

## English Shetland Sheepdog Club Open. 26/2/2023

### Judge Lindsay French

I would like to thank all the exhibitors who entered their dogs under me, the Stewards for their help keeping the ring running smoothly and the Committee for having invited me to judge at this pleasant and well run show. This was a new venue for the show, the surface underfoot was good for the dogs but some were rather distracted by the noisy heating fan which ran intermittently.

I had some really lovely dogs to go over but most of all I was impressed by the quality of so many of the puppies. To find so many exciting youngsters bodes well for the breed.

### **DOGS.**

#### **MPD. (5,1)**

1. Mitchell's Valdosta Gracelands. What a lovely start to the day. 7 month Golden S/W. of ideal size. Pleasing head pattern with parallel planes and flat skull. Ears are set and carried well. Long arched neck leads into well angulated forehand assembly. Good depth of chest. Well ribbed body with level topline. Excellent bend of stifle. His construction enabled him to move effortlessly around the ring.
2. Miles's Ribans Goldstar of Milesend JKC. 8 month G/S/W. Another very soundly constructed young man who also exhibited the free and effortless movement his construction suggested but not quite matching the forehand extension of the class winner today. His head is quite beautiful. I am sure these two will swap places many times.

3. Ambler's Gemshells La Ross.

#### **PD. (3)**

1. Robinson Lavika Moonlight Storm. Eye catching 10 month old Tri with jet black coat in pristine condition. Lovely head topped by ears which were used non-stop. Level topline leads into gentle slope over croup. Super construction fore and aft with good balanced of overall shape. Shown to perfection, he stood four square at all times and when moving he powered around the ring keeping his tail low. I am sure he will quickly go on to gain his crown. **BPD**
2. Ambler's Gemshells La Ross. 8 month old Tri. Giving way in maturity to the class winner. Correct mouth. Head has parallel planes with ears being carried and used well. Well angulated hind quarters. Moved OK.

3. Peirce's Ferngrove Donovan.

#### **JD. (4,0)**

1. Winfield's Lirren Quickstep to Oakcroft JW. G/S/W of ideal size. Lovely head with dark well set eyes giving kind expression. Good length of neck leading to well-made forehand. Nice deep chest with well sprung ribcage. Well angulated hindquarters. Moves soundly keeping his tail low.

2. Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino. Larger for size than class winner. Glamorously marked G/S/W carrying a good coat. He has beautiful eyes of correct almond shape. His skull is topped by neatly tipped well used ears. Stands parallel in front. Moved well.

3. Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Do at Lochkaren JW.

**ND.** (2, 1)

1. Varnom's Milesend Black Tartan. Glamorously marked Tri with rich tan markings and full white collar. Coat in excellent condition and of correct texture. Stands parallel in front. Moved OK

**GD.** (2, 1)

1. Cheal's Carolelen Composer at Faemadra 3 Year old G/S/W. Nice head pattern with well-placed dark eyes, smooth cheeks and moulded underjaw. Attentive to his handler his mobile ears are carried well on his skull. Fitting Jacket showed off his firm Level topline.

**PGD.** (1)

1. Forster-Parish's Lowick Blueberry. Just out of Junior this young man is just coming into full maturity. Carrying a full coat he is an attractively marked Blue Merle. His colour is text book silver blue colour with splashes of black. True Sheltie expression formed by the combination of his correctly placed deep blue eyes and his pleasing ear carriage. Moved out very well with the excellent angulation of his hind quarters powering him forwards. **RBD**

**LD.** (9.1)

1. Robinson's Lavika Starlight Salute. 2yr old G/S/W. Outstanding young man who oozes quality throughout. Loved his shapely outline. Balanced head is held proudly on a lengthy arched neck which leads into a firm level topline finishing with the correct slope over the croup. Stands four square at all times on straight front legs and well angulated hind quarters. He has ideal bone for size and was wearing a full coat of the correct texture. Movement was excellent when viewed in profile, coming towards and going away. I am sure he will quickly gain his crown. **BD + BIS**

2. Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. 4yr old Rich red shaded s/w. Distracted by the noisy fan he was reluctant to show his charms off but did enough to give fleeting images of his sweet expression and correct ear carriage. Not a heavily coated boy but what he had was of the correct texture. Ideal for size, his construction and movement are difficult to fault.

3. Morrison's Ketim Final Edition

**OD.** (2)

1. Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment at Valjon. Tri. In good body condition with full jet black coat. Very nice to go over being very well constructed both in front and behind. Moved very well in all directions, one of only a small number today who single tracked correctly both coming towards and when going away.

2. Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark. G/S/W. A quality dog with a captivatingly beautiful head. He has lovely well set dark eyes which give him the sweetest of expressions. Nice for overall shape with good for depth of chest. Sadly today he was carrying a bit more weight than ideal which on this occasion prevented him from matching the movement of the class winner.

**Spec Open S/W D. (4, 1)**

1. Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition. 5yr old G/S/W. Carrying a profuse coat. Nice for head properties with neat ears which were used well. Good depth of chest and well ribbed. Moved soundly with adequate extension.

2. Pattinson's Kyleburn Mithras. 10 yr old very dark Shaded S/W. Balanced head with correct depth of stop. He has the flattest of skulls. Being another who was a bit distracted by the noisy fan he was rather reluctant to show off his neatly placed ears.

**Spec Open BMD. (3, 2)**

1. Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans. 4 yr old. He is carrying a Blue Merle coat of clear silvery blue with rich tan markings, ideally could have a bit less black. Ideal for size and substance with correct amount of bone. Moved OK.

**VD. (2, 1)**

1. Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream. 8 yr old dark shaded S/W. Typical Sheltie head with beautifully shaped dark eyes and neat ears which being a bit upset by the noisy fan he was rather reluctant to show. Very well constructed forehand assembly and hindquarters. He is an absolute example of what correct movement should be. **BVD**

**Spec Beg D. (1)**

1. Walley's Sandwick Songwriter. 3 yr old Tri. Wearing a full flowing coat. Moved well in profile, single tracking coming towards. Level topline flows into correct slope over croup with tail held low on the move.

**MPB. (5, 1)**

1. Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess. 7 month old Rich Red S/W. Delightful young lady with a great future ahead of her. Prettiest of heads with eyes and ears being beautifully placed. Good firm under jaw. Good layback of shoulder and return of upper arm with matching good rear angulation. So attractive for overall shape. Ideal for size and substance. Moved freely with good extension and drive especially for one so young. In the Challenge for Best Puppy Bitch she had to give way to the greater maturity of the older puppy.

2. Cheal's Valdosta Galadriel at Faemadra. Litter sister to class winner. Just a shade smaller and not quite as forward in coat but apart from that most the above comments apply to her as well. Confident and attentive to her handler she is another young lady who I expect to give her owner lots of fun in the ring.

3. Ambler's Gemshells La Ross.

**PB. (9,1)**

1. Keycharm Samba. 10 months old G/S/W. This young lady was the complete package of everything I hope to find when judging. Lovely head with such a sweet expression. Alert and attentive to her handler she stood four square and showed off her lovely racy shape. On the move she was a joy to watch with her long flowing stride effortlessly taking her around the ring. Ideal for size I loved her overall balance. Her low set tail gently wagged expressing her pleasure at being there. I could find nothing to dislike about her. **BPB + BPIS**

2. Miles's Keycharm Foxtrot to Milesend. Litter sister to class winner. Paler G/S/W with ultra-pretty head. She has the darkest of eyes, well moulded foreface with good underjaw. Very good angulation in both fore and rear quarters. Like her sister she also moved very well. Today I preferred the slightly longer body length of her sister. Another pair who will swop places many times.

3. Cheal's Valdosta Gadriel at Faemadra.

**JB. (5)**

1. Robinson's Lavika Lateca. Classy G/S/W. Lovely head with ears set and carried well. Wearing a full fitting jacket which showed her outline to advantage. Correct balance of height to length ratio with firm level topline. Stands on straight front legs which have flexible pasterns. Moved with drive.

2. Naulls's Keycharm Mistletoe Wynele. G/S/W. A charming young lady who was enjoying her day out and wanted to play. She had correctly placed oblique almond eyes combined with perfect ear set. Correct front and good spring of rib to her body. Top line was level. Very nice for rear angulation. Correct sweep over the croup.

3. Robinson's Dinmore Making Waves at Lavika

**NB. (8.1)**

1. Bastiani & John's Rannerdale She's a Lady of Auberswell. Feminine 9 month old puppy wearing a fitting rich Red S/W jacket. Head has correct parallel plains and a nicely formed underjaw. Level topline with nice sweep over croup into the tail. Moving quite well.

2. Bray's Dandlewood Kissn' Tell at Lianbray (IMP NDL). Glamorously marked paler G/S/W with full white collar. Dark well placed eyes of good shape. Level topline with nice sweep over loins to correctly carried tail.

3. Westerman's Ontoco Delightful Daisy Mae.

**GB. (8, 2)**

1. Bray's Jontygray Trice As Nice by Lianbray. Tri carrying a profuse sparkling jet black coat. Pretty head with rich tan markings and very neat ears. Feminine and nicely made throughout having the correct bone for size. Flexible front pasterns. Good bend of stifle. Best mover in the class.

2. Saunder's Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey. Attractive Tri with rich tan markings. Ideal for size. Level topline with gentle slope over croup and well carried tail. Moved well.

3. Achor's Surprise Orisa for Torinska (IMP CHE)

**PGB. (4)**

1. Morrison's Ketim Future Edition. Shaded S/W who is ideal for size and substance. An elegant neck supports her beautiful head which is topped by mobile ears set and carried well. The cheeks are smoothly moulded. Her forehead assembly has excellent lay back of shoulder with good return of upper arm, this is matched by equally well angulated hind quarters with well let down hocks. So well balanced throughout, her long stride carries her effortlessly around the ring. **RBB**

2. Hull's Mohnesee Queen of Diamonds Lizmark. B/M. Very neat ears for a merle which is not often seen. Initially she was not happy with the floor surface but when she settled she moved well.

3. Sorockyj Picture Perfect From Sheltisa.

**LB. (6, 2)**

1. Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit At Lochkaren (IMP SWE). G/S/W Carrying a profuse coat. Closer examination on the table reveals a nice outline with lovely reach of neck. A young lady who excels in head quality having that elusive sweet Sheltie expression.

2. Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness JW. Tri moving very well. Classic Sheltie head. Good reach of neck. Nice ears set. Shown in pristine condition.

3. Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl.

**Spec Open S/W B. (6, 1)**

1. Hateley's CH Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW. Charming G/S/W who oozes personality, she was thoroughly enjoying herself. She showed her heart out for her handler and kept her happily wagging tail down at all times. Her head is smoothly moulded with the neatest of ears which she used non-stop. In good coat, she is of Ideal size with good bone and a well-muscled body. Very nicely constructed she moved with purpose giving the impression she was ready to go out and do a full day's work. **BB + RBIS + BOSIS**

2. Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff at Faemadra. Elegant type with correct bone for size. Carrying a good G/S/W coat with a full white collar which helped to show off her lengthy neck. She had well-furnished petticoats together with a long flowing tail. Strode out well.

3. Bray's Stormraven Summer Love by Lianbray.

**Spec Open T/B/W B. (3)**

1. Saunder's Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey.

2. Hateley's Mohnesee Black is Back JW. Shown wearing a profuse coat in pristine condition. She has very dark eyes and her head has a flat skull. A profuse coat masks her level topline. Nicely constructed, she is correct for bone and size but she is carrying a bit much weight which affected her movement coming towards me.

3. Wallis's Shougies Mornng Star.

#### **Spec Open BM B. (7)**

1. Robinson's Lavika Lucid Dreams. 2 yr old. Super quality attractively marked blue merle lady with a coat of the purest silver blue. She has such a pretty feminine head with her neat ears well set and tipped correctly. Shows herself very well, always standing four square. Very good bend of stifle with well let down hocks. Moves very well. She was as a strong contender for higher awards in the challenge.

2. Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee JW. Well-presented B/M in good coat. Correct for size with good bone. She moved with purpose and drive with her tail carried low at all times.

3. Hull's Mohnessee Queen of Diamonds Over Lizmark.

#### **VB. (9, 1)**

1. Lucky Liaison at Lianbray. 12 yr old. Ideal for size with correct bone. Sweet feminine head with nice eye set. She is beautifully constructed throughout and covered the ground as her construction suggested she would. Her shaded sable coat is in pristine condition with every hair in place. An absolute credit to her owner, she is not showing her age at all and couldn't be denied **BVB + BVIS**

2. Whittington's Tighness The Tide Is High. 8 yrs old. Racy G/S/W larger size than winner. Wearing a fitting jacket. Her full white collar enhances the appearance of her reachy arched neck. Moved effortlessly freely striding around the ring.

#### **Junior Handling 12 – 16 yrs.**

1. Katya Robinson. Ensured her dog was standing correctly at all times and had the head held in the ideal position to fully show off the reach of neck. Moved her dog at an appropriate pace and when performing a "T" shape she adeptly changed which side of her dog she was to ensure she never obscured my view. At all times she was fully aware of my changing position in the ring and reacted accordingly. Well done.

2. Mellissa Graham-Weal. Something in the far corner of the ring distracted her charge quite badly but she worked hard and overcame the issue to get her attention back. For the greater part she didn't obstruct my view of her dog but wasn't quite as adept at doing so as the winner. Keeping calm while her dog gave her a difficult time she handled her dog sympathetically throughout.