

## **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTH WALES Open Show 12th April 2025**

My thanks to the officers and committee for inviting me to officiate. This was a very well organised and well run show and I had a super entry of quality exhibits all of which were shown in immaculate condition. Temperaments were excellent. Having not been active in the show scene for many years now and not having judged since just before covid hit us it was a pleasure to examine "new to me " show dogs. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was very impressed with so many quality exhibits. This was also my first experience of judging " baby puppy " classes. Some very promising puppies here today for the future of our breed. Thank you to all who entered and to everyone who made the day special.

### **Critique: Dogs**

#### **MPD ( 5 )**

1st. Botham and Gamble. Balidorn Olympic Star. What a very promising class of quality puppies to start the day off ! Very close decision between first and second. An 8 month rich sable. Excelled in breed type. Shown to perfection and very well schooled. A very pleasing outline. Nice amount of bone and substance. A one piece head, good stop, dark almond eye . Neat ears which he used non stop. Good shapely reach of neck . Decent length of tail. Moved soundly. BPD. 2nd. Hateley. Mohnessee The Charm Master. Again, an 8 month rich sable. Very similar in type and quality to first placed but slightly more of him all round. A shapely outline. Correct head properties. A good reach of neck. Correct body proportions when comparing length to height ratios. 3rd. Stafford. Rannerdale Jammy Dodger. Res. Walker. Tooralies The Vagabond. Vhc. Fisher. Shellamoyed Winter Blues.

#### **Puppy dog ( 3 ).**

1st. Balidorn Olympic Star. 2nd. Mohnessee the Charm Master. 3. Fishers. Foxstone Fairy Glen.

#### **Junior ( 0 ).**

#### **Maiden ( 2, 1 w/drawn ).**

1st. Balidorn Olympic Star.

#### **Novice ( 2 )**

1st. Balidorn Olympic Star. 2nd. Mohnessee The Charm Master.

#### **Graduate ( 2,2 ).**

#### **Post Graduate ( 3 ).**

1st Sutherland . Shelcrest Winter Solstice at Suthersley JW. Best Dog & Best in Show. A quality class to judge. This 4 year old shaded sable male took my breathe away!! What an outstanding stunning example. He oozes breed type and sheer quality. Shown in top form , very well handled and in excellent condition. Well muscled. The most melting expression. Fantastic head properties. Neat well placed ears. A moulded head, correct stop , smooth cheeks and a flat skull. Excellent jaw and well rounded muzzle. Correct scissor bite. An arched neck of excellent length. Ideal for bone and substance. A deep well sprung rib cage. Good turn of stifle. Nicely let down hocks. Moved soundly keeping his top line whilst on the move. Absolutely loved him !! No hesitation in awarding him Best Dog and Best in Show. 2nd. Fishers. Lavika the Tempest at Shellamoyed. A 22 month tri with a dense black coat of Correct texture with rich tan markings. A pleasing example. Showed well. Good bone. Would prefer slightly more stop to enhance his expression. 3rd. Posts. Shadowess Jubilee Prince.

#### **Limit ( 2,1 ).**

1st. Lycett. Isle of Ewe. A 6 yr old rich shaded sable male. Very pleasing head properties. A dark almond shape eye obliquely set. Very good ear placement and set. Nice for size. Would just prefer slightly more length of neck to enhance his overall shape and a touch more bend of stifle.

#### **Open ( 1 )**

1st. Goodwin. Highbrow Hobnob. JW. RBD, BVD, RBIS and BVIS. An 8 year old golden sable . Made a gorgeous picture and moved so soundly. Neat ears. Well rounded muzzle and correct bite. Excellent reach of neck and a well arched muscular neck. Sound construction. Lovely size and substance for a male, masculine but not overdone or coarse. A super temperament. Delighted to award him RBD, BVD, BVIS & RBIS.

**Veteran dog ( 4,2).**

1st. Stafford. CH Rannerdale the Entertainer . A worthy champion. 9 year old Orange sable in a wealth of coat. Lovely temperament. Beautiful head and expression. Excellent reach of neck. Excels for breed type. Again, every inch a male whilst retaining that desired melting expression. 2nd. Gamble. Solstice Inaugral Gold JW. 7 years. Another pleasing example. Not quite the substance of the first placed but a quality dog. Showed soundly.

**Special Open S/W.( 2,1).**

1st. Lycett. Iliad Isle Delight. A 6 year old golden sable. Nice for substance and size. A tight fitting coat of correct coarse texture. Good ear set. Would prefer a touch more stop and tighter lips to enhance overall expression. Showed soundly and confidently.

**Spec Open Tri ( 3,1).**

1st. Linford. Hillhenry in your Honour. A nearly 3 year old tri with a dense black coat of correct texture. Rich tan markings. Well marked, boasting a lovely white shawl. Excellent reach of neck. Good bend of stifle. Moved very well as his correct construction would suggest. 2nd. Sutherland. Shougies Starmaker at Suthersley. A nearly 6 year old tri. Again , a pleasing example. Dense black coat. Preferred rear movement of first placed.

**Spec Open merle ( 0)****Spec open bred by exhibitor ( 2)**

1st. Stafford. Rannerdale Mister Majic. A 2 year old golden sable. Two nice examples in this class. Good reach of neck. Almond eye. Neat ears. Moved well. Good tail length. Would prefer a touch more in under jaw . 2nd. Barrowclough. Shadowess Lockdown Hero. A 4 year old sable of good quality. Slightly finer all round with a little less substance than first placed . Nice eye colour and shape. Neat ears.

**Spec Open Not bred by exhibitor (1).**

1st . Mohnessee The Charm Master.

**Baby Puppy dog ( 2 ).**

1st .Goodwin. Herds Hells Bells. 5 month sable. Sound temperament. Well off for bone and substance and reach of neck. I would prefer a touch more stop and a bit more refinement. Moved confidently. 2nd. Hughes. Shadowess If I can Dream. Of different type to first place . Moved ok .

**Critique: Bitches****Baby Puppy (5)**

1st . Goodwin. Highbrook Hot Pants.BBPB AND BBPIS. A very nice class of baby puppies.This 5 and a half month golden sable had a very pleasing outline. A neat head. Well placed ears. A dark almond shape eye and a very sweet expression. Loved her for her size for her age. Good bone and substance and all in proportion. Tail reaching down to point of hock. Good reach of neck. Correct angulation. Moved soundly. 2nd. Rowan. Shellamoyed Pink Proseco. Another very nice sable of 5 and a half months. Showed and moved well. A pleasing head. Soundly made. 3rd. Barrowclough. Shadowess Moonlight blue. Res. Barrowclough . Shadowess Enchanted Dream. Vhc. Barrowclough. Shadowess Mystic Star.

**Minor puppy ( 5).**

1st. Fisher. Shellamoyed a Winters Wish. A 6 month merle. Correct blunt wedge shaped head, neat well placed ears, sweet almond eye shape. Good stop. Good reach of neck and length of tail. A good well broken blue colour with rich tan markings. Good bone and substance. A pleasing size. 2nd. Stafford. Rannerdale Coco Pop. A 6 month sable baby. Very close decision between these two. Nice bone and substance and again a pleasing size for age. Slightly unsettled which unfortunately lost her the first place today. Will watch both of these in the future as both so promising. 3rd. Sapsford. Shelcrest Bright Star. Res. Sutherland. Suthersley Petunia. Vhc. Walker. Tooralies Vanity Pays.

**Puppy (2).**

1st. Bray. Lianbray Lucy Locket. A 10 month ultra feminine pale golden sable. A pleasing wedge shaped head. Well placed and set ears. Good length of neck which was well arched which enhanced

her expression. Shown in immaculate condition. Long length of tail with the correct tail set. Correctly angulated and so moved soundly. 2nd. Walker. Tooralies Viking Queen. A 7 month tri with a dense black coat and rich tan markings. Liked her for size and substance. Just preferred the femininity of the first.

#### **Junior ( 3).**

1st. Rowan. Rowancrest Cinderella. A 17 month golden sable. Beautiful head and expression. Neat ears. Sound construction. Good length of tail with a correct low tail set. Nice size for a bitch. Shown in excellent condition. Kept a good top line whilst on the move. 2nd. Mayhew. Sandwick Saffron Gold. Another quality exhibit. Finer in bone than the first placed. A refined head. Rounded muzzle and good eye shape. 3rd. Goodwin. Rowancrest Legally Blonde.

#### **Maiden ( 3)**

1st. Stafford. Rannerdale Sugar Puff. BPB AND BPIS. A 6 month golden sable. Excellent for size. Beautiful head properties. Kept her top line on the move. Sound construction. Well let down hocks. Good bend of stifle. Long tail. Excelled for breed type. Delighted to award her BPB AND BPIS. 2ND. Lianbray Lucy Locket. 3rd. Fisher. Shellamoyed a Winters Wish.

#### **Novice ( 5,1).**

1st. Lianbray Lucy Locket. 2nd. Stafford. Rannerdale crunchy nut. A 6 month sable . Nice for size. Neat ears. Showed soundly. Another promising baby. 3rd. Rannerdale Legally Blonde. Vhc. Sandwick Opelescent for Shelcrest.

#### **Graduate ( 5, 2).**

1st. Stafford. Rannerdale touch of magic. A 2 year old golden sable. A very pleasing shape and quality. Neat ears. Nice amount of stop and a well rounded muzzle. Good for size. Moved well. Good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. 2nd. Goodwin. Herds height of fashion at Highbrook. Another very pleasing example. Sound construction. Just preferred Slightly tighter lips and more rounded muzzle on first. 3rd. Sapsford. Shelcrest dream seeker.

#### **Post grad( 6,2).**

1st. Hateley. Mohnessee's Meliya JW. A tri of nearly 2 years. A very pleasing exhibit. Gorgeous head and expression. A dense black coat with rich tan markings. Lovely size. A decent length of neck. She certainly carried her head proudly. Nice sweep over the croup. Correct tail set. 2nd. Saunders. Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey. A tri of nearly 4 years. Another quality example. Showed soundly and in excellent condition. A wealth of dense black coat with rich tan markings. Just preferred Slightly tighter ear set of first placed. 3rd. Fisher. Shellamoyed goldilocks. Res. Viola Riviniana for Cochochr.

#### **Limit (3).**

1st. Ritchie. Jaelis Mystique Reality. JW. BB AND BEST OPP SEX IN SHOW. A 3 year old sable shown in excellent condition. Her head properties are just super. A blunt wedge shaped head. Her ear set is fantastic which enhanced her sweet expression. A muscular well arched neck. Moved so soundly. Kept her top line well. Good length of body in comparison to height. Just oozes breed type and quality. 2nd. Goodwin. Rannerdale Honey bee at Highbrook. Another lovely example. Just preferred the Slightly more refined head of the first placed. 3rd. Afterglow Merino.

#### **Open (3)**

1st. Rowan. Sonymer Illusive gold at Rowancrest. A 3 year old sable . A very nice example. Excelled in length of neck. Not quite in full coat but that enhanced her racy but elegant outline. Correct angulation fore and aft which made for Sound effortless movement whilst also maintaining the top line. Very pleasing head properties. 2. Keycharm sweet candy. A feminine bitch. Another quality exhibit. Just preferred reach of neck on the first. 3rd. Rannerdale the Showgirl.

#### **Veteran ( 4,1).**

1st Hateley. Mohnessee Sweet dreams JW. A 7 year old golden sable. The sweetest expression. Excellent head properties. Neat ears. Good stop. Well rounded muzzle. Dark eye. Excellent for size. Super reach of neck. Moved so soundly. 2nd. Lycett. Herds Hallicia at Iliad. A lovely example with

much to admire. Just preferred the length of neck of the first. 3rd. Gamble. Balidorn Solitude at Solyric. JW.

**SPEC OPEN TRI ( 3,2).**

1st. Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey.

**Spec Open merle ( 2).**

1st. Hughes. Viola Riviniana for Cochochr. A well broken blue with nice tan . Neat ears. Slightly smaller than second placed. 2nd. Hughes. Afterglow Merino. Of larger type and size. Preferred ear set on first.

**Spec Open bred by exhibitor ( 0).**

**Spec Open not bred by exhibitor (3).**

1st . Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey. 2nd. Rosslyn . Balidorn Gold Amber. Shown in excellent condition. Moved well. 3rd. Lewthwaite and Stafford. Rannerdale Killer Queen.

**Mrs Nina Rowlands ( Paloalto). Judge.**