

The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales Ch. Show 02/08/2026

Critique for Bitches.

I would like to thank the committee of the S.S.C.N.W for inviting me to judge the bitches at their Championship Show and for their hospitality on the day .Also a big thank you to Keith Mottram , my very able steward ,for keeping everything running smoothly.

Although numbers in nearly all breeds have fallen in the last few years , I felt that the quality of many of the exhibits at this show was pleasingly high .

Baby Puppy Bitch (1)

Gartlands - Arcot Adorable - at just shy of 6 months this pretty baby demonstrated that she is nearly ready to begin her show career . Pretty girl of good make and shape. Head developing well, ears well used , nice eye and expression . Nice outline and body . Coat coming through well , and once into her stride , moved confidently. One to watch for in the future.

Minor Puppy Bitch (7,1)

1 - Robinson's - Lavika Nightbreaker - tri-colour who appeared more mature than some others in the class .Beautifully schooled , her outline stood out. Good neck and length of back , well angulated front and rear with good body and bone. Pleasing head type with enough stop for age ,well placed and used ears, sweet eye and expression . Moved well with confidence.

2 - Chorlton's - Mohnesee Reeve The Deeva - not quite as mature or confident as 1, but a very pretty s/w with a pleasing head and sweet eye and expression. Good length of neck and nice topline. Moved well for age and nicely presented .

3 - Ayres - Gemette Gotta Mocha

Puppy Bitch (7)

1 - Ritchie's - Jaelis Mystique Realism - almost 12 months richly coloured s/w . Lovely head and ear carriage , appealing expression. Good neck and length of back ,well angulated and moved well . A little unsettled at times but , when she got herself together , made a lovely picture . Best Puppy in Show

2 - Fisher's - Shellamoyed The Temptress - another very nice tricolour puppy of almost 12 months . Good head ,eye and expression . Well used ears . Good neck and length of back . Nice sweep over the loin and long tail . Well presented and moved ok .

3 - Hateley's - Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream

Junior Bitch - (2)

1 - Tunncliffe's - Dippersmoor Rising Star - shaded sable wearing her' summer clothes' which accentuated her lovely shape .Correct head and ear placement , super eye and expression . Good neck and length of back. Well angulated and moved well .Would love to see her in full coat .

2 - Fisher's - Shellamoyed Secret Love - smaller all over than 1 . Good head with correct stop , nice neck and good body and bone .Presented in good coat , just not as sound on the move as 1 today .

Yearling - (1)

1- Stafford's - Rannerdale Coco Pop - approaching 2 years old s/w girl of quality . She has a nice head with good muzzle and underjaw , correct stop and neat well used ears .Eyes are dark and correctly placed with a sweet expression .She has a lovely shape with a good length of back and correct sweep over the loin to good tail set .Good bend of stifle and short hocks .Moved well and excellent presentation. Must have a bright future .

Maiden Bitch - (2,1)

1 - Lavika Nightbreaker

Novice Bitch - (8,2)

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2- Dippersmoor Rising Star

3 -Mottram's - Grandgenes Designed in Gold for Lochkaren

Graduate Bitch - (3,2)

1 - Mayhew,s - Sandwich Saffron - well coated golden s/w with a pleasing head ,good muzzle and underjaw ,correct stop and good ear carriage . Nice expression but found eye a little round .Nice neck and topline, good body , good front and shoulder placement . Well presented and handled and moved ok.

Post Graduate Bitch (5,1)

1 - Robinson's - Lavika Sign of the Time - beautiful gold s/w in lovely coat and condition and my 'Star of the Day' . Lovely head with correct stop, clean through the cheeks, well rounded muzzle and enough underjaw .Eye is almond in shape and correctly placed as are the well used ears on a flat skull and all combine to give that true sheltie expression .Firm body and good bone and correct height to length ratio . Good angulation front and rear , correct sweep over the loin and well set and carried tail . Moved really well in front with great reach and good drive from behind . Never stopped showing , immaculate presentation. CC and BOS in Show .

2 - Johnson, Jacobs & Johnson - Willowthorns Roulette - a red s/w with a lovely outline . Nice head with good muzzle and underjaw, neat well used ears , dark well shaped eyes and sweet expression .

Conformation is good and moves well from all angles . Presented well , just needs more coat to complete the picture.

3 - Thomas - Myter Luna Eclipse

Limit Bitch (3,1)

Two very nice girls

1 - Hateley's - Mohnesee Meliya J.W. - tricolour with a jet black shiny coat .Lovely shape with good length of back flowing into low set tail . Nice body and well boned . Well balanced head with correct stop, good muzzle and underjaw, well placed and used ears and nice eye and expression. Well presented and moved soundly .

2 - Lewthwaite & Stafford's - Rannerdale Queen of Magic - another quality s/w shown in good coat and condition . Nice neck and topline with correct sweep over the loin to well set and carried tail. Good bend of stifle and short hocks. Head is well balanced with well used ears and correct eye shape and expression . Well presented and moved well.

Open Bitch (6,2)

1 - Nordieng - Multi Ch. Dandlewood Love Letter Int Jch. - s/w in lovely condition . Correct head with clean stop, well rounded muzzle and underjaw , correct eye and ear placement giving a super expression .Lovely body shape with deep chest and well sprung ribs . Good neck leading to a good layback of shoulder , good length of back and sweep over the loin to long low set tail.

Well bodied , nice bone and neat feet . Expertly handled and presented .Res. CC .

2 - Ritchie's - Jaelis Mystique Reality JW - very pretty s/w shown in good coat and condition. Correct head type, good stop, well shaped eye and neat well used ears . Lovely body shape with good length of neck and level topline. Well angulated fore and aft .Moved and presented well.

3 - Robinson's Lavika Sunset Rose JW

Veteran Bitch (5,1)

A very nice class

1 - Hateley's - Ch. Mohnesee Sweet Dreams JW ,VW - 8 year old in lovely condition . Rich red sable who presented well . Nice outline , good neck, deep chest and good spring of rib .Great ear carriage, sweet eye and expression, nice muzzle and underjaw, good mouth . Moved soundly . Best Veteran Bitch

2 -Van Ulsen - Int/Multi Ch.Dandlewood Endless Surprise EUW-21 - 7 year old s/w in lovely condition. Nice head type, lovely ear carriage and sweet eye and expression. Good muzzle and underjaw. Good length of back, nice spring of rib, good body and bone. Moved and showed well, excellent presentation .

3 - Gamble's - Balidorn Solitude at Solyric JW, VW

Special Beginners Bitch (3)

1 - Sparks - Jaelis Mystique Addiction - s/w with a pleasing head , eye and expression . She has a good neck and outline and enough body . In between coats at the moment and needs to tighten up in front and rear movement .Stood and showed really nicely . Best Special Beginners in Show . Well Done!

2 - Gould - Shazbec Dolly Daydream - 18 months tricolour with a jet black coat .Nice body and outline , good length of back but would prefer a bit more length of leg .Head has a correct stop and nice dark eye . Moved ok .

3 - Shaw's - Bramblecroft Reebea at Bluequarry

Special Open S/W (4,1)

Another quality class

1 - Pearson's - Ch. Edglonian Slack Alice - shaded s/w who excels in movement . Super outline , good forechest and length of upperarm . Good length of back and nice bend of stifle . Well balanced head with a lovely eye and expression and well used ears . Shows non-stop , excellent presentation

2 - Robinson's - Ch.Lavika Lateka - heavier coated than 1st .Good head type with correct stop, good muzzle and underjaw and sweet eye and expression. Neat well used ears . Good neck and length of back, well angulated front and rear. Showed and moved well.

3 - Rosslyn - Balidorn Golden Amber

Special Open Tricolour/ Black & Tan/Black& White (2,1)

1 - Stafford's - Rannerdale Queen of the Night- 3 year old jet black tri-colour of lovely type . Nice head with correct stop, good muzzle and underjaw and nice eye. Good neck and topline and sweep over the loin .Good depth of chest and well angulated front and rear. Good bone and neat feet . Moved well

Judge - Sue Hawkins

