

Drift Domino beats the native breed champion to take inter-breed victory

▶ Best animal of breed seen by judge

By Alistair Driver

A BRITISH Blue bull, hailed by the judge as the best animal he had ever seen of that breed, took the beef championship at a showery Royal County of Berkshire Show.

Three-year-old Drift Domino, owned by Jeff and Lorraine Dunn, from South Tawton, near Okehampton, picked up his biggest inter-breed championship in a highly successful year, which has seen him win 11 breed titles in 12 outings and six inter-breed titles.

Sired by Twynning Ash Troy, the Duns purchased the bull as a calf from Berkshire breeder Andrew Phillips to join their Highridge Blues herd of 40 pedigree animals.

Domino was named continental beef champion and then saw off the challenge of the native breed champion to win the overall title, with the judge lavishing praise for the 'outstanding bull'.

The native champion, the two-year-old Aberdeen-Angus bull



Inter-breed and British Blue champion Drift Domino, from J. and L. Dunn, South Tawton, Okehampton, Devon. PICTURES: Tim Scrivener

Rosemead Karona was awarded the reserve championship.

The bull, sired by Rosemead Jeronne, is part of P.C. Stovold and Son's Rosemead herd of 120 pedigree animals, run by Angus Stovold at Godalming, Surrey.

The dairy championship was closely contested between a Holstein and a Jersey from the same farm, but with different owners.

The champion was three-year-old Holstein cow Normead Revolu-

tion Helena, part of Robert Cooper's 230-cow pedigree Holstein herd, at Winterbourne, Swindon.

Sired by Moorshard Revolution, this second-calver gave around 9,000 litres as a heifer. It was her first time out this year.

Reserve champion was the three-year-old cow Jubilee Signature Ceres, one of four Jersey cows owned by Mr Cooper's herd manager Jeff Daw and his wife

Anthea, who were showing both animals.

The second calver, which gave 5,000 litres as a heifer, has had a number of successes this year, including inter-breed at the Three Counties and Bath and West shows.

The show also hosted the 2011 National Dexter Show, won by Les Digweed's Langley End Morisia, a three-year-old cow by St Dunston Cider.

Sheep

The sheep championship was won by 18-month-old home-bred Cotswold ram, Delboy, owned by Stephen Parkes, which had picked up first in the Longwool category.

The judge described the ram, part of Mr Parkes' flock of 25 pedigree ewes at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, as a 'fantastic animal with a really good walk'.

Reserve, in contrast to the large, white champion, was a small, black four-year-old Hebridean ewe, Fulney Corsica, owned by Cathie and Darren Cassie as part of their flock of 300 sheep, including 50 Hebridean ewes, at Lutterworth, Leicestershire.



Reserve inter-breed and Aberdeen-Angus champion Rosemead Karona, from P.C. Stovold and Sons, Godalming, Surrey.



Inter-breed dairy and Holstein champion Normead Revolution Helena, from the C.B. Cooper Partnership, Winterbourne, Swindon.



Reserve inter-breed dairy and Jersey champion Jubilee Signature Ceres, from J.R. and C.A. Daw, Winterbourne, Swindon.



Charolais champion Balbithan Enya, from A. White.



Commercial champion Rosey, from K.W. Ludgate.

Results

Beef
Inter-breed (Judge, A.J. Taylor) Supreme, J.N. and L.P. Dunn, Drift Domino (British Blue); reserve, P.C. Stovold, Rosemead Karona (Aberdeen-Angus).
Aberdeen-Angus (V.J. Wallace) Sup., Messrs P.C. Stovold, Rosemead Karona; res., Shadwell Estate Company, Shadwell Black Broughton.
Beef Shorthorn (D. Wylie) Sup., P. Bodily, Quinbury Danbull; res., S.S. Horton and Sons, Glenbrae Bismark.
Belted Galloway (R. Robson) Sup., M. Arbib, Howemill Highflyer; res., M. Arbib, Howemill See the Sky.
British Blonde (E. Crozier) Sup., P. Thomas, Doncombe Epone; res., P. Thomas, Doncombe Friesland.
British Blue (D. Wylie) Sup., N. and L.P. Dunn, Drift Domino; res., New Pole British Blues, Newport Empress.
British White (R. Hamilton) Sup., New Biddenden Green Farm, Smerdon Tusstago Fara; res., M. Kennett, Cadarn Steam Roller.
Charolais (A.J. Smith) Sup., A. White, Balbithan Enya; res., Mortimers Farms, Mortimers Forgemot.
Devon (C.M.J. Hurd) Sup., M. and D. Cowell, Barton Camella 206; res., D. Dorell, Stonegrove Larspur.
Hereford (T.S. Thorne) Sup., P. and M. Richman, Hollowsall 1 Goliath; res., R.J. Hutchings, Fisher 1 Cheerful.
Highland (H. Hoater) Sup., J. Whitehouse, Princess Raquel Of Mercatons; res., S.M. Tebbury, Blossom Of Herdham.
Limousin (M. Gray) Sup., Smiths of Bloxham, Ironside Enchantress; res., K.W. Ludgate, Pysbrook Fox.

Longhorn (P. Stanley) Sup., S.A. Hoilier, Longash Kalmis; res., S. Dixon, Long Ash Jabbaik.
Murray Grey (D. Ball) Sup., W.J. Finucane, Ashrose Rita 15; res., S.J. Harrow, Waterfield Valentino.
Simmental (J.H. Wood) Sup., Boddingtons Estates, Sterling Viking; D.A. and L.A. Sapsal, Dirrangam Sarah.
Other breed (P. Stanley) Sup., M. Moody, Warren Polka; res., S.A. Hoilier, Long Ash Xfactor.
Commercial (T. Lyons) Sup., K.W. Ludgate, Rosey; res., M.J. Dickens, IF.

Dairy
Inter-breed (R.J. Felton) Sup., C.B. Cooper Partnership, Normead Revolution Helena (Holstein); res., J.R. and C.A. Daw, Jubilee Signature Ceres.
Dexter (M. Bancroft) Sup., L. Digweed, Langley End Morisia; res., F. Thompson, Daystar Pluto.
Holstein Sup., C.B. Cooper Partnership, Normead Revolution Helena; res., Eimes and Crystall Holsteins, Swallowdale Baxter Bluebell 132.
Coloured dairy breed (M. Huxtable) Sup., J.R. and C.A. Daw, Jubilee Signature Ceres (Jersey); res., C. Reader, Barnowl latolia Lily.

Sheep
Inter-breed (T. Ward) Sup., S. Parkes, Cotswold; res., D. and C. Cassie (Hebridean).
Berrichon du Cher (D. Gwynne) Sup., T. Stary; res., M.S. Keeves.
Black Welsh Mountain (J. Goode) Sup., P. Lewis; res., R.A. Wise.
Clun Forest (D. Knowles) Sup., R. Vincent; res., E. Spice and Sons.
Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset (G. Jones) Sup. and res., N. Wernham.

Hampshire Down (McCarthy) Sup., L. Todd; res., H.M. Sturt.
Jacob (Tuffney) Sup., S. Taylor; res., S. Coventry.
Oxford Down (H. Watson) Sup. and res., J.W. Hook.
Southdown (R. Backshall) Sup., T. and L. Mead; res., B.N. Cooper.
Tavel (M. Hobbs) Sup., V.M. Durnford; res., R. Creshire.
Other pure native breed (G. Watson) Sup., A.L. Brown and G.C. Bleckley; res., A. Leonard.
Other continental breeds (G. Watson) Sup. and res., A.L. Brown and G.C. Bleckley.
Boreray (S. Suffolk) Sup. and res., V.A. Beesley.
Castlemilk Moorit (N. Mason) Sup. and res.,

A.J. and M.S. Harwood.
Hebridean (V. Mason) Sup., D. and C. Cassie; res., M. Simms.
Manx Loaghtan (R. Broad) Sup. and res., E. Lambert.
North Ronaldsay (M. Weaking) Sup., A.J. and M.S. Harwood; res., D. and L. White.
Soay (J. Suffolk) Sup., B. Coventry; res., T. Olenishaw.
Hill and heath breed (D. Stanhope) Sup., L. Rollason; res., R.A. Wise.
Longwool breed (E. Lambert) Sup., S.J. Parkes; res., C.R. Stacey.
Shortwool breed (E. Lambert) Sup., T. and L. Mead; res., B.N. Cooper.
Wiltshire Horn (J. Bradley) Sup. and res., J. Grant-Parkes.

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