

CRUFTS DOG SHOW 9TH MARCH 2025

It has long been top of my bucket list to judge at Crufts so many thanks to The Kennel Club and Crufts Committee for making this come true. Having owned and bred shelties since the early 1970s I have seen many changes in the breed with size and type becoming more stable plus a lot of health issues becoming a thing of the past which augers well for the future of the breed. Thanks to my two stewards who kept the ring moving and helped me get through the entry in plenty of time. A big thank you also to the exhibitors many from all over Europe coming to show under me and I wish I had more cards but in such large classes you have to make close decisions on the day. My best bitch and ultimately BOB was of super type, in full bloom and groomed to perfection. She and her handler both sparkled on the move in the big ring fetching a tear to my eye and making me feel so proud of our lovely breed.

VB (14,7) 1 Int/multi Ch Lundecock's Never Look Back (Mr J N & Mr A S Van Ulsen) 7 year old S/W very appealing lady from the ringside. Head is correct and she certainly knows how to use her ears. Excels in neck and topline being so well balanced all through. She was the best mover in this class and deserved to win Best Veteran Bitch. 2 Wellneuk Dancing Flame JW ShCM (Forbes) 9 year old shaded sable the oldest of this trio still retains her lovely moulded head with good tight ear carriage and rounded muzzle also teeth are good for her age. Looked good in profile and still light on her feet when moving but just throwing one back leg a shade. 3 Ch Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW (Hateley) Just turned 7 years golden S/W just coming into coat, appeals in head with neat ears and nicely moulded muzzle but a shade small in eye although still has a lovely expression. Nicely balanced and very attentive at all times. Moved well in front and profile but when viewed from behind was rather erratic.

MPB (4) 1. Lianbray Lucy Locket (Bray) Eight months golden S/W real sweetie very good head and dark eyes she is a really shapely youngster who moves well and when asked lifts her ears. A shade overawed today when it came to best puppy and wanted to be somewhere else. I am sure she will have better days and has great promise for the future. 2. Karamel Kiss Ze Shetlandu (Imp Cze) NAF (Rennison) Almost 9 months S/W nice head, eye and ears but would like more front underjaw. Very racy in outline she is very attentive to owner and well schooled. Moved OK if a bit erratic at times - I think she is very full of energy! Must not grow on. 3. Savendie Meleys (Mettan-Ure) 8 months very plainly Marked jet black tri head is OK but needs to fill out as appears a shade long in muzzle. Has good neat ears and uses them all the time. Excels in neck and outline and moved really well with her handler.

PB (6,1) 1 Willowthorn's Roulette (Johnson, Jacobs & Johnson) Glamorous 10 months S/W nicely moulded head and good ear carriage she is well balanced all through. Looked good in profile and seems a really happy girl wagging her tail every time I went near. She moved at one with her handler and never stopped showing. In full coat and well shown and presented she earned her Best Puppy Bitch. 2 Stormraven Shadoswift (Raaff) 10 months S/W with good head, eye and neatly carried ears with good dark pigmentation. Nice arched neck but needs to develop in front and chest and maybe a shade longer in body. Moved well and showed her well groomed coat off to perfection. 3 Lavika Like A Lady (Yaxley) Red S/W very shapely young lady with well balanced head but rather bold in eye. Stood and showed non-stop and moved really well.

JB (16,3) 1. Edglonian Apricot Lil (Pearson) Very glamorous top quality S/W whose head is really well balanced with flat skull and well filled muzzle, tight lips and ears on top. Really well pigmented lips, nose eyeline and dark eyes against all her flashy markings made her stand out. Good from her ears backwards having a super neck level top line and sweep over a tail. Moved really true both ways and has great charisma. A lesson to us all in presentation and showmanship. I called her in the last few for the ticket and sure the best is yet to come. 2. Glammerparke Princess Raya (Szewczyk) Another very glam lady with super moulded head dark eyes good underjaw all combining to produce such a

sweet expression. Well off for neck level topline and very well balanced. Stands and shows all the time but tended to put one front leg out at the elbow. Moved really well as her construction would suggest and was in good bloom and well presented. 3. Shazbec Maid of Honour at Sheltisha JW (Sorockyj) A nicely coloured B/M from this kennel who seem to have really got some super coloured blues. Vert glam with full white collar. Nice level planes and well filled muzzle just enough neck and good topline and tailset. Moved well and showed off her lovely head and expression plus her colour and markings make her one you have to look back at.

YB (25,4) 1. Keycharm Sweet Candy (Hayhurst) Plainly marked S/W of top quality. Her head is so beautifully moulded and balanced with very good muzzle and underjaw plus ears well used. Lovely balance of body and neck with level topline and low set tail. Moved well but I think her handler needs to go a shade faster to get the best out of her. In good bloom and well presented. One with a bright future 2. Rosabell Black Velvet Pol Jch (Ferenc) Super quality glamorous S/W who excels in many ways. Head is well balanced with just enough stop and the dark eyes give such a sweet expression. She is well balanced all through and very good on the move. Shows her socks off and ran the first very close on the day. A very nice exhibit. 3. Longrange Crystal Moon (Dunne) Very pretty B/M with endearing expression. Well balanced head lovely filled muzzle and ears on top. Good overall shape she looked so well balanced from the ringside and moved so true both ways. Loved her colour and ring presence. Wish there was just a bit more of her.

PGB (31,12) 1. Milesend Shadow Dancer (Miles) Pale S/W young lady whose head is moulded to perfection with the darkest pigmentation making her expression so appealing. Well off for neck she is balanced all through and a lovely outline standing. Moves really true although could be moved a shade faster to advantage. Not a showing fool but let me see a few glimpses of her ears on top. I liked her a lot and hope she will show with a bit more enthusiasm. 2. Evad Halloween Spice JW (Weller) Another very nice quality S/W unlucky to meet the winner. Head is so well balanced and ears are set well giving a sweet feminine expression. Good neck and topline she is a super shape and glides along the floor with ease. Has good ring presence and never stopped using her ears all the time. She is a very nice bitch and one for the future 3. Keycharm Samba (Hayhurst) Another lovely S/W from this kennel in fact full sister to winner of previous class and most of my comments remain the same as at a quick glance they look like a clone of each other. Maybe not quite as sweet expression as her sister and perhaps not in such good coat but moved well and showed me her charms. She also would benefit from being moved faster.

Mid LB (13,3) Three top quality bitches 1. Felthorn Good Time Girl (Thornley & Thornley & Withers) Super coloured b/m lady of quality from her ears to the tip of her lovely long tail. Head is so well balanced and moulded with eye shape and placement to compliment and neat ears used well. Excelling in neck, topline and sweep over loins and tail she made a lovely picture moving around the ring. She was not quite in full coat but her presentation and expert handling made me keep looking back at her in the challenge to win a well deserved RCC. 2. Molson Mine Till Midnight (Hill) Very lovely golden S/W so well put together and beautifully balanced. Head is well balanced with good firm underjaw and lovely expression. Not a showing fool but showed me her ears when asked. Another not quite in full coat but a super mover and must have a good future. 3. Lavika Sunset Rose JW (Robinson) Super feminine B/M with lovely bone and substance for her size. Head is nicely balanced with neat ears on top and a lovely inquisitive expression. Well balanced all through she was beautifully groomed and presented by her young handler who moved her around the ring with ease.

LB (11,1) 1. Dandlewood Kiss n Tell at Lianbray (Imp Nld) (Bray) S/ W excelling in in head and expression. So feminine in outlook and so well balanced all through. Plenty of neck under that huge coat and level topline she flowed around the ring with ease. I remember judging this lovely young lady as a very raw puppy and she has turned into a top quality bitch. In full coat groomed to perfection she stood out in this class and was standing in the last few for the ticket. Surely her day will come 2. Jaelis Mystique Reality JW (Ritchie) Another top quality S/ W with superb head ears and eye all so well balanced to produce that melting expression. Nice length of neck and level back make her look good in profile and she moved really well in all directions. A keen showgirl and groomed and

shown to advantage she was close up to the first. 3. Bramblecroft Reebea at Bluequarry (haw) Shaded S/W with facial blaze. Has a well balanced head with well set ears and nicely filled foreface. Good neck and front solid topline held well on the move. Nice body condition and in good coat which fitted her lovely shape. Three very nice ladies.

OB (23,7) 1 1. Ch/Ir Ch Longrange Cailin Dubh Cw22 Cen W Cen Ch An Ch 22/23 (Dunne) What can I say that has not been said about her. She is top quality from head to tail with a balanced head, darkest of eyes neat ears lovely underjaw and lipline. Plenty arched neck level top line and sweeping tail floats around the ring with her superb handler. Her jet black coat with textbook painted white markings sparkles in the light and she is in full bloom. What more can you want for your best bitch, CC and BOB. 2. Int/multi Ch Dandlewood Endless Surprise Euw-21 Ww-23 (Van Ulsen) Another top quality S/ W from this kennel with an exquisite expression all produced by the balance of head, eye, ears and muzzle with a good underjaw and lipline. Well off for neck level back and sweep over the tail flowed around the ring. A born showgirl she made the most of herself at all times and in full coat she looked a picture. 3. D/lux Ch Jackie Jackpot vom Nixenteich Jch (Kohlhepp) A super almost 3 year old B/M whose coat is really blue even though she was not quite in full bloom. Head is so proud, with ears used non-stop and she has a really firm underjaw. Stood four-square and is really eye-catching on the move. I think she is a worthy champion and thank you for feching her all the way from Germany.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme B (19,2) 1. Evad Halloween Spice JW (Weller) see 2nd in PG 2. Shazbec Maid of Honour at Sheltisha JW (Sorockyj) see 3rd in Junior 3. Sheltisha Bell of The Ball at Natara JW (Hickling) 6 year old B/M with nicely balanced head lovely dark eyes and good rounded muzzle and underjaw. Ears are a shade big but this does not detract from her feminine expression and outlook. Moved OK but at the side of the ring she stood with her back legs tucked up spoiling her outline. Nicely presented in good coat which was a very well broken blue colour.

Judge - Ann Stafford