Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Northern Ireland Open Show 8th June 2019

Open show: It was a pleasure to judge and my thanks go to the Committee and Officials for the hard work they put into running this show. Also including the sometimes unforgotten persons in the kitchen. All of you do a sterling job. Thanks to the exhibitors for their entries and support, without these there would be no show. On the whole presentation of exhibits was very good. One or two were, as I consider, underweight and, some tails were short. On saying that I was very pleased with my winners and on writing this report surprised to see that the Veterans took the high honours. Anyway congratulations to all the winners.

DOGS: MP (1) 1 Jackson's Hawthorns Rian, s/w in good coat for age. Refined head with correct placed ears, almond shaped eyes, head proportions and true Sheltie expression. Movement was good. Pushed hard for top honours and I will watch this puppy's career with interest. Best puppy dog, BPIS.

- **P (2)** 1 Dunlop's Twinkle Moonlight s/w. Well placed ears used to advantage, dark almond eye, well filled muzzle and correct stop. Good spring of rib and shoulder placement. Movement ok, but handler needs more experience. 2 Jackson's Omar Sharif De Moorstile, tri with jet black coat and dark tan markings. Would have preferred a little more of him but liked his overall conformation and movement.
- **G (2)** 1 Jackson's Shellamoyed The Kingsman At Cluainultaigh. A well presented s/w in good coat. Kept a level topline on the move. Liked his overall head pattern and expression. 2 McKnight's Cinbaramy Dark Sensation, correct size tri, not in his best condition at the moment, however sporting a good head to body ratio and moved well.
- **L (1)** 1 Armstrong's Beechcote Dyna Might, presentation very good on this tri, jet black coat and dark tan markings. Ribs well sprung. Nicely boned, well let down hocks and muscular hindquarters. Moved with grace and showed to advantage.
- **O (2)** 1 Armstrong's Beechcote Miles Ahead, profusely coated ssw. Well rounded muzzle and defined stop, dark eye and correct ear carriage giving a true Sheltie expression. Moved with drive. Res Best Dog. 2 Boyles' Glenn Hurricane Of The Dee Jun Ch Presentation good on this s/w. Lovely reach of neck, well sprung ribs and deep chest. Correct head pattern moved well.
- **V (2,1)** 1 Kyle & Mann's Tachnamadra The Tempest. Loved this ssw who was very well presented. Balanced head with rounded muzzle, correct stop, dark almond shaped eyes and that true Sheltie expression. Moved with drive covering the ground effortlessly. Overall a refined dog to go over and I was pleased to make him my BIS also BD and BVIS.

DOG NEVER HAVING WON A FIRST PRIZE (1) 1 Dunlop's Twinkle Moonlight. SP OD SABLE (1) 1 Armstrong's Beechcote Miles Ahead.

SP OD TRICOLOUR (2) 1 Armstrong's Beechcote Dyna Might. 2 McKnight's Cinbaramy Dark Sensation.

SP OD BLACK & WHITE (2) 1 McKnight's Cinbaramy Eye of the Tiger Correct size who moved well. Good neck and head pattern, well sprung ribs and turn of stifle. 2 McKnight's Cinbaramy Back to Black. Would have preferred more body covering, on saying that loved his long neck and overall shape. Movement ok.

BITCHES: J (2,1) 1 Boyles Caddymac Wind In The Willows s/w sadly at that age where coat is lacking. However, this did not detract from the overall shape, good turn of stifle, level topline and well proportioned head. Showmanship and movement good.

N (1) 1 Hanlon's Parton Me Dolly s/w presented in good condition. Level topline, good reach of neck. Unfortunately handler could do with some tuition to aid the assessment of movement.

- **L (2,1)** 1 McKnight's Cinbaramy Kismet. Nicely constructed b/m. Good reach of neck and level topline with well let down hocks. Movement was excellent.
- **O (5,3)** 1 Daisyway Funny Girl. Another well presented s/w. Correct head pattern, with dark eye and correct ear carriage and a lovely alert expression. Movement was good. Res Best Bitch. 2 Hanlon's Parton Me Dolly.
- **V (2)** 1 Armstrong's Beechcote Highly Favoured. S/w presented in very good condition for her age. Refined head with correct stop, almond shaped eyes and good ear carriage, giving the sweetest expression. Movement good. BB RBS. 2 McKnight's Cinbaramy Black Angel. Tri in good condition. Well proportioned head and body, also moved well for a veteran.

Bitch Never Having Won A First Prize 1 Hanlon's Parton Me Dolly.

SP O SABLE (3,2) 1 Hanlon's Parton Me Dolly.

SP O TRICOLOUR 1 McKnight's Cinbaramy Black Angel.

SP O BLUE MERLE (2,1) 1 McKnight's Cinbaramy Kismet.

BRACE (3) 1 Caddymac Wind in the Willows/Glenn Hurricane of the Dee Jun Ch. 2 Cinbaramy Kismet/Cinbaramy Eye of the Tiger.

CHILDREN'S HANDLING 12-16 YRS Sorry, did not have the handler's names, but the young lady handling Beechcote Katie Daly won by a narrow margin over the young man handling Beechcote Miles Ahead.

Judge - David W. Russell