

BOSTON CHAMPTIONSHIP SHOW 7TH JANUARY 2023 SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

My thanks once again to the society for the invitation to judge at this popular show which is to be the last Boston show to be run in January end of an era. My thanks also to the exhibitors for there valued entries. I have been judging this breed at open show level since the early nineties, but I was not happy today to see the breed as lost the expression which the breed is known for big round black eyes spoil that expression, also the standard asks for 'outline symmetrical so that no part appears out of proportion to whole with abundant coat.' This attribute again short in the breed today.

PD (8,1) 1 Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino 11 months old sable and white, up to size, good eye shape and colour, well set ears, moved well, pleasing puppy. 2 Miles Ribans Goldstar 7 months old sable and white of good size, good strong front, good head and expression, moved well.

JD (3) 1 Forster Parish Lowick Blueberry 17 months old Blue Merle of nice size, in good coat good length of muzzle well placed ears, straight back and front, moved well nice junior. 2 Ferngrove's Valentino.

PGD (9,3) 1 Morrisons Ketim Final Edition. 3 years old of good size, just a bit short of coat today lovely balanced head good eyeshape well placed ears, straight front and back, moved well nice example. 2 Varnom Milesend Morning Time 6 years old of good size in good coat, nice balanced head well carried ears correct eye shape, good straight front, moved well.

OD (9,2) 1 Johnson Jacobs, & Johnson's Willowthorn Dream Gazer JW ShCM ShCE x OSW, 5 years old shaded sable and gold Good Straight front with good feet. Lovely balanced head, good eye shape and colour, well carried ears, in good coat, moved well nice example. 2 Bendelow's Pitch Perfect at Amethrickeh. 3 years old shaded sable of nice size, good head and expression good eye shape and colour well carried ears, in good coat moved well.

PB (8,2) 1 Knott's Carolkimiles Amathyst. 9 months sable and white of good size, in good coat, lovely balanced head, good eye shape and colour, well placed ears, straight back and front, moved well. 2 Bendelow's Jacanshe Pure Love. 11 months old Tri of good size in good coat, nice balanced head, good length of muzzle, with good dentition, well placed ears, straight back and front moved well.

JB (8,4) 1 Bendelow's Jacanshe Pure Love. Second from the last class. 2 Walker's Miablue Snowdrop By Tooralie. 11 months old Blue Merle of good size just a bit short of coat today, nice balanced head good well carried ears correct eye shape and colour. Straight back and front moved well another pleasing example.

PGB (10,4) 1 Morrison's Ketim Future Edition 3 year old sable bitch of good size, in good coat, nice balanced head with correct eye shape and colour, good length of muzzle, moved well nice example. 2 Stock's Shemist Summer Romance. 3 years old good balanced head with correct ear set good eye shape and colour, straight front and back, smaller example but well balanced moved well.

OB (8,3) 1 Hateley's CH Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW. 5 years old sable of good size in good coat straight back and front good eye shape and colour good earset lovely correct expression. full of ring presence moved well nice example. 2 Bendelow's Channerswick Lotus Flower. 30 months old in real thick coat, lovely balanced head, good well placed ears, another nice example, moved well.

Special Beginners Bitch (2) 1 Walley's Sandwich Showgirl. 4 years old sable of good size in good coat, straight in front nice balanced head with correct eye shape and colour good earset moved well nice example. 2 Hounsell's Myter Made Of Magic. 3 years old Blue Merle good balanced head good straight front with good feet well coated, moved well.

Best Dog Willowthorn Dream Gazer JW ShCM ShCE x OSW. RBD Lowick Blueberry.

BB CH Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW. RBB Channerswick Lotus Flower.

BP Carolkimiles Amathyst.

BOB Willowthorn Dream Gazer JW ShCM ShCE x OSW

BSB Sandwich Showgirl.

Judge - John Purnell

