

DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

I would like to thank the two stewards who made my job so much easier on the day. I must say it is one of my favourite all breed championship shows, the venue is impressive and I enjoyed my entry, I had some quality dogs on the day. Some of the decisions on the day I was splitting hairs, and I was pleased by the sporting way my decisions were taken.

VD (3) 1 Main, Shenachie Inkspot, Blue merle in wonderful coat, well broken who stood out for his overall shape. Has a balanced head, good under jaw, sweet but masculine expression and well set ears. He has a good neck that leads into good shoulders; good bend of stifle that enables him to move with drive. 2 Foster-Cooper, Sheltysam Burnished Gold, another who appeals for his overall shape. Looks as if he could do a day's work, good bone, pleasing outline and well muscled. Moved well, in an unforgiving ring with holes and dips. 3 Greenwood, Omebrid Gives Warm Hugs.

MPD (4) 1 Hill, Magic Mike With Molson, a glamorous young man, with an excellent overall shape, has good bone and beautifully presented, a sweet expression and good ear carriage, moved well round the ring with drive, just hope he's stopped growing. 2 Parker, Edglonian Prime Target With Tolarock, a shaded sable with good bone and in wonderful coat for his age, correct size and beautifully presented, but unfortunately he was playing his owner up today and his movement was very unsettled. 3 Walker, Sun's up at Tooralie.

PD (4) 1 Stafford, Rannerdale The Tramp, a very appealing shaded Sable, he has excellent bone, and is the correct size. He's has a pleasing head with good foreface and clean cheeks, sweet but masculine expression, good straight front, and a good bend of stifle, wondering what it was all about at his first show. 2 Main & Simpson, Shenachie Secretariat, sable and white with a good overall shape, I would've liked him a shade smaller but he has a good neck and good bone, his head still needs to mature. Would have liked a more rounded foreface, moved and showed sensibly. 3 White, Dajarls Glittering Prize.

JD (3,1) 1 Linford, Hillenry In Your Honour, his good overall shape and good bone won him this class, a balanced head, good under jaw with well placed ears which he used to his advantage. He has a decent reach of neck and well-sprung ribs. Good rear angulation and in good coat, was well handled and moved with drive. 2 Melvin & Jopson, Not As Forward As First, has a decent bone and well-balanced head with a pleasing expression and good outline. He was handled well getting the best out of him.

PGD (9,1) 1 Brady, Afterglow Sky Miles B/M, beautiful colour, stood out for his overall graceful shape, correct size with good bone. His head is well balanced, with a very sweet expression and well-placed ears. He has a good neck that goes into good shoulders. Sound well made hindquarters that enabled him to move round with drive. Obviously has a good temperament, he was playing his owner up on the day. 2 Dimmock, Shougles Secret Agent For Fernhill, another very nice young dog, again, good overall shape and very good bone. He has a decent neck and was in good coat. His head is masculine with a good under jaw and well-rounded muzzle, another dog that strode out well around the ring. I just prefer the more elegant shape of first. 3 Norris, Ferngrove's Valentino, completed a nice class of promising young males.

LD (9,1) 1 Malone, Pathaaron After the Storm, scored heavily on overall shape, one of the few dog's, who had his front leg's under his withers. Correct size and substance he has a balanced head with a sweet, but masculine expression, he moves as his construction suggests; freely and with drive. He was considered for higher honours. 2 Robinson, Alnmac Midnight Flyer, another dog with a good overall body shape, has good bone and a well-balanced head. He used his ears well to make the best of himself, a free and easy mover, I just preferred the first's dog shape. 3 Barrowclough, Shadowess Lockdown Hero.

OD (5) 1 Stafford, Ch Rannerdale Showmaster, sable, with the most lovely expression, good under jaw, a very sweet eye and well set ears on top of his head which he used to advantage, he has a good neck, excellent bone and definitely all male. Good overall body shape with a lovely bend of stifle and short hock that powered him round the ring. A well deserved CC. 2 French, Ch Lindfern

Light Sabre, he too, has a lovely expression, a very sweet eye and well placed ears on top of his head which he used to advantage. Decent neck and good overall shape, he has good bone for his size and he moved well in front, but just a little close behind in the challenge, a worthy champion. 3 Godwin, Highbrook Hobnob.

VB (2) 1 Elders, Ellenyorngem Of Cara, sable and white veteran enjoying her day out. Ideal for size and substance has a lovely sweet, merry expression typical of this breeders dogs, in lovely condition. 2 Main, Shenachie Lyric Of Light, Has a good overall shape, nothing exaggerated. Good bone for her sex, balanced head, with sweet expression, moved with drive.

MPB (6,1) 1 Redpath, Pathaaron Fair Isle, a very feminine young lady with lovely shape. She has a delightful, sweet expression; she is correct for size and moves freely round the ring. 2 Hill, Mad About You With Molson, another very promising baby, with a beautiful expression, good length of neck into decent shoulders, good bone for her sex and in good coat which was beautifully prepared. She was just a little unsettled today. 3 Walker, Tooralle's Mossyfox My Trinity.

PB (6,2) 1 Jeavons, Wylwind Designed For Grandgables, very smart tri, correct size, her head is a good wedge shape, she has good ear set which she used constantly, good bone for her size, nothing exaggerated about her, and she moved with drive. 2 Fisher, Shellamoyed Goldilocks, a glamorous young lady, excellent bone and overall body shape, She has a very sweet expression and is in very good coat, feet could've been a better oval shape. 3 Ammbler, Chalmoor Dancing In The Dark.

JB (6,2) 1 Fisher, Shellamoyed Dark Secret, good coloured tricolour who will always command attention, she has a lovely outline, good neck and a balanced head with well-placed ears which she used to good effect, moved with ease, covering the ground well. 2 Sorocky, Sheltisha Royal Approval, In excellent coat and body showing a good outline, balanced head with good eye, and very sweet expression. Good neck and shoulders moved out well and showed sensibly. 3 Daniels & Taylor, Pepperhill Light N'Shade.

PGB (12,2) 1 Sonymer, Illusive Gold At Rowancrest, such an attractive, sable, she stands out with her feminine charm, presented in excellent coat. She has a balanced head, clean cheeks, well-placed ears and lovely expression. Good straight front and well-laid shoulders, pleasing outline with graceful, sweep over loins, moved with drive. 2 Godwin, Rannerdale Honey Bee At Highbrook, another very glamorous sable. It was not an easy choice between these two lovely sables of good breed type. So well balanced with a graceful outline, good foreface and clean cheeks, head refined, giving a very sweet expression, well sprung ribs; good bone and covered the ground well. 3 Fenton, Shanmle's Canary Blue.

LB (13,2) 1 Barrowclough, Shadowess True Blue, This lovely B/M has true Sheltie charm and elegance, so well balanced with her graceful outline. She carried her head proudly on a good neck and shoulders, shows a graceful sweep over loins with a well-carried tail. She is ideal size with good bone, at one with her handler she never let up showing, and never put a foot wrong with light and free movement she covered the ground well, excellent side profile. CC. 2 Hill, Molson Its Morven, sable and white, who stands out for her feminine outlook, correct size and well-balanced head, good moulded foreface, dark eyes, giving a sweet, merry expression, excellent construction, graceful outline whilst standing and moving. 3 Hardman, Seavall Taran, completed a trio of sound moving bitches.

OB (4,1) 1 Hill, Molson Movie Star, another very glamorous girl from this kennel, golden sable with excellent shape and bone. Lovely, graceful outline, pleasing head, flat skull and well moulded foreface, well placed eye which gives a lovely expression, good neck and shoulders, moved out with drive from good hindquarters. Res CC. 2 Pearson, Ch Edglonian Rhythm N Rhyme, lovely tri, she is outstanding for shape and bone, glorious neck into well laid shoulders, strong well-made body, good quarters and excellent front. She has a good under jaw and balanced head, both bitches were put down to perfection, I just prefer the more feminine head of movie star. 3 Jeavons, Slo Ch Navareem Fortunate Girl.

Judge - Joyce Miles