

ENGLISH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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DOGS

I was delighted to be selected for this prestigious appointment, which has been the highlight of my judging career to date. Thank you to Jacky and the committee for a well-run show and your hospitality. Huge thanks to my ultra-efficient stewards Afke and Lynis who kept things moving and never got in the way. However, the biggest thanks go to those who entered under me. It was a lovely entry and I had to make some harsh decisions in some classes. Nevertheless, I was super happy with my line-up and my major winners.

Baby Puppy Dog (1)

1. Bywater Tachnamadra Royal Salute. 4½ month old sable dog of nice type. Good for size at this age and quite forward, although reluctant to move. Look forward to seeing him develop.

Veteran Dog (6, 1 abs)

1. Aaron Ch Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge JW (Imp Fra). Now almost 9 years old, this sable champion continues to please. Lovely head, correct eye, pleasing expression. Well-constructed and good in outline, moved well. A worthy winner and Best Veteran Dog.
2. Moore Sanscott Limited Edition. 7 year old golden sable, looking good today. His strong point is his correct wedge-shaped head, well placed eye & ears and nice expression. Good angulation and moved ok.
3. Lycett Forestland Galaxy TAF

Minor Puppy Dog (8, 2 abs)

1. Hateley Mohnesee's The Dream Master. 7 month old sable baby, quite immature, but with lots of promise. Nice expression, good front, correct overall shape and moved well. Best Puppy Dog.
2. Rossiter Cocaro The Highlander. In complete contrast to 1, this glamorous sable pup is 8 months old, very mature and finished. He was a little unsettled on the table and on the move. Head is correct but quite strong and he is very pleasing in outline.
3. Winfield Iskander Bohemia Classic for Oakcroft NAF

Puppy Dog (2)

1. Folkes Navy Blue of Most Majestic at Dacfolke (Imp Hun). Attractive 10 month old blue merle who presents a classic Sheltie outline, with good angulation and movement. His head needs to be handled to appreciate its properties. Challenged strongly for best puppy dog.
2. Clough-Diprose Auberswell Star Trooper. This 8 month old boy was unplaced in the previous class and still needs time to mature. He is quite pleasing in outline, but rather fine all over. His foreface needs to fill and he is inclined to fly his ears. Moved ok.

Junior Dog (5, 2 abs)

1. Rutterford Myter Black Tarquin at Stormhead. Handsome tricolour dog just out of puppy. Correct head, well-shaped dark eye, good ear carriage and pleasing expression. Jet-black coat in excellent condition fits his well-angulated shape and he moved very well.

2. Forster-Cooper Sheltysham Danseur TAF. 17 month golden sable at that awkward teenage stage. A finer type than 1. Head of correct planes carried on a proud neck and a nice profile. Moved well.
3. Fenton Shannmie's Dark Arches

Yearling Dog (8, 1 abs)

1. Hardman & Carter Seavall Blue Ensign. Very attractive blue merle dog just out of junior, who caught my eye as he entered the ring. Lovely silver blue, well fitting coat with rich tan markings. Lovely head and expression. Classic outline. Although a bit unsettled on the table he moved with drive.
2. Hoare Stanydale Ocean Wave. Another blue merle dog of good type, somewhat more heavily marked than 1. Refined head and expression. Well made front and back and a good mover.
3. Winfield Oakcroft The Mandalorian JW

Novice Dog (6, 1 abs)

1. Hardman & Carter Seavall Blue Ensign
2. Hateley Mohnesee's The Dream Master
3. Dillon Lundecoocks Tempest In A Pot at Runforest

Tyro Dog (4, 2 abs)

1. Hateley Mohnesee's The Dream Master
2. Fenton Shannmie's Dark Arches. 3rd in Junior, this dog has a decent head and expression, but is a little longer in the body than ideal. Moved ok.

Graduate Dog (5)

1. Stock Shemist Summertime Blue's. Attractive blue-merle boy in good coat, with nice tan markings although his colour could be richer. Nicely angulated and lovely in outline, he has a pleasing expression and moved very well.
2. Greenwood Esstremere Easy Rider. Slightly smaller type who was very enthusiastic on the move. Correctly moulded head, well-placed ears that he used well, nice expression and presents a nice picture.
3. Linford Hillhenry In Your Honour

Post Graduate Dog (7, 1 abs)

1. Pierce Philhope In Good Taste. Golden sable dog in full coat which fits him well. Unsettled and fidgety today, but this did not deter from his many qualities. Classic Sheltie expression and outline, which one would expect from this kennel and moved ok.
2. Potts Shadowess Jubilee Prince. Attractive sable dog with a well-fitting coat. Refined head, nice eye, correct ear carriage and nice expression. Well made with a level topline that he held on the move.
3. Varnon Milesend Blue Jeans

Mid Limit Dog (5, 1 abs)

1. Sorockyj Padowan Mandalorian. Masculine golden sable dog with lovely wedge shaped head on a proud neck and pleasing expression. Well angulated front & back giving a classic overall picture. Covered the ground with ease.

2. Hardy Sandwick Style Council. This is a tricolour dog of correct size with a well-fitting jet black coat. He is nicely made, good in outline and moved well. Preferred the head and expression of 1.
3. Lycett Iliad Isle Of Ewe

Limit Dog (8, 1 abs)

1. Mottram Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren JW (Imp Swe). Judged this gorgeous golden sable boy as a puppy and was then proud to award him the RCC. Today he has gone one better! He has matured into an elegant dog with a beautiful head carried on proud shoulders and melting expression. Beautifully presented in full coat, classic in outline with lovely sweep over the loins resulting from correct angulation, tail length and carriage. Delighted to award him the Dog CC, which I later learnt was his third!
2. Glover-Guest Doonelodge The Explorer. Well-known sable dog shown in good coat and condition. Masculine head and expression and pleasant in outline. His handler got him to stride out in the ring and he deserved his placing.
3. Paddock Blenmerrow Lyricist

Open Dog (5)

1. Hull Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark JW. An excellent sable dog of correct size with a lovely head, a sweet, almond-shaped eye and very nice expression. He is well made with good neck, well let down hock, lovely sweep over the loins and moved very well today. Challenged hard for the RCC.
2. Walker Ch/Fr/Sui/Lux/Int Ch Tooralie's Pie In The Sky. Really nice shaded sable with a coat that fitted so well. Really pleasing in profile with a well-angulated front and rear. Refined head and expression. An excellent mover.
3. Keeling Kishdigra Rock The Gods Ir JCh

Special Open - Sable & White Dog (5, 2 abs)

Two very nice sable dogs in good coat, each with their own attributes and hard to split. On balance, I preferred the sweeter expression of 1.

1. Heijstek Ch/NI Ch/Dkk Ch/Lux Ch/ Dandlewood Keep Watching Me JWW 23 NLW 23 (ATC AZ26380NLD). Lovely head and sweet expression on a proud neck, good rear angulation and well let-down hock, a good mover.
2. Miles Lundecock's Theodor (Imp Swe). A more masculine type, of good size with correct front and rear angulation and a more balanced outline than 1. Moved with drive.
3. Moore Torinska River Romeo for Shetlo

Special Open - Tricolour Dog (5, 2 abs)

1. Robinson Ch Lavika Moonlight Storm JW. Lovely tricolour dog, with well-fitting jet black coat. Beautiful head and expression. Correct front and rear angulation, well let down hock, level topline, classic Sheltie profile. Presented and handled well and pleased to award him the Reserve CC.
2. Thornley & Withers Felthorn Cover Story. Another nice, well-made tricolour dog in good coat and condition. Not the head and movement of 1.
3. Pattinson Kyleburn Romulus

Special Open – Blue Merle Dog (5, 2 abs)

1. Forster Parish Lowick Blueberry. Masculine blue merle of good size and proportions. Nicely broken coat with rich tan markings which fits well. Good construction and move well.
2. Folkes Navy Blue of Most Majestic at Dacfolke (Imp Hun)

Special Open – Breeders Dog (1)

1. Aaron Shelridge Sirius. Shaded sable boy with a good head and expression that stood alone in this class. Good front and hind angulation, good depth of chest, pleasant outline. Moved well.

Special Open – Working Dog (4, 1 abs)

1. Forster-Cooper Sheltysam Burnished Gold. Shaded sable, placed VHC in Veteran. Long neck body of correct proportions and moved with drive in this class.
2. Burch Bordamour All Fired Up. Attractive tricolour with a correct wedge shaped head and good ear carriage. Eye a little round, which is not uncommon in tricolours. Nicely made. Preferred the movement of 1.
3. Clough Evad Lite Breeze

Stuart Gruszka

Judge