

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF WALES Open Show 21st January 2018

Such a very enjoyable show with impeccable organisation and a happy sporting atmosphere throughout. I was both thrilled and greatly flattered by such a good entry, high in both quality and quantity. Despite the weather being nothing short of atrocious with snow and/or relentless rain pouring down like a waterfall, it was a thrill to find that so many intrepid exhibitors had braved the elements to arrive at the show resulting in comparatively few absentees. Temperaments throughout were excellent - a far cry from some 60 years or so ago when my aunt always had a couple of Shelties, all of these in turn being extremely nervous and terrified of strangers, as indeed were the vast majority of the breed we came across in those days! A most welcoming friendly committee, two wonderful stewards namely, Jan Lansdown and Sara Jane Roberts, along with charming dogs and equally charming exhibitors, contributed to make a very happy day - that is with the exception of the fearful weather! Thank you all so very much indeed.

MPD (3) 1 Stockden's Willowgarth Pure Gold. Just six months, well balanced, of excellent make and shape with good layback of shoulder and long tail. A happy showman with a charming expression, in excellent condition and coat of rich sable complete with copybook markings. A very good mover who just needs a touch more maturity to take him to the top. 2 Mottram's Lanteague Gold Sovereign at Lochkaren. 7 months and, I see, half brother to the winner both being sired by Ch Bailey's Gold. Beautiful head and eye, just a little taller and longer in loin. Very fit in good coat. He moved well. 3 John's Milesend Night Striker with Cadlyn.

PD (3,1) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life. So well balanced with a good arch to his neck and a bright alert expression in his dark eyes. Long well set and carried tail, neat feet, strong quarters and good layback of shoulder. Moved very well especially in front and side gait. **BPD**. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Romulus. Tri with dark eyes, just a touch taller and longer in loin than the winner. Good length of neck and strong, level topline with tail down to the hocks. Although I gathered that he had had a nasty fright earlier, soon braved it out and went with a will.

JD (2,1) 1 Lavika Lush Life.

ND (4,1) 1 Lavika Lush Life. 2 Willowgarth Pure Gold. 3 Kyleburn Romulus.

GD (4,1) 1 Evans' Shadoway Lucky Strike. Dark sable, so very typey and beautifully balanced. Well shaped head with a very sweet expression in his dark eyes. So good for make, shape and size with well laid shoulder and good turn of stifle, in the best of condition and mature, well textured coat. A very good mover, scoring here on his hind movement. A confident happy showman, who went with a spring in his stride. **RBD**. 2 Lush Life. 3 Chalke's Malaroc Wordsmith at Ghostland.

PGD (5,3) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream. Shaded sable with good head and a bright alert expression in his dark eyes. Just had the edge on balance and firmness of topline. Not in the fullest of coat currently, he went well. 2 Thomas' Keltihope Koalite at Richjoy. Tri with dark eyes and pigment with good finish to muzzle, rather longer in loin than the winner. Very fit, in hard muscular condition and splendid double coat. A very accurate mover, who went with a rush!

LD (4,2) 1 Curtis' Keltihope in the Frame at Yasleyrose. Shaded sable, in superb coat and condition. Lovely head and eye with good finish to foreface. Well balanced with firm topline and good layback of shoulder, up to size. A very good mover, who could hold himself with more pride to demonstrate his undoubted qualities. 2 John's Jolex Gadno Arian with Cadlyn. Blue merle currently clad in a single top coat, albeit well textured. Dark expressive eyes, good feet and pigment. He moved extremely well if a touch over-enthusiastic with his tail with excitement at times.

OD (5,2) 1 Lundecock's Surprise Packet SE JV-16. What a simply beautiful dog! Lovely for size, type, make, shape and balance. Here was the Breed Standard illustrated in one happy willing well marked light sable/w showman! Lovely head with a charming alert expression in his well-shaped dark sparkling eyes. He moved to match the excellence of his conformation with good reach in profile. Gather that, having been bred in Sweden, he now lives in Holland. Most exciting. **BD & BIS**. 2 Sonvico's Ch Willowgarth Bailey's Gold JW. Very masculine

and obviously keen on his food with tail constantly awag. Good layback of shoulder. This happy showman moved extremely well, covering ground in side gait.

SP OD BLUE MERLE (1) 1 Gadno Arian with Cadlyn.

SP OD TRI, B/W, B/T DOG (3) 1 Jordan's Gylmar Dreamaker. Well balanced in excellent double coat, lovely dark expressive eyes, good layback of shoulder, long tail and finish to muzzle. Very good mover. 2 Keltihope Koalite at Richjoy. 3 Milesend Night Striker with Cadlyn.

SP OD S/W (4,2a) 1 Mottram's Midday Sun at Lochkaren JW. Well marked and balanced with good arch to his neck. Well shaped head with a sweet expression in his dark eyes and good finish to foreface. Well laid shoulder, in splendid coat and condition. 2 Wordsmith at G, 3rd in GD earlier. A happy showman with the darkest of eyes and very sweet expression, in good coat. A touch long in muzzle and just not moving as well as he might.

VD (7,1a) 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Moonlight Shadow JW. Well balanced Tri with good head, eye and expression with neat, well set and carried ears. Good layback of shoulder and tail to hock, in excellent coat. He moved very well BVD. 2 Creamer's Lyngarso Ebony Ice, Tri, so happy and enthusiastic, enjoying himself to the full with tail constantly awag, just inclined to prick his ears with excitement at times. Well balanced, in good coat. He went with a spring in his stride. 3 Hirst's Sundark Starlight ShCM.

MPB (4,3) 1 Eldridge's Kelthorpe Whispa's Girl at Petara. Just six months at her first show and, understandably, just a touch apprehensive at first although her owner was, if anything, even more anxious! However, within a minute or two, this gorgeous baby stood quite happily on the table and was a joy to handle with the all the parts fitting neatly and accurately into the whole along with a lovely long tail and well laid shoulder. Beautiful head and ears with the most irresistible expression in her dark sparkling eyes. So typey and well balanced with firm level topline, neat feet and arch to her proudly carried neck. A happy enthusiastic showgirl with non-stop wagging tail, who moved beautifully to match the excellence of her make and shape. Quite enchanting with all the promise in the world. **BPIS**.

PB (5,1) 1 Greaves' Clanavon Forget Me Not. Blue merle, who scored on firmness at elbow. Well shaped head with good finish to foreface and darkest of pigment. Excellent make and shape with good topline and length of tail. Very good mover. 2 Robinson's Lavika Time of My Life. Also lovely and such a showgirl, well balanced with an excellent topline, shoulders and quarters. Beautiful head, eye and expression. An energetic mover with good reach in profile. 3 Waldroon's Lavika Good Times.

JB (2) 1 Lavika Good Times. A happy enthusiastic showgirl with lovely dark well shaped eyes, in excellent coat and condition. She moved well, covering ground in sidegait.

NB (7) 1 Lavika Time of My Life. 2 Greaves' Clanavon Summer Blossom with good layback of shoulder and well shaped head, good finish to foreface and charming expression. Excellent topline, shoulder and quarters with good length of tail a neat feet. Just a touch longer in loin than the winner. She moved very well. 3 Costeloe's Stoneycombe Sweet Talk from Karmidale.

GB (1) 1 Lavika Time of My Life.

PGB (8,1) 1 Ayres' Gemette Gone Midnite. Tri with rich tan markings, beautifully balanced, full of herself and her own importance. So good for size, type, make and shape with well laid shoulder and turn of stifle. Lovely head and dark expressive eye. An energetic enthusiastic showgirl, who moved beautifully holding herself proudly. 2 Atkins' Jontygray Goody Two Shoes. Well shaped eyes, good pigment and topline with long tail, well made all through with good shoulders, in hard muscular condition and mature coat. Just a little longer in body than the winner. She moved well, driving strongly from her quarters. 3 Greenhill's Mohnesee Diamonds 'N' Pearls, JW.

LB (6,3) 1 Stockden's Willowgarth Olympic Summer. Well balanced rich sable/w, who scored on size, make and shape with good layback of shoulder and turn of stifle. Well shaped head with good finish to muzzle and such a sweet expression in her dark well shaped eyes, neat well set and carried ears. Such a very good mover with tail

constantly awag. Most impressive. See I gave her 2nd in a well filled GB class at the English Club in 2015 and she has indeed matured into something special. **BB & RBIS.** 2 Dunn's Neraklee Chardony at Shelleary. Good topline and balance if on the larger side. Good head with a most intelligent expression in her dark eyes. Very stylish on the move, holding herself proudly. 3 Rossiter's Loraininan Starlight Wonder.

OB (4,3) Both Tris. 1 Thomas' Arlanvic Black Chiffon at Jolex. Good head and eye with excellent pigment, well balanced, scoring here on size, shoulder and hind angulation, Good topline, tailset and carriage, in splendid coat. She moved very accurately but could hold herself with greater pride to demonstrate her undoubted qualities. 2 Hirst's Sundark Tsarina, in rock hard muscular condition with a firm level topline, if somewhat lacking in coat currently. She moved very well.

SP OB BLUE MERLE (4) 1 Clanavon Forget Me Not. 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Shades of Blue JW. Lovely head, eye and expression with good layback of shoulder and neat feet. A good mover, just a touch longer in loin than the winner. 3 Thomas' Jolex Moonflower.

SP OB TRI, B/W, B/T 1 Gomette Gone Midnight. 2 Arlanvic Black Chiffon at Jolex. 3 Sundark Tsarina.

SP OB S/W (2) 1 Robinson's Lavika Good Luck JW Lovely head, eye and expression. So well balanced and beautifully made all through with good layback of shoulder and turn of stifle, in superb coat and condition. Great showgirl, just feeling the cold a touch to start with but, having warmed up, moved beautifully.

VB (3,1a) Both blue merle. 1 Thomas' Jolex Frosted Ice Very happy showgirl who scored on size and layback of shoulder, in well textured topcoat with firm level topline. A very good mover, she went with a spring in her stride. 2 Hirst's Sundark Surprised JW. Well named as indeed I was surprised to learn that she is now 12 years old and who would have guessed? She looks like a youngster, in fabulous condition with excellent topline. She, too, moved beautifully. Many congratulations to her obviously caring owner.

Judge - Jane Lilley