

YORKSHIRE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW ON 05-05-2024

Bitch Judge's report

Firstly I must thank the YSSC committee for inviting me to judge this prestigious show. It is always an honour to judge, so thank you to the exhibitors for giving me the chance to go over your precious shelties. I had a lovely day, good food and a great entry of beautiful sheltie bitches. Not enough cards to go around. Thank you also to my two stewards, Anita and Debbie, they kept everything in good order.

A few observations on the entry. Although the puppies were mostly of very good construction, I felt some of the head qualities were lacking. There were quite a few with what I can only describe as "snipy" muzzles which looked pinched in from the eyes to the nose. This completely spoils the expression. Even as puppies, there should be a smooth rounded muzzle.

Another thing I saw was some quite round and full eyes. Where are the beautiful almond eyes going? It makes such a difference to the whole expression. Yes, we need sound shelties that can do a day's work, but the essence of a beautiful shaped and placed eye is so important and an important part of our breed standard. From a working dog's point of view, if the wind comes straight on to an almond eye, obliquely set, the dog can half close the eye and the wind will pass straight over the head. Front angulation is getting better and, overall, rear ends and movement were very good. Most were in excellent condition, but I did find a few with sticky coats.

I could have happily given the CC to any of the five in my final line up.

Minor Puppy 6

1st. Hateley's MOHNESEE LULLABY ICE. Mature B/M has it all together. Good neck and general outline. Moved out soundly. Well made with good round bone. Pleasing head, flat skull, stop needs to settle and fill out in foreface. Good well used ears. In lovely coat, beautifully groomed. Good size for age.

2nd. Rowan's ROWANCREST CINDERELLA. This pretty S/W won this place on her free-flowing and sound movement. Due to her correct angulations, she really flowed around the ring. In good coat. Flat skull and well-placed eye. Still needs to fill out in foreface. Just the right size for age.

3rd. Sorockj's SHAZBEC MAID OF HONOUR AT SHELTISHA

Puppy 11 (2)

1st. Robinson's LAVIKA SUNSET ROSE. Exquisite B/M. Most beautiful fitting coat of clear silvery blue colour. Classic balanced head, correct eye shape obliquely set, rounded muzzle and good, well use ears all combine for a really pleasing head and expression. Soundly made both ends. With her lovely round bone, her movement coming and going was a joy to watch, true and single tracking. All together a really lovely puppy, BPIS. Another top-quality sheltie from this kennel.

2nd Hateley's MOHNESEE'S MELIYA JW. Another lovely puppy, soundly made with good legs and feet. A jet-black tri in beautiful coat and bloom. A tad deep in stop, but a really

pleasing head and expression, well placed almond eyes and smooth rounded foreface. Lovely overall body shape and moved soundly. Top class puppy.

3rd. Lambert's BLENMERROW LULLABY

Junior 9 (2)

1st. Thornley, Thornley & Withers' FELTHORN GOOD TIME GIRL. Her owners will certainly have a good time with this beautiful B/M. Her full and expertly groomed coat is a perfect silvery blue. Her head is of good proportions and well balanced, flat skull clean cheeks and well filled foreface. Good, well used ears. She is soundly made with just the right amount of bone. Movement was true and sound. Showing herself well, she was my bench mark for the future classes and in my final 5 for top awards.

2nd. Stafford's RANNERDALE TOUCH OF MAGIC. Although not completely happy in the ring, I could not deny this absolutely beautiful S/W bitch this place. Really lovely head and expression, perfect eye shape and placement, smooth rounded foreface and good ear carriage. Lovely body shape and movement, her super well-fitting coat just completing a lovely picture.

3rd. French's SKELDALE WISH UPON A STAR OVER LINFERN (imp nld)

Yearling 11 (1)

1st. Mitchell's VALDOSTA GODDESS JW. The perfectly placed almond eye on her well-balanced head and good ears, give this really pleasing S/W the sweetest of expressions. Good, well used ears, confident show girl. In her well-fitting coat of good condition she covered the ground soundly and steadily as her construction would suggest. Altogether a very pleasing picture.

2nd. Miles' MILESEND SHADOW DANCER. Very stylish pale S/W. She has a well-balanced and very pretty, good quality head, held on a super arched neck. Her lovely body shape is enhanced with a good round bone and steady, sound movement. In full well conditioned coat, looks a picture.

3rd. Stafford's RANNERDALE QUEEN OF THE NITE.

Maiden 9 (1)

1st. Lambert's BLENMERROW LULLABY. 3rd in puppy, S/W ideal size. Really pretty shape, good neck, body shape and outline. Well-fitting coat. Pleasing head, eye perhaps just a tad full. Good, well used ears. A happy girl moving and showing well.

2nd. Stafford's RANNERDALE QUEEN OF MAJIC. This kennel certainly produces very good heads with correct almond shaped eyes. This tri is no exception. Really enjoying her day, showing off her super neck and outline. Really pretty and well-balanced head. Lovely size and true almond eyes, flat skull, correct stop and rounded foreface all combine to give her a sweet expression. In full jet-black tri coat.

3rd. Hateley's MOHNESEE LULLABY ICE.

Novice 12(2)

1st. Jackson's RIBANS STARLET OF MILESEND. Such a pretty body shape on this feminine S/W. Well arched neck and good top line. Pleasing head and expression, a lovely type. Well made both ends with good bone. Really sound on the move, covering a lot of ground. Showing well.

2nd. Hill's MAD ABOUT YOU WITH MOLSON. Another lovely type, not too sure of herself, but lots of quality. Classic head properties with sweet almond eye. Lovely body shape, arched neck and level top line. Good stifle and well let down hocks. Moved out soundly and true. Beautiful well-fitting G/S/W coat.

3rd. Wither's FELTHORN ATHENA AT STANYDALE

Graduate 7

1st. Atkins' ESSTREMERE SILVER LADY. Won this class on her classic movement. Super lay of shoulder and return of upper arm gave her plenty of reach. Matching rear angulation gave her the drive. Just flowed around the ring. She has a well-fitting coat of a really pretty B/M colour well broken up. Eye could be a tad sweeter, but her head is balanced and one piece.

2nd. Gartland's ARCOT TAKE A MOMENTJW. Smart S/W, really pleasing head and expression. Well placed almond eyes. Flat skull and rounded fore face. Lovely body shape. Showed and moved really well with long flowing petticoats.

3rd. Attwood's BLACK FOREST AT TERRIWOOD.

Post Graduate. 7(1)

1st. Ritchie's JAELIS MYSTIQUE REALITY JW. Won this class on her good breed type. Very sweet head and expression, lovely shaped and placed eyes. Well used ears. Good lay of shoulder, upper arm a tad steep, but she covered the ground well. Really loved her well-fitting coat and pleasing outline.

2nd. Fenton's SHANNMIE'S CANARY BLUE. Stylish B/M. Good arched neck and general body outline. Well made with good round bone. She has a balanced head, flat skull and rounded foreface,

3rd. Revill's MOSARDI FORGET ME NOT.

Limit 11(20)

1st. French's LAVIKA SOUL OF GOLD FOR LINDFERN. First three in this class were all very similar and will change places often.

Although a tad out of coat I could clearly see this S/W girl's lovely body shape. Well arched neck and level top line, good sweep over croup and well-set tail. I preferred her upper arm angulation over 2nd & 3rd. Soundly made with good round bone and showing off her pleasing head and sweet expression. Clean smooth cheeks and flat skull. Moved out with drive.

2nd. Bray's DANDLEWOOD KISS 'N' TELL (imp nld). Very appealing S/W. Attractive body shape, good neck and topline. Lovely legs and feet. She has a flat skull and sweet well-placed eyes, giving her an endearing expression.

3rd. Rosslyn's BALIDORN GOLDEN AMBER

Open 7(2) Lovely class

1st. Hateley's CH LIZMARK LULLABY MOON OVER MOHNESEE. Overall a really good quality B/M. So well-balanced throughout, nothing out of place. Clean one-piece head, good well placed eyes and showing her neat ears nonstop. She is so well made with good round bone and neat oval feet. Excels in movement due to her super conformation. Good depth of brisket with plenty of heart room. Her full coat fits her like a glove. Lovely arched neck and level top line, good sweep over her croup. Could not be denied the Res CC over some other lovely girls.

2nd. Hill's MOLSON ITS MORVEN. Another beautiful S/W from this breeder. I loved her flowing body shape and correct angulations. Well made with good round bone. Her really pleasing head is held on a super arched neck. Very graceful overall outline with flowing coat. Really lovely feminine expression. Gorgeous girl.

3rd. Pearson's EDGELONIAN SLACK ALICE.

Veteran. 9 (2)

What a wonderful class, showing well and enjoying their day out.

1st. Pearson's EDGLONIAN STARLET. The beautiful shape on this gorgeous rich S/W stole my heart. Her front angulation is text book correct. Super lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. She has a well arched neck and outstanding outline, level topline, sweep over her croup, good turn of stifle, well let down hocks and low set tail. Needless to say, when moving she covered the ground with the minimum of effort. From the front her legs are straight with a good depth of chest and good feet. She has a clean balanced, one-piece head and charming expression, held high on her arched neck. Using her ears and showing herself non-stop. It was her absolutely super outline with correct angulations and flowing movement which won her the CC & RBIS. Well done

2nd. Clegram & Berry's SMIDDYSHAW I'LL BE THERE FOR U JW. Another lovely shape on this rich S/W. Well made with lovely round bone and neat oval feet. Her correct construction allowed her to move soundly and freely. Very pretty head and feminine expression. Well placed sweet almond eyes. In well-fitting, good quality coat.

3rd. Gamble's BALIDORN SOLITUDE AT SOLYRIC JW.

Special owners 6

1st. Hickling's SHELTI SHA BELL OF THE BALL AT NATARA JW. Really liked the head and expression on this B/M. Well-balanced, clean, one-piece head and sweet eye and placement. Showing her neat ears well. Carrying a good coat, she is well made with good neck and outline and moved soundly

2nd. Revill's MOSARDI FORGET ME NOT. 3rd in P. Grad. Ideal size, this B/M showed herself well. She moved out well on her good legs and feet. Although her eye is a tad full, she has a pleasing expression and rounded foreface.

3rd. Diviney's DIVINECROI'S BONNIE AILBHE

Sable & white 6 (1)

1st. Hill's MOLSON MOVIE STAR. Exquisite S/W, very feminine. Clean, one-piece head. Beautiful, obliquely set almond eyes give her the dreamy expression so rarely seen. Excellent body shape and lovely round bone gives her a real quality appearance. Her flowing coat fits like a glove. Her all-round movement was sound and true. A really super girl and in my last five for the CC. Her day will certainly come .

2nd. Hateley's CH MOHNESEE ENCHANTED. Loved this rich S/W in huge well-fitting coat, beautifully groomed. Lovely overall type, clean one-piece head and lovely expression. Soundly made with lovely round bone. Moved with plenty of reach and drive. Preferred the front movement of first coming towards me.

3rd. Lycett's HERDS HALLICIA AT ILIAD.

Tri-colour 3(1)

1st. Stafford's CH RANNERDALE QUEEN OF THE DARK. I feel so pleased that this beautiful girl has reached upper house. She came under me at the ESSC CH show, her first show, from a good entry and I gave her BPB. She has certainly fulfilled her early promise. She has a really pleasing head, held high on a super arched neck. She excels in outline which her beautiful full coat tries hard to hide. She moves with plenty of reach and drive due to her excellent conformation. She has lovely round bone and good feet. A real quality girl and in my final five for the CC.

2nd. Welford's RISTINE EMERALD. Really pleasing girl in good coat. Good reach of neck and topline. Lovely legs and feet. Her head is clean and one piece with good eye shape and placement. Moved soundly.

Blue Merle.3 (1)

1st.Th.-Th.and W. FELTHORN GOOD TIME GIRL.

2nd. Main's SHENACHIE FLAKEY DOVE. This 11 year old is a real credit to her owners. She was VHC in the strong VET class. She is a lovely shape and carries a good coat which is still a lovely colour. Very pretty head and attractive face markings. Moved around soundly and showed herself well.

Brace. 2 (1)

1st. Hateley's Mohnesee .

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