

## MANCHESTER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

What a joy to be back in the ring following the delays caused by Covid and then my knee replacement - which has been a complete success! The entry numerically was, I understand, excellent by current standards and I was pleased to have quite a number of first class examples of my favourite breed. Unusually, I found the overall quality of the males was better than the females. In general terms, front assemblies are still a problem reflecting in short stepping side gaits, a few stuffy necks and still quite a number of square croups instead of that sweeping line down to the hocks. However, I was delighted with the quality of the main winners and the OD class was a sheer joy - I would happily have signed a CC for all the placed dogs. Interestingly, from the catalogue I see that the CC & BOB winning dog and the Res DCC are son & father The Best PB is a daughter of the BOB whilst the BP is a half brother to the RCC winning bitch!!

**MPD (12/2)** 11 Robinson's Lavika Moonlight Storm this beautifully presented tricolour was easily the most forward in body and coat and never put a foot wrong. Head developing well, super reach of neck, sufficient spring and depth of rib for his age, well moulded croup and so well coated and groomed. He circled the ring unfussed and steady then stopped and remained alert which was to his advantage. 2 Pierce's Philhope In Good Taste this promising, quality s/w was less outgoing than the winner but when alert he proved what lovely eyes, ears and expression he has. At present he is a bit lacking in forechest and was not so advanced in coat as Storm. However he is balanced in angulation and uses his hocks so well as he circles the ring. 3 Beaden & Nabbs Katiedale Partytime

**PD 10/2)** 1 & BP Van Ulsen's Dandlewood Keep Watching Me I liked this s/w charmer a great deal. He is a lovely size with good length/height proportions. Head developing well, super eyes for shape, colour and expression, lovely reach of neck which enhances his appeal and his moulded croup finishes a charming outline. In excellent coat he moved out soundly and is the consummate showman. I believe he was placed 2nd in the Pastoral Puppy Group. Well done! 2 Walker's Tooralie's Tornado this very black and white dog has to be handled to be appreciated as he has so little white to glamourise him. He is a lovely size, was in excellent coat, has good angulation both ends and his movement was a delight - so light footed with profile showing reach and drive. His head is nicely balanced with decent foreface and neat ears. Should have a bright future. 3 Fisher's Foxstones Take A Chance On Me At Shellamoyed

**JD (6)** 1 T. Tornado 2 F. Take A Chance on Me at S. this is another quite promising s/w as his head handles well, neat ears and such a knowing expression. I liked his size and length/height proportions, he is blessed with a good neck, level back and nicely moulded croup. Well coated he impresses on the stack but has a tendency to amble round the ring instead of floating as those I put over him did!. Could finish well. 3 Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren JW (Imp Swe)

**YD (6/2)** 1 Ayres' Gemette Gone Platinum this is a charming beautifully coloured blue merle. He uses his good arched neck to full advantage on the stack, level backed and that sweeping croup line adding to his appeal. He has a well balanced head, is so attentive to his owner and side on he covers the ground so smoothly. A trifle narrow chested for me but his virtues earned the red card. 2nd Proctor's Cuilshelties Lochan Torr another blue merle of lovely size and length/height proportions. Pleasing head, not quite the coat condition nor bloom of the winner and less positive in hock action. Covers the ground well in profile. 3 Aaron's Shelridge Santino

**PGD (8/1)** 1 Dimock's Shougies Secret Agent at Fernhill whilst I would like this well presented tricolour to be heavier in bone for his sex, there is much to like. Beautifully coated, pleasing head and soft expression, uses ears non stop, nicely arched neck, decent ribbing and sweeping croup. He is so balanced and even striding as he circles the ring. Immaculate in coat. 2 Lycett's Iliad Isle of Ewe one of the best headed dogs of the day, this mahogany sable and white dog has a super eye and knowing expression. Not quite the reach of neck of the winner and whilst he is well ribbed with a decent layback in shoulder, his profile action was not quite as positive and free striding as the winner. In excellent coat. 3 Aaron's Shelridge Sirius

**LD (11/2)** 1 Smee's Wansvale Amiable a beautifully coated and presented shaded sable with a well balanced head, good flat skull, ample stop and nicely rounded muzzle. I liked his expression, so sheltie and so wise! He is well ribbed, has balanced angulations and was free striding as he circled the ring. 2 Gamble's Inaugural Gold JW OSW a quality dog which takes the eye when

stacked as he has a lovely reach in neck, flowing backline and that well moulded croup all adding to his appeal. His head is of decent length, skull flat and well weighted foreface. Not quite the eye and softness in expression of the winner but his positive action helped him gain the blue card in this good class. 3 Proctor's Stiosan Still Game

**OD (10)** What a super class and to be placed was an achievement!! 1 CC & BOB Pearson's Ch Edglonian Golden Graham as always from this renowned breeder, presented to perfection and what a showman! His head and expression are a joy, he was on the tiptoe of expectation throughout and once settled he moved around the ring so very soundly with a light, athletic stride, balanced and ground covering. On the day he outshone the opposition (and it was outstanding) and I could not resist him 2 Robinson's Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean a new face to me but I was not surprised to read that is already ennobled. A top quality blue merle of lovely colour, make and shape. In beautiful coat, he is so well constructed with such a good fore assembly, ample hind angulation & flowing outline. He is a responsive showman and was a delight to watch circle the ring with such a positive stride. His head handles so well, it fits the hand like a glove and his expression is so soft and knowing. Unlucky to meet the two very special dogs which beat him to the top awards 3rd Fisher's Ch. Shellamoyed Gold Fever another very worthy Champion.

**VD (2)** 1 BV & Res CC Hill's Ch & Aust Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson (Imp) another outstanding example of the breed and what an asset he has proved to be. He is a class act, is an all quality, top class specimen, spotless in presentation, beautifully headed and so shapely on the stack. His free striding lithe action belies his being a veteran. Today gave a 5 star performance and only bent the knee to his son! 2 Pattison's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream shaded sable not in the coat and bloom of the winner but he is a lovely size, with a kind eye and expression, sound in action and is clearly much loved by his charming owner.

**SBD (1)** 1 Robertson's Afterglow Goldberg nice for size, in excellent coat so very attentive and uses his neck to full advantage. Good length/height proportions, just a shade deep through in backskull for me. However, has a lovely eye and soft expression.

**MPB (14/2)** 1 Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess a s/w charmer which possesses such a good, well shaped and balanced head aided by lovely ears and those dark, knowing, bright eyes. Just about enough neck, so well ribbed, a lovely sweeping croup to a low set, well carried tail and flawless in coat presentation. Made me smile as she strode around the ring with such purpose and style, with that "look at me" air! 2 Hill's Molson Moonstorm fully white collared s/w is another very nice youngster of good make and shape. Her head is a clean wedge, ample stop and flat skull with a soft expression. Shapely on the stack she was not quite as smooth with her hock action as the winner. 3 Sorocky's Sheltisha Royal Approval

**PB (13/2)** Quite a tough decision between these two promising babies. They both have quality, both were spotless in coat presentation, both have an air of class and show promise and they more or less matched each other in action. I felt that on the day, the winner was truer in front action whilst the 2nd has the better reach of neck so her outline has that tad more instant appeal. They are a credit to their owners. 1 Hayhurst's Keycharm Samba 2 Bray's Dandlewood Kiss 'N Tell at Lianbray 3 Hateley's Mohnesee Coconut Dream

**JB (11)** 1 Pearson's Edglonian Slack Alice stunning body shape and outline and as always from this exhibitor, flawless in coat and body. So shapely, beautiful neck and head carriage, flowing outline and excellent hindquarters. Profile action flows, just needs to settle a bit in front. Her head handles well and she shows her head off! 2nd Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality what an attractive package this ultra feminine red sable package is! A delightful head, eyes and charming expression, so very pretty that one wants to smile. She is nicely constructed, moderate angulation both ends, flawless in coat presentation and keeps her shape as she circles the ring with purpose. Just a tad loose when fore viewed but that can correct itself with maturity. A pleasure to judge. 3 Haensel's Sherkarl Copper Load of This

**YB (6/2)** 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Queen of the Dark what a lovely Ch this delightful, full of quality tricolour bitch is. Built on sweeping lines, her outline flows so smoothly and pleases the eye. A shade overdone in stop for me, but the skull is flat, the muzzle well rounded, neat ears and lovely eyes all add to her appeal. She out-moved the others here and her presence added to the quality of the challenge. A worthy titleholder. 2 Bray's Jontygray Trice As Nice With Lianbray another tricolour which has much appeal on the stack as she is shapely, length/height balance

spot on and she was in beautiful coat. Her head handles well, eye not quite as soft and almond shaped as the winner, enough arch to her neck and a smooth backline. Side on her action is even striding and purposeful but she was toeing in when fore viewed. 3 Lewthwaite & Stafford's Rannerdale Killer Queen

**PGB (11/5)** 1 & CC Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee JW an all quality bitch of lovely size, so beautifully proportioned length/height, spotless in jacket and one of the best movers of the day, circling the ring with a light as air, purposeful, ground covering stride then stopping in perfect stance. Her head and expression are lovely, neat ears ideally set to enhance her appeal and she co-operated perfectly with her handler. I believe winning her first CC but she should go on to her title. 2 Robinson's Lavika Spring Queen JW an ultra feminine tricolour package with much to admire. Stunning in coat and presentation, every hair gleaming! Well balanced head with a flat skull, ears could be neater but she has such a knowing, kind expression. Lovely outline and length/height balance and her side action is lithe and smooth. 3 Rosslyn's Balidorn Golden Amber

**LB (10/1)** 1 Elder's Ellenyorn Evita this is a sable and white bitch of undoubted quality. I liked her head, so clean and a real wedge shape, with sufficient stop and a very good expression. She has sufficient reach in neck, is well angulated both ends, was presented in lovely bloom and she showed a decent stride pattern as she circled the ring. 2 Jeavons' Amethrickeh Perfect Bell another sable but for me she was a tad deeper through in backskull than I like. Having said that she is a lovely size, is well boned and has such a good spring and depth of rib. Nicely moulded croup and ample bend of stifle. Shown in excellent coat she comes into her own on the move, light and so positive as she circled the ring 3 Pearson's Edglonian Blue Tit

**OB (13/1)** 1 & Res CC Andersson's Nor/Fin/Swe/NL Ch Dandlewood Easy Peasy this s/w is a top quality example of the breed and is deserving of her many crowns. Lovely for size and shape, impresses on the stack and she was a delight to go over on the table. Her head is a clean, one piece wedge with ample stop, nicely rounded foreface and such a flat skull. The neatest of ears and such a soft, knowing expression from correctly shaped eyes. In super coat she is balanced and purposeful as she circles the ring with an easy stride. Edged out for the CC as I felt the PG bitch was truer in front action when fore viewed. 2 Hateley's Mohnesee Enchanted another classy, shapely sheltie, beautifully angulated both ends, pleasing head planes with a kind expression, enough neck well coated and presented and shows non stop. Another which satisfied me in side action but a tad close in hock when rear viewed and she too could have been tighter in front. But very hard to split these two quality bitches. 3 Hill's Molson Moneypenny

**VB (5/2)** I always find these Veteran classes amongst the most difficult as these sages of the breed seem to convey much wisdom as you go over them. All three were a credit to their owners and the breed. I felt the winner had the best eyes and expression and was a shade truer in front action, the second had the best backline, croup and bend of stifle and the 3rd was a real outgoing show off. All 3 a delight to go over. 1 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection 2 Rossiter's Lorainian Starlight Wonder 3 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis JW ShCM

**SBB (4)** 1 Hickling's Sheltisha Bell of the Ball at Natara a very pretty headed blue merle of lovely size with clean cheeks, flat skull and a delightful expression. She is such a good colour and was so well presented. Nicely balanced throughout and a very pleasing, ground covering profile action. 2 Raff's Molson Miss Congeniality for Stormraven this golden sable and white was flawless in coat presentation and presents a most attractive picture on the stack using her good neck to advantage. Not quite the eye and expression of the winner but she is shapely, has good angulation both ends and side on she shows reach and drive. 3 Mettan-Ure's Valdosta Dare to Dream of Savendie

**JUDGE - Albert Wight**