

SCOTTISH BREEDS CH SHOW, 26/03/16 - Shetland Sheepdogs

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This wasn't a big entry for my first ch appointment but I was happy with my main winners. Some exhibits were clearly unsettled in this noisy venue, I did make allowances for the younger ones. Unfortunately I did find a couple of unexpected faults that were a little concerning: a misplaced upper canine, two with bad bites & a kinked tail.

VD (4,1a) 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Buggy Malone, this shaded s/w really had that instant appeal called for in the Standard. He is 9 years but was in very good condition throughout & doesn't look his age. Lovely head & expression, while being masculine his expression is refined & sweet. He has especially nice eyes & ears. Loved his shape in profile, such a long neck to proudly carry that super head. Moved with a long & efficient stride, his rear construction is especially good & he uses this to drive off very well. CC, BOB; 2 Sangster's Drumcauchlie Two Tone, sound b/w dog who has a lot to like. Not the glamour or appeal of 1 but moved well enough. Well coated, good head type, flat skull & correct eye. Ideal size.

MPD (4,1) 1 Edward's Castlerose Star Turn, jet black tri with rich tan markings. He was quite immature. Liked his shape in profile. Has a refined head, just needs to fill out in foreface a little more. Long tail, enough bone, neat ears. Showed nicely. Promising puppy; 2 Sangster's Amethricheh Storm Wizard, another promising puppy, well coated. Nice blue colouring although black markings are a little heavier than ideal. Good bone & shape. **PD** (3) 1 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple, glamorous golden s/w. Nice shape in profile. He showed nicely in his classes but didn't make the best of himself in the puppy challenge. Long tail, nice head type; 2 Lycett's Iliad Isle Spy, shaded/s with a nice head type, especially good eyes. Ideal size & substance. Preferred the head type of this boy to 1 but 1 was better settled & has a longer neck. **JD** (3) 1 T Toffee Apple; 2 I Isle Spy. **ND** (3) 1 T Toffee Apple; 2 C Star Turn. **GD** (4,1) 1 Whitchurch's Emmaview Lord Of The Manor, I liked this blue boy, he has so many nice points. Unfortunately he has a brown tinge to his top coat that spoils his colouring. That being said, he is a quality dog & he won his class on those good points. Well constructed throughout, notably has a well laid back shoulder & long upper arm. Long tail. Nice head, small neat ears. Moved well; 2 Goodwin's Sandwich Turn Back Time, tri with full & rich tan markings. More compact than 1, there is nothing exaggerated about him. Nice head, good shape, generally a refined boy who was presented in good condition. Showed nonstop. Preferred the movement of 1 today. **PGD** (2,1) 1 Munro's Laurelwood Tri Bob, stood alone here but a nice dog. 6 years tri with good quality coat. Nicely balanced dog. Good bone, ideal size. Moved freely, although did tend to pace when slowing. **LD** (7,2) 1 Ewing's Sommerville Tri MacCool, well coated tri with rich tan markings. Masculine expression & strong bone. Ears well placed & used although just tipped a little lower than ideal. Well let down hocks, neat feet; 2 Purdie's Rengala Taken By Storm, profusely coated golden sable, could still see his shape well enough though. Nice head type, good ears. Liked his expression. Just preferred the bend of stifle & shape of 1 today. **OD** (9) 1 Scott's Ch Degallo The Ultimate, rich coloured golden s/w, ideal size, masculine head & strong bone but not overdone. Sweet eyes. Moved freely, correct feet. In good coat. A real showman, loved his long neck. RCC; 2 Goodwin's Ch Highbrook Hot Heir, it was a close decision between 1 & 2. This boy wasn't quite as strongly boned or masculine. He stood & showed very well. Refined head features. Ideal size, enough neck, in good coat.

VB (1) 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Star O' The North, beautiful rich red golden sable. Ideal size. Good bone. Very nice head type. Neat ears, moved very well. **MPB** (6) 1 Nixon's Japaro Touch The Stars, lovely type throughout, has substance & sweetness. Moved steadily, just enough coat for her age, dark eye, nice shape. She is a happy girl, & that was nice to see. **BPB**, **BP**; 2 Clegram & Berry's Smiddyshaw I'll B There for U, very well presented, shown to advantage. Nice shape, slightly finer features & bone than 1, neat ears. Ideal size. **PB** (3,1) 1 Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes, ideal size sable. Refined head. Nice shape in profile, good bend of stifles, enough bone; 2 Allan's Murieston Lady Who Lunches, more substance than 1. Stood nicely & moved well. Has a large coat, it is a little soft in texture though. Preferred the ears & eye of 1. **JB** (3) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Babysham, glamorous pale golden s/w. Stands beautifully, very good rear angulation, sweet expression; 2 Main's Shenachie Lyric Of Light, golden sable of correct size. Moved well. Long neck, neat feet. I preferred the head of 1. **NB** (3) 1 S I'll B There for U; 2 I Isla Wishes. **GB** (4) 1 Smith's Bramblecroft Esmie, richly coloured s/w, very nice shape. Refined & elegant throughout. In good coat; 2 Fisher's Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed, colour a little paler than ideal for a b/m. Nice shape, good bone, long tail. Preferred head & ears of 1. **PGB** (3) 1 Wyper's Murieston Classic Design, sweet golden s/w. Nice size, stood & moved well, good bone. Well coated, although coat was a little soft. Stood & moved well; 2 Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad, not quite the finish of 1. Stands nicely. Elegant head & type throughout. I don't think I saw the best of her today as she was a little unsettled. **LB** (5) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed My Blue Heaven, nicely marked b/m, fitting coat with rich tan markings. Sweet & refined throughout. Stands beautifully showing just the outline in profile I like, not exaggerated but with good length of neck, level topline, sweep over croup with well bent stifles with angulation at front & rear obvious & equal. Moved well. **CC**; 2 Gatherall's Herds Hallucination, I really liked this tri bitch but she just wasn't keen to show & that just tipped the scales in favour of 1. Nice to go over, good coat, ideal size. **OB** (5) 1 Scott's Ch Degallo For Real, heavily coated golden s/w with lots of substance while being sweet & refined. Beautiful shape in profile. Nice head. **RCC**; 2 Hill's Molson Miquila Sunrise, racier type than 1, good shape, stands nicely, just enough coat. Longer, but correct, head type.

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