

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Queensland.
Championship Show 19th September 2015

I would like to thank the Club for their kind invitation to judge this Specialty Show. I appreciated the privilege of judging an entry of quality dogs and I hope you read the following critique in the manner I offer it. The exhibitors accepted their placements gracefully and the quality and presentation of the dogs was excellent. A general observation on the breed. The standard is very precise on height, but I found many exhibits over size. This was taken into consideration with my placings. Many of the exhibits had short, steep upper arms and many had short tails. I know that the tail length is only a cosmetic concern but a tail of correct length and carried correctly contributes to the beautiful flowing outline. The hospitality was wonderful and my hosts Graham Kerr & Brian Dowse were superb.

Pam Douglas

BABY PUPPY DOG

1st 1. MALIDDIE WIZZARD OF MERLOT.

4 month blue baby dog of correct body proportions. He has an elegant head for age of correct proportions. His eyes and ears are of correct size, shape and placement. His neck leads down into a shoulder which could be better laid. Upper arm is of good length. He moved well coming and going, however I would have preferred to have seen his merling better broken up along with more reach and drive as he went around the ring. Handled and presented well.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX BABY PUPPY.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st 2. HARTLY HOW ABOUT ME.

8 month sable dog puppy with correct eyes and ears. His back is level which then runs into a graceful sweep over his loin and into his well low set tail that could have been a little longer. He moved close coming and going. A better laid shoulder and more angulation in his hind quarter would have enhanced his reach and drive as he went around the ring. Very well presented and handled.

BEST MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW.

PUPPY DOG

1st 4. EGEADAH WILL I AM

10 month sable dog who appeals standing on the table and who shows a graceful outline with everything in proportion. He has an elegant head and a refined, sweet expression. He has good forequarter and hindquarter angulation. Well ribbed back. His back is level and he has a well laid croup. His tail is of very good length. He moves well coming and going. Moved well around the ring.

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

2nd 3. LEARICK LITE MY FIRE

11 ½ month blue dog who has good body proportions. Has a pleasing head. Would prefer to see more angulation in his forequarters and hindquarters. His tail is of good length. He crossed coming but moved correctly going. Moved adequately around the ring.

3rd 5. ARAJENTO GOLD SMITH

11 month sable with a pleasing head and expression. Forequarter a little straight. He is well ribbed back leading into well angulated hindquarters. Crossed coming and going. Well presented and handled.

JUNIOR DOG

1st 7. AMBERMOON WHOZ THE BOSS

16 month sable dog whose head was superior to the dog I placed second. His height to length ratio is correct. On the table he stood very close in front, but his shoulder assembly is acceptable with a well laid shoulder and upper arm. His chest is down to his elbow. He is very well ribbed back with an excellent croup and tail set. His tails reaches his hock. He was very unsettled in his movement but I managed to assess that he moved true coming and going and around the ring.

BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW.

2nd 6. CH. CHARMHILL JACQUESCARTIER

17 month old sable dog who had a two piece head. His ears were correctly shaped and placed. His forequarters are well angulated. His back leads into a short, steep croup and his tail could be a better length to reach his hock. He was very unbalanced in his movement. Well presented and handled.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1st 11. CH. SHELSIAN THE TRAVELLER

2years 6 month old sable dog. This male has a very sweet expression. His head when viewed from the side was made up of two parallel straight planes and when viewed from the front it resembled a blunt wedge. He had a slight stop, which was correctly placed in conjunction with his eyes. His ears are small and are correctly spaced and placed. He has a good reach of neck, slightly arched leading down into shoulders well laid back and well angulated to the upper arm. His height to length ratio is correct. He has a slight rise over his short loin. His chest is down to elbow and his ribs are well sprung. He has a correctly laid croup and a very good tail set and carriage. It just reaches the hock. Once settled he moved very well coming, going and around. His temperament should be steadier.

RESERVE DOG CC. He lost out to the eventual CC winner by not being able to settle in the run off for Best Dog.

BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW.

2nd 12. CH. JAEMIST MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

21 month old tricolour dog whose head was reasonable but his stop was a little accentuated. His height to length is correct. His almond eyes are medium size and his ears are correctly placed. His croup is a little flat and his tail could be longer to reach his hock. He moved well coming and going and around the ring.

3rd 8. MALLARABA MINDREADER

27 month old sable dog with correct head proportions. Expression would have been much sweeter given a better ear placement. His shoulder is of good length, however his upper arm could be longer. He is well ribbed back and could have more length in his tail. He was good going away but a little close coming. Would have preferred to see more reach and drive going around the ring. Well presented and handled.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1st 14. ELECTRO SPECIAL ATTRACTION

27 month old sable dog who is very well balance, height to length. His head planes are correct with well placed eyes and ears. He has very good front and hind angulation. His tail is very short. He moves well coming and going and covers the ground well moving around the ring.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW.

OPEN DOG

1st 16. SUP CH. LYDREAM STRICKLY SPEAKING

4 year old sable dog who along with the dog placed second, caught my eye when they first went around the ring. This dog only let himself down by having a head which is slightly too deep through. His ears are small and are correctly spaced and placed. He has a good reach of neck, leading down into shoulders which are well laid back and well angulated to the upper arm. His height to length ratio is correct. He has a slight rise over his short loin. His chest is down to elbow and his ribs are well sprung. He has a correctly laid croup and a very good tail set and carriage. He won this class on his effortless gait which showed daisy-cutting action. Beautiful harmony in gait.

CHALLENGE DOG

RUNNER UP TO BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

BEST OPPOSITE SEX OPEN IN SHOW

2nd 15. SUP CH. KELANMEE RICHLIY DECKED

5 year old sable dog who appealed instantly to me on entering the ring along with the dog in first place. His ears are small and are correctly spaced and placed. He has a good reach of neck, slightly arched leading down into correctly laid shoulder well laid back and upper arm. His height to length ratio is correct. His back is level leading to a slight rise over his short loin. His chest is down to elbow and his ribs are well sprung. He has a correctly laid croup and a very good tail set and carriage. It reaches the hock. He moved well coming and going.

3rd 17. CH. LEARICK LIQUORICE ALL SORTS

7 year old dog who has a head of good proportions, but whose eye is a little round. Very good ear placement and shape. Forequarter and hindquarter angulation correct. Height to length proportions correct. His tail is of good length. He moved close going but correct coming.

VETERAN DOG

1st 20. SUP CH. TIAKINA TILYABLUINTHFACE

9 year old beautifully broken up blue merle whose head is a little narrow. His eye and ear shape is correct. His forequarters are a little steeply laid. He is well ribbed back. His tail set is a little high and length a little short. He moves close behind going but correct coming. Very responsive to his owner, beautifully presented and handled.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX VETERAN IN SHOW

BEST DOG

16. SUP CH. LYDREAM STRICKLY SPEAKING

RESERVE BEST DOG

11. CH. SHELSIAN THE TRAVELLER

BABY PUPPY BITCH

1st 22. MAZARELLI TINKERBELL WISHES

4 month blue baby bitch who has well broken up colour on show side. This puppy appealed standing on the table. She has a very graceful outline, everything in proportion. Her head is elegant and refined with almond shaped eyes that are obliquely set showing her very sweet expression. She has very good forequarter and hindquarter angulation. Her level back runs into a graceful sweep over the loin. Her croup slopes gracefully to rear with a well placed tail. She has harmony in gait for one so young. Moved well coming, going and around. Very Promising Baby.

BABY PUPPY IN SHOW.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1st 23. RAWUCH BLUE MAGIC

9 month blue puppy whose colour could be better. She has a balanced outline. Her head shows correctly placed eyes and ears. Her shoulders are reasonably laid however her upper arm could have more length. Her tail was well placed but could be longer. Would have preferred to see more fore quarter and hindquarter angulation. Going around the ring, her side gait was somewhat restricted. Presented well with a pleasing temperament.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW.

PUPPY BITCH

1st 24. HARTLY CONSTANT COMMENT

11 month very pretty sable bitch who has a balanced outline and correct height to length ratio. Her head is refined with correct shape and placement of eyes and ears. She has very good front angulation, with a level back leading into a well placed croup. Her tail is of a very good length. She moved a little close behind but was good coming and moved well around the ring.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd 27. GLOSINIA FIRECRACKER

10 month sable bitch whose head and expression was correct. She has a well angulated forequarter leading into a correct topline and croup. Well set tail. She moved well coming and going.

3rd 26. WILSONIA WHY NOT TRI

9 month tricolour bitch of good colour. Would prefer more strength in her head as it is rather fine. Her shoulder blade was of a reasonable length however her upper arm was rather short and steep. She moved OK going however was not balanced in profile whilst moving around the ring. Possessed a steady calm temperament.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st 30. TACBRAVE VELEVT ARIUS

18 month tricolour bitch with a very pleasing head and expression. Her shoulder blade is of good length and lay but her upper arm is rather short. She has a correct topline. Her hindquarter angulation is balanced with her forequarter. Her tail reaches the hock and she moved well coming and going.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX JUNIOR IN SHOW

2nd 29. TESSKATEL SHELLBY ROSE

13 month sable bitch well up to size. She has a pleasing head and expression. Her height to length ratio was not correct. She has excellent front angulation with corresponding hindquarter. Her croup is well laid and her tail set is correct. She moved well coming and going.

3rd 28. HORTONPARK SIMPLY SPICE

13 month sable bitch who left her coat in the wardrobe. Her head is very pleasing which would be improved further with mane and furnishings. Her forequarter angulation is correct as is her hindquarter. She has a very good tail set. Very balanced movement.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1st 31. CH. KELANMEE TREASURED TIMEPIECE (AI)

2 year sable bitch with a very appealing head and expression made up of well shaped eyes and correctly placed ears. She has correct forequarter angulation. Her topline is correct leading into a correct croup and tail set. Her tail just reaches the hock. She moved well coming and going and around the ring.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW

2nd 37. CH. TIAKINA THAT'S FOR ME TO KNOW

18 month blue bitch who has a good head and expression. Her shoulder blade is of good length but her upper arm is too short. Her back leads into a slightly steep croup. Her body length is a little long. Hindquarters are well angulated. She moved correct coming and going, however she could have moved with more reach and drive in her forequarter as she went around the ring.

3rd 36. AMBERMOON FASHIONED IN SABLE

30 month old sable bitch with good head and expression. Her neck is a little short leading into steep forequarters. Her top line, croup and tail set appeared correct on the table, however when moving around the ring she did not hold her topline well. Nicely presented and handled well.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1st 43. CH. GAVEND WHISPERS OV GOLD

4 year old sable bitch who appealed standing on the table. Her head is very pleasing with correctly placed and shaped eyes and ears. She has excellent angulation in forequarters and hindquarters. She is well ribbed back. Her top line is correct running into a well laid croup. She moves very well coming and going and displayed good reach and drive as she went around the ring.

BEST AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW

2nd 39. CH. HARTLY SIMPLE PLEASURES

3 year old sable bitch who has a very pretty appealing head. Her eyes and ears are correctly placed. Her top line is correct leading into a well laid croup. She moved well coming and going and around the ring

3rd 41. MALLARABA MONICA TO SERVE

5 ½ year old sable bitch who has a good head. Her shoulder blade is well laid but her upper arm is a little steep. Her topline and croup are correct. She has a rather short tail and would have preferred to have seen much stronger movement as she went around the ring. Presented and handled well.

OPEN BITCH**1st 45. SUP CH. KELANMEE AUTUMN ARIA**

7 year old sable bitch who appealed immediately, as she entered the ring. She has a very graceful outline, everything in proportion, nothing out of sequence. Her head is elegant and refined with a very sweet expression and is carried proudly by a muscular, well arched neck. If I could change anything about her, I would prefer a closer scissor bite. Her almond eyes are obliquely set. Her ears are of correct shape. Her shoulder is well laid and her upper arm is well angled. Her chest reaches her elbow and she has well sprung tapering ribs. Her hindquarter angulation matches her forequarters. Her back is level and runs into a graceful sweep over the loin and her croup slopes gracefully to rear. Her tail was well placed but could be a tad longer. She covers the maximum ground with a minimum of effort with great reach in front and exhibits smooth, graceful drive. Beautiful harmony in gait. A very pleasing bitch.

CHALLENGE BITCH**BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW****BEST OPEN IN SHOW****2nd 46. SUP CH. HARTLY SHINE ON ME**

4 year old sable bitch with a very pretty head with a sweet expression. Her shoulder is well laid but her upper arm is a little steep. Her top line, tail and croup are correct. Her tail reaches her hock. When she moves she lifts her front feet a little high, not the daisy cutting action I was looking for. Presented and handled well.

3rd 48. GAVEND YA MONEY MAAM

3 1/2 year sable bitch with correct height to length ratio. Her eyes and ears are correct. She has an excellent forequarter but her ribs are slightly barrelled rather than being well sprung. Her topline runs into a well laid croup. Would prefer to see more angulation in her hindquarter and her tail does not reach her hock. Presented and handled well.

VETERAN BITCH**1st 50. CH. AMBERMOON SUMMER FANTASY**

8 year old beautiful sable bitch who also appealed immediately, standing on the table. She has a very graceful outline, with correct height to length ratio. Her head is elegant and refined with a very sweet expression. Her almond eyes are obliquely set and her ears are of correct shape. Her shoulder is well laid and her upper arm is well angled. Her chest reaches her elbow and she is well ribbed back. Her hindquarter angulation matches her forequarters. Her back is level and runs into a graceful sweep over the loin and her croup slopes gracefully to rear. Her tail was well placed and is of good length. She covers the ground with great reach and drive. She exhibits true daisy cutting action. A very pleasing bitch.

RESERVE BITCH C.C**BEST VETERAN IN SHOW****BEST BITCH****45. SUP CH. KELANMEE AUTUMN ARIA****RESERVE BEST BITCH****50. CH. AMBERMOON SUMMER FANTASY**

NEUTER BITCH

1st 51. CH NEUTER ELECTRO CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

6 year blue bitch who is a little overweight. Her head and expression appealed. Her height to length ratio is correct. Her forequarter and hindquarter angulation is pleasing and she has a correct tail set. Her tail reaches the hock. She moves well coming, a little close going.

BEST NEUTER BITCH

51. CH NEUTER ELECTRO CATCH ME IF YOU CAN