

WELSH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 19TH AUGUST 2022

Thanks to the WKC for inviting me to judge this show, the new layout of the Showground was very good, I had a numerically small entry but the quality was very high. In some classes the decisions were very close and on another day placings may have been different, I was super pleased with my main winners. My thanks go to Lynis and Christine who stewarded for me most professionally and kept the judging moving along.

MPD 2(1)

1. Norris' Ferngrove's Valentino. 6 months old sable baby who needs time to mature. Although quite fine he has a nice head and expression, good length of neck, good front angulation, well fitting coat, moved ok.

PD 2(0) 1. Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren (imp SWE). Gorgeous golden sable puppy who is now 11 months old, beautiful masculine wedge shaped head, lovely eye shape and placement, strong underjaw and the sweetest expression, good front angulation, well muscled hindquarters, tail of correct set and length, profuse, coarse, well fitting coat and moved well, proud to award him the RCC and BPIB, he should go far. 2. Botham's Balidorn Burnt Gold. 10 month old shaded sable, not in the best coat, he has a masculine head and pleasing expression, good length of neck, showed and moved ok.

JD 1(0) 1. Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren (imp SWE). YD 2(0) Splitting hairs in this class. 1. Hardy's Sandwick Road Runner. Nicely coloured blue merle boy with lovely rich tan markings, masculine head, nice eye, good strong underjaw, pleasing expression, good front angulation, lovely in online and moved well. 2. Ayres' Gemette Gone Platinum. Attractive, masculine blue merle, better colour and markings than 1, nice head and expression, his ears, although well placed, could be smaller, preferred the more balanced outline of 1, moved well.

ND 1(0) 1. Ayres' Gemette Gone Platinum.

GD 4(0) 1. Hateley's Mohnesee Mr Bobbie Black JW. Smart jet black tricolour with very rich tan markings, good eye, sweet expression, well constructed, classic outline with good neck and angulation, the best mover in this class. 2. Lambert's Blenmerrow Merry Minstral. Shaded sable with a nice expression although his ears are perhaps a little wide, well fitting coat of correct texture, showed well for his handler. 3. Pierce's Philhope Son Of A Diva.

PGD 3(0) 1. Stock's Shemist Sea Dragon. Attractive blue merle dog, good masculine head, nice eye, good rear angulation, nice in outline and moved with drive. 2. Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. Plain shaded sable of nice proportions, nice expression although he has a deeper stop than some, attractive when he shows himself off, but not at his best today. 3. Barrowclough's Shadowess Lockdown Hero.

LD 2(1) 1. Robinson's Lavika Deep Ocean Blue. Well known blue merle dog who is hard to fault, good wedge shaped head of correct proportions, good eye, nice ear carriage and pleasing expression, good length of neck, correct construction and lovely in outline, moved very well.

OD 3(0) 1. Pearson's Ch. Edglonian Golden Graham. Sable champion in super coat and condition, shown and handled expertly, correct wedge shaped head, eye shape and placement and ear carriage which results in a sweet, masculine expression, excellent front and rear angulation, correct tail set and length, proud neck, giving that classic sheltie outline, moved with drive, pleased to award him the CC and BOB and delighted to hear he went G4. 2.

Hull's Mohnesee's Dream Date of Lizmark JW. Another excellent sable dog with a lovely head, sweet, almond shaped eye and pleasing expression, well constructed with good neck, lovely sweep over the loins and moved well, pushed hard in the challenge for the RCC. 3.

Robinson's Lavika Starlight Salute. VB 2(1) 1. Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection JW.

Golden sable of good type in excellent condition, did not believe she was 8 years old, head ok but would prefer slightly less stop, well made nice in outline and moved well, Best Veteran. MPB 4(2) 1. Hateley's Mohnesee Maebelle. 6 month old sable baby of excellent type, still quite raw, which is correct for a bitch of this age, lovely head and expression, excellent construction giving a very balanced outline, moved well. 2. Haensel's Sherkarl Copper Load Of This. Another 6 month old baby with a nice head, good almond shaped eye, ears could be carried higher, not quite the balanced construction of 1. PB 2(0) 1. Pearson's Edglonian Slack Alice. Very elegant sable bitch puppy, now 11 months old, correct head, eye, strong underjaw. sweet expression, long neck, level top-line, correct angulation, pleasing outline, shown in a well fitting coat, covered the ground effortlessly, another one to watch, BPB. 2. Norris' Sabema Glitter In The Air. Another 11 month old sable but very immature compared to 1, she has a nice long neck and a good head, but needs more coat and time. JB 2(0) 1. James' Valmay In Vogue JW. Red gold sable bitch with a nice head, eye and ear carriage, sweet expression, well balanced construction and outline and moved well, overall a very nice Sheltie without exaggerations. 2. Haensel's Philhope Summer Time to Sherkarl. Golden sable with nice expression, quite fine in overall appearance and not the construction and balance of 1. YB 3(1) 1. Goodwin's Rannerdale Honey Bee at Highbrook. A lovely shaped bitch who looks beautiful in outline, good head with flat skull and correct stop, good ear carriage, almond shaped eye, pleasant expression, moves well. 2. Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality. Heavily coated bitch with a nice head and expression, not the construction and movement of 1. NB 6(2) 1. Hateley's Mohnesee Maebelle. 2. Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reality. 3. Haensel's Philhope Summer Time to Sherkarl. GB 2(1) 1. Stock's Shemist Summer Romance. Nice golden sable who unfortunately left her coat at home today, so saying one can appreciate her lovely shape which results from correct construction, a long neck and a level top-line, she has a sweet expression and moved well. PGB 3(0) 1. Haensel's Philhope Highlights at Sherkarl. Glamorous golden sable with full white collar, quite nice in outline although would prefer a slightly shorter back for perfect balance, nice head and eye, ears a tad low, which does spoil expression, moved ok, overall a worthy winner of this class. 2. Stock's Shemist Summer Romance. 3. James' Mohnesee's Mayd Marion at Valmay JW. LB 9(3) Without doubt the best class of the day, six lovely bitches, all with pleasing virtues, which could have changed places on another day. 1. Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit at Lochkaren (imp SWE). Rich coloured golden sable with little white, beautiful wedge shaped head with correct stop and flat skull, super almond shaped eye and nice ears resulting in a melting expression, good front and length of neck and back, lovely sweep over the loins, well let down hock, classic Sheltie outline, moved well with drive, delighted to award her the CC. 2. Lambert's Blenmerrow Daisy Chain. Another really lovely bitch, this time a shaded sable who also presents a super overall picture resulting from correct construction, length of neck and back and tail set, good head, slight bolder in eye than 1, good ears, moved very well. 3. Hill's Molson Movie Star. OB 5(0) 1. Hateley's Mohnes Millybelle JW. Hard to fault this sable bitch who presents a lovely overall picture, really nice head and sweet expression, good construction, nice outline, moved well and pleased to give her the RCC. 2. Hill's Molson Money Penny. Another high quality bitch of correct type, nice head, good underjaw and pleasing expression, correct front angulation, good length of neck, lovely in outline, another super mover. 3. Hardy's Sandwick Stage Show.

Judge - Stuart Gruszka