

ESSC Ch show – 19 October 2019 (critique – Dogs)

Many thanks to the ESSC for their kind invitation for me to judge dogs at their 2019 Championship show. Thank you to my two very efficient stewards, Jim Martin and Stuart Gruszka, and thank you to all exhibitors for your entries – I had some beautiful dogs to go over and was delighted with my final line up. Presentation was excellent. Dentition was good, although some could have been cleaner. Tailsets and carriage were excellent in the main, with the added bonus of some being well past the hock, which really does enhance the overall appearance. I do, however, feel that some ears are rather over trimmed. For me, the Sheltie should not appear trimmed or sculpted in any way and the overall impression should be natural. If too much hair is removed then this can harshen the soft and gentle expression that is so typical of our beautiful Breed.

Veteran Dog (5)

A really lovely class to start the day!

1. Ch Highbrook Hot Heir JW (Goodwin)

Eight year old shaded s/w of ideal size and substance. Loved his shape. So well balanced all through with a sweet head and expression, dark eye and neat ears. Excellent reach of neck, level topline and sweep over loin leading to good tailset and carriage. Looked so lithe and graceful on the move and covered the ground easily. Sets himself up so well on the stand and very attentive to his handler.

2. Ch Mistmere Blackthorn At Shelridge JW (Aaron)

Tricolour boy approaching 10 yrs, who excels in construction with such a lovely depth to his chest and strong bone. His head is balanced with a sweet alert expression and well used ears. Good reach of neck and level topline. So well presented in full coat of a good colour, enhanced with a glamorous white collar. When he got into his stride he moved very well. Unlucky to meet 1 in such good form today.

3. Evad Whougonnacall At Stormhead ShCM (Rutherford)

Minor Puppy Dog (6)

Class of different types and sizes, but minor puppies can change so much in three months.

1. Mitchfields Dizzee Rascal At Stanydale (Withers)

Masculine looking b/m just short of nine months. Excellent construction and well off for bone. Super shape and reach of neck, level topline, good sweep over loin and well carried tail of good length. Although a touch heavier marked in places his blue merle is of the correct clear silvery blue, with a full white collar. Equal planes to head with flat skull and neat ears, though he still needs to clear in stop. Well rounded muzzle and good underjaw. Moves really well. Sired by DCC winner and shares many of his virtues. **BPD**.

2. Japaro Timeless Design (Gruszka)

Attractive, richly coloured, glamorous s/w who is still very much a raw baby at just under seven months and will look more balanced when his coat comes on. Pleasing type with sweet head and expression, correct stop and dark well placed and shaped eye, neat ears. Level topline, good set and length to tail. Sufficient bone for size. Good outline. Stands and shows well.

3. Lavika Lifestyle (Hillman)

Puppy Dog (6, 2a)

1. Esstremere Tri To Dance (Atkins)

Plainer tricolour who has a very pleasing shape with sufficient bone for his size. Jet black coat with rich tan markings, good texture but still needs more undercoat. Very well made with a sweet head and expression, correct stop and neat ears. Good body, level topline and sweep over loin leading to an amazingly long tail! One that will improve with maturity. Covered the ground efficiently on the move and showed well.

2. Kyleburn Dream Lover (Robson)

Attractive, richly coloured s/w with super head and expression. Lean blunt wedge with correct stop, dark eye and good underjaw. Neat ears. Well made boy with good depth to chest, level topline and good tailset. Good substance. Attentive to handler and moved well.

3. Jourdorill Moment In Time At Valjon (Woolley)

Junior Dog (7, 1a)

1. Rannerdale Showmaster (Stafford)

Top quality red s/w. Just into junior having had a very successful puppy career and it is easy to see why. All male, but with such a sweet head and expression, dark eye, neat ears and flat skull. Excellent bone with straight forelegs and good feet. Good shoulder placement, turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Carries his head proudly on a reachy neck, and shows himself off so well. Lovely shape, good topline and long tail. So beautifully turned out in such good coat for his age – he will have a bright future I'm sure.

2. Kyleburn Hidden Dream (Pattinson)

Shaded s/w who couldn't match the glamour or showmanship of 1, but a very pleasing shapely dog of quality and type. Excellent forehand construction and turn of stifle with good bone, legs and feet. Well balanced all through with sweet head and expression. Level topline with correctly set long tail. Moved very well.

3. Kyleburn Dream Lover (Robson)

Yearling Dog (8, 2a)

1. Lindfern Light Sabre JW (French)

Very attractive golden s/w of super type and construction with strong bone and good depth to chest. His head is balanced with correct stop and well-rounded muzzle. Neat ears which he uses well. Pleasing expression but would prefer a slightly more almond shaped eye. Creates a very shapely outline with his excellent reach of neck, level topline and sweep over loin with a tail of good length and a lovely swirl on the end, but he can challenge his handler with this on the move. Moved steadily to win his class but felt he could have stepped out more in the challenge. Very well presented and an excellent showman.

2. Keycharm Gold Standard At Milesend (Miles)

S/W of 14 months. Elegantly shaped young lad who was not as mature and finished looking as 1, but of excellent type and substance with straight forelegs and good feet. Balanced and refined head with a sweet eye and expression, correct stop and flat skull. Would prefer a touch more underjaw. Excellent reach of neck, good topline and tailset. Stands foursquare. Covered the ground very efficiently on the move.

3. Shemist Sea Dragon (Stock)

Novice Dog (6, 1a)

1. Jontygray Touch Of Class For Ketim (Morrison)

Attractive s/w with pleasing head and expression. Balanced head with flat skull. Correct stop. Well rounded muzzle. Super eye shape and placement. Sweet yet masculine expression. Ears a bit wider set than ideal and just tipped. In good harsh coat and condition, but still needs a touch more coat underneath for finish. Correct size and substance with an excellent reach of neck. Good turn of stifle and correct tailset. Moved very well.

2. Milesend Blue Jeans (Varnom)

B/m of ideal size, shape and construction. Balanced head with correct stop, dark eye and sweet expression, ears on the larger side but uses them well. Well rounded muzzle. Clear blue colour to coat which was of good texture and in lovely condition. Level topline and long tail. Stands and shows well but needs more confidence on the table. Carrying a bit too much weight, which showed in his movement.

3. Lirren Showtime Joins Auberswell (Bastiani & John)

Tyro Dog (5, 1a)

1. Torinska River Romeo For Shetlo (Moore)

Beautifully presented s/w in excellent coat and condition. Would prefer him scaled down all round, but that said he has excellent construction, is so well balanced all through and looks lovely in profile. Masculine yet sweet expressive dark eye, well placed and shaped. Flat skull and neat well used ears. Strong bone, good legs and feet with flexible pasterns enabling him to move with ease. Level topline, sweep over loin and long tail.

2. Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft (Cze Imp) (Winfield)

Preferred the size of this golden s/w of 14 months although would prefer a shade more leg length to balance his outline. Very attractive youngster in lovely coat and condition and well presented. Excellent angulation fore and aft with a good reach of neck, level topline and long tail. Balanced head with correct stop. Dark well placed eye, but unfortunately one was a bit runny today which rather spoilt his expression. Moved extremely well.

3. Kelgrove Midsummer Blue At Stormhead (Rutterford)

Graduate Dog (4)

1. Shelridge Toastmaster (Aaron)

Charming glamorous b/m boy in a well broken blue jacket of good colour which fitted him well and was of the correct harsh texture. Would prefer slightly richer tan markings. Has such a sweet head and expression with correct stop, very neat ears and well rounded muzzle. Slightly shorter coupled but is well-constructed with rounded bone and is of an ideal size. Good body with excellent depth to chest. Stands and shows so well and moves easily and freely.

2. Sanscott Limited Edition (Moore)

Two year old quality golden s/w who has such a beautiful melting expression with the correctly shaped and placed dark almond eye, good stop and neat ears which he used well. Well angulated front and rear with a good reach of neck and stands and shows himself off so nicely, just toeing out slightly behind at times. So well presented and handled and moved well. One I feel will improve further with maturity.

3. Willowgarth Pure Gold JW (Stockden)

Post Graduate Dog (7, 1a)

1. Shougies Winter Wizard At Neraklee JW (Durant)

Impressive b/m who instantly commands attention. So masculine in outlook with excellent construction and substance. Straight forelegs correctly placed underneath, excellent turn of stifle and well let down hocks which enabled him to move soundly with drive. His head is balanced with level planes and a flat skull, topped by well placed ears, carried on a reachy neck with a glamorous white collar, giving him such an air of quality. Apart from one larger black patch, his colour is well broken and is a clear silvery blue as the Standard dictates. Good body, length of back and tail, which was correctly set. Excellent showman who was beautifully presented. I was delighted to award him his first CC and am confident he will soon reach the upper house. **CC & BOS.**

2. Pepperhill Cruize Control (Daniels & Taylor)

Another beautifully coloured b/m of quality, similar to 1. Now just turned three years old, he has matured very nicely since we last met two years ago when I awarded him BPD. So well presented in full coat and lovely condition, pleasing balanced head and a lovely expression, good body, plenty of substance and stands well on good legs and feet. Good showman who moves out well.

3. Viewdale Cuddly Dudley JW (Isdale)

Mid Limit Dog (5)

1. Solyric Inaugural Gold JW (Gamble)

Two year old s/w who is well balanced and shapely with good bone for size. Maturing nicely with pleasing head and expression and neat well used ears. Good angulation to front and rear with good depth to chest and sufficient neck. Very well presented in good coat and condition which was a lovely colour. Good tailset and carriage. Attentive and happy showman who moves well and is completely at one with his owner.

2. Tooralie's Ocho Rios JW (Walker)

Smart, richly coloured, shaded s/w enhanced with full white markings, just coming back into new coat. His head is balanced with a sweet eye and expression and neat ears. Excellent reach of neck and good shoulder placement, although a shade steep in upper arm. Lovely turn of stifle and strong well let down hocks. Level back with sweep over loin and good tail length, but unfortunately persisted in flying this today, maybe due to his lack of coat length.

3. Shadoway Lucky Strike (Evans)

Limit Dog (5, 1a)

1. Sheltysham Nut Box In Alnmac (Robinson)

Shaded s/w of ideal size and substance who needs to be handled to appreciate his super construction. Balanced head with correct stop, dark well placed eye enhanced with dark pigmentation. Well rounded muzzle, flat skull and neat ears. Well proportioned all through with strong bone, good body and depth to chest. Well muscled with good legs and flexible pasterns. Harsh textured coat. Moved very well.

2. Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon (Woolley)

Tri dog of excellent substance who was very similar in make and shape to 1, but a shade bigger. Balanced head with sweet eye and expression. Correct stop. Neat ears but unfortunately was struggling with one today. In excellent black jacket of good texture with rich tan markings. Good body and topline, well let down hocks. Keen showman and moved well.

3. Philhope Buzzword (Pierce)

Open Dog (3, 1a)

1. Ch Rannerdale The Entertainer (Stafford)

Richly coloured quality r/s/w who was beautifully presented in full coat and excellent condition. Has a very sweet yet masculine head and expression with the neatest of ears that he uses to advantage. Well proportioned all through with an excellent reach of neck. Good shoulder placement, level topline and sweep over loin leading to long, correctly set and carried tail. Moved well. Sire of JD winner and he has passed on many of his attributes.

2. Sheltysham Burnished Gold (Forster-Cooper)

Darker shaded s/w who was more workmanlike in outlook. Not the finish of 1 but so lovely to go over with excellent construction, good body and reach of neck. Rounded bone, good muscle tone and strong flexible pasterns which enabled him to cover the ground effortlessly. Pleasing head with a flat skull, but a touch fuller in eye. Not such a keen showman as 1 and used ears more sparingly, but a lot to like about him.

Special Open Dog (Sable & White) (5, 1a)

1. Ch Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge JW (Aaron)

S/w dog of excellent type and quality. Super head properties, masculine yet such a sweet and gentle expression with a dark correctly placed and shaped eye, correct stop and very neat well used ears. He is so elegant and shapely in profile with plenty of substance yet still refined. Good body with such an excellent depth to his chest. Well arched neck of good length. Correct tailset and carriage. Well let down hocks enabled him to move with drive. Beautifully presented and a worthy champion.

2. Ch Oakcroft Star Force JW (Winfield)

Richly coloured s/w of super quality and in lovely coat and condition. Last judged him at 7 months old and so pleased to see that he has achieved his title with ease. Now at 5 years old he has matured into a handsome boy with such a sweet head and expression. Neat ears which were just tipped enough. Good body and length to back with lovely straight forelegs and strong bone. Excellent reach of neck. Moved very well.

3. Jontygray Gilt Edged For Franmead JW ShCM (Fransham)

Special Open Dog (Tricolour, B&T or B&W) (5, 1a)

1. Ch Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW (Withers)

Tricolour of excellent make and shape with construction to match and could certainly do a day's work with no trouble at all. Have awarded him a RCC previously and another I am so delighted to see reach the upper house. A dog of quality with such a balanced outline in profile with forelegs well underneath his body, strong bone and flexible pasterns. His head is balanced with a well rounded muzzle and good underjaw, correct stop and neat ears which he uses well. His eye is well placed, if a touch fuller than ideal, but doesn't detract overall. So gently handled, he sets himself up to stand correctly and covers the ground so easily on the move when he gets into his stride.

2. Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon (Woolley)

3. Gylmar Dreamaker (Jordan)

Special Open Dog (Blue Merle) (5, 1a)

1. Ch Kelgrove Just Blue At Stormhead JW ShCM (Rutterford)

This eight year old b/m just improves with age! A really lovely quality boy of ideal size and shape. Everything in proportion, balanced front and rear with good bone, excellent legs and feet which enabled him to move so well. His head is still beautifully refined with level planes, correctly placed stop, very neat ears and dark almond shaped eyes that give him such a sweet expression. Good body, length of back and correct tailset. Although he has darkened slightly with age, the overall effect is still blue and he was so well presented in good coat and condition. Happy boy who clearly adores his handler and is so eager to please. **RCC & BVD.**

2. Pepperhill Cruize Control (Daniels & Taylor)

3. Ch Hawk Blue Eyes Des Romarins De Mayerling Joins Auberswell JW (Imp) (Bastiani & John)

Breeders Dog (5)

1. Lavika Lush Life JW (Robinson)

Two and a half year old S/w of super breed type and quality who excels in head, which is well moulded with neat ears and a sweet yet masculine expression. Has good substance with correct body proportions, well laid shoulders, but a touch steeper in upper arm. Pleasing turn of stifle and well let down strong hocks enabling him to stand foursquare and move with drive from the rear. Expertly handled to advantage and presented to perfection in a well fitting coat in top condition.

2. Ch Malaroc Mystery Writer JW (Roberts)

Richly coloured s/w in full and profuse coat of super condition. Very elegant boy who also scores so well in head and expression. Not quite such a keen showman as 1, but quality all through with a good body, excellent reach of neck, level topline and good tailset. Straight forelegs, strong bone, flexible pasterns and neat oval feet. Profile movement good. Handled sympathetically to get the best out of him. Another very worthy champion.

3. Shetlo Pocket Rainbeau (Moore)

Jane Edwards (Castlerose)