

Yorkshire Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 10th February 2019

DOGS

My thanks to the Officers and Committee for their kind invitation to judge the males at this club show; and to my stewards for doing a sterling job. Sound, lithe movement is, of course, of great importance in this Pastoral breed, as well as type and beauty; unfortunately some lovely type dogs moved really closely behind on the day, and lacked the required drive, and this did influence my decisions in some classes. Heads, on the whole, I found well balanced, if slightly different in 'style'; and eyes in the sables and tris were mostly dark, although some were a little rounder than ideal. Ears were somewhat mixed - there were a few really beautiful ears, both for set and carriage; others were set a bit low, or rather 'open'. Feet, on the whole, were neat and oval. Most tails were low set, but a few did not reach to the hock joint. My co-judge and I were pleased to agree on all of the top awards, so the referee was not required.

MPD (4, 1) 1 Daniels' Pepperhill Code Black. Alert 7 months tri, pleasing size and balance, correct head proportions, well set ears, strong (not heavy) bone, sound well-knit frame, low set tail of good length, neat oval feet, in fine coat and condition, sound easy mover. 2 Woodhouse's Shellamoyed Soldier Blue. 8 months b/m/w, pleasing size, strong (not heavy) bone, neat feet, sound quarters. 3 Miles' Keycharm Gold Standard At Milesend. Delightful 6 months sable full of lovely type.

PD (5) 1 Walker's Tooralie's Ocho Rios. Handsome upstanding 10 months s/w, pleasing size, shape and balance, sweet expression from well proportioned head and well placed eyes and ears, well arched neck well set-on, level back with graceful sweep over loins, low set tail of good length, strong quarters with good drive, strong (not heavy) bone, neat feet, in fine coat and condition. BPD. 2 Botham's Balidorn Black Spice. Alert 11 months tri, another of pleasing size and balance, good sweep, neat feet, low set tail of good length, sound free mover, in fine coat and condition; 3 Spencer's Balidorn Rock Star.

ND (1) 1 B Black Spice.

JD (2,1) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW. 13 months s/w, full of lovely type and quality in a sound well balanced frame, super head and expression, well set small ears, well arched neck, firm back with lovely sweep, low set tail, well bent stifles, strong hocks, sound free mover, well presented and handled. BD and delighted that my co-judge agreed on him for BIS.

YD (2,1) 1 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition. Attractive alert s/w of standard size, correct head proportions, well set ears, strong loin, low set tail.

GD (5,1) 1 Chatterley's Silver Coin. Attractive b/m/w presented in fine coat and condition, correct head proportions, strong loin with good sweep, neat feet, smooth graceful mover. 2 Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad JW ShCM. Upstanding s/w with lots to like, pleasing overall balance, good topline and sweep, in fine coat and condition. 3 Varnom's Milesend Morning Time.

PGD (5,1) Mixed class. 1 Durn's Leanai Let Me Boogie. Alert masculine s/w, won on movement and balance, pleasing head, eyes and ears, well arched neck, neat feet, firm back with good sweep. 2 Daniels' Pepperhill Cruise Control. B/m/w, another with lots to like, pleasing size and balance, correct head proportions, good sweep, low set tail of good length, super quarters, neat feet. 3 Miles' Milesend Morello.

LD (3) 1 Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn JW ShCM. Alert tri, liked size, type and balance, pleasing head proportions and expression, level back with good sweep, well made quarters with strong hocks, neat feet, good bone but free from cloddiness, in fine condition. 2 Linford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm JW. Another tri of pleasing size and balance with good carriage, slightly different in head and expression, sound quarters, in fine coat and condition. 3 Woolley's Pepperhill In The Moment At Valjon.

OD (4,1) 1 Clubley's Mossvale Frosty Moon. Mature b/m/w, did not think he would be my winner on entering the ring, won this class and RBD on sound well balanced construction and easy movement, perhaps not as glamorous but has many breed attributes, well proportioned head, well arched neck, firm frame, neat well padded feet, low set tail of good length, strong pasterns, harsh straight topcoat. 2 Gatheral's Ch Herds Humphrey JW. Handsome upstanding s/w with symmetrical outline, full of lovely type and quality, darkest eyes, sweetest expression, well arched neck, super forequarters and front movement, in fine condition, well handled. 3 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

VD (2,1) 1 Rule's Edglonian Let's Rock At Bleatarn. 10 years s/w, standard size and balance, sound firm well bodied frame, good sweep and low tail set, sound free mover. BVD.

SpBD (6,1) 1 M Frosty Moon. 2 Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold JW. Attractive s/w with much to admire, full of lovely type and quality, lovely head and expression from well set dark eyes, well set ears, pleasing size and balance, neat feet, rhythmic side gait, in fine condition, just needs time to mature to complete the picture. 3 M Morning Time.

Sp BREEDERS OD - BRED BY EXHIB (3) 1 Silver Coin. 2 S Limited Edition. 3 S Inaugural Gold JW.

Sp OD - NOT BRED BY EXHIB (4,1) 1 P In The Moment At V. Heavily coated masculine tri, sweet expression, neat feet, low set tail of good length, sound strong hindquarters, easy mover, in finest condition; 2 C A Shropshire Lad JW ShCM. 3 T Toffee Apple.

Sp OD - Sable & White: (3) 1 Ch Herds Humphrey JW. 2 S Inaugural Gold JW. 3 T Toffee Apple.

Sp OD - Tri/B&W/B&T (2) 1 P In The Moment At V. 2 Withers' Ch Stanydale Shot In The Dark JW. Upstanding masculine tri, well set ears, sound quite compact frame, neat feet, well coated.

Sp OD - Blue Merle (4,1) 1 M Frosty Moon. 2 P Cruise Control. 3 S Soldier Blue.

Judge - Sally Pointon

BITCHES

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge at this show. It was a pleasure to have so many lovely exhibits to go over, and to thank my stewards, Denise and Heather for their assistance, and of course the exhibitors. My co-judge and I were in absolute agreement when it came to the main awards.

MPB (4) 1 Hayhurst's Keycharm Shes got Rhythm. Sable and White. Just 6 months old, she has a nice head with a gentle expression, correctly placed dark eye and well placed ears. She has straight front legs with good bone and neat oval feet, arched neck with a level topline gives her a lovely outline, moved well. Well presented. 2 Sorockyj's Picture Perfect. Blue merle, 7 months of age, nice size and in good coat, forelegs straight with good bone. Good angulation both front and rear, moved with ease. 3 Huyton's Jaztech Summer Love For Hightyne.

PB (4) 1 Atkins' Jontygray Kiss N' Tell. BPB, BPIS. Very appealing young lady with sweet expression, well placed and set medium dark eye, well rounded muzzle, correct ear carriage. Straight front legs with neat oval feet. Deep chest, well arched neck, level topline and nicely set tail. Good angulation both front and rear, moved well. Promising puppy. 2 Hardman's Seavall Tartan. Tri bitch 9 months old, in good coat jet black in colour, with deep tan markings, pleasing head, neat well used ears, good neck with level top line long low set tail, giving a symmetrical out line, moved well. 3 Sorockyj's Picture Perfect.

MB (4) 1 Atkin's Jontygray Kiss N' Tell. 2 Sorockyj's Picture Perfect. 3 Huyton's Jaztech Summer Love For Hightyne.

NB (10) 1 Miles' Milesend Megan. BB. BOS. Sable and white, 13 months old. Very elegant, nice size and lovely outline. With good angles front and rear, refined feminine head, balanced skull and foreface, dark obliquely set and shaped eye, neat and well used ears. Good reach, arched neck with level topline with nice sweep over loins, well presented and handled. (B.B. & BOS). 2 Thornley's Mitchfields Cover Girl. Tri 13 months with good overall body shape nice proportioned head with sweet expression, well used nicely set ears, good angulation front and rear moved and presented well. 3 East's Jacquard Who's Bluffing. JB (10, 2) 1 Forster-Parish's Lowick Mistletoe. 14 month Blue merle, nicely coloured blue merle in good coat, head balanced with sweet feminine expression, ears well set and used, nice size and shape with good bone and nicely angulated. Moved and handled well. 2 Thornley's Mitchfield Fashion Girl. Blue merle 13 months, head nicely proportioned, ears well used and set, with rounded muzzle, nice eye placement. Good neck and level topline. Moved well. 3 Clubley's Mossvale Night Star.

YB (5, 2) 1 Withers' Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale, Tri 19 months old, with deep black coat and rich tan marking, nice size and shape with good bone, pleasing head with sweet expression, well rounded muzzle and good underjaw, nicely set ears, and nice shaped eye, good angles both front and rear. Moved and handled well. 2 Clubley's Mossvale Night Star. Tri 14 months, another shapely girl with all the attributes of first. But just preferred the shape of eye of first. 3 East's Jacquard Who's Bluffing.

GB (1) 1 Hayhurst's Milesend Rockqueen At Keycharm, nice head with well placed dark eye, nicely rounded muzzle with good under jaw, and neat ears, good reach of neck and level topline, good angulation, moved well.

PGB (6, 1) 1 Mackie's Illiad Illusive Gold At Shebaville. Shaded sable and white, 3 years of age, lovely size and shape, nice head, flat skull with sweet expression, neat ears and nice eye placement, good angles front and rear moved well. 2 East's Jacquard Unexpected Gift. Sable and white 4 yrs old. Well balanced with good angulation good length of neck and pleasing overall shape. Well placed shoulders with good reach of neck, level topline. A little unsettled today but moved ok. 3 Miles' Eljeta Hot Chocolate Of Milesend.

LB (3, 1) 1 Morrison's Jontygray Golden Dream For Ketim. Sable and white 4 years. Nicely balanced, lovely shape and size, with a sweet feminine expression, nicely set and well used ears and well placed dark eye, flat skull. Good reach of neck with level top line nice sweep over loins, good shoulder and upper arm angulation straight front legs with neat oval feet. Moved and handled well. 2 Lycett's Herds Hallicia At Illiad. Sable and white, 5 years, liked her head and expression, lovely eye shape and set, well used ears. Arched neck with level topline to give a lovely shape in profile. Well handled and shown.

OB (4, 3) 1 Jackson's Gordil Goodtime Girl. Tri, 6 years with a lovely coat and in good condition, nice for size, pleasing head and expression well angulated both front and rear nicely balanced throughout moved well.

VB (8, 4) 1 Lycett's Ch Sebaville Saucy Secret At Illiad (BVB, BVIS). Blue merle 8 years, a girl I have liked from a puppy and she has maintained her attributes with age. Balanced head, sweet feminine expression, lovely dark eye, correctly set, well placed and used ears, nicely rounded muzzle. Well arched neck with nice sweep over loins. Well balanced throughout. With good angulation both front and rear. Moved and handled well. 2 Clegram's Smiddyshaw Relight By fire ShCM. Tri, 8 years, nice girl in good condition, nice clean head with well placed eye and neat ears, giving the desired expression, good neck with level top line and sweep over loins well balanced with good angulation, moved well. 3 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination JW.

Sp Beginners B (5, 1) 1 Clubley's Mossvale Blue Star. Blue merle 14 months. Pretty feminine head, with nice eye set and shape. Neat well used ears, good overall shape, moved and handled very well. 2 Gamble's Solyric Original Gold. Sable and white, 16 months. Pretty head with nice dark almond shaped eye, neat ears. Nice size and shape moved well, well schooled and handled just lacking in coat today. 3 Wallis' Peartbrook Perle D'or.

Sp O Bred By Exh (3, 1) 1 Moore's Sanscott Sweet Edition. Sable and white, 17 mths with nice head, sweet gentle expression, well rounded muzzle, dark well placed eye, and neat well used ears, good construction, nice overall shape gives a balanced outline moved well. 2 Gamble's Solyric Original Gold.

Sp O Not Bred By Exh (3, 1) 1 Wither's Neraklee Naomi At Stanydale. 2 Wallis' Peartbrook Perle D'or. Sable and white, 4 yrs. Pretty head and expression of nice size and good bone, well angled front and rear. In good coat handled and moved well.

Sp O S&W (4) 1 Barnett's & Hardman's Rainway Returning To Seavall JW (RBB) Sable and white, 8 years. A girl that I have admired from the ringside and was not disappointed, Well balanced throughout, nice head pattern with well placed dark eye and neat well used ears. Well arched neck and level top line with nice sweep over loins, good shoulder placement and good rear angulation pleasing outline, beautifully presented and moved well. 2 East's Jacquard Unexpected Gift. 3 Gamble's Solyric Original Gold.

Sp Tri/B B/W & B&T (7) 1 Thornley's Mitchfield Cover Girl. 2 Mackie's Mohnessee Secret Pearl At Shebaville. Tri, 4 yrs, close decision with first, of nice size, pleasing head with sweet feminine expression, well placed dark eye, well used nicely set neat ears, good angulations both front and rear, level topline with nicely set long tail, well balanced throughout, a little unsettled today but moved well. 3 Clubley's Mossvale Night Star.

Sp O B/M (4) 1 Thornley's, Mitchfield Fashion Girl. 2 Soropkkyj's Picture Perfect. 3 Clubley's Mossvale Blue Star.

Judge - Gill Bray