SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 18TH May 2019

My thanks to the Scottish Kennel Club for the invitation to judge at this friendly and well organised show and for giving me the opportunity to see this lovely part of the UK. My thanks also to my hard working steward. Presentation of all the dogs was very good, but my ongoing concern is that of upright shoulders which affects movement and profile on otherwise attractive dogs.

PD (3,1) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Showmaster. Glamorous sable and white 9 months old pup. A good wedge shaped head with dark almond eyes and well set and used ears giving a good expression, steady on the table and moved evenly, good size for age. 2 Johnson & Jacob's Willowthorn Gaze at Dreams. A strongly built youngster up to size for age, wedge head, dark eyes, moved well but needs to steady more on the table. **JD** (3) 1 Walker's Tooralies Ochos Rios. Well balanced shaded sable and white, head with parallel planes with a pleasing expression, well placed eyes and ears, good bone for size, shapely well fitting coat. Moved out well. 2 Sangster's Zaniah Mono Tone of Drumcauchlie. Slightly smaller in size but also having a balanced profile. Coat a very dense black and clear white, good shaped head with very dark eyes, very expressive. An eye catching dog. 3 Lewis's Donmarvic The Saracen.

YD (2) 1 Bendelow's Guxel Golden Ringer from Amethrickeh. Sable and white dog with a super shape and profile in excellent coat and condition. Well balanced head with dark almond eyes and a sweet expression but still unmistakably masculine. Good length of neck and tail. Good shoulder construction hence the good movement, single tracking on the front. RDCC. 2 Johnson and Jacob's Willowthorn Dream Gazer. Very unlucky to meet no. 1, another very shapely s/w in good profuse coat. Good wedge head with well shaped eyes and sweet expression, good length of tail. Moved out well but a little wide on the front.

PGD (8) A strong class. 1 Smith's Orean On The Nightrain. A very well balanced shaded sable and white dog with good bone and good construction, moved with reach and drive. A pleasing head with parallel planes constantly using his ears well. A good harsh, shapely coat. 2 Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Cruise Control. Another very good dog. A merle with a well fitting, profuse coat of a good blue colour. A good wedge head and a sweet expression. Good construction hence good flowing movement and a balanced profile. 3 Lycett's Iliad Isle Spy.

LD (8) Another very strong class. 1 Lewis's Sandwick Curtain Call at Donmarvic. A pleasing sable and white dog with a good profile. Head with level planes, good almond shaped dark eyes and a sweet expression. Good length of neck, well angled shoulders and long tail. Moved well and showed with character. 2 Edwards Castlerose Star Turn JW ShCM. A tricolour with good bone and a balanced profile, a shapely dense black coat. A balanced head shape, good length of neck and tail, good front quarters. Moved out well. 3 Drysdale's Donallin Shadow Magic for Jondrea ShCM.

OD (7,2) 1 Hardy's Sandwick Stagelight JW. A Tricolour with excellent construction throughout. A balanced head with a kind expression and well used ears. A good harsh coat with intense black and rich tan. Very good correct movement, constantly showed himself off well. DCC. 2 Edward's Castlerose Spiritmaster JW, ShCM. A merle with well marbled blue colour. Head with flat skull and parallel planes and almond eyes. Good shoulder construction with good reach of neck and long tail, good movement. 3 Hill's Ch/Aust Ch Hartley How About Me for Molson (imp Aus).

VD (3,1) 1 Smith's Orean The Bootlegger. A shapely sable and white 8 year old in very good condition. A pleasing head and expression, with neat, well used ears, good construction and movement. 2 Munro's Laurelwood Tri Bob. A well named 9 year old, plainly marked but in sound condition, Well boned and well coated. Moved out well.

SBD (2) 1 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck JW. A merle with well broken blue colour and a flashy white collar. A good head shape with almond eyes and neat ears, good front construction and movement with reach and drive. 2 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple. Sable and white with good head shape and ears just tipped, level top line, moved evenly.

GCD (3) 1 Fransham's Jontygray Gilt Edged for Franmead. I judged this dog 2 years ago, I liked him then and my opinion has not changed, he has a lovely head and expression with correct eyes and ears,

he is very well constructed and still moves very well. He stood well in the challenge. 2 T. Toffee Apple 3 L.Tri Bob.

PB (7) 1 Bendelow's Shelegian Ring O'Bells. A confident 9 month old with a pleasing head, dark well placed eyes and neat ears and a very sweet expression. Good front construction and very good movement, single tracking on the front, long neck and tail making a good profile when standing. BP. 2 Gartland's Stiosan How To Sparkle. An attractive light gold sable of 7 months, good head pattern with dark almond eyes and a sweet expression, good construction and a shapely fitting coat. Moved well. 3 Stafford's Rannerdale The Showgirl.

JB (7) Walker's Channerswick Penny Wise. An attractive blue merle with the colour well broken, good head planes and good front construction. A shapely fitting coat. Maintained a level top line on the move. 2 Hardman's Seavall Taran. A shapely tricolour with a well fitted intense black coat. Good construction and movement, good length of neck and tail. 3 Nixon's Japaro I Have A Dream.

YB (7,2) 1 Newton's Channerswick Penny Black. Tri with well fitting dense black coat and very little tan. Good wedge head and expression, neat well used ears, sound construction and movement. 2 Munro's Richmaus Tilly. Flashily marked tri with rich tan, good head shape with dark almond shaped eyes, good well fitting coat, even movement. 3 East's Jacquard Who's Bluffing.

PGB (8,2) A strong class. 1 Forbes' Wellneuk Dancing Flame JW ShCM. A very feminine bitch. Head with flat skull, good dark almond eyes and a sweet expression. Good bone, good length of neck and well angled shoulders. A shapely well fitting coat, good movement. 2 Hardy's Sandwick Silhouette. Very similar comments so a close decision. Slightly longer head but still well balanced, good profile and movement. 3 Nixon's Japaro It's All About Me.

LB (7,1) 1 Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad. A very shapely bitch with a well fitting coat of good texture, feminine head with flat skull, dark almond eyes and neat well used ears, sweet expression. Well balanced construction, moved out strongly and with drive. 2 Schofield's Channerswick Penny Lane JW. Well coated merle with good well broken blue colour, good bone and shapely profile. Good head shape and expression, good construction and movement. Hateley's Sanscott Sweet Serenity at Mohnesee JW.

OB (7,2) Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Queen O'The North JW. This super bitch is eye catching. A beautiful head and profile, in super condition. Lovely head shape with a melting expression, good bone and construction. Moved smoothly and confidently round the ring demanding attention. BCC, BOB, Group 3. 2 Hardy's Ch Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre at Sandwick. Another very good bitch with excellent construction and movement, a good well fitting jet black coat with rich tan, a head with flat skull and parallel planes and dark well placed eyes. She constantly showed her charms RBCC. 3 Lycett's Iliad Isablue Bear.

VB (5) A good class of veterans. 1 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination JW This bitch caught my eye many years ago when I saw her as a puppy and admired her shape. She obviously still has very good construction which gives the excellent profile, maintaining a constantly level topline on the move. A well balanced head of correct proportions and a good harsh textured coat. 2 A very close decision between these 2 bitches which are a similar age. Lycett's Ch Shebaville Saucy Secret at Iliad. I have judged this lovely bitch before and my comments remain the same. Lovely head and expression, very good construction and excellent movement. A very pleasing profile when standing. 3 Clegram's Smiddyshaw Relight My Fire ShCM.

SBB (2,1) 1 Raithel & Brodie's Shanaburn La Vie Est Bell. Well balanced with good head shape, well placed eyes and well set and used ears, sweet expression, well fitting coat, level top line.

GCB (1) 1 Armour & Fletcher's Oren First Lady AW(G) Shaded sable & white bitch with good bone and good coat, wedge head with neat well used ears, smooth even movement.

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