

EASTERN COUNTIES SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OPEN SHOW 1ST AUGUST 2021

Thank you for inviting me to judge I loved every minute of the day. I was apprehensive prior to the show, as I had not been to a show for over 16 months. I need not have worried as everything went like clockwork. Something to watch for in the breed is poor fronts, a few I came across lacked forechest and depth of chest, the engine of any breed.

A few who looked lovely standing were not placed as they showed poor hind movement and some were out at the elbow, having said that I was pleased with the overall entry.

DOGS

VETERAN DOG

Hoare's Briggsview Gambling man, stood alone. Blue Merle in excellent condition carrying a good coat of correct texture. Well up to size showing a good outline, Pleasing head and kind expression, BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.

MINOR PUPPY DOG 2 (1)

1st Saunders' Sendora Sweet Bramble, also stood alone, A tricolour at his first show and loving every minute of his day out, shows a lovely outline, liked his head & expression when he settles to the job in hand should have a bright future.

PUPPY DOG 3

1st Miles', Milesend Kingfisher, Blue Merle, A young dog who will have a lot to offer the breed. Super outline, well constructed throughout and carrying a harsh well fitting jacket of good colour. Head of correct balance showing a lovely expression coming from the correct ear and eye placement. Very sound, moved with drive. Went on to win the BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY IN SHOW. 2nd Sorockyj and Haines' Padawan Mandalorian. S/W of lovely type he has a beautiful head A good muzzle and underjaw. Standing looked a picture but tends to toe in on the move.

JUNIOR DOG 4 (1)

1st Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobby Black, What a star. Stunning, he stood out standing there showing a picture of health and vitality, coat of correct texture, gleaming black and his tan markings so well defined. Excellent top line with gentle sweep over the loins so often lacking in the breed, superb front, deep chest with plenty of heart room. Correct bone and tight well padded feet. His head handles well with the right amount of stop and his eye and ear placement are spot on. BEST DOG AND RES BEST IN SHOW, AND BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW. 2nd Fitzwater's. Tasiti Cody Avec FleurdeMai. S/W smart young dog in excellent coat and condition, not quite so mature in body yet, but shows a good outline, needs to fill in fore chest and correct his hind movement. 3rd Hoare's Sabema Pina Colada.

NOVICE 5

1st Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobby Black (SEEN DOG) 2nd Durrant's Borderpride Viva Las Vegas at Lodurr. Well turned out tricolour, clean head neat ears and lovely expression. Well constructed with good neck and shoulder, carries a good top line, strong well muscled hindquarters. Gave a good performance moving. 3rd Sorockyj & Haine's Padawan Mandalorian

UNDERGRADUATE 3 (1)

1st Withers' & Thornley's Felthorn Cover Story, Very sound in all departments, has correct head and expression, good muzzle and under jaw. Correct length of neck and lay back of shoulder Good top line with gentle sweep over the loin. Well muscled hindquarters, strong hocks which showed up in his excellent movement. 2nd Sorockyj & Haine's Padawan Mandalorian. Not the outline of winner, but has clean head and kind expression, presented well, movement could be better. 2nd in Puppy Dog

POST GRADUATE Absent

LIMIT DOG 4 (2)

1st Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date at Lizmark JW Rich S/W who instantly pleased for his overall balance throughout. Well constructed, excellent front, deep chest and well sprung rib, sound well angulated hindquarters enabled him to give good ground cover. Loved his head pattern and dreamy expression. RESERVE BEST DOG. 2nd Clarke's Ruscombe A Moment In Time. B/M shown in excellent coat and condition. Although pleasing in head and expression ears are rather flighty, needs more front and his movement lets him down.

OPEN DOG 1

1st Forster Parish's Milesend Blue Raider at Lowick, B/M lovely head and eye, good neck and correct shoulder placement. Good front, good depth of chest and well sprung rib. Excellent bone and very neat well padded feet. Sound well angulated hindquarters showing good ground cover.

SPECIAL OPEN S/W 1

1st Hoare's Sabema Pina Colada. Was 3rd in Junior, pleasing head and expression, shown in good coat and condition. Moves close behind and front movement toes in.

SPECIAL TRICOLOUR/BLACK & WHITE. 3

1ST Withers', Ch Stanydale Shot in The Dark. Striking tricolour shown in good form. coming up seven and can still show some how to move. Head a little strong for me. Well balanced throughout showing neat ears and good expression, well balanced neck and shoulder placement, good turn of stifle and strong hocks, moved out very well.

SPECIAL BLUE MERLE 0

BITCHES

VETERAN BITCH 5 (1)

1st Hoare's Briggsview Opalesque well balanced head and foreface with good under jaw. Lovely expression, excellent front, well sprung ribs, good depth of chest. Good turn of stifle, neat well padded feet enabled her to move out well. BEST VETERAN BITCH. 2nd Sendall's Sendora Waltzime. Very elegant and feminine tricolour, pretty head, beautiful expression coming from correct ear and eye placement. Very alert and attentive, she showed off her qualities well, very sound on the move. 3rd Hounsell's Stardust Girl at Cearthall.

PUPPY BITCH 2

1st Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon Over Mohnesee. Blue of good colour showing a well balanced outline, pretty head and expression, neat ears, good neck and shoulder leading into good top line. Showed her socks off and moved out well giving good ground cover BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

2nd Miles, Milesend Goldspun, S/W very sound in all departments, loved her beautiful expression, head handles well with correct stop, and for one so young a well filled muzzle and good under jaw, neck and shoulder placement correct leading to a firm top line. Very sound on the move,

JUNIOR BITCH 3 (1)

1st Peter's Tasiti Sweet But Psycho (what a strange name) Nice type, head rather long in fore face, good body lines, and shown in good coat and condition, I think the handler needs more experience to bring out the best of her on the move. 2nd Proctor's Sandyvalley Heart Of Gold. Rather fine boned throughout, at 13 months would have expected more substance throughout, Head is too fine spoiling expression. Rather upright in upper arm affecting her movement.

NOVICE BITCH 8 (1)

1st Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee (seen) 2nd Hounsell's, Myter Made Of Magic, Blue Merle, excellent colour and coat texture. Pleasing head, eye and expression. Good length of neck, well placed upper arm and good lay back of shoulder, well angulated hindquarters, moved out well. 3rd Tomlinson, s Fenstyle Summer Breeze.

UNDERGRADUATE BITCH 4

1st Fransham's, Shelcrest Night Sky. Tricolour, coat gleaming, a really fit and healthy bitch, good head and expression, well filled muzzle and good under jaw. neat ears, correct neck and shoulder, good top line. Very sound on the move. RES BEST BITCH. 2nd Hull's Mohensee Queen Of Diamonds of Lizmark B/m rather reluctant show girl. Not making the best of what she had to offer. Overall a lovely type, coat of good colour and correct texture. Head handles well and she has the desired expression we look for in this breed. She can move when she wants to, probably missing her dad. 3rd Hounsell's Myter Made Of Magic.

POST GRADUATE BITCH 3 (1)

1st Withers', Neraklee Naomi at Stanydale. Tricolour, what a cracker of a bitch, looking a picture of health and vitality, loved her head, excellent back skull, beautiful expression, super front, good depth of chest and well sprung rib. Perfect top line with gentle sweep over the loin, sound well angulated hindquarters and spot on movement. 2nd Norris, Clanavon Love In A Mist. S/W full of quality, Super well balanced head, lovely expression. shows a good outline standing, super coat presented so well, could do with more reach on the move.

LIMIT BITCH 3 (1)

1st Thornley & Withers'. Mitchfields Fashion Girl at Felthorn. B/M What I was looking for in the breed, elegance with workman like ability. Well balanced head, good ear and eye placement, strong neck and shoulder, good depth of chest and well sprung ribs. Correct height to length ratio, standing on well boned legs and neat well padded feet. She moved with drive giving good ground cover, I was pleased to award her BEST IN SHOW. 2nd Sendall's Sendora Songbird. B/M actually a better colour, I found her head slightly long but she had lovely expression, good neck and shoulder, and very sound throughout,

OPEN BITCH 2 (1)

1st Miles' Milesend Megan. Very feminine, S/W lovely head, super expression that comes from lovely dark well shaped eyes. Super front, good depth of chest and good ribs, construction is excellent throughout and this showed in her movement, flowing with easy stride giving good ground cover,

SPECIAL OPEN S/W BITCH 5 (2)

1st Withers' Stanydale Luck Be A lady, Lovely outline on this bitch elegant but workmanlike she has well balanced head with neat ears and lovely dark eyes of desired expression. Excellent front, good bone and well padded feet. So sound on the move, 2nd Hardin's Sheltysam Medley Of Gold W(s)R6 EX, was 4th in novice. Nice type has a good front, deep chest and well sprung ribs, let down on the move.

SPECIAL TRICOLOUR & BLACK/WHITE BITCH 2

1st Fransham's Shelcrest Night Sky (seen bitch), 2nd Sendall's, Sendora Waltzime.

SPECIAL BLUE MERLE BITCH

1st Hounsell's, Myter Made Of Magic. (seen bitch), 2nd Sendall's Sendora Songbird. 3rd Stardust Girl at Cearthall

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