

ENGLISH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG C, 25/02/17

English Shetland Sheepdog Club held an Open show where **BIS was Ch Degallo The Vindicator at Rowancrest**; RBIS, Jontygray Gilt Edged for Franmead; & BP, Keycharm Heaven Knows of Milesend.

A privilege to be asked to judge this well run & friendly show, & my thanks to the committee for the invitation & also for the commemorative gift at the end of the day. Thanks also to the sporting exhibitors for their excellent entry. An interesting & challenging day's judging with some difficult decisions in some classes. Overall, I thought the quality of the dogs here today was slightly better than the bitches. Heads were somewhat variable with a few weakish underjaws & the required eye shape was lacking in some. There were several with upright shoulders & a couple of short tails. Muscletone was lacking on a few & this showed up in their movement. Temperaments were excellent & presentation was very good overall with only one very noticeable knot found! Some promising puppies on show today, & it was a treat to judge the veteran classes. It is a credit to the breed & their owners that the dogs are still in such good spirit & condition in their advancing years. I was pleased with both line ups & also the main winners, & I think the BP should have a very bright future.

MPD (5,1a) 1 Miles' Keycharm Heaven Knows of Milesend, what a cracker. 7 months sable. Good overall shape & balance. Super head for age, correct eye shape & set giving lovely expression. Good earset & use. Good front, correct shoulder angulation, well ribbed for age. Nicely sloped croup, well muscled & moved true fore & aft like a seasoned campaigner. Very promising. **BPD**, **BP**; 2 Bray's Llanbray Lothario, 7 months sable. Another promising, nicely proportioned & balanced youngster. Nicely boned with a correctly shaped head & well set ears, good eye & soft expression. Straight front, adequate shoulder angulation with good shape & depth to ribcage. Good turn of stifle, well muscled & in good coat for age. Moved positively; 3 Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment. **PD** (3) 1 Robinson's Lavika Luminary, 10 months sable. Nicely boned, balanced body proportions. Straight front with good shoulders & depth of chest. Head OK, good earset & use, eye a little round. Well coated, & presented in hard muscular condition. Moved well; 2 Robinson's Sheltysam Nut Box in Alnmac, 9 months shaded/s. Well proportioned body & in good coat for age. Nicely boned. Not quite as good in head as 1. Adequate shoulder angulation, slightly narrow fronted at present. Not as positive on the move as 1; 3 Forster Parish's Milesend Blue Raider at Lowick. **JD** (3,1) 1 Aaron's Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge, 15 months sable. Well boned with good overall shape & balance. Nicely shaped head with good eye, well set & used ears. Straight front with good depth & shape to ribcage. Level topline, nicely sloped croup with good tailset & carriage. Well coated, better on the move than 2; 2 S Nut Box in A. **ND** (1) 1 L Lothario. **GD** (8,1) 1 Stow & Withers' Stanydale Shot In The Dark, 2 years tri. Good overall shape & balance & correctly boned. Head of good shape with well placed & used ears. Good neck & shoulders, nicely ribbed for shape & depth. Well muscled throughout with good turn of stifle. In good coat, true on the move; 2 L De Moorstile Chez S; 3 Forster-Cooper's Sheltysam Burnishe D Gold. **PGD** (2) 1 Mottram's Midday Sun at Lochkaren, 2 years pale sable. Correctly boned, with good body shape & complementary front & rear angulation. Head OK with good eye & expression with well set ears. Ample neck, straight front, well ribbed. Level back, good slope to croup. Well turned stifles, in good coat & condition, moved well enough; 2 John's Jolex Gadno Arian with Cadlyn, 4 years b/m. A bit narrow all through for me, not the bone & substance of 1. OK for size & shape, nicely coated, but not the movement of 1. **LD** (8,1) A very varied class. 1 Graham's Shadoway Game Of Chance, 5 years sable. Well proportioned, with good head shape. Eye a tad rounded, well set & used ears. Ample bone, straight front, strong neck. Adequate shoulder angulation, ribcage good for shape & depth. Well turned stifles, nicely coated, moved well; 2 Lambert's Blenmerrow Music Maker, 3 years shaded/s. Good overall shape & balance, with correct amount of bone. Strong head, well set ears, good neck & shoulders. Super ribcage, good topline & croup, well coated, moved well enough; 3 Miles' Sommerville Tri Maccool. **OD** (3) Three nice dogs. 1 Rowan's Ch Degallo The Vindicator at Rowancrest, 5 years dark shaded/s. Lovely dog from all angles. Spot on for size & balanced throughout. Very good head with lovely eye for shape & set. Good ears. Well boned, with straight front, arched & well muscled neck. Good lay & angle to shoulders, well bodied with level back, good slope to croup, well set & carried tail. In excellent coat. Free, fluent mover. **BD**, **BIS**; 2 Bastiani & John's Hawk Blue Eye Des Romarins De Mayerling joins Auberswell, another nice one. 3 years b/m. Again well balanced & good for size. Nicely boned, straight front, good neck & shoulders. Ribcage well shaped & nicely sprung. Level topline, nicely angled croup, well turned stifles & strong hocks. Quality coat for both colour & texture, good on the move. Just preferred head of 1. Considered him for **RBD** & I'm sure top honours can't be far away; 3 Thornley's Felthorn Jazz Singer. **Special OD S/W** (9) 1 Fransham's Jontygray Gilt Edged for Franmead, 4 years. Well constructed all through, nicely boned. Lovely head, eye, expression & earset. Straight front with good lay of shoulder & sufficient angulation. Ribcage of correct shape & depth. Well bodied with good topline & nice slope to croup. Well turned stifles, balanced rear angulation & strong hocks. Well muscled with quality coat. Fluent on the move. Another for whom top honours must be near. **RBD**, **RBIS**; 2 Moody's Janetstown Josses Hill, 2 years. Nicely put together with good head & eye & super expression. Well set ears. Nicely boned

with arched neck & good shoulders. Well ribbed for depth & spring. Level topline on the move. Well muscled rearquarters with nicely turned stifles. In good coat, moved with drive; 3 S Game Of Chance. **Special OD Tri, B/T, B/W** (3,1) 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Moonlight Shadow, 6 years. Good size & overall shape. Balanced head, good eye & expression. Nicely boned. Adequate shoulders, excellent shape & depth of rib. Good croup & tailset, well muscled, moved well; 2 Robinson's Calambray Back Chat, 12 years young. Still moving well. Not quite the head of 1. Good bone, adequate shoulder angulation. Well ribbed & good depth of chest. In super condition for age. Moved well. **Special OD B/M** 1 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck, 2 years. At top end for size, but well balanced throughout. Masculine head with nice eye & good ears. Well boned with good shoulders. Plenty of heart & lung room. Good topline & croup. In hard muscular condition & with a quality coat. Managed to see enough good movement between bouts of pacing to win here; 2 J Gadno Arian with C. **VD** (5,1) 1 Thornley & Withers' Stanydale Scheaffer, 7 years b/m. Up to size, but well balanced. Nice head, good front, neck & shoulders. Well off for rib, topline good on the move. Complementary rear angulation with well turned stifles. In excellent quality coat, good on the move; 2 Tucker's Sandiacre Set In Ice, 7 years tri. Smaller type, but nicely put together & balanced all through. Nice head & eye, well boned, straight front, good lay of shoulder, well ribbed. Level topline. Nicely sloped croup, good tailset. Well coated, moved with a spring in his step; 3 C Back Chat.

MPB (9,1) 1 Miles' Amoureye Blue Mist of Milesend, 8 months b/m. Very typy youngster, nice outline & balanced all through. Typical head, good eye & alert expression. Nicely carried ears. Good front, well laid shoulders with good angulation. Nicely bodied all through & in super coat for age. Assured, true mover, close decision over 2; 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Celestial Star, 8 months sable. Another very typy young lady about similar comments to 1 apply. Lovely feminine head with nice eye & sweet expression. Complementary front & rear angulation. Well coated for age, good mover; 3 Hassell's Oakcroft Enchanted Star of Charnico. **PB** (9,1) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Celtic Faery, 9 months sable. Promising youngster of nice type. Balanced, feminine head with good eye & sweet expression. Well set ears. Good front & shoulders, ribcage of ample depth & spring for age. Level topline flowing into a nicely sloping croup. Well muscled & in good coat for age. Moved well with little effort. **BPB**; 2 Miles' Milesend Sea Pearl, 10 months sable. Another nice puppy. Lovely head & eye with melting expression. Straight front, good shoulders, a tad longer in body than 1 at this age. Well ribbed for shape & spring, level back & nicely coated for age. Not quite as positive on the move as 1; 3 O Enchanted Star of C. **JB** (11,3) 1 Mottram's Lanteague Stage Whisper of Lochkaren, 12 months sable. Nice type. Well shaped, feminine head with nice eye & soft expression. Well placed & carried ears. Arched neck, good shoulder angulation, plenty of heart & lung room to ribcage. Level back, well sloped croup good tailset & carriage. In good coat for age, fluent on the move. I'm told this win today completes her JW, well done; 2 Bastiani & John's Auberswell Amber Soliloquy, 17 months sable. Another of nice type with good overall shape & balance. Nicely boned with straight front & well laid shoulders. Proudly carried head of good shape & proportions. Correctly shaped ribcage. Level topline on the move. Well turned stifles, moved well; 3 Fransham's Sheltysam Bedazzle at Franmead. **NB** (18,5) 1 O Celtic Faery; 2 Arnould's Shadoway Rosa Esmeralda, 20 months sable of good overall shape & balanced throughout. Nicely boned with a pleasing shape to head & well set ears. Straight front, enough length to neck, adequate shoulder angulation. Correctly shaped, deep ribcage. Level topline, well set & carried tail. In hard muscular condition & nicely coated. Smooth mover; 3 O Enchanted Star of C. **GB** (9,3) 1 L Stage Whisper at L; 2 Eaves' Aphrodite's Desire for Kyleburn, 21 months shaded/s. At top end of standard for size, but well proportioned & balanced overall. Clean, well shaped head with nice eye & alert expression. Correctly placed & well used ears. Straight front with ample bone. Good neck & shoulders, well ribbed. In hard muscular condition, balanced rear angulation, well coated, moved well; 3 Bray's Llanbray Lorelei. **PGB** (5,2) 1 Atkins' Jontygray To Find A Dream, 2 years pale sable of nice type & size. Balanced, feminine head, nice eye & expression. Good earset & carriage. Ample bone, adequate shoulder angulation. Level topline, smooth slope to croup. In good coat & condition, moved well; 2 Moore's Sweet Symphonie at Sanscott, 2 years sable. Larger type than 1, well boned. Head OK, intelligent expression from nice dark eye. Well sprung ribcage of ample depth. Level back, good tailset & carriage, well coated, moved well enough; 3 Gruszka's Samphrey Sea Breeze. **LB** (5,1) 1 Saunders' Chalmoor I'm A Peach at Fernfrey, 2 years shaded/s. Balanced all through with well proportioned, feminine head, nice eye with alert expression enhanced by well set & used ears. Straight front, nicely arched neck, good shoulders & ribcage. Strong, level back with correct slope to croup. Well turned stifles, in good coat & condition, out moved the others; 2 Lambert's Blenmerrow Infinity for Kevdon, 5 years sable. Good outline on the stand. Nicely boned, head a little on the fine side. Straight front, adequate shoulder angulation, good ribcage, level topline. Well muscled, but a little out of coat at present. Moved OK; 3 Ayres' Gemette Gone Midnite. **OB** (2,1) 1 Arnould's Shadoway Perchance To Dream, 5 years sable. Alone, but a nice one. Lovely type, with super head, nice eye & gentle expression. Well set & carried ears. Nicely boned with straight front, well laid shoulders, good depth to chest from well shaped ribcage. Level back, smooth slope into croup, well set & carried tail. In good coat & condition, moved well. **BB, BOS. Special OB S/W** (7,1) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucky Star, 21 months. Heavily coated which makes her look a bit stuffy in neck, which she isn't. Nice for size with feminine head, good eye & expression. Nicely boned. Adequate shoulder angulation,

well ribbed for length & depth. Level back, good sweep over loin into croup, well turned stifles, strong hocks. In hard muscular condition, moved well. RBB; 2 Moody's Janetstown Jenerous, 4 years. Nice for type & balanced all through. Well proportioned, feminine head with nice eye & soft expression. Good earset. Correctly boned, straight front, well bodied with level topline. Balanced front & rear angulation, nicely coated. Moved with drive; 3 Bastiani & John's G'm La Vie Ibiza Des Romarins De Meyerling. **Special OB Tri, B/T, B/W** (7,3) 1 S Bedazzle at F, 17 months. 3rd in JB. OK for size & balance. Reasonable head for shape, well used ears. Good depth of chest, nicely coated, strong colour. Moved well enough; 2 Morrison's Jontygray Evening Star at Ketim, 6 years. A bit slight all through for me. Reasonable head, good ear carriage. Adequate shoulder angulation, enough rib, moved OK; 3 Moore's Arlanvic Eyecatcher joins Sanscott. **Special OB B/M** (2) Two very nice bitches. 1 Daniels' Pepperhill Kicks'n'flicks, 2 years. Lovely overall shape & balance, nicely boned. Good wedge shaped head, well filled cheeks, nice eye, alert expression. Straight front, good shoulder angulation, with balanced rear angles. Arch to neck, level topline, well bodied. Good loin & croup with well set tail. In excellent quality coat of good colour. Moved well in this class, but lost a bit of sparkle in the challenge; 2 Rowan's Rowancrest Blue Champagne at Shellamoyed, 2 years. Another well balanced bitch of correct size & proportions. Good head & eye, nicely boned, straight front, good shoulders & ribcage. Well bodied, with level topline on the move. Nicely muscled rearquarters with well bent stifles. Good colour to coat. Just preferred the smoother movement of 1. **VB** (10,4) Lovely class of oldies, (total age 66), all belying their years. Wish I'd had more red cards. 1 Arnould's Lorainian Star Dreamer by Shadoway, 8 years sable. Nice type, balanced all through. Wedgy head, nice eye & alert expression. Well boned, straight front, nicely angled front & rear. Well ribbed, in good coat & condition. Moved like a youngster, very sprightly. BV; 2 Bastiani & John's Myriehewe Touch Of Gold, 11 years sable. Belying her age, typy & balanced all through, with feminine head, nice eye & expression. Good earset. Straight front, adequate shoulders, good ribcage. Still a level topline on the move. In super coat, moved well; 3 Gamble's Balidorn Mixed Emotions.

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