CARDIFF SHOW
17th August 2013
Pet Judge: Sandra Mobbs

Thank you for inviting me to judge the pets at the Cardiff show. Well done to Sue Neate for organising such a lovely, friendly and welcoming show. It had been a long time since I last judged pets and I felt very privileged to get to cuddle so many gorgeous, well-prepared rats. Well done to all the exhibitors; whether you won a rosette or not, your rats were all lovely.

Special thanks to Helene Gibbins for the efficient stewarding and to her daughter, Isobel, for scribing. Isobel added some of her own comments to the critiques and I'm sure she will make a good pet judge in the future.

Congratulations to Gemma Wood for winning Best Pet and to Rackie (Symphony Stud) for winning Reserve Best Pet.

ADULT OWNED BUCK
1 (A001) Amy Foxford. Big solid buck. Interested in his surroundings. Lovely whiskers. Soon settled down and had a wash. Happy to sit and be stroked. Good condition. 2 (A006) Helene Gibbons. Good preparation. Lovely glossy coat. Lovely short nails. Tried to jump back in his tank at first but then settled down to some bruxing. Lovely eyes – especially when they boggle! Took himself back into his tank. 3 (A003) Kim Purnell. Slender buck. Lovely condition. Nice and clean. Very calm. Happy to sit and be stroked. Great whiskers. Sweet boy. 4 (A004) Katie Van Zyl. Lovely cuddly buck. Unusual but very cute facial markings. Very soft coat. Soon settled down to have a wash and then had a good look around. Likes to have his tummy kissed. Nice short nails.

ADULT OWNED DOE
1 (B001) Gemma Wood. Settled down straight away to have a wash. Good condition and preparation. Very calm little girl. Fit and muscular. 2 (B006) Katie Van Zyl. Cute head spot. Very attractive colour. Very fit. Beautiful condition. Good preparation - beautifully clean. Settled down to have a wash. Very calm. Interested in what's going on around her. Took herself back to her tank and then wanted to come back out again. 3 (B002) Gemma Wood. Lovely eyes. Beautiful shape. Lovely head. If she wasn't mis-marked she would do well in Varieties. Lovely condition. She had a bit of a brux while having her head scratched, had a good look around but soon settled. Nice short nails. Very relaxed. 4 (B005) Katie Van Zyl. Very soft coat. Beautiful condition. Lovely shape. If she wasn't mis-marked she would do well in Varieties. Good preparation – beautifully clean. Very inquisitive. Took herself back into her tank.

JUVENILE OWNED DOE
1 (E001) Alyssa Berry. Cute curly whiskers. Very lively. Unusual but cute markings. She can smell where the boys have been. Didn't want to sit still for long. Very active. Good preparation – nice and clean.

BREEDER OWNED DOE
1 (H001) Symphony Stud. Lovely condition. Very alert. Soon settled down for a cuddle. Very pretty girl. Very calm. Happy to sit and be stroked. Vey licky. Adorable. Good all-round pet – she has a bit of everything!

SUPREME PET CHALLENGE
1st Best Pet (B001) Gemma Wood
2nd Reserve Best Pet (H001) Symphony Stud
3rd (A001) Amy Foxford
4th (A006) Helene Gibbons