

English Shetland Sheepdog Club – Championship Show - Saturday 20th October 2018

Special Award Classes

My thanks to the ESSC for their kind invitation to judge at this prestigious show and for exhibitors for giving me such a lovely entry.

Special Award Puppy Dog or Bitch (6,0)

1. French's Lindfern Light Sabre - instantly appealed for overall balance and breed type. His conformation is first class and he excels in length of neck, correct length of back and ribbing. Well angulated fore and aft. His movement was effortless as a result. His head is balanced with correct back skull and foreface. His well-shaped, dark eye, correct stop and well used ears combined to give a lovely expression. Presented in good coat and condition and showing well.
2. Stock's Shelmist Sea Dragon. Another really lovely puppy who has very sound construction and consequently moves well, covering the ground with ease. Well balanced in head and body and in good coat, although I would prefer it to be a clearer blue. Very close up to 1 but I preferred the eye shape of 1.
3. Walker's Tooralie's Ocho Rios – very confident and appealing baby of just 6 months. I loved his conformation, head and expression and feel he will mature into a very nice dog. Just losing out today on maturity but one to watch.

Special Award Graduate Dog or Bitch (5,0)

1. Wallis' Peartbrook Perle d'Or – very feminine and well-balanced bitch with very good reach of neck and correct length of back. Super angulation fore and aft and consequently moving really well. Her head is well balanced with a correctly placed stop, super eye shape and placement and ears well used making for a sweet expression.
2. Rennison's Esterbon Bi Storm to Zaniah – very shapely bitch with a good reach of neck and length of back. Well angulated and moving with ease. Her head is balanced but I would prefer a more almond shaped eye. Her feet were rather flat.
3. Whittington Esterbon Three Kisses for Tighness JW

Special Award Open Dog or Bitch (6,2)

1. Stuckey's Carolelen Country Fair at Honeybears – mature male who stood out for masculinity, overall balance and breed type. He has an excellent reach of neck, correct length of back, excellent spring of rib and is well angulated fore and aft. His movement was excellent, and he covered the ground effortlessly. His head is well balanced with good length of fore and back skull, and well-rounded and moulded muzzle. His eye is well shaped, dark and together with his ears which he uses non-stop, combine to make the desired sweet expression.
2. Rutterford's Evad Whougonnacall at Stormhead Sh CM – very close up to 1, just losing out to 1's better shaped eye. I loved his balance and conformation. A really super mover giving the impression that he could really do a day's work. Now a veteran, his condition and showmanship were first class.
3. Matthew's Esterbon's Classic Illusion

Judge – Bev White