

REX ROUNDABOUT

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ners of the points shows. It gave me great pleasure to present the first one to Bill Burbidge for his win at Collier Row. The winners of the three previous shows will be getting theirs in due course.

The leading positions in the points competition after the Collier Row show are: Lincoln Stud 15, J Morris 13, D Woollard 11, W Burbidge and C Neal 10 each, S Pleasa, E Hardwicke and L Goodwin all on nine. Altogether thirty members have so far taken part. As I write I have not got the results of the Dunmow show held on Whit Monday. Unfortunately, I was neither able to attend or show at this show so I do not have any idea who was present.

Time is fast approaching our young stock show at Dagenham Town show. It will be judged by Harry Titchener. Right, now what sort of show will we have? This depends on members. Non-members are cordially invited to support. The club's finances are looking good, please do not spoil the picture through lack of support. Put everything you can into the show. Support the show and the club to the hilt. I want to see a number of exhibits there the like of which the club has never known. If we can have twenties for points shows we can treble this for our stock shows. Remember if you have no youngsters there are still classes for adults, and also the July points show will be decided there.

Since I took office you have never failed me when I have asked for support. I reply on you more than ever for the YSS. It is also hoped that the club will have a stand at the Dagenham Town show again this year. Any suggestions or offers of help will be most welcome. The National clubs of the Blue Rex, Black Rex and the Orange/Fawn have already offered to have their stands on display, so there will be plenty of interest for members. I look forward to having the help of as many members as possible on both days of the show both as stewards and general helpers. The full classification appeared in *FUR AND FEATHER* of June 19 (page 576). Entries close on July 7.

To help in making future notes interesting will members please let me have any items of interest that they come across. DERRICK C WOOLACOTT, 1 Warden Avenue, Collier Row, Romford, Essex

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The Southern and South Western Rex Society's points show held at Devon Counties show on May 15 and 16 was a reasonable success, thirty-two rabbits making a total of eighty-four entries. Many thanks to Mr A R Tribbeck for judging. Tony Savidge was best in show followed by Freeson Stud. Good to see the juveniles once again.

The Bath and West held a points class for the Southern and South Western Rex members and Mr L V Eldridge guaranteed the prize money (many thanks). Tony Savidge was once again best in show and D Powell was runner up. Miss Knibbs led the juveniles, congratulations.

The YSS will be held at the Southampton Common show on July 12. Two or more rabbits entered in straight class, can be entered in all duplicates for one entry fee (this also applies to entries for the open show on Friday, July 11). That Wilts lad, D Powell, will be doing the sorting out so come on all you Rex fanciers and give Doug plenty to do. All schedules and entries from and to Mr L V Eldridge, Education Store, Red Lodge, Winchester Road, Bassett, Southampton (guaranteed prize money). See advertisement columns in this issue for full classification.

It was a pleasure to see Mr G Baker visiting the Vauxhall Spectacular show and looking more like himself, look after yourself George because we want you back.

Once again the Vauxhall show was really tops. Congratulations to Lincoln Stud on a fine performance—best in show with an Ermine. Come on all you colour breeders, the Ermine Rex is having it all its own way.

I do believe that there is quite a lot of sniffing going around. I think that it is time that the BRC tried to help by promoting some research into this question. There seems to be no simple cure for this and otherwise fit rabbits are having to be killed. What do other fanciers think about this?

The leading points positions are—Self rex, T Savidge 28, Powell Stud 28, Freeson Stud 22, M Bullock 9; Non Self rex, Miss Knibbs 8, K Winter 3.

I would like to hear from more members about their breeding, showing, etc to help to keep these notes going. There are still a few members who have not sent their subscriptions yet. Please send them along. Any new members will be welcome—subscriptions 7s 6d, OAP 5s, juvenile 2s 6d. Welcome to new members B Warren, C Morgan and Miss P J Evans.

Mrs R F Lowe has donated specials for the young stock show: 2s 6d to each winner of S/Sable, Orange and Chin Rex and 5s for each reserve of same. T W HARRISON, 288 Southampton Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire

I arrived at the West Midlands Mouse Club's show at Walsall on May 29 after a very pleasant journey down, on a glorious day. A very happy atmosphere prevailed and it gave me great pleasure to judge with Mr Kitchen and Mr Kellett. Many thanks to my stewards who were most helpful and to ladies who provided the excellent lunch and cups of tea, during the day. The stock was good and competition fierce. DC

Mrs D Cooper's classes

TAN BLACK/CHOC Ad 13: 1 3 Clifton, black, even solid top, excellent tan, good feet 2 Marriott, chocolate, good top, rich tan 3 black, tippy mouse, good skull and ears r Cross, chocolate, good tan and top but slight moult across back 8 wk 3: (One abs) 1 Clifton, nicely proportioned, solid top and tan 2 Todd, good tan but moult top, too much hay in box BLUE Ad 7: 1 3 Morton, good top and tan, tail a bit short 2 Whitehouse, very close to winner 3 bit moult top, good tan r Robb, tippy, good head, bold eyes, up against it 8 wks 13: 1 Clifton, a real beauty for such a baby, good top and wonderful tan 2 3 Taylor, good top and feet, tan not right through yet, very fit 3 same as second r Bleazard, nice mouse but soiled tail and rear CHAM/SILVER Ad 12: 1 2 Bright, champagnes, leader had tan behind ears but best tan in class 2 tan on tail root and a bit too much tan up sides 3 Espley, silver, lovely type, dark eyes, tan on tail root r Marriott, champagne, light nose otherwise good 8 wk 11: 1 Bright, champagne, few white hairs under but best tan in class 2 Jones, champagne, even top, good tan, up against it today 3 Bright, champagne, good condition, tippy, beaten tan r Higgs, champagne, heat had effected condition but it recovered later, pity AOC Ad 4: 1 Hartley, Agouti, bit moult under, very even top, good tan 2 Higgs, dove, light on forepaws and light nose, otherwise good all round 3 r Bainton, dove, tan on tail root, good top r dove, moult on back, fair an 8 wk 4: 1 2 Higgs, dove, nice even top, good tan 2 dove, very close to winner 3 Espley, bit dark top, watery eyes, rich tan r Horne, Silver Grey, very even top but tan not through Chall ad 27: 1 Clifton, black 2 Bright, cham 3 Morton, blue r Marriott 8 wk 31: 1 2 Clifton, blue 2 black 3 Higgs r Bright. Best Tan, J W Clifton's black tan. DOREN KOOPER

Mr E Kitchen's classes

Quality in the Self Section was very good. First and second in AV Grand Challenge adult and second and reserve in the AV Grand Challenge eight weeks all came from this section. Mr and Mrs Hallett's adult champagnes won best in show, being very closely challenged by Harry Smith's adult PE White.

PEW or CREAM: The best PE Whites I have seen for ages. Wonderful heads and ears, type and tail set. The creams with the exception of the winning eight weeker, all failed colour, and were not the type of the whites.

BLACK OR BLUE: The winning young blue stood away from the rest. The adults were failing colour. Only one black.

CHAM or FAWN: All chams of outstanding quality.

AOC SELF: A mixed lot, reds, silvers, chocolates and BE Whites. The leading red stood away from the rest, for colour, BE Whites were good colour but small. Silver and chocolates failed tan vents.

WHITE AND CREAM Ad 10: 1 2 3 r H. Smith 8 wk 8: 1 Todd 2 Jukes 3 r Hartley BLACK/BLUE Ad 4: 1 Jukes 2 Pearce 3 Bleazard r Berry 8 wk 1: 1 Berry CHAM/FAWN Ad 3: 1 2 Hallett 3 Smith 8 wk 2: 1 2 Hallett SELF AOC Ad 9: 1 3 Pearce 2 Jones r Roberts 8 wk 7: 1 3 Pearce 2 r Heart of England Self chall ad 20: 1 r Hallett 2 3 Smith 8 wk 17: 1 r Hallett 2 Todd 3 Berry AV Stud buck: 1 S Smith 2 T Jones 3 Hartley r Longbottom Doe ad 22: 1 Hallett 2 r H Smith 3 Hartley 8 wk 14: 1 Hartley 2 r Hallett 3 Todd Grand Chall ad 46: 1 Hallett 2 H Smith 3 Clifton r Longbottom 8 wk 51: 1 Hartley 2 Hallett 3 Todd r Berry. E KITCHEN

Mr J Kellett's classes

It was a glorious day for this show and one would have expected to see more visitors. The entry was very modest at 480 and must have been disappointing to the organisers. But it was great pleasure for me to judge once again in the Midlands. My stewards were Jack Hartley and Ken Morris and they served me well.

Dutch Ad 8: 1 Horne, black, good all round, odd stops, bit off on condition 2 Heart of England, black, heavy cheek, low saddle and

very wild 3 Whitehouse, black, heavy neck 4 Knight, dark Argente or blue fawn, no stops and small 8 wk 5: 1 Heart of England Stud, chocolate, quite good markings, white hairs saddle 2 3 4 Horne, cinnamon, nice marking but poor colour 3 Agouti, nice marking, poor colour and very wild 4 Agouti, not so good marking and short tail AOV MARKED 12: 1 Mrs Horne, chocolate Himalayan, very good size and colour, won best marked 2 Morris, chocolate Himalayan, almost equally good but in two coats 3 Bleazard, nine spot Broken, chipped ear 4 Carter, eight or nine spot Broken, brindled Marked chall AA 22: 1 Mrs Horne, Himalayan 2 Morris, Himalayan 3 Horne, Dutch AGOUTI/CIN Ad 10: 1 2 Hartley, best for colour and feet 3 Pearce, Agouti, behind on colour 4 Moxon, Agouti, also failed colour 8 wks 6: 1 2 Hartley, 3 4 Pearce, all Agoutis, placed by colour and feet CHIN/FOX or ARGENTE CREME Ad 13: 1 B Longbottom, Chin buck, excellent under, good size and top colour, slight moult on back, won best AOV 2 Moxon, black Fox, very good top colour, few white hairs in back 3 Cavandale Stud, Argente Creme, good level

colour, big improvement since I last saw this variety 4 Heart of England, Chin, in two coats, bit fat 8 wk 6: 1 Jukes, Chin, good all round, should improve with age 2 4 Moxon, black Fox, watch behind ears, good top colour 3 Robb, black Fox, lacked silvering 4 blue Fox, also lacked silvering. The majority of Foxes had a few white hairs in back ARGENTE Ad 5: 1 2 S Smith, good tippy mouse, shade light under and not quite through back of neck 2 Slight kink tip of tail 3 Morris, shade dark 4 Jukes, failed under and back of neck 8 wk 3: 1 Jones 2 3 S Smith, colour decided AOV Ad 7: 1 Ridley, Sable, very good but light nose 2 Taylor, Silver Grey, good sharp ticking, slightly light under colour 3 Heart of England, Seal Point, short tail 4 Jukes, PEW Long Hair 8 wks 8: 1 2 3 Jones, Agouti and PEW Long Hairs, big improvement in this variety, certainly had long hair, of course agouti colour is not right yet 4 Ridley, Sable AOV chall ad 24: 1 Longbottom, Chinchilla 2 4 Hartley, Agoutis 3 S Smith, Argente 8 wk 11: 1 2 Hartley, Agoutis 3 Jones, Argente 4 Jukes, Chinchilla. JOHN KELLETT

The NMC secretary writes . . .

NEW MEMBERS

D R Collings (juvenile) 26 Whitacre Road, Knowle, Solihull, Warwickshire.
D O'Dare (juvenile) 37 Coleridge Drive, Baxenden, Lancs.
B Emmett (adult) Wesley Street, Farsley, Pudsey.
D Lewis (juvenile) Flat 1, Sycamore Pad-dock, Brettie Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs.
R Meredith (adult) 52 Kidbrooke Park Road, Blackheath, London SE3.
A S Pickering (juvenile) 82 Knowle Lane, Bradford 4.
J A Pickering (Adult) 82 Knowle Lane, Bradford 4.
Claire Lidnat (juvenile), Mead House, Flower Walk, Guildford, Surrey.
A Thompson (juvenile), 47 Amis Avenue, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.
B Ward (juvenile), 15 Morley Avenue, Bradford 3, Yorks.

REJOINED

Mr and Mrs A C English, No 1 Flat, The Leys, Chevington, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

J Stoddart, 39 Horeburn Road, Tillicoultry, Clacks, Scotland.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr J Cunningham has moved to 2 Braith-

waite Way, Keighley, Yorks.

FORTHCOMING SHOWS

Pudsey Agricultural, July 12, Dagenham, July 12, Liverpool Agricultural (summer cup show) July 19.

STOCK WANTED

I am constantly receiving enquiries for stock and details of where to purchase certain varieties. Will any member who has surplus stock for sale please advertise in *FUR AND FEATHER* and help himself and the Fancy.

SHOW SUPPORT

So far the shows this year have received good support. Please keep the entries up. Help our show secretaries. Who knows, you may be next in line for best in show.

VENTILATION

Now that summer seems to have arrived one must ensure that his hut is well ventilated. A wire door fitted to a doorway will be adequate.

NEWS, PLEASE

I apologise for the lack of notes over the last few weeks but I have been on holiday and also I have received no news whatsoever for this column. S SMITH (secretary) 26 Grasmere Road, Bradford.

An appeal for support

THE National Mouse Club's summer cup show will be held at Liverpool on July 19. The show committee has put on a good classification and has engaged three good judges, Messrs Hartley, Morton and Taylor, so get those flyers fit and let us have a good entry. Why not come and bring the family, as there are plenty of attractions to suit all tastes, this being one of the best shows in the country. Schedules have been sent out, but if you have not received one and would like one, drop a line to Show Office, Dale Street, Liverpool L2 or myself and one will be sent by return of post. The full classification appears in the advertisement

columns in this issue of *FUR AND FEATHER*. Entries close on July 14. I appeal to fanciers to send entries as early as possible, to give Mr Bill Dobson, secretary of Liverpool Rabbit Club, who has offered to attend to mouse entries along with rabbit and cavy sections a chance to get labels out in plenty of time. If you are coming to the show let Mr Dobson know on the entry form so that he can forward an admission ticket.

Tom Cross, Geo Collings and myself will be in charge of the mouse section, so please let us have a good entry, as this will ensure us getting a mouse section on in future years. DICK ESPLEY

How to achieve and retain condition

I HAVE often read in *FUR AND FEATHER* that condition starts in the breeding pen. While this is quite true, one can lose condition easily even though one breeds for it.

Housing plays one of the most prominent parts. I am a firm believer in seeing that my mice have ample room to run about. Some of my boxes are over five feet long, eight inches wide and eighteen inches deep. Each box has a large window in the front which is covered with perforated zinc or gauze. Some visitors to my mousery call these boxes 'coffins'.

I prepare my mice for show along with good feeding. This consists of soaked bread every day. In addition I give at regular intervals linseed, mixed canary seed, whole oats, rolled oats, sometimes carrot, turnip, potato and a few greens. Twice a week I mix a little sugar in with the soaked bread. I believe it is most essential just as we humans have sugar in our tea. One must

have proteins for the good of one's health, even a mouse.

Why do some fanciers lose condition in their mice? It is as simple as a b c—poor housing, poor feeding, not feeding them at the right time, and then forgetting to feed them for a day or so.

I prepare to feed my mice every day around 5 o'clock in the evening. As I enter the mousery the inhabitants are there to greet me. They are such small creatures with a wonderful smell of knowing who is the one who looks after them. Some of my mice, when I handle them for too long, give me a gentle nip as much as to say 'I have had enough'. Strange, but they never draw blood. I surmise they are happy and contented and above all they like their surroundings and the ample room which they have to run about. They have that sense to know that someone at heart looks after their well being. ERNIE HIGGS