

## The English Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge at this show. It was a great honour, and I had a lovely entry of quality dogs. Special thanks to the very efficient Stewards Lynis John and Lynda Nicholas who did a great job.

The dogs were all cleanly presented and had good temperaments & dentition.

Minor Puppy Dog 8 (4 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> BP Dog & BPIS Weller's Evad Halloween Tzar 7 ½ month old s&w. This lovely puppy appealed for shape and construction. Pleasing head pattern, with dark brown almond shape eye obliquely set, correct stop, good ear carriage giving a lovely, sweet expression. Lovely arched neck. Chest and ribs developing well, front legs straight with enough bone. Good shoulder angulation. Firm top line. Good turn of stifle and hocks well let down. He covered the ground well, with good length of stride, but needs to strengthen at the rear as he matures and muscles up. Harsh topcoat and dense undercoat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hardin's Sheltysham Mystic Miles, a nice puppy, a few weeks younger and a bit smaller and less coat. Pleasing head and expression. Good front and rear angulation. Moved ok. 3<sup>rd</sup> Morrison's Sanscott Late Edition With Ketim

Puppy Dog 4. 1<sup>st</sup> MPD winner 2<sup>nd</sup> Greaves Foxtone Fairy Glen 11months old s&w. Pleasing head, neat ears and good eye placement giving a sweet expression. Strong bone and oval feet. Would like a slightly broader chest and he moved a little close at the front & had less neck than winner. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gamble's Balidorn Olympic Star With Solytic.

Junior Dog 4 1<sup>st</sup> Rossiter's Cocaro The Highlander 16 months old, shaded s&w. Good head proportions, with correct stop and eye shape & placement, ears of correct size. All combing to give a sweet expression. Good front and rear angulation, gentle sweep over the loins. Reasonable coat and good movement. 2<sup>nd</sup> Winfield's Iskander Bohemia Classic For Oakcroft JW (IMP CZE) 14 months old s&w. Similar in type to winner. Lovely head and expression. Good movement just losing coat as expected at this age. 3<sup>rd</sup> Norris's Ferngrove Code Blue

Novice Dog 4 1<sup>st</sup> Keighley's Fenstyle Fire Wizard, 2 years old s&w, good head pattern and stop. Lovely expression from dark eyes. Good ear carriage. Slightly straight in upper arm, good depth of rib, level top line. Good hind angulation. Moved freely. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hodgson's Brown Sugar of Silverlight (IMP ROM) just over 2 ½ years old shaded s&w. Lovely headed dog with sweet expression, one ear is a bit light. Reasonable neck and good front and rear angulation. Level top line. Moved freely. 3<sup>rd</sup> Clough-Diprose Auberswell Star Trooper.

Post Graduate Dog 8 (1 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> Parker's Edglonian Prime Target With Tolarock. Lovely, shaded s&w in good coat. Clean head with nicely moulded muzzle & flat skull. Sweet expression from dark almond shape eye and nicely set ears. Good shoulder and upper arm. Strong legs and bone. Good feet. Neck arched, strong back and good hind quarters. Sound movement, covering the ground effortlessly. 2<sup>nd</sup> Linford's Hillhenry In Your Honour. Lovely Tri in good coat and condition. Very well constructed front and rear. Strong bone. Level top line and good chest. Sound movement. Lovely head proportions and sweet dark eye, Correct stop and ear set. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeavons Grandgenes Play The Game.

Limit Dog 9 (1 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> &Res Best Dog. Winfield's Oakcroft The Mandalorian JW Gorgeous s&w dog caught my attention as soon as he came in the ring. Everything in proportion. Correct

length to height, arched neck, good front and rear angulation. Strong bone, oval shaped padded feet. Flexible pasterns, hocks strong. Good tail set and length of tail. Level top line. Covered the ground effortlessly, very lithe. His head is beautiful, blunt wedge, clean, rounded muzzle stop correctly placed sweet obliquely set dark eyes giving a handsome sweet expression. Ears of correct size and well carried. Flat skull. Scissor bite. In good harsh coat which would not hamper him working. Still a young dog, it will be interesting to see how he matures. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sorockyj's Padawan Mandalorian 4 years old s&w another lovely dog. Similar in type as winner. Moved effortlessly covering the ground freely. He has a lovely quality head with a lovely, sweet expression. Just not in his best clothes. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lycett's Iliad Isle Of Ewe

Open Dog 6. 1st Best Dog & Best Opposite Sex in Show Mitchell's Valdosta Gracelands JW, attractive s/w dog. He has a gorgeous head, lovely blunt wedge, flat skull, correct scissor bite, well placed stop. Dark brown almond shaped eyes, ear set correct and a sweet expression. Beautiful proportions with nothing exaggerated. Correct length to height, arched neck, lovely strong bone, and pasterns. Good depth and width of chest. Strong back and hind quarters. He could do a good day's work, and his movement was a joy to watch. Well fitted coat that would protect from the elements. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clough's Evad Lite Breeze another lovely s&w dog. Interesting to see 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd share the same sire. A dog who I have placed well before. This explains why they are similar in type and quality. Lovely head, eye and expression, Good construction and top line, moved freely. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mottram's CH Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo At Lockkaren JW (IMP SWE)

Veteran Dog 10 (3 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> & Best VD BVIS Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date Of Lizmark JW lovely s&w almost 7½ years old. Quality dog with a lovely shape. Clean head of correct proportions. Sweet dark eye and good ear carriage. Arched neck and strong back. Good depth of ribs and chest. Good front and rear angulation. Slight rise over the loin. Strong bone and hocks. Moved freely and effortlessly. 2<sup>nd</sup> French's CH Lindfern Light Sabre JW. I just mentioned this dog is the sire of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in open dog, also RBB & RBIS and he now appears in veteran dog. A lovely s&w dog who has retained his quality. Super head and expression. Good shoulder and upper arm, Strong hind quarters. Good chest and strong back. Effortless movement coming and going. 3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor, Wells & Yuille CH Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge (IMP FRA) JW.

Minor Puppy Bitch 10 (3 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> & BPB Mettan-Ure's Oakcroft Graceful Star Over Savendie 8 ½ month old s&w, very feminine, pleasing head pattern, sweet dark eye, good ear set. Arched neck, good front, and rear construction. Strong bone. Moved out well. 2<sup>nd</sup> Winfield's Oakcroft Amazing Star Litter sister to winner and both sired by the Res BD. Really splitting hairs between them. This one was more mature and had a very dense coat, but at times she got a bit lost in it on the move and she lifted her front feet higher than I would like. It may have been the concrete floor surface as I have seen her go better on grass. She has a beautiful head and lovely ear carriage. Good confirmation. 3<sup>rd</sup> Hull's Lizmark Forget Me Not.

Puppy Bitch 5 (4 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> Mettan-Ure's Savendie Meleys 11 months old tri. Clean head with sweet expression, ear well set and used. Good neck and front construction. Good length of back and strong hind quarters. Tail of good length. Moved freely. Just needs more coat to complete the picture.

Junior Bitch 6 (4 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> Bray's Lianbray Lucy Locket Just over 12 months, pale s&w. Head of good proportions, sweet eye and expression. Pleasing shape, arched neck. Good depth of chest, Good front, and rear angulation. Moved well when settled. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jame's Valmay Victoriana Pleasing head and ear set. Sweet expression. Nicely constructed and moved freely. Out of coat.

Novice Bitch 6 (2 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> Winfield's Oakcroft Amazing Star (see minor puppy for report) 2<sup>nd</sup> Durrant's Misti Moon Over Neraklee b/m in good fitting coat. Lovely head pattern, pleasing eye and expression. Good front and rear construction, good neck, and depth of chest. Moved with purpose.

Post Graduate Bitch 17 (6 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> Weller's Halloween Spice JW s&w with a lovely outline, good front construction and lay of shoulder, good neck, and correct length to height. Good chest and pleasing hind quarters. Sound mover. Lovely head with sweet soft expression, correct stop, and neat ears. 2<sup>nd</sup> Moore's Jolex Candy Floss With Sanscott s&w in good coat. Good head proportions, correctly placed eye and ears giving a soft expression. Good bone and front and rear construction. Level top line on the move and sound. Good ribs. More coat than winner. 3<sup>rd</sup> Norris's Sabema Mayfly At Ferngrove.

Limit Bitch 11 (5 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> Keycharm Sweet Candy, s&w. beautiful head with correctly placed eye and sweet expression. Good ear set. Nothing exaggerated about her. Good front construction, arched neck, and good ribs. Good top line. Strong bone. Good hindquarters and tail of correct length. Lovely movement, converging at the front. 2<sup>nd</sup> French Lavika Soul Of Gold For Lindfern. Another lovely s&w. Less coat than winner, but she has lovely quality head with well set eye and sweet expression. Good front and rear angulations. Moved well. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheal's Valdosta Galadriel At Faemadra JW.

Open Bitch 6 (1 absent) 1<sup>st</sup> BB & Best in Show. Thornley, Thornley & Wither's Felthorn Good Time Girl. This exquisite b/m totally captivated me. Her colour is beautiful, and her coat was in such good condition. Everything in proportion and no exaggeration, Strong bone, oval padded feet, and good pasterns. Super shoulder and upper arm, matched with strong hind quarters with straight hocks viewed from behind and well let down. Her head is a lovely wedge, exceptionally smooth when handled, her sweet eye, stop and ears all combining to give her the most lovely, sweet expression. Her movement was a joy to watch so free and flowing with no effort. Capable of doing a decent day's work. A pleasure to award her top honours. She must have a very bright future. 2<sup>nd</sup> RBB & RBIS Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess JW s&w, another lovely quality bitch with super construction and very sound on the move, with no effort. Beautiful quality head with a sweet expression from correctly placed eyes. Good ear set and correct stop. Lovely arched neck. Correct length to height. Strong legs and pasterns, Good chest. Level top line. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff At Benravia.

Veteran Bitch 9 (2 absent) what an interesting class. Amazing to find such sound movement and condition on the elder ladies in the class. 1<sup>st</sup> & BVB Whittington's Tighness The Tide is High VW. Coming up to 11 years, s&w very much out of coat but she has nothing to hide in construction and movement. Cleanest of heads with no lumps or bumps. Good eye, stop and ear placement giving her the sweetest expression. So, sound and moving freely with no effort. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lycett's Herds Hallicia At Iliad s&w 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  years old. From one of the older breeding lines. She is amazing for her age and still very sound and strong. Her lovely head pattern is also denying her age. Her expression is sweet but has a twinkle in her eye. Ears still alert. Lovely

confirmation. Her movement is still very good, and her hindquarters are strong. A credit to her owner. 3<sup>rd</sup> Norris's Clanavon Love In A Mist

Judge Sheila Carlton (Sambreeze)