

# Scottish Kennel Club October Show 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2024

I was delighted that my Best of Breed Shetland Sheepdog won an excellent quality Group under John Purnell: he is a stunning dog. I thoroughly enjoyed my day for Shelties are a breed I have long loved and my winners were of excellent quality. But I feel I should make the general comment that too many were overcoated, while quite a few muzzles seemed to me to be too narrow. I for one, am not looking for a scaled down 'Collie' head. I should add that the puppy classes were super and provide an excellent foundation for quality in the future.

PD (5) 1 Procter's Ferngroves Skywalker. Very promising with a sweet head and expression. Very well constructed, just the right proportions and moved well. BP. 2 Jeavons' Grandgenes Hey Good Lookin. Close up to 1 and very promising too. Lovely head and expression and in super coat. Perhaps a fraction long in back. Moved well.

JD (4) 1 Parker's Edglonian Prime Target With Tolarock. Lovely example of the breed. Marginally long in back but otherwise very well constructed and stood with confidence. Excellent head and expression. Moved well. 2 Jacobs and Johnson's Willowthorn's Happy Gaze. Close up to 1. Excellent structure and conformation, good on the move but just a little weak at the hock.

YD (2) 1 Melvin and Jopson's Katiedale The Piper At Nithview Super example of the breed, lovely outline and excellent coat, head, ears and expression. Moved very well. 2 Arkley's Amethrickeh Perfect Spirit. Very pretty head and expression. Just a fraction long and, glorious though it looks he is carrying too much coat. PGD (3,1) 1 Robertson's Afterglow Goldberg At Vidlinvoe JW. Lovely head and expression and good structure. Perhaps a fraction long but moved very well. 2 Saunders' Galateus Bohemia Classic At Torriglen Cze Imp. Sweet head but a little too heavy in coat. Rather upright in shoulder giving him too short a stride.

LD 7 (1) Brady and Lynn's Afterglow Sky Miles To Bordercot. Super example of the breed with a masculine (but still charming) expression. Ideal proportions and moved very well. 2 Robinson's Lavika Moonlight Storm JW. Another excellent dog. Super head and expression, lovely outline and structure. Not quite the length of stride as 1.

OD (7) 1 Walker's Ch Fr Int Ch Lux Ch Swiss Tooralie's Pie In The Sky. Fabulous example of the breed. Super head and expression with perfect ear set, tail set and carriage. One could not ask for more DCC & BOB. 2 Robinson's Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean. 2 Another exceptional example of the breed. Excellent construction and outline, a pretty head and expression without sacrificing masculinity. Moved well.

SBD (2) 1 Robertson's Afterglow Goldberg At Vidlinvoe JW. 2 Saunders' Galateus Bohemia Classic At Torriglen Cze Imp.

GCD (2) French's Ch Lindfern Light Sabre JW An excellent example of the breed with a lovely head and expression - so calm and composed. Moved well. 2 Jacobs & Johnson's Willowthorn Dream Gazer JW OSW Sh.CM ShCEX. Lovely head and expression. Good conformation although perhaps a fraction long in loin. Moved well. PB (16,2) Of the 14 present I mentally awarded an 'excellent - very promising' to 7! So on another day... 1 Hatley's Mohnesee Lullaby Ice. Charming and very promising puppy. Excellent head and expression with lovely ear set, very sound construction and moved very well. 2 Yaxley's Lavika The Perfect Storm. Slightly heavier than 1 but otherwise excellent in every respect. Super head and expression. Moved well.

JB 6 (2) 1 Clegram Smiddyshaw All The Glitz. Gorgeous bitch. Lovely outline and construction with super feminine head. Moved well too. 2 Campbell's Cuilshelties Class Act. Just a little longer than 1 and rather narrower in skull as yet, but well constructed, in lovely coat and moved well.

YB (3) A very even class. 1 Jeavons' Wylwind Designed For Grandgables (saf) JW. Delightful bitch with ideal head and expression. Good, sound construction and moved well. 2 Jackson's Ribans Starlet Of Milesend. Close up to 1. Such a sweet expression and lovely ear carriage. Moved well but a little wide going away.

PGB (9,1) 1 Richie's Jaelis Mystique Reality JW. Gorgeous and very feminine bitch with a super head and expression. In lovely coat. Good structure and moving well. 2. Brodie & Raithel's Shanaburn Strawberry Wine. Another very pretty bitch with ideal expression and very good coat. Good construction and moved well.

LB (8,2) Rather a disappointing class overall. Perfectly nice examples of the breed but nothing outstanding which I would expect in a Limit class. 1 French's Lavika Soul Of Gold For Lindfern. Pretty bitch. Just a little long but good angulation and movement. 2 Goodwin's Honey Bee At Highbrook. Close up to 1 in every respect although there seems a little weakness at the hock. OB (10,2) Really difficult choice between 1 & 2. 1 Hateley's Ch Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnese JW. Gorgeous, feminine bitch with a near perfect outline, a superb expression and perfect ears placement, shape and carriage. BCC 2 Pearson's Edglonian Slack Alice. Another outstanding bitch: just a fraction bigger and a little longer but typical throughout. Lovely head and expression and moved very well. RBCC.

VB (2,1) 1 Reekie's Ellenyorn Echo Falls. 9 years old and looking great. Charming expression, lovely outline very well constructed and good on the move too. BV.

SBB (3,1) 1 Sanders' Leterikhills River Star Over Torriglen. Pretty bitch with good structure. Just a little too long in back but moved very well. BSB. 2 Robertson's Edglonian The Vixen. They could be sisters they are so similar. She is just a little weak at the hock and does have quite the ear set and carriage.

GCB (2,1) Skeldale's Wish Upon A Star Over Lindfern (imp Nld). She was 3rd in an excellent Yearling class. Very pretty head, good structure and movement. Very promising.

Judge - David Cavill