

## RICHMOND DOG SHOW SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

Thank you to the Society for inviting me to judge and to my very able and efficient stewards. Thank you also to the exhibitors for bringing such lovely quality and well presented dogs. I was splitting hairs in so many classes and feel very optimistic about the future of our lovely breed.

**VD (3, 1)** 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis. 11 yr ols s/s with beautifully moulded head. He has just the right amount of stop, flat skull, clean cheeks and well rounded muzzle, clean teeth and his neat ears and super obliquely set dark almond eye, give him such a sweet expression. He is correct for size, in good coat, nicely constructed all through and he moved well. Best VD. 2 Griuszka's Samphrey Moonlight Shadow. 9 yr old tri in lovely condition, correct for size and a super mover, flat skull, correct stop, dark almond eye and his ears are well placed, if a shade heavy in carriage, very well constructed with good bone and in good coat, ample reach of neck and a long tail. A close decision. Just preferred the slightly more refined head and sweeter eye of the winner, but two lovely sound boys showing the lasting qualities of our brseed.

**Sp Beginners D (4, 2)** 1 Woods' Torinska I Love To Boogie At Sheltiewood. Red sable, nice for size and well coated. His head is very well balanced with correct stop, well rounded muzzle, good underjaw, neat well carried ears and nice expression, good bone and neat oval feet, moved well and was very well presented and handled by his novice owner. Best Sp Beginner. 2 Woods' Shemist Blue Aura For Sheltiewood. 14 mth b/m of exquisite colour and nice overall shape, super reach of neck, lovely long tail and well angulated both ends, he is rather narrow all through at present and very immature overall but he has a lovely head, dark brown eyes and a very sweet expression. He moved well in profile but a shade untidy coming and going, partly due to his exuberance. His handler just needs to gain some confidence which I am sure will come with practice.

**MPD (2)** 1 Withers' Mitchfields Dizzie Rascal At Stanydale. Superbly constructed and nice coloured b/m of 8 mths. Such an elegant outline with well arched neck, level topline and long tail. His head is not his fortune at the moment as, although he has a flat skull and good underjaw, his stop needs to clear so he lacks the necessary sweetness at present. Flowed round the ring with such a free and easy stride and was correct coming and going. Found out later he is a son of my Res CC winner and he certainly has the same fabulous construction. BPD. 2 Bastiani & Johns' Lirren Showtime Joins Auberswell. Almost 7 mths tri dog at his first show and consequently a little less settled than first and not as collected on the move or mature at this stage, but he is classically marked with very bright tan markings and is well angulated with a very long tail. Flat skull and correct stop, although maybe a shade long in foreface at this stage. Neat ears and dark eye and has plenty of time on his side.

**PD (4, 1)** 1 Norris' Sandyvalley Basil Brush. Masculine red sable of 9 mths with a lovely topline, neck and long tail, good bone, nice legs and feet, he has good ear carriage and his head is balanced but maybe a shade stronger than ideal at this stage. Not quite the sweet eye and expression of second and third in this class, but he was easily the most settled in this class and consequently the best mover. In the challenge for BPD he didn't move quite so sensibly as he had in the class so had to give way to the minor puppy. 2 Eaves' Kyleburn Orpheus. 11 mths, very pretty g/s with a sweet head and expression, well constructed with a long tail and good for size but appeared a little fine boned at the moment, probably because he has lost some coat, was very unsettled today which affected his movement. 3 Hassell's Sanscott Acapella For Charnico.

**JD (5, 2)** 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. Very refined light s/s dog who is correct for size but could maybe be a little more masculine, although at only 15 mths there is plenty of time for this to come. Very sweet in head and expression with a lovely dark eye. Quite nicely constructed and in good harsh textured coat and he moved very well. 2 Walker's Tooralie's Ocho Rios JW. Well known rich red s/s with full white collar who has a lovely outline and topline, excellent bend of stifle and lovely bone and substance for his correct size. His head is well balanced with correct stop and underjaw and good ear carriage but it is a shade stronger than firsts, and he lacked the very sweet eye of first. Whilst he was a much better showman than first, he didn't move so well today. 3 Woods' S Blue Aura For S.

**YD (7, 1)** Apart from the star studded open classes, this was my hardest class of the day. All really stunning young dogs which bodes well for the future of the breed. I was splitting hairs separating them and would have been happy to give any of them a red card. 1 French's Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Elegant g/s dog who I admired as a puppy and he has matured beautifully into such a handsome boy, now in full coat and looking the part. His head has textbook level planes with a firm underjaw, flat skull and perfectly placed stop and he has the neatest perfectly placed, tipped and carried ears. To be ultra critical, I would prefer a slightly sweeter and darker eye. Excellent layback of shoulder and return of upper arm with his elbows well under his withers and super bend of stifle with particularly well let down hocks (a feature that seems to be disappearing in the breed). Lovely arched neck, good legs and feet and a long tail which he can be a bit happy with but it was kept more or less in check

today! CC, his first. Good luck for the other two. In the challenge for BOB I preferred the sweeter eye and more fluent movement of the bitch. 2 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW. Sable of super breed type, ideal for size and substance and he stands four square at all times which makes him difficult to ignore. He is masculine without being coarse in any way and has a very eye-catching outline with a level topline, reachy neck and excellent bend of stifle. Lovely wedge shaped head, super ears and a very sweet expression with areal twinkle in his eye, moved well and was beautifully presented, although in lovely condition, couldn't quite match the coat and finish of first today but a dog with immense appeal who I'm sure will make the upper house. 3 Aaron's Shelridge Toastmaster.

**PGD** (12, 2) 1 Durant's Shougies Winter Wizard At Neraklee JW. Superbly constructed and good coloured b/m with a very eye-catching outline, super layback of shoulder and return of upper arm, well bent stifle and well let down hocks and he has lovely neat well padded oval feet, super topline and gently sloping croup finished by a long well carried tail, he has a well balanced head with slight but perceptible stop, the flattest of skulls, well rounded muzzle, firm underjaw and very striking blue eyes, in good body condition and very well presented and he moved out well. Still a young dog with plenty of time to mature further and I am sure will go on to hit the high spots. Res CC. 2 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream. S/s dog, not in his best coat and no showman but he is very correct to go over with a lovely outline and he moved well. Liked his level topline and sloping croup and he has good shoulder and upper arm angulation. One piece head with slight stop and attractive widows peak which enhanced his expression, smooth cheeks and well rounded muzzle. Well carried ears and a medium sized almond eye. Just wish he would project himself a little more. 3 Lycett's Iliad Isle Spy. **LD** (9, 1) 1 Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn JW ShCM. Gleaming tri of ideal size who is lovely to go over. Super front angulation, correct body length, sloping croup, excellent bend of stifle and good reach of neck, long, low set and well carried tail, lean and refined head with neat ears and a dark eye but would maybe like a tad sweeter expression. Flowed round the ring on the move. A really nice dog well presented and handled. 2 Robinson's Sheltysam Nut Box In Alnmac. S/s dog of really nice overall breed type and in good coat. Another who was good to go over on the table with correct front and rear angulation and a sound mover. Very well balanced and typical in head with rounded foreface and correct ratio of skull to muzzle. Correct for size, bone and substance. 3 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life.

**OD** (7, 3) The first three in this class were all UK champions and easy to see why, all rather different in type but all with much to offer the breed. 1 Withers' Ch Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW. Masculine tri who has plenty of substance and was in excellent body condition. Quite stunning in overall outline with a super arched neck and level topline, gentle slope to his croup and long well carried tail. Deep chest, really good layback of shoulder, excellent bend of stifle and short hocks enabling him to move with super reach and drive. Has correct skull and muzzle proportions, really good ears and a dark eye. I could certainly imagine him doing a days work. 2 Bray's Ch Lianbray Lothario JW. Last time I judged he was BPIB and he has matured into a lovely dog, so Sheltie in outlook with his beautifully proportioned and refined one piece head and sweet expression. Good body length and layback of shoulder, good reach of neck, lovely sweep over the loins and good legs and feet. He moved well and was beautifully presented as always from this exhibitor and was in super coat and bloom. 3 Hill's Ch & Aus Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson (Imp).

**VB** (5, 1) 1 Barnett & Hardman's Rainway Returning To Seavall JW. Loved the elegance of this classically marked 9 yr old sable girl. She is very refined and lean in head with correct level planes, a dark eye and very neat ears. In just the right amount of correctly fitting coat and showed very well. Beautifully angulated both ends, long tail and is so graceful and effortless on the move. I could watch her all day. BVIB. 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Shades Of Blue JW. Close up and unlucky to meet first this 8 yr old, lovely coloured blue merle is also beautifully made with lovely bone and substance for her correct size, deep chest, well muscled and in super body condition, with a long tail. Her head is very well balanced with correct stop and a nice dark eye giving her a sweet expression and she has very neat ears for a blue. Another super mover. 3 Edwards' Castlerose Leap Of Faith.

**Sp Beginners B** (1) 1 McCrudden's Dinmore Honey Blonde. Lightly s/s with a pretty expression if a shade heavy in ear carriage. Good reach of neck, firm topline and long tail. A little erratic on the move today but is still a puppy so has lots of time to settle down.

**MPB** (3) 1 Rennison's Kayla Kiss Ze Shetlandu (Imp Cze) NAF TAF. Easy winner here this 7 mth bi blue is a stunning colour and beautifully marbled. Super shape and well angulated both ends with a really long well set and carried tail. Her head is correct in skull to muzzle ratio but her stop needs to clear, which hopefully will come in time. Maybe needs to grow on a little but she has plenty of bone and substance for her size so again hopefully this will come. Very well schooled and handled, she showed her socks off and moved out well. 2 Forster-Cooper's Alnmac Killer Queen. Smart and glamorous tri, another with the shape and construction of a working dog with a lovely long tail. Again her stop needs to clear and she recedes a little in back skull at the moment but she has

a nice dark eye. Not as steady showing or moving as the winner but still just a baby at 7 mths. 3 Allen & Allen's Malaroc Walking On Sunshine.

**PB** (7, 1) 1 Burch's Myter Fire And Ice For Bordamour. B/m of just 9 mths but very mature for her age. Loved her head properties, long blune wedge with a flat skull, clean cheeks, correctly placed, slight stop, well rounded muzzle and good underjaw. Nice shape with correct front and rear angulation, level topline, long tail and correct body length, good legs and feet, moved sensibly and showed well. BPB and BPIB. 2 Hill's Molson It's Morven. Giving away a little in act as she is still a minor puppy at only 7 mths but a gorgeous g/s who has much to like and who was close up. Very shapely and well angulated both ends with a long neck, low set tail and gently rounded croup. Very pretty in head which is very refined and of good length with a super dark eye and neat ears giving her such a sweet expression. Just not as settled on the move as first but she is still very much a baby and so promising. 3 A Killer Queen.

**JB** (7, 1) 1 Hardy's Sandwick Stage Show. Loved this smart tri girl on the table for her super shape and construction. She has excellent layback of shoulder and corresponding upper arm, lovely clean legs and neat feet, a super topline, excellent bend of stifle, lovely sweep over the loin and a long well set and carried tail, very well muscled and in lovely hard body condition and she moved well. Her head is a good length with good stop and flat skull and nicely rounded muzzle and well tipped ears. Has a slightly rangy look at present, as to be expected at this age and not quite the coat but one whose progress I will watch with interest. Loved her. 2 Bendelow's Shelegian Ring O'Bells At Amethrikeh. In contrast to first, this nice golden sable girl had plenty of coat and was quite mature for her 13 mths, good for size and nicely constructed with good body, a good reach of neck and she moved very well. Liked her length of head and she is very feminine with a sweet expression. 3 Stock's Shemist Dark Beauty.

**YB** (4) 1 Thornley & Withers' Mitchfields Fashion Girl At Felthorn. B/m who is so graceful and elegant in outlook with correct body length, level topline and long well carried tail, super shoulder and upper arm angulation, correct bend of stifle, good reach of neck and in excellent well muscled body condition. Has a flat skull and her head is balanced in skull and muzzle and is of good length but in the challenge just felt she lacked a little sweetness in expression. Superb mover with excellent reach and drive. 2 Walker's Tooralie's No No Nanette. B/w who was unlucky to meet first as she is also a lovely bitch with a super racy shape and really good bend of stifle and short hocks. Very clean well proportioned head with the darkest of correctly shaped eyes, quite hard to achieve in this colour, giving her an air of mischief. Neatly tipped and well carried ears, good reach of neck and lovely sweep over the croup and an intense black in colour, she moved well but not quite the forward reach of the winner which was the deciding factor. Still a close decision and I'm sure these two nice bitches will change places many times and we will hear a lot more of both of them. 3 Aaron's Kyleburn Sibylla At Shelridge.

**PGB** (16, 3) Super class with some nice bitches going cardless. 1 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace At Lianbray JW. Dark s/s. I judged and liked as a youngster and she has matured into a gorgeous bitch. So pretty and feminine with such a lovely outline and topline. Loved her head which is a perfect wedge, clean cheeks, flattest of skulls and correct stop. Well placed, carried and correctly tipped ears and the most beautiful dark obliquely placed medium sized almond eye with excellent pigmentation giving her such a sweet expression. Good layback of shoulder, super neck, excellent bend of stifle, sloping croup and sweep over the loin, finished by a long well set and carried tail. Very nice clean straight legs and oval feet. In super body condition and so well presented as always from this exhibitor. Moved and showed beautifully. CC and BOB. 2 Hardy's Sandwick Silhouette. Glamorous lightly s/s with full white collar who appealed for her lovely shape and outline. Her head is a long blunt wedge with flat skull, correct stop and well filled muzzle with a lovely dark eye and nice expression, but not quite as feminine as first. Super angulation both ends and she moved very well, maybe a shade longer in body and not quite the coat and furnishings of the winner today, although what she had was beautifully presented as always from this exhibitor. 3 French's Lindfern Bee Enchanted.

**LB** (9, 2) 1 Arnould's Shadoway Rosa Esmeralda. S/s of really super breed type. Loved her head which is so well balanced and clean with perfect skull to muzzle ratio, correct stop, sweet almond eye and correctly placed ears which she uses, giving her such a proper Sheltie expression. She is ideal for size and substance with excellent reach of neck, lovely outline and topline, long tail, good bend of stifle and nice legs and feet. Not in the coat and bloom of the CC winner but still liked her enough to award her the Res CC. 2 Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty JW. Well known tri in better coat than first but not quite her head properties being a bit shorter and deeper in stop and having a little less underjaw, she has lovely ears and a sweet expression correct for size and good overall balance and a lovely bend of stifle, good layback of shoulder and reach of neck, although I would perhaps like a slightly better upper arm, moved and showed well for her skilful young handler and was well presented. 3 Stock's Shemist Dark Angel.

**OB** (8) 1 Barnett's Ch Rainway Crystal Star JW. Hard to believe this lovely b/m bitch is 10 yrs old as she has lost none of her youthful vigour and is still a beautiful colour blue and very evenly marked and in super coat and

condition. Her head is a clean blunt wedge with very neat ears for a blue and a lovely dark almond eye giving her such a nice expression. She is lovely to go over with correct shoulder and upper arm angulation, a particularly good bend of stifle and short well let down hocks which enabled her to drive really well moving away. Has a long tail and super sweep over the loins and she showed and moved really well. Had a change of handler in the challenge for BVB and decided to play up a bit, so had to give way to her kennelmate but you've got to love her attitude! 2 Thomas' Myter Trade Secret JW. Another very shapely b/m and I love this little bitch, having judged her before as a puppy. She has the sweetest and cleanest of wedge heads with a super flat skull, correct stop, nicely filled foreface and a sweet expression. She is so well made and elegant in shape and a really super mover with excellent reach and drive. If only she were the lovely clear colour of the first and third in this class. I see she is the dam of my BP and is so similar in type. Lovely bitch. 3 Rowan's Ch Rowancrest Blue Champagne At Shellamoyed JW.

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