

**The Meadows Memorial Special Beginners Stakes**

**1<sup>st</sup>: BLENMERROW LYRICIST (Paddock)**

Plain shaded sable of 4.5 years old, who stood out in this class for his true breed type. He is top size for me, but has a lovely outline in profile, showing balance and elegance with no sign of coarseness. His head is well balanced with lovely dark almond eye, correct stop, well filled muzzle, and ears ideally placed producing a soft yet masculine expression. Arched neck, and good lay of shoulder with deep chest, and correctly angulated rear quarters. He could be a little more animated on the move, but he is very sound. He carries an abundance of good harsh textured coat and was presented in excellent condition. (Winner of £25).

**2<sup>nd</sup>: SANDWICK SONGWRITER (Walley)**

Attractive Tricolour rising 4 years who I judged at the tail end of 2022. He still has much quality about him and is now beginning to mature on. His head has a lot of characteristic features, and he has a masculine expression. He is a nice size, of good construction although he sometimes tends to stand a little tucked under at the rear. He has good bone and substance, and was more settled on the move since when I last judged him. On reading the details in the catalogue, I see his is a half brother to Lyricist! (Winner of £20)

**3<sup>rd</sup>: MOSARDI FORGET ME NOT (Revill)**

Another Sheltie I judged last year in a large class where she faced strong competition. She is now 4 years old, and maturing well. She is a nice shape, and her fitting coat is a good colour and is nicely marked. She has a pretty head and feminine expression. She moved and showed well. (Winner of £15)

**4<sup>th</sup>: BLARNEY BLACK MAGIC (Curtin)**

Another attractive tricolour just coming up to 3 years old. She is up to size and has a lovely outline, with good angulations, well bent stifle and short hocks, and is well off for bone and substance. She moved soundly and the presentation of her jet black coat was exemplary. (Winner of £10)

**5<sup>th</sup>: TORINSKA RIBBON IN THE SKY (Taylor)**

Blue bitch rising 2 who still has some maturing to do. She is also up to height, and needs to develop and fill out in body. She has a nice head, long neck, and level top-line. Her colouring is also good. She moved out well in profile, but just needs to gain a bit more confidence when performing in the ring. (Winner of £5)

**JUNIOR HANDLING (12-16 Yrs)**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Megan Fylyma**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Melissa Graham-Weall**

Two very good young lady handlers in this class today, both giving an excellent performance in the ring, and it was hard to choose between them for first place. They both knew how to handle their charges and get the best out of them from the table to the floor. Both kept an eye on their dogs at all the times, as well as myself to see where I was standing in the ring. They moved their dogs correctly when asked, and kept them standing in my view when I was walking round behind them. I am sure both girls will compete together often, and change places again. Good luck to you both with your future handling.

**Lisa Pettitt**