

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CH SHOW, 02/09/16 - Shetland Sheepdogs

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I would like to thank my two excellent stewards Jim & Betty Peach. Of all the breeds in the pastoral group the Sheltie has always been my favourite, I was dismayed at the lack of quality in some of the lower classes so many bad fronts, lack of chest limited heart room & no strength in the hindquarters, quite a few were out at the elbow giving a bow fronted look. I was well rewarded in the later classes where I had so many lovely dogs to choose from. Sour grapes suits no one & a derogatory remark I heard from behind me was to no avail. With age you get a broad back & thick skin.

VD (1) 1 Shaw's Nethercroft What Can I say at Shatay, at over 8 he is in fine condition, head handles well & he has a lovely expression. Still well muscled & in excellent coat that fitted a well constructed body. Moved out well & showed non stop, BV. **MPD** (3) 1 Whitchurch's Emmaview Winter Blues, well broken bl/m, for one so young he has good construction with good neck & shoulder, good rib, nice bone & good feet. Just needs to flatten in back skull, moved out well; 2 Crosbie's Padawan Clan Chieften at Lanacy, s/w pleasing head & expression neat ears. Good neck & shoulder & topline, moving close behind; 3 Laversuch's Pacarane Polar Stormtime. **PD** (7) 1 Aaron's Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge, most delightful young s/w full of quality & knew how to pull out all the stops. Really nice head & appealing expression with the neatest of ears gave the desired look that is most important in the breed. Well constructed throughout with good bone & well padded feet he looked a picture standing, & on the move gave good ground cover, one to watch for the future as he has much to offer the breed; 2 Bywater's Tachnamadra He's Got The Look, tri pleasing head & expression, good neck & shoulder carried a good topline on the move. Good bone & feet, in good show condition; 3 Rigby's Lythwood Some Like It Hot. **JD** (4) A poor class with all awards withheld. **YD** (5) 1 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstom, tri with pleasing head & expression although head is clean needs to fill in foreface. He has good bone & excellent feet with sound hindquarters, sound on the move; 2 Walker's Marsula Shogun, a tri not the expression of my winner but pleasing type overall, moved OK; 3 Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad. **GD** (7) 1 Aaron's Mastermind at Shelridge, in lovely bloom coat gleaming with health & vitality. He has correct head planes & lovely expression with neat ears that he used to advantage. Excellent front plenty of chest & heart room. Good hindquarters & strength of hock that enabled him to cover the ground with easy gait; 2 Edgar's Ellenyorn Echo Beach, shows a lovely outline both standing & on the move, pleasing head & expression. Good neck & shoulder, shown in good condition. Not the movement of my winner; 3 Goodwin's Sandwick Turn Back Time. **PGD** (4) 1 Stuckey's Carolelen Country fair at Honeybears, shaded sable who carries a good outline on the move. Head is pleasing but would like to see a sweeter expression, he has good bone & well padded feet, good front & sound hindquarters. Sound on the move; 2 Saunders Chalmoor Shades Of Gold at Fernfrey, stylish s/w racier type, excellent harsh jacket, good legs & feet, a little upright in shoulder. Clean head but rather heavy ears; 3 Bennet's Watchwood Tartan Snow. **LD** (9) Poor class. 1 Dimmock's Hillhenry Just One Look for Fernhill, blue in lovely bloom, liked his head & sweet expression, he has good bone & well padded feet. Excellent front & depth of chest allowing for plenty of heart room. He moved out well giving good ground cover; 2 Fagg's Dukeson Huntsman Quest for Lynscot, s/w. Lovely type, good head planes sweet expression,

in good show condition needs more effort on the move; 3 Gatheral's Herds Humphrey. **OD** (10) Spoilt for choice. 1 Castillo & Fortune's Edglonian Blue Fortune, & how fortunate he is to own such a beautiful specimen of the breed. This bl/m oozes quality from his spectacular colour & construction to the Standard. Elegant yet workmanlike. He has the desired expression coming from the correct eye & ear placement, the eye of a Sheltie should be sweet & dreamy yet should also be bright & alert. He was shown in tip top condition every hair gleaming. Strong neck & muscular shoulder flowing in to a good topline & slight rise over the croup. Strong hindquarters with well let down hocks enabled him to cover the ground with effortless ease. I think this was his second CC & his performance to day won him the BOB; 2 Pearson's Dancing To The Blue's at Edglonian, lovely dog not such a good colour as my winner. But in good bloom. Loved his head & expression, neatest of ears used to advantage, lovely neck & shoulder with good upper arm. Good depth of chest & well sprung rib, good hindquarters & turn of stifle, legs & feet excellent & he moved with effortless gait showing a lovely outline, shown in pristine condition as always from this kennel. RCC; 3 Rigby's Lythwood Secret Dealer. **GCD** (0).

VB (5) 1 Walker's Aus Ch Tooralie Tickle My Fancy, 9 year old tri in tip top condition, coat really black & shining, lovely front with good upper arm. Good spring of rib & sound hindquarters. Her teeth were better than some of the younger dogs. Head is clean with lovely expression & neat ears; 2 Barnett's Ch Rainway Crystal Star, this blue bitch still retains a lovely outline, shown in excellent coat & condition, Lovely head & sweet expression ears used to advantage & she showed non stop, moved out well, lovely bitch; 3 Khawaja' & Harrison's Smiddyshaw Rumba Carumba. **MPB** (7) 1 Sorockyj & Haine's Padawan All Too Easy, pretty s/w with lovely little white blaze on the muzzle so appealing in a sheltie. Very nice head with good foreface & underjaw. Such a very sweet expression coming from correct eye & ear placement. Good neck & shoulder & good rib. Well off for bone & good feet. Gave good cover on the move; 2 Straw's Dukeson I'm A Believer, s/w. I loved this little bitch, not yet in coat but she has all the essentials to be carrying on with. She has such a clean head & dreamy expression beautiful ear placement & so sound on the move. Carries her head proud & showed her socks off; 3 Thomas' Myter Bees Knees. **PB** (9) 1 Sorockyj & Haine's Padawan All Too Easy; 2 Straw's Dukeson I'm A Believer; 3 Robinson's Erjon Happy Me at Lavika. **JB** (7) 1 Clegram & Berry's Smiddyshaw I'll Be There For U, s/w has a pleasing outline, good rib, although head is clean ears could be better placed, lacks expression, in good coat needs to put more effort on the move; 2 Wildsmith's Sandieback Crystal Moon, tri pleasing type with decent head, would like to see sweeter eye, moved close behind; 3 Bladon's Shellamoyed She's The One. **YB** (9) 1 Freeman's Willogarth Crimson Dawn over Lanteague, lovely s/w bitch full of quality in superb coat & condition. Beautiful head & most dreamy expression her ear placement is perfect. Good front & depth of chest. Plenty of heart room, excellent bone, good feet, very sound in all departments, should have a very bright future; 2 Fisher's Shellamoyed Babycham, very stylish bitch who moved out well although head is clean she lacked expression, good neck & shoulder placement, well sprung ribs. Moved out well; 3 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis. **GB** (4) 1 Greenhill's Mohnesee Diamonds N Pearls, I like this style of Sheltie, very pleasing on the eye, loved her head & lovely expression, neat ears, good front & depth of chest. Ribs well sprung, good topline & sound hindquarters. Overall in excellent condition Covered the ground with easy gait; 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Sea Breeze, very dark s/w bitch head quite pleasing although ears rather heavy. This spoils the overall expression. Moved out OK; 3 Stock's Shemist Electra. **PGB** (6) 1 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection, red s/w pretty head & expression, good front & lay back of shoulder, good rib, good hindquarters, could use more effort on the move; 2 Straw's Dukeson Keltic Dancer, very sweet s/w rather long in body & feet could be stronger, but has

pleasing head & nice expression, moved OK; 3 Officer's Castlerose Celestial. **LB** (10) 1 Hateley's Willogarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee, beautiful s/w that oozes quality throughout, fabulous colour. Beautiful head, correct stop & good foreface, expression to die for coming from correct eye & ear placement, lovely neck & lay back of shoulder flowing in to correct topline. Good spring of rib, depth of chest, good turn of stifle & strong well let down hocks, this along with her extrovert character gave the impression of the ideal Sheltie bitch. She moves effortlessly in a calm & easy manner. **RCC**; 2 Thomas' Myter Guilty Pleasure, very stylish bitch with lovely showy outline, clean head correct eye & ear placement. Excellent front, good spring of rib, lovely rounded bone & neat feet. In excellent show condition she moved out well giving good ground cover; 3 Deveson's Lucky Liasion at Lianbray. **OB** (10) 1 Castillo & Fortune's Ir Ch Lux Ch Navarrem Fortune Lady, s/w who excelled in all departments for me. Constructed to the Standard. So very elegant & regal both standing & on the move. Most beautiful head, correct stop & lovely rounded muzzle. Fantastic expression, coming from correct eye & ear placement, this bitch I could easily taken home with me she is so delightful. Neck & shoulder placement correct with good upper arm, well sprung ribs. Lovely rounded bone & neat well padded feet, excellent hind angulation with good turn of stifle & well let down hocks enabled her to move with easy gait giving excellent ground cover. So attentive to her handler never put foot wrong must be a joy to own. **CC**. In the challenge I was torn between two beautiful dogs it could have gone either way; 2 Robinson's Lavika Life Time, another really pretty bitch carries a lovely outline both standing & on the move. Lovely head & expression, neat ears. Good bone throughout & correct hindquarters. Shown in lovely condition, she covered the ground well with effortless gait, very nice bitch; 3 Wilson's Rannerdale High Society at Dasgeda. **GCB** (3) 1 Straw's Dukeson I'm A Believer; 2 Wildsmith's Chalmoor Moon Charm with Sandbeck, tri nicely made pleasing head & eye, good topline, strong hindquarters in nice condition. Moved out well; 3 Venton's Tri N Stop Me at Mistyisle.

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