

Shetland Sheepdog Club of Western Australia(inc)

Championship Show 21st Aug 2010 - Critiques

Judge: Mr Brian Turner (Rimini)

BABY DOG

1st Lurikeen Nort Little Secret A sable and white dog very good outline –head has sweet expression good planes. Neck of moderate length hence slightly steep in upper arm, rear well bent stifle apparent with the excellent rear drive when on the move-well coated -showed well for the handler

2nd Jmell American Conquest A darker sable not the conformation of the above dog –lacks sweetness of expression that our standard calls for-Up on leg at this point of time so appears unbalanced –good turn of stifle .-doesn't move as well as the 1st dog

3rd Jmell USA Heritage a litter brother to 2nd place so similar comments made on this dog- white does extend into the stifles more than I like and slight spot on the rump which made him 3rd-both 2nd and 3rd not as well coated as 1st place

MINOR DOG

1st Sheltastic Eat My Shortz a sable with white that has instant appeal.- head planes correct sweet dark almond eyes obliquely set -lovely ear carriage-well sprung ribs-height to length correct –correct set on tail -moved well and will even improve with more maturity.

PUPPY DOG

1st Kismet So Uwant Tsee The Wizard a sable and white of correct size with a white collar -head wedge correct in length and width with good level plains -eyes almond and dark does have some tear staining on the show side eye -front angulation and rear are good and was evident especially on the side gait movement- body length to height correct and a ideal size- was a little reluctant to show possibly due to the inside venue - temperament was excellent a very promising young dog.

JUNIOR DOG

1st Nigma Peter Lalor a light golden sable dog on the lean side-would have liked a little less length in body –head a little long and lean but still a pleasant expression-eye dark of reasonable shape and placement. Used ears well- Lay of shoulder good but needs to fill out more in chest- On the move was a little unsettled –turn of stifle reasonable-awarded. **Junior in show**

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1st Kismet Rain Shadow a dog of correct proportions height to length-well coated of correct texture –eye slightly round-on the move had good rear drive but front lacked the extension to compliment the rear. **Intermediate In Show**

2nd Arajento Social Standing body proportions height to length good-head expression planes- good eyes could be slightly darker but didn't distract his expression--well coated of correct texture-chest a little shallow- a little short in upper arm- tail a little short.

STATE BRED DOG

1st Ch Lurikeen Cort Be In Nort body height to length correct-well coated and of correct texture-head good expression, eyes almond shaped and dark true sheltie wedge correct planes –ears tipped correctly was a little reluctant to use them- neck of moderate length- would like more lay of shoulder- chest well sprung and deep –good turn of stifle well let down hocks-Movement rear excellent front a little short on the reach- He has that look at me factor Awarded Challenge dog as he was the one with the most virtues even though he was a little reluctant to show -could have been to the undercover venue.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1st Arajento Spellbinder a tri colour good tan markings, body slightly longer than I like -Depth of chest good-good head plains eyes a little round- ears a little heavy and the break is approximately ½ way. Gait as with most, rear is better than the front –lovely oval feet .

2nd Shelsian Cest La Vie – sable and white up on size but within the standard-body to height ratio-neck moderate in length--shoulder a little steep-chest could do with more spring-head plains correct with well set ears. Movement lacked the drive in the rear of the 1st place winner –coat not as coarse as the standard requires.

OPEN DOG the largest dog class of 6

1st CH Tailored by Armani a tri colour with dark tan and intense black –body height to length good-really good length of neck- good lay of shoulder and excellent rear turn of stifle – moved the best of all the dogs-head plains good a little rounded in eye but expression when he used his ears was good- chest was of good depth and spring however I would like a little more condition on him all over. Again not one who seemed to enjoy being inside but had more than class to award him the **reserve challenge**.

2nd Gd Ch Arajento Calico Kid shaded sable of correct size –body height to length excellent head plains good eye shape but colour a little light-chest good depth-shoulder well laid and good turn of stifle-tail a little short-overall a pleasing dog offering a lot with his movement and appealing expression –was well up in my considerations for reserve challenge he just needs a little more masculinity.

3rd Hortonpark Stroller a sable dog height to length ok –not the expression or head of the other two in this class -well fitting coat of correct texture –not the free flowing movement of 1st and 2nd.

VETERAN DOG

1st Gd Ch Sunland Millennium Man a shaded sable up on size but certainly still within the standard-body height to length good-a long neck flowing into well laid shoulders with a good turn of stifle –not a showman but certainly a quality dog who moved well for a dog over 10 years old- In his hey day would certainly have pushed the youngsters for the top places -would have loved to have seen him when he was younger a credit to himself and his owners.

BABY BITCH

1st Sunland So Exquisite a sable that walked into the ring with that showy instant look at me appeal-Head is already showing excellent qualities with correct eye placement matched with lovely set ears-neck with that lovely arch into well laid shoulders-body to height to length perfect-stifle well bent excellent small hocks-femine but still of substance –award **Best Baby In Show** and sure to have a bright future.

2nd Arajento Hot Damn Here I Am a tri colour with rich tan markings- another that will have a show career-not quite the head- lay of shoulder- or showman ship as 1st but another very promising young lady.

3rd Sunland Sherchez La Femme a sable girl head plains good eye set and shape good a little deeper in skull than 1st and 2nd place getters which causes to lose her expression-movement not as free as 1st or 2nd

MINOR BITCH

1st Arajento Raising Hell another girl that has that show appeal when she enters the ring –sable and white of good colour- head eyes almond shape set obliquely muzzle to skull equal moderate stop expression good-another arched neck into well laid shoulders-good depth of chest moderate turn of stifle good well boned legs-moved freely- she was well up in considerations for challenge and reserve-awarded

Best Minor In Show

2nd Kasingal Kist By Angels a blue merle well broken up lovely silvery blue colour that the standard calls for-head plains overall good eyes a little oval –ears well placed and tipped which she uses well-upper arm a little short-chest needs to fill out more-turn of stifle good-overall her body and bone has to fill out more .

PUPPY BITCH

1st Tiakina Tailord In Blue Dreams a pleasing well broken up blue merle-head muzzle to skull length correct-eyes a little oval rather than almond-well place and tipped ears-neck of moderate length-shoulder well laid-moderate spring of ribs –good stifle bend-moved freely-would like a little heavier bone and body condition-awarded **Puppy In Show**

2nd Kismet Magic Dust a sable and white who had a better overall body shape than 1st but couldn't equal her in movement-head plains good eye shape slightly round –coat of good texture .

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1st Sunsweet Under My Skin (imp Fin) sable of correct size –body to length correct-chest well sprung ribs –head planes and wedge good but spoil by light coloured eyes-coat texture correct –would have liked a little more length of tail

2nd Sunland Secret Admirer a Tri Colour not in full coat good intense black -good tan-sparkling white collar-eye shape more oval then almond –moderate length of neck-a little short in upper arm –chest had reasonable depth and spring of ribs-height to length good-rear turn of stifle-had she been in full bloom may have taken the 1st place

STATE BRED BITCH

1st Ch Arajento I Shot The Sheriff a striking sable and white bitch that has instant appeal. Head wedge was very good lovely eye shape and placement –ears very responsive -body chest lay of shoulder –turn of stifle all good –moved with good forward extension and rear drive-a larger bitch but still retains her sweetness-well up for considerations for the top honours-awarded **State Bred In Show**.

2nd Sunland Shining Star a shaded sable that was correct for size-different to the 1st place head has a sliding stop-good body shape and size-didn't show herself to her best advantage and didn't have the glamour –coat fitted well and was of correct texture-movement was reasonable but not the equal to the 1st place winner-reluctant to show her ears.

3rd Tiakina Trace The Ace JD a tri colour with good tan markings-a appealing bitch overall but hasn't the body or movement of 1st and 2nd.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1st Arajento C N Is Believin a lovely balanced sable that has a feminine sweetness and outline-expression excellent with almond eyes dark and good head wedge and plains –ear well tipped and alert-moved well –a quality bitch another well up in considerations for top honours – awarded **Australian Bred In Show**

2nd Sunland Secret Love a shaded sable that hasnt the glamour markings of 1st or 3rd-her ears are set a little too wide but still had a pleasing expression-her overall conformation was good –moved well but not as effortlessly as 1st. She wasn't in the show mood today

3rd Ch Lurikeen Wicked Proposal-a sable and white in good coat though a little soft in texture –head stop a little deep which spoils her expression slightly-well bodied, round bone and balanced angulation saw her move quite soundly

OPEN BITCH

1st Gd Ch Lurikeen Turn Up Th Heat instant appeal the moment she came into the ring she said here I am –a beautiful head with a melting expression- ears that were alert to everything -neck swan like with a lovely arch-shoulder a little short in upper arm-chest well sprung with body to length ideal –stifle well bent- not in full coat but helped to see her superb outline and correct size. Rear movement strong with good drive front a little short in extension-This girl never stopped showing the whole time she was in the ring and was the total package-Awarded **Best In Show & Open In Show**.

2nd Sunland Sapphire Blue a well broken up blue merle –head plains good –eyes more oval than armond –body overall good proportions would like a little more bone but still a overall nice bitch who is still developing –she was unfortunate to be in the same class as my best in show winner.

VETERAN BITCH

1st Ch Lurikeen Hot In The City another quality bitch very similar to above as she is her litter sister-she doesn't quite have the showmanship of her sister-and is slightly heavier in build- but still all class awarded her **Runner Up In Show & Veteran In Show**.

NEUTER DOG

1st Nightwood Flash Inth Pan - Nightwood Flash In The Pan a shaded sable well coated -height to length ideal -head masculine and still having that distinct sheltie expression and sweetness even though the ears were slightly heavier than I like, lovely dark eyes- long gracefull neck that flows into the well laid shoulder-chest deep and well sprung chest -good turn of stifle with lovely short hocks-feet correct oval shape-his overall qualities gave him a slight edge over his older . female opposition both were lovely sheltie type . **Neuter Dog Challenge & Neuter In Show**

NEUTER BITCH

1st Lurikeen Playing With Fire - a sable and white bitch of almost 9.1/2 years old -has a lovely body outline with a rich sable coat and full white collar -a true sheltie head with beautiful obliquely set dark almond eyes -size perfect for a bitch. **Neuter Bitch Challenge**