

Judges Critique for Coarsecoats, Cresteds, Ticked and Longcoat groups National Show Narrandara 2006.

Some initial comments

Firstly I would like to sincerely thank the Queensland Cavy Council for providing me with the opportunity to come over and Co-Judge at the National, and the hospitality of you all. . . . I had a most enjoyable day meeting up with everyone again and Judging your stock which I have to say as usual, was of a very high standard.

The Committee did a great Job on the day as the show ran very smoothly. (Thank you Peter for our lovely lunch too)

.I was especially impressed with the level of presentation which was extremely high and all of the exhibits a credit to their owners.

Well, I certainly managed to get myself into a couple of messes over the weekend.

First up, on arrival just before dark we found ourselves stranded and having visited every Motel in Narrandara trying to find the one we were actually booked into,

It took a fellow Kiwi (Andrew) we stumbled upon by accident at the Motor Camp, and Kens good directions to point us in the right direction to the last Motel in town, which was the one we actually were booked into!

And, secondly my unplanned trip into hospital. I have to sincerely apologize for my failing health at the end of the day and my absence at the dinner and presentation which I had so looked forward to.

Ending up in hospital on the Sat night for 4 days with a nasty bout of Pneumonia was certainly not on my agenda and I felt robbed of a good night out!

Having said this I couldn't have wished for a better place to be than that lovely country hospital in Narrandara with lots of good care and attention by the staff which made this unplanned visit so much more bearable!! (I now have a good excuse to hopefully get back for a holiday again someday.) Never mind we look back on it and laugh., but... a word of warning never fly with a cold!

On another note I would like to thank my very able book steward on the day, Dennis who did a wonderful job jotting down my endless notes. (Sorry Dennis, Unfortunately I had some problems with your hand writing so have had to leave out a number of comments from my critique!!! Sorry everyone)

And last but not least, congratulations to all the winners, exhibitors, and their Cavies on the day, you and you alone are the ones that make the show !

COARSECOAT GROUP

Abyssinian Boars

The Abby's were a tough group and some very hard to choose from., most had good density and coat length. With some just the usual faults, flatter ridges and or misaligned rosettes. A very hard breed though to tackle!

1st 298 and BOB. Clean, well presented. Just 1 saddle rosette slightly out of line but rump and side rosettes deep and inline. Very good Ridges, harsh coat with good head and mane furnishings. Well balanced Pig.
2nd 300, Rosettes inline, but slightly flatter. Mane a little flatter.
3rd 305, Again all rosettes inline but slightly more open and flat.

Sows

1st 210 and RBOB, Similar to the BOB Boar and not much between them. Again deep rosettes and good ridges, mane and head furnishings, coat a little on the softer side. Clean and well presented.
2nd and 3rd sows. Both flatter manes and lacked good head furnishings.
3rd place 307 Flat & open Rosettes.

Rex Boars

The Rex I thought were just stunning, both boars and sows were well groomed and presented & very good examples of their breed! Only one or two again with the usual faults of longer, sparser coat and the odd flat patches.

1st 314 (marked as first but should have been 2nd place) nice well presented boar, short dense springy coat, no evidence of flat patches but unfortunately developing Fatty eye in one eye, but....not visible at all times.
2nd 315, & RBOB. (should have been marked as 1st) Again clean and well groomed. Solid boy, good Coat density, short, nice belly curls!
3rd 318, Reasonable coat density but softer, ear folds.

Sows

1st 320 and BOB, lovely well presented solid sow, Very dense short & springy coat, no flat areas, good ear/eye and shoulder. Well groomed and lots of belly curls. BOG went onto RBIS. Congratulations to Bumbora Stud with Ch Bumbora Sunburn
2nd 322, A few guard hairs, coat over rump lacked density, good ear/eye.
3rd 323, Sparser coat on belly, coat longer and softer in general, coat not so dense

CRESTED GROUP

E/C White (PE) Boars

1st 231 BOB Well set crest, short clean and groomed coat. Nice ear/eye and shoulder Bricked well.
Sorry no further placings marked on my sheet.
229 Slightly longer coat, ear folds, darker pigmentation in crest
230 Hay mite, flatter crest and high ears.
232 Skirts, Deep but open crest, ear folds. Well groomed.

Sows

1st 233 and RBOB. Pinpoint crest, bold eye, clean and groomed, slightly patchy pigmentation in crest. Well balanced sow.
Again no further place markings on sheet.
234 Good crest but lacked substance
235 Flatter crest, weepy eye, damaged ears, stained.
236 Slight staining on belly, crimped ears.
237 Deep crest clean and groomed.

E/C Black

Only one boar, No 238. Boars type, good colour, reasonable crest, clean and groomed.

Sows

1st 244, BOB & BOG. Rich even colour, deep crest. Good ear/eye. Developed shoulder, clean, well groomed and presented. Sadly this exhibit had dropped condition by the end of the day for the In Shows, so prevalent in blacks under stress.

Congratulations to Eramosa Stud with Eramosa Jazzlyn.

2nd 241 & RBOB. Good colour, clean but slightly over groomed, Deep crest, good ear/eye.

3rd 243 Again good colour, crest more open, narrower in head, ear folds, groomed.

E/C AOC Sows (No boars entered)

1st 245 BOB (Beige) Even colour to skin, pinpoint crest, good shoulder, clean & groomed. A little flabby!

2nd 246 RBOB (Lilac) Very even colour, slightly more open crest. Groomed. Some belly staining.

3rd 247 (Buff) Colour fades on flanks, high ears, deep crest but open, guard hairs.

E/C creams (unplaced)

250 and 251. 250 Belly swirl. Pale undercolour, long coat, clean and groomed.

251 Again very pale undercolour, clean and groomed. Deep crest

Very typical of so many creams today colour is a problem, especially if bred from Buffs.

American Crested Boars.

1st 252 BOB (Golden PE) Good colour and 100% crest, Pinpoint, boars type, good ear and eye, clean and well groomed.

2nd 253 (Red) Paler on flanks, longer coat some guard hairs.

3rd 254 (Red) Racy, pale undercolour, open crest, hay mite, damaged ears.grease gland

1st 255 & BOB (Golden DE) good colour, even, 100% crest, chunky boy, clean & Groomed.

2nd 256 100% crest but a little flat, lighter colour, high ears, guard hairs.

American Crested Sows

1st 258 (Golden DE) RBOB good colour, even, and pinpoint 100% crest, clean/groomed type a little narrower

Chocolate Crested Himalayan Boar

1st 259 good feet and ear pigmentation, reasonable smut, masking around vent and sides, crimped ears.

Crested Ticked Boars

1st 260 BOB (Gold Beige Argente). Good colour and crest, even ticking, well set ears, groomed.

2nd 261 RBOB (Golden Agouti)

Wider belly, even ticking & Feet, slightly flatter crest, well groomed.

TICKED GROUP

I was a little disappointed in this group. I felt the quality wasn't up to standard. The Lemons were by far the best of all the colours here, unusual as normally the Silvers and Goldens outdo this breed colour in general.

Golden Agouti Boars

1st 263 RBOB Clean, well groomed showing off ticking. Darker face, good demarcation, and colour. Ears up slightly.

2nd 262 Ticking even and good colour, ticked feet. Nice belly, groomed, skirts and boars type.

Sows

1st 265 BOB Fine even ticking, well groomed, good demarcation and colour, evenly ticked feet.

Silver Agouti Boars

I found most of the Silvers were too dark. Although I'm used to seeing lighter Silvers over here in NZ. I find if they are too dark the feet lose their ticking almost completely and the body ticking just doesn't sparkle. Also, where has the type gone on the silvers!

1st 267 BOB Longer ticking but even and bright. Good feet and colour. A little ticking on belly, bold eye, nicely presented but the odd guard hair present.
2nd and 3rd in class all too dark. Feet lacked ticking. Very good colour and even ticking throughout but didn't sparkle. Well groomed.
268 slight skirts.

Sows

274 RBOB Fine even ticking, well groomed and presented, ticked feet but dark. nice belly, narrow type. Good colour.
273 Again too dark and lacked any sparkle.

Cinnamon Agoutis.

No BOB's here.

1st 275 A Boar, lovely type! Patchy colour, eye circles & Bonnet strings, guard hairs.

Sows

1st 277 Muddy belly, well groomed and good colour. Brighter ticking, little hair loss on belly.
2nd 276 Guard hairs over rump spoiling ticking. Slight eye Circles and Bonnet strings, paler colour.

Chocolate Agoutis

2 here, a boar and sow but no BOB's.

1st 278 A boar. Nicely groomed and well set ears! Good colour but eye circles and bonnet strings, ticking reasonable.

1st 279 A Sow, Poorer demarcation, guard hairs, patchy feet and ticking. Powder like Substance in coat spoiling presentation.

Lemon Agoutis

This group was far superior than the rest!

Boars

1st 281 & BOB & BOG. Bright even ticking, well ticked feet, Ex colour, lovely bold ear/eye Good demarcation. & Shoulder. Face a shade darker thru a few guard hairs not being removed but a well presented, groomed and a solid Exhibit..

Congratulations to Eramosa Stud with Eramosa Bartoli.

2nd 282 Again, good colour and even ticking, ticked feet, clean and well groomed. Ears appeared a shade darker. Reasonable belly.

3rd 280 Good colour, but slightly patching ticking, groomed and well presented.

Sows

1st 284 RBOB Demarcation not so good, But, bright even body ticking and good feet, lovely ear/eye, clean & groomed.

2nd 285 Darker ticking on feet, bright even body ticking, good colour, skirts.

3rd 283 Some belly ticking, reasonable colour, Even ticking, well groomed, again good ear/eye.

Cream Agoutis

Boar

1st 286 Paler colour, Even body ticking, Slight bonnet strings, feet failed, skirts.

Sow

1st 289 Poor Demarcation, paler colour, eye circles, even ticking, narrow head, clean and well presented.

Argentees

The Argentees I felt their body & ticking colour was too pale.

1st 291 (Gold Beige) Pale undercolour, long ticking, skirts, Groomed.

Sows

1st 292 (White Lilac) Patchy colour and light. Long ticking, reasonable feet, Clean & Groomed.

2nd 293 (Lemon Lilac) Good undercolour but long ticking, lacked grooming.

Gold /Lilac Boars.

1st 294 BOB Good colour, even ticking, good demarcation. Good Feet, some guard hairs.

2nd 296 RBOB Even overall colour but paler belly and feet. Even ticking

3rd 295 Belly ruffle, Paler patchy undercolour and ticking not well defined.

LONGCOAT GROUP

This group I felt I didn't do justice to, as at the end of the day I was not feeling the best
So please accept my apologies for comments I have left out.

Peruvian Boars

1st 326 RBOB Silky coat, reasonable density, clean with even length, slight thinning around sweep. Nails needed attention. Good frontal.

2nd 325 Overall reasonable density of coat, good frontal and sweep. Some coat loss on side causing unevenness.

Peruvian Sow

1st 327, BOB Clean and well presented, good density, even length and sweep. Good frontal and chops.

Sheltie Boars

1st 330, BOB clean even length all round, Good density throughout coat including shoulders. Nice chops and very quiet. Good presentation.

2nd 328, Shorter coat on shoulder, lacked density here. Lacked chops, slightly uneven length

Texel Boars

1st 332, BOB BOG Clean and knot free. Excellent density and wealth of coat. Even all round length. well set ears. Good chops, quiet and well presented.

Congratulations to Haylee Stud with Ch Haylees Toyboy.

2nd 331 Clean, very good coat density overall, even, reasonable chops, well presented & nice ears.

3rd 334 Small knot in coat, even length, good density, chops reasonable.

Texel Sows

1st 337 RBOB Lovely ear/eye, Ex density of coat, even length, reasonable chops, good clean presentation.

2nd 336 Chops uneven, nails could be shorter, sweep lacked density, even coat length, clean.

Yours in Cavying,

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