

LEEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 29TH JULY 2023

I'd like to thank the exhibitors for their friendly and sporting attitude, it does make judging a very pleasant, happy experience. I had some lovely dogs to go over and there were occasions when I was splitting hairs. However, I was somewhat concerned at the number of dogs with missing pre-molars, not just one tooth, but the whole upper and lower sets. I feel this is something you should bear in mind. My top winners are rather lovely.

PD (1) 1 White's Dajaris Glittering Prize. A sable baby with a very balanced profile. Excellent eye shape and set in attractive head. Particularly good shoulder placement. As he matures I'm sure his front and skull will broaden and his hocks strengthen. He has the balance and scope to develop well.

JD (6) 1 Norris' Ferngrove's Valentino JW. This sable is so balanced in profile. On examination I found he has a super front and rear quarters. Topline, loin and croup spot on. Doesn't quite have the sweet expression of the second and I would prefer a little more underjaw. Won the class on his excellent construction and movement. 2 Melvin & Jopson's Katiedale The Piper At Nithview. Has a beautifully balanced head with correct eye set. Perhaps a tad heavy in ear, but nevertheless, a really sweet expression. Balanced in profile and excellent through the body with well set and good length tail. Out of coat, but that always grows back. 3 Barrowclough's Shadowess Jubilee Prince. Half brother to second and of similar stamp.

PGD (4,1) 1 Brady & Lynn's Afterglow Sky Miles To Bordercot. Very typy in profile. Nicely balanced head, though I would prefer a tad more underjaw. Good eye and ear set. Extremely nice through the body. A little 10 to 2 in front on the move. Rear movement is excellent and side gait is very smooth. 2 Savage's Shellamoyed Midnight Max At Savataurus. Lad of nice size with decent profile standing. Balanced head with correct stop. Would like a little more underjaw. Moving was sound in rear but rather high stepping in front. 3 Varnom's Milesend Black Tartan.

LD (13,2) 1 Fisher's Foxstones Take A Chance On Me At Shellamoyed. Out of coat, but absolutely nothing to hide, especially his beautifully balanced profile and nice size. Beautifully balanced head with lovely eye and good ear set. He has a really lovely sweet expression which tipped the class in his favour. Really nice through the body with good strong rear quarters, though front could be a little tighter. 2 Barrowclough's Shadowess Lockdown Hero. A little larger than my winner and of super type. Also has a beautifully balanced head and eye. Very good through the body with balanced rear quarters which moved him around the ring in style. Not quite so good in front being a little narrow. Excellent quality coat. 3 Winfield's Lirren Quickstep To Oakcroft JW.

OD (6) 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Showmaster. Caught my eye as soon as he came in the ring for his nice size and beautifully balanced proportions. Attractive well proportioned head and good eye, though perhaps just a wee tad heavy in the ear. It's a well used cliché, but he really did not disappoint on the table. Super forehead, good ribbing strong loin and correct rear angulation. A real pleasure to see him move true from all angles. Finish all that with a quality coat, so well presented, I had no hesitation awarding CC. BOB and thought he looked super in the group. 2 Pearson's Ch Edglonian Golden Graham. I found this dog most interesting to judge. A little smaller than my winner and on first look I thought he was not quite so well balanced being a more compact type and lacking a little in elegance. And then I

got to handle him on the table! Underneath his very full coat is a very correctly made dog. Well balanced front and rear angulation, excellent ribbing and strong, correct loin giving correct topline. Tail set is good and lovely bone with super feet. Moving true front and rear. We can all nitpick and I would like a touch more neck to give a little more elegance. However, a class act. Reserve CC. 3 French's Ch Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Completed a trio of lovely dogs.

VD (3) 1 Hepburn's Shellamoyed Simply The Best At Leterikhills JW ShCM ShCEX. I have judged this lad before and liked him then and saw no reason to change my mind on today's showing. He is so typical and well balanced in profile. Particularly good to go over with excellent rib, strong loin and well made quarters. Excellent rear movement though perhaps a tad close in front. Good coat of quality and so well presented. 2 Savage's Willowthorn Kobalt Star By Savataurus JW Jun Ch. A blue with a most attractive, balanced head and expression. Shapely profile with good bone. Moving well with balanced stride. Although out of coat I thought he presented a most typical picture. 3 Bywater's Tachnamadra He's Got The Look.

SBD/B (2) 1 Sutherland's Beechmere Beautiful At Holamber. Such a pretty girl with a most attractive expression. Well set and shaped eye in a proportionate head. Being out of coat she just appeared a little longer cast in profile. 2 Robertson's Afterglow Goldberg At Vidlinvoe. Skull and muzzle a little divergent and rather low set in ear. Nicely built through the middle with excellent croup, set of tail and hindquarters. Not quite as fluid in movement as the winner.

MPB (3) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Goldilocks. Most attractive baby in profile. I was particularly impressed handling her on the table. Super front which balances her quarters well. Good body proportions, with sufficient neck. Excellent croup and tailset. Nice set and shape of eye and as she grows her head will balance the ears. Moved well. 2 Stafford's Rannerdale Queen Of The Nite. Prettiest of heads and expression. Very typy in shape and balance with correct topline, croup and tailset. Excellent coat of quality. Not quite the front of the winner, but I am sure that these two will have quite a tussle as they mature. 3 Walker's Tooralie's Mossyfox My Trinity.

PB (4,2) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Dark Secret. Fortunate indeed is this breeder to have two such lovely puppies. This puppy really did wow me today. I thought she had a very pretty head and expression with correctly set ear and eye. Good length neck, correct topline, croup and tailset. So very sound construction with nicely balanced angulation. I thought she presented a rather lovely picture when standing and her movement was spot on. I look forward to watching her career with great interest. Best Puppy. 2 White's Dajaris Up Helly Aa. Finer all through than my winner. Another with a lovely shapely profile with good length neck giving a touch of elegance. Correct in topline and body. I would have liked a less fine muzzle.

JB (5,1) 1 Bastiani & John's Rannerdale She'S A Lady Of Auberswell. A niece of my Best of Breed and she is of similar stamp. Most attractive head and expression with a good eye and ear set. A pleasure to go over so well constructed with balanced angles, sufficient neck and typical topline and croup and tail set. A little apprehensive under the tent, but soon got into her graceful stride. In full coat of good quality. 2 Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess. This girl looked a treat in the line. Being out of coat only emphasised her lovely balanced shape, A really beautiful head, beautifully constructed with a good set and shape of eye. Ear was

perfect. Such a kind, melting expression. It was a tough decision between these two. 3 Goodwin's Herds Height Of Fashion.

PGB (12,2) 1 Rowan's Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest. I particularly liked the balance and profile of this girl. She has sufficient neck for elegance, an excellent topline, decent croup and tailset. A lovely sweet expression with decent muzzle and underjaw. Ears could be a tad higher set. Good front movement but a little close behind, like most in this class. A bit of a teenager but has great potential to mature well. 2 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality JW. A size smaller than my winner and very close decision between the two. She also has a lovely, sweet expression. Handles well on the table with correct angulation. Decent ribs and correct loin. Excellent in topline and croup. 3 Bennett's Watchwood Secret Asset.

LB (10) 1 Atkin's Esstremere Lady Isobel. Perhaps not as 'glamorous' as others today but my goodness she's an honest Sheltie who impressed for her many 'unseen' qualities. A well balanced head with well shaped and set eye giving a lovely expression topped off with a good ear set. Sufficient neck for balance and good topline. She handles so very well on the table. Beautifully made in front and rear, decent ribbing and strong loin. When standing her coat sits in such a way as to give the impression that she is too short and straight in croup. However, I was satisfied, on handling, that this is not the case and she has a good tailset. She is so very true on the move and smooth as silk in side action. Full dentition. Well deserved Reserve Bitch CC. 2 Barrowclough's Shadowess True Blue. Next size down from my winner and I would not like her to be any finer in bone. She is pretty and well balanced in head. I thought very typical when standing and she proved to very well constructed on when handling with balanced angulation and strong through the middle. Excellent coat of quality and good blue colour. Well presented. 3 Fisher's Shellamoyed Blue Sapphire.

OB (6) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Enchanted. A half-sister to my Dog CC and I thought she was of such great quality. Nicely balanced skull. Muzzle eye and ear giving a really lovely kind and sweet expression. Thoroughly impressed on the table. The lovely shape in profile is built on great construction and build. Super front perfectly balanced with rear angulation. She was true in front and rear action and her side action delighted for ease and style. She enchanted me. Bitch CC (her third), Congratulations. 2 Stafford's Rannerdale The Showgirl. Litter sister to my Dog CC and of similar style. A tad smaller than the winner, and beautifully feminine. So pretty in expression and particularly good in eye set and shape. Handles well on the table with sound construction and particularly good in rib, loin and topline. Excellent coat of very good quality. Moved well. Such a difficult decision between her and the Reserve CC winner. 3 Pearson's Ch Edglonian Rhythm N Rhyme. What a strong class this was.

VB (6) 1 Clegram's Smiddyshaw I'll B There For U JW. This lass is just so very pretty. Bone and substance is appropriate and she is well made through the body. Very pretty expression although I would prefer a little less fine in the muzzle. Good ear and set. Moved well. She presents such a beautifully balanced profile with a dash of elegance. Lovely. 2 Jackson's Keycharm Blue Serenade JW. Absolutely wonderful condition for her age. Sparkling blue with such a good coat of great quality. In profile she has a quite lovely shape with sufficient neck to give lovely balance. Handled well on the table and moved well. Very nice girl indeed. 3 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection JW.

Judge - Lorraine Bolton