

EASTERN COUNTIES SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OPEN SHOW

Saturday 21st July 2018

It was a pleasure to be invited to Judge one of my favourite breeds at the Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club, Open Show on Saturday 21st July 2018, which was held at Millennium Centre, Lavender Close, Red Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Many thanks to the Committee for the invitation and to my stewards who kept everything running so smoothly. The show was held outside and it was a very hot day and I thank the exhibitors for the entry and for accepting their placing with grace.

VD (4E). 1 Mr. & Mrs. J. Pattinson, Kyleburn Acis: A 10yr old S/W of a good type with good outline, shown in good coat. Headed up a lovely class of veterans could have changed places on another day. He is nicely balanced and moved out well around the ring. Pleased to award him Best VD and BVIS. 2 Mrs. G.M. Hull, Ch. Lizmark Look This Way, JW, Sh.CM: Another super type with super outline. 13yrs of age a Dark S/W that was just showing his age on this very hot day. 3 Mrs. S.M & Mr. G.D. Saunders, Sendora Quickstep: A 9yr old Tri coloured of good type and outline, doing well in this line up. He certainly did not look out of place.

MPD (3E). 1 Mrs. L.S. French, Lindfern Light Sabre: A 7mth old S/W, what a super lad. I loved him and could quite easily have taken him home. He is so typey and balanced, with excellent movement for his age. His head is well balanced with correct bite and tight lips. Good proportions to flat skull and muzzle, dark oval eyes, good ear placements. Good strong neck, lovely front assembly, brisket is ok for age, good back and angles to rear. Strong straight low set hocks. Good tail with correct J. His movement for his age is outstanding, free, easy and lithe, I could have watched him all day. Pleased to award him **BPD, BD, BPIS, Res. BOB** and **BOS**. I will watch his future career with interest. 2 Mrs. S.J. Robinson, Alnmac Midnight Flyer: A 9mth old Tri. colour that is a nice type with attractive markings and white shawl. He is well balanced for his age, moved out nicely around the ring. Another that should have a nice future. 3 Mrs. E. Jaycock, Lavenwick Magical Mayhem: A B/M nearly 8mths of aged. He is of a nice type with a nice outline also has a good future ahead. Unfortunately he was unsettled on the move, won 2nd in Special Open for B/M where he showed his movement, was more settled. He has a wealth of coat for his age.

PD (1E). 1 Mrs. S.J. Robinson, Alnmac Midnight Flyer: As 2nd MPD.

JD (3E). 1 Miss K.L. Durant, Shougies Winter Wizard at Neraklee: Just over 12mths this B/M is of a pleasing type with a good outline. He has a pleasing head in profile with good ear set, pleasing front and good back with a pleasing backend. Moved out the best in this class today. 2 Mrs. J. Miles, Milesend Morello: Another S/W just over 12mths of age. Only just pipped by 1st today. There is a lot to like about this dog, good type with good outline. 3 Mrs G.M. Hull, Lizmark Melody Maker: A 17mth old Tri with a pleasing head and is of a nice type with a nice outline. Felt his front could be better which reflected in his movement.

ND (2E). 1 Mrs. S.A. Clarke, Ruscombe A Moment in Time: A 21mth old B/M that is a pleasing type with a typical outline. He has a pleasing head and neck, front ok. Neat back end, moved out ok. 2 Ms. P. Forster-Cooper, Sheltysam Dotcom: A 11mth old Tri that needs time. He is a pleasing type with a typical outline. His eye could be better. Felt his back could be firmer, which reflected in his movement.

UGD (2E). 1 Mrs. E. Varnom, Milesend Morning Time: A 27mth old S/W of super type with a good outline. He has a balanced head, neat front, firm back with nice rear construction. Finished with a Good J on his tail. Moved well. 2 Ms. P. Forster-Cooper, Sheltysam Dotcom: As 2nd ND.

PGD (5E,1A,). 1 Miss M.E. Hoare, Briggsview Gambling Man: A 5yr old B/M. A mature dog of good type with a good outline. He has a balanced head and ear set. Decent neck, neat front, firm back and neat back end. Good coat of good colour. Moved well. 2 Mrs. E. Varnom, Milesend Sea Captain: A 3yr old Dark S/W of good type and outline, similar features to 1st, just beaten on movement

today. 3 Mr. A.D. & Mrs. B.A. Norman, Milesend Murray: A 3yr old S/W of smaller type than 1 and 2. Felt his front could be better. But he is still of a nice type with a nice out line.

LD (2E). 1 Mrs. G.M. Hull, Lizmark Black Gold: A 6yr old Tri that moved a dream in this class. He is of a smaller type and very sweet natured. I liked his outline; his head is nicely balanced with a good ear set. Good length of neck, neat front, good back, and well-developed rear with neat hocks. 2 Mr. A.D. & Mrs. B.A. Norman, Milesend Murray: As 3rd PG.

OD (4E). 1 Mr. & Mrs. J. Dimmock, Hillhenry Just One Look at Fernhill: A 4.5yr old B/M that is of a nice type with a nice outline. I liked this dog he had a pleasing head and his ear carriage is ok. Good neck and front, good brisket and bone. Firm back and back end, and he is a super mover. On the day his very harsh coat could have been better presented. 2 Mrs. I.V. Saunders, Chalmoor Shades of Gold at Fernfrey, JW: A 5yr old S/W of pleasing type with good out line. Pleasing head and neck. Good front and back end. Moved out ok. 3 Mrs. K. Coleman-Smith, Shetlo Bring Me Love to Karlaina: A 6yr old S/W that should have won this class, unfortunately he was moved far too fast that he was overstepping. He is of a good type with a super outline. Shown in great coat. Shame as I liked him.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (S/W): (3E), 1 Mrs R. Fransham, Jontygray Gilt Edged for Franmead, JW., Sh.CM: A 5.5yr old of very good type with a typical out line. He has a pleasing head, good eye and ear set. Good neck and front, strong back and back end. Shown in good coat. Very settled on the move. 2 Mrs. E. Varnom, Milesend Morning Time: As 1st UG. 3 Mrs. E. Varnom, Milesend Sea Captain: As 2nd PG.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (Tri. B. & W): (3E), 1 Mrs. M.C. Withers, Standydale Shot in the Dark, JW.: A nice class that was headed up by this 3.5 yr old. A dog which takes you eye. He is of a super type with a super out line and is well balanced. He has a good head, ear set and nice eye. Good neck and good angles to the front and rear, deep brisket. Strong back and good back end. Strode out well, is a lovely mover, pleased to award him **Res. Best Dog.** 2 Mrs. S.M. & Mr. G.D. Saunders, Sendora Quickstep: As 1st UG. 3 Mrs. G.M. Hull, Lizmark Black Gold: As 1st L.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (Blue Merle): (2E), 1 Mrs. M.E. Hoare, Briggsview Gambling Man: As 1st PG. 2 Mrs. E. Jaycock, Levenwick Magical Mayhem: As 3rd MPD.

VB (4E, 1A). 1 Mrs. L.S. French, Sonymer Snow Fall Over Lindfern: A Dark S/W nearly 9yrs of age, that is of a good type with a nice outline. She is balanced throughout with a good head, skull and neat ear set, good length to neck with neat front and brisket. Good back and rear plus tail set. Well set hocks. Good mover, well done. Won Best VB. 2 Mrs. K. Colman-Smith, Samhaven Magic Kiss at Karlaina, Sh.CM: An 8.5 S/W that is lighter in colour. Another girl of good type with a good out line. Shown in good coat. Moved well, just pipped by 1st on the day. 3 Miss L. Pettitt, Sherolie Heavenly Charm at Carolelen: A 7yr old Tri of a pleasing type with a nice outline, very nice to go over. Felt that she was just moved far too fast, that she was over stepping. Just needs to slow down on the move.

MPB (6E,2A). 1 Miss M.R. Forster Parish, Lowick Mistletoe: A 7mth old B/M that is nicely balanced for her age. She has a lovely out line and is of a good type. I liked her very sweet head and good ear set, good neck and shoulders, good brisket and angles front and rear. Good back, neat hocks and good tail set. She is a lovely mover. Pleased to award her **BPB** and **Res. BPIS.** Well done. 2 Mrs. M.A.A. Gabrielczyk, Lalabay Fervidus (Imp. Pol.): An 8mth old S/W that was the best mover in the class. She is still a bit raw but should come together nicely with more time. She is of a pleasing type. 3 Mrs. E. Jaycock, Levenwick Heavenly Angel: A 7mths old Tri that is of a nice type with a pleasing out line. She has a lot going for her and I would like to see her in a few months when she has tightened up a little and settled on the move.

PB (1E). 1 Mrs. M.A.A. Gabrielczyk, Lalabay Fervidus (Imp. Pol.): As 2nd MPB.

JB (4E). 1 Mrs. V. Winfield, Carolelen Classic Star by Oakcroft: A very nice 15mth old S/W. She has a lovely shape, sweet expression and nice head, eye and ear set. Good neck, nice angles to front and rear. Firm back, good tail set, and low hocks. She was also shown in good coat and condition. Was also awarded best S/W bitch. Moved out well. Well done. 2 Mr. K.G. Biswell, Goldwell Rockabye Velvet: Just over 12mths of age this S/W is of a pleasing type with a nice outline. She just missed out

on maturity. Coat is coming through nicely. 3 Miss D. Sendall, Sendora Songbird: A 15mth old B/M that moves well. Just to mature up a little and grow some more coat. She is nicely balanced and is of a nice type.

NB (3E, 2A). 1 Mrs. E. Jaycock, Levenwick Play the Sax: A pleasing 2yr old Tri that stood alone in this class. She is a pleasing type that needs to settle on the move. Will come together more with maturity.

UGB (5E, 1A). 1 Mrs. R. Fransham, Shelcrest Starling: A 20mth old S/W of good type and nice outline. She has a pleasing head and eye and nice ear set. Fair neck, good angles to front and rear, her legs are well under her. Good brisket, firm back. She was shown in good coat with plenty of under coat. She moved out well around the ring. 2 Mr. K.G. Biswell, Goldwell Velvet Spells: A S/W that was just over 12mths of age she was giving away so much to the 1st on the day. She is of a pleasing type with a sweet expression. She also moved out nicely around the ring. 3 Miss R. Kennedy, Lirren Blue Gamble at Donbeley: A 5yr old B/M that looks a pleasing type. Pity that she was a little nervous.

PGB (4E). 1 Mrs. V. Winfield, Carolelen Classics Star by Oakcroft: As Jun. B. 2 Mrs. U. & Miss M.E. Briggs & Hoare, Briggsvie Opalesque: A 4yr old B/M that is of a pleasing type with a pleasing outline. Front could be slightly better, unfortunately showed in her movement. She is well off for coat. 3 Mrs M.F. Deveson, Milesend Sea Pearl: A 2yr old Dark S/W that is of a pleasing type with a nice out line. Moved out ok. Could have had a better eye.

LB (2E,1A). 1 Mrs. I.V. Saunders, Chalmoor I'M A Peach at Fernfrey: A very nice dark S/W 3.5yr old that stood alone in this class. She is a super type with a super outline. Nice head with a lovely sweet expression, good eye and good ear set. Good front, deep brisket and good bone. Strong back super back end, correct angles and lovely hocks also good tail set. Shown in good coat making her look a picture. Went well on the move. Please to award her **Res. BB**. Well done.

OB(5E). 1 Mrs. J. Miles, Amoureye Blue Mist of Milesend: What a beautiful 2yr old B/M with a super outline and of super type. She takes your eye as she enters the ring. She has a superb head with a gorgeous expression, so sweet in nature. Beautiful eyes, great ear set and lovely poise. Good neck, super front, well laid shoulders and upper arm, correct bone, deep brisket and spring of rib. Tight feet. Good firm back, short loin, excellent tail set. Excellent angles to rear with low set hocks. Shown in excellent coat of super texture with a soft under coat. She was just so easy on the move around the ring. I could have taken her home. Pleased to award her **BB** and **BIS**. 2 Mrs. L.S. French, Lindfern Enchanted Sunrise: A very nice 8yr old S/W that was shown in very fine fettle. She is a very nice type with a classic out line. Pleasing head, good front and back and neat rear. Shown in good coat, moved well. 3 Mrs. A. Hunter, Sendora Magical: A 4yr old Tri, pity she came up against the others today. She is a good moving bitch of a nice type with a nice out line. Pleasing head, her front and rear are ok. Shown in nice coat.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (S/W): (5E, 1A),

1 Mrs. V. Winfield, Carolelen Classic Star by Oakcroft: As 1st Jun. & 1st PGB. 2 Mrs M.F. Deveson, Milesend Sea Pearl: As 3rd PG. 3 Miss L. Pettitt, Sherolie Heavenly Charm at Carolelen: As 3rd VB.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (Tri. B. & W): (3E, 1A),

1 Mrs. R. Fransham, Sheltysam Bedazzle at Franmead, JW: A very feminine smallish Tri of a nice type with a nice out line. She makes a pleasing picture. Moved ok. 2 Mrs. A. Hunter, Sendora Magical: As 3rd OB.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (Blue Merle): (5E, 2A),

1 Mrs. U. & Miss M.E. Briggs & Hoare, Briggsvie Opalesque: As 2nd PGB. 2 Miss. R. Kennedy. Lirren Blue Gamble at Donbeley: As 3rd UGB. 3 Miss D. Sendall, Sendora Songbird: As 3rd JB.

Judge: Mr Russell F. Jones (Quemerford)