

## **ENGLISH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

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### **JUDGE'S REPORT FOR DOGS**

Many thanks to the hard-working committee for their kind invitation to judge and for their superb hospitality on the day. Special thanks to my two extremely capable stewards for their efficiency and company during the day and many thanks to exhibitors for your entries and for the sporting manner in which decisions were accepted.

Not having judged the sex here for four years, I think the fact that we now have an overseas male here who is immediately taking top honours consistently at his first shows is a little telling... I know we do not have the numbers these days as we used to but perhaps we ought to be looking to appraise the quality of the males here and see where improvements can be made so we don't fall behind other countries such as Sweden, Russia and Australia where the quality in the rings in this sex now resembles how ours used to be in years gone by in terms of consistency of type and quality through the classes. Some super quality dogs to be found & I was so pleased with my winners. My co-judge and I were in complete agreement for all the main awards at the end of the day.

**VD (10 1) 1 Mackie's Ch. Shebaville Secret Mission** Super quality tricolour dog whom I have judged before on a number of occasions and same remarks apply. Instantly appeals for his really excellent and elegant shape in profile; he is so well balanced all through and really fills the eye. Head is refined with flat skull. Expression could be a tad sweeter & underjaw sufficient, he presents a masculine outlook. Love his profile shape with super well-arched neck of good length; he does carry his head so proudly and is correctly proportioned with enough substance for size. Pleasing angulation all through with rear with elegant sweep over loin. His colour is a correct, intense black and fitting coat is of pleasing texture. Now in his prime and fully mature, can still be

prone to be a little eagerness on the move but so well-handled as always to keep him steady. Standing, he is so correctly balanced. I am so pleased that he rightly wears his crown. 2 Tucker's Sandiacre Set In Ice Smart tricolour who appealed for shape and size and another of intense, correctly coloured black coat. Refined head with sufficient underjaw, pleasing eye and masculine expression enhanced by dark pigmentation. Ears are neatly set and carried. Balanced all through in profile with neck and shoulder, would prefer a tad more length to upperarm but he is well bodied with well turned stifle. Presented immaculately and looked a picture. Just a little down in front tight pastern which showed in his movement today but have to say, I can't understand why this boy hasn't gained higher honours as he is all quality. 3

Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis **MP** (9 1) 1 Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark Appealing 8 month old sable who is growing up all of a piece; slightly longer cast but still presents a balanced picture in profile. Appealing and refined head, developing well, with dark, well shaped eye creating a sweet and masculine expression. Pleasing neck with well laid shoulder, enough substance for his size and with well turned stifle and low set tail. Sympathetically handled and was very steady on the move covering the ground well with smooth and easy action. Just needs that touch more confidence to pull it all together but a quality baby. 2 Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest at Santiara Shapely tricolour presenting a super outline in profile. Developing differently and not quite as forward in coat as the class winner but head is refined with flat skull with pleasing eye and expression with well-placed and carried ears to enhance. Super bone giving correct substance for his size, well arched neck with well laid shoulder; would prefer a tad more length to upper arm but correct proportions all through. A tad upright behind as he is growing but hocks parallel when viewed from behind. Stands foursquare at all times and is such an alert showman. Put in a mature performance and will be interesting to see how he develops in the future. 3 Morrison's Jontygray Touch Of Class for Ketim **P** (5 0) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob Upstanding young male of excellent quality with a maturity for the ring beyond his tender age. Son of my Open class winner and so very like him in

looks and ring presence. Instantly appealed for his balance and size with super masculine expression that draws the eye. Head is maturing well; beautifully moulded and refined with dark, almond shaped eye and sufficient underjaw. Foreface rounded with just fill needed to finish which will come with age. Excellent reach of neck into well laid shoulder and sufficient upper arm, so well put together all through with excellent topline and rear. Stifle is well turned with defined hocks and such pleasing substance for his size. Low set tail completes the balance and he is simply so in tune with his handler on the move; super, smooth and efficient movement covering the ground so well; so true coming towards. Excellent presentation with coat of pleasing texture. Such an upstanding youngster with so much to offer and was considered for the RCC despite his young age, no doubt that he will hit the high spots within a short space of time. **BPD & BPIS 2** French's Lindfern Light Sabre Another top quality boy who should be able to take higher honours without too much difficulty. Appealed greatly for his graceful and elegant outline in profile with pleasing head and expression produced by dark, well placed eye and neat ear set and carriage, correct stop and with flat skull. Excellent proportions all through with straight front, well rounded bone and pleasing shoulder angulation. Would prefer a touch more length to upperarm for perfection but is certainly sufficient. Well bodied all through with well angled rear – tending to tuck up slightly behind today on occasion but looks an absolute picture when he pulls it together. Movement was the deciding factor between these two excellent boys and he is still yet to settle down on the move fully in front but could not deny his superb qualities. Loved him. **3** Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest at Santiara **J (5 0) 1** Durant's Shougie's Winter Wizard at Neraklee Upstanding blue merle of class who is a shade larger than ideal but instantly fills the eye for his elegance in shape and outline. Head is good to handle with correct long blunt wedge, flat skull and rounded foreface. Stop breaks a little low and would, again, prefer a touch more definition to underjaw for perfection but is certainly sufficient. Almond shaped, correctly placed ice blue eyes giving a masculine and sweet expression enhanced by super neat ear carriage. Excellent reach of neck

and shoulder angulation with correct upper arm & topline, well bodied all through with well turned stifle and correct amount of bone for his size and substance. Loved his make and shape with low set tail and neat feet. Just needs that touch more coat to finish but ground colour is a really excellent clear silvery blue and although he does possess a black patch, it certainly did not detract from the whole. Certainly a boy with a future, he is all quality. 2 Moore's Sanscott limited Edition Super quality boy of excellent breed type and size; super moulded head, correctly defined stop and with rounded foreface with dark, well placed eye giving such a melting expression. Really neat ear set and carriage only serve to enhance his gorgeous masculine outlook. So appealed for his shape in profile with well arched neck, well laid shoulder, good topline and elegant sweep over loin. Pleasing turn of stifle with adequate bone – can tend to stand with a foot tucked under if not watched but when he pulls himself up, presents a handsome picture. Moved with ease for his handler. 3 Guxel Gold Ringer From Amethrickeh Y (5 0) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life JW Immaculately presented young dog with a huge ring presence. Excellent breed type with pleasing & balanced head properties enhanced by super neat ear carriage; would prefer more definition of underjaw and a slightly darker eye but such a masculine expression. Well arched neck with well laid shoulder and adequate upper arm, he is well proportioned all through with good ribs and body, nicely turned stifle and pleasing substance for his size with well-rounded bone. Beautifully presented by a very capable young handler who demanded the very best from him and in return, his overall type, virtue, presentation & performance earned him the class. 2 Durant's Neraklee Starblaze No nonsense young boy of quality whom I thought would be my class winner on first impressions in the ring. Not exaggerated in any way whatsoever, his head is clean and refined with appealing, masculine expression. Well arched neck to present it all proudly with clean lines all through, good body and pleasing angulation fore and aft, preferred his upper arm to class winner. Well-rounded bone gave perfect substance for his pleasing size with well angulated stifle and clean cut hock joint, so straight when viewed from behind. His colour is a good, dense black. Unfortunately, he did

not want to show off his many virtues either standing or on the move to make the very best of himself and so had to concede a class win to another quality boy who gave all but a close call. 3 Mottram's Lanteague Gold Sovereign at Lochkaren **N** (4 0)

1 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob 2 French's Lindfern Light Sabre 3 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition **T** (3 0) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Mithras Richly shaded sable boy who was not sure of his surroundings today and was reluctant to pull himself up to show off his virtues. Pleasing for size with adequate bone, would prefer more refinement in head but skull is super flat and underjaw is well defined . Ears are correctly tipped when he decides to use them and what a difference it makes when we got to see him in the fleeting moments where something caught his eye. His unsure stoop made his front look a tad wide and would prefer more spring of pastern but he has a well angulated shoulder and upper arm and is well balanced in proportions all through with graceful sweep over loin. Hock a touch high but well angulated behind which gave great drive in the move when he strode out. He could improve his outlook so much if he could gain some confidence to show himself off more as he has some very good points. 2 Laversuch's Pacarane Polar Stormtime Very pretty looking, attractive tricolour boy of good colour with rich tan markings. Head would benefit from less definition in stop with neatly set ears carried rather highly today. Foreface is rounded and eye gives a pretty expression and I would prefer a more masculine outlook. Sufficient neck with fair shoulder but upper arm would benefit from more length. Super for size with enough substance and is neatly proportioned all through with pleasing, well turned stifle and clean cut hock joint and neat feet. Would prefer more forward reach on the move and just not got the positivity of the class winner around the ring. 3 Varnom's Milesend Morning Time **G** (5 0) 1 Wood's Torinska I Love To Boogie Plain, no frills sable boy presenting a masculine outlook. Pleasing for shape overall in profile, he is well balanced in height to length with good body. His head is refined with rounded foreface and smooth cheeks needing just to fill with maturity, adequate underjaw. Ears are well set if carried a little heavy, they do not detract from his expression. Eye is enhanced by

super dark pigmentation and well placed giving such a typical look. Sufficient neck into well laid shoulder and straight front with correct amount of bone for his size. Would prefer more length to upper arm but body proportions are pleasing and he is nicely balanced all through. Enough angulation at the rear but can stand tucked up if not watched but presents a handsome picture overall. Coat of pleasing texture and richly toned. Stepped out so positively on the move and covered the ground efficiently outmoving the rest 2 Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment at Valjon

Thought this boy would be my class winner on first impressions as he really took my eye with his shape and outline in profile. Head handles well; balanced and with rounded foreface, pleasing eye shape and placement enhanced by dark pigmentation giving a sweet, masculine expression. Neat ear set and carriage, reachy neck into well laid shoulder and upper arm, nicely proportioned with pleasing topline, well ribbed and with elegant sweep over loin when he pulls himself up. Well angled rear with hock set a tad higher but with correct, well rounded bone giving excellent substance for his size. In super coat of good black, very well presented. Can look lazy in stance on occasion and slouch onto his shoulders if not watched but didn't move as freely as I was expecting; was sluggish and a tad wide coming towards which cost him the class. Was much improved in his later class which he won and looked very much the part. A really nice dog who could do more if he could just keep up the momentum. 3 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control **PG** (9 2)

1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream Lots to like about this rather plain, shaded sable boy. Super size and shape in profile, so pleasing with well moulded head, rounded foreface and flat skull. Ear set and carriage enhance his very masculine expression with correct, well placed dark eye. Excellent pigmentation enhances his look further. Well arched neck, excellent front angulation with correct amount of well round bone for substance, good body and topline with pleasing rear and well defined and clean cut hock joint. Inbetween coats but what he had was of pleasing texture. Very smooth on the move covering ground with ease though a tad wide coming towards on occasion, certainly capable of doing a days work. A quality boy. 2

Lycett's Iliad Isle Spy Another attractive shaded sable boy who makes life more difficult for himself as did the class winner and can sometimes be his own worst enemy. Examines better on the table than he makes himself appear; he is an attractive, masculine boy with super refinement to head with flat skull and dark, well placed and shaped eye. Attractive pigmentation serves to enhance his expression. Pleasing ear set and carriage, would prefer a touch more length to neck but shoulder is well laid. Pleasing body and ribs; still maturing through and with coat of pleasing texture, so very well presented. Preferred the front extension of the class winner on the move but more to come from this boy I feel with maturity. 3 Hillman's Kelmstone Toyota **ML** (3 2) 1 Stuckley's Carolelen Country Fair At Honeybears Standing alone in this class but very plain sable boy of obvious quality. Loved his size and elegant shape in profile. So masculine in head; refined all through with dark eye and pleasing ear set and carriage. Really reachy neck enhances his appeal, he is just so well balanced with level topline, and sufficient bone for his size and sex. Well fitting coat to enhance his flowing outline, he strode out very well, very true coming towards. A quality boy and handled so well to bring the very best out in him. **L** (7 0) 1 Withers' Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW Tricolour dog of great appeal and instantly attracts for his stunning outline in profile; elegant and completely balanced all through. So masculine in head and if I had to be critical, preferred the classic smoothness in head and eye shape of 2<sup>nd</sup> place but foreface is rounded and underjaw well defined. Super neat ear set and perfect carriage really pull the expression together and he is all sheltie. Excellent proportions all through with such elegant length of neck into pleasing forehead construction, excellent body with depth to chest and good ribs and sweep over loin enhancing his shape further. Pleasing rear and excellent bone with clean cut hock joint. Coat fits him perfectly and of an intense black and so well presented. He has the construction to move out and did so in his own time.. Can be untidy behind when setting off in his routine but the moment he thinks he's doing his own thing, strides out perfectly well as his construction suggests; both smooth and efficient coming and going. Well deserved **CC, RBIS &**

**BOS** 2 Roberts' Malaroc Mystery Writer JW Boy I have met before when a baby and has matured so well. Fully coated, attractive sable of super breed type with pleasing head properties; dark, well placed eye, smooth cheeks and flat skull. Neat ears carried well further enhance his appeal. A little longer cast all through than class winner but so shapely with pleasing neck, shoulder and topline, well angulated rear and enough bone for size and substance. Richly toned coat, so immaculately presented. Needed to settle down on the job when moving as a little keen at times but another consideration for RCC. Handsome boy of quality. 3 Staffords' Rannerdale The Entertainer **O** (10 0) 1 Bray's Ch. Lianbray Lothario Such appeal on first glance with this handsome and upstanding young male. Instantly attracts for his quality head pattern; well moulded with almond shaped, obliquely set eye and flat skull. Still room to mature in head as yet but he commands your eye with his beautiful expression and stance. Super outline with excellent reach of neck giving real elegance, pleasing shoulder, straight front with level topline and well moulded croup. Good spring of pastern and pleasing, well rounded bone. Slightly fidgety today on the table but settled into the job in hand on the move, covering the ground efficiently in the class and with drive. Top quality male who can only improve further as he matures fully. Didn't put it all in once we got to the challenge which was frustrating as he'd had to work hard to beat 2<sup>nd</sup> placing but he will have better days no doubt. 2 Lambert's Blenmerrow Music Maker No disgrace standing behind the class winner and really appreciated this quality shaded sable boy. No frills, no nonsense male who pleased for his size and overall make and shape. Nicely moulded, quality head withy pleasing eye & masculine expression enhanced by dark pigmentation. Foreface is well rounded. Ears set a tad wider but well carried. Excellent substance with well rounded bone, balanced all through with pleasing proportions and angulation fore and aft. Coat is richly toned, well fitting and was well presented. Such a masculine boy and a very, very close decision. Quality dog who is more than capable of gaining higher honours, I wish him well for the future. 3 Goodwin's Ch Highbrook Hot Heir **SpO S&W** (5 0) 1 Bastiani & John's Fai Moi Rever

Jocker Des Romarins De Mayerling at Auberswell Sh.CM Mature and well coated, richly toned shaded sable boy who appeals greatly for his size and substance with excellent, well rounded strong bone. Elegant shape and balanced all through with well arched neck, pleasing shoulder, rib and body. Head is well moulded but would prefer more definition to stop. Masculine expression which would be further enhanced by more almond shaped eye but dark pigmentation certainly appeals. Well moulded croup with elegant sweep over loin, excellent stifle with clean cut hock joint, he was presented in top order with every hair gleaming and so well handled. A really attractive male. 2 Wood's Torinska I Love To Boogie 3 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold **SpO TRI, B&T, B&W** (2 0) 1 Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment at Valjon 2 Lindford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm JW Jet black tricolour of excellent size. He has such a sweet and appealing expression enhanced by super ear set and carriage. Head is well balanced, just needing fill to finish that will come in time. Really appealed for his type and with sufficient neck to carry head proudly. To be critical, would just prefer more length to upper arm but topline is excellent with pleasing rear and enough substance all through. Very bright, keen and alert showman who moved efficiently with his handler. Hadn't got the coat or finish to beat the class winner today but is a promising prospect once he matures through with that finish he needs. **SpO BM** (3 0) 1 Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue at Stormhead JW Sh.CM Have judged this quality male before as a youngster and he so impressed me today. Super attractive boy who is spot on for size and presenting an eye catching and balanced shape in profile. Totally elegant and balanced all through with such a flowing outline, he commands the eye. Excellent, moulded head; smooth and well filled with appealing, masculine, soft expression. Would prefer a touch more underjaw for perfection but ears neatly set and carried so well giving a really appealing look. Well arched neck into well laid shoulder and upper arm, pleasing firm body and ribs with super topline and excellent angulation to rear. Perfect substance for size with low set tail. Ground colour a tad darker now with age but is well broken and coat presented to perfection. Put in such a steady performance on

the move and covered the ground smoothly and efficiently, he really looked the part. He is an absolute delight to go over and has matured so well and simply could not look past him for the **RCC** & was **BVD 2 Bastiani & John's Ch Hawk Blue Eye Des Romarins De Mayerling Joins Auberswell (Imp)** Upstanding boy built on racier lines than the class winner. Balanced head with flat skull and very masculine expression with almond shaped, well placed blue eyes. Super neat ear carriage and pleasing reach of neck enhanced by sparkling full white collar carrying it all so proudly. Shoulder is well laid; not the upper arm of the first placing but good body and topline, graceful sweep over loin and low set tail. Preferred the rear angulation of the winner but this boy stands out so well for his clear and silvery ground colour which is mostly well broken throughout. Super showman and so at one with his handler; moved out well and with excellent drive. 3 Riding's Achor's Surprise Percy Polaris For Torinska (Imp) **BR (6 0) 1 Robinson's Ch Lavika Luminary JW** Very eye catching sable and white male of excellent breed type. Very appealing moulded head with super dark, almond shaped eye giving such a typical and masculine expression. A touch more definition to underjaw would only serve to enhance but is certainly sufficient. Enough neck with pleasing layback of shoulder and correct amount of bone and substance for his size. Appears slightly longer cast in proportions compared to 2<sup>nd</sup> placing but could benefit from a little more length to upper arm to balance it out. Well bodied all through with level topline in stance and pleasing angulation to rear. Tail set a touch higher than 2<sup>nd</sup> which can disrupt the look of his topline on the move on occasion but handled to full advantage to get the very best from him at all times. In excellent coat and sparkling condition, he simply takes the eye and demanded this class. Very handsome male. 2 Moore's Shetlo Pocket Rainbeau Beautifully proportioned masculine male; instantly appeals for his size and excellent outline. Head is so balanced with rounded foreface & flat skull. Excellent shoulder and upper arm assembly, super reach of neck, well proportioned all through with firm body and correct rib, well moulded croup and really well angulated rear,. Substance is spot on with strong, well rounded bone, clean cut hock joint and flexible pasterns. Very

workmanlike and with richly toned, well fitting coat. Just lacked the necessary sparkle in stance and on the move today needed to clinch the class. Still all quality. 3 Roberts' Malaroc Must Try Harder **SpO W** (2 0) 1 Graham's Shadowway Game of Chance Richly toned sable & white with pleasing head, dark, well placed eye enhanced by good pigmentation giving a typical and handsome appeal. Well rounded foreface and well defined underjaw. Neatly set ears carried a touch heavily but does not detract from the whole. Adequate neck and upper arm; would prefer a touch more length to both and a straighter topline for overall balance but pleasing bone and substance all through. Coat is very well presented and of texture and he strode out with drive 2 Davis' Rainelor Rolex Shaded sable boy who is inbetween coats at present but appeals in head for his refinement, well defined underjaw and pleasing earset and carriage. Skull is so flat and with dark eye that could be slightly more almond in shape for perfection. Again, would prefer a better length of upper arm but shoulder is well laid and of better length. Preferred the topline here than first placing but would benefit from a little more substance all through. Adequate turn of stifle with hock set a touch high causing him to stand a tad wide on occasion but he is a an excellent colour, very rich in tone and coat was presented to advantage. Moved out sufficiently well but toeing out behind slightly now and again. Appealed for his head pattern and an alert showman.

**Mrs Joanne Hardy (Judge)**