

Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 27th March 2022

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge at this well known friendly show, my stewards who kept things flowing all day and also to the exhibitors for their lovely quality entry, I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I found all the dogs presented in lovely condition, temperaments were sound, I found a few lacking neck and short tails.

VD (4) 1 Pattersons Kyleburn Everlasting Dream BVD. Not carrying a huge coat but when standing this shows off his lovely outline and on the table did not disappoint. Moulded foreface, correct stop, soft eye and expression and very neat ears he used well. Has a good reach of neck and length of back, bend of stifle, lovely neat feet, he went well on the move with correctly carried tail. 2 Forster-Cooper Sheltysham Burnished Gold. Close decision similar remarks apply to this boy in great condition, head handled well with correct eye and ear placement, shows so well, sound on the move. 3 Saunders Chalmoor Shades of Gold at Fernfrey JW

MPD (4) 1 Miles Milesend Black Tartan. Standing this tri dog instantly appeals for shape, style and size, well made with good angulation fore and aft which showed in his sound movement. Head handles well with good moulding to foreface, lovely expression and neat ears he used very well, in lovely coat and condition very well presented. 2 Thornley Felthorn Barnaby Rudge. Slightly larger than 1 another with a flowing shape about him. Clean head, very alert good ear carriage and sweet eye giving desired expression, went well when asked to move. 3 French Lindfern Dark Star

PD (2) These two puppies I would think will change places as a close decision between them. 1 Forster-Parish Lowick Blueberry BPD BPIS. An upstanding blue merle who demands attention. Lovely make and shape about him, lovely front, reach of neck, head is so well moulded with a sweet but masculine expression and neat well used ears. His colour is delightful in super coat and condition and moved out well with correctly carried tail. 2 Aaron & Durant Shelridge Santino at Neraklee. Golden s/w, who instantly appeals for his lovely flowing make and shape. Clean head, correct stop and lovely almond eye with neat ears which he used all the time. Moved out very well fore and aft.

JD (4,1) 1 Dimmock Shougies Secret Agent for Fernhill. Tri with a good front and length of back, decent neck, short hocks. Head handles well with a masculine but sweet expression, ears well carried and used. Sounds on the move with correct tail carriage. 2 Rhodes Felthorn Christmas Gift. Attractive Blue who is of a lovely colour. Good head and expression, ears well carried and used, very alert show boy, did enough on the move but needs to settle a little, correctly carried tail. 3 Saunders Sendora Sweet Bramble

ND (3) 1 Aaron & Durant Shelridge Santino at Neraklee. Stood 2nd in Puppy dog, could not be denied this class. 2 Cheal Carolelen Composer. Very shapely and shows well. Good angulation throughout, lovely head and expression, went well when asked to move. 3 Saunders Marsulla Propoganda

UGD (5,1) 1 Cheal Carolelen Composer. 2 Miles Milesend Kingfisher. Another lovely colour blue from this kennel, standing presents a lovely picture and did not disappoint when going over him. He has good bone and substance, nicely made, good angulation front and rear, although I would prefer a bit more neck, his head is good has a well filled foreface, correctly placed stop, ears bang on top which he knows how to use. Moved out well with drive, had a good bend of stifle and neat feet. 3 Hoare Sabema Pina Colada.

PGD (8,3) 1 Varnom Milesend Blue Jeans. Blue merle when standing presents a nice picture. Good shape about him, reach of neck, spring of rib, decent front and sweep over loin. His head handles very well with good eye/ear placement giving a lovely expression. Moved out well with good bend of stifle short hocks. 2 Pattison Kyleburn Hidden Dream. Shaded s/w with the most lovely head with a soft but masculine expression, desired eye shape. Has a good reach of neck and length of back, on the move strides out with correctly carried tail. 3 Hateley Mohnesee Mr Bobbie Black JW

LD (4) Lots to like about the first two, albeit they are slightly different. 1 French Lorainian Kings Ransom at Lindfern. 3yr old s/w, he took my attention when he entered the ring has so much style and presence about him. Was not disappointed when going over him, his head, moulding, eye, and ear carriage all so balanced to give the desired expression. Has plenty of neck, good front angulation and length of back and sweep over the loin with good bend of stifle. Plenty of bone but not heavy. Great show boy, can certainly move with forward reach and drive from lovely short hocks. Beautifully presented and in complete unison with his owner, pleased to award him BD. 2 Hull Mohnesee Dream Date Of Lizmark JW. Another lovely golden s/w in good coat and condition. Very sweet expression, clean in head with flat skull and moulded foreface, lovely neat ears which he uses all the time. He has a good make and shape about him. I found him a little heavy over the shoulders, but he moved out with good reach and drive with correct tail carriage, stood and showed his virtues so well. Pleased to award him RBD 3 Sangster & Rennison Zaniah Mono Tone of Drumcauchile.

OD (1) 1 Robinson Sheltysham Nut Box In Alnmac. Stood alone but a worthy winner. Standing shows off his lovely shape, he has decent neck and shape about him. Head handles well, balanced with moulded forface and neat ears again used all the time. Moved out soundly with correct tail carriage.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (S/W)(7,2) 1 French Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Well another lovely male from this kennel, again he has plenty of substance without being cloddy, his front and rear angulation is good with lovely length of back which all showed in his good movement with forward reach and strong hocks. Head is a delight to handle very well moulded, good stop, neat ears bang on top, lovely sweet expression. 2 Bastiani & John Auberswell Ghost Rider. Another lovely s/w unlucky to meet 1. Very sweet eye and expression, he is slightly finer boned but this does not detract at all. Found him a little short in neck, but he moved out soundly with confidence. Well presented. 3 Cheal Carolelen Composer

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (Tri, B&W) (5,1) 1 Thornley & Withers Felthorn Cover Story. Compact and well put together, stands and shows so well presenting a lovely picture. Head is clean and well moulded, good ear carriage, flat skull, has a pleasing expression. Ample bone and substance, went well on the move with level topline, short hocks and neat feet. 2 Saunders Sendora Sweet Bramble. Rather out of coat but this did enhance his shape and style. Has a fair reach of neck, pleasing head and expression, shows so well and very attentive to handler. Went well on the move. 3 Pattison Kyleburn Romulus.

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (Blue Merle) (1) 1 Rhodes Felthorn Christmas Gift. Placed 2nd In Junior Dog

VB (8,4) 1 French Lindfern Enchanted Sunrise. Well I could not believe this little bitch was 12yrs old, a total credit to her owner for her condition and soundness. Certainly still has some style, super moulded head, good underjaw, lovely eye set and sweetest of expressions, neat ears used all the time. Her make and shape is a delight and she moves so soundly with short hocks and neat feet, in lovely coat and condition, with flowing long tail carried correctly. 2 Saunders Chalmoor I'm A Peach At Fernfrey. Dark shaded s/w, in very good condition just into Veteran but could easily hold her own in an Open Class. Head handles well, good make and shape about her in very good condition, moved out well on good feet. 3 Hoare Briggsvie Opalesque.

MPB (5,1) 1 French Lirren Lasting Love. What a delightful baby, she stood and showed so well for one so young. On the table she did not disappoint, lovely bone and substance but not heavy, nice make and shape about her, ample neck everything just spot on for her age. Her head is a delight, lovely moulding, well placed stop and eye placement with good ear carriage all giving the most delightful expression. A tad unsettled on the move to start with but quickly got into her stride and in the challenge was so settled I could not resist her for BPB. 2 Miles Milesend Gold Blend. Another lovely puppy unfortunate to meet 1. Typical of this kennel, head handles well soft expression coming from good eye and ear placement giving the desired expression. Standing shows her lovely shape and outline, sweep over the loin. Clean in head, flat skull, soft expression, lovely bone, showed well and moved out well. 3. Aaron Sendora To Be Sensational

PB (4,2) 1 Forster-Cooper Sheltysham Merry Maid. Delightful sweet s/w. Feminine head, with lovely expression. Has a lovely elegant shape about her, plenty reach of neck, good angulation front and rear. Moved OK, with long low carried tail, just needs a bit more practice and perhaps a tad more weight to fill her frame. 2 Saunders Tachnamadra Button Moon At Fernfrey. Tri who has a little more bone than 1 but is not heavy at all. In good coat and condition, nicely moulded foreface, good underjaw, pleasing expression, reach of neck, she has good ear carriage and uses them all the time. Moved out well on neat feet, correct tail carriage.

NB (5,2) 1 Forster-Cooper Sheltysham Idyll. Preferred the head on this little 11 month old bitch. Ultra feminine in head and expression. Lovely reach of neck and very shapely with good front and rear angles.. She is good on the move once she has settled, I would like a little more weight to fill her frame. 2 Miles Milesend Goldspun. Pale s/w for me she was a little plainer in head and expression than 1. Good substance, shape and style about her with lovely neat feet. Moved out well, perhaps a little wide in front. 3 Cheal Carolelen Call My Bluff

UGB (4) 1 Miles Milesend Moondancer. Tri whom I found rather delightful. Spot on for size, bone and substance, standing on lovely neat feet. Head handles so well, good moulded forface, correct stop placement, sweet eye and expression, good ear carriage and showed well. When asked to move did so with good forward reach and strong little hocks, one I will watch out for in the future. 2 Fransham Shelcrest Night Sky. Another shapely tri. Well moulded face, eye not quite as sweet in expression as 1, neat ear carriage used well. She has a lovely shape about her being well balanced throughout which all showed in her good movement. 3 Kennedy Oakcroft Aurora Dream At Donbeley.

PGB (7,2) 1 Hateleys Mohnesee Enchanted. Ultra femine bitch, standing shows off her lovely shape and outline. Classic head so feminine and clean, nice moulding to forface, clean in stop and flat skull, ears on top of her head all the time, leading in to a good reach of neck, good front angulation, lovely length of back with rise over the loin, good rear angulation, short hocks and neat feet. On the move she did not disappoint, strong rear action, her front was good although I would not like her any heavier over the shoulders. In wonderful coat,

condition and beautifully presented. BB and BIS. 2 Rennison Kayla Kiss Ze Shetlandu By Zaniah (CZE IMP). Elegant Bi Blue who is the most wonderful show girl. To be honest I have seen but never handled a Bi Blue and when looking past all the freckles on her face she has a lovely sheltie head. Rounded muzzle, clean in stop, clean cheeks and flat skull topped with lovely neat ears which she uses all the time. Her colour is lovely and although not overcoated this showed off her great reach of neck, good front angulation and upper arm, length of back and good bend of stifle. She moved out very well on a lovely loose lead. 3 Withers Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale.

LB (4,2) Two lovely bitches indeed 1 French Lindfern Bee Enchanted JW. And enchanted I was. Well this breeder certainly has a lovely type indeed, a delightful 8yr old bitch of such elegance and so feminine. Classic head, good stop, moulding, eye placement all giving that desired sweet expression and all held on good reach of neck into good shoulders and front angulation, nice spring of rib, length of back and rise over the loin. Moving out well fore and aft on short hocks with correct tail carriage. A pleasure to award her RBB and BVIS. 2 Forster-Cooper Sheltysam Midnight Lady. A very shapely tri bitch built on elegant lines throughout with good angulation and construction. Sweet head and expression, uses her ears to advantage. Moved round the ring with free flowing stride with correct tail carriage.

OB (4,2) 1 Thornley & Withers Mitchfields Fashion Girl At Felthorn. Balanced blue in good coat and condition. Feminine head, clean in stop, flat skull and sweet expression uses her ears well. Standing shows her lovely outline, has lovely confirmation enabling her to move very well round the ring with good reach and drive. Lovely show girl. 2 Rennison Esterbon Bi Stormto Zaniah. Very energetic Black and white. Standing shows off her glorious shape, good angulation front and rear, in good coat and condition. Clean head, lovely dark eye, neat ears all giving a sweet expression. She can certainly move with good reach in front and drive from behind. Well handled.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (SABLE/WHITE) (4,2) 1 Cheal Carolelen Call My Bluff. This bitch was placed down the line in previous classes, rather lacking in coat, has just enough bone and in this class I just preferred her more feminine head and expression and reach of neck/length of back.. Moved well. 2 Eljetia Hot Chocolate of Milesend. This bitch for me I found plainer in head than 1 and not as clean in stop, she can use her ears when she wants to. Has ample bone and substance, tended to stand underneath herself today, not helping her shape. Moved out well.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (TRI/BLACK AND WHITE) (2) 1 Thornley, Thornley & Withers Mitchfields Cover Girl At Felthorn. Compact tri very attentive and showed well. Feminine head, good ear placement, well filled forface and lovely expression. Enough neck and good angulation, has good bone and neat feet. Went well on the move with good length of stride and drive. 2 Fransham Shelcrest Night Sky. 2nd in Undergraduate Bitch

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH (BLUE MERLE) (4,3) 1 Hoare Briggsview Opalesque.

Judge – Mrs Jane Margetts