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PART 1

EUROPEAN SHOW FOR COCHIN BANTAMS in ESSEN, GERMANY

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On the occasion of the 50-th in their own management organized club show of the German International Cochin bantam Club, a request was made to the Entente to be allowed to organize a European show. This request was granted and on 7 and 8 January 2012 the show took place in Essen. 613 bantams had been entered, of which 48 by Junior members. The Hall, in a suburb of Essen, had enough floor space to host an all single tiered show which presented the bantams to their best advantage.

Buff: 13 cocks and 20 hens. Many were a bit coarse, and only a few had the wanted golden yellow buff colour. Most bantams were graded 93 to 95 points.

Black: 21 cocks and 33 hens. Also most of the Black bantams were fairly big and coarse. In the cocks 4 times 96 points and one cock was awarded 97. At the hens, 9 times 96 points. The winning Blacks belonged to Heering, Krautwald and Lübben.

White: 22 cocks and 37 hens. Here again many big and coarse birds. One of Hans-Dieter Prekel's cockerels was awarded the max 97 points. At the females only 3 times 96 points, with Schulte/Thelen and Heering showing the best ones.

Blue: 4 cocks and 8 hens. One of Daniel Rist's cockerels was awarded 96 points, the others were graded 95 points or less.



Above: Mottled Cochon bantam cock.
Right: Cuckoo bantam hen.

In **cuckoo**, Heinz Bestmann won with both a cock and a hen awarded 96 p. Five cocks and ten hens in **yellow cuckoo** with Richard Kooistra from Assen (NL) obviously showing the best. With 4 times 95 points and 1x 96 points he became European Master Breeder in this class. He is not yet a Club member, but promised to join the Club.

Pretty birds in **Lavender** cuckoo. Here 96 points for Nadine & Fred Rademann.

Black-red, the bankiva-partridge variety, which is only recognised in



From the 15 **Lavenders**, an old hen by Kurt Sneyers (Belgium) was awarded 97 points. This bird won Best Female Cochon Bantam in Show, the Europa Champion medal and a medal of the Ministry of the state North Rhine-Westphalia.

The 8 **Red** bantams were a bit disappointing, except for the one cockerel by Michael Dankhoff.

A nice class of **Mottle**. 15 cocks, with 3x 96 points for Thomas Friedrich. In the 24 hens Kurt Sneyers showed a nice bird graded 96 points. However, same as in the cocks, the Winner was Thomas Friedrich. This time with 97 points.

Germany. Old master Aschenbach had quite some competition here. In the 18 cocks there were 4x 95 p., 2x 96 p. and 1x 97 points graded for Aschenbach's birds. In the 23 hens there were 96 points for Schulte/Thelen and 95 points for Rose and Aschenbach. However, the Winner was T. Friedrich with a 97 grade hen.

Left: **Blue red/partridge** hen.

Blue-red: Nine cocks and ten hens. A pullet by Harald Lindner was awarded 97 points.



Left: Blue red cock.

The **Grey** bantams were a bit disappointing, except one hen by Aschenbach Dieter Aschenbach.

Braungebändert 15 bantams, but only one by Maik Gallasch was graded 96 points.

The average quality of the **Silver partridge** was less good. Still 2x 96 points were graded and even 97 points. Although we thought this 97 points grade of Nadine & Fred Rademann's old hen was a bit too high.

Below: Birchen cockerel.

Birchen: 7 cocks and 11 hens. The Best by Ottmar Scholz and Friederich Sahlenbeck.

White black columbia, all 93 to 95 points.

White blue columbia, the most striking bird was a pullet by Jürgen Gregorzuk, awarded 96 points.

Buff black columbia with several outstanding birds, graded 96 points. A hen by Dieter Aschenbach was awarded 97 points.



Left: Buff black columbia hen.

Buff blue columbia a slightly lesser quality, although Dieter Aschenbach showed a 96 points bird.

Wheaten in very good quality, with excellent birds by ZG Hessel, awarded 96 and even 97 points.

Silverwheaten: We have seen better birds in this colour variety. One pullet by Dieter Aschenbach was awarded 96 points.

Right:
Buff blue columbia hen.



Below:
White blue columbia hen.



Below: White black columbia cock.



The last colour class was **Millefleur**. A positive surprise, as the average were of very good colour. Two birds of Ulrike Delventhal were graded 96 points.

Next came the **Frizzle** class with 50 bantams 7 colour varieties. Only 4 times 96 points were graded.



In the Junior Class the quality was varying. Only some Black, Cuckoo and Brown-red were graded 96 points.

Dieter Aschenbach showed a few bantams in new colour varieties:

Black-red mottled and **Blue brassy back**.

Left: Millefleur hen.

Below: Millefleur cock.



Below: A bantam hen in the new colour variety Black-red mottled.



In a separate room the bantams of the free sales section were caged – a good number of almost 200 birds. We got acquainted with many breeders from many different nationalities and we renewed the contact with the Danish Cochins Club; they have an active board now.

All in all it has been a perfect day with pleasant memories. Most certainly worth the travel!

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