

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Wales Championship Show 16.03.25

I would like to thank the Committee of the club for inviting me to judge for you. I send my best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mike Light further to his operation. Joanne made a very good job of the role in your absence. The show was very well run and a lovely friendly atmosphere. I hope everyone enjoyed their day. The quality of the exhibits today was generally very good. There were few exhibits with missing teeth. I was spoilt for choice when it came to the CC and RCC. I have never given a puppy a CC but today was the day I gave out the CC to a puppy who fitted the standard so well and had such a ring presence way beyond his young age. He is surely destined for great things. I just loved everything about him, his head so beautiful with that almond obliquely set eye, lovely neat ears and an expression that is so sweet. I was so pleased that my co-judge, Mr Stuart Gruszka was in agreement with me in awarding him BIS and BPIS. The bitch was also very nice and, I believe, made up on the day, so it was nice for her to go RBIS.

VD (1) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream. 10 Year old dog. Handsome dog having a good wedge head with neat ears, good expression, well placed shoulders and good spring of rib, well angulated hindquarters. Good outline. Moved and showed well. He could do with dental descaling though. Best Veteran Dog.

MPD (4) 1 Walker's Tooralie's The Vagabond. A promising Blue Merle dog of just 6 months, lovely shape and type, nice expression from well placed eye shape and set and nice neat ears, good level planes and correct stop, good length of neck, good bone, good angles front and rear. Moved well albeit a little reluctant in the first instance. 2 Hateley's Mohnesee The Charm Master. 8 months old Sable and White, good wedge head but needs to fill in foreface, well placed almond eye, lovely expression, shapely youngster, just lost out on movement to 1. Glad he settled after being chased. 3 Folkes' Heart Of Love Manada De Grande At Dacfolke (Imp Pol),

PD (10) 1 Jeavons Grandgenes Play The Game. 9 Months Glamorous Sable & White, very shapely, super angles both front and rear, lovely wedge head, level planes, well placed almond eye all creating a lovely expression, good length of neck, well placed shoulder, nice body proportions, good bone, well angulated rear, showed and moved well both ways. One to watch for the future. Hope he stops growing. 2 Forbes Degallo The Name of The Game. A very promising puppy with a lovely expression from well placed almond eye, good ear set and carriage all making a nice expression. Well handled. 3 Hateley's Mohnesee The Charm Master.

JD (8,6) 1 Forbes Degallo The Prodigy. Beautiful 9½ month old sable and white, lovely moulded head, level planes, correct stop, well placed correct almond eye, well set and used ears all creating a super sweet expression, very good neck length, well-placed shoulders, well-sprung ribs, well-let down hocks and good angulation, moved and showed well. Super outline. In good coat which was very well presented. I am sure he will gain his crown. I shall watch with interest. BPD, BPIB and BOB. 2 Rossiter's Cocaro The Highlander. 13 months Shaded sable and white, good wedge head with level planes, well-set ears and well-placed almond eye giving a nice expression, shorter coupling than 1. Moved okay. Showed well. 3 Norris's Farngrave's Code Blue.

Y (2) 1 Folkes' Navy Blue Of Most Majestic At Dacfolke (Imp Hun). 15 months blue merle, well spring ribs, good body coat colour, moved okay. 2 Gibson's Cocaro Dances With Wolves. He enjoyed his day out. Shame he has grown too tall.

N (7) 1 Jeavons' Grandgenes Play The Game. 2 Forbes' Degallo The Name Of The Game. 3 Hateley's Mohnesee The Charm Master.

G (1) 1 Thomas' Jontygray Gypsy Rover Nice head, foreface lacks fill, well placed ears, eye shape and set could be better, in huge coat. moved well.

PG (4) 1 Sutherland' Shelcrest Winter Solstice At Suthesley JW. 4 year old shaded sable and white. Good wedge head with level planes, good almond eye, well placed ears, balanced body with good construction, well sprung ribs, in good coat which was well presented. Moved and showed well. 2 Revill's Mosardi Don't Stop. 3 year old blue merle with good coat of well broken blue colour, nice

expression from good wedge head and nice markings, good bone, well sprung ribs, good angles both front and rear. Moved well. 3 Overton's Pop Goes The Diesel.

Mid L (2) 1 Pattinson' Kyleburn Hidden Dream 6¾ years shaded sable and white. Good wedge head with level planes, good underjaw, well placed ears, nice expression good length of neck, well angulated front and rear, moved well both ways. Could do with teeth descaling.

L (6) 1 Norris' Ferngrove's Valentino JW. 3 year old. A very rich sable and white with a lovely moulded head, level planes, well-set ears, almond eye all making a lovely expression, good length of neck, well-placed shoulder, good bone, well-proportioned body, good rear angulation, lovely shape in profile, moved well both ways. Shown in excellent coat which was well presented. I am sure he will get his crown. Reserve Best Dog. 2 Winfield's Oakcroft The Mandalorian JW. 2-year-old with a good wedge head, level planes with well-set eye and good ears, nice expression, good length of neck, well-angulated front and rear. Just lost out to 1 on movement. 3 Hirst's Sundark Scaramouche.

O (2) 1 Walker's CH/FR/SUI/LUX/INT CH Tooralie's Pie In The Sky. A handsome 5½ year old shaded sable and white. He is a lovely example of the breed, lovely classic wedge head, good underjaw, lovely length of neck which carried his head well, well angulated front and rear, good spring of rib, moved and showed well. A very worthy Champion. 2 Keeling's IR CH Kishdigra Rock The Gods IR JCH CH CW24. 2½ year old, rich red sable and white, good wedge head but a little deep through in backskull, lovely expression, well constructed, in good coat which was well presented. Moved and showed well. Unfortunate to come up against 1 today.

Special OD Sable & White (4,2) 1 Robinson's Ch. Lavika Starlight Salute. 4½ year old glamorous Sable and White. Very good head and expression from well placed almond eye, correct ear set and carriage, excellent coat of correct texture, well made throughout. Well presented and showed non stop, moving well both ways. A worthy champion. 2 Sutherland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice At Suthesley.

Special OD Blue Merle (2) 1 Proctor's Cullshelties Lochan Torr. 4 year old Blue Merle, well broken colour. In good coat. Head of equal proportions, correct stop, well rounded muzzle, eye placement, good body proportions and shape. Moved Okay. 2 Folkes' Navy Blue Of Most Majestic At Dakfolke (IMP HUN).

Special OD Tricolour, Black & White, Black & Tan (3) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Romulus. 7 year old Tricolour, good black coat, head long blunt wedge, level planes but lacks underjaw, good eye placement, good length of neck, well sprung ribs, teeth need descaling. Moved well both ways. 2 Folkes' Heart Of Love Manada De Grande At Dacfolke (IMP POL) 8 months black and white, head has level planes, eye could be better, good bone, nice overall shape, moved well in front.

Judge - Mrs Heather Bendelow (Amethrickeh)