



Shetland Sheepdog Club of WA (inc)
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
JUDGE: MS VERONICA ROYSTON (NSW) – BEAUIDEAL

Judges critique

Baby Dog

1st Sunland Secrets N Lies – Baby In show. 5 Month old tri. Lovely wedged head, good planes, dark eye and small ears which he used well and gave the desired sweetness of expression. Lovely level topline and sweep over the croup and well let down hocks. Good substance for size. At this stage although could be just a growth spurt would like to see slightly more length of neck. Very balanced mover in all directions. Beautiful showy dog that should have a very nice career in the ring.

2nd Sunland Secret Liason. 5 Month old sable, Another lovely wedge head with good planes, however at this stage would like a little less in breadth of back skull pleasing dark eye and small ears which were also used well. Lovely shaped puppy, good reach of neck, level topline and sweep over croup. At this stage I would like to see a little bit more reach to give him a smoother balanced gait, however very good coming and going.

3rd Kismet Rain Shadow. 5 Month old sable, very well handled by hopefully one of our up and coming stars of the sheltie world. Good wedge head, dark eye with a slightly larger ear than first 2 place getters which he did use very well for his young handler, very lovely shaped puppy with good bone for size. Would like more substance to body at this stage, due to having no spring to the ribs there was slight crossing in the coming and going movement, however the side gait of this puppy is rather lovely with very good reach and drive.

Puppy Dog

1st Lurikeen Im So Not Nort. 10 Month old sable, good wedge head, dark eye with small ears which he used well however the expression is quite sweet and feminine. Lovely outline with a very long neck with a lovely arch, level topline a little steep in croup. Would like to see this dog with a little more substance to both his body and bone. Movement was very balanced however slightly restricted in front. In beautiful coat on the day.

2nd Ambermoon Follow The Sun. 7 month old sable, smaller dog than first place winner, very pretty head good planes, good wedge, dark almond eye with small neat ears. Again expression is very sweet and feminine. Good reach of neck, level topline and good sweep over croup. Would like to see this dog with a little more substance to both his body and bone and I do hope he keeps creeping up with his size for his owners. Due to age this young dog was a little less mature than the first place getter.

Junior Dog

1st Ambermoon Just Kidding. 14 month old sable, Very pretty shape and coat. Good planes and small neat ears highly set, however would like to see more fill to muzzle as the breadth of skull does not match the muzzle, also would like to see the eye slightly more almond and slightly darker. Lovely reach of neck and level topline with a slight sweep over the croup, good depth of body to length of leg. Lovely side gait with good reach and drive however on the day tracked a little wide in the rear and was a little narrow through the chest so was a little close coming towards you.

2nd Arajento Spellbinder. 15 month old tri, very pretty head with good wedge and planes, dark almond eye with small ears which he used very well. Good reach of neck with a level topline. His overall shape for me is a little unbalanced I would like to see a little less length to body and a little bit more leg under him to make the body proportions work for him. His movement was also a little stilted in front however lovely going away. In good coat and very responsive to his handler.

Intermediate Dog

1st Arajento In Good Faith. 2 ½ year old sable, Lovely wedge head, dark almond and obliquely set eye with neat small ears which he used well. Would like to see a little less definition of stop. Expression very sweet would like to see a little more masculinity there. Lovely shape body with a nicely arched neck and level topline also a lovely size. Would like a little more substance to body and bone and a little bit more length to his tail. Straighter angulations in both front and rear so a little restricted in movement. In lovely coat and very responsive to handler.

2nd Arajento Colorado Kid. 18 month old sable, larger boy in size than the first place getter. Pleasing head and expression lovely dark eye and small ears. Body proportions unbalanced at this stage would like to see depth of body and length of leg and a little bit more substance to his body and a little less in height. Not in the same coat as the first place getter.

State Bred dog

1st Ch Sunland Shadow Chaser – State Bred In Show. 4 year old tri, beautiful head lovely wedge and planes, the sweetest of eye lovely shape obliquely set, small ears which were used well. Good shape with lovely arch to neck level topline, good sweep over croup and good substance for size. Would like to see more angulations in both front and rear. Balanced mover in all directions however a little restricted in front on the day. In beautiful coat which was a deep black and also a lovely texture.

Aust Bred Dog

1st Ch Arajento Calico Kid – Aust Bred In Show - 3 year old sable, in beautiful condition. Pleasing head with flat planes and clean wedge, nicely shaped eye however I would like to see the eye slightly darker and a little less pronounced stop as this gives him a slightly feminine expression. Good reach and arch of neck with a level topline good sweep over the croup. Good proportions however would like slightly less length in body. Lovely substance and bone for size. Very showy dog who was animated on the move and on the stack. A balanced mover in all directions but slightly narrow in front when coming towards you.

Open Dog

1st Gr Ch Kismet Korouroy Kid – R/Up & Open In Show. 9 ½ year old sable, This dog was up on size but was certainly the mover of the day. In beautiful condition, good wedge head and parallel planes, neat ears however with slightly less breadth to back skull his ear set could be higher, lovely shaped eye I would have liked to have seen them a little darker. Adequate length of neck, great topline for such and older gentleman, lovely angulations front and rear and a lovely sweep to croup. Movement is smooth and effortless with long ground covering strides, very neat coming and going. I did forgive him being up on size because this dog could go out and do what he was bred for and never break down. I was very happy to award this dog challenge and runner up to best in show he is a credit to his breeder and his owners.

2nd Ch Tiakina Tailord By Armani. 3 ½ year old tri, lovely head and expression, good wedge and planes with small dark eye and small ears which he used very well. Good sized dog with good substance for size. Lovely reach and arch of neck with a level topline and slight sweep over the croup. Harsh textured coat but currently in between coats. Balanced on the move in all directions. Very happy to award this dog reserve challenge in a lovely line up of dogs.

3rd Tr's Karma Tri Hokaspokas. 15 month old tri, stronger than first 2 class but another quality dog, pleasing head and planes would have liked to have seen a little less depth to back skull and ears tipping slightly more. Lovely shape with a good reach of neck and lovely topline, would like to see a little more sweep over the croup as currently he has a slightly flatter croup. Lovely fresh new coat of coarse texture coming through. Lovely substance and size very good balance of leg and body. Lovely on the move however he was a little unsettled on the day for his handler.

Veteran Dog

Same as 1st in Open & Veteran In Show.

Baby Bitch

1st Ambermoon Moment Like This. 3 month old sable, very pretty girl lovely shape, very pleasing head and expression. Very balanced at this age. Good depth of body to length of leg. Nice angulations front and rear and very balanced in all directions on the move. Beautiful temperament loved every minute in the ring. She is certainly going to be a star of the future.

2nd Arajento In Ya Dreams. 3 month old sable, very similar in type to the first place winner but slightly less all over. Head and expression pleasing however her eye was a smaller eye which took away some of the desired sweetness. Very balanced on the move however she was not happy to be moving but stood like a statue and baited like she had always been a showgirl.

3rd Arajento Life Ov Th Party. 3 month old sable, again very similar in type to the first 2 place getters. Would like to see her a frame bigger all over. Very animated on the move and thought the world of herself. I do hope her size creeps up a little bit more for her owners.

Minor Bitch

1st Ambermoon Summer Fantasy – Minor In Show. 7 month old sable, ultra sweet bitch. Lovely sweet head with a short blunt wedge, good planes lovely sweet dark eye and neat little ears which she used very well. Lovely shape good neck and topline lovely sweep over the croup, very balanced body and leg. I do hope this young girl keeps creeping up in size as she is just lovely. Very balanced on the move in all directions.

Puppy Bitch

1st Arajento Born To Tri – Puppy In Show and Puppy of the Day. 9 month old tri. Larger girl however a pleasing head and expression, would like to see back skull a little flatter, neat ears that she used well. Lovely reach of neck good length of body with a slight rise over the loin. I would like to see slightly better proportion of length of leg to depth of body to give her more balance. Very balanced and even on the move with a ground covering side gait.

2nd Lurikeen Set Me On Fire. 10 month old sable, larger girl, lovely shaped head and flat planes, neat small ears which she used well. Would like this girl a frame smaller all over. Pleasing neck and topline however would have like slightly better proportion of length of leg to depth of body to give her more balance. Unfortunately she was not in the same show condition as the winner.

Junior Bitch

1st Arajento I Shot D Sheriff – Best & Junior In Show. 15 month old sable, as soon as this girl stepped foot in the ring she caught my eye. She oozes femininity her head is a lovely clean wedge, well placed stop, level planes, dark almond eyes that are set on correctly with small ears which she never stopped using. Smooth flowing outline from the tip of her ears to the tip of her tail, good balance and her movement was effortless. Lovely reach and drive on the move. Also she had a very fitted coat which is in great condition for her age. This is a girl I could see in my own yard. I was very pleased to award this elegant young bitch the challenge and I hope the first of many Best in Show awards.

2nd Sunland Shes Tailrd Made. 15 month old sable, another lovely young girl, very pleasing head and expression slightly smaller all over than the first place getter, another bitch that flowed from head to tail very well angulated rear. Not in as much coat as the first place getter on the day. Very balanced on the move in all directions, however would like to see a little more reach in front. A very nice class of girls.

Intermediate Bitch

1st Arajento Raising Arazona – Inter In Show. 17 month old sable, very sweet girl, with lovely head and planes with a dark eye and small neat ears which created a very pretty expression. Lovely neck and topline and good sweep to croup, however would like slightly more angulation in front and rear. She moved effortlessly around the ring and was very pleasing in all directions. Not in great coat on the day but she had enough and certainly did not have anything to hide. A pleasure to award this young girl reserve challenge.

2nd Tiakina To Die For. 2 ½ year old blue merle, exquisite head and expression, beautiful blunt wedge, clean level planes, well placed stop, lovely almond eyes with small ears on top of her head. Lovely reach and arch of neck, topline good however rises higher over loins giving a steeper croup. Balanced and even on the move in all directions however would like a little more reach and drive. Beautifully coloured blue and nicely broken up.

State Bred Bitch

1st Arajento C N Is Believin. 2 ½ year old sable, very sweet head and expression, good blunt wedge and level planes, eyes placed correctly and of almond shape however would like to see them slightly darker neat small ears which she used well. Smooth flowing outline, level topline and gentle sweep to the croup, good balance all over. On the move and on the ground however this pretty girl was a little unsettled so she did lose her topline on occasions. Her movement is very balanced and even in all directions she is just not happy moving on the day. She certainly would have pushed very hard for top honors if she was a little happier, in my opinion she is a super little girl and her owners should certainly persevere.

2nd Lurikeen Wicked Proposal. 2 ½ year old sable, very sweet head and expression, lovely wedge and planes, dark eye however would like a little less definition of stop. Good length and arch of neck level topline, would like a little more sweep over her coup to give the smooth flowing outline. In very good coat and balanced on the move in all directions. Very attentive to her handler.

Aust Bred Bitch

1st Kentroy Kiss N Tell. 3 ½ year old sable, very pretty outline and shape. I would like to see her head qualities changed slightly, I would like more breadth to back skull and more fill to muzzle and planes to be parallel. I would also like to see a sweeter eye as the eye is set on straight; she does however have a smaller ear. Lovely length of neck and topline and very nice sweep over croup. Would like a coarser coat and a little more substance to this girl all over.

Open Bitch

1st Ch Ambermoon Sweet Georgia. 3 ½ year old sable, very pretty girl who was on the upper limits of size, good wedge and planes well defined stop, neat small ears which she used well for her handler. Smooth flowing outline from the tips of her ears to her tail, good balance of depth of body to leg. I would love this girl to be a frame smaller all over. Very balanced on the move in all directions.

Veteran Bitch

1st Lurikeen Playn With Fire. 8 year old sable, very pretty girl, good wedge and parallel planes neat small ears which she used very well, would like to see a little less definition of stop. Lovely reach and arch of neck, level topline would like to see a little more sweep over the croup, lovely balance of depth of body to length of leg however would like to see her a little shorter in length of body. Very balanced and even in all directions on the move. A lovely girl who really enjoyed her day in the sun.