

DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Thanks to the exhibitors for their entries - numerically very good, helped by all the special classes provided by this well run show. Quality was very mixed, but pleased to have some top quality youngsters which augers well for the future. I found a few incorrect mouths and some that lacked front underjaw with lips not covering the teeth. This must be watched as it spoils an otherwise quality exhibit. The standard says 'jaws level, clean, strong with a well developed underjaw. Lips tight, teeth sound with a perfect regular and complete scissor bite. Perhaps when choosing a stud dog we should remember this and opt for a dog who himself and his family excel in this point otherwise this ugly fault will become prevalent spoiling our beautiful sheltie heads and expressions. Food for thought maybe!!?

VD (3) 1 Rowan's Ch Degallo The Vindicator At Rowancrest. Top quality s/w at only 7 years is still in his prime. Lovely shape excels in head and expression plus was groomed to perfection and moved well. A worthy champion and no hesitation in short-listing him in my last four dogs. 2 Tucker's Sandiacre Set In Ice. 9 years, jet black tri with very rich tan and good head and eye, but ears a tad heavy. Shapely body covered by well groomed coat he moved well and held a good topline with correct tail carriage. Not a showing fool but did enough when asked. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis.

MPD (4) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. 8 months s/w excelling in so many ways with super refined head, eyeset and placement with well filled muzzle all so smoothly moulded to give that expression that we strive for. Very mature body for age, lovely topline and tail carriage, the best of legs and feet making his movement excellent for one so young. Not much coat as yet but with all his other attributes must surely have a very bright future. BPD. 2 Hull's Mohnesee Dream Date Of Lizmark. Another 8 months s/w also a very nice puppy with lovely head and expression also nicely balanced. Not as confident on the move as yet and needs to tighten in front but with a bit more schooling should do well. Another promising puppy. 3 Fuller's Jacanshe Circle Of Life.

PD (7, 1) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. 2 French's Lindfern Light Sabre. 10 months glamorous s/w with good head, eye, ears and very sweet expression. Lovely shape with nicely arched neck, level topline and sweeping long tail. Moves at one with handler, was in good coat and a real showman, so surely another with a very bright future. Close up to first and a shame these two had to be in the same class. 3 Bennett's Marsula My Sunshine.

JD (5, 2) 1 Bendelow's Guxel Gold Ringer From Amethrickeh. Very glamorous s/w. Pleasing expression with alert ears and good muzzle just a tad strong in skull. Good body shape and a keen showman in well presented huge coat moved ok but very loose in front and not helped by the lumpy bumpy uneven ground in the ring we were allocated. 2 Jacob's Willowthorn Dream Gazer. S/w just over a year with nice expression but strong in skull for his age. Good body balance and very well constructed which was easy to see as he is losing coat and looks a teenager. Moved and showed well but needs fresh new coat to complete the picture. 3 Lee's Willowthorn's Trushka.

YD (4) 1 Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Dudley JW. Another nice s/w who has left his coat at home. Good head qualities and very shapely but needs to fill out and mature all over making him look thin legged with very little hair and body tone. Moved and showed well but needs a new coat to reach full potential for the future. 2 Bird & Caden's Molson Mr Blue Sky JW. Lovely marbled blue merle boy with a good head and expression plus very neat well used ears. Nice shape and keen showman was in good bloom and nicely presented. Moved ok in front but lost out on hind movement today. Close thing between first and second. 3 Lewis' Sandwick Curtain Call At Donmarvic.

GD (7, 1) 1 Chatterley's Silver Coin. B/m, on the small side but so well balanced all through with lovely head and expression also good muzzle and underjaw for his size. Stands like a rock showing his nice shape with a lovely sweep over the topline and croup. Comes into his own on the move and really covers the ground with ease. In good coat well groomed and presented could be a better colour and I wish he was a tad bigger but still a lovely dog. 2 Mottram's Lanteague Gold Sovereign At Lochkaren JW. Golden s/w with nice expression and good muzzle, just a shade strong in backskull. When he settled was a nice shape but was hard to assess on the move. Groomed as usual immaculately from this kennel. I think he seemed worried about the dogs in the next ring and movement was all over the place not helped by the uneven ring we were allocated. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream.

PGD (5) 1 Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon. Really black tri, rich tan, carries a proud head with a refined skull good eye shape and set and well filled muzzle making a super expression with ears alert. Well arched neck, level topline, nice sweep over back and croup finished with a good long tail. Was in full bloom and well presented also best mover in the class earned him a place in the last four for BD. Hope his day will come. 2 Bennett's Watchwood Tartan Snow. B/m with good head properties although odd coloured eyes detract slightly.

In good firm condition was well muscled (which a lot were not) and moved with drive in all directions especially strong behind. Coat was in good bloom and I bet he could do a day's work. A nice sound dog. 3 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

LD (7, 1) 1 Hepburn's Shellamoyed Simply The Best At Leterikhills JW Sh. And he is the best golden s/w of correct size with a super refined and moulded skull, correctly shaped and set eyes, perfect stop and well filled muzzle with tight lips and well set neat ears all making for that elusive expression. Plenty of neck into level topline and gentle sweep over croup he strode around the ring with ease. In full bloom and well shown and presented was in my last four and pleased me enough in strong competition to deserve the RCC. 2 Bywater's Tachnamadra He's Got The Look. Tri with dark tan and a lovely boy but full of himself today. Nice head and expression with alert ears very shapely and balanced body with a sparkling black jacket so shiny and well groomed. All male this dog whose tail carriage needs watching on the move as this spoils his topline and hind movement on such an otherwise quality dog. 3 Purdie's Rengala Taken By Storm JW.

OD (7) 1 Hill's Aus Gr Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson NAF (Imp). Pale s/w glamour boy who takes the eye being so well schooled and groomed. Pleasing head and ears so responsive with lovely black pigmentation around the eyes, lips and nose. Looks well balanced on the table and at the ringside with firm topline and correct tail carriage on the move. Carrying a wealth of well groomed coat he was put down to perfection and couldn't be denied the CC and later on BOB. 2 Winfield's Ch Oakcroft Star Force JW. Top quality s/w with super head properties and perfect body balance. Today he looked out of coat and what he had was gritty and unkempt with no bloom at all. He moved well and didn't do anything wrong but this is a beauty show and although I like him very much and fetched him in for the RCC I was sad not to be able to give him more. 3 Gatheral's Ch Herds Humphrey JW.

VB (6, 2) 1 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination JW. 7 years, very glamorous tri lady with good head and expression, lovely arched neck, rock solid topline and lovely long tail. In super body condition she is a good overall shape and can she move! Has short strong hocks and really covers a lot of ground for her size is a real showgirl and was BVB, BVIB and 4th overall in the pastoral veteran group. Well done. 2 Forbes' Wellneuk Dancing Waters JW ShCM. 7 years shaded s/w quality lady with a lovely head, eye, ears and expression. Excellent body shape accentuated by lack of coat on the day. Moved well from behind but front feet are a shade flat which showed in her coming towards me. A nice bitch who needs to grow a new coat to complete the picture. 3 Bennett's Watchwood Dream Girl.

MPB (6, 1) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet Dreams. 8 months golden s/w with lovely head and expression, she is ultra female. Plenty of neck she is a nice size for age with just the right amount of bone for her sex. Moved well and showed non-stop with every hair gleaming as usual from this kennel. Has real attitude and commands attention which won her BPB and BPIB. 2 Fuller's Jacanshe Elsa's Winter Waltz. 6 months raw b/m baby nicely broken and coloured with full white collar. Head is pleasing but would prefer more front underjaw. Showed and moved well for one so young but needs coat to enhance her shape and make her less on the leg. Promising baby. 3 Shaw's Bramblecroft Reeba At Bluequarry.

PB (10, 1) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet Dreams. 2 Walker's Tooralie's No No Nanette. Super b/w bitch with nicely refined head and expression is lovely which isn't easy in this colour. Excels in body shape and balance having a perfect topline making a lovely picture in stance. Has charisma and verve on the move when she really can cover the ground. I liked her and think with a bit more coat and maturity should do well. Close up and unlucky to meet the winner but sure her turn will come. 3 Hill's Ellenyorn Exclusive To Molson.

JB (7, 1) 1 Nixon's Japaro Its All About Me. Gorgeous golden s/w with glamour personified. Appeals for head qualities and expression being so feminine also lovely shape and overall type and balance. In full bloom with every hair shining she moved and showed to perfection as one would expect from this kennel. Pleased to award her the RCC in very hot competition. 2 Redpath's Sonymer Storm Doris. Very nice tri with plenty of glamour. Very appealing head and expression using her ears well and very attentive to her owner. Lovely shape standing and moves well with strong hindquarters. In good coat she showed well and when mature should do well. A very nice young bitch. 3 Winfield's Carolelen Classic Star By Oakcroft.

YB (5, 1) 1 Hardy's Sandwich Silhouette. Shaded s/w with lots to like but a shade bigger. Lovely to go over with good angulation both ends. Pleasing head, eye and expression. Superb neck and topline and coat nicely groomed and presented. A good showgirl and could really move round the ring. This was a difficult class to judge and I judged to the standard on the day. 2 Hatley's Sanscott Sweet Serenity At Mohnesee JW. Another very nice s/w from this kennel with good head and expression but would prefer tighter lips. Good body and balance she moves well and was as always groomed and schooled to perfection. 3 East's Jacquard Who's Bluffing.

GB (5, 3) 1 Glover-Guest's Doonelodge Demora. Shaded s/w lovely head and expression with nicely moulded muzzle finished with well used ears that were always on top when I looked her way. Well angulated in front and

nice topline and long tail carrying almost too much coat. Good showgirl and moved ok for all her different handlers but needs to lose a few pounds to advantage. 2 Mottram's Lanteague Stage Whisper At Lochkaren JW. Golden s/w with nice head and eye but ears a little erratic. Good body balance, neck and topline and in lovely well groomed coat. Moved ok from behind but not so good in front. Did not seem happy on the move today and I think the ring being so uneven did affect some of the dogs.

PGB (7, 2) 1 Main's Shenachie Lyric Of Light. S/w lovely size and really feminine in outlook. Good head, eye, ears and expression. Well balanced throughout and moved with great style around the ring. In full bloom and well presented she deserved to win this class. Unusual to see this exhibitor with this colour. A very nice bitch. 2 Elder's Ellenyorn Echo Falls. S/w very similar to winner with same lovely sweet head and expression. Again lovely for size and nice overall shape with sound hindquarters. In full bloom and well presented but could not match the front movement of the winner. 3 Winfield's Oakcroft Alluring Dream.

LB (6, 2) 1 Bywater's Tachnamadra New Look. Tri litter sister to second in limit dog and very similar. Head is lovely to go over with nice inquisitive expression also used her ears well. Lovely body shape and moves more steady than her brother and looks good in her really black coat. Both are nice and with maturity should reach the top. 2 Rossiter's Lorainian Starlight Wonder. S/w glamour girl who appeals for head properties and eye placement but ears a tad heavy. Super neck and topline finished with a nice long tail she is well balanced and a good type all through. Moved well and in good coat made a nice picture. Quality bitch. 3 Atkins' Jontygray To Find A Dream.

OB (8, 1) 1 Hardy's Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre At Sandwick. Gorgeous tri show-off that pulled out all the stops to win this class which was the best overall class of the day. Head is held high at all times on a super arched neck and her head and expression with ears on top all the time attract attention having a somewhat cheeky look hard to attain on tris. Well angulated both ends and holding a level topline she was the best mover of the day. Not in full coat but had such charisma I was pleased to award her the CC. Had she been in bloom I would have no hesitation in awarding her BOB. 2 Elder's Ellenyorn Gem Of Cara. Pale shaded s/w of great quality. Very feminine with good head qualities giving a sweet expression with ears on top and used well. Good neck and topline but a shade longer in body than winner. In full coat and with long flowing petticoats it was hard to see hind movement but she floated round the ring effortlessly and deserved her place in this very nice class. 3 Hateley's Ch Willowgarth Tangerine Lace At Mohnesee JW ShCM

Judge - Ann Stafford