



## **MY JUDGES' REPORT FROM THE BREEDSPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW IN TWELLO**

It was already very busy when I arrived in Twello on Saturday morning, 7th. June 2008. The car park was full up and the sun was shining not only outside, but there was a sunny atmosphere in the building as well. It was especially nice for me to meet up with some fanciers from Switzerland and Germany that I had not seen for many years. Even the EE-President, Urs Freiburghaus was in attendance and could see for himself that this show was top!

I had been given all Agoutis and Tort & Whites to judge, which gave me a total of 74 cavies in total. I had a very efficient book steward and I would like to thank Bertus van Dijk once more for his assistance.

**C-CLASS: AGOUTIS** –very good quality throughout, headed by a Solid Silver with 97 points belonging to T. Gigli from Holland. I was also very impressed by a Lemon sow with very good top and belly –this sow looks very promising for the coming show season.

**B-CLASS: AGOUTIS** – the winner here was an excellent Golden Agouti boar; very nice type and shape, top and belly and ticking. He had 97 points and was awarded best boar in show at the end. Congratulations to R. Bosch, who incidentally also showed a sow with 96 points. The Tort & Whites in this class need to improve in type and colour distribution.

**A-CLASS:** as usual the biggest class with 33 cavies. There were some very good examples of the breed in the Agoutis. Two were disqualified, however, because of severely drooping eyelids. Fanciers in this category must also take note that an abundance of guard hairs makes the top colour appear darker.

There were 7 **TORT & WHITES** entered and their quality was very high – 1x 97 points and 4 cavies with 95 or more points. One exhibit was disqualified, as it was missing one colour on one side and its head.

The winner of this class was a sow belonging to Albert Beugeling from Holland. The Dutch saying “a house needs to be built, before it can be painted” proved very significant once more. Many congratulations to the owner of this magnificent sow. She was later made Best in Show at this very first Breedspecific European Show.

It was a long, but also a very pleasant day that was concluded by a buffet and the awards ceremony.

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