

# **EASTERN COUNTIES SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB**

**Championship Show Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

## **DOGS**

I would like to thank the Club for the invitation to judge. Thanks must go to my two excellent stewards, Afke and Dawn, who kept everything moving efficiently. It was a numerically small entry, but fortunately there were few absentees. Type and quality was somewhat variable and quite a few were longer in the body than ideal. Alas, there were quite a few with dirty teeth. I was very pleased with my class and my main winners. My co-judge, Keith Biswell, and I agreed to award Best in Show & Best Veteran In Show to the bitch, Ch Myter Eye To Eye JW, Reserve Best in Show & Best Opposite Sex to the dog, Shougies Winter Wizard at Neraklee JW, and Best Puppy In Show to the bitch, Philhope Summer Flame.

### **Veteran Dog (5)**

1. Goodwin's Ch Highbrook Hot Heir JW. 8 year old, well balanced shaded sable of correct size who is lovely in outline because of his good front and rear angulation. Nice head and eye, good ear carriage & placement, pleasing expression and moved well.
2. Rutterford's Evad Whougonnacall at Stormhead ShCM. Another shaded sable, this one 9 years old. Well-made and moved well. Slightly larger and not quite the expression of 1., but well worthy of his placing here.
3. Moore's Shetlo Pocket Rainbow.

### **Minor Puppy Dog (1, 1abs)**

#### **Puppy Dog (3, 1abs)**

Two dogs of very different type in this class

1. Withers's Mitchfields Dizzee Rascal at Stanydale. Almost 10 month-old blue merle, well-balanced and beautifully constructed with excellent front and rear angulation, good strong bone, correct set and length of tail and presents a lovely shape in outline. He moves with drive and covers the ring with ease. At present, his head is not his fortune; hopefully it will improve. Best Puppy Dog.
2. Lycett's Iliad Isle Of Ewe. Almost 11 month old sable. Smaller and finer type to 1., but with a pleasing head and eye, good ear carriage and nice expression.

### **Junior Dog (6)**

1. Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. Pleasantly surprised to go over this rather plain shaded sable who is a reluctant show boy. He has a lovely head with a flat skull, correct stop, and when he used his ears, a nice expression. Good for size, excellent front and rear angulation, balanced outline with a nice sweep over the loins and the best mover in the class.
2. Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic joins Oakcroft (Imp Cze). Golden sable with good rear angulation, ok in outline, but would prefer a slightly longer leg to achieve the correct balance. Very nice head with pleasing eye and expression. Moved ok.
3. John's Jolex Silver Sixpence with Cadlyn

### **Yearling Dog (2)**

A small but lovely class, splitting hairs between these two and a pity they had to meet in the class.

1. Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW. Attractive, but plain sable dog that I have admired from outside the ring. He is lovely in outline with a good length of neck, correct ratio of height to length and moves very well. He has a lovely expression resulting from his sweet eye and ear carriage. A well-deserved Reserve Dog CC.
2. French's Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Glamorous golden sable with sweet expression produced by a well-moulded foreface, neat ears and correct almond-shaped eye. A little longer in the body than ideal, but nevertheless an appealing overall picture. Shown and moved well.

### **Novice Dog (4, 1 abs)**

1. Wither's Mitchfields Dizzee Rascal at Stanydale.
2. Lycett's Iliad Isle Of Ewe.
3. Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans.

### **Graduate Dog (6)**

1. Robinson's Alnmac Midnight Flyer. Nicely presented glamorous tricolour of good size. Another that could have benefitted from slightly longer legs to achieve balance. Good front and rear angulation, nice expression and moved well.
2. Moore's Torinska River Romeo for Shetlo. Such a shame that this attractive golden sable is not a little smaller. He was one of the best constructed dogs here today and moved with drive. He has a pleasing balanced outline resulting from the correct front & rear angulation, a well-arched neck and correct tail placement. A classic head and expression with everything in proportion.
3. Miles's Keycharm Gold Standard of Milesend.

### **Post Graduate Dog (5)**

1. Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control. Attractive blue-merle dog, so pleasing to see in outline. A well-proportioned head carried on a good length of neck with good construction all round. Correct almond-shaped eye, neat ears and good expression. Needs to be moved a trifle quicker to see him at his best.
2. Varnom's Milesend Morning Time. Sable dog with a nice expression and overall look. Well presented and handled and deserved his placing.
3. Lee's Willowthorn's Trushka

### **Limit Dog (10)**

This was a quality class where the minor placings could have changed on another day.

1. Durant's Shougies Winter Wizard at Neraklee JW. Well-constructed blue merle dog of elegant proportions and good colour. Excellent angulation, correct length and arch of neck, giving that classic Sheltie outline. Nice head with a flat skull, correct stop and neat ears. I would prefer darker eyes, but they did not detract from his overall quality. Moved effortlessly with drive. Proud to award him the Dog CC and Reserve Best In Show.
2. Pierce's Philhope Buzzword. A lovely shaded-sable dog with a very sweet head and expression and another quality dog. Good length of neck, overall in correct proportion and presenting a nice picture. Moved well and challenged strongly for the reserve CC.
3. Riding's Achor's Surprise Percy Polaris for Torinska (Imp Che)

### **Open Dog (6, 2 abs)**

1. Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW ShCM. Well know blue-merle veteran that I have admired from the ringside, but never handled. Hard to believe he is 8 years old as he still presents a lovely outline and could give some of the youngsters lessons in movement. He has a sweet expression, is nicely made. Another who challenged strongly for the reserve CC and was a worthy Best Veteran Dog.
2. Riding's Achor's Surprise Percy Polaris for Torinska (Imp Che). Third in Limit, this attractive blue merle dog is of good colour with the correct markings. He has a nice head and expression and presents a pleasing overall appearance. He behaved beautifully on the move today, showing his qualities and well deserved his placings.
3. John's Jolex Gadno Arian with Cadlyn

### **Special Open Dog (Sable & White) (2)**

1. Robinson's Ch Lavika Luminary JW. Beautifully presented & handled sable dog with a sweet expression, although would prefer a stronger underjaw. Good front and rear angulation, sufficient length of neck and tail, strong bone, neat feet, level topline, nice overall picture, moved well.
2. Rutterford's Evad Whougonnacall at Stormhead ShCM.

### **Special Open Dog (Tricolour, B/W) (1, 1 abs)**

### **Special Open Dog (Blue Merle) (5)**

1. Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW ShCM.
2. Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control.
3. John's Jolex Gadno Arian with Cadlyn.

Stuart Gruszka Judge

## **BITCHES**

I would like to thank the club for the invitation to judge their championship show, I would also thank the exhibitors for the opportunity to go over their dogs, most were in good coat, well groomed and presented well. The standard calls for a flat skull and a feminine head and was lacking in some classes. Tails on the whole were slightly longer than the last time I judged. Movement was good overall but some did not seem to have a balanced look when standing. I was very pleased with my final winners and the appreciation of the exhibitors. The well known Tri bitch was BIS with the agreement of my co judge and the RBIS was awarded purely on maturity. BPIS was in agreement with my co judge as she is a stunning specimen and no doubt will finish up in the top drawer. Once again I would like to thank you all for your entries and also to my very capable stewards Jean Dimmock and Sheila Stock.

**VB (9)** 1. Thomas' Ch Myter Eye To Eye JW tri this was a lovely class, outstanding bitch in good coat feminine head with flat skull, level plain with right amount of stop and almond eye shape, good ear carriage which she used well giving the required sweet expression, nice arched long neck going into well laid and correct shoulders, good spring of rib, level topline which she kept on the move, good sweep over loin with long tail. Really good angulated stifles. Moved round the ring with ease and well presented had no problem giving her the CC and with my co-judges agreement she was best in show and best veteran. Thank you for bringing her under me.

2. Parkes' Ch Milesend Gold Token At Eljetia JW s&w another lovely girl in this class pushed hard for top place but on another day had to give way to the first. Pretty feminine head, flat skull, level plains correct eye shape, good bite well rounded muzzle, nice ear carriage well laid back shoulder, nice spring of rib, level topline good sweep over croup, correct angulation front and rear, moved well. 3. Moore's Shetlo Pocket Rainbeau s&w.

**MPB (3,1)** 1. Pierce's Philhope Summer Flame s&w, outstanding young lady lovely head with flat skull, level plains correct stop, almond shaped eyes, correct ear carriage which she used well. Nice rounded muzzle, nice long angulated neck going into well laid shoulders level topline, correct angulation front and rear, long tail moved very well with drive around the ring. Had more substance than 2<sup>nd</sup>. RCC. 2. Robinson's Lavika Mi Vida s&w, most I have said for 1st applies to this puppy, outstanding young lady, was splitting hairs between these two. They both will have a good future and change places, just preferred the outline and substance of 1<sup>st</sup> on the day.

**PB (6,2)** 1. Mettan-Ure's Valdosta Dare To Dream bm of good blue colour, very pleasing feminine head, flat skull, correct stop and eyes and well rounded muzzle with tight lips and good ear carriage. Nice length of neck into well laid shoulders, good spring of rib, well angulated front and rear moved really well around the ring. Spot on for size. 2. Robinson's Lavika Star Babe s&w good size puppy, she has a pretty outline with flat skull and level plains, almond shaped eye, good length of neck well laid back shoulders, level topline, nice sweep over croup, rear angulation good but did not move true on the day. 3. Trueman's Valdosta Christmas Carol at Carolelen.

**JB (4,2)** 1. Hickling's Sheltisha Bell Of The Ball at Natara NAF bm nice head pattern, flat skull, correct eye shape, good stop, well arched long neck, good angulation front and rear, moved round the ring with ease. 2. Daw's Rossmere Skylark s&w nice head with a flat skull, correct stop, nice long neck, correct angulation front and rear good tail length, just preferred the movement of 1<sup>st</sup> on the day.

**YB (5,2)** 1. Thornley & Withers' Mitchfields Fashion Girl at Felthorn bm of pleasing shape with nice head pattern, good stop, flat skull and good shaped almond eye. Level topline with nice sweep over croup, moved well around the ring. 2. Forster-Parish's Lowick Mistletoe bm feminine head level plains and correct eye, ears on top which she used well, moved round the ring with drive from the rear, but not showing off her shape when standing. 3. Kennedy's Oakcroft Aurora Dream At Donbeley s&w.

**NB (7,3)** 1. Pierce's Philhope Summer Flame as MPB 2. Robinson's Lavika Star Babe as PB. 3.

Trueman's Valdosta Christmas Carol At Carolelen, bm

**GB (7,1)** 1. Dick's Picture Perfect BM, she headed this class with her shape and outline, good coat and colour pleasing head on lovely long arched neck, good angulation front and rear, moved well. 2. Fransham's Sheltysham Bedazzled At Franmead JW Tri pleasing head pattern, correct stop good eye and ear carriage, lovely black coat with nice bone, level topline, pushed hard for top spot in this class just preferred the neck of 1<sup>st</sup>. 3 Withers's Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale Tri

**PGB (9,3)** 1. Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl s&w nice feminine head with flat skull, level plains with correct stop, good almond shaped eye, she moved around the ring with drive and stood four square and attentive to her handler. 2. Hickling's Sheltisha Sweet Peanut at Natara (NAF) Tri, pleasing all through bitch she moved well around the ring, feminine head pattern, nice stop, good neck, well angulated front and rear, nice tail length. 3 Thornley's Shelbrook Pandora with Felthorn s&w.

**LB (5,1)** 1 Mitchell's Valdosta Tri Ya Luck tri bitch, outstanding girl in this class, moved really well, lovely feminine head, correct head pattern with ears on top which she used to her advantage. Flat skull, well shaped almond eye, tight lips with correct bite, good length of neck into well angulated lay back shoulders. Good spring of rib, level topline which she kept on the move, very good angulation to stifle. A very good mover she also has a really dense black coat of good length, a top drawer bitch I considered for top honours. 2 Miles's Eljetia Hot Chocolate of Milesend s&w, really liked this girls head pattern, flat skull correct ears & eye placement, sweet and feminine head well angulated front and rear, nice length of tail. Just preferred the movement of 1<sup>st</sup> on the day. 3. Stanydale's Luck Be A Lady S&W.

**OB (5)** 1. Edward's Castlerose Foxy Lady, s&w. Lots to like about this bitch, lovely head very feminine, flat skull level plains, correct stop, well shaped eye, good ear carriage nicely tipped forward, stood four square, correct angulation front and rear, moved well round the ring, good tail length and in good coat. 2. Thomas's Myter Trade Secret bm In good coat, pretty feminine head, correct eye and ear placement, nice length to neck, level top line, good angulation front and rear. Correct size. 3 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis JW s&w.

**Sp OB S&W (5)** 1. Barnett & Hardman's Rainway Returning to Seavall s&w bitch, headed this class on sheer quality, outstanding head pattern stood four square, moved really well round the ring with drive, with well angulated stifles, groomed to perfection in good coat. 2. Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl as PGB. 3. Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet Dreams s&w.

**Sp OB Tricolour B&W (8, 2)** 1. Thomas's Ch Myter Eye To Eye JW as VB. 2 Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty TRI lovely shape to this stunning girl, correct head good ear carriage, nice long shape to neck, feminine head level plains, correct stop, nice well rounded muzzle, moved well around the ring. Good black coat, another nice sheltie from this kennel. 3 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination JW

**Sp OB Blue Merle (6,1)** 1 Ch Amoureye Blue Mist Of Milesend pretty blue bitch with a nice head pattern, ears on top which she used well, good eye and stop, good bone and spring of rib, kept her top line on the move, well angulated front and rear. 2 Dick's Picture Perfect as GB . 3 Castlerose Leap Of Faith.

**Judge – Keith Biswell**