

# Bradford Champs Show Results, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>SYRIAN JUDGE: Wendy Palmer</b>		<b>BOOK STEWARD: David Baglin</b>	
	<b>SH Golden (8)</b>	<b>SH Cream (7)</b>	<b>SH AOC Male (7)</b>
1	Tristar <b>COM</b>	Custard Hamstery	Tristar <b>COM</b>
2	Silverwoods	Tristar	Tristar <b>COM</b>
3	Tristar	Lilliput	Moonstone
R	Tristar	Silverwoods	Tristar
	<b>SH AOC Female (7)</b>	<b>SH Patterned (6)</b>	<b>SH Satin (7)</b>
1	Tristar <b>COM</b>	Tristar <b>COM</b>	Tristar <b>COM</b>
2	Moonstone	Tristar <b>COM</b>	Tristar
3	Tristar	Arundel	Alpha Stud
R	A Dray & A Pohl Dray	A Dray & A Pohl Dray	Lilliput
	<b>LH Cream (4)</b>	<b>LH Self (4)</b>	<b>LH AOC Male (8)</b>
1	Tristar	Silverwoods	Tristar
2	G Stephenson	A Dray & A Pohl Dray	Silverwoods
3	Tristar	Alpha Stud	A Dray & A Pohl Dray
R	Lilliput	A Dray & A Pohl Dray	Arundel
	<b>LH AOC Female (4)</b>	<b>LH Patterned (6)</b>	<b>LH Satin (2)</b>
1	Moonstone	Tristar	Arundel
2	Alpha Stud	Silverwoods	Lilliput
3	Alpha Stud	A Dray & A Pohl Dray	
R	Arundel	G Stephenson	
	<b>SH &amp; LH Rex (10)</b>	<b>Junior (1)</b>	<b>Novice (7)</b>
1	Moonstone	Callum Avill	G Stephenson
2	G Stephenson		G Stephenson
3	Tristar		G Stephenson
R	Alpha Stud		Callum Avill
	<b>Young Stock (8)</b>	<b>Breeder (54)</b>	<b>Grand Challenge (80)</b>
1	Moonstone	Tristar	Tristar
2	Silverwoods	Tristar	Tristar
3	Alpha Stud	Tristar	Tristar
R	A Dray & A Pohl Dray	Tristar	Tristar
	<b>Non-Standard (3)</b>		
1	Alpha Stud		<b>Syrian BIS</b>
2	A Dray & A Pohl Dray		<b>TRISTAR</b>
3	A Dray & A Pohl Dray		<b>Syrian Reserve BIS</b>
R			<b>TRISTAR</b>

<b>DWARF JUDGE: Reece Minerve</b>		<b>BOOK STEWARD: Susan Washbrook</b>	
	<b>Normal Campbell (1)</b>	<b>Agouti Campbell (5)</b>	<b>Self Campbell (0)</b>
1	Cheverton	Lilliput <b>COM</b>	
2		Tristar	
3		Cheverton	
R		Tristar	
	<b>Mottled Campbell (0)</b>	<b>Normal WW (4)</b>	<b>Sapphire WW (2)</b>
1		Tristar <b>COM</b>	Lilliput
2		Tristar	PS Hams
3		G Stephenson	
R		PS Hams	
	<b>Pearl Winter White (6)</b>	<b>Normal Chinese (6)</b>	<b>Sapphire Chinese (6)</b>
1	Tristar	Lilliput <b>COM</b>	Lilliput <b>COM</b>
2	Tristar	Lilliput	Cheverton
3	PS Hams	Lilliput	Lilliput
R	PS Hams	Cheverton	Lilliput
	<b>Dom Spot Chinese (6)</b>	<b>BE White Chinese (4)</b>	<b>Normal Roborovski(0)</b>
1	Lilliput	Lilliput <b>COM</b>	
2	Cheverton	Lilliput	
3	Cheverton	Lilliput	
R	Cheverton	Lilliput	
	<b>Junior (0)</b>	<b>Novice (1)</b>	<b>Young Stock (9)</b>
1		G Stephenson	Cheverton
2			Cheverton
3			Cheverton
R			Cheverton
	<b>Breeder (37)</b>	<b>Grand Challenge (42)</b>	
1	Lilliput	Lilliput	
2	Lilliput	Lilliput	
3	Tristar	Tristar	
R	Lilliput	Lilliput	
	<b>Non-Standard (3)</b>		
1	Cheverton		<b>Dwarf BIS</b>
2	Lilliput		<b>LILLIPUT</b>
3	PS Hams		<b>Dwarf Reserve BIS</b>
R			<b>LILLIPUT</b>

## Syrian Judge's Report, Bradford Champs, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

- 1 – Golden** – 1<sup>st</sup> A nice chunky golden male; good colour and fur. 2<sup>nd</sup> Excellent type and fur appeared to be young, has potential. 3<sup>rd</sup> good type and short dense fur.
- 2 – Cream** – 1<sup>st</sup> REC male; nice shape and type, woolly fur. Excellent condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> REC, short dense fur, nice type. 3<sup>rd</sup> BEC male; lost condition marks for being overweight. Has woolly fur and good colour.
- 3 – AOC Male** – 1<sup>st</sup> Chunky and dark melanistic yellow; good size and condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> dark grey; bit chunky, no browning and nice type. 3<sup>rd</sup> sable; nice face and type short dense fur, bit too gingery on face and rear.
- 4 – AOC Female** – 1<sup>st</sup> Smoke pearl; nice fur, bit overweight good colour. **RBIS** Good size and condition RBIS. 2<sup>nd</sup> sable; excellent condition with lovely fur, soft like a rex rabbit. 3<sup>rd</sup> yellow; nice coat with an even rich colour, good type but some moulting round eyes.
- 5 – Patterned** – 1<sup>st</sup> Dominant spot yellow; very nice type, lovely face and ears, good size and condition. **BIS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Black tortoiseshell; beautiful soft dense fur, good size and excellent condition. A good pattern with a tiny amount of brindling. 3<sup>rd</sup> golden band; nice fur but lacked size and condition.
- 6 – Satin** – 1<sup>st</sup> golden male; nice coat, good size and condition, lovely type. 2<sup>nd</sup> golden male; wide open chest band, good size and fur. 3<sup>rd</sup> cinnamon female; lovely fur and condition, good type but lacked size.
- 7 – LH Cream** – 1<sup>st</sup> BEC female; good colour and size. 2<sup>nd</sup> BEC female; nice fur, pale colour but even. 3<sup>rd</sup> BEC female; thin fur on neck, patchy colour.
- 8 – LH Self** – 1<sup>st</sup> sable female; even colour, good fur, size and condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> dark eared white male; very little skirt, stained on rump. 3<sup>rd</sup> black male; white flecks on head and body, thick fur.
- 9 – LH AOC Male** – 1<sup>st</sup> cinnamon; good undercoat, nice type, long fur, dandruff on ears. 2<sup>nd</sup> silver grey; slightly brown, good type, thick fur and good size. 3<sup>rd</sup> silver grey; chunky slightly brown on rear, good size and type.
- 10 – LH AOC Female** – 1<sup>st</sup> Cinnamon; good colour and dark flashes, slightly down on condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> golden; very fluffy with dark colour, moulting, lovely large ears, uneven chest band. 3<sup>rd</sup> golden; nice type but lacked size and condition, lacks body.
- 11 – LH Patterned** – 1<sup>st</sup> spotted golden tortoiseshell; lacks yellow, good fur, size and type. 2<sup>nd</sup> BEC banded female; nice fur, pale ears and broken band. 3<sup>rd</sup> spotted black male; the black parts were quite pale, lacks body and size but nice fur.
- 12 – LH Satin** – 1<sup>st</sup> BEC banded male; sticky eyes, dandruff on skin, lacks size. 2<sup>nd</sup> golden female; thin belly fur, wide open chest band, lacked condition.

**13 – Rex** – 1<sup>st</sup> SH BEC; good colour, good type, good fur but lacks body. 2<sup>nd</sup> SH melanistic yellow; good colour, good fur and type. 3<sup>rd</sup> SH dove male; beautiful thick woolly fur, good colour but lacks size.

**19 – Non-Standard** – 1<sup>st</sup> LH champagne; good type, fur and size. 2<sup>nd</sup> SH Siamese; lacks body. Good type. 3<sup>rd</sup> LH Siamese; rub on nose and moulting.

A couple of general remarks, one long haired cream had 10 points deducted for the state of the show pen. The interior paint was virtually all off revealing just a tatty cream interior with some white patches which were waiting to peel off, the bars were almost devoid of any white paint and rusty. This hamster had been in third place! There were some really chubby hamsters which lost condition points and some hamsters lacking body, another way of saying underweight. If you know you have a show coming up in a couple of weeks then try the extras such as porridge, it does make a difference. One point lost for lack of body can be the difference between a prize or no prize.

There were a few young hamsters with potential, but we have to judge what we see not what we think they could be. If you entered a young hamster, remember the colour will change over time.

Thank you to David for book stewarding and Lynne for pen stewarding. I'm sure there were others who stepped in on occasion so thank you to everyone who helped. Congratulations to all winners.

### **Wendy Palmer, Syrian Judge**



## **Dwarf Judge's Report, Bradford Champs, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 I attended the national show, Bradford Champs, to judge the 42 dwarf hamsters on the bench. As usual the whole Doncaster venue featured a range of competitive exhibits showcasing different species, breeds, colours, and coat types as well as a few unique animals. The event was well organised and provided an excellent learning and development opportunity for my last trainee dwarf judging. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and want to thank Susan for assessing and supporting me throughout and Anastasia for her speedy pen stewarding and for listening to me while I was thinking out loud! Classes D3, D4 & D12 did not have any entries.

**D1 – Normal Campbell** – There was only one female in this class who was in decent condition with nice arches and colour but slightly lacked ticking, body and type. Her fur was also slightly thin on her chest and vent but not drastically which led to her still being placed.

**D2 – Agouti Campbell** – In this class there were 5 hamsters, all opal, which varied mainly in type and colour between shades of opal and ochre. Despite having thin fur on her chest, the winner of the class had a lovely bold overall type with a shapely head. Although she appeared older, she still had a beautiful strong opal colour with rich ochre surrounding her arches which led to her earning herself a COM!

**D5 – Normal Winter White** – There were 4 hamsters in this class that varied greatly in colour and definition of pattern, but the winner of the class stood out mainly due to his lovely dark colour and perfectly curved head. He was also quite large and had a decent quality of fur all over his body. He did have a slightly dribbly chin and some loose skin which reduced his condition points but still left him with a COM at the top of the class and third in the show!

**D6 – Sapphire Winter White** – In this class there were 2 males who ended up on the same points as they were both stunning in different proportions. The male that won the class, had better overall type and was larger than the other although his colour was pale and patchy and his fur quality was not quite as nice as the other. Despite this, I believed he was still overall the better of the two when cross comparing, which is why he earned his win.

**D7 – Pearl Winter White** – This class was the largest winter white class with 5 entries of mostly males and sapphire pearls. The winner of the class, a sapphire pearl, had a lovely overall condition and clean, dense fur with a nicely shaped head. He did have slightly thin chest fur, some light staining and tucked ears but his overall heavy, bright ticking won his place.

**D8 – Normal Chinese** – In this class there was a large variety in colour, type and size with an overall nicely conditioned group. The winner of the class had a lovely typey, sleek appearance with dark heavy ticking despite a slightly pale coat shade. He was also large and had a lovely head which stood out against the others which and gave him his win. His cage mate who placed second was a nice visual comparison in size, colour and fur condition.

**D9 – Sapphire Chinese** – This class contained some nice variety in colour, type and fur condition and saw a few with a distinctly long brow which disproportioned their type. However, the winner of the class ended up winning BIS & a COM for Lilliput due to her being an outstanding hamster. She had a bright sapphire shade, with a nice dark stripe which covered the length of her slender but typey body. Her head specifically was stunning and well-shaped along with her dense fur which perfectly rolled back when brushed, which overall solidified her position.

**D10 – Dom Spot Chinese** – The winner of this class was a lovely, decently sized sapphire male with a nice colour carried well down. Although the spotting on his sides was good, his rump lacked spotting definition. However, his lovely clean type and fairly dense fur raised his points, and he stayed proportionally higher than the rest of the class, some of which who also had the recognisable long brow.

**D11 – BEW Chinese** – Although at first it took me a moment to proportionally point the colour of this class, the overall quality was lovely. This class also contained the hamster who would later win RBIS and a COM. He has a beautiful clean colour that completely lacked staining, even around his scent gland. His type was also lovely and proportionate with a lovely, shaped head. His fur was short and clean with a slight brittle patch but overall, a good example.

**D18 – Non-Standard** – I was happy to see that each of the 3 entries in this class were a different, good example, of their species. The winner of the class was presumably a blue (or lilac) fawn Campbell with nice thick fur, decent sizing and a lovely overall condition that was noticeably better than others I had seen that day. Although her overall type was nice, her muzzle was slightly narrow, and she wasn't the largest. Despite this she was still a nice animal and the best in the class.

### Reece Minerve, Dwarf Judge



*Dwarf judging*

# Bradford Championship Show, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Show Secretary's Report, Bradford Champs, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

I would like to say many thanks to the Bradford Committee for the invitation to attend their 103<sup>rd</sup> show and for the huge space allocated to us and for their hospitality towards the judges and myself. It was also lovely to have 'goodie bags' from their sponsors "Little One" – these were well received by those lucky enough to win one.

We had a good entry of 83 Syrians and 44 Dwarfs for our judges Wendy Palmer and Reece Minerve, ably assisted on book by David Baglin and Susan Washbrook with pen stewards Lynne and Anastasia Blair. Reece was being assessed by Susan for his final trainee judging and I am pleased to report that he passed and so becomes a qualified dwarf judge – well done!

Tristar did the double in Syrians winning Best in Show with a short haired yellow dominant spot male and Reserve with a short haired smoke pearl female.

Lilliput also did the double in Dwarfs winning Best in Show with a sapphire Chinese (the first time this colour has ever won BIS only being passed as a standard colour a year ago) and reserve with another Chinese, this time a black eyed white.

Reece assessed the two BIS winners and awarded Overall Best Hamster to the sapphire Chinese – so a little bit of history was made here today!

We are already looking forward to show number 104 in 2027!!

**Jean Tye, Show Secretary**





*BIS Syrian – Tristar's Dreamweaver*



*RBIS Syrian – Tristar's Ostras*



*BIS Dwarf – Lilliput's Mermaid*



*RBIS Dwarf – Lilliput's Potato*



*Overall Best In Show  
– Lilliput's Mermaid*

## Snake food to Best in Show Bradford!

Joe the gerbil was very lucky to come back from Houten with Jean Tye when she chose him from a feeder bin. Joe accompanied Jean to the Bradford Champs show in January and Jean was absolutely over the moon when he won Best Overall Gerbil in the Show. I think we will all agree he is one very handsome lad. Well done Jean. Not only winning Best in Show Syrian hamster with the Tristar Team but also Best in Show gerbil!

