

## The London Championship Show 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Show Secretary's Report

Many thanks to the Committee for inviting us to be part of this Memorial show to Pat Gaskin, a lovely lady whom I met many times over the years. The hospitality we received was superb and the rosettes and overall best hamster prize clock were much appreciated, as was the £30.00 prize money for overall BIS (this was split between Syrian and Dwarf). It was a very small show for our two judges Susan Washbrook and Andrew Bryan, just four exhibitors and a total of 57 hamsters. I'm led to believe that a few people didn't enter as they thought the show had been cancelled, not really sure where that rumour came from. Anyway, I would like to thank Susan and Andrew and their book stewards Emily and Lynne for their work at the show.

Lynne was asked to make the decision as to which hamster was awarded the overall Best in Show and she chose Tristar's long-haired rex black eyed cream female for this prestigious award. I (being part of Tristar) was so chuffed to win the clock! In over 30 years of showing, I have never been fortunate enough to win one – exit a very happy exhibitor! I'm sure Susan's normal Chinese male was a close runner up. Below are reports from our judges.

Looking forward to London 2024 at a new venue which we await to hear where it is.

Jean Tye, Show Secretary



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SYRIAN JUDGE: Susan Washbrook BOOK STEWARD: Emily Howard

	SH Golden 0 entries	SH Cream 4 entries	SH AOC Male 1 entry
1	x	Tristar CoM	Tristar
2	x	Oswalds	x
3	x	Oswalds	x
R	x	Tristar	x
	SH AOC Female 1	SH Patterned 3 entries	SH Satin 1 entry
1	Tristar	Custard Hams	Tristar
2	x	Tristar	x
3	x	Tristar	x
	LH Cream 3 entries	LH Self 1 entry	LH AOC Male 0 entries
1	Tristar	Tristar	x
2	Oswalds	x	x
3	Oswalds	x	x
	LH AOC Female 3	LH Patterned 2 entries	LH Satin 0 entries
1	Tristar	Tristar	x
2	Oswalds	Tristar	x
3	Custard Hams	x	x
	SH & LH Rex 2 entries	Junior 0 entries	Novice 0 entries
1	Tristar CoM	x	x
2	Tristar	x	x
	Intermediate 0 entries	Small Hamstery 0	Breeder 19 entries
1	x	x	Tristar
2	x	x	Tristar
3	x	x	Tristar
R	x	x	Tristar
	Young Stock 6 entries	Grand Challenge 21	Diploma 21 entries
1	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
2	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
3	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
R	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
	Non-Standard 0 entries		Syrian BIS
1	x		Tristar
2	x		Syrian Reserve BIS
3	x		Tristar
R	x		

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DWARF JUDGE: Andrew Bryan		BOOK STEWARD: Lynne Blair	
	Normal Campbell 1 entries	Agouti Campbell 2	Self Campbell 3
1	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
2	x	Lilliput	Tristar
3	x	x	Tristar
	Mottled Campbell 1 entry	Normal WW 3 entries	Sapphire WW 1
1	Tristar	Lilliput	Oswalds
2	x	Tristar	x
3	x	Oswalds	x
	Pearl Winter White 4	Normal Chinese 4	Dom Spot Chinese 4
1	Oswalds	Lilliput CoM	Lilliput CoM
2	Tristar	Lilliput CoM	Lilliput
3	Tristar	Lilliput CoM	Lilliput
R	Lilliput	Tristar	Lilliput
	BE White Chinese 2	Normal Roborovski 2	Junior 0 entries
1	Lilliput	Lilliput	x
2	Lilliput	Lilliput	x
	Novice 0 entries	Intermediate 0 entries	Small Hamstery 0
	Breeder 21 entries	Young Stock 7 entries	Grand Challenge 27
1	Lilliput	Tristar	Lilliput
2	Lilliput	Tristar	Lilliput
3	Tristar	Lilliput	Lilliput
R	Oswalds	Lilliput	Tristar
	Non-Standard 9		
1	Tristar	Dwarf BIS	Dwarf Reserve BIS
2	Custard Hams	Lilliput	Lilliput
3	Tristar		
R	Tristar		

## London Championship Hamster Show- Syrian judges Report

There was only a small entry, just 21 Syrian hamsters, however the standard was very high. Colour and fur marks were especially good. My nice average hamster normally gets 72pts and my lowest at Newark was 73.5pts.

My thanks to Em Howard for book stewarding.

### **SH Cream (4 entries 79-73.5pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 203, Beautiful BE Cream female, young with potential, pale even cream with no white patches on her tummy, nice type and lovely fur, 79pts Res BIS & Certificate of Merit

### **SH AOC Male (1 entry 75.5pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 301, An older Honey male that lacked a bit of body, colour was patchy, long hairs on hip spots, 75.5pts

### **SH AOC Female (1 entry 76pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 401, A young Melanistic Yellow with potential, rich yellow for age however ticking was uneven and she had a white patch on her tummy, lovely baby fur, 76pts

### **SH Patterned (3 entries 78-74.5pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 502, A stunning Gold Tortoiseshell Banded female with the most outstanding quality fur, nice yellow patches, lost points due to being underweight, 78pts

### **SH Satin (1 entry 77.5pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 601, A Golden male with an excellent chest band/hairline, colour a bit brassy and needed more ticking, nice fur 77.5pts

### **LH Cream (3 entries 77.5-76.5pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 702, A chunky BE Cream female, nice type, rich but patchy colour, thin belly fur, 77.5pts

### **LH Self (1 entry 77pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 801, A lovely young Sable female, beautiful baby fur, colour a bit pale, narrow head, 77pts

### **LH AOC Female (3 entries 78.5-77pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 1003, A big Yellow female, even colour but lacked richness, needed more ticking, slightly thin belly fur 78.5pts

### **LH Patterned (2 entries 78-76pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 1101, A young Sable banded female that showed real potential, nice colour and okay band, lovely baby fur, 78pts

### **SH & LH Rex 92 entries 79.5-78.5pts)**

1<sup>st</sup> 1301, This was a case of saving the best to last! A beautiful LH BE Cream female with an excellent rex coat, curly wisps and sexy whiskers, very good colour for LH/Rex, 79.5pts BIS & Certificate of Merit

Congratulations to all the winners especially Tristar who won BIS, Res BIS and overall BIS.

Jean Tye was a very happy lady, she finally won a London Championship clock!

[Susan Washbrook](#)

## **London Championships Show Report – Dwarf Hamsters**

### **Class D1 – Normal Campbell's**

D101. Male with a nice head. His colour was good but slightly patchy, although he had nice flank arches. The fur on his chest was slightly thin – a common fault with Campbell's.

### **Class D2 – AOC Campbell's**

D202. Male Opal with a lovely clear blue colour. A very nice hamster, with potential to grow and develop. Sadly, although he had nice arches, his dorsal stripe was a little short, and he was slightly stained underneath.

D201. Female Opal with lovely type. Her belly fur was slightly thin belly fur and she was a little fat. Her dorsal stripe was a tiny bit short but her flank arches were defined with a truly lovely example of ochre.

### **Class D3 – Self Campbell's**

D301. Black female with lovely fur and type. Her colour was a little washed out for a black, with her dorsal stripe showing; this cost her colour marks, as did the brown patch on her rump.

D303. Black male with lovely fur. Unfortunately, he showed quite a lot of browning on his rear end and had white markings extending up his jawline.

D302. Dove male with lovely fur. His colour, unfortunately, lacked the rich warmth this colour should show. His dorsal stripe was also clearly visible, indicating that his colour was a little washed out.

### **Class D4 – Patterned Campbell's**

D401. Female Black Mottled with nice type and lovely fur. Her black fur was beautifully deep and clear, with a good pattern, although she would have benefited from more white to balance the black.

### **Class D5 – Normal Winter White**

D503. A lovely big, typey male, although with a slightly small head for his size, this hamster showed well. His colour was very good, even when considering that he was slightly too heavily ticked and a little uneven in patches.

D502. A lovely female with good belly colour, (which is not always the case, recently). Her top colour was good, but slightly patchy with a short stripe, although her flank arches made up for these faults. She lost significant marks for her bulging eyes.

D501. Another nice female with good colour, but slightly patchy. Her markings, (arches and dorsal stripe), were very good but she was let down “underneath”, with a lot of white colouration and thin fur around her vent.

### **Class D6 – Sapphire Winter White**

D601. This female had decent type but bulgy eyes, (an increasingly common issue in Winter Whites). She also had thin chest fur and a great deal of white colouration on her belly, (another common fault).

### **Class D7 – Pearl Winter White**

D702. With excellent fur quality, this Normal Pearl male had nice, only slightly patchy ticking, and was enviably clean. His only fault was very slightly bulgy eyes.

D703. A Sapphire Pearl, this was the darker of the two in the pen. She had lovely fur and very nice, albeit a little patchy, ticking. She was a little “baggy” in her body tone and had slightly bulgy eyes.

D704. Sharing a pen with the animal above, this female Sapphire Pearl had nice type and good fur. Her bulgy eyes let her down, relative to her cage mate, and she could also do with more ticking.

### **Class D8 – Normal Chinese**

D803. A gorgeous male, this hamster took BIS and earned a Championship Certificate. He had gorgeous rich colour, rare in Chinese of late, with only the smallest hint of patchiness. His fur was also very good, even allowing for the fact that he had a slightly open coat, as was his type.

D804. Another male, this hamster took RBIS and also earned a Championship Certificate. Although he had beautiful type, he lost out to the winner on a somewhat more open coat and a lack of richness to his colour. In addition, he showed evidence of “nagging”, (nipping), on his rear end.



D802. Yet another male earning a Championship Certificate, this hamster had lovely type with a beautiful head. His colour was very good, marred slightly by a slight lack of richness and a short dorsal stripe. He was a solid, chunky animal in excellent health but a little skittish to handle, which is unusual in Chinese hamsters.

#### **Class D9 – Dominant Spot Chinese**

D902. This male had lovely spotting but a very short stripe. However his decent type and lovely fur made up for this, allowing him to earn a Championship Certificate and win his class. Slightly lacking in body, with a little bit more “meat” to him he would be a potential show stopper!

D901. A male with deep, rich colour and nice but uneven spotting, this hamster had good fur but lost out to the class winner because of his narrow head and lack of “body”.

D903. Although showing a striking pattern with nice, (albeit uneven), spots, this small male was let down by his stained belly and being rather “long and thin” in his type. However, with some growing on, he could make a stunning show hamster, having rich, deep colour and a good pattern.

#### **Class D10 – Black Eyed White Chinese**

D1002. Lovely and clean, this male deserved his class win. His coat was slightly open and, like a lot of BEWs, he lacked “body” and had a narrow head. These faults are being rectified but are still common in this variety.

D1001. This male unfortunately suffered from the perennial problem for those showing white animals – staining. In this case it was noticeable underneath, (on his rather thin belly fur), and on his testes. Although in theory, white is white, he also had a “yellowish” tint to his coat generally, which did not help his colour mark.

#### **Class D11 – Normal Roborovski’s**

D1101. The larger of the two entrants in this class, (both in the same pen), this female had lovely fur with crisp, clear markings, (kissing spots/ eyebrows). She had a slightly narrow head but was very clean and had decent type.

D1102. Slightly smaller than the winner, and with a narrower head than her cage mate, this female also had nice markings. To improve she would need to be a little richer in colour and develop more “body”.

#### **Class D21 – Non Standard**

D2108. This was a truly stunning Beige Campbell’s female with nice type and wonderful fur. She was a lovely big chunky hamster, only let down by her slightly thinning chest fur.

D2107. A Sapphire Chinese male with lovely fur and nice type, this hamster was wonderfully calm to handle, as Chinese should be, (and most are).

D2103. Blue Platinum Campbell’s male, this hamster had lovely plush fur and a good size to him. This animal was only let down by his slightly crusty scent gland.

**Andrew Bryan - Judge**

#### **Overall Best in Show Hamster.**

I was delighted to be asked to judge the overall best in show hamster. It was a very difficult choice. The Normal Chinese hamster had a beautiful coat with plush fur as well

as lovely type and correct colour. His temperament was perfect. The Syrian was a stunning Black-eyed cream, long haired, rex coated, young female. Her whiskers were beautifully curled, and the coat was dense. The colour had real depth especially for a young animal and she was in lovely condition. In the end the Syrian took the honour. Congratulations to both owners, Lilliput (Dwarf) and Tristar (Syrian) on winning their sections and especially to Tristar on their overall Best in Show hamster.

Lynne Blair



Some more Photos from the London Championship show