

Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show 2nd October 2021

I was honoured to be asked to judge Shetland Sheepdogs at SKC. I thoroughly enjoyed my appointment and appreciated the hard work of the stewards, who helped ensure that everything ran smoothly. I was really impressed with the overall quality of bitches and in some classes was really spoilt for choice. Unfortunately, the surroundings effected the performance of some dogs as a result of a noisy door.

MPD 1 Hateley's Valmay The Viceroy. This young s/w puppy had the sweetest of expressions, very attentive to his handler, well enough constructed, would prefer a little more drive on the move, needs time to mature. 2 Saunders' Galateus Bohemia Classic At Torriglen TAF NAF (Cze Imp). Unfortunately this young s/w dog was really affected by his surroundings and did not put in the best performance, liked his head and expression, well angulated and moved well when settled, looks good for size.

PD 1 Hardy's Sandwick Road Runner. Lovely young b/m dog, appealing head and expression, good reach of neck, beautiful shape, has good construction, lovely back end and moves with drive and it was this construction that eventually won him BP, liked his colour, although better on one side, groomed and handled to perfection, shall watch his career with interest. 2 Forbes' The Ultimate Bet TAF. Liked the head on this s/w puppy, he was attentive to handler using his ears well, good reach of neck, profusely coated youngster for his age, good back end, front needs to settle, another promising youngster. 3 Braddish & Braddish's Bradmigail Touri Gold.

JD 1 Pearson's Edglonian Golden Graham. Just loved this young s/w boy, liked his head and expression, ears were used non stop, good reach of neck, well put together front, level topline and moved with drive from rear, in good coat and condition, presented to perfection and never put a foot wrong, at one with his handler, unlucky to come across the winner of OD on the day, however done more than enough to take the RCC, I am sure he has an exciting future ahead of him. 2 Smee's Wansvale Amiable. Such a sweet expression, with correct eye placement, level topline when handled on table was well enough constructed, at times wasn't always standing foursquare and lost his lovely shape, just needs a bit of time and practice to enhance his qualities.

YD 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobbie Black. This young tri was presented to perfection with a jet black, liked his head and sweet expression for a tri, front was ok, level topline, and good backend, would prefer more drive on the move, liked his type and did enough to win the class. 2 Walker's Tooralie Quest. Would prefer a slightly sweeter expression, good length of neck and level topline, another jet black tri, well enough made and covered the ground well. 3 Wansvale Amiable.

ND 1 Valmay The Viceroy. 2 Wansvale Amiable. 3 Longrange Mr Darcy At McEeves.

GD 1 Barr's Japaro Gentleman Jack. Liked the head and expression on this s/w dog, good coat and well presented, liked his shape and good back end, won the class on his movement. 2 Sangster's Zaniah Mono Tone At Drumcauchlie. Would prefer slightly sweeter expression, good reach of neck, level topline, this b/w had a jet black coat, well enough made dog, wasn't enjoying his day.

PGD 1 Redpath's Molson Miroquai Into Pathaaron. Lovely head, good eye and parallel planes, good neck and level topline, good front and well angulated in rear, moved with drive, this profusely coated s/w dog was presented to perfection, have done him well in the past and I still like him, and he is maturing nicely, pushed the cc and rcc winners hard, unfortunately it wasn't his day. 2 Gordon's Orean Quantum Leap (AW2). Correct planes on this s/w dog and he had sweet enough expression, decent front and moved well, not in his best coat, although what was their was well presented.

LD 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Showmaster. Loved the type and expression of this glamorous s/w boy, had an appealing head, good topline and moved with drive from rear, very well presented and he was handled advantage. 2 Bendelow's Pitch Perfect At Amethrickeh. Beautiful head and expression, good front and shoulders, well put together dog, moved well, profusely coated shaded s/w dog, handled sympathetically to get the best from him, good example of the breed. 3 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold JW.

OD 1 Hill's Ch & Aust Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson. Loved the expression on this eye catching s/w glamour boy, beautiful head, parallel planes, correct eye, good underjaw, so well put together, good shoulders, correct front angulation, level topline, moving down into powerful hindquarters, given the dog excellent movement, both coming and going and really caught the eye on his profile movement, easy to see why he is a champion and despite his sons challenging him, he was not to be denied and was awarded the DCC. 2 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW. Liked the head and expression on this well put together s/w boy,

liked his construction and moved well, was unlucky to meet the winner of this class. 3 Walker's Tooralie Pie In The Sky.

Sp Beg D 1 Barrowclough & Barrowclough's Shadowess Lockdown Hero. This young sable dog, had a good head and expression, with a sweet eye, the overall impression I got from this dog is he just needs time, good front and well put together dog, well presented and was handled to advantage, by his talented young handler, he won best special beginners.

MPB 1 James' Valmay In Vogue. Beautifully presented s/w, she has such a sweet and feminine expression, well put together youngster, moved well and showed to advantage, promising youngster. 2 Elder's Ellenynorn Electra. Unfortunately this lovely young s/w was rather put of by her surroundings, however, this did not distract from her charms, lovely head, such a sweet and feminine girl, very well put together, good shoulders and level topline, moved with drive. 3 Walker's Tooralie Midblue Ma Belle.

PB 1 Gartland's Arcot Christmas Sparkle. Caught the eye for her lovely shape, sweet young s/w bitch, well presented, liked her head and expression and good reach of neck, good shoulders and level topline, when settled moved very well, just needs time. JB 1 Bendelow's Amethrickeh Perfect Bell. Liked this promising s/w bitch, lovely head, profusely coated, good neck and topline, well constructed bitch and was sound on the move, very well presented.

YB 1 Rowan's Degallo Dream Girl At Rowancrest. Very shapely s/w bitch, sweet head and expression, good length of neck, good topline, very well constructed, moves with drive, shall watch her career with interest, presented and handled to advantage. 2 Doyle & Doyle's Sevenoaks Angel's Reflection. Lovely head on this pretty s/w girl, sweet expression, good front and moved well, showed presented well.

NB 1 Valmay In Vogue. 2 Arcot Christmas Sparkle. 3 Hughes' Viola Riviniana For Ccohochr.

GB 1 Barrowclough & Barrowclough's Shadowess True Blue. Very shapely b/m girl. Liked her head and expression, good neck and shoulders, well constructed and she has a good colour, just needed more coat to complete the picture, her young handler got the best out of her, appealing youngster. 2 Hill's Molson Movie Star. Beautiful s/w bitch, such a good head and feminine expression, very typey bitch, construction was good, correct front and shoulders, level topline, strong hindquarters and in tip top condition, such a shame she was put of by her surroundings. 3 White's Shellamoyed Black Lace. This young tri completed a trio of quality bitches.

PGB 1 Hill's Molson It's Morven. Very shapely girl, loved this s/w sweet and feminine expression, well put together, in good condition, moved with real drive, so sound on the move, as u would expect from her excellent condition, still a youngster just coming into her own. 2 Hardman's Seavall Taran. Appealing tri bitch, good head with parallel planes, length of body, well put together, well angulated with good front and rear movement, pushed hard for this class, just preferred type of winner. 3 James' Mohnesee's Mayd Marion At Valmay JW.

LB 1 Dunne's Japaro I Have A Dream. Absolutely loved the type on this gorgeous s/w bitch, such a feminine and sweet expression, textbook head, good shoulders, level topline, very well put together and moved so well, was true coming and going, pushed my main winners very hard, shall watch her career with interest. 2 Forbes' Degallo Blonde Ambition. Such a beautiful shape on this s/w bitch, ever so feminine, with such a sweet eye, very well constructed and angulated bitch, she comes alive on the move, just covers the ground as the standard calls for with such ease, well presented and handled to perfection, for being such a young bitch more than held her own in limit. 3 Elders' Ellenynorn Evita. Rarely do I say this, but just loved all five bitches in this class and their was a lot separating all five of these beautiful bitches.

OB 1 Rowan's Ch Rowancrest Blue Champagne At Shellamoyed. This b/m is a favourite of mine who I have done well in the past, she has such a lovely head and expression, absolutely glorious blue colour and well broken, good reach of neck and level topline, well angulated girl and moved with purpose, top quality bitch, pulled out all the stops in the challenge but unfortunately it wasn't to be her day, was pipped to the post by my veteran winner, classy champion and won the RBCC in a quality line up. 2 Hardman & Simpson's Blue Panda Among Clemwood. Another lovely b/m bitch, liked her head and expression, well made, moved with drive and such a lovely colour, presentation was faultless and handled to absolute perfection, pushed hard for the class. 3 Dunne's Longrange Cailin Dubh. This class had so much quality and really was a joy to judge!

VB 1 Hardy's Ch Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre At Sandwick. Tri bitch who immediately caught my eye upon entering the class, loved her head, she has a sweet expression and a head of the correct proportions, lovely reach of neck, excellent shoulders, level topline, really good front and well angulated in rear allowing her to give the reach and drive, covering the ground with minimum effort, jet black coat, presented to absolute perfection, showed her socks off, and done more than enough to win the BCC & BOB. 2 Main's Shenachie Snowberry. Another lovely veteran bitch, this b/m is so well made and put together, sweet expression,

excellent construction and moved so well, quality bitch. 3 Clegram's Smiddyshaw Relight My Fire JW ShCM Vw.

Sp Beg B 1 Redpath's Sonymer Storm Doris Into Pathaaron JW. Lovely tri bitch, sweet expression and ultra feminine, would prefer her to be a bit leaner, well constructed, good shoulders, presented and showed well, good on the move, very sound bitch. GCB 1 Viola Riviniana For Ccohochr, liked her head and expression, was well enough constructed, moved and showed well for her handler.

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