

THE NATIONAL BIRMINGHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 24TH SEPTEMBER 2021

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

My thanks to the National for the invitation to judge the Shelties and for their excellent hospitality. My thanks to my two stewards who were excellent and kept things moving well. It was a delight to be around the breed again, I do miss them, having lost my last one 4 years ago. If this entry was an indication of the breed today then I felt that upper arms had improved since I last judged at this level with the corresponding improvement in front movement. Also pleased to see that coats fitted the shape of the dogs and weren't over heavy although some topcoats lacked the correct slightly harsh texture. There was more depth in quality which was good to see and the higher classes were of very high standard. My apologies for the brief notes but due to moving house on the day I was judging, life has been hectic.

SBD (3, 1) 1 Sutherland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice. Shaded sable dog of lovely size, good bone and construction, an attractive head but would prefer a more almond shaped eye. 2 Barraclough's Shadowess Lockdown Hero. Golden sable, lost out to 1 on front construction.

MPD (5) 1 Hardy's Sandwick Road Runner. Blue Merle of good colour. Balanced clean head, correct stop, good length of neck, level topline, good angulation, moved well. One to follow. BPD. 2 Sorockyj's Sheltisha Caught My Eye. Another blue merle, very shapely with a nice head with good underjaw and good ear carriage. Good extension on the move. 3 Hately's Valmay The Viceroy.

PD (4) 1 Sheltisha Caught My Eye. 2 Roberts' Stanydale Rewrite The Stars For Malaroc. Blue Merle dog of good type. Head a little strong in back skull but has a good foreface and underjaw. Nicely made but lacked the extension of first on the move. 3 Shelcrest Winter Solstice.

JD (3, 2) 1 Robinson's Lavika Deep Blue Ocean. Well marked Blue Merle dog, lovely for size, balanced head, flat skull, length of neck, well proportioned, moved well.

YD (6, 3) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobbie Black JW. Well constructed tri dog, liked his eye and ear placement giving nice expression, moved well. Would like more fill in foreface. 2 Walker's Tooralie's Quest. Another tri deeper in stop than first, shapely dog with level topline, moved well. 3 Glover-Guest's Doonelodge The Explorer.

ND (10, 3) 1 Robinson's Lavika Starlight Salute. Quality sable dog, good foreface and underjaw, length of neck, level topline, well proportioned, moved with drive. 2 Sorockyj & Haine's Padawan Mandalorain. Sable similar type to first but not quite the length of neck, lovely head, moved well. 3 Sheltisha Caught My Eye.

GD (3) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. Shaded sable dog with clean head, well rounded foreface and correct ear carriage, well constructed which showed in his lovely movement. 2 Wither, Thornley & Thornley's Felthorn Cover Story. Tricolour with lovely underjaw, correct stop and good ears. Well angulated but couldn't match the movement of first. 3 Hardy's Sandwick Style Council.

PGD (2) 1 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition. Sable dog, liked his head and expression, good angulation and moved well. 2 Gruszka's Japaro Timeless Design For Samprey. Not a lot to choose between these two but I preferred the eye and ear placement of first.

LD (11) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Showmaster. Quality sable dog who caught my eye on entering the ring. He has a lovely classic head with well rounded foreface and good underjaw correct eye and ear placement and is beautifully constructed and moved very well with drive. His profuse coat was presented to perfection and didn't detract from his shape. He is in his prime and deserved the CC today. 2 Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date Of Lizmark. Sable, similar in type to first with pleasing head pattern and good angulation. Moved well, a lot to like about this one. 3 French's Lorainian Kings Ransom At Lindfern.

OD (6) 1 Withers' Ch Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW. Tricolour dog that I have admired in the past, now nearly 7, but looking as good as ever. He has a clean quality head that is balanced and is enhanced due to his white

face markings giving him an alert expression. Beautifully constructed and everything in proportion enabling him to move soundly with good length of stride. Res CC. 2 Hill's Ch & Aust Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson (Imp). I've heard and read a lot about this boy and was delighted to be able to go over him. Everything I'd heard was true, lovely head and construction and moves well but for me I just preferred the stop of first. 3 French's Lindfern Light Sabre JW.

VD (1) 1 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold At Fernfrey. 8 year old shaded sable, head handles well and he is well constructed, in good coat and moved well.

Sp Beg B (3) 1 Redfern's Fernfarm Summer Romance. Sable with balanced head and good expression, well proportioned and moved well. 2 Westerman's Ontoco Delightful Daisy Mae. Pretty tricolour, well rounded foreface, flat skull, moved well. 3 Mettan-Ure's Valdosta Dare To Dream Of Savendie.

MPB (9, 2) 1 Walker's Tooralie Miablue Ma Belle. Tricolour with clean wedge head, correct stop, flat skull and good underjaw. Arched neck, level topline, well angulated, moved well. One to watch. BPD, BPIB. 2 Bray's Jontygray Trice As Nice By Lianbray. I liked this tricolour for her beautiful construction and movement. Lost out to first due to her slightly wider back skull. Two nice pups. 3 Crosbie's Mohnesee Maggie May.

PB (2) 1 Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee. This Blue Merle youngster has an attractive head which just needs to fill a little in foreface. She is very well proportioned and her angulation is good, moved ok. 2 French's Shemist Starlight. I liked this six and a half month baby a lot. She has a lovely head in the making and is very shapely. Moved ok for one so young. It will be interesting to see how she develops.

JB (3, 2) 1 Moore's Natara Sparking Lady. This bitch has a pretty head, stop a bit steep and I felt her ears were a little heavy. Good length of neck and level topline, moved a little close in front.

YB (4, 1) 1 Attwood's Mohnesee Beatrice Black At Terriwood. Tricolour bitch whose head needs to be handled as white markings can distract. Well rounded foreface and underjaw, lovely ear carriage, length of neck, and level topline. Her construction was good which showed in her movement. 2 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Jive Talking. Blue Merle who appealed for her head and expression and good shoulder and upper arm placement and rear angulation. Just needs to develop in chest as she was moving a little close in front. 3 Raaff's Molson Miss Congeniality For Stormraven.

NB (6, 2) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Tiana. Sable bitch of good size, lovely underjaw and flat skull. Liked her for her construction and shape. 2 Arnould's Shadoway Charlotte Rose. Slightly longer than first with well rounded foreface and underjaw. Moved well. 3 Daniel & Taylor's Pepperhill Jive Talking.

GB (9) 1 Robinson's Lavika Star Babe. Lovely bitch with classic balanced head with lovely underjaw, almond eye and correct ear carriage giving a lovely expression. Good proportions and well angulated. In good coat and moved well. 2 Oakcroft Tiana. 3 Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit At Lochkaren (Imp Swe).

PGB (6, 1) 1 Hill's Molson Movie Star. Sable bitch and what a little star she is. Beautifully shaped head with medium almond shaped well placed eye and her ear carriage is spot on giving that lovely soft expression. Arched neck of good length, level topline. Handled so well on the table, she is so well angulated and perfectly in proportion. In superb coat and moved so soundly with drive and extension. CC. She didn't put a foot wrong and although the dog winner pushed her hard, her overall quality won her BOB. 2 Robinson's Lavika Spring Queen JW. Tricolour with good wedge head, correct stop and well filled foreface, very shapely bitch who moved as well as I was expecting. 3 Withers' Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale.

LB (8, 3) 1 Withers, Thornley & Thornley's Mitchfields Fashion Girl At Felthorn. Blue Merle that caught my eye when passing ringside recently, so was very pleased that she was entered today. She has a lovely classic wedge head which you don't see so much now with well placed almond eye and is very well constructed enabling her to move with drive and extension covering the ground with ease. Was in the running for the Res ticket. 2 Stafford's Rannerdale Abracadabra. Quality sable bitch who presents a lovely outline, but couldn't match the eye and movement of first. 3 Pierce's Philhope Taste Of Summer JW.

OB (7, 1) 1 Hardy's Sandwich Stage Show. Tricolour bitch who took my eye when she entered the ring and I was not disappointed when I went over her. She has a lovely head with correct eye and ear placement giving a lovely expression. Good length of neck, she is well constructed and everything is in proportion. Her movement was very good as I expected. Res CC. 2 Hateley's Ch Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW. Lovely sable bitch and much the same comments as first but I preferred the stop of first. Close decision. 3 Hill's Molson Its Morven.

VB (6, 2) 1 Hardy's Ch Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre At Sandwick. Another lovely tri from this kennel who certainly doesn't look like a veteran. She is a lovely shape and moves well, has a lovely head and good expression. 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Shades Of Blue. This Blue merle has a lovely wedge head with correct stop and flat skull. Well made and moved particularly well for a 10 year old. 3 Arnould's Shadoway Perchance To Dream JW.

Judge - Sheila M. Beeney