

Hitchin & District

I would just like to thank the officers and committee for inviting me to complete this judging appointment, but most importantly thank you to all exhibitors who entered and allowed by to go over your dogs. I have to say I was pleasantly surprised by the quality I found throughout the different breeds.

BORDER COLLIE:

P (3,1) 1 Dalby & Green's Fayken Return Of The King; 9 Month old B/W dog. Lovely masculine head, tipped ears correctly set. Sparkling dark eye. Lovely straight front. Good spring of rib for age. Correct lay of shoulder. Would benefit from a little strengthening on the rear end but am sure this will come with age. Beautiful coat, perfectly presented. Moved well. Created a lovely picture when stood. The overall package of this young and very promising dog meant that I could not deny BOB and BP.

2 Gray's Falconmoor Spring Melody. 6 month old B/W Bitch. Pretty head and expression. Would prefer a slightly darker eye. Well muscled throughout. Gave her handler a incredibly hard time today and just needs time to settle, but will come with practice, as she is only just starting out.

J (3,1) Same as above.

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2 Gray's Falconmoor Spring Melody.

PG (1,0) 1 Greening's Kanamaren Hold On My Heart. 3 Yr B/W Bitch. Pretty head and expression. Ear set could be higher. Nice tight cat like feet. Not shown in her best jacket today. Slightly longer in loin which I don't mind on a bitch. Presented well and in good overall condition. Moved ok and free.

O (3,0) 1 Beaumont's Kanamaren Trick Of The Tail At Borderbeau JW ShCM; 3 Yr Old B/W Dog. Lovely masculine head and expression. Definitely a dog which is lovely to see. Offset with a dark almond eye. Nice straight front. Beautifully conditioned coat. Moves out well and free, with straight topline held throughout. Good amount of featherings. Well handled. Would just like a little shorter in loin, which in the end unbalanced the overall picture for me. RBOB, pushed my BOB hard though.

2 Greening's Arniston Maid Of Honour At Kanamaren; 4 Yr old B/W Bitch. Pretty head and expression. Erect ears. Could be darker in eye. Nice cat like feet. Good spring of rib and well bodied. Level topline. Coat in lovely condition. Happy disposition. A little untidy on movement.

CATALAN SHEEPDOG:

J (1,0) 1 Shrieves' Winarose Wanderin Star CW'19; 14 month old Fawn Dog. Masculine head and expression. Scissor bite. Excellent spring of rib. Incredibly well muscled throughout, which is pleasure to feel, especially for a dog of this age. Coat of good texture and length. Straight front and back. Moves well with such drive and just flows around the ring. I'm sure a dog with a bright future, one which I will keep an eye on. BOB.

SAMOYED: A small but quality entry of one of my most loved breeds.

J (1,0) 1 Mann's Taronakits Its Krystal At Dixierose. 16 month old Bitch. Beautiful head and expression. Scissor bite. Small well set ears. Nice neat flat feet. Moves well in beautifully presented coat creating a nice shape throughout. Well muscled front and back. Short coupled with strong loin. What a lovely Junior, one I will continue to watch and another with a bright future. Pushed BOB hard. RBOB.

O (3,0) 1 Hunt's Glynsam White Dream At Artsam. 6½ year old dog. Lovely masculine head and expression. Small beautifully set ears. Correctly set shoulders, good spring of rib. Level topline,

and correctly set tail with nice plume. Lovely flat well feathered feet. In lovely full correct double coat of correct texture. Moved out well, straight front and back. Would prefer slightly shorter in loin. Created and holds a nice outline and shape. Very happy to award him BOB.
2 Hunt's Archaeus With Amour At Artsam. 5 Yr old Bitch. Left her coat completely at home today. Pretty expression. Lovely set ears, although a little bigger than I prefer. Longer cast and bigger bitch overall. Correct tailset carried well over back. Moves well front and back. Just lacking coat today, but love to see her again in all her glory.

SHETLAND SHEEPDOG:

P (2,0) 1 Norris' Sandyvalley Basil Brush. 10 ½ month old dog. Masculine head and expression. Nice dark eye. Lovely small ears correctly set and well used. Level topline. Short in loin. Straight tail. Parallel coming and going. Moved well. Nice good I good condition. BP and RBOB.

2 Norris' Sandyvalley Golden Sage. 10 month old bitch. Sister to 1. Very feminine head and expression. Dark almond eyes. A little distracted today. Nicely put together although would prefer a little shorter in loin. Would benefit from a little strengthening behind. Just will require more time than brother, but would be interesting to see them in a yrs time, I hope will come together well.

PG (4,1) 1 Norris' Clanavon Love In A Mist. 3 yr old bitch. Beautiful bitch with feminine head and expression of correct proportions. Correct scissor bite. Small correctly tipped and well set ears. Beautiful dark almond shaped eyes. Lovely straight topline. Cat like feet. Not in the best coat, but this did not detract from her other lovely qualities. Lovely straight tail. Parallel front and back. BOB, one I will watch out for.

2 Hoare's Briggsview Opalesque. 5 year old blue merle bitch. Good head and expression. Well sprung rib. Straight topline. Lovely coat in good condition. Moves well.

O (3,1) 1 Hoare's Briggsview Gambling Man; 6 yr old blue merle dog. Lovely masculine head. Nice cat feet. Good coat. Straight tail. Just prefer a more refined specimen. Moved well.

2 Field's Peerieglen Pearls Pride At Manhaze. 10 Yr old blue merle bitch. Lovely to see a 10 year old still enjoying the show ring. Just thought she was struggling with her rear end today. Made a nice shape and in very coat.

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