

Bath Championship Show 29 May 2022

Shetland Sheepdogs

Judge- Clare Stafford

I was a second replacement judge so thank you to the exhibitors for accepting my placings. I had two wonderful stewards who kept the ring running efficiently. Quality was mixed and there were some sparse classes but I did find some nice dogs amongst them. There were six incorrect bites, three of which were older exhibits where teeth had just moved due to age. The other three were youngsters, giving that unattractive showing of the teeth that is such an unpleasant fault and will only get worse. I read my previous critique when I last gave CCs and the same comments apply. I found quite a few lacking in underjaw, some with thick strong skulls and quite a few short tails. Presentation was good except for a few dirty teeth. I was happy with both line ups and my main winners.

Veteran dog (4,1a)

1. **Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue At Stormhead Sh.CM JW**
Beautiful 11 year old blue merle boy who is a pleasure to examine on the table. His head is lovely and not showing any signs of aging. He has a very good shoulder, front and hind angulation. He moved effortlessly, not taking his eyes off his handler who he obviously adores. I considered him for top honours and awarded him the **RCC** and **BVIB**, well done owner on the condition of your lovely boy.
2. **Riding's Achor's Surprise Percy Polaris For Torinska (imp)** Another glamorous blue merle who is 7 years young and obviously enjoying his day out a little too much. Nice head with correct shaped eyes and well set and used ears. His front assembly is OK but a bit steep in upper arm. He insisted on carrying his tail a little high but when he did settle and kept it down, his movement was good.
3. **Curtis' Keltihope In The Frame at Yasleyrose**

Minor puppy dog (2)

1. **Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo At Lochkaren(IMP.SWE)**
Very glamorous bright golden sable who certainly catches the eye. His head has good proportions and a flat skull, to be ideal I would like a slightly bigger eye and tighter set ears but when he is a happy chap he uses his neat ears to advantage. He is nicely constructed, moved well for his handler and was immaculately presented without a hair out of place.
2. **Burch's Bordamour all fired up**
Tri with nice head and ear carriage. He had a very good reach of neck and shoulder placement, and construction wise he has it all there to develop into. He was slightly overawed by his surroundings which affected his movement but with confidence this will improve.

Puppy dog (2)

1. **Pierce's Philhope flame thrower**
Lovely shaded sable boy of 9 months, his head is so appealing with correct width skull, nicely rounded muzzle and perfectly set ears. He has a super profile with good reach of neck and correct front and rear angulation and one of the long tails I found today. He just needs to make a bit more of himself which will come with time.
2. **Hirst's Sundark Scaramouche**
This boy has a really good profile with excellent construction and he excels in movement. I just preferred the head properties of the class winner.

Junior dog (2)

1. **Creamer Lyngarso Captain Tom**

Lovely shaped tri of 16 months with good reach of neck and hindquarters who is very sound on the move. This boy is stronger in head but still a pleasing expression with good ear carriage. His outline is eye-catching and I kept looking back at him.

2. **Ayres' Gemette Gone Platinum**

Lovely coloured blue Merle boy, nice head and expression with neat ears. He has a good reach of neck but is steep in upper arm which showed in his movement and perhaps it didn't help that he wasn't happy with his surroundings today so I'm sure he will have better days.

Yearling dog (1)

1. **Roberts' Stanydale Rewrite The Stars For Malaroc JW**

Lovely compact blue merle. Beautiful head, with a sweet yet handsome expression that is hard to achieve on a male of this colour. He used his neat well set ears non-stop and really said look at me. He has a good deep chest and really good rear angulation. When he moves out he has a tendency to playfully lift his front legs a little high whilst obviously enjoying his day out. Showed and presented to perfection and I had to keep looking back at his super outline.

Novice dog (2)

1. **Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo At Lochkaren(IMP.SWE)**

2. **Cheal's Carolelen Composer**

A lot to like about this male but he looked a little fed up today. Nice head, lovely eye and expression and good ear carriage. On examination he has a level topline but needs some coat taken out to show this to advantage. Moved well, he just needed a bit of oomph today.

Graduate dog (3)

1. **Cheal's Carolelen Composer**

2. **Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream**

This boy moved lovely even though he was a little unsettled by his surroundings. Good deep chest and nice front assembly. He has a pleasing head but would like more length of skull and muzzle and a sweeter shaped eye.

3. **Rutterford's Kelgrove Midsummer Blue At Stormhead**

Post graduate dog (2)

1. **Lycett's Iliad Isle Of Ewe**

Shaded sable with good head properties and ear carriage. Would prefer slightly more neck, but another boy whose coat masked his outline. He moved really well and never stopped showing.

2. **Bastiani & John's Lirren Showtime Joins Auberswell**

Up to size tri with jet black coat. His overall construction and movement is very good but his head is too strong in muzzle and wide in back skull.

Limit dog (6,1a)

1. **Bastiani & John's Auberswell Ghost Rider**

What a gorgeous head this boy has. Such a handsome yet sweet expression that we all aim for in a male. Lovely almond shaped correctly set eye, nicely rounded muzzle with tight lips and flat, slim skull. Beautifully coloured light sable coat which needs flattened as it hides his outline but on examination he is super to go over with excellent front and rear angulation, to be critical I would like a little more neck but his coat does mask what is there. Moved very well and was pleased to award him the CC.

2. Walkers's Tooralie's Pie in the Sky

Lovely shapely dark shaded sable who has very good construction with a super long neck. Nice head with correct length and width of skull and muzzle but a little too filled under the eye, well set and used ears. He moved effortlessly and was presented to perfection.

3. Williams' Tachnamadra Au Revoir To Milesend

Open dog (1)

1. Fagg's Dukeson Golden Fleece At Lynscot

Nice compact smaller dog who has it all there but I would just like a little more of him all over. He has good construction and a lovely head but he just didn't want to show off his virtues today and would benefit from being moved a little faster to get the best out of his movement.

Special beginners d/b (2)

1. Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff

Lovely elegant sable with an appealing head and sweet expression, nice eye and tight set ears. Good front assembly and length of neck with level topline. To be ideal she could do with a little more bone and substance. She moved really well and showed non-stop.

2. Pesonen's Tooralie's Rose Queen

Very sweet compact shaded sable, she needs more length of head and a sweeter eye, she has such a nice fill of foreface but a little wide in back skull. Overall a very good shape and excellent movement but would just like a bit more of her, very well handled.

Veteran (3)

Three lovely veterans in good condition and such a credit to their owners

1 Hirst's Sundark Simply A Star

I Loved this tri bitch who is so good to go over on the table. Lovely head, such a sweet expression with perfectly set ears. Very good substance and bone, good shoulder and deep chest with very good hindquarters. Kept her topline and had such lovely fluid movement, I could watch her move all day.

2 Gruszka's Samphrey Shades Of Blue Sh.CM VW

The head on this blue Merle is super, such a sweet, dreamy expression with correct length and width of skull and nicely filled muzzle. Well constructed front and rear, she was just out moved by the tri on the day but a lovely girl who moved well.

3 Fiddock & Mitchell's Karmidale Secret Love At Lowenek

Minor Puppy bitch (3,1a)

1. French's Lirren Lasting Love

I Loved this puppy bitch who has it all there to develop into a stunning young lady. Her head is beautiful with such a sweet expression, lovely ear carriage. A really good front for a young puppy with super bone, but still so elegant. Her construction is very good and she is so confident and sound in her movement. Showed like a dream and was a pleasure to award her Best puppy and delighted she was placed in the puppy group. **BPIB**

2. Sutherland's Beechmere Beautiful At Holamber

Very pretty light coloured sable with a lovely head but needs more fill under the eyes and moulding to her muzzle. Very good ear carriage. Good construction, was a little erratic on the move and tended to move a little close behind but this could be due to her not being enamoured with the show ring just yet.

Puppy bitch (7,1a)

1. Attwood's Black Forest at Terriwood

This girl's shape really caught my eye, she is so plain in markings but the lack of white collar enhances her super neck and shape. Ear carriage is perfect but would prefer a sweeter expression. She was a very fidgety young lady who had a tendency to scuttle on the move but when she does settle her movement is good. I hope her confidence comes and she starts to enjoy the ring.

2. Hirst's Sundark Symphony In Suede

Another from this kennel who excels in movement. She has a good head but again I would like a sweeter expression. Very good shoulder and reach of neck, she was just a little unsettled by the change of handler and it was a close call between 1st and 2nd in this class.

3. Haensel's Philhope Summer Time to Sherkarl

Junior Bitch (3)

1. Bray's Jontygray Trice as Nice by Lianbray

Nicely balanced tri who has a good head with correct length muzzle and width of skull. Nice size and substance with good bone and angulations throughout. She moved really well, coat is just at that junior stage but she presented a pleasing picture and has it all there when the coat comes.

2. James' Valmay In Vogue JW

Pretty sable who is good for size and has good bone, a deep chest and well angulated rear. Her movement was a bit erratic in front but she moved well behind. Her handler needed to move a little faster to get the best from her.

3. Traylor's SHOUGIES MORNINGSTAR

Yearling (1)

1. Straw's DUKESON LACED WITH MAGIC

A lovely young lady with a very sweet eye and expression, ear set could be tighter but she used them well. She has a good deep chest and ample bone, good construction and movement. Presented a pleasing profile and although stood alone a deserved first place.

Novice bitch (6)

1. Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff

2. Haensel's Philhope Summer Time to Sherkarl

Light coloured sable with such a beautiful head, unfortunately her front movement lets her down as she needs to strengthen in pasterns. Has a good topline and firm hind angulation. Showed off her virtues so proudly and was presented to perfection.

3. Sutherland's Beechmere Beautiful At Holamber

Graduate bitch (7,1a)

1. Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit AT Lochkaren (IMP.SWE)

Beautiful bitch and so lovely to go over on the table, very sweet melting expression with lovely eye and ear set. She has good front angulation and nice reach of neck, good depth of chest and nice bone, good hind angulation and long tail. She moved really well for her handler. She just needs to believe how lovely she is and gain a little more confidence which I'm sure will come.

2. Whittington's TIGHNESS THE TIDE IS HIGH

Lovely 7 year old girl who is looking great for her age, super head and expression, lovely arched neck and good deep chest, kept her topline whilst moving out gracefully but preferred the front movement and bloom of the winner.

3. Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff

Post graduate bitch (8,1a)

1. Hateley's Mohnesee Enchanted

What a beautiful young lady with such a superb balanced outline. Her head is lovely with correct length and width of skull and muzzle with nice tight lips and good underjaw. Such expressive eyes and a delightful expression with well set and used ears. Very good front and hind angulation with lovely arched neck and such a deep chest. Really good bone and substance throughout. She moved really well, it was a pleasure to award her the **CC, BOB** and she was shortlisted after a superb group performance. Well done.

2. Weller's Evad Halloween Queen JW

Such a pretty bitch with a sweet eye, nice flat skull and appealing expression. Very good reach of neck and good construction, moved well but unfortunately left her best jacket at home although this enhanced her lovely shape and topline.

3. Haensel's Philhope Summer Highlights at Sherkarl

Limit bitch (5,1a)

1. Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness JW

Lovely shape and outline on this tri. Nice head properties and very feminine all through. Good depth of chest and good angulation both ends. Won this class on movement and presented a lovely outline in the bitch line up.

2. Roberts' Malaroc Rainfall

Such a beautiful head on this girl who has a delightful expression. Front movement was affected a little by her carrying a bit of weight, good hind angulation and she appealed to me a lot but preferred the movement on the day of the winner.

3. Watkin's Lizmark Lucky In Love

Open bitch (4,1a)

1. Hateley's Mohnesee Millybelle JW

Really nice bitch to go over on the table, she has a lovely eye and expression, flat slim skull and good length of muzzle with tight set ears. She has a good deep chest and very balanced throughout, good reach of neck, level topline and good hind angulation. Moved out well and presented a lovely overall picture.

2. Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes

I liked the head properties on this sable, she has a flat skull and nice eye and ear set. I would prefer slightly more neck when viewing her profile. She has good hind angulation and moved well.

3. Creamer CLANAVON TOUCH OF BLUE AT LYNGARSO