

WELKS Championship Show 27th April 2018 SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS

Many thanks to my stewards for keeping things rolling along. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather we had to be indoors in the tiniest ring imaginable and no amount of grumbling enable me to get it changed until the last few bitch classes when we were able to open it up This is very unfair on a breed that needs to stride out and had an adverse effect on some dogs and handlers who were unable to get going in such a small space. Presentation was better than the last time I judged and the biggest fault in my opinion today was short underjaws/chins which is so ugly, I can check bites etc. on the table I don't want to see them on the floor!

VETERAN DOG (4:2ABS)

1ST: Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis, nearly 10, this dark shaded sable was in super coat & condition. Have judged him several times previously and never seen him look so good. A well-balanced lad who has retained his clean well moulded head, nice eye, neat ears, which he doesn't always use to advantage, but did today to show off his masculine expression. Well constructed all through which showed in his sound movement. 2ND: Creamer's Lyngarso Ebony Ice, 8 year old glamorous tri again in good coat & condition which as well presented and is full of sheltie charm. Has a nice head to handle with a lovely expression for a tri. Stands on well boned legs & feet. Responds well to his handler, just couldn't match the winner on rear movement.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1ST: Edwards' Castlerose Foxtrot, 7 month rich s/w, promising baby who has a lovely outline in profile. Head is still developing, as it should be at this tender age but he has a well placed eye, neat well placed and used ears, Good reach of neck. Well constructed both fore and aft enabling him to move soundly. Well schooled and presented. 2ND: Robinson's Alnmac Midnight Flyer, 6 month old shapely tri very flashily marked. At the moment, for me, is big enough but hopefully he has done his growing. This said he is well made and moved soundly. Head again still needs to 'finish' but everything is in the right place for it to do so.

3RD: Jones' Sheltysham Dot Com.

PUPPY DOG (7)

1ST: Durant's Shougies Winter Wizard at Neraklee, 10 month beautifully coloured blue merle who shouts quality. In pristine coat & condition and even in the dark hall he gleamed. A lovely boy to go over on the table, so well constructed with good upper arm and lay back of shoulder. Head handles cleanly with well placed eyes, neat ears which he used to advantage, lovely reach of neck, level topline, well set tail of good length. Straight front, good bone and neat feet. Moved soundly and with drive. Well handled to show him off at his best. Pleased to award him B.P. dog & later B.P. In my humble opinion, for what it's worth feel he should have no trouble reaching the 'Upper house'

2ND: Mottram's Lanteague Gold Sovereign at Lochkaren, well known very mature 10 month s/w in full coat beautifully presented as always from this kennel. Wedged shaped head with flat skull, nice dark well placed eye, neat ears. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulders, level topline, and nice sweep over the loin, super bone & neat feet. Moved soundly but just a little unsettled in the showing department today. 3RD Stockden's Willowgarth Pure Gold.

JUNIOR DOG (7:1)

1ST: Hardy's Sandwich Stagelight 15 month tri dog who is at the right stage of maturity for his age. Takes the eye for his elegant outline in profile. His head is well balanced and lovely to handle, flat skull, nice well placed & shaped eye (so hard to find on a tri), Neat ears all combining to give a super expression. Arched neck which was well carried, so well constructed both fore and aft, super bone and neat feet, level topline, well set & carried tail. Moved with reach and drive even in the small ring. His coat fits him so well, showing off his shape to advantage. Well handled. Pleased to award him Res. CC. 2ND: Robinson's Lavika Lush Life, 12 month s/w who was, as were all from this kennel, beautifully presented and schooled to perfection. Super head and expression, good reach of neck, level topline, well set and carried tail, lovely round bone & neat feet, moved soundly. 3RD: Lanteague Gold Sovereign at Lochkaren

YEARLING DOG (4)

1ST: Bray's Lianbray Lothario J.W. Well known 22 month s/w who was my B.P. Dog last time I judged & still like him a lot. His head is now the finished article, being refined with well shaped & placed dark eye, neat ears. Arched neck, well carried, level topline. Well constructed all through with good spring of rib. Well set & carried tail, moved soundly. Calmly handled to bring out the best in him. Sitting on 2 CC'S am sure that he will soon have that magic 3rd but today for me just needed a bit more finish over his rear end to complete the picture.

2ND: Robinson's Sheltysham Nutbox in Alnmac 23 month s/s/w in good well fitting coat which was well presented, nice for size with lovely round bone right down to his neat feet. Clean well moulded head, good eye & and ear placement. Kind masculine expression. Ample reach of neck, level topline & nice seep over the loins. Very sound on the move as his construction would suggest. 3RD: Goodwin's Highbrook He's Got Style J.W.

NOVICE DOG (6)

1ST: Willowgarth Pure Gold ,3rd in Puppy, this mature rich s/w is full of sheltie charm, so nice to see in a puppy but today was just a bit too full of himself. Loved his head & expression and that naughty twinkle in his eye added to this. Has super front construction, good strong bone, neat feet, well set & carried tail, Full coat well presented, just needs to settle on the move. 2ND: Castlerose Foxtrot. 3RD: Durant's Neraklee Starblaze.

GRADUATE DOG (4)

1ST: Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Duddly J.W. 19 months/w, a shorter coupled dog but none the less well balanced. Nice head & expression attained from well placed eyes and ears and good depth of underjaw. well made both fore & aft with straight front and good depth of chest. Even in this small ring moved well. would prefer more reach of neck. 2ND: Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control, have judged this beautifully coloured and presented blue boy before. Head handles well, clean wedge shape, well placed expressive eye, and has a lovely masculine expression. Still love his profile and his depth of chest has certainly improved and moved much better today. 3RD: Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream

POST GRAD. DOG (4:1)

1ST: Pierce's Philhope Buzzword, upstanding s/s/w in huge coat which was so well presented. Underneath is a well constructed boy, good shoulder and upper arm, straight front with nicely rounded strong bone. Well arched neck, level topline, nice sweep over the loin, ell set & carried tail. Head is well balanced with dark well placed eye and neat ears which were used to advantage. Moved as well as he could in this small ring as neither owner or dog could get into their stride. 2ND: Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad, J.W. ShCM, different type to 1st being much lighter framed but none the less is a well constructed boy with much to commend him. Clean head and kind sheltie expression. Good reach of neck. Not in full coat but was well presented and handled. Moved soundly. 3RD: Moody's Janetstown Josses Hill

LIMIT: (9:1)

1ST: Wither's Stanydale Shot In The Dark, J.W. Well presented attractive tri who I have previously judged & still admire. Love his head & expression achieved from his flat skull, clean cheeks, well filled foreface & good underjaw, well placed eye, neat ears. Good construction both fore & aft, level topline today, well arched neck carried well. Moved well in this class with reach & drive but in the challenge the small ring didn't allow him to get into his stride so well. Cleverly handled to get the best from him in the showing department. 2ND: Daniel's & Taylor's Pepperhill In The Zone, J.W. Upstanding beautifully coloured blue merle, who has always been one of my favourites and so pleased to see him back in the ring. Possesses a gorgeous head & expression and has that hint of character which shines from his well placed eyes. Classic construction all through, with lovely reach of neck which is well carried. Moves soundly but in the class couldn't quite match 1st in rear 3RD: Walker's Marsula Mikado by Tooralie (imp. Aus)

OPEN: (5:1)

1ST: Aaron's Ch. Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge (Imp. Fra.) J.W. my Res. CC winner previously who is now the finished article being in full ,well fitted coat, beautifully presented. Still a pleasure to go over with his ample lay back of shoulder and well angulated upper arm. His head & expression is so typically 'sheltie', kind & enquiring, acquired from his correctly placed stop, well placed eye & his neat well placed ears. Ample reach of neck, level topline, well set & carried tail. Still moves powerfully, even in this small ring, his short well let down hocks enabling him to move with drive. When he sets himself up to show off his charms he presents a very pleasing picture with his balanced outline. Pleased to award him Dog CC & later B.O.B. 2ND: Edward's Castlerose Spiritmaster J.W. ShCM, this well known blue boy was in super coat and condition. Have always admired his super construction which enables him to move so soundly and without effort, well set & carried tail, head still handles well and has retained his lovely kind expression. Responds so well to his handler. Thanks for bringing him again. 3RD: Curtis' Keltihope In The Frame at Yasleyrose

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (3)

1ST: Jacob's Willowthorn Dream Gazer, 9 month rich s/w in good coat & condition, who for me is just a little a little overdone for his age but is very soundly constructed and will always appeal for this reason as it shows in his good movement. Well handled & schooled to make the best of his attributes. Congratulations on winning the Special Beginners group. 2ND: Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple, s/w who looks a little unbalanced at the moment as he is out of coat but what he had was well presented, moved okay but not with the fluidity or drive of 1st. Again well handled. 3RD: Alnmac Midnight Flyer

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (0)

VETERAN BITCH (3)

1ST: Barnett's Ch. Rainway Crystal Star J.W. 9 years young blue girl who is still a beautiful colour & was in super well presented pristine condition. Her head has retained its sheltie charm, clean, well moulded with a gorgeous eye, neat well placed ears which were used constantly to enhance her feminine expression. Lovely reach of neck well carried on a well constructed body, level topline, well set & carried tail. Moved so well and was expertly handled. Pleased to award her Best Veteran. 2ND: Lycett's Ch. Shebaville Saucy Secret at Iliad J.W. another lovey feminine b/m who is slightly darker in colour than 1st and perhaps 1/2 a size smaller but otherwise is very similar. Loved her clean well moulded head, super eye & expression, strong but not overdone bone. Well constructed with short well let down hocks & therefore moved with drive, well set & carried tail. Very close call with 1st but would just like a little more reach of neck. 3RD: Eldridge's Petara Sheer Charisma

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (5:1)

1ST: Hateley's Mohnesee Milly Belle, 8 month quality s/w who instantly appeals for her feminine outlook. Head handles well with a dark well placed expressive eye, neat ears all combining to give her that sheltie charm. Is well made all through & stands on well boned legs & neat feet, level topline, correct tail set and carriage. Well handled as is the norm from this expert handler and presentation was second to none. Moved well here but was a little happy (no bad thing) in the best puppy challenge but was pleased to award her Best Puppy bitch. 2ND: Atkin's Fernfarm Tisbutadream, 6 months s/w who was a real baby but in my opinion is so full of potential. Full of sheltie charm and at her 1st show showed lots of attitude which I loved. Takes the eye for her appealing outline in profile when she sets herself up. Gorgeous head & expression, well constructed front and lovely bend of stifle, short well let down hocks enabling her to move with drive. Just needs to learn her trade and should do well. 3RD: Walker's Tooralie's No No Nanette, another promising baby.

PUPPY BITCH (5:1)

1ST: Withers' Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale, 10 month quality feminine tri who is well made all through. Liked her head which was good to handle with a nice eye placement, neat ears well used. Good reach of neck, level topline, well set & carried tail. In good coat, well presented & well handled to get the best from her. Just preferred the expression of minor pup when it came to best puppy bitch. 2ND: Eldridge's Keltihope Wispa's Girl at Petara, sweet s/w who was much more immature than 1st both in body & coat. Has a feminine head & expression attained from her well placed dark eye, correctly placed and used ears, good depth of underjaw, good bone for her size with neat feet, well set tail of good length. couldn't match 1st in front construction. 3RD: Gamble's Solyric Original Gold

JUNIOR BITCH (9:2)

1ST: Atkin's Sanscott Shimmer at Jontygray, 15 month plain s/w who needs to be handled to be appreciated as her colour does her no favours. Lovely well moulded head, correctly placed kind eye, good underjaw neat small ears. She is a well made youngster with good strong, but not overdone bone, which enables her to move well when moved at the correct pace. Well set & carried tail. Shows over her many attributes to advantage 2ND: Robinson's Lavika Time of My Life, another quality bitch from this kennel who's outline in profile instantly appeals, Typical head & expression but lacks a little in chin for me. Good neck, level topline well carried tail, nice bone and neat feet. Can stand a little lazily in front at times. 3RD: Thornley's Shelbrook Pandora with Felthorn.

YEARLING BITCH (7:2)

1ST: Norris' Clanavon Love In A Mist, 19 month pretty red s/w of ideal size. Not in her best party frock but this enabled her feminine outline to be seen. Decent construction all round. wedge shaped head which was nice to handle with neat well placed ears. Moved soundly in both directions & was well handled to show off her charms nicely. 2ND: Thomas' Jolex Gilded Lily. 23 month 1/2 sister to 1st but being much more mature both in body & coat. Is a size bigger and longer coupled but is still a balanced bitch who was beautifully presented. Similar in construction to 1st with lovely bone and has neat feet, moved with drive covering the ground well. Just preferred the more feminine outlook of 1st. 3RD: Eaves' Kyleburn Forever a Dream.

NOVICE BITCH (6:1)

1ST: Mohnesee Milly Belle 2ND: Sanscott Shimmer at Jontygray 3RD: Solyric Original Gold

GRADUATE BITCH (7:1)

1ST: Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty, feminine tri who hasn't particularly set me alight from afar but on handling she is nicely made all through and is very sound on the move. Standing she is well balanced with a very pretty head and expression and neat well set and used ears. In good coat which fits her frame and well schooled to make the most of her assets. 2ND: Tinker's Ruscombe Mosaic, racey b/m who is a size bigger than

1st but is by no means oversized. Doesn't carry a big coat but what she had was well presented and a nice colour. Has an elegant outline, good front construction & nice bend of stifle which enabled her to move soundly. Just needs a little more maturity. 3RD: Arnould's Shadoway Rosa Esmeralda.

POST. GRADUATE BITCH (7:3)

1ST: Fox's Ruscombe Work of Art with Follyfox, tri who I have admired from ringside, love her elegant outline and femininity. Ideal size and substance for a girl. Her rich tan accentuated her dark well fitting coat which was well presented. Head handles well with a pleasant eye for a tri. Good construction fore & aft enabling her to move with the minimum of effort. Calmly handled to bring out the best in her. 2ND: Weller's Dukeson Chasin Stars over Evad, ultra feminine s/w in profuse coat which was well presented. Head & expression is so typically sheltie with her lovely dark well placed eye, neat ears and good underjaw. Adequate reach of neck carried proudly. Super bone for her size and moved with a ground covering stride. Just preferred the more racey outlook of 1st. 3RD: Dunn's Neraklee Chardonnay at Shelleary.

LIMIT BITCH (4)

1ST: Hayhurst's Keycharm Blue Serenade J.W. b/m who instantly appeals for her feminine charm, no mistaking her sex. Pretty head to handle, correct wedge with well placed and shaped eye, nice ears for a blue. Well constructed with good lay back of shoulder & decent upper arm, nice reach of neck, carried proudly, level topline nice sweep over the loins and well set & carried tail. Lovely short well let down hocks which helped drive her round the ring. Well handled and in the class she showed well to project her qualities but wasn't so happy in the challenge. Liked her a lot. 2ND: Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis J.W. ShCM. have judged this feminine little lady before & still like her. Spot on for size with lovely bone to compliment this. Her head is well balanced and her expression is all sheltie. Beautifully presented as always. Her construction ensures she moves with ease in both directions and was well handled. 3RD: Robinson's Lavika Good Luck J.W.

OPEN BITCH (7:1)

1ST: Hateley's Ch Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee J.W. ShCM. Quality s/w bitch who just shouts 'sheltie' at you. She is full of feminine allure and knows it. Her head is refined, with flat skull, clean cheeks, super dark well set eye, neat ears set so well which when used all combines to give that super sheltie expression, muscular well arched neck correct front & rear construction, super but not cloddy bone, straight front and neat feet. Level topline, with just the right length of back, well let down hocks, well set & carried tail Moved with reach in front & drive behind. Not in full coat but was none the less beautifully presented as is the norm from this kennel. Pleased to have had the chance to judge her so thanks for bringing her. Bitch CC and in the challenge for B.O.B Just felt the dog had the finish in coat. 2ND: Parkes' Ch. Milesend Sweet Whispers at Eljetia, My Res CC winner last time, has since become a Ch. which she richly deserves to be. All my previous remarks still apply. Now fully mature & in full, beautifully prepared coat. Her head is still refined & has that final finish that maturity brings. Ears well placed & used to advantage. Good shoulder & upper arm, straight front with lovely round bone & neat feet, well let down hocks. Moved to advantage with the minimum of effort, and was quietly handled to bring out the best in her. Very close between her and winner but just preferred the slightly more feminine outlook of 1st. so she had to settle for the Res CC again. 3RD: Moore's Ch. Sanscott Sweet City Woman J.W.

Lyn Roberts (Judge)