

NORTHERN COUNTIES SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OPEN SHOW 12TH OCTOBER 2025

Firstly I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at one of your extremely well run shows. Your hospitality is second to none and as always the atmosphere is warm. Thank you to my efficient ring Stewards and to the ladies in the kitchen and to the exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to go over so many lovely Shelties. I was pleased with the overall quality of the exhibits though was a little concerned that some were quite timid. Hopefully these will grow in confidence. Teeth were good, excess weight spoiled the movement of one or two.

Mpd (4,2) 1 Malone Di'leila's Sheltie (FCI) AMORE MIO. Lovely 6 mth B/M baby. Beautiful overall shape and nicely marked. Good reach of neck carrying a sweet head, ears carried well to complete nice expression, good shoulder and bend of stifle. Moved out confidently. 2 Dillon Lundecocks Tempest In A Pot At Runforest. Another raw baby, S/W 6 months old. Nice head with good wedge shape, dark almond eye placed well, ears nicely placed which he used well. Good reach of neck and level topline. Was a little distracted but on the whole looks promising.

Jd (2) 1 Jeavons Grandgenes Hey Good Lookin. Shaded S/W of good size. A lot to like about this dog, lovely head with nice expression, dark almond shaped eye, good ear placement. Good reach of neck with correct shoulder and depth of rib. Good bend of stifle, good bone, masculine without being coarse. Moved well. Pity he found himself a little squashed in a subsequent class which spoiled his performance and ended up further down the line. 2 Arkley Amethrickeh Perfect Spirit. S/W. Lovely head with kind expression, correct ears, good well placed dark eye, shoulder well placed, just a little lacking in neck. Good depth of rib and good bone. Moved OK .

Yd (7,2) This was a strong class with performance determining the eventual line up. 1 Hardman & A Carter Seavall Blue Ensign. 18 mth old. Beautifully marked B/M of good colour. Lovely overall outline, well presented. Classic wedge head with good ear and eye placement. Good reach of neck. Good shoulder with body of correct proportions, excellent bend of stifle. Lovely long tail. Moving round together demonstrated the desired reach covering the ground with ease, maintaining his level topline. Reserve Best Dog. 2 Simpson & Main Shenachie Secretariat. 23 mth old S/W . Very pleasing outline though between coats. Gorgeous blunt wedged head with well rounded muzzle., good dark almond eye. Good ear carriage, elegant reach of neck blending into good lay of shoulder and correct front assembly. Well rounded bone, body proportions and good bend of stifle. Was a little unsettled to begin with fidgety in stance, once settled moved well. Was unlucky to meet above on the day.

Maiden Dog (3,1) 1 Hardman & Carter Seavall Blue Ensign. 2 Dillon Lundecocks Tempest In A Pot At Runforest

Gd (1) 1 Jeavon Grandgenes Hey Good Lookin **Ld** (3) 1 Glover Guest Doonelodge The Explorer. Nearly 5 years old. Heavily coated S/W of good size and proportions. Good head with nice expression, used his ears well. Correct angulation front and rear which was demonstrated on the move which he did with ease. 2 Malone Pathaaron After The Storm. Another lovely dog, 5yrs Tri. Very different type to above. Good overall outline with good reach of neck and good proportions front to back and height to ground, good bone and good oval shaped feet. Head of correct proportions, well rounded muzzle. Good ear carriage, showed well. Movement just not quite as good as the winner.

Od (2) 1 Walker CH FR/SUI/LUX/INT CH Tooralies' Pie In The Sky. 5 year old shaded S/W. Another dog I liked very much. Good size and proportions length to height and overall outline nice well moulded head with good flat top skull and gentle expression, good dark almond eye, good ear carriage, correct shoulder placement, good reach of neck, legs of nicely rounded bone. Moved well in his class with plenty of reach but not as well in the challenge where he appeared a little unsettled. 2 Goodwin Highbrook Hobnob, 6 year old S/W. This little dog knows what is expected of him and never put a foot wrong. Sweet head and expression, good dark correct shaped eyes, ears set high up on top of his well moulded head. Good proportions height to length, good shoulder placement, good reach of neck, good rear quarters, nicely rounded bone.

Vd (3) 1 Johnson, Jacobs & Johnson Willowthorn Dream Gazer Jw ShCM SHCEX OSW 7 year old shaded S/W. Presented in great condition. Good overall outline, attractive head though a tad wide in back skull. Used his ears well, good reach of neck, good shoulder placement, good depth and spring of ribs, well rounded with well padded oval feet. Moved well. 2 Bird & Caden Molson Mr Blue Sky JW. Almost 8year old B/M. Head of good proportions, ears a little light but he used them well. Presented in profuse coat, nice overall outline with good shoulders. Moved a little close behind.

SPECIAL OPEN (TRICOLOUR BLACK + TAN BLACK + WHITE) (2,1) 1 Linford Hillhenry In Your Honour 3 yr old Tri. What a glamour boy, Jet black coat with full shawl collar presented in fabulous condition. Good size and overall outline with correct proportions length to height, correct angulation to shoulders and rear quarters with good bend of stifle. Good length of tail. Head a good wedge shape, nice expression with well placed ears that he used well. In his class his movement was a little unsettled looking over his shoulder but in the challenge pulled out all the stops and was foot perfect. I was happy to award him Best Dog and BOB.

SPECIAL OPEN (BLUE MERLE) (3,1) 1 Bird & Caden Molson Mr Blue Sky Jw 2 Savage Willowthorn Kobalt Star By Savataurus JW, JunCH,VW,VetCH 8 year old B/M. Good size and proportions length to height, head a good blunt wedge with well rounded muzzle and flat top skull, good round bone, shoulder placement good and good bend of stifle. Moved with enthusiasm.

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Mpb (2) 1 Hill Cocaro Contraband 9 month old jet black tri. Very well schooled. Lovely head with good ear and eye placement, excellent front assembly, good shoulders with good front legs of nicely rounded bone, good bend of stifle, moved well. BPIS 2 Johnson, Jacobs & Johnson Willowthorn's Roulette. 6 month old sable, a lovely baby. Nice head of balanced proportions, dark eye of correct shape, good ear set, used her ears well. Pleasing overall outline. Moved confidently.

Jb (1) 1 Melvin & Jopson Prince Of Sunlight Zendaya Nithview (IMP HUN) 12 mths tri. A lot to like about this young lady, plainly marked but has a good overall outline with good reach of neck and level topline, head of good proportions with ears set nicely, correct front and rear assembly, moved well, needs a little more confidence.

Yb (3,1) 1 Hill Mad About You With Molson. 20 mths feminine golden sable. Gorgeous head with correct well placed dark almond eye. Ears well placed though reluctant to use. Correct shoulder and front, good level topline and pleasing correct overall shape. Was a little unsettled. 2 Barnes Highbrook Isle Of Dreams, same age as above. Very sweet S/W , a bit shorter in head from stop to back skull, used her nicely placed ears non-stop. Good reach of neck and overall shape, just up to size. Moved and showed well.

MAIDEN BITCH (2,1) 1 Johnson, Jacobs & johnson willowthorn's roulette **Gb** (4,3) 1 Shaw Bluequarry The One And Only three year old g/sable. Lovely head of correct proportions with good dark almond shaped eyes, well placed ears. A good reach of neck, level topline, good length of tail. Height to ground proportions good though a little short from point of shoulder to croup. Moved out well, a little nervy but not excessively so.

Pgb (2,1) 1 Hill Molson Mine Till Midnight. Very feminine pale sable with a beautiful head of correct proportion, well placed dark almond eye and good ear carriage. Good reach of neck, excellent front assembly, finer in type but of adequate, well rounded bone. Good level topline and length of tail. Moved and showed well. RBB

Lb (2,1) 1 Goodwin Rannerdale Honey Bee At Highbrook 4 year old sable/white nice head of good proportion with ears set well which she used non-stop. Good front assembly and overall body proportions, adequate bone, level topline and good length of tail.

Ob (6,4) It was a pity there were so many absent from this class but nevertheless I was left with two lovely girls of completely different type 1 Hill Molson Its Morven. Pale sable, a little out of coat, but showing a pleasing outline, correct dark almond eye, well placed, good ear carriage, good length of neck flowing into good shoulders and level topline. A little fine boned but nicely rounded. Was a little unsettled but moved well. 2 Shaw Bramblecroft Reeba At Bluequarry. Shaded sable, more mature

than 1st, in very good coat, nice head and expression with dark almond eye. Used her ears well, correct angulation front and rear with good length of tail. Moved alright but appeared a little flat today.

Vb (4,1) What a lovely class of older ladies. 1 Cooper Keewaydin Kurlew. 14 year old sable in fantastic condition for her age. Beautiful overall shape, good reach of neck into correctly angulated shoulders, good level topline, good bend of stifle and sweep over the loin. Sweet head and gentle expression, all teeth present and in good order. Moved very well. 2 Welford Tooralie Indigo Violet. 11½ year old Blue Merle. Stronger in type than 1st. Good overall shape and reach of neck, good angulation front and rear, nice head though ears a tad heavy which she was reluctant to use, until the end. Moved well.

SPECIAL OPEN (SABLE & WHITE) (3,1) 1 Barnes Highbrook Isle Of Dreams 2 Cooper Keewaydin Mayhem. 10½ years old. Nice head with good eye with correct placement. Good shoulders but a little lacking in length of neck. Good bend of stifle, lovely long tail. Movement a little stiff today.

SPECIAL OPEN (TRICOLOUR / BLACK & TAN / BLACK & WHITE) 1 Welford Ristine Emerald. Lovely girl of substance without coarseness, good proportions all round, nice head describing a blunt wedge with well rounded muzzle, good dark almond shaped eye, good shoulders flowing into straight front with good bone. Level topline held well as she moved and showed well. RBIS BOSIS

SPECIAL O (B/M) (2,1) 1 Shaw Bluequarry Pearl Blue. 9½ year old dark blue stood alone. Nice head with rounded muzzle and good ear placement. Correct shoulder placement and length of neck, good bend of stifle. Moved nicely though carrying a little extra weight.

Judge - Louise Saunders