

CRUFTS, 10/03/16 - Shetland Sheepdogs

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DOGS – It was a great honour to judge Shetland Sheepdog dogs at this prestigious show, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Crufts committee for their invitation also thank you to my two stewards Phyllis Rigby & John Whitfield for all their hard work & thank you to everyone who entered their dogs it was a day I will never forget.

V (16,5a) 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Buggy Malone, I have watched this well known dog on numerous occasions from the side of the ring & it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to go over him & I was not disappointed. I can see why he has been awarded so many CC's a quality dog presented in top condition. What more can I say that has not been said about him already; 2 Smith's Orean Top Gun, another upstanding dog with good angulation both front & rear which enabled him to cover the ground well on the move, with a well balanced head having a masculine expression. Immaculately presented. Well deserved 2nd place; 3 Riding's Willow Tarn Taubyn via Evad. **MP** (3) Due to the excessive noise in the hall upsetting these minor puppies I found this the most difficult class I had to assess, & sure these dogs will change places on numerous occasions. 1 Hardy's Sandwick Fortune Seeker, pleasing baby, head is well proportioned with flat skull & well rounded foreface nicely placed ears, good reach of neck & angulation front & rear with graceful sweep over loin. BPD; 2 Robinson's Lavika Moonshine, 8 month old baby. Well balanced head correct shape eye neatly placed ears nice outline. Not so mature as 1; 3 Jackson's Shellamoyed The Kingsman. **P** (6) 1 Robinson's Lavika Moonshine; 2 French's Lirren Love Match, shaded s/w in good coat & condition well constructed. More mature than 1, immaculately presented & responded well to handler, but I preferred the head pattern of the above; 3 Lycett's Iliad Isle Spy. **J** (19,4) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Star Force, a quality dog coming back into coat, lovely head & eye giving a sweet yet masculine expression. Good outline & angulation moved well around the ring. Was immaculate in presentation; 2 Stow & Withers' Stonydale Shot In The Dark, a mature well balanced & constructed tri dog. He has an attractive shape with a good reach of neck, level topline & slope over the croup. Stood foursquare, moved out with purpose; 3 Walker's Marsula Shogun. **Y** (24,1) 1 Miles' Milesend Sea Captain, glamorous shapely s/w with elegant racy outline in good coat & condition, well constructed with straight front, good depth of body level topline, nice sweep over the loin he moved with good forward reach & drive. Pleasing head & expression. Showed non stop & responded well to handler; 2 Fearnach Show Me Heaven In Kishdigra, golden s/w who impressed me for his overall shape & confirmation, good bone & straight front well developed with good depth & spring of rib, moved well around the ring. Presented in excellent condition very attentive to handler; 3 Goodwin's Sandwick Turn Back Time. **G** (12) 1 Aaron's Mastermind at Shelridge, tri spot on for size, correct wedge shaped head, flat skull balanced foreface well placed & shaped eye giving the desired expression, neat well carried ears. In gleaming coat of correct texture moved & showed well; 2 Attwood's Terriwood Moonlight Echo, tri lovely shape & balanced in profile having a nice wedged shape head, topped with neat ears, flat skull dark eye well developed under jaw, good depth of body, in good coat well presented; 3 Stuckey's Carolelen Country Fair Of Honeybears. **PG** (17,1) 1 Sonvico Willowgarth Bailey's Gold, g/s, loved his shape & outline. Has a flat skull well filled foreface correct eye size shape & placement giving a lovely expression. Good depth of chest level topline which showed as he moved confidently around the ring in full coat of correct texture; 2 Allan's Tesoro Tintoretto, s/w, well constructed dog, pleasing outline nice wedge shaped head dark well placed eye. Good

depth of body. Moved freely around the ring. responded well to handler; 3 Hateley's Viewdale Mr Hilton. **ML** (18,2) 1 Trillou-Wilson's Shelridge Sangiovese, s/w. Attractive shape with a good reach of neck & level topline. His head is well balanced with a flat skull good foreface & under jaw. Well presented cooperated well with handler moved freely around the ring; 2 Stock's Chemist Black Wizard, tri spot on for size. Well balanced head with well filled foreface, good underjaw & correctly shaped placed dark eye. Good reach of neck level topline & slope over the croup. His coat is jet black & the correct texture. Moved well; 3 Gatheral's Herds Humphrey. **L** (14) 1 Miles' Lavika Time Will Tell at Milesend, I have admired this s/w dog since he was a puppy from the side of the ring. Appealed for his overall shape shown in immaculate condition. Lovely outline, correct wedge shaped head, flat skull, balanced foreface, neat ears well placed dark eye giving a lovely expression. Good depth of chest, level topline graceful sweep over the croup. Covered the ground well when on the move. **RCC**; 2 Weller's Evad Star Gazer, g/s, quality male presented in full coat of correct texture of which I would have just liked a little less as I felt I it distracted from his overall shape. Lovely head eye & expression. Good construction which showed as he moved around the ring; 3 Pearson's Dancing To The Blues at Edglonian. **O** (22,4) 1 Akesson's Cib/Se/Fi/No/Dk Ch Windcrest Stylish Move, it was indeed a great pleasure to handle this dog who demanded my attention as he entered the ring, a superb example of our breed. A balanced dog good depth of body & spring of ribs superb hindquarters excellent neck & shoulder he moved well with good front extension as his construction suggests. Head is well balanced with flat skull & well rounded foreface, the eye is dark well placed giving the desired expression. He was groomed to perfection I was very pleased to award him the **CC** & with my co-judge **BOB** & to see him take **G3**. Well done; 2 Partridge's Rainelor Razzmattaz, shaded & white a sound dog, excellent proportions, moulded wedge shaped head, flat skull well placed correct dark eye neat ears, arched neck of good length balanced body shape adequate bone, deep chest, level topline, good sweep over croup, well let down hocks moved soundly; 3 Scott's Ch Degallo The Ultimate. **GC** (14) 1 Edward's Castlerose Spirit Master, b/m dog who has a good reach of neck, level topline & strong well angulated hindquarters which gives him the drive from behind & his good front assembly enables him to reach forward well on the move. Excellant presentation; 2 Bastiani & John's Faitmoireverjocker Desromarinside Mayerling at Aubershill, mature s/w, excellent body coat & condition, nicely balanced moved well; 3 Sangster's Chalmoor Blue Sky.

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BITCHES – First I would like to say thank you to the Cruft's Committee for inviting me to judge their prestigious show & to my stewards Derek Rigby & Ray Grice for their fantastic help. I would also like to thank everyone who entered, it was my most memorable judging appointment

V (20,3a) 1 Barnett's Ch Railway Crystal Star, 7 year old b/m of excellent colour immaculately presented & of ideal size. Well constructed front & rear with a well balanced head & nicely placed ears which she used well & co operated with handler; 2 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Star O' The North, s/w in lovely coat & condition with good bone, correct wedge shaped head, well placed & shaped eye giving a sweet expression, neatly placed ears which she used to full advantage; 3 Nixon's Ch Japaro Designed In Dreams. **MP** (1) 1 Ambler's Watchwod's Sweetheart, 8 month old b/m of great charm with correct wedge shape head, flat skull & correct stop. Attractive outline with graceful sweep over the croup. Moved freely.

BPB, BP. **P** (8,1) 1 Robinson's Lavika Good Luck, very feminine s/w of correct size & type. Attractive outline & wedge shape head with a flat skull & rounded fore face. Neatly placed ears & good eye placement giving the desired expression; 2 Parkes Milesend Sweet Whispers, 9 month old golden s/w in nice coat. Balanced head with good stop, flat skull & good ear carriage, & sweet expression, moved with ease; 3 Smith's Orean Rambling Rose. **J** (14) 1 Daniel's & Taylor's Pepperhill Kicks'n Flicks, b/m of good colour with a rich tan to enhance her outlook. Lovely head & expression with well moulded fore face & neat ears, good bone & attractive outline good front & rear angulation. Has a bright future; 2 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis, attractive s/w of correct size, pleasing outline & well balanced head flat skull & level topline, neat well carried ears which she used to full advantage; 3 Fiisher's Shellamoyed Babycham. **Y** (15,1) 1 Hateley's Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee, s/w of ideal size in excellent coat & condition. Lovely wedge shaped head, flat skull, rounded muzzle. Well placed & shape dark eye giving that desired sweet expression. Neat well carried ears which used to full advantage. Attractive outline & moved freely round the ring. **RCC**; 2 Fisher's Shellamoyed Blue Heaven, b/m of good colour. Well balanced head with moulded foreface & correct placed stop & eye placement. Good front & rear angulation, level topline with graceful sweep over the croup. Elegant on the move. Two bitches with a bright future; 3 Weller's Dukeson Chasin's stars over Evad. **G** (26,2) This was a truly lovely class with some nice bitches going home without a card. 1 Robert's Willowgarth Love Story Golden, s/w of correct size & substance. In excellent coat with correct wedge shaped head, flat skull balanced foreface, well placed & shaped dark eye giving the desired sweet expression, neat well carried ears which she used to full advantage. Moved freely with drive. One we will hear a lot more of in the future; 2 Fisher's Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed, well broken merle of good colour with well balanced head & rounded muzzle, attractive outline with good reach of neck & level topline & bend of stifle, cooperated well with handler; 3 French's Lindfern Bee Enchanted. **PG** (14,2) 1 Miles' Milesend Bluebell, b/m of good colour & correct size balanced head, nicely constructed front & rear which showed when on the move, used her ears to full advantage; 2 Scott's Look Who's at Degallo, s/w with well balanced head, flat skull & correct stop. Well placed eye giving a sweet expression. Neat well carried ears which she used well; 3 Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad. **ML** (14,2) 1 Bray's Lianbray Locked In Love, s/w in lovely coat & condition with correct wedge shaped head well placed dark eye giving a sweet expression. Attractive outline with a graceful sweep over the croup. Covered the ground well when on the move; 2 Finnegan's Fearnach Custom Made for Lukinwuf, glamorous s/w of ideal size, nicely balanced head with sweet expression. Neat ears which she used to her advantage moved soundly around the ring; 3 Deveson's Lucky Liaison at Lianbray. **L** (12) 1 Robinson's Lavika Life Time, golden s/w of ideal size, wedge shaped head with flat skull & correct stop. Well placed eye giving a sweet expression topped with neat well carried ears. First class presentation & her handler made the most of her; 2 Dunne's Odessa Z Paunochnaga Lesu at Longrange, b/m of lovely colour with correct wedge shaped head, flat skull & correct stop. Attractive outline & level topline with graceful sweep over the croup. Good hind angulation & elegant on the move; 3 Wilkie's Avonbank Wish Upon A Star. **O** (20,4) 1 Robinson's Ch Lavika Summer Time, elegant s/w with very attractive outline who I judged as a puppy at Bath in 2013 giving her BP, correct wedge shaped head well placed & shaped dark eye giving the desired expression. Neat well placed ears which she used to full advantage. Moved around the ring with drive & style & cooperated full with her handler. It gave me great pleasure to award her the CC; 2 Moore's Ch Sanscott Sweet City Woman, another feminine s/w with an attractive outline of ideal size with a well balanced head & sweet expression. Cooperated well with her handler & moved round the ring with drive; 3 Scott's Ch Degallo For Real. **GC** (13) 1 Deveson's Lucky Liaison at Lianbray, shaded s/w of correct size. Well balanced head with flat skull &

correct stop neat ears which she used to her advantage, & in complete harmony with her handler; 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Bitta Aweet, b/m of good colour, lovely wedge shaped head & soft expression. Good angulation front & rear which enabled her to move with drive around the ring; 3 Bastian & John's Myriehewe Touch Of Gold.

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