

Northern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 14th October 2018

My grateful thanks must go to the committee for inviting me. Claire Reid and Carol Clegram for feeding me and David Russell for stewarding, the new 'Mrs Chapman' aka Jayne for being chief photographer and most importantly the people who came along and supported this friendly well run show, without you there would be no show. A good paper entry (51/80) but sadly depleted with quite a few absentees - due to ill health and other commitments. Some tails were quite short - especially in dogs and presentation in a few could have been better, some placements reflected this. I was very pleased with my final dog and bitch line ups - making for some hard choices. I could have happily taken home BD and B.B. who were lovely examples of their sex. The ultra feminine bitch won BIS by a whisker.

MPD 1 Walker's Tooralie's Ocho Rios Glamorous s/w At his first show. Just over 6 mths and at the stage of development where you can clearly see the promise of what is to come. Lovely dark eye, flat skull and neat well set ears gave him a lovely expression. Long neck with good shoulder construction. Level topline and decent length of tail. Obviously enjoying his day out but taking it all in his stride with typical puppy enthusiasm on the move. Am sure he'll have a bright future.

PD 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob, 9 month. Nicely maturing young man who was bright and alert to his handler. Really liked his head which handled so well. Well placed and neatly tipped ears with obliquely set dark eyes and well filled fore face and underjaw, all contributed towards the desired expression. Enough reach of neck and nice straight front. Good length of low set tail and well developed rear angulation gave the drive required to power round the ring. On maturity BPD BPIS. 2 Walker's Marsula My Sunshine. Dark shaded sable with many of the attributes of 1 applied, but on the day preferred the head, maturity and finish of winner. JD 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. 2. Bendelow's Guxel Golden Ringer from Amethrickeh. 15 month S/W -A lot to like about this young man, well groomed and presented up to size lad - but seemed a bit on edge and reluctant to show his ears. Lovely dark almond shaped eye with good fill to foreface. Moved OK but I'm sure as he gains confidence (or in a different venue) could change places.

Maiden Dog 1. Smiddyshaw Time n' Trouble for Jaztech, well up to size Glamorously marked tri with rich sable markings. Reluctant to show his ears but good underjaw. To be critical a tad overweight which spoils his outline and movement a bit erratic. Level back and one of a few whose tail reached the hock as required in the breed standard.

ND 1. Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob.

GD 1 Bird and Caden Molson Mr Blue Sky JW. 22 month lad. Totally in between coats and development, but so much to like about this beautifully marked and coloured b/m. Stood correctly at all times showing off his excellent reach of neck and lovely outline. Flat skull with level head planes, ears bang on top which were very reactive to sound, lovely obliquely set almond shaped eyes. Good height to length ratio. Movement was nicely balanced with Drive, as he moved happily in harmony with his handler. stood out for quality in this class and Pushed hard for top honours, just needed more coat and finish on the day. Savage's Willowthorn Kobalt Star By Savataurus Jun Ch JW. More heavily marked b/m without the finer head qualities of 1. Upper arm a bit short and combined with a Short tail did not give the typical sheltie movement I was looking for.

PGD 1 Bird and Caden Molson Mr Blue Sky JW. 2. Goodwin's Highbrook He's Got Style JW. Very nice well groomed and presented s/w. Head handled well. A lot to like about him. Very appealing expression with nice dark eyes and neat well set expressive ears. Good length of neck and depth of chest. Lovely balanced outline. Moved well both coming and going with reach in profile.

LD 1 Malone's Carmeva Caymen ShCM, lovely dark shaded s/w who was immaculately presented with not a hair out of place. Neat well set tipped ears. Lovely dark eyes, nice well filled foreface and good underjaw with flat skull and level head planes that all combined gave a sweet but masculine expression. Good reach of neck and well placed shoulders. Lovely rounded bone and spot on for size. So balanced throughout and never stopped showing. Moved very well with the light daisy clipping action and forward reach, single tracked as desired. BD RBIS BOS. 2 Stafford's Rannerdale The Entertainer. Another lovely lad with such a well groomed coat and immaculate dentition as were all from this exhibitors kennel. His head was a pleasure to handle and he had such a melting expression. Level topline and good bend to stifle with low set tail of good length.

Movement was balanced and measured. Unfortunate to meet 1 who was more settled and on top form today. RBD.

OD 1 Goodwin's Sandwick Turn Back Time At Highbrook. Tri who did all that was asked of him. Not a big lad but everything in proportion. Ears right up on top and expressive. Good clean dentition. Although not glamorous he did have a lovely black fitted coat of correct texture with neat well trimmed feet. Moved well with good forward reach. 2 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple. 3 year old s/w who had a very nice head with

good fill of foreface, though would have preferred a bit more underjaw. Tail well set and of good length. Preferred the more positive movement and outline of 1.

VD 1 Sangster's Drumcauchlie two Tone. 11 year old B/W who was enjoying his day out and showing of his many virtues. Always harder to judge the expression on a black face but his head handled well and he was happy to show his neat well set ears. Moved well but a tad overweight. Fawcett's Doonelodge Dance Tempo ShCM. Another 11 year old gentleman who likes his dinners. Rich shaded sable with pleasing head and expression. Tail a bit short. Moved OK.

Sp O (Sable & White) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Lord Fawly, handsome Sh/ sable of correct size. Good height to length ratio. Lovely flat skull and neat well placed ears. Lovely dark almond shaped eye with good fill of foreface. Nice neck leading to well angulated shoulders. Good straight front. Nice low hocks and beautiful neatly trimmed feet. Movement was free and balanced. 2 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

Sp O (Tri, B/T,B/W) Drumcauchlie Two Tone. Special Open (Blue Merle) 1 Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck JW. Bigger for size and carrying a bit too much weight which detracted from his movement. Lovely well broken coloured Merle. Good showman and well turned out. Attentive and alert to handler. 2

Amethrickeh Stormi Wizzard.MPB 1 Walker's Channerswick Pennywise. Pretty 7 month B/M. Nice flat skull and ears that were a little large though well placed and tipped. Sweet well set eye but needs more underjaw. Good height/length ratio with level back. Good length of neck leading into good shoulder angulation. Well rounded bone and nice straight front. Good length of tail and neatly trimmed feet. Well presented as were all by this exhibitor. Moved well with animation- for a baby. BPB. 2 Shaw's Bramblecroft Reeba At Bluequarry. 7 month s/w Stood a bit wide at the front but confident and happy. Used her ears well and was alert to her surroundings. Sweet expression and nice dark almond shaped eye. Moved with confidence.

PB 1 Jacobs and Walker' Marsullas Nikroletta, well presented glamorous tri. Good rich tan and jet black well presented coat of good texture. Sweet head eye and expression. Standing looked a picture. I'm sure will have a bright future. 2 Glover- Guest's Doonelodge I Will Survive, sweet head eye and expression but a bit shorter in the neck and upper arm. At times reluctant to show her charms. Moved ok but could do with losing a bit of weight.

JB 1 Parish's Neraklee Nerissa. A lot to commend this little lady. Jet black coat with neat white feet and straight front legs. She would definitely win the competition for the longest tail here today. Pretty little bitch with sweet expression. Would have preferred a slightly more almond shaped eye but her head handled well. Moved freely and with animation. Maiden Bitch 1 Neraklee Nerissa. 2 Doonelodge I will Survive. Novice Neraklee Nerissa.

Tyro Bitch 1 Cooper's Keewaydin Mayhem. 4 yr old Sh/S. Sweet feminine head, alert and responsive to her mum. Neat well shaped and placed ears. Nice flat skull. Clean and well presented. Tail of adequate length. Well trimmed hocks and neat feet. Moved well.

GB 1 Sangster's Drumcauchlie armonise. 6 year old B/M bitch, heavily marked and carrying a wealth of coat. But underneath was a shapely bitch with good length of body. Nicely shaped eye and good fill of foreface. With a change of handler she moved smartly around the room carrying her low set tail well. 2 Ivydale Summer Mist. 3 in MB. Ears were a bit wide set for me but she had a sweet eye. Not the overall shape and balance that I was looking for. Ahhh.

PGB 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Lady Prunella. Was drawn to her as soon as she entered the ring. 4 year old s/w coming to her prime. Beautifully presented with such clean, sparkly teeth. Lovely flat skull and neat well tipped ears. Nice dark almond shaped eyes set at just the right angle which all combined gave a lovely sweet expression. Well rounded bone with a level topline and good bend of stifle. Well muscled and moved with drive as her construction would suggest. Pleased to award her BB BIS. 2 Glover Guest's Doonelodge Demora. Have judged this 3 year old before and still love her sweet feminine expression and forward drive. Her coat is a rich dark sable of correct harsh texture. With a change of handler moved well.

LB 1 Wyper's Murieston Classic Design, well presented g/s. sweet alert feminine expression. Neat well set ears which she used. Good arch of neck into good lay of shoulder and straight front. shapely outline and of good size. Covered the ground lightly with good forward reach. 2 Doonelodge Demora. O 1 Stafford's. Rannerdale Queen O' the North. Lovely eye catching 2 year old s/w, beautifully presented and shown on a loose lead. Head a pleasure to handle and everything combined gave that sweet intelligent look that epitomises a sheltie. Moved confidently and happily around a floor that would have pleased the dancers of Strictly! So well sprung was it!

VB 1 Ch Rannerdale Star O 'the North. An old favourite of mine and at 10 yrs could still show the youngsters a thing or two for movement and style. Immaculately clean teeth. Just right for size with such a feminine head and expression. Ears well set and nicely used. Coat of lovely rich colour and correct texture. Good hind

angulation which showed when she moved with drive from behind. Touch and go for B.B. but in the end had to bow to her kennel mate and no disgrace in that. 2 lovely bitches. RBB BVIS. 3 Coopers Keewaydin Kurlaw. Another rich sable 8 yr old who was enjoying her day out. Sweet head, eye and expression. Moved lightly and with purpose. Not the finish and presentation of 1.

Sp O Bitch (Sable & White) 1Glover Guest's Nanny McPhee At Doonelodge, very appealing 6 year old with sweet head and good dark almond shaped eyes, obliquely set. Correct depth of chest. Moved well. 2 Ivydale Summer Mist.

Sp OB (Tri,B/T,B/W) 1 Neraklee Nerissa.

Sp OB (Blue Merle) 1Drumcauchlie Harmonise. 2 Shaw's Bluequarry Blue Pearl

Judge - Terri Brand