

Northern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 09.10.22

I would like to thank the committee for their kind invitation to judge their show – my appointment being delayed for almost two years due to covid. This is a show I would urge anyone invited to jump at the chance to accept – the committee’s hospitality was second to none and the atmosphere of show was relaxed and happy. I was happy with the lovely specimens of my breed to which the exhibitors bestowed the honour to me of handling and judging. The quality of dogs was by and large good and there were some classes where I was simply spoiled for choice.

MPD 1(0) 1. Fisher’s Foxstone Take A Chance on Me. Magnificent looking youngster of just seven months who was the image of balance and beauty. Lovely shaped head; the combination of his correctly placed dark almond shaped eyes, well rounded muzzle and correctly placed ears presented the desired expression. Fabulous reach of neck. Deep chest. Level top-line leading to a graceful sweep over his loin and to the correct set long tail. His coat colouring of rich golden sable with white on fore legs, hocks and chest. Confidently strode around the ring as if he had been showing a lifetime. One to watch for the future. BPIS

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TD 1(0) 1. Ambler’s Smiddyshaw Time N’ Trouble For Jaztech. Five year old masculine tri colour with the deepest black coat contrasting against his ice white, full collar, furnishing and rich facial tan markings. Erect ears with the desired tip forward. Nice reach of neck . Level top line. Good spring of rib and nice turn of stifle.

GD 1(0) 1. Barrowclough’s Shadowess Lockdown Hero. Attractive youngster of two years with a light golden sable, finished with white furnishing – his coat being well groomed. His head had the desired amount of stop, level planes, flat skull and correctly placed ears. Neck well arched and good layback of shoulder. Level top-line. Good turn of stifle.

PGD 4(2) 1. Savage’s Willowthorn Kobalt Star By Savataurus Jun Ch & JW. Six years old. His colouring was of silver blue, splashed and marbled with black with full white, profuse collar. Cheeks merging into his full muzzle. Good reach of neck. Pleasing top-line. Tail of correct length. Strong but not heavy bone. Very attentive to his handler. 2. Fawcett’s Northern Pride For Ronsadale. Six years old. Rich, deep sable in colour with white forelegs, hocks and chest and just a dash on his neck. Good spring of rib. Graceful sweep over loin and tail of correct length. I would have preferred his ears tipping forward to complete the picture.

LD 1(0) 1. Doonelodge The Explorer. Two year old golden sable in good coat with a handsome head, enhanced by his dark, almond shaped obliquely placed eyes, Level top-line. Graceful sweep over loin. Tail of correct length. Good spring of rib and in good bone.

OD 2(0) 1. Highbrook Hobnob JW. Handsome four year old sable and white who was very much the showman. Ears correctly placed which he used none stop. Level top-line sweeping gracefully over his loins. Beautifully groomed and presented. Great partnership with his handler and moved around the ring with ease. RBD. 2. Amethrickeh Stormi Wizzard. Seven year old blue merle with a profuse coat that did hide his shape. Head when viewed from above was wedge shaped. A little unsure of his surrounding today and refused to show off his ears, but his junior handler getting the best out of him on the move.

VD 1(0) 1 Amethrickeh Stormi Wizzard. BVD

Sp OD 3(1) 1. Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever. Stunning three year old golden sable male who didn’t disappoint. Well arched neck carrying a lovely balanced head with parallel planes, dark almond shaped eyes, small, erect ears tipping forward. Good front and rear angulation. Bone strong but not heavy with flexible pasterns, oval, padded feet and hocks well let down. Moved with purpose. No hesitation to award top honours today. BD & BIS 2. Doonelodge The Explorer. 3. Northern Pride For Ronsadale.

Sp OD Tri, BT, BW 1(0) 1. Smiddyshaw Tine N'Trouble For Jaztech.

Sp OD Blue Merle 3(0) 1. Puncknowle Star Gazer At Savataurus CJW15, JW ShCm VW. Blue merle gent of rising 8 years. Nice colour. Blue flecked eyes. Agreeable head. Nice reach of neck and top-line. Strong, clean bone. 2. Molson Mr Blue Sky JW. Another gent equaling 1 in the quality of his blue colouring, which was clear, silvery blue with contrasting white finishing the picture. Deep chest. Lovely top-line and graceful sweep over loins to his correct length tail. 3. Amethrickeh Stormi Wizzard.

MPB 3(1) 1. Mohnesee Maebelle. Feminine 8 month old golden sable youngster who was schooled to perfection. Dark, almond shaped eye, obliquely placed. Small ears correctly placed and tipping forward. Nice sweep over loins leading to set on of tail which was of the correct length. Lovely forward reach and drive. Delighted to learn after judging that her win today gave her those final points for her Junior Warrant. 2. Herds Height Of Fashion. Pretty, feminine, balanced youngster of just six months. Fitted coat which was rich golden sable in colour, complimented with full white collar. Well arched, muscular neck. In good bone. Flexible pasterns and well padded, oval feet. Lovely turn of stifle and lovely long tail. Moved beautifully. 3. Miablue Snowdrop.

PB 1(0) 1. Mohnesee Maebelle. **JB 3(1)** 1. Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest. One year old. Golden sable. Wedge shaped head with cheeks merging into well rounded muzzle. Dark, almond shaped obliquely placed eyes. Ears fairly close together on the top of her flat skull. Lovely reach of neck. Good spring of rib. Moved and showed beautifully. 2. Jaelis Mystique Reality. Another year old golden sable, with a pretty head, good neck, level top-line, graceful sweep over loin, lovely turn of stifle. Balanced in profile Graceful mover. I did comment before placing what a lovely class this was and it was difficult to choose between the three bitches of almost equal merit. 3. Kiemont Paris Is A Charmer At Bramblecroft.

MB 3(2) 1. Arcot Take A Moment. Seven month old golden sable with white forelegs, rear feet and chest and a little on her neck. Pleasing head with dark almond shaped eye, Small, correctly placed ears tipping forward. Lovely angulation which was evident on the move. She has time on her hands to come into full bloom. BPB.

NB 2(1) 1. Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest. 2. Arcot Take A Moment.

TB 1(0) 1. Mohnesee Maebelle.

GB 6(1) 1. Rannerdale Honey Bee At Highbrook. Just a day shy of her second birthday, this nice sized lady was golden sable in colour – her coat fitting her body to show off her shape. Good underjaw and scissor bite. Nice reach of neck. Good layback of shoulders. Muscular thigh. Lovely long tail and moved well. 2. Jaelis Mystique Reality. 3. Kiermont Paris Is A Charmer at Bramblecroft.

PGB 1(0) 1. Amoureye Blue Floss. Two year old blue merle of good colour with full white collar, forelegs and hocks. Correct bite. Good reach of neck, level top-line and long tail. A little unsure of her surroundings today but sensitively handled.

LB 4(1) 1. Mohnesee Enchanted. Two year old pretty, balanced bitch of correct size. Deep, rich golden sable coat which was well presented. Classic head with captivating expression, enhanced by her correctly placed dark eyes. Correct scissor bite and good underjaw. Muscular neck and good chest. Level top-line and graceful sweep over loin. Good spring of rib. Covered the ground with purpose. RBB 2. Seavall Taran. As with 1, of correct size. Tri colour of four years. With jet black coat, a lovely white collar that showed off her good reach of neck and an endearing white muzzle which was clean and well developed. Great front and rear angulation. Great on the move. Strode out well. Preferred the sweetness of expression of 1. 3. Doonelodge Demora.

OB 3(1) 1. Ch Blue Panda Among Clemwood. Three year old captivating, charming and feminine, this sweet girl's coat is of the most exquisite colour of silvery blue with an ice white collar augmenting her elegant, muscular neck, carrying a delightful head. Her attention never waned from her handler. Good layback of shoulders, a top-line that never faltered, the most graceful of sweep of loin leading to her long tail. In good bone. Well padded oval feet. Lovely turn of stifle. Her movement matched

her appearance – effortlessly graceful and elegant. BB & RBIS. 2. Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest.

VB 6 (3) 1. Smiddyshaw I'll B There For U JW. Feminine and pretty, of the correct size, lovely dark eyes, cheeks smooth and merging into a full muzzle. Lovely reach of neck, pleasing top-line and croup. In my notes I simply said "moved like a dream". She appears much younger than her seven years. BVIS 2. 2. Shellamoyed My Blue Heaven JW. At eight years, she can be forgiven for her merle darkening. Blunt, wedge shaped head, correctly placed ears which she used none stop. Good dentition, lovely shaped body. Lovely long sweeping tail and profuse petticoat which swayed beautifully as she moved away. Great little mover. 3. Ellenyorn Echo Falls.

Sp OB S&W 4(1) 1. Jaelis Mystique Reality. 2. Kiermont Paris Is A Charmer At Bramblecroft. Lovely balanced head, complimented with her sweet, dark eyes, cheeks merging into her muzzle and small erect ears, tipping forward. Lovely reach of neck, good topline, and spring of rib. Nice sloped croup to her correctly placed tail. Sweet eye. 2. Doonelodge Demora.

Sp OB, Tri, B/T, B&W 2(0) 1. Seavall Taran. 2. Zaf Ch Wylwind Glamour Girl (IMP, ZAF) Nice sized black and white. Pleasing head. Flat skull, well developed but not strong underjaw. Scissor bite. Good reach of neck and spring of rib. Sweet black speckling on her forelegs which was endearing. Preferred the overall shape and movement of 1.

Sp OB BM 3(1) 1. Ch Blue Panda Among Clemwood. 2. Shadowess True Blue. Another sweet lady also of three years of age. Her colour blue equaling her counterpart in intensity. Pleasing head with erect ears tipping forward, fairly close together on the top of her flat skull. Correct stop and full muzzle with scissor bite. Good reach of neck. Beautifully schooled and presented. 3. Amoureye Blue Floss

Judge - Donna Jane Linford