

## Yorkshire Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 14.05.23

Dogs It was a pleasure to judge at this friendly and well run event and my thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a pleasurable day. Thanks also to my two stewards. I was very pleased with my entry and delighted to find the front construction on the dogs much improved. I think my main concern was eye shape and placement which is so very important for attaining the correct and desired expression, fundamental to our breed. Eyes should be medium in size, almond in shape and obliquely set and a number were very forward facing, small and set rather straight which completely loses the expression. Exhibits were clean and well presented, thank you for that. In my final line up I was spoiled for choice, so many lovely and worthy dogs, I could have comfortably given out multiple CC's, not something that happens very often, so proves we are currently in a good place quality wise.

**MP (2)** 1 Peacocks Pepperhill Bringer of Light. 8 month Blue dog with a nice outline, good reach of neck and nicely constructed. Sweet head and expression. 2 Whitchurchs Emmerview Mastermind. Tri just 6 months so very much a baby. Nice substance for size. Expression spoiled by rather small eye and heavy ears.

**P (7)** 1 Linfords Hillhenry In Your Honour Smart young tri with a good body shape. Well balanced throughout good front reach on the move but tended to move rather wide behind. I hope this will improve with time. Very nice head pattern with dark eye and neat ears giving desired expression. BPD 2 Mitchells Valdosta Gracelands Mature young sable and white boy, very nice type with good balance throughout. Lovely head type that will fill as he matures. Not quite the reach of 1 on the move. 3 Barrowcloughs Shadowess Jubilee Prince

**J (3)** 1 Robinsons Lavika Moonlight Storm Very nice tri boy well balanced with just the right amount of substance for his size. Nice outline with good reach of neck, level topline, correctly constructed and moved soundly. Nicely moulded head and neat ears. 2 Norris Ferngroves Valentino JW Sable and white of nice breed type. Attractive outline with good reach of neck, nice legs and feet and well bent stifle. Correct head with well placed eye and neat ears which he used well. 3 Greenwoods Esstremere Easy Rider

**Y (4,1)** 1 Winfields Lirren Quickstep to Oakcroft JW Very appealing young dog of correct size and substance. Nicely constructed front and rear with good drive on the move. Needs to settle a little in front. Lovely head pattern with flat skull, nicely moulded foreface, well placed dark eye giving very sweet expression. Very nice breed type. 2 Brady & Lynn Afterglow Sky Miles to Bordercot Beautifully coloured blue dog of correct size and balance. Good reach of neck, correct topline and shapely rear quarters. Clean head type with nice expression and neat ears. 3 Thornleys Felthorn Barnaby Rudge

**M** 1 Stocks Shemist Summertime Blues Very glamorous blue boy in lovely coat and condition. Nice size and balance. Good reach of neck enhances outline. Sweet head and expression just spoiled by rather wide set ears.

**N (2)** 1 Greenwoods Esstremere Easy Rider Blue boy on the smaller side but he has a sweet head and expression, good legs and nicely shaped feet. Would have liked a bit more of him all over. 2 Barrowcloughs Shadowess Jubilee Prince Sable and white with nice head and expression. Nice breed type but lost out today on movement.

**G (4)** 1 Dimmocks Shougies Secret Agent for Fernhill What a nice, honest tri boy with everything in perfect balance from his ideal size, sound construction, stylish outline and fluid easy movement. His head is a pleasure to handle with no exaggeration. Clean wedge head with correct stop, nicely moulded and balanced with flat skull. Well set dark eye with very pleasing expression, not always found on a tri. Neatly placed and used ears. I was pleased to

award him the Res CC. 2 Hardys Sandwick Masterclass Another nice tri boy who pressed hard in this class. Many of the comments fit him and the deciding factor was the eye shape and placement. 3 Sutherlands Shelcrest Winter Solstice at Suthesley JW

**PG 7(2)** 1 Miles Milesend Kingfisher Very nicely coloured blue who stood out in the class. Nice head type with clean wedge nice expression and well set ears. Workmanlike in size and stature with level topline and shapely hindquarters. Would have like a little more length of neck to enhance outline but looked well in the final line up. 2 Sutherlands Shougies Starmaker at Suthesley Tri of correct size and substance, nicely balanced throughout. Sweet head and expression topped by neat well placed ears. Good length of neck level topline and sweep over loin but just moved a little wide behind. 3 Varnoms Milesend Blue Jeans

**L (10)** 1 Morrisons Kemtin Final Edition Very attractive dog who fits the standard in so many ways from his size and elegant outline to his nice clean wedge head, correct stop, flat skull and well placed eye and ears culminating in a very sweet and appealing expression. Covers the ground well on the move due to his correct construction front and rear. To be critical I would have liked him a shade more masculine but I hope his day will come as he is certainly worthy of CC's. 2 Sorockyj Padawan Mandelorian Golden sable who was a very close second. A dog of quality in many ways but not quite the head qualities of the class winner. 3 Smees Wansvale Amiable

**O (5)** 1 Frenchs Ch Lindfern Light Sabre Another quality dog of correct breed type and a worthy champion. Perfect size and substance, elegant outline with good reach of neck, nicely constructed front and rear. His head handles well with correct stop and flat skull, Correctly placed dark eye and sweet yet masculine expression. 2 Robinsons Ch Lavika Starlight Salute Beautifully presented sable dog, a size bigger than the winner. Has many of the same qualities but just lost out on a small detail when splitting the two. Another worthy champion. Walkers Ch Tooralie's Ocho Rios JW

**Vet 6(2)** 1 Pattinsons Kyleburn Everlasting Dream This dog is so sound in every way from the quality of his head to the soundly constructed body. He does not carry a big coat so in that respect lacks finish but was very pleased to see him win best veteran in show. 2

Whitchurchs Emmaview Simply The Best Smart tri of correct size and substance shown in lovely coat and condition. Nice head neck and topline. 3 Greenwoods Omebrid Gives Warm Hugs

**Sp Owners (3)** 1 Varnoms Milesend Black Tartan Tri boy of good size and well balanced. Clean wedge head, nicely placed eye and neat ears. Correct reach of neck enhanced outline. 2 Gruskas Japaro Timeless Design for Samphrey Glamorous golden sable of nice size and substance. Correct head well placed eye and neat ears creating sweet expression. Good neck and topline. Lacked a little concentration today. 3 Moores Sanscott Limited Edition

**Special Open Sable & White 3(1)** 1 Fishers Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever Presented in top condition this quality dog just tipped the balance in the challenge. He has a lovely outline created by his reach of neck, length of back to height ratio and sweep over the loin. Soundly constructed with good angulation front and rear. His head is a beautifully smooth wedge with no exaggeration. Flat cheeks, correct stop and parallel planes make the perfect balance. His eye is beautifully set and with his neat well placed ears creates a sweet yet masculine expression. On the move he has a smooth effortless action though to be critical he could have a little more drive from behind but today I was prepared to forgive that as he excelled in so many ways. CC and delighted that on the referee's decision he became best in Show. 2 Moores Sanscott Limited Edition. Golden sable in lovely coat. Good bone for size, Shapely body lines with a nice expression. Special Open

**Tri/B & W/B & T (1)** 1 Pattinsons Kyleburn Romulus Nicely moving dog a size bigger but in balance. Lovely legs and feet. Correct clean wedge head neat ears and sweet expression. **Special Open Blue Merle** 1 Robinsons Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean Striking blue dog of perfect size and substance I have often admired from the ringside. Well balanced throughout with sound construction front and rear. Good reach of neck and level topline. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Moves positively with reach and drive. Head is a clean wedge with correct stop and well placed eye and neat ears. Colourwise he could be a clearer blue but that does not detract from his quality. 2 Stocks Shemist Sea Dragon Another blue I have often admired from the ringside. Soundly constructed and moves out positively. Clean wedge head nicely moulded foreface and sweet expression. 3 Hardys Sandwick Road Runner

**Judge - Margaret Lambert**

## **Yorkshire Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 14.05.23**

Many thanks to the YSSC for inviting me to judge Bitches at their championship show. It is such an honour to judge a breed club show and I was pleased to accept. Despite the early months of 2023 being fraught with difficulties and personal injury, and the club having to change venue at a late date, on the day everything seemed to go very smoothly. Committee Teamwork was very obvious and a most enjoyable lunch, with a trifle to die for, added the finishing touches to a lovely day. My two lady stewards, Maureen Bywater and Sue Tucker, quietly and efficiently ensured my ring was well organised. The bitches were all in good health, well presented and most enjoying their day. Head type was very varied and the standard requirement of a long blunt wedge when viewed from the top or in profile seems to be becoming rare, also the slight stop. Both allow for the correct eye set where a deeper stop seems to produce straighter set eyes. I also find very thick hair on the head spoils the refinement criteria giving the appearance of depth through the skull. The standard says Smooth hair on the head and fortunately today there were some lovely heads. Whilst big coats and showmanship are very glamorous, it is quality that counts.

**Bitches MPB (6)** 1. Miles Milesend Shadow Dancer 7 mths old wheaten baby who caught my eye as she entered the ring. What a lovely start to my day. She is a super shape with correct shoulder and upper arm and good bend of stifle, finished off with good tail set and carriage. She moved with good front extension and rear drive. The whole picture was a lovely balanced outline with gentle slope over the croup and such a delightful expression. So like a baby version of her illustrious relative she was my BPB and with my co judge BPIS. 2. Fisher Shellamoyed Dark Secret. 8.5 mths Tri and so much more mature in body and coat. Preferred the head of 1st, but she has a sweet expression although a tad more under jaw would improve but may come as she develops. Showed well and shown in super coat and her maturity allowed her to move with confidence. 3. Sutherland Sandwick Violette. 8.5 Tri, slightly bigger but with refined head qualities, and she needs to be handled as she has a deceptive white face marking. Liked her front and rear construction allowing her to move out well. Not as mature as 2 but a very promising youngster.

### **PB (10, 3 abs, 1 w/d)**

1. Sorockyj - Sheltisha Royal Approval. 11 mths B/m and very eye-catching. A lovely well broken blue on both sides, full coat and good, neat ears which she used well. Head handles well with the flat skull and correct eye placement that seems to be becoming rare. Liked her body shape, shoulder and upper arm and well bent stifle set off with long tail. All this

ensuring she could cover the ground well with good front extension and rear drive. At times, when standing, tended to bring her hind feet under her but she will grow out of that with maturity. Liked her very much. 2. Pierce Philhope Taste For Fashion. 10 mths S/w with very good construction and particularly good reach of neck. Felt she needs a bit more under jaw to complete her head properties but super ears carried high and used non stop. She was shown in good coat and moved well too but not sure she was enjoying her outing today. 3. Mitchell Valdosta Goddess 10 mths S/w of a slightly more compact shape. More mature than 2nd but does not have her reach of neck. Well made body and hind quarters so could move well. Shown in good coat and such a pretty colour.

**JB (7,1)** 1. Hawkins & Foy- Beechmere Crystal At Beldones. 18 mths today and looking all grown up and more mature than the other juniors. Nevertheless although she is a slightly heavier type all through she has a flat skull, correct eye set and neat ears. Added to this she has good construction with long tail and moved well. Shown in good coat. A close decision between 1 and 2. 2. Atkin Esstremere Silver Lady, almost 18mths B/m shown in good coat of a lovely well broken colour. Less mature than 1st and with leaner head properties. Flat skull, good eye set and neat ears so well used. Well made with arched neck and good tail all contributing to good movement. Very close up. 3. Withers Stanydale Shona. 14 mths S/s/w who has a super shoulder/upper arm and well bent stifle. Was a bit deeper in stop than those above but she is still maturing and when she relaxed showed me a sweet expression. These 3 girls all had the correct depth of chest which gives the correct body shape for a working dog.

**YB (10,2)** 1. Rowan Sonymer Illusive Gold At Rowancrest. 21 mths S/w with a lovely shape from well angled shoulder and upper arm, plus correct bend of stifle giving a super outline finished off with good tail set. Liked her balanced head with slight stop and correct eye shape and placement. In lovely coat and showed well if a bit fidgety today and not always standing squarely. 2. Ritchie Jaelis Mystique Reality JW, another lovely 21 mth old red S/w, slightly smaller but equally so well made. Most attractive shape with everything in the right place, and in super coat too. Moved with ease around the ring, showed herself off well and with a delightful expression. 3. Hateley Mohnesee Maebelle JW. just 16 mths and the youngster of this trio and a very plain S/w so nothing was hidden. Good balance all through with lovely flat skull and correct eye and ear set. Super outline with gentle slope over the croup. Moved well although a bit enthusiastically at times being so attentive to her handler.

**MB (6, 2)** 1. Sheltisha Royal Approval 2. Norris Ferngrove's Skylark rising 7 mths pretty B/m of a lovely colour. Well made and balanced, showed well and moved out soundly. Very promising and with maturity should do well. 3. Hardy- Sandwick Valencia, another baby B/m of 6 mths and also immature. Well broken coat of good colour. She too is well made and has a sweet expression. Today giving her handler a hard time thoroughly enjoying moving up and down the mat. Two promising babies.

**NB (5)** 1. Sheltisha Royal Approval 2. Shellamoyed Dark Secret 3. Stanydale Shona

**GB (9, 2)** 1. Atkin Esstremere Lady Isobel 2.5 yrs Tri of super construction with balanced head and lovely expression often difficult to achieve on a tri. Neat ears, which she used well complimented her good outline and full coat. Moved extremely well, covering the ground with an easy stride. 2. Smee Wansvale Beyond Belief. 3 yrs very plain S/w whose shape caught my eye as she entered the ring. Head so well balanced with lovely eye set and neat ears, super arched neck with well constructed body finished with long tail. Also in glorious coat and so well presented. Her movement too was a joy to watch. A very difficult decision separating these two and I wish them both well for the future. 3. Bray Jontygray Trice As

Nice By Lianbray. 2.3 yrs Tri with slightly shorter head than 1st and 2nd but also nicely balanced. She is well made and coated being quite a glamour girl. She too could move well and also showed well.

**PGB (10, 3)** 1. Sorocky Picture Perfect At Sheltisha. 4.5 yrs B/m with tremendous petticoats! Such a lovely refined head with the neatest of ears and eye set giving a very sweet expression. Very good construction with level top line and sweep over the croup to long tail. Abundant well broken blue coat, almost too much as it hid her hind action. However she moved very well in front with good forward reach and in profile with drive from the rear. Showed very well and I see is dam of the puppy winner to whom she has passed her good looks. 2. Robinson Lavika Star Babe 4 yrs almost wheaten S/w who was just lovely. I really liked her and everything about her. She is so correctly made and obviously could move well with ground covering action. Beautiful head, eyes and ears giving a gorgeous expression and she knew how to show off. Maddenlingly, she was very enthusiastic with her tail on the move, but never over her back. Very tight decision. 3. Wansvale Beyond Belief

**LB (12, 3)** 1. Hateley- Mohnesee Enchanted 3.5 yrs very elegant red S/w who is such a lovely colour. Another with the refinement in head that is so well balanced giving the desired expression from good eye shape and placement and ear set which she used well. Liked her construction with everything in the right place with particularly good stifle and tail. Moved with ease covering the ground well. In lovely coat, beautifully presented and handled giving a most attractive picture. 2. Morrison Ketim Future Edition 4 yrs S/s/w who like 1st was so easy to judge, no need to put a hand on her, it was all there to see. Made it a very tough decision between 1 and 2. Loved her head with perfect balance and delightful expression, soundly made and moved with ease around the ring. I had to split hairs today but another day, who knows! 3. Wansvale Beyond Belief

**OB (3, 2)** 1. Mitchell Valdosta Tri Ya Luck. 5.5 yrs Tri of a more compact shape and make. Neat head with well set ears and soundly made. Shown in good black coat, she moved well and enthusiastically enjoying her self.

**VB (10, 3 abs)** Such a lovely class to judge and what a great pleasure to see these lovely ladies all in such fine form. 1. Richie Jaelis Mystique Reflection JW simply gorgeous red S/w of 8.5 yrs. A more compact lady with neat well balanced head combined with lovely eyes and ear set and who never stopped showing. Very well made and in good, really crisp coat. Movement was smooth and easy as expected from her shape. She has such a lovely expression and her overall balance and qualities gained her Res CC. 2. Gruszka Samphrey Shades Of Blue ShCM VW at 11.5 yrs young this lovely B/m lady was a pleasure to see. Refined head qualities with neat ears and well placed eyes gave her a charming expression. All this with a well arched neck and excellent body shape which unsurprisingly allowed her to flow around the ring. Shown in full coat, maybe not quite so silvery as once but happily showed herself off. 3. Deveson Lucky Liaison At Lianbray ShCM VW. 12.5 yrs S/s/w and an old friend – with the same lovely head of her youth, good ears and eye set and showing non stop. So well made with a long tail and can still move with verve showing the youngsters how to do it. As always beautifully presented too.

**Sp Owners B (5, 1)** 1. Hickling Sheltisha Bell Of The Ball At Natara JW 4.8 yrs B/m of really well broken silvery blue. What a lovely girl with such a good head for balance, very well placed eyes giving a super expression. Neatest of ears which she used well. Not overburdened with coat so her excellent shape and make could be seen as she moved with easy strides around the ring. I really liked her and she showed so well too. 2. Raaff- Molson Miss Congeniality For Stormraven 2.9 yrs shapely S/w with good head balance and well

placed eyes and ears giving her a sweet expression. Better neck than most into well made body shape enabling her to move well. In good coat, well shown and presented. 3. Rae Quick Star Flaming Love N Promises (Imp. Fin) 10 mths B/m and immature against the older girls but a lovely shape and soundly constructed so she moved quite well for her age.

**S/WB (6, 1)** 1. Hateley Mohnesee Millybelle JW 5.8 yrs red S/w and I note Mum to Limit winner, and so very alike. The same refined head qualities which give such a lovely expression. Equally well made and in super coat and such an exuberant show girl! Very happy on the move but once settled she showed just how well she can cover the ground. 2. Hill Ellenyorn Exclusive To Molson 5.7 yrs S/w and very pretty although slightly more compact than 1st. Sweet head with good eye set giving her a lovely expression. Really well made with excellent movement as a result. Shown in very good coat and presented such a good picture. 3. Deveson Milesend Sea Pearl 7 yrs S/s/w as always so well shown and presented. She is a lovely shape and moves with purpose. Perhaps a shade broader in skull these days but as usual kept looking at me demanding her place.

**Tri/BW/BT B (3, 1)** 1. Hardy Sandwick A La Mode 22 mths very glamorous young lady with huge white collar. Still maturing needing to fill in foreface to complete a sweet head. Good length of neck into well made body, moved soundly and shown in a very promising coat. 2. Whitchurch Emmaview I Like A Challenge fully mature lady of 4.7 yrs shown in really good coat. Sweet head and expression, and although well made, felt a bit more neck would enhance her outline. She showed well and is a good mover as all this exhibitors dogs are.

**B/MB (4)** 1. Hateley Ch. Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee JW – at 2.7 yrs this young lady is at her best and filled my eye. She has such an elegant, racy shape and really needs to be handled to appreciate her qualities. A lean head with lovely balance and super eye set, the neatest of ears which she used so well. Her construction is so correct with shoulder and upper arm spot on so her elbows were under her withers when standing, lovely body shape and depth of chest, with matching bend of stifle and, to complete the picture, a level top line, gentle slope over the croup and well carried tail. Such a pretty blue and looked so much the working dog as she moved with ease around the ring. For me, she was the best mover, with really good forward extension, drive from the rear and a daisy cutting action that covered the ground so well. CC, Res BIS and BOS 2. Robinson Lavika Lucid Dreams another lovely blue girl of 2.9 yrs who is most attractive, and a gorgeous colour. She is very well made too, with a delightful expression and a sound mover with plenty of forward reach and drive. Shown in super coat and she knows how to show off. 3. Esstremere Silver Lady

### **Judge - Pam East**

Judged jointly with Mrs Lambert Brace (5, 2) 1. Stock, well matched blue boys of a pale silvery blue, who stood perfectly gazing at Mum. 2. Hateley, mother and daughter red s/w, equally well matched who were enjoying their day. 3. Moore, s/w male and female, of similar colour.