

CRUFTS 10 MARCH 2023 - SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS (MALES)

It was an honor to be invited to judge at this prestigious show and I would like to thank everyone for the lovely entry of 102 and for managing to get to the show in horrendous weather conditions. Presentation was excellent my hands were clean at the end of the day. Main faults I found were poppy eyes and short tails. We seem to have controlled size. At one time shelties in the UK were the best in the world but the overseas exhibitors are giving us a run for our money now and are producing good typy sound dogs of correct size with lovely long tails. Although we have some good stud dogs in this country we have lost some of the big kennels that we could go to with our bitches, please remember when you are not going to keep that lovely good quality male puppy we need these as they are the future of our lovely breed and there will be even less choice of stud dogs to go to. I was delighted that myself and my co judge Gail Richardson were in complete agreement for the dog Int Ch Lundecoocks Coconut to go BOB, the dog Int Ch Lundecoocks Surprise Packet BVIB and BPIB to the bitch.Molson Mine Till Midnight.

VETERAN DOG 10 (4)

1. VAN ULSEN'S INT CH LUNDECOCK'S SURPRISE PACKET

Quality SW dog of correct size, lovely head, eye and expression, neat ears which he never stopped using, good reach of neck, good front, shoulder placement and upper arm, good bone legs and feet. Super long tail. Belies his 7 years. Moved extremely well. Very well presented. I make no secret I love the type of dogs that this clever breeder of this dog produces. In complete agreement with my co judge delighted to award him BVIB.

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2. HILL'S CH/AUS CH HOW ABOUT ME FOR MOLSON

SW dog who is one of my favourites who I have previously awarded a CC to and has been an asset to our breed and is a worthy champion. Gorgeous head, eye and melting expression, well placed ears which he used well. Good reach of neck, good front and hindquarters which enabled him to move well. Although I preferred his head to 1's I have seen him look better than he was today and 1 just edged the class on the extra long tail and extra sparkle on the day. Well presented.

3. WITHERS' CH STANYDALE SHOT IN THE DARK (JW)

Tri dog of good type who I have previously done well, good head and nice dark eye and good expression, good reach of neck, neat ears which he used well. Good front and hind angulation which allowed him to move well, good length of tail. Nice black coat which was in lovely condition a worthy champion and a credit to his owner.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (3) (2)

1. BEADEN AND KNABBS KATIEDALE PARTYTIME

SW who stood alone. Neat head properties and good ears which he used well, sufficient reach of neck. Ok for size and moved okay. Well handled and presented. Was not happy with his surroundings today.

PUPPY DOG (3)

1. WALKER'S TOORALIE'S TORNADE

Lovely black and white of 9 months of good quality, neat head, good eye and expression, good reach of neck and good ears which he used well. Good front, spot on for size. Good length of tail. Moved extremely well and soundly, well handled and presented. I had no hesitation in awarding him BPD.

2. STOCK'S SHEMIST SUMMERTIME BLUES

Lovely blue of 9 months who is a lovely colour, good head, eye and nice expression, lovely reach of neck, good front and hindquarters which allowed him to move well, would just prefer a higher ear set. Nice for size, moved well. Very well presented.

3. ROBINSON'S LAVIKA MOONLIGHT STORM

Tri dog, good eye and expression, neat ears which he used well, not as refined in head than I prefer; good reach of neck, good length of tail. Unfortunately today at times he was not standing correct in front and did not move as well as I have seen him. and I would prefer him to be a bit more masculine. Very well presented and handled by his young handler.

JUNIOR DOG (10)

1. VAN ULSEN AND HEIJSTEK'S DANDLEWOOD KEEP WATCHING ME

Golden SW dog of good breed type, good head, eye and expression, good ears which he used well, sufficient reach of neck, good hindquarters which enabled him to move well. Super long tail. Slightly more coat would have completed the picture but what he had was well presented and in good condition. He is a little finer than I prefer and would just prefer him to be a bit more masculine but he won this class on his lovely head qualities, expression and breed type.

2. WINFIELD'S LIRREN QUICKSTEP TO OAKCROFT (JW)

SW of 17 months who was really lovely to go over, correct head, eye, super reach of neck, good ears which he used well, good bone, legs and feet, good length of tail, lovely for size and moved well. More masculine than 2 and pressed 1 hard but just preferred the type and the sweeter expression of 1. Well handled and presented.

3. **NORRIS'S FERNGROVE'S VALENTINO**

Masculine 13 month SW dog nice for type, good head, eye and expression, good reach of neck, good ears which he used well. Good length of tail. Moved well. Well presented. Would just prefer him slightly smaller.

YEARLING DOG (16) (1)

One of the best classes of the day for overall quality.

1. **WAHL'S ALUCIA GLEE'S ELADON GOLDENHAIR**

Stunning SW who is ideal for type and size who is top quality. Beautiful head properties, lovely shaped eye and merry expression, neat ears right on top which he never stopped using. Good front and shoulder placement, good reach of neck, good legs and feet. Super length of tail. Moved well and presented to perfection. I liked him very much and he is just the type I like. It was unfortunate his owner accidentally also put him in the super open dog class of which he was shortlisted. Wish he were mine.

2. **ROTMENSUN'S DANDLEWOOD KNOCK KNOCK**

Another top quality youngster who was unfortunate to come up against 1. Super wedged head, ideal eye placement and lovely expression. Well placed ears which he never stopped using. Super long arched neck, good front and shoulder placement, good bone legs and feet. Lovely long tail. Good hindquarters which enabled him to move around the ring with ease. Really liked him a lot preferred him to his litter mate who won the previous class. Another one I would love to own.

3. **MOTTRAM'S LUNDECOCKS HOOPIE-DOO AT LOCHKAREN**

Very glamorous good quality SW who is lovely for type, lovely clean head properties, eye and expression, good ears which he used well. Good reach of neck. Beautiful bone, legs and feet, good hindquarters which allowed him to move well, an example in length of tail it was flowing on the ground. He was very nice to go over and is very well constructed but his shape could be overlooked due to his wealth of coat but underneath what I found was very nice Presented to perfection and well handled. Unlucky to meet 1 and 2.

POST GRADUATE DOG (18) (6)

1. **STOCK'S SHEMIST SEA DRAGON**

Lovely blue Merle of good quality and good colour, lovely wedged head, nice eye and expression, good ears which he used well, sufficient reach of neck, good front and shoulder placement, super bone legs and feet. Good length of tail. Spot on for size. Lovely mover. Shown in excellent coat and condition which was presented to perfection.

2. **SOROCKYJ & HAINE'S PADAWAN MANDALORIAN**

Sable and White of good quality and lovely for type, excellent head qualities, lovely well placed shape eye and super expression, lovely arched neck, good front and hindquarters which allowed him to move well. He is very well constructed he was really lovely to go over. Super long tail. Unfortunately he left his coat at home and looked very immature to 1. Well handled and presented. Would like to see him in full bloom. Just needs to mature to trouble the best.

3. **CREAMER'S LYNGARSO CAPTAIN TOM**

Lovely tri nice for size , scores in head qualities, nice dark eye, good expression, lovely rich tan markings. Good ears which were correctly placed which he used well. Good reach of neck, good front and hindquarters which allowed him to move well. Lovely long tail. Again just needs to mature to trouble the best. Well handled and well presented.

MID LIMIT DOG (14) (1)

1. **ROBINSON'S STARLIGHT SALUTE**

Very masculine and upstanding SW dog who really surprised me as from the ringside he has always looked bigger than I prefer but I think it is his lovely long arched neck that makes him bigger than he looks, Neat head qualities, good eye and expression, good ears which he used well. Beautiful bone, legs and feet., good tail carriage and length. Moved well. In excellent coat and condition and well handled and presented as usual from this kennel.

2. **DOYLE'S SEVENOAKS SO PERFECT DUKE DES ROMARINS DE MAYERLING**

Tri dog spot on for size, lovely wedged head, nice dark eye and lovely expression. Lovely rich tan markings and super black coat. Super reach of neck, good front and hindquarters which allowed him to move well. Lovely long tail. Well handled and presented. Looked very immature next to 1 but once he matures I am sure he will have a very bright future.

3. **BARROWCLOUGH'S SHADOWESS LOCKDOWN HERO**

SW dog nice for size, neat head qualities, good eye and expression, super reach of neck, good well placed ears which he never stopped using. Good shoulder placement, good legs and feet, super length of tail. Sufficient bone. Well handled and presented. Moved well. This is the best I have seen him move today and with his tail down which made a big difference.

LIMIT DOG (10)

1. MORRISON'S KETIM FINAL EDITION

Lovely SW I have admired from the ringside who is of top quality. Excellent for size. Beautiful head qualities with level planes, lovely eye and expression, neat ears correctly placed which he never stopped using. Super reach of neck, good front and shoulder placement, good hindquarters, lovely long tail. He is the most beautiful shape and so graceful when he is on the move he just flows around the ring. One of the nicest here today and lovely for breed type. He does not carry a big coat but what he has is fitted and correct for the standard. I did consider him for top honours but he could just not match the bloom and presence of my main winners. If justice is done he should go on to win top honours in the future

2. PROCTOR STIOSAN STILL GAMEG

Rich golden SW of correct size, who needs to be handled to be appreciated, super head qualities with lovely flat skull, correctly placed well shaped eye, good expression. Super length of neck, good front and hindquarters, good shoulder placement, good length of tail, He is very well constructed and is lovely to go over. His construction allows him to move really well. Often gets overlooked as he does not carry a big coat and is not a showing fool. The fitted coat he had was well presented. Well handled. Deserved his placing in this class.

3. GAMBLE'S SOLYRIC INAUGRAL GOLD (JW)

SW who excels in head qualities, good eye and expression, He is lovely for type and ideal for size. Neat well placed ears which he used well. Sufficient reach of neck and good shoulders, good bone, legs and feet. Nice length of tail. Moved well, Very well presented.

OPEN DOG (21) (3)

A once in a lifetime class to judge any of my first 5 could have taken the CC and so many other lovely dogs had to go cardless.

1. OLSEN'S INT CH LUNDECOCK'S COCONUT

Masculine SW dog who I absolutely love and previously gave him BIS in Norway last June. Not a glamour boy he is very plainly marked but he is all quality. Super head qualities, excellent head, eye and expression, topped with neat ears he never stopped using. Good reach of neck, good front and excellent shoulder placement, super bone, legs and feet. Good length of tail and super hindquarters, excellent forward reach he just flowed around the ring with such presence. In total unison with his handler he stands like a statue and never puts a foot wrong. Presented to perfection. Delighted to award him the CC and my co judge Gail Richardson was in complete agreement with no hesitation to award him BOB. He looked lovely in the group and did himself proud.

2. FISHER'S CH SHELLAMOYED GOLD FEVER

Masculine rich golden SW dog who I have always admired and who is lovely for type to me he is the double of his father who I have awarded a CC. Superb head qualities, super eye and lovely merry expression. Lovely reach of neck, good front and shoulder placement, lovely bone, good legs and feet, super strong hind quarters which enabled him to flow around the ring with ease. Lovely long tail. In super coat and condition. Very well presented. Delighted to award him the RES CC. Unlucky to meet 1.

3. PEARSON'S CH EDGLONIAN GOLDEN GRAHAM

Lovely SW dog of top quality who deserves all of his previous wins. Ideal for size, good head, eye and expression, well placed ears which he never stopped using, excels with his lovely arched reach of neck, excellent shoulder placement, good well rounded bone legs and feet super length of tail. Good hindquarters which enabled him to move well. I have to say the presentation of this dog was first class there was not a hair out of place. Expertly handled as usual from this exhibitor.

GOOD CITIZENS DOG SCHEME DOG (6) (1)

1. SAUNDERS'S GALATEUS BOHEMIA CLASSIC AT TORRIGLEN

Golden SW who was placed VHC in the lovely yearling dog class. Lovely for type, good head qualities, lovely eye and super melting expression, sufficient reach of neck, good front and shoulder assembly, good hindquarters which allowed him to move well. Lovely long tail. Moved and showed well. Would just prefer a higher ear set. Immaculately groomed and presented.

2. RIDING'S ACHOR'S SURPRISE PERCY POLARIS AT TORINSKA

BM of good colour and is nice for size, neat head, eye and expression, good ears which he used well, sufficient reach of neck, good ears which he used well, good hindquarters which enabled him to move well. Well handled and presented.

3. BASTIANI AND JOHN LIRREN SHOWTIME JOINS AUBERSWELL

Tri who is nice for type, neat head properties, good ears which he used well, good reach of neck. Good front and hindquarters. Good tail carriage. Moved well. Good black coat which was well handled and presented.

TRACY GARTLAND (ARCOT) JUDGE