

## **DMK SHOW, Denmark, 27. + 28. September 2014**

It was so nice to be asked to judge another DMK within 12 months of the last one. Really great to meet up with you all again, share your meals and generally talk guinea pigs.

Coming back to judge after a relatively short time, of course, also has the advantage to see how some of the young covies of 2013 have turned into superb adults.

A smaller show this time as regards entries, but quality still of the very highest order. There are so many skilled breeders in Denmark and the preparation of their exhibits is also second to none.

My co-judge was Eva Helgren for the purebreds and Annette Creutzberg plus Christina Vildershøj and Lene (whose surname escapes me now) for the pet section. I judged the senior exhibits on the Saturday with Eva judging the juniors and then vice versa on the Sunday.

My BIS on the Saturday was Helle Nahmensen's "Prince Charming von Nahmensen" –a very handsome DE White boar of fabulous size, width of head, coat and colour.

Runner Up to BIS was Anne Iversen's outstanding Teddy sow: 4-ever Magic Ella Bella; excellent shape, shoulder and head. Would benefit from larger ears and bolder eyes, absolutely fabulous short coat of the correct and dense texture. Ella Bella was part of an excellent team of Teddies shown by Anne.

Third in the BIS line-up went to a beautiful Orange Agouti sow from Eva Christiansen by the name of "Flames Huskekage"; very good size for age with excellent shape and shoulder, head, eyes and ears. Excellent short, silky coat with a fantastic ticking to match.

My choice for BIS in the junior section on Sunday was Signe Egelund's Golden Agouti sow, "Kappel's Bera". Excels shape, type and shoulder, very good head, eyes and ears. Very short and sharp ticking and very good top- and undercolour. A well deserved win!

Other junior covies that really impressed me were: Signe Egelund's black Otter Crested: "Kappel's Beyla", a really good example of an Otter with all the correct markings in the right places.

And then there was another terrific Teddy from Anne Iversen: "4-ever Hokus Pokus (still prefer Krokus, Anne!) absolutely spot on in every department, just needs to develop on shoulder.

It was both very interesting and fascinating to see how much progress the Self Blues had made within 12 months. The colour remains the same beautiful graphite shade, but notable improvements had been achieved in the head department. The Blues seem to have more width of head now and beautifully shaped and sized ears. What an amazing addition this breed is to the fancy worldwide. Well done, Annette Creutzberg –keep that Blue flag flying!

I also wish to congratulate Christina Rørbæk on her major efforts to breed and show as many perfect chocolate and black Magpies as possible. You are very determined and devoted to this breed, well done and I wish you all the success in the coming years of getting this breed firmly established in Denmark.

Finally, thanks to you all for providing me with an excellent weekend once again. I hope our paths will cross again soon.

Evelyne van Vliet