SKC CH SHOW, 19/05/17 - Shetland Sheepdogs

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I was pleased with my overall winners & the bitches at this show were of a good standard but the dog classes lacked a depth of quality, I was most concerned with the movement of some of the exhibits in the earlier classes with many of them showing no reach or drive with a stiff stilted gait caused by a lack of upper arm, which resulted in some exhibits failing to stride out.

MPD (1) 1 Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Dudly,8 months s/w puppy, confident showman, nicely balanced head with good ear carriage & dark eyes giving a sweet expression, overall a well balanced puppy with strong bone, a good reach of neck & length of back with a nice turn of stifle & well let down hocks, moved well & in good coat. PD (1) 1 Gartland's Arcot Indecision, 11¹/₂ months s/w puppy, a little unsettled in the hall. Head was nicely balanced with a good ear carriage & dark eye giving her a nice sweet expression, a good reach of neck & length of back but was a little narrow in front, which restricted his movement. JD (3) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook He's Got Style, s/w with a good balance of head, neat ear carriage & dark almond shaped eye giving a sweet expression, well placed shoulder angulations & reach of neck, good bend of stifle & length of tail moved well; 2 Forbes' Jack De L'ile Des Bergers, b/m with a well balanced skull & foreface with a neat ear carriage & well placed eye, pleasing shape, well angulated with strong bone, in good coat, moved OK; 3 Gartland's s/w Arcot Indecision. YD (4,1a) 1 Redpath's Aardan Hail Caledonia, a shaded s/w with a well balanced skull & foreface, neat ear carriage & well placed dark eye giving him a sweet expression, in profile he showed a good reach of neck & length of back with a nice turn of stifle, moved well; 2 Jackson's Shellamoyed The Kingsmen, s/w with a refined head & almond shaped dark eyes, neat ear carriage, well arched neck, good shoulder angulations & bend of stifle, moved & showed well; 3 Forbes' b/m Jack De L'ile Des Bergers. GD (3,1) 1 Sangster's Amethrickeh Storm Wizard, b/m, Res in previous class, did not settle well for new handler, did better in this class, good head properties & shape of eye, nice length of neck, back & turn of stifle with short hocks. Moved well; 2 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple, s/w, nicely balanced head with neat ears, well angulated with strong bone but was lacking drive in his rear movement. PGD (3) 1 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck, b/m with a well balanced head with neat ear carriage & a good shaped almond eye giving a sweet expression, good shoulder angulations & bend of stifle, moved OK but was up to size; 2 T Toffee Apple; 3 Purves' tri Donallin Magical Moments. LD (5,1) 1 Winfield's Oakcroft Prince Charming, s/w in good coat, nicely balanced head with well rounded muzzle, neatly placed ears & a lovely dark almond eye which enhanced his expression, good layback of shoulder & a well arched neck which he used to show off his lovely outline, ideal length of body with a perfect topline, his construction being complemented by his effortless movement. CC. Pleased to hear this was his third & now makes him a worthy Ch; 2 Gatheral's Herds Humphrey, s/w quality dog, lovely head with a sweet expression, dark almond eye with good earset, good neck & shoulder angulations, well bent stifle, presented a lovely shape & moved soundly; 3 Walker's tri Marsula Shogun. OD (10) 1 Gartland's Arcot Time To Remember, golden s/w as usual from this kennel, one with a sweet melting expression enhanced by his neat ear carriage & well placed dark almond eye, a good layback of shoulder & length of upper arm complemented his front movement, a level topline & graceful sweep over his loins together with his good turn of stifle & short hocks resulted in a movement with drive, groomed to perfection; 2 Jackson's Ir Ch Fearmach Blue Rhapsody at Cluainultaigh, quality

nicely coloured b/m dog with rich tan markings, pleasing expression complemented by well rounded muzzle & a good underjaw, graceful sweep over the loins & good turn of stifle, altogether a well constructed dog with a good reach of neck, coat is dense with correct harsh texture. He did not have the reach of movement as the winner; 3 Smith's s/w Orean The Bootlegger. **VD** (5) 1 Brady's Ch Francehill Two Tone, b/m, 10 years of age, ideal size & a pleasure to go over, good head balance with neat ear carriage, well balanced front angulations with a good layback of shoulder & length of upper arm, a good deep chest with well sprung ribs. A level topline finished with a graceful sweep over his loins, a good turn of stifle with short hocks resulted in a movement with drive. RCC. Both my two winning dogs excelled & were a lesson in free movement; 2 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Bugsy Malone, s/w 10 years of age, excelled in head properties with the correct balance of skull & foreface, together with his dark almond shaped eye & correct ear carriage gave this dog a sweet melting expression, good reach of neck & a level topline, altogether a well presented balanced dog; 3 Munro's tri Laurelwood Tri Bob.

MPB (5) 1 Ritchie's Murieston Twinkling Star, s/w, good quality puppy with dark almond shaped eyes & neat well placed ears giving her a sweet feminine expression, nice length of neck, well placed shoulders, good rear angulations, moved nicely; 2 Ritchie & Moir's Murieston Make A Wish, s/w litter sister to winner & not a lot to split these two, same lovely expression & construction, just a little apprehensive on the day due to a noisy hall; 3 Fisher's b/m Shellamoyed Dolly Blue. PB (4) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Queen O'the North, a very attractive golden s/w puppy, lovely ear carriage & dark well placed eye giving her a sweet feminine expression, good bend of stifle, short hocks with strong bone, in good coat, moved with drive; 2 Walker's Channerswick Penny Lane, well coated b/m puppy, nice size, good ear carriage & correctly placed eye gave her a very pleasing expression, good length of neck, correct length of body, nicely bent stifle, did not move as well as winner on the day; 3 Forbes' s/w Wellneuk Dancing Flame. JB (6,1) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed Heavenly Charm, quality tri bitch who instantly appealed, nice size, sweet expression with correct eye placement, well balanced throughout with excellent shoulder angulations & a good reach of neck, a correct turn of stifle with short hocks which showed in her free movement. BP: 2 Fenton's Shannmie's Tropical Blue, b/m, nice type of correct size, well balanced head, correct almond shaped eye, giving her a melting expression, good bone & hindquarter angulations, winner was more fluent in her front movement; 3 Winfield's s/w Oakcroft Celtic Faery. **YB** (8,2) 1 Ambler's Watchwood Sweetheart of Chalmoor, guality b/m of lovely colouring & tan markings, correct size, very sweet, feminine in head with a lovely eye & expression, well laid back shoulders with an excellent reach of neck, level topline with sound rear angulations, moved with drive; 2 Walker's Tooralie's Matilda, tri, another quality bitch, not a lot to choose from between the first two, nice balance of head with a good eye & expression, has a very pleasing outline in profile, well laid back shoulder & good length of neck, good rear angulated quarters, moved well; 3 Clegram & Berry's s/w Smiddyshaw I'll B There For U. GB (5,2) 1 S Tropical Blue; 2 Glover & Guest's Doonelodge Demora, s/w bitch, good for size & balance, a feminine bitch in excellent coat, good bend of stifle, moved well but very unsettled in the noisy hall; 3 Main's s/w Shemachie Lyric Of Light. PGB (7,1) 1 Jones' Lavika Lucky Me, quality s/w bitch who immediately caught my eye on entering the ring, correct size & when standing gave a lovely shape in profile, loved her sweet melting expression, utterly feminine, good reach of neck & well laid back shoulder with the correct length of upper arm, level topline with a graceful sweep over the loin, good bend of stifle, short straight hocks, moved effortlessly round the ring. Pleased to award her first CC & BOB; 2 Parker's Tolarock Such A Treat, tri, very feminine in head, dark almond shaped eyes, excellent ear carriage, well balanced, good length of neck & correct length of body, sound

short hocks, moved well but a little unsettled in the hall; 3 Ritchie's s/w Murieston Lady Lucinda. LB (6) 1 Fisher's Shellamoyed My Blue Heaven, quality b/m bitch with a well balanced head & very sweet expression, nice arch of neck, excellent layback of shoulder, good level topline with a graceful sweep over her loin. Short hocks & moved well. RCC, & noted this was the dam of the first two in minor puppy; 2 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination, in profile this tri bitch is of the correct size & both elegant & feminine with a sweet expression enhanced by her dark almond shaped eyes, soundly constructed with a good length of neck & layback of shoulder, a little unsettled & did not portray her best in the noisy hall but she moved well; 3 Ambler's tri Chalmoor I'm Indi. OB (4,1) 1 Parker's Tolarock Ice Ice Blue, b/m, very feminine in head with a lovely eye & expression, good ear carriage, well balanced with a level topline, good bend of stifle & well let down hocks gave her free movement; 2 Jacobs & Johnson's Tooralie's Firefly, s/w, well balanced head with a sweet expression, fuller in eye than winner, good reach of neck, well constructed & nicely balanced, in good coat, moved well; 3 Scott's s/w Ch Degallo For Real. VB (6,3) 1 Brady's Bordercroft Blue Weave, in profile this b/m bitch was of the correct size & nicely balanced throughout with a good head pattern showing a feminine & sweet expression, I found her a pleasure to go over, well laid back shoulder, excellent reach of neck & correct length of upper arm, good angulations of hindquarters. Covered the ground with freedom; 2 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Star O' The North, golden s/w who excels in head qualities giving her a very sweet expression, good length of neck, well laid back shoulders, level topline, well bent stifle, in good coat, showed & moved OK; 3 Walker's s/w Tooralie L'exceptionelle.

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