

English Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 24rd February 2019

BIS was the sable bitch **Carolelen Classic Star By Oakcroft JW**, and **RBIS** was the tricolour bitch Ch Dippersmoor Joie de Vivre At Sandwick. I was very pleased with my entry which included many high quality shelties, and would like to thank the committee, my four excellent stewards and the exhibitors who gave me their support.

MPD (5) 1 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Code Black BPD. A young tricolour boy with dense black well fitting coat, white face markings and collar and good overall construction. He has a pleasing shape, a very good length of neck, nice bone, well angulated hind quarters and a long tail. On the move, he showed great enthusiasm having excellent drive and reach, and keeping a level top-line. A promising young man and I was pleased to award him BPD. 2 Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft. Very much a baby, 6 months old with a lovely s/w coat, a glamorous little fellow and so well behaved. He has a good head pattern with a very sweet expression, good eye shape and nicely used ears. He moved with confidence around the ring. 3 Woodhouse Shellamoyed Soldier Blue.

PD (2) 1 Aaron's Mistmere Masterpiece For Shelridge. A very appealing s/w 10 month old puppy, with well fitting coat, having a nicely proportioned head with beautiful almond shaped eyes, good ear carriage & a very sweet expression He is good for size and substance and moved confidently around the ring but was not quite as free moving as the MPD winner. 2. Woodhouse Shellamoyed Soldier Blue. A b/m dog 9 month old having a blue coat of good colour with well broken markings. He is a size bigger and heavier than my winner, with good bone and a nice shape in profile. He moved steadily round the ring but seemed a bit uneasy in this venue.

JD (2) 1 Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark. A handsome nicely presented heavily coated 1yr old s/w dog, with ample bone and substance. His dark correctly placed almond eyes and good ear carriage give the desired gentle sheltie expression. He has a level top line with good head carriage, well angulated hind quarters and positive drive from the rear. 2 Morrison's Jontygray Touch of Class. A 1yr old s/w boy very light in coat and at that in-between junior stage. He has a pleasing head carriage and length of neck. His head is nicely proportioned with correct eye placement giving a sweet expression. A promising youngster with good overall balance, who needs more time to mature.

ND (4) 1 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Code Black BPD. 2 Aaron's Shelridge Toastmaster. A beautifully marked b/m boy 14 months old. His white blaze, full white collar, and clear blue coat give him a striking appearance. He has well placed dark eyes and a gentle expression. Going away and in profile he moved well but was a little unsettled when coming towards me. He needs more time to fill out and gain in confidence. 3 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition.

GD (3) 1 Durant's Shougies Winter Wizard At Neraklee JW. A very handsome masculine b/m dog, with some dark black splashes on one side. He has good head planes with a white blaze and blue eyes. His construction is good, from arched neck to graceful sweep over the croup and good bend of stifle. He is well balanced, keeps a level top-line on the move and has good bone and substance. 2 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition. A golden s/w, carrying a very big coat which tended to obscure his outline. He has an attractive head, well shaped dark eyes and a nice expression. Not quite the movement of the winner in this class. 3 Varnom's Milesend Morning Time.

PGD (2) 1 Varnom's Milesend Sea Captain. A richly coloured shaded sable and white boy with an attractive white collar. He is a handsome boy with nice head planes and well shaped eyes, has an alert expression, was attentive to his handler and used his ears well. He looked as if he was enjoying himself and moved with enthusiasm but was a bit happy with his tail.

LD (4) 1 Robert's Malaroc Mystery Writer JW. A mature heavily coated s/w dog now 3yrs old, with ample bone and substance. He has a proud head carriage, a masculine but sweet expression, dark almond shaped eyes and well used ears. In profile he moves out well keeping a level topline. 2 Riding's Achor's Surprise Percy Polaris For Torinska. An attractively coloured bm boy with a full white collar, dark brown eyes, and a mischievous expression. His overall balance and construction is good, and when that happy tail is under control, he has a pleasing outline. He is a good positive mover and drives well from the rear. 3. Saunders Chalmoor Shades Of Gold At Fernfrey JW.

OD (4) 1 Fransham's Jontygray Gilt Edged For Franmead JW ShCM BD BOS. An elegant and refined s/w dog now 6 yrs old who has matured well. He immediately caught my eye as he entered the ring. Everything looked in balance from head to toe. He has a sweet yet masculine expression and moved out well around the ring keeping a level top-line both standing and on the move. He has nice straight front legs with good depth of chest, good angulation, and low set hocks. His coat was immaculate, well fitting and not overdone. I was

pleased to be able to award him Best Dog in Show. Unfortunately he became unsettled just before the final challenge for BIS. 2 Winfield Ch Oakcroft Star Force JW RBD. A well presented richly shaded glamorous sable/white dog of ideal size with nicely proportioned masculine head. He has a well rounded muzzle, firm underjaw and tight lips, and his dark almond shaped eyes and good ear carriage give that desired sheltie expression. Good angulation, front and rear produced a smooth balanced stride with reach and drive. Both dogs in this class were of excellent breed type and it was a close decision between them.

SP OPEN S/W DOG (5) 1 Winfield's Ch Oakcroft Prince Charming JW. Another quality s/w dog from this kennel, a 5 yr old boy with good head properties and a pleasing expression. His well shaped dark brown eyes are focussed attentively on his handler and he keeps a level top-line both standing and on the move. 2 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition. 3 Needham's Evad Travelling Star.

SP OPEN TRI/B/W DOG (2) 1 Withers Ch Stanydale Shot In The Dark. A tricolour dog, nicely presented, having good substance with a dense black coat. He is a well made boy and has an attractive arched neck with good back length and well carried tail. He has well angulated hind quarters and moved with an easy flowing stride.

SP OPEN BMD (1) 1 Riding's Achor's Surprise Percy Polaris For Torinska.

VD (7) 1 Gruszka Samphrey Moonlight Shadow JW BVD. A smart 8yr old tricolour dog with a dense black coat, full white collar and plentiful tan markings. He has a nicely proportioned head, good expression and well rounded muzzle. A sound and well balanced dog, ideal size, with good tail carriage who moved at the correct speed with purpose and drive. 2 Tucker's Sandiacre Set In Ice. Tricolour dog, 9yrs old with a plentiful jet black coat, white face markings and collar. He has a good length of back and nice sweep over the loins with good tail carriage. I have previously admired this dog for his excellent movement, but today he was not as free moving as I have seen in the past. 3 Needham's Evad Travelling Star.

MPB (2) 1 Hardy's Sandwick Stage Secret. What a stunning tricolour puppy, full of attitude with that elusive "look at me" quality! She has good head planes, a delightful "ice cream nose" and such an alert expression. I loved her overall shape, her angulation & her reach of neck. As with other dogs in this kennel she really strides out. She was totally overwhelmed by the occasion but did enough for me to place her first. 2 Crosbie's Fenstyle Angels Gift. A charming 6 months old s/w puppy, unfortunate to meet the winner. She has a very attractive head, beautifully shaped dark eyes, neatly tipped well used ears, and a sweet expression. She was very steady for such a young puppy and moved well with a good tail carriage.

PB (4) 1 Atkins Jontygray Kiss N'Tell BPB BPIS. A most attractive feminine s/w puppy, 11 months old, carrying a dense nicely fitting coat, and a white collar emphasising her good length of neck. This young girl has a beautiful head with the sweetest expression, enhanced by dark almond shaped eyes and correctly tipped and well used ears. She has substance, good angulation, correct tail carriage, and she moved freely round the ring looking well balanced, at all times. A lovely quality bitch, a little more maturity than the MPB winner and I was pleased to award her Best Puppy Bitch and also BPIS. 2 Kennedy's Oakcroft Aurora Dream At Donbeley. Another attractive s/w puppy, a little longer in the body than my class winner. A well presented youngster, carrying a good coat. She has a nice head carriage with a lovely arched neck, dark well placed eyes and an alert expression. Well angulated hindquarters produced smooth and efficient movement.

JB (6) 1 Thornley & Withers Mitchfields Fashion Girl. A blue merle of good colour with well broken markings, correct size and substance. Her construction can clearly be seen as she stands, with head well forward on a nicely arched neck, and well angulated hind quarters producing the drive for her effortless movement. I would prefer a slightly better ear carriage, but overall a very sound and nicely balanced bitch. 2 Riding's Achor's Surprise Blackberry Way For Torinska. A smart tricolour girl, with nicely fitting jet black coat and rich tan facial markings. She is lighter in frame than my winner. A very alert and attentive young bitch who has lovely dark eyes and a very sweet expression. Quite a racey girl, with a well arched neck, good hind angulation, low set hocks and a long tail. She was rather unsettled, and was very much "a girl in a hurry", but shows promise. 3 Hardy's Sandwick Stage Show.

NB (8) 1 Biswell's Goldwell Rockabye Velvet. An ultra feminine s/w girl, a size smaller than the others in this class, but all in proportion, with rich sable shadings throughout the coat, and so lovely to see such a long tail sweeping the floor as she moved. She has a nicely proportioned head with well rounded muzzle, tight lips, dark eyes, correctly placed and tipped ears and a sweet alert expression. Her movement was sound, with good drive from well angulated hind quarters with low set hocks. 2 Aaron's Kyleburn Sibylla At Shelridge. An attractive golden sable girl, well presented and in lovely condition, good for size and substance, and with excellent head properties. She has well placed dark almond shaped eyes and a very sweet expression. She moved soundly but did not quite have the reach or drive of my winner. 3 Moore's Sanscott Sweet Edition.

GB (6) 1 Whittington's Esterbon's Three Kisses For Tighness JW. A tricolour bitch having an elegant shape, very short of coat, making her good angulation clear to see. She has a lovely long neck, nice back length and correct sweep over the croup, finished off with a well carried long tail. I like her head proportions, a decent length and

not too short, as is often the case at the present time. She has a good eye shape, lovely tan markings, well used ears and a sweet expression. Her movement was sound with good reach and drive. 2 Tinker's Ruscombe Mosaic. A very attractively coloured blue merle with rich tan markings who is correct for size and substance. She is shorter coupled than my winner, but nicely proportioned and is another girl who was light on coat. She has a pleasing head pattern with well shaped brown eyes and a gentle expression. Her angulation is good and she moved easily round the ring with good drive from the rear. 3 Hardy's Sandwick Silhouette.

PGB (4) 1 Winfield's Carolelen Classic Star By Oakcroft JW BB. BIS. A well presented ultra feminine gs/w bitch with lovely rich colouring. Her size and substance are good, she looks balanced and moves soundly with an easy flowing stride. She has a nicely proportioned head, and sweet expression. To complete the picture she has a good length of neck, correct size/length ratio, a graceful sweep over the croup, good bend of stifle and a long tail. She was in sparkling form today looking so alert and with a hint of mischief in her dark almond shaped eyes. I was pleased to award her **BB** and later in the challenge **Best In Show**. 2 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace At Lianbray JW. A darkly shaded s/w girl, so well presented with an immaculate coat. She is an excellent show girl, very attentive to her handler. Her head is a lovely wedge shape, with beautiful dark expressive almond shaped eyes and correct ear carriage. She has substance and style, a nice construction with a good bend of stifle and good tail length. Her movement is sound and she keeps a level top-line at all times. 3 Robert's Malaroc Promise To Try.

LB (5) 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Sea Breeze. A well constructed shaded sable 5yr old girl who had left most of her coat at home. She has correct size and substance, a pleasing wedge shaped head of good length and a nice eye shape and expression. She moved freely with good extension keeping a level top-line. Today, she was a little reluctant to use her ears but she slipped on one corner of the ring which unsettled her. 2 Saunders' Chalmoor I'm A Peach At Fernfrey. Another well constructed shaded sable girl, also 5yrs old with good size and substance. She was in full coat and beautifully presented but she would insist on rocking back which didn't help her outline. She has a good wedge shaped head, dark well placed eyes, well used ears, and a sweet expression. Her movement was sound and well balanced. 3 Morrison's Jontygray Golden Dream at Ketim.

OB (3) 1 Atkins Jontygray To Find A Dream. A sable/white bitch carrying a dense coat, very feminine in appearance with everything in proportion. She has an attractive head with nicely tipped ears, dark eyes, and tight lips, and well balanced body proportions with good bone. She has a smooth balanced stride with good reach and drive, her front legs are straight and well under, and she has a lovely bend of stifle all finished off with a good length well carried tail. 2 Moody's Janetstown Jenerous. A nicely proportioned smart shaded sable girl, of correct size with well fitting coat. She has a pleasing head with lovely dark well shaped eye and sweet expression. Her ears are a bit light but were well used. She was alert and attentive, and moved soundly with a level top-line and good tail carriage.

SP OPEN S/W (5) 1 Barnett's Rainway Returning to Seavall. A 9yr old lightly shaded sable and white girl, well presented and attentive. She has a nicely proportioned head, sweet expression, decent length of neck and good overall balance. Her angulation is good and she is good for size and substance. An excellent show girl, but today her movement was not as free flowing as usual. 2 Wallis Peartbrook Perle D'Or. Another lightly shaded s/w girl, nicely made with a plentiful coat. She has a pleasing head, nicely tipped ears and well placed dark expressive eyes. In this class she was looking much more alert showing off her nice neck length and shape. 3 Biswell's Mohnesee Musical Spells At Goldwell.

SP OPEN TRI/B/W (3) 1 Hardy's Ch Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre At Sandwick RBB RBIS. An eye-catching tricolour girl with sparkling black coat and clear tan markings having good size and substance. Her head pattern is good, with dark almond shaped eyes and well used nicely tipped ears. Her angulation is correct fore and aft, and she has a lovely long neck, a level back and nice long tail. This is a girl who excels on the move. 2 Withers Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale. An attractive tricolour girl with well fitting jet black coat and good tan markings. She is the correct size, slightly finer built than my winner, but nicely balanced. She has a pleasing head pattern with dark well placed eyes and well used ears giving her a kind and gentle expression. 3 Riding's Achor's Surprise Blackberry Way For Torinska.

SP OPEN BM (4) 1 Kennedy's Lirren Blue Gamble At Donbeley. A 6 yr old blue merle bitch with lovely rich tan facial markings. She has a long neck with full white collar, good angulation and she moved out very well with good extension keeping the correct tail carriage. Slightly heavy ears detract a little from her expression, but I liked her overall shape and movement. 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Shades of Blue Sh CM. This girl has a lovely coloured nicely broken blue coat. She is correct for size, with an attractive moulded head, dark brown eyes and a pleasing expression. Today she looked a little unsettled in this venue, she moved well but lacked animation.

VB (3) 1 Whittington's Tighness Tip The Wink BVB BVIS. A well presented 10 yr old rich golden sable with an attractive white collar. She was carrying a good nicely fitting coat and looked well balanced. A very feminine and alert pensioner with dark almond shaped eyes and a lovely gentle expression. She stood well, showing off

her good length of neck, nice body proportions, straight front legs and parallel hocks, and moved smoothly around the ring. Pleased to award her Best Veteran Bitch and Best Veteran in Show.

Judge - Maureen Arnold