

WELKS Championship Show 28th April 2024

Thankyou to the Committee for inviting me to judge Shelties at this year's show. Also thanks to my 2 very efficient Stewards Marion & Pat, that helped to make the classes run smoothly, & to the Exhibitors that entered on my first Championship appointment, & received all placings gracefully. Since my last judging appointment there hasn't been any change in Upper arm placement, far too many short, straight upper arms, & also lack of underjaw. Which often goes with lips that are not tight, so a fault I really don't like, the showing of teeth. But having said that, I was very pleased with my winners, many of which will change places on another day.

MPD (3,2) 1 Frecia Heaven by Moonlight, Prout. 7mth Blue Merle of good colour, on the bigger size for a minor puppy. Everything in proportion, head still needs to develop, ears well used, good angulation in shoulder, although upper arm a bit upright, nice length of neck, enjoying his day out, moved ok.

PD (6,3) 1 Grandgenes Hey Good Lookin, Jeavons. 9mth old Shaded Sable of correct size & head of correct proportions, with level planes. Sweet typical expression helped by neat well used ears. Enough neck, good bone that fits with well angulated front & rear, allowing good movement, although in the challenge he raised his tail which spoiled his profile movement. 2 Grandgenes Kensington By Tooralie, Walker. Another 9mth Sable, I prefer the size at this age of the 1st place, But having said that this boy is well constructed, with excellent reach of neck, he has a lean wedge head, well placed & used ears, & moved well. 3 Ferngroves Skywalker, Norris.

JD (5,1) 1 Edglonian Prime Target With Tolarock, Parker. 13mth Shaded Sable, reasonable head, good eye, needs to clear in stop & ears could be better tipped for ideal. Well balanced shape, adequate reach of neck. Good overall construction, which enabled him to move the best in this class. 2 Sheltysham Danseur TAF, Forster Cooper. Unfortunately missed his first class. A correct size Sable, good bone, nice head with typical expression, although reluctant to use his ears, moved a bit erratic lifting his front legs too high, but hopefully will settle as he matures. 3 Willowthorns Happy Gaze, Johnson, Jacobs & Johnson.

YD (5,2) 1 Tooralie's Tornado, Walker. A correctly sized Black and White, that needs hands on him to appreciate his virtues. Good head with level planes, smooth well rounded muzzle, kind well shaped eye & ears that are well placed & used well, all giving a typical expression. Correct fore & after, level top line & finished with long tail, moved well, will watch him as he matures. 2 Philhope in Good Taste, Pierce. Attractive Sable, Head of good length, could be more defined in stop, lovely shaped eye, correctly placed ears, although rather reluctant to use them today. Good bone for his correct size, overall construction good, moved well. 3 Shemist Summertime Blues, Stock.

ND (4,2) 1 Shemist Summertime Blues, Stock. Nicely coloured & marked Blue Merle. Attractive Head, with a slightly deeper stop than I prefer, nice dark eye, ears could be better placed. Good arch of neck, body shorter coupled but correct size with bone that fits. Shoulder angles good, but upper arm shorter than ideal, nice turn of stifle. 2 Valdosta Lionking at Lynscot, Fagg. Attractive smaller Sable boy, good head although would like a better shaped eye, well placed ears, although a shade heavy. Overall construction ok, moved ok.

GD (3) 1 Mosardi Don't Stop, Revill. Beautiful coloured Blue Merle & nicely marked. Head handles well with level planes & correct stop, with dark eyes all combining to give sweet expression. Long neck, angulation both fore & aft correct, tail reaches to hock. Lovely elegant dog, who clearly loves his owner, who on occasion kept looking at her on the move, when he did put his head down, he moved really well. 2 Borderpride Viva Las Vagas At Lodurr, Durrant. Tri, built on much stronger lines than 1st, very masculine head, that for me was too strong. Construction ok & moved ok. 3 Just For Alex From Lavika, Graham- Weall.

PGD (5) 1 Shougies Secret Agent For Fernhill, Dimmock. Lovely Tri, classic long blunt wedge, with slight but definite stop, good dark eye & neat ears that were used well giving a pleasing masculine outlook. Angulation good, long neck, correct bone for his correct size, level topline all combined to give a lovely shape. Once he got into his stride, moved really well, he was considered strongly for the RCC but he would insist on placing his hocks under himself. 2 Shelcrest Winter Solstice At Suthesley JW, Sutherland. Well coated Shaded Sable, Head

was a shorter type than 1, he had a good expression, dark well placed eyes & neat well used ears. Overall nice shape, but not the length of neck of 1, good construction throughout, moved well. 3 Stanydale Rewrite The Stars For Malaroc JW, Roberts. LD (13) 1 Lavika Moonlight Storm JW, Robinson. Another lovely Tri boy, very similar in shape to PGD. Good length of head with correct almond shape eyes, although I would like them to be a bit darker in colour, neat well used ears, all combined to give a sweet masculine expression. Level topline, long tail, correct construction which showed in his flowing movement. Another considered for the RCC. 2 Lundecoocks Hoopie-Doo At Lochkaren JW, Mottram. Very glamorous Sable, Head handles well, with sweet expression & neat ears. Good shape & construction, to be critical would like a bit more bend of stifle. Moved well. 3 Shemist Sea Dragon, Stock.

OD (9,1) 1 Ch Edglonian Golden Graham, Pearson. Well known & presented glamorous Sable topped this quality class. Classic refined Sheltie head with correct length, level planes, correct stop, almond shaped dark eye, well placed & used neat ears all combining to give sweet masculine expression. Well arched long neck, excellent construction both fore & aft, all giving a beautifully balanced outline, as construction suggests he moved with drive. Overall a very pleasing picture of true breed type. DCC BOB & Pastoral group 2, Congratulations! 2 Ch Rannerdale Showmaster JW, Stafford. Another quality well known Sable boy. Head a bit shorter than 1, but still balanced, with level planes, correct shaped dark eyes, neat ears all giving a sweet typical expression. Correct angulation, reasonable length of neck, all giving a lovely outline & another that moved with drive as construction would suggest. RCC. 3 Ch/Fr/Sui/Lux/int Ch Tooralies Pie in The Sky, Walker.

VB (2) 1 Sundark Simply A Star VW, Hirst. 11yr Tri, who belies her age. Nice head with expressive eyes, neat well placed ears, decent length of neck into a level topline, good angulation both front & rear, nicely balanced throughout, moved well. BVB & BVIB. 2 Lavika Good Times At Frecia, Waldron. 7yr Sable, finer type than 1st. Head ok although would like higher placed ears & tighter lips. Construction adequate. Moved Ok.

MPB (7,1) 1 Mohnesee Lullaby Ice, Hateley. Delightful 7mth feminine blue merle baby, who was well schooled & really enjoying her day out. Long wedge head that needs to develop & clear in stop, nice eye & neat correctly placed ears. Construction good both front & rear, very appealing outline & moved as one would expect. I will follow her show career with interest. 2 Molson Modern Millie, Bray. Pretty Sable, very much the baby of this class at just 6mths old. Good length of head with well defined stop, almond shaped eye, ears could be a little tighter, but didn't distract from a sweet feminine expression. Neck of good length, angulation good both fore & aft. Moved ok. Another I will follow with interest. 3 Lavika The Perfect Storm, Yaxley.

PB (7) 1 Lavika Sunset Rose, Robinson, 11mth beautifully coloured & marked Blue merle really feminine puppy. Head of good length with almond shaped correctly placed eyes & nicely tipped ears, all giving a lovely expression. Well arched long neck, into a well angulated front assembly, level topline Good bend of stifle, all combining to give a really lovely picture standing, moved effortlessly as construction suggested. BPB & BPIB. Well done. 2 Blenmerrow Lullaby, Lambert. Very pretty & feminine Sable, correct head with level planes, well placed stop, good eyes & ears, all giving a typical expression. Long neck, level topline, well let down stifle. Moved well. 3 Mohnesee's Meliya JW, Hateley.

JB (7,2) 1 Wylwind Designed for Grandgables (ImpSaf), Jeavons. Head was a shorter type than I prefer & eye rather bold, which didn't give the sweet expression I was looking for. But having said that she has a really pleasing eye-catching shape, with construction Good, hence she moved well. 2 Felthorn Material Girl of Fylymeg, Fylyma. Finer all over than 1st, with a longer head that needs to clear in stop, feminine expression although tear stains did distract slightly. Well angulated both fore & aft which resulted in Good movement. 3 Puncknowle Lucy Blue, Purchase.

YB (11,3) 1 Puncknowle April Delight, Purchase. Profusely coated Sable. Feminine head with the right amount & nicely placed stop, good underjaw & finished by well used neat ears. Pleasing overall shape with good construction, moved ok, although a little close in front, was a lot better when moved faster. 2 Felthorn Material Girl of Fylymeg, Fylymeg. 2nd place in Junior. 3 Pepperhill Light' n Shade, Daniels & Taylor.

NB (7,1) 1 Mohnesee Lullaby Ice. Hateley. 1st in Minor Puppy. 2 Blenmerrow La Boheme, Lambert. Pretty Sable of nice breed type, classic head although needing to clear in stop, well used neat ears correctly placed, good length of neck, construction overall good, moved well. 3 Pepperhill Light 'n Shade, Daniels & Taylor.

GB (7) 1 Rannerdale Killer Queen, Lewthwaite & Stafford. Very compact well presented tricolour, with shorter head & deeper stop than I personally prefer, neat ears. Good front assembly & a well turned stifle, moved well. 2 Melcette Silver Star at Benravia, Benstead. Nicely coloured blue merle with overall a good head, although low placed ears did distract from expression. Reasonable length of neck & well angulated fore & aft, moved well. 3 Beechmere Beautiful at Holamber, Sutherland.

PGB (9,2) 1 Mosardi Forget Me Not, Revill. Lovely coloured & marked feminine Blue merle. Correctly balanced pretty head with slight but definite stop & nicely Placed eyes & ears which were well used. Construction was correct fore & aft, finished by a good length of tail, which all combined to give a very pleasing picture. Moved with drive. In strong company today, but recieved a well deserved RCC. Well done. 2 Rannerdale Honey Bee at Highbrook, Goodwin. Pretty feminine Sable with a good head & correct stop, nice reach of neck, correct size with enough bone, overall decently constructed which enabled her to move well. 3 Sheltysam Idyll, Forster-Cooper.

LB (6) 1 Channerswick Lotus Flower From Amethrickeh, Bendelow. In Good well presented coat, pretty shorter type head, well sized & placed ears, nice profile, upper arm & shoulder of reasonable angles, good bend of stifle. Moved well. 2 Dandlewood Kiss n Tell at Lianbray (Imp Nld), Bray. Pretty golden Sable, who had left her clothes at home, lovely shape, good head with correct eye & neat ears, giving a pleasing expression, correct size, nice length of neck, overall construction ok with again a good turn of stifle. Moved well. 3 Rannerdale The Showgirl, Stafford.

OB (6,2) 1 Ch Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee, Hateley. Well known blue merle girl, although not such a good blue colour as some here today, she is well marked & beautifully presented. Long clean blunt wedge head, well rounded muzzle with tight lips, level planes divided by slight but definite stop. Good length of neck flowing into a level topline, fore & aft construction Good, correct length of tail, to me she was a very balanced shapely girl, who moved with drive & fit for purpose. BCC & BOS. Congratulations. 2 Ch Rannerdale Queen of the Dark, Stafford. Another beautifully presented & well known girl. Has a shorter head with a deeper stop than 1st with good underjaw, & nicely Placed well used ears. Balanced throughout giving a lovely shape. Today could not match the fluid movement of 1st. 3 Edglonlian Slack Alice, Pearson.

Judge - Karen Durant