

BIRMINGHAM NAT CH SHOW, 05/05/16

Shetland Sheepdogs

MPD (4) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Simply The Best, baby of the class but held his own on style & confidence, pleasing headpiece with a good expression, nice shape, good movement but needs to settle more. Presented in good clean order; 2 Bastiani & John's Auberswell Hollywood, a more mature dog with a full jacket & looked the part, all male headpiece with a good chin, excellent bodily parts, good mover in both directions; 3 Haensel's Sherkarl Uptown Funk. **PD** (5,2a) 1 Hardy's Sandwich Fortune Seeker, sable dog, well up to size for age, good clean lines with good balance, quite striking shape at times, good length to head with a soft expression & good eye, ample neck, good timbers & body parts. Good firm mover, prepared & presented in pristine condition; 2 Roberts' Malaroc Mystery Writer, quite well balanced throughout, but needs to broaden in backskull at present, good ears & ample neck. Good bodily ratios, good rear but a touch too much lift of front feet, presented in good order; 3 Hart's Milesend Black Star at Hartmere. **JD** (8,2) 1 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm, a nicely headed tri of good quality with a good expression, pleasing shape that left nothing to the imagination, good topline & croup, active mover & well prepared & presented, needs to broaden a little more in forechest; 2 Walker's Marsula Shogun, another nice youngster but not quite the quality of head of winner, pleasing to view, with a good topline, well coated & a good mover; 3 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck. **YD** (9) 1 Mottram's Midday Sun at Lochkaren, this dog impressed me on the table for when you go over him he is the most beautiful make & build with the best of front construction, still very much an adolescent but quality knows no age, presented in excellent condition, could have moved with a little more zest but to be fair with the handler sporting a boot I thought the dog was most sympathetic to the needs of this handler. **RCC**; 2 Winfield's Oakcroft Star Force, another good dog who was unfortunate to meet winner today in such good condition, many things to like about him but not quite the finish of winner & not the maturity of head, but nevertheless a quality dog in every way, good on the move & presented in very good order; 3 Abraham's Emmaview Simply The Best. **GD** (8) 1 Fransham's Jontygray Gilt Edged for Franmead, I like this dog, lovely sable very honest as what you see is what you got, no fancy markings to enhance his head, but with this quality you don't need it, good mover, to be critical I would have liked him a touch shorter in body, but you can't have everything. Prepared & presented in pristine condition; 2 Hardy's Sandwich Kirov, unlucky to meet winner today in such good form, lovely tri dog with lots to like he was a good shape & nicely headed but not quite as good in head as winner, excellent topline & croup, good mover in profile, presented in very good order; 3 Bennett's Watchwood Tartan Snow. **PGD** (10) 1 Rigby's Lythwood Secret Dealer, for breed type I like this dog & that is the reason he won the class, lovely headpiece with the sweetest of expressions, good neck & front, lovely body shape, good forward reach but would like him a touch stronger behind. Prepared & presented in first class order; 2 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold at Fernfrey, I thought there was lots to like about this dog, all dog to go over with excellent substance, strong headpiece, would have like a touch better in ear, good strong neck, excellent forehead, good overlay, firm rear going away. Covered in the harshest of jackets & in full coat which was prepared to his best advantage; 3 Kendrick's Meisterwerk My Buddy at Kendakind. **LD** (15,1) 1 Gatheral's Herds Humphrey, a very honest dog who may not shout at you, but you need to get your hand on him to appreciate his undoubted qualities, loved his head, very masculine without being coarse, ample neck with a very good forehead pleasing bodily parts in the correct proportions, good firm rear. **CC**; 2 Bastiani & John's Fait Moi Rever Jocker des Romarins de Mayerling, another nice dog who was up on his toes with a lovely headpiece, but not quite the finish in head as winner, very well balanced throughout with a pleasing disposition, good on the move & covered in a quality jacket; 3 Haensel's Lorainian Mr Bojangles at Sherkarl. **OD** (10) 1 Pearson's Dancing To The Blues at Edglonian, a very sound blue dog with lots to like & presented in pristine condition with such true movement, good eye & ears, ample neck which he shown off well, excellent forehead, very good overlay, pleasing rearquarters, shown to advantage; 2 Pierce's Philhope Star Struck, quite a nice sable dog with a good attitude to the job in hand, pleasing head with a good expression, very good body parts that were well balanced which produced a good movement, good quality jacket, presented in very good order; 3 Bastiani & John's Hawk Blue Eye Des Romarins De Mayerling Joins Aube. **VD** (4)

1 Woodward's Kelgrove Shaded Dreams, shaded sable of over 8 years & in very good order with a good coat covering, all male to view leaving you in no doubt to his gender, presented in immaculate condition, really good mover; 2 Fagg's Dukeson It's Aladdin at Lynscot, a smaller framed dog than winner with a lovely sable coloured coat of good texture, gave a good performance but did not quite have the finish of winner; 3 Holmes & Holmes-Chadwick's Oakcroft The Charmer at Dendor.

MPB (9,1) 1 Hayhurst's Mistyisle Hope's Reign at Keycharm, the best shape & mover in the class today, very feminine with a lovely head & expression, ample neck, good forechest, good overlay, lots to like & presented in very good order; 2 Walker's Tooralie's Lily The Pink, not quite the shape of winner today but nevertheless a nice bitch in many ways, good mover in both directions, looked the part on the move; 3 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray. **PB** (11,2) 1 Miles' Milesend Black Cherry, a sweet tri bitch who looked quite good at times & stood up to the competition, good mover in both directions, good coat covering but would have liked it a touch harsher, prepared in good order. **BP**; 2 Ambler's Watchwood Sweetheart; 3 Clegram & Berry's Smiddyshaw I'll B There For U. **JB** (9) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucky Star, was reserve in the last class, but was the best in this class, I thought she had a lot to offer, very sweet headed bitch with a good expression, very sound on the move but she was a little long cast, presented in immaculate condition; 2 Hayhurst's Milesend Sweet Melody, pleasing bitch in many ways with a good head & expression, nice deportment which shown in her movement, good shape, presented in good clean order; 3 Jacobs & Johnson's Willowthorn's Heart To Heart. **YB** (8) 1 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Kicks 'n Flicks, very clean outline that left nothing to the imagination, good head with a sharp clear eye, beautiful overlay, good forequarters which she used to her advantage on the move, good topline & croup. Strong rear. Presented in very good order; 2 Smith's Bramblecroft Esmie, lovely sable bitch with a very pleasant headpiece & such feminine to view, well proportioned throughout making a lovely shape, good firm mover in both directions. Presented in very good order; 3 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis. **GB** (11) 1 French's Lindfern Bee Enchanted, I thought her a very attractive bitch who was very easy on the eye, she is ultra-feminine without any weakness, a delight to go over & watch on the move, good quality coat covering that did not hinder her natural shape, prepared & presented to win. **RCC**; 2 Hateley's Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee, a very similar type to winner & just as good but not quite as quick at set up as winner, very feminine headpiece that was good to view, good shapely body with a good rear, moved out well, prepared & presented in very good order; 3 Fisher's Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed. **PGB** (4) 1 Roberts' Willowgarth Love Story, plain headed bitch with a very feminine expression, good eye, ample neck, good bone & feet, nicely ribbed with a stout loin. Positive mover in both directions, handled with care; 2 Smalley's Milesend Black Magic, nice tri bitch who ticks many boxes, feminine to view with lots to like, good body shape, good topline & shape. Moved with purpose, good coat covering; 3 Venton's Tri N Stop Me at Mistyisle. **LB** (8) 1 French's Lindfern Enchanted Dancer, nice sable bitch who was nice to go over, pleasing headpiece, good eye & neat ears, ample neck, shoulders could be a touch more laidback, nice type with lots to like, excellent coat covering. Good rearquarters. Presented in very good order; 2 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination, this tri bitch I thought she was better to go over than to look at, pleased in many departments, maybe her name says everything the hallucination I got was not quite the same as when I went over her! I think she would have been a bitch to treasure in ones breeding plans; 3 Straw's Dukeson It's Asian Magic. **OB** (12,2) 1 Rigby's Lythwood Sculptress, a most delightful plain sable bitch who oozed breed type with a most delightful shape, covered in a most glorious jacket, so feminine in every way, a delight to judge, moved well & so strong in the rear. With a good forward reach. Lovely harsh textured covering. Prepared & presented in pristine condition, an object lesson in preparing a dog to win. **CC & BOB**; 2 Miles' Ch Sandiacre Sent From Heaven to Milesend, a lovely blue bitch with such a strong correctly made headpiece, yet still feminine expression, good hard body condition throughout, lovely make & shape, harsh coat but not quite the finish of winner today. Well handled; 3 Robinson's Lavika Life Time. **VB** (4) 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Star O' The North, a lovely deep sable coloured bitch in top form, good head with a feminine expression, lovely bodily condition throughout, portraying a good shape, very firm on the move. Well prepared; 2 Parker's Ch Tolarock Trick N Treat, very nice tri bitch who was feminine to view, well balanced throughout with a delightful expression, nice make & shape, prepared & presented in pristine condition; 3 Barnett's Ch Rainway Crystal Star.

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