



Report for the 1. Breedspecific European Show for Smooth Coated Cavies 2008 in Twello

I judged all Selves at this show bar the Blacks and Slaters

In the **C-Class** 21 exhibits were entered in chocolate, beige, red, golden, saffron, cream and PE White.

3 Chocolates of which 2 had a fabulous colour, 1 exhibit had a slightly pale undercolour. Type-wise all were OK.

5 Reds of very intense, deep red colour; unfortunately the Reds lost it in the type department and fitness as all were extremely nervous!

4 Goldenes were very sound in all aspects.

2 Saffrons, which had very good colour, but slightly lost it in type and shape.

3 Creams –these had very good type and colour; one exhibit had a longish coat.

2 PE Whites –already showing very good type for their age.

In the **B-Class** 37 cavies had been entered in chocolate, beige, red, golden, buff, saffron, cream and PE White.

7 Chocolates of which 3 possessed very good colour, type and shape. The others had a fading undercolour and fairly pointed and flat heads.

1 Beige –very good colour, but rather small for its age.

10 Reds –I was totally smitten by their colour; some exhibits lost it on fitness. Type and shape, as well as ears can be improved on some of them. Nevertheless a sight to behold!

5 Goldenes, 3 pink eyes and 2 dark eyes. The coat colour on all of them was of the highest standard; again some lost points on type and shape.

1 Buff showing very good type for its age and a very good colour

3 Saffrons of very good colour, but losing some points on type and shape.

6 Creams, the colour on most of them was very good –some points were lost on type and shape; 2 exhibits showed a longish coat.

1 PE White of nice type.

The vast difference in size between various cavies struck me in this class; some of them should have been entered in the A class!

In the **A-Class** 29 cavies had been entered in chocolate, beige, red, golden, buff, cream and PE White.

4 Chocolates of very good type and shape, head, eyes and ears, but all had fading undercolour.

3 Beige; all had very good colour, but lost it in type and shape.

10 Reds –the colour was very good, but these were also very nervous (I had trouble to keep some of them on the table). Some were slightly weak in shoulders and others would benefit from better ears.

5 Goldenes of very good colour, bit weak in shoulders and 2 of them had rather pointed heads.

5 Creams –some of them had a slightly dark topcolour and fair type and shape

3 PE Whites, one of which stood out through its ideal weight and therefore its excellent shape combined with a very good head, eyes and ears.

Generally speaking this show was a huge success for the cavy fancy. All 86 cavies shown under me were of high quality. The colour of nearly all of them was good. Unfortunately, lots of exhibits lost points on type and shape, but I was nevertheless in awe of the overall quality of these cavies.

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