

Three Counties Championship Show 7th June 2025 Shetland Sheepdog

Firstly I would like to thank the exhibitors for their entry today and also many thanks to the Three Counties committee for their invitation and hospitality which I thoroughly enjoyed. Also my thanks to my stewards who made it very easy for me in the smooth running of the ring.

Minor Puppy Dog (6,2) 1st Forster-Cooper's Sheltysham Sandy Shore TAF six month old sable & white puppy with a lovely head & expression, nice dark eye correctly set, good ear set, he is well balanced with a lovely outline and good reach of neck, which is just right for his age, good topline and well angulated, moved well for age and just needs to settle.

2nd Weller's Evad Halloween Tzar seven month golden sable & white puppy slightly larger frame than number one but is in proportion. Wedge shaped head with well-placed eye and good ear set, good reach of neck and topline, good tail length, moved purposefully around the ring and well presented.

3rd Hughes' Shadowess If I Could Dream

Puppy Dog (10, 3) 1st Hateley's Mohnesee The Charm Master 10 months old sable & white, Alert with good ear carriage, almond shaped eye, good expression, well balanced head and flat skull, nice neck, good angulation, could do with a little more underjaw, just needs to settle at front, nice stifle good sweep over loin, moved with drive around the ring. Well presented and handled to advantage to win **BPD & BP**.

2nd Forster-Cooper's Sheltysham Sandy Shore TAF (see MPD)

3rd Hughes' Shadowess If I Could Dream

Junior Dog (6, 2) 1st Gartland's Arcot Polished Black, striking 12 month tricolour with a lovely sweet expression, nice dark well placed eye, nice neat ears and good ear carriage, nicely made with good reach of neck and good overall shape, good bone, good angulation and nice topline into good tail length, shows off well and good reach and drive and confident on the move.

2nd Norris' Ferngrove's Code Blue, fourteen month blue merle well marbled with black nice to go over but in between coats at the moment, would have preferred a slightly higher ear carriage, good expression, nice dark eye, good underjaw, is a good shape but has a tendency to stretch out and tail set on the move sometimes a little high but moves as desired.

3rd Rossiter's Cocaro The Highlander

Yearling Dog (4, 1) 1st Gartland's Arcot Polished Black (see JD) 2nd Norris' Ferngrove's Code Blue (see JD), 3rd Philhope By Your Side At Santiara

Novice Dog (9, 4) 1st Bastiani & Johns' Auberswell Adante, eighteen month golden sable & white, lovely head and expression with good underjaw, nice dark almond shaped eyes well placed, ears well set and nicely tipped, nice overall shape good topline, nice tail, to his advantage stood all four square and very well presented.

2nd Hateley's Mohnesee The Charm Master (see PD), 3rd Weller's Evad Halloween Tzar

Graduate Dog (4, 2) 1st Gartland's Arcot Polished Black (see JD),

2nd Forster-Cooper's Sheltysham Danseur TAF two year old sable & white dog nice shape, lovely head & sweet expression, good underjaw, nice ear set, good sweep over tail, good stifle, good topline, nice overall shape just needs to fill in chest, nice long tail, unfortunately movement a little erratic on the move today.

Post Graduate Dog (2, 1) 1st Norris' Ferngroves Skywalker JW two year old sable & white dog stood alone but deserved placing, lovely head & expression, nice dark eye obliquely set, good underjaw, very attentive, good topline, lovely overall shape. Good construction, good bend of stifle, tail nicely set, moved around the ring with drive. Stands nicely all four square.

Limit Dog (6) 1st Sutherland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice At Suthesley JW, shaded four year old shaded sable & white dog, masculine expression, well filled foreface, flat skull, nice underjaw, well boned, well balanced with a shapely outline and nothing overdone, nice long tail well presented and sound movement.

2nd Lambert's Blenmerrow Merry Minstral, another sweet masculine four year old shaded sable & white dog, slightly out of coat, well filled muzzle, good underjaw, nice dark eye, flat skull, good ear carriage but a little reluctant to use them today, good underjaw, good construction and moved well round the ring, nice long tail, good topline which he kept on the move just unlucky to meet number one today as could easily change places.

3rd Philhope In Good Taste

Open Dog (5) 1st Stafford's Ch Rannerdale The Showmaster JW, six year old sable & white dog with full white collar. One which I have long admired from the ringside and was pleased to be able to go over him, lovely masculine head with super expression, correctly placed stop and almond shaped eye obliquely set and good ear carriage and correctly tipped, well rounded muzzle with good underjaw, good angulation with good spring of rib and depth of chest lovely shape and well balanced throughout, super topline which he kept on the move and good sweep over croup, excellently presented and covered the ground with ease DCC & BOB

2nd Pearson's Ch Edglonion Golden Graham another five year old super sable & white dog, similar in stature to number one with many of his attributes, good masculine expression, carried ears well, alert and attentive, moved smartly round the ring, seemed a little out of coat and not quite in full bloom today but expertly presented and worthy of the RDCC.

3rd Norris' Ferngrove's Valentino JW

Veteran Dog (3) 1st Walker's Ch Tooralie's Ocho Rios seven year old shaded sable nice shape and size, good head & masculine expression, good underjaw, well rounded muzzle, nice reach of neck, level topline which he kept on the move, good angulation front and rear and moved very well around the ring despite tail over excited at times.

2nd French's – Ch Lindfern Light Sabre JW another seven year old sable & white dog that I have judged before who still has all the attributes I have mentioned previously, well presented and a real showman and worthy champion but just losing out today to the winner as although he has a good topline it was slightly sloping on the move.

3rd Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream

Minor Puppy Bitch (7, 1) 1st Stafford's Rannerdale Sugar Puff seven month old sable & white bitch, lovely head and sweet expression with correct wedge shape, good underjaw, flat skull, nice dark eye obliquely set, very attentive, good length of neck nice topline, good sweep over loin and correct tail set, good bone, good front and rear angulation with good bend of stifle, moved nicely round the ring just needs to settle. Very well presented.

2nd Barrowclough's Shadowess Moonlight Blue another seven month old well broken blue merle, lovely obliquely set eye and overall pleasing expression, nice ears very attentive, level topline which she kept on the move, good overall shape, little loose behind at the moment but moved around the ring well, nice overall shape and showed well.

3rd Goodwin's Highbrook Hotpants

Puppy Bitch (5, 1) 1st Bray's Lianbray Lucy Locket eleven month old sable & white bitch, lovely head & sweet feminine expression, lovely for type, good stop, nice dark eye obliquely set, ears correctly placed and used well, good length of neck into level topline, lovely overall shape and size with good tail length, well angulated which showed in her movement. **BPB**

2nd Sapsford's Shelcrest Bright Star another lovely ten month old sable & white bitch with the desired sweet expression, flat skull, good almond shaped dark eyes, very attentive with nicely placed ears, nice overall shape and very well made, nice topline, good long tail, moved round the ring with ease.

3rd Goodwin's Highbrook Hotpants

Junior Bitch (8, 3) 1st Haensel's Sherkarl Blue Elegance fifteen month blue merle nicely broken colour, lovely shape, ears set a little wide but was very attentive, and pleasing sweet expression, good neck and topline, well balanced, a little nosy today but went round the ring with drive.

2nd Pierce's Philhope Clearly Precious, thirteen month sable & white slightly different build to winner, good dark shaped eye obliquely set , very attentive and good expression, good topline which she kept on the move. Very unsettled but moved round the ring when necessary.

3rd Beynon's Lirren Team Spirit

Yearling Bitch (5, 2) 1st Pearson's Edglonian Apricot Lil , nineteen month sable & white with flashy white collar, lovely shape well balanced head with sweet expression, almond shaped eye, well used ears, good flat skull, ears well set and used to advantage, good length of neck and good topline, nice topline, good angulation, Well presented and in good condition, played up a bit but did enough to win the class and **RBCC**

2nd Lambert's Blenmerrow Lullaby twenty three month sable & white bitch very close decision, little heavy ears but nicely set, attentive, nice sweet expression, eye obliquely set although a little full, nice topline good length of tail, good overall shape, good angulation and moved well around the ring.

3rd Dowding's Jalapic Pumkin

Novice Bitch (8, 3) 1st Stafford's Rannerdale Coco Pop seven month sable & white, lovely head with sweet expression, good dark almond shape eye correctly placed, flat skull and well placed ears, tight lips and good underjaw, well balanced with a good overall shape unfortunately unsettled on the move but did enough to win the class, very nice puppy.

2nd Dowling's Valdosta Honeysuckle, two and a half sable & white slightly different shape to winner, slightly full in eye and well set, would prefer ears a little lighter but nicely placed and didn't distract from overall sweet expression, stands four square, nice body, good topline carried on move, good bend of stifle, well presented lovely showgirl.

3rd Haensel's Frechia Blue Saffire At Sherkarl

Graduate Bitch (9, 3) 1st Hateley's Mohnesee's Meliya JW twelve month tricolour lovely shape, good for size, nice sweet expression, well filled foreface, flat skull and ears well placed, good reach of neck into level topline, well angulated with good stifle, shows well, moved round smartly and well presented.

2nd Graham-Weall's Dinmore Making Waves At Lavika three year old nicely marked blue merle, good head shape, nice feminine expression, would have preferred ears slightly lighter although was very attentive, good topline and rear angulation and moved round the ring well.

3rd French's Skeldale Wish Upon A Star Over Lindfern JW (Imp Nld)

Post Graduate Bitch (7, 2) 1st Weller's Evad Halloween Spice JW two year old sable & white, well balanced beautiful sweet head and expression, well rounded muzzle, correctly placed stop and flat skull, nice neat well set tipped ears, good length of neck with level topline with good sweep over croup which was kept on the move, lovely overall shape and conformation with correct ratios, good depth of chest, good bend of stifle, moved well with drive covering the ground with ease, nice tail excellent coat and very well presented **BCC**

2nd Haensel's Philhope Summer Time To Sherkarl three year old sable & white slightly larger in frame than winner, slightly fuller obliquely set eye with nice expression, neatly set ears used to advantage, would prefer a slightly better upper arm, level topline, good bend of stifle, good sweep over croup, good length of tail of, moved, showed and presented well.

3rd Lewthwaite & Stafford's Rannerdale Killer Queen

Limit Bitch (10, 2) Goodwin's Rannerdale Honeybee At Highbrook four year old sable & white lovely sweet expression, well moulded head with good proportions and level plains, nice dark eye well placed, good shape, good neck into nice level topline, good bend of stifle, moved soundly around the ring .

2nd Cheal's Valdosta Galadriel At Faemadra JW two year old sable & white, well balance head with level plains and correct stop, dark eye well set slightly fuller than winner, well constructed with a good upper arm and good bend of stifle, with correct movement good length of tail. Well presented but unfortunately not showing herself off to her best advantage today which cost her the class.

3rd Barrowclough's Shadowess Ginger Biscuit

Open Bitch (5, 2) 1st Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff At Faemadra six year old sable & white, feminine elegant wedge shaped head with sweet expression, well balanced with level plains and slight stop, nice dark eye and has a good ear set although carried slightly high at times, good topline, good angulation and covered the ground with ease.

2nd Stafford's Rannerdale The Showgirl, another six year old sable & white lovely balanced head with sweet expression, nice dark eye obliquely set and good ear set, she is well made with good bone and a lovely shape but seemed unsettled with the move indoors and was reluctant to show herself off and move to her best advantage.

3rd Bastiani & Johns' Rannerdale She's A Lady Of Auberswell

Veteran Bitch (3, 1) 1st Norris' Clanavon Love In A Mist seven year old sable & white with very sweet expression, well rounded muzzle nice flat skull, with good ear set and very attentive, good length of neck into level topline, good bend of stifle, good angulation and moved well.

2nd Hirst's Sundark Simply A Star VW, eleven year old tricolour, very good condition just showing her age slightly around the head, good jet black coat overall, sweet but slightly fuller in eye, ears a little heavy but attentive, good shape and outline, good bend of stifle moved quickly around the ring.

Judge - Val Winfield (Oakcroft)