

Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship Show 19th February 2023

It was a pleasure to judge the dogs the Championship show for this long-standing breed club. The entry was numerically disappointing but did not lack quality and I shortlisted five dogs whom I considered worthy of a CC on the day. Judging along side me judging the bitches was specialist Sharon Main. We agreed amicably to differ in our choices for the two top awards and used the services of Michael Ewing. Best in Show: Ch Rannerdale Showmaster. Reserve Best in Show: Lavika Moonlight Storm who was also Best Puppy in Show. Best Veteran in Show was the bitch CC winner. Many thanks to my steward Margaret Paterson.

MP (3, 0) 1 Melvin & Jopson Katiedale The Piper at Nithview 7 months, lovely proportions, movement and carriage. Appealed in head and eye to win this. Full of type. Obviously needs time for his coat but appealed greatly in head type and expression. 2 Mitchell Valdosta Gracelands 7 months, lovely profile movement and has a very good neck. So making a flowing outline. Quality head but ears were a little heavy. More forward in coat than the winner who scored for me in eye and expression. 3 Forbes Degallo The Crown Jewel.

P (4, 0) 1 Robinson Lavika Moonlight Storm. 9 months tri stood out here. Lovely size, outline and light and scopey on the move. Good head planes. His eye could be a shade darker but everything else to please. Well-constructed and balanced and in super coat. Should have a great future. BP & RCC. Later he won Reserve Best in Show on the referee's decision, so a lovely day for this youngster and his young handler. 2 Walker Tooralie's Tornade. 8 months black/white good shape held on the move. Very nice bone and feet. Good head qualities and broad underjaw and dark eye. Very good on the move. Excellent angulation giving good stride. Not as forward as the winner but he is full of quality and should come on well. 3 Fisher Foxstones Take a Chance on me at Shellamoyed.

J (5, 0) 1 Winfield Lirren Quickstep to Oakcroft. 16 months good for size and proportions with good neck and angulation giving a flowing outline. Low hocks and excellent rear. Just a touch loose in elbow. Good head planes. Dark eye of medium size. Uses his ears well. Just need a little more confidence. 2 Norris Ferngrove's Valentino 12 months top size but has quality and will look more balanced when he has matured in body. Appealed in head and eye and won this place on shoulder and length of stride. 3 Fisher Foxstones Take a Chance on me at Shellamoyed.

Y (5, 1) 1 Brady Afterglow Sky Miles to Bordercot. 20 months blue merle of excellent colour and very good outline well-constructed at both ends and this shows on the move. Eye a touch large. Scored over the second, in body and front action. 2 Norris Ferngrove's Valentino repeat. 3 Robertson Afterglow Goldberg at Vidlinvoe.

G (2, 0) 1 Saunders Galateus Bohemia Classic at Torriglen. 21 months sable/white of good size and with a quality head eye and soft expression which won him this place. Needs a little more neck and a longer croup to finish his outline and his tail a little short. 2 Proctor Cuilshelties Lochan Torr. 2 years blue, who is a sound and scopey mover. Top size. Flowing outline. I preferred head and ears of the winner. Colour could be better.

PG (2, 0) 1 Malone Pathaaron After the Storm. 3 years tri of good size and proportions and well-constructed. He has a very good outline. Stop a little too marked on other wise clean head and good expression. Good stride. His tail carriage could be better. 2 Gordon Orean Quantum Leap. 4 years sable with good ribs and in very good coat. He could not match the winner for angulation and movement. Good head planes. Ears and eye shape could be better.

L (7,1) 1 Robinson Lavika Starlight Salute. 2 years top size dog with lovely flowing outline. Clean wedge-shaped head. Eye could be darked for softer expression. Very good on the move and scored here in neck and carriage on the move. 2 Smee Wansvale Amiable, lovely shaded sable dog of 3 years which appealed instantly excellent head for skill, slight stop and lovely well moulded muzzle contributing to sweet expression. Lovely size and in superb coat. Moves very well. He could make more of himself when standing, particularly in using his neck. Looked my winner and I preferred his head and expression but a little unsettled standing and needs a touch more confidence. However, a lovely dog. 3 Redpath Molson Miroquai into Pathaaron.

O (5, 2) 1 Stafford Ch Rannerdale The Entertainer. 6 years sable stood away here, of lovely size and proportions. Excellent coat texture. Parallel head planes and good eye. Well-constructed and moved lightly. 2 Lewis Sandwick Curtain Call at Donmarvic 6 years sable and white. Top size but he stands on good legs and feet and carried himself well with a good stride. Has quality. Good head planes. Ears a little wide set.

V (6, 2) 1 Hepburn Shellamoyed Simply the Best at Leterikhill. 7 years scored in balance and croup and tail carriage to win this class. Clean head but I would prefer a little more fill to the muzzle. Best mover of the class with good carriage. 2 Hill Ch Aus Ch Hartly How About Me for Molson paler sable scoring in head over the winner. Has a flowing outline but rather light in body on the day and not striding out where the winner scored. 3 Malone Carneva Cayman.

Special Open Sable & White (5, 0) 1 Stafford Ch Rannerdale Showmaster. 4 years top sized dog with very good head shape and balance. In excellent form. I would prefer a little more shoulder angulation for a touch more neck but on the move went with a good stride and he scored in his action and topline. Won CC and later Best in Show. 2 Fisher Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever 3 years I liked his size and his excellent head and expression. Well angulated at both ends. On the move he was not as collected as the winner in action or topline. 3 Hull Mohnesees Dream Date of Lizmark.

Blue Merle (1, 0) 1 Sangster Amethrickeh Stormi Wizard 7 years old who is strongly made. His coat is of good colour but rather heavy which spoils his outline. Strong bone. He could have gone with more enthusiasm.

Judge - Frank Kane