

English Shetland Sheepdog Club
14th October 2017

Junior Handling (6 to 11 years of age)

1st Emily Moores (10 years) This young lady handled her dog sympathetically. She was aware of where I was all the time and moved into the correct position so she was never between me and her dog. She placed the dog on the table and adjusted its stance without fuss. When moving around the ring she was aware of the speed she needed to be to get the best out of her dog. The dog showed well and she kept its attention at all times. Well done. Best JH

2nd Katya Robinson (11 years) A very close 2nd. She also handled her dog well and kept its attention. They obviously adore each other and work well together. She moved the dog on a loose lead and used the whole ring when doing her triangle. She stood the dog on the table and talked to it to give it confidence. Well done.

3rd Isobel Khawaja (10 years) This partnership really seemed to be enjoying their day out. Isobel talked to her dog all through the class telling her what she was going to do next in a most endearing way. She followed my instructions and set the dog up on the table well. When moving with another dog and handler she changed sides with her lead so the dogs were together. Another very good handler.

4th Miley Ayres (9 years) Not quite the finesse of the other three handlers but very good for her age. Just needs a little confidence. She did not follow my instruction for doing a triangle (something to learn) and also did not change hands with the lead when walking with another dog. One to watch in the future.

Junior Handling (12 to 16 years of age)

1st Willow Johnson (12 years) How this handler has improved over the years. Alone in this class today. She was struggling to keep the attention of her dog as he had spotted his owner outside the ring. She was talking to him to give him confidence and moved him to her best ability. He finally settled on the table and Willow was then able to move him around and show off his charms. Well done in difficult circumstances.

Jenny Martin (Judge)