

## Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 21<sup>ST</sup> July 2019

Thank you so much to the ECSSC committee for a lovely day. Also to my ring stewards who helped the day to flow as it should and to the exhibitors for their support – who were all very gracious, win or lose. Presentation on the whole was to a very high standard with only a few exceptions. Overall the temperaments were great, with most being really steady and enjoying their day out- this is something I'm really happy to see improving in the breed.

**VD (3)** 1 Hull's Lizmark Black Gold: 8 year old tricolour, Nice size with enough bone and substance, carrying a profuse yet fitting coat. Attractive shape, with good reach of neck, level top-line and pleasing sweep over the loin. Smooth, level head planes of good proportions- well set ears and nice eye combining to give sweetness expression. Showed and moved well. 2 Saunders' Sendora Quickstep. 10 year old tricolour with jet black well-fitting coat, in good condition. Masculine dog, with ample bone; lacked the refinement and sweetness of 1. Very well constructed and very pleasing to go over- did not disappoint on the move as he flowed around the ring with purpose. Certainly didn't show his age. Performed and presented well. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis.

**MPD (3)** 1 Lycett's Iliad Isle Delight. Eye-catching 7 mnth old golden sable. When settled showed the most attractive shape. Nice for size, bone and substance for his age. Pleasing head, stop needs to clear, but lovely eye shape and set, good ear-set and he used them well to show his very sweet expression. Very much a baby showing baby antics but well enough constructed and moved OK. 2 Withers' Mitchfields Dizzee Rascal At Stanydale. Nothing Dizzee about this baby, who at 6 months on the day performed like a veteran. Correct clear silvery blue colour, although heavier marked on 1 side. Nice shape, fantastic construction, lovely long tail. Moved without effort and very correctly, even at this age. Would like more stop and sweetness, but very much a baby and may come. 3 Norris' Sandyvalley Basil Brush.

**PD (3)** 1 Miles' Keycharm Gold Standard of Milesend. Very eye-catching young sable. Great reach of neck and overall shape. Lovely correct shoulder, good depth of chest, nice rear angulation and good tail length. Pleasing wedge shaped head, with a lovely eye and expression. Showed a dream and moved well in this class but not quite at steady in BPIS challenge. BPD. 2 Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft (Imp CZE). Another super attractive sable. Love the breed type of this boy, he is my cup of tea. Correct size, good substance and beautiful coat which was very well presented. Well enough constructed, front and back, although not the shoulder of 1. Masculine yet refined head, well moulded foreface, almond eyes well set and nice ear-set. I wish he was more settled on the move in this class, as in later class it was hugely improved. Unfortunate that he had a runny eye which detracted from an otherwise beautiful expression. Will follow him with interest. 3 Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans.

**JD (3)** 1 Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark. Handsome young dog, rich red sable in a good coat. Beautiful shape and well balanced throughout. Correct size, good bone and substance. Pleasing head with sweet expression, which would be improved with a higher, tighter ear-set and placement. Good construction and moved freely. Showed well. 2 Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans. Very sweet blue puppy. Attractive shape, good size with enough bone, in fantastic coat and condition. Very little to dislike about him, but just needs some adjustment to presentation to make the most of him- he need to stretch out properly when standing and move a bit faster to prevent pacing. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dreams.

**ND (2)** 1 Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft (Imp Cze) (See 2nd PD). 2 Lycett's Iliad Isle of Ewe. Really attractive 7 month old baby. Shapely, with a good reach of neck, level top line and gentle sweep over the loin. Well moulded head and the sweetest expression. Well constructed and moved very well. Showed great, unlucky to meet the more mature puppy.

**UGD (5)** 1 Stock's Shemist Sea Dragon. Lovely young blue merle, really appealed to me. Eye-catching clear blue colour with good markings. Good for size and substance, shapely and balanced. Impressed on the table with his construction and moved fantastic. Long blunt wedge, smooth cheeks, sweet blue eyes and well set ears. Sweet yet masculine expression. Showed very well. Considered in challenge, just not the maturity and finish of the winners. 2 Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark. 3 Robinson's Alnmac Midnight Flyer.

**PGD (4)** 1 Daniels and Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control. Nicely coloured and marked blue. Handsome boy, masculine but refined and sweet. Pleasing shape, good for size and substance, with a good coat to finish. Good overall construction, good depth of chest and spring of ribs. Head handles well, level planes, correct stop and a sweet expression. Ring surface didn't benefit however I seen enough to confirm he moves as his construction would suggest. Res.BD. 2 Miles' Milesend Blue Raider at Lowick. Another lovely blue dog. Good for size and substance and an elegant outline. Well constructed and moved very well- many of the same qualities apply to him as 1 and it was a close decision. Preferred the depth of colour of 1 and would like a cleaner wedge for this boys head. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream.

**LD (1)** 1 Robinson's Sheltysham Nut Box in Alnmac. 3 yr old rich shaded sable, Masculine, well boned and good substance. Nice shape and balance. Good construction throughout, correct depth of chest and moved well. Nice enough expression. Showed and presented very well.

**OD (1)** 1 Forster-Cooper's Sheltysham Burnished Gold. Shaded sable 4 yr old. Unfortunately didn't stand to best show himself off most of the time, however on the table his shape was much improved. Sweet expression and head handles well enough. Good bone and size. Construction and movement good. Would like more body but dropping coat which doesn't help.

**SP. OD (SABLE AND WHITE) (1)** 1 Norman's Milesend Murray. 4 yr old, carrying a good coat and well groomed. Nice eye and ear-set, well moulded foreface. Very difficult to properly assess or critique his shape, construction or movement due to being very over weight. I hope and urge that this be remedied for his future health.

**SP. OD (TRICOLOUR, BLACK AND WHITE) (3)** 1 Withers' Ch. Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW. Gorgeous dog! Ideal size and substance, good bone and carrying a heavy well fitting coat. Dense black, with attractive markings. Beautiful shape and completely balanced. Lovely reach of neck, good shoulder, correct depth of chest and spring of ribs; level top line and nice long tail. Correctly constructed rear end allowing drive in his movement. Masculine and sweet head, well moulded foreface, level planes and smooth cheeks. Showed himself off very well at all times and moved very well round the ring. Was very pleased to award him BD BOS RBIS. 2 Saunders' Sendora Quickstep (See 2nd VD). 3 Hull's Lizmark Melody Maker.

**SP. OD (BLUE MERLE) (2)** 1 Daniells and Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control (See 1st PGD). 2 Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans (See 2nd JD).

**VB (3)** 1 Parkes' Ch. Milesend Gold Token at Eljetia JW. Beautiful 10 year old shaded sable, full of breed type. Well balanced head, with good stop, sweet eye and nicely set ears combining to give her the sweetest expression. Shapely bitch, with good reach of neck and level top-line. Correct size, good substance and ample bone. Huge but well fitting and beautifully presented coat. Super construction, front and rear with lovely short hocks. Stood well at all times and moved effortlessly around the ring. BVB BVIS. 2 Baker & Pettitt's Myriehewe Ellie At Lakebank ShCM. Another quality bitch. Tricolour with a long neck and excellent shape, when she stretched herself out correctly. Fabulous construction with well laid back shoulder, good depth of chest and spring of ribs, nice bend of stifle and parallel rear end, as expected great movement with good front extension and overall balance. Two lovely bitches but preferred the more feminine head and expression of 1. 3 Sendall's Sendora Waltztime.

**MPB (1)** 1 Norris' Sandyvalley Golden Sage. 8 months old sable. Nice sized, feminine puppy- very raw and not yet sprouted much in the way of furnishings. Attractive shape which she stood and showed off very well. Reasonable construction and movement. Sweet expression. Lovely temperament.

**PB (2)** 1 Miles' Milesend Cherry Blossom. 10 month old tricolour with jet black coat. Lovely feminine girl of a nice size, good substance and in great coat for her age. Particularly eye-catching shape well arched neck, level top-line, good bend of stifle and showed herself off to great advantage. Refined head with sweet expression and ears on top at all times. Fairly well constructed and moved well. BPB BPIS. 2 Daw's Rossmere Skylark. Sable puppy with a nice overall shape and in good coat and condition. Well placed eye and neat well used ears. Stood correctly and showed well. Construction and movement OK.

**JB (3)** 1 Stock's Shemist Dark Beauty. Elegant young tricolour, with good balance. Shapely and very well constructed- as expected a really lovely mover. Level head planes, refined and sweet in expression. Would like a bit more substance, however carried enough bone and coat to finish the picture. Happy girl with a lovely temperament. 2 Forster-Cooper's Sheltysham Midnight Lady. Nice size and very good bone however would benefit from carrying more weight. Surprised on the table as her construction is better than she portrays in her stance. Sweet expression, well moulded foreface and well used ears. Moved and performed well. 3 Hull's Mohnesee Queen of Diamonds of Lizmark.

**NB (1)** 1 Daw's Shelridge Sancerre at Rossmere. Beautiful bitch- was surprised when she came into novice. Completely balanced with attractive shape. Correct blunt wedge, almond eye and nice ear-set giving typical sweet expression. Well-constructed front and rear, stood correctly and moved very well. Carrying enough coat- unlucky to meet winner of next class otherwise she would have pushed hard in the challenge.

**UGB (5)** 1 Thornley and Withers' Mitchfields Fashion Girl at Felthorn: Quality young blue merle, with lovely markings. Correct size with good substance throughout. Would be easy to under appreciate, not particularly standing out to start with- however very balanced in shape. Won me over on the table, was pleased when I found her very difficult to fault. Good depth of chest and spring of ribs, well angulated shoulder and rear end, correct proportions throughout. Well moulded and correctly proportioned head with sweet expression. Moved

with ease, extension and drive which ultimately won her RBB. 2 Daw's Shelridge Sancerre at Rossmere (See 1st NB). 3 Norris' Clanavon Love In A Mist.

**PGB (2,1a)** 1 Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes: Nicely sized sable, with good bone and substance. Nice shape with good reach of neck, leading into well angulated shoulder- with good depth and breadth of chest allowing her to extend well in front movement. Rear angulation allowing good movement overall. Head handles very well, flat cheeks, nice eye and good ear-set. Feminine expression. Steady and showed very well.

**OB (2)** 1 Lycett's Herds Hallicia At Iliad. Ultra feminine sable girl. In beautiful coat and condition and presented very well. Ideal size and substance, carrying good bone. Super shape, with a lovely reach of neck, level top-line and graceful sweep over the loin. Nicely constructed front and rear, good bend of stifle and short well let down hocks. Beautifully moulded and refined head and melting expression with correctly placed dark almond shaped eyes. Moved around the ring with precision and grace. Loved her from the minute she walked into the ring. BB and BIS. 2 Parkes' Milesend Sweet Whispers at Eljetia. Another real quality, eye-catching girl. Much of what can be said for 1 applies to this bitch also. Again well balanced, with a lovely shape. Well-constructed and very pleasing to go over, not surprisingly great on the move. Head handles well and she could easily have stood in the top spots, however I preferred the eyes of both my BB and RBB.

**SP.OB (SABLE & WHITE) (1)** 1 Withers' Stanydale Luck Be A Lady. Fantastically constructed bitch who moved so well! Nice enough head, although perhaps not as sweet as I'd like but very little to fault with her technically. Great shape and balance at all times, on the stand and when moving. A lot to like about her. Quite unsure of herself at times, but showed enough.

**SP. OB (TRICOLOUR, BLACK & WHITE) (1)** 1 Withers' Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale. Really pretty bitch, nice size and good substance. Very shapely and quite eye-catching. Attractive head with sweet expression. Constructed and moved well. Steady settled show girl who performed to her advantage.

**SP.OB (BLUE MERLE) (2,1a)** 1 Sendall's Sendora Songbird. Appreciated this girls construction and movement in a previous class. She moved with real purpose and is constructed to carry out a days work. Well balanced and much to like, just not the refinement of head and sweetness I would be looking for.

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