

THREE COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 8TH JUNE 2023

My thanks to the officers and committee of this well organised show and the extra care and consideration shown to me as it was not long after my major surgery. My thanks also go to my very capable and organised stewards, Preston and Faith, as it was a very long day in blazing hot sunshine, and we had the highest entry of the day. They kept everything running efficiently and smoothly so we finished in good time. I was pleased with the quality and presentation of all the dogs entered, this made some final selections difficult and in some classes some excellent dogs went unrewarded. All the dogs had a high standard of cleanliness, though a few could have done with a little more attention to teeth. My thanks to all the exhibitors for their entries.

MPD (3,1) Two very similar sable pups in this class and they could easily change places. 1 Stockden, Willowgarth Unlimited Love. Well angulated front construction, good reach of neck, level topline and tail to the hock, sweet expression with neat ears and dark eyes, moved well for age and presented a balanced profile just preferred the movement of 1 on the day. 2 Robinson, Lavika Star Splash. Again well constructed and balanced in profile with a good head shape, a little more bone at this stage than 1, good length of tail, moved well and very attentive to owner.

PD (5,2) 1 Pierce, Philhope In Good Taste. Very well coated mature 11 mth sable with good overall construction and ideal size, head with parallel planes dark eyes and well tipped ears giving a sweet expression, moved out strongly over the uneven ground, BPD & BPIB. 2 Moore, Frecia Golden Salute at Santiara. Another well coated sable and white pup, slightly bigger and very well boned, well angulated, balanced shape, moved out strongly. 3 Arnould, Shadoway Justa Chance.

JD (3) 1 Robinson, Lavika Moonlight Storm. Very well balanced tri with good bone, dense black coat groomed to perfection, good front and rear angulation good head planes and neat well used ears, moved very well, single tracking on the front, excellent showman. 2 Norris, Ferngrove's Valentino. Very well coated and presented sable & white, good lay back of shoulders giving balanced shape, moved out strongly. 3 Overton, Pop Goes The Diesel.

YD (3) A small but good quality class 1 Mottram, Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren JW (Imp SWE) Very well presented sable & white in excellent coat, very pleasing head shape and expression with well placed eyes and ears, well angulated front construction and a long tail which showed on his free, easy movement. 2 Thornley, Felthorn Barnaby Rudge. Attractively marked tri of ideal size head with parallel head planes and good tan markings, level back and good construction, moved evenly on the uneven ground, very alert. 3 Varnom, Milesend Black Tartan.

ND (2) 1 Rhodes, Felthorn Christmas Gift. Good colour blue merle with a full white collar, head of good shape with well placed eyes and ears, shoulders laid back so movement had good forward reach and rear drive, long tail. 2 Stockden, Willowgarth Unlimited Love.

GD (2,1) 1 Hardy, Sandwich Masterclass. Really liked this tri with classic markings and good harsh dense coat, balanced head with very dark eyes, excellent shoulder construction and level back hence flowing movement and front single tracking even on the uneven ground surface.

PGD (6) 1 Lycett, Iliad Isle Of Ewe. Well presented and constructed shaded sable with a very shapely profile standing, head with parallel planes and a pleasing expression, good reach of

neck and level back, moved out strongly and with ease. 2 Ayres, Gemette Gone Platinum. Beautifully marked blue merle with a glamorous full white collar, very good construction front and back, a little longer in body than 1, level topline and very long tail, matched 1 for movement. 3 Dimmock, Shougies Secret Agent for Fernhill.

LD (19,4) A fantastic class of very good dogs. 1 Doyle, Sevenoaks So Perfect Duke Des Romarins De Mayerling. A very plain but good quality tri with a big harsh well fitting coat, pleasing head shape, well used ears, dark eyes, correct construction fore and aft and a long tail to finish, moved with reach and drive, RDCC. 2 Thornley, Felthorn Cover Story. Another excellent tri but with full white collar and big white tail tip, again of ideal size and excellent construction with level back and sweep over the loin on to a long tail, head with a sweet expression and dark eyes, another very good showman. 3 Hardy, Sandwick Road Runner.

OD (7) 1 Robinson, Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean. Although I have known this blue merle dog I had not gone over him before and he did not disappoint, presented in excellent condition, well constructed fore and aft and moving correctly, with single tracking to the front, a well constructed head and well placed ears, constantly showed his worth, DCC. 2 Hull, Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark JW. Plain sable with a good profile when standing, good front and rear construction and a level back and sweep over the loin, very long tail, balanced head with parallel planes and a sweet expression, moved strongly and well. 3 Fisher, Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever.

VD (2, 1) 1 Pattinson, Kyleburn Everlasting Dream. Shaded sable of 9 1/2 years beginning to show his age in his coat but is still well able to move well showing his good construction, still has a sweet expression.

MPB (4) 1 Fisher, Shellamoyed Goldilocks. This shapely 6 mth pup was extremely forward and showed herself off well, a good shaped head with a sweet expression and dark well placed eyes and neat ears, good reach of neck and shoulders developing well, moved confidently around the ring. 2 Sutherland, Sandwick Violette. this slightly older tri pup was also very confident, good dense black coat with rich tan markings and white collar, level topline, good drive on the move for age. 3 Weller, Evad Halloween Spice.

PB (12,4) 1 Fisher, Shellamoyd Dark Secret. A very attractive well marked tri pup in excellent coat for age, pleasing head shape with good dark eyes and well placed ears, Good front construction and a level back and good length of tail presenting an excellent profile showing herself off well, good steady movement, I hope she does well in the future. BPB. 2 Benstead, Melcette Silver Star at Benravia. Good coloured blue merle, 11 mth old and in a well fitting coat, good head with parallel planes and a good length of neck, good overall construction and movement with good forward reach and rear drive. 3 Bywater, Gemshells Beautiful Onyx by Tachnamadra

JB (13,1) 1 Hateley, Mohnesee Maebelle JW. This well coated bitch headed a very good class. A sable with sweet well shaped head and good neck leading to good front angulation and a long tail thus presenting a very good profile standing, her movement was strong in all directions, she paid constant attention to her handler throughout. 2 Goodwin, Herds Height Of Fashion. Another shapely sable with a well balanced head with dark well placed eyes and neat ears, good front construction leading to a level back and strong hind quarters hence good front and rear movement. 3 Bray, Dandlewood Kiss'N Tell at Lianbray.

YB (4,1) 1 Rowan, Sonymer Illusive Gold at Rowancrest. Well presented sable and white with a pleasing profile, good head shape and an arched neck, laid back shoulders and a level back, tail to the hock, good flowing movement. 2 Ritchie, Jaelis Mystique Reality JW.

Another slightly smaller sable in well fitting shapely coat with a sweet head and expression, moved confidently round the ring. 3 Hardy, Sandwick A La Mode

NB (10,2) 1 Sutherland, Beechmere Beautiful at Holamber. A very well coated sable with a good arched neck and balanced construction giving a good overall profile both moving and standing. 2 Sutherland, Sandwick Violette. 3 Cheal, Valdosta Galadriel at Faemadra.

GB (11) 1 Fransham, Shelcrest Night Sky. A very plainly marked tri but the black is very true and the tan is rich, very good front and rear construction and a level topline so movement was correct. 2 Waldron, Frecia Golden Times. Well coated sable and white with good construction and a pleasing head and expression, moved well. 3 Forster Cooper, Sheltysham Idyll.

PGB (9,2) 1 Doyle, Sevenoaks Angel's Reflection. A very well presented sable, head with good parallel planes well shaped dark eyes and neat ears, good arched neck and good shoulder angulation, level back and long tail, moved round the ring with ease and flow. 2 Saunders, Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey. A very well constructed tri, good shoulders and a lovely level back a sweep over the loin, a pleasing head and expression, good reach and drive on the move. 3 Bray, Jontygray Trice As Nice at Lianbray.

LB Another class of very good shelties **(14,5)** 1 Hateley, Mohnesee Enchanted. A plainly marked sable but in excellent coat, a head good in profile and with a sweet expression, a good lay back of shoulders and strong rear construction hence very strong flowing movement. 2 Mettan-Ure, Valdosta Dare To Dream of Savendie. A very close decision as this was a very attractive blue merle, and exactly the same comments regarding head shape, coat, construction and movement apply. They could easily change places. 3 Barrowclough, Shadowess True Blue.

OB (4) 1 Hateley, Ch Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee. I have admired this bitch from a distance and she did not disappoint at all when I went over her. She has a correctly proportioned head with the desired sweet sheltie expression carried on a long arched neck and then well angulated front construction matched by good rear construction, a level back to a tail easily to the hock. On the move she flowed round the ring with correct single tracking on the front BCC. The final challenge was very difficult as both dog and bitch were in excellent coat and both moved so well but the bitch won on the day. BOB. 2 Robinson, Lavika Lucid Dreams. Another very good well coated blue merle bitch who has very good prospects; good head profile and a strong neck, well angulated front and rear construction, level back and sweep over the loin and finally a long tail; again very correct on the move single tracking on the front. 3 Haensel, Philhope Summer Highlights at Sherkarl.

VB (8,3) A pleasing veteran class. 1 Lycett, Herds Hallicia at Iliad. Nearly 10 years old and still in excellent condition, a credit to her owners, a well constructed bitch with a pleasing profile standing and still well able to out class much younger shelties for movement. 2 Ritchie, Jaelis Mistique Reflection JW. Another really good veteran nearly 9; a fairly plain sable but with a good quality fitting coat, good head shape and good overall construction so able to still move out very well. 3 Deveson, Janetstown Je Suis JW ShCm.

Judge - Sylvia Hirst