

WELKS CH SHOW, 30/04/17 - Shetland Sheepdogs

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I had a very enjoyable time judging the largest entry of the day. My thanks to my stewards for keeping everything moving so efficiently. It was good to find that the quality & construction in the males is improving & there were several lovely dogs worthy of winning CCs. The bitch classes were very strong generally & my final line up was very uniform in breed type. Our Standard calls for a dog of great beauty with a lithe & graceful outline & this was my general opinion of the majority of my placed dogs. I was aware of a significant number of Shelties with missing teeth again & I felt that ears could be much better in size & placement. The windy conditions did not help in this but the correct, well placed ears coped much better. It was a shame we could not complete the judging outside but the elements were against us.

VD 1 Hirst's Sundark Starlight, well constructed blue dog of correct size & substance. A little dark in colour but well broken with rich tan markings. Good reach of neck, level topline & well bent stifle. Pleasing expression. Moved with ease showing correct extension & drive; 2 Rule's Edglonian Let's Rock at Bleatarn, slightly heavier type but well balanced & constructed which showed in his sound movement. Shapely outline & sweet expression; 3 Thornley & Withers' Stanydale Sheaffer. **MPD** 1 Mottram's Lavika Little Gem at Lochkaren, nicely balanced young puppy of correct size & substance. Nice head pattern with well placed dark eye & neat well placed ears creating a very sweet expression. A little erratic on the move but won this class on his nice breed type; 2 Spencer & Edwards' Castlerose Northern Soul, raw baby but a nice type. Needs to fill all through but has a clean wedge head, well placed eye & nice reach of neck. **PD** 1 Bray's Lianbray Lothario, beautifully balanced young dog of correct size & substance. Stylish outline with proud neck, good depth of chest, well bent stifle & shapely rear end. Lovely head qualities with clean flat skull, well placed eyes & ears creating very sweet yet masculine expression. Moved with purpose. One to watch for the future. **BP**; 2 Miles' Keycharm Heaven Knows of Milesend, glamorous young dog, well constructed & moved accordingly. In lovely coat & condition. Very pretty head & expression with neat well placed ears. Two very nice puppies; 3 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control. **JD** 1 Aaron's Lafitte de Morestyle Chez Shelridge, this young dog fits the Standard very well. Completely balanced throughout, shapely & elegant with correct angulation front & rear, lovely level topline which he held on the move, good depth of chest & well bent stifle. Beautifully moulded head, flat skull, correct stop. Lovely dark almond eyes & neat well placed & used ears. His day will most certainly come; 2 L Lothario; 3 Robinson's Sheltysam Nutbox in Alnmac. **YD** 1 Lafitte de Morestyle Chez S; 2 Haensel's Sherkarl Uptown Funk, what a difficult decision it was to separate these two lovely young dogs I really was splitting hairs. He too is a beautifully balanced dog with a lovely outline & the sweetest expression. Good luck for the future; 3 Jackson's Shellamoyed The Kingsman. **ND** 1 Forster-Parish's Milesend Blue Raider at Lowick, beautifully coloured & broken b/m. Soundly constructed & moved accordingly. I would prefer him a little more masculine but he is very appealing with a lovely eye & expression, beautifully presented & in lovely coat & condition; 2 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control, promising young blue boy with time on his side. He needs to settle on the move & fill out generally but he has a shapely outline, clean wedge head with nicely placed eyes & ears. **GD** 1 Pierce's Philhope Buzzword, heavily coated sable dog who stood out in this class for his lovely elegant outline, long neck, topline, sweep over loin, well constructed front & rear & overall balance. Lovely head, eye & expression. When he is fully mature I am sure he will trouble the best; 2 French's Lirren Tri

Wishing, smart young tri with rich tan markings. Lovely size & substance & very well balanced throughout. Good legs & feet. Lovely well placed dark eye & neat well placed ears. Very nice breed type in good coat & condition; 3 Stow & Withers' Stanydale Shot In The Dark. **PGD** 1 Attwood's Terriwood Moonlight Echo, this young tri dog caught my attention as he entered the ring & I was not disappointed on handling him. Beautiful elegant & graceful outline with good reach of neck, good length to height, level topline & sweep over the loin. Nicely constructed front & rear & moved accordingly. Clean wedge shaped head with no exaggeration, correct stop, flat skull, nice underjaw & rounded muzzle. Well set dark almond eye & neat well placed ears created the desired sweet yet masculine expression. With his lovely dense black coat presented in top condition I was delighted to award him the CC & BOB; 2 Forster-Cooper's Sheltysham Burnished Gold, shapely dog who looked his best on the move reaching well with good drive from behind. Nicely proportioned throughout with good reach of neck & body length. Nice head properties but would have preferred a more almond shaped eye; 3 Bennett's Watchwood Tartan Snow. **LD** 1 Moore' Santiara Moon River, another nice tri dog. Elegant in shape. Correct size & substance. Lovely head type with correct well placed dark eye & neat well placed ears creating a sweet expression. Moved with good reach & drive; 2 Sonvico's Willowgarth Baileys Gold, sable dog of good breed type. Lovely head pattern with well placed almond eye. Flat skull & nicely rounded fore face. Good length of neck, nice bone for size. Just a little unsettled on the move today; 3 Mottram's Midday Sun at Lochkaren. **OD** 1 Partridge's Rainelor Razzmarraz, this dog is such a nice breed type with all the attributes required to fulfil the Standard. Beautifully moulded head which is a joy to handle. Smooth from the tip of his nose to his lovely flat skull, correct stop, just the right amount of under jaw. Beautifully shaped & placed dark eye with a really melting expression. Nicely constructed free moving dog. He does not carry a huge coat but I just kept coming back to him for all his other qualities. Pleased to award him the RCC; 2 Rigby's Lythwood Secret Dealer, nicely constructed dog presented in lovely coat & condition. Another dog of good breed type with all the necessary attributes to fulfil the Standard. Lovely expression would just prefer him a little more masculine; 3 Edwards' Castlerose Spiritmaster.

VB 1 Arnould's Lorainian Dreamer by Shadoway, very shapely rich sable bitch of correct construction which showed in her free, easy gait. Feminine head & expression. Flat skull with correctly placed stop. Well placed dark eye & neat ears. Lovely balance throughout; 2 Hirst's Sundark Tsarina, another correctly constructed bitch, elegant in shape & on the move. Clean head with sweet expression; 3 Bennett's Watchwood Dream Girl. **MPB** 1 Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty, very eyecatching youngster, aptly named, who did not put a foot wrong. Lovely outline with good reach of neck, level topline & sweep over loin. Well balanced throughout & moved very well for such a baby. Lovely head shape with dark, well set eyes & neat ears. Her pretty expression enhanced by her lovely tan markings; 2 Eaves' Kyleburn Forever A Dream, very sound youngster who looks like she could do a day's work. Lovely size & substance. Shapely outline & good legs & feet. Two very nice puppies; 3 Rule's Bleatarn Chantilly Lace. **PB** 1 L Black Beauty; 2 Forbes' Wellneuk Dancing Flame, s/w of lovely breed type. Correct for size. Good reach of neck & depth of chest. Nice turn of stifle. Typical head with correctly placed stop & flat skull. Well placed eye & ears creating a very sweet expression; 3 Winfield's Oakcroft Celestial Star. **JB** 1 Pierce's Phillhope Just So, very pretty sable bitch, lovely size with the right amount of substance to look perfectly balanced throughout. Correctly angulated front & rear, one of the best movers today. Lovely clean wedge with correct stop & flat skull. Sweet feminine expression. A little reluctant to make the most of herself on the day; 2 Tinker's Ruscombe Mosaic, beautifully coloured blue with a lovely head & melting expression. Neat ears, good reach of neck & shapely hindquarters; 3

Forbes' Wellneuk Dancing Flame. **YB** 1 Hayhurst's Milesend Sweet Melody at Keycharm, very pretty sable bitch with a beautiful outline. Perfectly balanced & ideal for size & substance. Correct shoulder & upper arm & corresponding rear angulation. Lovely reach of neck & sweet feminine head & expression. Was very pleased to award her the RCC & later discovered that she was the litter sister to the CC winner; 2 Arnould's Shadway Rosa Esmeralda, very similar in type to 1 & the same remarks apply. Lovely sound breed type & a very close decision between the two; 3 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray. **NB** 1 Stowe & Withers' Stanydale Luck Be A Lady, I have judged this bitch before as a puppy & I still think she is a very good representative of the breed in type, construction & movement. Her head is beautifully moulded with a sweet expression. Unfortunately she is still very unsettled in the ring which is a real shame; 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Celestial Star, pretty little bitch with sweet expression. I would prefer her a little bigger all over but she is nicely balanced; 3 Jackson's Keycharm Arctic Queen with Gordon. **GB** 1 Parker's Milesend Sweet Whispers at Eljetia, I was immediately attracted to this lovely bitch & was not disappointed on handling her. Beautifully proportioned with just the right amount of bone for her perfect size. She is ultra feminine with a beautiful elegant outline from her well balanced head with melting expression, neat well placed ears, proud neck, nicely constructed front angulation, good depth of chest & level topline, through to her lovely sweep over the loin, shapely stifle, neat hocks & well carried tail. Everything about her oozed quality. She moved around the ring with style & grace. Very pleased to award her the CC; 2 Stockden's Willowgarth Gentle Breeze, another lovely bitch, slightly heavier in type but very well constructed & moved with purpose. Very nice head properties with sweet expression; 3 Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes. **PGB** This was a very strong class with many lovely bitches having to go cardless. 1 Thomas' Myter Trade Secret, shapely & soundly constructed blue bitch, beautifully balanced throughout. Correctly constructed front & rear & moved with an easy flowing action. Lovely head pattern with no exaggeration. Correct well placed stop, almond eye & neatly carried ears creating a sweet feminine expression. To be critical she could be a prettier shade of blue but her other excellent qualities outweigh this; 2 Rigby's Lythwood Sweetheart, heavily coated sable of nice shape & substance. Lovely topline & bend of stifle & moved out well. Sweet feminine head & expression & neat well carried ears; 3 Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad. **LB** 1 Patterson's Lorianian Celtic Star, well balanced bitch of good quality. Correct size with sweet feminine expression. Shapely outline & in lovely coat & condition. Moved & showed well; 2 Bray's Lianbray Locked In Love, very pretty bitch with attractive outline. Well made throughout & moved accordingly. A little finer in foreface but correct stop & flat skull & well placed dark eye & neat ears created a very pretty expression; 3 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection. **OB** 1 Thornley's Felthorn Lindy Hop, s/w of very sound breed type. Excels in front angulation which is evident in her lovely stride with good drive from behind. Clean head with correct stop & underjaw. Well placed almond eye & neat ears creating a very sweet expression; 2 Daniels & Taylor's Ch Pepperhill Kicks N Flicks, pretty coloured blue in lovely coat & condition. Very nicely put together & moves accordingly. Melting expression & neat well placed ears add to her charm; 3 Thomas' Myter Guilty Pleasure.

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