

Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 19.02.23

Bitches

I must thank the committee for the invitation to judge my local club show and the exhibitors for their entries. I had a lovely entry of quality girls awaiting me. My co judge, was the well known all breed judge Frank Kane, politely agreed to disagree on the BIS and RBIB but we were more than happy to agree on the rest of the awards. I was delighted with my line up and my final four in the challenge are all fabulous examples of the standard and each one of them could have taken home the CC.

MPB (7,1) 1. Hill, Molson Mine Till Midnight Glamorous 8 month S/W, excellent for size with a lovely outline and correct height to length ratio . Refined skull, parallel head planes, flat skull and correct stop. Nice eye shape, obliquely set, of correct size, colour, pigmentation all combining to give her a sweet, feminine expression. She still needs a touch more fill in fore face but this should come with age. Ears were nice, used and correctly set. Good length of neck leading to good layback of shoulder and excellent upperarm. Good depth of chest for age, level top line leading to a lovely sweep over loin. Correct hind angulation, with well let down hocks. Moved well in profile and single tracked correctly. A very promising baby. 2. Rae, Quick Star Flaming Love N' Promises (imp Fin) Another promising puppy. Glamorous 7 month B/M in good fitted coat for age, of correct silvery blue. Though slightly heavier marked than ideal. A size bigger than winner but a very nice make and shape, excellent height to length ratio with good rounded bone for size. Lovely head and expression. A long blunt wedged shaped head, refined skull, parallel planes, flat skull and correct stop. Nice fill of foreface for age, nice eye shape, pigmentation and obliquely set, good underjaw. Ears nicely set, well used though break a touch low. Lovely length of neck leading to excellent layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Chest needs to develop but this should improve with age, correct level top line with good sweep over loin. Good hind angulation with well let down strong hocks. When settled moved very well in profile, a little narrow in front, correct behind. 3. Mitchell, Voldesta Goddess

PB (3) 1. Gartland, Arcot Take A Chance. Very shapely S/W of 11 months. She's an excellent make and shape. Nice for size, good height to length ratio and correct rounded bone. She has a very sweet head and expression, a long blunt wedge shaped head, refined skull, parallel head planes, flat skull, correct almond shaped eye, of good size, dark brown and obliquely set, though her pigmentation is a touch light, this could be because of the dark winter nights. Okay fill of fore face for age and correct underjaw. Correct ear set nicely used. Lovely length of neck leading to excellent layback of shoulder and correct upper arm. Good depth of chest, level top line and lovely sweep over loin, tail correctly set and of good length. Moved very well in profile with excellent forward reach and drive from behind but could be a touch tidier behind. Another promising youngster who won BPB on maturity. 2. Rae, Quick Star Flaming Love N' Promises (imp Fin) 3. O'Connor, Lavika's Luna Ocean.

JB (4) 1. Fisher, Sonymer Illusive Gold at Rowancrest A lovely S/W who is an attentive show girl in good fitted coat with a very nice outline and excellent height to length ratio with good rounded bone for her age and size. Good head and feminine expression. She has a flat skull. Parallel head planes, slightly broader in back skull. Good almond eye shape of correct colour, size and nicely set and correct pigmentation. Correct fill of foreface and well developed underjaw. Good ear set well used. Lovely length of neck, okay shoulder placement and correct depth of chest. Level top line and nice sweep over loin. Good hind angulation with well let down strong hocks. Moved well in profile, nicely balanced and single tracking correctly. Good feet. 2. Gartland, Arcot Take A Chance 3. Purves, Donallin Penny Arcade

YB (2) 1. Stafford, Ch Rannerdale Queen Of The Dark Mature, very glamorous tri colour, in excellent coat, correct jet black colour with rich tan markings. Lovely outline of nice size and correct rounded bone. She's such a show girl who knows how to make the most of herself. Feminine head and expression with flat skull and level head planes. A touch broader in back skull and deeper in stop. Lovely rounded muzzle with good fill of fore face and correct under jaw. Nice eye shape of correct colour, size and pigmentation and nicely placed. Lovely ear set, well used. Very good length of neck and good shoulder placement and correct depth of chest. Level top line with lovely sweep over loin

good tail set of nice length. Very good hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Has a habit of fighting against her lead but when she's settled moves very well with nice drive and forward reach and single tracks correctly. 2. Thomson, Lochdee Marie Magic Very sweet, plain shaded S/W. Excellent make and shape and very good height to length ratio and good rounded bone for her correct size. Though compared to first, quite immature but has time on her side. Her coat is fitted and nicely presented. Lovely refined long blunt wedge shaped head. Parallel head planes, with flat skull, correct good fill of fore face for age, good under jaw . Almond shaped eye of correct colour, size, pigmentation and obliquely set giving her such an appealing feminine expression. A tad reluctant to use her ears but when she did they were nicely set. Very good length of neck leading to excellent shoulder placement with correct lay back of shoulder and upper arm to match. Nice depth of chest, level top line with lovely sweep over loin. Good tail set of correct length. Excellent hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved every well with good forward reach and drive from behind, single tracked correctly.

NB Lewthwaite & Stafford, Rannerdale Killer Queen. Another very attentive showgirl. A smaller tri colour, with nice outline in fabulous coat of correct jet black with rich tan. She has lovely rounded bone for her size. Sweet head and expression, parallel head planes, slightly rounded skull, good stop with lovely rounded muzzle. A bolder eye of correct colour and pigmentation. Correct ear set well used. Nice length of neck leading to okay shoulder placement and correct depth of chest. Level top line, good sweep over loins. Decent hind angulation, good feet. Movement was nicely balanced in profile though lacked forward reach and drive, single tracked correctly. 2. Thomson, Lochdee Miss Marlie A glamorous tri colour of very nice height to length ratio. Not as mature as winner in outlook, has a nice fitted coat of correct jet black colour and rich tan markings, sweet head and expression with parallel head planes, flat skull nice fill of fore face for age. Bolder eye though a nice size and correct dark brown, correct pigmentation still giving her an appealing sweet expression. Good stop and correct underjaw. Good ear set. Lovely length of neck, okay shoulder placement and needs to develop in chest. Level top line good sweep, over loin with nice hind angulation with well let down strong hocks. Moved straight behind with good drive, though lacked forward reach and a touch narrow in front.

GB (5) 1. Gartland, Arcot Take A Moment 2. Purves, Donallin Magic In Blue. A very glamorous B/M bitch of nice size, well balanced with good shape and correct bone. She is in nice coat and her colour is the correct silvery blue and nicely marbled. She has a lot of white on her face which means her had needs to be handled to be appreciated. Not quite as feminine as winner she has a long blunt wedge shaped head, though a touch broad in the back skull, parallel head planes, flat skull with correct stop and good underjaw. Nice fill of fore face. Good almond eye shape, nicely placed with correct pigmentation. Though lacking a little in underjaw. Good ear set nicely used. Excellent length of neck with a lovely arch to it. Good layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Correct depth of chest, level top line and lovely sweep over loin. Very good hind angulation with short strong hocks. Moved very well in profile with excellent forward reach and drive from behind single tracked correctly. 3. Hepburn, Leterickhills Miss Cool

PGB (5) 1. Robinson, Lavika Spring Queen A 4 year tri colour bitch, In good coat of correct jet black colour with rich tan markings. Lovely for size, pleasing shape with good height to length ratio correct rounded bone. Feminine head and expression. Good wedged shaped head with very flat skull, parallel head planes and correct stop. Lovely rounded muzzle and correct almond shaped eye, good pigmentation, colour and obliquely set. Ears well set though a touch light. Good length of neck leading to adequate shoulder angulation. Correct depth of chest with level top line and lovely sweep over loins. Good hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Nice profile movement with good drive and forward reach and single tracked correctly. 2. Hepburn, Leterickhills River Lass Very sweet 2 year old S/W. A lovely size and was sporting her best summer wear being rather out of coat but it showed her lovely shape, with a good height to length ratio and rounded bone. She has a very appealing sweet expression, flat skull and parallel head planes. A touch Broad in back skull, good stop, lovely almond shaped eye of correct colour and pigmentation. Needs to fill in fore face but she has time on her side.

Correct underjaw. Ear set slightly wide and breaking a touch low. Excellent length of neck leading to good layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Correct depth of chest, level top line and lovely sweep over loin. Good hind angulation with well let down strong hocks. Moved very well with excellent drive and effortless forward reach, single tracked correctly. 3. Elder, Ellenyorn Electra

LB (14,2) A strong class full of quality. Some nice girls went cardless. 1. Walker Channerswick Pennywise 5 year old B/M of excellence size and elegant outline. A glamorous girl who's colour is a clear silvery blue, nicely marbled with good rich tan on her face. Feminine head and expression with a flat skull, parallel head planes, broader in back skull with correct stop. Slightly fuller in eye shape but of correct size and pigmentation. Good rounded muzzle and correct underjaw. Ears nicely set and well used. Lovely length of neck with excellent layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Good depth of chest, level top line and lovely sweep over loin. Excellent hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved very well with excellent forward reach and drive from behind, single tracking correctly. Her fabulous shape and movement impressed me enough to pull her out to the final four for consideration of the CC. 2. Forbes, Degallo Blonde Ambition. A quality S/W who was close up to the class winner. She has a fabulous outline which draws your attention to her at all times. The ultimate show girl who never lets up for her owner. Very glamorous, in good coat, good substance and bone for her nice size. Very sweet and feminine head and expression, lovely long blunt wedge shaped head, with refined back skull, parallel head planes and flat skull. Nice eye shape, obliquely set of correct size, colour and pigmentation. Good fill of foreface with correct stop and underjaw. Ears well set and nicely used. Lovely length of neck leading to good layback of shoulder. Correct depth of chest, level top line and very good sweep over loins. Excellent hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved very well in profile with excellent drive from behind, though didn't quite match the winner for forward reach. Moved straight in front but slightly wide behind on the day. A lovely girl who will surely make the upper house in the future. 3. Elder Ellenyorn Evita

OB (6,1) 1. Welford, Ristine Emerald .A quality tri colour in a good fitted coat of correct jet black. Has an excellent make and shape with good substance and correct rounded bone. A good head with a long blunt wedge shaped head. Refined back skull, parallel head planes and flat skull. Nice eye shape. Obliquely set of correct dark brown and pigmentation. Correct stop, good fill of fore face giving a lovely rounded muzzle, good underjaw, therefore giving a sweet and feminine expression and underjaw. Correct ear set well used. Excellent length of neck leading to very good layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Correct depth of chest and level top line with good sweep over loins. Excellent hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved very well with excellent forward reach and drive from behind, single tracked correctly. She is another bitch who will hopefully reach the upper house in the future who was very unlucky to come against the winner of her next class. 2. Robinson, Frostice Artic Moon (imp Swe) An absolutely charming smaller B/M bitch, who is a beautiful silvery blue colour and nicely marked, in fabulous coat. A size smaller than winner she has a lovely outline and a very good height to length ratio, with very good bone and substance for her size. She had the sweetest of expressions with a long blunt wedge shaped head, refined skull, parallel head planes and flat skull. Nice eye shape, obliquely set and correct pigmentation, correct stop and lovely fill of fore face, could do with a touch more under jaw. Ears well set and nicely used. Very good length of neck leading to a good balanced shoulder placement and correct depth of chest. Level top line though has a higher tail set which spoils the sweep over loin a touch. Good hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved very well in profile with good forward reach and drive from behind, single tracked correctly. 3. Redpath, Sonymer Storm Doris into Pathaaron JW. Another quality tri who has a lot to like and is an exceptionally sound bitch, she was unlucky to meet first and second today.

VB (7,2) 1. Mitchell & Tydeman, Sendora One For The Road A 10 year old B/M in fabulous condition for her age. In a lovely fitted coat, though her colour has darkened slightly with age, it's still a nice colour and beautifully marbled. She's an excellent size with a lovely shape, good bone and substance for her size. She has a lovely head which hasn't coarsened with age. Long blunt wedge shaped head with refined back skull, parallel head plane, flat skull, eye slightly full, though obliquely set and good

pigmentation. Correct stop with good fill of fore face, decent enough under jaw for her age. Good ear set and well used. Lovely length of neck with excellent layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Correct depth of chest, level top line with good sweep over loin. Very good hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved very well in profile with excellent forward reach and drive from behind, single tracking correctly. A long day for her as she looked a little tired in challenge but who can blame her. A lovely girl indeed. 2. Clegram & Berry, Smiddyshaw I'll Be There For U JW. A quality S/W, who is 7 years young. This girl is very good for size, in fabulous coat and has an excellent outline and height to length ratio, with correct substance and bone for her size. Very feminine in head, giving her an endearing expression. Long blunt wedged shaped head, parallel head planes, could do with a touch more fill in fore face, correct stop. Lovely almond shaped eye of correct dark brown and pigmentation. Nice underjaw. Ear set slightly wide set but well used. Lovely arched neck of excellent length leading to good shoulder placement and correct depth of chest. Level top line with very good hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Move very well with excellent forward reach, drive from behind and single tracked correctly. 3. Reekie, Ellenyorn Echo Falls

Sp O Sable & White (5,1) 1 Hill, Ch Molson Money Penny. Very Shapley bitch of excellent outline and height to length ratio. Correct rounded bone for her good size. Very good head and expression, with a long blunt wedge shaped head, flat skull, parallel head planes, refined back skull. Lovely fill of fore face, correct stop. Lovely almond shaped eye, obliquely set of correct dark brown and correct size pigmentation all giving her the most appealing sweet expression, she has excellent underjaw but it's not over done. Nice ear set well used. Fabulous length of neck which was well arched, leading excellent layback of shoulder and upper arm to match. Correct depth of chest, Level top line lovely sweep over loin. Excellent hind angulation with well let down strong hocks. Moved very well, single tracking correctly with excellent forward reach and good drive from behind, though to nit pick, just not quite the drive behind of my BCC winner. A very worthy champion and who was in my final 4, a lovey bitch indeed. 2. Hateley, Mohnesee Millybelle JW. Very shapely girl whom I gave best puppy to when I judged her last. She has matured nicely into a lovely looking lady. Spot on for size with correct rounded bone. Appealing outline though for perfection I would like her to be slightly longer in the leg. Beautiful refined long wedged shaped, with flat skull, parallel head planes slight but definite stop. Good fill of fore face giving her that lovely rounded muzzle. Excellent almond shaped eye, obliquely set of correct size, colour and pigmentation giving her the sweetest of expressions and correct underjaw. Correct ear set which were well used. She has an excellent length of neck, which is also well arched. Very good shoulder placement with excellent depth of chest. Level top line excellent sweep over loin. Excellent hind angulation. Moved with very good forward reach and drive from behind. Though on the day was lifting her front legs a touch high and was a touch wide in front when coming towards me. 3. Stafford, Rannerdale Abracadabra

Special Open Tri, Black & White, Black & Tan (5,2) 1. Rennison, Esterbon Bi Storm to Zaniah, CC, BOS & BVIS. My find of the day. A 7year old, glamorous elegant black and white bitch who has a fabulous shape, excellent height to length ratio. Correct for size with good bone and substance. Her black is the correct jet black. In lovely fitted coat, very well presented. Because she has that lovely dark face, her head needs to be handled to be appreciated. She has a lovely refined long blunt wedged shaped head. Flat skull, correct stop, Level head planes lovely fill of for face. Good almond shaped eye, obliquely set of correct size and dark brown and correct pigmentation giving her such an appealing expression for a dark face. Correct ear set and very well used. She certainly knows how to show off her virtues. Fabulous length of neck leading to text book shoulder placement, correct depth of chest, level top line and elegant sweep over loin. Very good length of tail correctly set. Excellent hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Her movement was a joy to watch and is how a Shetland sheepdog should move. Fabulous forward reach and drive from behind, and single tracking correctly. She made into my final four. All four girls in the final cut were excellent examples of the breed and made my decision very hard but this girl pulled out all the stops, she was on her toes the whole time and just asked me to award her the CC, which I happily gave her. 2. Welford, Ristine Emerald 3. Thomson, Lochdee Miss Marlie

Special Open Blue Merle (4) 1. Hateley, Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee JW, RCC. Another girl with a fabulous outline. A blue Merle of excellent size, shape and good height to length ratio with correct bone and substance. She was in fabulous coat of excellent silvery blue and correctly marbled. Sweet head and expression. With a refined long blunt wedged shaped head, with parallel head plane, good stop, flat skull, good rounded muzzle and nice fill of for face. Good almond shaped eye of correct size, pigmentation and obliquely set with good underjaw, giving her an appealing sweet expression. Her ears were well set and very well used. Fabulous length of neck leading to good layback of shoulder and excellent upper arm, correct depth of chest, level top line with a fabulous sweep over loin. Excellent hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved so well with good forward reach and excellent drive from behind and single tracked correctly. Such a close decision between her and the cc winner. She put in such a good preformamce I was more than happy to give her the RCC. A fabulous girl I was so pleased to hear she later won her final cc to make her up to a champion. Well deserved. 2. Robinson, Lavika Lucid Dreams. Another beautifully coloured blue Merle. Excellent silvery blue and beautifully marbled. In a good fitted coat. Very nice outline with excellent rounded bone and substance for her correct size. Lovely refined long blunt wedge shaped head, with a fiat skull, parallel head planes and correct stop, with a good fill of fore face giving her a lovely rounded muzzle. Correct almond shaped eye of good size, obliquely set and correct pigmentation. Excellent ear set well used. Lovely arched neck of good length. Adequate shoulder placement, nicely balanced, correct depth of chest, level topline, nice sweep over loin. Good hind angulation with well let down short strong hocks. Moved well, nicely balanced, though she had good forward reach and drive just couldn't quite match the winner. Single tracked correctly. 3. Jeavons & Koenen, Navarrem Fortuna Girl

Judge - Sharon Main