

ESSC Open Show 27th February 2022

Judge: Mrs Afke Bruijn (v. 't Maartenshuis) – The Netherlands

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at this lovely show. I consider it as a great honour and I hope everyone has enjoyed the day as much as I did. My special thanks are for my two stewards, Sheila Stock and Stuart Gruszka, they stood by my side the whole day. Also I like to thank my brother Willem who took the photos in difficult circumstances (very windy outside) but was helped by the glamorous assistant Sheila Riding. And at last but not least I like to thank the exhibitors for their top quality entry and their sportsmanship. Looking back at the photos I realize that I'm very blessed with so many beautiful shelties present at this show.

Minor Puppy Dog (2,2)

1. Thornley's Felthorn Barnaby Rudge: 7 month tricolour dog with a very sweet expression, excellent eye placement and almond shaped, very well placed and carried ears, well balanced head, beautiful long reach of neck, legs straight in front, very well angulated in front and rear, good depth of chest, lovely long tail, moved very well. Overall a harmonious and alert dog who just needs to get more experience on shows which I'm sure that he will. **BPD**

2. Miles's Milesend Black Tartan: 7 month tricolour dog with a sweet expression, beautiful rich in tan, carried his ears very well but I would like to see the ears a bit nearer placed on the head. Beautiful almond shaped eye, good balanced head, good reach of neck. He has very good bone, legs straight in front, very well angulated in front and rear and moved very well. Was excellent presented on the table and on the floor.

Puppy Dog (3,2)

1. Forster Parish's Lowick Blueberry: 7 month blue merle dog with a very sweet expression and with beautiful tan markings and a lovely blue colour. Very nice head with good eye placement and almond shaped, ears carried very well but a bit placed on the side of the head. He's very well angulated in front and rear, he's moving very well with good drive. Legs straight in front and very good bone, well presented.

2. Aaron & Durant's Shelridge Santino At Neraklee: 9 month golden sable dog with a very sweet expression and with a nice dark and nicely set eye, good ear placement and carriage, well balanced head. Very well angulated in front and rear, legs straight front, nice top line, moved very well. He was a bit unsure because it was his first show but I'm sure he will be more confident in the future. It was a very close decision with number 1.

Junior (4,1)

1. Goldie's Blenmerrow Mazurka: 16 month golden sable dog with a sweet expression but he wasn't very keen on showing his ears today. A bit feminine in head and bone but he still has some time to mature. Nice eye placement and good shape, good ear carriage, well balanced head. Legs straight in front, lacked some angulation in front which showed in his movement, well angulated in rear, good drive behind. Nice top line and for a dog a really long tail. He's a bit unsure but with ring training or shows that will come in time.

Novice Dog (3,3)

1. Miles's Milesend Kingfisher: 18 month blue merle dog with a lovely expression, lovely blue colour. He's well angulated in front although it shows different, good reach of neck, well angulated in rear, legs straight in front, good bone. Nice head, beautiful almond shaped and placed blue eyes, ears well placed but wasn't very eager to show his ears. Like all in this class very distracted to the surroundings of the ring, in time with practice this will go much better. Very well presented.

2. Aaron & Durant's Shelridge Santino At Neraklee, see Puppy Dog

3. Bussey's Hamblerose Black Diamond

Graduate Dog (4,2)

1. Withers's Mitchfields Dizzee Rascal At Stanydale, 4 year old blue merle dog, very masculine in expression. The dark markings on his balanced head give him a special look. Good eye shape and placement, very good ear carriage and placement. Good bone, legs straight in front, good reach of neck, excellent angulation in front and rear, good depth of chest, beautiful long tail. Very good movement with drive. Very well presented.

2. Varnom's Milesend Morning Time: almost 6 year old shaded sable dog with a sweet expression. Well

balanced head with good placed dark eyes, ears are just tipping but that doesn't spoil the expression. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, the lacking of angulation in front could have an effect on his movement, angulation in rear is good. Nice top line, very well presented, very alert.

Post Graduate (6,6)

1. Morrison's Ketim Final Edition: almost 3 year old shaded sable dog with a super sweet expression and elegant outline. Very well balanced head with perfect shaped and placed eyes, correct ears and a good reach of neck. Legs straight in front, correct angulation in front and in rear, beautiful top line and a long tail. He moves very well and is excellent presented, he is a lovely appearance. **reserve BD**
2. Gruszka's Japaro Timeless Design For Samphrey: almost 3 year old golden sable with a full white collar. Nicely balanced head with beautiful dark eyes, well placed and well-shaped, ears placed very well and carriage is excellent, lovely reach of neck. Legs straight in front, good angulation in front and rear, lovely top line, lovely long tail. Moved very well and is excellent presented.
3. Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans

Limit Dog (3,3)

1. Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date Of Lizmark Jw: 4 year old sable dog in a very rich coat with a very sweet expression. Well balanced head with a bit small but nice almond shaped eye with good placement, ear carriage and placement very good, very alert. Angulation in front and rear is good, he's turning his right elbow a bit out but he moves well, a beautiful long tail and is presented very well.
2. Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control: 5 year old blue merle dog with a lovely top line and a long reach of neck. Balanced head with a bit big eye, alert ears although right ear is tending to go up. Very good angulation in front and rear, good depth of chest, long tail, very harmonious dog, I only wished he was moved a bit faster. Very nice presented.
3. Mrs S A Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition

Open Dog (0)

Special Open Dog (Sable & White) (4,3)

1. Mrs S A Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition: 4 year old sable dog in great coat with a lovely expression. Balanced head with a nice shaped and placed eye and good ear carriage, showing himself very well. Legs straight in front, angulation in front and rear could be a bit better which shows in his movement. Nice reach of neck and presented very well.
2. Mrs D Moore's Torinska River Romeo For Shetlo: 3,5 year old sable harmonious dog with a lovely silhouette, I wished him a bit smaller in head and body. Lovely dark eyes, good shape and placement, good carried ears but placed a bit wide. Legs straight in front, very good angulation in rear and front which he shows in his good movement. Very well presented.
3. Goldie's Blenmerrow Mazurka

Special Open Dog (Tricolour, B&T or B&W) (3,2)

1. Withers's Felthorn Cover Story: 2,5 year old tricolour dog with a very sweet expression and beautiful outline. Balanced head with a good shaped and placed eye, very well ear carriage and placement, very alert. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, excellent angulation in front and rear which gives him a flowing movement. Good depth of chest, excellent presented. **BD, reserve BIS and BOS**
2. Pattison's Kyleburn Romulus: 4 year old tricolour dog with a sweet expression. Well balanced head with good ear and eye placement, very alert. Legs straight in front, angulation in front good, in rear could be a bit better although he moved very nicely with sufficient drive. Very good reach of neck and good depth of chest. Today he doesn't like to show himself.

Special Open Dog (Blue Merle) (2,2)

1. Aaron's Shelridge Toastmaster: 4 year old blue merle dog with an excellent colour with a lovely expression. Balanced head with a lovely shaped and placed eye, ear carriage and placement is excellent. Good bone, legs straight in front, angulation in front and rear is good, good regular movement, good reach of neck. Lovely silhouette, presented very well.
2. Ayres's Gemette Gone Platinum: 10 month old blue merle dog with a sweet expression and a lovely outline. Balanced head with good shape and placement of eye, good carriage and placement from the ears. Good reach of neck, a bit narrow in front, lacking some angulation in front, good angulation in rear, lovely tail, good movement. Due to the stressful journey to the show he's a bit stressed but with more practice and time he will do very well on future shows.

Veteran Dog (2,2)

1. Pattison's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream: 7,5 year old shaded sable dog who doesn't show his age at all and with a very nice outline. Balanced head with nicely placed eyes and ears. Legs straight in front, very good angulation in front and rear, good reach of neck, moved well. Presented very well. **BVD**
2. Varnom's Milesend Sea Captain: just 7 year old shaded sable dog with a sweet expression. Balanced head with good eye and ear placement, ears could tip a bit more. Good reach of neck, sufficient angulation in front and good angulation in rear, straight legs in front. Very alert and presented with love.

Special Beginners Dog (1,0)

Minor Puppy Bitch (5,4)

1. Matthews's Esterbon Time Will Tell: almost 9 months old blue merle bitch with a graceful appearance. Very nice colour of blue merle, very feminine in head with lovely shaped and placed eyes, she's using her ears very well, lovely long reach of neck. Legs straight in front, good bone, excellent angulation in front and rear, lovely outline and a lovely long tail. She moved very well, presented very well and with some more practice and time I love to see her back on shows. **BPB and BPIS**
2. Miles's Milesend Gold Blend: 8 month old sable bitch with a very lovely expression, opposite to my number 1 she's going to the maximum size and I hope she stays like this. Very well balanced head, perfect shaped and placed eyes, ears carried and placed very well, long reach of neck, legs straight in front, excellent angulation in front and in rear, good bone, lovely coat. She moved very good and is presented very well.
3. Mrs S A Moore's Kyleburn Almost A Dream

Puppy Bitch (2,1)

1. James's Valmay In Vogue: 11 month sable bitch with an overall harmonious appearance. Very well balance head with nice dark eyes well placed and shaped, good ear carriage and a nice reach of neck. Legs straight in front, well angulated in front and rear, good outline, moved very well, very alert and is excellent presented.

Junior Bitch (5,5)

1. Bray's Jontygray Trice As Nice By Lianbray: 1 year old tricolour bitch with an eye-catching appearance. Very sweet expression, well balanced head, eyes well shaped and well placed, good ear carriage and placement, lovely long reach of neck. Legs straight in front, excellent angulation in front and in rear, lovely outline, moved very glamorous, lovely long tail. Very alert, overall very harmonious and excellent presented. **BB and BIS**
2. Miles's Milesend Goldspun: 15 month old sable bitch with a very sweet expression and with a lovely outline. Well balanced head with well-shaped and place eyes, perfect ear carriage and placement and a good reach of neck. Legs straight in front, excellent angulation in front and in rear, moved excellent, good depth of chest. She's very alert and is very well presented.
3. James's Valmay In Vogue

Novice Bitch (4,4)

1. Bray's Jontygray Trice As Nice By Lianbray: see Junior Bitch - **BB and BIS**
2. Matthews's Esterbon Time Will Tell: see Minor Puppy Bitch – **BPB and BPIS**
3. Rule's Bleatarn Gee Whizz

Graduate Bitch (5,5)

1. Whittinton's Tighness The Tide Is High: 7 year old golden sable bitch in a shining appearance. Very well balanced head with a very feminine expression, eyes well placed and shaped, ears perfect carried and very alert, beautiful long reach of neck. Legs straight in front, good bone, very good angulation in front and rear, good depth of chest, lovely outline, moved very flowing. Excellent presentation.
2. Miles's Milesend Moondancer: 17 months old tricolour bitch with a sweet expression. Well balanced head, nice shaped and placed eye which I preferred a tiny smaller, ears are carried very nice. Already shows like a pro. Legs straight in front, very good angulation in front and in rear, good depth of chest and moved very well. Very well presented.
3. Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Jive Talking

Post Graduate Bitch (5,3)

1. Withers's Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale: 4 year old tricolour bitch with an overall feminine appearance. Lovely head, eyes I preferred a bit smaller but nicely shaped and placed, very good ear carriage and placement.

Legs straight legs in front but slightly wide placed, good bone, very well angulated in front and rear, long tail, beautiful outline. Moved very good and was very well presented.

2. Morrison's Ketim Future Edition: almost 3 years old shaded sable bitch with a very sweet expression. Well balanced head, well placed and lovely shaped eye, good ear carriage, placement a bit to the side. Very long reach of neck, legs straight in front, very good angulation in front and sufficient in rear, lovely outline. Moved very well and was presented excellent.

3. Mrs S A Moore's Sanscott Sweet Edition

Limit Bitch (4,3)

1. Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness Jw: 5 year old tricolour bitch, an outstanding appearance with lovely rich tan markings. Very well balanced head, beautiful dark eyes well shaped and placed, perfect ear carriage and placement. Legs straight in front, lovely long reach of neck, very well angulated in front and in rear, good depth of chest, lovely outline and a long tail. She's excellent mover and is excellent presented.

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2. Aaron's Kyleburn Sibylla At Shelridge: 4 year old golden sable bitch, a lovely appearance, a very rich coat, a lot of dogs would be envious about it. A very sweet expression, well balanced head, nice shaped and placed eyes, good ear carriage and good reach of neck. Legs straight in front, very good angulation front and rear, lovely top line and a beautiful long tail. Gained a bit weight during lockdown but nevertheless moved very well. Is very well presented.

3. Atkins's Jontygray Kiss N' Tell

Open Bitch (4,4)

1. Withers's Mitchfields Fashion Girl At Felthorn: 4 year old blue merle bitch with an beautiful harmonious silhouette. Well balanced head with well-shaped and well placed eyes, good ear carriage, left ear is tipping a bit more at the moment. Legs straight in front, good bone, long reach of neck, very good angulation in front and rear, lovely outline and a beautiful long tail. Movement is very flowing and she's presented excellent.

2. Rule's Bleatarn Gee Whizz: 4 year old sable bitch with a lovely expression. Well balanced head, nice placed and shaped eye, good ear carriage and placement, very alert. Good reach of neck, good angulation in front and rear, lovely long tail, moved very well but could lose a bit of weight. Presented excellent.

3. Mjalova's Zuna Iš Žvaigdes (Imp LIT)

Special Open Bitch (Sable & White) (6,5)

1. Bray's Lianbray Laced With Gold: 3,5 year old sable bitch with a sweet expression and a rich coat. Well balanced head, nicely placed and shaped eye, ear carriage is good, placement a bit wide. Legs straight legs in front, sufficient reach of neck, well angulated in front and in rear, long tail, good depth of chest. She moves very flowing and is presented very good.

2. Gruska's Samphrey Sea Breeze: 8 year old shaded sable bitch who does look beautiful for her age. Well balanced head, sweet expression, I wished her eyes were a bit smaller, ears very attent. Legs straight in front, well angulated in front and rear, good depth of chest and a good reach of neck. She moved very well around the ring, good presentation.

3. Mrs S A Moore's Sanscott Sweet Edition

Special Open Bitch (Tricolour, B&T or B&W) (1,1)

1. Wallis's Shougies Nightstar: almost 3 years old tricolour bitch, a lovely appearance. Well balanced head with a good dark placed eyes, eyes are a bit round, beautiful ear placement and carriage which gives a sweet expression. Legs straight in front, lacking angulation in front, good angulation in rear, beautiful long tail, nice top line. Good movement and overall a lovely silhouette. Good presentation.

Special Open Bitch (Blue Merle) (0,0)

Veteran Bitch (6,4)

1. Gruszka's Samphrey Shades Of Blue Sh.cm Vw: a 10 year old blue merle bitch in very good condition and a gorgeous appearance. Very well balanced head with a lovely shaped and placed eye, ear placement and carriage very good and a very good reach of neck, sweet expression. Legs straight in front, very good angulation in front and rear which gives her a very sound movement. Good depth of chest, overall very harmonious. Very well presented. **BVB and BVIS**

2. Ayres's Gemette Gone Midnite: a 8 year old tricolour bitch also in a good condition and with a sweet expression. Well balanced head with good shaped and placed eyes, good ear carriage and placement, right ear wants to go up now and then, very alert and very friendly. Legs straight in front, well angulated in front and

rear, moved very well. Beautiful black coat and she's presented very well.

3. Bussey's Kelgrove Kinda Black Magic At Hambleroose

Special Beginners Bitch (2,2)

1. Wallis's Shougies Nightstar: see Special Open Bitch tricolour

2. Wallis's Peartbrook Perle D'ore: 7 year old shaded sable bitch with a very sweet expression and a rich coat. Well balanced head with very nice shaped and set eyes, ears very well carried and placed. Legs straight in front, good bone, lacking angulation in front, good angulation in rear, lovely top line. Overall a lovely silhouette and a good presentation.