

Thank you to the Eastern Counties Committee & my 2 stewards for a friendly show at their new venue & thank you for allowing my request to judge outside in the afternoon; fortunately the weather was kind to us. A few observations on the dogs before me on the day. What is happening to the long blunt wedges with slight but definite stops? Far too many short two piece heads with flared & deep-through skulls. As normal a lot of short steep upper arms which naturally showed in movement? A big variation as usual in size & lots of short tails. Lastly teeth, I was shocked on how many had dirty or missing teeth; there is no excuse for this! Having said that I found my main winners pleasing.

Dogs:

VETERAN (6,0)

1.Saunders' Sendora Quickstep. Tricolour in beautiful shiny black jacket. Nice size & shape, good head although a bit bold in eye & slightly more stop than I like, neat ears, good forehead & hindquarters, moved well. 2.Rutterford's Evad Whougonnacall At Stormhead ShCM, shaded sable in beautiful condition, nice head again a bit bold in eye & not such a good underjaw as 1st, neat well used ears, good construction, moved well. 3.Hulls Ch.Lizmark Look This Way JW ShCM.

MINOR PUPPY (3,0)

1.Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition, 7 mth pretty sable baby in beautifully presented condition. Good head topped with neat ears, lovely size with good bone, forehead construction ok although a little upright in upper arm, good turn of stifle, moved well. BPD & BOSP. 2.Jacob's & Johnston's. Willowthorn Dream Gazer, 8mth flashy red sable, size larger than 1st. Lovely shaped boy with strong bone. Head handles well with neat ears, overall construction ok, moved a little erratic on the day. 3.Forster-Cooper. Sheltysam Dotcom.

PUPPY (3,0)

1.Pattinson's Kyleburn Romulus, 11mth shapely tricolour, head is a little unbalanced at the moment with muzzle appearing overlong, needs to fill out & clear in stop, Nice dark eye & neat ears, enough bone, good hindquarters, front angulation ok, he is very narrow all through & lacks a lot of body, & lacking the coat of my main winners, moved well. 2. Forster-Cooper Sheltysam Dotcom, was 3rd in previous class. Tri baby who I felt was rather small, hope he grows on. His head fits his size although would prefer better eye, neat ears, well behaved & moved ok. 3.Heels Guxel Golden Star

JUNIOR (2,0)

1. Clarke's Ruscombe A Moment In Time, nice size Blue Merle with good bone, neat ears, overall good construction with lovely long tail, moved well. 2.Hull's Lizmark Melody Maker Tricolour who also was nice size, reasonable head but needs to fill in muzzle, nice eye, construction not as good as first, moved ok.

NOVICE (4,0)

1.Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition 1st in minor puppy. 2.Taylor & Yuille's Felthorn Petruchio At Chelmermead, sable of nice shape & size with good bone, nice type of head, ears a little light but positioned correctly, good all round angulation, well presented harsh coat, moved well. 3.Clarke's Ruscombe A Moment In Time, 1st in junior.

UNDERGRADUATE (8,1)

1.Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Dudley JW, nicely presented compact sable in good coat, good head with parallel planes giving pleasing expression, topped with neat well used ears, perfect size, construction good all through, would prefer more length in neck, moved ok. 2.Daniel & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control, lovely coloured blue merle, beautifully presented, good size, typical head topped with neat ears, angulation good but moved rather erratically in front, overall type won him this place. 3.Jacob & Johnson's Willowthorn Dream Gazer

POST GRADUATE (5,1)

1.Robinson Sheltysam Nut Box In Alnmac, Shaded Sable, good size & overall Sheltie type, good head with level planes & not too deep in stop which was well defined. Eye could be more almond shape but did not detract from expression, neat ears, good condition harsh coat, nice shape with good length of neck, nicely angulated fore & aft, which resulted in good movement, one of the best on the day, pleased to award him Best Dog & Best opposite sex. 2.Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream, shaded sable not in his best attire, he won this place on overall type, nice head with neat ears, angulation ok overall, moved well. 3.Riding's Achors Surprise Percy Polaris for Torinska (imp Che)

LIMIT (5,0)

1. Withers' Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW, Tricolour in excellent condition, shapely boy with excellent angulation throughout. Masculine head with correct amount of stop & level planes, eye could be a bit sweeter, neat well used ears, moved as his construction suggests with drive once he got into his stride. RBD 2. Forster-Cooper Sheltysham Burnished Gold, good head although bit broad in skull, nice bone for his good size, couldn't match the construction of 1st place, although still adequate, moved well. 3. Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold At Fernfrey JW

OPEN No Entries

SPECIAL OPEN Sable & White(4,1)

1. Wood's Torinska I Love To Boogie, good head, neat ears, good fore & aft angulation, moved ok. 2. Heels' Guxel Golden Star, 3rd in puppy. Up to size sable, head handles well, ears nicely positioned but need tidying, overall nicely constructed, needs to mature, moved well. 3. Perkins' Sheltysham May Tree At Alnmac.

SPECIAL OPEN Tricolour (2,0)

1. Saunders' Sendora Quickstep 1st in veteran. 2. Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon, VHC in undergraduate. Nicely presented boy with reasonable head properties, nice eye, good bone, construction good, preferred the size of 1st place winner. Moved ok.

SPECIAL OPEN Blue Merle (5,1)

1. Rutterford's CH. Kelgrove Just Blue At Stormhead JW ShCM. Well known beautifully presented boy, Correct size & nice shape, head handles well with correct stop & level planes, very good angulation fore & aft, long tail, moved well with purpose. BVD & BVIS 2. Daniel & Taylor's Pepperhill In The Zone JW, better colour than 1st & presented in excellent condition, good head & nice expression, neat ears, construction good, moved well. 3. Hoare's Briggsvieview Gambling Man.

Bitches:**VETERAN (3,1)**

1. Riding's Samhaven Merrie Magic For Torinska, 9yr old golden sable, nice shape, head handles well although I would prefer a little bit more moulding to foreface, nice eye & neat ears, good front & rear angulation, good length of tail, moved with drive. BVB 2. Peters' Tighness Takes Two To Tango At Shelworth, nice feminine size in good condition, good head, construction throughout ok, not the elegant shape of the winner, moved well.

MINOR PUPPY (4,1)

1. Hateley's Mohnesee Millybelle, 7mth very feminine sable baby, beautifully moulded head everything where it should be, almond shape dark eye giving a sweet expression, good underjaw which is sadly lacking in a lot of exhibits, nice round bone which fits her correct size perfectly, overall angulation is good, showed like a professional & was beautifully presented as always from this kennel, moved very well for a baby, pleased to award her, BPB, BPIS & RBIS. 2. Moore's Sanscott Sweet Edition, 7mth sable, I see litter sister to BPD, & she is just the female version of him, nice head, neat ears, again good overall construction, just a tad steep in upper arm, moved ok. 3. Stock's Shemist Night Mist

PUPPY (4,1)

1. Hateley's Mohnesee Millybelle. 1st in Minor puppy 2. Stock's Shemist Night Mist, 8mth tricolour, different in type to 1st, head handles well, but needs to clear in stop, nice shape although she is rather narrow all through at the moment & her construction is adequate, she was moving close both fore & aft. 3. Kotecka Siena Fra Wanaheim

JUNIOR (7,2)

1. Daw's Shelridge Sancerre At Rossmere, 16mth sable, nice lean wedge head with slight but definite stop, lovely almond dark eye giving a pleasing expression & topped with well used neat ears, correct size & beautiful shape with long neck, good length of tail, excellent angulation which reflected in her movement, presented in good condition although lacking in coat on the day which cost her in the next class; really liked her a lot. 2. Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness, tricolour with good head & expression, nice shape with good construction all through, nice length of tail, moved well. 3. Sendall's Sendora Songbird

NOVICE (8,2)

1. Hateley's Mohnesee Millybelle 2. Daw's Shelridge Sancerre At Rossmere 3. Moore's Sanscott Sweet Edition

UNDERGRADUATE (5,2)

1. Withers' Stanydale Luck Be A Lady, my star of the day who won on overall Sheltie type, although not an over-enthusiastic showgirl she did enough to show her virtues. Beautifully angulated bitch, correct size, lovely shape with decent length of neck, good length of tail, good head with equal level planes & correct amount of stop which was well defined, dark almond eye well positioned giving typical expression, topped by neat ears. As her construction suggests was the best mover of the day. Delighted to award her with BB & BIS
2. Stock's Shemist Dark Angel, tricolour which I really liked. Again a lovely size & beautiful shape, everything in the right place, nice head although stop could be a bit better defined, nice shaped dark eye giving sweet expression, topped with well used neat ears. Construction good both fore & aft which showed in good movement, nice length of tail. Unlucky to meet 1st. 3. Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses for Tighness

POST GRADUATE (4,2)

1. Pesonen's Marsula Lotus Blossom (imp Aust), glamorous well-presented shapely sable, nice head although a little broad in skull, nicely placed dark eye, good bone, nice turn of stifle, nice length of tail, overall a good honest type of bitch, just a little too much of her for me, moved ok. 2. Briggs & Hoare's Briggsview Opalesque, nice type blue merle, good head, would like sweeter expression, angulation ok, long tail, just carrying a little too much weight which reflected in her movement.

LIMIT (6,2)

1. Saunders' Chalmoor I'm a Peach at Fernfrey, nicely presented sable, nice head although stop could be a bit more defined & a little broad in skull, nice dark eye & neat ears, nice size with good bone, construction adequate, moved ok. 2. Root's Sherolie Heavenly Charm at Carolelen, good head with nicely placed stop, underjaw could be better, angulation ok, moved ok. 3. Maynard's Cassandra Your'e My Dream

OPEN (2,0)

1. Maynard's Carolelen Causing Dreams, dark shaded sable of lovely size, good head, bit bold in eye, good ears, nice bend of stifle, good length of tail, moved well. 2. Walker's Tooralie's Indigo Violet, larger size blue merle of lovely colour with interesting markings, lovely shape & nice turn of stifle. Moved well.

SPECIAL OPEN Sable & White (6,1)

1. Ridings Samhaven Merrie Magic for Torinska 2. Root's Sherolie Heavenly Charm at Carolelen
3. Maynard's Cassandra You're My Dream

SPECIAL OPEN Tricolour; Black & White (9,2)

1. Stock's Shemist Dark Angel, 2nd in undergraduate. 2. Walker's Tooralies Matilda, lovely size & shape, shorter type head, little flared in skull, nice eye, good ears, construction throughout ok but couldn't match the forehead angulation of 1st place, moved ok. 3. Baker & Pettitt's Myriehewe Ellie At Lakebank ShCM.

SPECIAL OPEN Blue Merle (4,2)

1. Sendall's Sendora Songbird, nicely coloured girl, head nice but needs to clear in stop, lovely shape, angulation good & finished with good length of tail, moved better in front than 2nd place today. 2. Briggs & Hoare's Briggsview Opalesque.

KAREN DURANT (Judge)