

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTHERN IRELAND

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 28 September 2019

Please see my critique from the championship show. Thank you to everyone for their entries and the committee for looking after me so well. A huge thank you to the club for the invite to award my first set of CCs. Another big thank you to my wonderful steward who kept the ring running efficiently. Unfortunately it was late when we got in the ring so I had to keep up the speed which meant minimal notes, but hopefully I can paint a picture from memory. Presentation was good but I struggled to find a typical sheltie head and found quite a few lacking in underjaw, some with thick strong skulls and I found quite a few short tails. My bitch line up was excellent and I shortlisted four lovely boys for the dog CC.

Minor Puppy Dog (5,1a) 1. Keeling's Kishdigra The High King I liked this boy for his racey type and he looked like he could go all day moving around the ring. His head is very nice, slim skull and sweet expression. He still needs to develop in chest and bone but he is right for his age. Hopefully he will have a bright future as he has it all there to develop. I shortlisted him to my final four boys for the CC. BPD & BPIS 2. Hill's Molson Milkybar kid Lighter coloured sable who appeals overall. He has a nice head and very good pigmentation. Good shoulder and chest for his age. He didn't make the best of himself today and stood with his backend tucked under, but moved well. 3. Armstong's Beechcote Mister Bogart

Puppy Dog (3,1a) 1. Rooney's Hillawns Frosty Blue Lovely coloured merle, I liked his expression and ear carriage although they are slightly large, good flat skull and enough neck. Really good chest for his age and good movement. Needs a little more confidence but the noisy hall didn't help. Another boy who we will hear more from I'm sure 2. McKnight & Robinson's Cinbaramy's Blown Away Up to size blue merle dog who must not grow anymore. Was strong in head and body for his age and would benefit from some more schooling but he seemed to enjoy his day out.

Junior Dog (5) 1. Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft This young man needs some more time to settle. When he does, he is lovely and his expression and movement changes. His construction is really good, nice shoulder and hind angulation he just needs confidence and he will get there. 2. Rooney's Hillawns Frosty Blue 3. Fisher's Shellamoyed Black Klansman

Yearling Dog (1) 1. Keeling's Kishdigra Born to Boogie Jun Ch CJW19 17 month old boy who excelled in movement. He had a flat skull although a little thick, good underjaw and pleasing expression. Very good construction. Needs a little more coat to complete the picture but I could watch him move around the ring all day

Novice Dog (3) 1. Hepburn's Foxstone Follow Your Heart Sable boy who is just out of puppy. Has a very nice expression, flat skull good muzzle length with a very good underjaw. Very good reach of neck and looks excellent stood in profile. Good shoulder and level topline. Moved well in front but his hind movement was slightly erratic today which could be due to his surroundings. 1 Hill's Molson Milkybar kid 2 Dunlop's Twinkle Moonlight.

Graduate Dog (3) 1. McDonagh's Karyshanty Tir Na Nog Lovely blue merle boy, nice flat skull, sweet eye and good underjaw all leading to a handsome expression. Loved his bone and substance. Good shoulder and topline and hindquarters. He really moved with drive from behind and had a pleasing profile. 2. Jackson's Cluainultaigh Fields Of Barley Handsome red sable who had an appealing head and expression although slightly strong in skull and muzzle. Good construction and super mover who really enjoyed his day out. 3. McKnight's Cinbaramy Back To Black

Post Graduate Dog (2) 1. Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Dudley JW This boy didn't like his surroundings today. I preferred this boy's head and expression and he was slimmer in backskull to 2. Nice flat skull and sweet eye with a good length of head. Nice reach of neck, deep chest and good hind angulation. Moved very well but didn't want to make the best of himself today. 2. Jackson's Shellamoyed The Kingsman At Cluainultaigh This boy had a better profile standing as he had more confidence than 1. He has a pleasing head and sweet eye, flat skull but slightly thick in backskull. Good construction overall and enjoyed his day out, moved well.

Limit Dog (5) 1. Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob Lovely shaded sable boy who really appealed to me. Sweet and handsome expression, flat skull and good length of muzzle, nice eye and well set and used ears. Really good front assembly and good depth of chest for his age. Level topline and very good hind angulation. He is spot on for size and certainly not a glamour boy his movement more than makes up for it. Pulled the stops out in the challenge and won the RCC in good company. A future champion I'm sure. 2. Walker's Tooralie's Ocho Rios JW Another lovely shaded sable boy who was unlucky to meet 1. I loved his profile and although not in full coat he really caught my eye. Very nice head and expression, flat slim skull and sweet well set eye, ears bang on top which he used all the time. Good front and depth of chest, nice level topline and very good hind angulation. Excellent mover who showed his socks off, just needs a bit more furnishings. One who also has a bright future I'm sure. 3. Bendelow's Guxel Golden Ringer From Amethrickeh

Open Dog (6) 1. Hill's Ch Aust Ch Hartley How About Me For Molson Loved this dogs profile, he has that quality that says look at me! Nice head properties, flat skull and good muzzle length and underjaw. Very good reach of neck and lovely deep chest. Good shoulder and firm topline with very good hindquarters. Would prefer more length of tail. Overall a lovely boy who excels in movement and I shortlisted him in my last four for the CC he just wasn't enjoying the venue today. 2. Reeves' Ch & Ir Ch Fearnach Crusador What a super tri dog whose coat gleamed with condition. Lovely head and expression, good flat slim skull and length of muzzle, very good underjaw. Lovely reach of neck and good shoulder, fabulous deep chest and level topline. Very good hind angulation which he really drives from on the move. For perfection I would just like him a fraction bigger all over but still a lovely package. 3. Farrell's Carolelen Cosmic Star Jun Ch

Veteran Dog (1) 1. Higgins' Cearthall Hurricane Higgins JD Vet Ch 9 year old sable boy who was certainly enjoying his day out, maybe a little too much! Very nice head and expression with a lovely dark eye. Very well angulated front and rear and moved well when he kept his tail down. A lovely old boy.

Open Sable & White Dog (4) 1. Winfield's Ch Oakcroft Star Force This boy's head is fabulous, he has that sweet yet masculine expression that I was looking for. Gorgeous eye set in a lovely moulded head. Nice slim flat skull and good length of muzzle. Ears set well and used all the time. Very good length of neck and fabulous front and rear construction. Good length of tail. Moved perfectly around the ring and was just what I was looking for. He just needs his coat bottomed to present a perfect picture and this affected his chances in the BIS challenge. 2. Hepburn's Shellamoyed Simply The Best At Leterikhills JW ShCM ShEx Another lovely boy who had the most slim skull of the boys on the day. His head properties are lovely and has a good eye and expression. Very good construction front and rear and moved with drive. He just needed a bit more coat especially underneath to complete the picture. 3. Gatheral's Ch Herds Humphrey

Open Tricolour & Black and White Dog (2,1a) 1. McKnight's Cinbaramy Back To Black black and white who wasn't happy today. Needs more underjaw for length of head. Nice jet black coat and very good reach of neck. Up to size and racey in type. Needs to settle on the table and one the move.

Open Blue Merle Dog (2) 1. Maybury's Ballynerrin Perfect Storm When I saw this dog enter the open class he really caught my eye. I would just prefer more of him all over. Very sweet expression and good head properties just needs more length to head and muzzle. Nicely constructed front and rear and moved very well. Overall a very nice dog. 2. McKnight & Robinson's Cinbaramy's Blown Away

Open Dog Bred In Northern Ireland (2) 1. Boyle's Glenn Hurricane Of The Dee Jun Ch Sable who I liked in his previous class but he had strong competition. Nice head overall and a good eye and pleasing expression. Would prefer tighter lips and more underjaw as teeth tended to show. Good front and rear construction and moved well. 2. Knight's Cinbaramy Eye Of The Tiger Black and white with jet black coat. Nice flat skull. Enough neck, deep chest and good bone and topline. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3) 1. Keeling's Kishdigra Lady Lunaella Litter sister to the best dog puppy and so similar in type. Lovely sweet head and expression, just needs to flatten in skull slightly and fill in foreface. Super neck length and good shoulder, very good hind angulation and great movement for a youngster. Showed non-stop and presently perfectly. Will watch her development. BPB 2. Hill's Molson It's Morven I liked this young lady very much, she has a super head and expression and a lovely flat skull, I would like a tighter earset but I don't think her surroundings helped as she didn't want to show me her ears. Good depth of chest and shoulder and hind angulation. Moved out very well. 3. McKnight & Robinson's Cinbaramy's Devil Woman

Puppy Bitch (3) 1. Sorockyj & Haine's Mohnesee Share The Dream 10 month old young lady who has a lovely head and expression. Nice flat skull and good length of muzzle with correctly set and well used ears. Not ecstatic about her surroundings today so she tended to stand with her back legs under her but when she stretched out has a lovely profile. 2. Jacobs & Johnston's Willowthorn's Dream Star 11 month old shaded sable with a nice head but not the eye and expression of the winner. Good reach of neck and level topline and very good hind angulation. Moved very well, another who wasn't happy about her surroundings today. She just needs a little more time for her coat and confidence to develop. 3. McKnight & Robinson's Cinbaramy's Devil Woman

Junior Bitch (5) 1. Dunne's Japaro I Have A Dream Gorgeous sable who caught my eye straight away with her super profile. Such a sweet head and expression, with that dreamy eye shape, topped off with well set ears that she used all the time. One of the best reaches of neck on the day. Very good front and hind angulation and level topline. Moved really well and showed her heart out, presented perfectly and was considered for top honours. 2. Sorockyj & Haine's Mohnesee Share The Dream 3. Bendelow's Shelegian Ring O'Bells At Amethrickeh

Yearling Bitch (4) 1. Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet dreams I fell in love with the head on this girl. Such a slim flat skull and that beautiful dreamy eye and expression I was looking for. Super construction, another fabulous reach of neck, good shoulder and level topline with perfect height to length ratio, she moved out really well. Lovely elegant bitch who shows her heart out and was presented to perfection, a champion in the making. RCC & when she challenged for RBIS she looked in full bloom against the dog so was awarded RBIS. 2. Dunne's Longrange Ciao Bella Bleu Jun Ch CJW19 This lovely blue merle young lady was unlucky to meet 1. What a sweet expression and gorgeous eye, good underjaw with correctly set and well used ears. Nicely constructed front and very good hind angulation. Super mover and has a lovely profile. Presented perfectly with every hair gleaming. 3. Walker's Channerswick Pennywise JW

Novice Bitch (4,1a) 1. Sorockyj & Haine's Mohnesee Share The Dream 2. Willowthorn's Dream Star 3. Parton Me Dolly

Graduate Bitch (3) 1. Fisher's Shellamoyed Babycham JW Lovely 4 year old sable who has a very nice head and expression. Slightly thicker in back skull than 2 but still presents a pleasing picture. Very good shoulder and level topline and nicely angulated hindquarters. Moved well and was presented with a wealth of perfectly groomed coat. 2. Hill's Ellenyorn Exclusive To Molson I really liked this young lady. Her head is lovely with a beautiful eye and flat slim skull. She has a good shoulder and hind angulation and moved well. She is lovely but I just wish she knew it. I hope to see her again on a better day. 3. Jacobs & Johnston's Willowthorn's Dream Star

Post Graduate Bitch (4) 1. Higgins' Cearthall Golden Dreams When I first looked around the ring I didn't think this bitch would be my winner as she wasn't making the best of herself. I found her lovely to go over on the table. Correct head which really needs to be handled to appreciate it. She has a slim flat skull and rounded muzzle, which I didn't find many of today. Nice eye and lovely expression. Really good solid construction, good shoulder and excellent depth of chest, level topline and muscular hindquarters. Moved super and deserved her win. 2. McArdle's Fearnach Tilly Trotter At Slievemac Very nice sable who was initially my winner until I went over the super sound 1stplace Sweet head and expression but lacked underjaw a little and would prefer a flatter skull. Overall a nicely constructed bitch who moved well. 3. Shaw's Bluequarry Pearl Blue

Limit Bitch (6) 1. Fisher's Shellamoyed My Blue Heaven Darker coloured blue merle who has to be handled as she is lovely to go over on the table. Good flat skull and length of muzzle with a sweet eye and expression. Good length of neck and very good shoulder, super hindquarters and really sound on the move. Loved her profile when standing and on the move. 2. Higgins' Cearthall Golden Dreams 3. Doyle's Sevenoaks Blue Kharisma

Open Bitch (6,2a) 1. McDonald's Fearnach Making Mischief My star of the show! This young lady had everything I was looking for on the day. She has a beautiful head and delightful expression. Nice flat slim skull, good underjaw and length of muzzle, beautiful eye and lovely neat well used ears. Fabulous length of neck and very good shoulder. Firm, level topline and super hind angulation. Overall super sound construction and effortless movement retaining her femininity throughout. Loved her and could watch her move around the ring all day. I hope that elusive third CC isn't too far away. CC & BIS 2. Doyle's Ir Ch Little Barbie Girl Des Romarins De Mayerling For Sevenoaks A lovely sable bitch who was unlucky to meet 1. Her head is very good to handle with flat slim skull and nicely set eye giving that sweet expression I was looking for. Good reach of neck leading into very good shoulder. Good length to height ratio and firm level topline. Moved very well and showed non-stop. 3. Shaw's Bramblecroft Reeba At Bluequarry

Veteran Bitch (4,2a) 1. Clegram's Smiddyshaw Relight My Fire ShCM This tri lady is approaching 9 years which is a shock as she is super condition. Her coat was sparkling black and groomed to perfection. Liked her head properties and she used her ears non-stop. So well constructed and moved out well. Loved her profile and she was not over looked in the challenge. 2. Gatheral's Herds Hallucination JW Another tri lady who I have judged previously and I still think she is a lovely girl. Nice head with lovely neat ears but she just didn't want to show me them today. Has a correct shoulder, and very good depth of chest, level topline and really good hind angulation. Moved great but wasn't happy with her surroundings.

Open Sable & White Bitch (3) 1. Doyle's Ir Ch Sevenoaks Angel by My Side This 5 year old was lovely to go over on the table and has very good shoulder and hind angulation. She has a nice flat skull but I would prefer a sweeter eye and more underjaw. Super on the move. 2. Winfield's Carolelen Classic Star By Oakcroft Very sweet young lady, who has a lovely expression, I would just like a little more

length in head. Nice construction, she needs to develop in chest and bone but this will come with time. She showed off her attributes and moved really well.

Open Tricolour & Black & White Bitch (1) 1. McKnight & Robinson's Cinbaramy's Devil Woman 6 month old black and white that must not grow anymore. Has good ears and long tail. Needs a little more practice in the ring.

Open Blue Merle Bitch (3) 1. McArdle's No Nay Never At Slievemac Nicely coloured 6 year old blue merle. She has a nice head with a sweet expression, slightly larger ears. Would prefer more length of body. She had a good shoulder and moved well. 2. Shaw's Bluequarry Pearl Blue Darker coloured merle who looked a little fed up today. Nice to go over on the table but she dips a bit in topline. Good hind angulation and moved well. 3. McKnight's Cinbaramy Kismet

Open Bitch Bred In Northern Ireland (3, 1a) 1. McDonald's Caronlea Blue Belle At Fearnach 5 year old blue merle who has super construction and is a pleasure to go over. Lovely slim head and nice eye, very good shoulder and hind angulation and she excelled in movement. Was considered for top honours today. Lucky owner with two superb blue merle bitches. 2. McKnight's Cinbaramy Kismet 6 year old bi blue who had a good profile and reach of neck and good bone.

Judge - Clare Stafford