

Blackpool & District Canine Society Championship Show 26th June 2022

Always enjoy judging this lovely breed, not the ideal weather for any long coated breed, very cold and windy. This was the fourth time I have given CCs to this Breed in the UK, having also judged them several times in Europe. Judging dogs is about on the day! I was well aware in Open Bitch there was a bitch I had given a Group One and another I had given a Group Three, but my eye on the day was consistently drawn to a sable bitch new to me that I gave the CC. I trust my eye, and was told later this made her up. It has to be on the day, still love the other two girls, such was the quality I had present in the Open Class, in fact I was very happy with the depth of quality in the breed and could easily have given out several CCs.

PD (4) 1 Winfield's Lirren Quickstep To Oakcroft. Top quality, lovely masculine head, excellent eye shape, excellent bite, the correct neck, straight front, lovely feet, the correct bone for his sex and a lovely size, looked balanced in profile, excellent body condition and lovely strength behind, his movement was free easy and correct, all round a lovely youngster showing huge promise and I would expect him to do really well in the breed. 2 Mottram's Lundecoos Hoopie-Doo At Lockkaren (Imp Swe). Sable, slightly different in breed type but another with so much to offer, liked the head, eye, expression, excellent bite, the best of necks and fronts, correct shoulders, tight elbows, typical in profile, and good quarters, just slightly preferred the action of my winner, but it really was not ideal, the cold strong wind did not help some. 3 Botham's Balidorn Burnt Gol.

JD (2) 1 Second in puppy class. 2 Saunders' Galatens Bohemia Classic At Torriglen (Imp Cze). Different, bigger boy, pleasing head but I did prefer the winners head, strong neck, clean front, shapely body and sound action.

YD (4,3) 1, CC & BOB and Group shortlisted, Robinson's Lavika Starlight Salute. 22 months. Wow, stood alone in this class but I knew he was special. My idea of a top class Sheltie, he had everything I was looking for, I could find nothing I would change from that super head to the tip of his tail, in fabulous coat, world class presentation and foot perfect on the move, new to me, as was his handler, but I really had no hesitation in giving him the CC, his first! Impressed or what! I would happily have taken him home.

PGD (2,1) 1 Botham's Balidorn Black Spice. Tri, looked quality and balanced in profile stood, very attractive masculine head, liked the expression, correct eye shape and colour, good bite, well angulated both back and front, lovely easy free action, covers the ground with little effort. All round a very nice male with plenty to offer.

LD (7) All present. 1 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold JW. Sable of top quality, topped a good class. Excellent head eye and mouth, lovely neck, straight front, excellent bone, good feet, his body felt lovely with hands on and the best of quarters, presentation perfect, his movement was all I wanted, I should have thought ticket quality. Liked this boy very much. 2 Robinson's Lavika Deep Blue Ocean. B/m pushing the winner all the way. Lovely breed type, full quality, correct head eye and expression, straight front, correct bone, the best of bodies and powerful quarters, handled to perfection and his presentation was first class. Could have swapped this pair around and been just as happy. 3 Walker's Tooralies Ocho Rios JW.

OD (3) 1 & Res CC, Pearson's Ch Edgionian Golden Graham. Big winner in the breed and I can see why. Looks a Champion with all the qualities you would expect to find! Fabulous head detail, balanced in profile and in full jacket that was presented immaculately, his movement is so correct, comes to you true and going away shows drive because he is built right, he moves right. In the challenge my eye was drawn to the youngster, so that's where I went, but I am sure this male will continue his winning ways. 2 Fisher's Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever. Sable, did not make it easy for the winner, because this also is a male of outstanding quality and breed type, one I would have no problem signing a CC for, I can give no bigger compliment. Top class. 3 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life JW. Yet another top class male pushing all the way.

VD (1) 1 Walker's Marsula Shotgun (Imp Aus) JW ShCM. 7 year old Tri and like all good Pastoral breeds at his best at this age, such a lovely breed type, liked his size and overall balance. Very attractive masculine head, correct eye and bite, good neck, well angulated shoulders, correct bone, lovely body and shown in first class condition, he is so good on the move with strong quarters and strength on the hocks. All round a fabulous veteran.

PB (8,3) 1 & BP, Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality. Sable that instantly caught my eye. Classy bitch that shouts quality and breed type at you, loved the size, very feminine with a head and expression to die for, found nothing to dislike and I would expect her to continue to impress in the breed, her presentation was faultless and her movement so correct. Yes a puppy of the highest quality and promise. I loved her. 2

Pearson's Edgionian Slack Alice. Different, but again much to offer, higher on the leg, pleasing head, good neck, straight front, good backline and sound easy action. 3 Atkin's Esstremere Silver Lady.

JB (6,1) 1 & BJIB, Stafford's Rannerdale Queen Of The Dark. Tri, loved this girl and I did look at her for the Res CC ticket. Quality in my opinion. Loved the head, eye and bite, the best of fronts and shoulders, good feet, typical outline and the strongest of quarters. In super quality coat, presentation perfect. And she enjoys the movement I insist upon, should finish with her title. I was truly impressed. 2 Brodie & Raithel's Shanaburn Strawberry Wine. Sable, lots to like, was not happy with the wind but I did see enough to see she was sound and correct on the move. Feminine head, excellent bite, good eye shape and colour, pleasing balance. 3 Hughes' Afterglow Merino.

YB (5) All present. 1 Smith's Kiemon Paris Is A Charmer At Bramblecroft. Sable, lovely quality lady, excellent head, good eye and bite and depression, the best of necks, straight front with the correct bone and feet. Deep chest, plenty of heart room, tight elbows, a lovely body to put hands on and the best of quarters, excellent tail carriage, in lovely jacket of quality that was presented perfectly and she has that free easy action I so admire. Top class. 2 Atkins' Eastremere Lady Isobel. Tri, that pushed the winner all the way. Lovely size, very feminine, shapely body and sound, just slightly preferred the head on my winner but not much in it really, another handled and presented to perfection. 3 Lewthwaite's Rannerdale Not On Your Nelly.

PGB (11,1) 1 Rosslyn's Balidorn Golden Amber. This sable really appealed to me. Lovely quality and breed type, liked her size, very feminine, correct head, good eye and bite, straight front, excellent body qualities and good quarters, easy sound free action. 2 Fenton's Shannmie Camberwell Beauty. Tri, yet another sound typical Sheltie, liked the head, excellent bite, typical in profile, in good coat, presentation and body condition, first class. 3 Barrowclough's Shadowwess True Blue.

LB (6, 3) 1 Winfield's Carolelen Classic Star By Oakcroft JW. Sable, a little surprised she was not titled because she looked like a Champion to me. Certainly one I would have no problem giving a CC. Liked her from her super head to her strong so correct quarters, and that movement was always going to tick my box. 2 Smith's Shellamoyed Blackberry At Bramblecroft. Tri, with lots of quality and breed points, head, eye and bite all correct, lovely neck, well angulated shoulders, straight front, very pleasing body and again sound typical breed action. 3 Fisher's Shellamoyed Heavenly Charm JW.

OB (9) All present and a fabulous class to judge with quality right down the line. 1 & CC, her third, Robinson's now Ch Lavika Time Of My Life JW. Sable, she had to be special and on top form to top this class which contained two previous group placings of mine. I found myself keep looking in her direction, she just had everything I was looking for on the day. Past or future wins must not come into it! My head and eye said she must win and I went with that. 2 Dunne's Longrange Cailn Dubh. Tri, my Driffield Group 3, still love her, sure to make up, everything you would want in a Champion and she is handled and shown to perfection. 3 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Queen Of The North. My Birmingham City Group winner. What do I say, still think she is World Class but there can only be one winner on the day.

VB (4) All present. 1 & Res CC & BV, Fisher's B/M, Shellamoyed My Blue Heaven JW. 7 year old and at her best. Loved this bitch. Was so surprised she was not titled, but told later she does have 2 CCs and several Res CCs. In full bloom and such a good mover, surely that third is within reach, but I do understand there are some lovely Sheltie girls being shown and it cannot be easy, fingers crossed. 2 Robinson's Lavika Lucky Star JW. Sable, again of CC quality and again in the most fabulous condition and bloom, sound easy action. 3 Jackson's Kaycharm Blue Serenade JW.

Judge - Barrie M. Croft