

## BATH CANINE SOCIETY ALL BREED CH SHOW SAT 27th MAY 2023

SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS (101 DOGS / 124 ENTRY)

I had been looking forward to this appointment having judged this breed all over the world I wanted to see what the breeders in the UK had to offer. Having been an owner / breeder/ exhibitor of this breed I took all my decisions with great care and consideration including having to withhold. This decision I took in no way lightly. Dogs with serious faults that affect their health, wellbeing and the ability to perform the traditional work they are bred should not be rewarded. My main winners are exceptional and very clever breeders to keep consistent quality and keep up the good work. Thank you to all the exhibitors for a bumper entry and who took my placings with grace.

**VETERAN DOG (3/3)** 1. Winfield, CH OAKCROFT STAR FORCE JW. What a lovely start to the day with this lad. Full of breed type, correct size, good neck and well fitted coat which was beautifully presented. Moved very well in all directions with correct tail set. To be a little bit critical I would like a firmer topline. Having said that he never flagged at any stage of the day, well deserved BEST VETERAN. 2. Riding, ANCHORS SUPRISE PERCY POLARIS FOR TORINSKA (IMP CHE). At 8 half not as fresh as my first place who was the same age, teeth condition could be better even at this age. He was in lovely body condition and beautifully presented. He moved true but tail set spoiled his outline 3. Pattinson, KYLEBURN EVERLASTING DREAM JW

**MINOR PUPPY DOG (2/2)** 1. Stockden, Willowgarth unlimited love . A nice type of puppy, correct size and everything in the correct place at this stage of development. I would like more strength in the rear but only a baby. His coat at that difficult stage with puppy fluff in his neck which spoiled his overall outline. Needs more time to develop confidence. 2. WITHELD

**PUPPY DOG (5/4)** 1. MITCHELL, Valdosta gracelands. This puppy appealed for his super outline, fitted coat which enhanced his neck. A very glamorous coat which was beautifully presented. His head is clean and well developed for age, good underjaw with correct bite. Well placed and used ears. Moved very well just needs to go a little faster. He makes his owner work hard as he was a little fidgety but what I saw was enough to win this class. 2. PIERCE, Philhope in good taste. Also, a very nice puppy full of quality with similar comments. Very close between these two pups I just preferred the overall balance of first when standing. 3. STOCK, shelmist summertime blues.

**JUNIOR DOG (3/3)** 1. ROBINSON, lavika moonlight storm. I was quite taken with this young male. He kept drawing in my eye so very well balanced in outline, super reach of neck. Correct for size. The head is clean and well developed for age. Just enough bone. Moved out so well in all directions with good tail set. So well presented and handled. To be critical I would like a flatter coat just now being a little wispy was spoiling his outline but having said that this young male when mature will trouble the best. 2. NORRIS , ferngroves valentino JW. Very nice breed type, head handled well and more mature in development than the first but lost out as coat condition was past its best. 3. OVERTON, pop goes the diesel.

**YEARLING DOG ( 5/5)** quite a difficult class, a real mixed bunch for type and quality. 1. MOTTRAM, lundecoeks hoopie-doo at lochkaren JW (IMP SWE). Won this class with ease, he handled well on the table, correct lay of shoulder, good bone, spot on for size at this stage of development. His head is borderline too strong. Very glamorous dog who moved very well with a lovely long flowing tail. He is in the most difficult stage of development, when standing he looked stuffy. His teeth really need attention so disappointing to see this in such a young dog. Everything just needs to settle and mature. 2. BARNETT, dippersmoor daquiri at sonspirit. Correct for size, coat in lovely condition which

was beautifully presented. Moved well in all directions which won him second in this class. His coat colour could be better, he lacked neck so appeared stuffy. Good ears well placed and used but a little strong in head. 3. BRAY , jontygray trice as nice by lianbray .

**NOVICE (3/3)**1. STOCKDEN , Willowgarth unlimited love. Seen dog from my previous class. 2. STOCK , Shemist Summertime Blue. A good size male with enough substance, good presentation, excellent temperament. Just spoiled by ears very wide at the base. 3rd Withheld

**GRADUATE (2/2)**1. ROBERTS , Stanydale rewrite the stars for Malroc JW . A young male at 2 half years developing well although he is a little extreme in head, he has a good eye, well placed ears which was used well. Super colour , coat in lovely condition although I would like it a little flatter. He has a lovely temperament and really enjoying his day out 2.nd .HILLMAN , Lavika Lifestyle. I preferred this dog's head planes, lovely eye and well used ears to give the desired expression. His coat colour is so rich and in lovely condition Need to be moved faster lacked any animation on the move .

**POST GRAD DOG (6/6)** 1.SUTHERLAND , Shelcrest winter solstice at suthesley JW. He handled well on the table a good honest dog who loves to please. Never stopped showing. He has the most wonderful rich coat which gleamed in the sun. To be critical less coat would help his outline. Moved steady and true in all directions and this won him this class. 2nd BARROWCLOUGH , Shadowess lockdown hero. An honest dog, correct ear set and well used, in good firm condition. Presentation excellent. Although he is a lovely breed type, he is a little finer all through, but this didn't take away his quality. Very well handled just on the go around he lifted his tail, and this spoiled his outline. 3rd ARNOULD , Shadoway chance encounter .

**Limit dog (8/8)** HARDY , 1. Sandwick Road Runner . My eye was drawn to this male for his overall balance. Strong neck, firm topline, every foot in the correct place. Very glamorous and so beautifully presented. Colour is good except a little heavier marked, but this didn't take away from the overall picture. So steady and true on the move with correct tail set. I would just like a little more fill in foreface. 2. French , Lorainian kings ransom at lindfern. Fully mature male in great condition, lovely breed type. Moved very well with correct tail set. Excellent presentation. I would like a better tip on his ears 3. Smee , Wansvale amiable .

**Open dog (9/9)** what a class of top-quality males with so much to offer the breed. First place to fifth all champions in the breed. I would be happy to award a green card to any of them. 1. Stafford , CH Rannerdale Showmaster JW, fully mature male and today he brought his A game. My heart skipped a beat when he stood in that sunshine, coat gleaming. A real show dog giving his all from start to finish. On the table his head is refined and so well balanced, strong underjaw, good teeth, correct eyes and well-placed ears giving that characteristic sheltie expression. So alert and attentive to his handler never skipped a beat even in the heat. Moved effortlessly with reach and drive in all directions. His presentation and condition are a credit to his owner. CC / BOB and it was my great pleasure to see him getting placed in a very strong group. A dog that represents the breed to the fullest. Well-deserved and hopefully many more top awards to come 2. Pearson , CH Edglonian Golden Charm . A very close call between both males, same qualities apply, and I liked him a lot. In fabulous condition, expertly handled and he gave his handler a lot of work. Today just a little distracted but had no hesitation in awarding him the RCC . A top-class male no disgrace to stand second to my winner. I'm sure both boys will swap places many times 3 rd . Robinson , CH Lavika deep blue ocean .

**Special beginners (3/3)** 1. Barnett , Dippersmoor Darquiri at Sonspirit ( seen dog) 2. Mettan-ure, Valdosta dare to dream of savendie. Very close between first and second, both offering different

qualities. Perfect for size and bone, in lovely condition and beautifully presented. Moved very well and handled to bring the best out but lost out because of a prick ear. 3. Carr, Wansvale Limelight.

**Veteran Bitch (5/4)** 1. Ritchie , Jaelis Mystique Reality JW. Such an honest girl, in full bloom and happy to show off her many qualities. Moved sound and true in all directions. I would just like a little more fill in foreface. 2. Whittington, Tighness the tide is high, 8 half years old not the coat and condition of my winner but it only enhanced her lovely outline. Moved steady and true in all directions. I would like a stronger underjaw. 3. French , Lindfern Bee Enchanted JW.

**Minor Puppy bitch ( 5/4)** 1. Robinson , Bi Baby From Lavika . One of my favourite colours that I really appreciate. Her head is so clean, good fill under the eye, strong underjaw, well filled foreface, darkest of eyes and well used and placed ears. Effortless movement at a steady and correct speed, well-handled on a loose lead standing perfectly every time I glanced over. One I would love to see mature as an adult. Well deserved in good company Best Puppy. 2. Hardy, Sandwick Valencia . This puppy really appealed for her overall balance and presents a good overall picture. Unfortunate to meet 1 in such good form. I would just prefer at this stage to have a little more fill of foreface, but time is on her side. 3. Stafford , Rannerdale Queen of the nite .

**Puppy Bitch (10/ 10)** One of my favourite classes today, delightful babies who will with doubt change places. All a credit to the owners for condition and especially temperament and ring craft at this stage. I had to make a cut in this class, it was so lovely. 1. Mitchell , Valdosta Goddess . This delightful baby pulled out all the stops to head this lovely class. In full bloom at 10 half months. Mature in coat which was beautifully presented. Handled well on the table, correct eye and well-placed ears. I would like a little more fill in foreface, but time is on her side. Moved steady and true in all directions. 2. Pierce , Philhope taste for fashion. Another quality baby, very sound and well presented. Loved her dark eye with super pigment and her ears never moved. 1st just having maturity and finish in body. 3. Rossitier,

**JUNIOR BITCH (6/5)** class with held

**YEARLING BITCH (4/4)** 1. Hardy , Sandwick a mode, . This young lady of almost 2 years appealed instantly, well balanced in outline, strong neck leading into correct shoulders. Darkest of eyes, well used ears just needs to fill out in foreface. Her condition and presentation were exceptional. Just needs to gain a little more confidence. Moved soundly in all directions. 2. Ritchie , Jaelis Mystique reality JW. Almost two years old and presented in lovely bloom super rich colour . I really liked her head, eye and expression. Just lost out as I would like more neck. 3. Sutherland , Beechmere Beautiful at Holamber

**NOVICE BITCH (7/5)** 1. Cheal, Valdosta Galadriel at Faemadra . Placed 4th in a large puppy class. A very steady puppy on the move which won her this class. At 10m should be in full bloom but coat at a difficult stage. Lovely temperament, great ears well used but she is a little round in eye . 2. Haensel, Sherkarl copper load of this. She really appealed for her outline, super reach of neck. Such a happy temperament just out of condition . 3. Sutherland , Beechmere Beautiful at Holamber

**GRADUATE BITCH (8/7)** This was a very difficult class, really mixed in breed type and quality. 1. Ingram , Mosardi Forget Me Not . Fully mature bitch at 3 half years. She won this class for her well-balanced outline, good neck and happy to show off her virtues, a great show girl. I would like smaller ears and more fill in foreface. 2. McShane , Blenmerrow ring of roses . A very honest girl , moved sound , handled well on the table , beautifully presented but her eye rather round which just spoiled her expression. 3. Pierce , Philhope taste for glamour.

PostGrad Bitch (8/7)1. Bray , Jontygray Trice as nice by Lianbray . A very eye-catching Tri in wonderful bloom and her colour jet black. A great showgirl, very steady on the move. To be critical I would like a little more leg. 2. Haensel, Philhope summertime to sherkarl JW. Almost two years, a very honest girl who pushed the winner hard not just in the same condition but beautifully presented. A very appealing outline . 3. Cheal , Carolelen call my bluff at faemadra .

**Limit Bitch (10/1)** 1. Hateley , Mohnesee Enchanted. Now this girl didn't catch my eye on the first instance, but she is one you need to get your hands on to really appreciate her quality. Her head so refined, flat cheeks and that correct underjaw I was looking for. Good tight lip line, excellent pigment, darkest of eyes well shaped to give that exquisite expression the sheltie is well known for. Muscular neck, good firm topline. Straight in forelegs and well-muscled rear and this showed in her movement. So, sound in all directions with correct tail set. Presented today in lovely condition, beautifully groomed. An easy winner in this quality class. Well-deserved RCC. 2. Standlick , Lavika Lagoon blue of macstanryn. Very glamorous and beautifully turned out. Spot on for size, in lovely body and condition. Moved very well with correct tail set. I just preferred fill in foreface and underjaw on my winner. 3. Mottram , Lundecoocks there no limit at lochkaren ( imp Swe)

**OPEN BITCH (7/5)** What a class to finished my days judging. Three outstanding bitches 1.Pearson, CH Edglonian Rhythm N Rhyme. Such a stylish elegant bitch with instant appeal. She was on top form today pulling out all the stops in good company. Her head is a little too refined for me but having said that this bitch is quite outstanding in many departments I forgave this. She was in amazing condition and her presentation was just on another level. She is picture perfect standing with no exaggerations. She came into her own on the move, smooth effortless and never skipped a beat in today's heat. I was delighted to award her the CC today. 2. Stafford , CH Rannerdale Queen on the dark . A top-quality bitch who is a different style to my first place. She is so clean in head, excellent fill of foreface, strong underjaw, well placed ears giving such an exquisite expression. So very sound on the move keeping a firm topline with correct tail set. So beautifully presented but lost out today as she was carrying a few extra pounds. 3 Hateley, CH Lizmark lullaby moon over mohnesee JW.

**Judge – Karen McDevitt (Caronlea)**