

EASTERN COUNTIES SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB Open Show 26th March 2023

I would like to thank the committee of the ECSSC for inviting me to judge at this lovely show. Originally it should have been in 2020 but due Covid it was postponed to 2023. I consider it as a great honour and I hope everyone has enjoyed the day as much as I did. My special thanks are for my two stewards, they stood by my side the whole day. And of course I like to thank the exhibitors for their top quality entry and their sportsmanship. Looking back at the photos I again realize that I was very blessed with so many beautiful shelties present at this show.

Dogs

Veteran Dog (1) 1. Pattison's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream: 8,5 year old shaded sable dog with a very beautiful outline. Balanced head with nicely placed eyes and ears, very alert with a very sweet expression. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, very good angulation in front and rear, good length of tail, moved well and was presented very well. BVD and BVIS

Minor Puppy Dog (1) 1. Stockden's Willowgarth Unlimited Love: 6 months old golden sable dog with a very sweet expression. Balanced head with nicely placed eyes and ears, the right ear is tending to prick. For age very good bone and depth of chest. Angulation very well in front and rear, very good reach of neck, good length of tail. Legs straight in front and rear, moved very well. Showed himself very good for his first show.

Puppy Dog (2) 1. Miles's Ribans Goldstar Of Milesend: 9 months old golden sable dog with a lovely expression, very well balanced head with nicely placed eyes and ears, very good ear carriage, very alert. Good reach of neck, well angulated in front and rear, lovely top and bottom line, very harmonious dog. Legs straight in front and rear, good tail carriage, moved well and very well presented. BPD and BOS Puppy In Show 2. Ambler's Gemshells La Ross: 9 months old tricolour dog with a very sweet expression. A really shiny tricolour with a well-balanced head with well-placed eyes and ears, good ear carriage and very alert. A bit narrow in front, very good bone, very good reach of neck, good reach of neck, well angulated in front and rear, good length of tail, moved well and presented very well.

Junior Dog (2) 1. Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino: a gorgeous 13 months old sable dog, an absolutely eye-catcher and a showman first class. Very well balanced head with a very sweet expression, nicely placed eyes and ears and a good ear carriage. Legs straight in front and rear, good reach of neck, lovely top and bottom line, tail of sufficient length. Excellent angulation in front and rear which gives him a flowing movement. Good depth of chest, excellent presented. BD and BIS 2. Ingram's Mosardi Don't Stop: 17 months old blue merle dog with a lovely blue colour. Sweet expression, very alert, well balanced head with good eye placement and shape, ears could be a bit closer on the head. Legs straight in front, good bone, good reach of neck, good angulation in front and rear, lovely top and bottom line. A gorgeous long tail which you don't see often with dogs. Moved well and was excellent presented .

Novice Dog (2) 1. Saunders Sendora Sweet Bramble: 2 years old tricolour dog, who was not in a full coat condition. A very alert dog with an excellent ear carriage, balanced head with good eye shape and placement, eyes could be a bit smaller. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, well angulated in front and rear, lovely top line and a good length of tail. Moved very flowing and was presented very well. 2. Stockden's Willowgarth Unlimited Love: see MPD

Undergraduate Dog (3,2a) 1. Miles's Milesend Kingfisher: 2,5 year old blue merle dog with a sweet expression and a lovely blue colour. Very alert, good balanced head with beautiful almond shaped and placed blue eyes, good ear placement and carriage. Good angulation in front and rear, good reach of neck with a lovely top line. Legs straight in front, good depth of chest and good length of tail. Moved very well and was excellent presented. Reserve BD, reserve BIS

Post Graduate (4) 1. Dimmock' Shougies Secret Agent For Fernhill: 2,5 year old tricolour dog with a well-balanced head with nicely placed eyes and ears, lovely ear carriage. Legs straight in front and a good reach of neck and a lovely top line, good length of tail. Good depth of chest, good bone, well angulated in front and rear, he loves to place his behind legs under his body. Good movement and presented very well. 2. Foster Parish's Lowick Blueberry: a 20 months old blue merle dog with a very sweet expression and rich tan markings and an excellent blue colour and lovely blue eyes. Very well balanced head with nicely placed eyes and with a lovely almond shape. The ears carried very alert but placed a bit on the side of the head. Legs straight in front, good bone, well angulated in front and rear. Sufficient reach of neck, good depth of chest and sufficient length of tail. Good movement with good drive. Excellent presented. 3. Saunders Sendora Sweet Bramble

Limit Dog (5,1a) 1. Pattison's Kyleburn Hidden Dream: almost 5 year old dark sable dog with a very sweet expression. Nicely balanced head with nicely placed and shaped eye, beautiful ears and good ear carriage, very alert. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, lovely top and bottom line. Well angulated in front and rear, good depth of chest. Nice flowing movement, sufficient length of tail. Presented very well. 2. Robinson's Alnmac Midnight Flyer: 5,5 year old tricolour dog, balanced head with good placement and shaped eye, ear carriage and placement very well. Legs straight in front, good length of neck, upper arm is a bit steep but this doesn't show in his movement, very good angulation in rear. Lovely top line and good depth of chest. Moved well and was excellent presented. 3. Hoare's Sabema Pina Colada

Open Dog (2) 1. Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date Of Lizmark: 5 year old sable dog with a very rich coat and a lovely expression. Nicely balanced head with a nice almond shaped eye, good eye placement, good ear carriage and placement. A very harmonious dog with a lovely top line. Legs straight in front, good angulation in front and rear, good length of neck and good depth of chest. His right elbow turns a bit out which is showing in his movement. Good length of tail and very well presented. 2. Robinson's Sheltysam Nut Box In Alnmac: almost 7 year old dark sable dog with a sweet expression. Very well balanced head with nicely placed eye and ear. Legs straight in front, well angulated in front and rear, good reach of neck and good depth of chest. Moved well and was well presented.

Special Open Dog (Sable & White) (4,1a) 1. Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino: see JD 2. Hoare's Sabema Pina Colada: 2 years old golden sable dog on the big side but with a lovely expression. Well balanced head with a lovely shaped and placed eye. Ear carriage is good, ear placement is a bit on the side of the head. Legs straight in front, good bone, good reach of neck and a lovely top line. Well angulated in front and rear, good depth of chest, tail could be a bit longer. Lovely mover, presented very well. 3. Smee's Wansvale Amiable

Special Open Dog (Tricolour, B&T or B&W) (4,1a) 1. Withers's Felthorn Cover Story: 3,5 year old tricolour dog with amazing coat, I think with a bit less coat his outline would come out better. Balanced head with good shaped and placed eye, nicely placed and carried ear, very alert. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, very good angulation in front and rear, good depth of chest. Flowing movement, excellent presented. 2. Saunders Sendora Sweet Bramble: see ND 3. Pattison's Kyleburn Romulus

Special Open Dog (Blue Merle) (2) 1. Taylor & Yuille's Shelridge Toastmaster At Chelmermead: 5 year old blue merle dog with a beautiful blue colour and a sweet expression. Balanced head with a lovely shaped and placed eye, nicely placed and carried ears. Good bone, legs straight in front, correct rear, angulation in front and rear is good, sufficient reach of neck. Moved very well, lovely silhouette, presented very well.

2. Withers's Mitchfields Dizze Rascal At Stanydale: 4 year old blue merle dog on the big side with a very masculine expression. Balanced head with a good eye shape and placement, very good ear carriage and placement. Good bone, legs straight in front, angulation in front and rear is good, good depth of chest, very good reach of neck and a lovely long tail. Very good movement with drive, very well presented.

Bitches

Veteran Bitch (3) 1. Fransham's Sheltysam Bedazzle At Franmead JW: 7,5 year old tricolour bitch in a very good condition. Very alert and a sweet expression. Well balanced head with a nicely placed and shaped eye and with good ear carriage and placement. Legs straight in front, in movement the toes turn in slightly. Good reach of neck, good angulation in front and rear, lovely top and bottom line, good depth of chest. A nice flowing movement and very well presented. BVB 2. Kennedy's Lirren Blue Gamble At Donbeley: 10 year old blue merle bitch in a perfect condition, I never would have guessed she is already 10 year. Lovely balanced head with a beautiful placed and shaped eye, and with good placement and carriage of the ears. She's very alert to her handler. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, good angulation in front and rear, it's a shame that she is placing her behind legs under her body otherwise she would have been first. Lovely outline and a lovely flowing movement. Well presented.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3) 1. Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Light 'N Shade: 6 months old blue merle with an amazing lovely blue colour. Very sweet expression, well balanced head with nicely shaped and placed eye and well placed and carried ears. Legs straight in front, sufficient reach of neck, good angulation in front and rear. For her age very good bone and depth of chest. For her first show she's showing herself fantastic only her tail she kept hidden. Moved very well and was very well presented. 2. Ford's Macstanryn Back To Black At Mountmoor CNAF: 6 months old tricolour bitch with a sweet expression. On her first show she's showing herself well although she hardly has time to stand still. She's very alert, a balanced head with nicely placed and shaped eye, lovely ear carriage and placement. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, very good angulation in front and rear and a nice length of tail. Moved very well and was well presented. 3. Cheal's Valdosta Galadriel At Faemadra

Puppy Bitch (4) 1. Robinson's Alnmac Busy Being Fabulous: 11`months old tricolour bitch with a beautiful outline and a sweet expression. Well balanced head with nicely set and placed eye, the eyes could be a bit smaller, nicely placed and carried ears, very alert. Legs straight in front, lovey reach of neck, very good angulation in front and rear. Lovely movement, she only needs more experience on shows. Very well presented. BPB, reserve BB and BPIS 2. Bywater's Gemshells Beautiful Onxy By Tachnamadra: 9 months old tridolour bitch with beautiful rich tan markings and a very sweet expression. Nicely balanced head with good shaped and placed eye, lovely ear placement and carriage, very alert. Good bone, legs straight in front, long reach of neck, lovely top line and a lovely long tail. Good angulation in front and rear. Moves very well but also needs more experience on shows. Well presented. 3. Miles's Keycharm Foxtrot Of Milesend

Junior Bitch (1) 1. Sendall's Sendora To Be Special: 18 months old tricolour bitch with a lovely silhouette but on the big side. A bit long in head but well balanced, nicely shaped and placed eyes, good placement and carriage ears and very alert. Legs straight in front, long reach of neck, beautiful top line, very well angulated in front and rear and a lovely long tail. Moves very well and was presented excellent.

Novice Bitch (6) 1. Ingram's Mosardi Forget Me Not: 3,5 year old blue merle bitch with a beautiful blue colour and a very sweet expression. She shows herself excellent and is very alert, overall a very harmonious bitch. Nice head with good eye shape and placement, well carried and placed ears. Legs straight in front, good reach of neck, lovely top line and good depth of chest. Very well angulated in front and rear, good length of tail and a very good flowing movement. She's at the moment not in full coat but nevertheless gorgeous. Excellent presented. BB and BOS 2. French's Lirren Moonstone: almost 4 year old blue merl bitch with also a lovely blue colour, a good coat and a sweet expression. Well balanced head with a lovely placed and shaped eye. The ears are a bit wide on the

head but carried very well, very alert. Legs straight in front but a bit wide. Good reach of neck, very well angulated in front and rear, good depth of chest, lovely top line and a nice long tail. Lovely mover, very well presented. It was a close call with number one. 3. Withers's Stanydale Shona

Undergraduate Bitch (2) 1. Saunder's Tachnamadra Button Moon At Fernfrey: almost 2 year old tricolour bitch, an absolute show girl. Well balanced head with good placed eyes but a bit round, good ear placement and carriage, very alert. Legs straight in front and rear, sufficient reach of neck, very well angulated in front and rear and a lovely top line. Good bone, good depth of chest and a lovely long tail. Moved very well and was very well presented. 2. Smee's Wansvale Beyond Belief: almost 3 year old sable bitch with a very outgoing character. Well balanced head with a nicely placed and shaped eye, the ears turn a bit outside but are carried very well. Legs straight in front, lovely reach of neck, very good angulation in front and rear, good depth of chest, beautiful long tail. She has a lovely reach in her movement, she loves her food and she's very well presented.

Post Graduate Bitch (3) 1. Smee's Wansdale Beyond Belief: see UGB 2. Hull's Mohnesee Queen Of Diamonds Of Lizmark: 5 year old blue merle bitch with a sweet expression. Well balanced head with a good placement and shape eye, lovely ears, well placed and carried. Legs straight in front. Excellent reach of neck going over in a lovely top line. Very good angulation in front, rear shows a straight stifle, good depth of chest and a lovely long tail. Moved well and was very well presented but she didn't liked to be shown today. 3. Kennedy's Oakcroft Aurora Dream At Donbeley

Limit Bitch (2,2a)

Open Bitch (3) 1. Colman-Smith's Kyleburn Syibylla At Shelridge: 5,5 year old sable bitch with a lovely appearance and a rich coat. Well balanced head, nicely placed and shaped eye, good ear placement and carriage, sweet expression. A bit wide in front but the legs are straight, good bone, good reach of neck, good depth of chest. Well angulated in front and rear and a lovely long tail. Moved well and was presented very well. 2. Sendall's Sendora Songbird: almost 6 year old blue merle bitch who enjoyed to show herself, a perfect blue colour. She's on the top side and has a long face which suits her appearance. Lovey eye placement and shape, perfect ear placement and carriage. Legs straight in front, lovely reach of neck and a lovely top line. Well angulated in front and rear and a lovely long tail. Good movement and very well presented. 3. Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff At Faemadra

Special Open Bitch (Sable & White) (1,1a)

Special Open Bitch (Tricolour, B&T or B&W) (2) 1. Saunder's Tachnamadra Button Moon At Fernfrey: see UGB 2. Sendall's Sendora To Be Special: see JB

Special Open Bitch (Blue Merle) (3) 1. Hull's Mohnesee Queen Of Diamonds Of Lizmark: see PGB 2. Sendall's Sendora Songbird: see OB 3. Hoare's Briggsview Opalesque

Judge: Mrs Afke Bruijn (v. 't Maartenshuis) – The Netherlands