**Shetland Sheepdog Club of W.A. August 2020 Championship Show**

**Judges Critique.**

**Mrs Cherri Seeber W.A. (TRYME )**

**Minor Puppy Dog**

**1st Whoami Nothing But Trouble ---- Miss K.E. Post.**

A seven months old golden sable. A well coated balance young dog . Good height to length ratio. Good length of neck. Correct head proportions, well placed ears and he used them well. Correct almond eye. Good bone for his size. Good width of chest. Would like to see him a little more masculine and carrying slightly more weight. Solid temperament. A confident young dog on the move showing good reach and drive . Quite the young show man.

**Junior Dog**

**1st Shelbronze Winds Of Change ---- S. Van.Dinter.**

A sixteen months old shaded sable. Not in his best coat today lacking some undercoat but still offering good length and texture of coat. General outline good. A little coarse in head for me but does present parallel planes with good ear carriage. Firm under jaw. Would like and a darker eye. Good length of neck flowing into a firm top line. Good bone for his size. Well bodied. Side gait showing good reach and drive however a little close in front on the return. Strong temperament and presented himself well.

**Intermediate Dog**

**1st Arajento Night Fever ---- K.Tonkin.**

A nineteen months old rich red sable with symmetrical markings .Lovely fitted coat of correct texture and presenting a beautiful outline. A balanced head smooth in outline, masculine without coarseness. Correct eye colour and shape. Well placed ears but was a little reluctant to use them. Good length of neck .Correct bone. Correct oval feet. Movement was a little wide at back , side gait presenting good reach and drive. He was a little flat - needs stimulation.

**2nd Louanda Hot Summer Nights --- Mr F & Mrs H Hawkins.**

Another rich red sable dog. Almost two years old. A little longer in leg than I’d like. Maturity and slightly more length of coat will complete this dog nicely. Balanced head , smooth in outline , parallel planes, masculine features but still retaining sweetness of expression. Would like ears a little higher on skull . Lovely length of neck with good top line .Well bodied, with good bone and correct feet. Good reach and drive however he appeared a little reluctant to give his best today.

**State Bred Dog**

**1st Arajento The Pacemaker --- K.Tonkin.**

Eighteen months old rich red sable dog. A masculine dog advanced in maturity for his age . A littler more of him than I’d like but otherwise a well proportioned balanced dog. A well fitted coat of good volume and texture. Although head well proportioned I find it course and lacking a sweet expression. Correct almond eye , well set ears. Firm under jaw. Very good length of neck flowing into a firm top line . Well bodies , strong bone acceptable for his size.

Presented nice outline on the stack ,moved well and showed well.

**Open Dog**

**1st Aust CH Ambermoon Hear Me Roar --- Mrs C & Miss E Luxford.**

Close to five year old shaded sable dog. A striking dog with instant appeal. Symmetrical in outline. A beautifully fitted coat which was of good length and texture. Excellent height to length ratio. Correct head proportions, masculine but still retaining a sweet of expression. Well placed animated ears. Lovely almond shaped dark eye. Good length of neck flowing into a firm top line. Lovely substance of body, good width and depth of chest. Well boned with very tidy feet. Looking very handsome on the side gait with good reach and drive but found him a little close behind on the away and with a very slight toeing out on the return. Solid temperament .Beautifully presented. I was very pleased to award him my Reserve CC Dog.

**Veteran 7 + Dog**

**1st Aust CH Whoami No Regrets --- Miss K.E. Post.**

This veteran dog is really quite amazing for his age. He has presented himself as a quality working dog built to work but also retaining many attributes we look for in a quality sheltie. A dark shaded sable. Well balanced sound dog with good substance of body . Height to length ratio very good. Correct head proportions, parallel planes, well rounded muzzle and smoothness in outline allowing sweetness of expression. Correct ear placement , eye colour and shape of eye. Discoloured teeth(age consideration) but correct placement. Good length of neck, well sprung ribs, strong but not heavy bone. Lovely lay of shoulder which was evident in his movement. Not a heavily coated dog but what he had fitted him well giving him a lovely outline. Movement was his stand out feature - wonderful reach and strong hindquarter drive , true going and coming which complemented his solid temperament and his endless commitment to his handler to perform. I was very pleased to award him Dog CC , Veteran in show and Runner - up Best In Show.

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**Baby Puppy Bitch**  Only two weeks difference in age between these two babies.

**1st Nightwood Reflection Ofth Past --- Ms D.Simpson**

A feminine five months old sable and white baby ready for the show today. Good size for her age and beautifully balanced . Correct height to length ratio with a lovely outline. Correct head proportions , firm under jaw , good eye placement and colour. Lovely high set ears, all this creates this beautiful sweet expression. Good length of neck flowing into a level top line. I particularly liked her width and depth of chest , her spring of rib and hind quarter width and angulation. Solid temperament evident in her free and easy movement.

**2nd Ambermoon Lollygobbleblissbomb --- Mrs C Luxford & Miss E Luxford.**

A showy girl quite different in type to my first place. Lovely rich golden sable ,

complimented by symmetrical white markings. Abundant coat for her age which was of good texture . Looking for a little more refinement in head however proportions were correct showing parallel planes, firm under jaw and well placed animated ears . Lovely length of neck. A little too long in body and would like a better top line. Good width and depth of chest with good bone. She moved out with confidence and showed very well. Sound temperament.

**Puppy Bitch**

**1st Glenmira Diamond Keepsake --- Mrs G Hesketh.**

A stylish ten months old golden sable bitch with instant appeal upon entering the ring. Very good height to length ratio. Coat plentiful, well fitted and of good texture presenting a lovely out line. Her sweetness of expression is the combination of a well proportioned head, complimented by correct shape and placement of eye with well placed ears. Good length of neck flowing into a firm level top line. Good width and depth of chest , well bodied and boned. Side gait shows adequate reach. I would like a little more strength in the hindquarters as I found her a little close behind which I believe will correct with maturity and exercise . Showed well .A promising young bitch . I was happy to award her Puppy In Show & Puppy of the day.

**Junior Bitch**

**1st Sunland Sumire --- Mrs S & Ms J Van Dinter.**

Quite the show girl is this almost twelve months old dark shaded sable bitch. Not in the best of coat today but what she had was enough to give her a nice outline and she really showed it off.. Height to length ratio very good. Head proportions are very good , correct eye and ear placement ,smooth outline giving the desired sweetness of expression. Firm under jaw . Excellent length of neck flowing into a firm level top line. I would have really liked to see her carrying more weight . Good width and depth of chest. Movement was a little loose as she appeared preoccupied by her surrounding, otherwise moved well.

**2nd Arajento Mystical Saige --- K Tonkin.**

A very pretty thirteen months old golden sable bitch with the sweetest expression.. When I first saw her outside the ring she appealed to me very much but upon her entry to the ring she had decided she didn’t want to be there. A lovely feminine bitch with a well fitted coat and in abundance presenting a pleasing outline .Very good height to length ratio. A balanced head with good eye shape and ear placement. Good length of neck.

Movement unfortunately was her down fall. Flat footed, out at elbow and toeing in which was evident on the table, on the stack and on the move.

**Intermediate Bitch**

**1st Yasdnil Spirit Of Th Highlands .. Mrs J L Mitchell.**

This stylish two year nine month golden sable bitch presents a very pretty picture.

Feminine and beautifully balanced with good substance of bone and body. Her height to length ratio combined with a well fitted coat completes this lovely package. Balanced head, smooth lines, lovely eye, animated well set ears, firm under jaw all combine to present this gentle sweetness of expression. Good length of neck flowing into a firm level top line. Good lay of shoulder evident in her movement. Good width and depth of chest. Strong hindquarters with good turn of stifle. Strong hocks with firm neat feet. Moved with good reach and drive and showed beautifully against some stiff competition. I was happy to award her Reserve CC bitch & Intermediate in show.

**2nd Sunland Silken Gown (AI) --- Mrs S Van Dinter.**

Another quality bitch just three months younger than my first placing. She certainly was a stand out with her vibrant blue colouring and her brilliant white and her noticeable tan markings. Not a heavily coated bitch but what she did have fitted her well and was complemented by lovely feathering and undercarriage frill. Height to length ratio very good. Balanced head, smooth lines, well placed almond eye. Ears just a touch heavy. Firm under jaw. A beautiful firm and conditioned body with very good bone (not too course) , good depth and width of chest with forelegs well under body. Lovely turn of stifle with strong neat parallel hocks. Sound in movement going and coming with good reach and drive. Responded well toward her handler . Solid temperament.

**3rd Arajento The Stilloth Night --- K Tonkin.**

A twenty one month old shaded sable bitch with symmetrical white markings and of good size.

Lovely fitted coat showing very good frill, undercoat and texture of coat. Head dimensions are correct. Well placed almond eye. Correct ear carriage all contributing toward a lovely sweet expression. Good length of neck . I felt she was a touch long in body. Would have liked more strength in the chest ,forequarters and hindquarters . Moving close at back and a slight toeing in at the front which was evident on the move. Having said that her lovely flowing coat was a distraction and complemented her appearance on the move.

**4th Whoami This Is Me --- Miss K E Post.**

An eighteen months old dark shaded sable bitch with very good substance of body.

Good height to length ratio. On the stack she presented a nice outline.

Head dimensions are good. Correct almond eye and of good colour. Good ear carriage and well placed. Good length of neck flowing into a good firm level top line. Depth of chest is good. Standing out at elbow and slightly toeing in on the stack which was also evident in her movement. Stayed composed whilst held by handler but was a little flighty on the free stand .

**Australian Bred Bitch**

**Yasdnil Whispers In The Dark --- Mrs J L Mitchell.**

A very flashy 20 months old Tricolour bitch. Raven black , rich tan and brilliant white.

Her beautiful feminine outline and her sweet expression was eye catching. Not a lot of coat but what she did have fitted her beautifully. Very good height to length ratio. Lovely bone for her size. Head dimensions very good , correct dark almond eye with ears well placed ,not to heavy and very mobile. Lovely long neck flowing into a level top line. Depth of chest to elbow good but width of chest was lacking strength and substance. Looking for a better spring of rib and more weight on her. Lovely turn of stifle with hocks well let down. A little loose in movement on the return but I think this will correct once she matures and is carrying more weight. With that lovely outline and more weight I would like to see her with the confidence and stability to show herself on a free stand..

**2nd Arajento All In Good Time --- K Tonkin.**

This is another very pretty feminine bitch of good size and presenting a lovely outline. Instantly appealed at first glance.

A twenty three month old rich golden sable with crisp white chest and legs, a beautifully fitted coat complemented by elegant feathering ,frill and tail.

Height to length ratio very good. Balanced head with smooth clean lines , correct placement and colour of eye, well placed ears presents this gentle sweetness of expression. Like a little more strength in under jaw. Excellent length and crest of neck moving into a level top line with a good length of body. Well boned for her size with a good turn of stifle. On the move she was too close at back and on the return she was loose at elbow ,toeing in and weak in pasterns. Side gait acceptable. She did use her ears when required but she appeared quite lethargic on the table, free stand and move..

**Open Bitch**

**1st Aust Ch Sunland Star Witness --- Mrs S. Van Dinter.**

This quality five year old bitch entered the ring and instantly appealed. A wonderful combination of beauty, style and grace. Her effortless movement was simply stunning. Her rich golden colour and her abundant beautifully fitted coat combined with her symmetrical outline created a beautiful picture. Very good height to length ratio. Beautiful length and crest of neck flowing into a firm level top line with a gentle fall over the loin. I particularly liked her substance in body , beautiful spring of rib, width and depth of chest. Quality bone throughout. Hindquarters of good strength and width with lovely turn of stifle , hocks well let down. Excellent lay of shoulder which was evident in her movement. Feminine in head showing her sweetness of expression coming from correctly placed dark almond eye. Well rounded clean muzzle with firm under jaw. I would like to see slightly less width of skull and ears set slightly higher and a touch lighter. Movement was balanced, sound and smooth with excellent reach and drive. She was a pleasure to watch. She was confident , animated and in excellent condition - a pleasure to judge. I was very happy to award her my Best Exhibit In Show today.

**2nd Aust Ch Glenmira Hope Diamond --- Mrs G Hesketh.**

A very attractive feminine shaded sable bitch just over five years also offering some very appealing features. Presented in beautiful condition and showing off every bit of that on her free stand. Her lovely length ,volume and texture of coat combined with symmetrical outline was pleasing to the eye. Height to length ratio very good.

Head dimensions are good. Smooth clean line from skull through to muzzle. Would like a slightly more almond shaped eye. Ear set and weight of ears very good all coming together to give the desired sweet expression. Lovely length and crest of neck flowing into a level top line. Good substance of body. Depth of chest correct. Would like more width of chest and a better lay of shoulder. Good quality bone (not course). Movement from behind - a little close at back. Would like a little less lift in the forequarters and more reach and drive. She tabled well, used her ears when required , confident in her free stand and did everything that was asked of her.

**Open Neuter Bitch**

**1st Aust Neuter Ch Sheltaire Don’t Dream It’s Over --- Miss E M Ayre.**

Elegant Golden sable girl in the twilight of her life at almost 10 years still knows how to strut her stuff. Good height . Lovely rich golden colour with crisp white symmetrical markings. Beautifully fitted coat with lovely frill .Quality texture of coat .

Balanced in head , well placed eye of good shape. Ears a touch heavy but when she used them it completely changed her whole look to this lovely sweet expression. Would like more strength in under jaw. Length of neck very good .Weakness in top line but considering her age it’s acceptable. Lovely on the move and when she caught sight of something the neck came up , she arched her body and looked five years younger.

**2nd Aust Ch Sharndah Butterfly Ruby Kisses -- Mr F & Mrs H Hawkins.**

Almost nine years old . This bitch is the most beautiful colour. Lovely dark shaded sable complemented by a large white collar and her unique even brown front legs finishing with neat white feet. Not in full coat today but what she did have finished her off nicely.

Good height and very good bone for her size. Head in proportion to body. Smooth lines from skull to muzzle .Eye placement correct with good almond eye. Ear placement correct. Neck of good length. Top line firm and level with good fall over loin .Looking for slightly more length in body. Good depth of chest, needing more width of chest. Lovely turn of stifle. She seemed to be preoccupied and it was evident in her movement almost like she’d had an injury causing her to hunch up slightly which wasn’t allowing her to move freely. Even though she was a little unsettled she stood her ground on the free stand and responded well towards her handler.