

## Yorkshire Shetland Sheepdog Club Open Show 14/02/2026

I would like to extend my gratitude to the committee for the invitation to judge their open show. It was a pleasure to go over some lovely exhibits and thank-you to my stewards for keeping the day running smoothly.

### **Minor Puppy Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Milesend Musician. 8 month old Sable and White who is maturing nicely. Lovely head with good proportions, flat skull and well placed almond shaped eye. Good underjaw and neat ears complete his sweet expression. Nice length of neck and very well constructed both front and rear allowing him to move freely with good reach and drive which gave him the edge over his kennelmates in the challenge. Loved his overall shape and he is very well balanced considering his age. Happy to award him Best Puppy Dog.

### **Puppy Dog (4)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Milesend Hawk Moth. 10 month old Sable and White with a very sweet expression. Appealing head with level planes and flat skull. Well-placed, dark eye, nice stop and neat ears when he wanted to use them. Super angles all round with very good layback of shoulder and length of upper arm. Nice shape with level topline and good sweep over loin. Quite unsettled which affected his movement but overall, a very nice puppy.

2<sup>nd</sup> Walker's Cuilshelties Touch of Class with Grandgenes. 9 month old dog who is the most gorgeous blue colour. Overall, of a much stronger type and at the top end of the standard but with everything still in proportion. Nice wedge-shaped head with flat skull, well placed eyes and nicely tipped ears which he used to advantage. Lovely shape and of sound construction with decent length of neck. Moves very well, covering the ground easily with nice drive.

### **Junior Dog (1, 1)**

### **Yearling Dog (3,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Dandlewood Rather Surprising at Milesend (IMP NLD). Sable and White dog who has just turned a year of age. Of nice type with moulded, wedge-shaped head and well-placed stop. Obliquely set, almond shaped eye and nicely carried, neat ears although I would prefer them slightly more tipped. Presented in profuse coat which slightly spoilt his outline but underneath he has a decent length of neck, level topline and nice croup. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Gamble's Balidorn Olympic Star with Solyric JW. 18 month old Sable and White boy with pleasing head. Well-rounded muzzle, with good underjaw and well-placed eye. Good length of neck with level topline and nice sweep over croup. Quite

unsettled by loud noise on the day which caused him to be a little erratic on the move and reluctant to use his ears. I hope he finds his confidence again soon.

### **Maiden Dog (0)**

### **Novice Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Milesend Tri Star. 11 month old Tricolour with a jet black coat and white collar. Typical head with nice planes, flat skull and defined stop. Well-placed, obliquely set eye and neat, well used ears giving a very sweet expression. Lovely overall shape and very well balanced with good bone. Good length of neck, decent layback of shoulder and moves with good reach. Needs to strengthen in his rear but he has time on his side, and the angulation is there with a nice turn of stifle.

### **Graduate Dog (1,1)**

### **Post Graduate Dog (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Berry & Clegram & Clegram's Smiddyshaw Here I Go Again. Beautifully presented 2.5 year old Sable and White. Wedge shaped head with nice planes and well-rounded muzzle. Flat skull, well placed eye and although his ears are a tad heavy, they are well set and he used them to his advantage. Slightly longer in body but he is still a nice shape with lovely sweep over loin. Moved well with good reach in front.

2<sup>nd</sup> Varnom's Milesend Black Tartan. 4 year old Tricolour who has the sweetest expression. Beautiful, typey head with good planes, well rounded muzzle and flat skull. Obliquely set, almond shape dark eye and well-defined stop. Lovely shape with nice length of neck. Couldn't match the construction or reach of 1<sup>st</sup> in this class.

### **Limit Dog (4)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Ribans Goldstar of Milesend (JKC). 3 year old Sable and White made on a more compact frame. Lovely head with defined stop, well placed eye, correct, neat ears and rounded muzzle combining to give him very sweet but still masculine expression. Good length of neck, correct topline into nice sweep over loin. Well-made in front but would prefer a touch more extension when moving.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fenton's Shannmie's Cartier. Almost 3 year old tricolour who presents a lovely shape. Wedge-shaped head with well-rounded muzzle and very nice, dark eye which is obliquely set. He is well balanced throughout with decent neck and level topline which he kept on the move. Nice turn of stifle which gave him good drive around the ring but just preferred the front angulation and expression of 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Open Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Dimmock's Milesend Silver Thorn. 4 year old, well-marked blue merle. Well-made head of good proportions, well rounded muzzle with good underjaw. Obliquely set,

well placed eye, flat skull and neat, well used ears. Liked his expression. Top end for size but a lovely shape, nice bone and okay angles front and rear. Moved okay.

### **Veteran Dog (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob JW. 8 year old sable who I have admired from ringside over the years and he did not disappoint. Lovely head, with well-balanced planes, very good underjaw and perfectly set, almond shaped eye. Flat skull and very neat, well used ears complete his expression which is so sweet yet undeniably masculine. He is so balanced with good length of neck, level topline and nice sweep over loin giving a perfect outline. His construction front and rear shows in his effortless movement around the ring. Could not be denied Best Dog, Best Veteran Dog and pleased to also award him BOS and BVIS.

2<sup>nd</sup> Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans. 7 year old blue merle dog who was unlucky to come up against 1<sup>st</sup> today and many of the same attributes apply. Another with a classically sweet expression, balanced head, nice underjaw and well-defined stop. Obliquely set eye, very neat, well-set ears and nice underjaw. Lovely reach of neck, nice shape and level topline which he kept on the move. Good angles front and rear which were displayed by his rear and drive. Happy to award him Reserve Best Dog.

### **Special Owners Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Varnom's Milesend Black Tartan – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Post Graduate Dog

### **Breeders Open – Bred by Exhibitor Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Fenton's Shannmie's Cartier – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Limit Dog

### **Special Open – Not Bred by Exhibitor Dog (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Varnom's Milesend Blue Jeans – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran Dog

2<sup>nd</sup> Gamble's Balidorn Olympic Star with Solyric JW – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Yearling Dog

### **Special Open – Sable and White Dog (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Jeavon's Grandgenes Play the Game JW. 18 month old flashy Sable and White, still not quite back in full bloom after his junior moult. Pleasing head with well-rounded muzzle, obliquely set, dark eye and flat skull. Well-used, neat ears which enhanced his expression. Lovely long neck into well laid-back shoulder. Still needs to develop in chest but has nice reach. Level topline which he kept on the move but was a bit happy with his tail today.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fenton's Shannmie's Dark Arches. 2.5 year old shaded sable. Wedge shaped head with nice planes, well placed eye but they are a tad light in colour. Flat skull with nicely placed ears which he used well. Angles okay front and rear but would

prefer a longer neck and tail for overall balance. Moved round the ring with purpose and very attentive to his handler.

### **Special Open – Tricolour/ Black and White/ Black and Tan Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Fenton's Shannmie's Cartier – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Limit Dog

### **Special Open – Blue Merle Dog (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Walker's Cuilshelties Touch of Class with Grandgenes – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Puppy Dog

2<sup>nd</sup> Welford's Echolynn Saxophonic 4 year old Blue Merle dog with rich tan and nicely marbled black markings. Overall of a stronger type and is well up for size. Wedge shaped head with nicely rounded muzzle and definite stop. Obliquely set, almond shaped eye and good underjaw. Nice length of neck and decent angles front and rear and moved with nice drive around the ring. Enjoyed his day out which showed in his tail.

### **Minor Puppy Bitch (6,2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Rowan's Shellamoyed The Temptress. I was quite taken with this very pretty 6 month old Tricolour. She has such an endearing, classic expression with well placed dark eye and good underjaw. Nice reach of neck, level topline and super length to tail. She is very well made, especially in front and this showed in her lovely movement. Super reach, covering the ground with ease. Everything is just right for her age. One to watch and she will go far I think.

2<sup>nd</sup> Goodwin's Highbrook Hint of Honey 7 month old Sable and White. Another lovely puppy who is developing nicely. Very nice almond shaped dark eye, which is obliquely set, flat skull and well placed neat ears which she used so well. Loved her sweet expression and cheeky attitude. She is well angulated front and rear and moved well for her age, especially behind which has super drive. Very unlucky to meet 1<sup>st</sup> today.

### **Puppy Bitch (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Milesend Rich Blend. 10 month old Sable and White who immediately caught my eye. For one so young she is so beautifully balanced with such a sweet, feminine expression. Well-rounded muzzle, correctly placed stop, and a dark, almond shaped eye. Flat skull with well-set nicely tipped ears. Loved her overall shape, nice reach of neck, level topline and sweep over croup. She excels in construction with lovely layback of shoulder, good length of upper arm and a very nice turn of stifle. She moves so well, with good reach in front and drive behind. In the challenge she could not be beaten, and I was delighted to award her Best Bitch, Best Puppy Bitch and ultimately BIS and BPIS. I will watch her future with interest.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bennett's Watchwood Style and Grace. 10 month old Sable and White Well placed, correct eye, flat skull and decent underjaw. Well placed ear. Needs to fill in foreface but this may come with maturity. Nice turn of stifle and sweep over loin. Good for bone and in nice coat for age. Moved okay.

### **Junior Bitch (3, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Goodwin's Highbrook Hotpants. 15 month old Sable and White. Another from this kennel who has a sweet expression. Slightly rounder in eye than ideal but has nice planes, well rounded muzzle and a super ear carriage. Presents a lovely shape and she is very well balanced with level topline and good sweep over loin. Good angles in front and nice turn of stifle and moves with purpose around the ring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson's Kishdigra An Irish Blessing for Clairavelle (IKC). I judged this 14 month old sable girl not long ago and my opinion has not changed. A very different type to 1<sup>st</sup> but she is so feminine and pretty. She has a nice head with good planes, very nice shape and set of eye, flat skull and neat ears. Good reach of neck into level topline, nice sweep over loin and lovely long tail. She presents a good shape and has coated up nicely. Just preferred the angulation and front movement of 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Yearling Bitch (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Jackson's Kishdigra An Irish Blessing for Clairavelle (IKC) – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Bitch

### **Maiden Bitch (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Hateley's Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream. Sable and White who is just a baby at 6 months of age and she was a little unsettled on the mats in the hall. Very raw overall and needs time to develop and come into her own. She has a well set, dark eye, nice planes to her head and good stop. Her ears are well set and nicely tipped when she used them. Has good bone and is a nice shape with nice sweep over her loin and a lovely long tail. Well presented.

### **Novice Bitch (2,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Hickling's Natara Tri to be Good. 3 year old Tricolour She has a nicely rounded muzzle and good underjaw. Would prefer slightly more fill in foreface but she has a nice stop, flat skull and well-placed ears. Nice length of neck but she is slightly longer cast than ideal. Her coat unfortunately spoilt her topline but underneath it is level and she has a nice sweep over loin. Moved well round the ring.

### **Graduate Bitch (7,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Jackson's Kishdigra An Irish Blessing for Clairavelle (IKC) – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Bitch

2<sup>nd</sup> Miles' Milesend Black Ribbon. 2 year old, jet black tricolour with full white collar who I liked for type. She has a very nice expression with lovely well-rounded jaw, nice stop and well placed, dark eye. Used her ears well. She presents a lovely shape

with level topline and a nice sweep over loin. Good turn of stifle but she is a little straight in front which affects her reach whilst moving.

### **Post Graduate Bitch (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Light 'N Shade. 3 year old blue merle who is a lovely colour. Wedge shaped head with well rounded muzzle and good underjaw. Well placed eye, flat skull and well used ears. Presented in profuse coat which hides her construction and she has to be gone over to be appreciated. She has an elegant neck with well laid back shoulders and good length to upper arm. Level topline and good sweep over loin. She is well balanced and nice shape. Won this class on her front movement, showing excellent reach.

2<sup>nd</sup> Johnson, Jacobs & Johnson's Willowthorn's Roulette JW. 22 month old sable and white. Pretty head with dark almond shaped eye which is well placed. Well filled in foreface but lacks underjaw. Flat skull with well placed ears which she used to advantage. Balanced overall and is a nice shape with level topline, well sprung rib and good sweep over loin. Not the reach of 1<sup>st</sup> when moving today. In between coats but of a lovely rich colour.

### **Limit Bitch (7,3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Miles' Milesend Shadow Dancer. 3 year old Wheaten sable. Liked her for overall type. Needs to fill in foreface but loved her sweet expression. Good underjaw, very nice, almond shaped eye, flat skull and well placed, attentive ears. Nice reach of neck, well laid back shoulder and level topline. She is slightly longer in the body than ideal and would prefer a touch more drive in rear but a quality bitch.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rowan's Rowancrest Cinderella. 2 year old golden Sable. Nice expression on this girl with rounded muzzle, nice planes and flat skull. Well placed dark eye but would prefer lighter ear. Balanced with level topline and nice sweep over loin. Lovely long tail. Moved well.

### **Open Bitch (0)**

### **Veteran Bitch (4)**

1<sup>st</sup> Clegram & Berry's Ch Smiddyshaw I'll be there for U JW VW. A very close decision between two quality champion bitches. 10 year old Sable and White who is so very sound for her age. Sweet expression with well placed, obliquely set eye. Nice stop and flat skull. Used her ears at all time and so very attentive. Nice neck, level topline and nice sweep over loin. Moved with reach and drive, floating around the ring. Best Veteran Bitch.

2<sup>nd</sup> Welford's Ch Ristine Emerald. 7 year old tricolour who presents a balanced overall picture. Well-filled in foreface with good under jaw, stop and flat skull. Lovely

shape with good reach of neck, level topline and she is well angulated front and rear. Moved with drive but just couldn't match the front extension of 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Special Owners Bitch (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Hickling's Sheltisha Sweet Peanut at Natara. 8 year old blue merle of a nice colour. Well rounded muzzle and flat skull. Good reach of neck and level toppling. Nice turn of stifle. Would prefer her to lose a little weight and she needs a slightly facer pace when moving to show her to her best advantage.

### **Breeders Open – Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (1,1)**

### **Special Open – Not Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (3,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Saunders' Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey. 4 year old Tricolour. A very honest bitch who never put a foot wrong. Liked her for overall size and balance. Nice expression with well filled foreface and very good underjaw. Would prefer slightly smaller ears but they are well placed. Lovely shape with nice angles front and rear which showed in her movement which is so free flowing.

2<sup>nd</sup> Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl. 9 year old shaded sable who is looking well for her age. Sweet expression with nicely placed eye, good stop and good planes. Used her ears well. Nice overall shape and she is well balanced. Kept her topline on the move.

### **Special Open – Sable and White Bitch (0)**

### **Special Open – Tricolour/ Black and White/ Black and Tan Bitch (5,2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Saunders' Tachnamadra Button Moon at Fernfrey – See 1<sup>st</sup> Special Open – Not Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

2<sup>nd</sup> Jeavon's Ch Wylwind Designed for Grandgables JW (IMP SAF). 3 year old Tricolour of sound type. Well-made head with level planes and good stopped. Good underjaw and well-placed ears which she used to advantage. Nice overall expression. A little out of coat but still presented a nice outline. Good angles front and rear and moved well, just preferred the front extension of 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Special Open – Blue Merle Bitch (6,3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Welford's Tooralie Indigo Violet VW. 12 year old Blue Merle who took me completely by surprise. She drew my eye immediately. Lovely feminine expression with nice planes, good underjaw and well set obliquely placed, dark eye. Nice reach of neck, good topline and nice sweep over loin. Lovely long tail. Very good construction front and rear which shows in her movement. She is so very sound despite her age, and her lovely blue colour is still so clear. Pushed all the way in the challenge but just pipped by a quality youngster in the end. Very pleased to award her Reserve Best Bitch and Reserve Best in Show.

2<sup>nd</sup> Daniels & Taylor's Pepperhill Light 'N Shade – See 1<sup>st</sup> Post Graduate Bitch