

Hitchin and DCS

Saturday 16th April 2022

Critique

Firstly I would like to apologise for my tardiness in submitting my critique, unfortunately a few days after the show I contacted Covid and it has taken me a few weeks to get well again. Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge at this well organised show.

Collie (Rough)

Post Graduate (3 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Cooper's Lilith Nar Sule of Kelekona. 2 year old sable bitch with lovely eye shape, good ears and parallel head planes. Good length of neck into nicely made front with sufficient bone and good feet. Well ribbed with a good depth of chest. A bit out of coat today but a lovely sound mover. RBOB.

2nd. Ludlow's Tudorlyn Golden Dreamer for Malina. 6 year old sable dog with a masculine head and good eyes. Didn't want to get his ears up today. Good front and well ribbed. Moved a bit lethargically today.

Open (4 entries)

1st. Benton's Ch Brooklynson Jane Russell of Oakestelle. Quality veteran bitch with a beautiful typical head, almond eye and excellent length of neck. Best front on the day with good bone and feet. Good depth of chest and lovely topline. Sound solid rear and moved with great freedom of action. I could imagine her working all day. Beautiful. Best of Breed.

2nd. Benton and Smith's Brooklynson El Dorado. Another quality collie with masculine head and almond eye, good length of neck and very good front. Excellent coat and texture. Good depth of chest and nice topline. Moved well when settled but giving his handler a difficult time today.

3rd. Philpin's Tudorlyn a kind of magic

Collie (Smooth)

Limit (1 entry)

1st. Benton's Brackenhaye Queen of Hearts of Oakestelle. 2 year old tri colour bitch with a good head. A touch rounder in eye than I'd prefer. Lovely shoulders and front construction. Nice topline and good feet and bone. A balanced, unexaggerated bitch who moved very soundly with freedom of action. RBOB

Open (2 entries)

1st. Benton's Oakestelle Venus De Milo VW. 8 year old bitch with a lovely head, good ears and good length of neck. Well laid shoulders and balanced upper arm with good feet and depth of chest. Lovely topline and balanced moderate rear. Very sound bitch with lovely free movement. Best of Breed.

2nd. Benton's Oakestelle Artenis SHCEX. 4 year old bitch with a good head an almond eye and good ears. Nice length of neck into good shoulders. Could do with a bit more depth in her body. Nice moderate rear and moved well.

Shetland Sheepdog

Junior (1 entry)

1st. Stock's Shemist Gold Digga. Sable bitch with a feminine head of good proportions and lovely ears. Eye slightly rounder than I'd like. Good length of neck and well placed shoulders with a lovely front and nice feet. Sound solid rear and a lovely topline. Moved well.

Post Graduate (4 entries, 2 absent)

1st. Cheal's Caroleen Composer. Sable dog of lovely proportions with typey head and nice almond eye. Excellent ears and good length of neck. Well made front with good bone and feet and sufficient depth of chest. Very good topline, nice solid rear and lovely sound mover being free in profile. Best of Breed.

2nd. Hoare's Sabema Pina Colada. Sable dog of different type, masculine head and good eye shape. Nice ears and good front and feet. A touch wider at the rear than I'd like, excellent coat texture and moved OK.

Open (6 entries, 3 absent)

1st. Stock's Shemist Sea Dragon. 4 year old blue merle with the best front in the class and a very sound mover. A touch heavier in head than I prefer but overall a good dog with excellent coat texture and shown in top condition. RBOB

2nd. Cheal's Caroleen Call My Bluff. 3 year old sable bitch with a good head and eye shape and nice ears. OK front, good depth of chest and nice rear. Moved freely.

3rd. Hoare's Briggsview Opalesque

David Knights (Lelaps)