

**LKA Championship Show, Birmingham 15th December 2019 Shetland Sheepdog.**

**Judge: Marion ten Cate**

I was very honored to be invited to judge the LKA in Birmingham. I like to thank the committee for the invitation. It is a lovely well organized show, with a warm hospitality. I like to thank my staff in the ring for their help. I had a wonderful number of entries of nice quality. The bitches had the best overall quality. Especially the open class bitches was beautiful. In this class all places bitches were worthy of a CC. So my decision at the end was about minor details.

**MPD (7,2): 1.** Gruszka Mr S &Ms. D.: Japaro Timeless Design Nearly 9 months, ideal size, elegant and has shape. Long wedge shaped masculine head, with a sweet expression, almond shaped obliquely set eye. Good underjaw. Lovely high set ears which tip forward. Nice parallel planes. Excellent topline due to a good reach of neck and sweep over the loins and correct length in body. Enough substance in body for age. Good bone for size. Needs to fill in front by more depth in chest. Good length in legs. Adequate angulated in front, well angulated in rear. On the move needs to settle in front and enough drive in rear. **2.** Botham: Ms E.: Balidorn Charmer, Pretty little dog which could have slightly more neck for more elegance in outline. Good size. Has a good Length to Hight ration and bone fits size. Lovely head of a shorter type than nr. 1 . Sweet expression. Good flat skull, well set stop may not grow any stronger in cheeks. Balanced in angulations and sound mover, with drive and stride. Good coat for age

**PD (6,1): 1.** Redpath Ms. J.: Molson Miroquai Into Pathaaron: 11 months. Bit bigger than I like but has a lovely elegant outline due to his well arched neck that carries the head proudly which gives him plenty shape. No full dentition. Head is a long wedge. Stop start a little early and eyes are a bit wide set. Correct set ears. Should not grow any deeper in skull. Well rounded muzzle. Lovely elegant neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Good length in legs. Excellent angulations both in front and rear. Could mature/drop in body a little more to tighten up in elbows. On the move: a nice long stride and good drive in rear. Easy flowing movement. Nice fitting coat, rich in its shade. **2.** Withers Ms. M.C.: Mitchfields Dizzee Rascal at Stanydale: 11 months, masculine blue merle dog of correct size, with a lovely clear silvery blue colour. He has a beautiful flowing outline due to excellent angulations and a good reach of neck and a nice sweep over the loins. Good bone. Head is a long blunt wedge, stop is flowing, flat skull and pleasing expression. Arched neck. Should get more body and more filling between the front legs. Slightly loose in elbows which he showed on the move. Otherwise plenty drive and a nice stride. Was a little less mature in body than nr. 1 .

**JD (5,1): 1.** Stafford Ms. A.A.: Rannerdale Showmaster:15 moths: Masculine dog, excellent breed type, ideal size, elegant. Lots of Sheltie charm. Has a nice topline. Lovely head, refined and a long wedge with a smooth outline, well rounded muzzle, well set stop, flat skull, dark eye but eye rims could be better pigmented. High set ears. Nice arched neck, straight back and good sweep over the loins. Good layback of shoulder but I prefer a longer upper arm and he could do with more between the front legs. Correct length in body. So from the side coordinated on the move. Prefer a bit more stride. Nice coat with a lovely warm orange sable colour as a bonus. **2.** Robson Ms. D. Robbie: Masculine, elegant, correct in size. Needs time to mature. He needs a deeper chest and could drop in body. Nice fitting bone. Head is a long blunt wedge with high set ears. Eyes should be more almond shaped are a bit wide set which influences his expression. Nice reach of neck, straight back. Prefer a lower set tail. On the move: he could have a longer stride and coordination.

**YD (5,1):1.** Walker Ms. S.J.: Tooralie's Ochos Rios JW. Lovely sable, rich in tone. Spot on for size, shape and bone. Good length in body. Masculine head which could be for me a little longer. Well rounded muzzle, correct stop, flat skull, high set ears. Eye is should be more almond shaped and sweeter in expression. Arched neck. Excellent in angulations, still could fill in front a bit. Nice sweep over the loins. Sound on the move with drive and stride **2.** Stock Ms.: Shemist Sea Dragon: Masculine, blue merle dog of which the blue should be clearer and be better broken. Head is a long wedge, could fill a little under the eyes, still a nice expression., flat skull. Correct for size and shape. Good reach of neck. Excellent in angulations, really a nice long upper arm and forechest. From the side, his front stands really under his body. Very correct on the move. Could do with a bit more showmanship.

**PG (12,1) 1.** Moore Ms. S. A.: Sanscott Limited Edition. Light sable dog, spot on for size, maximum amount of coat. Lovely Sheltie head, long blunt wedge, with a well rounded muzzle and good underjaw, Sweet expression, nice flat skull. Could do with a bit more neck for shape. Adequate angulated in front although he could have a deeper chest. Bone fits size, Nice sweep over the loins. On the move a bit narrow in rear. Otherwise coordinated. **2.** Pattinson Mr. Mrs: Kyleburn Everlasting Dream: Correct for size, and bone. Pleasing masculine head, well set stop and flat skull. The head could be slightly longer for me. High set ears which tip rather light. Good reach of neck. Good length in body. Well constructed but could do with a little less weight. Stands a bit wide. Otherwise very correct and sound on the move although a bit wide in front. Today not in full coat.

**LD (10,3) 1.** Durant Miss K.L.: Shougies Winter Wizard At Neraklee JW. : Dog of instant appeal. In the bloom of his life. All over balance and masculine, correct for size. For me a true small long-haired working dog of great beauty, free from cloddiness and coarseness. Wonderful one piece head. Long blunt wedge, with correct stop, well rounded muzzle, good underjaw and that is why he has a nice straight lipline. Almond obliquely set eyes. Even with clear blue eyes he has a sweet expression. On top of that a nice flat skull and well set ears, good balance between with and depth in skull. Lovely arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Excellent angulations, good fore chest and a well shaped oval ribcage that is deep and that is why the elbows are tight to the body. Correct Hight to length ratio. Good length in legs which gives him elegance and the front legs stand nice under his body. Good bone with oval feet. Low set tail. On the move he keeps his topline and has nice easy flowing movement with plenty drive and stride: action lithe and graceful, . His is clear silvery blue end most of his coat is well broken with deep yet black patches. All that topped with a nice adequate straight coat that accentuates his excellent construction. Lovely temperament. **CC and BOB.** I read that this is his third CC . So he became **UK Champion.** In the Group judging he was selected with the **last 7.** He did present himself well in the big ring. **2.** Robinson :Ms.:Lavika Lush Life JW.: Masculine dog, with a lovely outline. No full dentition. Nice length in head, could fill under the eyes a bit, prefer a more almond shaped eye. Well set ears, nice foreface but underjaw could be slightly longer. Lovely arched neck, straight back. Nice length in legs for elegance. Adequate angulated in front, lovely bend of stifle. On the move adequate and pleasing coordinated. Well presented by the young lady.

**OD (12,2): 1.** Robinson Ms.: CH. Lavika Luminary JW. Balanced, masculine dog with a lovely topline and good size and bone. Lovely head with a rounded muzzle and correct underjaw. Sweet expression due to the dark obliquely set almond shaped eye. Correct stop. Flat skull well set ears. Skull could be slightly leaner but balances the depth of the head. High set ears. Lovely arched neck. Balanced in good angulations and a good forechest. Sweep over the loins although I prefer the tail slightly lower set. Nice substance and depth in body with long legs and good length in body. Well fitting coat.

Moved free and coordinated. Excellent presented. **Res CC. 2.** Stafford Mrs. A.A.: CH Rannerdale The Entertainer. Excellent in breed type. Nice topline, correct for size. Lovely type of head with a smooth outline. Well rounded muzzle and a good underjaw, straight lip line. Well set definite stop and dark eye but I like to see the eye rims better pigmented. Good substance in body. Good layback of shoulder but he should have a longer upperarm. Well angulated in rear. Moved coordinated but like to see a longer stride in front. Again such a lovely bright orange sable colour. Excellent presented.

**VD (4,2) 1.** Rutterford Ms. J.C. : CH Kelgrove Just Blue At Stormhead JW. Sh. CM, Masculine, lovely shape and size dog. The merle is a clean blue of a darker shade – probably due to his age- merle is well broken. The coat is of a correct texture. Sound and balanced in angulations without exaggeration. So nice arched neck, straight back and elegant sweep over the loins, Good substance and depth in body. Good bone. Lovely head with a pleasing expression, a long blunt wedge. Ears a bit big but tip well. Moved lithe and graceful certainly considering his age. A dog to be proud of and I hope lots of Shelties will grow old this way. **2.** Pattinson Mr. Mrs. Kyleburn Acis: 11,5 years, ideal size nice topline and well constructed. Very pleasing Sheltie. With a lovely head, flat skull, well rounded muzzle, still a nice expression. Lovely long arched neck, straight back and nice sweep over the loins. Excellent front angulation. Good rear. Correct bone and substance in body. Moved well for his age with a long stride but lacked a bit drive in rear. Nice coat and well presented.

**GCD (4,2)** Wynn Mr. Mrs.: Maloroc Crafty Copper: Big but elegant and nice in type. Masculine head with length and sweet expression due to the dark almond shaped eye, well rounded muzzle, well set stop and flat skull. High set ears. Which tip well. Adequate neck but front slightly to much forward. Good substance in body and adequate rear. Nice coat. Prefer a bit more stride in front on the move. **2.** Bussey Mr.Mrs. C.: Hamlerose Turning Tide. Correct size, masculine dog. With a half tail due to an accident. Lovely head, long wedge, well rounded muzzle. Dark eye and a nice expression. Needs a better underjaw. Good length in body. Slightly rounded in croup. Moves a bit irregular. Nice coat. Well presented.

#### **BITCHES:**

**MPB (19,6) 1.** Pierce Miss J. : Philhope Summer Flame: 7 months, nice topline, lovely size, very feminine, pretty bitch with a wedge shaped head ,with a sweet expression due to correct obliquely set almond shaped eye , well rounded muzzle, high set well carried ears. Nice flat skull. Balanced in angulations and body proportions, Bone fits size. Moved easy and coordinated for such a youngster. Rich coat. Excellent temperament. **2.** Hill Dr. J.: Molson Movie Star: Very pretty bitch, very feminine, correct in size. Lovely long wedge shaped head, with a well rounded muzzle, flat skull and well shaped eye, ears tip a bit light. She needs to settle in temperament which could soften her expression. Excellent angulated, good bone and excellent depth and substance in body. Could move easily and with drive and stride. Quality bitch but a bit nervous.

**PB (7,1) 1.** Hill Dr. J.: Molson It's Morven: I loved her nice flowing outline, correct in size, strong bone for size. Feminine head of good length and well rounded muzzle, flat skull and correct tipping ears. She could soften in expression but she also needs to settle in temperament. Lovely arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Well angulated in front, excellent angulated in rear. Well developed body for age, with a good spring of ribs and depth. Lovely fitting coat, became: **Best Puppy** because she was more mature in body than the puppy dog. **2.** Robinson Ms. Lavika Star Babe: Very pretty feminine bitch of correct size and with star appeal. Lovely topline due to her arched neck.

Feminine in head, long blunt wedge, with a sweet expression due to her dark almond shaped eye. Well set ears, flat skull, muzzle can be slightly rounder. Good body- with depth and spring of ribs, balanced in good angulations and sound on the move, with drive and stride. Excellent presented.

**JB (15,4) 1.** Weller Mrs. D.K.: Evad Halloween Queen: Very feminine, good size and from the side a lovely outline. Although she should be tighter in elbows. Lovely head, with a sweet expression. Dark almond shaped eye. Flat skull and well set ears. Her nose should be more intense pigmented. Nice arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. For age enough depth and substance in body. Front angulation oke in rear well angulated. Moved coordinated. Won her class for shape but was a hard decision. **2.** Bray Ms G.: Lianbray Laced With Gold: Pretty all over balanced bitch of correct size and bone. Lovely feminine head, long blunt wedge, with a dark almond shaped eye which gives a sweet expression. Good body for age balanced in angulations. Enough neck. On the move good drive but could have a bit more stride in front. Lovely coat. Well presented.

**YB (15,3) 1.** Thornley Mr Mrs & Mrs. Withers: Mitchfields Fashion Girl at Felthorn. Won her class because of her nice flowing outline and excellent construction. A real working dog. Correct in head, long wedge, well rounded muzzle, flat skull, could be slightly sweeter in expression. Nice arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Strong bone and nice oval feet. Not in full coat, the merle is well broken but could be more silvery blue. Moved smooth and lithe, with a good stride. **2.** Walker Mrs. S.: Channerswick Pennywise JW. Lovely in size and well constructed. The Merle is broken enough but I like to see the blue more clear silvery. Very feminine in head. I like to see it a touch longer, blue eyes with a nice expression, flat skull, well set ears. Has a lovely arched neck, balanced in good angulations. Nice strong bone for size. Moved smooth and graceful. Well presented. Was hard to decide who should be first in this class.

**PGB (20,6)1.** Mitchell Miss A.: Valdosta Tri Ya Luck: Lovely flowing outline, balanced all over and good length to high ratio in body with good length in legs which makes her elegant. Feminine in head, long blunt wedge, sweet expression, well set ears. Lovely arched neck, straight back and elegant sweep over the loins. Balanced in angulations, front well placed under the body, good depth in chest. Lovely bone and nice oval feet. Yet black coat that fits the body. On the move lithe and graceful with drive and a long stride in front. **Res CC. 2.** Withers Mrs. M.C.: Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale: Very pretty feminine bitch with lots of sheltie charm due to her characteristic sweet expression, dark almond shaped eyes and het high set ears which tip forward. She has a well rounded muzzle. Her rich tan markings underline the effect. Definite stop and is shorter in head than the first placed bitch. Body all over balanced. Lovely arched neck straight back and lovely sweep over the loins. With excellent angulations, good depth in brisket, well set tail. On the move graceful, with drive and stride. Pushed hard for the first place but the first had a longer stride and was leaner in skull – which I love. Lovely yet black coat with rich tan markings.

**LB (11,3) 1.** Nixon Mr & Mrs. J.E.: Japaro its All About Me: High quality bitch, bursting with femininity and sheltie charm. Lovely wedge shape head, with a definite stop, well rounded muzzle, sweet expression although the eye could be more almond shaped., high set ears. Flowing outline. Lovely reach of neck, straight back and lovely sweep over the loins. Is excellent angulated and good length in body. Moved lithe and graceful. Excellent presented. Another one that could go for the CC. **2.** Robinson Miss. K.: Lavika Black Beauty JW. Feminine bitch, correct in size, bone and shape. Lovely head, a long blunt wedge, well rounded muzzle and high set ears, sweet expression. Good reach of

neck, adequate in front angulations although I like to see a longer upper arm. Well developed body. Nice yet black coat. Tail set could be a little lower. Even though coordinated and sound on the move, with drive and enough stride.

**OB (13,3) 1.** Pearson Miss D.: Edglonian Rhythm N Rhyme: A small working dog of great beauty. Correct for size, bone and all over balanced. Feminine in head, one piece with a smooth outline, long blunt wedge. Correct balance between width and dept in skull. She has with a nice expression due to the dark almond shaped eye, flat skull. High set ears. Lovely well rounded muzzle with a good underjaw which give this nice straight lip line. Yet black fitting coat that underlines her wonderful outline. Excellent in balanced angulation. Excellent deep oval shaped ribcage, so her elbows are tight to the body. Nice length in legs that gives her elegance and the correct balance between Hight and length in body. lovely arched neck, straight back and elegant sweep over the loins. Very sound on the move, lithe and graceful with plenty drive and stride. Keeps her topline on the move. **CC, BOS. 2.** Doyle Mr & Mrs. J.; Ir CH Little Barbie Girl Des Romarins de Mayerling for Sevenoaks Jun Ch, Another beauty! Very feminine bitch, correct for size, bone and shape,. Excellent in head balance: one piece and smooth in outline, correct balance between width and depth in skull. Sweet expression due to the dark almond shaped eye, well rounded muzzle and strong underjaw, flat skull, well set ears. Lovely reach of neck, straight back ang elegant sweep over the loins. Front stands well under the body. Good substance in body and deep chest. Excellent in angulation. So on the move, sound, lithe and graceful with drive and stride. On top of that a lovely coat. Pushed hard for the res, CC but the other bitch had a longer stride.

**VB (6,2) 1.** Thomas Ms. M.: CH. Myter Eye To Eye. 11 year still a treasure for the breed. Correct for size. I always loved her for her femininity and beautiful head. Long blunt wedge, with a smoot outline. Well rounded muzzle. Well set ears, flat skull. Very dark eye. Lovely arched neck, back could be tighter, elegant sweep over the loins and a nice fitting yet black coat, which shows her excellent construction. Moved according to her age, elegant with good drive and stride. **2.** Gruszka Mr & Mrs D.: Samphrey Shades Of Blue Sh. CM.: Very rich coat of a lovely clear blue and well broken. Pleasing head, long blunt wedge, well rounded muzzle, flat skull. Well carried ears which are a bit big. Excellent in construction, body and bone. Long arched neck, straight back and sweep over the loins. Moved easily with drive and stride.

**GCB (6,2) 1.** Weller Mrs. D. K.: Evad Halloween Queen; see **nr 1. JB** Had a more attractive head than the second bitch. **2.** Moody Mrs. J.E: Janetstown Jenerous: Feminine bitch of good size and bone an excellent construction. Feminine head, muzzle rounded enough, flat skull. Well set ears that tip light. Eyes a bit wide set. She could be sweeter in expression. Balanced in body. Lovely arched neck. Straight back and sweep over the loins. Correct substance and depth. Moved lithe and graceful, with drive and stride.

**Judge - Marion ten Cate**