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Victoria

1999 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

To Members of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of WA.

I express my sincere appreciation for the invitation to judge your Championship Show. Both Joan and I had a wonderful time.

I would like to congratulate the Exhibitors on their wonderful sportsmanship towards each other and the acceptance of my decisions.

It should be remembered that a Judge merely interprets the Standard to the best of his or her ability and the same dogs may be placed differently on another day.

Coat, movement and showmanship on any one day can and does alter results.

I was agreeably surprised with the Quality of exhibits. You have retained the harshness of coats, which has been largely lost in some of the other States. The movement of your dogs is also better than the average in many other areas of Australia. You have retained the best qualities of expression and some wonderful length in the tails.

A word of caution would be that some of your bitches are losing their femininity due to oversize.

Generally I was happy with my winners and Best in Show.

I look forward to meeting you all again, certainly no later than your 2003 National.

Thank you again for being such good hosts.

John A Hoare

CRITIQUES

BABY PUPPY DOG

1. **Lurikeen Blue Tie Affair**

A well-balanced 3 1/2 months blue merle. Head proportions need to improve. Skull needs to widen to balance muzzle. Correct almond eye. Ears set on top of head tipping forward. Correct lay of shoulder. Adequate turn of stifle. Large black splashes which hopefully will dissipate as he matures. Moves smoothly for his age and reaches out.

Critiques (cntd)

PUPPY DOG

- Best PUP*
4. **Kismet Korouroy Kid**
An 8 months old sable. A compact dog but with correct length to height ratio and well balanced. The muzzle and expression are a little too strong but this should not be as noticeable with maturity. Moves well with good extension a very appealing young specimen and well worthy of RC on the day.
5. **Kismet Kalico Capers**
An 8 months old sable. Longer than my 1st placegetter and not as well balanced. Temperament let him down today and affected his movement. He has a sweeter expression and more refined in the head than the 1st. Great length of tail on this dog.

JUNIOR DOG

6. **Sunland Strike Force**
Overall correct type of dog, but lacks animation. Correctly set ears. Lacks strength through the thighs. Moves correctly but without extension. Overall style an attractive dog.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

7. **Ch Lurikeen Lord Oth Pipers**
2 yr old compact dog with adequate length of body. Well-balanced head. Ears well placed and good when he uses them, unfortunately he is reluctant to use them. Well coated. Strong through the hindquarters. Lacks extension when moving and toeing in slightly in front movement.
8. **Jessenda Magic Beau**
21 months old. Longer dog than the 1st. A wide ear placement. Not nearly as strong as the 1st through the hind quarters and his movement lets him down.

STATE BRED DOG

11. **Ch Tiakina Tri Gone Mouldy**
4 yr old well coated and well marked merle. A balanced dog. Beautiful almond eyes and strong underjaw. Excellent length of neck. Good rear extension when moving although a slightly flying tail. What a pity this exhibit was let down in the Challenge line up by an inexperienced handler.
10. **Kismet Tartan**
2 1/2 yr old. A well balanced dog with excellent expression and nice flat cheeks. Lacked the bone of the 1st dog. However he moved well, although he was a little fidgety when standing.

Critiques (cntd)

State Bred Dog (cntd)

12. **Kydato Kalari King**

19 months old dog. The head balance was not as good as the first two placegetters. Overall did not have the same quality as the first two.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

13. **Ch Tiakina Tri Bfore Ya Buy**

5 yr old. Striking Tri Colour. Well balanced head qualities. Excellent expression, dark eyes and almond shaped. Strong underjaw. Used his ears well. His head displayed very clear parallel planes. Adequate length of neck. Level top line lacks a little in body substance. Good turn of stifle, croup nicely sloping. Well moving dog with good extension. A very worthy CC and

* Best in Show winner.

14. **Arajento Affair Warning**

22 months old sable dog. Did not have the head qualities of the 1st and could have had more width of skull. The height also gave him an unbalanced appearance. Did not move with the same freedom as the 1st.

OPEN DOG

17. **Gr Ch Koniseur Kingofth Castle**

The first two dogs were superior in this class. My winner was a 5 yr old sable who was somewhat longer in body than the 2nd. His head qualities were evident excellent parallel lines on skull and muzzle. Flat cheeks. Uses his ears well, which were set on top of his skull. A little up on size for me and his coat was not in its best condition. Moved well with good extension. Well-bent stifle with nice sloping croup.

18. **Ch Sunland Salute To Patsy**

A 6 year old sable dog. Heavier in the head than the 1st and without the same refinement. Tending towards heavy ears and thus could not use them as well as the 1st. A good moving dog, but unfortunately his head qualities let him down. The overall dog had better balance than the 1st.

15. **Ch Hillacre Handsom Heir**

A 4 1/2 yr old dog worthy of his 3rd place but not up to quality of the first two. A very sweet expression almost too much for a dog. His smaller size in the Open Class is also a problem. Let himself down with loose movement and does not stride out. Very well coated.

Critiques (Cntd)

BABY PUPPY BITCH

20. Rokel Royal Gem

Very attractive compact 3 months old sable. Unfortunately at this stage she has heavy ears but these should adjust as she matures. Would like a little more length in the muzzle. Well placed dark almond eyes. Should have a promising career.

19. Lurikeen Light My Fire

A 4 months old sable bitch, whose height concerned me. She may slow down in her growth. A longer bitch than my 1st. Her muzzle is a little fine. She has a good ear set. She moves out well. She should have a promising Show career if she doesn't accelerate in growth.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

21. Kismet Crown Jewel

7 1/2 months sable bitch with a very sweet expression. Good head proportions. Uses her ears well. Excellent should angle. Good bone. A little high on the rump but this is caused to a degree the way the handler has set her. Unfortunately she is still a little loose in movement. However she has a promising career with a promising handler who could teach some older handlers how to use the ring.

PUPPY BITCH

22. Arajento Affair Trememba

9 months old sable. Very feminine and a clear winner. Good length to height ratio. Lovely refined sweet expression. Ears set high on skull and uses them well. Good length of neck. Excellent depth of chest. Let herself down on the move by not stretching out with extension at the rear. Overall presents a lovely picture. An excellent RC Winner.

24. Melbadonna Angel Face

11 months old sable. Compact bitch who appears a little short in upper arm. Does not have the same head qualities as the 1st and has a wide ear set, however she does use them. Moves reasonably well. Lacks the quality and presentation of the 1st.

23. Melbadonna Mystic

11 months old sable. Similar to the 2nd but has better head proportions. She does not move as well as the 2nd and also let herself down with her temperament.

Critiques (Cntd)

JUNIOR BITCH

25. Tryme Not Negotiable

11 months old sable. A good outline with height to length ratio correct. Lacks sweetness in the head for a bitch. Slightly cow hock when standing and toes in slightly on the move. Does not move out although her handler could move her a little faster. Good abundance and quality of coat.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

28. Sunland Spice Girl

21 months old sable compact bitch. Good head qualities lovely dark almond eyes. Ears a little wide set but uses them well adequate length of neck and good angulation and depth of chest. Excellent turn of stifle. Did not do herself justice on the move in her class but became alive in the Challenge line * up and was a very clear CC winner.

STATE BRED BITCH

29. Tiakina Thbride Wore Blu

11 months old Blue Merle. Excellent head qualities. Correctly placed almond eyes. Ears on top of the skull and uses them well. Excellent length to height ratio. Perfect front angulation. Good sloping croup and well bent stifle. Does stand under herself a little. Today she is clearly favouring a leg, which unfortunately spoils her on the move.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

30. Arajento Autumn Song

Almost 3 yr old Sable compact bitch that gives the impression of being a little stuffy. Head qualities reasonable but strong. Nice dark almond eye. Small ears that tip neatly. Lacks neck reasonable front angulation. Excellent coat. Very good movement for length of body with good rear extension. One of the better moving bitches.

OPEN BITCH

32. Ch Kismet Sweet Sensations

Well up on size bitch 3 yr old sable. Her height detracts a little in her outline. However has sweet expression. Correct ear placement. Wonderful length of neck. Good front angulation little high over the croup. On the move has great rear extension but toes in a little in front. Overall presents a picture of a strong bitch.

Critiques (Cntd)

Open Bitch (Cntd)

33. Kismet Harmony N Blu

3 1/2 yr old Blue Merle. Pushed the 1st placegetter however let herself down on the move. A compact bitch. Reasonable head qualities and correct almond eyes. Has good year placement. Is a little short on neck.

34. Sunland Suzies Salute

4 yr old sable. Badly out of coat and it was not her day. The lack of coat accentuated her height and conveyed a lack of balance. Looks ungainly when moving. Would need to be in full coat to give her a chance.

VETERANS

36. Ch Ringslade Kiss Me Pat (Imp UK)

11 yr old sable bitch whose movement would put some of the younger ones to shame. Feminine head qualities and used her ears, which were set on top of her skull. Presented in good coat and condition for her age and a credit to her owner.

35. Ch Nigma Coriander

Almost 8 yr old sable dog who has found a good paddock in which to retire. Not the same head qualities as the 1st and weight did not allow him to do himself justice on the move.
