

# Shetland Sheepdog Club of Western Australia

## Championship Show 13th June 2009

### Judge: Deirdre Crofts

I would like to thank the committee & the members for giving me the privilege to judge your show. You have many good dogs in the west & it was a thrill for me to judge so many of these good dogs.

A few observations were that some use excessive amounts of product in the coat & I found that quite disappointing. Also I have never judged so many sculpted coats in one day. I have never been a fan of cutting top coats to create a shape but obviously quite a number of exhibitors have gone down that path. On the positive, breed type is very consistent in your dogs & it was such a pleasure to see this. As in many states of Australia, depth of quality is stronger in your bitches. With such strong quality I'm sure Shelties from the West have a very bright future.

Thank you again for bringing your best out for me to see.

#### **Baby Puppy Dog: 1 Entry**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Arajento Social Standing** (Tonkin)

5 month old sable & white of very good balance. Clean wedge shaped head with alert high set ears, dark eye & very good expression. Good length of neck that flowed smoothly into his topline. Covered the ground very well on the move. **Baby Puppy in Show**



#### **Minor Puppy Dog: 2 Entries, 1 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Arajento Simply Irrestable** (Tonkin)

Sable & white dog 7 months old, quite refined throughout. Good expression with a dark eye but head a little too refined. Coat texture harsh. Moderate angulation front & rear. Covered the ground adequately but front movement a little loose.

#### **Puppy Dog: 2 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Arajento Ima Believer** (Tonkin)

Plainly marked sable & white of very good type. Very alert with good head planes & dark eye. I would prefer a bit more fill in muzzle. Very good length of neck & firm topline. Down to size & compact in body. Balanced side gait but front action a little loose.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Hedecron Ice To Go** (Welyky)

Blue merle dog of excellent blue colour & quite well broken up merling. A rangier type of dog. Head proportions good but would prefer a more defined stop. Quite upright in shoulder which showed in shorter reach in his front action. Good coat & texture.

#### **Junior Dog: 5 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Ambermoon Follow The Sun** (Luxford)

A very balanced shaded sable & white dog that is down to size. Very good use of his high set ears, head planes parallel, eye dark & very good expression. Good outline & well bodied. Coat texture very good. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Sunland Secret Liason** (Van Dinter)

Sable & white dog with very good balance. Masculine dog, with correct round bone, well angulated quarters & good body. Did not project as well as the dog ahead of him & head properties not as clean. Another with very good coat texture. Very sound on the move.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kismet Rain Shadow** (Howe)

A very striking rich sable & white dog, very good in outline. Pleasing head properties, good expression & used his ears well. Well angulated front & rear & well bodied. Yet another dog with very good coat texture. Very good in side gait but let himself down on his out & back.

**Intermediate Dog: 5 Entries, 1 Absent**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lurikeen Im So Not Nortl** (Leverington & Post)

A rich red sable & white dog with very glamorous markings. Very good head proportions, parallel planes, well filled muzzle, dark eye & neat ears that he used very well. Down to size & quite compact in body, he had correct round bone. Moderately angled, moving a little wide behind & could have been tighter in his front action.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Arajento Spellbinder** (Tonkin)

Plainly marked tricolour with quite a striking outline. Very alert with good expression although his ears are tipped a little more than I prefer. Right down to size with round bone & well bodied. I would prefer a little more length in leg to balance the dog with his length. Not as balanced in angulation as the winner but he covered the ground quite well.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elenbah The Shiralee** (Leverington)

Gold sable & white dog with good head properties. Expression spoilt by tear staining below his right eye. Ear set good. Balanced angulation & well bodied. Very harsh coat texture.

**State Bred Dog: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ch Lurikeen Corf Be N Nortl** (Leverington & Stanton)

A very glamorous rich shaded sable & white dog. Very alert with high set ears that he used well. Clean head piece, dark eye & good expression. Correct size, round bone & well bodied. While being a little straight in upper arm his movement was quite balanced. In good coat. **State Bred in Show**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ambermoon Just Kidding** (Luxford)

Gold sable & white dog of very good type & outline. Very good head proportions & expression, although eye not as dark as the winning dog. Well bodied with correct round bone. A little straight in shoulder, well angulated hindquarters. Very good textured coat. Good hindquarter drive but front movement loose.

**Aust. Bred Dog: 1 Entry**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gr Ch Arajento Calico Kid** (Tonkin)

A dark shaded sable & white dog of correct size. Very alert with well balanced head proportions & parallel planes. I would prefer eye a little darker but expression is good. Round bone & well bodied. In full coat of good texture. Moderately angled front & rear but this dog had very good reach & drive.

**Reserve Challenge Dog – Aust. Bred in Show**



**Open Dog: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ch Tiakina Tailord By Armani** (Watson)

Well marked tricolour dog with excellent outline. Very clean head of balanced proportions, dark eye, high set ears & soft expression. Well arched neck of good length & firm topline. Correct round bone & tight feet. Good spring of rib & well angulated quarters. Fitting coat of very good texture. This dog covered the ground very well. **Challenge Dog – Runner Up Best in Show – Open in Show**





**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ch Sunland Shadow Chaser** (Van Dinter)

Another well marked tricolour with good coat & texture. A more compact & stronger boned dog than the winning dog. Very alert with good expression, he is quite strong in back skull but had high set ears that he used well. Moderately angulated with good body. He tracked a little wide behind but covered the ground adequately.

**Veteran Dog: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gr Ch Sunland Millenium Man** (Van Dinter)

9 ½ year old sable & white dog of very good breed type & correct size. Although quite grey he has a very good head piece with a correctly placed dark eye. Balanced in outline, good bone & extremely hard muscle tone. Not in very good coat but texture is very good. Lovely tight oval feet. He covered the ground very well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gr Ch Kismet Korouroy Kid** (Tonkin)

10 ½ year old rich sable & white dog in excellent condition. A taller dog with good round bone & well bodied. Expression good but back skull quite strong & ears a little light. In very good coat of good texture. Good side gait but front a little loose. A credit to his owner.

**Minor Puppy Bitch: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sunland Shining Star** (Lamb)

6 month old sable & white with very good bone & body. Head a little straight through but wedge clean, eye dark & ear set high. Very alert & good temperament. Well angulated front & rear. The promise of a very good coat. Very sound on the move. **Minor Puppy in Show**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lurikeen Th Never Ending Story** (Leverington & Stanton)

8 month old sable & white bitch of a rangier build. Excellent arch in neck & firm topline. Refined in head & would prefer a little more stop. Well tipped ears were set high & she used them well. Moderate in angulation & toeing out slightly in front & rear. Movement was not as ground covering as the winner.

**Puppy Bitch: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tiakina The End Of The Road** (Watson)

Blue merle with correct blue colour, quite heavily merled. Down to size & quite refined in bone. Quite refined in muzzle compared to back skull. High set ears that she used well. Moderately angled front & rear. Very well developed coat of good texture. Very balanced on the move. **Puppy in Show**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Austway Pure Calico Nlace** (Shepherdson)

Rich shaded sable & white just 7 months old. Down to size & quite refined. Very alert with high set ears that she used very well. Good temperament. Moderate angulation & lightly bodied. Movement quite loose & carried her tail gaily.

**Junior Bitch: 5 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sunland Sapphire Blue** (Van Dinter)

Excellent coloured blue merle with some large black patching. Excellent outline & balance. Correctly proportioned head, well placed eye & used her high set ears well. Stop a little sliding. Neck well arched & topline firm. Good angulation fore & aft & this showed in her sound movement. Not carrying a big coat but texture is good.

**Junior in Show**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nightwood I Got Bling** (Simpson)

A very alert sable & white bitch of correct size. Well placed ears that she used very well, skull a little broad & deep through. Expression good but eyes a little full. Compact in body with correct round bone. Fitting coat of good texture. Balanced movement.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kismet Calloway Lass** (Atkins)

Rich red sable & white bitch up in size. Very animated but ears could be tipped more. Good expression but I would prefer a darker eye. Very good length of neck, topline a little soft. Correct round bone & good body. Very good coat of harsh texture. Front movement quite loose.

**Intermediate Bitch: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ch Arajento I Shot D Sheriff** (Tonkin)

Excellent outline on this down to size shaded sable bitch. Well filled muzzle, flat skull & good expression. Ears well set but tipping slightly outwards. Very good length of neck flowing into her firm topline. Well angulated front & rear with good body & correct round bone. Fitting coat of very harsh texture. This girl is sound & moved true every direction. **Reserve Challenge Bitch – Intermediate in Show**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sunland Shes Tailrd Made** (Van Dinter)

Very sweet sable & white bitch of correct size. Well proportioned head & very good expression. Compact in body with good bone & body. Just coming back into coat but it is extremely thick & profuse. Balanced in angulation, she moved soundly.

**State Bred Bitch: 2 Entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Arajento Raising Arazona** (Tonkin)

Rich gold sable & white bitch. Very elegant in outline, sweet expression, balanced head proportions topped with neat ears that she used so well. Balanced angulation & well bodied. Fitting coat of harsh texture. Very sound on the move.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ch Lurikeen Hot In Th City** (Simpson)

Very rich sable & white bitch with very good outline. High set ears that she used constantly. Head a little strong in width & depth of skull & eye a little full. Well arched neck & firm topline. Correct bone, well bodied & very well angulated hindquarters. Did not track as well as the winning bitch.

**Aust. Bred. Bitch: 4 Entries, 1 Absent**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lurikeen Wicked Proposal** (Ayre)

A well balanced rich sable & white bitch very good in outline. Good head & expression although eye set a little straight on, neat ears that were a little light. Good length of neck & firm topline. Balanced angulation with round bone & well bodied. Coat is of good texture. Covered the ground well on the move.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ch Tiakina Thedream Came Blu** (Watson)

A very pretty blue merle bitch of good colour with well broken up merling. Elegant in outline. Parallel head planes, quite refined & would prefer more fill in muzzle. Neat ears that were used well. A little straight in upper arm but well angulated in hindquarters. Well sprung ribs. Moved with good hindquarter drive.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sunland Secret Love** (Van Dinter)

Plainly marked rich shaded sable & white bitch in good coat & condition. Good head & expression but ears a little wide set. Excellent angulation, bone & body. Tight feet. Strong hindquarter drive but front a little loose.

**Open Bitch: 4 Entries, 1 Absent**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gr Ch Lurikeen Turn Up Th Heat** (Stanton)

Very alert rich sable & white bitch with very good outline. Very good head properties, sweet expression & topped with well set ears that she used so well. Good body with well angulated hindquarters, her front is a little upright in upper arm & her feet could be tighter. She covered the ground well in side gait.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Ch Arajento Debutante** (Tonkin)

Down to size rich gold sable & white bitch. Very good head piece & expression, not very animated but well set ears. Well angulated front & rear with correct round bone & good body. Losing coat but texture is good. Moved soundly.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Ch Nigma Encore** (Muller)

Shaded sable & white well up in size. Strongly boned & bodied. Very good temperament & well coated. Ears quite wide set although she is quite animated. A little high in hindquarter she did not have the balance of the bitches ahead of her.

**Veteran Bitch: 2 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Ch Ambermoon All Fired Up** (Luxford)

Gold sable & white bitch with the sweetest of expressions. Well filled muzzle, correct stop & flat skull. Very dark eye & high set ears that she used so very well. Very good length of neck, well arched & flowing into a firm topline. Balanced angulation front & rear, good bone & well sprung ribbing. Fitting coat of correct texture with very thick undercoat. On the move she was true at every angle with maximum reach & drive & she held her topline perfectly. **Bitch Challenge – Best in Show – Veteran in Show**



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Ch Sunland Saving Grace** (Van Dinter)

A very pretty rich gold sable & white with a correct head & sweet expression. Ears are a little wide set but she was very alert. Very good in outline with good body & round bone. Very thick undercoat & fitting topcoat. This bitch covered the ground very well but moved a little close behind.

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