

English Shetland Sheepdog Championship Show The Kennel Club Building

Saturday 15th October 2022: Bitches , judge Marion ten Cate (Own Delight)

Of course I like to thank the ESSC members for giving me the honor to judge this show. With an entry of 99 bitches, I consider this one of the Highlights of my career as a Sheltie judge. With so many bitches there is plenty to choose. So at the end I had a wonderful line up with lots of bitches who had plenty quality to win the CC. So thank you all for this wonderful entry. A big thank you to the committee to make this show possible. It is very hard work for them. Also a big thank you to my ring steward Mr. Gruszka and my secretary in the ring who supported me a lot.

Class 18 Veteran Bitch (11,1) 1st Mitchell & Tydeman: Sendora One For The Road, 9 years in an excellent condition. Has still a wonderful blue colour, clear blue and well broken. Stood out for shape and overall balance. Sweet feminine head, nice expression, flat skull and well rounded muzzle. Lovely arched neck, excellent angulations, straight back and sweep over the loins. On the move she keeps her excellent top line and moves with a long stride. 2nd Whittington: Tighness The Tide Is High. Lovely feminine bitch with a lot of Sheltie charm. Very sweet in expression, almond shaped eye and lovely high set well tipping ears. Balanced in angulations. Good body substance and nice fitting coat. Moves coordinated. Well presented.

It bothered me a bit that some of the dogs in this class had teeth with tartar and bad breath. A bad mouth can cause health problems.

Class 19 Minor Puppy Bitch (10,1) 1st Bray: Dandlewood Kiss N'Tell At Linbray . 7,5 months She stood out for excellence in breed type and overall balance. Lovely size. Very feminine head, flat skull , well set stop, molded foreface and very sweet expression due to an almond shaped oblique set eye, balanced in angulations and well developed body and coat for age. Moved coordinated. Of course, she needs to mature but what she has, I liked a lot. 2nd K. Robinson: Marilee Making Waves At Lavika Taf. Lovely clear blue and well broken. Correct for size. Feminine in head, skull could flatten a bit, beautiful almond shaped blue eyes, give a sweet expression. Body well balanced, good substance. Has an arched neck and on the move very correct.

Class 20 Puppy Bitch (10,0) 1st Andersson: Frostice Bumble Bee (Swe). The moment she entered the ring she caught my eye because of her soundness with a lovely light and flowing movement and a long stride. A dog moving like that should have an excellent construction and she had! Excellent in angulations. On top of that an excellent breed type. Correct for size, lovely feminine head with a very sweet expression due to a lovely dark almond shaped eye. Wonderful topline, arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Nice strong bone. Just dropping her coat but for me she had more than enough coat, jet black with rich tan markings. **Best Puppy in Show.** 2nd Lavika Lateca : another beauty ! Excellent in breed type and overall balance. Beautiful, refined head, sweet expression, almond shaped eye, flat

skull and molded foreface and high set ears. Nice substance in body, good bone, balanced in angulations, lovely arched neck and sweep over the loins. Coordinated on the move. No doubt is going to have a great show career.

Class 21 Junior Bitch (10,1) 1st Fisher: Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest. Glamorous sable who is so mature for her age. Excellent in breed type and overall balance. Excellent size. Feminine without being fine. Lovely sweet expression, dark almond shaped eye. Well set ears and well rounded muzzle. Lovely topline, arched neck and sweep over the loins. Excellent in angulations and substance, Strong bone. Moved flowing and with a long stride. 2nd Sendall: Sendora to Be Special. I loved her outline, nice long neck and straight back and sweep over the loins. She kept that outline on the move. She had a nice long stride. Lovely head, long blunt wedge, flat skull and nice dark eye. Well set ears. A touch less sweet than my first in this class. But excellent in body substance and angulations, nice strong bone. Stand sometimes a bit wide in front but goes correct in front.

Class 22 Yearling Bitch (7,1) 1st C. Stafford: Rannerdale Queen Of The Dark. Excellent tricolour bitch with rich tan marking. Another topper. Excellent in breed type and overall balance. Very feminine in head, long blunt wedge, sweet smiling expression. Lovely dark eye, well rounded muzzle and well set ears. Excellent in body, substance, bone and topline. Excellent in angulations and has lovely flowing, graceful movement. 2nd Smith: Kiemont Paris Is A Charmer At Bramblecroft. A lovely warm coloured sable bitch. Beautiful in size and shape. Very sweet in expression, nice flat skull. Lovely almond shaped eyes. Well set ears. Has a lovely flowing outline, arched neck and sweep over the loins. Balanced in excellent angulations. On the move nice long stride. Elbows could tighten up.

Class 23 Novice Bitch (13,0) 1st Bray: Dandlewood Kiss N'Tell At Linbray. Although she was one of the youngsters of the class, I loved her overall balance and type – see also 1st Minor Puppy Bitch. 2nd Hardy: Sandwick A La Mode. A very elegant bitch, with a nice length in legs and lovely topline. Excellent angulations and really a fore chest. Excellent in angulations and body. Feminine in head but could show her ears a bit higher. Needs to settle in temperament.

Class 24 Tyro Bitch (7, 0) 1st Rule: Bleatarn Gee Whizz. Strong bitch that is still feminine. Wedge shaped head, well rounded muzzle. High set ears. Tear marks influence the expression which could be a bit sweeter. Well balanced in body. Well angulated and good substance. Moved sound. 2nd K. Hately: Mohnesee Maebelle. Still very young but with a promising future. Long feminine head, flat skull. Well set ears. Lovely long arched neck, balanced with good angulations. Will get more body in time. Moved coordinated.

Class 25 Graduate Bitch (13,2) 1st L. Goodwin & K. Goodwin: Rannerdale Honey Bee At Highbrook. Pretty little bitch with an excellent breed type. Stands well on her feet. Very feminine in head, sweet in expression. The head it is a lovely blunt wedge with a well-rounded muzzle and a nice underjaw. Well set stop, flat skull. Lovely high set tip ears. She

has an arched neck and elegant sweep over the loins. Well angulated. Fitting bone and coat. Moved easy and flowing. 2nd Smith: Kiemont Paris Is A Charmer At Bramblecroft. Also 2nd in Yearling Bitch.

Class 26 Post Graduate Bitch (5,1) 1st Thomas: Myter Trend Setter. Nice size blue merle bitch with a nice clear blue and well broken. Stands nice on her feet and good overall balance. Feminine in head, nice expression, blunt wedge and well set ears. Shows what she got. Lovely top line. Arched neck, Balanced in body and angulations. On the move sound, with drive and stride. 2nd Morisson: Ketim Future Edition. Lovely sable bitch with a very pretty head and a sweet expression and an almond shaped eye. Lovely long blunt wedge, well rounded muzzle and flat skull. Nice topline. Arched neck. Good substance in body. Balanced in angulations. On the move she could be slightly tighter in elbows.

Class 27 Mid Limit Bitch (10,1) 1st Lambert: Blenmerrow Daisychain. Very pretty feminine bitch, ideal size. Needs to settle in temperament. Then she will better show her quality. Excellent in breed type. Lovely head, long blunt wedge, well rounded muzzle and when she relaxes she has a sweet expression. High set, well tipping ears. Lovely arched neck, straight back and elegant sweep over the loins, Nice fitting bone and coat. On the move is she sound. 2nd Hardman: Seavall Taran. Stands out in shape and elegance. Lovely long arched neck and lovely sweep over the loins. Excellent in angulations. Balanced in body and nice fore chest. Feminine in head, long blunt wedge. I preferred nr 1 for femininity.

Class 28 Limit Bitch (7) 1st K. Robinson: Lavika Lucid Dreams. Ideal size overall well balanced feminine bitch. Lovely clear blue and well broken. Head is a long blunt wedge with a well rounded muzzle. Sweet expression although the eyes should not be any smaller. She squeeze's a bit with her eyes. Lovely flat skull and well set ears. Arched neck, excellent angulations. Good substance in body and excellent on the move with good drive and stride. 2nd Hill: Molson Movie Star. Not in full coat today but a lovely quality bitch with a very elegant top line. Beautiful feminine head. Lovely rounded muzzle. Nice strong underjaw. Sweet expression and high set ears. Excellent in front angulation. Strong angulated in rear. Nice fitting bone. Moved coordinated. Could settle in temperament.

Class 29 Open Bitch (5,1) 1st Hardman & Simpson: Ch. Blue Panda Among Clemwood. Breathtaking blue merle bitch with a wonderful overall balance. For me a true small working dog as the standard calls for. Extraordinary blue merle colour: clear silvery blue and well broken. Correct for size. Very feminine in head which is a long blunt wedge, well rounded muzzle, sweet expression, well set ears. Lovely topline due to a lovely long arched neck, straight back and elegant sweep over the loins. Balanced in excellent angulations. Nice fore chest. Good length in legs which makes her elegant and her front legs stand well under the body. Fitting bone and coat. She moves light, elegant and flowing with plenty drive and stride. **Bitch CC and BOS.** 2nd Dunne: Longrange Cailin Dubh. Very pretty feminine bitch with the sweetest expression which we seldom see in a tricolour. Well shaped head, with a lovely very dark eye. Very high set ears which tip well. Good reach of neck. Balanced in

angulations. Good substance in body. Strong sweep over the loins. Coordinated on the move. Lovely jet black coat with rich tan markings. Immaculately presented.

Class 30 Special Open Bitch (sable & White) (9,2) 1st Hill: Molson Money Penny. Litter sister to nr. 2 in Limit Bitch- how wonderful to have so much quality in one litter. Just like her sister a quality bitch with a lovely topline. Beautiful head with straight lines very sweet expression due to lovely almond shaped eyes, very high set ears and a well rounded muzzle. Excellent angulated in front, good fore chest . Strong angulated in rear. Good substance in body. Tail could be a touch longer. Moves with plenty drive and a long stride. 2nd K. Robinson: Lavika Lucky Star. Another beauty. Wonderful feminine head. Very sweet smiling expression, lovely flat skull. High set ears. Lovely arched neck, well balanced in angulations and nice substance in body. Strong bone and fitting coat. Sound on the move.

Class 31 Special Open Bitch (Tricolour, B&T of B&W) (7) 1st Hardy: Ch. Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre At Sandwick . 8 years and still in a lovely condition. When she looks at you, she makes you smile. Such a sweet face. No Sheltie lover can resist that. Lovely overall balance. Ideal size and beautiful topline. Very feminine in head. Beautiful almond shaped eye which gives this sweet expression, well rounded muzzle and lovely flat skull. High set ears that tip well forward. Long arched neck. Excellent in angulations with good substance in body and a nice fore chest. Good length in legs and front legs stand well under the body. Elegant sweep over the loins. Strong bone and fitting coat. On the move light, elegant and flowing with plenty drive and stride. **Res CC and Best Veteran in show.** 2nd Mitchell: Valdosta Tri Ya Luck. My eye was drawn to her all the time because of her beautiful outline. She was my res. CC winner at the LKA in 2019 and I still like her a lot. Excellent in size. Feminine in head, a long blunt wedge, well rounded muzzle and sweet expression. Beautiful arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Excellent in angulations. Correct length in body. Moved with a nice long stride and plenty drive and kept her nice topline. A beautiful bitch with a beautiful mother who won the veteran class today.

Class 32 Special Open Bitch (Blue Merle) (1) 1st Mettan-Ure: Valdosta Dare To Dream Of Savendie. Another daughter of the Winner of the veteran class. And again a very nice sound bitch. Lovely clear blue and well broken. Pretty feminine head with a nice expression. Ears set a bit wide. Arched neck, balanced in angulations. Strong bone and good body. Moved easily with drive and stride.

Class 33 Breeders Bitch (6,2) 1st A. Stafford: Rannerdale Abracadabra. Needs to settle in temperament. Excellent in breed type. Lovely feminine head, sweet expression and nice flat skull. Today not in full coat. Balanced in angulations. Good substance in body and sound on the move. 2nd James: Valmay In Vogue JW. Very pretty picture standing. Excellent breed type. Sweet in expression and well set ears. Lovely shape. Balanced in angulations. Good substance in body. Movement could be tighter.

Class 34 Special Open Working Bitch (4,2) 1st Hardin: Uk Sheltysham Medley O Gold Aw(g) R16Ex. Sweet in type, long blunt wedge, flat skull. Balanced overall and moves coordinated. Very rich coat. 2nd Hardin: Sheltysham Miss Mayhem Aw(G) P Beg.ex R16 . 11 years sweetie with a white face. Nice shape of head and sweet expression, high set ears which carries well. Still elegant in outline and a nice rich mahogany sable.

