

MIDWESTERN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - 7 OCTOBER 2023

DOGS I would like to thank the Committee for giving me the opportunity to judge Dogs at their championship show and for their excellent hospitality. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and I wish to thank all exhibitors who came and supported me and give me the privilege of going over their dogs. I had an excellent entry of quality dogs to choose from and a lot of the decisions were very close. I would also like to thank my stewards who did an excellent job throughout the day. My co-judge Ray Grice and I could not agree on some of the top awards and BIS and RBIS were decided by Derek Smith, the Referee.

MPD (5) 1st – Miles' Keycharm Music Man of Milesend – 6½ months s/w who was well off for bone and substance. Stands well and has a good height to length ratio. Neatly tipped ears which he used to advantage. Well arched neck, masculine puppy full of confidence will follow his career with interest BPD. 2nd – Fenton's Shannmie's Cartier – 6½ month tri. Good shape and outline. Correct size. Dark almond shaped eyes, strong bone, well constructed which showed in his moment. Will have a good future. 3rd – Parker's Edglonian Prime Target with Tolarock.

PD (5, 1). 1st – Winfield's Oakcroft The Mandalorian NAF – Mature 9 month s/w puppy with a well arched neck. Lovely head which had a long blunt wedge, sweet expression, correct carriage and position of ears. Stands proudly, hocks straight, oval well padded feet. 2nd – Hill's Magic Mike with Molson – 7½ month well constructed puppy, good coat which was well presented. Has lots of ring presence, moved with reach and drive using minimum effort. 3rd – Stafford's Rannerdale The Tramp.

JD (4, 1) 1st – Lindford's Hillhenry In Your Honour – 16 months tri colour. Medium sized dark almond shaped eyes. Good length of neck, good bend of stifle. In excellent jet black coat. Level topline, low set tail. Excellent mover. 2nd – Pierce's – Philhope In Good Taste – 14 months s/w in excellent coat which was well fitted and of the correct texture. Stands four square showing off his lovely shape. Head handles very well with long blunt wedge and neat ears. 3rd – Savage's Shellamoyed Midnight Max at Savataurus.

YD (1,1).

ND (3) 1st – Stafford's Rannerdale King of the Dark - 10 months heavily coated tri colour with good furnishings who was very well constructed and moved with reach and drive. Well set on tail which was of good length. Well off for bone and would like to see him when he was more settled. 2nd – Winfield's Oakcroft the Mandalorian NAF – who was first in puppy. 3rd – Johnson, Jacobs and Johnson's Willowthorn's Happy Gaze .

GD (3) 1st – Walker's Tooralie's Tornade – 15 months b/w who needs to be handled to be appreciated. Dark almond shaped eye, double coat which was harsh and straight. Ideal for size, neat ears which were used well. Good topline and bend of stifle. 2nd – Varnom's – Milesend Black Tartan – 2 year old tri who had good length to height ratio. Cheeks flat merging into well rounded muzzle. Liked his depth of chest and spring of ribs, 3rd - Savage's Shellamoyed Midnight Max at Savataurus.

PGD (7,2) 1st – Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren JW (Imp Swe) – 2 year old glamorous s/w appeals for obvious quality and breed type. Lovely long tail, beautifully presented. Straight front, level topline, neat ears which were well used. Well constructed and moved very well. 2nd – Miles' Milesend Kingfisher – 3 year old b/m in excellent coat. Deep chest and well sprung ribs. Strong bone, neat oval feet. Head handles very well. 3rd – Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans

LD (11,3) 1st – Barrowclough's Shadowess Lockdown Hero – 3 year old s/w. Most appealing head, dark almond eyes, neat ears which were well used. Just the right amount of stop. Good reach of neck. Well balanced dog in excellent condition. Moved well from all angles. 2nd – Hardy's Sandwick Road Runner – 2 year old b/m dog with great ring presence. Well off for bone, very well constructed. Moved with reach and drive. Shown in excellent condition and presented to the highest standards. 3rd – Stafford's Rannerdale Charlie Chaplin

OD (5,1) 1st – Pearson's Ch Edglonian Golden Graham – 3 year old s/w dog of ideal size. In lovely bloom, moved very well on a long loose lead. Good spring of rib, level topline, beautiful head pushed hard for top honours. 2nd – Miles' Lundecock's Theodor (Imp Swe) – 3 year old s/w dog in super harsh textured double coat, appeals greatly for breed type. Neat ears which were well used. Good bone and substance. Could certainly do a day's work. 3rd – Hardy's Ch Sandwick Stagelight JW

VD (5,1) 1st – Bray's Ch Lianbray Lothario JW – 7 year old shaded sable with lovely expression. Skull and muzzle of approximate equal length. Dark almond shaped eye. Looks younger than his veteran years. Moved with reach and drive. BVD. 2nd – Hill's Ch/Aus Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson (Imp Aus) – 8 year old s/w a favourite of mine ideal sized dog, good spring of rib. Good length to height ratio. Small ears which were used well. Well arched neck was a close decision with 1 in a class full of quality. 3rd – Stafford's Ch Rannerdale The Entertainer

SPECIAL OPEN SABLE AND WHITE (7,2) 1st – Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Showmaster JW – 5 year old dog with huge ring presence. Lovely head with a sweet expression. Neatest of ears. Well off for bone shows to advantage. Deep chest. Good spring of rib. Level topline. Low set tail. Moved as his construction suggested with reach and drive using the minimum of effort – CC and on the referee's decision BIS. 2nd – Robinson's Ch Lavika Starlight Salute – 3 year old dog with good bend of stifle. Hock joint well let down. Level back with graceful sweep over the loins. In excellent double coat of harsh texture. 3rd – Fisher's Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever

SPECIAL OPEN TRICOLOUR/BLACK AND WHITE/BLACK AND TAN DOG (6, 3) 1st – Doyles' Sevenoaks So Perfect Duke Des Romarins De Mayerling (Imp Fra) – 2 year old who excels in shape and length of neck. Long tail which he carried correctly. Neat feet with strong bone. Good bend of stifle. Good head with neat ears and nice eye. Rich tan markings – just needs a bit more time to mature. 2nd – Robinson's Lavika Moonlight Storm – 17 months jet black coat. Good spring of rib, level topline, good underjaw. Nice size good strong bone another one that just needs more time. 3rd – Reeves' IR Ch Longrange Mr Darcy at Mceeves.

SPECIAL OPEN BLUE MERLE DOG (1) 1st – Robinson's Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean - 3 year old profusely coated with excellent presentation. Nice size, excellent neck, good length to height ratio. Well let down hocks. Head handles very well. Well constructed and moves with reach and drive. RCC and on the referees decision RBIS.

BRACE (1 entry 1 1 present) – this class was judged jointly with my co-judge -. 1st Ritchie's – a lovely pair of sable bitches – very much of the same breed type – moved exceptionally well in unison.

Judge - Iain Forbes (Wellneuk)