

PAIGNTON & DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION Championship Show 5th August 2023

Many thanks to the committee for their kind invitation to judge my breed at cc level, I thoroughly enjoyed my day, also thank you to my 2 ring stewards for making everything go so smoothly. Quality on the whole was mixed as was the type, however I was super happy with my main winners and my lineup in both sexes. Presentation on the whole could be better in a lot of exhibits and trimming of ears and feet wouldn't go amiss. A lot of the dogs in my humble opinion were unfit and down on their pasterns. I know because I am an fci judge I expect movement to be quicker (not a gallop) but Shelties are a herding breed and after a couple of rounds of the ring they settle into what is a wonderful and efficient pace for a working dog. I like them to look like they could do a day's work as well as look beautiful, which I did get in buckets with my main winners. Thank you to all the exhibitors for your entries and the sporting manner in which you accepted my decisions.. Cathrina Dunne

Special beginners dog (3/3) 1st 431. Bradmigail tauri gold, nice shape and outline, construction was good and he was handled very well. He had a nice eye and well placed ears which he used. His head for me was a little long but sweet temperment. 2nd Jolex Mr Morris, very pretty sweet expression, ears well set and used them constantly, moved OK coming and going, again would like a bit more of him for a male. Sweet temperment.

Puppy dog (2/2) 1st Lirren Quickstep to Oakcroft. Quality puppy with beautiful shape and outline, well moulded forefacd, correct stop, nice strong underjaw, lovely almond dark eye, correct body proportions, correct for size, very shapely in profile, handled well moved well for his age..Best puppy in breed. 2nd Sundark Scaramouch, nice pup in profile, very nice shape and outline, would prefer better blue and markings are a little heavy. Head for me a little longer than I prefer. Handled and presented well..

Junior dog (1) 1st Philhope flame thrower, shaded sable boy correct for size, good head proportions, nice dark almond eye, stop correctly placed and used his neat ears constantly, masculine but sweet expression, well constructed boy but needs to settle on the move and I found him a little down on his pasterns, just needs a bit more confidence.

Yearling dog (5/5) 1st Lavika Starlight Salute, such a handsome upstanding dog he immediately draws your eye, super breed type, excellent shape and outline, lovely reach of neck and solid top line. Pleasing head properties, lovely dark eye and nice neat ears which he used to his advantage. Good strong underjaw, maybe being super critical very mature in head for a youngster but undeniable quality. He moved super with good reach and drive and made the shortlist for the cc. 2nd Lyngarso Captain Tom, lovely black tricolour, good head and expression, dark eye, correct stop and head proportions, in profile moved well, coming towards me was OK but bit close behind moving away.

Post grad dog (5/5) 1st Japaro timeless design for samprey, lovely quality sable dog, excellent fitted jacket, good head properties, nice dark eye, correct stop and masculine expression, well constructed in front, correct lay back of shoulder, would like more rear

angulation, well presented. 2nd Zaniah monotone of Drumcauchile, eye catching B&W boy in excellent condition, super jet black coat, and handled to perfection. I would like a bit more of him all over for a male, just a bit compact for me, really showed his socks off.

Limit dog (4/4) 1st Lavika deep blue ocean, have admired this boy from ringside and he did not disappoint. In profile fabulous shape and outline with the right amount of bone and substance for his size, beautifully moulded foreface and well placed almond eye and correctly placed stop, well placed ears which he used to his advantage, well laid back shoulder, level top line with sweep over the loin. He has a beautifully fitted jacket, nice blue colour, for perfection I would like a little less black markings but I'm being super critical. He moved effortlessly both in profile and coming and going, totally at one with his young handler he never put a foot wrong. I was very pleased to award him his 3rd and crowing cc, great achievement for a young dog. 2nd Auberswell ghost rider, very eye-catching sable boy, beautiful head and expression, loved his correctly placed almond eye and near ears, profuse sable coat which tended to hide his outline, would like more neck on him but was still a quality dog. Moved well in profile but was a bit steppy in front. Presentation and handling was excellent.

Open dog (2/2) 1st Ch rannerdale show master, long admired this beautiful boy, gorgeous eye-catching sable, lovely masculine head, well placed dark eye and melting expression, well moulded foreface and neat ears, excellent forehead construction, good level top line and sweep over the loin, just the correct bone and substance for a male and no denying he is all male. Very sound on the move. Presentation as always from this kennel was excellent. I was really splitting hairs with him and my cc winner.. Res cc.

Veteran dog (2/2) 1st karmidale talk of the town at belt horn 8 Yr old veteran really enjoying his day out, nice head and expression, used his well set ears constantly and moved well for his handler. 2nd invictus Prince lago dú domaine Des danaides at santiara nice veteran dog, not in his best jacket today, nice shape and outline, good head and expression moved well for his handler and enjoyed his day out...

Special beginners female (3/3). 1st mohnesee Stary dream at Bradmigail.. Excellent type, correct size, good head properties and sweet expression, moved well and well handled. 2nd Puncknowle queen ivy. Pretty little trí, jet black coat, sweet head and expression, moved well, lovely temperment and was at one with her handler.

Minor puppy female (5/5). 1st Oakcroft Simply Starstruck at Savendie, beautiful puppy, lovely shape and outline, correct for size, good head proportions, nice dark eye and well moulded foreface, has nice bone and substance for her age, very showey, stood perfectly and constantly used her ears. She was well constructed but typically acted up on the move in best puppy prancing around. However she has lots of character and was handled well by her young handler. 2nd Dinmore making waves at Lavika. Lots to like in this baby, good shape and outline, correct for size, very showey, liked her construction a lot. I think this was her first show and she behaved so well for her handler. She had a nice eye and excellent ear carriage, I would like a more pronounced stop but this might develop as she grows, her

Merle pattern was well broken up but would like her colour to clear.

Puppy female. (4/4). 1st sundark symphony in suede. Nice tri colour puppy, good head proportions, sweet expression, nice dark eye and correct stop, ears need to settle a bit, correct for size, nice coat and condition, moved well in profile and well handled. 2nd Jolex peaches and cream, was 4th in last class, nice head and expression moved OK needs to settle.

Junior female (4/4). 1st Rannerdale Queen of the Dark. Have admired this lovely girl from the ringside and was so happy to get my hands on her, and she didn't disappoint in any direction. Jet black tri coat, super outline and classic sheltie shape, well moulded foreface with a nice strong underjaw, correct stól and lovely dark eye, she is the full package in my opinion. She has well placed neat ears which she uses to her advantage, super front assembly leading to lovely long neck and correct level topline, beautifully set long tail. In profile she is just beautiful. Moved with reach and drive everytime I moved her, and that was a lot.. Today she did not put a foot wrong and was totally in tune with her handler. Every hair was groomed and presented to perfection as I like,. Pulled out all the stops in the challenge to win the cc and ultimately best of breed and group 4. As I said on the day she is just my cup of tea. I have no doubt her 3rd cc won't be long coming... 2nd mopava Juliana blue. A lot to like about this young blue girl I believe came all the way from Italy. She had the most beautiful shape and outline, lovely clear blue colour and even if she was totally naked had nothing to hide. Excellent head proportions, good expression and neat ears which she used constantly. Her movement was so fluid, she literally floated around the ring. Showed constantly and handled to perfection. As I said to her handler I would like to see her as a mature coated female. Definately one to watch imo..

Yearling female (5/5). 1st Lavika lucid Dreams, beautiful blue female, clear blue colour well broken up, very pretty head and expression to die for, not easy to achieve this in a blue. Well placed stop, nice dark eye, sufficient underjaw, good shoulder placement leading to nice long neck and level topline. Super sound on the move and for her young handler she was on her ties all day. Same síre as my cc dog winner, one to watch i think as she matures, very pleased to award her res cc. 2nd Mopava Juliana blue.

Post graduate female. (6/5) 1st kayla kiss za shetland by zaniah. Lovely shapely bi-blue female, lovely head, well moulded foreface, correct stop, nice almond eye, nice neat ears which she constantly used. This female has a beautiful shape and outline and her handler gets the very best from her. She doesn't carry a very big coat but has nothing to hide. Good lay back of shoulder and lovely level topline which she maintained on the move. She has a lovely well broken up colour and very clear blue. Completely sound on the move and made my shortlist for the cc. So nice to see a bi-blue in my lineup it is a rare occurrence. 2nd Philhope summer highlights at sherkari. Excellent head, nice dark eye, correct stop nice underjaw and neat ears which she used constantly. Lovely shape and excellent pale sable coat. A little lazy on the move and her front needs to tighten excellent presentation.

Limit female (8/8). 1st Esterbon Bi-storm to Zaniah. I liked the shape and outline on this little female. She doesn't carry a profuse coat but has nothing to hide, nice head proportions

and good expression, neat ears which she used constantly, jet black coat, well laid back shoulder which attributed to her lovely flowing movement. She flowed effortlessly around the ring and was handled to perfection., pushing for her first place with her look at me attitude. Well deserved her first place and I believe her stud book number, well done. 2nd malaroc rainydaze, lovely colour blue Merle well broken up and clear colour, very well constructed and moved very well around the ring, just a bit big and strong for a female. Presentation was good and handled well.

Open female (4/2). 1st Ch rannerdale Queen of the North. Another favourite of mine from this kennel. Beautifully constructed female with gleaming sable and white coat and wonderful shape and outline. Excellent head properties, beautiful almond eye and neat ears. Construction was excellent and attributed to her excellent movement. She was superbly handled in the challenge and did push for top honours. She was in my shortlist for the cc and like her daughter didn't put a foot wrong,, guess I was spoilt for choice. 2nd Clanavan touch of blue at lynagarso, lovely blue Merle female, excellent clear colour and well broken up markings, good head properties and well constructed. Moved OK in profile and coming and going. Tended to stand in the lineup with her legs tucked under her.

Veteran female (3/2). 1st sundark simply a star. Really liked this pretty little trí girl, lovely head, nice dark eye and good expression, beautiful profuse black coat, moved and showed very well was pleased to award her best veteran in breed.. 2nd kelgrove kinda black magic at hamblrose. Lovely little trí girl, lovely head and expression, good shape and outline,sweet temperment enjoyed her day out...

Judge - Cathrina Dunne.