

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF WALES Open Show 21.1.24

First and foremost, I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge my first breed club open show, it was such an honour! The hospitality of the club was second to none, the location and venue lovely too. I would also like to thank every single exhibitor entering and traveling, was lovely to hear clapping and congratulations from exhibitors when in the challenges.

VD (1) 1 Kyleburn Mithras, Pattinson: 11 years young, dark shaded sable, show in excellent condition and present well by both handler and runner. Rounded muzzle leading to excellent planes, ears small correct and used well, dark obliquely set eye giving a sweet expression. Good shoulder and upper arm with deep chest, level topline, rounded bone of correct strength. Moved well with drive. Best Veteran dog.

MPD (3) 1 Norris Ferngroves Skywalker, 7 month old golden sable boy, Good overall size and substance. Nice rounded muzzle and underjaw, good dark pigmentation. Eye a little round but well set, nice shaped and used ears. Neck okay leading to nice level topline and curve of croup. Good amount of bone for size, tight elbows, nice turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Coat clean and groomed to perfection, best moving puppy in class. At one with his handler. Best Puppy dog. 2 Haensels, Sherkarl Sole Diva, 7 month old golden sable boy, up to size. Presented and groomed well. Well used ears, dark well placed eyes, nice round bone for size. Fabulous temperament giving kisses on the table. Good turn of stifle, but too close behind so movement was hard to assess. 3 Ferguson's Dinmore Wild Blue Yonder of Fervail.

PD (2) 2 of the most outgoing and friendly puppies I have ever judged, plenty of kisses and their tails never stopped wagging! 1 Thomas' Jontygray Gypsy Rover, 9 month old sable, wonderful temperament. Nicely set and well used ears, plenty of bone for size. Good length in back, good feet. Needs to settle on the move was playing up for handler. 2 Ferguson's Dinmore Wild Blue Yonder of Fervail, 6 month old boy of larger size and substance., well-marked blue of good colour. A little strong in head, Long neck and level topline, longest tail of the day by far. Very friendly and outgoing, did like to pull on the lead so hard to assess movement.

ND (2) 1 Overton's Pop Goes The Diesel, very outgoing golden sable boy loved being in the ring, good dark eyes and pigmentation, well rounded muzzle and good stop. well used and placed ears leading to a slightly short neck. Good length in back, well round ribs. Sweeter expression won the class. 2 Sweeney's Peartbrook Line of duty, similar size to one just a little finer in head, well used ears and good underjaw. Good double coat in rich colour.

GD (2,1) 1 Linford's Hillhenry in your Honour, Handsome flashy Tri boy. Clean and well-presented Jet black coat of harsh texture that fit his body. Walked in the ring with a gentle presence. Symmetrical and clean outline. Refined and elegant yet masculine head. Blunt wedge with flat cheeks merging smoothly into well-rounded muzzle with a beautiful blaze. Dark eyes oozing expression, muscular neck leading to correct length in back. Well laid shoulders and with well sprung ribs. When viewed from the front straight well boned forelegs. Well-turned stifle, clean cut hocks and well-padded oval feet. Beautiful rapport with handler, both attentive. Moved effortlessly with drive from well-muscled hindquarters. A Boy who would have no issues working a day. Easily won Best dog, pushed the bitch hard for BIS, this boy has plenty of time on his paws and his best is yet to come.

PGD (3) 1 Norri's Ferngrove's Valentino JW, nearly 2 golden Sable boy, another boy who loves his owner. Correct blunt wedge head, dark eyes that could be a tad smaller, well-rounded muzzle and strong underjaw. Small correct placed ears giving a sweet expression. Lovely muscular well arched neck, leading to correct length in back. Presented in clean well brushed coat. Well laid shoulders with good spring of rib. Clean strong forelegs when viewed from the front. Good turn of stifle and strong hocks Well-padded feet. Moved out well with drive. Pushed hard for RBD. 2 Roberts' Stanydale Rewrite the stars for Malaroc JW, Darker 3-year-old blue merle boy of correct size and substance, strong straight topline. Good stop and flat skull, a little square in face, strong underjaw bright blue eyes. lovely turn of stifle leading to strong straight hocks well let down and well-padded feet with. well-rounded bone, just a little straight in front. 3 Hirst Sundark Scaramouche.

LD (4) 1 Creamer's Lyngarso Captain Tom, 2 year old up to size tri boy. Dark eyes, flat skull and round muzzle nice sweet expression with good underjaw. Forelegs straight with strong flexible pasterns, well ribbed, level topline with good length, good sweep over lion. muscular and clean with strong bone not overdone. Toes oval and well padded, a little excited at times but did moved well with drive. 2 Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream, nearly 6 year old rich shaded sable male, sweet expression with clean wedge shaped head. Dark well placed oblique eye, rounded muzzle. Flat skull, ears thrown back most of the time but when alert brought forward showed off his small and neat ears which were well placed. Well laid back shoulder. Nice round bone perfect for his size. Moved well with drive with his runner. Just preferred the body to height ratio of one. 3 Ayres's Gemette Gone Platinum.

OD (1) 1 Lambert's Blenmerrow Merry Minstral, 3.5 year old Dark rich shaded sable boy, just loved his colour and coat that fit his shape. Dark pigmentation, good underjaw, blunt wedge shaped head with flat skull eyes dark but slightly round. Cheeks flat, merging smoothly into well-rounded muzzle. Nice sized well used ears. Round straight forelegs when viewed from the front. Outline symmetrical and clean, muscled neck and level top line graceful sweep over loins. Really like his angles front and back, long tail and well let down hocks. Moved well with drive. **Spec OD (Blue Merle) (3)** 1 Robinson's Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean, nearly 4 years old, handsome shape with abundance of well groom coat. Good blue colour with rich tan points. Presented and shown expertly. Round muzzle and good underjaw, a little steep in stop and round in top skull. Bright blue eyes, Ears well used and placed. Lovely curve of neck leading to strong straight topline. Bone strong, but suited his size and shape. Well sprung ribs and tight elbows. Good turn of stifle, hock joint clean cut, angular and well let down, feed tight and arched. Nice boy who moved out well proud to award him RBD. 2 Ayres's Gemette gone platinum, nearly 3 years old clean well-marked blue merle with lovely white collar. Good length in back and sweep over croup, Nice size. Used his ears well and throughout. 3 Ferguson's Dinmore Wild Blue Yonder of Fervail. **Spec OD (Tri, Black & white & black & tan) (3)** 1 Creamer's Lyngarso Captain Tom See first in limit dog. 2 Robinsons Lavika Moonlight Storm JW, Just shy of 2 years, dark jet Black coat. Muzzle narrow, could be rounder as a little sharp, ears small and well used Nice small ears well used. Groomed and presented perfectly. Muscular neck leading to level top line, good sweep over croup. forelegs straight when viewed from front, clean with strong bone. Oval well padded toes. Loved his overall shape and substance, Just preferred the darker eye and sweeter expression of one. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Romulus. **Spec OD (Sable & White) (1)** 1 Mottram's Lundecoocks Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren JW (IMP SWE) Light sable boy, groomed and presented in excellent condition. Rounded forelegs straight when viewed from front with good amount of bone. Flat cheeks and well-rounded muzzle ears a little low but well used. Ribs well sprung leading to level but short back, okay turn in stifle. Moved well with handler.

VB (7,2) 1 Hirsts Sundark Simply A Star VW. And that she is! 9 year old Tri bitch, she is the definition of a working dog of great beauty, everything about her proportionate and symmetrical. Caught my eye the minuet she walked in. Skull flat, blunt feminine wedge leading into flat Cheeks, merging smoothly into well-rounded muzzle. Dark well placed oblique set eyes giving a soft sweet expression. Ears small and correctly placed, used and attentive to handler. Neck strong and curved leading to well laid shoulders and upper arm! Lovely deep, reaching to point of elbow with well sprung ribs. She has a beautiful Top line level, correct length to height ratio leading to graceful sweep over loins. Thighs muscled, Stifle well turned, hocks clean cut, straight and strong. Coat dark black, abundant in thrill and feathers but fits her body perfectly. Moved across the ring with no effort with drive from the rear smooth and graceful. An easy choice for high places, pleased to award her Best Bitch, BIS and BVIS. 2 Robinsons Ch Lavika Black Beauty JW, fresh into veteran tri bitch. Lovely dark coat presented and shown in immaculate condition, well-muscled all over. Good size and substance. Dark eyes and good length of muzzle. Well boned throughout. Moved well and one with her handler. 3 Rossiter's Lorainian Celtic Star.

MPB (4) I must say a beautiful class of bitches, all have wonderful qualities. All growing at their own speeds. I'm sure they will all swich places many times though their puppy careers. 1 Lamberts Blenmerrow Lullaby, Lovely sable and white bitch puppy, Sweet expression, well rounded muzzle and flat cheeks, Skull and muzzle of equal length, almond obliquely set dark eyes, neat small ears used the whole time. Best front in the puppy classes with well laid-back shoulders. back correct length and straight topline, graceful sweep over croup. Bone strong and feminine. Correct rear angles with well let down hocks. Giving her smooth easy movement with drive from the rear, with correct daisy cutting motion. Lovely puppy, proud to award her BPIS. 2 Robinsons, Lavika Sunset Rose. Pretty well marked blue girl, nice size and overall shape. Another from this kennel which was shown beautifully and very well presented. Muzzle narrow, could be rounder as a little sharp, ears small and well used, skull could be flatter. Well-muscled neck and nice lay of shoulder, back adequate in length. Rounded bone correct amount for her size, well let down hocks. Really liked this girl positive light movement, just prefer a sweeter expression. 3 Hatleys Mohnesse Meliya, I know 3 write up isn't needed but I wanted to include this girl. Pretty tri girl of nice size. Really lovely dark black coat with rich tan points. Round muzzle with correct stop, dark eye. Neat small ears which were well used on top of flat skull. Forequarters a little too straight which gave choppy front movement. Level topline with adequate back length, good sweep over croup. Correct amount of bone for size. Oval well-padded feet. I did prefer the sweet expression of this bitch to 2, but 2 out moved this bitch.

PB (5) 1 Robinsons, Lavika Sunset Rose. See 2 in MPB. 2 Hatleys Mohnesse Meliya – see 3 MPB. 3 Purchase, Puncknowle April Delight.

JB (3,1) 1 Creamers, Clanavon My Blue Heaven at Lyngarso, Blue of light silver colour flashy white blaze, rich tan pints, Head a little narrow, but skull last ears well used. Correct dark pigmentation, rounder but well-

placed eyes one dark and Lovely blue. Neck well arched, leading to level back with graceful sweep over loins, good turn of stifle with well let down hock. Presented in clean brushed coat Well padded oval feet. Moved well. 2 Thomas' Jolex Winter Jasmine, Rich Sable and white on the smaller end of the standard, thick coat. dark eye obliquely set eyes good pigmentation, ears small and neat cheeks flat. Neck short. Well presented.

NB (4,1) 1 Robinsons, Lavika Sunset Rose. – see 2 in MPB. 2 Sweeneys, Tooralies Two for Tea ay Peterbrook, Beautiful jet Black and white bitch coat fitted her body well, really outgoing girl wagging her long tail the whole time. Flat skull, Round muzzle, flat cheeks dark almond eyes a little forward but she has a real sweet expression. Ears small and well used, a little fluffy. Shoulders well laid, round ribs, Level topline. Correct height to length ratio. Well off for bone round and suits her size. Lovely turn of stifle and let down hocks. Oval well-padded feet. came second in this class as wasn't moving her best in front. would love to see this girl fully matured and settled in self. 3 Nunns, Sundark Simply Amazing.

GB (6,3) 1 Rossiers, Molson More About me at Cocaro, Golden Sable bitch of nice size, well presented. lovely black pigmentation, flat cheeks eyes dark but a little round. Arched neck level topline, correct length to height ratio. Clean sweep over croup. Good turn in stifle leading to clean let down hocks. Handler just needs to slow down, as this girl can move well with drive at a slower pace. 2 Crawford's Mohnesse Queen of Clubs at Joshlinic. Pretty tri girl of good size, Lovely fitted coat black coat. Lovely small ears, a little wide apart. Flat moulded cheeks rounded muzzle. Groomed and presented well.

PGB (6,1) First and second 2 very nice tri bitches. Hard to choose between these 2 girls, just preferred the leg length to body ratio of one. 1 Hirsts' Sundark symphony in Suede, Tri bitch with Lovely flashy collar. Bitch of good size nice amount of bone, loved her height to length measurement. refined head, ears a little large, dark eye. Neck well arched, Back level, with graceful sweep over loins. Moves well but handler needs to slow down! 2 Bray's Jontygray Trice as nice by Linbray, Another lovely tri bitch, correct size and substance. Groomed and presented to perfection. Ears small and correctly placed, muzzle rounded. Skull and cheeks flat. A little short in back, but graceful sweep over loins, well let down hocks well arched feet.. Moved out well. 3 Ayres' Gemette Glitter Girl.

LB (4) 1 Lamberts, Blenmerrow Daisy Chain, What a lovely rich shaded sable bitch, coat fitted her perfectly Nothing overdone or excessive, a bitch who could easily work a day. Feminine wedge head, Skull and muzzle of equal length, flat cheeks and well-rounded muzzle. Correct underjaw. Dark eyes set obliquely giving a sweet expression. Shoulders very well laid back. Neck of sufficient length to carry head proudly on the stand. Bone round and of correct amount for size. Level topline, correct height to length ratio. Graceful sweep over toned loins, well-turned stifle and well let down hock. Nicely muscled throughout, giving her the ease to move with drive. Proud to award her Reserve best Bitch. 2 Hirsts Sundark Spirit Mistress, another nice tri from this kennel, Dark tri with a coat that fitted her body. A little round in eye but they are dark and correctly placed. Correct stop and nice flat cheeks, small ears well placed and used. Shoulders well laid, Just a little short in back. Bone round and good for size, Nice turn in stifle and well let down hocks. Moved well. 3 Kelthope Wisp'as Girl At Petara.

OB (4,1) 1 see 1 VB. 2 see 2 LB.

Spec OB (Blue Merle) (5) 1 see 2 MPB. 2 Ayres, Gemette Glitter Girl. Slightly darker blue female, well broken with lovely big white blaze and rich tan marking. Groomed and presented well. Dark pigmentation, with lovely blue eyes, head a little long in measurements, lovely strong neck leading to short but level topline. Enough bone for size. Legs straight when viewed from the front, well let down hocks. Moved out well. 3 Creamer, Clanavon Touch Of Blue At Lyngarso.

Spec OB (Tri, Black & white & black and tan) (4,1) 1 see 1 in PGB. 2 Ayres, Gemette Gala Night. Pretty dark tri girl with rich tab points, slightly smaller in size and substance of one. Well used ears, flat cheeks muzzle a little square. Neck of adequate length leaning to level top line, struggled to move out on the slippery floor. 3 Crawfords Mohnesee Queen Of Clubs At Joshlinic.

Special OB (Sable & White) (4,1) A hard class to judge as both these girls are lovely, could switch places over and over in their careers. Just preferred the topline of one. 1 Robinsons Lavika Lateca. Golden sable and white bitch, Correct height to body length ratio. dark pigmentation, ears small and well used just tipped. Flat skull and cheeks. Strong and straight topline, Feminine round bone, good turn of stifle well let down hocks, well-padded oval feet. Groomed and presented beautifully. 2 Mottrams Lundecock's Theres No Limit at Lochkaren, Darker golden sable bitch, just missing her showman shine today. Lovely hard eyes of correct size and shape, muzzle round and cheeks flat. Stop a little steep. Neck well arched, of sufficient length. Well-rounded ribs, and good width of chest. Bone round and feminine, well turned stifle and well let down hocks. Profuse tail feather. 3 Waldrons Frecia Golden Times.

Judge - Miss Monet Rennison