

Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 18.10.25

DOGS Firstly I would like to thank the society for the invite to judge at this friendly society's show and thanks to those who entered although the entry was depleted by almost a third due to absentees. A lovely venue with good lighting and plenty of room. Special thanks to my two super-efficient stewards who kept everything in order. Even with a lot of absentees, when the dogs came in for the challenge I was very pleased with my line-up.

MP (5-2 abs) 3 pups all at different stages of development. 1 Atkins Esstremere Silver Storm, 8-month b/m with full white collar and white blaze, in good coat for age which was well presented, construction okay both fore and aft but needs to broaden in chest, ample reach of neck, head handles okay but still needs to finish, level topline and well set and carried tail, well schooled to show off his virtues but needs to settle on the move, the most mature in the class. 2 Hateley's Mohnesee Moonlight Master, 8-month tri who was a lot less mature than 1st but has potential, pleasing to go over on the table, head refined, well-placed eye and neat ears which he was reticent about using today, needs to settle in rear movement but has decent construction all through so will improve as he matures. 3 James Valmay The Joker.

P (5-2) 1 Walker's Stormin Norm By Tooralie, 10-month s/s/w in lovely coat, beautifully presented, masculine head clean and well moulded, good underjaw, ears neat and well used, eye dark and almond-shaped giving sweet expression, well-laid shoulder and good upper arm, nicely boned straight front, level topline, good rear angulation enabling drive, showed proficiently, for me would like a little more length of leg for complete balance, nonetheless an easy BPD. 2 Hughes Shadowess If I Can Dream At Cochochr, 11-month s/w up to size but beautifully constructed, a little strong in head for age but well-set ears used well, nice eye shape well placed, in good coat, well presented and moved as construction suggested. 3 Mohnesee Moonlight Master.

J (5-3) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Jammy Dodger, quality 12-month s/w who instantly appeals for glorious outline, head lovely to handle, smooth wedge well moulded with flat skull, eye well placed though would prefer slightly smaller, ears well placed and used to advantage, super reach of neck making him look larger, straight front with well-rounded bone, shoulder and upper arm complement each other, level topline and well set and carried tail, moved soundly when settled, just needs to mature along same lines and will no doubt carry his title. 2 Gamble's Balidorn Olympic Star With Solytic, 14-month s/w, shame unsettled as has potential, nice head to handle, eye shape okay but worried look spoils expression, ears well placed, good reach of neck, well constructed though didn't give best on move, improved later, hope he settles.

Y (4-1) 1 Rossiter's Cocaro The Highlander JW, upstanding s/s/w, object lesson in presentation, masculine without being overdone, handsome profile, head pleasing to handle, balanced with good underjaw, well-placed eye, neat ears used well, lovely expression, neck well arched and proudly carried, good forehand construction, straight front, nicely rounded bone and neat feet, rear angulation okay but would prefer more length of back for balance, moved with purpose, overall quality dog who will always take the eye, a few more months will see him hitting high spots. 2 Norris' Ferngrove Code Blue JW, b/m in good coat and condition, well constructed fore and aft, head clean and well moulded, eye well set, half black face not preferred but not fault, ears well set and used, level topline, well-set tail sometimes proud, moved soundly when settled. 3 Balidorn Olympic Star With Solytic.

G (8-1) 1 Gartland's Arcot Polished Black JW, admired since puppyhood, spot on for size, elegant outline, lovely to go over, wedge-shaped clean head, well-placed stop, good underjaw, nice eye shape well placed, ears neatly held, good front construction with layback of shoulder and decent upper arm, level topline leading to well-set tail, moved soundly, not easiest to show as can stand tucked up but pleasing when correct, still needs to mature and coat up, best yet to come. 2 Hardy's Sandwick Ace Of Hearts, b/w in lovely coat and condition, more mature than 1st but shorter coupled, balanced head, gorgeous expression from dark eye and pigmentation, well constructed fore and aft,

moved accordingly, tail well set and carried, useful b/w stud dog. 3 Balidorn Olympic Star With Solytic.

PG (3) 1 Hardman & Carter's Seavall Blue Ensign, b/m up to size but super colour well broken, pleasing to handle, head balanced, eyes well set, one of each colour not detracting, ears a little heavy, good shoulder and upper arm, straight front, level topline, nice sweep over loin, tail well set and carried, moved with purpose covering ground easily. 2 Fenton's Shanmie's Dark Arches, plain s/s/w in huge coat, little white for glamour, head handles well with flat skull and well-placed stop, under coat well constructed, straight front with ample bone, moved with good strides, could have shown more and better presented. 3 Balidorn Olympic Star With Solytic.

L (10-3 abs) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Mister Majic, another quality s/w with instant appeal for outline, beautifully presented, refined head with rounded muzzle and correctly placed stop, obliquely placed eye, well-set ears giving desired expression, good layback of shoulder and decent upper arm, straight front with rounded bone, level topline, nice sweep over loin, well-set tail, moved with reach and drive covering ground easily, can be unsettled but will undoubtedly reach upper house. 2 Winfield's Oakcroft The Mandalorian JW, quality s/w with balanced profile, head proportioned, smooth and clean, dark well-shaped eye, neat ears, masculine expression, ample neck, good construction fore and aft with well-let-down hocks, moved soundly with drive, tail well set and carried, not huge coat but fits well, shows steadily but without projection of 1st. 3 Parker's Edglonian Prime Target With Tolarock.

O (2) 1 Pearson's Ch Edglonian Golden Graham – There isn't much to say about this gorgeous s/w that hasn't been said before except that for me he has that indefinable "something" that makes you unable to ignore him, he just exudes sheltie charisma and if you read the General Appearance paragraph from the breed standard – a small working dog of great beauty free from cloddiness and coarseness, action lithe and graceful, outline symmetrical so no part appears out of proportion to the whole, abundant coat, shapeliness of head and sweetness of expression combine to present the ideal – it describes him to a tee. Obviously it takes a team to present him at his best and his clever handler has such a good rapport with him which is so evident. Just love him and am so pleased with what he is achieving for the breed. No hesitation in adding another CC to his impressive collection. Went on to be Res BIS on referee's decision. 2 Norris' Ferngrove's Valentino – Judged this lad as a puppy and predicted a good future for him and still feel he will reach the upper house. He has certainly matured into a quality example of the breed. Head is now fully finished, smooth and clean with the flattest of skulls, almond-shaped eye which is dark and well placed, neat ears used well all combining to give a lovely masculine expression. Ample reach of neck, front angles complement each other and he stands on well-boned legs with neat well-padded feet, level topline and nice sweep over the loins, tail well set, moved so soundly. Had enough coat for me but it has perhaps lost its bloom at the moment. Although he shows okay he doesn't project himself at times and sinks back into his neck. Nonetheless wish him well for the future.

V (4-1) 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Showmaster JW – Have always admired this lad and as a new addition to the veteran ranks he belies his age. In super coat and condition, handsome head to handle, so balanced, dark well-placed almond-shaped eye, neat ears so well placed and used to advantage. As expected his construction is textbook, lovely spring of rib, well set and carried tail, moved so soundly and showed steadily, presents a masculine elegant outline. 2 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW – 8-year-old rich s/w with the sweetest of expressions obtained from his dark well-placed eye and well-placed stop, ears neat and well placed and another who knew how to use them to advantage. Construction is good all through enabling him to move soundly although at times he paced a little. In good coat, well presented, showed off his assets to enhance the overall picture. 3 Greenwood's Omebrid Gives Warm Hugs.

Special Open S/W (4-1 abs) 1 Mottram's Ch Lundecocks Hoopie-Doo At Lockaren JW (Imp Swe) – Golden s/w in super coat and condition, beautifully presented. Have to say this dog has never been one of my favourites but just goes to show you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Mature boy whose head is now clean and smooth to handle, a lovely wedge with level planes, dark eye well

placed although would prefer it a smidge bigger, skull flat. For me his ears are a little wide set and at times carried to the side but when something grabs his attention they come up to enhance his masculine expression. His construction is grand both fore and aft, stands on well-boned legs and neat feet, ample reach of neck, level topline, well set and carried tail, deep chest and good spring of rib with well-muscled hindquarters, moved easily covering the ground with reach in front and drive in rear. Can be reticent when showing but when something attracts him everything comes together and presents a very appealing example of the breed, pleased to award him Res CC. 2 Lycett's Iliad Isle Delight – s/w I have judged before and the same comments are still relevant, nicely constructed lad with good round bone and neat feet, head still handles well and has pleasing expression, well presented and quietly handled to get the best from him, just felt he was beginning to show his age. 3 Balidorn Olympic Star With Solytic.

Special Open Tri/B/W/B/T (4-2 abs) 1 Linford's Hillhenry In Your Honour – Eye-catching glamorous tri admired since puppyhood, appeals for elegant outline, well-fitting jet black coat and rich tan markings beautifully presented. I love a white blaze and find his head beautiful to handle, balanced, clean and smooth, nice eye well placed, neat well-set ears used to advantage, all combining to give sweet but masculine expression. Level topline and nice sweep over loin, well set and carried tail, front angles good, straight front with lovely bone for size. On the move, once into stride he moves with purpose covering the ground easily. When showing off his charms can sometimes stand lazily behind but nonetheless I like him a lot and he was in serious contention in the challenge. 2 Thornley's Felthorn Cover Story – Tri boy of different type to 1st, shorter in back but still balanced, spot on for size with super round bone, clean well-moulded head with nicely set eye, well-placed neat ears, moved soundly as construction suggested, would like slightly more neck to complement overall picture.

Special Open B/M (3-1 abs) 1 Greenwood's Esstremere Easy Rider. 2 Graham-Weall's Just For Alex From Lavika – Two very similar boys who both showed well and moved okay but both on the smaller side.

Brace (5-2) – This class was judged jointly with my co-judge and we agreed on the placings. 1 Hateley's well-matched tris. 2 Atkins' b/m. 3 Graham-Weall's b/m.

Judge - Mrs Lyn Roberts