

## **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF WALES Open Show 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge this show and my stewards for their help on the day. I would also like to thank the exhibitors for having given me the opportunity to go over their dogs. I was pleased with the quality of the exhibits.

**VD 1** Gruzka Samphrey Moonlight Shadow. 9yr old Tri wearing a sparkling jet black coat of good texture. Pleasing head pattern with well-placed dark almond eyes and beautiful ear carriage. Well-constructed in front and behind which enabled him to show good extension and drive when moving. **BVD. 2.** Jordan Gylmar Dreamaker. 8yr old Tri in full coat. Rather a reluctant showman but he is such a soundly constructed gentleman throughout. Moved very well with good drive and extension while single tracking away and towards. Balanced shape when standing. **3** Curtis Keltihope In The Frame At Yasleyrose.

**MPD 1** Paterson Lorainian Kings Ransom. Golden S/W of only just 6months old. Stood alone but what a joy to go over. He has a beautiful head with correct parallel planes, clean stop, smooth moulded muzzle, good underjaw and firm lip line. Dark obliquely set almond eyes give him a melting expression, neat ears are set well but need to settle. His head is carried on a long arched neck which leads into excellent shoulder with super return of upper arm. Ideal for bone and substance, masculine but not overdone. He has a lovely bend of stifle and long tail. Moved with impressive extension and drive in his class so was forgiven for being a bit playful when challenging for **BPIS. BPD** and **BPIS.**

**PD 1** Norris' Sandyvalley Basil Brush. Rich red S/W 10 months old. Balanced head with good ear carriage and dark expressive well set eyes. Excellent reach of neck. Well-made forehead with very good return of upper arm. Stands on straight parallel front legs. Nice shape when standing but was a little unsettled when moving today. Masculine with good bone, he should do very well when he finishes maturing in coat and body.

**JD 1** Pattinson Kyleburn Hidden Dream. 14 month S/W of ideal size. Lovely head topped by neat ears which are carried beautifully. His skull is flat with a clean stop and he has a good firm underjaw. Beautifully shaped dark eyes complete the picture giving him a sweet expression. His forehead is well-made with very good return of upper arm, body has level topline and his rear end has well angulated stifles. Moved effortlessly around the ring. **RBD. 2** Norris Sandyvalley Basil Brush. **3** John Jolex Silver Sixpence With Cadlyn.

**ND 1** John Jolex Silver Sixpence With Cadlyn. Appropriately named 14 months old well broken BM with lovely clear silver blue colouration. Clean head with good ear set and carriage. Rather unsure of himself today but he is an attractive boy having a pleasing overall shape with level topline which flows into nice sweep over the croup.

**PGD 1** Pattinson Kyleburn Everlasting Dream. Shaded S/W. He is rather a reluctant showman but he moves freely while maintaining his shape. He has good return of upper arm and lovely bend of stifle. A mature dog with good body and ribcage. His head has a very flat skull which is topped by neat ears.

**LD 1** Robinson Lavika Lush Life. 2yr old Golden S/W in full coat of correct texture. A handsome boy who excels for Breed Type. He has a beautiful head with flat skull, lovely dark well-placed almond eyes, moulded muzzle and good underjaw with tight lip line. His ears are set and carried well. His head is carried on a good length neck which leads into a firm level topline. He has excellent rear angulation and moves freely around the ring with good drive. **BD + BIS. 2** Curtis Keltihope In The Frame At Yasleyrose. Mature Mahogany Sable with a dense coat of good texture but to complete the image could do with a little more infill of coat under his body. His head has a truly flat skull which is topped by well carried correctly tipped ears. **3** John Jolex Gadno Arian With Cadlyn.

**OD 1** Benstead Melcette A Thousand Stars At Benravia. BM in full coat. Slightly larger for size, he is soundly constructed with very good angulation to both his forehead and rear end. He has a deep chest, is well bodied and has a firm level topline. A reluctant showman but he moves very freely covering the ground well. Stands four square. **2** Curtis Keltihope In The Frame At Yasleyrose.

**BMD 1** John Jolex Gadno Arian With Cadlyn. 6yr old with good bone. Pleasing head with parallel planes and a sweet mischievous expression. Well-formed body with good depth of chest. Good shoulder assembly. Topline is level and his rear quarters are well angulated.

**TRI, BW D 1** Jordan Gylmar Dreamaker. **2.** Thomas Keltihope Koalite At Richjoy. 5yr old Tri wearing a full jet black jacket. Ears are set and carried well. He has a good length arched neck. Good for bone substance with a deep chest, well sprung ribs and very good bend of stifle. Was moving rather wide today, would benefit from carrying a bit less weight.

**S/WD** 1 Light Jolex Another Hero For Wellowbark. 8yr old with very rich coloured Golden S/W coat. His head has dark well placed eyes, flat skull, parallel planes and he has a well formed underjaw. He has a good reach of neck and stands with his front legs well under his withers.

**VB** 1 Gruzka Samphrey Shades Of Blue ShCM. An attractive well-made veteran bitch. Wearing a beautifully coloured dense B/M coat, has a pleasing outline and is of good substance. She has good head properties with parallel planes and well placed stop. She moved smartly round the ring keeping a level topline. I was very happy to award her BVB + BVIS. 2 John Jolex Moonflower. Another lovely quality veteran bitch, slightly darker in colour and having many of the same attributes as my winner. She is well made with nice angulation and moves freely. She was unlucky to meet my winner today.

**PB** 1 Dunn Brilyn Baccarat To Beechmere. 10 month old feminine Golden S/W carrying a good coat. Beautiful dark almond eyes and neat ears which are carried and used well. She has a very sweet expression. Stands parallel in front and behind. Moved out freely. 2 Norris Sandyvalley Golden Sage. 10 month old rich red S/W. Another feminine young lady who also has a pretty head and carries and uses her ears well. She has beautifully set dark almond eyes. Not as forward in coat as the winner and being a bit playful on the move but she was a nice shape.

**JB** 1 Creamer Clanavon Touch Of Blue At Lyngarso. Beautifully marked BM who immediately impressed on entering the ring. Pretty balanced head with moulded cheeks and flat skull. Nicely constructed young lady with a lovely shapely outline which she maintained when moving. Ideal for size and substance with correct bone, deep chest and well sprung ribcage. Moved very freely in her class, in the challenge she had lost her composure and was being rather playful RBB. 2 Robinson Lavika Spring Queen. Tri with purest jet black coat and very rich tan markings. Alert and in total harmony with her handler at all times both standing and when being moved. Shows herself well using her neat, well set ears non-stop. Feminine with correct bone for size, strides out well. 3 Harries Mistmere Tilly.

**NB** 1 Atkins' Jontygray Kiss N'Tell. Golden S/W just coming out of her junior moult. Ultra-feminine and full of charm. Smooth moulded head with good clean stop, well placed dark almond eyes and neat active ears all combine to give her a merry expression. Very nicely put together forehead assembly and super rear angulation. 2 Sorockyj Mohnesee Share The Dream. Golden S/W in good coat. Nice overall body proportion with level topline. A size larger than my winner, she was well presented and expertly handled. BPB. 3 Harries Mistmere Tilly.

**GB** 1 Atkins Jontygray Kiss N'Tell. 2 Robinson Lavika Spring Queen.

**PGB** 1 Norris Clanavon Love In A Mist. Ideal for size carrying a very richly coloured S/W coat. Lovely balanced shape and well-constructed throughout plus she has a lovely head. Her long neck leads into well layed shoulders which are coupled with super return of upper arm. Very good hind angulation. She moves very freely with effortless long stride. A quality girl who was a very close up in the challenge. 2 Robinson Lavika Spring Queen. 3 Eldridge Keltihope Wispa's Girl At Petara.

**LB** 1 Paterson Lorainian Celtic Star. Feminine golden S/W of lovely breed type. She has a long neck which supports a pretty head which is smoothly moulded and balanced. An outgoing show girl she uses her neat ears non-stop. Her forehead construction has very good layback of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good for bone and substance throughout, her body has a deep chest and good length to ribcage. Very good rear angulation with lovely bend of stifle. She moves really well exhibiting good extension and drive in profile, she correctly single tracks when viewed going away and towards. BB + RBIS 2. Hateley Mohnesee Millybelle JW. S/W wearing a dense coat of good texture. A very attentive showgirl, her head has correctly placed ears which she uses non-stop. She is good for body substance and has a level topline. Preferred the overall balance and expression of my winner. 2 Gruzka Samphrey Sea Breeze.

**OB** 1 Roberts Willowgarth Love Story At Malaroc. Profusely coated 6 yr old golden S/W. Good head properties having perfect balance of foreface to skull, lovely ear set and captivating dark eyes. Ample substance throughout. Good rear angulation and movement. 2 Robinson Lavika Black Beauty JW. 3 yr old Tri. Well presented. When standing she had a lovely profile shape which she maintained while moving freely around the ring. Showed her socks off but couldn't quite match the sweetness of expression of the class winner.

**BMB** 1 Greenhill Mohnesee Diamonds 'N' Pearls JW. 5 yr old in full coat. Really good layback of shoulder with matching pleasing return of upper arm. Muscular and well bodied with good ribbing and level top line. Very good angles to front and rear construction. Moved with plenty of drive looking like she could do a full days work. 2. Greaves Clanavon Forget Me Not. 2yr old glamorous, fabulously coloured BM. She was wearing a full coat of purest silver blue with ideal amount of black ticking all complemented by rich tan markings. Appealing head with well-placed deep blue eyes and a gorgeous expression. Very good rear angulation and possibly the longest tail of the day.

**TRI, BW B** 1 Robinson Lavika Spring Queen. 2 Light Valdosta Tri Me At Wellowbark. 3yr old in full coat which is of good texture. She has nicely set ears which are tipped and carried well. She is correct for overall size and has good bone substance but ideally she could carry a bit less weight. Moved OK.

**S/WB** 1 Norris Clanavon Love In A Mist. 2 Hateley Mohnessee Sweet Dreams JW. 19 month Golden S/W. Balanced head with clean stop and good planes, lovely eyes, sweet expression. Soundly constructed with the right amount of substance. Moved well. 3 Rossiter Lorainian Starlight Wonder.

**Judge - Mrs L S French**