

Mapplewell was the Northern Hamster Club's Christmas show and it was lovely to see members new and old and enjoy a members' Christmas buffet lunch. A huge thank you to all who helped out on the day with setting up, tidying and running the various raffles and tombolas etc. Also, a big thanks to our judge Lynne Blair and book and pen stewards Margaret Donnelly and Jean Tye. Congrats to all our winners, and to Tristar for a clean sweep of Best In Shows and Reserve Best In Shows!

Anastasia Blair, Show Secretary

SYRIAN JUDGE: Lynne Blair		BOOK STEWARD: M Donnelly	
	SH Golden 6 Entries	SH Cream 0 Entries	SH AOC Male 3 Entries
1	Laura Coulthard	x	Ben Collier
2	Tristar	x	Tristar
3	Amberhill Hams	x	Gemma Ribchester
R	Catherine Mason	x	x
	SH AOC Female 3	SH Patterned 6 Entries	SH Satin 3 Entries
1	Tristar CoM	Tristar	Emma Jewsbury
2	Emma Jewsbury	Silverwoods Hams	Tristar
3	Emily Howard	Tristar	Amberhill Hams
R	x	Christine Coulthard	x
	LH Cream 2	LH Self 2	LH AOC Male 4
1	Tristar CoM	Christine Coulthard	Amberhill Hams
2	Emma Jewsbury	Tristar	Dawson`s Hams
3	x	x	Catherine Mason
R	x	x	Emily Howard
	LH AOC Female	LH Patterned 3	LH Satin 4
1	W/H	Tristar	Amberhill Hams
2	Dawson`s Hams	Emma Jewsbury	Gemma Ribchester
3	x	Catherine Mason	Emma Jewsbury
R	x	x	Laura Coulthard
	SH & LH Rex 6	Junior 0	Novice 19
1	Emma Jewsbury	x	Ben Collier
2	Silverwoods Hams	x	Laura Coulthard
3	Emma Jewsbury	x	Catherine Mason
R	Emma Jewsbury	x	Christine Coulthard
	Intermediate 0	Small Hamstery 18	Breeder 20
1	x	Ben Collier	Tristar
2	x	Emma Jewsbury	Tristar
3	x	Catherine Mason	Ben Collier
R	x	Christine Coulthard	Laura Coulthard

	Young Stock 23	MPC 41	Grand Challenge 44
1	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
2	Emma Jewsbury	Tristar	Tristar
3	Catherine Mason	Ben Collier	Ben Collier
R	Emma Jewsbury	Laura Coulthard	Laura Coulthard
	Diploma 0	Non-Standard 2	Syrian BIS
1	x	Tristar	Tristar
2	x	Silverwoods Hams	Syrian Reserve BIS
3	x	x	Tristar

### Syrian Hamsters:- Judges Report

I enjoyed judging some beautiful hamsters at Mapplewell and also the lovely Christmassy atmosphere. Many thanks to my book steward Margaret Donnelly and pen steward Jean Tye and also Show Secretary Anastasia Blair. There were some very young-looking hamsters at this show. Young stock animals should be 8 – 16 weeks. Entering very young hamsters with baby coats doesn't do them justice and can be stressful for such babies. It's impossible to judge colour on babies with undeveloped coats. Some colours don't develop fully till hamsters are well grown in to adulthood and are mature. The coat usually improves to a peak at 9-12 months in many colours though a few colours some such as black and sable will brown with age. There were however some beautiful hamsters to judge, and my class winners were:

**SH Golden** (Pen 101) Decent head and type. Uneven ticking. 75, 6 entries

**SH AOC male** (Pen 303) Cinnamon . Lovely type and head. Beautiful colour with good undercoat showing through. Plush fur. A good young animal who came 3<sup>rd</sup> on the bench 76.5, 3 entries

**SH AOC female** (Pen 403) Mink. Lovely type and colour. Good fur and a steady temperament, 79, 3 entries, **RBIS**, COM

**SH Pattern** (Pen 505) Sable roan. Roaning was a bit uneven over the back. Good head 72.5, 6 entries

**SH Satin** (Pen 602) Black tort & white, lacks yellow patches. Nice type 74.5, 3 entries.

**LH Cream** (Pen 701) BEC female, beautiful type . Lovely colour and length of coat. My **BIS**. COM 79.5, 2 entries

**LH AOC female** (Pen 801) Black, type . Even coat length with good colour. Lacks body. 73 , 2 entries

**LH AOC male** (Pen 903 ) Golden. Decent type and head. Colour lacked richness. Lacks skirt. 74.5, 3 entries

**LH Patterned** (Pen 1004) REC Banded. Narrow band. Decent type. 74.5, 3 entries

**LH Satin** (Pen 1202) Golden. Thin belly fur and bald chin. Nice head and decent colour. 74, 4 entries

**Rex** (Pen 1301) Cinnamon. Good head. Lacks richness but decent coat texture 72.5, 6 entries

**Non Standard** (Pen 2301) Homozygous SG. Good head and fur. 52, 2 entries

Congratulations to Tristar Hamstery on winning BIS and RBIS.

Lynne Blair, Syrian Judge

DWARF JUDGE: Lynne Blair		BOOK STEWARD: M Donnelly	
	Normal Campbell 0 Entries	Argente Campbell 1	Albino Campbell 1
1	x	Tristar	Tristar
	Mottled Campbell 0	Normal WW 3	Sapphire WW 2
1	x	Tristar	Tristar
2	x	Dawson`s Hams	Tristar
3	x	Tristar	x
	Pearl Winter White 0	Normal Chinese 1	Dom Spot Chinese 1
1	x	Dawson`s Hams	Tristar
	BE White Chinese 0	Normal Roborovski 0	Junior 0 Entries
	Novice 0	Intermediate 0	Small Hamstery 0
	Breeder 6 Entries	Young Stock 4	MPC 9 Entries
1	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
2	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
3	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
R	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
	Grand Challenge 9 Entries	Non-Standard 2	Dwarf BIS
1	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
2	Tristar	Dawson`s Hams	Dwarf Reserve BIS
3	Tristar	x	Tristar
R	Tristar	x	Dwarf JBIS

### Dwarf Species, Judges Report

Another very small entry for this show. There are not many Northern members keeping the dwarf species at the moment. Some of the hamsters were young but showing nice potential. Congratulations to Tristar Hamsters on their BIS and RBIS.

Class winners were:

**Campbell Argente** (PenD201) Lovely type with good head. Slightly pale colour but good stripe and nice fur, 77.5 , **BIS**

**Campbell Albino** (Pen D301) Decent type and head but showing a moult line. 75.5 .

**WW Normal** (Pen D503) Youngster with lovely type and good head. Good clear arches and rick colour and good ticking. Lovely temperament. 76 +, **RBIS**

**WW Sapphire** (Pen D602) Decent type. Even colour and slightly short stripe. 76.

**Chinese Normal** (Pen D801) Type Ok but carrying some extra weight. Colour lacks richness, 71.5.

**Chinese Dominant Spot** (Pen D901) Large ears and small in size. Some brindling of spots. Colour lacks richness, 67

**Non-Standard** (Pen 2102) Good type with a nice size and well set head. Marbled sapphire WW. 57.

Lynne Blair, Dwarf Species Judge