

BATH CH SHOW, 27/05/16 - Shetland Sheepdogs

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I very much enjoyed judging this lovely breed & was pleased with the overall quality throughout the entry. Most dogs were shown in excellent condition & temperaments overall was excellent. Some were understandably not in full coat at this time of the year & I thought some of the dogs could have done with a little more length of neck. Many thanks to the exhibitors for accepting my placings so sportingly. Apologies for the lateness of this report due to work & many judging appointments.

MPD (6,2a) 1 Pierce's Philhope Buzzword, attractive baby puppy with very good body & outline, good eye & expression, sound legs & feet, a little thin in muzzle & ears set somewhat wide, good rear & movement; 2 Haensel's Sherkarl Uptown Funk, lovely head eye & ears, very good legs & feet, moves & shows well, somewhat stuffy in neck & rather too square overall in outline, tail rather short & I would have liked more sweep of hindquarters; 3 Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn.

PD (8) 1 Roberts' Malaroc Mystery Writer, really lovely puppy of beautiful type, moving & showing faultlessly, glorious head eye & the sweetest of expressions, very good body, excellent neck & outline, delighted to make him BP & pleased to see him win PG1 later in the day; 2 Robinson's Lavika Moonshine, masculine good puppy, a little stronger overall than the winner & heavier in bone & head which is somewhat round, very good neck, body & outline, beautifully presented in good coat & condition; 3 Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn.

JD (8) 1 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm, lovely shape, very good body of correct length, excellent neck & shoulders, very good head & eye & expression, stands on good legs & feet, good coat, a really lovely young dog that I liked very much & who I am sure will do really well with added maturity; 2 Walker's Marsula Shogun, very similar in to the eventual winner & not an easy decision between these two really good young dogs of equally pleasing make & shape, sound front & rear, masculine well-shaped head, just a fraction wider in ears & somewhat lighter in eye than the eventual winner of the class, but nonetheless a good dog that moved really well; 3 Nabbs' Katiedale Kingsman.

YD (5) 1 Mottram's Midday Sun at Lochkaren, glorious head & expression, beautiful eye & ears, very sound legs & feet & he showed beautifully demonstrating great overall quality which won him this class, pressed hard in the challenge; 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Star Force, another very good dog with most of the essentials, excellent head & eye & he is soundly constructed throughout, lovely coat & condition & he moved with great ease, hard to fault, just fault that the winner had an extra dimension of overall quality, but I am sure these two lovely dogs could change places any day; 3 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck.

ND (5,2) 1 Roberts' Malaroc Mystery Writer; 2 French's Lirren Love Match, heavily coated young dog with good body & sound rear, good skull & muzzle, not so pleasing in eye & expression & he must be more cooperative on the move; 3 Hardy's Sandwich Fortune Seeker.

GD (6) 1 Atkins' Willowgarth Harvest Sunset over Jontygray, lovely dog with good head & eye, excellent expression, very good body, sound front & rear & he has a good neck, not in full coat today & he could have done with more confidence but moved well enough to earn his placing here today; 2 Hillman's Kelmstone Toyota, masculine dog with correct outline, good coat & condition & he moved out well, typical head & eye but somewhat heavy in ears detracting from expression; 3 Moore's Shellamoyed The Statesman.

PGD (4) 1 Castillo & Fortune's Edglonian Blue Fortune, striking blue dog of great overall quality presented in beautiful coat & condition, very good front, legs & feet, good neck & shoulders, correct length of body & very good hindquarters, easy fluid mover, just needs a little more quality & refinement in head & ears, very good eye, lovely temperament; 2 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold at Fernfrey, masculine good dog standing on sound legs, good body, excellent coat, typical head & eye, heavy in ears, good mover; 3 Woodward's Edglonian Hugo Boss at Glenthistle.

LD (10) 1 Paterson's Lorainian Campbell Clan, this dog is very correct to go over & he is beautifully constructed with sound front & rear, pleasing neck & shoulders, good body, good head & eye, well-set ears used to advantage, sweet expression, moved as one would expect from his overall sound conformation, not in full coat today, could perhaps be a little more masculine all through but a lovely dog overall; 2 Sonvico's Willowgarth Baileys Gold, a little bigger than the winner in this class & ears could have been better, but he has a good head & scores in eyes of correct shape & colour, good body, excellent coat, moved OK but could have done with more ease on

the move, lovely overall type & he is very masculine; 3 Lawson's Morestyle Crushed Ice. **OD** (12,1) Lovely class teeming with quality eventually headed by 1 Castillo & Fortune's Ir Ch Lux Ch GB Dutch Irish Legend, beautiful masculine sable dog in full bloom demonstrating correct type & conformation, really lovely head & expression, the best of fronts & rears, good body, neck & topline, very good tail of correct length, excellent coat presented beautifully, easy fluid mover who did not put a foot wrong. DCC; 2 Rigby's Lythwood Secret Dealer, another really lovely dog of intense overall quality, wonderful eye & expression & he is a very steady showman, very good body, soundly constructed throughout, presented in full coat, full of overall quality & he pressed the winner very hard, just felt the eventual winner had the edge on movement, not an easy decision between two top class dogs. RCC; 3 Pierce's Philhope Star Struck. **VD** (2) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis, 8 years old & looking good for his age, lovely head, eye & expression, very good body, well angulated front & rear, pleasing body, legs & feet, in good coat, moved well; 2 Thomas' Jolex Blue C-Quin, good blue dog, also 8 years old, good outline & body, excellent mover, masculine head which could have a little more quality, presented in good condition moving well.

MPB (7) 1 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray, pretty baby puppy of excellent overall conformation, very good front, neck & shoulder, pleasing head & expression, very steady temperament & full of confidence, in good coat, easy winner in this class & a puppy I liked very much; 2 Gamble's Balidorn Solitude, another attractive baby puppy with very good front & rear, good body & excellent movement once she settled in the ring, good head & eye but a little too fine in muzzle at this stage; 3 Fransham's Sheltysam Bedazzle at Franmead. **PB** (6) 1 Ambler's Watchwood Sweetheart, lovely blue puppy with beautiful coat & colour, good front, body & rear, but I would have liked more length of neck, very pleasing head with good eyes, large in ears, sound mover, presented in beautiful condition & her temperament was very good indeed; 2 Gamble's Balidorn Solitude; 3 Seymour's Willow Tarn Twice Th'Trouble. **JB** (6) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucky Star, mature young bitch of excellent type, pleasing head, good ears, good front, body & coat, strode out well on the move & she was an easy winner in this class; 2 Haensel's Jontygray Midas Touch for Sherkarl, another good exhibit with very good head & expression, a little heavier & larger overall than the winner & coat texture needs to improve yet, steady mover, good temperament; 3 Fox's Ruscombe Work of Art with Follyfox. **YB** (8) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucky Star; 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Alluring Dream, good bitch who handles well, typical head & eye, dark sable coat of correct texture presented in good condition, would have liked a little more layback of shoulders, showed well; 3 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Kicks 'n Flicks. **NB** (5) 1 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray; 2 Gamble's Balidorn Solitude; 3 Hillman's Lavika Love Charm. **GB** (4) 1 French's Lindfern Bee Enchanted, very good bitch whom I liked a lot & she radiates quality, lovely feminine head, good ears, very good body, correct tail carried well, very good coat, perhaps a fraction short of neck for perfection, easy mover; 2 Harries' Mistmere Wind Belle, really lovely head & ears, good body, sound legs & feet, excellent outline, just need a little more confidence & she could do with more layback of shoulders but she moves well all the same; 3 Laversuch's Pacarane Polly Flinders. **PGB** (13,1) 1 Hateley's Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee, typical, good bitch of sound construction, well placed shoulders, good hindquarters, excellent body properties, really, lovely head with good eyes & ears, presented in heavy coat making her appear almost a short on legs which is an optical illusion caused by thickness of coat, good mover; 2 Bastiani & John's G'm La Vie Ibiza Des Romarins De Mayerling, yet another quality exhibit with typical head, but not quite the sweetness of expression of the winner & she is a little short in neck, very sound quarters, good tail, excellent coat & condition, moved well; 3 Mottram's Anastasia Dreamer at Lochkaren. **LB** (7) 1 French's Lindfern Enchanted Dancer, very beautiful bitch who appealed greatly for her overall quality, lovely head & expression, very good body, sound front & rear, excellent mover, outstanding overall proportions well handled to demonstrate good movement. RCC; 2 Lambert's Blenmerrow Infinity for Kevdon, good bitch with correct outline, pleasing head with blaze, good ears, very good body, excellent rear, a little shorter overall than the winner, sound mover, presented in good coat & condition; 3 Straw's Dukeson It's Asian Magic. **OB** (15,4) Very good class with much food for thought & a pleasure to judge. 1 Castillo & Fortune's Ir Ch Lux Ch Navarrem Fortune Lady, the more I looked at this bitch the more I liked her & she did not disappoint upon closer examination, lovely head & expression with perfect eyes, dead true front with textbook neck & shoulders, sound legs, excellent body of correct length, sound hindquarters, very good tailset & carried

correctly, harsh coat in full bloom, really comes into her own on the move where she demonstrates that form & function do go together. CC & BOB; 2 Rigby's Lythwood Sculptress, beautiful bitch with wonderful head & eyes, glorious expression, very good body, excellent coat, sound rear, good coat, perfect size, showed faultlessly & she pressed hard, stands a little wide in front at times, but a really lovely bitch overall; 3 Forbes' Wellneuk Dancing Waters. **VB** (5) 1 Whittington's Tighness Tip The Wink, very feminine 7 years old bitch on the small side, good body & coat, feminine head which could have little more quality in muzzle & I would have liked more bone, good mover & excellent temperament; 2 Laversuch's Pacarane Polar Icemagic, 10 years old blue bitch who has retained her excellent coat & colour, very good size, excellent front & rear but she is rather square in outline hence her placing here, moved well; 3 Gamble's Balidorn Mixed Emotions.

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