

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Wales Championship Show

15th April 2018 rescheduled from 18th March 2018

DOGS: Thank you to the committee for this appointment. I had a lovely day! Thank you also to my two stewards for all your help, you did an excellent job also the exhibitors for bringing some excellent dogs for me to judge.

Vet D Seniors A lovely class of veteran dogs, a credit to their owners. 1 Diment Williams' Ch Peerieglen Pickwick JW Sh CM. 13 yrs old Blue merle still looking lovely at this age and in good condition, a lovely coat, his super head is still lean! Soft eyes, neat ears, looked a picture standing. A credit to his owners. Lovely! 2 Benstead Ch Sandiacre Sea of Stars at Benravia JW Sh CM. Another lovely blue merle dog. Slightly longer, lovely colour, super shape and balance, kind expression, moved well, 9 yrs old. 3 Hirst Sundark Starlight Sh CM 9 ½ yrs old.

PD (3) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life 1 yr old S/W puppy, lovely shape and make, good bone and substance, lovely head and eye, neat well placed ears, deep chest, lovely top line, long tail, good angulation front and rear moved accordingly, loved him, promising! **B.P.I.S** 2 Mottram, Lanteague Gold Sovereign at Lochkaren, 10 mths old, sable and white puppy, another lovely puppy, well grown in, good coat and condition, unlucky to meet the winner today! Nice eye shape placement and set, good reach of neck, moved out well with a lovely topline. 3 Patinsons Kyleburn Romulus

JD (3,1) 1 in puppy. 2 Clarke Ruscombe a Moment in Time, 17 mth old blue merle dog, lovely size and substance, good colour, nice tan, sweet eye, nice ear set, good shape, long tail, positive in front not so well behind, well handled.

YD (4,2) 1 Bray Lianbray Lothario sable and white Dog, loved this young man, spot on for size, loved his outline and overall appeal, good angulation front and rear! Arched neck, good bone on nice legs and feet, moved well with drive from behind, in the challenge my eye kept moving back to him, shown very well by his handler! **CC B.O.B** 2 Clarkes Ruscombe a Moment in Time

MD (2,1) 1 Pattersons Kyleburn Romulus, 3rd in puppy dog, shapely young dog, sadly left his coat at home today.

GD (3,2) 1 Lauersuch Pacarane Polar Storm time, small tri dog in good coat handled well

PGD (4,1) 1 Pierce Philhope Buzzword sable and white dog all male in out-look, in huge coat, good head properties with neat ears, sweet eye and expression, well laid back shoulder, well bent stifle move with drive, showed well. 2 Pattersons Kyleburn Everlasting Dream, sable and white dog in good coat and condition, nice for size, good sweep over the loin with good length of tail! Not very happy today!

MLD (5) 1 Robinson Lavika Luminary sable and white Dog appealed for his make and shape, in lovely bloom, with coat of the correct texture, well-constructed fore and aft, good bone, head is well proportioned with dark eye and nicely placed ears, moved with drive from behind, very well handled, like him a lot. 2 Linfords Hillhenry Thunderstorm, another dog I liked a lot, tri boy very well presented lovely dark black coat, super tan with a merry expression, very neat ears, darkest of eye on sweet head, well made, lovely legs and feet moved well, unlucky to meet 1st today 3 Coopers Wyckwood Ice Blue

LD (4,1) 1 Roberts Malaroc Mystery Writer sable and white dog in very good coat and condition, super head planes with lovely dark eye, superb expression, rounded muzzle, nice chin tight lips, good neck on well-constructed body, liked him a lot. 2 Curtis Keltihope in the Frame at Yasleyrose sable and white nice dog, well made, good body proportions, sweet expression, well placed ears, nice head, moved and showed well. 3 Patersons Lorainian Campbell Clan

OD (5,1) 1 Rutterford Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW Sh CM, just in veteran now and still has lost none of his charm, immaculately presented as all were from this owner, lovely blue, still colour not darkening with age. Lovely size, good body proportions, long tail, nice legs and neat feet. Moved and shown well Best veteran in show (**BVIS**). 2 2nd in limit dog. 3 Thomas Malaroc Master Copy at Richjoy

SP BREEDERS D (2) 1 Winfields Ch, Oakcroft Star Force J.W sable and white boy in good coat and pleasing outline, super head pattern carried on a well arched neck. Level top line and sweep over the loin. A well-constructed body of good depth. Stood foursquare on good legs and feet. Ample bone, moved and shown well, liked him as a puppy and love him now! Pleased to award the **RESERVE CC & R.B.I.S**. 2 Jordans Gylmar Dreamaker tri dog in good jet black coat, nicely made, lovely long tail, well presented, not very happy today.

SP OP S&W D (2) 1 Winfields Ch Oakcroft Prince Charming JW. sable and white another Ch. Dog from this kennel. Half-brothers and very similar in type. Good body shape, nice bone, correct for size deep chest, level topline, neat feet. Dark eye, good head pattern moved well. 2 Rutterfords Evad's Whougonnacall at Stormhead

Sh CM shaded sable in lovely bloom, well-constructed fore and aft, loved his outlook on life, moved with drive and kept his top line at all times, lovely showman.

Sp Op BM D (5) 1 in Open Dog - Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW Sh CM. 2 in Veteran Dog - Ch Sandiacre Sea of Stars at Benravia JW Sh CM. 3 in Mid-Limit Dog Wychwood Ice Blue

Sp Op Tri, B&W, B&T D (5,2) 1 Walkers Marsula Shogun (Imp Aus) JW Sh CM. Lovely size, in good black coat, dark kind eye, good bone, neat feet, moved and shown well. 2 Gylmar Dreamaker 2nd in special breeders.

Judge - Carol Trueman

BITCHES: I would like to thank the Committee of the Club and the exhibitors for the warm welcome I received as the late replacement Judge. I really enjoyed my day but note that my perennial moan as to short or sometimes just steep upper arms still remains a problem for the breed as does short tails, some of which seems to be getting even shorter. The sweep over the loin and the flowing tail following it was always one of the joys of this lovely breed. Something else I saw today was some bitches where the hock joint was so low with the rear pastern being so weak that was almost lying along the ground. This breed was originally a herding, working dog. These with such weak rear pasterns could hardly work for a few minutes much less a whole hour or day. Musculature was also a problem in some giving credence to the possible view that these dogs are not being walked or exercised but kept in kennels or cages. On a positive note I was very pleased with my major winners and felt they were a great credit to the breed and there were also some quality youngsters who should have a bright future.

VB (9,1) 1. Deveson's Lucky Liaison at Lianbray ShCM (BVIS) Well presented shaded sable. Balanced in outline. With well placed ears and eyes. Soft "sheltie" expression. Sound on the move retaining level topline. 2 Hirst's. Sundark Tsarina. Tricolour not as glamorous as the winner but very well put together with correct construction fore and aft. Good reach of neck. Well turned stifle and excellent on the move. 3 Paterson's. Lorainian Saving Grace. **MPB (5,3)** 1 Hateley's. Mohnesee Millybelle. Very feminine bitch with excellent head and expression. Good reach of neck with good bone and neat feet. Movement still needs to settle. 2 Eldridge's. Keltihope Wispa's Girl at Petara. Little unsure initially but nice to go over when settled. Good in outline with level topline and correct sweep over the loin.

PB (9,3) 1 Winfield's. Carolelen Classic Star by Oakcroft (**BPB**). Very feminine well put together young bitch. A refined head without exaggeration, well arched neck with good legs and feet. Moved smoothly around the ring driving well from the rear. 2 Roberts'. Malaroc Rainfall. Glamorous golden sable at only her second show thought she would be my winner but would persist in toeing in. Correct balance in outline and well constructed with well set ears and lovely dark brown well placed eyes. 3 Robinson's. Lavika Time Of My Life.

JB (5,2) 1 Hateley's. Sanscott Sweet Serenity at Mohnesee JW. Sable, beautifully balanced excels in head and expression. Straight front with neat oval feet. Well arched neck leading to level topline and correct sweep over the loin. Sound on the move. 2 Waldron's. Lavika Good times at Frecia. Slightly fine throughout and foreface especially needs to fill. Stands slightly down on the rear pasterns sometimes and close in front Not in full coat today. Maturity may improve the position especially as correctly constructed and move well around the ring. 3 Williams'. Gowdenin Duchess Surprise.

YB (9,3) 1 Lambert's. Blenmerrow Night Music. Tricolour balanced in outline with no exaggeration. Excellent construction with good spring of rib. Level topline with good sweep over the loin ending in a lovely long tail, so lacking in the breed today. Excellent on the move. 2 Thomas'. Jolex Guided Lily. Very glamorous, I would perhaps prefer a fraction smaller but very sound throughout. Lovely head and expression. Well presented and put together. Sound when moving. 3 Eaves'. Kyleburn Forever a Dream.

MB (7,4) 1 Winfield's. Carolelen Classic Star by Oakcroft. First in Puppy Bitch. 2 Hateley's. Mohnesee Millybelle. First in Minor Puppy Bitch. 3 Roberts'. Malaroc Rainfall.

NB (5,1) 1 Winfield's. Carolelen Classic Star by Oakcroft. First in last class. 2 Hateley's. Mohnesee Millybelle. Second in last class. 3 Roberts'. Malaroc Rainfall.

GB (4,2) 1 Pierce's. Philhope Just So. Very feminine beautifully constructed. Lovely head pattern with correct expression through correct eye and ear placement. Level topline, in full coat of correct texture. Excellent on the move just slightly apprehensive on the table. 2 Waldron's. Lavika Good Times at Frecia. Second in Junior.

PGB (8,2) 1 Dunn's. Neraklee Chardonnay at Shelleary. Quality sable well put together. Balanced head with well filled muzzle, correct stop and correct eye placement, ears could be lighter. Level topline. Good bone with neat feet. Moved well. 2 Ayres' Gemette Gone Midnite. Tri lovely in outline with good reach of neck and nice sweep over the loin, I just preferred the head of the winner. Good eye and ear placement. Moved easily with good drive from the rear. 3 Fox's. Ruscombe Work of Art with Follyfox.

MLB (5,1) 1 Dunn's Neraklee Chardonnay at Shelleary. First on last class. 2 Hirst's. Sundark Simply A Star. Very sound tricolour. Well constructed with nice legs and feet. Good head and expression. Well bodied up with good turn of stifle. Excellent on the move. 3 Rossiter's. Lorainian Starlight Wonder.

LB (8) 1 Robinson's. Lavika Good Luck JW (RBCC). Quality bitch, excels in construction, balanced throughout with good bone. Lovely head and expression. Level topline with correct weep over the loin leading to a tail of the correct length. 2 Roberts'. Willowgarth Love Story at Malaroc. Another quality bitch with melting expression pushing the winner hard but would persist in standing close in front. Lovely body with well let down hocks. Excellent on the move, would just have preferred a longer tail to complete the picture. 3 Paterson's. Lorainian Celtic Star.

OB (5) 1 Lambert's. Blenmerrow Infinity for Kevdon. First and second in this class of very high quality and will change places on many occasions. First glamorous sable with lovely molded head and sweet feminine expression. Good reach of neck, well sprung ribs, balanced throughout. Moved freely around the ring. 2 Hateley's. Ch Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee JW Sh CM. Very feminine well presented sable, close up to first just preferred the upper arm of the winner. Excels in head and expression. Good body with level topline, well turned stifle. Excellent on the move on a loose lead. 3 Walker's. Tooralie's Matilda JW.

SP BREEDERS B (2) 1. Robinson's. Lavika's Lucky Star JW. Mature sable balanced throughout. Well presented with good legs and feet. Correct head pattern. Well let down hock joint. Sound on the move. 2 Diment's. Peerie Polliwog. Tri nicely bodied up. A little narrow in foreface with good dark eye and wellset ears. Good reach of neck leading to level topline and correct sweep over the loin.

SPECIAL OB (SW) (5) 1. Thomas'. Jolex Guilded Lily. Second in Yearling Bitch. 2 Deveson's. Janetstown Je Suis JW. Feminine sable I have judged before, and she still does not disappoint. Dark well placed eye with good back skull. Correct balance in outline, well presented. Moved well around the ring driving easily from the rear. 3 Mitchell Fiddock's. Lowenek Calypso.

SP OB (BM) (3,1) 1 Gruszka's. Samphrey Shades of Blue ShCM. Well broken blue with good head showing correct stop placement and well placed eye and ears. Good front and hind angulation and well bodied up. Neat feet well let down hocks. Moved very well. 2 Mitchell Fiddock's. Milesend Thistle at Lowenek. Youngster of good clear colour. Out of coat at present. Nice head pattern. Lighter in bone than the winner and movement needs to settle.

SP OB (TRI) (10) 1. Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty (BCC). Quality 18 month old bitch, balanced throughout without exaggeration and well presented. Good head and true sheltie expression. Well constructed fore and aft. Correct spring of rib leading to well muscled hindquarters. Moved with drive round the ring. 2 Thomas'. Arlanvic Black Chiffon at Jolex. Sound bitch also well presented. Lovely on the move, just flowed round the ring. Balanced head with dark well placed eye. Good body. 3 Ayres' Gemette Gone Midnite.

Judge - Val Dyer