	Non-Standard 3	
1	PS Hams	PS Hams	
2	Fleurdelis	PS Hams	
3	Alpha Stud	Alpha Stud	
R	Fleurdelis	x	
	Best in Show		Reserve Best in Show
	PS Hams		Fleurdelis

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Pet Classes		
JUDGE: Chris & Pete Logsdail		
	Class P1 Male Syrian 3 entries	Class P2 Female Syrian 5 entries
1	Fiona Whiteley	Jessica Cook
2	Keith Sayer	Fiona Whiteley
3	Denise Sayer	Emily Elmer
R	x	Keith Sayer
VHC	x	Denise Sayer
HC	x	x
C	x	x
JUDGE:		
	Class P3 Dwarf Hamsters 2 entries	Class P4 Other Rodents 1 entry
1	Niamh Lewis	Fiona Whiteley
2	Fiona Whiteley	x
3	x	x
R	x	x
VHC	x	x
HC	x	x
C	x	x
Overall Best Pet in Show: Fiona Whiteley (P4)		

Syrian & Dwarf hamster Judge's Report – Dawlish 9/3/24

It was a shame that Matthew could not get to the show due to poor health, so I stepped in and judged both sections of the show. Hope you are feeling better soon Matthew.

There were 29 standard dwarfs and 3 non-standard and 57 Syrians with 1 non-standard. Many thanks to Emily for book stewarding and Reece for pen stewarding – an excellent team that helped the judging go with a flow!

Thanks also to Wendy and team for my lunch – much appreciated!

There were a few animals that were bordering on being too fat and these were marked down on condition accordingly.

I did deduct points for two very tatty show pens, not only were the bars badly chewed there was paint missing from the inside as well. The show pen is part of the presentation of your hamster, don't let a good animal lose first place due to an unsightly chewed pen!

Now to the placings....first the dwarf section.

Some classes had no entries.

D2 – AOC Agouti Campbell (2)

1st. An opal male. He had lovely ochre around three well defined arches. His body colour could have been brighter as it lacked vibrancy and his stripe was slightly short. He had good top coat but thin fur on chest. He was a good shape, however he lacked body.

2nd. Another opal male. Better size, type, fur and stripe to first but lost points as his colour was very pale and lacked ochre.

D5 Normal Winter White (7)

A lot of the normal and sapphires were showing a noticeable fourth arch.

1st A handsome male who, apart from a very slight moult on back, was well coated top and belly. He had a nice even stripe and good ticking plus well-defined arches, although there was a small amount of white under. He had a nice head with desired roman nose and his body shape was correct, he was in solid bodily condition. He was very good to handle, and I was pleased to award him BIS and a COM.

2nd. Another male who was similar to above. He had more white on his chest and a noticeable fourth arch and his stripe was quite thick, particularly over the shoulders which is where he lost points. He was a lovely type and had a firm body and again was happy to be handled.

D6 Sapphire Winter White (3)

1st. This male was a good size and in excellent bodily condition. His colour was even but a little pale and his stripe was very pale and indistinct – he had the correct three arches. His fur was slightly thin on the chest, and he had bulgy eyes.

2nd. A young female who had super dense fur and was in nice condition. She had a lot of white on her chest and the stripe was pale and not very well defined. Her body colour was fairly even.

D7 Pearl Winter White (4)

1st was a nice shaped female who was one of the bigger ones in this class. She lost points on colour as her ticking was quite heavy and uneven. She had lovely thick fur and was very calm when being handled.

2nd was a baby female. She was quite heavily ticked although her stripe was nice and clear. Easy to handle but lost a lot on size, will be interesting to see how she matures.

D8 Normal Chinese (4)

1st is a male whose colour was very pale and who lacked ticking. He had a good long stripe and straight line between top and belly colour. He had an excellent short dense coat that had lovely “roll back”. He was in good bodily condition; almost too good as he was bordering on being fat! He had a nice shaped head set well into the body.

2nd Yet another male who was down on type, size and particularly colour to the winner, being pale all over including the stripe. He also had white patches on his tummy. He did have the best fur in the whole of the dwarf section; it was short, plush and thick and felt just like velvet!

D9 Dominant Spot Chinese (3)

1st was a nice little female. She had some good patches of spotting but also some brindled areas. Her type was excellent with triangular shaped head and slender body. She had nice fur and was clean under. She could do with a little more bodily condition to complete the picture.

2nd this male had a very nice pattern with good depth of colour. He was a nice shape, had dense fur and was tame to handle. Sadly, at some stage he had been badly chewed by his cage mate and had lost part of his tail; as it was not completely missing I did not disqualify but did deduct several points from his score.

D10 Black Eyed White Chinese (2)

1st was a young female who was spotlessly clean and had plush baby coat. At the moment her head looks small and narrow; hopefully when fully mature this will improve.

2nd was a male and the same comments as above apply although the female was slightly better in type at this stage of growth.

D11 Roborovski (4)

1st was a nice young male who was quite tame to handle. He was an excellent shape and was in firm bodily condition. His top colour was rich and even with good depth of under colour. He had the correct facial markings and demarcation line between top and belly colour. His fur was thick and plush and he didn't have the under colour showing over the shoulders that a lot of older animals suffer from. He did have very slight staining on the belly, but I was still happy to award him Reserve BIS and a COM

2nd was a pretty female who was down to winner on colour as she was more stained under. She also lost a little on condition as she had bald 'heels' on her back feet. Another that was easy to handle.

D21 Non-Standard (3)

1st a blue female Campbell who was an excellent type. She had a lovely head leading into a well shaped body. She had thick plush top coat sadly let down by very thin chest fur. She had a super temperament.

2nd a blue mottle male. Very similar type to female above; he was up on fur but down on condition as he was a little light in weight.

Now the Syrian results.....

1. Golden (6)

1st was a male who had a lovely head and well-shaped body. His top colour was good but would like it a little richer; he had good depth of under colour and was well ticked. He had a closed chest band but very good flashes and crescents. His fur was thick and plush. I would have liked a little more weight to him.

2nd This was a nice young male whose colour at this stage was good with ticking coming through nicely; he did have a closed chest band. His overall shape was good and his body was firm. My notes say 'young with potential'.

2. Cream (3)

1st a nice mature black-eyed male who had thick plush fur covering his well made solid body. He had a lovely even colour that was just very slightly patchy on rump. Excellent head with well held ears that were nice and dark. To be critical he was probably a tad overweight, but he could not be denied his place, Reserve BIS and a COM.

2nd A young pretty black eyed female. She had thick top fur but was slightly thin under. She had an even colour but had a little white on belly. She should mature into a very nice adult although, like the winner, she was bordering on being too fat and so lost condition points.

3. AOC Male (10)

1st A lovely even coloured silver grey with ticking coming through nicely although that could have been a little darker. He had a lovely type with body covered in the most fabulous thick soft fur. He was in solid condition, but not fat.

2nd was a nice sable with minimal white under. He had nice eye rings, good even top colour and correct under colour. He had a lovely head, body shape, size and condition.

4. AOC Female (5)

1st was another nice sable that was very similar to second in the previous class. She had a good even top colour and nice depth of under colour. She was an excellent size but lost a little on fur as she had slightly thin belly fur.

2nd was a cinnamon with a rich top colour and good slate blue under colour, she did have a slightly pale neck and open chest band which cost her points. Nice shape and solid condition. Her flashes were striking and well defined!

5. Patterned (10)

1st was a female black-eyed cream banded. It was an excellent clear band which was the desired third around the middle of the body that gave her good colour marks. She was a good size and type and was in solid bodily condition. She had very slight moult on the rump.

2nd was a beautifully marked sable roan male. His colour could have been darker, and he was beginning to brown, he was so well marbled. His type was excellent as was his fur, size and condition.

Two lovely patterned animals.

6. Satin (2)

1st was a mature golden female. She was a monster! She lost points on fur as it was open and quite thin all over. Her colour lacked richness and ticking and she had a closed chest band. She was a nice shape.

2nd was a black dominant spot male. He could do with more spots but what he had were well defined and the black had good depth of colour and no browning. He had a lovely thick plush coat. He lacked size and could do with more bodily condition. His eyes appeared quite small.

7. LH Cream (3)

1st was a big typey black eyed male. He had nice even colour although his ears could have been darker. He had a lovely head and body shape and was firm in flesh. It's a pity he left his skirt at home! He did have a small scab on his tail that lost condition points.

2nd was another male who did make the effort and had a little more skirt! His colour was pale and his head appeared small compared to his body.

8. Self (3)

1st was a beautiful even coloured dove female. She had a lovely head and fabulous body shape. She was a decent size and her body was covered with thick plush fur. She did have a very small nick on her rear, but even deducting points for this she could not be denied first place. She was an excellent example of this colour and I just had to award her BIS and a COM.

2nd was a sable female. She had pale under colour although her top colour was very good, she did have some white on her belly. She had a nice type and thick fur. She appears to have broken her tail at some stage so lost condition points.

9. AOC Male (0)

10 AOC Female (1)

1st a golden whose colour lacked richness and she needed more ticking; her chest band was good. Her coat was a little open and lacked density. She was a good size and in nice condition.

11. Patterned (4)

1st a black eyed cream banded male. Nice type with good head and body shape. He had quite a wide through band with nice rich cream colouring. Sadly he had a “girly” coat – no skirt at all!

2nd was another male black eyed cream banded. The band on this one was not as good as the first being narrow, broken and a bit tatty on the parallel margins. His cream colour was quite pale but his ears were dark. He did make an effort and had a tufty skirt!

12. Satin (4)

1st was a yellow male who lacked the desired heavy black ticking and whose top colour was a bit pale although under colour was fairly good. He had an excellent type with broad head and cobby body. He lacked the length of skirt.

2nd was a male golden who lacked richness and ticking. Solid well shaped body and carrying a fairly even skirt.

13. Rex (6)

1st was a pretty short haired dove female who appeared young. She had an excellent plush rex coat with even colouration carried well down. She had a lovely solid body and was a good size. She was third in the show and was awarded a COM.

2nd a black eyed cream banded male. His colour was pale (even allowing for the dilution of the rex coat); his band was very narrow and broken which all lost him valuable colour marks. He was an excellent size and had a good type with beautiful thick fur.

23. Non-Standard (1)

1st was a LH silver sepia type male. He had a nice body shape and was in good solid condition. Sadly he lacked skirt and had a very ‘girly’ coat! Nice temperament.

Jean Tye - Judge



Dawlish 2024

We are still so over the moon with how well our hamsters did at Dawlish. While it was a small show, it was filled with a wonderful atmosphere, a lovely venue (our first time this far down South - with thanks to Jean Tye’s amazing confidence and kindness for the driving), and we enjoyed the excellent hot food from the kitchen. My mother, Fiona, enjoyed catching up with the club members and I had a great time being the book steward for both the Dwarfs and the Syrians. It was lovely to still see such a diverse entry of species and colours in the show, and whilst there was not a huge number of hamsters, it kept Jean Tye, Reece Minerve, and I busy with the judging and stewarding for the length of the day, due to there being one judge superbly managing both show sections! We ended the day leaving absolutely delighted and amazed at winning our first RBIS in

both Syrian and Dwarf with Kalani and Aztec! Of course, after such a memorable day, we had to take some photographs to remember it all, I have included the better ones from our show photoshoot below!

Fleurdelis Hamstery, Emily Whiteley



More photos from Dawlish by Emily Whiteley

