Northern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club – Open Show

5th January 2020

Thanks to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge their Open Show. I felt so humbled by this quality entry and the youngsters coming through surely is a bonus for the breed.

MPD 1 Pitch Perfect. A pleasing young dog looking very much the part, going to be a super colour when he's finished maturing, correctly made with a beautiful expression from dark eyes and a balanced head, very neat feet, he moved effortless. BPD. 2 Pathaaron After The Storm. Tri baby learning so much from his outing today. He is a very appealing type with balance throughout, a very good coat that was gleaming, has a beautiful expression and he moved out very well.

PD 1 Molson Miroquai into Pathaaron. A golden sable in a very good coat. Done the majority of his growing and now he needs to fill his frame. Moved with purpose.

JD 1 Molson Miroqui into Pathaaron.

GD 1 Shellamoyed Black Klansman. I judged this young lad last year and he has matured so well since then. Is in a super coat, such a typical expression and balanced throughout, has a good neck and shoulder, correctly proportioned in his shape, moved ok but was a little unsettled. 2 Zaniah Mono of Drumcauchlie. A black and white dog who has to be gone over to appreciate what he has, in great coat and condition, moved out with little effort. 3 Smiddyshaw Time N'trouble for Jaztech.

PGD 1 Stiosan Still Game. A golden sable dog who just needs his jacket to complete the picture. Saying that he has nothing to hide and won here on his conformation. Balanced head, used his ears well, a very easy mover. 2 Amethricken Stormi Wizard. Blue Merle that I liked alot, a tad reluctant to use his ears but has a lovely head and expression, nice colouring, in a good coat, moved well. 3 Northern Pride for Ronsadale.

LD 1 Silver Coin. This lad caught my eye on his overall shape and breed type, totally balanced throughout, his movement was very precise and very neat. In a glorious jacket with very good blue colouring. BD BOS. 2 Highbrook Hobnob. Another very nice sheltie again very eye-catching in his shape and type, very balanced in head with correct eye shape and ear carriage, he moved very soundly and very attentive to his owner. RBD. 3 Carmeva Caymen SHCM SHCEX.

OD 1 CH/AUST CH Hartly How About Me for Molson (IMP AUS). Quite a pale sable who is in very good condition, I had seen him in better coat previously but he was presented to his advantage. He has a very kind eye and balance, good head and shoulder with neat feet, lovely on the move. He was represented by some gorgeous puppies today, certainly puts his stamp on them. 2 Ch Herds Humphrey JW. Golden sable who is a very good shape and type, neat feet, correct in head and construction overall. Liked his balance throughout, he moved very well with a light stride. 3 Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

VD 1 Ch Highbrook Hot Heir JW. Shaded sable at 9 years, who is in fabulous condition, super head, neck and shoulder placement. Super happy lad who moves so well. 2 Our Little Drummer Boy. Tri of 7 years, a very workman like dog who was in super condition, his coat is tight fitting, enough bone, moved well. 3 Doonelodge Dance Tempo ShCM.

SP OD SABLE WHITE 1 Herds Humphrey. 2 Guxel Golden Ringer from Amethrickeh. Golden sable with a big coat of super colour, in great condition, very nice head although a little reluctant to use his ears today but a lovely shape and type. 3 Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

TRI, B/T B.W 1 Zaniah Mono Tone of Drumcauchlie. Larger type but is a nicely made dog that moved ok but has a tendency pace. 2 Smiddyshaw Time N'trouble for Jaztech.

BLUE MERLE 1 Silver Coin.

MPB 1 Smiddyshaw Handful of Stars. What a delightful little bitch this is. Golden sable with a gorgeous head, eye and ear carriage, elegant neck that flows into good shoulders, neat feet, construction overall is as you would expect for her age, only maturity will finish her off. Moves lightly with correct stride. 2 Pathaaron Eye Of The Storm. Tri baby who I really liked but only 6 months and gave allot away today. I have no doubt as to her finishing a sweet bitch with all the essentials. 3 Molson Movie Star.

PB 1 Molson It's Morven. Golden sable who has a very catchy outline, has a super coat that is in great condition, very easy mover, sweet expression, beautiful eyes and right ear set. Good neck and shoulder, rib shape and angles. BPB BPIS.

JB 1 Stiosan How To Sparkle at Arcot. A sweet bitch who having seen her showing, is maturing into a lovely bitch. Sweet head and expression and such an elegant neck, shoulders, rib shape, she moves with a light stride and topped off with a good coat of correct texture. 2 Shelegian Ring O' Bells of Amethrickeh. Another bitch

that I liked very much, only just pipped by 1st. She presents great balance at all times, very feminine throughout, good coat of correct texture, moved so well, just preferred the neck of 1st.

MAIDEN BITCH 1 Smiddyshaw Handful of Stars. 2 Molson Movie Star. Plainer bitch who was a little unsettled at time. Beautiful shape with a very appealing head, great coat and condition, moved ok. 3 Jaztech Summer Love for Hightyne.

NB 1 Molson It's Morven.

TYRO BITCH 1 Jacquard Who's Bluffing. A golden sable bitch who has to be gone over to appreciate her attributes. She doesn't do herself any favours at times but she has a very kind expression and constructed very well throughout and moved with purpose.

GB 1 Herds Hopefully JW. Very eye-catching sable whom, I would say, is coming into her best. A fitting coat of correct texture and condition, sweet head and super construction, moved very well. 2 Ellenyorn Evita. Another golden sable who just wasn't as settled as 1st. Very pretty bitch with good head and eye shape, over all construction was one of balance and effortless movement. 3 Jacquard Who's Bluffing.

PGB 1 Herds Hopefully JW. 2 Channerswick Pennywise. Blue bitch in super coat and condition, very nice head and construction overall, very good colour, moved with very little effort. 3 Ristine Emerald.

LB 1 Shellamoyed Babycham JW. Stunning sable bitch, very much the type I like, loved her for her super construction and sweet head. Her elegant neck just flowed into her topline, with correct shoulders, rib shape and front assembly. In very firm condition and topped off with correct fluent movement. RBB RBIS. 2 Jacquard Unexpected Gift. Another bitch that presents a great shape, super coat, maybe a little over weight (for me) and this showed in her movement but great construction.

OB 1 Ellenyorn Gem of Cara. Shaded sable I liked for her overall shape. In great coat and her condition was just right, she has a super head and feminine expression, moved very well. 2 Highbrook Hot Fizz. Such a glamorous girl, sweet head and she was in total balance, hiding nothing and her coat was well presented. A good out-line moving and standing, moved well. 3 Channerswick Penny Lane JW.

VB 1 Herds Hallucination. Headed a great class of veterans. This little tri just captivated me for her type, overall outline and construction, at 9 years in super condition, she moved like a youngster, light ground covering pace. BVIS. 2 Smiddyshaw Relight my Fire. Larger type but again a nice type of sheltie, who was in gleaming coat and condition. Clean lines, sweet head and expression, good in front with correct rib and loin, good angles and moved well. 3 AUS CH Tooralie Tickle my Fancy (RE-IMP).

SP OB (SABLE WHITE) 1 Jacquard Unexpected Gift. 2 Simcourt the Show must Go On. Golden sable who was a lovely shape, very appealing head and eye, her shape just flowed without any coursness. She moved very well but I would just have liked a little more substance.

TRI, B/T, B.W 1 Herds Hallucination JW. 2 Ristine Emerald, nice shaped bitch with rich tan markings, clean condition presenting a very nice shape. She moves well. 3 Channerswick Penny Black.

BLUE MERLE 1 Ch Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed. My notes say- just stunning! I loved everything about her, her shape, balance, her femininity - just blew me away. Her construction indicated how she would move and that didn't disappoint me. Her colour is perfect and she's in tip top condition, a credit to her owner. BB BIS

Judge - Linda Pierson