

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022

It was a pleasure to judge the entry today and I thank all the exhibitors for supporting this entry on a weekday, some very pleasing dogs, although I can't hide my disappointment with the prevalence of short tails, incorrect feet and front movement on the whole. A lot of variation in type today resulting in winners from both ends of the spectrum with regards to consistency.

SBD (2,1) 1 Sutherlands, Shelcrest Winter Solstice at Suthesley JW, Well-presented boy in good coat, nicely trained, stands four square, giving a polished performance, lean body with good spring of rib, adequate length of tail, correct planes to his head, and nice length of foreface, nice sized & placed and well used ears, fuller eye than my ideal, moved ok.

VD (3) 1 Malones, Carmeva Caymen ShCM Sh CEx, VW. Very pleasing elegant dark shaded sable boy of good proportions, who belies his age, all fits together very well, lovely rib, neat and well-shaped tight feet, very positive on the move, level topline, well-muscled, well moulded foreface, nice dark eye, kind expression, well placed and used ears, very attentive showman, just not in the best of coats today, a bit sparse behind which detracted from his overall outline in the challenge. 2 Walkers' Ch Marsula Shogun JW SchM JW Sh.CM (Imp) Aus Attractive workmanlike sound Tri of good size, very well presented in lovely jet-black coat of correct harsh texture, very powerful mover, with excellent drive, well angulated rear, short hocks, strong well-developed muscles, lovely sweep over croup, firm loin and good depth of chest. Good planes to his head although stronger foreface to fit the overall balance, heavier wider ears detracted a little from expression for me. 3 Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad JW ShCM: Very lean golden sable boy of more refined outlook, bit taller on the leg giving a very rangy appearance, lacking a few furnishings underneath today. Positive moving going away. Lovely flat head with very nice parallel planes, good tight lips and excellent pigmentation. Well set ears and nicely shaped eye. Well presented.

MPD (2) 1 Walkers', Miablue The Delegate, delightful, charming very raw tri baby, who appealed greatly for overall type and balance, moves really well both ways and a lovely well balanced body, very neat and all in proportion at this stage, good neck and ribs, level top line, very pleasing angulation both ends, has the nicest obliquely set dark eye and correct neat ears, well placed and used, very promising baby who has the makings of an exciting future, lost out to PD on maturity & finish only. 2 Norris' Ferngrove's Valentino: Attractive light golden sable boy, although well grown for age is very immature still in body, good length of head, longer lean foreface, nice dark eye, well used ears, Longer all through and needs time to fill in, strengthen up and come together yet.

PD (2) 1 Mottrams', Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo At Lochkaren (IMP.SWE) Very well groomed, glamorous heavily coated elegant pale sable boy, very refined head and foreface, very flat skull, needs a little more flesh or to flatten a little over the eyebrows and a bit more filling in the cheeks yet, looked a little gaunt today and was rather unsettled (with his unfamiliar handler.) Moving a little erratic behind although quite well in front. Nice size, good length of back, and neck, fine boned, enough depth of rib, like to see him when mature with more body and bit more settled. BPD 2 Winfields' Lirren Quickstep To Oakcroft Richly coloured boy, with well balanced, well filled, lean head and nicely moulded foreface, correct ears and pleasing eye. Good size and length of back with well angulated rear, good hock and turn of stifle, smooth rounded bone, neat well shaped feet. Very well presented, not as positive in front or the finish of 1.

JD (2) 1 Aarons' Shelridge Santino At Neraklee Balanced but compact, attractively coloured S/w boy, very well groomed in good coat of correct texture. Good strong top line, maintained on the move, particularly sound moving going away, with strong drive, adequate well-muscled neck, good spring of rib, lean body, shorter coupled but fits together well. Good bone & neat, correctly shaped feet. Nice head and expression, if slightly fuller eye and deeper stop for me, but lovely moulded foreface with good lips and presented a pleasing picture standing, BJIB 2 Proctors' Cuilshelties Lochan Torr, Athletic looking workmanlike B/M with Super neck and shoulders, strong top line, good length of back & lovely sweep over croup flowing into long low set well feathered tail of lovely length, so sadly lacking in many; chest with plenty of heart room. Excellent double coat with the best textured harsh flat topcoat of the entry today. Good length of head, well used ears, very attentive showman of overall good balance, moved well in front, unfortunately appeared to be carrying an injury behind today.

YD (2) 1 Hardys Sandwick Road Runner, Superbly built, extremely glamorous blue merle of glorious colour, immaculately presented, strong well-muscled swanlike neck falling into well angulated shoulders with good length of upper arm, strong bone & legs and good tight feet, well covered rib, and strong loin. Lovely level topline, super rear angulation and strong hock, covers the ground easily, although scurrying a bit on the move as

was rather unsettled and did not show to his advantage today, not quite the sweetness in outlook of my overall winners, although an impressive dog of quality. 2 Officer's Balidorn Secret Gold Golden sable boy who stood and showed really well, very attentive with good ears and nice outlook, more refined, but not the soundness of 1. Well enough angulated rear although let down by very flat feet and rather down on the pasterns in front. Elegant head with lovely rounded foreface of good length and attractive expression.

GD (4,2) 1 Lamberts' Blenmerrow Merry Minstral My notes say, Elegant, dark shaded sable, quite plain & in no way flashy, quietly refined dog of quality, oozes breed type~ who could so easily be overlooked. Head handles beautifully, well balanced, flat skull, smooth cheeks and flowing planes, good mouth, tight lips, super pigmentation, full(er) dark almond oblique eye with a kind soft expression (lacking in so many), beautifully balanced body, neat, no exaggerations, nice bone, good tight correctly shaped feet, all fits smoothly together, good neck, lovely rib and tuck up, well angulated both ways and smooth free effortless mover, well set and carried tail, nothing laboured about him. Typical reserved sheltie temperament. Presented in lovely body and condition. Totally masculine with no hint of coarseness. Has a great deal to offer the breed. DCC/BOB

2 Sutherland's Shougies Starmaker At Suthesley, Heavier built tri boy, stronger all through with deeper stop. Stood and showed well, well placed and used ears, dark eye, although not quite obliquely set giving him a slightly foreign expression. Very strong rear muscles which seemed a little rigid/ over developed, resulting in him moving very wide behind today, would prefer more length of tail.

PGD (5,1) 1 Morrison's Ketim Final Edition, Very close call between this handsome lad and CC winner. Most excellent free mover covering the ground confidently, lightly and with ease. Elegant and refined but remains masculine, with correct bone for size and beautifully set back front legs and forechest. Loved his length of back, sweep over the croup and tail. Presented to advantage and puts his all in. Good neck, lovely flat skull, nice planes to his head and moulded foreface, neat small ears, dark almond eye, super well shaped feet.

Although he is a more animated & keener showman, whilst splitting hairs, is tiny bit rangier & just preferred the rib of my CC winner. A very worthy dog. RCC. 2 Aaron's Shelridge Sirius, well presented dog with balanced outline and overall shape, puts in a good performance & when standing really draws the eye. moves ok, good eye shape and engaging expression, well used ears, slightly more bone and shorter coupled with deeper stop to balance. Although not the elegance of neck & shoulders of 1. is a very pleasing dog. 3 Malone's Pathaaron After The Storm, Very sound, workmanlike tri boy of bigger size, very strong fluid mover with well-developed rib, very attentive showman, well presented, not the refinement of 1, bit too much of him for me.

LD (4) 1 Stock's Shemist Sea Dragon, very smart, soundly made workmanlike b/m of correct size who moved out very strongly with drive and good reach. Deep rib and plenty of heart room, looks like he could do a good day's work, good lay of shoulder and nice length of upper arm, really pleasing to go over, well-muscled, presented in lovely coat and condition. Really pleasing planes to his head and a soft kind expression, although slightly shorter foreface with touch more strength of underjaw, quality dog, strongly considered for RCC. 2 Proctor's Stiosan Still Game Very elegant golden boy, who had unfortunately left most of his coat at home today. Lovely flat skull and smooth rounded foreface with well filled cheeks, good tight lips and pigmentation, well-shaped and placed eye, nice size and set of ears well used giving overall attractive expression. Good length of back and sweep of tail, good depth of rib and turn of stifle-moved quite well, would like to see in full fettle. 3 Moor's Sanscott Limited Edition, Well coated boy presented in full coat with a lovely sweet head and soft expression, adequate neck, stood and showed well, moved ok going away but without the fluidity of 1&2.

OD (3,2) 1 Pearson's Ch Edglonian Golden Graham, well known, stylish, pale golden beautifully presented dog with a well angulated and muscled rear. Nice size and round bone, positive mover going away. Adequate tail, very well trained and stands to advantage, drawing the eye. Strong neck well carried head of good planes, with flat skull, tight lips, good underjaw, enough stop, dark eye, rather higher set ears. Seemed a little uneasy & on edge, evident in both his expression and movement today.

GCD (1) 1 Bastiani & John's Lirren Showtime Joins Auberswell, A lot to like about this upstanding tri, presented in lovely coat, with good length of back, lovely sweep over the croup and good length of tail, very strongly muscled behind with well-developed second thigh, good legs leading to well-trimmed, nicely padded, correctly shaped oval feet. Strode out purposefully, well handled, head has a nicely moulded foreface and lovely dark eye.

SBB (4,2) 1 Wales's Sheligian Truly Timeless Upstanding, sound but feminine, dual purpose girl, bit up to size, with a correctly balanced height to length ratio, well bodied, very well angulated both ways and a positive free mover, good planes to her head, well-shaped, placed & used ears, slightly fuller eye although correct almond shape, excellent fitted jacket of correct coarse texture. Workmanlike sheltie of very attractive colour. BSB 2 Bennett' Mohnesee Sadie Belle Smaller feminine girl, quite attractive and presented in full flowing coat

unfortunately carrying too much weight resulting in laboured movement. One piece head which handles quite well, nice round foreface and lovely dark eye, but rather heavy ears which distracts somewhat.

VB (4) 1 Main's Shenachie Snowberry, 12 years young- a credit to her owner, a firm favourite of mine, although carrying a bit too much coat, it is still a good b/m colour and in truth masks rather than enhances that lovely body underneath. Superb body to handle, love her size, lythe, light, beautifully proportioned, superbly angulated back and front, lovely rib, excellent turn of stifle and well let down behind with short neat hocks, good shoulders and neck, moved out like a train today and hasn't lost any of her muscle tone. Head handles so well, has a lovely balance of femininity and breed type, good foreface and clean stop, eye is a little fuller now with age, but still a good shape, correctly placed giving that soft melting expression exhibited by so few in the breed. Sadly, Age is not on her side otherwise she could have had top honours, moved better than the majority ¼ of her years in age. BVIB RCC 2 Bastiani & John's La Vie Ibiza Des Romarins De Mayerling (Imp) F; Bright golden s/w of 11 years, lovely balance & Type, who excels in shoulder angulation, very neat girl who has a lot of pleasing qualities, well balanced head and nice eye, but very light ears detracted a little when showing today. 3 Forbes's Wellneuk Dancing Waters JW ShCM VW, a girl I've always admired and done well before, but unfortunately today at 11 and a half was not giving her best on the move and has lost some of the shape in her feet with age which spoilt her outlook a little.

MPB (6) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Maebelle, very finely boned g/s of glamorous bright colour, with good body lines & rib, neat girl with refined long blunt wedge head, good ears and eye and attentive showgirl. Moved ok 2 Walker's Tooralie's Two Step Beautifully balanced tri in good coat, with good bone and shape, who steps out in style, good level top line and moved well, rather small dark eye but heavier wider ears as yet detracted a little from overall appeal of her head, like to see her when more mature. 3 Haensel's Sherkarl Copper Load of This Nice type with promise but rather long on the leg as yet and needs more time, more coat and body.

PB (4) 1 Pearson's Edglonian Slack Alice, Wonderful balance of power and athleticism in this well grown rangy elegant girl, with a lovely swanlike neck, the levellest of toplines, lovely sweep over the croup and long lowest tail, excellent bone and legs, lythe & covers the ground with ease, well angulated front with reasonable length of upper arm, well enough muscled, drives well from behind, super spring of rib, strong loin, super planes to her head with enough stop, strong underjaw, tight lips, good mouth and lovely teeth, good ears, and shows so well for her age. Good, fitted jacket, dark fuller almond shaped eye, would prefer a slightly sweeter expression if being supercritical but no denying her qualities. Has really super outline when showing. CC, BPB, BP, PG3 2 Foy/Hawkins's Beechmere Crystal At Beldones. In total contrast to 1, this smaller, sweetest of girls has much shorter legs and deeper body proportions, with a divine head and a most melting expression, a superbly shaped and set eye and well set and used small ears, lovely feminine outlook, but with such a huge profuse coat and carrying so much weight which compromised her top line and front movement, although was driving parallel going away, but a truly delightful head! 3 Sutherland's Beechmere Beautiful At Holamber- litter sister to 2 and has again one of the most appealing head and expressions, with beautiful eye & balance but sadly also moving very wide in front today.

JB (5,2) 1 Forbes's Degallo A Parting Gift, young girl at that intermediate stage, not a lot of coat, but a lovely rich g/s colour, stands really well and gives a beautifully balanced picture standing, nice size, good bone and legs, good top line and tail, flat skull, bit broader as yet, needs to just come together a bit in had and foreface; very cheeky and playful on the move today - full of herself. 2 Wales, Sheligian Truly Timeless- heavier made shaded sable from SB class. very sound but not so feminine as 1. 3 Haensel, Philhope Summer Time to Sherkarl- no notes on this 3rd place girl – my apologies!

YB (6,3) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Cosmic Flower, Sound workmanlike well grown girl, who sadly was bit out of coat today, but a really good body, pleasing angulation both ends, super set back of front legs and good forechest, a strong level topline, one piece head, of good planes, good eye and enough stop, but lacking a little sweetness in expression for me. 2 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality: Smaller feminine girl presented in fabulous coat, with wonderful skirts and furnishings, but not the neck and front assembly of 1; sadly was carrying a lot of weight which resulted in her not moving true today. Very pleasing head with nice flat skull, neat ears, still needs a bit more time to fully mature in foreface and come into herself.

GB (5,1) 1 Stock's Shemist Summer Romance; Small neat golden sable girl who really makes the best of herself, stands really well, very attentive showgirl, with nice level topline, and super rear angulation, great bend of stifle and short strong hocks, moves positively going away. Nice flat skull and smooth cheeks, round foreface, good ears and well placed eye. 2 Fransham's Shelcrest Night Sky; Heavier bodied 3 year old tri girl, with deep rib, level top line, good legs and feet, moves out positively. Heavier head with fuller eye & a slightly matronly outlook. Very flat coat. Stands and shows well. Would prefer less heavy ears. 3 Gladding's Startoonie Winter Rose; Very nicely headed girl, handles well, good eye and ear, well balanced head and flat skull, unfortunately carrying too much weight which showed in her movement today.

PGB (6,2) 1 Morrisons Ketim Future Edition, beautifully balanced mature s/s/w girl of ideal size. Dam of Dog RCC and has many of the same qualities, super mover, lovely length of back, excellent neck and shoulder angulation, lovely set back of front legs, well let down behind, sweeping tail, presented in lovely coat of good texture, well boned legs and nicely shaped feet, has a pleasing head and good expression, with a lovely foreface, keen animated shower, just prefer little less stop and smaller eye for the challenge-but very close up. 2 Stocks Shemist Summer Romance 3 Haensel's Philhope Summer Highlights at Sherkarl, excels in head qualities, beautifully balanced head with lovely flt skull and spot on eye, just spoilt by ears playing up today, moved ok, preferred make and shape of 1.

LB (8,3) 1 Lambert's Blenmerrow Daisychain, Many of the comments of PGB winne apply also to this girl, Dam of the DCC winner, and that apple didn't fall far from this tree either. Quality elegant, quiet, neat, understated S/S/W, with well muscled neck flowing into lovely shoulder, well set back of front legs, good spring of rib, level topline, well-muscled back, correct length of tail, well boned legs, good bend of stifle and strong short hocks, free mover, quality head, well used ears, lovely rounded foreface, just preferred a slightly smaller eye to be super critical; a very lovely bitch who pushed very hard and missed out by the smallest of margins. 2 Forbes's Degallo Blonde Ambition Very attractive light golden girl, presented in super condition, who pulls all the stops out and shows very well, has a nicely balanced head with flat skull, smoothly filled cheeks and smooth moulding to her head, lovely expression, well used ears, good length of neck carrying head proudly, very well let down behind, was overstriding behind a bit on the move today, although smaller and shorter size than 1, preferred the shoulder set of 1.but no denying this is a quality bitch who should go far. 3 Barrowclough's Shadowess True Blue, soundly made girl of good proportions, very attractive girl, well presented, showed and moved with style, little stronger in head for me.

OB (6) 1 Main, Shenachie Lyric Of Light; another quality bitch from this highly regarded kennel, whom I thought so highly of as a junior, now 7 years young and in her prime. So well put together, sensible size, excellent length of back, strong topline moved soundly, nice length of head, flat skull, lovely dark eye, good demonstration of strength with femininity, heavily coated but well textured, shortlisted for top honours, just piped by her kennel mate for RCC today. 2 Hardy, Sandwick Silhouette, superbly presented dark shaded girl with outstanding neck and balance, legs and feet to be admired, beautiful boned, wonderful ribs and condition, super top line, good length and planes to her head, just a little strong and not quite the softness or femininity of 1 in expression, moving out at elbow a little today in her eagerness to get going. 3 Redpath's Sonymer Storm Doris into Pathaaron JW, very soundly made tri, who put in a good performance, moved out with drive, not one to be overlooked but just not the sweetness I was looking for.

GCB (2) 1 Bastiani & John's Auberswell Amber Soliloquy Small neat g/s with lots to like, very feminine and refined, nice length of neck, good top line, very nice tight oval feet, pleasing one-piece head with nice length of foreface, neat small well placed and used ears, lovely dark eye, moved out well, adequate coat, stood and showed well. 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Cosmic Flower: Size up from 1, needs more coat to finish the picture, lot of daylight as she stands at the moment but no doubt her time will come.

Judge - Cheryl E. Lockett