E COS SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB, 27/03/16

The Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club held an Open show where **BIS was Pepperhill Kicks 'N Flicks**; RBIS, the dog, Oakcroft Star Force; & BP, Lirren Love Match.

I had a lovely entry with many high quality shelties & would like to thank the committee, my two excellent stewards & the exhibitors who gave me their support.

VD (2) 1 Hull's Ch Lizmark Look This Way, a very well balanced 10 years darkly shaded s/w carrying a good coat who is ideal for size & substance. He has dark almond shaped eyes, a sweet & gentle expression & moved soundly with reach & drive keeping a level topline. BVD; 2 Fagg's Dukeson It's Aladdin at Lynscot, a 7 years golden s/w with white collar nicely presented & in good condition. He has a lighter construction, moved well, but didn't quite have the drive of my winner. **PD** (3) 1 French's Lirren Love Match, loved the overall shape & reach of neck of this most appealing heavily coated shaded s/w 11 months puppy who has a nicely proportioned head & a very sweet expression. He has good substance, a nice length of back & a lovely sweep over the loins. He was at times a little unsettled but movement was sound & positive & he shows much promise. I was pleased to award him BPIS; 2 Norman's Milesend Murray, a glamorous s/w 10 months puppy, good for size, with well placed eyes & ears giving a nice expression. He moved well but was a little unsettled at times & when asked to stand; 3 Hardwick's Navarrem Mr Stiges at Richmaus. JD (4) 1 Stow & Withers' Stanydale Shot In The Dark, a very smart tri dog in good coat & condition with a nice length of neck contributing to his elegant shape. Overall he has good balance & is soundly constructed with good bone, straight front legs with flexible pasterns, & a nice bend of stifle enabling him to move with a free & effortless stride; 2 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm, another very attractive tri with a pleasing head & expression. He is slightly shorter coupled than my winner, his construction is good, he looks well balanced & moves with reach & drive. It was a difficult choice but on the day I preferred the movement of the first dog; 3 Pattinson's Agamemnon's Delight for Kyleburn. ND (5) 1 French's Lirren Tri Wishing, yet another very smart tri with jet black well fitting coat, lovely dark eye & well placed ears giving a sweet expression. He has substance & style, is a good size & shows well, standing foursquare. He looks balanced & moves soundly. I considered him for top honours; 2 Hull's Noss Courteous Jovial Johan of Lizmark, a b/m dog, correct size, carrying enough body coat but a bit short on those vital furnishings. He has a nice head pattern & expression, & moves well; 3 N Mr Stiges at R. UGD (7) 1 Gaze's Lizmark Heart Of Steel at Bechama, a 2 years b/m dog carrying a good well fitting coat & having an attractive outline & shape. He has good bone, nice straight front legs with flexible pasterns & neat feet & a good bend of stifle. He has an alert expression, was attentive to his handler & used his ears well. He moved with enthusiasm & drive around the ring; 2 Hull's Lizmark Black Gold, a 4 years tri, good for size with well placed dark eyes & neat well used ears giving a sweet & gentle expression. He carries a good coat with a nice sweep over his loins & moved quickly & efficiently round the ring; 3 Pattinson's Kyleburn Mithras. PGD (7) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Star Force, this glamorous boy immediately took my attention as he entered the ring. He is beautifully balanced presenting a lovely outline & has a nicely proportioned masculine head, with well rounded muzzle, firm underjaw & tight lips. Well placed dark almond shaped eyes & good ear carriage give him that elusive meltingly sweet expression. He is well constructed, having good bone, nice straight front legs, good pasterns, neat feet & a good bend of stifle, & moved well keeping a level topline. To complete the picture he had a dense s/w well fitting coat which perfectly complemented his overall appearance. BD, RBIS; 2 Fransham's Jontygray

Gilt Edged for Franmead, another glamorous 3 years s/w boy in good coat, slightly bigger than the winner of this class. He has a nicely proportioned wedge shaped head with well placed ears & eyes giving the desired sweet expression. In outline, he looks balanced, has good substance with a well arched neck, good length of back & a nice sweep over the loins. He moved soundly with level topline. RBD; 3 Stuckey's Carolelen Country Fair of Honeybears. LD (5) 1 Stock's Shemist Black Magi, a 3 years tri dog with dense well fitting black coat & having a nice length of neck with corresponding length of back giving a very elegant profile. Dark well placed eyes & well used ears give the desired expression. He is well constructed with good angulation & substance & moves freely with good extension; 2 Weller's Evad Star Gazer, a very glamorous 4 years golden s/w correct size, well presented & carrying a huge coat. He has a nice eye set & neat well used ears with a very sweet expression. He moved smoothly & efficiently but couldn't quite match the forward reach of the class winner; 3 Dukeson's Huntsmans Quest for Lynscot. **OD** (3) 1 S Shot In The Dark; 2 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold at Fernfrey, a smart s/w dog almost 3 years in full coat, very well presented who is a little bigger than some of my previous winners. He has a good wedge shaped head with parallel planes, well rounded muzzle, nice eye shape & pleasing expression. His construction is good, he stands foursquare, has good bone, nice straight front legs & good bend of stifle, covers the ground with ease & strides out well. Special OD S/W (5) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Prince Charming, a 2 years golden s/w with good well fitting coat & attractive outline. His head is nicely proportioned, with well rounded muzzle, dark almond shaped eyes & a very sweet expression. He looks balanced, has a well arched neck, a graceful sweep over the loins & a good bend of stifle. He moved soundly & covered the ground with ease; 2 Fransham's Jontygray I Have A Dream for Franmead, a well presented 4 years darkly shaded s/w, somewhat smaller than the class winner. Overall he has a pleasing head & sweet expression, is a very attentive showman & stands four-square. He moved well but not quite as freely as my winner; 3 Stuckey's Carolelen Country Fair of Honeybears. Special OD Tri, B/W (4) 1 S Shot In The Dark; 2 H Thunderstorm; 3 Saunders' Sendora Quickstep. Special **OD B/M** (4) 1 L Heart Of Steel at B; 2 Kendrick's Meisterwerk My Buddy at Kendakind, a well presented b/m dog, in good coat who was more settled in this class. He has a lean wedge shaped head, with parallel planes, & a very nice outline with good length of neck, a level topline & good bend of stifle. He moved with enthusiasm; 3 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill In The Zone.

VB (5) 1 Sendall's Peerieglen Pearl Drop of Sendora, a well presented & superbly handled 10 years b/m bitch. Her head is nicely proportioned with parallel planes, well rounded muzzle & a sweet expression. She has a good length of neck, well balanced body proportions & a good bend of stifle. She was attentive & alert, & moved with drive & enthusiasm keeping a level topline at all times. Movement earned her the award of BVIS; 2 Naden's Karmidale Matisse at Shelridge, a 7 years s/w girl with a very sweet expression. She was a little short of coat today, but stood nicely & moved soundly round the ring keeping a level topline; 3 Hull's Ch Lizmark Look Of Love. MPB (7) 1 Ambler's Watchwood Sweetheart of Chalmoor, a charming 8 months b/m bitch puppy, showing great ring presence. Her blue coat is a very good colour with well broken markings. She has a good head pattern & sweet expression, lovely make & shape standing squarely with well placed straight front legs. She covered the ground with ease & I was pleased to award her BPB; 2 Stow & Withers' Stanydale Luck Be A Lady, another very promising youngster who immediately took my attention as she entered the ring. This time a 6 month shaded s/w still very much a baby. She has a sweet expression, very good angulation, nice positive movement with good extension, & she stands & shows with such confidence. Second on the day to a more mature puppy; 3 Tomlinson's Fenstyle Mays Angel. PB (5) 1 W Sweetheart of C; 2 Eaves' Aphrodite's Desire for Kyleburn, a

shaded s/w 8 months puppy, very nice make & shape, with good head planes, well used ears & a sweet expression. She carries a dense well fitting coat, & moves with drive keeping a level topline. Hopefully she has stopped growing. JB (2) 1 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Flicks 'N' Kicks, another Sheltie who caught my eye on entering the ring, such a lovely profile. A 1½ year b/m who moved so easily with excellent reach & drive. Her coat is a correct clear blue, with well broken black markings. She has a nicely made head with good expression, held proudly on a well arched neck & her construction front & back is excellent. Size & substance, are just right. I was fortunate to have two very high quality Shelties in the final line-up, both worthy winners, a difficult decision, but on the day this girl positively floated round the ring with such effortless style & I was pleased to be able to award her BIS; 2 Aaron's Shelridge Crushed Velvet, a 13 months tri, correct size with a well fitting jet black coat. She has a pleasing head, well used ears & nice expression. She is a more compact girl than the winner of this class & took time to settle on the move but overall showed sound movement & balance. **NB** (8) 1 Biswell's Oakcroft Charming Melody at Goldwell, a 1½ year golden s/w with a very elegant shape & good substance. Her head is refined with parallel planes, dark eyes & well used ears giving the sweetest expression. She has nice construction from a well arched neck to a graceful sweep over the loins & good bend of stifle. A very alert girl who showed well & moved effortlessly round the ring. RBB; 2 Stock's Shemist Electra, a 2 year s/w girl, a little more compact than my winner, with a nicely proportioned head, dark eyes, well set ears & a very sweet expression. She has good substance & moved freely with good extension; 3 Morrison's Jontygray Golden Dream. UGB (9) 1 Saunders' Chalmoor I'm A Peach, a very soundly constructed shaded s/w bitch, with good head planes, nice expression & well rounded muzzle. She has good substance, straight front legs, a nice depth of chest, a level topline & showed good positive movement with a smooth balanced stride; 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Alluring Dream, another very attractive s/w Sheltie from this kennel, with pleasing wedge shaped head & dark expressive almond shaped eyes. She has a nice length of neck & an elegant outline, stands well & moves soundly; 3 Stock's Shemist Electra. PGB (3) 1 Moore's Shetlo Love And Laughter, a fairly compact s/w bitch, well presented & in full coat. Her head is nicely balanced, with well placed eyes & ears giving that typical sheltie expression. She has good substance, a nice depth of chest, straight front legs, flexible pasterns & neat feet. Excellent drive from well angulated hindquarters produced good positive movement; 2 Robinson's Sheltysham Briar Rose of Alnmac, a s/w 5 year old who had totally left her coat at home. She has nice head qualities with dark well placed eyes & a very sweet expression but looked a little unsettled today. **LB** (5) 1 Morrison's Jontygray Evening Star at Ketim, a well presented 5 years tri, correct size, with a pleasing outline & a good well fitting coat. Her expression is very sweet, with good eye shape & well placed ears. She is nicely made, having straight front legs, level topline & correct sweep over the croup. With an excellent bend of stifle & low set hocks she has plenty of drive & moved effortlessly round the ring; 2 Sendall's Sendora Waltztime, another tri, very different in type to my winner but also possessing many virtues. This is a very racey bitch not carrying much coat today, with a nice expression, a good length of neck, & an attractive outline. She moved well with an easy flowing stride & was alert & attentive to her handler; 3 Biswell's Goldwell Velvet Victoria. **OB** (1) 1 Colman-Smith's Samhaven Magic Kiss at Karlaina, a 6 years s/w bitch, fairly compact having good substance, nice construction & ample coat with a lovely sweep over the croup. She has well placed eyes & a gentle expression & moved well with good forward extension holding a level topline. Special OB S/W (4) 1 Maynard's Carolelen Causing Dreams, darkly shaded s/w 4 years Sheltie quite plainly marked, with an attractive outline & good well fitting coat. She has very dark eyes, a pleasing expression & stands foursquare having straight front legs with well shaped feet & pasterns, well angulated hind quarters & low set hocks; 2 Maynard's Cassandra You're My Dream, a 2 years s/w with

lovely shading & attractive white collar. She stands & shows well, has a nice expression, & good substance. Her movement is good with smooth balanced stride; 3 Straw's Dukeson Keltic Dancer. **Special OB Tri, B/W** (2) 1 J Evening Star at K; 2 S Waltztime. **Special OB B/M** (4) 1 P Flicks 'N' Kicks; 2 P Pearl Drop of S; 3 Kennedy's Lirren Blue Gamble at Donbeley.

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