

YORKSHIRE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB Open Show 11th February 2018

DOGS: I had a really enjoyable day judging this beautiful breed. Many thanks to the Officers and Committee of the club for inviting me; to my hard working ring steward Michael; to the exhibitors for accepting my judgements in good sport; and finally to the dogs who did everything their handlers asked of them. I was really pleased with the quality of my main winners, and I think cutting the final line-up to my favourite five showed the audience and exhibitors what I was looking for. I must say that good presentation really stood out - some dogs would have looked so much better for a bath, careful foot trimming and teeth cleaning.

MPD (3) 1 Mottram's Lanteague Gold Sovereign At Lochkaren. This 8 month old was a joy to discover, and one of my stars of the day. Oozing quality and balance throughout, I loved his correctly balanced and moulded head, his oblique, dark almond eyes and alert ears. He was maturely coated and grown for his age, with excellent angulation all through, maintaining his topline on the move. Pleased to ward him BPD and RBD. He was BPIS on the referee's decision. 2 Miles' Milesend Morello. Sweet six and a half month tri baby. I really liked his correct ears and alert expression. His body was as I would expect for his age. He moved a tad close behind, and was a little unsure. 3 Jacob's Willowthorn Dream Gazer.

PD (4) 1 Lanteague Gold Sovereign At Lochkaren. 2 Pattinson's Kyleburn Romulus. Striking tri with lovely elegant lines. Very fit, with excellent muscling for a youngster, and this showed in his light and effortless movement. He just did not quite have the moulding of foreface of the winner. 3 Walker's Tooralie's Never Say Never.

MD (2) 1 Kyleburn Romulus. 2 Willowthorn Dream Gazer. 7 month s/w, professionally piloted by his smart young mistress. He was a little high over the loin, which was causing him to crab on the move. His head was balanced, but a touch heavy in back skull for my taste.

ND (4, 2) 1 Johnson's Tooralie's Major Tom Of Leishanna. This very happy tri had a lovely correct coat, but he was a little too fat which caused him to roll at the shoulders on the move. I would prefer more refinement in head. 2 Bostock's Jaelis Mystique Clear Skies. Pretty little blue boy with a lovely colour, pretty head and correct coat type, but he was far too narrow in body and fine boned, with no testicles apparent.

JD (1) 1 Jaelis Mystique Clear Skies.

YD (5) A lovely quality class of promising youngsters. 1 Miles' Keycharm Heaven Sent Of Milesend. I really liked this sable's head and expression - super dark almond eyes and lovely balance and moulding. He moved nicely, especially from the rear, but I found him a touch short in back. 2 Chatterley's Silver Coin. This b/m was well balanced in head, with better construction than the class winner, but he just had too much black in his colour for my taste. 3 Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon.

GD (7, 1) 1 Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon. I liked this tri's elegance, substance and jet black, beautifully presented coat. I found his head a little two-piece, but his dark eyes and correct ears gave him a super expression. 2 Forster's Milesend Blue Raider At Lowick. Very smart b/m, whose bicolour eyes did not detract from his expression, as they were correctly shaped and placed. He just moved rather wide in front. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream.

PGD (5, 3) 1 Bywater's Tachnamadra He's Got The Look. Very well named tri boy whose quality shone out. Very well balanced all through, with a perfectly presented, correctly fitting jet black coat.

Super, neat, well arched feet, correct angulation and bone leading to effortless ground covering movement. Super quality head with the moulding and expression. I was hoping to find in a mature male. Top this off with professional handling and showmanship, and here was my BD. RBIS on the referee's decision. 2 Varnom's Milesend Sea Captain. Upstanding shaded s/w who I found a little long in hock and light in ear.

LD (4, 1) 1 Gatheral's Herds Humphrey JW. This top quality s/w made the cut into my final five in the BD line-up. Super masculine head with filled foreface, excellent eye, ears and expression. Well balanced all through, and a sound mover to boot, with super strong hocks. Just needed a bit more sparkle. 2 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm JW. I loved this tri's eye and melting, dreamy expression. Super body shape, coat and movement. Just preferred the more filled foreface of the class winner. 3 Wither's Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW.

OD (2) 1 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold At Fernfrey JW. This s/w had a lovely masculine head, with a beautifully moulded foreface. Unfortunately his heavy ears did not enhance his expression, in spite of his handler's best efforts. However, his bodyshape, coat and movement were all top notch. 2 Miles' Lavika Time Will Tell At Milesend. This well balanced s/w had a lovely eye and expression, but his ears suffered from the direct opposite issue to the class winner. I was not too keen on his tail which was prone to lifting on the move.

VD (4, 1) 1 Saunders' Dunbrae Bond's Wish Of Gold For Fernfrey. This seven and a half yr old s/w also made it to the final five. I really loved his substance and elegance, and what a beautiful masculine head. Super flat skull and cheeks - a pleasure to handle. Gorgeous eye and expression. In the line-up he moved better than in the class, as his handler was able to go that bit faster to get the most out of him. I just wished he was older - as I found him too grey in muzzle for his age. BVD. 2 Rule's Edglonian Let's Rock At Bleatarn. 9 yr old shaded s/w in superb condition - wonderful gleaming coat. I loved his strong hocks and he powered round the ring. Not the quality in head of the class winner, but a real credit to his owner's care. 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis.

Sp Beginners D (5) 1 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm Over Riggsbeck. Upstanding, masculine b/m with correct colour and a few black patches. Correct body shape and angulation, correct balanced head and pleasing expression. Excellent showman. I just found him a tad heavy all through. 2 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple. I found this elegant lad's head a little small for his body. However, he was presented beautifully and handled very well. I found him a little overlong and weak in rear pastern. 3 Varnom's Milesend Morning Time. Breeders OD - Bred By Exhibitor (1) 1 Silver Coin.

Sp OD - Not Bred By Exhibitor (3, 2) 1 Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

Sp OD Sable & White (3) 1 Fransham's Jontygray Gilt Edged For Franmead JW. This lovely s/w was the last of the final five in the Best Dog challenge. Top quality head, with excellent ears and a wonderful expression. He moved very soundly, but to be critical, I would like a touch more length of neck. A lovely male. 2 Edglonian Let's Rock At Bleatarn. 3 Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

Sp O Tricolour, Black & White, Black & Tan (2) 1 Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon. 2 Tooralie's Major Tom Of Leishanna.

Sp O Blue Merle (2, 1) 1 Edwards' Castlerose Spiritmaster JW ShCM. 6 yr old, elegant, masculine b/m. A little long on the hock, but he moved very lightly on his feet. Excellent coat type and presentation. His colour is going dark with age, as many blues do. I liked his head type, alert ears and excellent showmanship.

Judge - Miranda Blake

BITCHES. MP (3) 1 Withers Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale. Lovely Tri of 8 months good head, eyes and ears nice bone legs and feet, and long tail, nice bend of stifle and long tail in good coat moved and showed well. Best Puppy Bitch. 2 Miles Milesend Merchant s/w nearly 8 months nice head and eye good coat moved and showed well. 3 Bladon's Kiemont Angel's Delight.

P (4) 1 Bladon's Kiemont Angel's Delight, s/w 7 months in good coat, nice head, eye and ears, nice bend of stifle moved and showed well. 2 Richies Jaelis Mystique Eternity Tri of 7 1/2 months nice head good bone moved and showed well. 3 Hateley's Viewdale Anna.

M (3) 1 Withers Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale. 2 Bladon's Kiemont Angel's Delight. 3 Hateley's Viewdale Anna.

N (4,2 abs) 1 Fransham's Shelcrest Starling. 15 months s/w good, head, eyes and ears nice long neck in good coat moved and showed well. 2 Hateley's Viewdale Anna. 11 months tri nice long neck and length of back in good coat moved and showed well.

J (1,1) Absent

Y (3,1) 1 Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl, s/w in good coat nice bone moved and showed well. 2 Fransham's Shelcrest Starling.

G (8,1) 1 Gatheral's Herds Hopefully, s/w nice size good head, eye and ears in good coat moved and showed well. 2 Fenton's Shannmies Tropical Blue B/m in good coat good bone legs and feet nice head eye and ears in good coat, nice bend of stifle and long tail. Moved and showed well. 3 Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl.

PG (8,1) 1 Fransham's Sheltysham Bedazzle At Fransham Tri nice head, eye and ears good bone in good coat moved and showed well. 2 Jackson's Keycharm Artic Queen with Gordil B/m, nice colour, nice bone, head, eye and ears in good coat moved and showed well. 3 Barrowclough's Milesend Jubilee Spirit.

L (6) 1 Richies Jaelis Mystique Reflection s/w nice size good coat and bone nice head, eye and ears stood and showed well. Reserve Best Bitch. 2 Saunders Chalmoor I'm A Peach At Fernfrey, s/s/w nice bone, nice head, eye and ears In good coat moved and showed well. 3 Hayhurst's Milesend Sweet Melody At Keycharm.

O (4,1) 1 Lycett's Shebaville Saucy Secret At Iliad. B/M 7 years old and she moved like a youngster in good coat. good head, eye and neat ears, nice bone legs and feet moved and showed well. Best Bitch, Best Veteran and Best in show. Didn't know until after she had 2 tickets pleased to say she got her 3rd on the following Sunday well done and congratulations. 2 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis Golden s/w nice head eye and expression, neat ears in good coat moved and showed well. 3 Clegram's Simcourt The Show Must Go On.

V (9,5) 1 Lycett's Shebaville Saucy Secret At Iliad. 2 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Gemstone. B/M 9 years nice head, eye and ears nice colour moved and showed well. 3 Clegram's Smiddyshaw Relight My Fire.

Sp Beginners (4,3) 1 Wallis's Peartbrook Perle D'or, s/w in good coat nice head and eye neat ears moved and showed well.

Bred By Exhibitor (2,1) 1 Fenton's Shannmies Tropical Blue.

Not Bred By Exhibitor (2) 1 Deveson's Lucky Liaison At Lianbray s/w nice head and eye ears on top of her head giving a nice expression in good coat moved and showed well. 2 Wallis's Peartbrook Perle D'or.

Sp O Sable and White (4) 1 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis. 2 Lycett's Herds Hallicia At Iliad nice head, ears and good eye in good coat moved and showed well 3 Bostock's Jaelis Mystique Mistress.

Sp O Tri-colour (4,1) 1 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination Good head, eye and expression. Neat ears, good bone moved and showed well. 2 Fransham's Sheltysam Bedazzle At Franmead. 3 Jackson's Gordil Good Time Girl.

Sp O Blue Merle (3) 1 Fenton's Shannmies Tropical Blue. 2 Jackson's Keycharm Artic Queen With Gordil. 3 Greenhill's Mohnesee Diamonds And Pearls.

Judge - Rosemary Clubley