

English Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show

Friday 2nd July 2021

Dogs - Judge Margaret Lambert

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to judge at the club show again and the fact that it was rescheduled twice allowing it to be a summer rather than autumn event made it all the better. We were able to use the outside rings, so much nicer for the dogs and the weather was perfect. Covid measures were in place but did not interfere with the smooth running of the show. Many thanks to my efficient stewards. Considering that many of the exhibits were lockdown babies they behaved very well and the entry consisted of some very nice and promising young dogs. The four dogs I shortlisted in the challenge I considered all to be worthy of winning the CC on the day and wish them well for the future. My co judge and I were in total agreement on all the the top honours with the stunning blue merle bitch Blue Panda among Clemwood being BIS.

Veteran 2

1. Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW Sch.CM
At ten years old this boy still looks every bit the champion. Having awarded him his first CC I can still appreciate his sound quality and breed type. Although his blue colour may have darkened over the years his construction, head qualities and movement are still as true as ever and his enthusiastic and attentive performance in the ring has not diminished. When he reappeared in the very strong blue merle class it was his merry and lively expression that tipped the scales his way. Best Veteran in Show.
2. Goodwin's Ch Highbrook Hot Heir JW
Another quality senior who continues to look the part in the ring. Nice breed type with correct head qualities and very sweet expression created by his lovely eye and ear set. Nicely balanced throughout with good bend of stifle and strong hind action.

Minor Puppy 4

1. Dimmock's Shougies Secret Agent for Fernhill
Smart tri boy nicely constructed with lovely clean body lines, good reach of neck, level topline and attractive sweep over loin. Moved with good reach and drive. Lovely head pattern with very nice expression. Excellent showman.
2. Robert's Stanydale Rewrite the Stars for Malaroc
Beautifully coloured merle of ideal size. Attractive outline with good reach of neck, lovely body length which allowed him to move out well. Nicely constructed with lovely head qualities. Close decision between the two but just preferred the more positive stance of the tri on the day.
3. Southerland's Shelcrest Winter Solstice
Very attractive sable and white. Lovely head pattern with well placed eye and ears creating a very sweet expression. Good reach of neck and well balanced body. Just lacked the extension of the other puppies on the move.

Puppy 4

1. Sorockyj & Haine's Padawan Mandalorian
Nine month sable and white shows a lot of promise. Lovely elegant body lines with proud neck, level topline and shapely hind quarters. Nicely constructed throughout and moved accordingly. Very attractive head with clean lines, well placed dark eye and neat ears completed the picture. Best puppy dog.
2. Gough's Mitchfields Cappuccino at Pennymoor
Smart young tri who just needs to settle as he has a tendency to drop into pacing on the move. He has the construction to cover the ground well so perhaps a little faster speed will make the difference. Well balanced body of correct size and substance. Clean attractive head pattern with flat skull and well placed dark eye creating a very sweet expression.
3. Officer's Balidorn Secret Gold
Sable and white of correct size with good reach of neck. Lovely well placed almond eye and neat ears. Needs to mature in every way and settle generally.

Junior 5

1. Robinson's Lavika Deep Blue Ocean
Beautifully coloured blue, well balanced throughout with just the right amount of bone for his size. Shown in excellent coat and condition with his well fitting jacket enhancing his lovely body shape. Nicely constructed and moved with good reach and drive. His head handles well with correct stop, flat cheeks well placed almond eye and neat ears, all coming together to create a delightful expression. A lovely picture and one to watch for the future.
2. Walker's Tooralie's Quest
Nicely constructed tri boy who was a bit unsettled in the unfamiliar surroundings today. He has a well balanced body with good reach of neck and level topline. Good angulation front and rear. Correct head with well placed dark eye and sweet expression.
3. Walley's Sandwick Songwriter
Another smart tri boy. Many of the above comments apply as this dog also has a well balance outline and very attractive head and expression. Beautifully presented and in lovely jet black coat. 2 just had the better reach on the move today.

Yearling 3

1. Aaron's Shelridge Sirius
A handsome sable and white boy in lovely bloom. Perfect size, substance and balance. Well constructed front and rear and moved accordingly. Correct head type with just the right amount of stop, flat skull and well placed almond eyes. Neat ears well used to create a very charming expression. Lovely overall breed type.
2. Hardy's Sandwick Style Council
Tri boy beautifully presented and in lovely condition. Elegant shape with good reach of neck and well balanced throughout. Good substance for his size, nice front and rear angulation and moved positively.
3. Walker's Tooralie's Pie in the Sky
Beautifully presented sable and white. Well balanced with good body lines. Lovely eye placement and sweet expression.

Novice 12 (2)

1. Morrison's Kemtin Final Edition
I was very impressed by this young dog and was immediately attracted to his lovely elegant outline. I was not disappointed on going over him as he is beautifully constructed with correct angulation front and rear, a lovely length of neck and level topline and attractive sweep over loin with low set tail. Lovely legs and feet with just the right balance of bone for his perfect size. His head handles so well with no exaggeration. Lovely smooth cheeks, correctly placed stop and flat skull. He has a very sweet expression created by the perfect shape and placement of his dark eyes and neat ears. On the move he covered the ground well with a steady and smooth gait. He came very close to top honours today and I will follow his future with interest.
2. Hardy's Sandwick Style Council
3. Walley's Sandwick Song Writer

Tyro 5 (2)

1. Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans
Stylish blue boy of lovely colour, size and substance. Attractive outline both standing and on the move due to his nice front and rear angulation. Head handles well with flat cheeks and well placed almond eye and neatly set ears creating the desired expression.
2. Lycett's Iliad Isle of Ewe
This sable dog pressed hard for first position as he is a well made with a lovely true sheltie head with the sweetest eye and melting expression. Correct size and balance throughout. Two lovely boys.
3. Wynn's Malaroc Crafty Copper
This young dog has many attributes including a lovely expression and nice body lines. If only they were contained in a smaller package.

Graduate 4

1. Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream
It was this young man's sound construction and lovely body lines that won him the class today. Presented in lovely coat and condition his smooth free movement set him above the others. At three years old I would have liked a little more rounding of foreface and maturity in head but he has a lovely true sheltie expression and neat ears.
2. Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobby Black
This young tri boy looks lovely when he stands and shows and immediately draws the eye for his showmanship and enthusiasm. Presented in lovely coat which gleamed in the sunlight he is a dog of much quality. Shapely and stylish with a lovely head and expression and nice body lines. Today he had to step back to the better reach on the move of the sable dog but I am sure he will have an interesting future.
3. Gruszka's Japaro Timeless Design for Samphrey
Attractive golden sable boy of nice breed type. Good reach of neck and correct head shape with well placed dark almond eye and neat ears culminating to create a very sweet expression.

Post Graduate 10

1. Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans
2. Aaron's Shelridge Toastmaster

Glamorous blue merle of lovely size and substance. Attractive outline with good reach of neck level topline and shapely hind quarters. Nicely moulded head with flat cheeks correct stop and well placed and shaped eyes creating a very sweet expression

3. French's Lorainian Kings Ransom at Lindfern

Sable and white presented in lovely coat and condition. Correct size and substance with good legs and feet. Nicely balanced throughout with good reach of neck which he uses well. Stop is a little deeper than ideal but he has a lovely eye shape and very sweet expression.

Mid Limit 3

1. French's Lorainian Kings Ransom at Lindfern
2. Forster-Cooper's Sheltysam Burnished Gold.

Lovely sound dog with an attractive outline. Well balanced with good reach of neck and movement. Correct head type and pleasing expression. Not quite the bloom of the class winner.

3. Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream

Shaded sable of correct size substance and balance. Attractive head properties with nicely placed eye and ears.

Limit 9 (1)

1. Woolley's Pepperhill In the Moment at Valjon

Tri with lovely jet black coat and rich tan markings. Beautifully balanced throughout with just the right amount of bone for his perfect size. Lovely body shape with well arched neck which he used to advantage and enhanced his outline. Level topline and shapely hind quarters. He moved with style and balance though he could have been a little more enthusiastic. Headwise he has a clean wedge with correctly placed stop, flat skull, well filled muzzle and well placed and shaped dark eyes. Neat ears which he used non stop added to his merry, sweet and intelligent expression. Was pleased to award him the Res CC.

2. Stafford's Rannerdale Showmaster JW

Glamorous dog and much of what I have said about the class winner also applies. It was a very close decision between the two. Lovely size and balance. Well constructed. Sweet yet masculine head and expression and a lovely breed type.

3. Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition

It was no disgrace to come third in this class of quality dogs. Presented in lovely condition and coat this young dog has a classy head with lovely melting expression and well balanced body with good reach of neck and shapely hind quarters.

Open 5

1. Bray's Ch. Lianbray Lothario JW
What a pleasure it was to judge this class of top quality shelties and there was very little to choose between them for breed type, construction and soundness.
This dog is so well balanced and nicely put together with no exaggeration to any part of him. His body is correct in length to his perfect height, he has a good reach of neck and level topline and lovely low set tail. In profile his front legs are set well under his body and he has a lovely bend of stifle which on the move gave him the edge as he moved effortlessly around the ring. His head is a beautiful clean wedge topped by neat ears and his well placed almond eye creates the desired expression. At five years old he is now a mature and excellent representative of the breed.
2. French's Lindfern Light Sabre
Another quality dog who excels in showmanship and cannot be overlooked for his lovely breed type. He stands well and demands attention. Nicely constructed and balanced body, very attractive head and sweetest of expressions.
3. Robinson's Sheltysam Nutbox in Alnmac
I have long admired this dog for his soundness of construction, movement and breed type. Lovely flowing outline both standing and on the move and sweetness of head qualities. Today he was not in as good a coat as the boys placed above him.

Sp Open Sable and White 3(1)

1. Aaron's Ch Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge
I have seen this well known dog on many occasions but not had the opportunity to handle him until today. He fits the breed standard so well for his perfect size, substance and balance throughout and strength of bone without any trace of coarseness. He has such elegant body lines, correct angulation front and rear, good depth of chest, length of neck, and sweep over loin and a well set tail. His head is so lovely to handle, beautifully balanced with flat cheeks, correctly placed and depth of stop and level planes. Eye shape and placement and neat well used ears create the most delightful expression that you just want to soak up and appreciate, not just the sweetness but the character behind the eyes. In the hotly contested slot for the CC it was this merry and alert expression that tipped the balance his way. BOS and Res BIS
2. Robson's Kyleburn Dream Lover
Nice young sable dog with lovely head and expression and neat ears. A nice body shape but could not compete with the class winner today.

Sp Open Tri B & T, B & W 1

1. Wooley's Pepperhill In the Moment at Valjon

Sp Open Blue Merle 4

1. Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW Sch.CM
2. Stock's Shemist Sea Dragon
A very smart blue dog in lovely coloured and textured coat. Very attractive outline with good reach of neck and well constructed body. Head handles well and he has a lovely merry expression. A quality sheltie all round.
3. Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans

Breeders 3

1. Robinson's Lavika Lush Life
Beautifully presented sable in lovely bloom. Correct substance for his ideal size. Very attractive head and sweet yet masculine expression. In the challenge did not have the desired reach on the move.
2. Gambol's Solyric Inaugural Gold
Very nice dog but for three years old I would have liked him a little more masculine. Very nice head pattern with sweet expression.
3. Simpson's Clemwood Rhums All Gone
Heavily coated shaded sable, beautifully presented. Sweet expression with well placed and used ears.

Sp Open Working (0)