

Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 16th November 2025

Dogs

Thank you to the Eastern Counties SSC for the invitation to judge the dog Entry, Thank you to my 2 Stewards, Susan & Mary on the day & to the Exhibitors for their entries & taking my decisions & placings gracefully. The normal things are still an issue in the breed, short steep upper arms & I also found quite a few exhibits with really dirty teeth! No excuses for this, it's all part of the presentation of your dogs? Also I have noticed that short legs are creeping in the breed, which gives a totally unbalanced outline to the dog & is not what the sheltie standard calls for?

Saying all that I was pleased with my main winners on the day!

PLEASE NOTE: It was brought to my attention at the end of the show, that some people apparently were extremely shocked at my placings & awards? I would just like to reply to those people. I HAVE & ALWAYS WILL, Judge the dogs that are put before me on the day, against the breed standard, on their performance, condition & whom they are competing against, the placings will no doubt change on another day, another show & with a different judge!

I HAVE NOT & NEVER WILL, award any dog on purely who owns or bred it, & definitely NOT on its pedigree!

BABY PUPPY DOG.

1. Mrs. J Miles. MILESEND MUSICIAN. A lovely S&W 5 month old baby. Who is beautifully put together, with everything just right for his age. His head is all correct, showing promise & ready to mature, nicely set & placed ears which helped to give him such a sweet expression.

He has correct angulation both in front & rear, which allows him to move well, which is particularly impressive, considering his age. All finished with a long tail. I'm excited to see him when he fully matures. I was delighted my co judge agreed for him to be BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW.

Congratulations!! 2. Miss K Robinson LAVIKA MAN IN BLACK. Black & white baby, almost 6 months old. Another very promising baby, who was a little overwhelmed by his surroundings today, although he did enough to show his many virtues. He again possesses good overall construction & balance. He has a typical baby head with everything as it should be ready to mature, although to be hyper critical I would prefer a slightly better underjaw & shape of eye to give a sweeter expression. He has a particularly good length of tail & well angulated turn of stifle. On the move he showed that he has potential to move with drive, although as most baby's this age he will tighten up all round. Overall a baby puppy with a lot going for him, & another I will follow with interest. 3.Mrs J Miles. MILESEND MINSTREL

VETERAN DOG

1. Mrs. G. M Hull. MOHNEESE'S DREAM DATE OF LIZMARK JW. A shapely, beautifully presented 7.5 year old Sable & white. He has a well moulded head that is well balanced, featuring a nicely Placed slight but definite stop, almond shape eyes that are correctly set, & neat ears that could be a tiny bit better placed, all of these attributes contribute to a very sweet typical sheltie expression. He has a lovely length of neck, leading to a good angulated front & rear, giving a balanced shape, his tail could be longer for complete perfection. His movement from the side was correct & effortless with reach from his front & drive from his rear, but unfortunately when coming towards me, he insisted on turning one foot inwards. But overall, he is a mature quality exhibit of excellent sheltie type. On agreement with my Co-judge was pleased to see him go BVIS. Congratulations. 2. Mrs. E. Varnom. MILESEND BLUE JEANS. A 7 year old Blue Merle, who was beautifully presented & well handled. He is a different type of sheltie to the winner, being more compact throughout, with a shorter type head & a deeper stop, his expression was good, but couldn't match the very sweet expression of the winner. He has a decent length of neck & good bone. He is well angulated throughout which resulted in him having sound movement. 3.Mr. K. & Mrs. L.A.Goodwin. HIGBROOK HOBNOB JW.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1. Mrs.S.Robinson. DIPPERSMOOR STARMAKER FOR LAVIKA.

A beautiful glamorous 8.5 month old Sable & white, in excellent coat & condition. His head is of good proportions with level planes & a correctly placed stop. He has a good underjaw & almond shaped eye which is obliquely set & neat well used ears, all producing the desired sweet sheltie expression. He has a shapely balanced body with the correct amount of bone & has good construction throughout, to be hyper critical I would prefer his upper arm to be slightly better angulated. He has a lovely turn of stifle, which enabled him to drive from the rear whilst on the move. Overall a lovely puppy one that I shall follow with interest. **BEST PUPPY DOG.** 2. Mrs.J.Miles. MILESEND HAWK MOTH. Another beautiful sable & white 7..5 month old puppy. Many of the same remarks apply to him as my winner, I was splitting hairs over these 2 lovely puppies. His head is of good proportions, with level planes, a lovely dark obliquely set almond shape eyes giving a Sweet sheltie expression. His front angulation is slightly better than 1st, & rear angulation is correct. He has lovely bone for his age & is nicely balanced in height to length ratio. Nice length of tail. He was a bit worried with his surroundings today & moved rather erratic, hopefully he will gain confidence as he matures. Another one I will watch with interest. 3.Mrs. S.J. Walker. CUILSHELTIES TOUCH OF CLASS WITH GRANDGENES.

PUPPY DOG

1. Mrs. J. Miles DANDLEWOOD RATHER SURPRISING AT MILESEND (IMP NLD'S). A very promising 9 month old heavily coated Sable & white, presenting an overall picture of balance & type, he was beautifully groomed. His head is a good moulded blunt wedge, with a well placed slightly but definite stop, his ears are carried & used well but could be a bit more tipped, all combining to give a very typical sweet expression. He has good length of neck & well laid shoulders & a decent playback of upper arm. He has good rear angulation & correct length of tail. He moved the best in this class on the day. Hopefully he will gain more confidence in the future, but for his first time at a show, I think he coped well. I think he should have a bright future Lovely puppy. 2. Miss . A. Mitchell. VALDOSTA JE AMOUR Another promising puppy, Tricolour just 9 months old presented in lovely condition. He has a good length of head, with a definite stop, I would prefer a touch more underjaw to complete the balance of muzzle. His ears were placed well, but would benefit from being a bit lighter tipped, however this did not distract from his sweet expression. He has good length of neck, Good front construction, rear angulation not as good as 1st. Overall a shapely boy with excellent tail length. Moved well. 3. Mrs.K.E. Hateley MOHNESEE MOONLIGHT MASTER.

JUNIOR DOG

1. MS.P. Forster-Cooper. SHELTYSHAM SANDY SHORE TAF.

12 month old Sable & white in typical junior condition. He has a balanced & pleasing outline. His head has parallel planes & is of correct length, his stop still needs to clear slightly to present the perfect head profile. He has well set ears, all giving the typical sheltie expression. His angulation is good in both fore & aft. Sadly he was not happy with his surroundings on the day, which reflected in his movement. Causing him to lift his front legs a little high. Hopefully he will settle & be more confident in the future. He is a lovely boy. 2. Mrs. K.E. Hateley MOHNESEE MOONLIGHT MASTER. 3rd in puppy. A promising young dog of good overall type & balance, unfortunately he was heavily disadvantaged today, as a large portion of his coat had been chewed by his kennel mates, which severely spoilt the overall picture for me on the day. He has correct length of head with parallel head planes, a well placed defined stop. Well placed obliquely set dark eyes & neat ears, giving a lovely soft expression, which is sometimes hard to achieve in tricolours. Reasonable construction both front & back, on the move he covered the ground well, but was noted for slightly lifting his front legs a little high. Once his coat grows back, I think he will do well at future shows.

NOVICE DOG

1. Mrs. S.Robinson DIPPERSMOOR STARMAKER FOR LAVIKA. 1st in Minor puppy dog.

Mrs.J.Miles MILESEND TRI STAR 7 3/4 Month old Tricolour who is another very promising puppy from this kennel. He has a lovely shape & is perfectly balanced for his age, with good bone for his

correct size. His head is typical with level planes & slightly but definite stop. He has a well set dark eye producing a lovely sweet expression. Finished with neat ears. He has a good length of neck, correct angulation overall, with a lovely turn of stifle, he moved really well. 2. Mrs.K.E.Hateley. MOHNESEE MOONLIGHT MASTER 2nd in Junior dog.

GRADUATE DOG

1. Mrs.V. Norris. FERNGROVE'S CODE BLUE JW A well presented Blue Merle, of correct size & good overall balance. His head is of correct length & well moulded with slight stop. He has a particularly nice eye of good shape & set, he has neat, well placed & used ears, which are relatively rare in merles. His construction is sound, but for absolute perfection, I would like a little more layback of upper arm to improve forward reach on the move. He has a good turn of stifle & a long tail which he was rather proud of when moved. A lovely boy of correct breed type. MS P. Forster-Cooper.

SHELTYSHAM SANDY SHORE TAF. 1st in Junior dog. 2. Mr J. & Mrs. F. Durrant. BORDERPRIDE VIVA LAS VEGAS AT LODURR.

POST GRADUATE DOG

1. Hardman & Carter Mrs. J & Mrs.A SEAVALL BLUE ENSIGN Lovely elegant Blue Merle who caught my eye when entering the class. A beautifully presented boy who is up to top end of the breed standard. He is a lovely blue colour & nicely marbled with black. He has a superb head, displaying the correct planes with good length & a well placed stop. His eyes are obliquely set & a good shape, he has well used ears, but for perfection maybe they could be more forward facing, having said that they didn't distract from his very masculine sweet expression. He has good construction both front & rear, his stifle was especially well angled. He has a lovely long tail & moved gracefully round the ring, showing good drive from the rear, but on standing he would insist on putting his back leg forward, which spoiled his outline. Lovely breed type & was considered for top honours. 2. Mrs.E. Varnom. MILESEND BLACK TARTAN Heavily coated & well presented Tricolour with good bone & neat feet. His head is shorter than I prefer with a deeper stop, he had neat well used ears. Today he couldn't match the sweet expression of 1st. He has good layback of shoulder, though his upper arm could be slightly better angulated. He carried a neck of sufficient length. He moved well. 3. Ms. P. Forster-Cooper SHELTYSHAM DANSEUR TAF

LIMIT DOG

1. Mrs. D. Revill. MOSARDI DON'T STOP Lovely Blue Merle whom I've judged before, my opinion stays the same. He is very similar in type to my post graduate winner. Elegant balanced boy who is again top end of the breed standard. A beautifully coloured blue, splashed & marbled with black. His head is of the correct proportions, & he has a nicely moulded head with a well placed stop, & good underjaw, he has a lovely dark eye, giving a melting expression. Construction both fore & aft is correct, finished with a well set long tail. He moved really well in this class, with good front reach & drive from the rear. He was also considered in the challenge, but sadly, when it mattered he had, had enough & moved with tail & head up. Very frustrating for his owner I'm sure, as he is such a lovely boy. 2. Rossiter Mrs c & Mr c COCARO THE HIGHLANDER JW Shaded Sable & White, beautifully groomed. He is correct for size, of nice type. He has a moulded masculine head with a defined stop, he has a lovely set dark eye, a good underjaw, his ears are set correctly, although today he was flying an ear, although that didn't distract from his sweet masculine expression. His angulation is good, but today his upper arm didn't have the angle or length that the winner had. He had a really good turn of stifle & neat short hocks. Would like him to be slightly longer in body for absolute correct height to length ratio. This boy has a lot going for him, unfortunately today he was very unsettled with his surroundings, & would not perform as I've seen he can at the outside shows, consequently wasn't moving as well. Such a shame as he is a nice boy. 3. Dimmock, Mr J & Mrs J M SHOUGIES SECRET AGENT FOR FERNHILL.

OPEN DOG

1. Miss A Mitchell. VALDOSTA GRACELANDS JW A lovely, Profusely coated Sable & White, that was beautifully presented. He has a balanced profile, with everything where it should be. He is the correct size with good bone. He has a lovely moulded refined head with level planes & a correct slight but definite stop, a dark obliquely set almond shaped eye & neat well used ears, all producing to give him a sweet masculine expression. He possesses very good construction both fore & aft, with a good sweep over his croup & enough tail length to finish the picture. He moved gracefully round the ring, covering the ground with very little effort. Was pleased to award him the CC today, I didn't know until I finished judging that this gave him the title of Champion. Congratulations. He was also RBIS & BOS.2. Norris, Mrs V. FERNGROVE'S VALENTINO JW Another lovely Sable& White boy, very similar to 1st in respect of body shape & balance. He was groomed to perfection & has good bone for his correct size. His head isn't as refined as 1st & has a deeper stop. He has a nicely shaped eye giving him a pleasing expression. His ears were playing up a bit today. He has a good reach of neck, with good confirmation both front & rear, with good sweep over croup. He moved well with good reach in front, & drive from the rear. 3.Hawkins & Foy, Mr B & Mrs O. BELDONES JUST A HUNCH.

SPECIAL OPEN (SABLE & WHITE)

1. Miss L Mettan-Ure. OAKCROFTS VENTURER AVEC SAVEDIE.

Shaded Sable & White who was in good coat, that was well presented. He has a nice head, he has level planes, but a little deep in skull & stop for me, but he carried neat ears. He has good angulation front & rear, although for ideal balance I would like a bit more length in leg. Moved well. 2. Golden Mr D M. BLENMERROW MAZURKA Nicely presented Sable & White. He is better in height to length ratio than 1st, Although he wasn't as good in his front assembly as winner. He has a nice head of correct proportions, slight stop, nice shape & placement of eye, giving a typical expression. Today his ears although placed correctly were a bit light. Moved ok.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (TRICOLOUR, B&W)

1.Miss D J Linford. HILLHENRY IN YOUR HONOUR. Very glamorous Tricolour who was groomed to perfection. His head is of good proportions, with level planes. He has neat well used ears & a nice eye, giving the desired expression. He is balanced with good height to length proportions. He has a lovely reach of neck, which is further enhanced by a gleaming white collar. He is decently constructed throughout & holds a good topline, both standing & on the move, which he did well. My only wish for this otherwise lovely boy, is that he was a little bit more masculine overall. 2. Sangster & Renninson Miss S & Miss M. ZANIAH MONO TONE OF DRUMCAUCHILE. A small Black & White, who for me lacks masculinity & bone. His head is shorter in length than the 1st & lacks underjaw. He has a correctly placed stop & level planes. He has neat ears, his eyes lack pigment & could be sweeter. Structurally he was not as sound as 1st in front, but has reasonable rear, he moved ok. 3. Mr. J. & Mrs F Durrant BORDER PRIDE VIVA LAS VEGAS AT LODURR.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (BLUE MERLE)

1. Miss K Robinson CH. LAVIKA DEEP BLUE OCEAN. A well known Blue merle of quality & presence, who was beautifully presented by his owner. He has perfect balance throughout both standing & on the move. His head is of a shorter length, but refined with level planes & correctly placed stop. He has a good underjaw. His eyes are obliquely set & he has neat well used ears, all combining to giving him a sweet masculine expression. He has a really good length of neck with a full white collar. He has excellent angulation fore & aft with good bone throughout. On the move he holds his topline in his effortless gait, with drive from behind. I was pleased to award him the RCC. Congratulations.

2. Forster Parish Miss M R. LOWICK BLUEBERRY. This Blue merle is a bigger size compared to 1st. He has a broader head, & i would prefer slightly more underjaw for complete balance. His ears are correct for size, but would like them carried a bit higher on head. He has good construction & bone throughout, although a longer neck would enhance. He moved well. 3. Dimmock, Mr J & Mrs JM. MILESEND SILVER THORN.

Judge Karen Durant.

Bitches

An honour, as always, to be asked to judge at a Breed Club Show so I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to the committee for the opportunity today. Huge thanks to all exhibitors for your entries, always appreciated and for accepting decisions with gracefulness. Many thanks to my stewards; Jackie and Tina for their company and help in the ring. I repeat myself constantly with my pre-amble but no changes here to what I was looking for - a classic Sheltie of exceptional breed type and elegance, displaying that undeniable beauty that can only be brought together with the combination of a refined, smooth, one-piece head of correct length and proportions, correct stop with almond shaped and obliquely set eye with neatly placed and carried ears. Nothing else will bring about the great beauty that our breed is renowned for. All this, combined with the necessary construction and movement as laid down so clearly in our standard, which must be strived for as a working breed. The main observation of the day was that I found type to be very mixed but was delighted to find some really high quality Shelties who were representative of the standard. The lack of truly correct forehand construction, which is so essential for the ability to move with the correct reach in front, was evident throughout. Combined with correctly angulated hindquarters, this essential brings such easy, smooth and energy saving movement which is essential for a day's work. The odd exhibit or two could have been better presented; this is a beauty show and there is nothing better than an exhibit freshly prepared & presented in sparkling form. My main winners were excellent examples of the breed and a few of the veteran exhibits were a force in quality today and more than well deserving of their titles.

BP (4 2) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hint Of Honey. Pretty sable baby of pleasing breed type. Head is well moulded with good underjaw. Stop breaking a little low and skull needs to flatten down but super dark, well-shaped eye enhanced with dark pigmentation giving sweetness. Ears are very neatly set and well carried. Adequate neck to carry it all off to best advantage. I would prefer perhaps a tad more length of upper arm but shoulder is better. She has pleasing substance for her size and sex and is nicely balanced all through. Topline is level with correct sweep over the loin, good bend of stifle into short, well let down hocks. Tail is of good length and set low. Very pretty colour and on course for size at present. A sweet baby. **2** Walker's Tooralie's Hot Salsa. Black and White baby presenting a really attractive outline in profile and preferred her length of neck to the class winner. Balanced head with rounded foreface with adequate underjaw. Eye is correctly shaped and set but her ears are very heavily carried which does detract somewhat from her expression and I preferred the more feminine look of the first placing. Back to the virtues she possesses, she has excellent bone and substance. Shoulders are very well laid back, with correct length of upper arm and straight front. Topline is level and she is balanced all through in proportions with well-turned stifle, low cut hock joint standing nicely parallel from the rear. Gentle sweep over loin and tail is of good length and set low. Coat a little bit on the wavy side but correctly coloured and an intense black. I wouldn't want her to grow on much more at this stage.

VETERAN (9 3) 1 Thornley & Withers' Ch Mitchfield's Fashion Girl At Felthorn. I have met this Blue Merle before and this quality girl still really fills my eye for her correctness in shape, balance and construction. Head is very well moulded, is balanced and smooth with lovely rounding to the foreface and with adequate under jaw. Well-shaped and correctly placed eye giving a typical expression and one of only a few with a skull that is truly flat. Ears are slightly wide set and carried well. She excels with super reach of neck into the most excellent forehand construction with bone and substance fitting for her size. She is so very well balanced all through with level topline, well-turned stifle and tail set is pleasing. Her forte is her movement - the forward extension on the move is excellent and single tracking coming towards with correct propulsion from the rear; she is so very sound all through. To be fair, I did prefer the more feminine expression of the second placing but overall she really is just so technically correct in so many areas construction wise. Her colour is a little bit darker than ideal but, in honesty but I was willing to forgive here, at this age and for such a workman-like and correct Sheltie. A very worthy title holder. **2** Main's Shenachie Lyric Of Light.

Abundantly coated Shaded Sable instantly appeals for her attractive breed type. Beautiful make and shape with really dark eye accentuated by her gorgeous white eyelashes at her advanced age. Hasn't quite got the fill in foreface of the class winner but her head is balanced and of quality with adequate under jaw. She possesses super set and size of ears which really which pulls it all together as a whole and gives such sweetness in expression. Excellent reach of neck into really pleasing forehand. In profile, I preferred the balance of the class winner as this girl can look a little bit low set due to the amount of coat she is carrying but she has perfect bone and substance for her size and is well balanced all through. Really well-turned stifle with short, well let down hocks and her tail is set low. She moves herself so well for her age and could show some youngsters a thing or two. She couldn't match the reach and drive of the winner today but for twelve and a half she still looks amazing and with so much virtue. 3 Whittington's Esterbon Three Wishes For Tightness JW

MP (4 1) 1 Miles' Milesend Rich Blend. This Golden Sable baby instantly appeals for her gorgeous breed type with super head properties and moulding. Dark, well-shaped and placed eye giving such a sweetness of expression and with such a smooth and rounded foreface for her age. Well developed underjaw, such smoothness to her head and with ears that are carried well and set well enough. So shapely in profile stance with well arched neck into super shoulder and upper arm construction. She has excellent substance with well-rounded bone and strong, flexible pasterns. Level topline with pleasing sweep over the loin, well-turned bend of stifle and clean cut hocks. Tail set is low and length is sufficient. Moves with purpose once she settles into the job in hand; hadn't quite got the forward reach of the second placing but was more settled on the move overall. Scored so highly in breed type with her super dark eye with excellent pigmentation, she really filled my eye. Was more than deserving today of BPB and was super pleased to see her take BPIS. Super prospect for the future. 2 Robinson's Lavika Dark And Stormy. Black and white youngster who appealed for her super shape in profile who was schooled to perfection. Her head is balanced and her skull is flat. Foreface is well rounded and underjaw is sufficient and dark, well shaped and placed eye, gives a typical expression. Stop is a little high at present but hopefully this will clear out over time. Earset is beautiful; small, well placed and carried ears bringing everything together but I'm going to have to say that I would prefer her more feminine. She's just a tad masculine in outlook and doesn't need to develop in head any further and will, hopefully, refine out as she matures. Shape wise, she is absolutely lovely, head is so well carried on super reach of neck into pleasing and well laid back shoulder. Not quite the upper arm of the first placing but possesses the same, well rounded bone and correct substance with firm body and level topline, just slightly longer cast in proportions. Well-turned stifle with clean cut hocks, standing nicely parallel behind, tail is set well and reaches to hock. Moved so well, really strides out with plenty of driving behind and good and preferred her forward reach. She lost out on femininity today to the winner but has much virtue on her side. It will be interesting to see how she develops from here. 3 Mottram's Grandgenes Designed In Gold For Lochkaren.

PUPPY (4 2) 1 Lambert's Blenmerrow Musetta. Richly toned Sable & White. Such a feminine young lady and absolutely gorgeous for breed type with a lot of elegance. I loved her balance and shape all through. She's so very appealing with a lot of virtue in head properties; well moulded with flat skull and rounded foreface, just needing to fill in time for overall finish. She has such a sweet expression with her lovely dark eye, so well placed and shaped. Ear set and carriage bring it all together with head held proudly on her well arched, super reach of neck into pleasing shoulder and upper arm assembly. Her front is straight with just enough bone there for substance all the way through. Well ribbed and is so nicely proportioned with a racier look in profile at this stage of development. Level topline, with elegant sweep over the loin, well-turned stifle and standing parallel most of the time, low set tail and of excellent length. Coat of pleasing texture and rich colour. Movement is steady and she's got excellent reach with good drive from the rear but was insistent in swinging out behind on occasion as she was slightly distracted by the matting. Just creates such a pretty outline, so feminine all the way through with so much to like. Lost out to the MP on movement today. 2. Simpson's Clemwood Fairy Glen. Presenting such hard work for her owner today which was a real shame. Blue Merle who appeals greatly for her shapely outline in profile. Loved her shape and she is so well

balanced all through. She possesses a clean, well moulded head. Not quite the melting eye of the winner but two brown eyes really softens the expression. Underjaw is adequate and just needs to fill in foreface in time to finish. Ears a little on the larger side but are so well carried bringing her whole appeal together to advantage. Graceful length of neck into super shoulder and lay back. Not quite the upper arm of the winner but she's got nicely rounded bone and perfect substance for her size and sex. Well-proportioned all through with good body, level top line and pleasing bend of stifle with clean cut hock joint, again low set tail of sufficient length. Her coat texture is pleasing and where she's blue she is really silvery blue in ground colour. We got out of her what we needed to assess but it was hard graft and she would not walk on occasion today much to the frustration of her owner who handled her to the best of her ability. I think once she gets her confidence, she will flourish and I really hope she does as she is such a pretty girl with so much to offer. Wishing her owner all the best with her for the future ahead.

JUNIOR (10 1) 1 Bray's Lianbray Lucy Lockett. Another exhibit giving her owner a hard time but this Gold Sable & White absolutely walked away with the class on breed type and expression, she exudes quality. She possesses such a graceful outline on examination, superior head qualities with super dark eye which is well placed and pigmented to full advantage to give such sweetness. Nicely rounded foreface with flat skull and overall moulding of her head is so appealing. Her ears are in need of a trim to be critical and this will only serve to enhance her expression even more but they are neatly carried and well placed. She has a super straight front with elegant reach of neck into pleasing upper arm and shoulder placement. Perfect substance for her size and sex and is balanced all through with a level topline, good spring of ribs with gentle sweep over the loin. Well angulated behind and hock joint is well let down with low tail set and carriage. Such a pretty pale gold in colour and is well furnished with profuse petticoats, typical of her junior age. She is her own worst enemy at the moment; very much the reluctant model and I do know her history as have followed her since she first entered the ring as a confident 6 month old. She examined well and it is not difficult to see or appreciate her many qualities when she does move properly and pulls it all together, even if it is for fleeting moments. 2 Sutherland's Suthersley Petunia. Super pretty Tricolour who stood out for her appealing shape in profile. Love her clean head properties and expression; she is so very feminine. Her head well moulded, stop is well placed with pretty eye which is well shaped. Hasn't quite got the dark eye or pigmentation of the class winner but she still has much sweetness in expression.

Foreface is rounded with a touch of fill still needed to finish but this should come in time. Super neat ear set and carriage although just tends to fly that left ear somewhat. Excellent reach of neck holds her head so proudly into well laid back shoulder. To be critical, I would prefer a better length of upper arm for balance in forehand but she is so well proportioned all through and her balance isn't unduly affected shape wise. Super topline and she is well bodied with excellent substance/bone and she is so well muscled. Stifle is well angulated and she is the consummate showgirl, always giving her very best. Pleasing tail set and carriage add to her elegance in profile. In full Junior coat and body with attractive furnishings. She drives so well from behind, just a little bit short in front stride but so much to like about her, a quality girl. 3 Raaff's Stormraven Shadowswift.

NOVICE (5 2) 1 Lambert's Blenmerrow Musetta.. 2 Main's Shenachie Bubbles. Pretty Blue Merle puppy who was unplaced in an earlier class. Appeals for her shape and outline in profile, is coming on for size and is so feminine all through. She possesses a half tricolour face but personally, this doesn't detract from expression for me at all. Such a pretty head with appealing expression brought about from two brown, well placed eyes. Rounded foreface with just enough under jaw, stop is well placed and her head is balanced in proportions just needing to fill out in time. Very nicely carried, neat ears enhancing the whole expression and enough neck to carry it off. Shoulder placement is pleasing with maybe a touch more length to upper arm needed. She is well proportioned all through with balance and appeal in outline with correct topline and tail set, well bent stifle and clean cut hock joint. To be critical, I would like more body and substance all the way through as this cost her in her earlier class. She was a lot more settled in this class and moved much more confidently making

the most of herself. Her ground colour is clear and silvery where blue and coat texture is pleasing. It will be interesting to watch her development over time. 3. Hull's Lizmark Forget Me Not

GRAD (11 3) Fylyma's Felthorn Material Girl Of Fylymeg. What a find this pretty girl was! Such a feminine and shapely Blue Merle of instant appeal for shape and glorious colour. Absolutely dripping in full coat and called her back to the table when summing up the class to be able to confirm what I'd felt first time around as it can be masked somewhat visually. Really pretty head which needs examination to appreciate as she can look a touch broad in skull at first glance but it is so well balanced with flat skull, refined, one-piece and well moulded with correct eye set and placement. Well rounded foreface with pleasing underjaw. Ear set and carriage are super neat and correct which really served to enhance her overall appeal in expression. An eye of each colour finished with super pigmentation gives such sweetness. Super reach of neck into well laid shoulder and upper arm assembly. Her chest still needs to develop enough but she has time to mature out. Really super shape in profile with excellent balance and proportions all through with a super firm body, and topline with pleasing moulding to croup. Sufficient angulation to rear stifle with low set tail. Coat is abundant and the colour overall is excellent and what the standard asks for; mostly splashed and marbled all through with clear, silvery blue ground colour. There is just one slightly heavier patch over the right hand shoulder but, it doesn't detract her overall outlook. On the move, she is fluid and covers the ground well in all directions. Maybe standing just under ideal size and beautifully presented, was really pleased to find her. Shame she was also entered in the Limit class but managed a very creditable second placing there which she fully deserved. Very interesting to find out that she's a full litter sister to my CC winner. Quality girl. 2 Shougies In The Mood At Drakeshyde. Such an appealing and very workmanlike Tricolour girl who was in a larger frame than the class winner but won her place on her many virtues. Really pleasing and correct head with flat skull and well developed under jaw, the whole was so well moulded. She couldn't match the feminine sweetness of the class winner but she is quietly correct in so many areas. Appealing expression with correctly placed stop and smoothness to the head, her really neatly set and carried ears enhanced her whole expression and all held proudly on an elegant neck into excellent forehand and shoulder placement. I really appreciated the construction of this bitch all through with correct bone and substance for her size and sex, good depth of chest and spring of rib, her topline was level on examination and she just flows in outline. Quite a lot of white on the stifle and it does detract slightly from the angulation but hands on, it is well turned. Tail set and carriage is pleasing and her colour is such a correct, intense black with not a hint of brown. So smooth on the move with easy forward reach with strong drive from the rear. Such an honest and workmanlike bitch with so much to like, couldn't match the overall femininity of the class winner but she has so much virtue. 3 Metten-Ure's Savendie Meleys

PG (7 3) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Meliya. Beautifully sized tricolour with really appealing outline on examination. I preferred the head pattern on the second placing but was charmed by this bitch's femininity and size overall. Lovely shape under my hands with moulded head and rounded foreface. Feminine expression enhanced by attractive dark pigmentation and neatness to ear set and carriage. Skull is flatter than first appearances as plenty of hair somewhat masking the outlook. Underjaw is well defined and she has such an elegant reach of neck into well laid shoulder and pleasing depth of chest. Preferred the upper arm of second placing but winner can sometimes sit into her shoulders on the stance and if fact, her upper arm is better than first appearance visually. Loved her well rounded bone and substance all through, she is so well balanced and in proportion all the way through. Firm body with pleasing spring of rib, correct topline with angulation to the stifle, hock joint is clean cut with pleasing tail set and length, she was so positive on the move with such excellent drive from the rear. Super intense, jet black and well-fitting coat, she presented an appealing picture overall. 2 Smee's Wansvale Beyond Belief. I thought this girl may be my winner at first glance around the ring. Her virtues are that she is more correct in head properties technically with flatter skull than the class winner with rounded foreface and dark eye which was shaped eye. She loses out to the femininity of the class winner and if she was scaled down all over a fraction then she would benefit overall. Super reach of neck into pleasing forehand construction. She has correct substance all through for her size,

appeals for overall shape and balance and is well proportioned. Not quite the topline of the class winner but is well angled behind. Beautifully presented, I like her balanced movement but she wasn't as steady today as I'd hoped she would be and that I seen her move elsewhere before. She looked a tad matronly and despite better forward reach in front, was not a positive on the move overall as the tricolour but I have to say, a well deserved place here on her qualities alone. 3 Metten-Ures Savendie Meleys .

LIMIT (14,5) 1 Revill's Mosardi Forget Me Not. I was so taken with this super sound Blue Merle bitch and just loved her more and more as the day went on! Totally appeals for her size and shape and is so very feminine. Everywhere she sets herself up, she just stands so beautifully foursquare and it totally without exaggeration. Really appealed in head, beautifully moulded and one-piece with flat skull, appealing eye shape and placement enhanced by dark pigmentation. Well-rounded foreface with adequate underdraw and the neatest ears to fully enhance her expression. She would benefit from the hair trimming slightly around her ears but so they are well carried and create a real sweetness overall. Such an elegant reach of neck into excellent layback of shoulder, Upper arm is more than adequate and she has enough substance all through for her size and sex despite lacking some coat. She is so graceful in outline and has such excellent balance all through with a pleasing depth to chest, firm ribs with correct topline and well moulded croup with graceful sweep over the loin. Angulation at the rear is as it should be with well-turned stifle, hocks are clean cut and with pleasing tail set and carriage. Coat is fitted and well broken colour wise all through. I would prefer her colour a tad clearer as it has darkened slightly, presumably with age but on the whole, she presents such a correct and solid outlook and movement wise, simply flows around the ring and could easily complete a day's work without any hesitation. She is so workmanlike but retains all her feminine charm, I was constantly drawn back to her. Not in her best coat overall but was fitted and with absolutely nothing to hide. Totally deserving of her title with her no-nonsense and understated quality, I was delighted to award her the RCC. I wish her all the best for the future. 2 Felthorn Material Girl Of Fylymeg. 3 Miles' Milesend Shadow Dancer

OPEN (3 1) 1. Thornley & Withers' Felthorn Good Time Girl. Blue Merle of clear and undeniable quality. Super balanced in outlook with such a gorgeous, moulded head and beautiful breed type brought about with correctly shaped and placed eye. Well developed under jaw with well-rounded foreface, her whole head is balanced and refined and smooth to the touch. Still has time to finish overall due to her young age but everything is there, she is all quality. The neatest of ear sets, well carried giving much to her melting expression and overall appeal. An elegant reach of neck into and excellent layback of shoulder with pleasing upper arm, straight front with perfect substance with well-rounded bone all through with flexible pasterns and neat feet. Well bodied but has time to mature further, loved her balance and shapeliness in outline. Topline is level on examination and she just flows in shape all through. Well bent stifle, clean cut hocks with pleasing tail set and carriage. I loved her height to length ratio, she's so correctly balanced and on the move she really does make such easy work with super drive from the rear; so many of her dam's qualities (my veteran class winner). Her ground colour is excellent all the way through; mostly splashed and marbled with black and a clear, silvery blue as the standard dictates. Slightly heavier markings to her face but this does not detract in the slightest from the whole. Totally deserving of her current successes and I could fully appreciate her many qualities. Delighted to award her the CC with her going on to take a well deserved BIS. 2 Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess JW. Such a pretty Sable & White girl who instantly appeals for her correct breed type with dark eye, well placed and enhanced with super dark pigmentation. One piece head, so well moulded with enough under jaw, foreface rounded and smooth cheeks. She possesses such neat ears which are well carried. I preferred her size to that of the class winner and I love her balance all through and on the stance, creates such a flowing silhouette. Super reach of neck into well angled forehand and front is straight with correct substance for her size and sex. Appeals so much for her elegance. Not quite the topline of the winner, but super proportions all through with graceful sweep over loin, well set tail and well-turned stifle. Strides out

well in front but lacked the drive of the winner from the rear and moves slightly close going away. That said, she is such quality and simply takes the eye on the stance, she has much virtue to offer. **SpOPEN S&W (9 4) 1** Coleman-Smith's Kyleburn Sibylla At Shelridge. Absolutely gorgeous Sable & White girl of 8 years of age with such lovely breed type and so elegant in profile with her overall balance. Scores highly with her pretty expression and head which is beautifully moulded with flat skull and enough under jaw. Dark and correctly shaped eye is so well placed giving so much sweetness and only accentuated with her now pale eyelashes. Neatly set ears combining to bring everything together. Well arched and elegant neck with well laid back shoulder. Just sitting back into her withers slightly but her upper arm examines better on the table. Substance is spot on for her size and she's such a pleasing overall make and shape; slightly longer cast in body than the second placing but her topline is level with elegant sweep over the loin into low tail set. Pleasing angulation to rear with hocks well let down and flexible pasterns. Her movement in profile is beautifully fluid but slightly wide coming towards which went hand in hand with her tending to stand a little lazily at times in front on the stance. That said, in firmer condition, she would easily be serious competition – she is of excellent quality and yet another who should be easily sitting in the upper house. **2** Withers' Stanydale Luck Be A lady. Vintage Shaded Sable & White lady now age wise but still absolutely super in profile for shape with elegant outline. Loved her refinement in head with flat skull, adequate underjaw and with really neat ears that are well carried and beautifully set. A little full in eye and losing out to the exquisite expression of the class winner but she excels in shapeliness with elegant reach of neck into excellent forehand construction, excellent substance all through with strong bone. As with my class winner; just a tendency in standing a little bit wide in front but a little bit unhappy here today which affected her performance somewhat. I love her balance and correct proportions which flow all through. She's just slightly over angulated at the rear but which gave such positive drive to compliment her forward reach and without overreach from behind. Richly shaded coat which was abundant. Lots to appreciate with this lovely girl. **3** Stormraven Shadowswift

SpOPEN TRI, B&T, B&W (8 1) 1 Rennison's Esterbon Bi Storm To Zaniah. 9.5 year old top quality black and white bitch who looked half her age in overall condition and movement. Just showing a few grey hairs in her face but still so much refinement in head which was beautifully moulded with rounded fore face and pleasing underjaw. Obliquely shaped and well placed dark eye giving correct sweetness of expression when combined with excellent ear set and carriage. Cheeks are smooth and skull is flat. Tiny white blaze gives a bit of definition to her dark face. Visually, a touch more depth through the skull but on examination, isn't as apparent as first impressions give. Such an elegant, well arched neck into a well laid shoulder with more than enough upper arm. I would like slightly more development in chest but she is beautifully proportioned all through; so well balanced and with perfect substance, firm body and is so well muscled. Lovely topline with gentle sweep over croup with low set tail of pleasing length. Well angled rear with well-defined, clean cut hock joint and flexible pasterns. Her colour is an excellent and a true intense black set off with a huge shawl collar. Movement was so positive from behind with strong drive and covering the ground with ease. A strong contender in the challenge and presented in fabulous, all round condition. Delighted to award her BVB and wishing her all the best in her continued campaign for a well deserved title. **2** Robinson's Lavika Astra Storm. Lots to appreciate with this Tricolour girl, she is so shapely, of pleasing size and with appealing breed type. Bright tan markings accentuate her refined and balanced head with rounded foreface, enough under jaw and flat skull. Super neat ear set and carriage pull it all together to bring such sweetness despite losing out to the darker eye and tad more feminine outlook of the class winner. Elegant reach of neck into super forehand and she possesses well rounded, strong bone which gives ideal substance all through. Pasterns are flexible and with neat feet. Not quite the topline of the first placing but she did insist on standing back into her withers on occasion and look upwards which altered her outline somewhat visually but I loved her correctly angulated rear with such a well bent stifle and clean cut, low set hocks. Low set and carried tail just showing a bit of brown colouration through the hair here and not quite as correct in intensity of colour as the winner

but moves out with such purposeful drive with pleasing reach in front. Absolutely schooled to perfection. 3 Hardman's Seavall Taran

SpOPEN BM (3 1) 1 Hateley's Ch Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee. Blue Merle of obvious quality who scores highly in shape and outline. Loved her balance all through, she's just so elegant and of pleasing size. Such an alert showgirl, she possesses a moulded, balanced head with well placed and shaped eye, combined with super neat ear set and carriage, giving a look of much sweetness of expression. Not as defined in underjaw now but does not detract from the whole outlook. Super well arched neck gives such a flowing outline with pleasing shoulder placement and enough upper arm. She has correct substance for her size with well-rounded bone, super body which is well proportioned and so very balanced all through giving a really flowing outline in profile. Correct topline, with moulded croup and tail set is low and well carried. Well bent stifles with clean cut hocks. Ground colour is a fraction darker now than ideal but is mostly well broken and her coat is well textured. She moves out well with lots of drive from behind and covers the ground quite easily. I would prefer better front extension but once she hits the correct pace, her movement is balanced and steady. 2 Hull's Mohnesee Queen Of Diamonds. Blue Merle, dam of the class winner and one who was a little out of sorts today due to the recent upheaval in her life and not enjoying the day as best she might do normally. Again, scores in her shapely outline and is so balanced in proportions when viewed in profile. Her head is smooth and nicely moulded with flat skull, foreface is rounded with sufficient underjaw. Pleasing eye and expression when combined with super neat ear set and carriage. When she pulled herself up and gave her all, she shows off a super arched neck with well-laid shoulder and upper arm. Well developed chest of pleasing depth. Firm body and well-proportioned all through with super topline. Well angulated rear with just enough substance all through. Colour again, is darker than ideal but coat of reasonable texture. Not so keen to make the most of herself on the move but in the fleeting moments that she did give it all, moves with purpose and drive.

Mrs Joanne Hardy (Judge)