

EAST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 11TH JULY 2021

It was a pleasure to go over so many quality dogs today, and to actually get out to a show. Tails in many still did not reach the hock joint, which is such a shame for our lovely breed. Upper arms generally seem to have improved in length and are not so steep, however, shoulders which should be "well laid back" in many are not, so producing a shorter stride at the front lacking extension. Another thing which surprised me that quite a few dogs lacked premolars some just one but others nearly all of them! Having said that all dogs were well presented and many impressed me with their overall quality especially my winners.

MPD (2) 1 Sutherland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice. BPD. Just 6 months old and very much a baby. Well put together and standing and showing like an old hand. Well set ears with nice dark eye and well filled foreface for age. Good reach of neck with level topline and correct sweep over the loin finishing with tail reaching hock. Moved steadily around the ring. 2 Braddish's Bradmigail Tauri Gold. 8 months old and in full heavy coat. Correct ear placement and good mouth, just preferred the head pattern of the winner. Tail tended to be carried gaily on the move and enjoying his day out.

PD (2) 1 Sorockyji & Haine's Padawan Mandalorian. Sable, not happy on the table but eventually managed to settle to enable me to go over him. Well constructed and balanced in outline with well turned stifle. Nice in head. Moved ok. 2 Heels' Amethrickeh Shinetime. Sable, lovely mover but today very unhappy on the table, like the winner eventually still able to handle him. Good front and hind angulation. In lovely coat and condition.

JD (4) 1 Walker's Tooralie's Quest. Beautifully presented tri in excellent coat and condition. Lovely head and expression. Balanced both fore and aft. Moved very well with well turned stifle and good let down at hock. 2 Robinson's Lavika Deep Blue Ocean. Blue merle in correct harsh top coat of excellent texture. Excelled in head and neat well placed ears. Moved easily around the ring, just preferred the shoulder placement of the winner. 3 Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobby Black.

YD (6, 1) 1 Withers' & Thornley's Felthorn Cover Story. Tri in full coat. Good head and expression. Well bodied up with good spring of rib. Level topline with nice sweep over loin. Neat feet. Moved soundly. 2 Aaron's Shelridge Sirius. Another quality dog, well presented and balanced throughout. Would prefer a slightly more masculine head but still only a youngster. Good mover. 3 Walley's Sandwick Songwriter.

GD (9) 1 Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans. RDCC. Blue merle excelling in coat, colour and markings. Beautifully presented. Lovely head and expression with correct neat well placed ears. Correct reach of neck. Well sprung ribs, level topline with correct sweep over loin. Correct turn of stifle with well let down hock. Good bone with neat feet. Sound on the move. 2 Malone's Pathaaron After The Storm. Tri, another well presented dog with good head and expression. Close up to the winner. Balanced throughout with lovely long tail sadly so rare in the breed today. Moved out well. 3 Arnold's Shadoway Chance Encounter.

PGD (7, 1) 1 French's Lorainian Kings Ransom At Lindfern. Glamorous sable in full coat. Lovely head pattern with correct stop and eye placement, topped with neat well placed ears. Balanced fore and aft with good bone and neat feet. Moved well covering the ring. 2 Aaron's Shelridge Toastmaster. Blue merle not quite in full coat, who on his day will trouble the best. Well presented with good head and expression. Well put together sound in body and overall construction. Moved easily without any exaggeration. 3 Walker's Tooralie's Pie In The Sky.

LD (5) 1 Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date Of Lizmark JW. Well constructed and balanced dog in good coat and condition. Correct head proportions with well placed eye and ears completing the picture. Good bone with neat feet. Free mover. 2 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold JW. Sable, similar to the winner but slightly finer in foreface. Balanced in outline with good legs and feet also good coat and condition. Moved well. 3 Fagg's Dukeson Golden Fleece At Lynscot.

OD (6, 1) 1 French's Lindfern Light Sabre JW. First two in this class could change places anytime. Winner full coated sable balanced throughout without exaggeration. Nice head pattern with well filled foreface. Good body well ribbed up. Sound mover. 2 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life JW. Another quality sable beautifully put together in full coat and excellent condition. Lovely to handle just preferred the movement of the winner today. 3 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm JW.

VD (1) 1 Malone's Carmeva Caymen ShCM ShCEX. DCC, BV, BOB & 3rd in Pastoral Group. Dark shaded sable, almost mahogany in colour, excels in outline and movement. Head has not coarsened with age still showing true sheltie expression. Balanced throughout without any exaggeration, well bodied up and with muscle, a credit to his owner. A pleasure to go over, he was my star of the day.

SBD (4, 1) 1 Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans. First in Graduate. 2 Sutherland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice. First in Minor Puppy. 3 Chaplin's Bramblecroft He Is Gus.

MPB (1) 1 Miles' Milesend Goldspun. Very immature sable baby but showing a lot of promise. Well constructed, feminine in outlook. Moved ok.

PB (7) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucid Dreams. BPB, BPIB, RBCC. Two quality blue merle bitches which was a privilege to go over. First a lovely head and expression with neat well placed ears. Well bodied up with good bone and neat feet. Balanced throughout. Excellent on the move. 2 Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee. Another quality bitch of good colour and markings. Very sound throughout. Just preferred the slightly shorter loin of the winner. Moved easily around the ring. 3 Straw's Dukeson Laced With Magic.

JB (2) 1 Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee. Second in last class. 2 Straw's Dukeson Laced With Magic. Third in last class. Very feminine bitch just needs to fill out slightly in foreface. Sound in body and overall construction. Just slightly down on her pasterns today. Easy mover.

YB (2, 1) 1 Stock's Shelmist Summer Romance. Well put together young sable bitch just lacking undercoat today. Head developing well, just needs to mature. Good bone, neat feet. Steady on the move.

GB (4, 1) 1 Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit At Lochkaren (Imp Swe). Eloquent feminine sable not quite in full coat today so looking a little hollow in the middle. Lovely head and expression with well placed eye and ears. Sound in body with good spring of rib. Excellent on the move despite the oppressive heat of the day. 2 Walley's Sandwich Showgirl. Another nice bitch shorter in the loin than the winner so producing a slightly more balanced outline. Would prefer a very slightly stronger head but a nice bitch for all that. Well presented. 3 Arnould's Shadoway Charlotte Rose.

PGB (10, 2) 1 Pierce's Philhope Taste Of Summer. BCC. Glamorous sable bitch in full coat and excellent condition. Beautifully put together excelling in head and ear carriage. No exaggeration level topline with nice sweep over the loin ending in longest tail I have found so far today. Well muscled and moved effortlessly around the ring. 2 Withers' Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale. Tri very neat and put together. Good in outline and presentation. Well ribbed up. Straight front with neat feet and well turned stifle. Well let down at hock. Moved with drive. 3 Walley's Sandwich Prima Donna.

LB (4) 1 Miles' Milesend Megan. Quality bitch as I would expect from this kennel. Lovely melting expression. Correct eye shape and placement. Neat ears carried well. Good coat and condition, well bodied up. Sound on the move. 2 Thornley & Withers' Mitchfields Fashion Girl At Felthorn. Very sound blue merle not quite the colour of some here today but this bitch could give all a lesson in movement. She floated around the ring effortlessly and looked as though she could go all day. Well constructed fore and aft. 3 Arnould's Shadoway Rosa Esmeralda.

OB (3) 1 Pearson's Edglonian Rhythm N Rhyme. First two in this class both tris and both excellent in quality but both very different in type. Firstly a very elegant fully coated bitch immaculately presented. Nice head and true sheltie expression. Well put together without exaggeration. Moved easily driving from the rear. Worthy winner of this very high quality class, but for me would just prefer her slightly smaller all over. 2 Walker's Zaf Ch Wylwind Glamour Girl (Imp Zaf). Black and white bitch smaller than winner. Excelling in type and head pattern. In full coat with the black gleaming in the sunshine. Moved very well across the ring. A pleasure to judge. 3 Hateley's Mohnesse Millybelle JW.

VB (5) 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Shades Of Blue ShCM VW. All the dogs in this class are a credit to their owners. Firstly blue merle retaining her lovely head and expression. In good coat of correct texture. Correct front and hind angulation. Moved out very well. 2 Arnould's Shadoway Perchance To Dream JW. Another nice bitch in full coat. Good head and expression. Level topline with sweep over loin. Moved ok. 3 Moore's Shelto Love And Laughter.

SBB (2, 1) 1 Kennedy's Oakcroft Aurora Dream At Donbeley. Rich coloured sable not in full coat and ears flying a little. Good reach of neck and level topline, neat feet.

JUDGE - Mrs Val Dyer JP