

Northern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 7 April 2019

DOGS I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge the dog entry at their show and for the lovely friendly welcome I received. I would also like to thank all the exhibitors for their support and for signing my 70th birthday card. I had a very enjoyable day. My co-judge and I were in complete agreement regarding the final placings.

MPD (3) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Showmaster. BP Dog & BPIS. Confident young man of just 6 months, did all that was asked of him. Well balanced with nice body lines. Just the right size and substance for his age with room to mature. Nicely constructed front and rear and moved with purpose. Nicely balanced head of correct breed type with well placed dark almond eye and neat ears creating a very sweet expression. One to watch for the future. BPD and BPIS. 2 Miles' Keycharm Gold Standard At Milesend. Another nice youngster similar in type. I would have preferred him a touch longer in body to attain perfect balance. Nicely angulated front and rear with good reach of neck and moved correctly. Lovely clean skull and smooth cheeks with well placed dark eye and very sweet expression. Just needs to clean in stop. 3 Purves' Donallin Tri Bit Of Magic.

PD (5, 3) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Black Klansman. Smart tri dog of correct size and substance. Good black coat and rich tan markings added to his attraction. Correct head type with flat skull, correct stop and nicely moulded foreface. Would have preferred a little more length of neck for a more shapely outline. 2 Sangster's Zaniah Mono Tone Of Drumcauchlie. A little smaller all over than first but a nice type. Quite decently put together but was a little erratic on the move. Small but sweet eye and neat well placed ears used to perfection. JD (3) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. This young dog commands attention with his shapely outline and well balanced body lines and is very nice to go over. Well laid shoulder and decent length of upper arm coupled with his sound hind construction give him the basis for his sound movement. For me his head is not his best asset as I would have preferred a longer and cleaner wedge to be in balance with his elegant body shape. However, he has as nice masculine expression, neat ears and flat skull and shows really well. 2 Robinson's Alnmac Midnight Flyer. Tri of lovely size and balance with very elegant shape. Very nice in front but would prefer a little more strength behind. Head is a long blunt wedge and skull is flat. A more almond shaped eye, obliquely placed would improve expression. Neatly carried ears. 3 Lewis' Donmarvic The Saracen.

ND (4, 2) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Black Klansman. 2 Sangster's Zaniah Mono Tone Of Drumcauchlie. YD (5) 1 French's Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Sable and white of perfect size and substance and well proportioned throughout. Shapely outline with good reach of neck, level topline and sweep over loin. Quite decently constructed and moved accordingly. Lovely head pattern, flat skull, correct stop and parallel planes. Nicely moulded foreface. Eye could be a little more almond in shape but the addition of neat well used ears gave him a sweet expression. 2 Bendelow's Guxel Golden Ringer From Amethrickeh. Handsome, heavily coated sable and white. A size bigger and very mature. Well balanced body with elegant shape and outline. Good reach of neck and nicely constructed body allowed him to move out well. Head is a long blunt wedge with smooth cheeks and just the right amount of under jaw. Would have preferred a more almond shaped and obliquely set eye and he was a little reluctant to use his neat ears today. Beautifully presented. 3 Walker's Tooralie's Ocho Rios.

PGD (6, 2) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook He's Got Style JW. Correct for size and height to length ratio with well balanced bone and substance. Good length of neck and depth of chest and level topline. Nicely angulated rear but lacked reach in front on the move. Stood and showed well. 2 Sangster's Amethrickeh Stormi Wizzard. Blue of good colour. Won this place on his sound construction which translated into free positive movement. Not the best of showmen and did not make the most of his nice outline. 3 Miles' Milesend Morello.

LD (10, 1) 1 Robinson's Sheltysham Nutbox In Alnmac. Very soundly constructed young dog, perfectly balanced throughout with a proud reach of neck, level topline, good depth of chest and well sprung rib and front shoulder angulation often hard to find. His rear construction matched his front and this enabled him to move around the ring with good stride, drive and purpose. Clean correct wedge head with smooth flat cheeks, correct stop and flat skull, neat well placed and used ears and masculine expression. To be critical eye could be a little more almond in shape. A good honest Sheltie fit for purpose. Pressed hard in the challenge and pleased to award him the Res CC. 2 Bywater's Tachnamadra He' Got The Look. Smart tri in gleaming condition, beautifully black with rich tan markings. Good size and substance with a clean wedge head well placed dark eye and neat well used ears all creating a very sweet but masculine expression. A little more reach of neck would have enhanced his outline. 3 Lewis' Sandwick Curtain Call At Donmarvic.

OD (6, 1) 1 Hill's UK Ch/ Aust Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson (Imp Aus). Light sable dog in beautiful bloom, every hair glistening. Well balanced and proportioned body lines, very decently put together and moves accordingly. Lovely proud neck with level topline and sweep over loin with well let down hocks adds to

his elegant outline. Well placed dark almond eye and neat well placed ears give him the desired sweet and charming expression. Skull is flat and muzzle nicely rounded though for me a little square in jaw line rather than a blunt wedge. A dog whose quality cannot be denied. 2 Clubley's Mossvale Frosty Moon. Blue merle with good tan but rather dark in blue colour. Well constructed throughout and moved accordingly with drive and purpose. Good reach of neck and level topline, depth of chest with good legs and feet. Head is a clean wedge with well placed eye and ears creating a sweet, masculine expression. 3 Gatheral's Ch Herds Humphrey JW. VD (6, 2) 1 Rowan's Ch Degallo The Vindicator At Rowancrest JW. Beautifully presented dog of correct size and balance. Just the right amount of substance to be strong enough but still retain an elegant and graceful outline. Nicely constructed throughout and moves with drive and purpose. Correct well placed dark eyes and neat ears creating a sweet masculine expression. Best Veteran Dog. 2 Walker's Dippersmoor Star Gazer By Tooralie ShCM. Shaded sable, not the coat of first or quite as correct in construction but built on clean lines and well balanced throughout. Head is a clean wedge, nicely moulded with no prominence of the cheek bones, flat skull and correctly placed stop. Lovely shaped and set eyes and neat well placed ears created a very sweet expression. 3 Goodwin's Ch Highbrook Hot Heir JW.

Sp Beg D (4) 1 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold. What an attractive junior this young man is. Lovely balanced outline with good reach of neck and sweep over loin. Nicely constructed and moved accordingly. Head is a clean blunt wedge with flat skull smooth cheeks, correct stop, well placed and shaped eye topped by neat ears. He has plenty of time and the scope to mature and fill out and make a very nice adult. 2 Clubley's Mossvale Frosty Moon 3 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

Sp O Sable & White D (4, 2) 1 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold. 2 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple. A very nice breed type, well balanced throughout with good reach of neck level topline and sound legs and feet. Head is clean and shapely with well placed dark eye. Ears need to settle into the correct position to attain the sweetness of expression.

Sp O Tri/BT/BW D (4) 1 Hardy's Ch Sandwick Stagelight JW. CC. This smart tri dog has all the assets required for his title. Today when he first entered the ring I thought he was going to blow his chances as he did not want to show them off but thankfully he got it together and presented his lovely outline which flows from nose to tail. His head is a clean blunt wedge in perfect balance with flat skull correctly placed stop and clean smooth cheek bones. The correct expression is sometimes hard to achieve in a tri but his is sublime with his beautiful dark almond eye obliquely set, soft and yet masculine. Bodily everything is in the right place, lovely reach of neck well laid shoulder and good length of upper arm, depth of chest, level topline and shapely sweep over loin leading to well set tail. All supported on good legs and lovely oval feet. On the move he covers the ground well with very little effort. In the challenge he stood out and won the CC on his overall quality. 2 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm JW. Another very nice tri of sound breed type who did not put a foot wrong. Well balanced and constructed but did not have the eye shape or expression of the winning dog. 3 Goodwin's Sandwick Turn Back Time At Highbrook.

Sp O Blue Merle D (4,2) 1 Clubley's Mossvale Frosty Moon. 2 Sangster's Amethrickeh Stormi Wizzard.

Judge - Margaret Lambert

BITCHES I should like to thank both the club for inviting me to judge, and the committee members who worked hard to make the show a success. My co-judge Margaret Lambert and I, agreed totally on all the top placings. BIS and BCC Ch Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre at Sandwick. Res BIS and BOS Ch Sandwick Stagelight. BPIS Rannerdale Showmaster. Best Vet Ch Milesend Gold Token at Eljetia. RBCC Lundecoocks Cover Girl With Tachnamadra. BPB Channerswick Pennywise,

MPB (9) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale The Show Girl. Compact well balanced girl, of good substance. Nice dark eye, and good ears, lost out in the challenge for best puppy on maturity, but pleased to see her litter brother best puppy in show. 2 Bendelow's Shelegian Ring o' Bells for Amethrickeh. Beautifully presented, with good angulation, just preferred the head of 1, nice neat ears which he used well. 3 Clubley's Mossvale Secret Romance.

PB. 1 (6). 1 Walker's Channerswick Pennywise. Correctly angulated, and moved well. Level topline, good front, head in correct proportion, nice reach of neck and neat ears which she used well. Best Puppy Bitch. 2 Huyton's Jaztech Summer Love for Hightyne. Covered the ground easily, with nice skull and foreface. Well presented, but was a little unsettled. 3 Bray's Lianbray Laced with Gold.

JB. 1 Mile's Milesend Megan. Loved this girl, am sure she will have a great future. Correct construction, with nice level topline, flat skull and good under jaw. Well presented, and made the most of her excellent qualities.

2 Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW A compact, attractive rich coloured sable, with everything in the correct proportion, just preferred the eye of 1. If anyone needs to demonstrate the phrase 'affectionate and responsive to owner' the little lady does just that. 3 Thornley and Wither's Mitchfields Fashion Girl.

MB (2) 1 Bray's Lianbray Laced with Gold. Nicely balanced, with well placed dark eyes. Lost out in first class on maturity, would like a little more fill of foreface. Found her distinctive leg markings made it rather difficult to determine her correct movement. 2 Clubley's Mossvale Secret Romance. Previously 3 in minor puppy. Nice shape and outline, moved well.

NB (7) 1 Foster Parrish's Lowick Mistletoe. A well balanced blue merle, of correct height and angulation. Level topline, flat skull, correct stop, well let down hocks. 2 Bendelow's Shelegian Ring o'Bells for Amethrick. 3 Thornley & Withers' Mitchfields Cover Girl.

YB (10) 1 James' Mohnesee's Mayd Marion at Valmay JW Was splitting hairs between the first two places. Entrancing sweet melting expression, well angulated body, level topline, and good reach of neck. 2 Hateley's Mohnesee Millybelle. Attractive sable with excellent dark eye, used ears well beautifully presented. 3 Withers' Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale.

PGB (10,1) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Dolly Blue. Symmetrical outline, good neck, good depth of chest, and bend of stifle, smooth flat skull with sweet expression. 2 Miles' Eljetia Hot Chocolate of Milesend. Another one that moved well, emphasising her correct angulation, and sheer quality. I just preferred the expression of 1. 3 Deveson's Milesend Seed Pearl.

LB (10,1) 1 Bywater's Tachnamadra New Look. Absolutely loved this lady. Alert, well balanced, a real working dog, with melting expression and well placed eye. Lost out in the challenge, although sympathetically handled. 2 Wyper's Murieston Classic Design. Well constructed with excellent shoulder angulation, consequently moved well. Good ear carriage and nice dark eye. 3 Glover Guest's Doonelodge Demora.

OB (10). 1 Bywater's Lundecoocks Cover Girl with Tachnamadra. Shapely sable with sweet head and expression. Good ear and eye placement. Moved well, covering the ground with ease. Felt she needed just a touch more body to complete the picture Res CC. 2 Bray's Lianbray Locked In Love. Well angulated shaded sable, lacking coat today, but showing her correct outline instead. 3 Hateley's Ch Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee JW Sh CM.

VB (7) I love the veteran classes. It is a privilege to go over these beautiful veterans My winner was 1 Parkes' Ch Milesend Gold Token at Eljetia JW. A nine year old shaded sable who moved with drive and balance. Quality head, immaculately put down. Was pleased to agree with my co judge to make her best veteran in show. 2 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Queen of hearts. Another nine year old favourite of mine, just lost out on movement to 1. 3 Deveson's Lucky Liaison at Lianbray,

SpBeg (4) I Redpath's Sonymer Storm Doris. Gleaming Tri, with lovely head, level topline. Nice angulation, moved well. 2 Cooper's Keywaydin Mayhem. Unplaced in the earlier PG class, but showed well in this class, with nice topline and good ears. 3 Von Schweinitz's Leasbrae Chayah Luv.

SpO Sable/white. (7,1) 1 Hateley's Sanscott Sweet Serenity at Mohnesee. Have to compliment this kennel on its presentation. Every exhibit was put down to perfection. Rich red gold sable in excellent coat and condition. I liked her outline, and she moved well. Really sweet expression, am sure her day will come. 2 French's Sonymer Snow Fall over Lindfern. Good reach of neck. Well balanced, attractive head and nice neck. 3 Barnett's Rainway returning to Seavall.

SpO Tri/B&W (6) 1 Hardy's Ch Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre at Sandwick. This superbly constructed bitch took my breath away. One that you feel could really do the work of a pastoral dog. Seen from a distance, you cannot fail to admire her outline, with lovely arched neck, well moulded foreface and well placed dark eye. I was pleased to award her the CC, and delighted when my co judge agreed to her being BOB. 2 Withers' Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale. (Was also 3rd in special yearling) Well made and moved with ease. Simple oozed character. Neat well placed ears, and sweet expression. 3 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination JW

SpO B/M (3) 1 Barnett's Ch Rainway crystal Star. Hard to believe this lovely girl is now 10, as she moves with ease around the ring. She showed and moved well and is always a strong contender for top honours. 2 Rowan's Ch Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed. Lovely blue, in excellent coat; who showed and moved well. Just preferred the ear set of 1. 3 Clubbly's Mossvale Blue Star

Judge - Val Woolley