Critiques from SSC Championship Show

***TOONEYBANK FLY TO THMOON**

Tri colour with full white collar, well balanced with good attitude. Straight bone and lovely rear angulation, giving him good drive. Level topline, but a little squared off over the croup. A very promising baby.

PUPPY DOG

KONISEUR KALM BFORTH STORM

Another lovely tri at 11 mths, with good black colour and rich tan. A dark, almond shaped eye with quality head and expression. Excellent neck and topline with good slope of croup, complementing good turn of stifle. I would like a better shoulder angulation. Still needs to develop in chest. Has lovely rear drive and a great attitude. Great outline. This puppy will have a blg future!

KISMET FINAL EDITION

A well coated sable with an excellent temperament as his tail never stopped wagging. Sweet expression with good underjaw, quality head and lovely ears. Topline could be better as he was slightly high in rump. Moves well going, but front movement a little loose. Still needs to develop in chest.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

SUNLAND MILLENIUM MAN

A golden/red sable well balanced with pleasing outline. Beautiful breed type with excellent head properties. Dark, almond shaped eye, combined to give that melting sheltie expression. Not in his best coat yet, but this dog has a big future. Moved well coming and going. Would like a little more neck and angulation all round. This dog has a typical sheltie nature. A real little gentleman!

LURIKEEN BLUE TIE AFFAIR

Good size, blue with rich tan although merling has large black patches. Very good neck and topline, with good slope of croup. Short tail spoils his outline. Good shoulder angulation, needs more turn of stifle. Lovely flat backskull, bumpy over bridge of nose but still displaying a sweet expression. Nice movement coming and going. Unsettled today, possibly due to being indoors.

STATE BRED DOG

CH. TIAKINA TRI GONE MOULDY

A flashy blue with well broken-up merling and good tan. Good head with correct eye shape and placement. Nicely arched neck. He carries his tail high at times. Well balanced with good angulation front and rear. Would like his front legs to be straighter

viewed front on. It was hard to comment on his movement today due to him limping. With his conformation I believe this dog would move quite nicely.

<u>AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG</u>

*CH. KISMET KOROUROY KID BLE

A masculine sable, up to size, but displaying correct balance and outline, carrying a well fitting coat. Excellent length of neck and body shows off his great topline and slope of croup. Excellence of angulation both in shoulder and stiffe, giving him his smooth, graceful gate, with reach and drive. His head displays level planes, good stop and correct underjaw, with a lovely almond shaped eye, topped off with good ear carriage. A beautiful dog with a gentle sheltle nature. Should go along way in his show career.

CH. HILLACRE HANDSOM HEIR

A very sweet, sable of good size. Carrying a magnificent coat which was excellently groomed and in good condition. A head and expression that displays excellent sheltie type. Full round muzzle, smooth face, good underjaw, correct eye and level planes. Used his ears well. Would like more neck and his shoulder angulation isn't his fortune. Level topline and good slope of croup. Moving a little close behind.

CH. LURIKEEN LORD OTH PIPERS

An attractive shaded sable carrying a quality coat and of good size. He has a lovely smooth fore-face with well rounded muzzle and good underjaw. He has a deeper stop giving him a rounder eye. Moves well in front. Would like more neck and a better topline. He was not happy being shown inside today.

OPEN DOG

CH. SUNLAND SALUTE TO PATSY

Shaded sable of good size, well balanced with very good neck and topline. A very good mover, who reaches and drives due to correct angulation. He has good strength of muzzle and underjaw, although I would prefer a more almond shaped eye. He was not too keen to show on the day but was beautifully handled.

GRD. CH. KONISEUR KINGOFTH CASTLE

This shaded sable was so well trained with a wonderful temperament. A larger dog with good outline, sweet expression due to correct eye and good stop. Would like a bit of arch to his neck, although it is long enough. Has lovely rear angulation with good drive, not quite the reach in front as the winner. Another dog beautifully handled.

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BABY PUPPY BITCH

* ARAJENTO LOTSASLAPNTICKLE

Miss personality plus at only 3 ½ mths. Cheeky sable baby with lovely head and expression, Good neck and topline with strength of bone. Great rear angulation. Needs better shoulder angulation and spring of pastern. Moves well for her age and has heaps of potential.

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STARFLASH CHINA DOLL

Very feminine, clear blue and well broken-up merie baby. Lovely level planes, good eye and sweet expression. Could have more underjaw. Her topline isn't looking good today. Nicely angled shoulder and stiffe, covering the ground well for her age. Looks like she'll have a good coat when she's older. Very promising baby.

PUPPY BITCH

* ARAJENTO LEATHER N LACE RUBIS

A very feminine bitch with excellent neck and topline, balance and angulation. Very good head properties with strength of underjaw, nice dark, almond shaped eye, flat backskull and very neat ears. Very good movement coming and going, with a smooth, graceful sidegait. Carrying a well fitting coat. She showed well but was naughty at times. Her quality over shadowed her misbehavior.

JUNIOR BITCH

SUNLAND SELEBRATION

A flashy red sable, out of coat today. Very smooth face with good underjaw and well rounded muzzle. Good ears, arch of neck and level topline. A square bitch that needs more length of body. Lacking in angulation all round, although moving coming and going very good. Not as feminine as I would like.

TIAKINA THE BLACK BY JACK

A good sized, feminine tri colour with nice outline. Has good neck and topline, using her ears well. She needs more strength of muzzle and underjaw. Lovely black coat but tan is pale. Too much lift in her front making her movement very choppy. Has good turn of stifle.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

MELBADONNA ANGELFACE

A golden sable with sweet expression, good eye, muzzle and underjaw. Level planes and good ears. She needs more neck and her topline could be better. A lovely long tail and good coat. Would like more angulation all round.

STATE BRED BITCH

CH. SUNLAND SHES SO FINE

Flashy red sable, up on size, with lovely outline. Well balanced with good neck and topline. Excellent angulation. Not as feminine in head, but has good muzzle and underjaw. Recedes slightly in backskull. Very good movement coming and going. Covering maximum amount of ground, with minimum lift in front and good drive from behind.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

KONISEUR KLAUDIA SCHIFFER

A very attractive merle with excellent blue, well broken-up, with rich tan. Pleasing outline with arch and length of neck, level topline and graceful sweep over loin and croup. Good angulation in front and rear giving her a balanced side gait. Sweet expression with good muzzle and underjaw. Used her ears well. Good movement coming and going, although she needs to develop in chest as she is only 11 mths. This puppy has a big future!

OPEN BITCH

TIAKINA TRACED IN LACE

Well balanced, feminine blue with lovely tan and good merling. Sweet expression, with correct eye and lovely ears. Would like more underjaw. Very good neck and topline and good angulation. Moves well coming and going, has a smooth side gait although she could have more reach and drive.

GLENMIRA ANASTASIA

A good sized, golden sable with a sweet, feminine expression. Good muzzle, underjaw and level planes. Correct eye and ear carriage. Nicely arched neck, could have more length. Higher over the rump but has good tall set. Moves close coming and going, but side gait good due to good angulation.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to see your lovely dogs first hand. Even though the quantity is small, the quality is quite high My winners could match it with the best back home.

We need to work together to fix the short necks, straight shoulder angulation and square bodies. Heads and expressions are improving all the time, but we must keep our boys masculine and girls feminine, I noticed some coarseness creeping into your bitches. These, of course, are only my opinions, but I do hope there are others that share my concerns.

I really love this little breed and their best interests will always be in my heart.

Keep up the good work!!

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