

Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Wales Championship Show 15th March 2026

BITCHES Firstly many thanks for the invitation to judge at one of my favourite breed shows, where a warm welcome awaited. Thanks especially to my very capable steward who single handedly kept everything running smoothly. My main observation from the day is that we are losing the beautiful dark almond shaped eye that gives our breed its' desired expression, it is more normal now for larger forward facing lighter eyes to be the norm. A few short tails in evidence but missing teeth were in the minority. My co-judge and I agreed on all decisions except for B.P.I.S which was decided by the referee.

V (5) 1 Hirst's Sundark Simply A Star (VW) 12 1/2 year young tri who I've judged previously and the same comments still apply. In super coat & condition, still retains her clean well moulded head, her eye is perhaps becoming a little bold as is often the case as they age. Arched neck carried proudly on her well constructed body, stands on well boned legs & neat feet & still moves with reach in front & drive from the rear. Shows herself off to advantage and is testament to what a laster a sheltie can be. Best Veteran Bitch & Later Best Veteran In Show. 2 Arnould's Shadoway Perchance to Dream 141/2 year s/w who was also in super coat & condition. Is so well made fore & aft with long well set & carried tail. Feminine head which retains all of its quality except again a slightly bolder eye now. Ears well set and used. Moved with enthusiasm but just couldn't match 1sts driving rear action today. 3 Hardy's Sandwick Stage Show

MP (4) The first two in this class were very similar & am sure they will change places many times. 1 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Realism, 7 month red sable who has lots of potential, very self assured for such a young age. Presents a lovely elegant profile. Head is a nice wedge but obviously it still needs to finish developing which I am sure it will. Eye is dark and well set as are her ears which she used to advantage. Arched neck of good length, level topline well set & carried tail. Front construction is okay and has nice turn of stifle & neat hocks. Moved soundly and is well schooled in the art of showmanship. In good coat for her age. Best Puppy Bitch. 2 Hateley's Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream, another 7 month baby who I felt was a lot less mature than 1st but again has all the essentials to mature into a quality exhibit. Very similar in outline to 1st. Loved her clean well balanced head which I preferred to that of the winner, has a super dark almond shaped eye and neat ears although not as keen to use them as winner. Ample neck, level topline, nice sweep over the loin, tail long and well carried, although well constructed just needs to settle a little more in movement which I'm sure she will. 3 Rossiter's Cocaro The Enchantress

P (5) 1 Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream 2 Standlick's Macsanryn Rainbow Blu. Lovely coloured b/m who is almost 12 months and therefore is much more mature than 1st. Head handled well and her odd coloured eyes were well placed, well set and used ears combining to give her a pleasing expression. Well constructed all through and moved okay. Overall is well balanced and responded well to handler. 3 Folke's Symbol of Most Majestic at Dacfolke (imp. Hun)

J (5) 1 Barrowclough's Shadowess Enchanted Dream, 17 month plainly marked tri who doesn't have a lot in the way of glamorous markings so has to rely on her super construction. Her front is text book with well laid back shoulder and appropriate upper arm, stands on well boned legs and neat feet, level topline leading to good sweep over the loin and well angulated rear. Moves as all this suggests she should with reach and drive. Her head handles well, clean and well moulded, ears well placed. Arched neck of good length. Would prefer her to be a little more feminine in outlook and needs to settle in her showmanship and realise how nice she is. 2 Macstanryn Rainbow Blu 3 Winfield's Oakcroft Amazing Star

Y (6) 1 Bray's Lianbray Lucy Locket (J.W) 21 month pale gold s/w who is full of feminine charm. Loved her clean well moulded head, flat skull and well rounded muzzle, well placed stop, dark well shaped and placed eye, neat ears all combining to give a super expression. Stands on well boned straight front and neat feet, good upper arm and shoulder, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Level topline, well muscled rear with short neat well let down hocks. Moved effortlessly and with grace. Well set and carried tail. Feel this little lady is rather hard work to show as she can be very reluctant

to stand still and show off her virtues but when she does she presents a pleasing picture of a quality feminine sheltie who could easily do a days work. In super coat and very well presented. Shortlisted for CC 2 Waldren's Philhope Just Precious at Frecia, 23 month s/w pretty young lady similar in type to 1st. Sweet feminine head and expression. Construction is okay both fore and aft. Nice reach of neck, level topline. Nice round bone for her size, moved soundly but not with the grace of 1st. In decent coat which I felt could have been a little better presented. 3 Raaff's Stormraven Shadowswift

N (6) 1 Jaelis Mystique Realism 2 Mohnesee Ria'ly a Dream 3 Haensel's Frecia Blue Saffire at Sherkarl

G (6) 1 Mayhew's Sandwick Saffron Gold, almost 21/2 years old I last judged this ultra feminine golden s/w when she was 6 months so was pleased to have the opportunity to see her again. Feel she is going to be a real laster as she is still very immature in body but the essentials are all still there. Is lovely to handle on the table with her wedge shaped head being clean and well moulded, stop well placed and her dark mischievous well placed eye adds to her appeal. Nice ears well set and used. Good construction fore and aft with nicely boned legs and neat feet. Ample reach of neck, level topline and nice sweep over the loins. When she concentrates moves soundly but has a penchant for inspecting the floor at times. Shows nicely to portray a lovely profile. Doesn't have a huge coat but was well presented. Short-listed for CC but still needs another year on her back I think. Still like her very much and hope she continues to mature. 2 Gruszka's Achor's Surprise Himalaya over Samphrey (imp Che) Beautifully coloured b/m who I've admired from ringside but she has taken a long time to mature and coat up but today was in good condition and well presented. Head is a good wedge shape with a well placed eye, ears well placed and used although they could perhaps be a tad smaller but they didn't spoil the overall picture. Well constructed all through with nice bone for her ideal size, moved soundly with drive and well carried tail. Responded well to her handler, showing off her attributes to advantage. 3 Philhope Just Precious at Philhope

PG (5,1) 1 Johnson, Jacob & Jjohnson's Willowthorn Roulette (J.W) This pretty red s/w instantly appeals for her elegant feminine outline. On the table she handles well with well balanced nicely moulded head, well placed dark eye, well placed ears all combining to give a real sheltie expression Adequate angles to her construction which showed in her sound movement, nicely rounded bone for her size. Responds so well to her handler showing off to advantage. Doesn't carry a big coat but she was well presented none the less. 2 Hirst's Sundark Symphony in Suede, Tri girl typical, of this kennels stock, Well constructed as to be expected with good shoulder and upperarm, straight front with well rounded bone, level topline, well set and carried tail, moved soundly Head handled well. In good coat well presented, just not as feminine as 1st 3 Standlick's Macstanryn Back to Black at Mountmoor

MID L (4,1) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee's Meliya, quality Tri girl with lovely rich tan who instantly appeals for her shapely elegant outline. On the table she has a feminine head that handles well, perhaps a little deeper in stop than some but still within standard, eye is dark and well placed, ears neat and well used., all combining to give a true sheltie expression, well arched neck of good length. Shoulders well laid back with decent upperarm. Straight front, well boned, good depth of chest, level topline leading to nice sweep over the loin. Well muscled rear with nice bend of stifle. Well set and carried tail. Moved as her construction suggested she should. Straight and true in front with super reach and her hind action complimented this with her short well let down hocks powering her around the ring with ease. Can be a bit of a fidgit when showing off her charms but today she behaved beautifully. Doesn't carry a huge coat but what she has fits her to enhance her super shape. RES CC. 2 Robinson's Dippersmoor Dazzling Star (JW) Another quality girl from the top drawer who I have admired from the ringside. Beautifully presented plain coloured s/s/w who again owns a most attractive outline and is so well balanced all through. Head is delightfully feminine with a gorgeous dark well placed eye, ears are ideal size well set and used to advantage. Spot on for size she has lovely round bone and is well constructed both fore and aft. Level topline, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Moved soundly but just not so ground covering as 1st. Was nit picking really as had to find a preference between these two super girls. 3 Standlick's Macstanryn Cosmic Girl

L (8) 1 Achor's Surprise Himalaya over Samphrey (imp Che) 2 Haensel's Philhope SummerTime To Sherkarl (JW) S/w girl in profuse coat that was beautifully presented. Head is clean and well moulded with good foreface. Eye is well placed but would prefer it to be a tad darker. Ears neat and well placed. Decent reach of neck, level topline, well muscled rear, tail well set and carried correctly. Moved okay in profile and in rear but would prefer more positive front action. 3 Hirst's Sundark Spirit Mistress

O (5,1) 1 Forbes' Degallo Blonde Ambition Quality s/w of ideal size who was beautifully presented and again has instant appeal for her elegant outline. Handles so well on the table, her head is a clean wedge shape with well placed stop and flat skull, eye is dark and well placed, ears neat and used constantly. Front angles correct matched by her well muscled rear with short well bent stifles and neat let down hocks. Super reach of neck carried proudly. Moved soundly. Showed so well and responded well to her handler. 2 Raaf's Ch. Molson Miss Congeniality for Stormraven, This quality girl was in the most gorgeous coat and condition and was groomed to perfection. For me personally she is up to size but can understand why she is a CH. Her construction is second to none, she has super bone for her size good reach of neck which perhaps makes her look taller than she is, level topline and nice sweep over the loin. Moved well as her construction indicated she would. On the table although her head is clean with well placed stop her eye for me could be a smaller better shape. Couldn't match the femininity of 1st. 3 Smiths Prince of Sunlight I Got You Babe (imp Hun)

SPECIAL O S/W (4) 1 James' Valmay In Vogue (JW) Mature s/w who appeals for her balanced outline in profile, a slightly stronger girl who could definitely do a days work, but is still within size. Head is nice to handle with a flat skull and well placed stop, eye is well placed, dark and well pigmented. Ears neatly placed. Arched well muscled neck carried proudly. Construction was A1 especially in front and she moved accordingly with reach and drive with the minimum of effort. Showed so well to enhance her profile and was nicely handled. 2 Haensel's Philhope Summer Highlights at Sherkarl Another profusely coated s/w from this kennel who was beautifully presented. Feminine head to handle with flat skull and well filled foreface, neat ears but would prefer them to be placed a little higher. Stands on well boned legs and nice neat feet. Good construction fore and aft, well muscled rear, tail well set and carried, moved soundly. Preferred the outline of 1st. 3 Ritchie's Jaelisb Mystique Reality (JW)

SPECIAL O B/M (2) 1 Standlick's CH. Lavika Lagoon Blue of Macstanryn, this quality b/m is a lovely colour well broken with black and enhanced by her sparkling whites. Her head is a classic wedge well moulded with correctly placed stop. Foreface is well filled. Her blue eyes are nicely shaped and placed ears well set and used all combined to give a lovely feminine expression Well made fore and aft with super reach of neck and level topline. Obviously loves her young handler and was eager to please and although she moved soundly she was full of the joys of spring and was a bit happy with her tail today. 2 Ricketts Zaldun Bombay Sapphire completely different type to 1st being much shorter coupled so therefore not the elegance in outline. Decently constructed with nice bone for her size and moved okay In decent coat well presented.

SPECIAL O TRI (5:1abs) 1 Hardy's Sandwick A La Mode, This young lady appealed as soon as she walked into the ring, she just exuded quality, do not think I have seen her before but she made the hairs stand up on the back of my neck and I just hoped she pleased on examination and she did. Her head is delightful, feminine wedge shape with level planes flat skull and well placed stop. Foreface well filled with nice underjaw. Dark well set eye with good pigmentation. Ears of good size well placed and just tipped all combining to give the desired sheltie expression so much harder to achieve with a tri. Ample reach of neck well arched and carried proudly. Front is so well made with good lay back of shoulder and excellent upper arm. Stands on well boned straight front. Good depth of chest and spring of ribs, level topline, well set and carried tail of good length. Rear angulation as good as her front with short well let down hocks and decent bend of stifle. Movement was as expected, straight and true in front and with drive from the rear enabling her to cover the ground with the minimum of effort. Her jet black coat gleamed with every hair sparkling and although she was a little short of furnishings over her rear it didn't detract for me but was what lost her B.I.S. as the dog was in full coat. But was pleased to award her what I was told later is her 2nd CC and am sure she won't,

or at least she shouldn't wait long for that magic 3rd. 2 Sundark Symphony in Suede 3 Sundark Spirit
Mistress

Judge - Mrs Lyn Roberts