

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the exhibitors for their wonderful entry. It was a pleasure to go over so many very lovely dogs & WA exhibitors are to be congratulated on the condition & presentation of their dogs. I was certainly spoilt for choice & there were quite a few hard decisions to be made! As in most places, type was diverse, & I had many classes where there were exhibits with similar depth of quality, but of different types (with this in mind, decisions were made based on measuring the exhibits to the breed standard & not just to the other exhibits). Measuring the exhibits against the standard, I therefore would end up with exhibits of similar quality, but with a variation in type.

I really did enjoy the dinner & getting to know the WA exhibitors better.

I would also like to thank the club for my lovely gift. I didn't open it until I got home, & I thought it was absolutely wonderful & will wear it often!

Critiques:

1 Baby Dog:

1st Arajento Standing Ovation

A lovely four month old, glamorous, sable & white dog. He had flat parallel head planes, a sweet expression, was very well balanced over all, had a good reach of neck, a level topline, a good turn of stifle, & finished with a long tail. This was a very nice puppy & had the promise of a beautiful coat.

2nd Ifonly For The Memories

This glamorous sable & white dog had a sweet expression, lovely dark pigment, & an almond eye. His ears are a little light today, & he didn't have the reach & drive of the 1st place getter. This boy needs to body up a bit more, which should come in time, but was a very nice puppy.

2 Minor Dog:

1st Lyndream Stictly Speaking

This pup shows a lot of promise. Sable & white dog, very glamorous, sweet eye & good ear placement, combined to create a pleasing expression. He had a sound body, level topline, long tail, balanced angulation & the promise of a good coat. Moved out very well & performed to perfection.

2nd Lurikeen The Bare Facts

A plainly marked, sable dog of very good type. He had a well fitting coat, & a sweet expression. He had balanced angulation & level topline. Movement was also very balanced. Another promising boy.

3rd Lurikeen Is It Coz Im Black

A glamorous tri colour dog, very sweet, with well fitting coat (promise of a very big coat), moved down to third place on the day due to immaturity. On the day he was just lacking body, which affected his movement, which is part & parcel of different growth stages of our breed.

3 Puppy Dog:

1st Sunland Suntory

A tri colour dog, in beautiful coat, with a sweet expression, & very good pigment, although I would prefer a slightly flatter skull. This boy lacks maturity, (lacking depth of body & spring of rib at the moment, but this should come), but has all the basics there. A lovely long tail finished him nicely. Covered the ground well.

4 Junior Dog:

1st Arajento At Dash Dot Com (res CC)

A sable & white dog of excellent good type. Balanced throughout, flat, parallel planes, almond shaped eye, & very good expression. He had a good spring of rib, & was quite mature for his age. I perhaps have preferred the tail slightly longer, but he had well let down hocks, & was very sound & balanced on the move. A promising coat, & was a lovely young dog. I was pleased to award him the reserve CC on the day.

2nd Sunland Sacramento

This was a very glamorous sable dog. Very sweet, with a dark almond eye, although I would prefer slightly flatter skull. He was a shapely dog, with a long tail. I would prefer slightly more forequarter angulation, but mainly placed second due to immaturity, just prefer a little more spring of rib & depth of body which should come as he matures. A very nice young boy.

5 Intermediate Dog:

1st Ch Lurikeen Nort Little Secret

A glamorous, abundantly coated, well balanced sable dog. A very sweet expression, & a lovely almond eye. He had a well sprung rib, although I would just like more depth of chest at this stage, but he is only a youngster & may still develop further. His tail was just slightly short of the hock, but he moved very well & really covered the ground well. A very showy boy, who was very responsive to his handler.

2nd Lurikeen Talk Nort To Me

A shaded sable with a lovely head & eye, & a melting expression. He was a shapely dog with a balanced outline & a well fitting coat, although not as abundant as 1st placegetter, it was still a very good coat. Placed 2nd on the day due to slightly less spring of rib. A long tail finished the outline, & he covered the ground effortlessly, a very nice dog. Could have gone either way with these two as they both had different virtues!

6 State Bred Dog:

1st Gr Ch Lurikeen Cort Be Nort

This very glamorous dog, had flat parallel planes, well placed ears, & a dark almond eye. He had well sprung ribs, & a good depth of chest. I would prefer more angulation front & rear, but he covered the ground balanced & evenly. The tail "just" missing the hock. He had a good coat & was a beautiful dog.

2nd Ch Seltastic Eat My Shortz

A glamorous sable & white dog, flat parallel planes, almond eye (prefer slightly darker), & a pleasing expression. He is a shapely, slightly longer dog, with a good forechest (prosterum). Would prefer slightly more spring of rib. He held his outline on the move & really covered the ground, although slightly overreaching. He was finished off nicely with a well fitted coat.

Two very nice dogs

7 Aus Bred Dog:

1st Shelsian Cest La Vie

This was a balanced dog, & was well angulated in front. He had a flat skull, with parallel planes, & an almond eye, although I would prefer a slightly smaller ear. This boy had very muscular quarters, although his tail just shy of his hocks. He had a good, firm topline, & was well bodied up. In very good coat & he covered the ground well on the move.

2nd Ch Arajento Spellbinder

A typey, smaller tri dog, with a pleasing expression, rich tans. Although I would prefer more angulation front & rear, he was a balanced dog, with a firm, level topline & a good coat. He was very balanced on the move.

3rd Kismet So Uwant to See The Wizard

This sable dog had a flat flat skull with parallel planes, & a dark almond eye. I would prefer slightly smaller ears. He had a level topline which was finished off well with a lovely long tail. I would prefer slightly more reach of neck to balance his outline. On the day, he was not as balanced on the move as the other two placegetters.

8 Open Dog:

1st Sup Ch Arajento Calico Kid (CC Dog & BIS)

This was a dark shaded sable dog of excellent type. Exhibiting the desired sweetness of expression, combining flat parallel planes, a soft almond eye, & neat, well placed ears. He had an elegant, flowing outline, & was very balanced throughout. An abundant, well fitting coat of good texture, finished the picture nicely. A real little showman, very responsive to his handler & very sound on the move. A polished performance. This well deserving dog went on to become my CC dog, & ultimately went on to take out top honours winning "Best in Show".

2nd Ch Sunland Secret Liason

This was a balanced dog, although up to size. I would prefer more definition to the stop, & better tipped ears. He had a sweet eye, although I would have preferred slightly more reach of neck to give a shapelier outline. The promise of a good coat is evident & he was very balanced on the move.

Shelsian Double Dare

A very glamorous sable dog, again, I'd prefer a cleaner stop, but he had flat parallel planes & still had a sweet expression. He had an abundant, well fitting coat, & was very balanced on the move.

9 Baby Bitch:

1st Sansar Karma Chameleon

A glamorous 5 month old bitch, with a beautiful head piece. Flat parallel planes, well placed ears, & a dark almond eye. A sweet, shapely puppy, that was well balanced, sound on the move, & had the promise of a very good coat.

2nd Ifonly U Loved My Darkside

A very glamorous, shapely 4 month old puppy. This girl had a very sweet, dark, almond eye. She was very balanced throughout & was very well coated for her age. This was a very good moving puppy with a balanced gait.

3rd Lurikeen Mischief On the Catwalk

This 4 month old, a golden sable baby, with a very sweet expression. She just lacked the maturity of the others. She didn't have the coat of the other two pups, & the others also had the edge on body on the day. A nice, sound moving puppy, showing a lot of promise

This was a class of sweet, feminine girls, & I'm sure they'll have bright future

10 Minor Bitch:

1st Sunland Silk Kimono

This was a shapely, feminine tri colour, with good head & expression, & a nice dark eye. She was an intense black with bright, rich tans. She was very balanced, but, being a youngster, lacks body development at this point in time, so would prefer more spring of rib. This little lady was very balance on the move, covered the very ground well.

11 Puppy Bitch:

Two glamorous, golden sable puppies, very pretty, sweet bitches

1st Ambermoon Farleys Angel

A glamorous, well coated bitch, with the desired sweet expression. She had flat parallel planes, a dark almond eye, & neat well placed ears. A very shapely girl with good forequarters, & prosternum. This girl held outline on the move, & covered the ground effortlessly & balanced. Her coat was fresh, abundant & in pretty puppy bloom.

2nd Kelanmee Decked In Jewels

This was another glamorous bitch. She was very sweet, & typey. A shapely bitch, with balanced angulation. This girl was lovely on the stack, but on the day was being moved slightly too fast & was dropping her head a little & overreaching. This girl was also in very good coat.

12 Junior Bitch:

1st Hartly Shine On Me

A glamorous sable bitch, with very sweet, dark almond eye, flat skull & parallel planes. Down to size & balanced throughout. This little lady was a real little show pony, very animated & responsive to her handler. She was in gorgeous coat, which completed the picture. On the move, she covered the ground effortlessly.

2nd Whoami But Da Princess

This was a shapely, rich red sable bitch. She exhibited lovely breed type, but was unfortunately out of coat. Her temperament

was a little soft in temperament on the day. She was balance on the move although she carried her tail a little proudly with excitement.

13 Intermediate Bitch:

1st Ch Lyndream Classic (CC bitch & RuBIS)

This lovely girl of excellent type, was a plainly marked, rich, red sable bitch. She had a flat skull, with parallel planes, exquisite almond eye shape, & small, neat ears. These attributes combined to present a beautiful, melting expression. Every inch a girl. She had very elegant, shapely outline, good body, with well sprung ribs, deep chest, very balanced throughout. Probably an over abundance of coat, as it was still at the stand off stage & just needs to get that bit more length, to allow the coat to relax & fit better. A really beautiful, quality bitch. Her soundness complimented the rest of her attributes, & she was awarded bitch CC & Runner Up to Best in Show.

2nd Ambermoon Com What May (Res CC)

This was another, absolutely gorgeous bitch. A very glamorous golden sable, flat parallel planes, beautiful, melting, almond eye. She had neat, well placed, little ears. On the day, she was not in full coat, but the coat was a well fitting, feminine coat. This one excelled in movement & was extremely well balanced on the move (breathtakingly so). It was my pleasure to award this little lady Reserve CC.

3rd Luikeen I Like It Like That

Again, another exquisite bitch. This was a very shapely bitch, with very sweet expression. Good bone & body. She was another very good mover. I felt I was spoilt for choice having these three beautiful, sound girls to choose from.

14 State Bred Bitch:

1st Ambermoon Im Just A Girl

A lovely, sable bitch. Very sweet, & with a very good headpiece. She had neat little ears, & a dark almond eye. A balanced girl with a shapely outline, level topline, & a good turn of stifle. She had a well fitting coat of good texture & covered the ground effortlessly, with good reach & drive.

2nd Ch Sunland Shes Tailrd Made

There was not much between first & second place in this class. This one was a lovely shaded sable, again, very sweet. She also had a shapely outline. She was let down on the day due to moving a bit fast which resulted in her slightly overreaching.

3rd Arajento Raising Hell

This pretty girl completed a class of 3 very nice girls. She had very good expression, was sweet & feminine. She was a little up on size, but a very sound, typey bitch.

15 Aus Bred Bitch:

1st Ch Arajento I Shot D Sheriff

A glamorous, shaded sable of excellent type. She was a pleasing, sweet bitch with flat parallel planes & almond eye. She is a shapely bitch with a beautiful outline, a level topline & balanced angulation. Although not in full coat, she held all her trimmings, which added to her femininity. This girl covered the ground effortlessly.

2nd Ch Luikeen Wicked Proposal

Another glamorous bitch, this one a golden sable. Up to size. She had flat parallel planes, a soft, almond shaped eye, & was very animated & responsive to her handler. Balanced throughout with a level topline. Although she was not in full coat, she was still a lovely bitch. Very balanced on the move, she covered the ground effortlessly.

3rd Ch Tiakina Tailord In Blue Dreams

This was a lovely blue merle bitch. A very sweet bitch. Correct wedge shaped skull with flat parallel planes. She had a shapely outline, & firm, level topline. Although she had the least coat of the class, it was of a beautiful, clear silvery blue coat, & was well broken up. She covered the ground well on the move, & was very balanced throughout

16 Open Bitch:

1st Supreme Ch Lurikeen Turn Up The Heat

This is a stunning, 9 year old, shaded sable bitch. She was very glamorous, had a sweet, typey head, flat skull & parallel planes. I

would prefer a slightly smaller, higher set ear, but this didn't take away from her expression. She had balanced angulation, a firm, level topline & was in quite good coat. Handled & presented to perfection, she was a real little show off & loved every minute of being in the ring. Still very sound, & covered the ground effortlessly.

2nd Ch Ambermoon Summer Fantasy

Another stunning girl! She was a deep red sable, ultra sweet bitch. With her very sweet, melting expression, very sweet eye, & neat, small ears, she was hard to fault for type. A beautiful, shapely bitch, unfortunately not in full coat on the day. Again, this girl was still very sound on the move. There really wasn't much between these two, it was very close between 1st & 2nd & was a very hard decision.

3rd Sunsweet Under My Skin (Imp Fin)

This was a lovely rich, red sable bitch. She was plainly marked but elegant in outline & was typey, shapely bitch. Her head could have been slightly more feminine, but she had small, neat ears, & a beautiful almond eye. Presented in very good coat & condition. This little girl also covered the ground well on the move.

17 Veteran Bitch:

1st Ch Lurikeen Hot In The City

There was only one entry in veteran bitch, a nine year old with a lovely head, ears & eye. She had an ultra sweet expression. Her outline was enhanced by her well fitting, glamorous, golden sable coat. This beautifully coated bitch was really lovely & was still sound on the move.

WA can be proud of their Sheltie population, they would be competitive anywhere (& there were a few I could have taken home). As in most places, there was more depth of quality in the bitches, although there were some great dogs. It was an honour to have all of these lovely dogs entered under me & I absolutely loved every minute of my judging. The sportsmanship of all exhibitors was exemplary & that is also something to be proud of. I also appreciated seeing so many older dogs still sound & competitive in the ring, it says a lot about the health & fitness of the dogs being bred.

See you all around a showring again someday, I had a great time

If ever you are in Sydney, please feel free to come see me

Kind regards

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