

SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 26TH AUGUST 2017

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

I should like to thank the SKC for giving me the opportunity to judge a Scottish breed in Scotland, my two stewards, (Jean and Alison) for the help and support in the ring, and also the exhibitors for giving me the privilege of going over their dogs.

PD (6) 1 Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Duddly. Well angulated baby with sweet expression, neat ears very aptly named. Delighted to see he got PG4 in the group. 2 Smith's Orean Rich Tone. Another that lives up to his name. Well balanced, nice outline with level topline. 3 Ewing's Donallin Whizz Kid.

JD (1) Goodwin's Highbrook He's got style. Only entrant, but a worthy winner. A correctly angulated dog with good bend of stifle, who moved well. Nice dark eye, sadly in between coats at the moment.

YD (4,1) 1 and CC, Hepburn's Shellamoyed Simply The Best. I liked this young dog very much, and in the challenge he moved with such drive and purpose that I felt he simply was the best. Beautifully moulded head, and sweet expression, level topline and excellent angulation. 2 Bywater's Tachnamadra's He's Got The Look. Beautifully presented Tri dog. Slightly shorter in the back than 1, moved well. 3 Drysdale's Donallin Shadow Magic

PGD (7,1) 1 Stow's Stanydale Shot In The Dark. I have judged and admired this beautifully constructed tri dog before. He moved effortlessly, and although a little unsettled when he uses his ears it enhanced his lovely expression. 2 Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad. Lovely moulded foreface, level topline, and correct ear placement and carriage. Lost out to 1 in drive. 3 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

LD (5,3) 1. Gatheral's Herds Humphrey. Nice dark eye, lovely reach of neck, with neat well placed ears, and level top line. 2 Walker's Marsula Shogun. Well known tri dog, who always gives of his best. Dark eye, well balanced. 3 Purdie's Rengala Taken by Storm. JW.

OD (8) 1. Jackson's Ir Ch Fernach Blue Rhapsody at Cluainultaigh. A well balanced blue merle of good substance. Arched neck correct shape and placement of eye. Moved well. 2 Miles' Lavika Time Will Tell At Milesend. Lovely dog with symmetrical outline, pressed very hard for first place. Nice wedge shaped head, and flat skull, would have liked more depth of chest. 3 Goodwins Ch Highbrook Hot Heir.

VD (5) 1 Smith's Orean Top Gun. Nine year old well made bright and alert shaded sable. 2 Wilkie's Avonbank Designed in Gold. Eight year old sable with excellent body, nice dark eye, and used ears well. 3 Munro's Laurelwood Tri Bob.

PB (5,1) 1 Eljetia Hot Chocolate of Milesend. Promising baby, lithe easy moving shaded sable. Lacking adult furnishings, but alert and responsive to her handler. 2 Fisher's Shellamoyed DollyBlue. A well bodied baby with all the adult furnishings but lost out on movement to 1. Maturity should bring a fuller foreface, and more level top line. 3 Purves Donallin Dream Girl

JB (6.1) 1 and res CC. Staffords Rannerdale Queen of the North. What can I say about this perfectly presented girl that has not been said before. She showed like a dream, her expression melts any opposition. 2 Ritchie's Murieston Make a wish. Slightly longer body than 1. Nice level topline. See she is by the winner of Limit dog class, and has similar qualities. 3 Forbes Wellneuk Dancing Flame.

YB (5. 2) 1 Glover's Doonlodge Demora. Flat skull, nice dark eye, good pigmentation, level topline, moved well. Does not make the best of herself in the ring. 2 Forbes Wellneuk Dancing Flame. Attractive shaded sable who showed well for her handler. Still needs time to mature. 3 Walker's Tooralie Matilda.

PGB (12. 1) 1 Hayhurst's Milesend Rock Queen at Keycharm. An eye catching lady, immaculately presented. Pressed hard for top honours. Well balanced, and of correct construction. Symmetrical outline, flat skull, dark eye and neat ears. In the challenge seemed rather edgy and moved accordingly, but I am sure her day will come. 2 Ambler's Watchwood Sweetheart of Chalmoor. A good moving well broken blue merle, who really is a sweetheart. Correct head properties, alert and responsive, not quite back to her full coat yet. 3 Miles' Amoureye Blue Mist of Milesend.

LB (6) 1 Dr. Hill's Ellenyorn Enchantress Correct angulation. Symmetrical outline. Moulded head, and flat cheeks. Moved well. 2 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination. Another well made tri bitch, with excellent angulation, would have just liked a little more sparkle from her. 3 Saunders' Chalmoor I'm a Peach at Fernfrey.

OB. (10,3) 1 and CC Parkes Milesend Sweet Whispers at Eljetia. An elegant lady with correct head and skull. Moved well, but lacked the drive of the dog in the challenge for BOB. Excellent presentation. She is still young

and I feel she will improve even more with maturity. 2 Atkins' Ch Esstremere Exquisite Sh CM. The sheer soundness of body gave her this placing. Her sweet expression is there but you do have to look beyond the totally black head for it. 3 Walker's Tooralie L'exceptionalle.

VB.(3) Goodwin's Ch Rannerdale Some Like It Hot at Highbrook. Nine year old with nice topline, good movement, dark eye and sweet expression. 2. Hill's Ch Molson Moet Chandon. Eight year old golden sable. Still a glorious colour. Nice dark eye and sweep over the loins. Superb presentation. 3 Staffords Rannerdale Star o' the North.

Judge - Val Woolley